

# 1-1.4-91

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## Question:

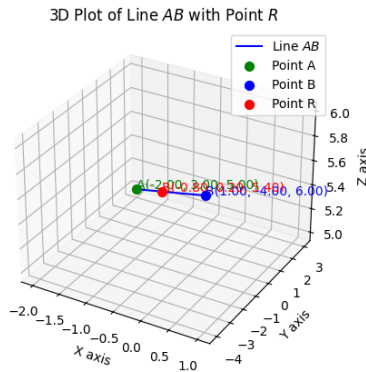
Find the coordinates of the point which divides the line segment joining the points  $(-2, 3, 5)$  and  $(1, -4, 6)$  in the ratio

- 2:3 internally
- 2:3 externally

**Solution:** For internal division we have,

$$D = \frac{kC + B}{k + 1} \quad (0.1)$$

Here  $C = (1, -4, 6)$ ,  $B = (-2, 3, 5)$  and  $k = \frac{2}{3}$   
Now, Putting values in the equation we get,



$$D = \frac{\frac{2}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}}{\frac{2}{3} + 1} \quad (0.2)$$

$$D = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 3 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix}}{\frac{5}{3}} \quad (0.3)$$

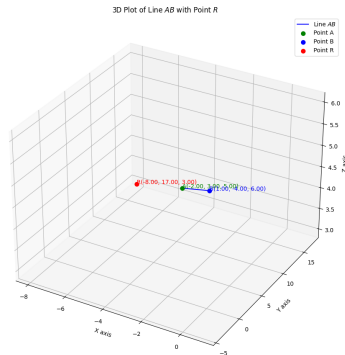
$$D = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{4}{5} \\ \frac{1}{5} \\ \frac{27}{5} \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.4)$$

So, the point which divides the line segment joining the points  $(2, 3, 5)$  and  $(1, -4, 6)$  is  $\left(-\frac{4}{5}, \frac{1}{5}, \frac{27}{5}\right)$

For external division we have,

$$D = \frac{kC - B}{k - 1} \quad (0.5)$$

Now, Putting values in the equation we get,



$$D = \frac{\frac{2}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}}{\frac{2}{3} - 1} \quad (0.6)$$

$$D = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} \frac{8}{3} \\ -\frac{35}{3} \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}}{\frac{-1}{3}} \quad (0.7)$$

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ 17 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.8)$$

So, the point which divides the line segment joining the points  $(2, 3, 5)$  and  $(1, -4, 6)$  is  $(-8, 17, 3)$