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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).

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

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

$$k = 2$$

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

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

