

Geometry SOL Practice

Topic #2: Coordinate Formulas

Notes

Given: the *coordinates* of two points, determine the

- **slope** of containing the two points
- **midpoint** of the segment joining the two points
- the **distance** between the two points

generalization	example
Given: $A = (x_1, y_1)$ and $B = (x_2, y_2)$	Given: $A = (-2, 3)$ and $B = (4, -1)$
<p>slope</p> $= \frac{y_1 - y_2}{x_1 - x_2}$	<p>slope</p> $= \frac{(3) - (-1)}{(-2) - (4)}$ $= \frac{4}{-6}$ $= -\frac{2}{3}$
<p>midpoint</p> $= \left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} \right)$	<p>midpoint</p> $= \left(\frac{(-2) + (4)}{2}, \frac{(3) + (-1)}{2} \right)$ $= \left(\frac{2}{2}, \frac{2}{2} \right)$ $= (1, 1)$
<p>distance</p> $= \sqrt{(x_1 - x_2)^2 + (y_1 - y_2)^2}$	<p>distance</p> $= \sqrt{((-2) - (4))^2 + ((3) - (-1))^2}$ $= \sqrt{(-6)^2 + (4)^2}$ $= \sqrt{36 + 16}$ $= \sqrt{52}$ $= 7.21$