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Assignment 4

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Geometry

Abstract—This documnet contains the solution to prove angles of a equilateral triangles are 60 degrees through Linear Algebra .

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https://github.com/shivangi-975/EE5609-Matrix_Theory/tree/master/Assignment4/ Codes

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1 Problem

To prove angles of equilateral triangles are 60° each.

2 Solution

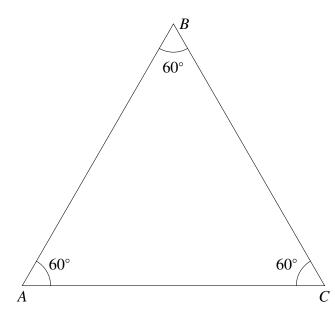


Fig. 1: Equilateral $\triangle ABC$ with A,B and C as vertices

Considering A,B and C as the vertices of triangle:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{pmatrix} B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} C = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

In equilateral triangle we have:

$$\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\| = \|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}\| = \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}\| = k$$
 (2.0.1)

Taking the inner product of sides AB,BC and sides CA,BC and sides and BA,AC.

$$(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})^{T}(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}) = ||\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}|| \, ||\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}|| \cos ABC$$
(2.0.2)

$$(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C})^{T}(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}) = ||\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}|| \, ||\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}|| \cos ACB$$
(2.0.3)

$$(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A})^{T}(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}) = ||\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}|| \, ||\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}|| \cos BAC$$
(2.0.4)

The angles from the above equations are,

$$\implies \cos ABC = \frac{(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})^T (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C})}{\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\| \|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}\|}$$
 (2.0.5)

$$\implies \cos ACB = \frac{(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C})^T (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C})}{\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}\| \|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}\|}$$
 (2.0.6)

$$\implies \cos BAC = \frac{(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A})^T (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C})}{\|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}\| \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}\|}$$
 (2.0.7)

From 2.0.1 since triangle is equilateral:

$$\cos ABC = \frac{(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})^T (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C})}{k^2}$$
 (2.0.8)

$$\cos ACB = \frac{(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C})^T (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C})}{k^2}$$
 (2.0.9)

$$\cos BAC = \frac{(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})^T (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C})}{k^2}$$
 (2.0.10)

Angles of a equilateral triangles are equal:

$$\frac{(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})^{T}(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C})}{k^{2}} = \frac{(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C})^{T}(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C})}{k^{2}} = \frac{(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})^{T}(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C})}{k^{2}}$$
(2.0.11)

Simplifying we have:

$$(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})^T = (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C})^T = (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})^T \qquad (2.0.12)$$