

Presentation Template

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Problem Statement

Find equation of line joining $(1,2)$ and $(3,6)$ using determinants.

Linear Equation

To construct a line joining $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$

let n be the normal vector

$$n^T A = c \quad (3.1)$$

$$n^T B = c \quad (3.2)$$

which results in the following equations

$$A^T n = c \quad (3.3)$$

$$B^T n = c \quad (3.4)$$

$$(3.5)$$

Matrix Equation

Resulting in the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} A^T \\ B^T \end{pmatrix} n = \begin{pmatrix} c \\ c \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.6)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 6 \end{pmatrix} n = \begin{pmatrix} c \\ c \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.7)$$

where the augmented matrix formed is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & c \\ 3 & 6 & c \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.8)$$

Row Reduction

(3.8) can be row reduced as follows

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & c \\ 3 & 6 & c \end{pmatrix} \xleftrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow 3R_1 - R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 2c \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.9)$$

Thus, from the above row reduced matrix has a solution iff " $2c=0$ ", then points are collinear

From (3.6)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{n} = 0 \quad (3.10)$$

$$\mathbf{m}^T \mathbf{n} = 0 \quad (3.11)$$

Directional vector is

$$\mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.12)$$

Normal vector

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.13)$$

Line Equation

Thus, The line Equation is

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} x = 0 \quad (3.14)$$

The code in

<https://github.com/Sekharjala/Assignments/blob/main/code/matrices1.76.1.py>

Figure :Line passing through points (1,2) and (3,6)

