

# 1.6.18

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# Question

Prove that points  $A(2,1)$ ,  $B(0,5)$  and  $C(-1,2)$  are not collinear.

# Theoretical Solution

$$B-A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ 5 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad C-A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M = (B-A \quad C-A) = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -3 \\ 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Row-reduce to compute the rank:

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 & -3 \\ 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 + 2R_1} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -3 \\ 0 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$$

The echelon form has two nonzero rows, hence  $\text{rank}(M)=2 \neq 1$

*Therefore, The points  $A(2, 1)$ ,  $B(0, 5)$  and  $C(-1, 2)$  are not collinear.*

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# Python + C Code

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <math.h>
#include "libs/matfun.h"
#include "libs/geofun.h"

int main(void) {
    // Points as 2x1 column vectors
    double **A = createMat(2,1);
    double **B = createMat(2,1);
    double **C = createMat(2,1);

    // Set coordinates correctly
    A[0][0] = 2.0; A[1][0] = 1.0;
    B[0][0] = 0.0; B[1][0] = 5.0;
    C[0][0] = -1.0; C[1][0] = 2.0;

    // Calculate direction vectors B-A and C-A
    double **BA = Matsub(B, A, 2, 1);
```

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// Calculate determinant to find rank
double det = M[0][0] * M[1][1] - M[0][1] * M[1][0];

int rank;
if (fabs(det) > 1e-10) { // Use fabs for absolute value
    rank = 2;
} else {
    // Check if at least one row is non-zero
    if ((fabs(M[0][0]) > 1e-10 || fabs(M[0][1]) > 1e-10 ||
        fabs(M[1][0]) > 1e-10 || fabs(M[1][1]) > 1e-10)) {
        rank = 1;
    } else {
        rank = 0;
    }
}
```

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// Output result
if (rank == 2) {
    printf("The points A, B, and C are NOT collinear (Rank =
        2)\n");
} else if (rank == 1) {
    printf("The points A, B, and C are collinear (Rank = 1)\n
        ");
} else {
    printf("All points coincide (Rank = 0)\n");
}

// Write points to .dat file
FILE *f = fopen("points.dat", "w");
if (f == NULL) {
    printf("Error opening file!\n");
    return 1;
}
```

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fprintf(f, "%.6f\t%.6f\n", A[0][0], A[1][0]);  
fprintf(f, "%.6f\t%.6f\n", B[0][0], B[1][0]);  
fprintf(f, "%.6f\t%.6f\n", C[0][0], C[1][0]);  
fclose(f);
```

```
printf("Points written to points.dat\n");
```

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// Free memory
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```
freeMat(A, 2);  
freeMat(B, 2);  
freeMat(C, 2);  
freeMat(BA, 2);  
freeMat(CA, 2);  
freeMat(M, 2);
```

```
return 0;
```

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}
```

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np

# Define the points
points = [(2, 1), (0, 5), (-1, 2)]
labels = ['A(2,1)', 'B(0,5)', 'C(-1,2)']
colors = ['blue', 'orange', 'green']

plt.figure(figsize=(6, 6))

# Plot the points
for i, ((x, y), label, color) in enumerate(zip(points, labels,
        colors)):
    plt.scatter(x, y, color=color, s=100, zorder=5)
    plt.text(x + 0.1, y + 0.1, label, fontsize=12, fontweight='
        bold')
```



```
# Draw dashed lines connecting the points
# Line from B to A
plt.plot([0, 2], [5, 1], '--', color='gray', alpha=0.7, linewidth=1.5)
# Line from C to A
plt.plot([-1, 2], [2, 1], '--', color='gray', alpha=0.7, linewidth=1.5)

# Set up the grid and axes
plt.grid(True, alpha=0.4, linestyle=':')
plt.axhline(0, color='black', linewidth=1)
plt.axvline(0, color='black', linewidth=1)

# Set axis limits to match the reference image
plt.xlim(-2, 4)
plt.ylim(0, 7)
```

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# Set tick marks
plt.xticks(np.arange(-2, 5, 1))
plt.yticks(np.arange(0, 8, 1))

# Add title
plt.title('Points A, B, C', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold', pad
         =20)

# Remove axis labels (x and y)
plt.xlabel('')
plt.ylabel('')

# Save the figure
plt.savefig('fig1.png', dpi=150, bbox_inches='tight')
plt.close()

print("Plot saved as fig1.png")
```

# Python Code

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np

# Define the coordinates directly
points = {
    'A(2,1)': (2, 1),
    'B(0,5)': (0, 5),
    'C(-1,2)': (-1, 2)
}

# Extract data for plotting
labels = list(points.keys())
xs = [coord[0] for coord in points.values()]
ys = [coord[1] for coord in points.values()]
colors = ['blue', 'orange', 'green']

plt.figure(figsize=(6, 6))
```

# Python Code

```
# Plot each point with its label
for (label, (x, y)), color in zip(points.items(), colors):
    plt.scatter(x, y, color=color, s=100, zorder=5)
    plt.text(x + 0.1, y + 0.1, label, fontsize=12, fontweight='
        bold')

# Draw dashed lines connecting B to A and C to A
plt.plot([0, 2], [5, 1], '--', color='gray', alpha=0.7, linewidth
    =1.5)
plt.plot([-1, 2], [2, 1], '--', color='gray', alpha=0.7,
    linewidth=1.5)

# Grid and axes
plt.grid(True, alpha=0.4, linestyle=':')
plt.axhline(0, color='black', linewidth=1)
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```
# Axis limits and ticks
plt.xlim(-2, 4)
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# Graph

