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Assignment-1

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Abstract—This assignment finds whether the lines passing through the given points are parallel or not.

Download all python codes from

https://github.com/poojah15/ EE5609 AI20MTECH14003

1 Problem Statement

To show that the line passing through the points $\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 7 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$, $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$ is parallel to the line through the points $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$

2 Theory

Let the lines be parallel and the first two points pass through $\mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{x} = c1$. i.e.

$$\mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{x}_1 = c_1 \Longrightarrow \mathbf{x}_1^T \mathbf{n} = c_1 \tag{2.0.1}$$

$$\mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{x}_2 = c_2 \Longrightarrow \mathbf{x}_2^T \mathbf{n} = c_2 \tag{2.0.2}$$

and the second two points pass through $\mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{x} = c2$ Then

$$\mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{x}_3 = c_3 \Longrightarrow \mathbf{x}_3^T \mathbf{n} = c_3$$
 (2.0.3)

$$\mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{x}_4 = c_4 \Longrightarrow \mathbf{x}_4^T \mathbf{n} = c_4 \tag{2.0.4}$$

Putting all the equations together, we obtain

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1^T \\ \mathbf{x}_2^T \\ \mathbf{x}_3^T \\ \mathbf{x}_4^T \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ c_4 \end{pmatrix}$$
 (2.0.5)

Now if this equation has a solution, then \mathbf{n} exists and the lines will be parallel.

3 Example

Given the points, $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 7 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$, $\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$, and $\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

Applying the row reduction procedure on the coefficient matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 7 & 8 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ -1 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \tag{3.0.1}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
(1 \quad 2 \quad 5) \\
\stackrel{R_2 \leftarrow R_1 - 2R_2}{\longleftarrow} \begin{pmatrix} 4 \quad 7 \quad 8 \\ 0 \quad 1 \quad 0 \\ -1 \quad -2 \quad 1 \\ 0 \quad 0 \quad 6 \end{pmatrix}$$
(3.0.2)

$$\stackrel{R_1 \leftarrow R_1 - 7R_2}{\underset{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - 6R_4}{\longleftrightarrow}} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$
(3.0.3)

$$\stackrel{R_4 \leftarrow R_4/6}{\underset{R_1 \leftarrow R_1 - 8R_4}{\longleftarrow}} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
(3.0.4)

$$\stackrel{R_3 \leftarrow (-R_3 - 2R_2)}{\longleftarrow} \begin{pmatrix}
4 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 \\
1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1
\end{pmatrix}$$
(3.0.5)

$$\stackrel{R_1 \leftarrow R_1 - 4R_3}{\longleftrightarrow} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
(3.0.6)

Here, the number of non-zero rows are three and hence the rank of the matrix is 3 which implies that the solution exists. Therefore the lines passing through \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} and \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{D} are parallel.