Gradient Descent

1 11^{th} Maths - Chapter 10

This is Problem-3.1 from Exercise 10.3

1. Reduce $x - \sqrt{3}y + 8 = 0$ into normal form. Find its perpendicular distance from the origin and angle between perpendicular and the positive x-axis.

   Solution: Equation for a line can be represented in parametric form as

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A} + \lambda \mathbf{m} \tag{1}$$

   We choose

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2}$$

$$\mathbf{O} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{3}$$

$$\mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix} \tag{4}$$

$$\text{yielding } f(\lambda) = \frac{4}{3}\lambda^2 - 16\lambda + 64 \tag{5}$$

$$f'(\lambda) = \frac{8}{3}\lambda - 16 \tag{6}$$

   Computing λ_{min} using Gradient Descent method:

$$\lambda_{n+1} = \lambda_n - \alpha \nabla f(\lambda_n) \tag{7}$$

   Choosing

   (a) $\alpha = 0.001$

(b) precision = 0.0000001

(c) n = 10000000

(d) λ_0 = -5

$$\lambda_{min} = 6 \tag{8}$$

Substituting the values of $\mathbf{A}$, $\mathbf{m}$ and λ_{min} in equation (1)

$$\mathbf{x}_{min} = \mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + 6 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix} \tag{9}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ \frac{6}{\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix} \tag{10}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 2\sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix} \tag{11}$$

$$OP = \|\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{O}\|^2 \tag{12}$$

$$= \left\| \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 2\sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\| \tag{13}$$

$$= \sqrt{2^2 + 12} = \sqrt{16} = 4 \tag{14}$$

The angle θ made by this perpendicular with x-axis is given by

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{-2} \right) \tag{15}$$

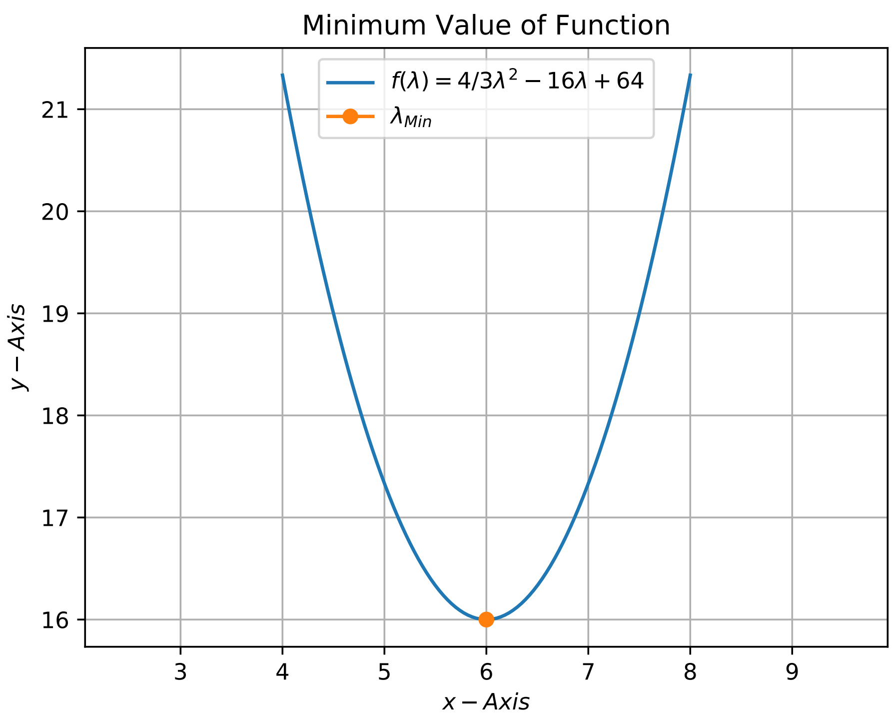
$$= \tan^{-1} \left(-\sqrt{3} \right) \tag{16}$$

$$= 120^\circ \tag{17}$$

The normal form of equation for straight line is given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos 120^\circ \\ \sin 120^\circ \end{pmatrix}^\top \mathbf{x} = 4 \tag{18}$$

The relevant figure is as shown in 1 and 2


Minimum Value of Function
$f(\lambda) = 4/3\lambda^2 - 16\lambda + 64$
λ_{Min}
21
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16
$y - Axis$
3
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8
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$x - Axis$

Figure 1

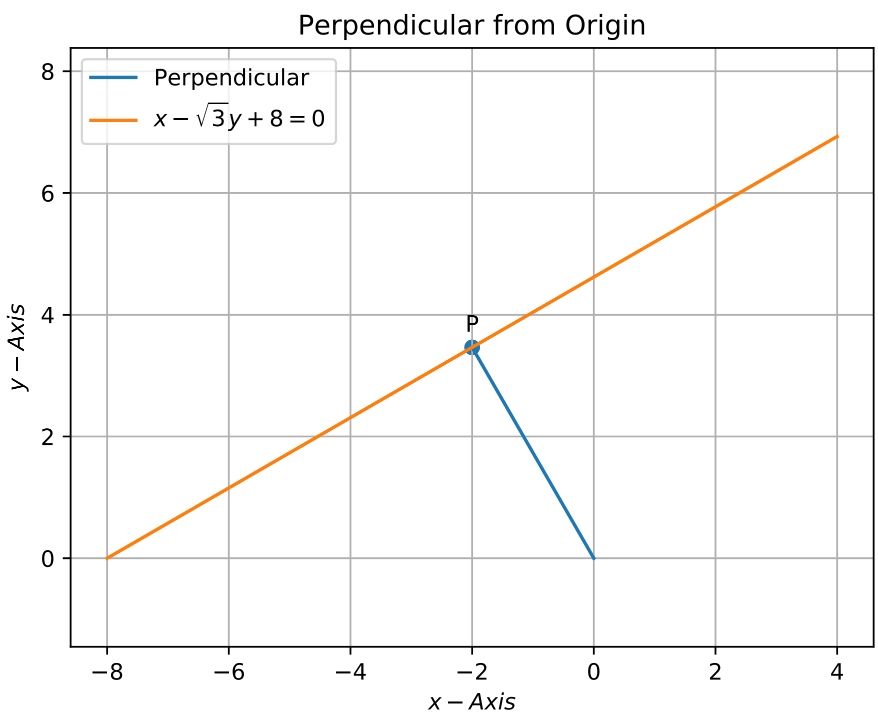
Perpendicular from Origin
Perpendicular
$x - \sqrt{3}y + 8 = 0$
P
8
6
4
2
0
−8
−6
−4
−2
0
2
4
$y - Axis$
$x - Axis$

Figure 2