

MatGeo Presentation - Problem 2.5.32

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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: List of Points

→ Let

$$\angle A = \angle BAC \quad (0.1)$$

$$\angle B = \angle CBA \quad (0.2)$$

$$\angle C = \angle ACB \quad (0.3)$$

Solution

$$\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.4)$$

$$\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.5)$$

$$\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -9 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.6)$$

→ Then the cosines of the angles are

$$\cos A = -\frac{\mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{c}}{\|\mathbf{b}\| \|\mathbf{c}\|} = \frac{66}{\sqrt{52} \sqrt{106}} = 0.889 \quad (0.7)$$

$$\cos B = -\frac{\mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{a}}{\|\mathbf{c}\| \|\mathbf{a}\|} = \frac{40}{\sqrt{106} \sqrt{26}} = 0.762 \quad (0.8)$$

$$\cos C = -\frac{\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\|} = -\frac{14}{\sqrt{26} \sqrt{52}} = -0.381 \quad (0.9)$$

Solution

→ As none of the cosines are equal, $\triangle ABC$ is not isosceles. Also, since $\cos C$ is negative, $\triangle ABC$ forms an obtuse angled triangle.

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

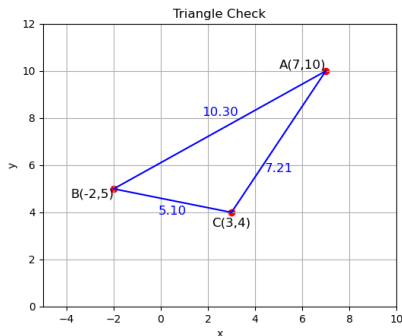


Figure: Plot of $\triangle ABC$

File: points.c

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#include <stdio.h>

int main() {
    FILE *fp;

    // -----
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    // -----

    fp = fopen("points.dat", "w");
    fprintf(fp, "%d,%d,%d\n", 7, 10, 0); // A
    fprintf(fp, "%d,%d,%d\n", -2, 5, 0); // B
    fprintf(fp, "%d,%d,%d\n", 3, 4, 0); // C
    fclose(fp);
    return 0;
}
```

File: call_c.py

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import subprocess

# Compile the C program
subprocess.run(["gcc", "points.c", "-o", "points"])

# Run the compiled C program
result = subprocess.run(["./points"], capture_output=True, text=True)

# Print the output from the C program
print(result.stdout)
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File: plot.py

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import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np

# Points A(7,10), B(-2,5), C(3,4)
A = np.array([7, 10])
B = np.array([-2, 5])
C = np.array([3, 4])

# Function to calculate distance between two points
def distance(p1, p2):
    return np.sqrt((p2[0] - p1[0])**2 + (p2[1] - p1[1])**2)

# Calculate distances
AB = distance(A, B)
BC = distance(B, C)
CA = distance(C, A)

# Plotting the triangle
plt.figure(figsize=(6, 6))
plt.plot([A[0], B[0]], [A[1], B[1]], 'b-', label="AB")
plt.plot([B[0], C[0]], [B[1], C[1]], 'b-', label="BC")
plt.plot([C[0], A[0]], [C[1], A[1]], 'b-', label="CA")

# Annotating points
plt.text(A[0], A[1], 'A(7,10)', fontsize=12, ha='right', va='bottom')
plt.text(B[0], B[1], 'B(-2,5)', fontsize=12, ha='right', va='top')
plt.text(C[0], C[1] - 0.2, 'C(3,4)', fontsize=12, ha='center', va='top')

# Highlighting the vertices
plt.scatter([A[0], B[0], C[0]], [A[1], B[1], C[1]], color='red')
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# Displaying distances on the plot with offset adjustments
mid_AB = (A + B) / 2
mid_BC = (B + C) / 2
mid_CA = (C + A) / 2

# Adjusting text placement for better spacing
plt.text(mid_AB[0], mid_AB[1] + 0.6, f'{AB:.2f}', fontsize=12, color='blue', ha='center')
plt.text(mid_BC[0], mid_BC[1] - 0.6, f'{BC:.2f}', fontsize=12, color='blue', ha='center')
plt.text(mid_CA[0], mid_CA[1] - 1.3, f'{CA:.2f}', fontsize=12, color='blue', ha='center')

# Setting plot limits and labels
plt.xlim(-5, 10)
plt.ylim(0, 12)
plt.gca().set_aspect('equal', adjustable='box')
plt.xlabel('x')
plt.ylabel('y')
plt.title('Triangle Check')

# Show the plot
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
```