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Problem Statement

Find a relation between x and y if the points (x,y) , $(1,2)$ and $(7,0)$ are collinear.

Variable	Description	Values
A	Point	(x, y)
B	Point	$(1, 2)$
C	Point	$(7, 0)$

Table: Variables Used

Collinearity of Matrix

Let the three points be $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$, $\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$, $\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$.

For collinearity,

$$\text{rank}\left((\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} \quad \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A})^T \right) = 1. \quad (3.1)$$

Now,

$$\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - x \\ 2 - y \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 - x \\ -y \end{pmatrix}. \quad (3.2)$$

So the matrix is

$$\mathbf{M} = (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} \quad \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A})^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - x & 2 - y \\ 7 - x & -y \end{pmatrix}. \quad (3.3)$$

Echelon Form and Row Operations

Step 1: Start with

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 1-x & 2-y \\ 7-x & -y \end{pmatrix}. \quad (3.4)$$

Step 2: Eliminate the first entry of the second row:

$$R_2 \longrightarrow R_2 - \frac{7-x}{1-x} R_1 \quad (\text{assuming } x \neq 1). \quad (3.5)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1-x & 2-y \\ 7-x & -y \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1-x & 2-y \\ 0 & -y - \frac{7-x}{1-x}(2-y) \end{pmatrix}. \quad (3.6)$$

Rank Condition

For $\text{rank}(\mathbf{M}) = 1$, the second row must vanish:

$$-y - \frac{7-x}{1-x}(2-y) = 0. \quad (3.7)$$

Multiply through by $(1-x)$:

$$-y(1-x) - (7-x)(2-y) = 0. \quad (3.8)$$

Expand:

$$-y + xy - (14 - 2x - 7y + xy) = 0. \quad (3.9)$$

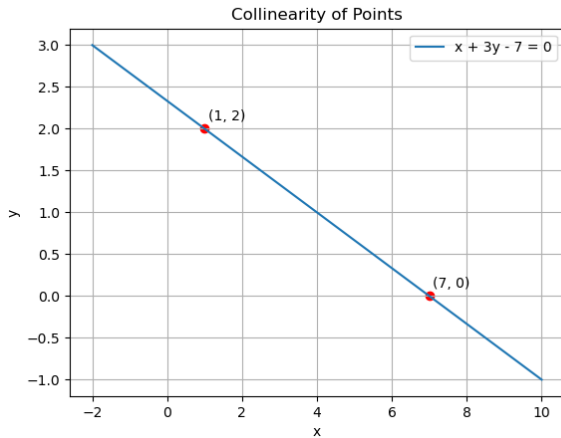
$$-y + xy - 14 + 2x + 7y - xy = 0. \quad (3.10)$$

$$2x + 6y - 14 = 0. \quad (3.11)$$

Thus, the condition for collinearity is

$$\boxed{x + 3y = 7}. \quad (3.12)$$

Plots



Figure

C Code

```
#include <stdio.h>

// Function to return relation value
int relation(int x, int y) {
    return x + 3*y - 7;
}

int main() {
    // Given points
    int x1 = 1, y1 = 2;
    int x2 = 7, y2 = 0;

    // Step 1: Compute slope
    float m = (float)(y2 - y1) / (x2 - x1);
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printf(" m=(y2-y1)/(x2-x1)=(%d-%d)/(%d-%d)=%.2f\n\n",  
      y2, y1, x2, x1, m);
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// Step 2: Point-slope form
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printf(" Step-2:-Equation-using-point-slope-form:\n");
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printf(" (y-%d)=m(x-%d)\n\n", y1, x1);
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// Final Relation
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printf(" Final-Relation:-x+3y-7=0\n");
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return 0;
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}
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Python Code for Plotting

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Equation:  $x + 3y - 7 = 0$ 
y = (7 - x)/3
x_vals = np.linspace(-2, 10, 100)
y_vals = (7 - x_vals) / 3

plt.plot(x_vals, y_vals, label="x+3y-7=0")

# Given points
points = [(1,2), (7,0)]
for p in points:
    plt.scatter(p[0], p[1], color='red')
    plt.text(p[0]+0.1, p[1]+0.1, f' {p}')

plt.xlabel("x")
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plt.title("Collinearity-of-Points")  
plt.legend()  
plt.grid(True)  
plt.savefig('../figs/fig1.png')  
plt.show()
```