

# Probability Assignment 1

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**Question :** Show that **A,D,G** are collinear

**Solution :**

Given that,

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

We need to show that points **A,D,G** are collinear

By taking reference from the previous problems, we can conclude that

From Problem 1.2.3 We know that, The point G is

$$\mathbf{G} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

And from Problem 1.2.1 We know that, The point D is

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} -7 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

In Problem 1.1.3, There is a theorem/law mentioned i.e.,

*Theorem 1.* Points **A,B,C** are defined to be collinear if

$$\text{rank} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{C} \end{pmatrix} = 2$$

Using Theorem 1: Let

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a_{11} & d_{11} & g_{11} \\ a_{21} & d_{21} & g_{21} \end{pmatrix}$$

Then **A,D,G** are collinear points if and only if  $\rho(R) = 2$  (Where  $\rho(R) = 2$  represents rank of matrix R)

So, let's convert the matrix R into echelon form by using Elementary operations

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -7 & -2 \\ 0 & -3 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + R_1)$$

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -\frac{9}{2} & -3 \\ 0 & -3 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1)$$

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -\frac{9}{2} & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - \frac{2}{3}R_2)$$

The above matrix R is in echelon form and we can see that every element of row 3 is zero.

So, we can say that there are only 2 independent rows and the rank of matrix R i.e.,  $\rho(R) = 2$

As, we have proved that  $\rho(R)$  is equal to 2, The theorem states that points **A,D,G** are collinear.