

ex1

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1 main.cpp

The Purpose

The purpose of this exercise is to revise the concepts of C++ structures. Structure are a core part of data storage in C++ and it is crucial that we know how to use them. In this exercise we want to use a structure that holds an x coordinate and a y coordinate and calculate the distance between them.

The Process

To do this we will use the distance formula derived by mathematicians years ago. In this program we're using two functions, a structure, and a constructor. These will be explained below.

```
#include "point.hpp"
#include <iostream>

using namespace std;
```

The main function gets the points from the user using the *getPoint()* function and prints out the distance to the console using the *distance(Point a, Point b)* function.

```
int main(void)
{
    cout << "Point A:" << endl;
    Point a = getPoint();

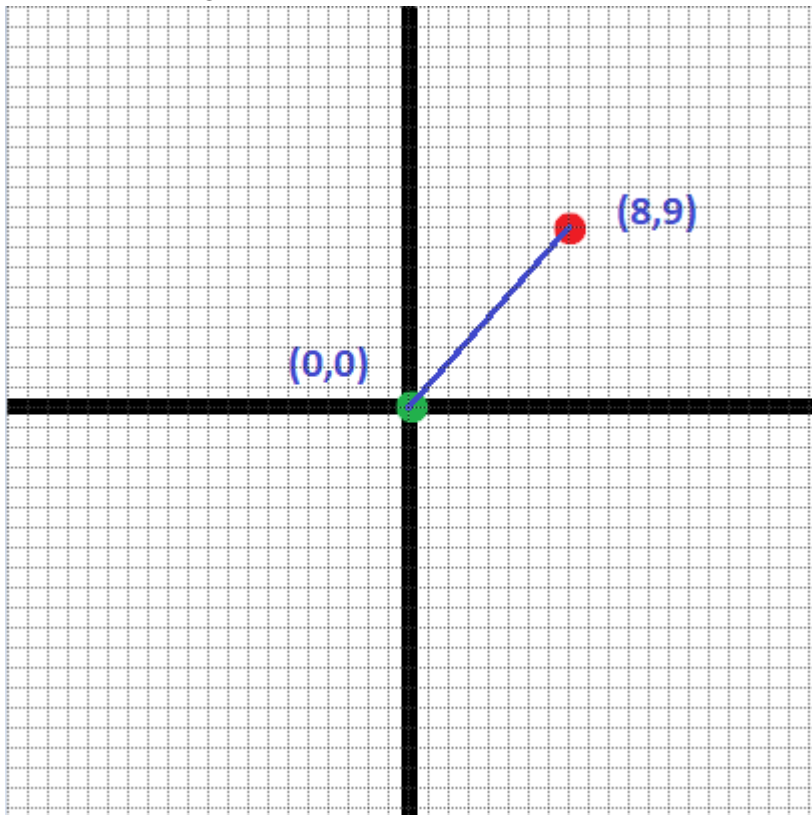
    cout << "Point B:" << endl;
    Point b = getPoint();

    cout << "Distance: " << distance(a,b) << endl;
    return (0);
}
```

This is what the output looks like:

```
sheharyarak@aDELL MINGW64 /c/Projects/CS124/lab1
$ ./ex1.exe
Point A:
Enter X coordinate:
0
Enter Y coordinate:
0
Point B:
Enter X coordinate:
8
Enter Y coordinate:
9
Distance: 12.0416
```

This is what the diagram looks like:



2 point.h

```
#ifndef POINT_H
#define POINT_H

#include <math.h>
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
```

struct Point

A Point, by its mathematical, definition is a location on a plane. In our case, this is a 2D cartesian plane. This implies that in order to describe a location on a plane our Point must have and X displacement from the origin and a Y displacement from the origin. Since our Point needs to values, an X-displacement and a Y-displacement, our structure contains two floats x and y. it also contains a constructor. The constructor takes in two floats, xx and yy, and sets them equal to x and y which makes it easier (in my opinion) to define the Point. We're using floats because we want decimals.

```
struct Point
{
    float x;
    float y;
    Point(int xx, int yy);
};

float distance(Point a, Point b);
Point getPoint(void);

#endif
```

3 point.cpp

```
#include "point.hpp"
#include <math.h>
#include <iostream>

using namespace std;
```

Point(float xx, float yy)

Point(float xx, float yy) is a customized constructor for the structure Point. It takes in the X coordinate and the Y coordinates as arguments and sets them equal to X and Y accordingly.

```
Point::Point(float xx , float yy)
{
    x = xx;
    y = yy;
}
```

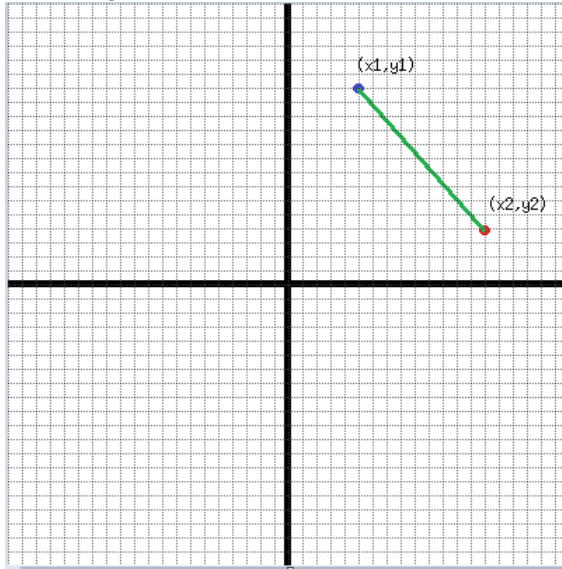
```
float distance(Point a, Point b)
```

This function implements the distance formula and returns the result.

The distance formula is shown below:

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

This diagram illustrates the distance formula:



```
float distance(Point a, Point b)
{
    return (sqrt(((b.y - a.y) * (b.y - a.y)) + ((b.x - a.x) * (b.x - a.x)
    )));
}
```

```
Point getPoint(void)
```

This function takes input from the user. It then creates a point using the Point constructor and the values provided and returns the Point.

```
Point getPoint(void)
{
    float x;
    float y;

    cout << "Enter X coordinate:" << endl;
    cin >> x;
    cout << "Enter Y coordinate:" << endl;
    cin >> y;
    Point p(x,y);
    return (p);
}
```