

EE5600 Assignment 1

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Abstract—This document contains the solution to a Area of triangle problem.

Download all python codes from

https://github.com/venky-p/EE5600/Assignment_1

1 PROBLEM

Problem Set: Vector2, Example II, Problem 5

1.1. Find the area of the triangle formed by the following points.

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ c+a \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ c \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} -a \\ c-a \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.1)$$

2 SOLUTION

We are going to solve this problem using vectors

$$\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ a \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.1.2)$$

$$\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 2a \\ 2a \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.1.3)$$

$$\text{Area of given } \triangle = \frac{1}{2} |\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{Q} \times \mathbf{P} - \mathbf{R}| \quad (2.1.4)$$

$$\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{Q} \times \mathbf{P} - \mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & a \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -a & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 2a \\ 2a \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.1.5)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{P} - \mathbf{Q} \times \mathbf{P} - \mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -2a^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.1.6)$$

By substituting (2.1.6) in (2.1.4), we get

$$\text{Area of given } \triangle = \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -2a^2 \end{vmatrix} \quad (2.1.7)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{0^2 + 0^2 + (-2a^2)^2} \quad (2.1.8)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} 2a^2 \quad (2.1.9)$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 \quad (2.1.10)$$

$$\therefore \text{Area of given } \triangle = a^2 \text{ units}^2 \quad (2.1.11)$$

3 NUMERICAL EXAMPLE

Let,

$$a = 2 \text{ and } c = 4 \quad (3.1.12)$$

Solution: By substituting the given values in (1.1.1), We get

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.1.13)$$

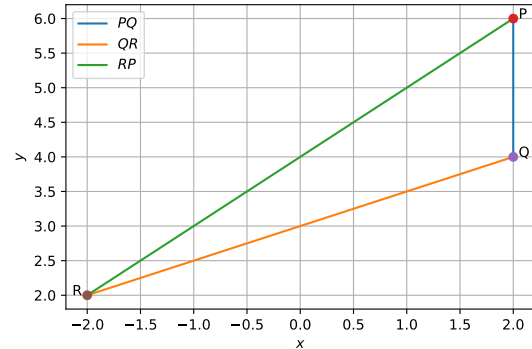


Fig. 3.1: Plot obtained from Python code

Using (2.1.11),

$$\text{Area of } \triangle = a^2 = 2^2 = 4 \text{ units}^2 \quad (3.1.14)$$