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# Solution to problem number 1.5.11

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## **Question:**

Obtain p, q, r in terms of a, b, c, the sides of the triangle using a matrix equation. Obtain the numerical values.

## **Solution:**

Given in the question:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1}$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} -4\\6 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2}$$

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

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Now, the side lengths a, b and c can be calculated

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$$a = \sqrt{(\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B})^{\mathsf{T}} (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B})}$$
 (4)

$$=\sqrt{\left(1 - 11\right) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -11 \end{pmatrix}} \tag{5}$$

$$= \sqrt{1 + 121}$$
 (6)

$$=\sqrt{122}\tag{7}$$

$$b = \sqrt{(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C})^{\mathsf{T}} (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C})}$$
 (8)

$$= \sqrt{\left(4 \quad 4\right) \left(4 \atop 4\right)} \tag{9}$$

$$= \sqrt{16 + 16} \tag{10}$$

$$=\sqrt{32}\tag{11}$$

$$c = \sqrt{(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A})^{\mathsf{T}} (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A})}$$
 (12)

$$=\sqrt{\left(-5 \quad 7\right)\left(-5\atop 7\right)}\tag{13}$$

$$= \sqrt{25 + 49} \tag{14}$$

$$=\sqrt{74}\tag{15}$$

AB being a straight line with  $F_3$  a point on it, it can be said that

$$AB = AF_3 + BF_3 \tag{16}$$

$$BC = BD_3 + CD_3 \tag{17}$$

$$CA = AE_3 + BE_3 \tag{18}$$

$$\therefore c = m + n, \tag{19}$$

$$a = n + p, (20)$$

$$b = m + p \tag{21}$$

these 3 equations can be written as:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} m \\ n \\ p \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c \\ a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$
(22)

$$\implies \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} m \\ n \\ p \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c \\ a \\ b \end{pmatrix} \tag{23}$$

solving by row reduction method,

$$\begin{pmatrix}
1 & 1 & 0 & c \\
0 & 1 & 1 & a \\
1 & 0 & 1 & b
\end{pmatrix}$$
(24)

$$\stackrel{R_1 \leftarrow R_1 + R_3 - R_2}{\longleftrightarrow} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & c + b - a \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & a \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & b \end{pmatrix}$$
(25)

$$\stackrel{R_1 \leftarrow \frac{R_1}{2}}{\longleftrightarrow} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{c+b-a}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & a \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & b \end{pmatrix}$$
(26)

$$\stackrel{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - R_1}{\longleftrightarrow} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{c + b - a}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & a \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{a + b - c}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$
(27)

$$\stackrel{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - R_3}{\longleftrightarrow} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{c+b-a}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{a+c-b}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{a+b-c}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$
(28)

$$\therefore m = \frac{c+b-a}{2} \tag{29}$$

$$=\frac{\sqrt{74}+\sqrt{32}-\sqrt{122}}{2}\tag{30}$$

$$n = \frac{a+c-b}{2} \tag{31}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{74} + \sqrt{122} - \sqrt{32}}{2}$$

$$p = \frac{a+b-c}{2}$$
(32)

$$p = \frac{a+b-c}{2} \tag{33}$$

$$=\frac{\sqrt{122}+\sqrt{32}-\sqrt{74}}{2}\tag{34}$$