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Assignment 1

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https://github.com/Kkuntal990/C-DS/blob/main/Assignment2/assignment2.tex

1 Problem

Show that the points $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$, $\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 10 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ are collinear.

2 Solution

We will solve for a general case of given \mathbf{n} points of \mathbf{m} dimensions. Check whether three points

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}, B = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix}, C = \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ \vdots \\ z_n \end{pmatrix}$$

are collinear or not.

2.1 Necessary condition

Let's take three points **a**, **b** and **c**. We will say that these points are collinear if and only if the $max|\overrightarrow{AB}|, |\overrightarrow{AC}|, |\overrightarrow{BC}| = \text{sum of other two distances}$. That is, let's say \overrightarrow{AB} is the maximum of three,

$$\implies \overrightarrow{AB} = \overrightarrow{AC} + \overrightarrow{BC}$$

2.2 Proof:

Without loss of generality we can take the above example. Let's say that $\implies \overrightarrow{AB} < \overrightarrow{AC} + \overrightarrow{BC}$, then due to triangle inequality we can say that the points **a**, **b** and **c** form a triangle.

2.3 Example

Taking our above problem. $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$, $\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ and

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 10 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|\overrightarrow{AB}| = 5.744 \tag{2.3.1}$$

$$|\overrightarrow{AC}| = 11.489 \tag{2.3.2}$$

$$|\overrightarrow{BC}| = 5.744 \tag{2.3.3}$$

Therefore, the points are collinear.

2.4 Proof by plot

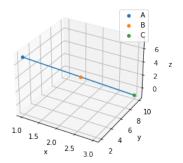


Fig. 0: Plotting the 3 points