

Question 1.5.9

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Required to find points of contact, E_3 and F_3 , of incircle with sides AC and AB respectively.

From previous questions we know the coordinates of the incircle are :

$$I = \left(\begin{array}{c} \frac{-53-11\sqrt{37}+7\sqrt{61}+\sqrt{2257}}{12} \\ \frac{5-\sqrt{37}+5\sqrt{61}-\sqrt{2257}}{12} \end{array} \right) \quad (1)$$

Radius of incircle is :

$$r = \frac{185 + 41\sqrt{37} - 37\sqrt{61} - \sqrt{2257}}{6\sqrt{74}} \quad (2)$$

Equation of incircle is :

$$\|x - I\|^2 = r^2 \quad (3)$$

points A, B and C are :

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, B = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}, C = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4)$$

Parametric equation of AC is :

$$x = A + k(A - C) \quad (5)$$

Substituting (5) in (3) :

$$\|A + k(A - C) - I\|^2 = r^2 \quad (6)$$

$$(A + k(A - C) - I) \cdot (A + k(A - C) - I) = r^2 \quad (7)$$

$$k^2 \|A - C\|^2 + 2k(\|A\|^2 - A^T C - I^T A + I^T C) + \|A - I\|^2 \quad (8)$$

Substituting values of A, C and I into (8) we get the following quadratic equation :

$$2k^2 + 4.545k + 2.58216 = 0 \quad (9)$$

On solving the quadratic, we find that k has only one value,

$$k = \frac{-4 - \sqrt{37} + \sqrt{61}}{2} \quad (10)$$

Substituting (10) back into (5), we get point of contact with AC,

$$E_3 = \left(\begin{array}{c} \frac{-2 - \sqrt{37} + \sqrt{61}}{2} \\ \frac{-6 - \sqrt{37} + \sqrt{61}}{2} \end{array} \right) \quad (11)$$

Now let us find the other point of contact, with AB.

Parametric equation of AB is :

$$x = A + k(A - B) \quad (12)$$

Substituting (12) in (3) :

$$\|A + k(A - B) - I\|^2 = r^2 \quad (13)$$

$$(A + k(A - B) - I) \cdot (A + k(A - B) - I) = r^2 \quad (14)$$

$$k^2 \|A - B\|^2 + 2k(\|A\|^2 - A^T B - I^T A + I^T B) + \|A - I\|^2 \quad (15)$$

Substituting values of A, B and I into (15) we get the following quadratic equation :

$$74k^2 + 27.6463k + 2.58216 = 0 \quad (16)$$

On solving the quadratic, we find that k has only one value,

$$k = \frac{-37 - 4\sqrt{37} + \sqrt{2257}}{74} \quad (17)$$

Substituting (17) back into (12), we get point of contact with AB,

$$F_3 = \left(\begin{array}{c} \frac{-111 - 20\sqrt{37} + 5\sqrt{2257}}{74} \\ \frac{185 + 28\sqrt{37} - \sqrt{2257}}{74} \end{array} \right) \quad (18)$$

Diagram is shown on next page.

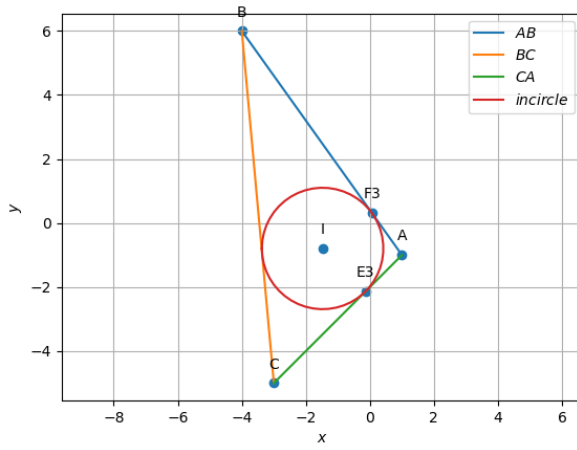


Fig. 0. Points of contact of incircle