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Question:

Find the coordinates of the point **P** on AD such that $AP : PD = 2 : 1$.

Solution:

As nothing is mentioned in the question about the coordinates of A and D , so we are assuming the coordinates of A as (2,2) , D as (-1,-1) .

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (1)$$

as mentioned in the question **P** is dividing the join of A and D in 2:1.
so for finding the position vector of **P** we are using section formula :

section formula

If **D** divides BC in the ratio k : 1

$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{k\mathbf{C} + \mathbf{B}}{k + 1}$$

the position vector of **P** is

$$k = 2$$

$$\mathbf{P} = \frac{2\mathbf{D} + \mathbf{A}}{2 + 1}$$

$$\mathbf{P} = \frac{2\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}}{2 + 1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

