

# 1-1.6-15

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## Question:

Find the value of  $m$  if the points  $(5, 1)$ ,  $(-2, -3)$  and  $(8, 2m)$  are collinear.

## Solution:

Variable	Description	Values
$A$	A Point to be plotted	$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
$B$	A Point to be plotted	$\begin{pmatrix} -2 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$
$C$	A Point to be found and plotted	$\begin{pmatrix} 8 & 2m \end{pmatrix}$
$M$	It is a matrix comprising of vectors $B - A$ and $C - A$	$\begin{pmatrix} B - A & C - A \end{pmatrix}$

TABLE 0

A, B, C are collinear if  $\text{rank}(M) = 1$

**Note:** rank of matrix M = rank of matrix  $M^T$

$$M^T = \begin{pmatrix} -7 & -4 \\ 3 & 2m - 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 = 3R_1 + 7R_2} \begin{pmatrix} -7 & -4 \\ 0 & -19 + 14m \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

for the rank to be 1,

$$-19 + 14m = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$m = 19/14 \quad (3)$$

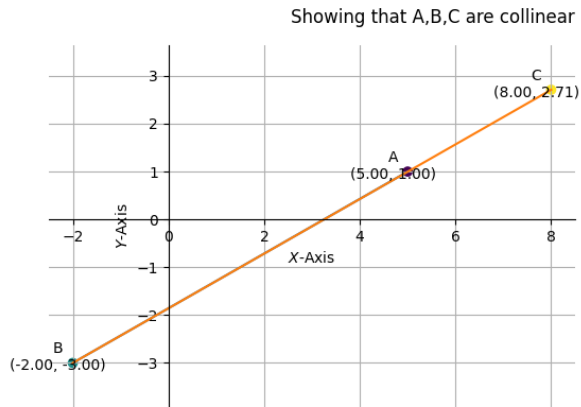


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