

2.1 Midpoint

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What is the slope of the following lines:

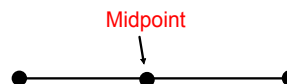
- The line connecting A(4,6) and B(12,10)
- Through the point A(4,3) and perpendicular to $y = -2x - 7$
- Through point B(2,-6) and parallel to $y=3x - 8$

Unit 2: Chapter 2 Analytic Geometry

2.1 Midpoint of a Line Segment

- 1) Complete Investigation Handout
- 2) Derive the midpoint formula
- 3) Examples
- 4) Classwork/Homework

Midpoint: point that divides a line segment into two equal line segments



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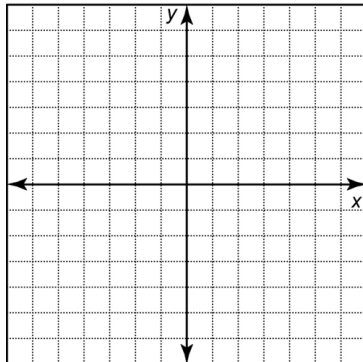
a) A(-4,2) and B(6,2) b) C(-3,0) and D(2,0)

Midpoint of AB

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Midpoint of CD

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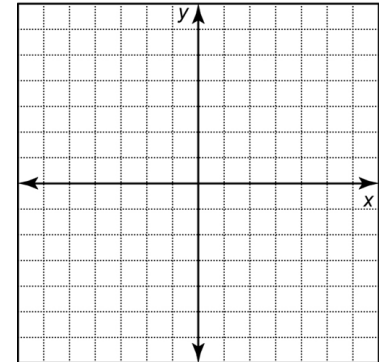
b) G(-4,2) and H(-4,6) b) J(-1,7) and K(-1,-2)

Midpoint of GH

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Midpoint of JK

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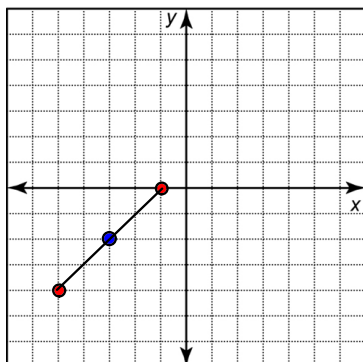
c) R (-5,-4) and S (-1,0) b) V (-4,6) and W(3,4)

Midpoint of RS

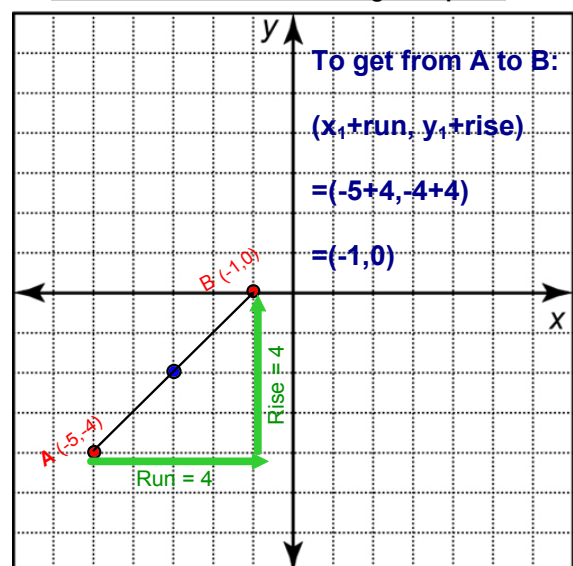
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Midpoint of VW

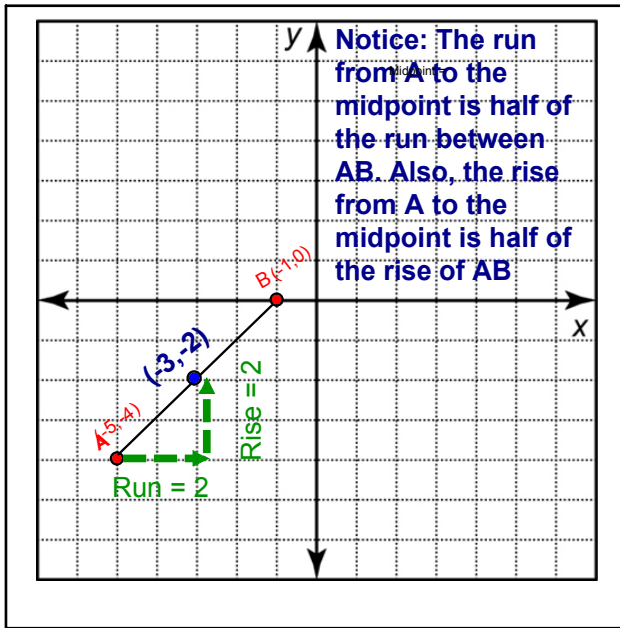
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Rise and Run Method of Finding a Midpoint:



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There is an easier way to find the midpoint!!!!

Note:

The middle of 2 points

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The average of the 2 points

Don't Forget: Each point has an x and y coordinate. Therefore we must find the average (middle) of each coordinate to find the midpoint of the line joining the points.

Endpoints: $A(x_1, y_1) (-5, -4)$ $B(x_2, y_2) (-1, 0)$

Midpoint: $(-3, -2)$

Notice:

- the x-coordinate of the midpoint is the mean (average) of the x-coordinates of the endpoints of AB
- the y-coordinate of the midpoint is the mean (average) of the y-coordinates of the endpoints of AB

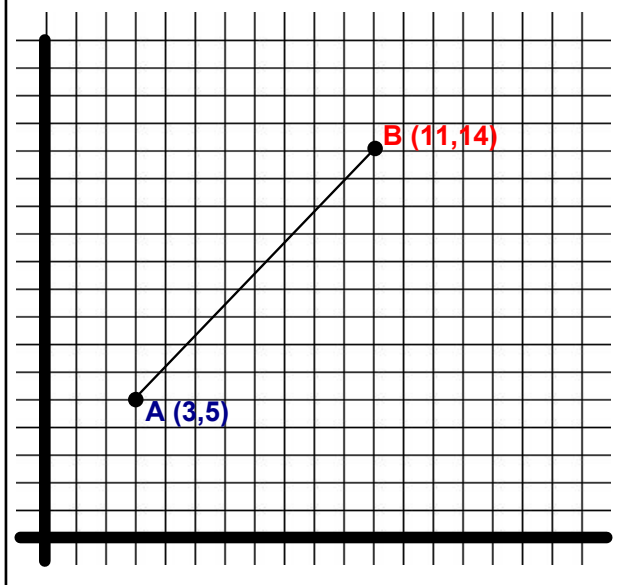
average of x-coordinates:	average of y-coordinates:
$\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}$	$\frac{y_1 + y_2}{2}$
$= \frac{(-5) + (-1)}{2}$	$= \frac{(-4) + (0)}{2}$
$= \frac{-6}{2}$	$= \frac{-4}{2}$
$= -3$	$= -2$

MIDPOINT FORMULA

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

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Example 1: Calculate Midpoint Using the Formula



$$\begin{array}{cc} x_1 & y_1 & x_2 & y_2 \\ \mathbf{A(3,5)} & & \mathbf{B(11,14)} & \end{array}$$

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

Example 2: Calculate Midpoint Using the Formula

$$\begin{array}{cc} x_1 & y_1 & x_2 & y_2 \\ \mathbf{A(5,7)} & & \mathbf{B(3,9)} & \end{array}$$

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

Example 3: Determine the coordinates of the midpoint of the line segment with endpoints: **A (-1,0)** and **B (1,-6)**

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

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Example 4: Determine the coordinates of the midpoint of the line segment with endpoints:

A (3,-3) and B (7,-5)

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

Example 5: Determine the coordinates of the midpoint of the line segment with endpoints:

A (6,-1) and B (-3,7)

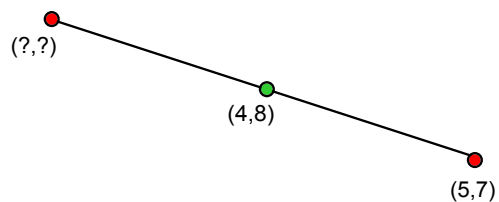
$$\text{MIDPOINT} = \left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} \right)$$

Example 6: Determine the coordinates of the midpoint of the line segment with endpoints:

A (-5/8, 1/8) and B (4, 6/8)

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

What if you are given the midpoint, one endpoint, and are missing the other endpoint?



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Example 7: Find the other endpoint of the line segment with the given endpoint and midpoint

Endpoint: (5,7) Midpoint: (4,8)

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

$$(4,8) = \left(\frac{5 + x_2}{2}, \frac{7 + y_2}{2} \right)$$

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$$4 = \frac{5 + x_2}{2}$$

$$8 = \frac{7 + y_2}{2}$$

The other endpoint is:

Example 8: Find the other endpoint of the line segment with the given endpoint and midpoint

Endpoint: (-1,9) Midpoint: (-9,-10)

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

Homework:

Complete Worksheet
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