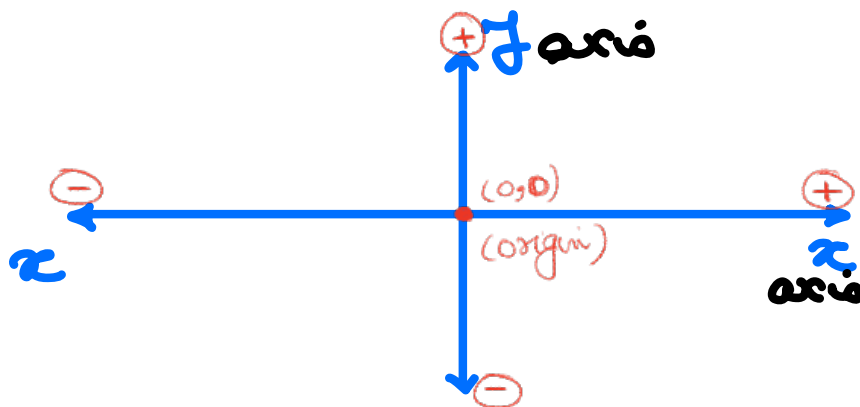


# 1.1 The Coordinate Plane

## Objectives

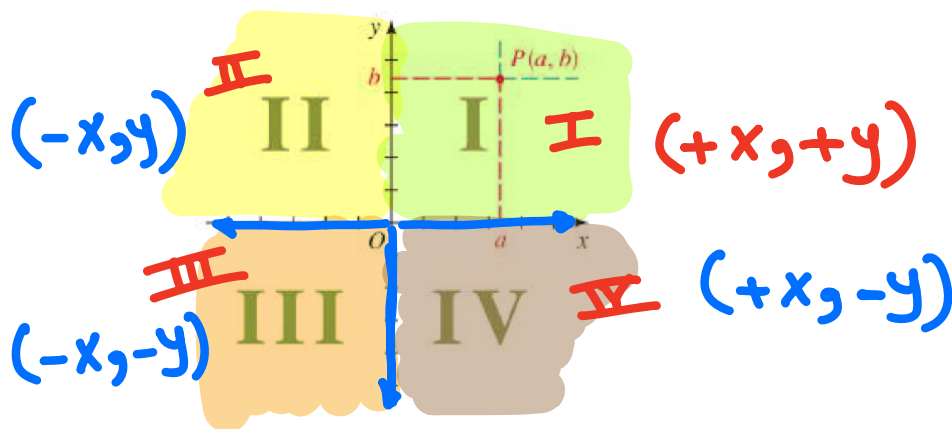
- The Coordinate Plane
- The Distance Formula
- The Midpoint Formula



Just as points on a line can be identified with real numbers to form the coordinate line, points in a plane can be identified with ordered pairs of numbers to form the **coordinate plane** or **Cartesian plane**.

To do this, we draw two perpendicular real lines that intersect at 0 on each line. Usually, one line is horizontal with positive direction to the right and is called the **x-axis**; the other line is vertical with positive direction upward and is called the **y-axis**.

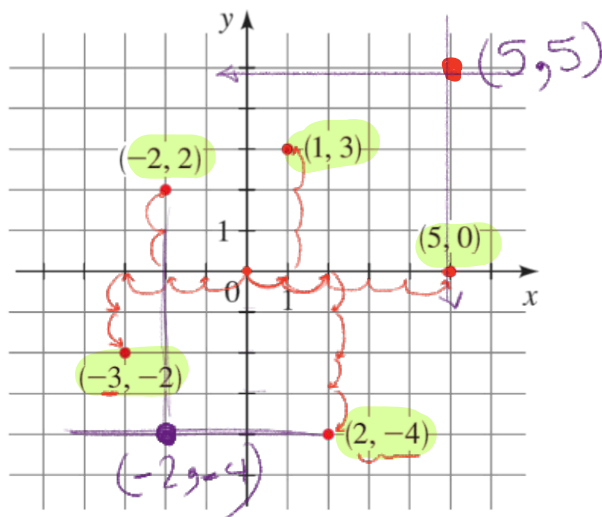
The point of intersection of the x-axis and the y-axis is the **origin O**, and the two axes divide the plane into four **quadrants**, labeled I, II, III, and IV in Figure 1. (The points *on* the coordinate axes are not assigned to any quadrant.)



Any point  $P$  in the coordinate plane can be located by a unique **ordered pair** of numbers  $(a, b)$ , as shown in Figure 1.

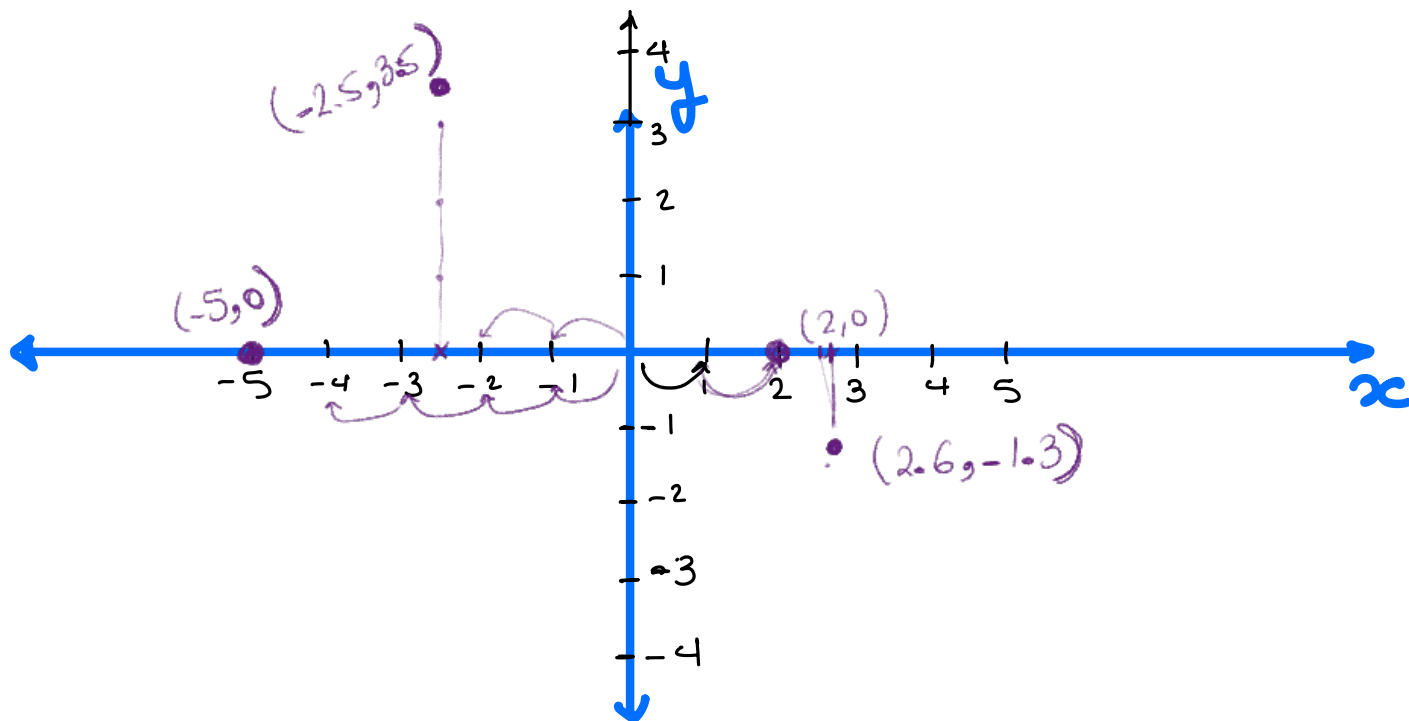
The first number  $a$  is called the **x-coordinate** of  $P$ ; the second number  $b$  is called the **y-coordinate** of  $P$ .

We can think of the coordinates of  $P$  as its “address,” because they specify its location in the plane. Several points are labeled with their coordinates in Figure 2.



**7–8 ■ Points in a Coordinate Plane** Plot the given points in a coordinate plane.

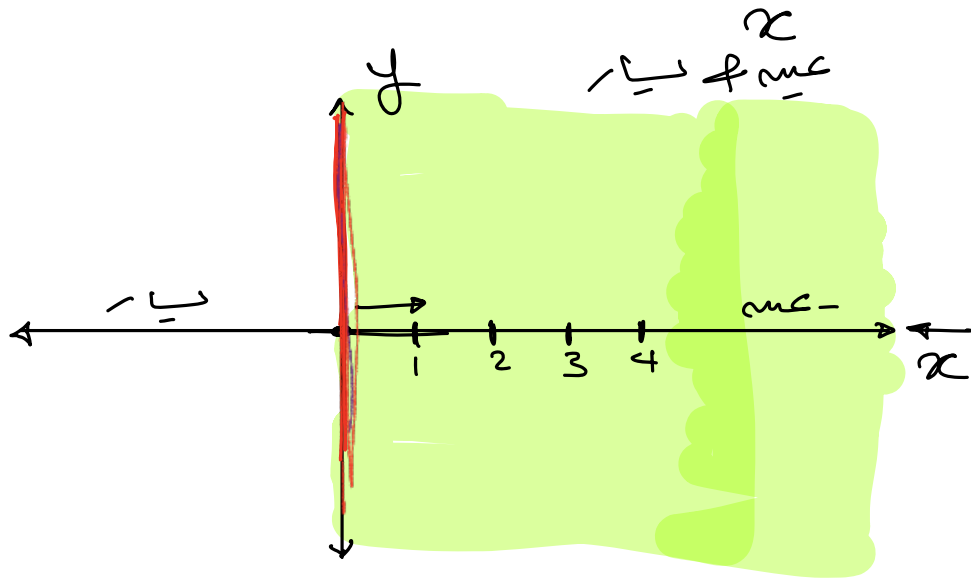
8.  $(-5, 0)$ ,  $(2, 0)$ ,  $(2.6, -1.3)$ ,  $(-2.5, 3.5)$



Describe and sketch the regions given by each set.

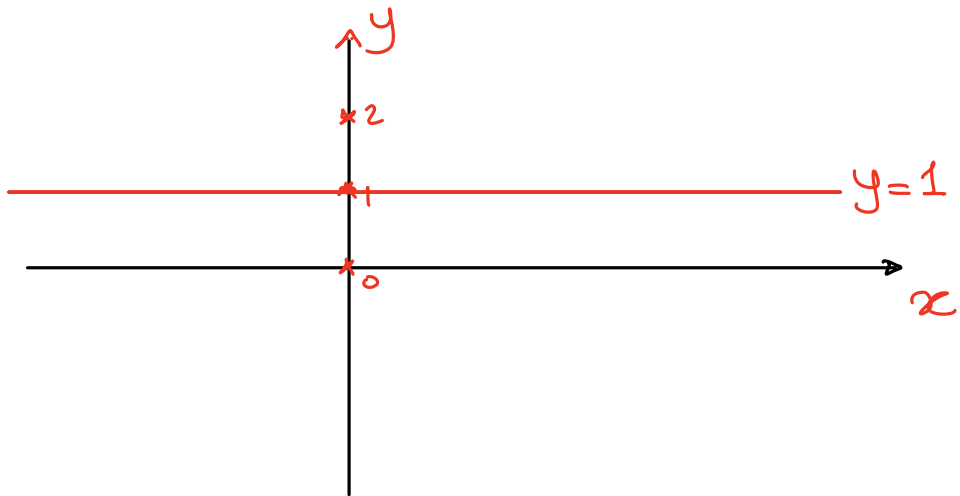
(a)  $\{(x, y) \mid x \geq 0\}$

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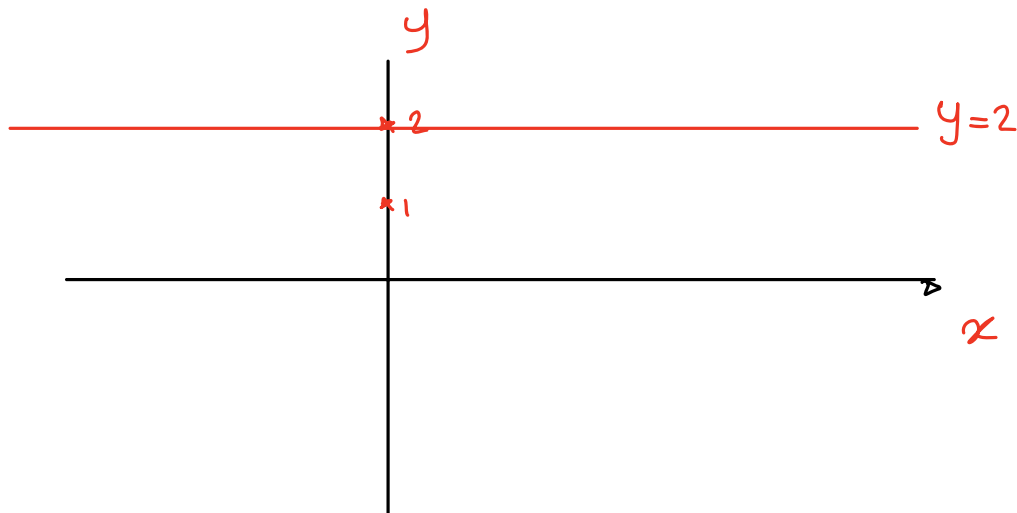


(b)  $\{(x, y) \mid y = 1\}$

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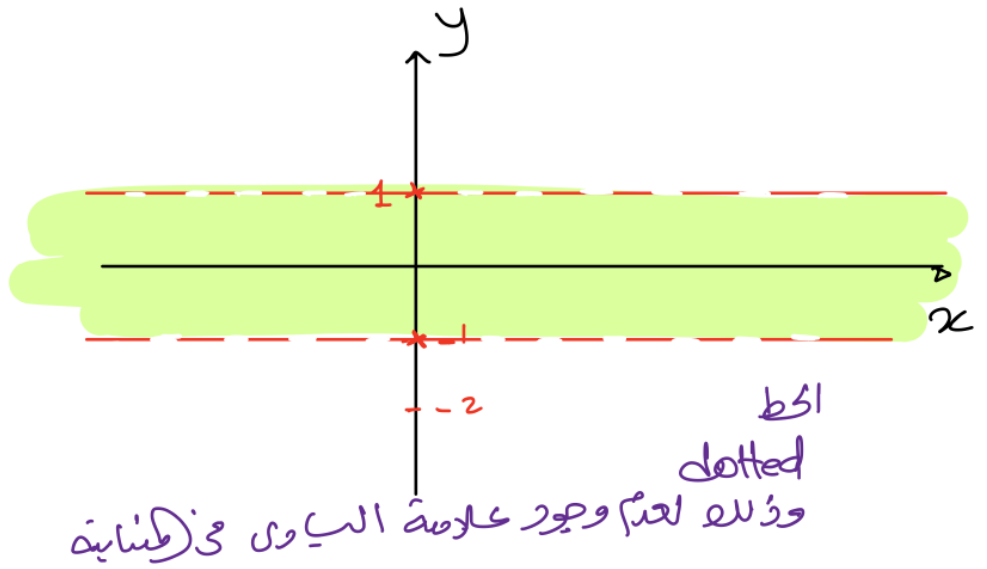


10.  $\{(x, y) \mid y = 2\}$

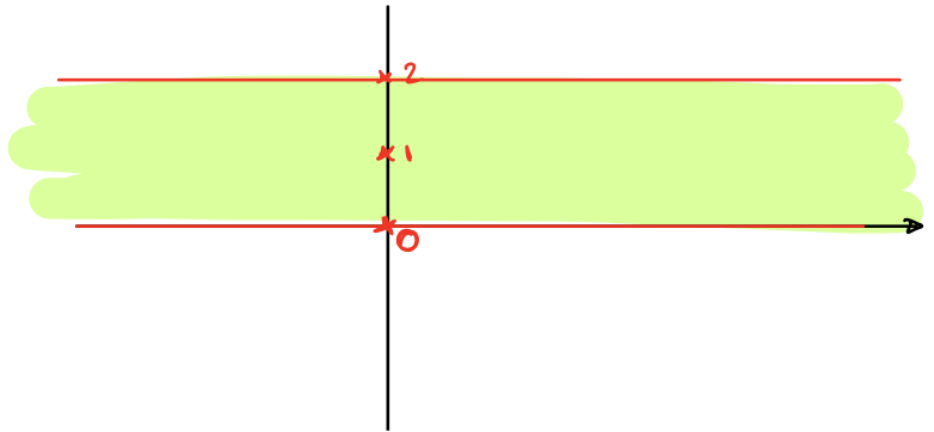


(c)  $\{(x, y) \mid -1 < y < 1\}$

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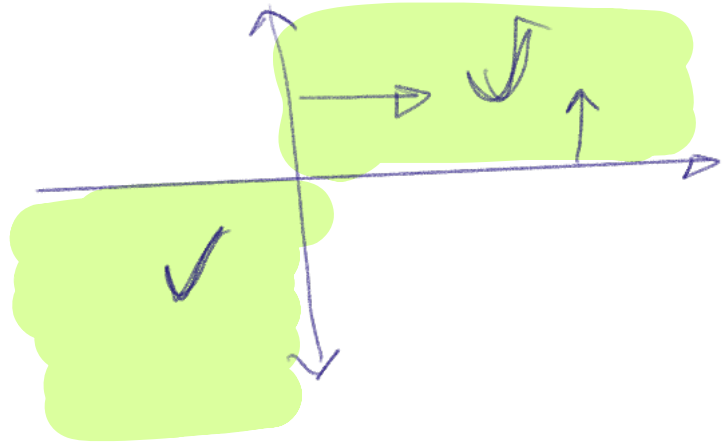
14.  $\{(x, y) \mid 0 \leq y \leq 2\}$



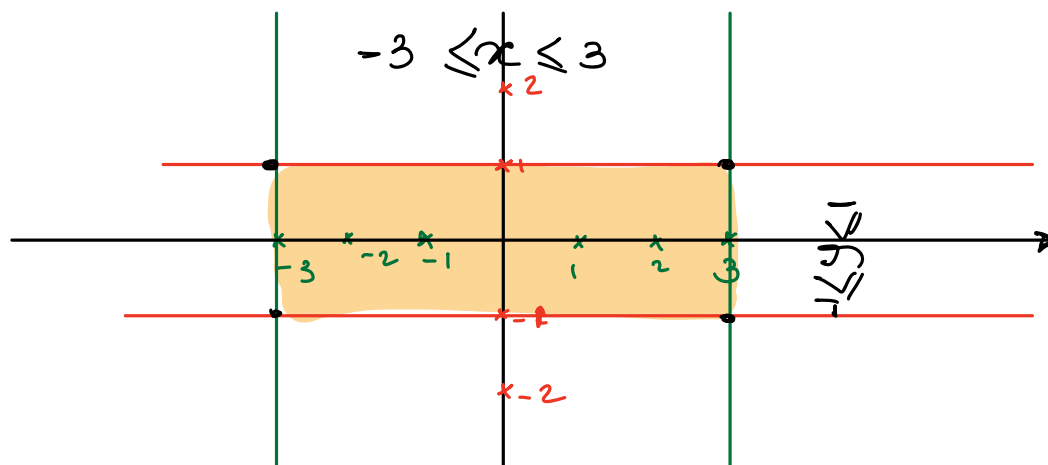
16.  $\{(x, y) \mid xy > 0\}$

$x > 0 \quad y > 0$

$x^+ \quad y^+ = +$   
 $x^- \quad y^- = +$



20.  $\{(x, y) \mid \underline{-3} \leq x \leq \underline{3} \text{ and } -1 \leq y \leq 1\}$



# The Distance Formula

We now find a formula for the distance  $d(A, B)$  between two points  $A(x_1, y_1)$  and  $B(x_2, y_2)$  in the plane.

We know that the distance between points  $a$  and  $b$  on a number line is

$$d(a, b) = |b - a|.$$

So from Figure 4 we see that the distance between the points  $A(x_1, y_1)$  and  $C(x_2, y_1)$  on a horizontal line must be  $|x_2 - x_1|$ , and the distance between  $B(x_2, y_2)$  and  $C(x_2, y_1)$  on a vertical line must be  $|y_2 - y_1|$ .

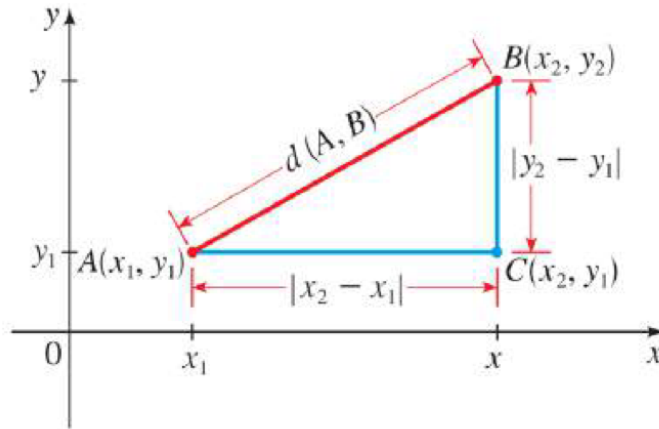


Figure 4

Since triangle  $ABC$  is a right triangle, the Pythagorean Theorem gives

$$d(A, B) = \sqrt{|x_2 - x_1|^2 + |y_2 - y_1|^2} = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

## Distance Formula

The distance between the points  $A(x_1, y_1)$  and  $B(x_2, y_2)$  in the plane is

$$d(A, B) = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

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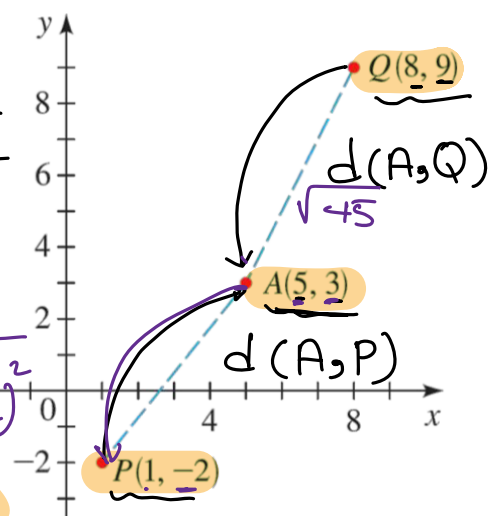
Find the distance between the points  $A(\underline{2}, \underline{5})$  and  $B(\underline{4}, \underline{-1})$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(A, B) &= \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{(4 - 2)^2 + (-1 - 5)^2} = \sqrt{2^2 + (-6)^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{4 + 36} = \sqrt{40} = \sqrt{4 \times 10} = 2\sqrt{10}
 \end{aligned}$$

Which of the points  $P(1, -2)$  or  $Q(8, 9)$  is closer to the point  $A(5, 3)$ ?

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(A, Q) &= \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{(5 - 8)^2 + (3 - 9)^2} = \sqrt{(-3)^2 + (-6)^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{9 + 36} = \sqrt{45}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(A, P) &= \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2} = \sqrt{(5 - 1)^2 + (3 - (-2))^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{4^2 + 5^2} = \sqrt{16 + 25} = \sqrt{41}
 \end{aligned}$$



point P is closer from A

36. Which of the points  $C(\underline{-6}, \underline{3})$  or  $D(\underline{3}, \underline{0})$  is closer to the point  $E(\underline{-2}, \underline{1})$ ?

$$d(C, E) = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2} = \sqrt{(-6 - (-2))^2 + (3 - 1)^2} = \sqrt{(-4)^2 + (2)^2} = \sqrt{20}$$

$$d(D, E) = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2} = \sqrt{(3 - (-2))^2 + (0 - 1)^2} = \sqrt{5^2 + (-1)^2} = \sqrt{25 + 1} = \sqrt{26}$$

Point C is closer to point E

# The Midpoint Formula

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Now let's find the coordinates  $(x, y)$  of the midpoint  $M$  of the line segment that joins the point  $A(x_1, y_1)$  to the point  $B(x_2, y_2)$ .

In Figure 7, notice that triangles  $APM$  and  $MQB$  are congruent because  $d(A, M) = d(M, B)$  and the corresponding angles are equal.

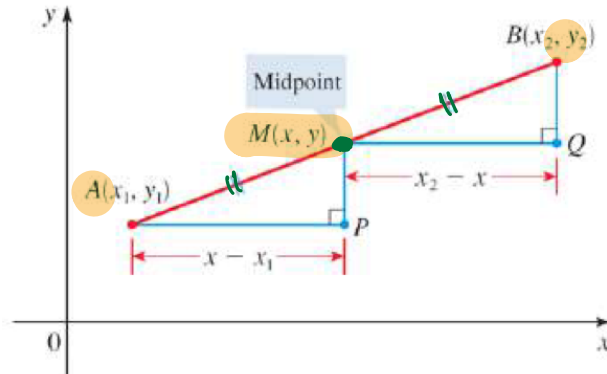


Figure 7

## Midpoint Formula

The midpoint of the line segment from  $A(x_1, y_1)$  to  $B(x_2, y_2)$  is

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

Find the midpoint of the line segment that joins  $(-2, 1)$  and  $(4, 5)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Midpoint} &= \left( \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} \right) = \left( \frac{-2 + 4}{2}, \frac{1 + 5}{2} \right) \\ &= \left( \frac{2}{2}, \frac{6}{2} \right) = (1, 3) \end{aligned}$$

25–30 ■ Distance and Midpoint A pair of points is given. (a) Plot the points in a coordinate plane. (b) Find the distance between them. (c) Find the midpoint of the segment that joins them.

28.  $(-1, 1), (-6, -3)$

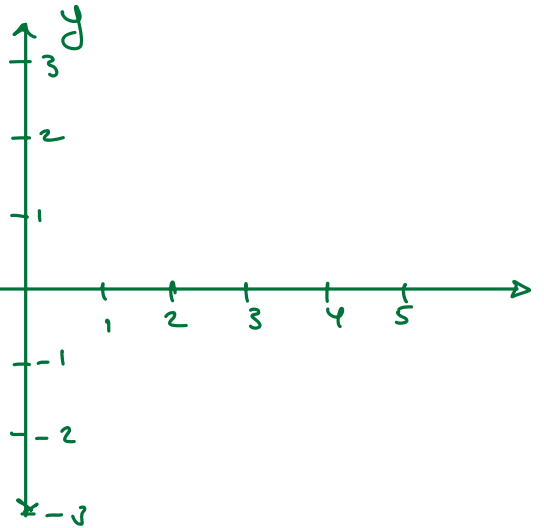
$$d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{(-6 - (-1))^2 + (-3 - 1)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{(-5)^2 + (-4)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{25 + 16} = \sqrt{41}$$

$$\text{Midpoint} = \left( \frac{x_2 + x_1}{2}, \frac{y_2 + y_1}{2} \right) = \left( \frac{-6 + (-1)}{2}, \frac{-3 + 1}{2} \right) = \left( \frac{-7}{2}, \frac{-2}{2} \right) = \left( -\frac{7}{2}, -1 \right)$$



30.  $(0, -6), (5, 0)$

$$d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

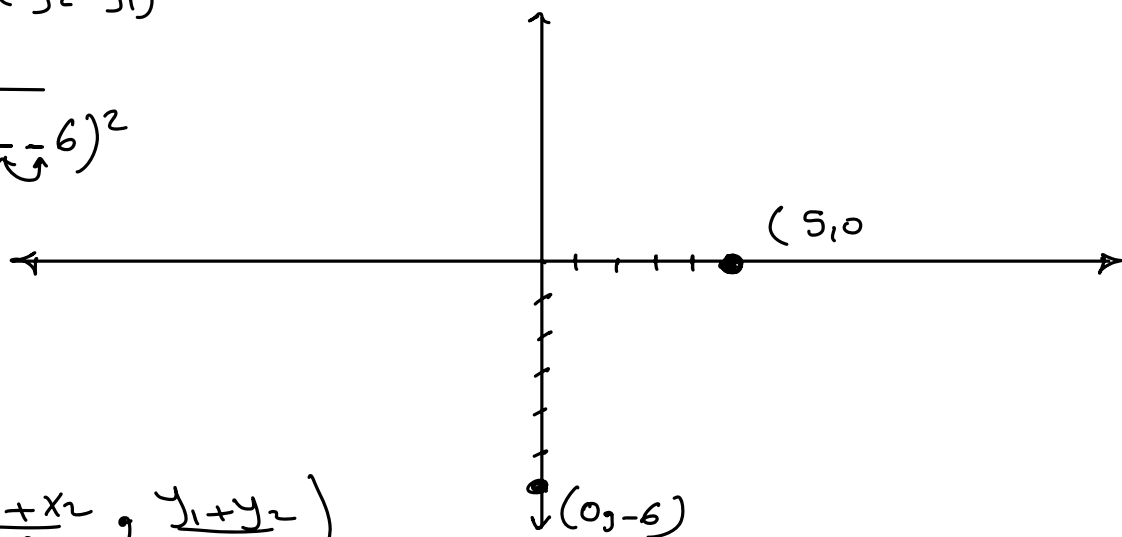
$$= \sqrt{(5 - 0)^2 + (0 - (-6))^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{25 + 36}$$

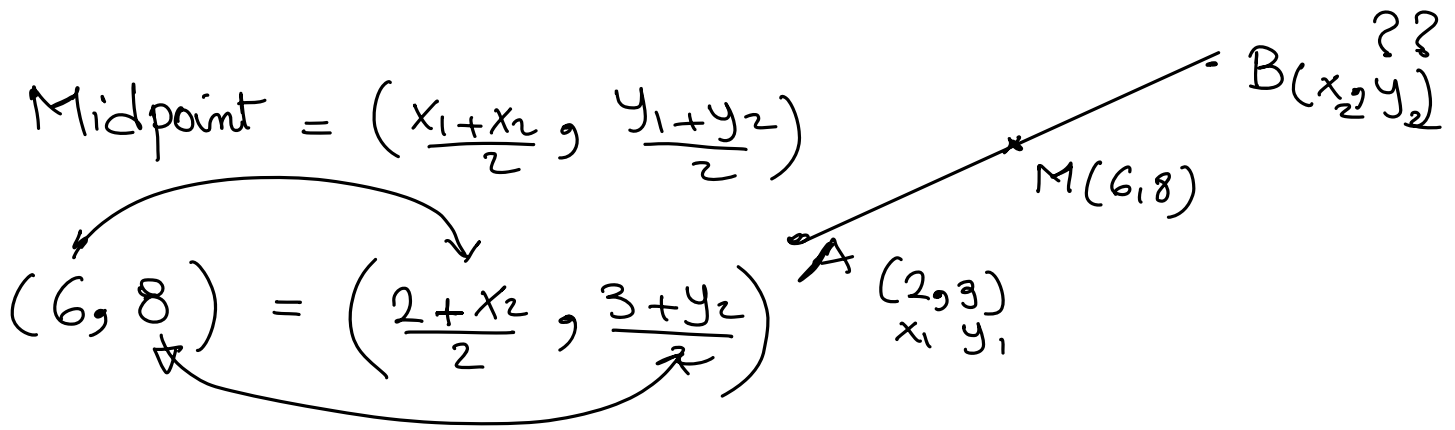
$$= \sqrt{61}$$

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

$$= \left( \frac{0 + 5}{2}, \frac{-6 + 0}{2} \right) = \left( \frac{5}{2}, -3 \right)$$



48. If  $M(6, 8)$  is the midpoint of the line segment  $AB$  and if  $A$  has coordinates  $(2, 3)$ , find the coordinates of  $B$ .



$$\cancel{6} = \frac{\cancel{2} + x_2}{2}$$

$$\cancel{8} = \frac{\cancel{3} + y_2}{2}$$

$$6 \times 2 = (2 + x_2) \times 1$$

$$8 \times 2 = (3 + y_2) \times 1$$

$$12 = (2 + x_2)$$

$$16 = 3 + y_2$$

$$12 - 2 = x_2$$

$$16 - 3 = y_2$$

$$\boxed{10 = x_2}$$

$$\boxed{13 = y_2}$$

Point  $B(x_2, y_2) = (10, 13)$

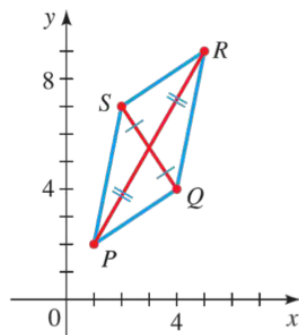
### EXAMPLE 5 ■ Applying the Midpoint Formula

Show that the quadrilateral with vertices  $P(1, 2)$ ,  $Q(4, 4)$ ,  $R(5, 9)$ , and  $S(2, 7)$  is a parallelogram by proving that its two diagonals bisect each other.

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Midpoint of  $\boxed{SQ}$

$$\begin{matrix} x_1 & y_1 & x_2 & y_2 \\ (2, 7) & & (4, 4) & \end{matrix}$$



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

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

Midpoint of  $\boxed{PR}$   $(1, 2)$   $(5, 9)$

$$\text{Midpoint} \left( \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} \right) = \left( \frac{1+5}{2}, \frac{2+9}{2} \right) = \left( 3, \frac{11}{2} \right)$$

2 diagonals have same midpoint they bisect each other  
PQRS is parallelogram

43. Show that the points  $A(-2, 9)$ ,  $B(4, 6)$ ,  $C(1, 0)$ , and  $D(-5, 3)$  are the vertices of a square.

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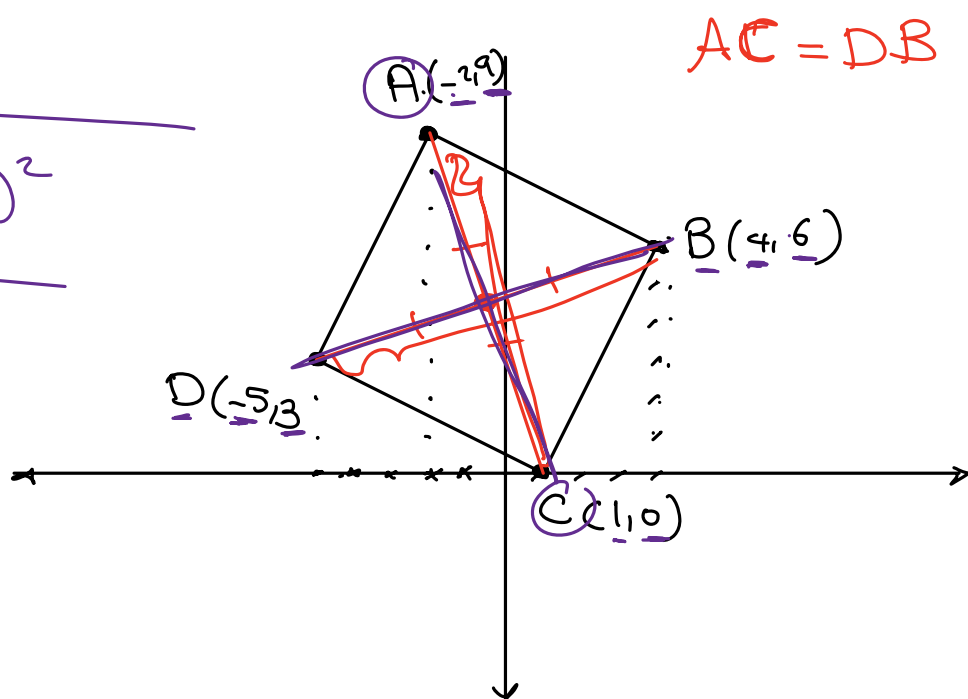
$d(A, C)$

$$= \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{(-2 - 1)^2 + (9 - 0)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{9 + 81}$$

$$= \sqrt{90}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 d(B, D) &= \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{(4 - 5)^2 + (6 - 3)^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{9^2 + 3^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{81 + 9} = \sqrt{90}
 \end{aligned}$$

# Midpoint between A & C

$$= \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} = \left( \frac{-2 + 1}{2}, \frac{9 + 0}{2} \right) = \left( -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{9}{2} \right)$$

Midpoint between B & D

$$= \left( \frac{-5 + 4}{2}, \frac{6 + 3}{2} \right) = \left( -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{9}{2} \right)$$

Line AC & BD they have same length &  
 same midpoint  $\rightarrow$  they  
 bisect each other  
 .then ABCD is a square

