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## **QUESTION**

Find the relation between x and y if the points  $\mathbf{A}(x,y)$ ,  $\mathbf{B}(-5,7)$  and  $\mathbf{C}(-4,5)$  are collinear. (10, 2015).

## **SOLUTION**

Variable name	Description	Formula
$A = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$	The point with unknown coordinates	$rank(\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B})$
$B = \left(-5, 7\right)$	The point in 2-D plane with coordinates $\begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$	For points to be collinear,
M = (-4, 5)	The point with coordinates $(-4,5)$	

Three points A, B and C are said to be collinear if

$$rank\left(\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B} \quad \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}\right) = 1$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -5 - x \\ -2 & 7 - y \end{pmatrix} \longleftrightarrow R_2 \to R_2 + 2R_1$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -5 - x \\ 0 & -3 - y - 2x \end{pmatrix} \tag{0.1}$$

For the rank of the matrix to be one, 2x + y + 3 = 0.

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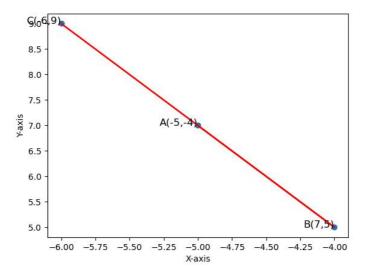


Fig. 0.1: A plot of the given question.