

Coordinate Geometry

1. **Problem statement :** Find the area of a rhombus of its vertices are $(3, 0)$, $(4, 5)$, $(-1, 4)$ and $(-2, -1)$ taken in order

Solution:

The input vertices for this problem are given as

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

Area of a rhombus = $\frac{1}{2}$ (product of its diagonals)

then the length of the diagonal \mathbf{B} and \mathbf{D} at opposite vertices are obtained by

$$\|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{D}\|^2 = (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{D})^\top (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{D}) \quad (2)$$

$$\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3)$$

$$(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{D})^\top = (6, 6) \quad (4)$$

$$\|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{D}\|^2 = \sqrt{72} = 8.482 \quad (5)$$

the length of the another diagonal \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{C} are can be obtained which can be simplified to obtained by

$$\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}\|^2 = (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C})^\top (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}) \quad (6)$$

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (7)$$

$$(8)$$

$$(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C})^\top = (4, -4) \quad (9)$$

$$\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}\|^2 = \sqrt{32} = 5.65 \quad (10)$$

Area of a rhombus = 23.96

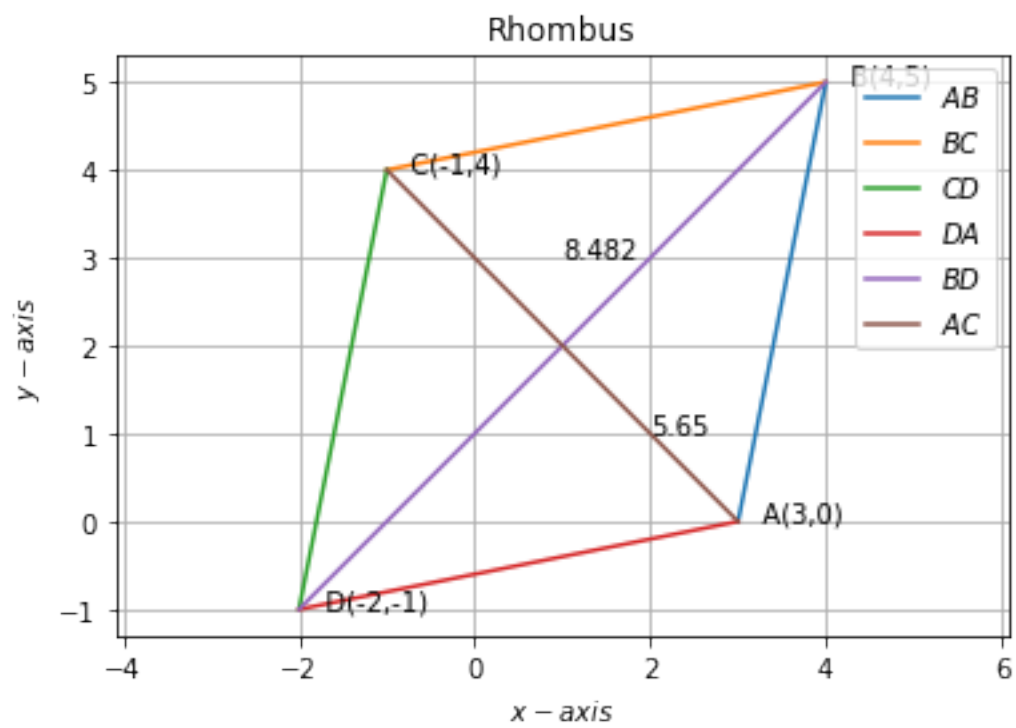


Figure 1