


Chapter 7: Coordinate Geometry (Class 10 – NCERT)

◆ 7.1 Introduction

- A point on a plane has two coordinates:
 - **x-coordinate (abscissa)**: Distance from y-axis
 - **y-coordinate (ordinate)**: Distance from x-axis
- Example:
 - Point on x-axis: $(x, 0)$
 - Point on y-axis: $(0, y)$

◆ 7.2 Distance Formula

 Concept:

To find the distance between two points **A**(x_1, y_1) and **B**(x_2, y_2):

✓ Formula:

$$\text{Distance (AB)} = \sqrt{[(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2]}$$


● Special Case:

- From origin $(0, 0)$ to (x, y) :
- Distance of point **P**(x, y) from the origin **(0, 0)**: Distance = $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$

Important PYQ Trends:

- Finding distance between two points
- Check if three points form a triangle
- Use of converse of Pythagoras theorem

◆ 7.3 Section Formula

 Concept:

If a point P divides the line joining A(x_1, y_1) and B(x_2, y_2) in the ratio $m_1 : m_2$

✓ Formula:

$$P(x, y) = \left(\frac{(m_1x_2 + m_2x_1)}{(m_1 + m_2)}, \frac{(m_1y_2 + m_2y_1)}{(m_1 + m_2)} \right)$$

● Mid-point Formula (ratio 1:1):

$$\text{Midpoint} = \left(\frac{(x_1 + x_2)}{2}, \frac{(y_1 + y_2)}{2} \right)$$

Examples (PYQs)

Q1. Do $(3,2)$, $(-2,-3)$, $(2,3)$ form a triangle?

- Use distance formula to check if the sum of two sides $>$ third side.

Q2. Are $(1,7)$, $(4,2)$, $(-1,-1)$, $(-4,4)$ vertices of a square?

- All sides equal and both diagonals equal \Rightarrow Square

Q3. Find a point on y-axis equidistant from $A(6, 5)$ and $B(-4, 3)$

- Let point be $(0, y)$ and use distance formula on both sides

Q4. Find coordinates of a point dividing $(4, -3)$ and $(8, 5)$ in 3:1

- Use section formula

Frequently Asked Questions (Based on Previous Years):

Topic	Type of Question	Frequency
Distance formula	Find distance, check triangle	Very Frequent
Collinearity check	Are points collinear?	Frequent
Section formula	Find point dividing a segment	Very Frequent
Midpoint of a segment	Used in parallelogram/diameter problems	Frequent
Square/parallelogram verification	Using side and diagonal lengths	Occasional

Tips for solving questions:

- Always draw a rough figure for 3-point/4-point questions.
- For “equidistant” problems, use distance formula and equate.
- Don’t forget: Square root answer only if distance is asked.

- Double-check calculation signs (negative signs often cause errors).