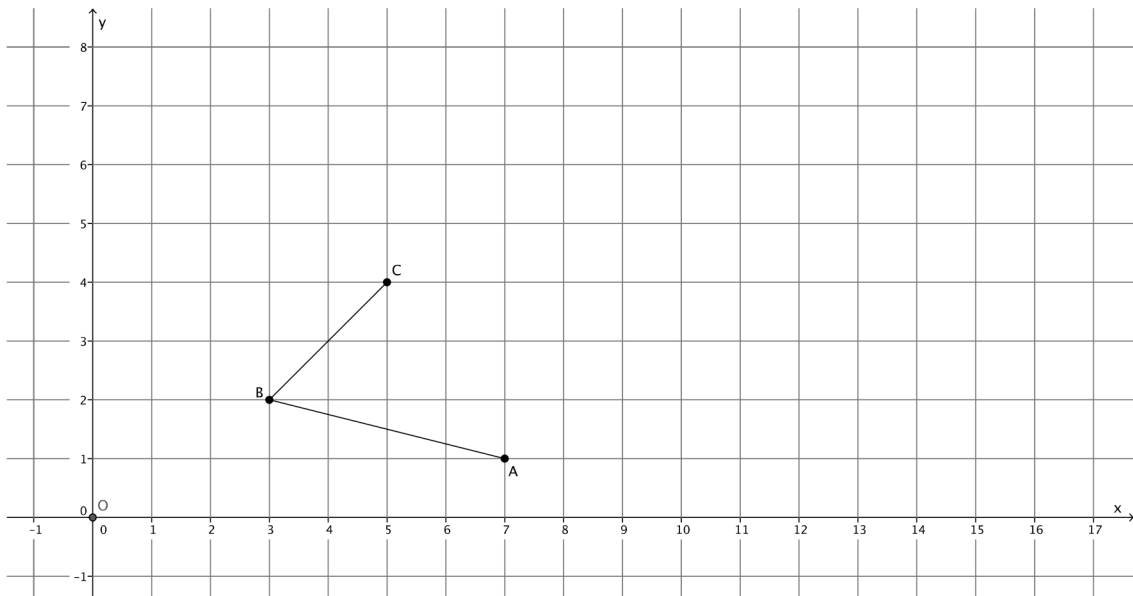


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Informal Proofs of Properties of Dilations

Dilate $\angle ABC$ with center O and scale factor $r = 2$. Label the dilated angle, $\angle A'B'C'$.



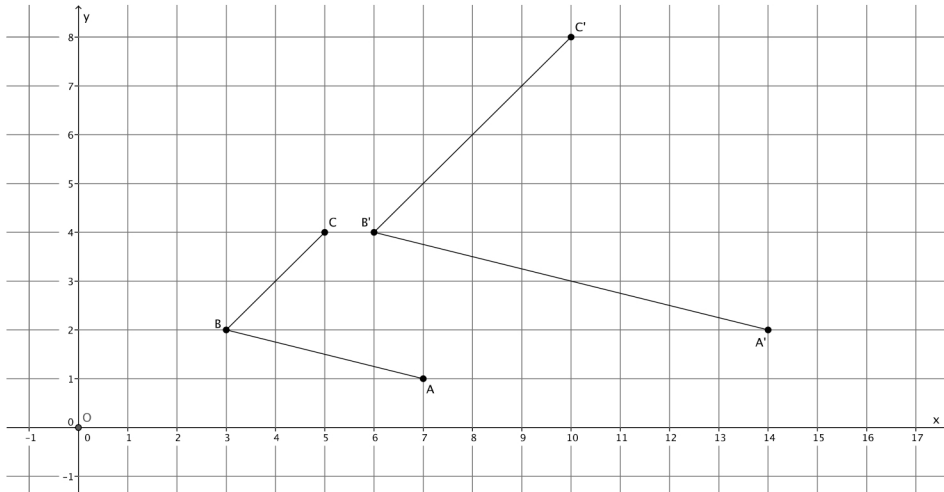
1. If $\angle ABC = 72^\circ$, then what is the measure of $\angle A'B'C'$?
2. If segment AB is 2 cm. What is the measure of segment $A'B'$?
3. Which segments, if any, are parallel?

1. A dilation from center O by scale factor r of a line maps to what? Verify your claim on the coordinate plane.
2. A dilation from center O by scale factor r of a segment maps to what? Verify your claim on the coordinate plane.
3. A dilation from center O by scale factor r of a ray maps to what? Verify your claim on the coordinate plane.
4. Challenge Problem:

Prove the theorem: *A dilation maps lines to lines.*

Let there be a dilation from center O with scale factor r so that $P' = \text{Dilation}(P)$ and $Q' = \text{Dilation}(Q)$. Show that line PQ maps to line $P'Q'$ (i.e., that dilations map lines to lines). Draw a diagram, and then write your informal proof of the theorem. (Hint: This proof is a lot like the proof for segments. This time, let U be a point on line PQ , that is not between points P and Q .)

Dilate $\angle ABC$ with center O and scale factor $r = 2$. Label the dilated angle, $\angle A'B'C'$.



1. If $\angle ABC = 72^\circ$, then what is the measure of $\angle A'B'C'$?

Since dilations preserve angles, then $\angle A'B'C' = 72^\circ$.

2. If segment AB is 2 cm. What is the measure of segment $A'B'$?

The length of segment $A'B'$ is 4 cm.

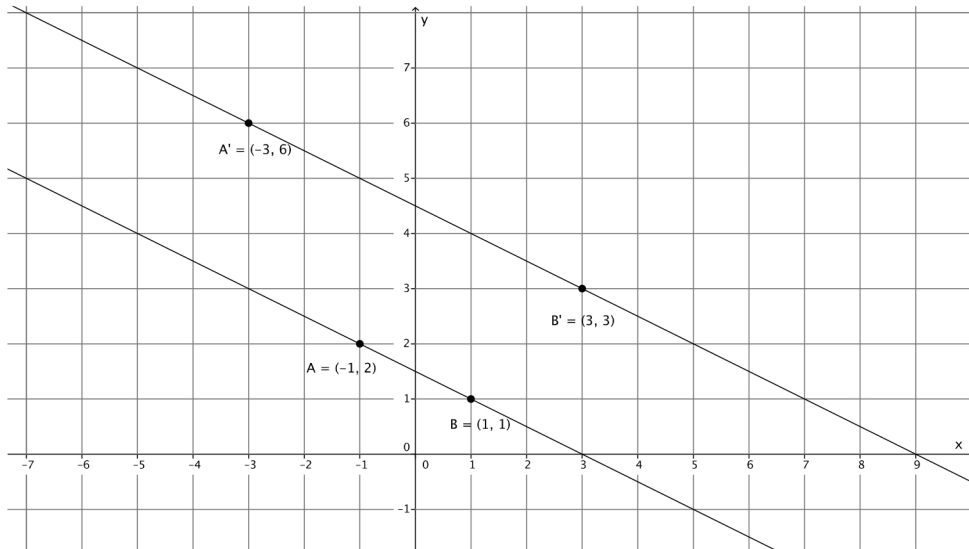
3. Which segments, if any, are parallel?

Since dilations map segments to parallel segments, then $AB \parallel A'B'$, and $BC \parallel B'C'$.

1. A dilation from center O by scale factor r of a line maps to what? Verify your claim on the coordinate plane.

The dilation of a line maps to a line.

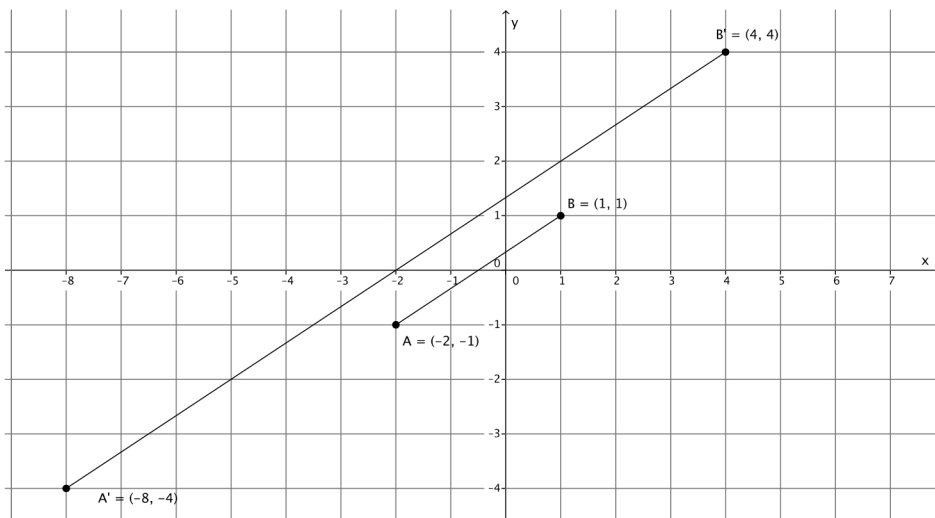
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2. A dilation from center O by scale factor r of a segment maps to what? Verify your claim on the coordinate plane.

The dilation of a segment maps to a segment.

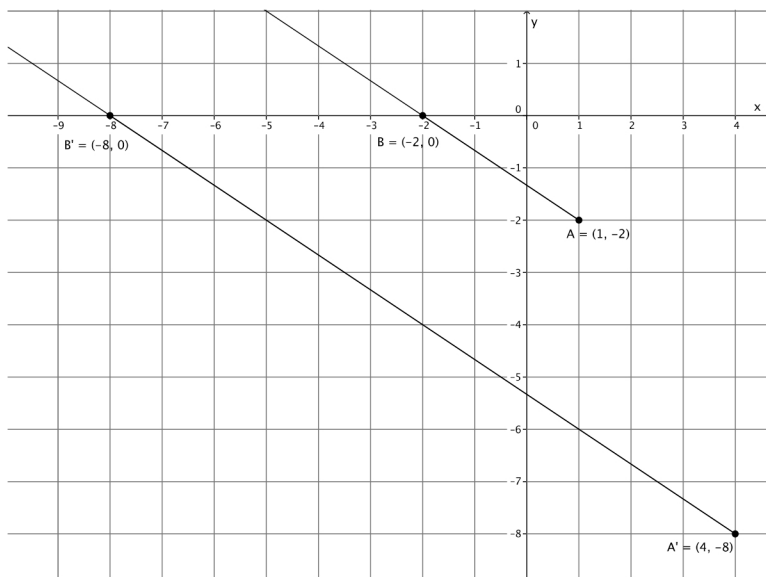
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3. A dilation from center O by scale factor r of a ray maps to what? Verify your claim on the coordinate plane.

The dilation of a ray maps to a ray.

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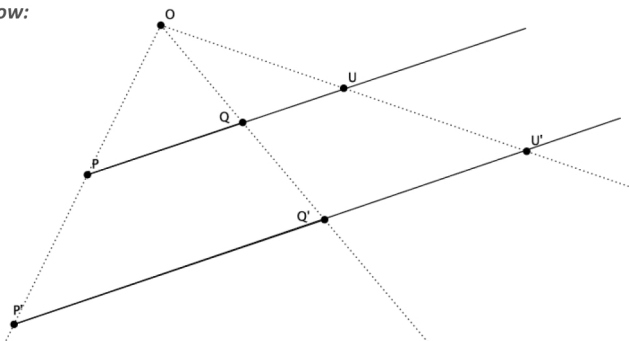


4. **Challenge Problem:**

Prove the theorem: *A dilation maps lines to lines.*

Let there be a dilation from center O with scale factor r so that $P' = \text{Dilation}(P)$ and $Q' = \text{Dilation}(Q)$. Show that line PQ maps to line $P'Q'$ (i.e., that dilations map lines to lines). Draw a diagram, and then write your informal proof of the theorem. (Hint: This proof is a lot like the proof for segments. This time, let U be a point on line PQ , that is not between points P and Q .)

Sample student drawing and response below:



Let U be a point on line PQ . By definition of dilation, we also know that $U' = \text{Dilation}(U)$. We need to show that U' is a point on line $P'Q'$. If we can, then we have proven that a dilation maps lines to lines.

By definition of dilation and FTS, we know that $\frac{|OP'|}{|OP|} = \frac{|OQ'|}{|OQ|}$ and that line PQ is parallel to $P'Q'$. Similarly, we know that $\frac{|OQ'|}{|OQ|} = \frac{|OU'|}{|OU|} = r$ and that line QU is parallel to line $Q'U'$. Since U is a point on line PQ , then we also know that line PQ is parallel to line $Q'U'$. But we already know that PQ is parallel to $P'Q'$. Since there can only be one line that passes through Q' that is parallel to line PQ , then line $P'Q'$ and line $Q'U'$ must coincide. That places the dilation of point U, U' , on the line $P'Q'$, which proves that dilations map lines to lines.