1. (4 pts.) Given a point P and a line a, what is the locus of points 3 cm from P and 1 cm from a? Justify your answer.

# Solution:

The locus is 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4 points, depending on the intersection of  $\odot P$  with radius 3 cm, and two paralell lines to a at distance 1 cm.



- 2. (2 pts. each) Let T and S be two isometries of the plane.
  - (a) Show that  $\mathbf{S} \circ \mathbf{T}$  is an isometry.
  - (b) Show that  $\mathbf{T}^{-1}$  is an isometry.
  - (c) Show that if  $\mathbf{T}$  and  $\mathbf{S}$  agrees on three noncollinear points, then they are identical.

### Solution:

- (a) For any A and B,  $\mathbf{T}(\overline{AB}) = \overline{A'B'}$  and  $\mathbf{S}(\overline{A'B'}) = \overline{A''B''}$ , where  $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{A'B'}$  (**T** is isometry) and  $\overline{A'B'} \cong \overline{A''B''}$  (**S** is isometry). Therefore,  $\mathbf{ST}(\overline{AB}) = \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{T}(\overline{AB})) = \mathbf{S}(\overline{A'B'}) = \overline{A''B''}$ , with  $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{A''B''}$ .
- (b) Assume that  $\mathbf{T}(\overline{AB}) = \overline{A'B'}$  with  $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{A'B'}$ . Then clearly,  $\mathbf{T}^{-1}(\overline{A'B'}) = \overline{AB}$  and  $\overline{A'B'} \cong \overline{AB}$ .
- (c) Assume that  $\mathbf{T}(A) = \mathbf{S}(A)$ ,  $\mathbf{T}(B) = \mathbf{S}(B)$ ,  $\mathbf{T}(C) = \mathbf{S}(C)$ , for noncollinear points A, B, C. Then  $\mathbf{S}^{-1}\mathbf{T}(A) = A$ ,  $\mathbf{S}^{-1}\mathbf{T}(B) = B$ ,  $\mathbf{S}^{-1}\mathbf{T}(C) = C$ . That is  $\mathbf{S}^{-1}\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{I}$ . Hence,  $\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{S}$ .

- **3.** (4 pts. each) Let  $\mathbf{R}_l$  denote a reflection in a line l.
  - (a) Let A and B be points in the plane so that  $\mathbf{R}_a(A) = A_1 = A$ , and  $\mathbf{R}_a(B) = B_1 \neq B$ . Use the definition of reflection to show that  $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{A_1B_1}$ .
  - (b) Let a, b, r be three lines in the plane. If  $\mathbf{R}_r(a) = b$ , show that  $a \parallel r$  iff  $b \parallel r$ .

#### Solution:

- (a) Note that  $A \in a$  since  $\mathbf{R}_a(A) = A_1 = A$ . Then, we have two cases for B as follows:
  - $a \perp \overline{AB}$ :  $B \notin a$  and hence line a is perpendicular bisector of  $\overline{BB_1}$  (by the definition of reflection). Therefore, A is the midpoint of  $\overline{BB_1}$  and hence  $|\overline{AB}| = |\overline{A_1B_1}|$ .

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- a ≠ AB: a is the perpendicular bisector of BB<sub>1</sub>. Let M ∈ a be the midpoint of BB<sub>1</sub>. In right triangles △ ABM and △ A<sub>1</sub>B<sub>1</sub>M, we have

  AM is common.
  BM ≅ B<sub>1</sub>M (a is a bisector).
  BMA ≅ B<sub>1</sub>MA<sub>1</sub> (a is perpendicular on BB<sub>1</sub>).

  By SAS, △ ABM ≅ △ A<sub>1</sub>B<sub>1</sub>M, and hence AB ≅ A<sub>1</sub>B<sub>1</sub>.
- (b) Clearly R<sub>r</sub> is an isometry and hence it preserves parallelism. Thus, if a || r, then R<sub>r</sub> (a) || R<sub>r</sub> (r) then b || r (note that line r is fixed under reflection in r).
  Assume now that b || r. Since R<sub>r</sub> (a) = b, then R<sub>r</sub> (b) = a (this is because R<sub>r</sub><sup>-1</sup> = R<sub>r</sub>). Thus, if b || r, then R<sub>r</sub> (b) || R<sub>r</sub> (r) then a || r.

## 4. (4 pts. each)

- (a) Let a and b be two lines intersecting in point C with an angle from a to b equals to r. Use the definition of reflection to show that  $\mathbf{R}_b \circ \mathbf{R}_a$  is simply  $\mathcal{R}_{O,\theta}$ , and find the point O and the angle  $\theta$ .
- (b) Let  $\triangle ABC$  be a triangle with the vertices labelled clockwise such that  $|\overline{AC}| = |\overline{BC}|$ and  $|A\hat{C}B| = 90^{\circ}$ . Let  $\mathbf{R}_{\overrightarrow{AB}}$  be the reflection in the line  $\overrightarrow{AB}$ ,  $\mathbf{R}_{\overrightarrow{AC}}$  be the reflection in the line  $\overrightarrow{AC}$ , and  $\mathcal{R}_{B,90^{\circ}}$  be the rotation by 90° counterclockwise around *B*. Identify the composition  $\mathcal{R}_{B,90^{\circ}} \circ \mathbf{R}_{\overrightarrow{AB}} \circ \mathbf{R}_{\overrightarrow{AC}}$ . Justify your answer.

#### Solution:

(a) Assume that lines a and line b intersect at point C with a directed angle from a to b equals to r = (x + y). Let P be a point so that  $\mathbf{R}_a(P) = P'$  and  $\mathbf{R}_b(P') = P''$ . As it is clear in the diagram, by SAS we have  $\triangle CPM \cong \triangle CP'M$ and  $\triangle CP'N \cong \triangle CP''N$ . Hence we have

$$(1) \quad \cdots \quad \left| \overline{CP} \right| = \left| \overline{CP'} \right| = \left| \overline{CP''} \right|$$

Moreover, the (directed) angle from  $\overline{CP}$  to  $\overline{CP''}$  is

$$(2) \quad \cdots \quad 2(x+y) = 2r.$$

Therefore, from (1) and (2) we have  $\mathbf{R}_b \circ \mathbf{R}_a = \mathcal{R}_{C,2r}$ . That is O the intersecting points C of lines a and b, and  $\theta = 2r$ .



(a) Note that  $\mathcal{R}_{B,90^{\circ}}$  is simply  $\mathbf{R}_{\overrightarrow{BC}} \circ \mathbf{R}_{\overrightarrow{AB}}$  with an angle from  $\overrightarrow{AB}$  to  $\overrightarrow{BC}$  equals to  $45^{\circ}$ . That is,

$$\mathcal{R}_{B,90^{\circ}} \circ \left( \mathbf{R}_{\overrightarrow{AB}} \circ \mathbf{R}_{\overrightarrow{AC}} \right) = \left( \mathbf{R}_{\overrightarrow{BC}} \circ \mathbf{R}_{\overrightarrow{AB}} \right) \circ \left( \mathbf{R}_{\overrightarrow{AB}} \circ \mathbf{R}_{\overrightarrow{AC}} \right)$$
$$= \left( \mathbf{R}_{\overrightarrow{BC}} \circ \mathbf{R}_{\overrightarrow{AC}} \right) = \mathcal{R}_{C,180^{\circ}}.$$