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4.2 Reflections

For use with Exploration 4.2

Essential Question How can you reflect a figure in a coordinate plane?

1 EXPLORATION: Reflecting a Triangle Using a Reflective Device

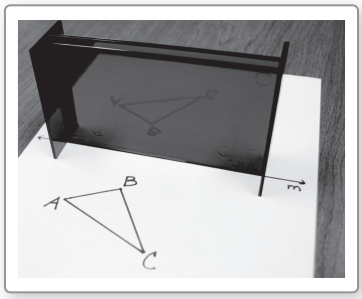
Work with a partner. Use a straightedge to draw any triangle on paper. Label it $\triangle ABC$.

a. Use the straightedge to draw a line that does not pass through the triangle. Label it m.

b. Place a reflective device on line m.

c. Use the reflective device to plot the images of the vertices of $\triangle ABC$. Label the images of vertices A, B, and C as A', B', and C', respectively.

d. Use a straightedge to draw $\triangle A'B'C'$ by connecting the vertices.



2 EXPLORATION: Reflecting a Triangle in a Coordinate Plane

Go to *BigIdeasMath.com* for an interactive tool to investigate this exploration.

Work with a partner. Use dynamic geometry software to draw any triangle and label it $\triangle ABC$.

a. *Reflect* $\triangle ABC$ in the y-axis to form $\triangle A'B'C'$.

b. What is the relationship between the coordinates of the vertices of $\triangle ABC$ and those of $\triangle A'B'C'$?

c. What do you observe about the side lengths and angle measures of the two triangles?

d. *Reflect* $\triangle ABC$ in the x-axis to form $\triangle A'B'C'$. Then repeat parts (b) and (c).

Communicate Your Answer

3. How can you reflect a figure in a coordinate plane?

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4.2 Notetaking with Vocabulary

For use after Lesson 4.2

In your own words, write the meaning of each vocabulary term.

reflection

line of reflection

glide reflection

line symmetry

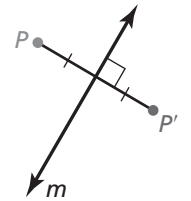
line of symmetry

Core Concepts

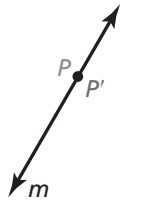
Reflections

A **reflection** is a transformation that uses a line like a mirror to reflect a figure. The mirror line is called the **line of reflection**.

A reflection in a line m maps every point P in the plane to a point P', so that for each point on of the following properties is true.



point P not on m



point P on m

- If P is not m, then m is the perpendicular bisector of $\overline{PP'}$, or
- If P is on m, then $P = P'$.

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4.2 **Notetaking with Vocabulary (continued)**

Core Concepts

Coordinate Rules for Reflections

- If (a, b) is reflected in the x-axis, then its image is the point $(a, -b)$.
- If (a, b) is reflected in the y-axis, then its image is the point $(-a, b)$.
- If (a, b) is reflected in the line $y = x$, then its image is the point (b, a).
- If (a, b) is reflected in the line $y = -x$, then its image is the point $(-b, -a)$.

Notes:

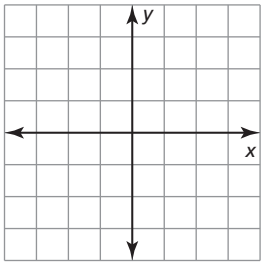
Postulate 4.2 Reflection Postulate

A reflection is a rigid motion.

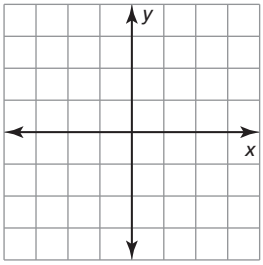
Extra Practice

In Exercises 1–4, graph $\triangle ABC$ and its image after a reflection in the given line.

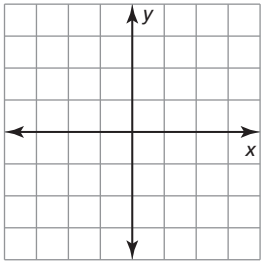
1. $A(-1, 5)$, $B(-4, 4)$, $C(-3, 1)$; y-axis



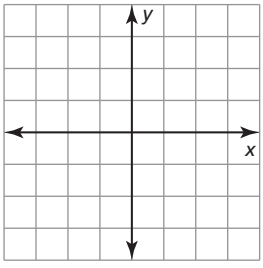
2. $A(0, 2)$, $B(4, 5)$, $C(5, 2)$; x-axis



3. $A(2, -1)$, $B(-4, -2)$, $C(-1, -3)$; $y = 1$



4. $A(-2, 3)$, $B(-2, -2)$, $C(0, -2)$; $x = -3$



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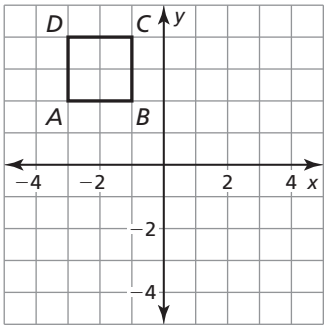
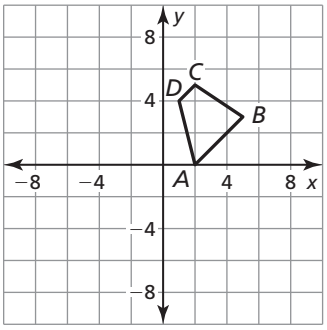
4.2 Notetaking with Vocabulary (continued)

In Exercises 5 and 6, graph the polygon's image after a reflection in the given line.

5. $y = x$



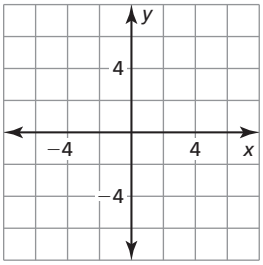
6. $y = -x$



In Exercises 7 and 8, graph $\triangle JKL$ with vertices $J(3, 1)$, $K(4, 2)$, and $L(1, 3)$ and its image after the glide reflection.

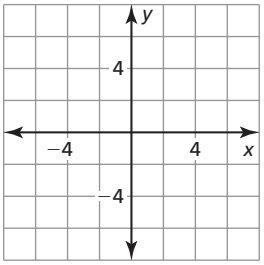
7. **Translation:** $(x, y) \rightarrow (x - 6, y - 1)$

Reflection: in the line $y = -x$



8. **Translation:** $(x, y) \rightarrow (x, y - 4)$

Reflection: in the line $x = 1$



In Exercises 9–12, identify the line symmetry (if any) of the word.

9. MOON **10.** WOW **11.** KID **12.** DOCK

13. You are placing a power strip along wall w that connects to two computers. Where should you place the power strip to minimize the length of the connecting cables?