

# 1.4.12

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## Question:

The position vector of the point which divides the join of points  $2\mathbf{a} - 3\mathbf{b}$  and  $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$  in the ratio 3 : 1 is:

**Solution:** Given

Vector	Coordinates
<b>A</b>	$2\mathbf{a} - 3\mathbf{b}$
<b>B</b>	$\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$
<b>C</b>	Vector dividing AB in the ratio 3:1

TABLE 0: Given Values

Let **C** divides **A** and **B** in the ratio 3:1

Using Section Formula( $k=3$ )

$$C = \frac{1}{3+1} (3B + A) \quad (0.1)$$

$$C = \frac{1}{4} ((3a + 3b) + (2a - 3b)) \quad (0.2)$$

$$C = \frac{5}{4}a \quad (0.3)$$