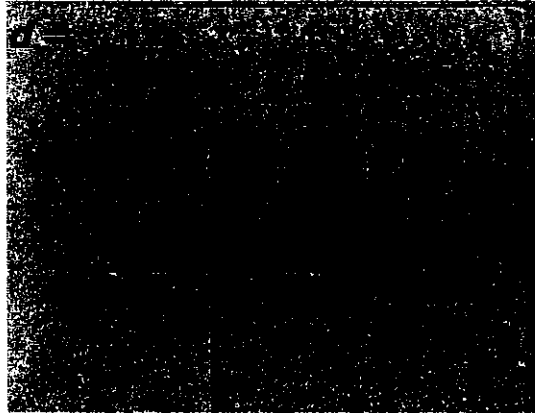


Answers

Mth-4107 The Distance Formula

Important to note for distance formula:

It doesn't matter which point is (x_1, y_1) and which is (x_2, y_2) . The final answer will be the same!

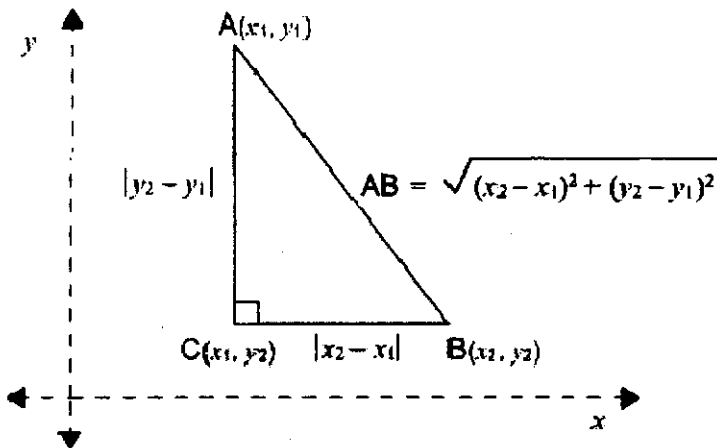
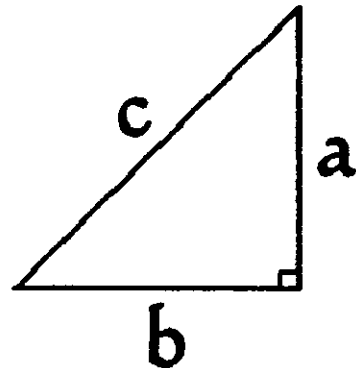


Derivation of the Distance Formula:

Remember the Pythagorean Theorem?



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



Examples:

This problem is done for you, as an example:

Let $(-3, 4) = (x_1, y_1)$ and $(5, 2) = (x_2, y_2)$. Then

$$d = \sqrt{(5 - (-3))^2 + (2 - 4)^2}$$

$$d = \sqrt{(8)^2 + (2)^2}$$

$$d = \sqrt{64 + 4}$$

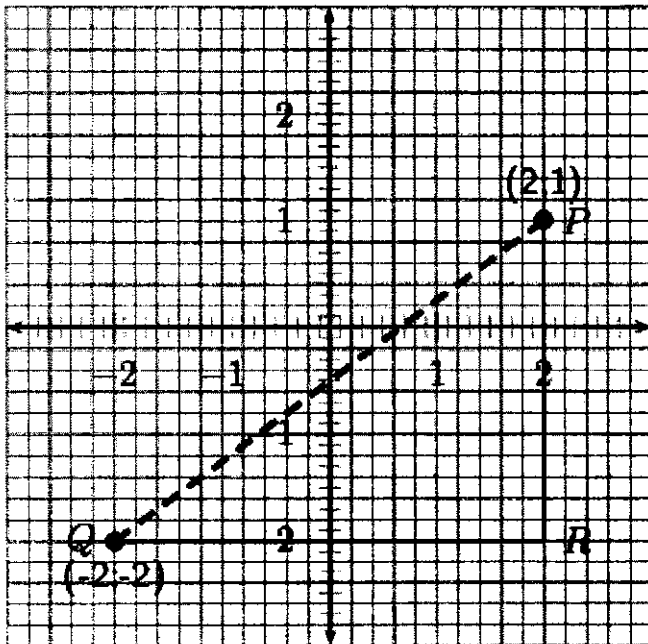
$$d = \sqrt{68}$$

$$d = \sqrt{(4)(17)}$$

$$d = 2\sqrt{17} = 2 \times 4.123 = 8.250$$

Now, let's try some on our own!

1. Calculate the length of segment PQ.



$$\begin{array}{cc} (-2, -2) & (2, 1) \\ x_1, y_1 & x_2, y_2 \end{array}$$

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

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

$$= \sqrt{4^2 + 3^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{16 + 9}$$

$$= \sqrt{25}$$

$$= 5 \text{ units or } 5_0$$

2. The structures on a family's property are represented in the following Cartesian plane. Each structure corresponds to a given point.

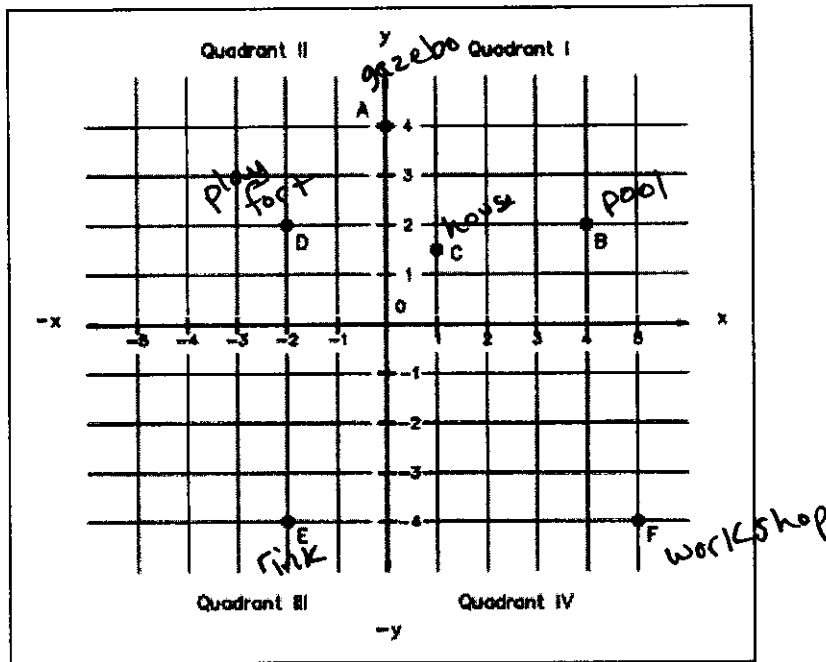


Figure 1 The Cartesian System

Scale: 1 unit $\hat{=}$ 5m

a) Determine the coordinates of:

A: The gazebo: $(0, 4)$

D: The kids' play fort: $(-2, 2)$

B: The pool: $(4, 2)$

E: The hockey rink: $(-2, -4)$

C: The main house: $(1, 1.5)$

F: The workshop: $(5, -4)$

b) Calculate the distance (in meters) between: *Round to the nearest hundred

i) the pool and the rink $(4, 2)$ and $(-2, -4)$
 $x_1 \ y_1$ $x_2 \ y_2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 d &= \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{(-2 - 4)^2 + (-4 - 2)^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{(-6)^2 + (-6)^2} = \sqrt{36 + 36} = \sqrt{72} \\
 &= 8.485 \times 5\text{m} \\
 &= \boxed{42.43\text{m}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{cc} x_1, y_1 & x_2, y_2 \\ (-2, 2) & (5, -4) \end{array}$$

ii) the kids' play fort and the workshop

$$\begin{aligned} d &= \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(5 + 2)^2 + (-4 - 2)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(7)^2 + (-6)^2} = \sqrt{49 + 36} = \sqrt{85} = 9.22 \times 5\text{m} \\ &= \boxed{46.10\text{m}} \end{aligned}$$

iii) the hockey rink and the workshop

$$\begin{array}{cc} (-2, -4) & (5, -4) \\ x_1, y_1 & x_2, y_2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} d &= \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(5 + 2)^2 + (-4 + 4)^2} = \sqrt{(7)^2 + (0)^2} = \sqrt{49} = 7.0 \times 5\text{m} = \boxed{35.00\text{m}} \end{aligned}$$

iv) the kids' play fort and the rink

$$\begin{array}{cc} (-2, 2) & (2, -4) \\ x_1, y_1 & x_2, y_2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} d &= \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(-2 + 2)^2 + (-4 - 2)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{0^2 + (-6)^2} = \sqrt{36} = 6.0 \times 5\text{m} = \boxed{30.00\text{m}} \end{aligned}$$

v) the pool and the kids' play fort

$$\begin{array}{cc} (4, 2) & (-2, 2) \\ x_1, y_1 & x_2, y_2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} d &= \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(-2 - 4)^2 + (2 - 2)^2} = \sqrt{(-6)^2 + 0^2} = \sqrt{36} = 6.0 \times 5\text{m} = \boxed{30.00\text{m}} \end{aligned}$$

vi) the gazebo and the main house

$$\begin{array}{cc} (0, 4) & (1, 1.5) \\ x_1, y_1 & x_2, y_2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} d &= \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2} = \sqrt{(1 - 0)^2 + (1.5 - 4)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(1)^2 + (-2.5)^2} = \sqrt{1 + 6.25} \\ &= \sqrt{7.25} \\ &= 2.69 \times 5\text{m} \\ &= \boxed{13.46\text{m}} \end{aligned}$$

3. Calculate the distance between each of the following pairs of points. Since there is no scale conversion given here, the unit, u will be used. * Round to nearest length.

a) x_1, y_1 and x_2, y_2
 $(3, 4)$ and $(6, 8)$

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

$$= \sqrt{(6 - 3)^2 + (8 - 4)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{(3)^2 + (4)^2} = \sqrt{9 + 16} = \sqrt{25}$$

a) $\boxed{5.0 \text{ u}}$

b) x_1, y_1 and x_2, y_2
 $(9, -3)$ and $(-3, 2)$

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

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

$$= \sqrt{(-12)^2 + (5)^2} = \sqrt{144 + 25}$$

b)

$= \sqrt{169} = \boxed{13.0 \text{ u}}$

c) x_1, y_1 and x_2, y_2
 $(-2.5, -7.3)$ and $(5.2, 0)$

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

$$= \sqrt{(5.2 + 2.5)^2 + (0 + 7.3)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{(7.7)^2 + (7.3)^2} = \sqrt{59.29 + 53.29}$$

$$= \sqrt{112.58} = \boxed{10.6 \text{ u}}$$

d) x_1, y_1 and x_2, y_2
 $(-7, 3)$ and $(-7, 12)$

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

$$= \sqrt{(-7 + 7)^2 + (12 - 3)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{(0)^2 + 9^2} = \sqrt{81}$$

$$= \boxed{9.0 \text{ u}}$$

e) $(2, 4.3)$ and $(-5, 4.3)$
 x_1, y_1 and x_2, y_2

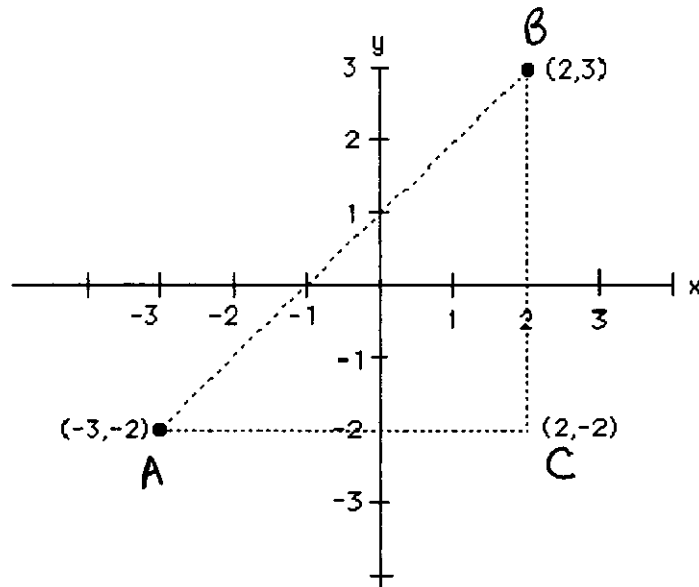
$$d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{(-5 - 2)^2 + (4.3 - 4.3)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{(-7)^2 + 0^2} = \sqrt{49}$$

$$= \boxed{7.0 \text{ u}}$$

4. Calculate the perimeter of the following triangle. Use a scale of 1 unit $\hat{=}$ 1 cm.
 * Round to nearest hundredth.



$$\begin{matrix} (-3, -2); & (2, 3) \\ x_1 & y_1 & x_2 & y_2 \\ \overline{AB} & ; & \end{matrix}$$

$$d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2} = \sqrt{(2 + 3)^2 + (3 + 2)^2}$$

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

$$= \sqrt{25 + 25}$$

$$= \sqrt{50} = \boxed{7.07u} = \overline{AB}$$

$$\begin{matrix} (2, 3); & (2, -2) \\ x_1 & y_1 & x_2 & y_2 \\ \overline{BC} & ; & \end{matrix}$$

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

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

$$= \sqrt{(0)^2 + (-5)^2} = \sqrt{25} = \boxed{5u} = \overline{BC}$$

$$\begin{matrix} (-3, -2); & (2, -2) \\ x_1 & y_1 & x_2 & y_2 \\ \overline{AC} & ; & \end{matrix}$$

$$d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2} = \sqrt{(2 + 3)^2 + (-2 + 2)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{5^2 + 0^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{25} = \boxed{5u} = \overline{AC}$$

Perimeter =

$$\overline{AB} + \overline{BC} + \overline{AC}$$

$$= 7.07u + 5u + 5u$$

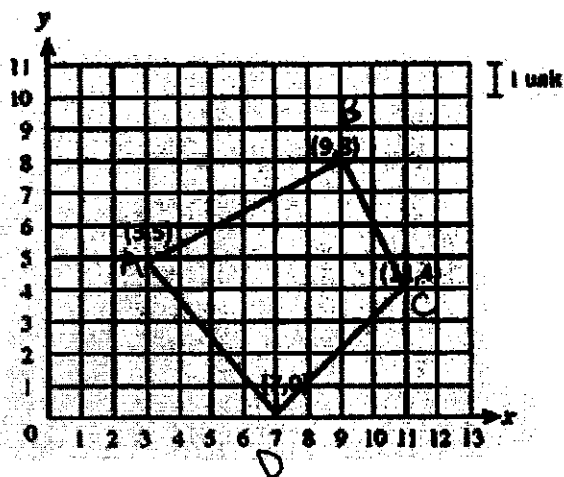
$$= \boxed{17.07u}$$

$$= \boxed{17.07\text{cm}} \quad (\text{since } 1u \hat{=} 1\text{cm})$$

(NB) \overline{BC} and \overline{AC} could be determined without the distance formula \rightarrow for the ☺ people who "think outside the box".

5. Calculate the perimeter of the following polygon. Use a scale of 1 unit $\hat{=}$ 1 cm.

* Round answer to nearest tenth!



$$\overline{AB}: \begin{matrix} (3,5) & \text{and} & (9,8) \\ x_1, y_1 & & x_2, y_2 \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} d &= \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(9 - 3)^2 + (8 - 5)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(6)^2 + (3)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{36 + 9} = \sqrt{45} \end{aligned}$$

$$\overline{BC}: \begin{matrix} (9,8) & \text{and} & (11,4) \\ x_1, y_1 & & x_2, y_2 \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} d &= \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(11 - 9)^2 + (4 - 8)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(2)^2 + (-4)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{4 + 16} \end{aligned}$$

$$\overline{BC} = \sqrt{20} = \boxed{4.47\text{u}}$$

$$\overline{CD}: \begin{matrix} (11,4) & & (7,0) \\ x_1, y_1 & & x_2, y_2 \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} d &= \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(7 - 11)^2 + (0 - 4)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(-4)^2 + (-4)^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sqrt{16 + 16} = \sqrt{32} = \boxed{5.66\text{u}}$$

$$\overline{AD}: \begin{matrix} (3,5) & \text{and} & (7,0) \\ x_1, y_1 & & x_2, y_2 \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} d &= \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(7 - 3)^2 + (0 - 5)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(4)^2 + (-5)^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sqrt{16 + 25} = \sqrt{41} \\ &= 6.40 \end{aligned}$$

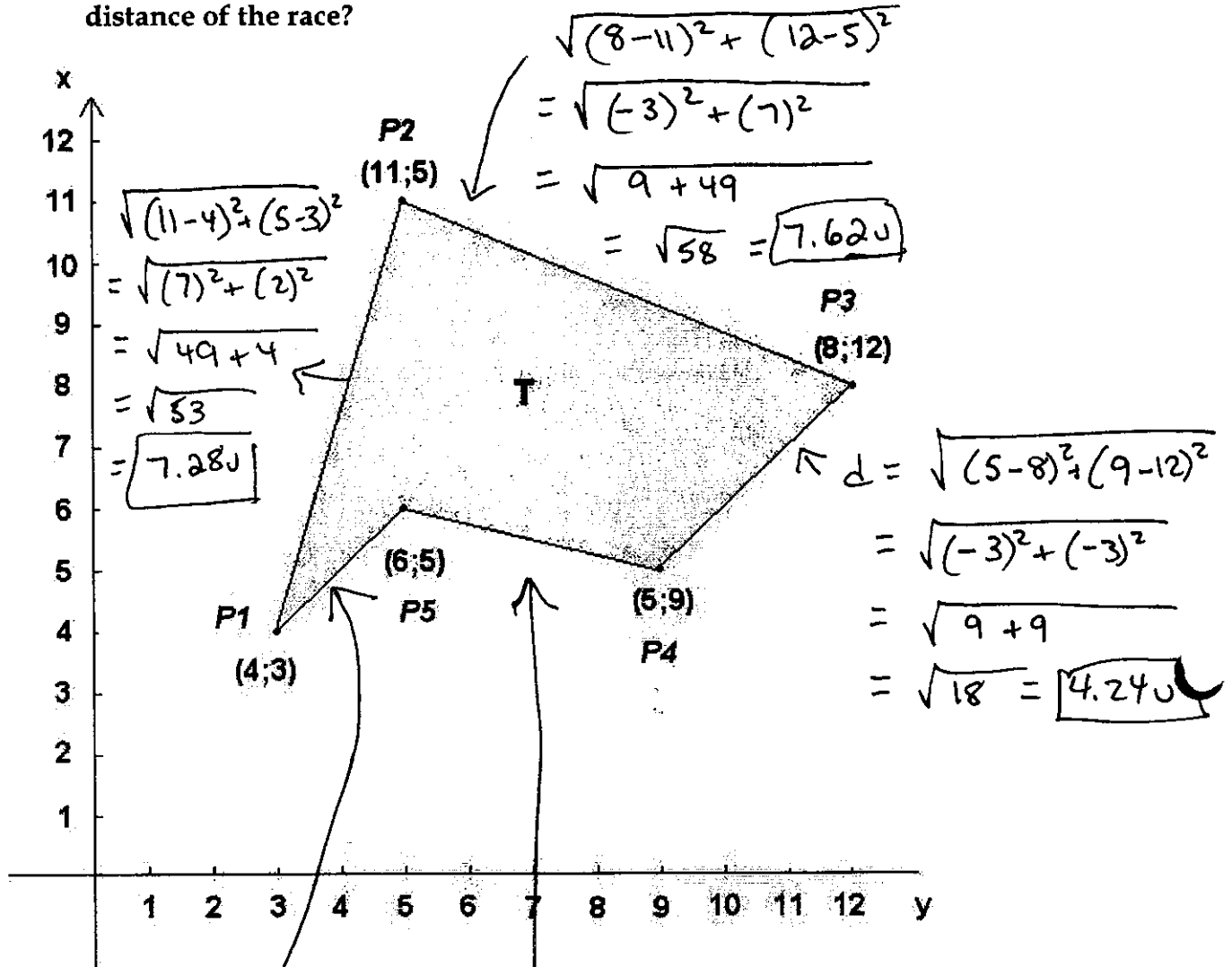
Perimeter =

$$\overline{AB} + \overline{BC} + \overline{CD} + \overline{AD}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 6.71\text{u} + 4.47\text{u} + 5.66\text{u} + 6.40\text{u} \\ &= 23.24\text{u} = \boxed{23.2\text{cm}} \end{aligned}$$

* Round to nearest hundredth.

6. The cartesian plane below depicts the path and distances involved in a motorbike race. The bikers start at P1 and continue on through P2, P3, P4, P5, and then back to P1. Given that each unit corresponds to 7km, what is the total distance of the race?



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Total Distance} &= 7.280 + 7.620 + 4.240 + 4.120 + 2.830 \\ &= 26.090 \times 7 \text{ km} = 182.63 \text{ km} \end{aligned}$$

Ch. 7.

The following expressions represent the distance between two points.

1) $\sqrt{(4+2)^2 + (3+1)^2}$

2) $|-3+8|$

3) $\sqrt{(-1-4)^2 + (-2-3)^2}$

4) $\sqrt{(4+6)^2 + (3+2)^2}$

5) $\sqrt{(-6+1)^2 + (-2+2)^2}$

Points $A(-1,-2)$, $B(4,3)$, and $C(-6,-2)$ were used to define the segments below. Determine which expression(s) correspond(s) to each segment. Write the number for the expression in the space provided.

a) \overline{AB}

3

$$\overline{AB} : \sqrt{(3+2)^2 + (4+1)^2}$$

b) \overline{BC}

4

$$\overline{BC} : \sqrt{(-2-3)^2 + (-6-4)^2}$$

c) \overline{AC}

2, 5

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

$$\overline{AC} : \sqrt{(-2+2)^2 + (-6+1)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{0^2 + (-5)^2}$$

8.

The following expressions represent the distance between two points.

1) $\sqrt{(4+4)^2 + (-6+6)^2}$

2) $|-6-6|$

3) $\sqrt{(-4-3)^2 + (-6-0)^2}$

4) $|-4-4|$

5) $\sqrt{(3-4)^2 + (0+6)^2}$

Points $A(-4, -6)$, $B(3, 0)$, and $C(4, -6)$ were used to define the segments below. Determine which expression(s) correspond(s) to each segment. Write the number for the expression in the space provided.

a) \overline{AB} 3 $\overline{AB} = \sqrt{(0+6)^2 + (3+4)^2}$
 $= \sqrt{(6)^2 + (7)^2}$

b) \overline{BC} 5

c) \overline{AC} 4, 1 $\overline{BC} = \sqrt{(-6-0)^2 + (4-3)^2}$
 $= \sqrt{(-6)^2 + (1)^2}$

$\overline{AC} = \sqrt{(-6+6)^2 + (4+4)^2}$
 $= \sqrt{0^2 + (8)^2}$

9.

The following expressions represent the distance between two points.

1) $\sqrt{(-3-2)^2 + (6+1)^2}$

2) $|-2-2|$

3) $\sqrt{(-2+3)^2 + (-1-6)^2}$

4) $|1-1|$

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

Points $A(-2,-1)$, $B(-3,6)$, and $C(2,-1)$ were used to define the segments below. Determine which expression(s) correspond(s) to each segment. Write the number for the expression in the space provided.

a) \overline{AB}

3

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{AB} &: \sqrt{(6+1)^2 + (-3+2)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(-7)^2 + (-1)^2}\end{aligned}$$

b) \overline{BC}

1

c) \overline{AC}

2, 5

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{BC} &: \sqrt{(-1-6)^2 + (2+3)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(-7)^2 + (5)^2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{AC} &: \sqrt{(-1+1)^2 + (2+2)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{0^2 + (4)^2}\end{aligned}$$

$$= \sqrt{16} = 4$$