

4.5 The Distance Formula

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Day 8 Notes

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Point

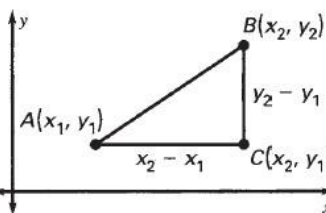
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Coordinate Plane

THE DISTANCE FORMULA

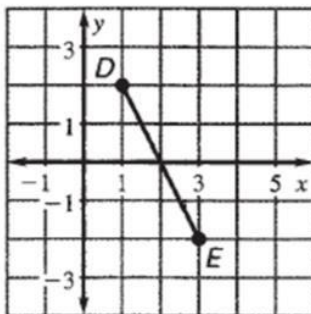
If $A(x_1, y_1)$ and $B(x_2, y_2)$ are points in a coordinate plane, then the distance between A and B is

$$AB = \sqrt{(\quad)^2 + (\quad)^2}.$$



Example 3 Use the Distance Formula

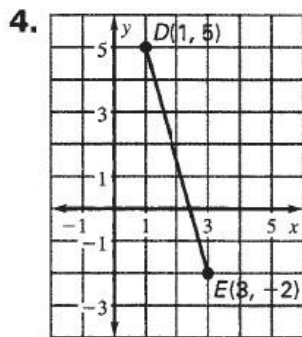
Find the distance between $D(1, 2)$ and $E(3, -2)$.



Follow-Up

Can Example 3 be done using the Pythagorean Theorem rather than the Distance Formula? Explain.

✓ **Checkpoint** Find the distance between the points.



USING ONLY THE DISTANCE FORMULA: Find the distance between the two points (5,3) and (10, 9).

Summary:

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Point

- Has an x and a y coordinate
- (x, y) -always in this order
- Ex. (3, 2) -3 over on the x axis, 2 up on the y axis

Nonnegotiable

- Something that cannot change. It is permanently the way it is

Coordinate Plane

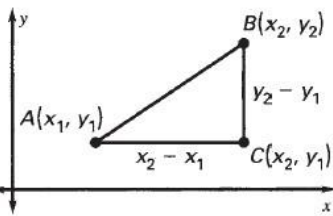
- Where our points lie.
- (x, y) plane or cartesian plane

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

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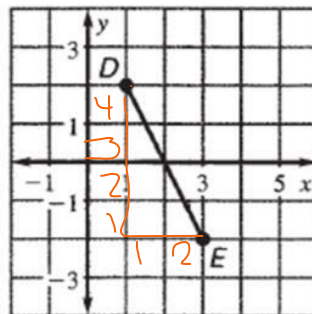
$$AB = \sqrt{(\quad)^2 + (\quad)^2}$$



D= (1, 2)
X1=1, Y1=2
E=(3, -2)
X2=3, Y2=-2

Example 3 Use the Distance Formula

Find the distance between D(1, 2) and E(3, -2).



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

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

$$\sqrt{4+16}$$

$$\sqrt{20}$$

$$=4.472$$

Yes, if I can create a right triangle. (90° angle)

$$2^2 + 4^2 = c^2$$

$$c^2 = 20$$

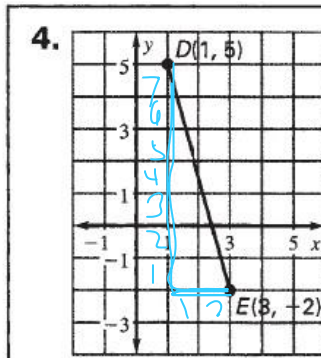
$$c = 4.472$$

Follow-Up

Can Example 3 be done using the Pythagorean Theorem rather than the Distance Formula? Explain.

Pythagorean theorem:
 $2^2 + (-7)^2 = c^2$
 $4 + 49 = c^2$
 $c = 7.280$

✓ **Checkpoint Find the distance between the points.**



$$D = (1, 5) \quad x_1 = 1, y_1 = 5$$

$$E = (3, -2) \quad x_2 = 3, y_2 = -2$$

$$\sqrt{(3-1)^2 + (-2-5)^2}$$

$$\sqrt{(2)^2 + (-7)^2}$$

$$\sqrt{4+49} = 7.280$$

A: (5, 3) $x_1 = 5$ $y_1 = 3$
 B: (10, 9) $x_2 = 10$ $y_2 = 9$

USING ONLY THE DISTANCE FORMULA: Find the distance between the two points (5,3) and (10, 9).

$$\sqrt{(10-5)^2 + (9-3)^2}$$

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

$$\sqrt{25+36}$$

$$7.810$$

Summary:

I learned how to find the distance between 2 points using the distance formula $= \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$

I learned to find the distance using the Pythagorean Theorem if I can form a right triangle (on a graph).