Convex Optimization

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: The given equation can be written as

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -\sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix}^\top \mathbf{x} + 8 = 0 \tag{1}$$

$$\implies \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -\sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix} \tag{2}$$

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

   Equation (1) can be represented in parametric form as

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A} + \lambda \mathbf{m} \tag{4}$$

   Here, $\mathbf{A}$ is a point on the given line. We choose

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{5}$$

$$(4) \implies \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix} \tag{6}$$

   Let $\mathbf{O}$ be the origin. The perpendicular distance will be the minimum distance from $\mathbf{O}$ to the line. Let $\mathbf{P}$ be the foot of the perpendicular. This problem can be formulated as an optimization problem as follow:

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} \left\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{O}\right\|^2 \tag{7}$$