

1.5.4 Find the distance from  $\mathbf{I}$  to  $BC$ .

Solution : We know the value of  $\mathbf{I}$  is

$$\mathbf{I} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{37} + 4 + \sqrt{61}} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{61} - 16 - 3\sqrt{37} \\ -\sqrt{61} + 24 - 5\sqrt{37} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

from the problem 1.5.2 . The equation of  $BC$  from Problem 1.5.1 is:

$$\mathbf{n}_2^\top \mathbf{x} + 38 = 0 \quad (2)$$

where,

$$\mathbf{n}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 11 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathbf{n}_2^\top = \begin{pmatrix} 11 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3)$$

Also,

$$\|\mathbf{n}_2\| = \sqrt{11^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{121 + 1} = \sqrt{122} \quad (4)$$

Let  $r$  be the distance between  $\mathbf{I}$  and  $BC$ , then

$$r = \frac{|\mathbf{n}_2^\top \mathbf{I} + 38|}{\|\mathbf{n}_2\|} \quad (5)$$

$$r = \frac{\left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{37} + 4 + \sqrt{61}} \begin{pmatrix} 11 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{61} - 16 - 3\sqrt{37} \\ -\sqrt{61} + 24 - 5\sqrt{37} \end{pmatrix} + 38 \right|}{\sqrt{122}} \quad (6)$$

$$= \frac{\frac{12\sqrt{61} - 28\sqrt{37} - 200}{\sqrt{37} + 4 + \sqrt{61}} + 38}{\sqrt{122}} \quad (7)$$

$$= \frac{50\sqrt{61} + 10\sqrt{37} - 48}{\sqrt{122}(\sqrt{37} + 4 + \sqrt{61})} \quad (8)$$

$$= 2.0408 \quad (9)$$