Rectangular Coordinate System

In pre-algebra, we used number lines to plot numbers and equations and inequalities of <u>1 variable</u> (x = -3, x < 4 => one-dimensional)

-5 -4 -3 -2 -1 0 1 2 3 4 5

- To examine equations involving <u>2 variables</u>, we graph on a rectangular (Cartesian) coordinate system (y = x, y = x 1 => two-dimensional)
- On a plane, each point is a pair of numbers =>(1,2); (-2,-3); (3,-1)



Quadrants and Finding Coordinates

- Coordinates like (2,3) are called <u>ordered pairs</u> and are of the form (x,y), where x is the x-coordinate, and y is the y-coordinate
- Graphs can be divided into 4 quadrants
 - Quadrant I => both coordinates are positive
 - Quadrant II => 1st-coordinate negative / 2nd-coordinate positive
 - Quadrant III => both coordinates are negative
 - Quadrant IV => 1st-coordinate positive / 2nd-coordinate negative



Solutions of Equations

- To determine if an ordered pair is a solution of an equation, we use the 1st number in the pair to replace the variable that occurs 1st alphabetically
- The solution of an equation in 2 variables (typically x and y) is an ordered pair which when substituted into the equation give a true statement
- Because of this, we can generate ordered-pair solutions to equations to graph
 - Substituting x = 2 into $y = 3 x^2$ gives an ordered pair solution of (2,
 - Show that (-2,-1) is a solution to $y = 3 x^2$
 - Graph $y = 3 x^2$ by using numbers from -2 to 2 for x and finding the coordinates



Identifying Intercepts

- A y-intercept of a graph is a point where the graph intersects the y-axis (this is also the point where x = 0)
- An x-intercept of a graph is a point where the graph intersects the x-axis (this is also the point where y = 0)
- Two graphs intersect each other at any point where their x-coordinates and ycoordinates are the same

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• Find the x and y intercepts for the following...

Blue:

Red:

Green:

Purple:

2x + 5y = 10:

 $y = 4 - x^2$:

 Bonus: At what points do the blue and green graph intersect each other?



Interpreting Graphs

Book problems: 1, 3, 5, 9, 11, 13, 17, 23, 39, 45, 57

- Line graphs are often used to show trends over time or a range
- By identifying points on line graphs and their coordinates, you can interpret specific information given in the graph
- How many rushing yards did the Hokies have in 2008? In 2012?
- How many passing yards did the Hokies have in 2012?
- For the period given, what is the biggest total of rushing yards in a season for the Hokies and in what season?
- Around how many more passing yards did VT have than rushing yards in 2013?
- How many more yards passing did the Hokies have in 2010 than the previous season (Δy)?



Yards Per Season (VA Tech Hokies)