

Answer on Question #51347 - Math – Analytic Geometry

The orthocentre of the triangle formed by the lines $x-2y+9=0, x+y-9=0, 2x-y-9=0$ is ?

Solution

Let's find the coordinates of vertices A, B, C of triangle:

$$\begin{cases} x-2y+9=0 \\ x+y-9=0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x-2y+9=0 \\ 3y-18=0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x-12+9=0 \\ y=6 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x=3 \\ y=6 \end{cases} \text{ . So, } A(3,6)$$

$$\begin{cases} x-2y+9=0 \\ 2x-y-9=0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x-2y+9=0 \\ y=2x-9 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x-2(2x-9)+9=0 \\ y=2x-9 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} -3x+27=0 \\ y=2x-9 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x=9 \\ y=9 \end{cases} \text{ . So, } B(9,9)$$

$$\begin{cases} x+y-9=0 \\ 2x-y-9=0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x+y-9=0 \\ 3x-18=0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 6+y-9=0 \\ x=6 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} y=3 \\ x=6 \end{cases} \text{ . So, } C(6,3)$$

Assume that $O(x, y)$ is a orthocenter of the triangle, then $AO \perp BC$ and $BO \perp AC$, which give that the dot product of vectors \overline{AO} and \overline{BC} is zero, the dot product of vectors \overline{BO} and \overline{AC} is zero. From $\overline{AO} = (x-3, y-6)$, $\overline{BC} = (-3, -6)$, $\overline{BO} = (x-9, y-9)$, $\overline{AC} = (3, -3)$ we obtain:

$$\begin{cases} \overline{AO} \cdot \overline{BC} = 0 \\ \overline{BO} \cdot \overline{AC} = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 9-3x-6y+36=0 \\ 3x-27-3y+27=0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 9y=45 \\ x=y \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} y=5 \\ x=5 \end{cases}$$

Answer: orthocenter of the triangle is $O(5,5)$.