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EE24BTECH11042 - SRUJANA

QUESTION:

Find the coordinates of the point which divides the line segment joining the points $A(7, -1)$ and $B(-3, -4)$ in the ratio $2 : 3$.

SOLUTION:

points	coordinates
A	$(7, -1)$
B	$(-3, -4)$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, B = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.1)$$

let C be the point which divides the AB in the ratio $\frac{2}{3} : 1$

$$\Rightarrow C = \frac{\frac{2}{3}B + A}{\frac{2}{3} + 1} \quad (0.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow C = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.3)$$

This can be represented graphically as below

