CBSE Class 10 Maths Notes Chapter 7 Coordinate Geometry

• Position of a point P in the Cartesian plane with respect to co-ordinate axes is represented by the ordered pair (x, y).



- The line X'OX is called the X-axis and YOY' is called the Y-axis.
- The part of intersection of the X-axis and Y-axis is called the origin O and the co-ordinates of O are (0, 0).
- The perpendicular distance of a point P from the Y-axis is the 'x' co-ordinate and is called the abscissa.
- The perpendicular distance of a point P from the X-axis is the 'y' co-ordinate and is called the ordinate.
- Signs of abscissa and ordinate in different quadrants are as given in the diagram:



- Any point on the X-axis is of the form (x, 0).
- Any point on the Y-axis is of the form (0, y).
- The distance between two points P(x1, y1) and Q(x2, y2) is given by

PQ =
$$\sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

Note. If O is the origin, the distance of a point P(x, y) from the origin O(0, 0) is given by OP = $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$

Section formula. The coordinates of the point which divides the line segment joining the points A(x1, y1) and B(x2, y2) internally in the ratio m : n are:

$$A(x_1, y_1) \xrightarrow{m:n} B(x_2, y_2)$$

$$P(x, y) = \left(\frac{mx_2 + nx_1}{m+n}, \frac{my_2 + ny_1}{m+n}\right)$$

The above formula is section formula. The ratio m: n can also be written as $\frac{m}{n}$: 1 or k: 1, The co-ordinates of P can also be written as $P(x,y) = \frac{kx_2+x_1}{k+1}, \frac{ky_2+y_1}{k+1}$

The mid-point of the line segment joining the points P(x1, y1) and Q(x2, y2) is

$$A(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} A(x, y) \\ Q(x_2, y_2) \end{pmatrix}$$
$$A(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + x_2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Here m : n = 1 :1.

Area of a Triangle. The area of a triangle formed by points A(x1 y1), B(x2, y2) and C(x3, y3) is given by $|\Delta|$, where $\Delta = \frac{1}{2} [x_1 (y_2 - y_3) + x_2 (y_3 - y_1) + x_3 (y_1 - y_2)]$ where Δ represents the absolute value.

- Three points are collinear if |A| = 0.
- If P is centroid of a triangle then the median divides it in the ratio 2:1. Co-ordinates of P are given by

$$P=\left(rac{x_1+x_2+x_3}{3},rac{y_1+y_2+y_3}{3}
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Area of a quadrilateral, ABCD = $ar(\Delta ABC) + ar(\Delta ADC)$

