

Co-Ordinate Geometry Ex 14.4 Q6 Answer:

Let $A(x_1, y_1)$; $B(x_2, y_2)$; $C(x_3, y_3)$ be the coordinates of the vertices of \triangle ABC.

Let us assume that centroid of the ABC is at the origin G.

So, the coordinates of G are G(0,0).

Now,
$$\frac{x_1 + x_2 + x_3}{3} = 0$$
; $\frac{y_1 + y_2 + y_3}{3} = 0$
so, $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0$ (1)
 $y_1 + y_2 + y_3 = 0$ (2)
Squaring (1) and (2), we get
 $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + 2x_1x_2 + 2x_2x_3 + 2x_3x_1 = 0$ (3)
 $y_1^2 + y_2^2 + y_3^2 + 2y_1y_2 + 2y_2y_3 + 2y_3y_1 = 0$ (4)
LHS = AB² + BC² + CA²
= $\left[\sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}\right]^2 + \left[\sqrt{(x_3 - x_2)^2 + (y_3 - y_2)^2}\right]^2$
+ $\left[\sqrt{(x_3 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 + (x_3 - x_2)^2 + (y_3 - y_2)^2 + (x_3 - x_1)^2 + (y_3 - y_1)^2}\right]^2$
= $(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 + (x_3 - x_2)^2 + (y_3 - y_2)^2 + (x_3 - x_1)^2 + (y_3 - y_1)^2$
= $x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 2x_1x_2 + y_1^2 + y_2^2 - 2y_1y_2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 - 2x_2x_3 + y_2^2 + y_3^2 - 2y_2y_3 + x_1^2 + x_3^2 - 2x_1x_3 + y_1^2 + y_3^2 - 2y_1y_3$
= $2(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2) + 2(y_1^2 + y_2^2 + y_3^2) - (2x_1x_2 + 2x_2x_3 + 2x_3x_1)$
- $(2y_1y_2 + 2y_2y_3 + 2y_3y_1)$
= $2(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2) + 2(y_1^2 + y_2^2 + y_3^2) + (x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2) + (y_1^2 + y_2^2 + y_3^2)$
= $3(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + y_1^2 + y_2^2 + y_3^2)$
RHS = $3\left(GA^2 + GB^2 + GC^2\right)$
= $3\left[\left\{\sqrt{(x_1 - 0)^2 + (y_1 - 0)^2}\right\}^2 + \left\{\sqrt{(x_2 - 0)^2 + (y_2 - 0)^2}\right\}^2 + \left\{\sqrt{(x_3 - 0)^2 + (y_3 - 0)^2}\right\}^2 + \left(\sqrt{(x_3 - 0)^2 + (y_3 - 0)^2}\right)^2\right]$

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Hence, $AB^2 + BC^2 + CA^2 = 3(GA^2 + GB^2 + GC^2)$

Let $\triangle ABC$ be ant triangle such that P (-2, 3); Q (4,-3) and R (4, 5) are the mid-points of the sides AB, BC, CA respectively.

We have to find the co-ordinates of the centroid of the triangle

Let the vertices of the triangle be $A(x_1, y_1)$; $B(x_2, y_2)$; $C(x_3, y_3)$

In general to find the mid-point P(x,y) of two points $A(x_1,y_1)$ and $B(x_2,y_2)$ we use section formula as

$$P(x,y) = \left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2}\right)$$

So, co-ordinates of P

$$(-2,3) = \left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2}\right)$$

Equate the x component on both the sides to get,

$$x_1 + x_2 = -4$$
 (1)

Similarly,

$$y_1 + y_2 = 6$$
 (2)

Similarly, co-ordinates of Q,

$$(4,-3) = \left(\frac{x_3 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_3 + y_2}{2}\right)$$

Equate the x component on both the sides to get,

$$x_3 + x_2 = 8 \dots (3)$$

Similarly,

$$y_3 + y_2 = -6$$
 (4)

Similarly, co-ordinates of R,

$$(4,5) = \left(\frac{x_3 + x_1}{2}, \frac{y_3 + y_1}{2}\right)$$

Equate the x component on both the sides to get,

$$x_3 + x_1 = 8 \dots (5)$$

Similarly,

$$y_3 + y_1 = 10$$
 (6)

Add equation (1) (3) and (5) to get,

$$2(x_1 + x_2 + x_3) = 12$$

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 6$$

Similarly, add equation (2) (4) and (6) to get,

$$2(y_1 + y_2 + y_3) = 10$$

$$y_1 + y_2 + y_3 = 5$$

We know that the co-ordinates of the centroid G of a triangle whose vertices are

$$(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), (x_3, y_3)$$
 is-

$$G\left(\frac{x_1+x_2+x_3}{3}, \frac{y_1+y_2+y_3}{3}\right)$$

So, centroid G of a triangle $\Delta ABC\,$ is,

$$G\left(2,\frac{5}{3}\right)$$

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