

4.3**Rotations**

For use with Exploration 4.3

Essential Question How can you rotate a figure in a coordinate plane?**1 EXPLORATION:** Rotating a Triangle in a Coordinate PlaneGo to *BigIdeasMath.com* for an interactive tool to investigate this exploration.

Work with a partner.

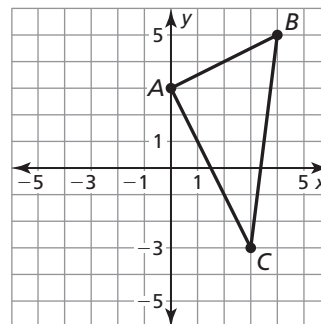
- Use dynamic geometry software to draw any triangle and label it $\triangle ABC$.
- Rotate the triangle 90° counterclockwise about the origin to form $\triangle A'B'C'$.
- What is the relationship between the coordinates of the vertices of $\triangle ABC$ and those of $\triangle A'B'C'$?
- What do you observe about the side lengths and angle measures of the two triangles?

2 EXPLORATION: Rotating a Triangle in a Coordinate PlaneGo to *BigIdeasMath.com* for an interactive tool to investigate this exploration.

Work with a partner.

- The point (x, y) is rotated 90° counterclockwise about the origin. Write a rule to determine the coordinates of the image of (x, y) .

- Use the rule you wrote in part (a) to rotate $\triangle ABC$ 90° counterclockwise about the origin. What are the coordinates of the vertices of the image, $\triangle A'B'C'$?



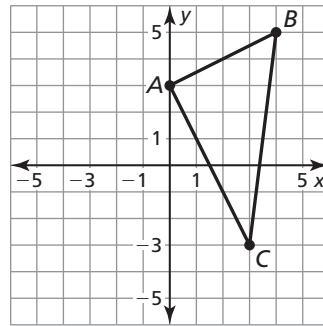
- Draw $\triangle A'B'C'$. Are its side lengths the same as those of $\triangle ABC$? Justify your answer.

4.3 Rotations (continued)**3 EXPLORATION: Rotating a Triangle in a Coordinate Plane**

Work with a partner.

- a. The point (x, y) is rotated 180° counterclockwise about the origin. Write a rule to determine the coordinates of the image of (x, y) . Explain how you found the rule.

- b. Use the rule you wrote in part (a) to rotate $\triangle ABC$ 180° counterclockwise about the origin. What are the coordinates of the vertices of the image, $\triangle A'B'C'$?

**Communicate Your Answer**

4. How can you rotate a figure in a coordinate plane?
5. In Exploration 3, rotate $\triangle A'B'C'$ 180° counterclockwise about the origin. What are the coordinates of the vertices of the image, $\triangle A''B''C''$? How are these coordinates related to the coordinates of the vertices of the original triangle, $\triangle ABC$?

4.3**Notetaking with Vocabulary**

For use after Lesson 4.3

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

rotation

center of rotation

angle of rotation

rotational symmetry

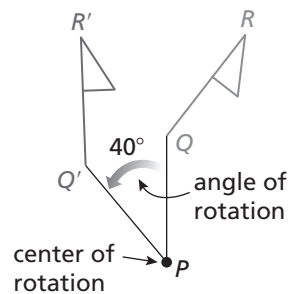
center of symmetry

Core Concepts**Rotations**

A **rotation** is a transformation in which a figure is turned about a fixed point called the **center of rotation**. Rays drawn from the center of rotation to a point and its image form the **angle of rotation**.

A rotation about a point P through an angle of x° maps every point Q in the plane to a point Q' , so that one of the following properties is true.

- If Q is not the center of rotation P , then $QP = Q'P$ and $m\angle QPQ' = x^\circ$, or
- If Q is the center of rotation P , then $Q = Q'$.

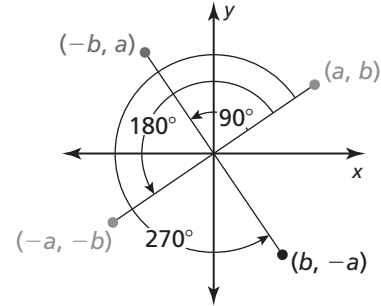
**Notes:**

4.3 Notetaking with Vocabulary (continued)

Coordinate Rules for Rotations about the Origin

When a point (a, b) is rotated counterclockwise about the origin, the following are true.

- For a rotation of 90° , $(a, b) \rightarrow (-b, a)$.
- For a rotation of 180° , $(a, b) \rightarrow (-a, -b)$.
- For a rotation of 270° , $(a, b) \rightarrow (b, -a)$.



Notes:

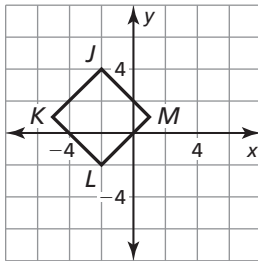
Postulate 4.3 Rotation Postulate

A rotation is a rigid motion.

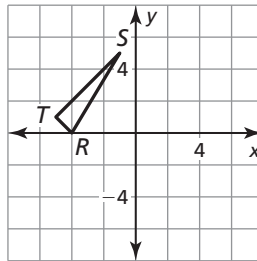
Extra Practice

In Exercises 1–3, graph the image of the polygon after a rotation of the given number of degrees about the origin.

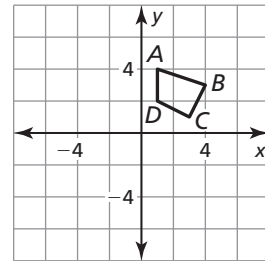
1. 180°



2. 90°



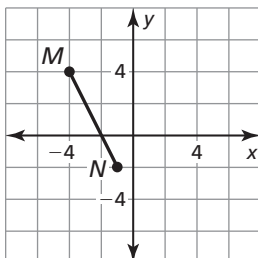
3. 270°



In Exercises 4–7, graph the image of \overline{MN} after the composition.

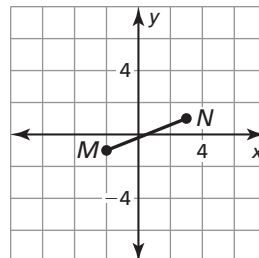
4. **Reflection:** x -axis

Rotation: 180° about the origin



5. **Rotation:** 90° about the origin

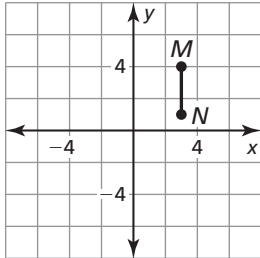
Translation: $(x, y) \rightarrow (x + 2, y - 3)$



4.3 Notetaking with Vocabulary (continued)

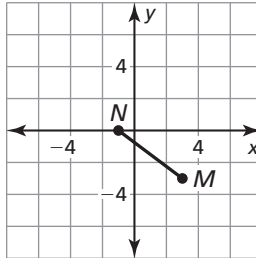
6. Rotation: 270° about the origin

Reflection: in the line $y = x$



7. Rotation: 90° about the origin

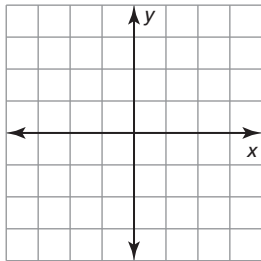
Translation: $(x, y) \rightarrow (x - 5, y)$



In Exercises 8 and 9, graph $\triangle JKL$ with vertices $J(2, 3)$, $K(1, -1)$, and $L(-1, 0)$ and its image after the composition.

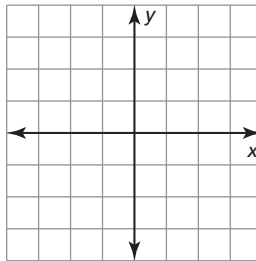
8. Rotation: 180° about the origin

Reflection: $x = 2$



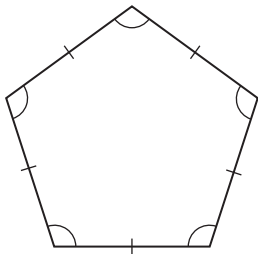
9. Translation: $(x, y) \rightarrow (x - 4, y - 4)$

Rotation: 270° about the origin



In Exercises 10 and 11, determine whether the figure has rotational symmetry. If so, describe any rotations that map the figure onto itself.

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