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Distance and the Pythagorean Theorem (Day Two)

Instead of graphing two points and creating a triangle, we can use the distance formula:

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

Ex: Find the distance between M(-3, 5) and N(5, -4).

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

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

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$$d = \sqrt{(-8)^2 + (9)^2}$$

" $2\text{nd } x^2$ "

$$d = \sqrt{64 + 81}$$

$\sqrt{145}$

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$$\boxed{d = 12.04}$$

**Ex: Find the distance between
A(- 3, - 5) and B(12, 3).**

$$d = \sqrt{(-3-12)^2 + (-5-3)^2}$$

$$d = \sqrt{(-15)^2 + (-8)^2}$$

$$d = \sqrt{225 + 64}$$

$$d = \sqrt{289}$$

$$d = 17$$

**Ex: Find the distance between
P(- 4, 5) and Q(- 1, - 3).**

$$d = \sqrt{(-4 + 1)^2 + (5 + 3)^2}$$

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

$$d = \sqrt{9 + 64}$$

$$d = \sqrt{73}$$

$$d = 8.54$$



Homework:

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