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Assignment 1

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PROBLEM II (2I)

Find the distance between points $\binom{7}{6}$ and $\binom{4}{5}$ with the axes at 60°

1 Solution

Let the points be

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \; ; \; \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} \; = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.0.1}$$

The problem can be solved by transformation of the given coordinate system to the rectangular coordinate system.

In order to convert to rectangular coordinate system, the y-axis should be rotated by 30° in anti-clockwise and x-axis will remain unaltered.

Transformed coordinates of $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix}$ & $\begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}$ be $\begin{pmatrix} x_3 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix}$ &

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_4 \\ y_4 \end{pmatrix}$$
 respectively.
 $x_3 = OX_1 + X_1X_3 = x_1 + y_1 \cos 60^\circ$
 $y_3 = OY_1 \cos 30^\circ = y_1 \cos 30^\circ$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_3 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \cos 60^\circ \\ 0 & \cos 30^\circ \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix}$$
 (1.0.2)

Similarly,

$$x_4 = OX_2 + X_2X_4 = x_2 + y_2\cos 60^\circ$$

 $y_4 = OY_2\cos 30^\circ = y_2\cos 30^\circ$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_4 \\ y_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \cos 60^\circ \\ 0 & \cos 30^\circ \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}$$
 (1.0.3)

Substituting (1.0.1) in (1.0.2) & (1.0.3)

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_3 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{13}{2} \\ \frac{5\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} x_4 \\ y_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ 3\sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

Obtained points are in the rectangular coordinate system and the distance between points is

$$\left\| \begin{pmatrix} x_3 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} x_4 \\ y_4 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = \left\| \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ 3\sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \frac{13}{2} \\ \frac{5\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{pmatrix} \right\| = \sqrt{13} \text{ units}$$

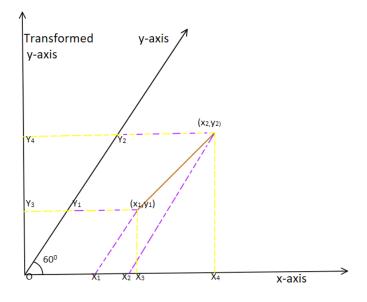


Fig1: Points defined on angular & rectangular axes

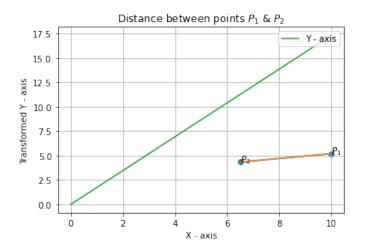


Fig2: Points plotted in Python