

Assignment 1

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Area of Triangle

Abstract—This document contains the solution to find the Area of a Triangle, given the coordinates of the vertices.

Download all python codes from

https://github.com/Abhishektiware2021/ee5600.git/Assignment_1.ipynb

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<https://github.com/Abhishektiware2021/ee5600.git/main.tex>

1 PROBLEM

Solve: Problem set: Vector2, Example-2,2

Find the areas of the triangles the coordinates of whose angular points are respectively: (0,4), (3,6) and (-8,-2)

2 SOLUTION

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{P} &= \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}\quad (2.0.1)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{P} &= \begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}\quad (2.0.2)$$

$$\therefore \text{Area of the Triangle} = \frac{1}{2} \|(\mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{P}) \times (\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{P})\| \quad (2.0.3)$$

As the vector cross product of two vectors can also be expressed as the product of a skew-symmetric matrix and a vector.

$$\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -a_3 & a_2 \\ a_3 & 0 & -a_1 \\ -a_2 & a_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.4)$$

Substituting values from equation 2.0.1 and 2.0.2 in above equation 2.0.4, we'll get:

$$\begin{aligned}(\mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{P}) \times (\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{P}) &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 \\ -2 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ -6 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}\quad (2.0.5)$$

$$\therefore \|(\mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{P}) \times (\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{P})\| = \sqrt{0^2 + 0^2 + (-2)^2} = 2$$

(2.0.6)

Substituting value from equation 2.0.6 in equation 2.0.3, we'll get area of triangle:

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(2) = 1 \text{ units}^2$$