

# Coordinate Plane Project

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**BACKGROUND:** Euclidean Axioms, Half Planes, Unique Perpendicular Lines, Congruent and Similar Triangle Theorems, Parallelograms.

**PERPENDICULAR PERPENDICULAR TO PARALLEL THEOREM:** If lines  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are perp and lines  $L_3$  and  $L_2$  are perp, then  $L_1$  and  $L_3$  are parallel.

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**DEFN:** A rectangle is a quadrilateral with four right angles:  $ABCD$  such that

$$m(\angle ABC) = m(\angle BCD) = m(\angle CDA) = m(\angle DAB) = 90^\circ.$$

**RECTANGLE THEOREM:** Opposite sides of a rectangle have the same length.

PROOF: *Prove this by adding in a diagonal and setting up a pair of congruent triangles. Write a two column proof here with a sketch on the left:*

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**BUILDING A COORDINATE PLANE:** Start with a Euclidean Plane and draw a line. Call this line the  $x$  axis. Choose a point on the line to be the *origin*. Draw the unique line perpendicular to the  $x$  axis through the origin. Call this line the  $y$  axis. Assign real numbers to every point on the  $x$  axis and the  $y$  axis using the ruler axiom with 0 at the origin for each axiom. *Generally one draws the  $x$  axis horizontally and the  $y$  axis vertically on a sheet of paper with the origin at the center and lays down the rulers so that the positive numbers are on the right end of the  $x$  axis and above the origin on the  $y$  axis.*

**VERTICAL LINES:** For each real number  $a$  there is a unique line perpendicular to the  $x$  axis passing through the  $x$  axis at the point assigned the value  $a$ . This line is called  $x = a$ . *What we are saying here is that if I tell you to graph  $x = a$ , then you can graph it.*

The converse is also true: any line perpendicular to the  $x$  axis passes through the  $x$  axis at some point assigned some value  $a$ , so it is a vertical line  $x = a$ . *What we are saying here is that if I draw a line perpendicular to the  $x$  axis, you can find the real value  $a$  and tell me this line is the line  $x = a$ .*

Note that **vertical lines are parallel** to the  $y$  axis. *Why?*

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Given any line parallel to the  $y$  axis, it is perpendicular to the  $x$  axis, so it is a vertical line and can be described as  $x = a$  for some real value  $a$ . *Why?*

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**HORIZONTAL LINES:** For each real number  $b$  there is a unique line perpendicular to the  $y$  axis passing through the  $y$  axis at the point assigned the value  $b$ . This line is called  $y = b$ . *What we are saying here is...*

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**COORDINATES GIVE POINTS:** Given a pair of real numbers  $(a, b)$  there is a unique point  $P$  such that  $P$  is the intersection point of the lines  $x = a$  and  $y = b$ .

PROOF: *Fill in justifications.*

- 1) Lines  $x = a$  and  $y = b$  are perpendicular.
- 2) They meet at a unique point.

**POINTS HAVE COORDINATES:** Given any point  $P$ , there is a unique pair of real numbers  $(a, b)$  such that  $P$  is the intersection point of the lines  $x = a$  and  $y = b$ .

PROOF: *Fill in justifications.*

- 1) Drop the unique perpendicular line from  $P$  to the  $x$  axis.
- 2) This line is vertical and can be identified as  $x = a$ .
- 3) Drop the unique perpendicular line from  $P$  to the  $y$  axis.
- 4) This line is horizontal and can be identified as  $y = b$ .
- 5) The lines  $x = a$  and  $y = b$  meet at  $P$ .

**THE ORIGIN:** The origin has coordinates  $(0, 0)$ . The point on the  $x$  axis corresponding to  $a$  is  $(a, 0)$ . The point on the  $y$  axis corresponding to  $b$  is  $(0, b)$ . *Why? Think this over, but don't write it down.*

**COORD RECTANGLE THM:** Points  $(a, b)$ ,  $(c, d)$ ,  $(a, d)$  and  $(c, b)$  form a rectangle.

PROOF: *Fill in justifications:*

- 1) The line segment from  $(a, b)$  to  $(a, d)$  lies in line  $x = a$ .
- 2) The line segment from  $(a, d)$  to  $(c, d)$  lies in line  $y = d$ .
- 3)  $x = a$  and  $y = d$  are perpendicular.
- 4)  $m(\angle(a, b)(a, d)(c, d)) = 90^\circ$ .

*Now show  $m(\angle(a, d)(c, d)(c, b)) = 90^\circ$ :*

- 5)
- 6)
- 7)
- 8)

*The rest of the proof follows in the same style and you need not finish it.*

**DISTANCE BETWEEN POINTS THEOREM:** The distance between points is

$$d((a, b), (c, d)) = \sqrt{(c - a)^2 + (d - b)^2}$$

PROOF: *First apply the ruler axiom to find the distance between  $(a, 0)$  and  $(c, 0)$ , then the rectangle theorem to find  $d((a, b), (c, b))$ . Then do the same for  $(c, b)$  and  $(c, d)$ . Apply the Pythagorean Theorem justifying the right angle. Write a two column proof on the back of the previous page.*

## HALFPLANES AND QUADRANTS

**UPPER HALF PLANE DEFN:** The upper half plane is the half plane of all points on the same side of the  $x$  axis ( $y = 0$ ) as the point  $(0, 1)$ :  $H(y = 0, (0, 1))$ .

**UPPER HALF PLANE THEOREM:**  $(x_0, y_0)$  is in the upper half plane iff  $y_0 > 0$ .

PROOF: *Extra Credit. Requires betweenness axioms and two directions.*

**LOWER HALF PLANE DEFN AND THEOREM:** The lower half plane is  $H(y = 0, (0, -1))$  which is equal to the set  $\{(x_0, y_0) : y_0 < 0\}$ .

**RIGHT HALF PLANE DEFN AND THEOREM:** The right half plane is  $H(x = 0, (1, 0))$  which is equal to the set  $\{(x_0, y_0) : x_0 > 0\}$ .

**LEFT HALF PLANE DEFN AND THEOREM:** The left half plane is

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### QUADRANT I DEFN:

Upper-right Quadrant or Quadrant I is  $H(x = 0, (1, 0)) \cap H(y = 0, (0, 1))$

### QUADRANT I THM:

$$H(x = 0, (1, 0)) \cap H(y = 0, (0, 1)) = \{(x_0, y_0) : x_0 > 0, y_0 > 0\}.$$

PROOF:

PART I: Given  $(x_0, y_0) \in H(x = 0, (1, 0)) \cap H(y = 0, (0, 1))$ . Show:  $x_0 > 0$  and  $y_0 > 0$ .

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)

PART II: Given:  $x_0 > 0$  and  $y_0 > 0$ . Show:  $(x_0, y_0) \in H(x = 0, (1, 0)) \cap H(y = 0, (0, 1))$ .

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)

**QUADRANT II DEFN AND THM:** Quadrant II or the Upper Left Quadrant is

$$H(x = 0, (-1, 0)) \cap H(y = 0, (0, 1)) = \{(x_0, y_0) : x_0 < 0, y_0 > 0\}.$$

**QUADRANT III DEFN AND THM:** Quadrant III or the Lower Left Quadrant is

$$H(x = 0, (-1, 0)) \cap H(y = 0, (0, -1)) = \{(x_0, y_0) : x_0 < 0, y_0 < 0\}.$$

**QUADRANT IV DEFN AND THM:** Quadrant IV or the Lower Right Quadrant is

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**QUADRANTS AND ANGLES:** If  $(x_0, y_0)$  and  $(x_1, y_1)$  are in the same quadrant then  $m(\angle(x_0, y_0)(0, 0)(x_1, y_1)) < 90^\circ$ .

PROOF: If they are in quadrant I then they are in the interior of  $\angle(0, 1)(0, 0)(1, 0)$ , so  $m(\angle(x_0, y_0)(0, 0)(x_1, y_1)) < m(\angle(0, 1)(0, 0)(1, 0)) = 90^\circ$ . The other quadrants have the same idea. *Draw four small pictures here:*

## LINES IN THE COORDINATE PLANE

**VERTICAL LINES:** Suppose  $L$  is the vertical line  $x = a$  then

$(x_0, y_0)$  is on the line  $L$  iff  $x_0 = a$ .

PROOF: PART I: Given:  $L$  is the vertical line  $x = a$  and  $(x_0, y_0) \in L$ . Show:  $x_0 = a$ .

- 1) The point  $(x_0, y_0)$  is on the vertical line  $x = x_0$  by Coordinates give Points Thm.
- 2)  $L$  is the unique vertical line through  $(x_0, y_0)$  by Unique Perpendicular Lines theorem.
- 3)  $x_0 = a$  by steps (1) and (2). QED

PROOF: PART II: Given:  $L$  is the vertical line  $x = a$  and  $x_0 = a$ . Show:  $(x_0, y_0) \in L$ .

- 1)  $(x_0, y_0)$  is on the line  $x = x_0$  by Coordinates give Points Theorem.
- 2)  $L$  is the line  $x = x_0$  by given and  $a = x_0$
- 3)  $(x_0, y_0)$  in on  $L$  by steps (1) and (2). QED

**HORIZONTAL LINES:** Suppose  $L$  is the horizontal line  $y = b$  then

$(x_0, y_0)$  is on the line  $L$  iff  $y_0 = b$ .

PROOF: *Prove this on the back of the last pages imitating the above proof.*

**LINES THROUGH THE ORIGIN:** Suppose  $L$  is a line which passes through the origin and a point  $(a, b)$  with  $a, b > 0$ , then  $(x_0, y_0)$  is on the line  $L$  iff  $y_0 = mx_0$  where  $m = b/a$ .

PROOF: PART I: Given:  $L$  through  $(0, 0)$  and  $(a, b)$  and  $(x_0, y_0) \in L$ . Show:  $y_0/b = x_0/a$ .

Six cases: I.  $(x_0, y_0)$  in Quad I. II.  $(x_0, y_0)$  in Quad II. III.  $(x_0, y_0)$  in Quad III.

IV.  $(x_0, y_0)$  in Quad IV. V.  $(x_0, y_0)$  on  $x$  axis. VI.  $(x_0, y_0)$  on  $y$  axis.

CASE I:  $(x_0, y_0)$  in Quad I. *Fill in justifications and draw.*

- 0)  $x_0 > 0$  and  $y_0 > 0$
- 1)  $m(\angle(x_0, y_0)(x_0, 0)(0, 0)) = m(\angle(a, b)(a, 0)(0, 0))$
- 2)  $\angle(x_0, y_0)(0, 0)(x_0, 0) = \angle(a, b)(0, 0)(a, 0)$
- 3)  $m(\angle(x_0, y_0)(0, 0)(x_0, 0)) = m(\angle(a, b)(0, 0)(a, 0))$
- 4)  $\Delta(x_0, y_0)(0, 0)(x_0, 0)$  is similar to  $\Delta(a, b)(0, 0)(a, 0)$
- 5)  $\frac{d((x_0, y_0), (x_0, 0))}{d((x_0, y_0), (y_0, 0))} = \frac{d((a, b), (a, 0))}{d((a, b), (0, b))}$
- 6)  $\frac{|y_0|}{|x_0|} = \frac{|b|}{|a|}$ .
- 7)  $y_0 = (b/a)x_0$ .

CASE II:  $(x_0, y_0)$  in Quad II .

- 1)  $(x_0, y_0)$  and  $(a, b)$  are in the upper half plane because  $y_0 > 0$  and  $b > 0$ .
- 2) The line segment between them is in the upper half plane by defn half plane.
- 3)  $(x_0, y_0)$  is in the left half plane because  $x_0 < 0$ .
- 4)  $(a, b)$  is in the right half plane because  $b > 0$ .
- 5) The line segment between them crosses the  $y$  axis because they are on opposite half planes of  $x = 0$ .
- 6) It crosses at a point  $(0, c)$  with  $c > 0$  by steps 2 and 5.
- 7) This contradicts that it should cross at  $(0, 0)$  by given, so Case II does not happen.

CASE III-VI: *Do these on the back of the previous page. IV-VI do not happen..*

PROOF: PART II: Given:  $L$  a line through  $(0, 0)$  and  $(a, b)$  with  $a > 0, b > 0$ , and  $y_0/b = x_0/a$ . Show:  $(x_0, y_0) \in L$ .

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*On the back of the prior page:*

*Prove Case I by showing  $\Delta(x_0, y_0)(0, 0)(x_0, 0)$  is similar to  $\Delta(a, b)(0, 0)(a, 0)$  and then proving the ray from  $(0, 0)$  to  $(x_0, y_0)$  is the ray from  $(0, 0)$  to  $(a, b)$  and thus  $(x_0, y_0) \in L$ .*

*Prove Case II does not happen because  $x_0/y_0 > 0$ .*

*Extra Credit: complete the rest of the cases.*

**FORMULA FOR LINES THROUGH THE ORIGIN:** The above theorem can also be proven for a line,  $L$  through  $(0, 0)$  and any other point  $(a, b)$  not on the  $x$  or  $y$  axis. We say such lines have the formula  $y = mx$  because a point  $(x_0, y_0)$  is on the line iff  $y_0 = mx_0$ .

**PERPENDICULAR LINES THROUGH THE ORIGIN:** Two lines through the origin with formulas  $y = m_1x$  and  $y = m_2x$  where  $m_i \neq 0$  are perpendicular iff  $m_1m_2 = -1$ .

PROOF: PART I: Given  $y = m_1x$  and  $y = m_2x$  are perpendicular. Show:  $m_1m_2 = -1$ .

Without loss of generality assume  $m_1 < m_2$ .

1)  $(0, 0)$  and  $(1, m_1)$  are on the line  $y = m_1x$  because they satisfy the formula.

2)  $(0, 0)$  and  $(1, m_2)$  are on the line  $y = m_2x$  because they satisfy the formula.

3)  $m(\angle(1, m_1)(0, 0)(1, m_2)) = 90^\circ$  by the definition of perpendicular lines.

4)  $m_2 > 0 > m_1$ , otherwise  $(1, m_1)$  and  $(1, m_2)$  would be in the same quadrant and the Quadrant Angle Theorem would contradict step 3.

*Complete the proof by showing the triangles  $\Delta(0, m_1)(0, 0)(1, m_1)$  and  $\Delta(0, m_2)(0, 0)(1, m_2)$  are similar and then finding proportional sides:*

PROOF: PART II: *Prove on the back of this page including given/show statements.*

**FORMULAS FOR OTHER LINES:** To find the formulas that describe other lines we first prove a certain map from the plane to the plane is an isometry. So we will do this in the future.