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Question

The point P which divides the line segment joining the points A (2, -5) and B (5,2) in the ratio 2 : 3 lies in which quadrant?

The formula for internal division of vectors is where P divides A and B in the ratio k:1

$$\mathbf{P} = \frac{k\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{A}}{1 + k}$$

Theoretical Solution

Given:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$

The point P , dividing the segment AB in the ratio $2 : 3$ internally, has the position vector

$$\mathbf{P} = \frac{\frac{2}{3}\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{A}}{1 + \frac{2}{3}} \quad (3)$$

Thus by the formula

$$\mathbf{P} = \frac{\frac{2}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}}{1 + \frac{2}{3}} \quad (4)$$

$$\mathbf{P} = \frac{2 \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + 3 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}}{5} \quad (5)$$

$$\mathbf{P} = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -15 \end{pmatrix}}{5} \quad (6)$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{P} = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} 16 \\ -11 \end{pmatrix}}{5}. \quad (7)$$

Therefore the co-ordinates of P are

$$\left(\frac{16}{5}, -\frac{11}{5}\right).$$

Solution (Matrix Approach)

The section formula in vector form:

$$(m+n)\mathbf{P} = m\mathbf{B} + n\mathbf{A}.$$

Here $m=2$, $n=3$, $m+n=5$.

$$5 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + 3 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} \quad (8)$$

$$5 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -15 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 16 \\ -11 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (9)$$

This gives the matrix equation:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 16 \\ -11 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (10)$$

Augmented matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 & 16 \\ 0 & 5 & -11 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 \rightarrow \frac{1}{5}R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{16}{5} \\ 0 & 5 & -11 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{5}R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{16}{5} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{11}{5} \end{pmatrix} \quad (11)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{16}{5} \\ -\frac{11}{5} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3.2 \\ -2.2 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (12)$$

Since $x > 0$ and $y < 0$, P lies in the **IV (fourth) quadrant**.

C Code - Section formula function

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// section_formula.c
#include <stdio.h>

void find_section_point(double x1, double y1, double x2, double
    y2, double m, double n, double* x, double* y) {
    *x = (m * x2 + n * x1) / (m + n);
    *y = (m * y2 + n * y1) / (m + n);
}
```


Python Code through shared output

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# Section Formula Problem

import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Given points
A = np.array([2, -5]).reshape(-1,1)
B = np.array([5, 2]).reshape(-1,1)

# Ratio m:n = 2:3
m, n = 2, 3

# Point dividing AB in ratio m:n
P = (n*A + m*B) / (m+n)

# Determine Quadrant
x, y = P[0,0], P[1,0]
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if x > 0 and y > 0:
    quadrant = First Quadrant
elif x < 0 and y > 0:
    quadrant = Second Quadrant
elif x < 0 and y < 0:
    quadrant = Third Quadrant
elif x > 0 and y < 0:
    quadrant = Fourth Quadrant
else:
    quadrant = On Axis

print(fCoordinates of P: ({x:.2f}, {y:.2f}))
print(fP lies in the {quadrant})

# Generate line AB
x_AB = np.linspace(A[0,0], B[0,0], 100)
y_AB = np.linspace(A[1,0], B[1,0], 100)
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# Plot line AB
plt.plot(x_AB, y_AB, label='$AB$')

# Plot points A, B, P
plt.scatter([A[0,0], B[0,0], P[0,0]], [A[1,0], B[1,0], P[1,0]],
            color='red')
labels = ['A(2,-5)', 'B(5,2)', f'P({x:.2f},{y:.2f})']
for i, txt in enumerate(labels):
    plt.annotate(txt, ( [A[0,0], B[0,0], P[0,0]][i],
                        [A[1,0], B[1,0], P[1,0]][i]),
                  textcoords=offset points, xytext=(10,-10))

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# Styling axes
ax = plt.gca()
ax.spines['left'].set_position('zero')
ax.spines['bottom'].set_position('zero')
ax.spines['top'].set_color('none')
ax.spines['right'].set_color('none')

plt.legend(loc='best')
plt.grid(True)
plt.axis('equal')
plt.show()
```

Python code : Direct

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
#local imports
from libs.line.funcs import *
from libs.triangle.funcs import *
from libs.conics.funcs import circ_gen

# Given points
A = np.array([2,-5]).reshape(-1,1)
B = np.array([5,2]).reshape(-1,1)

# Ratio m:n = 2:3
m, n = 2, 3

# Point dividing AB in ratio m:n
P = (n*A + m*B) / (m+n)
```

```
# Generating line AB
def line_gen(A,B):

    len = 100
    dim = A.shape[0]
    x_AB = np.zeros((dim,len))
    lam_1 = np.linspace(0,1,len)

    for i in range(len):
        temp1 = A + lam_1[i]*(B-A)
        x_AB[:,i]= temp1.T
    return x_AB

x_AB = line_gen(A,B)

# Plotting line AB
plt.plot(x_AB[0,:], x_AB[1,:], label='$AB$')

# Plotting points A, B, P
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tri_coords = np.block([[A,B,P]])
plt.scatter(tri_coords[0,:], tri_coords[1,:])
vert_labels = ['A','B','P']

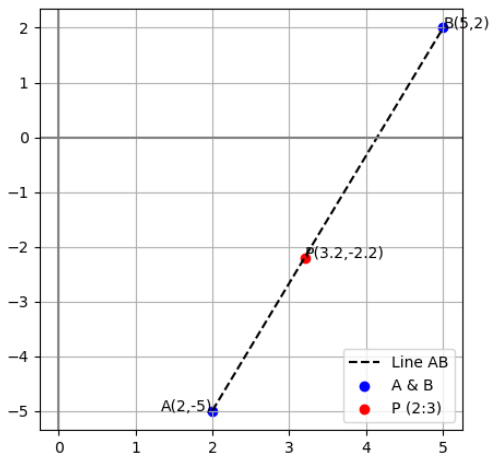
for i, txt in enumerate(vert_labels):
    plt.annotate(f'{txt}\n({tri_coords[0,i]:.1f}, {tri_coords[1,i]:.1f})',
                (tri_coords[0,i], tri_coords[1,i]),
                textcoords=offset points,
                xytext=(20,-10), ha='center')

# Axis styling
ax = plt.gca()
ax.spines['left'].set_position('zero')
ax.spines['bottom'].set_position('zero')
ax.spines['top'].set_color('none')
ax.spines['right'].set_color('none')

```

```
plt.legend(loc='best')  
plt.grid()  
plt.axis('equal')  
plt.show()
```


Plot by python using shared output from c



Plot by python only

