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## Unit 5: Linear Equations



5.1 Line Segments on the Cartesian Plane

*Length of a Horizontal Line Segment*

Consider the line segments shown on the grid.

a) Find the length of each line segment by counting.

- length of  $AB$  is 6 units.
- length of  $CD$  is 10 units.
- length of  $EF$  is 7 units.

b) Determine the coordinates of the endpoints of each line segment.

- $AB \rightarrow A(2, 8) \quad B(8, 8)$
- $CD \rightarrow C(-3, 4) \quad D(7, 4)$
- $EF \rightarrow E(-9, -6) \quad F(-2, -6)$

c) Complete the following.

- The difference in the  $x$ -coordinates,  $x_B - x_A$ , is  $8 - 2 = 6$
- The difference in the  $x$ -coordinates,  $x_D - x_C$ , is  $7 - (-3) = 10$
- The difference in the  $x$ -coordinates,  $x_F - x_E$ , is  $-2 - (-9) = 7$

$| -6 | \rightarrow 6$   
 $| -10 | \rightarrow 10$   
 $| -7 | \rightarrow 7$

d) How can the coordinates of the end points of a horizontal line segment be used to find the length of the line segment?


Subtract the two  $x$ -values

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5.1 Line Segments on the Cartesian Plane

*Length of a Vertical Line Segment*

Consider the line segments shown on the grid.

a) Find the lengths of each line segment by counting.

- length of  $GH$  is 12 units.
- length of  $IJ$  is 5 units.
- length of  $KL$  is 6 units.

b) Determine the coordinates of the endpoints of each line segment.

- $GH \rightarrow G(-3, -8) \quad H(-3, 4)$
- $IJ \rightarrow I(1, 2) \quad J(1, 7)$
- $KL \rightarrow K(6, -8) \quad L(6, -2)$

c) Complete the following.

- The difference in the  $y$ -coordinates,  $y_H - y_G$ , is  $4 - (-8) = 12$
- The difference in the  $y$ -coordinates,  $y_J - y_I$ , is  $7 - 2 = 5$
- The difference in the  $y$ -coordinates,  $y_L - y_K$ , is  $-2 - (-8) = 6$


d) How can the coordinates of the end points of a vertical line segment be used to find the length of the line segment?

Subtract the  $y$ -values

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Ex. 1) Line segment AB has endpoints A(2, 8) to B(-5, 8). Determine the length of AB.

horizontal: subtract x-values

$x_A - x_B = 2 - (-5) = \boxed{7 \text{ units}}$


Ex. 2) Determine the length of the line segment from P(a-2, b) to Q(a+4, b)

$x_Q - x_P = (a+4) - (a-2)$   
 $= a+4 - a+2$   
 $= \boxed{6}$

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Ex. 3) Line segment RS has endpoints R(1, -4) to S(1, 9). Determine the length of RS.

$y_S - y_R = 9 - (-4) = \boxed{13 \text{ units}}$

Ex. 4) Determine the length of the line segment from P(a, b) to Q(a, b+10).

$b+10 - b$   
 $\boxed{10 \text{ units}}$

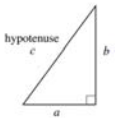
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**Pythagorean Theorem Review**

In a right triangle, the square of the length of the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the squares of the lengths of the other two sides.

i.e.  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$



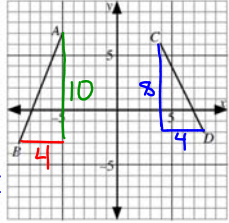
Use the Pythagorean theorem to determine the length of the line segments shown on the grid.

Answer as an exact value and as a decimal to the nearest tenth.

$4^2 + 10^2 = AB^2$   
 $\sqrt{16 + 100} = AB$   
 $\sqrt{116} = AB$

**AB = 10.8**

Mixed Radical  
 $\sqrt{116}$   
 $= \sqrt{4 \times 29}$   
 $= \sqrt{4} \times \sqrt{29}$   
 $AB = 2\sqrt{29}$



$CD = \sqrt{8^2 + 4^2}$   
 $CD = \sqrt{64 + 16}$   
 $CD = \sqrt{80}$   
 $= \sqrt{16 \times 5}$   
 $= \sqrt{16} \times \sqrt{5}$   
 $CD = 4\sqrt{5}$   
 $CD = 8.9$