


SLOPE MIDPOINT AND DISTANCE

In your  screen, open My Documents, and open the Examples folder.
The file is called “ ”.

On page (tab) 1.2, you will see four formulas that will be used in this exercise.
Rewrite the formulas here as you know them:

Given two ordered pairs (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2)

Midpoint =

Slope =

Distance =

Use the “claw” to grab one endpoint of the line segment. Drag it so that the segment forms a horizontal line segment. Record the ordered pairs here:

(__ , __) and (__ , __)

Now, record the midpoint: (__ , __)

Slope:

Distance:

Why is the distance a positive integer?

Use the “claw” to make the line segment be vertical. Record the ordered pairs here:

(__ , __) and (__ , __)

Now, record the midpoint:

Slope:

Distance:

Why is the slope “undefined”?

Use the claw to make the line segment have a positive slope. Record the ordered pairs here:

(___ , ___) and (___ , ___)

What is the fraction for the decimal that the calculator produced? (hint: figure out the slope yourself!)

Use the claw to make the line segment have a negative slope. . Record the ordered pairs here:

(___ , ___) and (___ , ___)

What is the fraction for the decimal that the calculator produced? (hint: figure out the slope yourself!)

This time, drag the endpoints so that they are at (-2,-2) and (6,2). What is the distance that is reported to you by the calculator?

Figure it out yourself, by hand. Leave your answer as a radical.

Drag the two endpoints to a location that has the origin, (0,0) as its midpoint.

Record the endpoints here: (___ , ___) and (___ , ___)

What do you notice about the two endpoints?

Drag to a different location and test your theory. (___ , ___) and (___ , ___)

Were you correct?