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## VOCABULARY WORDS

**1. Coordinate:** The real number that corresponds to a point

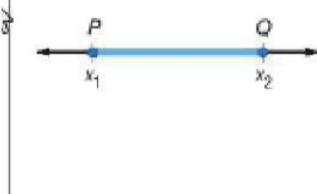
## PICTURES

$$(5, 2)$$

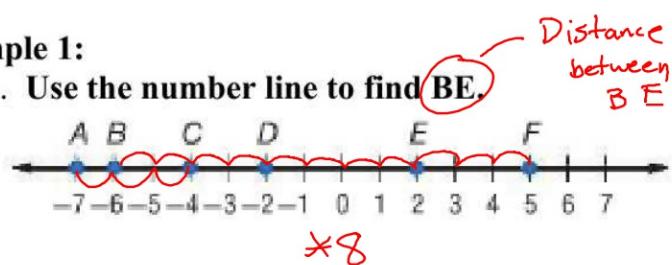
**2. Distance/Length On a Number Line:**

The absolute value of the distance between two coordinates.

**Ex:** If P has coordinate  $x_1$  and Q has coordinate  $x_2$ :

**Example 1:**

A. Use the number line to find BE.



Distance between B E

B. Find AC.

$$3$$

C. Find FB.

$$11$$

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## THEOREMS &amp; FORMULAS

**1. Pythagorean Theorem:**

In a right triangle with sides, a, b, & c,

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2$$

$$c = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

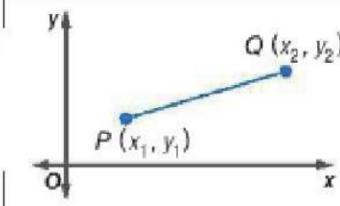
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$$d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

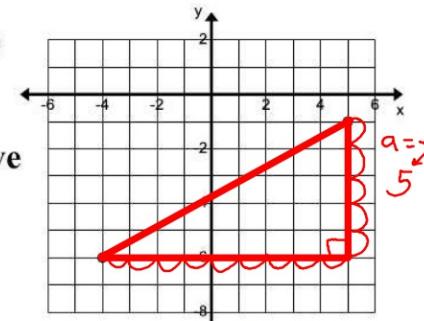
**2. Distance Formula:**

If P has coordinates  $(x_1, y_1)$  and Q has coordinates  $(x_2, y_2)$ , then

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



**Example 2:** Find the distance between C(-4, -6) and D(5, -1) using the Pythagorean Theorem. Give the exact & estimated decimal values rounded to the nearest tenth.



$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

$$(5)^2 + (9)^2 = c^2$$

$$25 + 81 = c^2$$

$$\sqrt{106} = c$$

$$c = \sqrt{106}$$

$$\approx 10.3$$

**Example 3:** Find the distance between each pair of points. Give the exact & estimated decimal values rounded to the nearest tenth.

a. X(1, 3) and Y(2, 7)

$$\begin{aligned} d &= \sqrt{(2-1)^2 + (7-3)^2} & = \sqrt{17} & \text{exact} \\ &= \sqrt{(-1)^2 + (4)^2} & \approx 4.1 & \text{estimate approximation} \\ &= \sqrt{1+16} \end{aligned}$$

$d = \sqrt{(1-2)^2 + (3-7)^2}$

$$= \sqrt{(-1)^2 + (-4)^2}$$

b. E(-5, 6) and F(8, -4)

$$\begin{aligned} d &= \sqrt{(8-(-5))^2 + (-4-6)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{269} & \text{exact} \\ &\approx 16.4 & \text{approximate} \end{aligned}$$

c. J(4, 3) and K(-3, -7)

$$\begin{aligned} d &= \sqrt{(-3-4)^2 + (-7-3)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{149} \approx 12.2 \end{aligned}$$

**Example 4:** Find the distance between the two points. Give the exact & estimated decimal values rounded to the nearest tenth.

a. A(2, 4) and B (-2, 2)

b. X(0, 5) and Y(-2, 3)