

Assignment 2

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Q no. 73. Find the angle between the following pair of lines: Also find the closest points and minimum distance between them.

1)

$$L_1 : \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda_1 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.1)$$

$$L_2 : \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ -6 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.2)$$

2)

$$L_1 : \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.3)$$

$$L_2 : \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ -56 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda_2 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -5 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.4)$$

Solution:

1) The direction vectors of the lines are $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$ and

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Thus, the angle θ between two vectors is given by

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\|} \quad (0.0.5)$$

$$= \frac{19}{3 \times 7} \quad (0.0.6)$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = 25.21^\circ \quad (0.0.7)$$

2) The direction vectors of the lines are $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -5 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$.

Thus, the angle θ between two vectors is given by

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\|} \quad (0.0.8)$$

$$= \frac{16}{\sqrt{6} \times \sqrt{50}} \quad (0.0.9)$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = 22.52^\circ \quad (0.0.10)$$

Note : In both problems, the respective pair of lines do not intersect each other (called skew lines), The obtained angle is the angle between the direction vectors of the lines. The proof that the pair of lines do not intersect in Problem 1 is as follows:

Problem 1 : Equating the x, y and z components of both lines and forming equation in the augmented matrix form. The Matrix is row reduced as follows:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & 5 \\ 2 & -2 & -1 \\ 6 & -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.11)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow R_1/3} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1/3 & 5/3 \\ 2 & -2 & -1 \\ 6 & -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.12)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - 2R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1/3 & 5/3 \\ 0 & -4/3 & -13/3 \\ 6 & -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.13)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - 6R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1/3 & 5/3 \\ 0 & -4/3 & -13/3 \\ 0 & 0 & -11 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.14)$$

Here, $\text{Rank}(A) \neq \text{Rank}(A|B)$. Hence, these three equations are inconsistent, which proves that the two lines do not intersect in the 3D plane. (Where A is the coefficient matrix and A|B is the augmented matrix.)

Finding the closest points on the lines and minimum distance (Problem 1) :

The given equations are in the form:

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{p}_1 + \lambda_1 \mathbf{d}_1 \quad (0.0.15)$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{p}_2 + \lambda_2 \mathbf{d}_2 \quad (0.0.16)$$

Where, \mathbf{p}_1 and \mathbf{p}_2 are points on line1 and line2 respectively. Also, \mathbf{d}_1 and \mathbf{d}_2 are the direction vectors of respective lines.

The vector \mathbf{n} is perpendicular to both lines. Thus, the dot product of the respective directional vectors and \mathbf{n} is zero:

$$\mathbf{d}_1^T \mathbf{n} = 0 \quad (0.0.17)$$

$$\mathbf{d}_2^T \mathbf{n} = 0 \quad (0.0.18)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} n_1 \\ n_2 \\ n_3 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad (0.0.19)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} n_1 \\ n_2 \\ n_3 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad (0.0.20)$$

Forming augmented matrix and reducing the rows:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 6 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.21)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow 1/3 \times R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2/3 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.22)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2/3 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 4/3 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.23)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow 3/4 \times R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2/3 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.24)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow R_1 - 2/3 \times R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.25)$$

Here, $\text{Rank}(A) = \text{Rank}(A|B)$. Hence, the system is consistent.

Also, $\text{Rank}(A) < \text{number of unknowns}$, Thus we have infinite number of solutions. let $n_3=1$, which makes $n_1=-2$ and $n_2=0$:

$$\therefore \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.26)$$

When the line2 is translated along the vector \mathbf{n} , it forms a plane. This plane intersects line1 at a single point \mathbf{c}_1 which is nearest to the line2. Point \mathbf{c}_1 is given by:

$$\mathbf{c}_1 = \mathbf{p}_1 + \frac{(\mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{p}_1)^T \mathbf{n}_2}{\mathbf{d}_1^T \mathbf{n}_2} \mathbf{d}_1 \quad (0.0.27)$$

Here, \mathbf{n}_2 is perpendicular to both vector \mathbf{d}_2 and \mathbf{n} . Thus, the dot product of the \mathbf{n}_2 with \mathbf{d}_2 and \mathbf{n} is zero:

$$\mathbf{d}_2^T \mathbf{n}_2 = 0 \quad (0.0.28)$$

$$\mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{n}_2 = 0 \quad (0.0.29)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{n}_2 = 0 \quad (0.0.30)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{n}_2 = 0 \quad (0.0.31)$$

Forming augmented matrix and reducing the rows:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.32)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 + 2R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 5 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.33)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2/4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5/4 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.34)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow R_1 - 2R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5/4 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.35)$$

Here, $\text{Rank}(A) = \text{Rank}(A|B)$. Hence, the system is consistent.

Also, $\text{Rank}(A) < \text{number of unknowns}$, Thus we have infinite number of solutions. let $n_1=2$, which makes $n_3=4$ and $n_2=-5$:

$$\therefore \mathbf{n}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -5 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.36)$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{c}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{\begin{pmatrix} 5 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -5 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}}{\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -5 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -5 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.37)$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{c}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{11}{20} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.38)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{c}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 3.65 \\ -3.9 \\ 4.3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.39)$$

Similarly, the point on Line2 nearest to Line 1 is \mathbf{c}_2 given by:

$$\mathbf{c}_2 = \mathbf{p}_2 + \frac{(\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_2)^T \mathbf{n}_1}{\mathbf{d}_2^T \mathbf{n}_1} \mathbf{d}_2 \quad (0.0.40)$$

$$(0.0.41)$$

Here, \mathbf{n}_1 is perpendicular to both vector \mathbf{d}_1 and \mathbf{n} . Thus, the dot product of the \mathbf{n}_1 with \mathbf{d}_1 and \mathbf{n} is zero:

$$\mathbf{d}_1^T \mathbf{n}_1 = 0 \quad (0.0.42)$$

$$\mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{n}_1 = 0 \quad (0.0.43)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{n}_2 = 0 \quad (0.0.44)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{n}_2 = 0 \quad (0.0.45)$$

Forming augmented matrix and reducing the rows:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 6 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.46)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow R_1 \times 1/3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2/3 & 2 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.47)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 + 2R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2/3 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 4/3 & 5 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.48)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 \times 3/4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2/3 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 15/4 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.49)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow R_1 - 2/3 \times R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 15/4 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.50)$$

$$(0.0.51)$$

Here, $\text{Rank}(A) = \text{Rank}(A|B)$. Hence, the system is consistent.

Also, $\text{Rank}(A) < \text{number of unknowns}$, Thus we have infinite number of solutions. let $n_1=2$, which makes $n_3=4$ and $n_1=-15$:

$$\therefore \mathbf{n}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -15 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.52)$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{c}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ -6 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{\begin{pmatrix} -5 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -15 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}}{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -15 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.53)$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{c}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ -6 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{21}{20} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.54)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{c}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 8.05 \\ -3.9 \\ 2.1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.55)$$

The minimum distance can be found using points \mathbf{c}_1 and \mathbf{c}_2 as :

$$d_{min} = \sqrt{(3.65 - 8.05)^2 + (-3.9 + 3.9)^2 + (4.3 - 2.1)^2} \quad (0.0.56)$$

$$d_{min} = \sqrt{24.2} \Rightarrow d_{min} = 4.92 \quad (0.0.57)$$

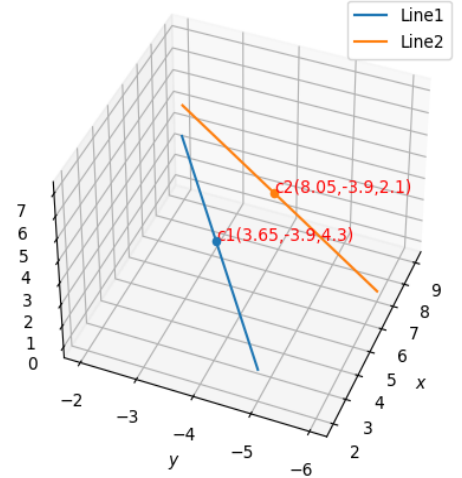


Fig. 2: Problem 1 : Lines crossing each other, but not intersecting

The proof that the pair of lines do not intersect in Problem 2 is as follows:

Problem 2 : Equating the x, y and z components of both lines and forming equation in the augmented matrix forms. The Matrix is row reduced as follows:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & -1 \\ -1 & 5 & -2 \\ -2 & 4 & -54 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.58)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 + R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & -3 \\ -2 & 4 & -54 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.59)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 + 2R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & -2 & -56 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.60)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 / 2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -3/2 \\ 0 & -2 & -56 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.61)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 + 2R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -3/2 \\ 0 & 0 & -59 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.62)$$

Here, $\text{Rank}(A) \neq \text{Rank}(A|B)$.

Hence, the equations are inconsistent, which proves that the two lines do not intersect in the 3D plane. (Where A is the coefficient matrix and A|B is the augmented matrix.)

Finding the closest points on the lines and minimum distance (Problem 2) :

The given equations are in the form:

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{p}_1 + \lambda_1 \mathbf{d}_1 \quad (0.0.63)$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{p}_2 + \lambda_2 \mathbf{d}_2 \quad (0.0.64)$$

Where, \mathbf{p}_1 and \mathbf{p}_2 are points on line1 and line2 respectively. Also, \mathbf{d}_1 and \mathbf{d}_2 are the direction vectors of respective lines.

The vector \mathbf{n} is perpendicular to both lines. Thus, the dot product of the respective directional vectors and \mathbf{n} is zero:

$$\mathbf{d}_1^T \mathbf{n} = 0 \quad (0.0.65)$$

$$\mathbf{d}_2^T \mathbf{n} = 0 \quad (0.0.66)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} n_1 \\ n_2 \\ n_3 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad (0.0.67)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -5 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} n_1 \\ n_2 \\ n_3 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad (0.0.68)$$

Forming augmented matrix and reducing the rows:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 & 0 \\ 3 & -5 & -4 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.69)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - 3R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.70)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 \times -1/2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.71)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow R_1 + R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.72)$$

Here, $\text{Rank}(A) = \text{Rank}(A|B)$. Hence, the system is consistent.

Also, $\text{Rank}(A) < \text{number of unknowns}$, Thus we have infinite number of solutions. let $n_2=1$, which makes $n_3=1$ and $n_1=3$:

$$\therefore \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.73)$$

When the line2 is translated along the vector \mathbf{n} , it forms a plane. This plane intersects line1 at a single point \mathbf{c}_1 which is nearest to the line2. Point \mathbf{c}_1 is given by:

$$\mathbf{c}_1 = \mathbf{p}_1 + \frac{(\mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{p}_1)^T \mathbf{n}_2}{\mathbf{d}_1^T \mathbf{n}_2} \mathbf{d}_1 \quad (0.0.74)$$

Here, \mathbf{n}_2 is perpendicular to both vector \mathbf{d}_2 and \mathbf{n} . Thus, the dot product of the \mathbf{n}_2 with \mathbf{d}_2 and \mathbf{n} is zero:

$$\mathbf{d}_2^T \mathbf{n}_2 = 0 \quad (0.0.75)$$

$$\mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{n}_2 = 0 \quad (0.0.76)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -5 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{n}_2 = 0 \quad (0.0.77)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{n}_2 = 0 \quad (0.0.78)$$

Forming augmented matrix and reducing the rows:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -5 & -4 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.79)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow R_1/3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -5/3 & -4/3 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.80)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - 3R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -5/3 & -4/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & 5 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.81)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2/6} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -5/3 & -4/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5/6 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.82)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow R_1 + 5/3 R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1/18 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5/6 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.83)$$

Here, Rank(A) = Rank(A|B). Hence, the system is consistent.

Also, Rank(A) < number of unknowns, Thus we have infinite number of solutions. let $n_2=15$, which makes $n_3=-18$ and $n_1=1$:

$$\therefore \mathbf{n}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 15 \\ -18 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.84)$$

$$\mathbf{c}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{\begin{pmatrix} -1 & -2 & -54 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 15 \\ -18 \end{pmatrix}}{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 15 \\ -18 \end{pmatrix}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.85)$$

$$\mathbf{c}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{941}{22} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.86)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{c}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 45.77 \\ -41.77 \\ -87.54 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.87)$$

Similarly, the point on Line2 nearest to Line 1 is \mathbf{c}_2 given by:

$$\mathbf{c}_2 = \mathbf{p}_2 + \frac{(\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_2)^T \mathbf{n}_1}{\mathbf{d}_2^T \mathbf{n}_1} \mathbf{d}_2 \quad (0.0.88)$$

Here, \mathbf{n}_1 is perpendicular to both vector \mathbf{d}_1 and \mathbf{n} . Thus, the dot product of the \mathbf{n}_1 with \mathbf{d}_1 and \mathbf{n} is zero:

$$\mathbf{d}_1^T \mathbf{n}_1 = 0 \quad (0.0.89)$$

$$\mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{n}_1 = 0 \quad (0.0.90)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{n}_2 = 0 \quad (0.0.91)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{n}_2 = 0 \quad (0.0.92)$$

Forming augmented matrix and reducing the rows:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.93)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - 3R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 7 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.94)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 \times 1/4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 7/4 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.95)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow R_1 + R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1/4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 7/4 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.96)$$

Here, Rank(A) = Rank(A|B). Hence, the system is consistent.

Also, Rank(A) < number of unknowns, Thus we have infinite number of solutions. let $n_1=1$, which makes $n_3=4$ and $n_2=-7$:

$$\therefore \mathbf{n}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -7 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.97)$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{c}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ -56 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{\begin{pmatrix} 5 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -7 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}}{\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -5 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -7 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -5 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.98)$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{c}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ -56 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{8}{22} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -5 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.99)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{c}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 29.69 \\ -47.15 \\ -92.92 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.100)$$

The minimum distance can be found using points \mathbf{c}_1 and \mathbf{c}_2 as:

$$d_{min} = \sqrt{(16.08)^2 + (5.38)^2 + (5.38)^2} \quad (0.0.101)$$

$$d_{min} = \sqrt{316.8} \Rightarrow d_{min} = \mathbf{17.79} \quad (0.0.102)$$

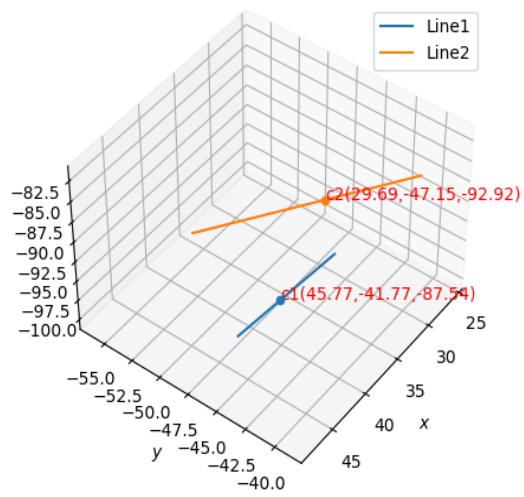


Fig. 2: Problem 2 : Lines crossing each other, but not intersecting