

# 1-1.4-9c

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**Question:**

In what ratio does the point  $(-4, 6)$  divide the line segment joining the points  $A(-6, 0)$  and  $B(3, -8)$ ?

**Solution:**

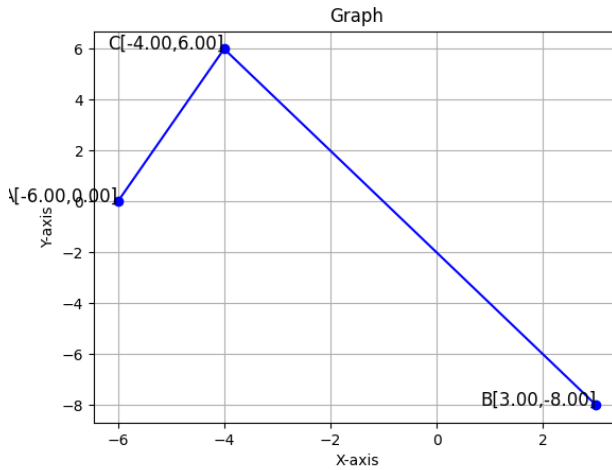


Fig. 0.1

Fig. ?? we can see that the given point doesn't lie on the line segment joining A and B.

$$d_1 = \|(A - C)\| \quad (0.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow d_1^2 = (A - C)(A - C)^T \quad (0.2)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.3)$$

$$\Rightarrow d_1 = \sqrt{40} \quad (0.4)$$

$$(0.5)$$

$$d_2 = \|(B - C)\| \quad (0.6)$$

$$\Rightarrow d_2^2 = (B - C)(B - C)^T \quad (0.7)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 7 & -14 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ -14 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.8)$$

$$\Rightarrow d_2 = 7\sqrt{5} \quad (0.9)$$

$$\therefore \frac{d_1}{d_2} = \frac{\sqrt{40}}{7\sqrt{5}} \quad (0.10)$$

Parameter	Description
$A$	$\begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$
$B$	$\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -8 \end{pmatrix}$
$C$	$\begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$
$d_1$	$\ (A - C)\ $
$d_2$	$\ (B - C)\ $

TABLE 0