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ASSIGNMENT-1

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7(c) Question: A(2,5), B(-1,2), C(5,8) are the vertices of the triangle ABC, 'M' is a point on AB such that AM : MB = 1 : 2. Find the co-ordinates of 'M'. Hence find the equation of line passing through the points C and M.

Solution: We know that, When the line segment AB, where the points are $A = \begin{pmatrix} x1 \\ y1 \end{pmatrix}$, $B = \begin{pmatrix} x2 \\ y2 \end{pmatrix}$, is divided internally by C in the ratio m:n, from Section formula, we get the Coordinates of point C as,

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{mx2+nx1}{m+n} \\ \frac{my2+ny1}{m+n} \end{pmatrix},\tag{1}$$

Given, M is a point on side AB such that AM: MB = 1:2. Using (1) in finding M, we get

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-1+4}{1+2} \\ \frac{2+10}{1+2} \end{pmatrix} \tag{2}$$

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

Let $\mathbf L$ be the line that passes through points $\mathbf X, \mathbf Y,$ Then, $\mathbf L$ can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{X} + \lambda . \hat{XY},\tag{4}$$

$$\hat{XY} = \frac{\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}}{\left|\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\right|} \tag{5}$$

Using (4) and (5) to find the equation of the

line passing through the points $\mathbf{C} \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$, $\mathbf{M} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\hat{CM} = \frac{\binom{5}{8} - \binom{1}{4}}{\left| \binom{5}{8} - \binom{1}{4} \right|} \tag{6}$$

$$=\frac{\binom{4}{4}}{\left|\binom{4}{4}\right|}\tag{7}$$

$$=\frac{\binom{1}{1}}{\sqrt{2}}\tag{8}$$

The slope of line L is 1.

Thus, Line L is $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

For y-intercept, from the above equation of line L, it can be written as

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \lambda \\ 4 + \lambda \end{pmatrix} \tag{9}$$

On equating, we get λ as -1, and hence, y-intercept would be 3.

Thus, the equation of line L passing through $C \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$ and $M \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$ is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} + 3 = 0 \tag{10}$$

which can also be represented as

$$x - y + 3 = 0 (11)$$

But, However, We get

- a) The equation of the line joining $\mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ as $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = -3$ and
- b) The equation of the line joining $\mathbf{B} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$ as $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = -3$

This implies that $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}$ points are collinear and lie on the line $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = -3$ (or) x-y+3=0 and Hence, Given points $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}$ don't form a triangle.

Verified by plotting the graph of A, B, C and M points :

