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Question:

Show that the points $(7, 10)$, $(-2, 5)$ and $(3, 4)$ are vertices of an isosceles right triangle.

Solution:

Points	Name
$\begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix}$	Point A
$\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$	Point B
$\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$	Point C

TABLE 0: List of Points

→ We have $\triangle ABC$ with the given points. Then,

$$\|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}\|^2 = \begin{pmatrix} -9 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -9 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} = 106 \implies \|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}\| = \sqrt{106} \quad (1)$$

$$\|\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B}\|^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = 26 \implies \|\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B}\| = \sqrt{26} \quad (2)$$

$$\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}\|^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} = 52 \implies \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}\| = \sqrt{52} \quad (3)$$

$$\|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B}\|^2 = 26 + 52 = 78 \neq 106 = \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}\|^2 \quad (4)$$

→ From (1), (2) and (3), we know that the sides are different lengths, or $\triangle ABC$ is not isosceles. From (4), we prove that $\triangle ABC$ is not right-angled as well.

⇒ The $\triangle ABC$ is neither isosceles nor right-angled.

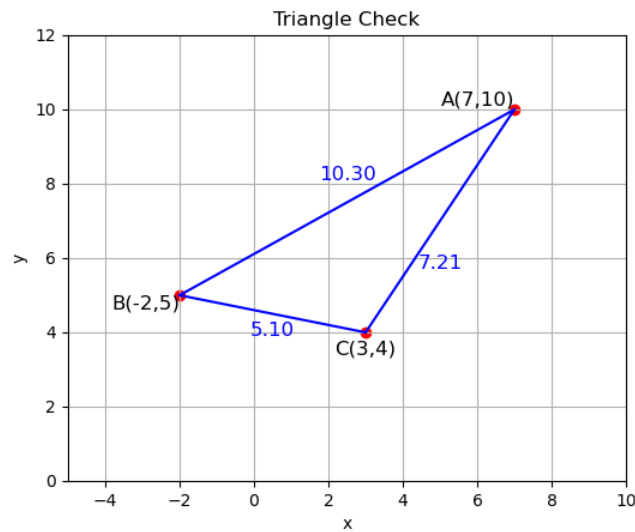


Fig. 0: Plot of $\triangle ABC$