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Question :-

Find the area of the triangle ABC whose vertices are A(2,5), B(4,7), C(6,2).

Solution:

Point	Vector
A	$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$
В	$\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 7 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$
C	$\begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

TABLE 0: Vectors

$$(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) = \begin{bmatrix} 2\\5\\0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 4\\7\\0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2\\-2\\0 \end{bmatrix}, \tag{0.1}$$

$$(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}. \tag{0.2}$$

Using (0.1) and (0.2) The magnitude of the cross product is

$$\|(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) \times (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C})\| = \sqrt{0^2 + 0^2 + (-14)^2} = 14.$$
 (0.3)

Therefore the area of triangle ABC is

$$\operatorname{ar}(\triangle ABC) = \frac{1}{2} \left\| (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) \times (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}) \right\| = \frac{1}{2} \times 14 = 7. \tag{0.4}$$

Therefore $ar(\triangle ABC) = 7$.

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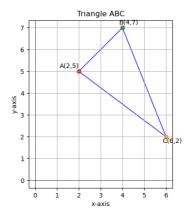


Fig. 0.1