

3.2.1

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Question

Draw a triangle ABC in which $AB=4\text{cm}$, $BC=6\text{cm}$ and $AC=9\text{cm}$.

According to given data lets assume,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad C = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\|C - A\| = 9 \quad (1)$$

$$C^T C = 81 \quad (2)$$

$$\|C - B\| = 6 \quad (3)$$

$$(C - B)^T (C - B) = 36 \quad (4)$$

$$C^T C - 2B^T C + B^T B = 36 \quad (5)$$

$$\text{as, } B^T B = 16 ; C^T C = 81 \quad (6)$$

$$2B^T C = 61 \quad (7)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 8 & 0 \end{pmatrix} C = 61 \quad (8)$$

$$\text{Augmented Matrix} \Rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 8 & 0 & 61 \end{array} \right) \quad (9)$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 61/8 \end{array} \right) \quad (10)$$

$$x = 61/8 \quad (11)$$

Solution

$$as, C^T C = 81 \quad (12)$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 81 \quad (13)$$

$$y = \sqrt{\frac{1463}{64}} \quad (14)$$

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 7.625 \\ \pm 4.781 \end{pmatrix} \quad (15)$$

Refer fig

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <math.h>

int main() {
    // Given distances (according to your solution)
    double AC = 9.0, BC = 6.0;
    double AB = 4.0;

    // Fix A and B
    double Ax = 0.0, Ay = 0.0;
    double Bx = 4.0, By = 0.0;

    // Step 1: Find x using the relation (from your derivation)
    //  $2 * B^T * C = AC^2 + B^T B - BC^2$ 
    double x = (AC*AC + (Bx*Bx + By*By) - BC*BC) / (2 * Bx);
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// Step 2: Use  $AC^2 = x^2 + y^2$  to solve for y
double y_square = AC*AC - x*x;

if (y_square < 0) {
    printf("No real solution (triangle inequality violated).\n");
    return 0;
}

double y1 = sqrt(y_square);
double y2 = -sqrt(y_square);
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// Print results
printf("Coordinates of A: (%.3f, %.3f)\n", Ax, Ay);
printf("Coordinates of B: (%.3f, %.3f)\n", Bx, By);
printf("Possible coordinates of C:\n");
printf("C1 = (%.3f, %.3f)\n", x, y1);
printf("C2 = (%.3f, %.3f)\n", x, y2);

return 0;
}
```


Python Code

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import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Define vertices
A = (0, 0)
B = (4, 0)
C = (7.625, 4.781)

# Collect coordinates (close the triangle by repeating A at the
    end)
x_coords = [A[0], B[0], C[0], A[0]]
y_coords = [A[1], B[1], C[1], A[1]]

# Plot the triangle
plt.figure(figsize=(6,6))
plt.plot(x_coords, y_coords, 'b-', linewidth=2) # Triangle edges
plt.fill(x_coords, y_coords, 'skyblue', alpha=0.3) # Fill inside
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# Plot vertices
plt.scatter(*A, color='red', s=60)
plt.scatter(*B, color='green', s=60)
plt.scatter(*C, color='purple', s=60)

# Label points
plt.text(A[0]-0.3, A[1]-0.3, 'A', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
plt.text(B[0]+0.2, B[1]-0.3, 'B', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
plt.text(C[0]+0.2, C[1]+0.2, 'C', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')

# Formatting
plt.axhline(0, color='gray', linewidth=0.5)
plt.axvline(0, color='gray', linewidth=0.5)
plt.gca().set_aspect('equal', adjustable='box')
plt.title("Triangle ABC")
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
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import ctypes
import os

# Load shared object
lib = ctypes.CDLL(os.path.abspath("./triangle.so"))

# Define argument and return types
lib.find_triangle.argtypes = [ctypes.c_double, ctypes.c_double,
                               ctypes.c_double,
                               ctypes.POINTER(ctypes.c_double),
                               ctypes.POINTER(ctypes.c_double),
                               ctypes.POINTER(ctypes.c_double)]
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C and Python Code

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# Function wrapper
def find_triangle(AB, AC, BC):
    x = ctypes.c_double()
    y1 = ctypes.c_double()
    y2 = ctypes.c_double()

    lib.find_triangle(AB, AC, BC,
                      ctypes.byref(x), ctypes.byref(y1), ctypes.
                        byref(y2))

    return x.value, y1.value, y2.value
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# Example usage
if __name__ == "__main__":
    AB, AC, BC = 4.0, 9.0, 6.0 # Example
    x, y1, y2 = find_triangle(AB, AC, BC)

    print(f"A = (0,0)")
    print(f"B = ({AB},0)")
    print(f"C1 = ({x:.3f},{y1:.3f})")
    print(f"C2 = ({x:.3f},{y2:.3f})")
```

Plot

