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Assignment-1

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Question 1.1.6) The area of \triangle ABC is defined as

$$\frac{1}{2} \| (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) \times \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C} \|$$

where

$$\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ -1 & 6 \end{vmatrix}$$

Find the area of \triangle ABC.

Solution: Given,

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}; \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}; \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1}$$

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2}$$

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \tag{3}$$

$$\therefore (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) \times (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}) = \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ -7 & 4 \end{vmatrix} \tag{4}$$

$$= 5 \times 4 - 4 \times (-7)$$

$$=20+28$$
 (6)

$$=48\tag{7}$$

$$\implies \frac{1}{2} \|(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) \times (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C})\| = \frac{48}{2} = 24 \tag{8}$$