

CO-ORDINATE GEOMETRY

Cartesian & Polar Co-ordinates

(1) Basic Form:-

Cartesian co-ordinate $\rightarrow (x, y)$

Polar co-ordinate $\rightarrow (r, \theta)$

(2) $x = r \cos \theta, y = r \sin \theta$

& $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}, \theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x}$

(3) Distance between $P(x_1, y_1)$ & $Q(x_2, y_2)$ is $PQ = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$

(4) The co – ordinate of R which divides PQ internally (or, externally) in the ratio $m:n$ is

$$\left(\frac{mx_2 \pm nx_1}{m \pm n}, \frac{my_2 \pm ny_1}{m \pm n} \right)$$

(5) The mid – point of $P(x_1, y_1)$ & $Q(x_2, y_2)$ is $\left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} \right)$

(6) The centroid of ΔABC with vertices $A(x_1, y_1), B(x_2, y_2)$ & $C(x_3, y_3)$ is $\left(\frac{x_1 + x_2 + x_3}{3}, \frac{y_1 + y_2 + y_3}{3} \right)$

(7) The area of ΔABC is

$$= \frac{1}{2} |y_1(x_2 - x_3) + y_2(x_3 - x_1) + y_3(x_1 - x_2)| \text{ unit}^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} |x_1(y_2 - y_3) + x_2(y_3 - y_1) + x_3(y_1 - y_2)| \text{ unit}^2$$

(8) Three points $A(x_1, y_1), B(x_2, y_2)$ & $C(x_3, y_3)$ will be collinear if

$$y_1(x_2 - x_3) + y_2(x_3 - x_1) + y_3(x_1 - x_2) = 0$$

Straight Line

(1) The gradient (or, slope) of a straight line in the direction of positive X – axis with angle θ is $m = \tan \theta$.

(2) The slope of a straight line joining the points $A(x_1, y_1)$ & $B(x_2, y_2)$ is $m = \frac{y_1 - y_2}{x_1 - x_2}$

(3) (i) $y = 0 \rightarrow$ equation of X – axis

(ii) $y = b \rightarrow \parallel$ X – axis

(iii) $x = 0 \rightarrow$ equation of Y – axis

(iv) $x = a \rightarrow \parallel$ Y – axis

(4) Forms of straight line

(i) General form: $ax + by + c = 0$ [a & b must not be zero simultaneously]

(ii) Slope – intercept form: $y = mx + c$

(iii) Point – slope form: $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$