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Question:

The point on the X axis which is equidistant from $(-4, 0)$ and $(10, 0)$ is...

Solution:

| Variable | Description |
|---------------------|--|
| $\mathbf{B}(-4, 0)$ | coordinates of first point |
| $\mathbf{C}(10, 0)$ | coordinates of second point |
| \mathbf{A} | Equidistant point of \mathbf{B} and \mathbf{C} on X axis |

TABLE 0: Variables Used

$$(\|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}\|)^2 = (\|\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A}\|)^2 \quad (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{B}^2 + \mathbf{A}^2 - 2\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}^\top = \mathbf{C}^2 + \mathbf{A}^2 - 2\mathbf{A}\mathbf{C}^\top \quad (2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{C}^\top - \mathbf{B}^\top) = \frac{\mathbf{C}^2 - \mathbf{B}^2}{2} \quad (3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} a \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 14 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{84}{2} \quad (4)$$

$$\Rightarrow 14a = 42 \quad (5)$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 3 \quad (6)$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (7)$$

The point equidistant from $(-4, 0)$ and $(10, 0)$ is $(3, 0)$.

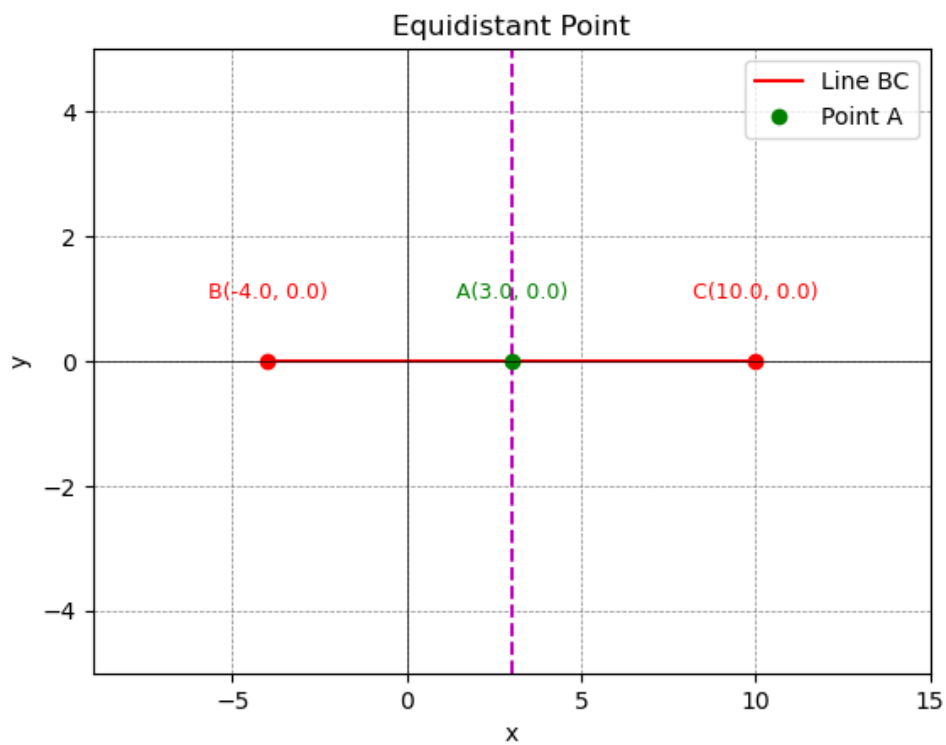


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