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Question:

If a and b are the position vectors of A and B , respectively, find the position vector of a point C in BA produced such that $BC = 1.5BA$.

Solution: Point C divides the line segment BA in the ratio 3: 1 externally,
 \therefore using section formula we get,

$$C = \frac{kA - B}{k - 1}$$

$$\left(\text{where, } k = \frac{3}{1} \right)$$

$$C = \frac{3A - B}{3 - 1}$$

$$C = \frac{3a - b}{2}$$

$$C = 1.5a - 0.5b$$

So, the position vector of C is $1.5a - 0.5b$.

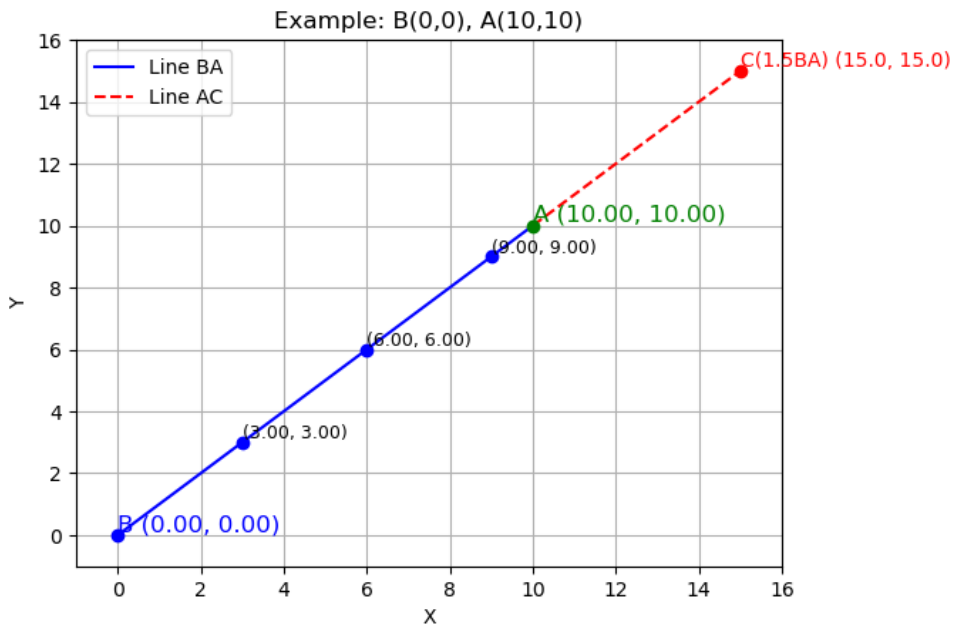


Fig. 0. Coordinates of C