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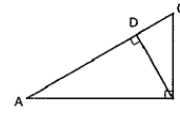
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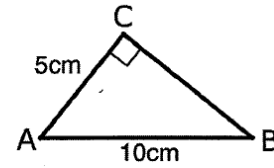
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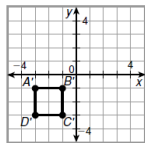
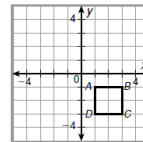
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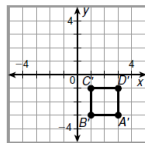
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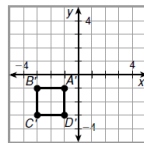
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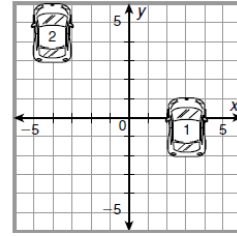
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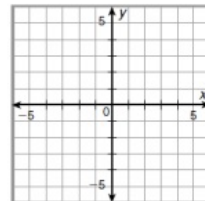
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7. A figure has vertices at  $X(-1, 1)$ ,  $Y(-2, 3)$ , and  $Z(0, 4)$ . Draw the image of  $XYZ$  after the translation  $(x, y) \rightarrow (x, y - 2)$  and a  $180^\circ$  rotation around  $X$ .



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Answer =

(2,1) 5.  $[3(2x + 3y = 7) + 2(-3x + 5y = -1)] = [(6x + 9y = 21) + (-6x + 10y = -2)] = [19y = 19], y = 1$   
 $2x + 3(1) = 7, 2x = 4, x = 2$

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Answer =

$(\frac{18}{5}, \frac{2}{5})$  1.  $\frac{2}{3}x - 2 = -x + 4, \frac{5}{3}x = 6, x = \frac{18}{5}, y = \frac{2}{5}; \frac{2}{3}x - 2 = x - 4, -\frac{1}{3}x = -2, x = 6, y = 2$   
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 (6,2) (two points for each answer)

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\_\_\_\_\_ 6. What is the area of a parallelogram formed by  $y = 1$ ,  $y = x + 3$ ,  $y = 5$ , and  $y = x - 3$ ?

Answer =

24 units<sup>2</sup> 6. When  $y = 1$ ,  $1 = x + 3 \Rightarrow x = -2$ ,  $1 = x - 3 \Rightarrow x = 4$ . When  $y = 5$ ,  $5 = x + 3 \Rightarrow x = 2$ ,  $5 = x - 3 \Rightarrow x = 8$ . The vertices are  $(-2, 1), (4, 1), (2, 5), (8, 5)$  so the base is  $4 - (-2) = 6$  and the height is  $5 - 1 = 4$ .  $A = 6 \cdot 4 = 24 \text{ units}^2$

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\_\_\_\_\_ 5. What is the intersection of  $y = 3x + 4$  and  $y = x - 2$ ?

Answer =

$(-3, -5)$  5.  $3x + 4 = x - 2, 2x + 4 = -2, 2x = -6, x = -3$  so  $y = -3 - 2 = -5$

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Answer =

$y = -\frac{1}{2}x$  5.  $y = 2x - 5$  so  $y = 2(2) - 5 = -1$  and the point of intersection is  $(2, -1)$   
 or  $y = -0.5x$   $y - (-1) = -\frac{1}{2}(x - 2)$ ,  $y + 1 = -\frac{1}{2}x + 1$ ,  $y = -\frac{1}{2}x$

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## 5.2 Operations with Polynomials

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. Simplify:  $(3x^2 + 4x - 7) - 2(x^2 - 2x + 3)$ .

Answer =

$x^2 + 8x - 13$  1.  $3x^2 + 4x - 7 - 2x^2 + 4x - 6 = x^2 + 8x - 13$

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\_\_\_\_\_ 2. Simplify and write in descending order:  $14 + 3(x^2 - 2) - 4(5 + 3x) - (x^2 + 3)$

Answer =

$2x^2 - 12x - 15$  2.  $14 + 3x^2 - 6 - 20 - 12x - x^2 - 3 = 2x^2 - 12x - 15$

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$18x^2 + 55x - 28$  3.  $18x^2 - 8x + 63x - 28 = 18x^2 + 55x - 28$

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Answer =

x - 2 3.  $\frac{x^2 - 4}{x + 2} = \frac{\cancel{(x+2)}(x-2)}{\cancel{(x+2)}} = (x-2)$

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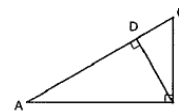
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x + 6 2.  $\frac{x^2 + 2x - 24}{x - 4} = \frac{(x-4)(x+6)}{x-4} = x+6$  or 
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Answer =

$$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \text{ in.}$$

1.

If  $AC = 2$ ",  $BC = 1$ ", then  $AB = \sqrt{4-1} = \sqrt{3}$ ".  $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle BDC$  so  $\frac{AB}{AC} = \frac{BD}{BC}$ ,  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \frac{x}{1}$ ,  $x = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ "

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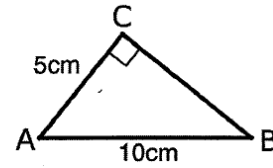
Answer =

$$2\sqrt{30} \text{ m} \quad 2. \quad \sqrt{(2\sqrt{15})^2 + (2\sqrt{15})^2} = \sqrt{4 \cdot 15 + 4 \cdot 15} = \sqrt{120} = 2\sqrt{30}$$

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### 5.3 The Pythagorean Theorem

5. What is the exact value of the area of right triangle ABC?



Answer =

$$\frac{25\sqrt{3}}{2} \text{ cm}^2 \quad 5. \quad BC = \sqrt{10^2 - 5^2} = \sqrt{75} = 5\sqrt{3}, \quad \text{Area} = \frac{1}{2}bh = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 5 \cdot 5\sqrt{3} = \frac{25\sqrt{3}}{2} \text{ cm}^2$$

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4. What is the area of a triangle formed by  $x = 1$ ,  $y = -2$ , and  $y = x$ ?

Answer =

$$\frac{9}{2} \text{ units}^2 \quad 4. \quad \text{The vertices are at } (1, -2), (1, 1) \text{ and } (-2, -2), \text{ so the base is } |-2 - 1| = 3, \text{ height}$$

$$\text{or } 4 \frac{1}{2} \text{ units}^2 \quad \text{is } |1 - -2| = 3, \text{ Area} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 3 \cdot 3 = \frac{9}{2}$$

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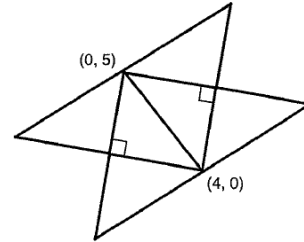
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Answer =

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2. What is the surface area of a cube with an edge of one half inch?

Answer =

$$\frac{3}{2} \text{ sq. in.}$$

2. S.A. =  $6 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{2}$  sq. in.

or  $\frac{3}{2} \text{ in}^2$ .

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. What is the surface area of a cylinder with a circumference of  $10\pi$  in., and a height of 8 in.? Answer in terms of  $\pi$ .

Answer =

$\frac{130\pi \text{ sq.in.}}{\text{(or } 130\pi \text{ in.}^2\text{)}}$  7. If  $C = 10\pi$ ,  $r = 5$  and  $A = 25\pi$  for one circle.  
 $S.A. = 2(25\pi) + 10\pi \cdot 8 = 50\pi + 80\pi = 130\pi$

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. If the total surface area of a cube is  $384 \text{ cm}^2$ , what is the length of one edge?

Answer =

$8 \text{ cm}$  10.  $384 = 6 \cdot 64 = 6 \cdot 8^2$ , edge = 8 cm

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\_\_\_\_\_ 2. If the edges of a cube add up to 36 m, what is the volume?

Answer =

27 m<sup>3</sup> 2. There are 12 edges to a cube, so  $s = 36 \div 12 = 3$  and  $V = 3^3$

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Answer =

11.7 $\pi$  in<sup>3</sup> 5. The height is  $3(2.5) = 7.5$  in . The base area is  $\pi(1.25)^2 = 1.5625 \pi$   
 $V = 1.5625\pi \cdot 7.5 = 11.71875\pi \text{ in}^3$  ( $1.56 \times 7.5 = 11.700$ , but  $1.6 \times 7.5 = 12.0$ )

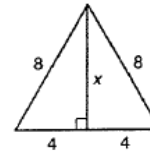
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5. If the 3 base edges of a tetrahedron are 8 cm and the height is 6 cm, what is the volume? Leave in simplified radical form.

Answer =

$\frac{32\sqrt{3} \text{ cm}^3}{\text{or } 32\sqrt{3} \text{ cc}}$  5.  $V = \frac{1}{3} \cdot A \cdot h$ . The area of the base triangle is  $\frac{1}{2} \cdot 8 \cdot 4\sqrt{3} = 16\sqrt{3}$  since  $x = 4\sqrt{3}$ . So  $V = \frac{1}{3} \cdot 16\sqrt{3} \cdot 6 = 32\sqrt{3} \text{ cm}^3$



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4. If the volume of a sphere is  $\frac{32\pi}{3} \text{ cm}^3$ , what is the diameter?

Answer =

$\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 = \frac{32}{3}\pi = \frac{4}{3}\pi 8 = \frac{4}{3}\pi 2^3$  so  $r = 2 \text{ cm}$ ,  $d = 4 \text{ cm}$

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0.64 10.  $16 + 9 = 25$  shots at the basket. Probability is  $\frac{16}{25} = \frac{64}{100} = 0.64$   
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$\frac{1}{3}$  or  $0.\bar{3}$  or  $33\frac{1}{3}\%$  3. There are 30 ornaments and 10 are red, so  $\frac{10}{30} = \frac{1}{3}$

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\_\_\_\_\_ 1. Michael has a 60% chance of making a free throw in basketball. What is the probability that he makes three free throws in a row?

Answer =

$\frac{0.216}{\text{or } 21.6\%}$  1. The probability of making the first shot and the second and the third is  $0.6 \times 0.6 \times 0.6 = 0.216$

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1) There are 6 people in a race. In how many ways can they finish first, second or third ?

Answer =

1)  
3 decisions  
3 blanks

→  $\frac{6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4}{\phantom{000}} = 120$

Any of the  
6 people.

↙      ↓      ↘  
The runner  
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Must be 4 runners left  
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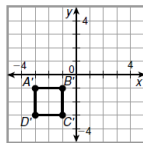
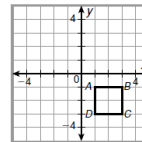
- 3a)  $26 \cdot 10 \cdot 26 \cdot 10 \cdot 26 \cdot 10 = 17,576,000$
- 3b)  $1 \cdot 10 \cdot 26 \cdot 10 \cdot 26 \cdot 10 = 676,000$
- 3c)  $1 \cdot 10 \cdot 26 \cdot 10 \cdot 26 \cdot 1 = 67,000$
- 3d)  $1 \cdot 1 \cdot 25 \cdot 9 \cdot 24 \cdot 8 = 43,200$

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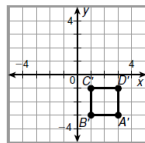
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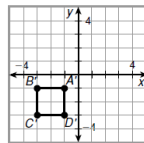
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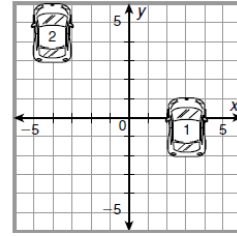
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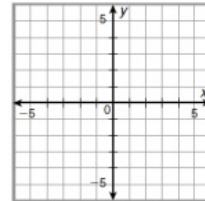
Answer =

6.  $(x, y) \rightarrow (x - 7, y + 5)$

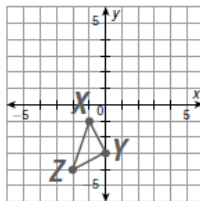
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### 5.6 Transformations in the Coordinate Plane

7. A figure has vertices at  $X(-1, 1)$ ,  $Y(-2, 3)$ , and  $Z(0, 4)$ . Draw the image of  $XYZ$  after the translation  $(x, y) \rightarrow (x, y - 2)$  and a  $180^\circ$  rotation around  $X$ .



Answer = 7.



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