

ASSIGNMENT-1

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Question: Calculate the ratio in which the line joining A=(-4,2) and B=(3,6) is divided by the point P=(x*,3). Also find (1)x* (2) Length of \overrightarrow{AP} .

Solution: The ratio in which the line is divided by the point is 1:3

1) Now lets form the line equation which is

$$(-4 \ 7) \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 30 \quad (0.0.1)$$

Now by solving this equation for the point P=(x*,3). We get,

$$(-4 \ 7) \begin{pmatrix} x^* \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = 30 \quad (0.0.2)$$

Solving this we get the value of $x^* = -9/4$ (or) -2.25

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

$$\sqrt{(-4 - (-2.25))^2 + (2 - 3)^2}$$

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

