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Probability Assignment 2

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Question: Verify that

$$(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{H})^{\mathsf{T}} (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}) = 0 \tag{1}$$

Solution: Given that,

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2}$$

From Problem 1.3.4 We know that, The point **H** is

$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{17}{6} \\ \frac{-5}{6} \end{pmatrix} \tag{3}$$

From the values of A, B, C and H,

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{H} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \frac{17}{6} \\ \frac{-5}{6} \end{pmatrix} \tag{4}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-11}{6} \\ \frac{-1}{6} \end{pmatrix} \tag{5}$$

$$\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} \tag{6}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -1\\11 \end{pmatrix} \tag{7}$$

Evaluating the L.H.S of (1), we get

$$(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{H})^{\mathsf{T}} (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-11}{6} & \frac{-1}{6} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1\\11 \end{pmatrix}$$
(8)

$$=0 (9)$$

From the fig0, $AH \perp BC$ and Hence proved that

$$(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{H})^{\mathsf{T}} (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}) = 0 \tag{10}$$

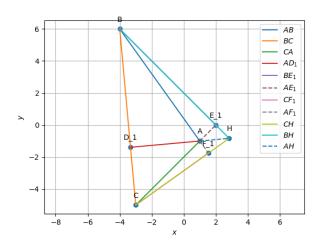


Fig. 0. In triangle ABC, $AH \perp BC$