



## SPACE DISTANCE

### Why

What is the distance between two points in space?

### Definition

We define the distance between two points in space as the length of the line segment connecting them. In terms of their coordinates  $(x_1, x_2, x_3), (y_1, y_2, y_3) \in \mathbf{R}^3$ , the *space distance* of two points is

$$\sqrt{(x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2)^2 + (x_3 - y_3)^2}.$$

This is sometimes referred to as the *Euclidean distance*. We have thus defined a function mapping  $\mathbf{R}^3 \times \mathbf{R}^3$  into  $\mathbf{R}$ .



