

# Assignment4

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## QUESTION

Given the vertices of a triangle  $PQR$  as  $P(2, 2)$ ,  $Q(-4, -4)$ , and  $R(5, -8)$ , find the length of the median through  $R$ .

## SOLUTION

Input	Output
P	$P = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$
Q	$Q = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$
R	$R = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -8 \end{pmatrix}$
M	Midpoint of P,Q

The midpoint  $M$  of the line segment  $PQ$  is calculated as:

$$M = \frac{P + Q}{2} \quad (0.1)$$

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -8 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.2)$$

$$\mathbf{RM} = \mathbf{R} - \mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -8 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 - (-1) \\ -8 - (-1) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.3)$$

$$\|\mathbf{RM}\|_2 = \sqrt{\mathbf{RM}^T \mathbf{RM}} = \sqrt{\begin{bmatrix} 6 & -7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}} = \sqrt{6^2 + (-7)^2} = \sqrt{85}$$

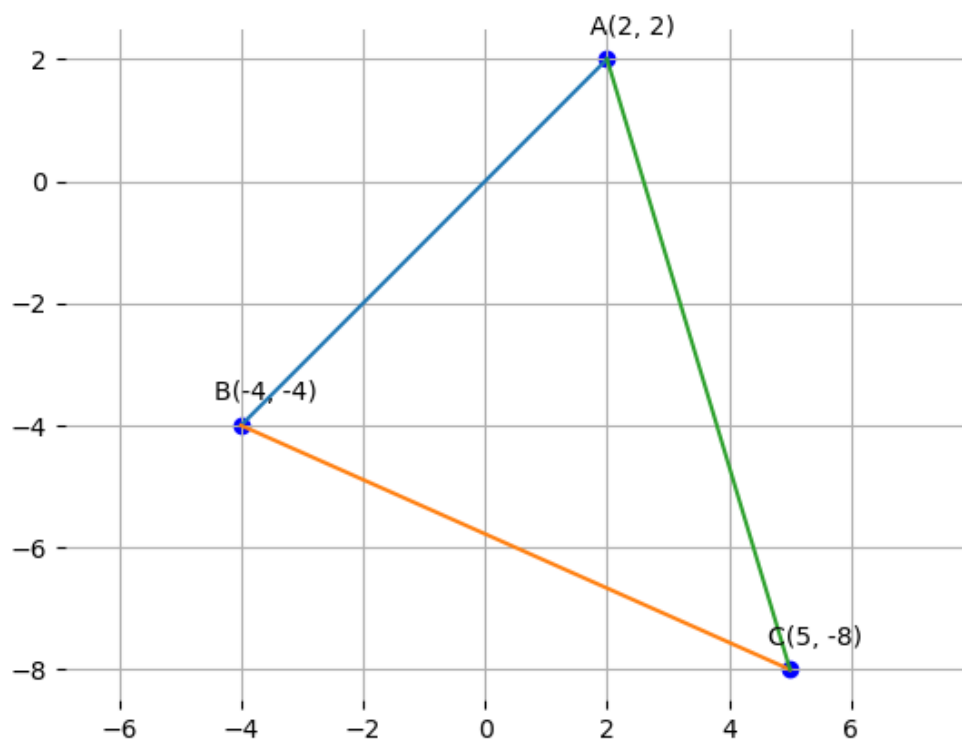


Fig. 0.1: The plot of the points