

# Assignment 6

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**Abstract—This document explains the the concept of finding the angle between the two straight lines from given second degree equation**

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## 1 PROBLEM

Prove that the equation  $12x^2 + 7xy - 10y^2 + 13x + 45y - 35 = 0$  represents two straight lines and find the angle between them

## 2 PAIR OF STRAIGHT LINES

The general second order equation is given by ,

$$ax^2 + 2bxy + cy^2 + 2dx + 2ey + f = 0 \quad (2.0.1)$$

the above equation (2.0.1) can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{V} \mathbf{x} + 2\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{x} + f = 0 \quad (2.0.2)$$

where

$$\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{V}^T = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.3)$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} d \\ e \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.4)$$

the above equation (2.0.2) represents a pair of straight lines if

$$\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{V} & \mathbf{u} \\ \mathbf{u}^T & f \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (2.0.5)$$

## 3 SOLUTION

Given,

$$12x^2 + 7xy - 10y^2 + 13x + 45y - 35 = 0 \quad (3.0.1)$$

The above equation (3.0.1) can be expressed as shown in equations (2.0.2), (2.0.3), (2.0.4)

$$\mathbf{x}^T \begin{pmatrix} 12 & \frac{7}{2} \\ \frac{7}{2} & -10 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} \frac{13}{2} & \frac{45}{2} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} - 35 = 0 \quad (3.0.2)$$

Comparing equation (3.0.2) with (2.0.2) we get

$$\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{V}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 12 & \frac{7}{2} \\ \frac{7}{2} & -10 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.3)$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{13}{2} \\ \frac{45}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.4)$$

$$f = -35 \quad (3.0.5)$$

Substituting the above equations (3.0.3), (3.0.4), (3.0.5) in LHS of equation (2.0.5) to verify the given equation is pair of straight lines

$$\delta = \begin{vmatrix} 12 & \frac{7}{2} & \frac{13}{2} \\ \frac{7}{2} & -10 & \frac{45}{2} \\ \frac{13}{2} & \frac{45}{2} & -35 \end{vmatrix} \quad (3.0.6)$$

Expanding the above determinant , we get

$$\delta = 0 \quad (3.0.7)$$

Since equation (2.0.5) is satisfied, we could say that the given equation (3.0.1) represents two straight lines

$$\det(V) = \begin{vmatrix} 12 & \frac{7}{2} \\ \frac{7}{2} & -10 \end{vmatrix} < 0 \quad (3.0.8)$$

Since  $\det(V) < 0$  we could say two intersecting lines are obtained

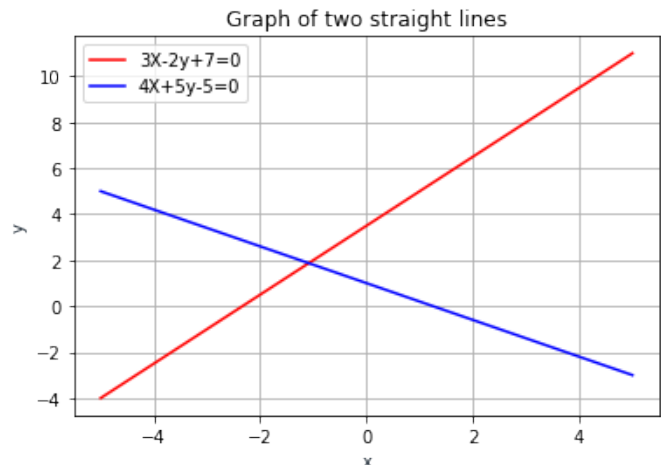


Fig. 1: Pair of straight lines

Let the pair of straight lines in vector form is given by

$$\mathbf{n}_1^T \mathbf{x} = c_1 \quad (3.0.9)$$

$$\mathbf{n}_2^T \mathbf{x} = c_2 \quad (3.0.10)$$

Equating their product with (3.0.2)

$$(\mathbf{n}_1^T \mathbf{x} - c_1)(\mathbf{n}_2^T \mathbf{x} - c_2) = \mathbf{x}^T \begin{pmatrix} 12 & \frac{7}{2} \\ \frac{7}{2} & -10 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} \frac{13}{2} & \frac{45}{2} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} - 35 \quad (3.0.11)$$

$$\mathbf{n}_1 * \mathbf{n}_2 = \{12, 7, -10\} \quad (3.0.12)$$

$$c_2 \mathbf{n}_1 + c_1 \mathbf{n}_2 = -2 \begin{pmatrix} \frac{13}{2} \\ \frac{45}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.13)$$

$$c_1 c_2 = -35 \quad (3.0.14)$$

The slopes of the lines are given by the roots of the polynomial

$$cm^2 + 2bm + a = 0 \quad (3.0.15)$$

$$\Rightarrow m_i = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{-\det(V)}}{c} \quad (3.0.16)$$

$$\mathbf{n}_i = k \begin{pmatrix} -m_i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.17)$$

Substituting the given data in above equations (3.0.15) we get,

$$-10m^2 + 7m + 12 = 0 \quad (3.0.18)$$

$$\Rightarrow m_i = \frac{\frac{-7}{2} \pm \sqrt{-\left(\frac{-529}{4}\right)}}{-10} \quad (3.0.19)$$

Solving equation (3.0.19) we get ,

$$m_1 = -\frac{4}{5} \quad (3.0.20)$$

$$m_2 = \frac{3}{2} \quad (3.0.21)$$

$$\mathbf{n}_1 = k_1 \begin{pmatrix} \frac{4}{5} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.22)$$

$$\mathbf{n}_2 = k_2 \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{3}{2} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.23)$$

Substituting equations (3.0.22), (3.0.23) in equation (3.0.12) we get

$$k_1 k_2 = -10 \quad (3.0.24)$$

Possible combinations of  $(k_1, k_2)$  are  $(10, -1)$ ,  $(-1, 10)$ ,  $(5, -2)$ ,  $(-2, 5)$

Lets assume  $k_1 = 5$ ,  $k_2 = -2$ , we get

$$\mathbf{n}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.25)$$

$$\mathbf{n}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.26)$$

From equation (3.0.13) we get

$$(\mathbf{n}_1 \quad \mathbf{n}_2) \begin{pmatrix} c_2 \\ c_1 \end{pmatrix} = -2 \begin{pmatrix} \frac{13}{2} \\ \frac{45}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.27)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 5 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_2 \\ c_1 \end{pmatrix} = -2 \begin{pmatrix} \frac{13}{2} \\ \frac{45}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.28)$$

$$4c_2 + 3c_1 = -13 \quad (3.0.29)$$

$$5c_2 - 2c_1 = -45 \quad (3.0.30)$$

Solving equations (3.0.29), (3.0.30) we get

$$c_1 = 5 \quad (3.0.31)$$

$$c_2 = -7 \quad (3.0.32)$$

Equations (3.0.9), (3.0.10) can be modified as

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 5 \quad (3.0.33)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = -7 \quad (3.0.34)$$

#### 4 ANGLE BETWEEN THE STRAIGHT LINES

Angle between the two straight lines is given by

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{\mathbf{n}_1^T \mathbf{n}_2}{\|\mathbf{n}_1\| \|\mathbf{n}_2\|} \right) \quad (4.0.1)$$

$$\mathbf{n}_1^T \mathbf{n}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = 2 \quad (4.0.2)$$

$$\|\mathbf{n}_1\| = \sqrt{4^2 + 5^2} = \sqrt{41} \quad (4.0.3)$$

$$\|\mathbf{n}_2\| = \sqrt{3^2 + (-2)^2} = \sqrt{13} \quad (4.0.4)$$

Substituting equations (4.0.2), (4.0.3), (4.0.4) in equation (4.0.1), we get

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{41} \sqrt{13}} \right) \quad (4.0.5)$$

$$\theta = 85^\circ \quad (4.0.6)$$

#### Result :

Angle between the two straight line is given by

$$\theta = 85^\circ \quad (4.0.7)$$