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Module 10 Coordinate Geometry and Spatial Visualization

## Challenge Problems

Lesson 3 Coordinate Geometry

## Set 1

Use the Pythagorean Theorem to find the distance from the origin to $(4,6)$. Give the answer in both exact form and approximate form.


## Set 2

A line with a slope of zero passes through $(4,-2)$ and $(4, y)$. What is the value of $y$ ? Explain how you know.

2) A line passes through the point $(-2,-3)$ and has a slope of one. Name two other points on the line. Explain how you found them.


## Set 3

(1) Use slope to show that triangle $A B C$ is a right triangle.

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## Possible Answers

Set 1

1. $a^{2}+b^{2}=c^{2}$
$4^{2}+6^{2}=c^{2}$
$16+36=c^{2}$
$52=c^{2}$
$\sqrt{52}=c$
$7.2 \approx c$


Set 2

1. If the slope is zero, the line must be horizontal; and therefore, the $\boldsymbol{y}$-coordinates must be the same. Since the $\boldsymbol{x}$-coordinates are identical (four) and the $y$-coordinates are also the same, the coordinate points define not a line but a single point. So, $\boldsymbol{y}$ must be $\mathbf{- 2}$.
2. A slope of one is the same as the fraction $\frac{1}{1}$. To get other points on the line, start at (-2, -3) and then rise one and run one. Two other points on the line are $(-1,-2)$ and $(0,-1)$.


Set 3

1. The slope of $\overline{A B}$ is four. The slope of $\overline{B C}$ is $-\frac{1}{4}$. The slope of $\overline{A C}$ is $\frac{2}{9}$. A right triangle has one right angle, which is formed by perpendicular line segments. $\overline{A B}$ and $\overline{B C}$ are perpendicular because their slopes are opposite reciprocals. So, $\triangle A B C$ is a right triangle.
