

Matrix Theory Assignment 1

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Abstract—This document demonstrates a method to find the distance of a point from a line. And that point is along a line.

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<https://github.com/Ritesh622/Assignment1>

1 PROBLEM STATEMENT

Find the distance of the line

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 7 \end{pmatrix} (X) = -5 \quad (1.0.1)$$

from the point $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ along the line

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} (X) = 0 \quad (1.0.2)$$

2 SOLUTION

2.1 Finding the point of intersection using row-echelon form

We need to find the solution of equations:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = -5 \quad (2.1.1)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 0 \quad (2.1.2)$$

Transforming the matrix into row-echelon form

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 7 & -5 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R1 \leftarrow \frac{1}{18} * (R1 + 7 \times R2)} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -5/18 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.1.3)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -5/18 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R2 \leftarrow -(R2 - 2 \times R1)} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -5/18 \\ 0 & 1 & -10/18 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.1.4)$$

After solving this two equation we will get the point of intersection, which is intersection of these

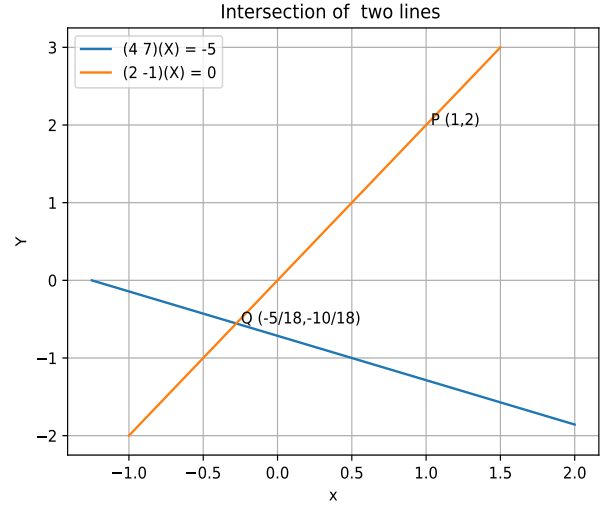


Fig. 1: Intersection of two lines

two lines segments. Thus, point of intersection is $\begin{pmatrix} -5/18 \\ -10/18 \end{pmatrix}$. Now we have point of intersection

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} -5/18 \\ -10/18 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.1.5)$$

and given point is

$$\mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.1.6)$$

Now the distance between two points is given as :

$$\|\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{Q}\| = \left\| \begin{pmatrix} -5/18 \\ -10/18 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = d = 2.85 \quad (2.1.7)$$