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Question:

The points $(0, 5)$, $(0, -9)$ and $(3, 6)$ are not collinear.

Solution:

point	Name
$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$	vector A
$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -9 \end{pmatrix}$	vector B
$\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$	vector C

TABLE 0: Variables Used

3 points are collinear if the rank of collinearity matrix is 1. Rank of matrix is 1 means no. of rows with non zero entries is 1. (1)

The collinearity matrix is given by (2)

$$(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} \quad \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A})^T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -14 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3)$$

(4)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -14 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 0 & -14 \end{pmatrix} \quad (5)$$

(6)

The above matrix now is in row echelon form. Rank of a matrix in echelon form is number of non zero rows. so, The rank of the above collinearity matrix is 2

\Rightarrow given 3 points A, B, C are not collinear.

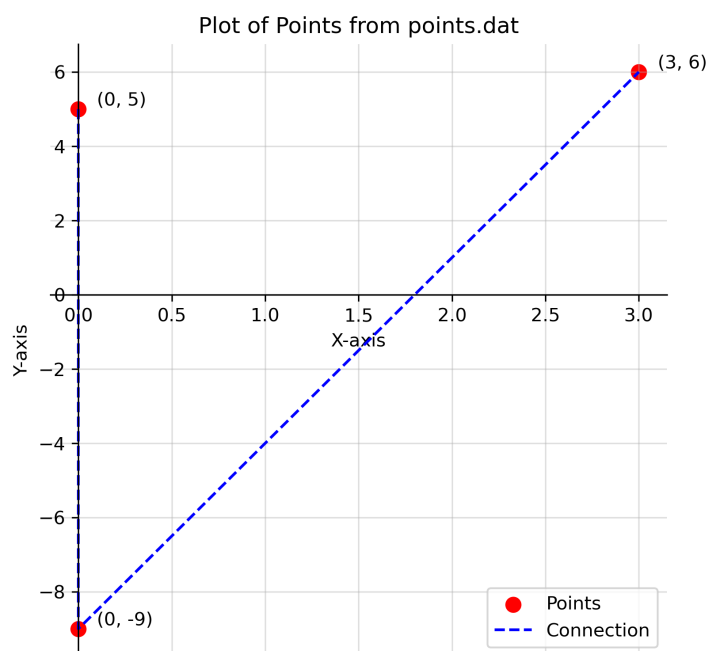


Fig. 0: Triangle formed by points A, B, C