Questions # 5 & 9. (Pg. 67)

Connect and Apply

- 5. A charity is organizing a fundraising run along a straight section of highway. On the grid of a roadmap, the starting point is at (23.6, 38.0) and the finish line is at (79.4, 43.8). The charity wants to set up a checkpoint table with water for the runners at the halfway point. Find the coordinates of this checkpoint.
- 6. The endpoints of the diameter of a circle are P(-7, -4) and Q(-1, 10). Find the coordinates of the centre of this circle.
- 7. Use Technology Use The Geometer's Sketchpad® or Cabri® Jr. to verify your answer to question 6. Describe the method you used.
- The vertices of △ABC are A(4, 4), B(-6, 2), and C(2, 0). Find an equation in slope y-intercept form for the median from vertex A.
- 9. Use Technology Use The Geometer's Sketchpad® or Cabri® Jr. to verify your answer to question 8. Describe the method you used.

Technology Tip

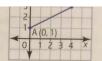
You can use geometry software to display an equation for a line:

- With The Geometer's Sketchpad®, choose Equation from the Measure menu.
- With Cabri® Jr., choose Coord.&Eq. from the F5 menu.
- 10. For the triangle with vertices P(-2, 0), Q(4, 6), and R(5, -3), find an equation for the median from
 - a) vertex P
- b) vertex Q
- 11. Use Technology Use geometry software to check your answer to question 10. Describe your method.
- 12. Write an expression for the coordinates of the midpoint of the line segment with endpoints P(a, b) and Q(3a, 2b). Explain your reasoning.

- **13.** A line segment with one end at C(6, 5) has midpoint M(4, 2).
 - a) Determine the coordinates of the other endpoint, D.
 - **b)** Explain your solution.
 - c) Describe a method you could use to check your answer to part a).
- **14.** One endpoint of a diameter of a circle centred on the origin is (-3, 4). Find the coordinates of the other endpoint of this diameter
- **15.** One radius of a circle has endpoints D(2, 4) and E(-1, 2).
 - a) Find a possible endpoint for the diameter that contains this radius.
 - b) Explain why there are two possible answers in part a).
- **16.** Determine an equation for the right bisector of the line segment with endpoints P(-5, -2) and Q(3, 6).
- 17. A telecommunications company wants to build a relay tower that is the same distance from two adjacent towns. On a local map, the towns have coordinates (2, 6) and (10, 0).
 - Explain how you could use a right bisector to find possible locations for the tower.
 - b) Find an equation for this bisector.
- 18. Use Technology Use The Geometer's Sketchpad® or Cabri® Jr. to verify your answer to question 17. Describe the method you used.
- **19. a)** Draw \triangle ABC with vertices A(-2, 0), B(8, 8), and C(4, -2).
 - b) Draw the median from vertex A. Then, find an equation in slope y-intercept form for this median.
 - c) Draw the right bisector of BC. Then, find an equation for this right bisector.
 - d) Use your drawing to check your answers for parts b) and c).

Questions # 4 & 5. (Pg. 77)

When you use the formula for the length of a line segment, does it matter which point is represented by (x_1, y_1) and which point is represented by (x_2, y_2) ? Use an example to explain your reasoning.

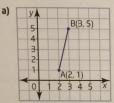


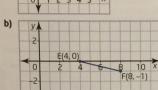
Explain why the expression $(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2$ never has a negative value.

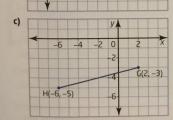
Practise

For help with questions 1 to 3, see Examples 1 to 3.

1. Estimate the length of each line segment from its graph. Then, calculate the exact length.







- **2.** Calculate the length of the line segment defined by each pair of endpoints.
 - a) A(-6, -2) and B(4, 3)
 - **b)** C(-2, 0) and D(7, -3)
 - c) E(-5, -6) and F(-1, -2)
 - **d)** G(0, 5) and H(8, -1)

- **3.** Calculate the length of the line segment defined by each pair of endpoints.
 - a) J(2.1, 8.3) and K(-4.5, -4.7)
 - **b)** L(-4.2, -5.1) and M(11.6, 9.2)
 - c) $N\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{5}{2}\right)$ and $P\left(\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{5}{2}\right)$

Connect and Apply

- **4.** On a city map, the coordinates of two department stores are (4, 3) and (1, 7). How far apart are the stores if each unit on the map represents 1 km?
- On a street map of his town, Jordan's house has coordinates (8, 1). The town's two high schools are at (0, 5) and (6, 11).
 - a) Which school is closer to Jordan's house?
 - **b)** Describe a method you could use to check your answer to part a).
- **6.** The vertices of \triangle ABC are A(2, 5), B(-6, -1), and C(10, -1).
 - a) Determine the length of each side of this triangle.
 - b) Determine the perimeter of the triangle.
 - c) Classify the triangle.
- **7. a)** Show that the triangle with vertices D(-1, 0), E(1, 0), and $F(0, \sqrt{3})$ is equilateral.
- **b)** List the coordinates of the vertices of another equilateral triangle.

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- 13. Determine the shortest distance from the point E(1, -4) to the line through points F(-5, 2) and G(3,4). Use a diagram to check your answer
- 14. Determine the shortest distance from the point H (5,2) to the line through points J(-6,4) and K(-2,-4)