

Question-1-1.9-9

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Question:

Find the distance between the points $\mathbf{A} \left(-\frac{7}{3}, 5 \right)$ and $\mathbf{B} \left(\frac{2}{3}, 5 \right)$

Solution:

Variable	Description	Formula
A	A Point to be plotted	$A = \begin{pmatrix} -7/3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$
B	A Point to be plotted	$B = \begin{pmatrix} 2/3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$

variables used

To calculate the distance AB,

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} -7/3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 2/3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.1)$$

$$\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\|^2 = (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})^\top (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) \quad (0.2)$$

$$(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})^\top (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 9 \quad (0.3)$$

Thus the distance AB is,

$$\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\| = \sqrt{9} = 3 \quad (0.4)$$

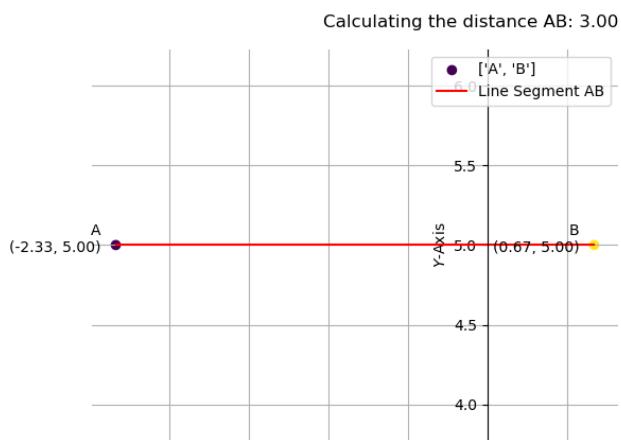


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