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Question:

Determine if the points $(1, 5)$, $(2, 3)$ and $(-2, -11)$ are collinear.

Solution:

point	Vector
A	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$
B	$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$
C	$\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -11 \end{pmatrix}$

TABLE 0: Variables Used

The matrix

$$(B - A \quad C - A)^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ -2 & -14 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.1)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_2 = R_2 + 2R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ 0 & -22 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.2)$$

\therefore The rank of matrix is 2. It implies the given points are non collinear.

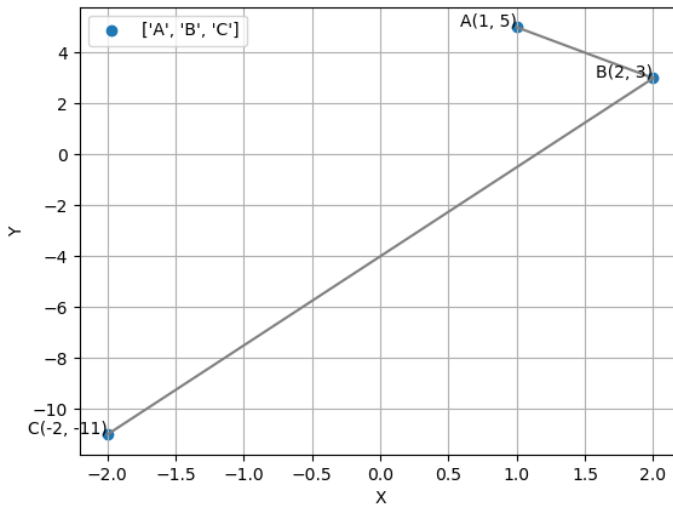


Fig. 0.1: Scatter plot of points A, B, and C