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Chapter 1

Triangle

Consider a triangle with vertices

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1.1)$$

1.1. Vectors

1.1.1. The direction vector of AB is defined as

$$\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} \quad (1.1.1.1)$$

Question 1.1.1 : Find the Direction Vectors of AB, BC and CA .

Solution:

(a) The Direction vector of AB is

$$\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 - (1) \\ 0 - (3) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.1.2)$$

(b) The Direction vector of BC

$$\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 - (-3) \\ 4 - (0) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.1.3)$$

(c) The Direction vector of CA

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - (0) \\ 3 - (4) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.1.4)$$

1.1.2. The length of side BC is

$$\|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}\| \triangleq \sqrt{(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A})^\top \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}} \quad (1.1.2.1)$$

where

$$\mathbf{A}^\top \triangleq \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.2.2)$$

Question 1.1.2 : Find the length of side AB, BC, CA.

Solution:

(a) Solving for AB

$$\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\| = \sqrt{(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})^\top (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})} \quad (1.1.2.3)$$

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.2.4)$$

$$(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})^\top = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}^\top = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.2.5)$$

$$(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})^\top (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = 16 + 9 = 25 \quad (1.1.2.6)$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\| = \sqrt{(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})^\top (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})} = \sqrt{25} = 5 \quad (1.1.2.7)$$

(b) Solving for BC

$$\|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}\| = \sqrt{(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C})^\top (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C})} \quad (1.1.2.8)$$

$$\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.2.9)$$

$$(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C})^\top = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}^\top = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.2.10)$$

$$(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C})^\top (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}) = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} = 9 + 16 = 25 \quad (1.1.2.11)$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}\| = \sqrt{(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C})^\top (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C})} = \sqrt{25} = 5 \quad (1.1.2.12)$$

(c) Solving for CA

$$\|\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A}\| = \sqrt{(\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A})^\top (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A})} \quad (1.1.2.13)$$

$$\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.2.14)$$

$$(\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A})^\top = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}^\top = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.2.15)$$

$$(\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A})^\top (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A}) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 1 + 1 = 2 \quad (1.1.2.16)$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A}\| = \sqrt{(\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A})^\top (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A})} = \sqrt{2} \quad (1.1.2.17)$$

1.1.3. Points $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}$ are defined to be collinear if

$$\text{rank} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{C} \end{pmatrix} = 2 \quad (1.1.3.1)$$

Are the given points in (1.1) collinear?

Question 1.1.3 : Check the collinearity of $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}$

Solution: Given that,

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.3.2)$$

Given that $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}$ are collinear if

$$\text{rank} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{C} \end{pmatrix} < 3 \quad (1.1.3.3)$$

Let

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.3.4)$$

The matrix \mathbf{R} can be row reduced as follows,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \xleftrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 + 5R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 4 & -3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.3.5)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 + 3R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 \\ 4 & -3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.3.6)$$

There are no zero rows. So,

$$\text{rank} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{C} \end{pmatrix} = 3 \quad (1.1.3.7)$$

Hence, from (1.1.3.3) the points $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}$ are not collinear.

From Fig. 1.1, We can see that $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}$ are not collinear .

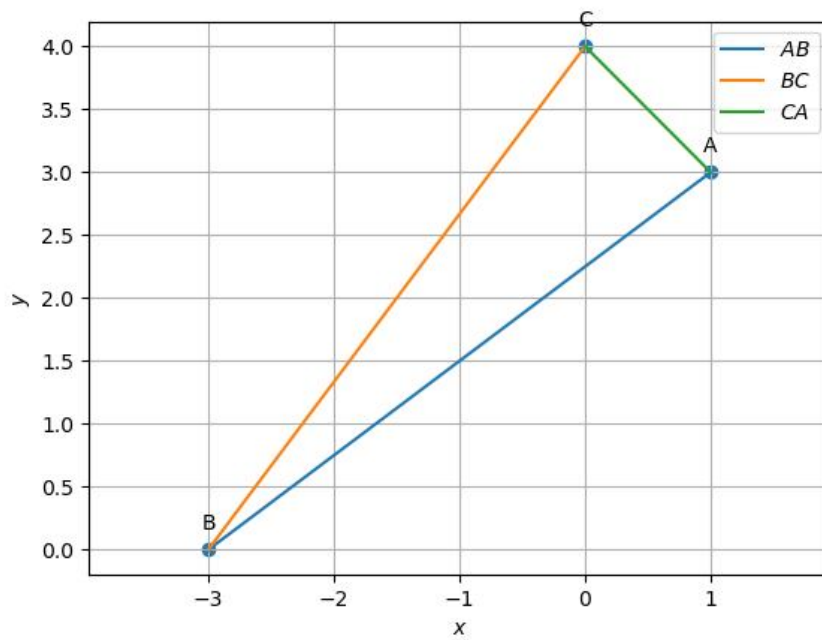


Figure 1.1: **A, B, C** plot

1.1.4. The parametric form of the equation of AB is

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A} + k\mathbf{m} \quad (1.1.4.1)$$

where

$$\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} \quad (1.1.4.2)$$

is the direction vector of AB .

Question 1.1.4 :Find the parametric equation of AB, BC, CA .

Solution: The parametric equation for AB is given by

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A} + k\mathbf{m} \quad (1.1.4.3)$$

$$\text{where, } \mathbf{m} = \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} \quad (1.1.4.4)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.4.5)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.4.6)$$

Hence we get,

$$AB : \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + k \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.4.7)$$

Similarly,

$$BC : \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + k \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.4.8)$$

$$CA : \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + k \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.4.9)$$

1.1.5. The normal form of the equation of AB is

$$\mathbf{n}^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{A}) = 0 \quad (1.1.5.1)$$

where

$$\mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{m} = \mathbf{n}^\top (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}) = 0 \quad (1.1.5.2)$$

$$\text{or, } \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{m} \quad (1.1.5.3)$$

$$\mathbf{n}^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{A}) = 0 \quad (1.1.5.4)$$

where

$$\mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{m} = \mathbf{n}^\top (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}) = 0 \quad (1.1.5.5)$$

or,

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{m} \quad (1.1.5.6)$$

Question 1.1.5: Find the normal form of the equations of AB , BC and CA .

Solution: : The normal equation for the side AB is

$$\mathbf{n}^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{A}) = 0 \quad (1.1.5.7)$$

$$\implies \mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{A} \quad (1.1.5.8)$$

Now our task is to find the \mathbf{n} so that we can find \mathbf{n}^\top . As given in the

question

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{m} \quad (1.1.5.9)$$

Here $\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}$ for side \mathbf{AB}

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.5.10)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.5.11)$$

Now as we have obtained vector \mathbf{m} . we can use this to obtain vector \mathbf{n}

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.5.12)$$

The transpose of \mathbf{n} is

$$\mathbf{n}^\top = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.5.13)$$

Hence the normal equation of side AB is

$$\begin{pmatrix} -3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.5.14)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 9 \quad (1.1.5.15)$$

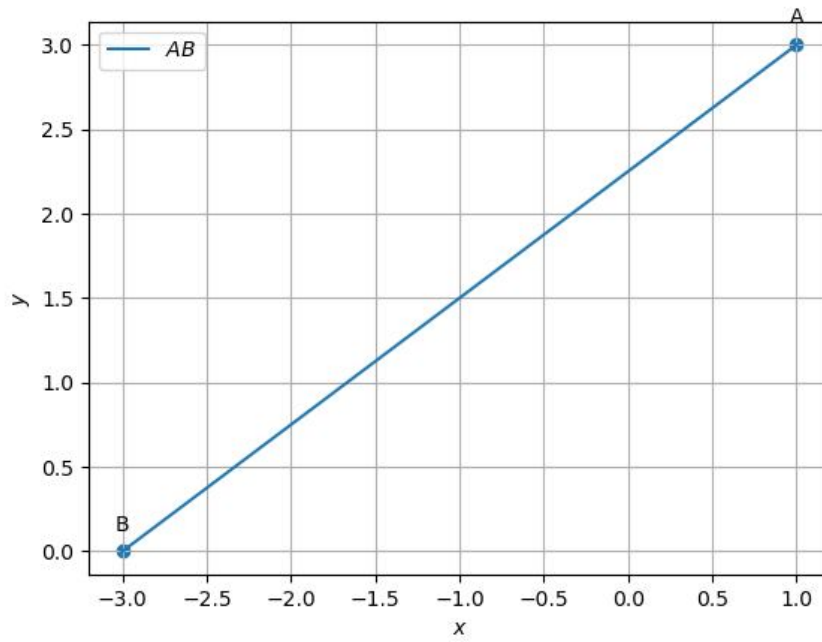


Figure 1.2: The line \mathbf{AB} plotted using python

The normal equation for the side BC is

$$\mathbf{n}^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{B}) = 0 \quad (1.1.5.16)$$

$$\implies \mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{B} \quad (1.1.5.17)$$

Now our task is to find the \mathbf{n} so that we can find \mathbf{n}^\top . As given in the question

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{m} \quad (1.1.5.18)$$

Here $\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B}$ for side \mathbf{BC}

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.5.19)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.5.20)$$

Now as we have obtained vector \mathbf{m} . we can use this to obtain vector \mathbf{n}

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.5.21)$$

The transpose of \mathbf{n} is

$$\mathbf{n}^\top = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.5.22)$$

Hence the normal equation of side BC is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.5.23)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = -12 \quad (1.1.5.24)$$

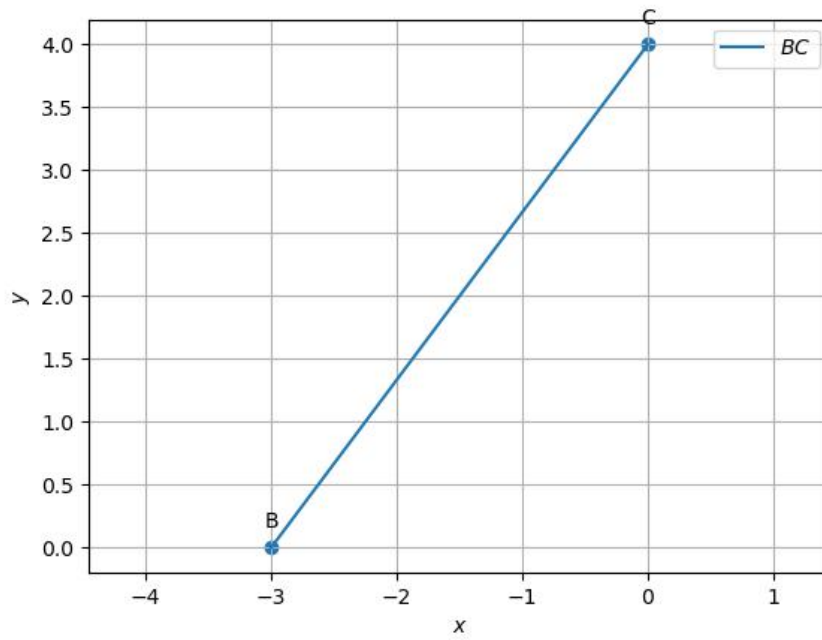


Figure 1.3: The line **BC** plotted using python

The normal equation for the side CA is

$$\mathbf{n}^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{C}) = 0 \quad (1.1.5.25)$$

$$\implies \mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{C} \quad (1.1.5.26)$$

Now our task is to find the \mathbf{n} so that we can find \mathbf{n}^\top . As given in the question

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{m} \quad (1.1.5.27)$$

Here $\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}$ for side \mathbf{CA}

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.5.28)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.5.29)$$

Now as we have obtained vector \mathbf{m} . we can use this to obtain vector \mathbf{n}

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.5.30)$$

The transpose of \mathbf{n} is

$$\mathbf{n}^T = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.5.31)$$

Hence the normal equation of side CA is

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.5.32)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 12 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = -4 \quad (1.1.5.33)$$

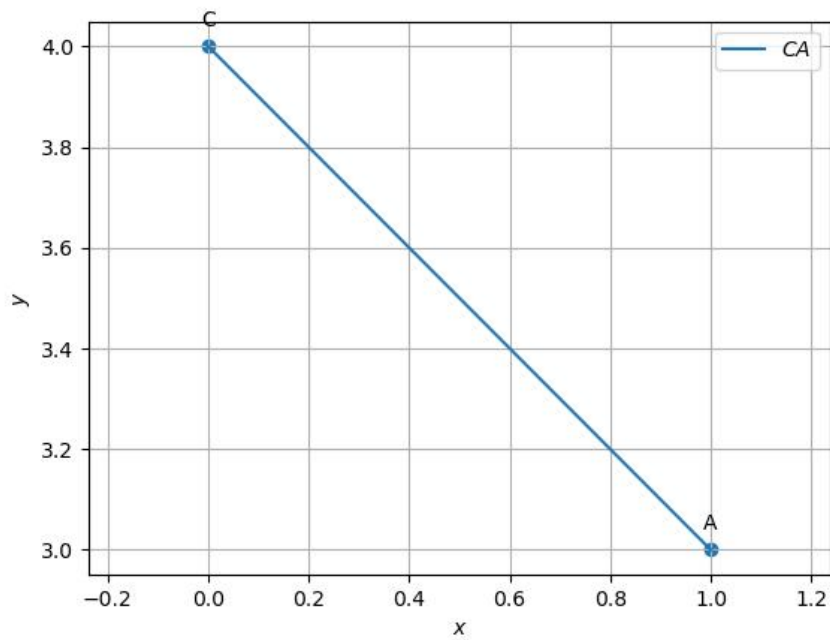


Figure 1.4: The line **CA** plotted using python

1.1.6. The area of $\triangle ABC$ is defined as

$$\frac{1}{2} \|(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) \times \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}\| \quad (1.1.6.1)$$

where

$$\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} \triangleq \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \quad (1.1.6.2)$$

Question 1.1.6: Find the area of $\triangle ABC$.

Solution: Given,

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}; \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.6.3)$$

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.6.4)$$

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.6.5)$$

$$\therefore (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) \times (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}) = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \quad (1.1.6.6)$$

$$= (4) \times (-1) - 3 \times -1 \quad (1.1.6.7)$$

$$= -4 - 3 \quad (1.1.6.8)$$

$$= -7 \quad (1.1.6.9)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \|(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) \times (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C})\| = \frac{-7}{2} = -3.5 \quad (1.1.6.10)$$

1.1.7. Question 1.1.7: Find the angles $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}$, given that

$$\cos A \triangleq \frac{(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A})^\top (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A})}{\|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}\| \|\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A}\|} \quad (1.1.7.1)$$

Solution:

From the given values of $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}$,

(a) Finding the value of angle A

$$\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.7.2)$$

and

$$\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.7.3)$$

also calculating the values of norms

$$\|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}\| = \sqrt{25} = 5 \quad (1.1.7.4)$$

$$\|\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A}\| = \sqrt{2} \quad (1.1.7.5)$$

and by doing matrix multiplication we get,

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A})^\top (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A}) &= \begin{pmatrix} -4 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned} \quad (1.1.7.6)$$

so

$$\cos A = \frac{-8}{5\sqrt{2}} \quad (1.1.7.7)$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \cos^{-1} \frac{-8}{5\sqrt{2}} \quad (1.1.7.8)$$

(b) Finding the value of angle B

$$\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.7.9)$$

and

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.7.10)$$

also calculating the values of norms

$$\|\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B}\| = \sqrt{25} = 5 \quad (1.1.7.11)$$

$$\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\| = \sqrt{25} = 5 \quad (1.1.7.12)$$

and by doing matrix multiplication we get,

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B})^\top (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) &= \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= 25 \end{aligned} \quad (1.1.7.13)$$

so

$$\cos B = \frac{25}{\sqrt{25}\sqrt{25}} \quad (1.1.7.14)$$

$$= \frac{25}{25} = 1 \quad (1.1.7.15)$$

$$\implies B = \cos^{-1} 1 = 0 \quad (1.1.7.16)$$

(c) Finding the value of angle C

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.7.17)$$

and

$$\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.7.18)$$

also calculating the values of norms

$$\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}\| = \sqrt{2} \quad (1.1.7.19)$$

$$\|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}\| = \sqrt{25} = 5 \quad (1.1.7.20)$$

and by doing matrix multiplication we get,

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C})^\top (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}) &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned} \quad (1.1.7.21)$$

so

$$\cos C = \frac{1}{5\sqrt{2}} \quad (1.1.7.22)$$

$$\implies C = \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{5\sqrt{2}} \quad (1.1.7.23)$$