

TI86 or TI85 Distance and midpoint program **DIST2**

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:Disp "ENTER FIRST X"  
:Input A  
:Disp "ENTER FIRST Y"  
:Input B  
:Disp "ENTER SECOND X"  
:Input C  
:Disp "ENTER SECOND Y"  
:Input D  
:CILCD  
: $\sqrt{(A-C)^2 + (B-D)^2}$  →F  
:Disp "DISTANCE="  
:Disp F  
:(A+C)/2 →I  
:(B+D)/2 →J  
:Disp "MIDPOINT=(X,Y)="  
:Disp I,J
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Disp, **Input**, **CILCD**, and the **quote marks** are found under the **I/O** menu within the **PRGM** menu. The arrow is the **STO→** button. The **equal sign** is the **ALPHA** function of the **STO→** button. The **space key** is the **Alpha** function of the negative (-) key in the number pad area. It looks like a little rectangle with no top.

To use the program:

Suppose we have two points (3, 15) and (-9, 10). We want to know the distance between the two points and the midpoint of the segment connecting them.

Press the **PRGM** button. Select **NAMES** and then select **DIST2** from that list. Press **ENTER**. This should put **DIST2** on the home screen. Press **ENTER** to run the program. Follow the prompts. It does not matter which point you put in first. You essentially enter the first point's coordinates, x then y , and then the second point's coordinates, x then y . It will calculate the distance between the two points and their midpoint.

It will print out the following.

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DISTANCE=  
13  
MIDPOINT=(X,Y)=  
-3  
12.5  
Done
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We read this as the distance between (3, 15) and (-9, 10) is 13 units and the midpoint of the segment connecting these two points is (-3, 12.5).