Assignment -1 in $\LaTeX$

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Question 1.4.1 Consider a triangle with vertices

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

The equation of the perpendicular bisector of BC is

$$\left(\mathbf{x} - \frac{\mathbf{B}+\mathbf{C}}{2}\right)(\mathbf{B}-\mathbf{C}) = 0 \tag{1}$$

To find the equations of perpendicular bisectors of BC,AB,CA.

Solution:

1) BC: Given equation for the perpendicular bisector of BC:

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

On substituting the values,

$$\frac{\mathbf{B}+\mathbf{C}}{\mathbf{2}} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{7}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \tag{3}$$

$$\mathbf{B}-\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 11 \end{pmatrix} \tag{4}$$

Solving using matrix multiplication:

$$(\mathbf{B}-\mathbf{C})^\top \left(\mathbf{x} - \frac{\mathbf{B}+\mathbf{C}}{2}\right) = 0 \tag{5}$$

$$(\mathbf{B}-\mathbf{C})^\top = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 11 \end{pmatrix} \tag{6}$$

$$(\mathbf{B}-\mathbf{C})^\top \left(\frac{\mathbf{B}+\mathbf{C}}{2}\right) \tag{7}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 11 \end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{7}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \tag{8}$$

$$= 9 \tag{9}$$

Therefore,perpendicular bisector of BC is

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 11 \end{pmatrix}\mathbf{x} = 9 \tag{10}$$

2) AB: Similar to the equation for the perpendicular bisector of BC,

$$\frac{\mathbf{A}+\mathbf{B}}{\mathbf{2}} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{3}{2} \\ \frac{5}{2} \end{pmatrix} \tag{11}$$

$$\mathbf{A}-\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix} \tag{12}$$

$$(\mathbf{A}-\mathbf{B})^\top = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -7 \end{pmatrix} \tag{13}$$

Now,

$$(\mathbf{A}-\mathbf{B})^\top \left(\frac{\mathbf{A}+\mathbf{B}}{2}\right) \tag{14}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -7 \end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{3}{2} \\ \frac{5}{2} \end{pmatrix} \tag{15}$$

$$= -25 \tag{16}$$

Therefore,perpendicular bisector of AB is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & -7 \end{pmatrix}\mathbf{x} = -25 \tag{17}$$

3) CA:

$$\frac{\mathbf{C}+\mathbf{A}}{\mathbf{2}} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \tag{18}$$

$$\mathbf{C}-\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \tag{19}$$

$$(\mathbf{C}-\mathbf{A})^\top = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \tag{20}$$

Now,

$$(\mathbf{C}-\mathbf{A})^\top \left(\frac{\mathbf{C}+\mathbf{A}}{2}\right) \tag{21}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -4 & -4 \end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \tag{22}$$

$$= 16 \tag{23}$$

Therefore,perpendicular bisector of CA is

$$\begin{pmatrix} -4 & -4 \end{pmatrix}\mathbf{x} = 16 \tag{24}$$

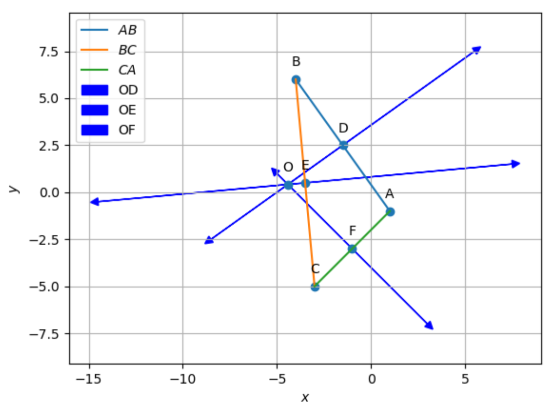

Fig. 3: Plot of the perpendicular bisectors