

Problem: Determine the equation of the line  $\Delta$  through the point  $A(1;2)$  such that sum distance from point  $B(3;4)$  and  $C(0;-2)$  to  $\Delta$  have maximum value.

Solve:

The equation of the line  $\Delta$  through the point  $A(1;2)$ :

$$a \cdot (x-1) + b \cdot (y-2) = 0 \quad (a^2 + b^2 > 0)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow ax + by - a - 2b = 0$$

$$\text{dist}(B, \Delta) + \text{dist}(C, \Delta) = \frac{|2a + 2b|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} + \frac{|a + 4b|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}$$

Follow inequalities  $|\alpha + \beta| \leq |\alpha| + |\beta|$  and Bunhiacopxki then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{dist}(B, \Delta) + \text{dist}(C, \Delta) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} (|2a + 2b| + |a + 4b|) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} (3|a| + 6|b|) \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \cdot \sqrt{3^2 + 6^2} \cdot \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} = 3\sqrt{5}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\max(\text{dist}(B, \Delta) + \text{dist}(C, \Delta)) = 3\sqrt{5}$  when  $ab > 0$  and  $\frac{|a|}{|b|} = \frac{1}{2}$ . Choose  $b = 2$  then

$a = 1$ .

Hence  $\Delta: x + 2y - 5 = 0$ .