

Study Guide – Rules for Transformations on a Coordinate Plane

Translations: one type of transformation where a geometric figure is “slid” horizontally, vertically, or both. Sliding a polygon to a new position without turning it. When translating a figure, every point of the original figure is moved the same distance and in the same direction.

Rules: A positive integer describes a translation right or up on a coordinate plane.

A negative integer describes a translation left or down on a coordinate plane.

$$(x, y) \rightarrow (x \pm a, y \pm b)$$

*A movement left or right is on the x-axis. A movement up or down is on the y-axis.

Reflections: A type of transformation where a figure is “flipped” over a line of symmetry.

A reflection produces a mirror image of a figure.

Rules: Reflect a figure over the x-axis: change the y-coordinates to their opposites.

$$(x, y) \rightarrow (x, -y)$$

Reflect a figure over the y-axis: change the x-coordinates to their opposites.

$$(x, y) \rightarrow (-x, y)$$

Reflect a figure over the $y = x$: change the coordinate positions

$$(x, y) \rightarrow (y, x)$$

Reflect a figure over the $y = -x$: change the coordinate positions & signs

$$(x, y) \rightarrow (-y, -x)$$

Rotations: A transformation that “turns” a figure about a fixed point given angle degrees and a direction.

Rules: 90° clockwise rotation: $(x, y) \rightarrow (y, -x)$

180° rotation: $(x, y) \rightarrow (-x, -y)$

90° counter clockwise rotation: $(x, y) \rightarrow (-y, x)$

Dilations: a transformation that **changes the size** of a figure, but not the shape.

Rule: To dilate a figure, always **MULTIPLY** the coordinates of each of its points by the factor of dilation.

Dilation factor k : $(x, y) \rightarrow (kx, ky)$

Week 6: Transformations on a Coordinate Plane

Translations:

- slides a figure horizontally, vertically, or both.
- every point of the original figure is moved the same distance and same direction
- The **image** (the new shape) will be exactly the same shape and same size as the original
 - This means the original and the image are **congruent**
- **Corresponding sides** in translated figures are **parallel**.

Rules: A **positive** integer describes a translation **right or up** on a coordinate plane.

A **negative** integer describes a translation **left or down** on a coordinate plane.

*A movement **left or right** is on the x-axis. A movement **up or down** is on the y-axis.

Translation of h, k :

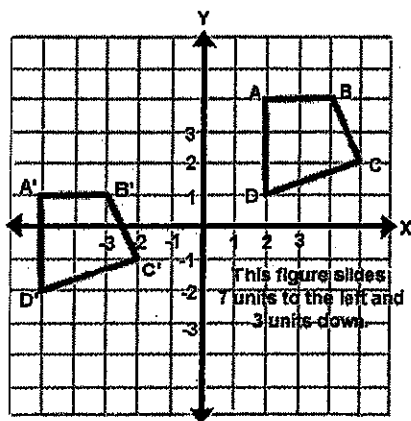
$$P(x, y) \Rightarrow P'(x+h, y+k)$$

If $h > 0$, the original point is shifted h units to the right

If $h < 0$, the original point is shifted to the left

If $k > 0$, the original graph is shifted k units up

If $k < 0$, the original point is shifted down.



Example: For the translation shown in the graph, Quadrilateral ABCD was translated 7 units to the left and 3 units down to form its image A'B'C'D'

This can be written as $(x, y) \rightarrow (x-7, y-3)$

This may also be seen as $T_{-7, -3}(x, y) = (x-7, y-3)$

Example:

Draw quadrilateral JKLM with vertices $J(-5, 3)$, $K(-4, 5)$, $L(-3, 3)$, and $M(-4, 1)$. Then find the coordinates of the vertices of the image after the translation $(x, y) \rightarrow (x + 6, y - 2)$, and draw the image.

For each vertex of the original figure, add 6 to the x-coordinate and subtract 2 from the y-coordinate.

Original Image

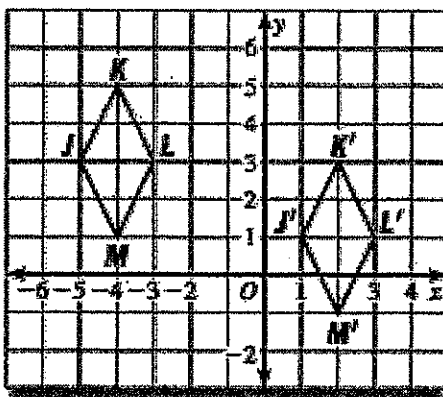
$$J(-5, 3) \rightarrow J'(1, 1)$$

$$K(-4, 5) \rightarrow K'(2, 3)$$

$$L(-3, 3) \rightarrow L'(3, 1)$$

$$M(-4, 1) \rightarrow M'(2, -1)$$

Each point on the original figure is translated 6 units to the right and 2 units down. The graph shows both figures.



Reflections

A reflection flips a figure across a line. That line is called the line of reflection.

→ The size and shape of the reflected figure does not change.

→ Each side and angle of a reflected figure corresponds to the same side and angle of its original

- A figure and its reflection are congruent.

Reflect a figure over the x-axis-

- when reflecting over the x-axis, change the y-coordinates to their opposites.
- $(x, y) \rightarrow (x, -y)$

Reflect a figure over the y-axis-

- when reflecting over the y-axis, change the x-coordinates to their opposites.
- $(x, y) \rightarrow (-x, y)$

Reflect a figure over any other line -

- draw the line of reflection on the coordinate plane
- Count the distance of each point to the line of reflection.
- Plot the image of each point the same distance away from the line of reflection on the opposite side.

Example 1: Triangle ABC has vertices A(5,2), B(1,3), and C(-1,1). Find the coordinates of ABC after a reflection over the x-axis.

$$A(5,2) \longrightarrow (x, -y) \longrightarrow A'(5, -2)$$

$$B(1,3) \longrightarrow (x, -y) \longrightarrow B'(1, -3)$$

$$C(-1,1) \longrightarrow (x, -y) \longrightarrow C'(-1, -1)$$

Example 2: Quadrilateral KLMN has vertices K(2,3), L(5,1), M(4,-2), and N(1,-1). Find the coordinates of KLMN after a reflection over the y-axis.

$$K(2,3) \longrightarrow (-x, y) \longrightarrow K'(-2,3)$$

$$L(5,1) \longrightarrow (-x, y) \longrightarrow L'(-5, 1)$$

$$M(4,-2) \longrightarrow (-x, y) \longrightarrow M'(-4,-2)$$

$$N(1,-1) \longrightarrow (-x, y) \longrightarrow N'(-1,-1)$$

Draw parallelogram ABCD with vertices A(-3, 3), B(2, 3), C(4, 1), and D(-1, 1). Then find the coordinates of the vertices of the image after a reflection in the x-axis, and draw the image.

For each vertex of the original figure, multiply the y-coordinate by -1.

Original Image

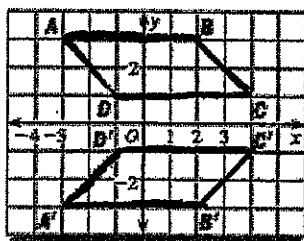
$$A(-3, 3) \rightarrow A'(-3, -3)$$

$$B(2, 3) \rightarrow B'(2, -3)$$

$$C(4, 1) \rightarrow C'(4, -1)$$

$$D(-1, 1) \rightarrow D'(-1, -1)$$

The graph shows both figures.



Rotations:

- A transformation that "turns" a figure about a fixed point at a given angle and a given direction.

Rules:

→ 90 degree clockwise rotation around the origin: $(x, y) \rightarrow (y, -x)$

→ 90 degree counterclockwise rotation $(x, y) \rightarrow (-y, x)$

-- This is the same as a 270 degree clockwise rotation around the origin: $(-y, x)$

→ 180 degree rotation around the origin $(0,0)$, use: $(x, y) \rightarrow (-x, -y)$

Example 1: Triangle NPQ has vertices N(0,0), P(4,-1), and Q(4,2). Rotate clockwise 90 degrees.

N(0,0) $(y, -x)$ N'(0,0)

P(4,-1) $(y, -x)$ P'(-1, -4)

Q(4,2) $(y, -x)$ Q'(2, -4)

Example 2: Triangle KLM has vertices K(1,0), L(4,2), and M(3,4). Rotate 180 degrees.

K(1,0) $(-x, -y)$ K'(-1,0)

L(4,2) $(-x, -y)$ L'(-4,-2)

M(3,4) $(-x, -y)$ M'(-3,-4)

Example 3: Quadrilateral DEFG has vertices D(-1,0), E(-4,1), F(-3,3), and G(0,4). Rotate 90° counterclockwise.

D(-1,0) $(-y, x)$ D'(0, -1)

E(-4,1) $(-y, x)$ E'(-1, -4)

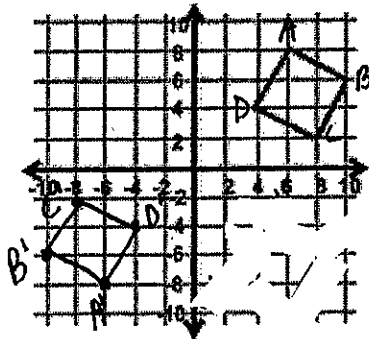
F(-3,3) $(-y, x)$ F'(-3, -3)

G(0,4) $(-y, x)$ G'(-4, 0)

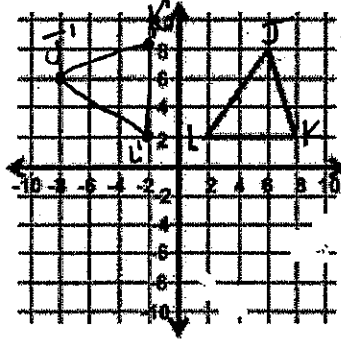
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1. Rotate each figure about the origin.

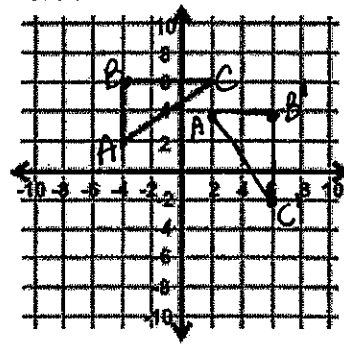
a. 180°



b. 90° Counterclockwise

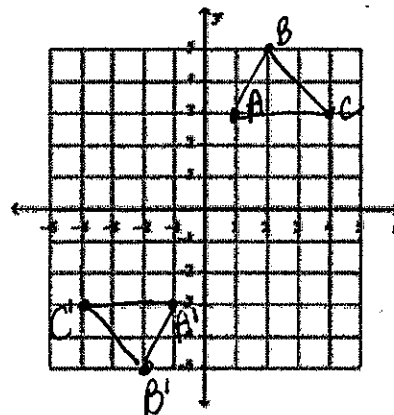


c. 90° clockwise



2. Draw a triangle with vertices A: (1,3), B: (2,5), and C:(4,3). Then determine the image of this triangle after performing a 180 degree rotation about the origin. Label the image with A'B'C'.

A': (-1, -3)
B': (-2, -5)
C': (-4, -3)



Dilations:

a transformation that **changes the size** of a figure, but not the shape.

→ can reduce or enlarge a shape.

→ each coordinate of a dilated figure is multiplied by a **scale factor, k** .

- if k is between 0 and 1, the figure is reduced

- if k is greater than 1, the figure is enlarged.

→ a dilated figure is **similar** (not congruent) to the original figure

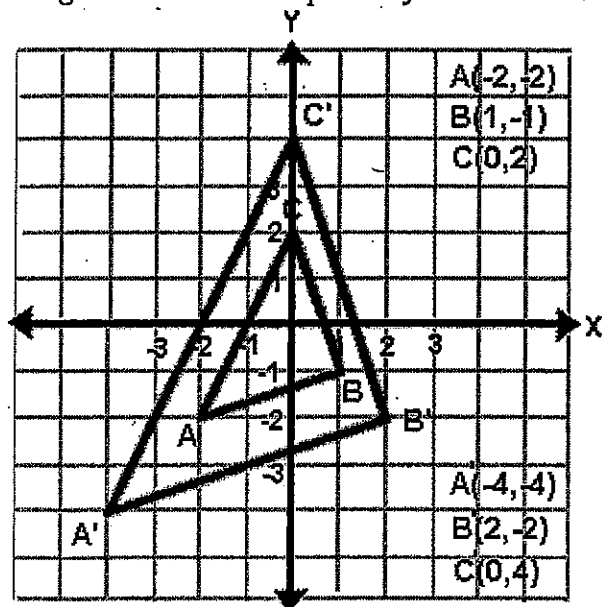
- it has the same shape, but different size!

- Angle measures in similar figures are the same.

- The sides of similar figures are proportional.

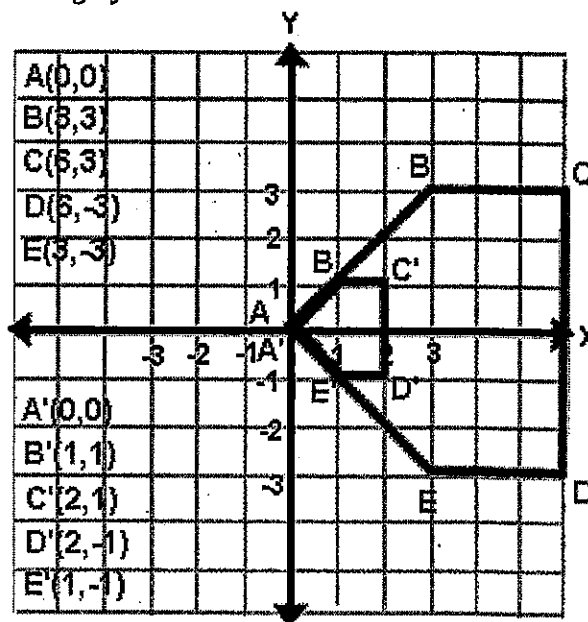
Example: Draw the dilation image of triangle ABC with the center of dilation at the origin and a scale factor of 2.

Notice how every coordinate of the original triangle has been multiplied by the scale factor 2.



Example: Draw the dilation image of pentagon $ABCDE$ with the center of dilation at the origin and a scale factor of $1/3$.

Notice how EVERY coordinate of the original pentagon has been multiplied by the scale factor ($1/3$). → multiplying by $1/3$ is the same as dividing by 3



Sometimes the **center of dilation is not the origin**. When the origin is not the center of dilation, the distance from the center of dilation to each point on the original figure is multiplied by the scale factor.

Example: Draw the dilation image of rectangle $EFGH$ with the center of dilation at point E and a scale factor of $1/2$.

Notice: Point E and its image are the same. It is important to observe the **distance** from the center of the dilation, E , to the other points of the figure. Notice $EF = 6$ and $E'F' = 3$.

