

The midpoint of a segment is the point that divides the segment into two congruent pieces. The midpoint of the segment that joins points (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) is the point $\left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2}\right)$.

To find the midpoint of the segment joining, (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) , average the two x values and average the two y values.

Find the midpoint of the segment with the following endpoints:

Example 1. $(5, 8)$ and $(2, 6)$

Answer:

$$\left(\frac{5+2}{2}, \frac{8+6}{2}\right)$$

$$\left(\frac{7}{2}, \frac{14}{2}\right)$$

$$\left(\frac{7}{2}, 7\right)$$

Example 2. $(-8, 3)$ and $(4, -1)$

Answer:

$$\left(\frac{-8+4}{2}, \frac{3+(-1)}{2}\right)$$

$$\left(\frac{-4}{2}, \frac{2}{2}\right)$$

$$(-2, 1)$$

The distance, d , between two points with coordinates (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) can be found using the Pythagorean Theorem

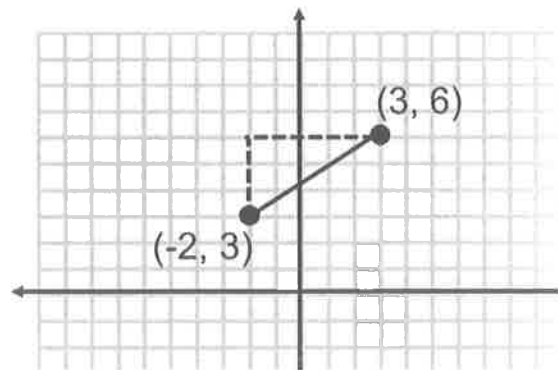
Example 3. Find the distance between $(-2, 3)$ and $(3, 6)$.

Find the vertical distance between the y -coordinates.

$$\Delta y = 6 - 3 = 3$$

Find the horizontal distance between the x -coordinates.

$$\Delta x = 3 - (-2) = 5$$



Use the Pythagorean Theorem $(a^2 + b^2 = c^2)$ to solve for the distance.

$$3^2 + 5^2 = c^2$$

$$9 + 25 = c^2$$

$$34 = c^2$$

$$\sqrt{34} = c$$

Find the coordinates of the midpoint of the segment joining the given points.

1. (0, 2) and (6, 4)

$$M = \left(\frac{0+6}{2}, \frac{2+4}{2} \right) = \left(\frac{6}{2}, \frac{6}{2} \right) = \boxed{(3, 3)}$$

2. (-11, 3) and (8, -7)

$$M = \left(\frac{-11+8}{2}, \frac{3+(-7)}{2} \right) = \left(\frac{-3}{2}, \frac{-4}{2} \right) = \boxed{\left(-\frac{3}{2}, -2\right)}$$

3. (2.3, 3.7) and (1.5, -2.9)

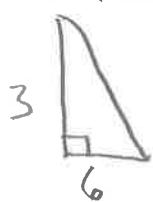
$$M = \left(\frac{2.3+1.5}{2}, \frac{3.7+(-2.9)}{2} \right) = \left(\frac{3.8}{2}, \frac{0.8}{2} \right) = \boxed{(1.9, 0.4)}$$

4. (x, 2) and (x+4, -4)

$$M = \left(\frac{x+x+4}{2}, \frac{2+(-4)}{2} \right) = \left(\frac{2x+4}{2}, \frac{-2}{2} \right) = \boxed{(x+2, -1)}$$

Find the distance between the two points.

5. (-4, 2) and (2, -1)



$$6^2 + 3^2 = d^2 \rightarrow \text{distance}$$

$$36 + 9 = d^2$$

$$\boxed{\sqrt{45} = d \approx 6.71}$$

6. (-2, -3) and (-2, 4)

vertical line: x-values are the same!

$$\boxed{d = 7}$$

7. (3, 2) and (5, -2)

$$d^2 = 2^2 + 4^2$$

$$\boxed{d = \sqrt{20} \approx 4.47}$$

8. (5, -7) and (8, -2)

$$d^2 = 3^2 + 5^2$$

$$\boxed{d = \sqrt{34} \approx 5.83}$$

For the given endpoints of a diameter in a circle, find

a. the center of the circle (Midpoint)

b. the radius of the circle → Distance from midpoint to endpoint ^{either endpoint}

9. (-8, 6) and (0, 0)

$$\text{Center} = \text{Midpoint} = \left(\frac{-8+0}{2}, \frac{6+0}{2} \right) = \boxed{(-4, 3)}$$

$$\text{Radius: } d^2 = 4^2 + 3^2$$

$$d = \sqrt{25} = \boxed{5 \text{ units}}$$

10. (4, -9) and (-2, -9)

$$\text{Center} = M = \left(\frac{4+(-2)}{2}, \frac{-9+(-9)}{2} \right) = \boxed{(1, -9)}$$

11. The midpoint of two coordinates is (5, 7). If one coordinate is (8, 3), what is the other coordinate? (x, y)

$$(5, 7) = \left(\frac{8+x}{2}, \frac{3+y}{2} \right) \quad 5 = \frac{8+x}{2} \quad 7 = \frac{3+y}{2}$$

$$\boxed{(2, 11)} \quad 10 = 8+x \quad 14 = 3+y$$

$$2 = x \quad 11 = y$$

12. The midpoint of two coordinates is (-3, 2). If one coordinate is (4, 5), what is the other coordinate?

$$(-3, 2) = \left(\frac{4+x}{2}, \frac{5+y}{2} \right) \quad \frac{4+x}{2} = -3 \quad \frac{5+y}{2} = 2$$

$$\boxed{(-10, -1)} \quad 4+x = -6 \quad 5+y = 4$$

$$x = -10 \quad y = -1$$

13. The distance between two coordinates is $\sqrt{89}$. If the coordinates are (7, 3) and (15, y), what value(s) could y be?

$$(\sqrt{89})^2 = 8^2 + (y-3)^2$$

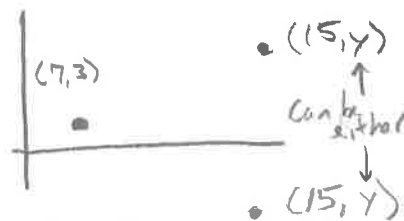
$$89 = 64 + (y-3)^2$$

$$25 = (y-3)^2$$

$$\pm 5 = y-3$$

$$5 = y-3 \quad \boxed{8=y}$$

$$-5 = y-3 \quad \boxed{-2=y}$$



14. The distance between two coordinates is $\sqrt{109}$. If the coordinates are (2, 7) and (x, -3), what value(s) could x be?

$$(\sqrt{109})^2 = (2-x)^2 + 10^2$$

$$109 = (2-x)^2 + 100$$

$$9 = (2-x)^2$$

$$\pm 3 = 2-x$$

$$3 = 2-x$$

$$1 = -x \quad \boxed{x=-1}$$

$$-3 = 2-x$$

$$-5 = -x \quad \boxed{x=5}$$