

Pre-Algebra Introduction to Transformation (cont'd)

Transformation of a Point

A point is the easiest object to transform. Simply reflect, rotate or translate it following the rules for the transformation selected. By transforming key points first, any transformation becomes much easier.

Transformation of a Geometric Figure

To transform any geometric figure, it is only necessary to transform the items that define the figure, and then re-form it. For example:

- To transform a **line segment**, transform its two endpoints, and then connect the resulting images with a line segment.
- To transform a **ray**, transform the initial point and any other point on the ray, and then construct a ray using the resulting images.
- To transform a **line**, transform any two points on the line, and then fit a line through the resulting images.
- To transform a **polygon**, transform each of its vertices, and then connect the resulting images with line segments.
- To transform a **circle**, transform its center and, if necessary, its radius. From the resulting images, construct the image circle.
- To transform **other conic sections (parabolas, ellipses and hyperbolas)**, transform the foci, vertices and/or directrix. From the resulting images, construct the image conic section.

Example: Reflect Quadrilateral ABCD

