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Question:

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

Solution:

Given

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

Using Section Formula($k=3$)

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

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

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

| Vector | Coordinates |
|----------|-----------------------------|
| A | $2\mathbf{a} - 3\mathbf{b}$ |
| B | $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$ |
| C | $\frac{5}{4} \mathbf{a}$ |

TABLE 0: Given Values