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ASSIGNMENT 2

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1 Problem

Using Baudhayana's theorem, show that $\begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$, $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$

and $\begin{pmatrix} -6\\10 \end{pmatrix}$ are the vertices of a right angled triangle. Repeat using orthogonality.

2 Solution

Say there exists two points $P(x_1, y_1)$ and $Q(x_2, y_2)$. The distance between the points is:

$$\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{P} - \mathbf{Q} \tag{2.0.1}$$

Distance between **P** and **Q** is given by

$$\|\mathbf{Z}\| = \|\mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{Q}\| \tag{2.0.2}$$

Let P = (-3, -4), Q = (2, 6) and R = (-6, 10).

1) Distance between **P** and **Q** is

$$\|\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{Q}\| = \sqrt{(-3-2)^2 + (-4-6)^2} = \sqrt{125}$$
(2.0.3)

2) Distance between **Q** and **R** is

$$\|\mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{R}\| = \sqrt{(2 - (-6))^2 + (6 - 10)^2} = \sqrt{80}$$
(2.0.4)

3) Distance between **P** and **R** is

$$\|\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{R}\| = \sqrt{(-3 - (-6))^2 + (-4 - 10)^2} = \sqrt{205}$$
(2.0.5)

Here, the largest distance is $\sqrt{205}$. To be vertices of a right angled triangle, we should have

$$\|\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{Q}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{R}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{P}\|^2$$
 (2.0.6)

$$(\sqrt{205})^2 = (\sqrt{125})^2 + (\sqrt{80})^2$$
 (2.0.7)

$$205 = 205 \tag{2.0.8}$$

So, the condition is satisfied. So, using Baudhayana's theorem, it is proved that 3 points given

are vertices of a right angled triangle. Now, for orthogonality,

$$(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{Q})^T (\mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{R}) = 0 (2.0.9)$$

We have

1)

$$\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{Q} = (2 - (-3), 6 - (-4)) \tag{2.0.10}$$

$$\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} 5\\10 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.0.11}$$

2)

$$\mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{R} = (2 - (-6), 6 - 10) \tag{2.0.12}$$

$$\mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.0.13}$$

3)

$$\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{R} = (-3 - (-6), -4 - 10)$$
 (2.0.14)

$$\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -14 \end{pmatrix} \qquad (2.0.15)$$

For orthogonality, product of transpose of one point and other must be 0. Here, checking for

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$
 (2.0.16)

Hence, using orthogonality, it is proved that the points form a right angled triangle.



