## Exercise 9.1

- 1. Find the distance between the following pairs of points.
- (a) A(9,2), B(7,2)

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

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

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

$$= \sqrt{4 + 0}$$

$$= \sqrt{4}$$

$$= 2$$

(b) A(2,-6), B(3,-6)

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

$$= \sqrt{(3 - 2)^2 + (-6 + 6)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{(1)^2 + (0)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{1 + 0}$$

$$= \sqrt{1}$$

$$= 1$$

(c) A(-8,1), B(6,1)

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

$$= \sqrt{(6 + 8)^2 + (1 - 1)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{(14)^2 + (0)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{196 + 0}$$

$$= \sqrt{196}$$

$$= 14$$

(d)  $A(-4,\sqrt{2}), B(-4,-3)$ 

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

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

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

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

$$= 3 + \sqrt{2}$$

(e) A(3,-11), B(3,-4)

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

$$= \sqrt{(3 - 3)^2 + (-4 + 11)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{(0)^2 + (7)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{(7)^2}$$

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(f) 
$$A(0,0), B(0,-5)$$
  
 $|AB| = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$   
 $= \sqrt{(0-0)^2 + (-5-0)^2}$   
 $= \sqrt{(0)^2 + (5)^2}$   
 $= \sqrt{(5)^2}$   
 $= 5$ 

2. Let P be the point on x-axis with x-coordinate a and Q be the point on y-axis with y-coordinate b as given below. Find the distance between P and Q.

(i) 
$$a = 9, b = 7$$
  
 $P(9,0), Q(0,7)$   
 $|PQ| = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$   
 $= \sqrt{(0-9)^2 + (7-0)^2}$   
 $= \sqrt{(-9)^2 + (7)^2}$   
 $= \sqrt{81 + 49}$   
 $= \sqrt{130}$ 

(ii) 
$$a = 2, b = 3$$
  
 $P(2,0), Q(0,3)$   
 $|PQ| = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$   
 $= \sqrt{(0-2)^2 + (3-0)^2}$   
 $= \sqrt{(-2)^2 + (3)^2}$   
 $= \sqrt{4+9}$   
 $= \sqrt{13}$ 

(iii) 
$$a = -8, b = 6$$
  
 $P(-8,0), Q(0,6)$   
 $|PQ| = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$   
 $= \sqrt{(0+8)^2 + (6-0)^2}$   
 $= \sqrt{(8)^2 + (6)^2}$   
 $= \sqrt{64 + 36}$   
 $= \sqrt{100}$   
 $= 10$ 

(iv) 
$$a = -2, b = -3$$
  
 $P(-2,0), Q(0,-3)$   
 $|PQ| = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$   
 $= \sqrt{(0-2)^2 + (-3-0)^2}$   
 $= \sqrt{(-2)^2 + (-3)^2}$   
 $= \sqrt{4+9}$   
 $= \sqrt{13}$ 

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(v) 
$$a = \sqrt{2}, b = 1$$
  
 $P(\sqrt{2}, 0), Q(0, 1)$   
 $|PQ| = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$   
 $= \sqrt{(0 - \sqrt{2})^2 + (1 - 0)^2}$   
 $= \sqrt{(\sqrt{2})^2 + (1)^2}$   
 $= \sqrt{2 + 1}$   
 $= \sqrt{3}$ 

(vi) 
$$a = -9, b = -4$$
  
 $P(-9,0), Q(0,-4)$   
 $|PQ| = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$   
 $= \sqrt{(0+9)^2 + (-4-0)^2}$   
 $= \sqrt{(9)^2 + (-4)^2}$   
 $= \sqrt{81+16}$   
 $= \sqrt{97}$