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ASSIGNMENT-1

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Question: Calculate the ratio in which the line joining $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$ is divided by the point $\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} z \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$. Also find

- 1) z
- 2) Length of \overrightarrow{AP}

Solution: Lets take the ratio in which the line is divided by the point to be 1:k.

Now lets use the section formula for the point

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} z \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1}$$

$$\mathbf{P} = \left[\frac{(1 \times \mathbf{B}) + (k \times \mathbf{A})}{1+3} \right] \tag{2}$$

$$= \left[\frac{\left[1 \times {3 \choose 6}\right] + \left[k \times {-4 \choose 2}\right]}{1+3}\right]$$

$$= \left[\frac{(1 \times 3) + [k \times (-4)]}{1+3}, \frac{(1 \times 6) + (k \times 2)}{1+3}\right]$$
(4)

$$= \left(\frac{3-4k}{4}, \frac{6+2k}{4}\right) \tag{5}$$

From (1) and (5) we can say that

$$\implies 3 = \frac{6+2k}{4} \tag{6}$$

$$\implies 6 = 2k \tag{7}$$

$$\implies k = 3$$
 (8)

Therefore, the ratio in which the line \overrightarrow{AP} is divided by **P** is 1:3.

1) Now lets find the point
$$P = \begin{pmatrix} z \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Taking (5) and (8) we get

$$z = \frac{3 - 4k}{4} \tag{9}$$

$$=\frac{3-(4\times3)}{4}$$
 (10)

$$=\frac{-9}{4}$$
 (11)

$$= -2.25$$
 (12)

Therefore the point $\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} -2.25\\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$

2) The length of the line \overrightarrow{AP} can be measured by the distance formula.

$$length = \sqrt[2]{(-4 - (-2.25))^2 + (2 - 3)^2}$$
 (13)

$$=2.015$$
 (14)

The length of the line $\overrightarrow{AP} = 2.015(\text{Approx})$.

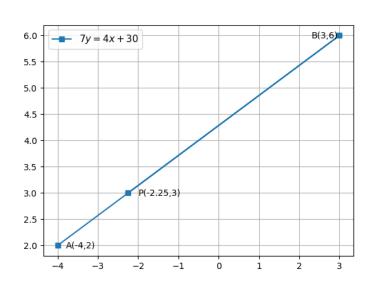


Fig. 1. Graph showing the line 7y = 4x + 30.