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MAT 102

Assignment

1. Show that the points $A(6, -5)$, $B(-2, 1)$, $C(0, 3)$ form an isosceles triangle.

Solution

$$L = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

$$\overline{AB} = \sqrt{(-2 - 6)^2 + (1 + 5)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{(-8)^2 + (6)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{64 + 36}$$

$$= \sqrt{100}$$

$$= 10$$

$$\overline{BC} = \sqrt{(0 + 2)^2 + (3 - 1)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{(2)^2 + (2)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{8}$$

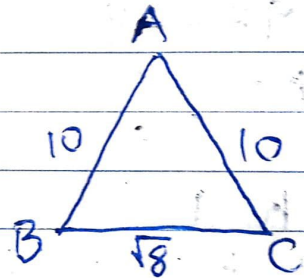
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∴ The points ABC is an isosceles triangle since $\overline{AB} = \overline{AC}$

2. If P, Q and R are points $(5, -3)$, $(-4, 9)$ and $(14, -15)$ respectively, find the ratio in which

a. P divides QR

b. R divides PQ

Solution

- a. Let the ratio of division be $k:1$ by the point $P(5, -3)$ on QR

$$\text{Coordinates of P} = \frac{m_1x_2 + m_2x_1}{m_1 + m_2}$$

mit m_2

$$\frac{m_1y_2 + m_2y_1}{m_1 + m_2}$$

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$$m_1 : m_2 = k : 1$$

$$x_1 = -4, \quad x_2 = 14$$

$$y_1 = 9, \quad y_2 = -15$$

$$\therefore \text{Coordinates of A} = \frac{14k - 4}{k+1}, \quad \frac{-15k + 9}{k+1}$$

$$(3, -3) = \frac{14k - 4}{k+1}, \quad \frac{-15k + 9}{k+1}$$

$$5 = \frac{14k - 4}{k+1}$$

$$5k + 5 = 14k - 4$$

$$5k - 14k = -4 - 5$$

$$-9k = -9$$

$$k = \frac{-9}{-9}$$

$$k = 1$$

$$\therefore k : 1 = 1 : 1$$

\therefore the ratio of division is 1:1

6. Let the ratio of division be $k:1$ by the Point $R(14, -15)$ on PQ

$$\text{Coordinates of R} = \frac{m_1 x_2 + m_2 x_1}{m_1 + m_2}$$

$$\frac{m_1 y_2 + m_2 y_1}{m_1 + m_2}$$

$$m_1 : m_2 = k : 1$$

$$x_1 = 5, \quad x_2 = -4$$

$$y_1 = -3, \quad y_2 = 9$$

$$\text{Coordinates of R} = \frac{-4k + 5}{k+1}, \quad \frac{9k - 3}{k+1}$$

$$(14, -15) = \frac{-4k + 5}{k+1}, \quad \frac{9k - 3}{k+1}$$

$$14 = \frac{-4k + 5}{k+1}$$

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$$14k + 14 = -4k + 5$$

$$14k + 4k = 5 - 14$$

$$18k = -9$$

$$k = \frac{-9}{18}$$

$$k = \underline{\underline{-\frac{1}{2}}}$$

∴ the ratio of division is $-1:2$