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Chapter 1

Triangle

Consider a triangle with vertices

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1.1)$$

1.1. Vectors

1.2. median

1.2.1. If \mathbf{D} divides BC in the ratio $k : 1$,

$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{k\mathbf{C} + \mathbf{B}}{k + 1} \quad (1.2.1.1)$$

Find the mid points $\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{E}, \mathbf{F}$ of the sides BC, CA and AB respectively.

If \mathbf{D} divides BC in the ratio $k : 1$,

$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{k\mathbf{C} + \mathbf{B}}{k + 1} \quad (1.2.1.2)$$

Find the mid points $\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{E}, \mathbf{F}$ of the sides BC, CA and AB respectively.

Given:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.1.3)$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.1.4)$$

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.1.5)$$

Solution: Since \mathbf{D} is the midpoint of BC ,

$$k = 1 \quad (1.2.1.6)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{D} = \frac{\mathbf{C} + \mathbf{B}}{2} \quad (1.2.1.7)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.1.8)$$

Similarly,

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{C}}{2} \quad (1.2.1.9)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.1.10)$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \frac{\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}}{2} \quad (1.2.1.11)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.1.12)$$

1.2.2. Find the equations of AD , BE and CF .

Solution: : $\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{E}, \mathbf{F}$ are the midpoints of BC, CA, AB respectively, then

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{5}{2} \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.2.1)$$

$$\mathbf{E} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.2.2)$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.2.3)$$

(a) The normal equation for the median AD is

$$\mathbf{n}^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{A}) = 0 \quad (1.2.2.4)$$

$$\implies \mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{A} \quad (1.2.2.5)$$

We have to find the \mathbf{n} so that we can find \mathbf{n}^\top . Since,

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{m} \quad (1.2.2.6)$$

Here $\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{A}$ for median AD

$$\mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{11}{2} \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.2.7)$$

Since,

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{m} \quad (1.2.2.8)$$

$$\implies \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{11}{2} \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.2.9)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ \frac{-11}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.2.10)$$

Hence the normal equation of median AD is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -\frac{11}{2} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -\frac{11}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.2.11)$$

$$\implies \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -\frac{11}{2} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = -9 \quad (1.2.2.12)$$

(b) The normal equation for the median BE is

$$\mathbf{n}^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{B}) = 0 \quad (1.2.2.13)$$

$$\implies \mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{B} \quad (1.2.2.14)$$

Here $\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{E} - \mathbf{B}$ for median BE

$$\mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.2.15)$$

Since,

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{m} \quad (1.2.2.16)$$

$$\implies \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.2.17)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.2.18)$$

Hence the normal equation of median BE is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.2.19)$$

$$\implies \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 10 \quad (1.2.2.20)$$

(c) The normal equation for the median CF is

$$\mathbf{n}^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{C}) = 0 \quad (1.2.2.21)$$

$$\implies \mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{C} \quad (1.2.2.22)$$

Here $\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{F} - \mathbf{C}$ for median CF

$$\mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-1}{2} \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.2.23)$$

Since,

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{m} \quad (1.2.2.24)$$

$$\implies \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-1}{2} \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.2.25)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.2.26)$$

Hence the normal equation of median CF is

$$\begin{pmatrix} -3 & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.2.27)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -3 & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = -1 \quad (1.2.2.28)$$

1.2.3. Find the intersection \mathbf{G} of BE and CF

Solution: \mathbf{A} , \mathbf{B} and \mathbf{C} are vertices of triangle:

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Since \mathbf{E} and \mathbf{F} are midpoints of CA and AB ,

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{C}}{2} \quad (1.2.3.1)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.3.2)$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \frac{\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{A}}{2} \quad (1.2.3.3)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.3.4)$$

The line BE in vector form is given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.3.5)$$

The line CF in vector form is given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} -3 & -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.3.6)$$

From (1.2.3.5) and (1.2.3.6) the augmented matrix is:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 5 & 10 \\ -3 & \frac{1}{2} & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.3.7)$$

Solve for \mathbf{x} using Gauss-Elimination method:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.3.8)$$

Therefore,

$$\mathbf{G} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{3} \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.3.9)$$

From Fig. 1.1, We can see that $\mathbf{G} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{3} \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ is the intersection of BE and CF

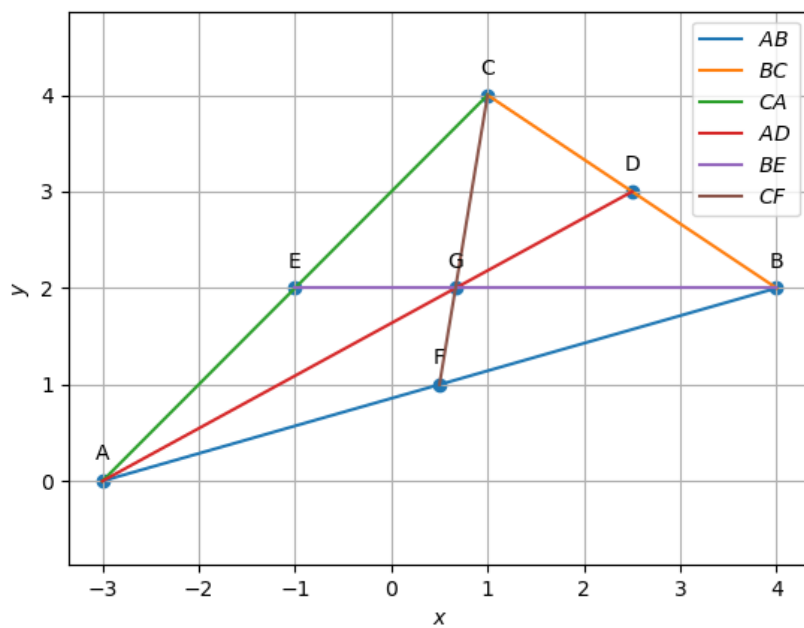


Figure 1.1: G is the centroid of triangle ABC

1.2.4. Verify that

$$\frac{BG}{GE} = \frac{CG}{GF} = \frac{AG}{GD} = 2 \quad (1.2.4.1)$$

Question 1.2.4: Verify that

$$\frac{BG}{GE} = \frac{CG}{GF} = \frac{AG}{GD} = 2 \quad (1.2.4.2)$$

Solution: In order to verify the above equation we first need to find \mathbf{G} . \mathbf{G} is the intersection of BE and CF , Using the value of \mathbf{G} from (1.2.3).

$$\mathbf{G} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{3} \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.4.3)$$

Also, We know that \mathbf{D} , \mathbf{E} and \mathbf{F} are midpoints of BC , CA and AB respectively from (1.2.1).

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{5}{2} \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{E} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{F} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.4.4)$$

(a) Calculating the ratio of BG and GE ,

$$\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-10}{3} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.4.5)$$

$$\mathbf{E} - \mathbf{G} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-5}{3} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.4.6)$$

$$\|\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{B}\| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{-10}{3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{-5}{3}\right)^2} \quad (1.2.4.7)$$

$$\|\mathbf{E} - \mathbf{G}\| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{-13}{6}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{-4}{3}\right)^2} = \frac{\sqrt{233}}{6} \quad (1.2.4.8)$$

$$\frac{BG}{GE} = \frac{\|\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{B}\|}{\|\mathbf{E} - \mathbf{G}\|} = 2 \quad (1.2.4.9)$$

From (1.2.4.9), (??), (??)

$$\frac{BG}{GE} = \frac{CG}{GF} = \frac{AG}{GD} = 2 \quad (1.2.4.10)$$

Hence verified.

1.2.5. Show that \mathbf{A} , \mathbf{G} and \mathbf{D} are collinear.

Solution: Given that,

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.5.1)$$

We need to show that points \mathbf{A} , \mathbf{D} , \mathbf{G} are collinear. From Problem

1.2.3 We know that, The point \mathbf{G} is

$$\mathbf{G} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{3} \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.5.2)$$

And from Problem 1.2.1 We know that, The point \mathbf{D} is

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{5}{2} \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.5.3)$$

In Problem 1.1.3, There is a theorem/law mentioned i.e.,

Points $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{D}, \mathbf{G}$ are defined to be collinear if

$$\text{rank} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{D} & \mathbf{G} \end{pmatrix} = 2 \quad (1.2.5.4)$$

Using the above law/Theorem Let

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -3 & \frac{5}{2} & \frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.5.5)$$

The matrix \mathbf{R} can be row reduced as follows,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -3 & \frac{5}{2} & \frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.5.6)$$

Rank of above matrix is 2.

Hence, we proved that that points $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{D}, \mathbf{G}$ are collinear.

1.2.6. Verify that

$$\mathbf{G} = \frac{\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}}{3} \quad (1.2.6.1)$$

\mathbf{G} is known as the centroid of $\triangle ABC$.

Verify that

$$\mathbf{G} = \frac{\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}}{3} \quad (1.2.6.2)$$

\mathbf{G} is known as the centroid of $\triangle ABC$ SOLUTION:

let us first evaluate the R.H.S of the equation

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{G} &= \frac{\begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}}{3} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{3} \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (1.2.6.3)$$

Hence verified.

1.2.7. Verify that

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{E} - \mathbf{D} \quad (1.2.7.1)$$

The quadrilateral $AFDE$ is defined to be a parallelogram.

Question : Verify that

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{E} - \mathbf{D} \quad (1.2.7.2)$$

The quadrilateral $AFDE$ is defined to be parallelogram

Solution: Given that,

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.7.3)$$

From Problem 1.2.1 We know that, The point $\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{E}, \mathbf{F}$ is

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{5}{2} \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{E} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{F} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.7.4)$$

Evaluating the R.H.S of the equation

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{F} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-7}{2} \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.7.5)$$

Evaluating the L.H.S of the equation

$$\mathbf{E} - \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-7}{2} \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.7.6)$$

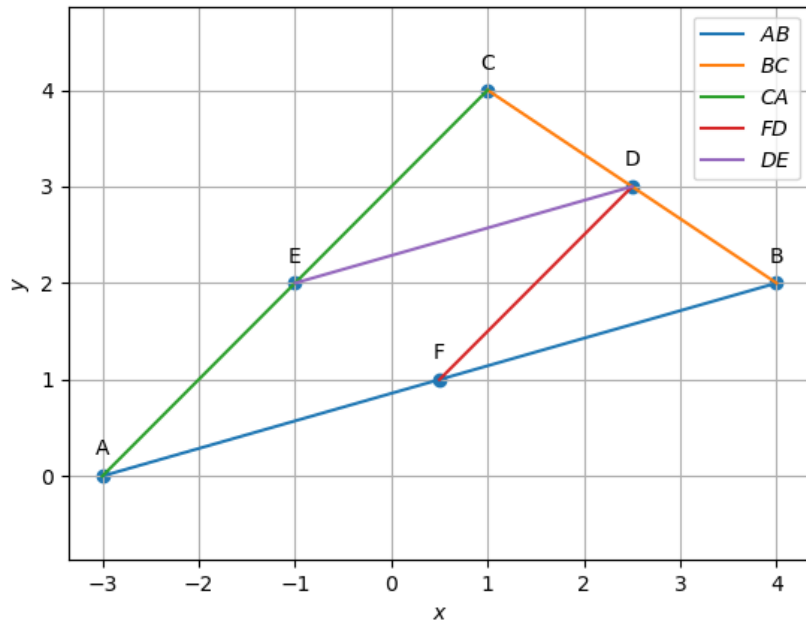


Figure 1.2: $AFDE$ form a parallelogram in triangle ABC

Hence verified that, R.H.S = L.H.S i.e.,

$$\mathbf{A - F = E - D} \quad (1.2.7.7)$$

From the fig1.2, It is verified that $AFDE$ is a parallelogram