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Question:

Find out whether the lines $5x - 4y + 8 = 0$ and $7x + 6y - 9 = 0$ intersect at a point, parallel or coincident

Variable	Description
A	Matrix consisting of coefficients in the linear equation
L	Lower triangular matrix
U	Upper triangular matrix
\mathbf{x}	Solution to the linear equation

TABLE 0: Variables Used

Theoretical Solution:

Let a_1, b_1 , and c_1 and a_2, b_2 , and c_2 be the coefficients of x, y , and 1 in lines 1 and 2 respectively.

We get:

$$\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{5}{7} \quad (0.1)$$

$$\frac{b_1}{b_2} = \frac{-2}{3} \quad (0.2)$$

$$\frac{c_1}{c_2} = \frac{-8}{9} \quad (0.3)$$

$$m_1 = \frac{-a_1}{b_1} = \frac{5}{4} \quad (0.4)$$

$$m_2 = \frac{-a_2}{b_2} = \frac{7}{6} \quad (0.5)$$

As all the ratios aren't equal to each other neither are m_1 and m_2 equal

\therefore The lines intersect at a point

Computational Solution:

The set of linear equations $5x - 4y + 8 = 0$ and $7x + 6y - 9 = 0$ can be represented by the following equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & -4 \\ 7 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.6)$$

Any non-singular matrix can be represented as a product of a lower triangular matrix L and an upper triangular matrix U

$$A\mathbf{x} = LU\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b} \quad (0.7)$$

The upper triangular matrix U is found by row reducing A ,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & -4 \\ 7 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - \frac{7}{5}R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -4 \\ 0 & \frac{58}{5} \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.8)$$

Let

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ l_{21} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.9)$$

l_{21} is the multiplier used to zero a_{21} , so $l_{21} = \frac{7}{5}$.

Now,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -4 \\ 7 & 6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \frac{7}{5} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.10)$$

Now we can get the solution to our problem by the two step process,

$$L\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{b} \quad (0.11)$$

$$U\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y} \quad (0.12)$$

Using forward substitution to solve the first equation,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \frac{7}{5} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.13)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ \frac{101}{5} \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.14)$$

$$(0.15)$$

Now using back-substitution for the second equation,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & -4 \\ 0 & \frac{58}{5} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ \frac{101}{5} \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.16)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-6}{29} \\ \frac{101}{58} \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.17)$$

Thus, align $\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-6}{29} \\ \frac{101}{58} \end{pmatrix}$

\therefore The lines $5x - 4y + 8 = 0$ and $7x + 6y - 9 = 0$ intersect at $\left(\frac{6}{29}, \frac{101}{58}\right)$

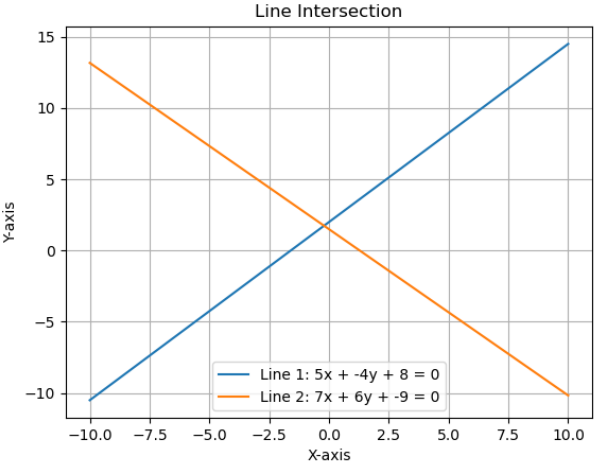


Fig. 0.1: Solution to set of linear equations