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def dist(x,y):

"""Returns: The number line distance between x and y
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Example: dist(2,5) returns 3 Example: dist(5,2) returns 3

Parameter x: the starting point

Precondition: x is a number

Parameter y: the ending point

Precondition: y is a number

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$$a = y - x$$

if a < 0: -a = b else return b