CHAPTER-7
COORDINATE GEOMETRY

Excercise 7.2

1. Find the coordinates of the point which divides the join $(-1, 7)$ and $(4, -3)$ in the ratio 2:3 :

Solution:
The coordinates and ratio are given as:

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}, n = \frac{3}{2} \tag{1}$$

Using section formula:

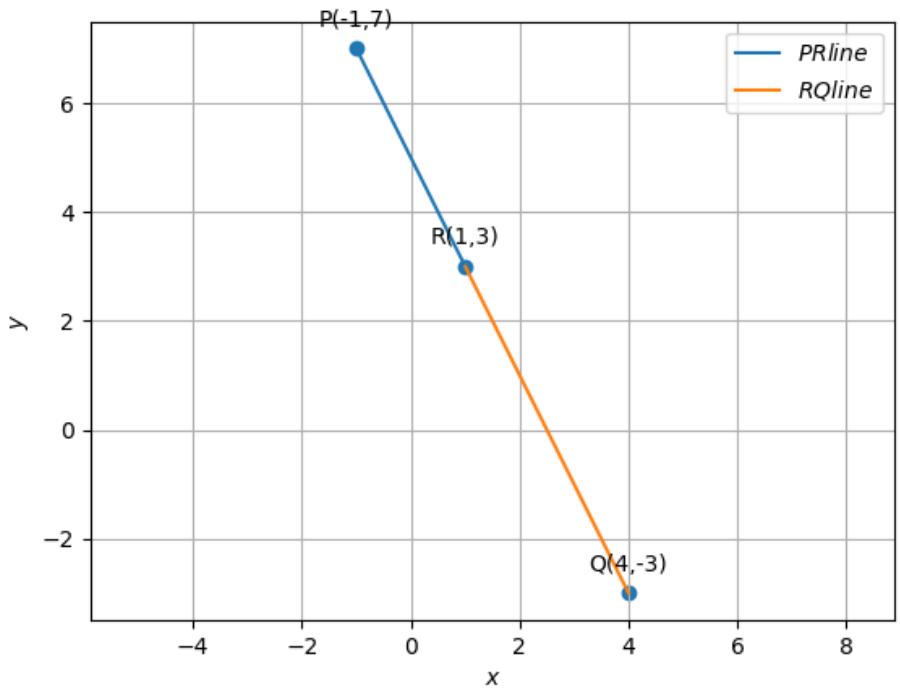
$$\mathbf{R} = \frac{\mathbf{Q} + n\mathbf{P}}{1+n} \tag{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1+\frac{3}{2}} \left(\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{3}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} \right) \tag{3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\frac{5}{2}} \left(\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 21 \end{pmatrix} \right) \tag{4}$$

$$= \frac{2}{5}.\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 15 \end{pmatrix} \tag{5}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \tag{6}$$



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