## Geometry Notes TG-2: Rotations

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Notation:

## Properties of rotations:

1. The center of rotation $P$
2. For all other points, $Q$, the image $Q^{\prime}$ is the point such that

Note: By definition, positive rotations are always

Ex: For a counterclockwise rotation of $60^{\circ}$, write either
For a clockwise rotation of $60^{\circ}$, write either
3. Distances are preserved.
4. Angle measure is preserved.

Special cases:
a. $R_{\phi}$ (no point specified) means rotate $\phi^{\circ}$ around
b. $R_{P}$ (no angle specified) means rotate around point $P$.

## Origin Rotations with Coordinates

Ex: Let $A$ have coordinates (4, 2).
a. $R_{90^{\circ}}(4,2)=$

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R_{90^{\circ}}(x, y)=
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b. $R_{180^{\circ}}(4,2)=$

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c. $R_{270}(4,2)=$

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1. What is the image of $(-3,1)$ under a rotation of $90^{\circ}$ about the origin?
2. a. What is the image of $(4,-5)$ under a rotation of $180^{\circ}$ about the origin?
b. What is the difference between this and a rotation $-180^{\circ}$ (i.e. $180^{\circ} \mathrm{CW}$ ) about the origin?
3. Using the rule $(x, y) \rightarrow(-y, x)$, find the image of $A(5,-2)$.
4. a. Find the coordinates $P^{\prime}$, the image of $P(x, y)$ after a reflection in the $x$-axis.
b. Find the coordinates $P^{\prime \prime}$, the image of $P^{\prime}$ after a reflection in the $y$-axis.
c. A reflection in the $x$-axis followed by a reflection in the $y$-axis is the same as what single transformation?
5. a. Graph $\triangle R A T$ having coordinates $R(0,2), A(2,5)$ and $T(5,2)$.
b. Graph $\triangle R^{\prime} A^{\prime} T$, the image of $\triangle R A T$ after a $90^{\circ}$ rotation about the origin.
c. Graph $\Delta R^{\prime \prime} A^{\prime \prime} T^{\prime \prime}$, the image of $\triangle R A T$ after a reflection in the line $y=x$.
6. In the diagram at right, $\Delta R^{\prime} A^{\prime} T^{\prime}$ is the image of $\triangle R A T$ after a rotation around point $P$.
a. What is the angle and direction of rotation? (You do not need a protractor, just your brain.)
b. What is the length of $\overline{R^{\prime} T^{\prime}}$ ? How do we know?
c. What is the measure of $\angle R^{\prime} T^{\prime} A^{\prime}$ ? How do we know?

7. Evaluate the following:
a. $r_{y \text {-axis }}(3,-4)=$
b. $R_{180^{\circ}}(4,3)=$
c. $R_{90^{\circ}}(0,2)=$
d. $R_{O}(3,-2)=$
e. $r_{y=x}(-5,-7)=$
8. Refer to the diagram at right to answer the following:
a. $R_{H, 90^{\circ}}(C)=$
b. $R_{R, 90^{\circ}}(\overline{T Y})=$
c. $R_{L}(P)=$
d. $R_{O, 90^{\circ}}(\angle I J N)=$
e. $R_{O}(\overline{V W})=$
f. $R_{O, 270^{\circ}}(D)=$
g. $R_{G}(K)=$
h. $r_{\overline{K N}}(B)=$
i. $r_{\overline{P D}}(\overline{A B})=$


## Read: Rotational Symmetry and Point Symmetry

A figure has rotational symmetry if it is the image of itself after a rotation of $0^{\circ}<\phi<360^{\circ}$.


A regular hexagon has $60^{\circ}$ rotational symmetry $\mathrm{b} / \mathrm{c}$ it is its own image after a $60^{\circ}$ rotation.
It also has rotational symmetry of all multiples of $60^{\circ}: 120^{\circ}, 180^{\circ}, 240^{\circ}$ and $300^{\circ}$.
Because it has $180^{\circ}$ rotational symmetry, it is also said to have point symmetry.

Ex:


A "three leafed rose" has $120^{\circ}$ rotational symmetry $\mathrm{b} / \mathrm{c}$ it is its own image after a $120^{\circ}$ rotation. It also has rotational symmetry of all multiples of $120^{\circ}$ : $240^{\circ}$.
Because it does not have $180^{\circ}$ rotational symmetry, it does not have point symmetry.
9. Which of the following letters has point symmetry but not line symmetry?
(1) W
(2) $\mathbf{X}$
(3) $\mathbf{Y}$
(4) $\boldsymbol{Z}$

## Read: The Identity Symmetry

A rotation of $360^{\circ}$ (or $0^{\circ}$ ) is called the "identity symmetry." All figures have identity symmetry. When we count total symmetries, we include all lines of symmetry and all rotational symmetries and the identity symmetry. For example, a square has 8 total symmetries: Four lines of symmetry, shown, and four rotational symmetries (including the identity symmetry), $90^{\circ}, 180^{\circ}, 270^{\circ}$ and $360^{\circ}$.

10. Tell how many total symmetries (including the identity symmetry) each figure has.
a.

b.

Rectangle
Isosceles triangle
c.

Regular
hexagon
d.


