

# 1-1.4-4

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- 1) Find the coordinates of the point which divides the line segment joining the points  $(4, -3)$  and  $(8, 5)$  in the ratio  $3 : 1$  internally

**Solution:** Let the position vectors of the points  $(4, -3)$  and  $(8, 5)$  be represented as  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  respectively. Therefore, we have:

$$\mathbf{A} = 4\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} \quad (1)$$

$$\mathbf{B} = 8\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j} \quad (2)$$

Let the position vector of the point  $\mathbf{P}$  that divides the line segment  $\mathbf{AB}$  in the ratio  $3 : 1$  internally be  $\mathbf{P}$ .

Using the section formula in vector form, the position vector  $\mathbf{P}$  is given by:

$$\mathbf{P} = \frac{m\mathbf{B} + n\mathbf{A}}{m + n} \quad (3)$$

where  $m = 3$  and  $n = 1$ .

Substituting the values, we get:

$$\mathbf{P} = \frac{3(8\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j}) + 1(4\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j})}{3 + 1} \quad (4)$$

$$\mathbf{P} = \frac{(24\mathbf{i} + 15\mathbf{j}) + (4\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j})}{4} \quad (5)$$

$$\mathbf{P} = \frac{(24\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{i}) + (15\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{j})}{4} \quad (6)$$

$$\mathbf{P} = \frac{28\mathbf{i} + 12\mathbf{j}}{4} \quad (7)$$

$$\mathbf{P} = 7\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} \quad (8)$$

Therefore, the coordinates of the point are  $(7, 3)$ .