

# Matrix Theory Assignment 1

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**Abstract**—This document contains the procedure to get image of a point in a line.

Download the python code from the below link.  
Go through the README file in the repository.

<https://github.com/ankuraditya13/EE5609–Assignment–1>

## 1 PROBLEM

Find the image of the point  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$  with respect to the line

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 7 \quad (1.0.1)$$

## 2 SOLUTION

For this problem, I am considering the general case. Let the Equation of line be  $ax + by = c$  and let the coordinates of,

$$\mathbf{P}(\text{given point}) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{Q}(\text{image point}) = \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{R}(\text{point on mirror}) = \begin{pmatrix} x_3 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Let vector } \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

Let  $\mathbf{m}$  be the directional vector along the line

$$ax + by = c \text{ hence, } \mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} b & -a \end{pmatrix}$$

Let  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  be the slopes of two perpendicular lines,

$$\text{Now, } m_1 = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} \text{ and } m_2 = \frac{-a}{b}$$

Now for perpendicular lines  $m_1 m_2 = -1$ , which in vector can be written as:

$$\mathbf{m}^T \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{m}^T \mathbf{P} \quad (2.0.1)$$

Similarly in vector form line equation  $ax + by + c = 0$  is given as,

$$\mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{Q} = c \quad (2.0.2)$$

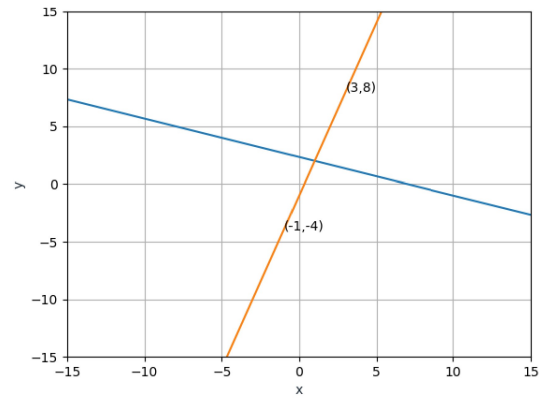


Fig. 0: Image of a point in 2D line

By property in Figure 0, the line PR bisects the mirror equation perpendicularly. Hence,

$$2\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{P} + \mathbf{R} \quad (2.0.3)$$

Hence, From the equation (2.0.3) and (2.0.4)

$$\mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{R} = 2c - \mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{P} \quad (2.0.4)$$

Now, from equation (2.0.5) and (2.0.2) we get,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{m} & -\mathbf{n} \end{pmatrix}^T \mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{m} & -\mathbf{n} \end{pmatrix}^T \mathbf{P} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2c \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.5)$$

Hence upon solving the equation for point R using the property,  $\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{m} & -\mathbf{n} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{m} & -\mathbf{n} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  we get,

$$\frac{\mathbf{R}}{2} = \frac{\mathbf{m}\mathbf{m}^T - \mathbf{n}\mathbf{n}^T}{\mathbf{m}^T \mathbf{m} + \mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{n}} \mathbf{P} + c \frac{\mathbf{n}}{\|\mathbf{n}\|^2} \quad (2.0.6)$$

Hence, substituting the value of  $x_1 = 3$ ,  $y_1 = 8$ ,  $a = 1$ ,  $b = 3$  and  $c = 7$  we get,

$$\mathbf{P}(\text{given point}) = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{m} \text{ (direction vector)} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Norm, } ||\mathbf{n}|| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

Substituting these values in equation (2.0.6) we get,

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.7)$$

Hence, it is the required answer for image of  $\mathbf{P}$  in line  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 7$ .