

Matrix Project

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Geometry Question:

Two sides of a rhombus are along the lines, $x - y + 1 = 0$ and $7x - y - 5 = 0$. If its diagonals intersect at $(-1, -2)$, then which one of the following is a vertex of this rhombus. Find its vertices.
(Q 13 JEE MAINS CODE-G)

Question in Matrix form:

Two sides of a rhombus are along the lines

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} + 1 = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 7 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} - 5 = 0$$

If its diagonals intersect at $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$. Find its vertices.

(Q26 in jee-linalg-2d)

Solution Approach:

Since we are given 2 sides of rhombus **L1**, **L2** we will get a vertex **A** of rhombus from intersection of the given lines.

We also know the point of intersection of diagonals, **O**, thus we now know the equation of diagonal **D1** through **O** and **A**. Since we know the equation of the diagonal, we know the vertex **B** opposite to **A** because **O** is the midpoint of **A** and **B**.

As we know the equation of the diagonal **D1** passing through **AB** we can find the equation of other diagonal **D2** which is perpendicular to the former and passing through **O** (by the property of Rhombus). Now we can find another vertices **C** and **D** which are the intersections of the diagonal **D2** with each of the given lines or we can find one point using this method and the other using the same method as used for finding **B**.

Method to find intersection of two lines:

Let the respective equations be

$$\mathbf{n}_1^T \mathbf{x} = p_1$$

$$\mathbf{n}_2^T \mathbf{x} = p_2$$

This can be written as the matrix equation $\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{n}_1^T \\ \mathbf{n}_2^T \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{p}$

$$\mathbf{N}^T \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{p}$$

$$\text{where } \mathbf{N} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{n}_1 & \mathbf{n}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The point of intersection is then obtained as $\mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{N}^T)^{-1} \mathbf{p}$

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{N}^{-T} \mathbf{p}$$

Method to find intersection of two lines(calculations):

We use this method to find **A** from intersection of **L1** and **L2**

$$\mathbf{n}_1^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{n}_2^T = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{N}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 7 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{N}^{-T} = \begin{bmatrix} -1/6 & 1/6 \\ -7/6 & 1/6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{N}^{-T} \mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

And **C** and **D** from intersection of **L1** and **L2** with **D2**

Method to find intersection of two lines(calculations):

We use this method to find **C** from intersection of **L1** or **L2** with **D2**

for **L1**

$$\mathbf{n}_1^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$p1 = -1$$

for **D2**

nd is directional vector of **D1**, which is equal to **O-A**

$$\mathbf{nd}^T = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$pd = \mathbf{nd}^T \mathbf{O} = 10$$

$$\mathbf{N}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -2 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{N}^{-T} = \begin{bmatrix} 2/3 & -1/6 \\ -1/3 & -1/6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{N}^{-T} \mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} -2.33333333 \\ -1.33333333 \end{bmatrix}$$

Method using midpoints:

If **O** is the midpoint of **A** and **B**

$$\mathbf{O} = (\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) / 2$$

$$\mathbf{B} = 2\mathbf{O} - \mathbf{A}$$

$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A} + 2(\mathbf{O} - \mathbf{A})$ We know that the diagonals in a Rhombus bisect each other

O is the midpoint of opposite vertices of the Rhombus

Thus given **O** and **A** we can find **B**

$$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A} + 2(\mathbf{O} - \mathbf{A}) = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

And given **O** and either of **C** or **D** we can find the other.

$$\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{C} + 2(\mathbf{O} - \mathbf{C}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0.33333333 \\ -2.66666667 \end{bmatrix}$$

Graph

