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

Solution:

Let the given point divides the line segment AB in a ratio k:1.

using section formulae:

$C = \frac{A+kB}{1+k}$

by modifying it we get

$k = \frac{(B-C)^T(C-A)}{\|B-C\|^2}$ by substituting the values we get

$$k = \frac{\begin{pmatrix}7 & -14\end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix}2\\6\end{pmatrix}}{49 + 196} \tag{0.1}$$

$k = \frac{-2}{7}$

So, the given point divides the line segment in the ratio -2:7 externally