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Question:

The points $(0, 5)$, $(0, -9)$ and $(3, 6)$ are collinear

Solution:

Variable	Description	Formula
A	A Point to be plotted	$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$
B	A Point to be plotted	$B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -9 \end{pmatrix}$
C	A Point to be plotted	$C = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$
M	It is a matrix comprising of vectors $B - A$ and $C - A$	$M = [B - A, C - A]$

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The rank of a matrix M is 1, then the matrix is collinear.

$$\text{Rank}(M) = 1 \quad (0.1)$$

Computing matrix M

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ -14 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.2)$$

Clearly we can conclude that the rank of matrix M is $\neq 1$

$\therefore A, B, C$ are not collinear.

(It is a special case as it is square matrix. For an $m \times n$ matrix with $n > m$, the system may have infinitely many solutions if the rank equals m because there are more variables than equations, leading to free variables. If the rank is less than m , no solution may exist. This concept relates to collinearity in that if the vectors (or equations) are not linearly independent, they can lie on the same line, plane, or higher-dimensional space, implying a lack of unique solutions.)

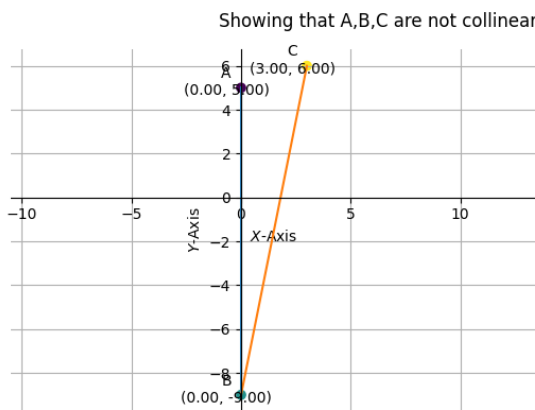


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