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QUESTION

The mid-point of segment **AB** is the point **P** 0,4 . If the coordinates of **B** are -2,3 then coordinates of **A** are (10, 2011)

SOLUTION

Coordinates of B = -2,3

Variable name	Description	Formula
A	The point in 2-D plane whose coordinates are to be found.	$\mathbf{M} = \frac{\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}}{2}$
B	The point in 2-D plane with coordinates -2,3	$\mathbf{B} = (-2, 3)$
M	The midpoint of the line-segment AB with coordinates 0,4	$\mathbf{M} = (0, 4)$

TABLE 0: Variables Used

Coordinates of midpoint (*say* **M**) = 0,4

We know that the mid-point of two points, which can be treated as vectors **A** and **B** is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{M} &= \frac{\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}}{2} \\
 \Rightarrow \mathbf{A} &= 2\mathbf{M} - \mathbf{B} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}
 \end{aligned} \tag{0.1}$$

Hence, the coordinates of point **A** are 2,5 .

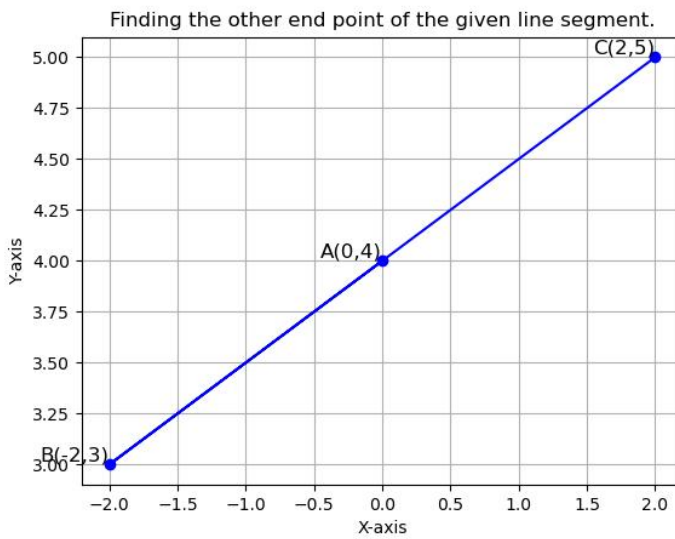


Fig. 0.1: A plot of the given question.