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Question: Using vectors, prove that the points $(2 \ -1 \ 3)$, $(3 \ -5 \ 1)$ and $(-1 \ 11 \ 9)$ are collinear.

Solution:

Variable	Description
$(2 \ -1 \ 3)$	Point A
$(3 \ -5 \ 1)$	Point B
$(-1 \ 11 \ 9)$	Point C

TABLE 0: Variables Used

$$\begin{aligned}
 (B - A \quad C - A)^T &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -4 & -2 \\ -3 & 12 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &\xrightarrow{R_2 = R_2 + 3R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -4 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

rank = number of non-zero rows
i.e. rank = 1

therefore,

A, B, C are collinear.

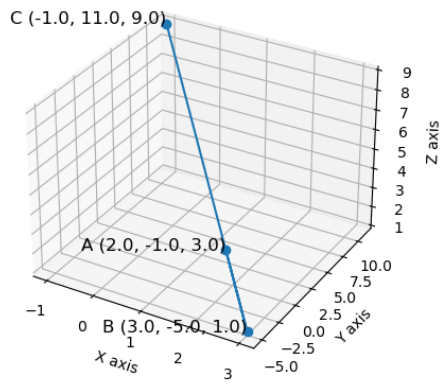


Fig. 0.1: Plot of points A,B and C