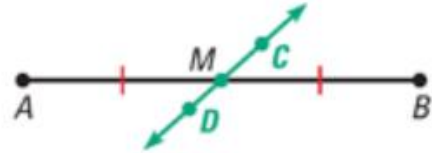


1.3 Use Midpoint and Distance Formula

MIDPOINTS AND BISECTORS The **midpoint** of a segment is the point that divides the segment into two congruent segments. A **segment bisector** is a point, ray, line, line segment, or plane that intersects the segment at its midpoint. A midpoint or a segment bisector *bisects* a segment.



M is the midpoint of \overline{AB} .
So, $\overline{AM} \cong \overline{MB}$ and $AM = MB$.



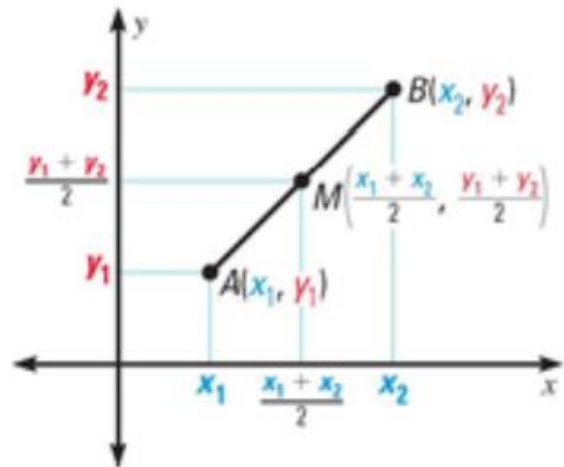
\overleftrightarrow{CD} is a segment bisector of \overline{AB} .
So, $\overline{AM} \cong \overline{MB}$ and $AM = MB$.

The Midpoint Formula

The coordinates of the midpoint of a segment are the averages of the x -coordinates and of the y -coordinates of the endpoints.

If $A(x_1, y_1)$ and $B(x_2, y_2)$ are points in a coordinate plane, then the midpoint M of \overline{AB} has coordinates

$$\left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} \right)$$



The Distance Formula

If $A(x_1, y_1)$ and $B(x_2, y_2)$ are points in a coordinate plane, then the distance between A and B is

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

