

Chapter 12-6 Distance and Midpoint Formula Notes

Distance between two points

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

** subtract, square, add, then square root

Midpoint between two points

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

** similar to finding an average

Find the midpoint between the two points. Leave in fraction form.

1) $(5, 8)$ $(-2, 3)$

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

$$\frac{5 + -2}{2}, \frac{8 + 3}{2}$$

$$\left(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{11}{2} \right)$$

Find the distance between the two points. Write in simplified radical form and as a decimal to the nearest hundredth.

2) $(0, -3)$ $(-4, 2)$

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

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

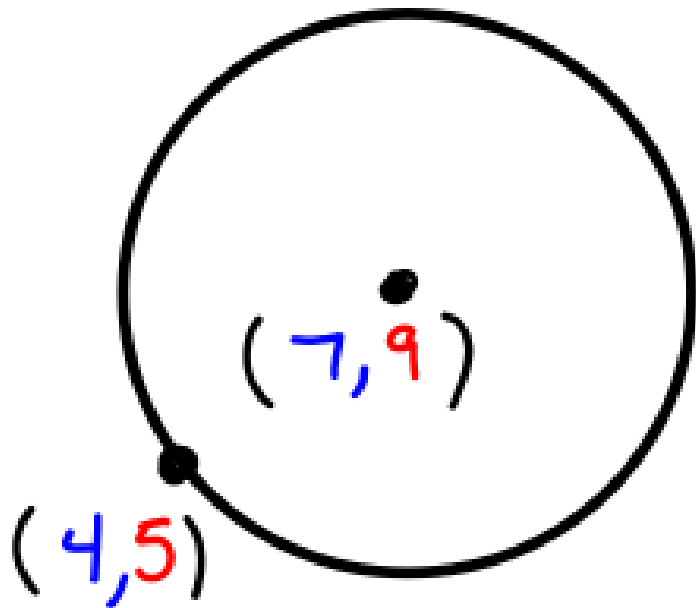
$$d = \sqrt{4^2 + -5^2}$$

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$$d = \sqrt{41} \approx 6.40$$

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$$d = \sqrt{(7-4)^2 + (9-5)^2}$$

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

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

$$d = \sqrt{25}$$

$$d = 5$$

This distance represents the radius. Diameter is twice the radius, so the diameter is 10.

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$$\frac{13}{18}, \frac{5}{12}$$

$$M = \frac{-\frac{1}{9} + \frac{14}{9}}{2}$$

$$, \frac{-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{4}{3}}{2}$$

$$\frac{\frac{13}{9}}{2}$$

$$\frac{-\frac{3}{6} + \frac{8}{6}}{2} = \frac{\frac{5}{6}}{2}$$

$$\frac{13}{9} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{13}{18}$$

$$\frac{5}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{5}{12}$$

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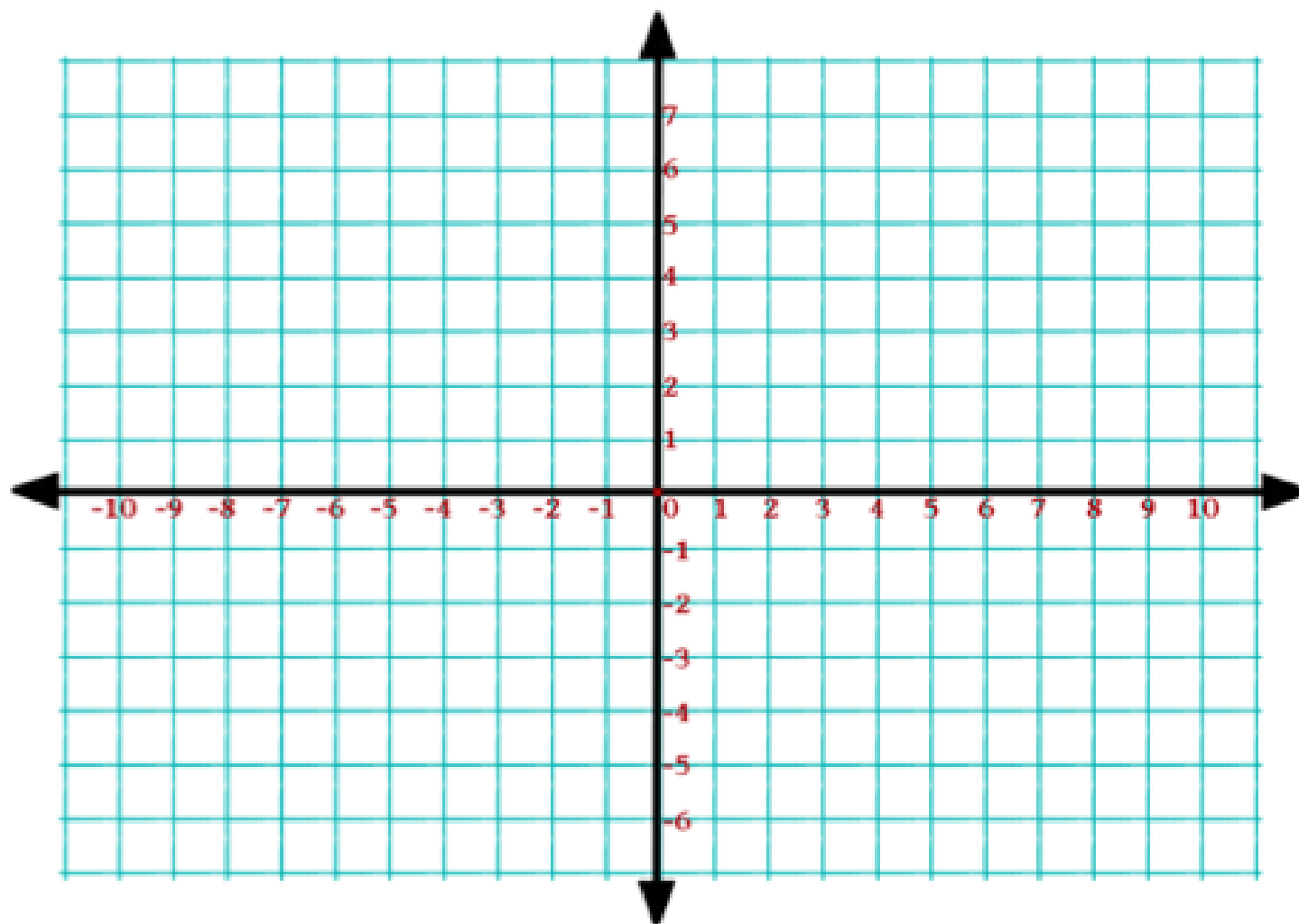
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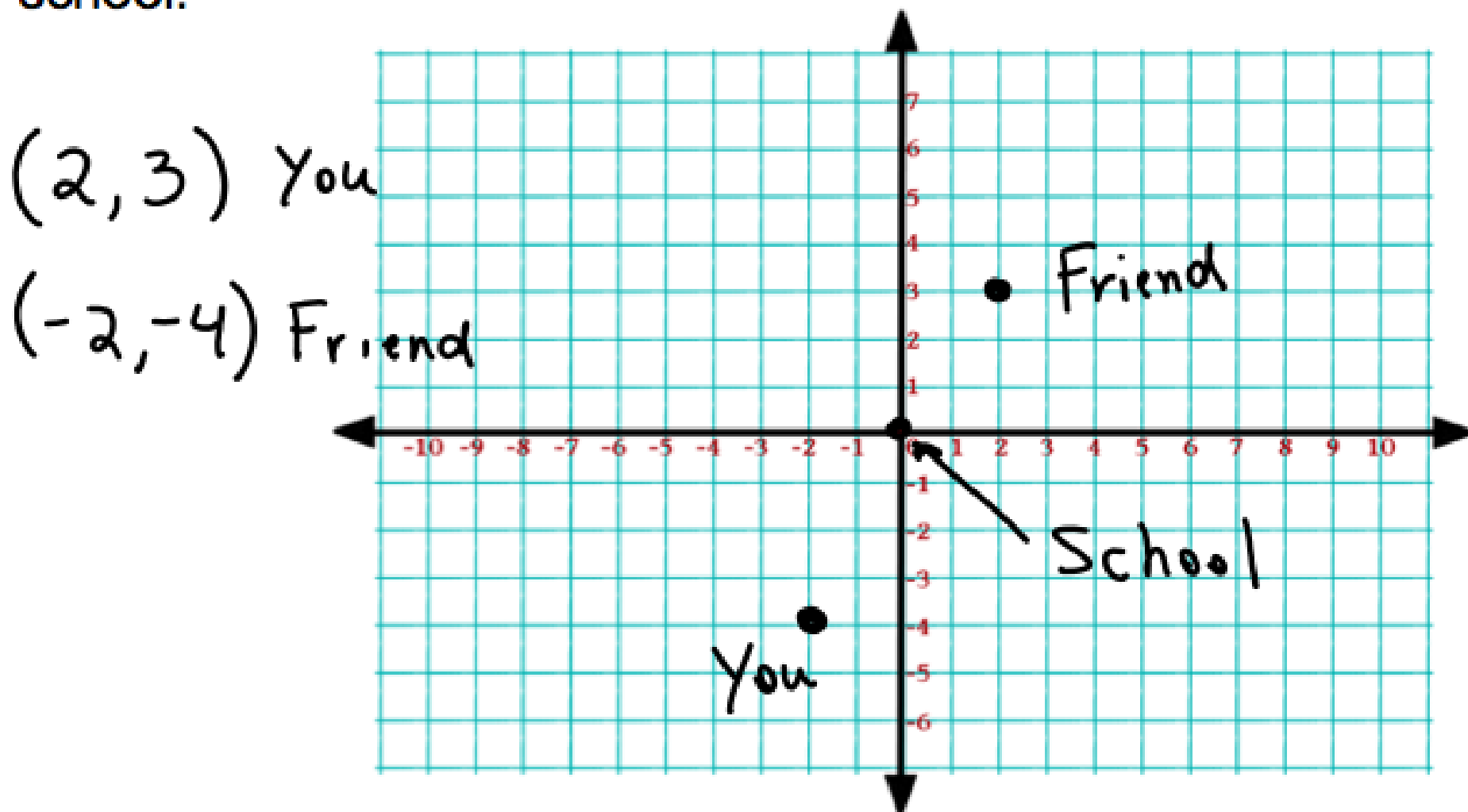
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$$\begin{aligned}d &= \sqrt{(-\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2})^2 + (-\sqrt{2} - 6\sqrt{2})^2} \\&= \sqrt{(-2\sqrt{2})^2 + (-7\sqrt{2})^2} \\&= \sqrt{8 + 98} \\&= \sqrt{106} \approx 10.30\end{aligned}$$

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Points $(2, 3)$ $(-2, -4)$

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

$$d = \sqrt{4^2 + 7^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{16 + 49}$$

$$= \sqrt{65} \approx 8.1 \text{ miles}$$

$$M = \frac{2 + (-2)}{2}, \frac{3 + (-4)}{2}$$

$$= \frac{0}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$= 0, -\frac{1}{2}$$

The midpoint is 0 miles east/west of school and 1/2 mile south of the school.

You and your friend live about 8.1 miles apart from one another.