

Rotation Trick

If Line $L: ax + by + c = 0$ is to be rotated by angle θ about point (x_1, y_1)

Just rotate the vector $a + bi$ by θ . [ie multiply by $e^{i\theta}$]

$$(a + bi)e^{i\theta} = (\cos\theta - b\sin\theta) + (b\cos\theta + a\sin\theta)i \\ = a' + b'i \quad [\text{say}]$$

Eqn of rotated line is

$$a'(x - x_1) + b'(y - y_1) = 0 \\ \text{or } a'x + b'y = a'x_1 + b'y_1$$

Example \Rightarrow Rotate $2x + y = 3$ about $(1, 1)$ by 45° anticlockwise.

Soln

$$(2 + i)(\sin 45 + i \cos 45) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(2 + i)(i + 1) \\ = \frac{3i + 1}{\sqrt{2}} \equiv (1, 3)$$

Eqn of new line

$$1 \cdot (x - 1) + 3(y - 1) = 0$$

or

$$x + 3y = 1 + 3 = 4$$

$$\boxed{x + 3y = 4}$$