

## MATRIX Problem

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## Question

Let  $k$  be an integer such that the triangle with vertices  $\begin{bmatrix} k \\ -3k \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ k \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} -k \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , has area 28. Find the orthocentre of this triangle.

## Answer

Let the points of the triangle be:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} k \\ -3k \end{bmatrix}$   $B = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ k \end{bmatrix}$   $C = \begin{bmatrix} -k \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

Area of triangle =  $|\mathbf{AB} \times \mathbf{AC}| / 2$

$$\mathbf{AB} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 - k \\ 4k \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{AC} = \begin{bmatrix} -2k \\ 2 + 3k \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence  $|\mathbf{AB} \times \mathbf{AC}| = 5k^2 + 13k + 10$

Given, Area of triangle = 28

By solving the equations, we get the following quadratic Equation in 'k':

$$5k^2 + 13k - 46 = 0$$

Hence  $k=2$  or  $k=-4.6$

$$K=2$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, C = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let P, Q, R be the points of intersection of points with sides BC, CA, AB respectively.

$$\text{Equation of AP: } [n_{BC}^T] [x \quad -A] = 0$$

$$\text{Equation of BQ: } [n_{CA}^T] [x \quad -B] = 0$$

The orthocentre "H" is obtained from the pt of intersection of AP and BQ lines

The equations of AP and BQ are written as:

$$\begin{bmatrix} n_1^T \end{bmatrix} x = p_1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} n_2^T \end{bmatrix} x = p_2$$

These equations can be written as:  $\begin{bmatrix} n_1^T \\ n_2^T \end{bmatrix} x = p$  or  $[N^T] x = p$

The point of intersection is :  $x = [N^{-T}] p$

Hence Orthocentre:  $H_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$

Similarly for  $k = -4.6$ , we get  $H_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 31.39 \\ 15.98 \end{bmatrix}$

# Output

