

Points, lines, planes and more

1. LINES IN THE PLANE, EQUATIONS AND PARAMETRIZATIONS

Exercises.

Exercise 1.1. Compute the inner product of the given vectors v and w .

- $v = (-2, 5)$ and $w = (7, 1)$,
- $v = 2(-3, 2)$ and $w = (1, 3) + (-2, 4)$,
- $v = (-3, 4)$ and $w = (4, 3)$,
- $v = (-3, 4)$ and $w = (8, 6)$,
- $v = (2, -7)$ and $w = (x, y)$,
- $v = w = (a, b)$.

Exercise 1.2. Write the following equations in the form $\langle a, x \rangle = c$, i.e., specify a vector a and a constant c in each case.

- (1) $L_1: 2x_1 + 3x_2 = 0$,
- (2) $L_2: x_2 = 3x_1 - 1$,
- (3) $L_3: 2(x_1 + x_2) = 3$,
- (4) $L_4: x_1 - x_2 = 2x_2 - 3$,
- (5) $L_5: x_1 = 4 - 3x_1$,
- (6) $L_6: x_1 - x_2 = x_1 + x_2$.
- (7) $L_7: 6x_1 - 2x_2 = 7$

Exercise 1.3. Parameterize the lines in Exercise 1.2.

Exercise 1.4. Write the following parametrizations in the form $x = tp + q$, i.e., specify vectors p and q in each case.

(1)

$$M_1: \begin{cases} x_1 = t + 2, \\ x_2 = -t - 3. \end{cases}$$

(2)

$$M_2: \begin{cases} x_1 = 2t + 1, \\ x_2 = 6t - 3, \end{cases}$$

(3)

$$M_3: \begin{cases} x_1 = 3t - 1, \\ x_2 = t, \end{cases}$$

(4)

$$M_4: \begin{cases} x_1 = 3s + 5, \\ x_2 = 7, \end{cases}$$

(5)

$$M_5: \begin{cases} x_1 = t + 4, \\ x_2 = t + 4, \end{cases}$$

(6)

$$M_6: \begin{cases} x_1 = 3t, \\ x_2 = 4t. \end{cases}$$

Exercise 1.5. Give an equation for lines in Exercise 1.4.

Exercise 1.6. True or False? If true, explain why. If false, give a counter example.

- (1) If a and b are nonzero vectors and $a \neq b$, then the lines given by $\langle a, x \rangle = 0$ and $\langle b, x \rangle = 1$ are not parallel.
- (2) If a and b are nonzero vectors and the lines given by $\langle a, x \rangle = 0$ and $\langle b, x \rangle = 1$ are parallel, then $a = b$.
- (3) Two different lines may be given by the same equation.
- (4) Two different parametrizations may parametrize the same line.
- (5) The intersection of two lines is either empty or consists of one point.
- (6) For each vector $v \in \mathbb{R}^2$ we have $0 \cdot v = 0$. (What do the zeroes in this statement refer to?)

Exercise 1.7. Which of all the lines in Exercises 1.2 and 1.4 are parallel?

Exercise 1.8. Compute the point of intersection of the following lines from Exercises 1.2 and 1.4, if it exists.

- (1) L_1 and L_2 ,
- (2) L_2 and L_3 ,
- (3) L_5 and M_4 ,
- (4) L_4 and M_2 ,
- (5) L_2 and M_2 ,
- (6) M_2 and M_3 .

Exercise 1.9. When you intersect two lines, would you prefer them to be given by a parametrization or by an equation?

Exercise 1.10. Given the vectors $p = (p_1, p_2)$ and $q = (q_1, q_2)$ with $p \neq 0$, we let L be the line parametrized by $x = tp + q$. Find a vector a and a constant c (in terms of p_1, p_2, q_1, q_2) such that L is defined by the equation $\langle a, x \rangle = c$.

Exercise 1.11. Let a and b be two vectors and c and d two constants. Let L be the line given by $\langle a, x \rangle = c$ and M the line given by $\langle b, x \rangle = d$. Show that M and L are perpendicular if and only if $\langle a, b \rangle = 0$.

Exercise 1.12. Give an equation and a parametrization, both written in terms of vectors, of the following lines in \mathbb{R}^2 .

- (1) The line through the points $(1, 2)$ and $(3, -5)$.
- (2) The line through the point $(3, 2)$ that is parallel to the line given by $3x_1 - x_2 = 0$.
- (3) The line through the point $(3, -2)$ that is perpendicular to the line given by $\langle a, x \rangle = -1$ with $a = (1, -2)$.
- (4) The line through the point $(1, 4)$ that is parallel to the line parametrized by $x = pt + q$ with $p = (1, 2)$ and $q = (-3, 4)$.
- (5) The line through the point $(1, 4)$ that is perpendicular to the line parametrized by

$$\begin{cases} x_1 &= 3t - 1, \\ x_2 &= 4t + 1. \end{cases}$$

- (6) The perpendicular bisector of the line segment from $(-2, -1)$ to $(4, 3)$.
- (7) The line obtained by rotating the line given by $\langle (3, 5), x \rangle = 2$ around the origin over 90° (so counter clockwise).
- (8) (*) The line obtained by rotating the line given by $\langle (3, 5), x \rangle = 2$ around the origin over α .