

12.2 Subdividing (Partitioning) a Segment in a Given Ratio

Find the point on a directed line segment between 2 given points that partitions the segment in a given ratio. Directed Line Segment- a segment between 2 points A and B with a specified direction, from A to B or from B to A.

To partition a directed line segment is to divide it into 2 segments with a given ratio.

4 Steps to partitioning a line segment

Step 1: Find the ratio

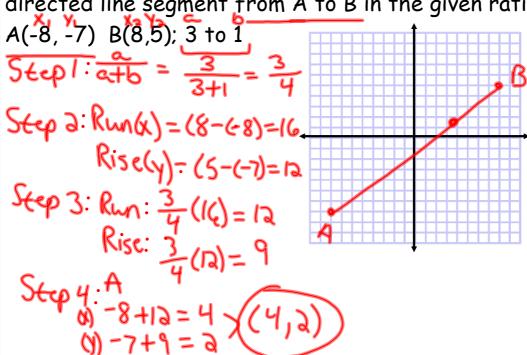
Step 2: Find the run (x) and the rise (y)

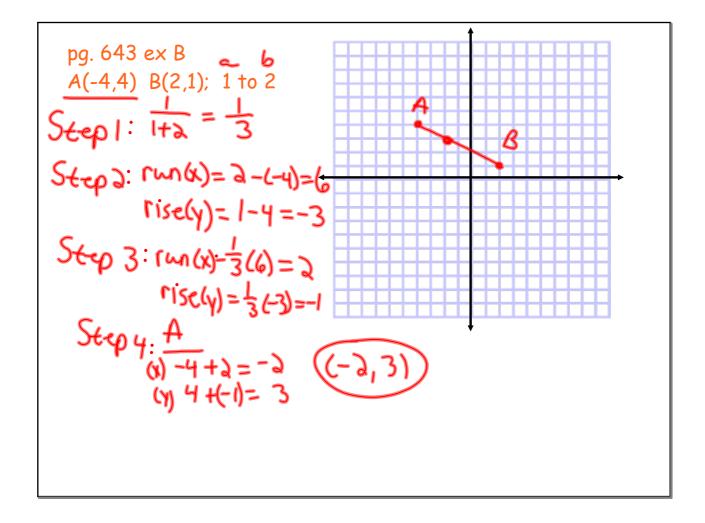
(X2-X1)

Step 3: Multiply ratio to run and rise creating NEW run/rise

Step 4: Add NEW run/rise to starting point

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Rise(y) = $\frac{5}{8}$ (-8) = -5
Step 4: A
(x) -6 + 5 = -1 > (-1,0)

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