Graphing Ordered Pairs on the TI-73 Explorer™

Directions

Students will begin the activity by entering data into two lists. These will be x- and y-coordinates for points that will be graphed as a scatter plot to make a rectangle.

Make sure your handheld settings are as shown below.



Exercise 1:

You are going to use lists to draw the rectangle with vertices (2,1), (2,3), (5,3), and (5,1).

Step 1: Entering the coordinates of the points as data

Press LIST and enter the *x*-values in L_1 and the *y*-values in L_2 as shown in the screen at the right.

You must enter the point (2,1) twice—once as the starting point of the rectangle and again as the ending point.

Step 2: Making a scatter plot of the data points

- Press y , and then press o to select 1:Plot1
- Press l
 to turn the plot on.
- Move s and to the second type of plot O and press
- Move and press y LIST 1 I to choose L1 for the Xlist)
- Move I and press y LIST Á Í to choose L₂ for the Ylist.
- Move and press to choose the first Mark.
- Press p and enter the values shown at right.
 (Remember to use) for the negative sign.)
- Press s to see the rectangle.



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Exercise 2: You are going to use L_3 and L_4 to draw a triangle with vertices (6,3), (8,6), and (9,4).

Step 1: Entering the coordinates of the points as data Press LIST and move \blacktriangleright to enter the *x*-values in L₃ and the *y*-values in L₄ as shown in the screen at the right. You must enter the point (6,3) twice—once as the starting point

of the triangle and again as the ending point.

Step 2: Making a scatter plot of the data points

- Press y , o and then press 2 to select Plot2
- Press l
 to turn the plot on.
- Move and to the second type of plot Ó and press
- Move and press y LIST ③ to choose L₃ for the Xlist
- Move and press y LIST to choose L₄ for the Ylist.
- Move and press to choose the first Mark.

You are going to use L_5 and L_6 to draw a square. Study the graph shown at the right and determine the values needed

Press [LIST] and enter the x-values in L_5 and the y-values in L_6 .

You must enter the coordinates for the first point twice—once as the starting point of the

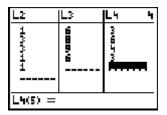
Step 1: Entering the coordinates of the points as data

• Press s to see the triangle.

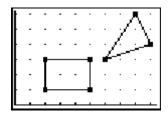
Exercise 3:

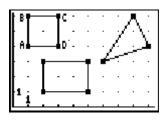
for the points A, B, C, and D.

square and again as the ending point.









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Step 2: Making a scatter plot of the data points

- Press y , o and then press 3 to select Plot3
- Press 1 to turn the plot on.
- Move and press y LIST 5 to choose L₅ for the Xlist)
- Move \bigtriangledown and press y LIST 6 to choose L₆ for the Ylist.
- Move and press to choose the first Mark.
- Press s to see the square.

Extensions

Have students create their own polygons, record the points used for vertices, and enter these coordinates in lists to graph the polygons.

