Answer on Question #83982 – Math – Analytic Geometry

Question

Equation of one side of a square is 2x + 3y + 4 = 0. If the center is (1, 1) then find the equations of adjoined two sides of the square.

Solution

The distance from the center to the given side is $h = \frac{|ax_0+by_0+c|}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} = \frac{|2\cdot 1+3\cdot 1+4|}{\sqrt{2^2+3^2}} = \frac{9}{\sqrt{13}}$.

The center point doesn't lie on the side because $h \neq 0$.

The equation of the line through the point perpendicular to given side is $0 \equiv bx - ay - bx_0 + ay_0 \coloneqq bx - ay + c_0 = 3x - 2y - 1$.

The equations of adjoined two sides are $bx - ay + c_0 \pm h\sqrt{b^2 + (-a)^2} = 0$, i.e. 3x - 2y + 8 = 0 and 3x - 2y - 10 = 0.

Answer:

3x - 2y + 8 = 0, 3x - 2y - 10 = 0.