
GEOMETRY

Through Algebra

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Chapter 1

Triangle

Consider a triangle with vertices and midpoints

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1)$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-7}{2} \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{E} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-5}{2} \\ \frac{-9}{2} \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{F} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ \frac{-9}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2)$$

1.1. Perpendicular Bisector

1.1.1. The equation of the perpendicular bisector of BC is

$$\left(\mathbf{x} - \frac{\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}}{2} \right) (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}) = 0 \quad (1.1.1.1)$$

Substitute numerical values and find the equations of the perpendicular bisectors of AB , BC and CA .

Solution:

On substituting the values,

$$\frac{\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}}{\mathbf{2}} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -7 \\ -8 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.1.2)$$

$$\frac{\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}}{\mathbf{2}} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -9 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.1.3)$$

$$\frac{\mathbf{C} + \mathbf{A}}{\mathbf{2}} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ -9 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.1.4)$$

$$(1.1.1.5)$$

yielding

$$(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C})^\top \left(\frac{\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}}{2} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{7}{2} \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{-21}{2} \quad (1.1.1.6)$$

$$(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})^\top \left(\frac{\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}}{2} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ \frac{-9}{2} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{5}{2} \quad (1.1.1.7)$$

$$(\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A})^\top \left(\frac{\mathbf{C} + \mathbf{A}}{2} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} -5 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-5}{2} \\ \frac{-9}{2} \end{pmatrix} = 8 \quad (1.1.1.8)$$

Thus, the perpendicular bisectors are obtained from as

$$BC : \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \frac{-21}{2} \quad (1.1.1.9)$$

$$CA : \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \frac{5}{2} \quad (1.1.1.10)$$

$$AB : \begin{pmatrix} -5 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 8 \quad (1.1.1.11)$$

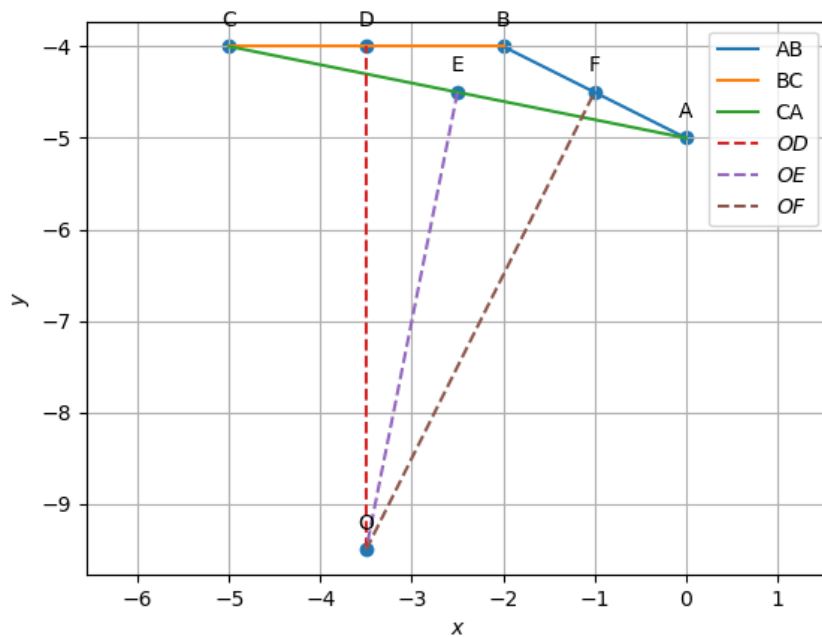


Figure 1.1: Perpendicular Bisectors of $\triangle ABC$

1.1.2. Find the intersection \mathbf{O} of the perpendicular bisectors of AB and AC .

Solution:

Given vector equation of perpendicular bisector of $\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}$ is

$$(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})^\top \left(\mathbf{x} - \frac{\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}}{2} \right) = 0 \quad (1.1.2.1)$$

where,

$$\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -9 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.2.2)$$

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.2.3)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})^\top = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.2.4)$$

\therefore The vector equation of $\mathbf{O} - \mathbf{F}$ is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \left(\mathbf{x} - \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -9 \end{pmatrix} \right) = 0 \quad (1.1.2.5)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -9 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.2.6)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \frac{5}{2} \quad (1.1.2.7)$$

Vector equation of perpendicular bisector of $\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}$ is

$$(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C})^\top \left(\mathbf{x} - \frac{\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{C}}{2} \right) = 0 \quad (1.1.2.8)$$

where,

$$\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ -9 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.2.9)$$

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.2.10)$$

$$\implies (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C})^\top = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.2.11)$$

\therefore The vector equatio of $\mathbf{O} - \mathbf{E}$ is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \left(\mathbf{x} - \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ -9 \end{pmatrix} \right) = 0 \quad (1.1.2.12)$$

$$\implies \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ -9 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.2.13)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = -8 \quad (1.1.2.14)$$

Thus,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & \frac{5}{2} \\ 5 & -1 & -8 \end{pmatrix} \xleftrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow \frac{R_1}{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{-1}{2} & \frac{-5}{4} \\ 5 & 1 & -8 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.2.15)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - 5R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{-1}{2} & \frac{-5}{4} \\ 0 & \frac{3}{2} & \frac{-57}{4} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.2.16)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow \frac{2R_2}{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{-1}{2} & \frac{-5}{4} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{-19}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.2.17)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow R_1 + \frac{R_2}{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{-7}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{-19}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.2.18)$$

Therefore, the point of intersection of perpendicular bisectors of $\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}$

and $\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}$ is $\mathbf{O} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -7 \\ -19 \end{pmatrix}$

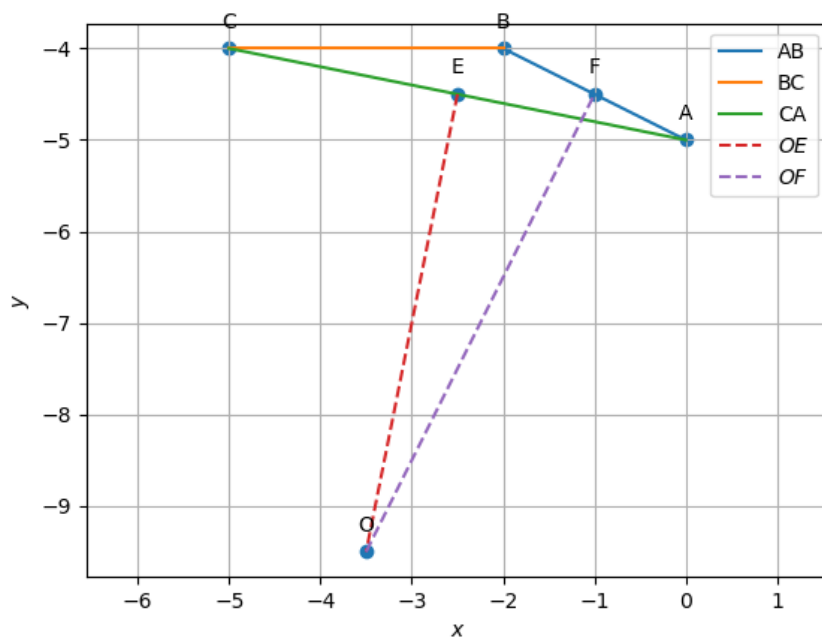


Figure 1.2: Perpendicular Bisectors **OE**, **OF** of **AC**, **AB**

1.1.3. Verify that **O** satisfies (1.1.1.1). **O** is known as the circumcentre.

Solution:

From the previous question we get,

$$\mathbf{O} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -7 \\ -19 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.3.1)$$

when substituted in the above equation,

$$= \left(\mathbf{O} - \frac{\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}}{2} \right) \cdot (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}) \quad (1.1.3.2)$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -7 \\ -19 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -7 \\ -8 \end{pmatrix} \right)^\top \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.3.3)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -11 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.3.4)$$

$$= 0 \quad (1.1.3.5)$$

It is hence proved that \mathbf{O} satisfies the equation (1.1.1.1)

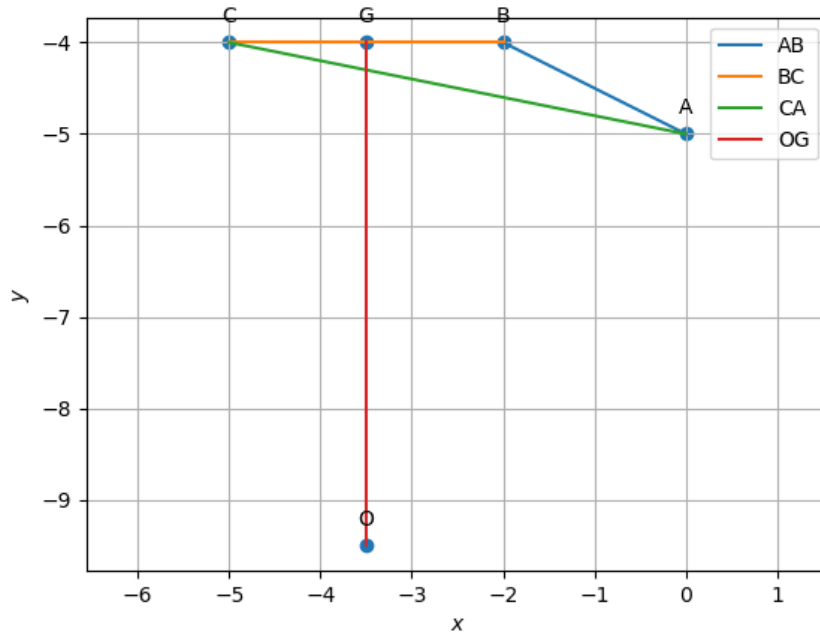


Figure 1.3: Circumcenter(\mathbf{OG}) of $\triangle ABC$

1.1.4. Verify that

$$OA = OB = OC \quad (1.1.4.1)$$

Solution:

Given,

$$\mathbf{O} - \mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -7 \\ -19 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.4.2)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-7}{2} \\ \frac{-9}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.4.3)$$

$$\mathbf{O} - \mathbf{B} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -7 \\ -19 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.4.4)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-3}{2} \\ \frac{-11}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.4.5)$$

$$\mathbf{O} - \mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -7 \\ -19 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.4.6)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{2} \\ \frac{-11}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.4.7)$$

By substituting the above values

(a)

$$\mathbf{OA} = \sqrt{(\mathbf{O} - \mathbf{A})^\top (\mathbf{O} - \mathbf{A})} \quad (1.1.4.8)$$

$$= \sqrt{\begin{pmatrix} \frac{-7}{2} & \frac{-9}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-7}{2} \\ \frac{-9}{2} \end{pmatrix}} \quad (1.1.4.9)$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{-7^2}{2} + \frac{-9^2}{2}} \quad (1.1.4.10)$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{130}}{2} \quad (1.1.4.11)$$

(b)

$$\mathbf{OB} = \sqrt{(\mathbf{O} - \mathbf{B})^\top (\mathbf{O} - \mathbf{B})} \quad (1.1.4.12)$$

$$= \sqrt{\begin{pmatrix} \frac{-3}{2} & \frac{-11}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-3}{2} \\ \frac{-11}{2} \end{pmatrix}} \quad (1.1.4.13)$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{-3^2}{2} + \frac{-11^2}{2}} \quad (1.1.4.14)$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{130}}{2} \quad (1.1.4.15)$$

(c)

$$OC = \sqrt{(\mathbf{O} - \mathbf{C})^\top (\mathbf{O} - \mathbf{C})} \quad (1.1.4.16)$$

$$= \sqrt{\begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{2} & \frac{-11}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{2} \\ \frac{-11}{2} \end{pmatrix}} \quad (1.1.4.17)$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{3^2}{2} + \frac{-11^2}{2}} \quad (1.1.4.18)$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{130}}{2} \quad (1.1.4.19)$$

From above,

$$\mathbf{OA} = \mathbf{OB} = \mathbf{OC} \quad (1.1.4.20)$$

1.1.5. Draw the circle with centre at \mathbf{O} and radius

$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{OA} \quad (1.1.5.1)$$

This is known as the circumradius.

Solution:

$$\mathbf{O} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -7 \\ -19 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.5.2)$$

Now we will calculate the radius,

$$R = OA \quad (1.1.5.3)$$

$$= \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{O}\| \quad (1.1.5.4)$$

$$= \left\| \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -7 \\ -19 \end{pmatrix} \right\| \quad (1.1.5.5)$$

$$= \left\| \begin{pmatrix} \frac{7}{2} \\ \frac{9}{2} \end{pmatrix} \right\| \quad (1.1.5.6)$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{130}}{2} \quad (1.1.5.7)$$

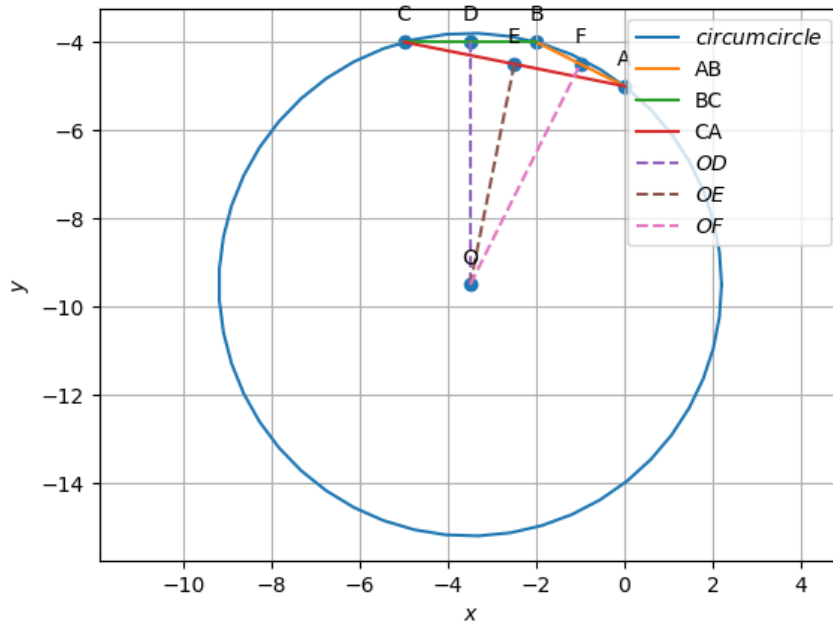


Figure 1.4: Circumcircle of $\triangle ABC$ with center \mathbf{O}

1.1.6. Verify that

$$\angle BOC = 2\angle BAC. \quad (1.1.6.1)$$

Solution:

We have a point $\mathbf{O} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-7}{2} \\ \frac{-19}{2} \end{pmatrix}$ which is intersection point of the perpendicular bisectors of AB and AC and is circumcentre of the triangle made by points A,B and C.

(a) To find the value of $\angle BOC$:

$$\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{O} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{2} \\ \frac{11}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.6.2)$$

$$\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{O} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-3}{2} \\ \frac{11}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.6.3)$$

calculating the norm of $\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{O}$ and $\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{O}$, we get:

$$\|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{O}\| = \frac{\sqrt{130}}{2} \quad (1.1.6.4)$$

$$\|\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{O}\| = \frac{\sqrt{130}}{2} \quad (1.1.6.5)$$

by doing matrix multiplication, we get:

$$(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{O})^\top (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{O}) = 28 \quad (1.1.6.6)$$

to calculate the $\angle BOC$:

$$\cos BOC = \frac{(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{O})^\top (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{O})}{\|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{O}\| \|\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{O}\|} \quad (1.1.6.7)$$

$$= \frac{28}{\frac{\sqrt{130}}{2} \times \frac{\sqrt{130}}{2}} \quad (1.1.6.8)$$

$$= \frac{112}{130} \quad (1.1.6.9)$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle BOC = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{112}{130} \right) \quad (1.1.6.10)$$

$$= 30.5^\circ \quad (1.1.6.11)$$

Taking the reflex of above angle we get

$$\angle BOC = 360^\circ - 30.5^\circ = 329.5^\circ \quad (1.1.6.12)$$

(b) To find the value of $\angle BAC$:

$$\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.6.13)$$

$$\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.6.14)$$

calculating the norm of $\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}$ and $\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A}$, we get:

$$\|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}\| = \sqrt{5} \quad (1.1.6.15)$$

$$\|\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A}\| = \sqrt{26} \quad (1.1.6.16)$$

by doing matrix multiplication, we get:

$$(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A})^\top (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A}) = -11 \quad (1.1.6.17)$$

to calculate the $\angle BAC$:

$$\cos BAC = \frac{(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A})^\top (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A})}{\|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}\| \|\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A}\|} \quad (1.1.6.18)$$

$$= \frac{-11}{\sqrt{5} \times \sqrt{26}} \quad (1.1.6.19)$$

$$= \frac{-11}{\sqrt{130}} \quad (1.1.6.20)$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle BAC = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{-11}{\sqrt{130}} \right) \quad (1.1.6.21)$$

$$= 164.75^\circ \quad (1.1.6.22)$$

from equation (1.1.6.22):

$$2 \times \angle BAC = 329.5^\circ \quad (1.1.6.23)$$

On comparing equation (1.1.6.12) and equation (1.1.6.23):

$$\angle BOC = 2 \times \angle BAC \quad (1.1.6.24)$$

Hence, verified.

1.1.7. Let

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.7.1)$$

Find θ if

$$\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{O} = \mathbf{P} (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{O}) \quad (1.1.7.2)$$

Solution:

$$\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{O} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-3}{2} \\ \frac{11}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.7.3)$$

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{O} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{7}{2} \\ \frac{9}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.7.4)$$

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.7.5)$$

$$\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{O} = \mathbf{P} (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{O}) \quad (1.1.7.6)$$

Now from (1.1.6.30)

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{-3}{2} \\ \frac{11}{2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{7}{2} \\ \frac{9}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.7.7)$$

solving using matrix multiplication,we get

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{-3}{2} \\ \frac{11}{2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{7}{2} \cos \theta - \frac{9}{2} \sin \theta \\ \frac{7}{2} \sin \theta + \frac{9}{2} \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.7.8)$$

Comparing on Both sides ,we get

$$7 \cos \theta - 9 \sin \theta = -3 \quad (1.1.7.9)$$

$$7 \sin \theta + 9 \cos \theta = 11 \quad (1.1.7.10)$$

On solving equations (1.1.6.33) and (1.1.6.34)

$$\cos \theta = \frac{3}{5} \quad (1.1.7.11)$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{4}{5} \quad (1.1.7.12)$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{3}{5} \quad (1.1.7.13)$$

$$= 53.13 \quad (1.1.7.14)$$

$$\therefore \theta = 53.13 \quad (1.1.7.15)$$

