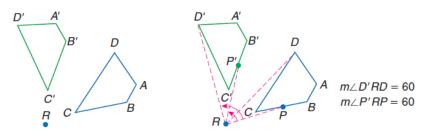
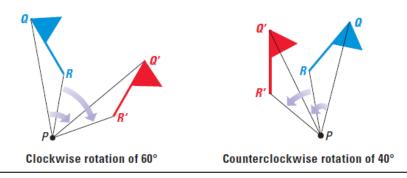
Notes 10.4 Rotations

DRAW ROTATIONS A rotation is a transformation that turns every point of a preimage through a specified angle and direction about a fixed point. The fixed point is called the center of rotation.

In the figure, *R* is the center of rotation for the preimage *ABCD*. The measures of angles *ARA*', *BRB*', *CRC*', and *DRD*' are equal. Any point *P* on the preimage *ABCD* has an image *P*' on *A*'*B*'*C*'*D*' such that the measure of $\angle PRP'$ is a constant measure. This is called the **angle of rotation**.



Rotations can be clockwise or counterclockwise, as shown below.

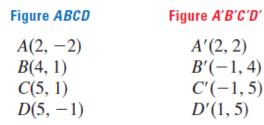


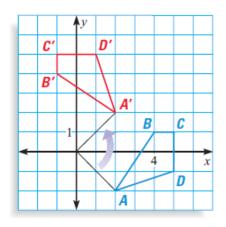
EXAMPLE 2 Rotations in a Coordinate Plane

In a coordinate plane, sketch the quadrilateral whose vertices are A(2, -2), B(4, 1), C(5, 1), and D(5, -1). Then, rotate ABCD 90° counterclockwise about the origin and name the coordinates of the new vertices. Describe any patterns you see in the coordinates.

SOLUTION

Plot the points, as shown in blue. Use a protractor, a compass, and a straightedge to find the rotated vertices. The coordinates of the preimage and image are listed below.





In the list above, the *x*-coordinate of the image is the opposite of the *y*-coordinate of the preimage. The *y*-coordinate of the image is the *x*-coordinate of the preimage.

This transformation can be described as $(x, y) \rightarrow (-y, x)$.