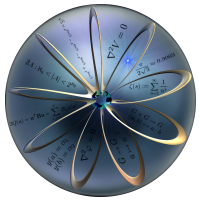

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The *Cartesian coordinates* of a point in $\mathbb{R}^3$ for determining its in three-dimensional space are the three real numbers x, y and z, which are called

- x-coordinate or *abscissa*,
- y-coordinate or *ordinate*,
- z-coordinate or *applicate*.

The last name "applicate" is rare in English, but its in continental European , as "die Applikate" in German and "aplikaat" in Estonian, are more known.

Similarly, in $\mathbb{R}^n$ for all $n = 1, 2, 3, \ldots$ one needs n coordinates for specifying the location of a point.