# Section %% Rectangular Coordinateg

**Objective:** In this lesson you learned how to plot points in the coordinate plane and use the Distance and Midpoint Formulas.

Define each term or concept.

Rectangular coordinate system

**Important Vocabulary** 

Ordered pair

I. The Cartesian Plane (Pages 4-5)

The **Cartesian plane**, named after the French mathematician René Descartes, is formed by . . .

On the Cartesian plane, the horizontal real number line is usually

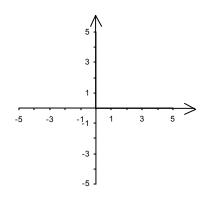
called the \_\_\_\_\_, and the vertical real number line is

usually called the \_\_\_\_\_. The origin is the \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_of these two axes, and the two axes divide

the plane into four parts called \_\_\_\_\_

On the Cartesian plane shown below, label the *x*-axis, the *y*-axis, the origin, Quadrant I, Quadrant II, Quadrant III, and Quadrant IV.



To sketch a scatter plot of paired data given in a table, ...

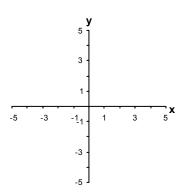
*What you should learn* How to plot points in the Cartesian plane

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**Example:** Explain how to plot the ordered pair (3, -2), and then plot it on the Cartesian plane provided.



- **II. The Distance Formula** (Pages 6-5)
- The Distance Formula states that . . .
- **Example:** Explain how to use the Distance Formula to find the distance between the points (4, 2) and (5, -1). Then find the distance and round to the nearest hundredth.

### *What you should learn* How to use the Distance Formula to find the distance between two points

### III. The Midpoint Formula (Page 5)

The **midpoint** of a line segment is the point that subdivides the segment into two portions of \_\_\_\_\_\_ length. The **Midpoint Formula** gives the midpoint of the segment joining the points  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  as . . . *What you should learn* How to use the Midpoint Formula to find the midpoint of a line segment **Example:** Explain how to find the midpoint of the line segment with endpoints at (-8, 2) and (6,10). Then find the coordinates of the midpoint.

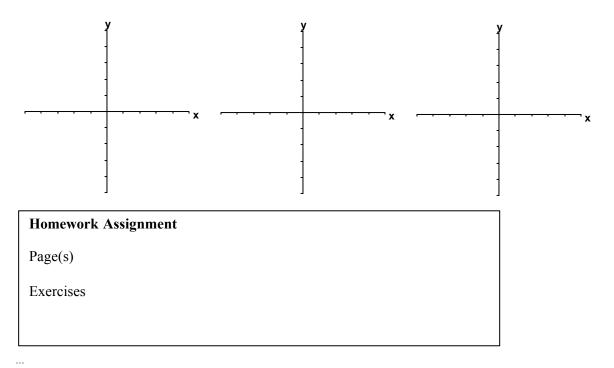
## IV. Applications (Pages 8-9)

To shift a figure plotted in the rectangular coordinate system by a units to the left and b units upward, . . .

Give two examples of real-life situations in which representing data graphically would be useful.

Describe a real-life situation in which the Distance Formula could be used to solve a problem.

#### **Additional notes**



*What you should learn* How to use a coordinate plane to model and solve real-life problems