GOAL

Create an image congruent to a given triangle.

Vocabulary

A **transformation** is an operation that moves or changes a geometric figure in some way to produce a new figure. The new figure is called the image.

A translation moves every point of a figure the same distance in the same direction. A reflection uses a line of reflection to create a mirror image of the original figure. A rotation turns a figure about a fixed point, called the center of rotation.

A congruence transformation changes the position of the figure without changing its size or shape.

Coordinate notation for a translation:

The notation $(x, y) \rightarrow (x + a, y + b)$ shows that each point (x, y) of the original figure is translated horizontally a units and vertically b units.

Coordinate notation for a reflection in the *x*-axis:

Multiply the y-coordinate by -1. $(x, y) \rightarrow (x, -y)$

Coordinate notation for a reflection in the y-axis:

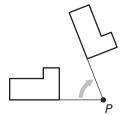
Multiply the x-coordinate by -1. $(x, y) \rightarrow (-x, y)$

EXAMPLE 1

Identify transformations

Name the type of transformation demonstrated in each picture.

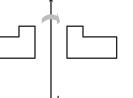
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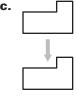
Rotation about a point



Reflection



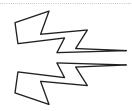
in a vertical line



Translation in a straight path

Exercise for Example 1

1. Name the type of transformation shown.



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EXAMPLE 2

Transform a figure in the coordinate plane

Triangle ABC has the vertices A(3, 5), B(4, 2), and C(1, 0). Sketch $\triangle ABC$ and its image after the given transformation.

a. Translation: $(x, y) \rightarrow (x - 4, y + 1)$ **b.** Reflection in the y-axis

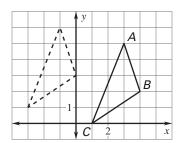
Solution

a.
$$(x, y) \rightarrow (x - 4, y + 1)$$

$$A(3,5) \rightarrow (-1,6)$$

$$B(4, 2) \to (0, 3)$$

$$C(1, 0) \rightarrow (-3, 1)$$

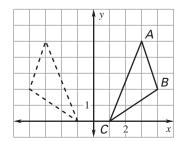


b.
$$(x, y) \to (-x, y)$$

$$A(3,5) \to (-3,5)$$

$$B(4, 2) \rightarrow (-4, 2)$$

$$C(1, 0) \rightarrow (-1, 0)$$

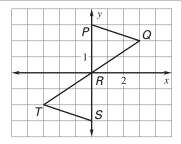


EXAMPLE 3 Identify a rotation

Tell whether \triangle *STR* is a rotation of \triangle *PQR* about the origin. If so, give the angle and direction of the rotation.

Solution

Because $m \angle PRS = m \angle QRT = 180^{\circ}$, this is a 180° rotation in either the clockwise or counterclockwise direction.



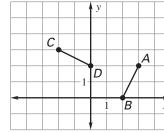
Exercises for Examples 2 and 3

Figure ABCD has the vertices A(-5, 5), B(-1, 2), C(-3, 0), and D(-5, 0). Sketch ABCD and its image after the given transformation.

2. Translation: $(x, y) \rightarrow (x + 6, y - 2)$ **3.** Reflection in the *x*-axis

Tell whether \overline{CD} is a rotation of \overline{AB} about the origin. If so, give the angle and direction of rotation.





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