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Reflection

UNIT 3 :
Co-ordinate Geometry

(In x -axis, y -axis, $x = a$, $y = a$ and the origin; Invariant Points)

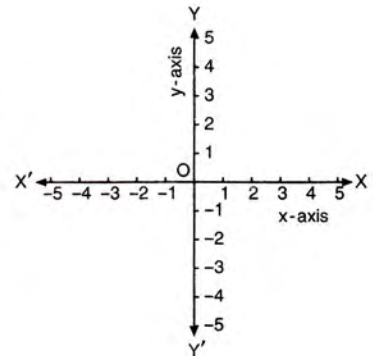
12.1 Introduction :

Co-ordinate geometry is the branch of geometry in which two numbers, called *co-ordinates*, are used to locate the position of a point in a plane.

12.2 Co-ordinate Axes :

The two mutually perpendicular **number lines** intersecting each other at their zeroes, are called *rectangular axes or co-ordinate axes or axes of reference*.

As shown in the adjacent figure, the *horizontal number line* XOX' is called the **x -axis**; the *vertical number line* YOY' is called the **y -axis** and their *point of intersection*, O is called the **origin**.



12.3 Co-ordinates :

The position of a point in a plane is expressed by a pair of two numbers (one concerning x -axis and the other concerning y -axis) called *co-ordinates*.

Consider a point $P(x, y)$

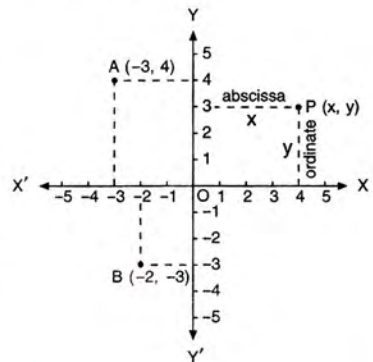
Here (x, y) is a pair of two numbers, which gives the co-ordinates of point P .

The first number x of the pair (x, y) is the distance of the point P from y -axis and is called **x -co-ordinate** or **abscissa**.

The second number y of the pair (x, y) is the distance of the point P from x -axis and is called the **y -co-ordinate** or **ordinate**.

Suppose the co-ordinates of point A are $(-3, 4)$, then its abscissa = -3 and ordinate = 4 .

And, if for a point B , abscissa = -2 and ordinate = -3 , then its co-ordinates are $(-2, -3)$.

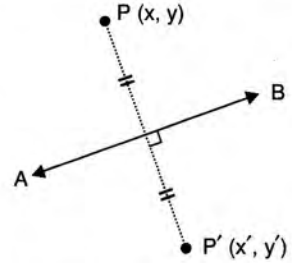
**Remember :**

- In stating the co-ordinates of a point the abscissa precedes the ordinate. The two co-ordinates are separated by a comma and are enclosed in a bracket.
Thus, a point with abscissa x and ordinate y is denoted by (x, y) .
- Co-ordinates of origin $O = (0, 0)$.
- Co-ordinates of a point on the x -axis = $(x, 0)$ and
- Co-ordinates of a point on the y -axis = $(0, y)$.

12.4 Reflection :

When an object is placed before a plane mirror, the image formed is *at the same distance behind the mirror as the object is in front of it.*

Therefore, to find the image of a point P in a line AB, consider AB as the *plane mirror* and point P as the *object*. Now, find a point P' on the other side of AB, such that P' is at the same distance from AB as P is from it.



Thus, point P' is the *image of point P* in line AB and line AB, which is also the perpendicular bisector of PP', is said to be the **mirror line** or **mediator** of segment PP'.

The transformation which maps a point P to P' is called **reflection**.

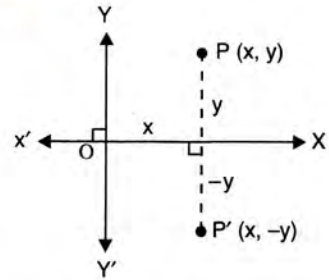
The *reflection* can be denoted in several ways, but here it will be denoted by M_l , where M denotes *reflection* and l is the line or point in which the reflection takes place.

- Thus, M_x represents *reflection in the x-axis*;
- M_y represents *reflection in the y-axis*;
- and M_o represents *reflection in the origin*.

12.5 Reflection in the line $y = 0$ i.e. in the x-axis :

The line $y = 0$ means the **x-axis**

The adjoining figure shows the reflection of point P(x, y) in the x-axis. It is clear from the figure that P' is the **image of P** in the x-axis such that $P' = (x, -y)$.



Symbolically, $M_x(x, y) = (x, -y)$.

Therefore, when a point is reflected in the x-axis, the sign of its ordinate changes.

For Example :

Reflection of point (2, 3) in the x-axis = (2, -3) i.e. $M_x(2, 3) = (2, -3)$

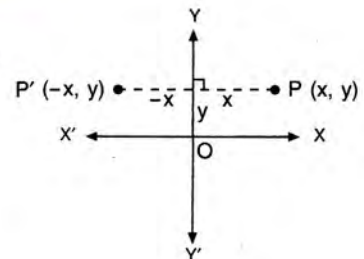
Reflection of point (2, -3) in the x-axis = (2, 3) i.e. $M_x(2, -3) = (2, 3)$

Similarly, $M_x(-5, 7) = (-5, -7)$; $M_x(-a, -b) = (-a, b)$ and so on.

12.6 Reflection in the line $x = 0$ i.e. in the y-axis :

The line $x = 0$ means the **y-axis**

As is clear from the adjoining figure, the reflection of point P(x, y) in the y-axis is P' such that $P' = (-x, y)$.



Symbolically, $M_y(x, y) = (-x, y)$

Therefore, when a point is reflected in the y-axis, the sign of its abscissa changes.

For Example :

Reflection of point (2, 3) in the y-axis = (-2, 3) i.e. $M_y(2, 3) = (-2, 3)$

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Similarly, $M_y(-5, 7) = (5, 7)$, $M_y(-a, -b) = (a, -b)$ and so on.

- (ii) Find the co-ordinates of the image of P under reflection in the y -axis.
9. A point P is reflected in the origin. Co-ordinates of its image are $(-2, 7)$.
- (i) Find the co-ordinate of P.
 (ii) Find the co-ordinates of the image of P under reflection in the x -axis.
10. The point $P(a, b)$ is first reflected in the origin and then reflected in the y -axis to P' . If P' has co-ordinates $(4, 6)$; evaluate a and b .
11. The point $P(x, y)$ is first reflected in the x -axis and then reflected in the origin to P' . If P' has co-ordinates $(-8, 5)$; evaluate x and y .
12. The point $A(-3, 2)$ is reflected in the x -axis to the point A' . Point A' is then reflected in the origin to point A'' .
- (i) Write down the co-ordinates of A'' .
 (ii) Write down a single transformation that maps A onto A'' .
13. The point $A(4, 6)$ is first reflected in the origin to point A' . Point A' is then reflected in the y -axis to point A'' .
- (i) Write down the co-ordinates of A'' .
 (ii) Write down a single transformation that maps A onto A'' .
14. The triangle ABC, where A is $(2, 6)$, B is $(-3, 5)$ and C is $(4, 7)$, is reflected in the y -axis to triangle $A'B'C'$. Triangle $A'B'C'$ is then reflected in the origin to triangle $A''B''C''$.
- (i) Write down the co-ordinates of A'' , B'' and C'' .
- (ii) Write down a single transformation that maps triangle ABC onto triangle $A''B''C''$.
15. P and Q have co-ordinates $(-2, 3)$ and $(5, 4)$ respectively. Reflect P in the x -axis to P' and Q in the y -axis to Q' . State the co-ordinates of P' and Q' .
16. On a graph paper, plot the triangle ABC, whose vertices are at the points A $(3, 1)$, B $(5, 0)$ and C $(7, 4)$.
 On the same diagram, draw the image of the triangle ABC under reflection in the origin O $(0, 0)$.
17. Find the image of point $(4, -6)$ under the following operations :
- (i) $M_x \cdot M_y$ (ii) $M_y \cdot M_x$
 (iii) $M_o \cdot M_x$ (iv) $M_x \cdot M_o$
 (v) $M_o \cdot M_y$ (vi) $M_y \cdot M_o$
- Write down a single transformation equivalent to each operation given above. State whether :
- (a) $M_o \cdot M_x = M_x \cdot M_o$
 (b) $M_y \cdot M_o = M_o \cdot M_y$
18. Point A $(4, -1)$ is reflected as A' in the y -axis. Point B on reflection in the x -axis is mapped as $B'(-2, 5)$. Write the co-ordinates of A' and B.
19. The point $(-5, 0)$ on reflection in a line is mapped as $(5, 0)$ and the point $(-2, -6)$ on reflection in the same line is mapped as $(2, -6)$.
- (a) Name the line of reflection.
 (b) Write the co-ordinates of the image of $(5, -8)$ in the line obtained in (a).

- 4** Points $(-5, 0)$ and $(4, 0)$ are invariant points under reflection in the line L_1 ; points $(0, -6)$ and $(0, 5)$ are invariant on reflection in the line L_2 .
- (a) Name or write equations for the lines L_1 and L_2 .
 (b) Write down the images of P $(2, 6)$ and Q $(-8, -3)$ on reflection in L_1 . Name the images as P' and Q' respectively.
 (c) Write down the images of P and Q on reflection in L_2 . Name the images as P'' and Q'' respectively.
 (d) State or describe a single transformation that maps Q' onto Q'' .

Solution :

(a) We know that every point in a line is invariant under the reflection in the same line.

Since, points $(-5, 0)$ and $(4, 0)$ lie on the x -axis

\Rightarrow Points $(-5, 0)$ and $(4, 0)$ are invariant under reflection in x -axis.

Given that the points $(-5, 0)$ and $(4, 0)$ are invariant on reflection in line L_1 .

\therefore The line L_1 is x -axis, whose equation is $y = 0$ Ans.

Similarly, the given points $(0, -6)$ and $(0, 5)$ lie on the y -axis and are invariant on reflection in line L_2 .

\therefore The line L_2 is y -axis, whose equation is $x = 0$ Ans.

(b) P' = The image of $P(2, 6)$ in L_1
 = The image of $P(2, 6)$ in x -axis = $(2, -6)$ Ans.

And, Q' = The image of $Q(-8, -3)$ in L_1
 = The image of $Q(-8, -3)$ in x -axis = $(-8, 3)$ Ans.

(c) P'' = The image of $P(2, 6)$ in L_2
 = The image of $P(2, 6)$ in y -axis = $(-2, 6)$ Ans.

Q'' = The image of $Q(-8, -3)$ in L_2
 = The image of $Q(-8, -3)$ in y -axis = $(8, -3)$ Ans.

(d) Since, $Q' = (-8, 3)$ and $Q'' = (8, -3)$
 and we know $M_0(-x, y) = (x, -y)$

\therefore The single transformation that maps Q' onto Q'' = Reflection in origin Ans.

12.9 Using Graph Paper :

Reflection of a point in the lines $x = a$ and $y = a$.

$x = a$ is a line parallel to y -axis and at a distance of a unit from it.

Similarly, $y = a$ is a line parallel to x -axis and at a distance of a unit from it.

- 5** (i) Find the reflection of the point $P(-1, 3)$ in the line $x = 2$.
 (ii) Find the reflection of the point $Q(2, 1)$ in the line $y + 3 = 0$.

Solution :

(i) Since, $x = 2$ is a straight line parallel to y -axis and at a distance of 2 unit from it, therefore, in the adjoining figure straight line AB represents $x = 2$.

Mark $P(-1, 3)$ on the same graph. From the point P , draw a straight line perpendicular to AB and produce. On this line mark a point P' which is at the same distance behind AB as $P(-1, 3)$ is before it.

The co-ordinates of $P' = (5, 3)$,

\therefore $P'(5, 3)$ is the reflection of $P(-1, 3)$ in the line $x = 2$. Ans.

(ii) $y + 3 = 0 \Rightarrow y = -3$

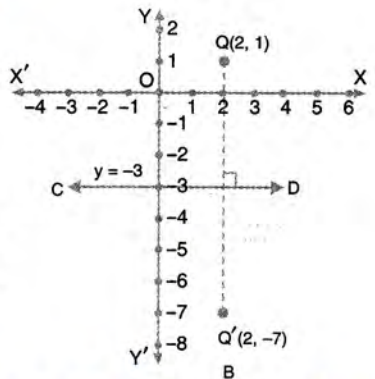
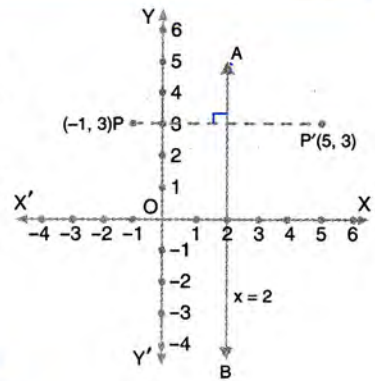
Which is the line CD parallel to x -axis and at a distance of -3 unit from it.

Mark the point $Q(2, 1)$ on the same graph.

From the point Q , draw a straight line perpendicular to line CD and produce. On this line mark a point Q' which is at the same distance below CD as $Q(2, 1)$ is above it.

The co-ordinates of $Q' = (2, -7)$.

\therefore $Q'(2, -7)$ is the reflection of $Q(2, 1)$ in the line $y + 3 = 0$. Ans.



- 6** The points $P(5, 1)$ and $Q(-2, -2)$ are reflected in line $x = 2$. Use graph paper to find the images P' and Q' of points P and Q respectively in line $x = 2$. Take 2 cm equal to 2 units.

Solution :

The graph of line $x = 2$ is the straight line AB , as shown below, which is parallel to y -axis and is at a distance of 2 units from it.

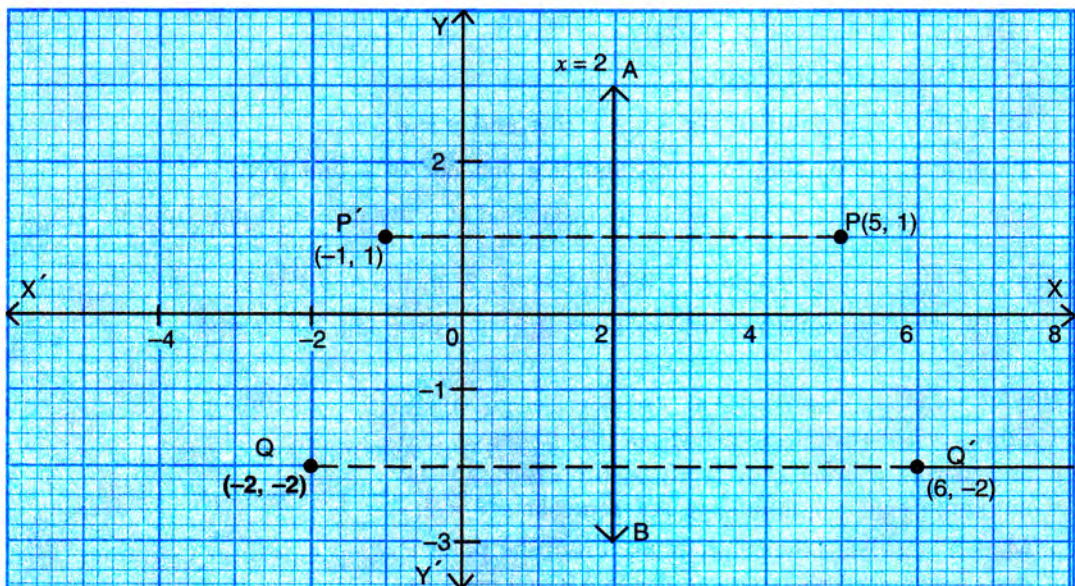
Mark $P(5, 1)$ and $Q(-2, -2)$ on the same graph paper.

To find P' , the image of P :

Mark P' at the same distance behind AB as P is before it. Since, P is 3 units before AB , its image P' will be 3 units behind AB .

Clearly, the co-ordinates of $P' = (-1, 1)$ **Ans.**

In the same way, since $Q(-2, -2)$ is 4 units before AB , its image Q' will be 4 units behind AB .



On marking position of Q' , we find : $Q' = (6, -2)$

Ans.

- 7** Use a graph paper for this question. (Take two divisions = 1 unit on both the axes).

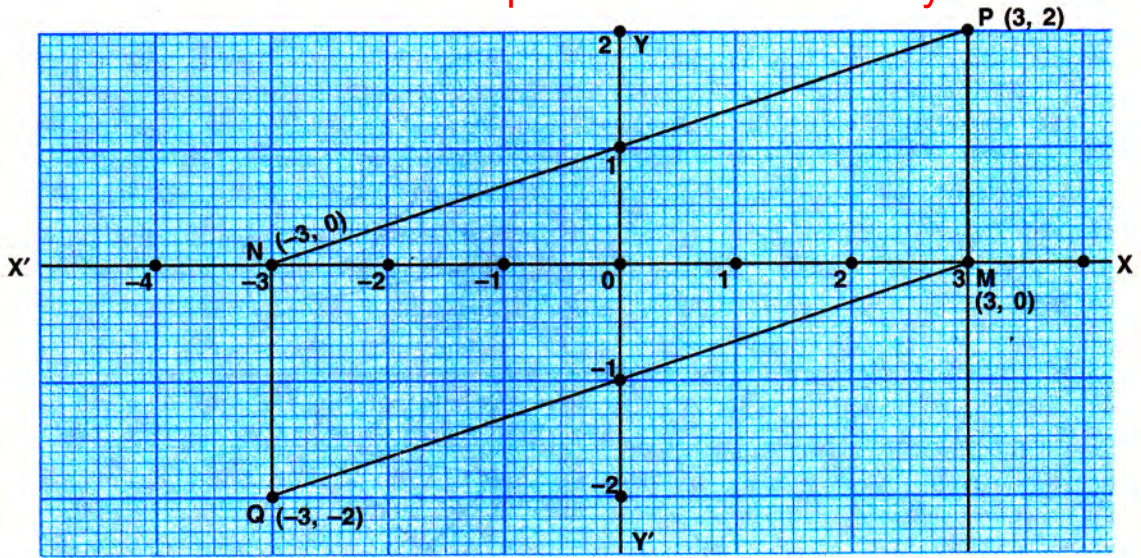
Plot the points $P(3, 2)$ and $Q(-3, -2)$. From P and Q , draw perpendiculars PM and QN on the x -axis.

- Write the co-ordinates of points M and N .
 - Name the image of P on reflection in the origin.
 - Assign the special name to geometrical figure $PMQN$ and find its area.
 - Write the co-ordinates of the point to which M is mapped on reflection in :
 - x -axis,
 - y -axis,
 - origin.
- [2003]**

Solution :

- Co-ordinates of $M = (3, 0)$ and
Co-ordinates of $N = (-3, 0)$

Ans.



(b) Image of P(3, 2) in origin = (-3, -2) = Q

Ans.

(c) PMQN is a parallelogram

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area of PMQN} &= 2 (\text{Area of } \triangle PMN) = 2 \left(\frac{1}{2} \times 6 \times 2 \right) \text{ sq. units} \\ &= 12 \text{ sq. units} \end{aligned}$$

Ans.

(d) (i) M (3, 0) reflected in x-axis gives (3, 0)

Ans.

(ii) M (3, 0) reflected in y-axis gives (-3, 0)

Ans.

(iii) M (3, 0) reflected in origin gives (-3, 0)

Ans.

8 Use graph paper for this question.

The points A(2, 3), B(4, 5) and C(7, 2) are the vertices of $\triangle ABC$.

- (i) Write down the co-ordinates of A', B', C' if $\triangle A' B' C'$ is the image of $\triangle ABC$, when reflected in the origin.
- (ii) Write down the co-ordinates of A'', B'', C'' if $\triangle A'' B'' C''$ is the image of $\triangle ABC$, when reflected in the x-axis.
- (iii) Mention the special name of the quadrilateral BCC''B'' and find its area. [2006]

Solution :

See the graph on the next page

(i) A' = (-2, -3), B' = (-4, -5) and C' = (-7, -2)

Ans.

(ii) A'' = (2, -3), B'' = (4, -5) and C'' = (7, -2)

Ans.

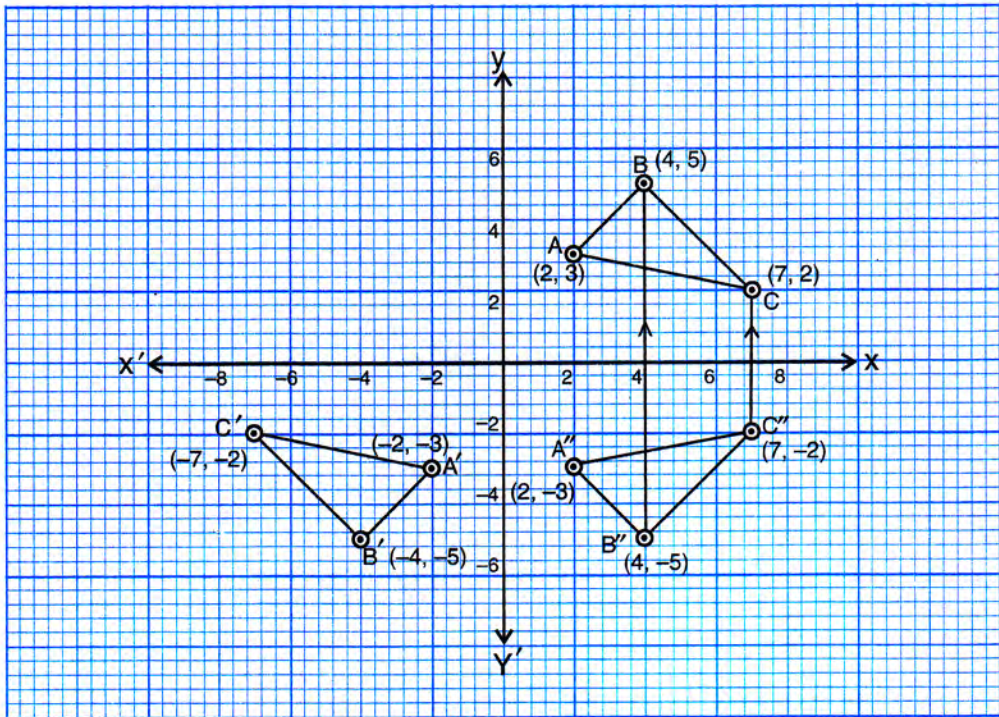
(iii) BCC''B'' is an isosceles trapezium as BB'' is parallel to CC'' and BC = B''C''.

Ans.

Area of quadrilateral (trapezium) BCC''B''

$$= \frac{1}{2} (BB'' + CC'') \times 3 = \frac{1}{2} \times (10 + 4) \times 3 \text{ sq. unit} = 21 \text{ sq. unit}$$

Ans.



EXERCISE 12(B)

- Attempt this question on graph paper.
 - Plot A (3, 2) and B (5, 4) on graph paper. Take 2 cm = 1 unit on both the axes.
 - Reflect A and B in the x -axis to A' and B' respectively. Plot these points also on the same graph paper.
 - Write down :
 - the geometrical name of the figure $ABB'A'$;
 - the measure of angle ABB' ;
 - the image A'' of A, when A is reflected in the origin.
 - the single transformation that maps A' to A'' .
- Points (3, 0) and (-1, 0) are invariant points under reflection in the line L_1 ; points (0, -3) and (0, 1) are invariant points on reflection in line L_2 .
 - Name or write equations for the lines L_1 and L_2 .
 - Write down the images of points P (3, 4) and Q (-5, -2) on reflection in L_1 . Name the images as P' and Q' respectively.
 - Write down the images of P and Q on reflection in L_2 . Name the images as P'' and Q'' respectively.
- State or describe a single transformation that maps P' onto P'' .
- Point P (a, b) is reflected in the x -axis to P' (5, -2). Write down the values of a and b .
 - P'' is the image of P when reflected in the y -axis. Write down the co-ordinates of P'' .
 - Name a single transformation that maps P' to P'' .
- The point (-2, 0) on reflection in a line is mapped to (2, 0) and the point (5, -6) on reflection in the same line is mapped to (-5, -6).
 - State the name of the mirror line and write its equation.
 - State the co-ordinates of the image of (-8, -5) in the mirror line.
- The points P (4, 1) and Q (-2, 4) are reflected in line $y = 3$. Find the co-ordinates of P' , the image of P and Q' , the image of Q.
- A point P (-2, 3) is reflected in line $x = 2$ to point P' . Find the co-ordinates of P' .

7. A point $P(a, b)$ is reflected in the x -axis to $P'(2, -3)$. Write down the values of a and b . P'' is the image of P , reflected in the y -axis. Write down the co-ordinates of P'' . Find the co-ordinates of P''' , when P is reflected in the line, parallel to y -axis, such that $x = 4$.
8. Points A and B have co-ordinates $(3, 4)$ and $(0, 2)$ respectively. Find the image :
- A' of A under reflection in the x -axis.
 - B' of B under reflection in the line AA' .
 - A'' of A under reflection in the y -axis.
 - B'' of B under reflection in the line AA'' .
9. (i) Plot the points $A(3, 5)$ and $B(-2, -4)$. Use $1 \text{ cm} = 1$ unit on both the axes.
- A' is the image of A when reflected in the x -axis. Write down the co-ordinates of A' and plot it on the graph paper.
 - B' is the image of B when reflected in the y -axis, followed by reflection in the origin. Write down the co-ordinates of B' and plot it on the graph paper.
 - Write down the geometrical name of the figure $AA'BB'$.
 - Name two invariant points under reflection in the x -axis.
10. The point $P(5, 3)$ was reflected in the origin to get the image P' .
- Write down the co-ordinates of P' .
 - If M is the foot of the perpendicular from P to the x -axis, find the co-ordinates of M .
 - If N is the foot of the perpendicular from P' to the x -axis, find the co-ordinates of N .
 - Name the figure $PMP'N$.
 - Find the area of the figure $PMP'N$. [2001]
11. The point $P(3, 4)$ is reflected to P' in the x -axis; and O' is the image of O (the origin) when reflected in the line PP' . Write :
- the co-ordinates of P' and O' ,
 - the length of the segments PP' and OO' ,
 - the perimeter of the quadrilateral $POP'O'$,
 - the geometrical name of the figure $POP'O'$. [2002]
12. $A(1, 1)$, $B(5, 1)$, $C(4, 2)$ and $D(2, 2)$ are vertices of a quadrilateral. Name the quadrilateral $ABCD$. $A, B, C,$ and D are reflected in the origin on to A', B', C' and D' respectively. Locate A', B', C' and D' on the graph sheet and write their co-ordinates. Are D, A, A' and D' collinear ? [2004]
13. P and Q have co-ordinates $(0, 5)$ and $(-2, 4)$.
- P is invariant when reflected in an axis. Name the axis.
 - Find the image of Q on reflection in the axis found in (a).
 - $(0, k)$ on reflection in the origin is invariant. Write the value of k .
 - Write the co-ordinates of the image of Q , obtained by reflecting it in the origin followed by reflection in x -axis. [2005]
14. The points $P(1, 2)$, $Q(3, 4)$ and $R(6, 1)$ are the vertices of $\triangle PQR$.
- Write down the co-ordinates of P', Q' and R' , if $\triangle P'Q'R'$ is the image of $\triangle PQR$, when reflected in the origin.
 - Write down the co-ordinates of P'', Q'' and R'' , if $\triangle P''Q''R''$ is the image of $\triangle PQR$, when reflected in the x -axis.
 - Mention the special name of the quadrilateral $QRR''Q''$ and find its area.
15. (a) The point $P(2, -4)$ is reflected about the line $x = 0$ to get the image Q . Find the co-ordinates of Q .
- The point Q is reflected about the line $y = 0$ to get the image R . Find the co-ordinates of R .
 - Name the figure PQR .
 - Find the area of figure PQR . [2007]
16. A' and B' are images of $A(-3, 5)$ and $B(-5, 3)$ respectively on reflection in y -axis. Find :
- the co-ordinates of A' and B' .
 - Assign special name of quadrilateral $AA'B'B$.
 - Are AB' and BA' equal in length ?
17. Using a graph paper, plot the points $A(6, 4)$ and $B(0, 4)$.
- Reflect A and B in the origin to get the images A' and B' .
 - Write the co-ordinates of A' and B' .
 - State the geometrical name for the figure $ABA'B'$.
 - Find its perimeter. [2013]