

**EXERCISE 23.15**
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**1. Find the distance of the point (4, 5) from the straight line  $3x - 5y + 7 = 0$ .**
**Solution:**

Given:

 The line:  $3x - 5y + 7 = 0$ 

 Comparing  $ax + by + c = 0$  and  $3x - 5y + 7 = 0$ , we get:

 $a = 3$ ,  $b = -5$  and  $c = 7$ 

 So, the distance of the point (4, 5) from the straight line  $3x - 5y + 7 = 0$  is

$$\begin{aligned} d &= \left| \frac{ax_1 + by_1 + c}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{3 \times 4 - 5 \times 5 + 7}{\sqrt{3^2 + (-5)^2}} \right| \\ &= \frac{6}{\sqrt{34}} \end{aligned}$$

 $\therefore$  The required distance is  $6/\sqrt{34}$ 
**2. Find the perpendicular distance of the line joining the points  $(\cos \theta, \sin \theta)$  and  $(\cos \phi, \sin \phi)$  from the origin.**
**Solution:**

Given:

 The points  $(\cos \theta, \sin \theta)$  and  $(\cos \phi, \sin \phi)$  from the origin.

 The equation of the line joining the points  $(\cos \theta, \sin \theta)$  and  $(\cos \phi, \sin \phi)$  is given below:

$$y - \sin \theta = \frac{\sin \phi - \sin \theta}{\cos \phi - \cos \theta} (x - \cos \theta)$$

$$(\cos \phi - \cos \theta)y - \sin \theta (\cos \phi - \cos \theta) = (\sin \phi - \sin \theta)x - (\sin \phi - \sin \theta)\cos \theta$$

$$(\sin \phi - \sin \theta)x - (\cos \phi - \cos \theta)y + \sin \theta \cos \phi - \sin \phi \cos \theta = 0$$

 Let  $d$  be the perpendicular distance from the origin to the line

$$(\sin \phi - \sin \theta)x - (\cos \phi - \cos \theta)y + \sin \theta \cos \phi - \sin \phi \cos \theta = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} d &= \left| \frac{\sin \theta - \sin \phi}{\sqrt{(\sin \phi - \sin \theta)^2 + (\cos \phi - \cos \theta)^2}} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{\sin \theta - \sin \phi}{\sqrt{\sin^2 \phi + \sin^2 \theta - 2 \sin \phi \sin \theta + \cos^2 \phi + \cos^2 \theta - 2 \cos \phi \cos \theta}} \right| \end{aligned}$$

$$= \left| \frac{\sin\theta - \phi}{\sqrt{\sin^2\phi + \cos^2\phi + \sin^2\theta + \cos^2\theta + \cos^2\theta - 2\cos(\theta - \phi)}} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\sin(\theta - \phi))}{\sqrt{1 - \cos(\theta - \phi)}} \right|$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left| \frac{\sin(\theta - \phi)}{\sqrt{2\sin^2\left(\frac{\theta - \phi}{2}\right)}} \right|$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{2\sin\left(\frac{\theta - \phi}{2}\right)\cos\left(\frac{\theta - \phi}{2}\right)}{\sin\left(\frac{\theta - \phi}{2}\right)} \right|$$

$$= \cos\left(\frac{\theta - \phi}{2}\right)$$

$\therefore$  The required distance is  $\cos\left(\frac{\theta - \phi}{2}\right)$

**3. Find the length of the perpendicular from the origin to the straight line joining the two points whose coordinates are  $(a \cos \alpha, a \sin \alpha)$  and  $(a \cos \beta, a \sin \beta)$ .**

**Solution:**

Given:

Coordinates are  $(a \cos \alpha, a \sin \alpha)$  and  $(a \cos \beta, a \sin \beta)$ .

Equation of the line passing through  $(a \cos \alpha, a \sin \alpha)$  and  $(a \cos \beta, a \sin \beta)$  is

$$y - a \sin \alpha = \frac{a \sin \beta - a \sin \alpha}{a \cos \beta - a \cos \alpha} (x - a \cos \alpha)$$

$$y - a \sin \alpha = \frac{\sin \beta - \sin \alpha}{\cos \beta - \cos \alpha} (x - a \cos \alpha)$$

$$y - a \sin \alpha = \frac{2 \cos\left(\frac{\beta + \alpha}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\beta - \alpha}{2}\right)}{2 \sin\left(\frac{\beta + \alpha}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\alpha - \beta}{2}\right)} (x - a \cos \alpha)$$

$$y - a \sin \alpha = -\cot\left(\frac{\beta + \alpha}{2}\right) (x - a \cos \alpha)$$

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$$x \cot\left(\frac{\alpha + \beta}{2}\right) + y - a \sin \alpha - a \cos \alpha \cot\left(\frac{\alpha + \beta}{2}\right) = 0$$

The distance of the line from the origin is

$$d = \left| \frac{-a \sin \alpha - a \cos \alpha \cot\left(\frac{\alpha + \beta}{2}\right)}{\sqrt{\cot^2\left(\frac{\alpha + \beta}{2}\right) + 1}} \right|$$

$$d = \left| \frac{-a \sin \alpha - a \cos \alpha \cot\left(\frac{\alpha + \beta}{2}\right)}{\sqrt{\operatorname{cosec}^2\left(\frac{\alpha + \beta}{2}\right)}} \right| \because \operatorname{cosec}^2 \theta = 1 + \cot^2 \theta$$

$$= a \left| \sin\left(\frac{\alpha + \beta}{2}\right) \sin \alpha + \cos \alpha \cos\left(\frac{\alpha + \beta}{2}\right) \right|$$

$$= a \left| \sin \alpha \sin\left(\frac{\alpha + \beta}{2}\right) + \cos \alpha \cos\left(\frac{\alpha + \beta}{2}\right) \right|$$

$$= a \left| \cos\left(\frac{\alpha + \beta}{2} - \alpha\right) \right| = a \cos\left(\frac{\beta - \alpha}{2}\right)$$

$\therefore$  The required distance is  $a \cos\left(\frac{\beta - \alpha}{2}\right)$

**4. Show that the perpendicular let fall from any point on the straight line  $2x + 11y - 5 = 0$  upon the two straight lines  $24x + 7y = 20$  and  $4x - 3y - 2 = 0$  are equal to each other.**

**Solution:**

Given:

The lines  $24x + 7y = 20$  and  $4x - 3y - 2 = 0$

Let us assume,  $P(a, b)$  be any point on  $2x + 11y - 5 = 0$

So,

$$2a + 11b - 5 = 0$$

$$b = \frac{5 - 2a}{11} \dots\dots\dots (1)$$

Let  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  be the perpendicular distances from point  $P$  on the lines  $24x + 7y = 20$  and  $4x - 3y - 2 = 0$ , respectively.

$$d_1 = \left| \frac{24a + 7b - 20}{\sqrt{24^2 + 7^2}} \right| = \left| \frac{24a + 7b - 20}{25} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{24a + 7 \times \frac{5 - 2a}{11} - 20}{25} \right|$$

From (1)

$$d_1 = \left| \frac{50a - 37}{55} \right|$$

Similarly,

$$d_2 = \left| \frac{4a - 3b - 2}{\sqrt{3^2 + (-4)^2}} \right| = \left| \frac{4a - 3 \times \frac{5-2a}{11} - 2}{5} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{44a - 15 + 6a - 22}{11 \times 5} \right|$$

From (1)

$$d_2 = \left| \frac{50a - 37}{55} \right|$$

$$\therefore d_1 = d_2$$

Hence proved.

**5. Find the distance of the point of intersection of the lines  $2x + 3y = 21$  and  $3x - 4y + 11 = 0$  from the line  $8x + 6y + 5 = 0$ .**

**Solution:**

Given:

The lines  $2x + 3y = 21$  and  $3x - 4y + 11 = 0$

Solving the lines  $2x + 3y = 21$  and  $3x - 4y + 11 = 0$  we get:

$$\frac{x}{33 - 84} = \frac{y}{-63 - 22} = \frac{1}{-8 - 9}$$

$$x = 3, y = 5$$

So, the point of intersection of  $2x + 3y = 21$  and  $3x - 4y + 11 = 0$  is  $(3, 5)$ .

Now, the perpendicular distance  $d$  of the line  $8x + 6y + 5 = 0$  from the point  $(3, 5)$  is

$$d = \left| \frac{24 + 30 + 5}{\sqrt{8^2 + 6^2}} \right| = \frac{59}{10}$$

$\therefore$  The distance is  $59/10$ .