

# ASSIGNMENT 1

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## 1 PROBLEM

If the vertices of an isosceles triangle are given by  $\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Find the distance of the vertex A from the base of the triangle

## SOLUTION

Since, Given that triangle is isosceles let us check which two sides are equal,

$$\begin{aligned} BC = a = \|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}\| &= \sqrt{(-2 - 3)^2 + (-2 - 1)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{25 + 9} \\ &= \sqrt{34} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} AB = c = \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\| &= \sqrt{(-1 + 2)^2 + (2 - (-2))^2} \\ &= \sqrt{1 + 16} \\ &= \sqrt{17} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} CA = b = \|\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A}\| &= \sqrt{(3 + 1)^2 + (1 - 2)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{16 + 1} \\ &= \sqrt{17} \end{aligned}$$

So, we can see that sides AB , AC are same.

So, the distance between A and the side BC is same as distance between the vertex A and mid point D the side BC.

Mid point of BC is

$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}}{2} = \left( \frac{\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}{2} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-2+3}{2} \\ \frac{-2+1}{2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

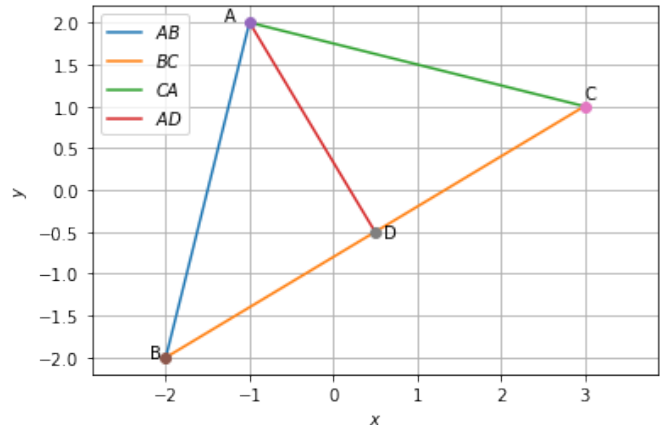


Fig. 0: plot

$$\begin{aligned} AD = \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D}\| &= \sqrt{\left(-1 - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(2 - \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\right)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{9}{4} + \frac{25}{4}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{34}{4}} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{34}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the distance is  $\frac{\sqrt{34}}{2}$