01 Graphing

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1 Introduction

When a graph is plotted, there is usually a way to translate the relationship between the x axis and the y axis. For example, if x represents time and y represents distance, then: $\frac{x}{y}$ represents velocity.

2 Cartersian Coordinate System

The (textitreference) point where the x axis and y axis meet is called the textitorigin.

Points on a graph are represented as textitordered pairs in the form (x, y). This will show the location of the point on the graph. This means that all locations on the graph will have a name - textbfthe ordered pair. There is exactly one ordered pair that is going to name that location. The sign (+ or -) gives direction to the name.

Every single point on the plane has exactly one name and every ordered pair has exactly on location.

This system - textitthe cartesian coordinate system was named after Rene Descartes - a philosopher and scientist from France.