

Lesson 1.5 Weighted Averages

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Content Objective

Students will locate points on a number line and a coordinate plane by using weighted averages.

MA.912.GR.3.1

Determine the weighted average of two or more points on a line.

MA.912.GR.3.3

Use coordinate geometry to solve mathematical and real-world geometric problems involving lines, circles, triangles and quadrilaterals.



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Example 1: Find a Weighted Average on a Number Line

Find the coordinate of P that represents the weighted average for each set of points with the given conditions.

a. Enter your answers.

Point C weighs twice as much as point D .



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-1 1/2

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Handwritten calculation:} \\ \text{Point C: } -3 \text{ (weight 2)} \\ \text{Point D: } 2 \text{ (weight 1)} \\ \text{Weighted average: } -6 + 2 = -4 \\ \text{Result: } -\frac{4}{2} = -2 \end{array}$$

-4 -3 -2 -1 0 1 2 3 4



$$-1\frac{1}{3}$$

$$\frac{-6 + 2}{2 + 1} = \left(\frac{-4}{3}\right)$$



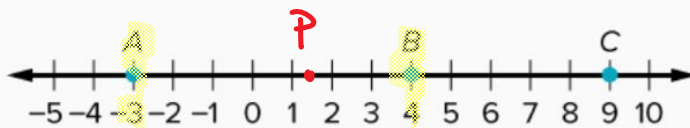
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Example 1 Check

Find the coordinate of P that represents the weighted average for the point, based on the given conditions.



Point A has a weight of 2, and point B has a weight of 3.

$$\begin{array}{r} -3 \\ 2 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 4 \\ 3 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{-6 + 12}{2 + 3}$$

$$\frac{6}{5} = 1\frac{1}{5}$$



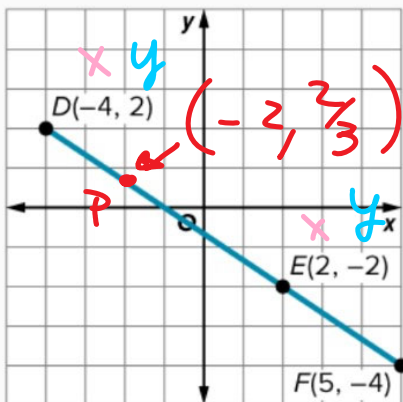
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Example 2: Find a Weighted Average on the Coordinate Plane

Find the coordinate of P that represents the weighted average for the point, based on the given conditions.



Point D weighs twice as much as point E .

$$\begin{array}{r} -4 \\ 2 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 2 \\ 1 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 2 \\ 2 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} -2 \\ 1 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{-8 + 2}{2 + 1} = \frac{-6}{3}$$

$$x = -2$$

$$\frac{4 - 2}{2 + 1} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$y = \frac{2}{3}$$



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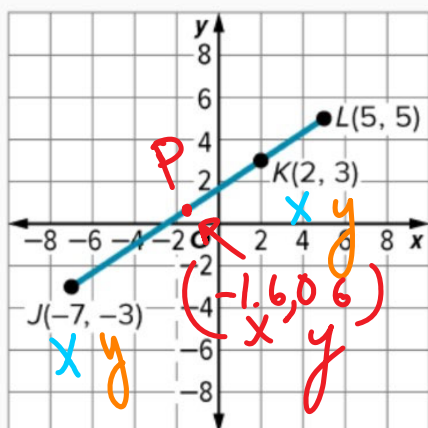
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Example 2 Check

Find the coordinate of P that represents the weighted average for the point, based on the given conditions.



Point J

$$\begin{pmatrix} -7 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Point K

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$- \frac{14 + 6}{2 + 3} = -\frac{8}{5}$$
$$x = -1.6$$

Point J

$$\begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Point K

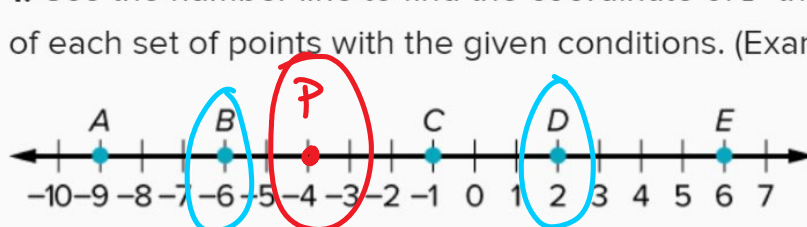
$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$- \frac{6 + 9}{2 + 3} = -\frac{15}{5} = -3$$
$$y = 0.6$$

Point J has a weight of 2, and point K has a weight of 3.



Practice

1. Use the number line to find the coordinate of P that represents the weighted average of each set of points with the given conditions. (Example 1)



Point B weighs three times as much as point D .

Point B

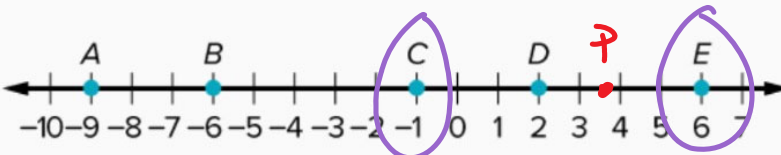
$$\begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Point D

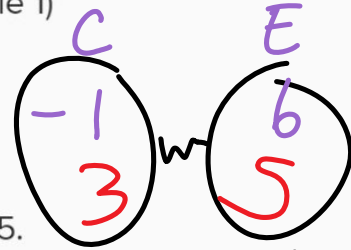
$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$- \frac{18 + 2}{3 + 1} = -\frac{16}{4} = -4$$



2. Use the number line to find the coordinate of P that represents the weighted average of each set of points with the given conditions. (Example 1)



Point C has a weight of 3, and point E has a weight of 5.



$$\frac{-3 + 30}{3 + 5} = \frac{27}{8}$$

$$3.375$$

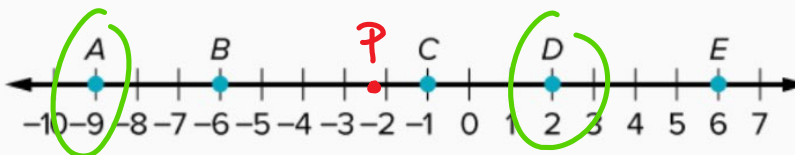


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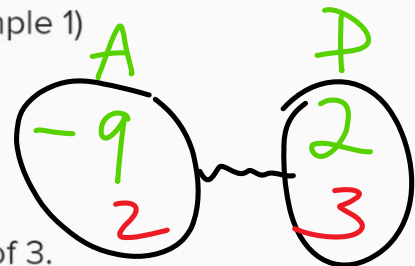
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3. Use the number line to find the coordinate of P that represents the weighted average of each set of points with the given conditions. (Example 1)



Point A has a weight of 2, and point D has a weight of 3.



$$\frac{-18 + 6}{2 + 3} = \frac{-12}{5}$$

$$-2.4$$



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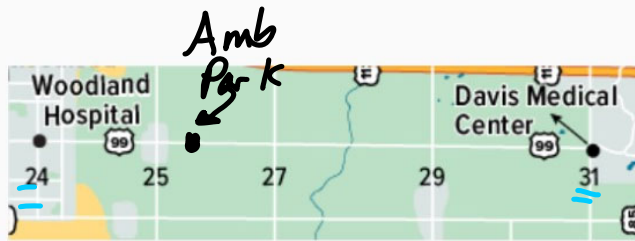
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Some ambulances use weighted averages to find where to park between cities. The weight of a hospital is determined by the average number of emergent patients that

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$$\begin{array}{r} \textcircled{31} \quad \textcircled{24} \\ \text{1} \quad \text{4} \\ \hline 31 + 96 = \frac{127}{5} = 25.4 \end{array}$$

- a. The Davis Medical Center usually has a weight 4 times that of Woodland Hospital. Where should the ambulance park?



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