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Question:

Show that the points $P\begin{pmatrix}5\\4\end{pmatrix}, Q\begin{pmatrix}7\\k\end{pmatrix}$ and $R\begin{pmatrix}9\\-2\end{pmatrix}$ are collinear.

Solution:

From (1.1.9.1), Points A, B, C are defined to be collinear if

$$rank\begin{pmatrix}(\mathbf{B}-\mathbf{A})^\top\\(\mathbf{C}-\mathbf{A})^\top\end{pmatrix} = 1 \tag{0.1}$$

(0.2)

Therefore, there should be only 1 non-zero row in collinearity matrix after row-operations. So, forming the collinearity matrix and doing row operations,

$$\begin{pmatrix}2 & k-4\\4 & -6\end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2=R_2-2R_1} \begin{pmatrix}2 & k-4\\0 & 2-2k\end{pmatrix} \tag{0.3}$$

$$\implies 2-2k=0 \implies k=1 \tag{0.4}$$

Therefore k=1 will satisfy condition of collinearity.

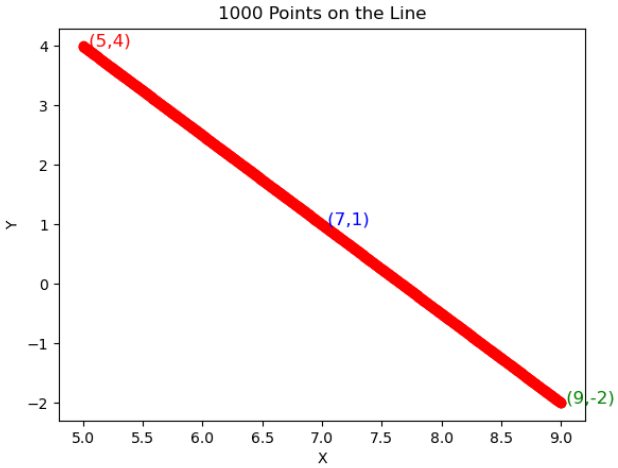

Fig. 0.1: Line joining the three given points