# CHAPTER 11 Geometry

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# Chapter 11 Maintaining Mathematical Proficiency

Simplify the expression.

**1.** |-3 + (-1)| = **2.** |10 - 11| = **3.** |-6 + 8| =

**4.** 
$$|9 - (-1)| =$$
 **5.**  $|-12 - (-8)| =$  **6.**  $|-15 - 7| =$ 

**7.** 
$$|-12 + 3| =$$
 **8.**  $|5 + (-15)| =$  **9.**  $|1 - 12| =$ 





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#### Using Midpoint and Distance Formulas For use with Exploration 11.1

**Essential Question** How can you find the midpoint and length of a line segment in a coordinate plane?



## **EXPLORATION:** Finding the Midpoint of a Line Segment

Work with a partner. Use centimeter graph paper.

- **a.** Graph *AB*, where the points *A* and *B* are as shown.
- **b.** Explain how to *bisect*  $\overline{AB}$ , that is, to divide  $\overline{AB}$  into two congruent line segments. Then bisect  $\overline{AB}$  and use the result to find the *midpoint* M of  $\overline{AB}$ .

		_4-		 _	A(3	4)	
		_2-					
			-				
			1				
-4	-2	-2-		 2		1	
-4 B(-5, -	- <b>2</b> -2)	-2-		2		1	

**c.** What are the coordinates of the midpoint *M*?

**d.** Compare the *x*-coordinates of *A*, *B*, and *M*. Compare the *y*-coordinates of *A*, *B*, and *M*. How are the coordinates of the midpoint *M* related to the coordinates of *A* and *B*?

## 11.1 Using Midpoint and Distance Formulas (continued)

## 2 **EXPLORATION:** Finding the Length of a Line Segment

Work with a partner. Use centimeter graph paper.

- **a.** Add point *C* to your graph as shown.
- **b.** Use the Pythagorean Theorem to find the length of  $\overline{AB}$ .



- **c.** Use a centimeter ruler to verify the length you found in part (b).
- **d.** Use the Pythagorean Theorem and point *M* from Exploration 1 to find the lengths of  $\overline{AM}$  and  $\overline{MB}$ . What can you conclude?

## Communicate Your Answer

- 3. How can you find the midpoint and length of a line segment in a coordinate plane?
- **4.** Find the coordinates of the midpoint *M* and the length of the line segment whose endpoints are given.
  - **a.** D(-10, -4), E(14, 6) **b.** F(-4, 8), G(9, 0)

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### **Core Concepts**

#### **Midpoints and Segment Bisectors**

The **midpoint** of a segment is the point that divides the segment into two congruent segments.



*M* is the midpoint of  $\overline{AB}$ . So,  $\overline{AM} \cong \overline{MB}$  and AM = MB.

A **segment bisector** is a point, ray, line, line segment, or plane that intersects the segment at its midpoint. A midpoint or a segment bisector *bisects* a segment.



 $\overrightarrow{CD}$  is a segment bisector of  $\overrightarrow{AB}$ . So,  $\overrightarrow{AM} \cong \overrightarrow{MB}$  and AM = MB.

#### Notes:

#### The Midpoint Formula

The coordinates of the midpoint of a segment are the averages of the *x*-coordinates and of the *y*-coordinates of the endpoints.

If  $A(x_1, y_1)$  and  $B(x_2, y_2)$  are points in a coordinate plane, then the midpoint *M* of  $\overline{AB}$  has coordinates

$$\left(\frac{x_1+x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1+y_2}{2}\right)$$
.

Notes:



## 11.1 Practice (continued)

#### The Distance Formula

If  $A(x_1, y_1)$  and  $B(x_2, y_2)$  are points in a coordinate plane, then the distance between *A* and *B* is

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



Notes:

## Worked-Out Examples

#### Example #1

Identify the segment bisector of  $\overline{JK}$ . Then find JM.

Line  $\ell$  bisects  $\overline{JK}$  at point M.

JM = MK JM = 3(-2) + 15 3x + 15 = 8x + 25 = -6 + 15 15 = 5x + 25 = 9 -10 = 5x-2 = x



## Example #2

The midpoint M and one endpoint of  $\overline{\text{GH}}$  are given. Find the coordinates of the other endpoint.

$$M(4, 3), G(5, -6), H(x, y)$$

$$(4, 3) = \left(\frac{5+x}{2}, \frac{-6+y}{2}\right)$$

$$4 = \frac{5+x}{2} \qquad 3 = \frac{-6+y}{2}$$

$$8 = 5+x \qquad 6 = -6+y$$

$$3 = x \qquad 12 = y$$

$$H(3, 12)$$

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**11.1 Practice** (continued)

## **Practice A**

In Exercises 1–3, identify the segment bisector of  $\overline{AB}$ . Then find AB.



In Exercises 4-6, identify the segment bisector of  $\overline{EF}$ . Then find EF.



In Exercises 7–9, the endpoints of  $\overline{PQ}$  are given. Find the coordinates of the midpoint *M*.

**7.** P(-4, 3) and Q(0, 5) **8.** P(-2, 7) and Q(10, -3) **9.** P(3, -15) and Q(9, -3)

In Exercises 10–12, the midpoint *M* and one endpoint of  $\overline{JK}$  are given. Find the coordinates of the other endpoint.

**10.** 
$$J(7, 2)$$
 and  $M(1, -2)$  **11.**  $J(5, -2)$  and  $M(0, -1)$  **12.**  $J(2, 16)$  and  $M\left(-\frac{9}{2}, 7\right)$ 

# **Practice B**

In Exercises 1 and 2, identify the bisector of  $\overline{ST}$ . Then find ST.



Copy the segment and construct a segment bisector by paper folding. Then label the midpoint *M*.

3.  $\stackrel{\bullet}{E}$  F

In Exercises 4 and 5, the endpoints of  $\overline{LN}$  are given. Find the coordinates of the midpoint *M*.

**4.** L(2, 1) and N(2, 13) **5.** L(-6, 0) and N(6, 6)

In Exercises 6 and 7, the midpoint *M* and one endpoint of  $\overline{CD}$  are given. Find the coordinates of the other endpoint.

6. M(1, 2) and C(-1, 4)7. M(3, 7) and D(1, 1)

#### In Exercises 8 and 9, find the distance between the two points.

**8.** A(1, 7) and B(4, 6)**9.** G(-1, -5) and H(3, -8)

- **10.** Your friend draws a square and one diagonal connecting its opposite vertices. Your friend believes that the diagonal is the same length as one side of the square. Do you agree? Explain your reasoning.
- **11.** Is it possible for a segment to have more than one bisector? Explain your reasoning.
- 12. You walk 2 miles from your house to the park and 4.5 miles from the park to the lake. Then you return home along a straight path from the lake. How many miles do you walk from the lake back to your house? What is the total distance you walk?

