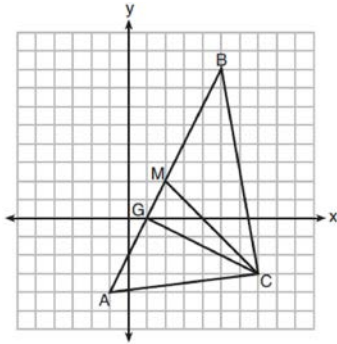


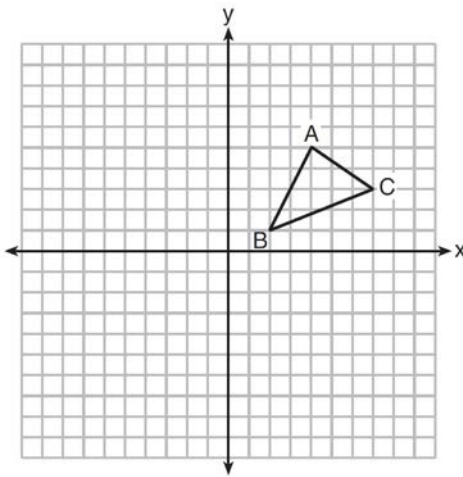
**G.GPE.B.4: Triangles in the Coordinate Plane**

- 1 On the set of axes below,  $\triangle ABC$ , altitude  $\overline{CG}$ , and median  $\overline{CM}$  are drawn.



Which expression represents the area of  $\triangle ABC$ ?

- 1)  $\frac{(BC)(AC)}{2}$  2)  $\frac{(GC)(BC)}{2}$  3)  $\frac{(CM)(AB)}{2}$   
 4)  $\frac{(GC)(AB)}{2}$
- 2 In the diagram below,  $\triangle ABC$  has vertices  $A(4,5)$ ,  $B(2,1)$ , and  $C(7,3)$ .

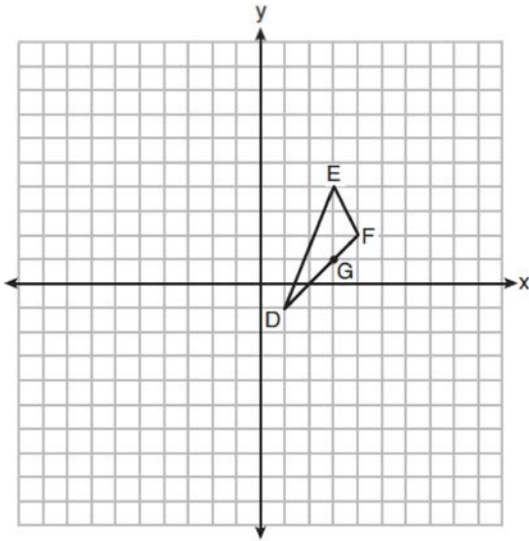


What is the slope of the altitude drawn from  $A$  to  $\overline{BC}$ ?

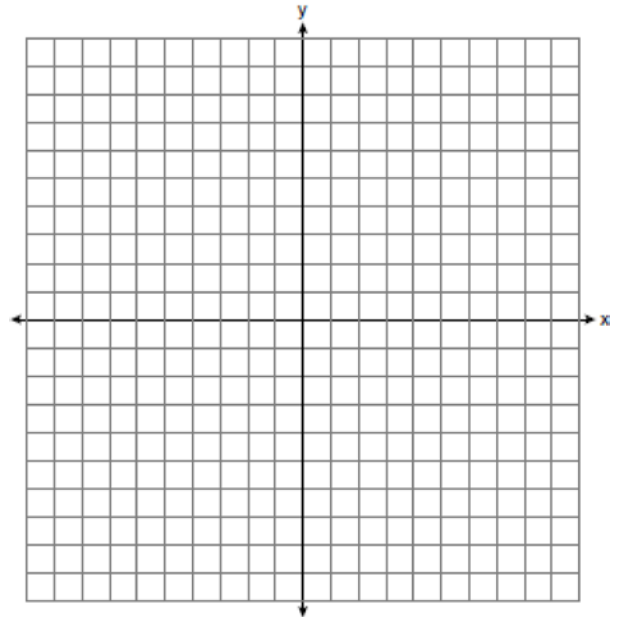
- 1)  $\frac{2}{5}$  2)  $\frac{3}{2}$  3)  $-\frac{1}{2}$  4)  $-\frac{5}{2}$

- 3 The coordinates of the vertices of  $\triangle RST$  are  $R(-2,-3)$ ,  $S(8,2)$ , and  $T(4,5)$ . Which type of triangle is  $\triangle RST$ ?  
 1) right 2) acute 3) obtuse 4) equiangular
- 4 Triangle  $ABC$  has vertices  $A(0,0)$ ,  $B(3,2)$ , and  $C(0,4)$ . The triangle may be classified as  
 1) equilateral 2) isosceles 3) right  
 4) scalene
- 5 Which type of triangle can be drawn using the points  $(-2,3)$ ,  $(-2,-7)$ , and  $(4,-5)$ ?  
 1) scalene 2) isosceles 3) equilateral 4) no triangle can be drawn
- 6 If the vertices of  $\triangle ABC$  are  $A(-2,4)$ ,  $B(-2,8)$ , and  $C(-5,6)$ , then  $\triangle ABC$  is classified as  
 1) right 2) scalene 3) isosceles  
 4) equilateral
- 7 The vertices of  $\triangle ABC$  are  $A(-1,-2)$ ,  $B(-1,2)$  and  $C(6,0)$ . Which conclusion can be made about the angles of  $\triangle ABC$ ?  
 1)  $m\angle A = m\angle B$  2)  $m\angle A = m\angle C$   
 3)  $m\angle ACB = 90$  4)  $m\angle ABC = 60$

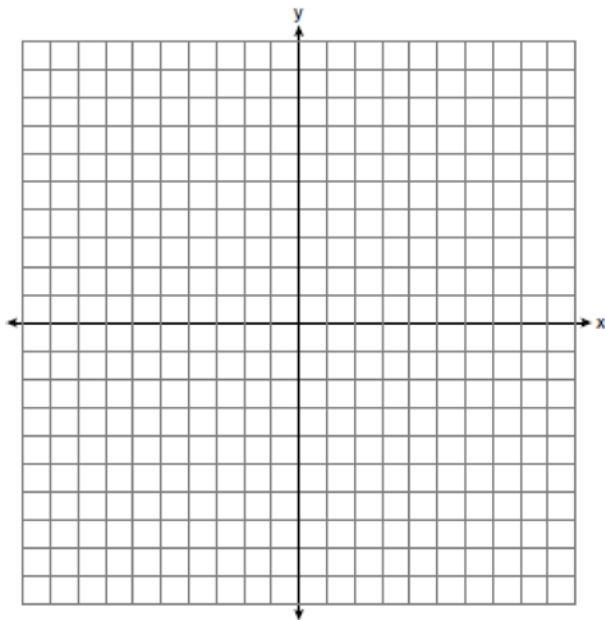
- 8 On the set of axes below,  $\triangle DEF$  has vertices at the coordinates  $D(1,-1)$ ,  $E(3,4)$ , and  $F(4,2)$ , and point  $G$  has coordinates  $(3,1)$ . Owen claims the median from point  $E$  must pass through point  $G$ . Is Owen correct? Explain why.



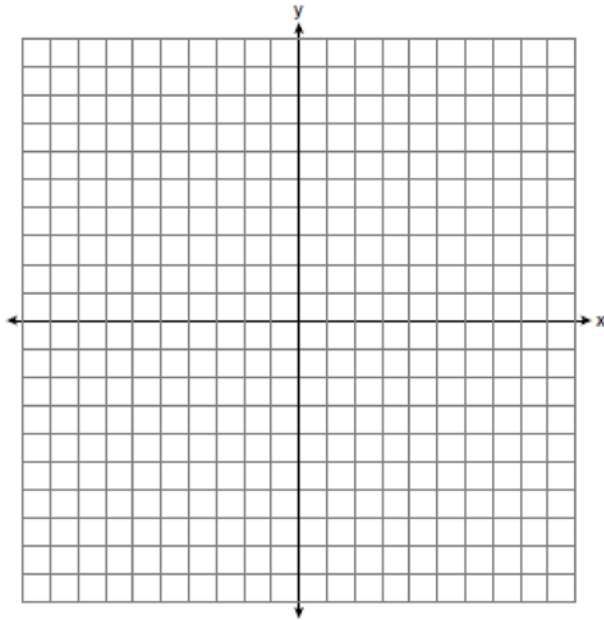
- 10 Given: Triangle  $RST$  has coordinates  $R(-1,7)$ ,  $S(3,-1)$ , and  $T(9,2)$   
 Prove:  $\triangle RST$  is a right triangle  
 [The use of the set of axes below is optional.]



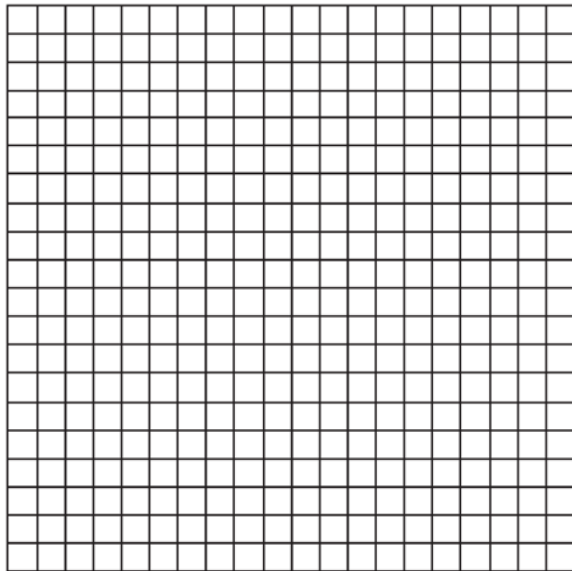
- 9 Triangle  $RST$  has vertices with coordinates  $R(-3,-2)$ ,  $S(3,2)$  and  $T(4,-4)$ . Determine and state an equation of the line parallel to  $\overline{RT}$  that passes through point  $S$ . [The use of the set of axes below is optional.]



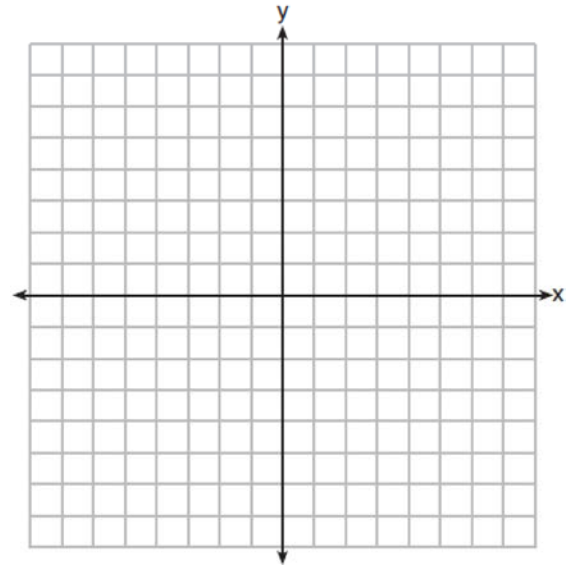
- 11 Triangle  $ABC$  has vertices with  $A(x,3)$ ,  $B(-3,-1)$ , and  $C(-1,-4)$ . Determine and state a value of  $x$  that would make triangle  $ABC$  a right triangle. Justify why  $\triangle ABC$  is a right triangle. [The use of the set of axes below is optional.]



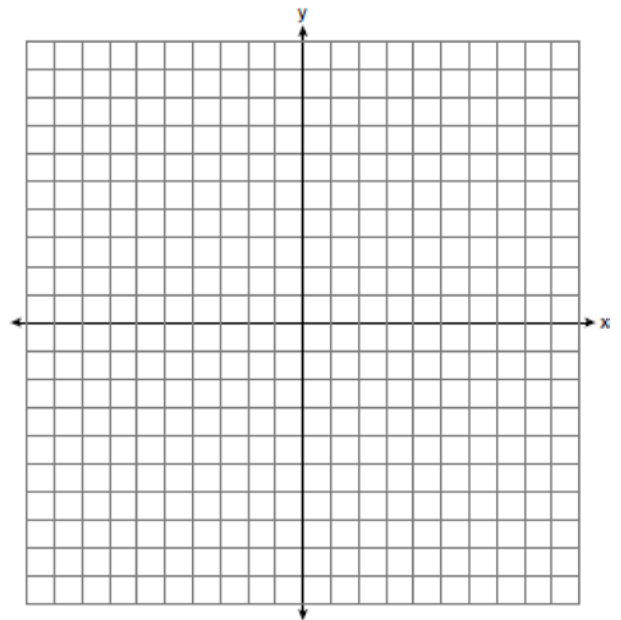
- 12 Given:  $J(-4,1)$ ,  $E(-2,-3)$ ,  $N(2,-1)$   
 Prove:  $\triangle JEN$  is an isosceles right triangle.  
 [The use of the grid is optional.]



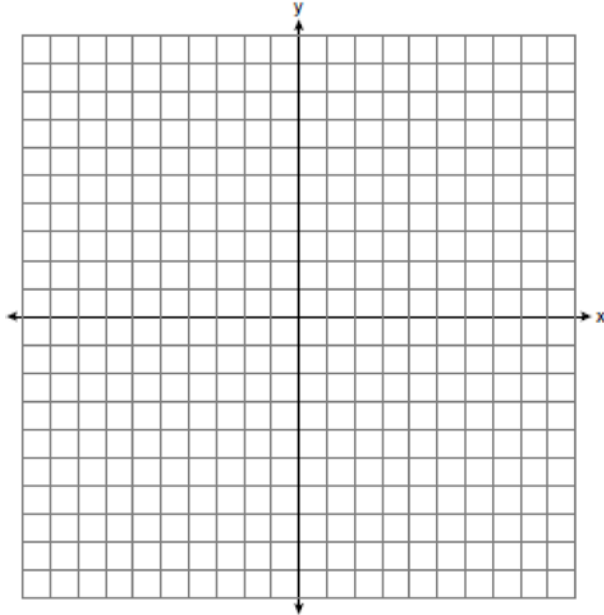
- 13 A triangle has vertices  $A(-2,4)$ ,  $B(6,2)$ , and  $C(1,-1)$ . Prove that  $\triangle ABC$  is an isosceles right triangle. [The use of the set of axes below is optional.]



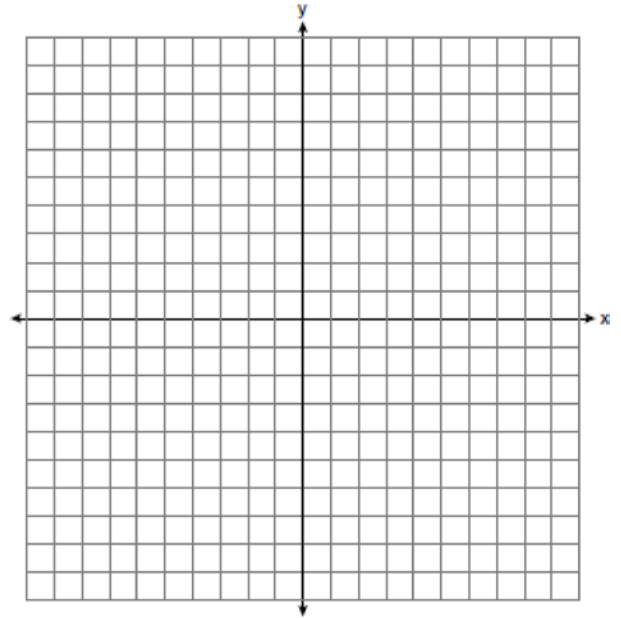
- 14 Triangle  $JOE$  has vertices whose coordinates are  $J(4,6)$ ,  $O(-2,4)$ , and  $E(6,0)$ . Prove that  $\triangle JOE$  is isosceles. Point  $Y(2,2)$  is on  $\overline{OE}$ . Prove that  $\overline{JY}$  is the perpendicular bisector of  $\overline{OE}$ . [The use of the set of axes below is optional.]



- 15 Triangle  $ABC$  has vertices with coordinates  $A(-1,-1)$ ,  $B(4,0)$ , and  $C(0,4)$ . Prove that  $\triangle ABC$  is an isosceles triangle but *not* an equilateral triangle. [The use of the set of axes below is optional.]



- 16 Triangle  $PQR$  has vertices  $P(-3,-1)$ ,  $Q(-1,7)$ , and  $R(3,3)$ , and points  $A$  and  $B$  are midpoints of  $\overline{PQ}$  and  $\overline{RQ}$ , respectively. Use coordinate geometry to prove that  $\overline{AB}$  is parallel to  $\overline{PR}$  and is half the length of  $\overline{PR}$ . [The use of the set of axes below is optional.]



### G.GPE.B.4: Triangles in the Coordinate Plane Answer Section

1 ANS: 4 REF: 011921geo

2 ANS: 4

The slope of  $\overline{BC}$  is  $\frac{2}{5}$ . Altitude is perpendicular, so its slope is  $-\frac{5}{2}$ .

REF: 061614geo

3 ANS: 1

$m_{\overline{RT}} = \frac{5-3}{4-2} = \frac{2}{2} = 1$   $m_{\overline{ST}} = \frac{5-2}{4-8} = \frac{3}{-4} = -\frac{3}{4}$  Slopes are opposite reciprocals, so lines form a right angle.

REF: 011618geo

4 ANS: 2 REF: 061115ge

5 ANS: 2 REF: 081226ge

6 ANS: 3

$AB = 8 - 4 = 4$ .  $BC = \sqrt{(-2 - (-5))^2 + (8 - 6)^2} = \sqrt{13}$ .  $AC = \sqrt{(-2 - (-5))^2 + (4 - 6)^2} = \sqrt{13}$

REF: 011328ge

7 ANS: 1

Since  $\overline{AC} \cong \overline{BC}$ ,  $m\angle A = m\angle B$  under the Isosceles Triangle Theorem.

REF: fall0809ge

8 ANS:

No. The midpoint of  $\overline{DF}$  is  $\left(\frac{1+4}{2}, \frac{-1+2}{2}\right) = (2.5, 0.5)$ . A median from point  $E$  must pass through the midpoint.

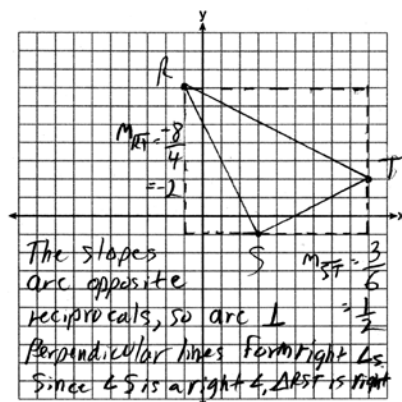
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9 ANS:

$\frac{-2-4}{-3-4} = \frac{2}{-7}$ ;  $y - 2 = -\frac{2}{7}(x - 3)$

REF: 062331geo

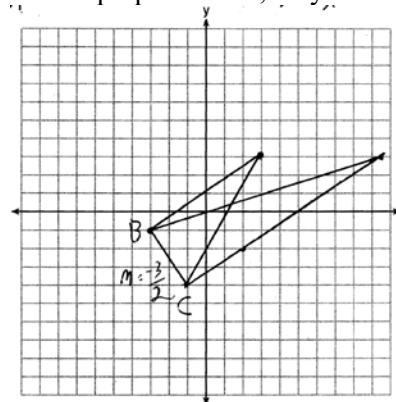
10 ANS:



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11 ANS:

The slopes of perpendicular line are opposite reciprocals. Since the lines are perpendicular, they form right angles

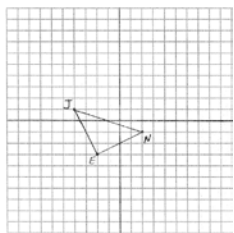


and a right triangle.  $m_{BC} = -\frac{3}{2}$   $-1 = \frac{2}{3}(-3) + b$  or  $-4 = \frac{2}{3}(-1) + b$

$$\begin{aligned}
 m_{\perp} = \frac{2}{3} \quad -1 &= -2 + b & \frac{-12}{3} &= \frac{-2}{3} + b \\
 1 &= b & -\frac{10}{3} &= b \\
 3 &= \frac{2}{3}x + 1 & -\frac{10}{3} &= b \\
 2 &= \frac{2}{3}x & 3 &= \frac{2}{3}x - \frac{10}{3} \\
 3 &= x & 9 &= 2x - 10 \\
 & & 19 &= 2x \\
 & & 9.5 &= x
 \end{aligned}$$

REF: 081533geo

12 ANS:



To prove that  $\triangle JEN$  is a right triangle, prove that its legs are perpendicular by showing their slopes are opposite reciprocals:  $m_{\overline{JE}} = \frac{1-3}{-4-(-2)} = \frac{4}{-2} = -2$

$$m_{\overline{EN}} = \frac{-3-(-1)}{-2-2} = \frac{-2}{-4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

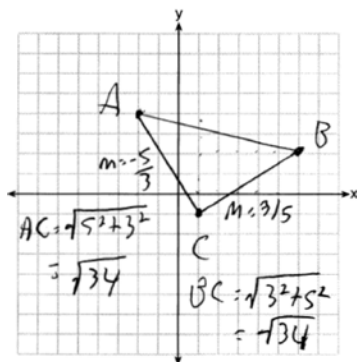
To prove that  $\triangle JEN$  is an isosceles triangle, prove that its legs are congruent by using the distance formula:

$$d_{\overline{JE}} = \sqrt{(-4-(-2))^2 + (1-(-3))^2} = \sqrt{20}$$

$$d_{\overline{EN}} = \sqrt{(-2-2)^2 + (-3-(-1))^2} = \sqrt{20}$$

REF: 011029b

13 ANS:

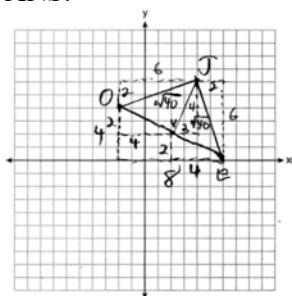


Triangle with vertices  $A(-2,4)$ ,  $B(6,2)$ , and  $C(1,-1)$  (given);  $m_{\overline{AC}} = -\frac{5}{3}$ ,  $m_{\overline{BC}} = \frac{3}{5}$ ,

definition of slope; Because the slopes of the legs of the triangle are opposite reciprocals, the legs are perpendicular (definition of perpendicular);  $\angle C$  is a right angle (definition of right angle);  $\triangle ABC$  is a right triangle (if a triangle has a right angle, it is a right triangle);  $\overline{AC} \cong \overline{BC} = \sqrt{34}$  (distance formula);  $\triangle ABC$  is an isosceles triangle (an isosceles triangle has two congruent sides).

REF: 011932geo

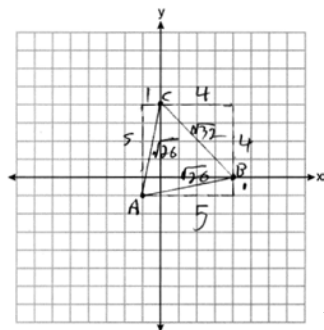
14 ANS:



$JE = JO = \sqrt{6^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{40}$  Since  $\triangle JOE$  has two congruent sides, it is isosceles.  
 $OY = YE = \sqrt{4^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{20}$  Since  $\overline{OY} \cong \overline{YE}$ ,  $\overline{JY}$  is a bisector of  $\overline{OE}$ .  $m_{\overline{OE}} = \frac{4}{-8} = -\frac{1}{2}$   $m_{\overline{JY}} = \frac{4}{2} = 2$  Since the slopes are opposite reciprocals,  $\overline{OE} \perp \overline{JY}$ .

REF: 062435geo

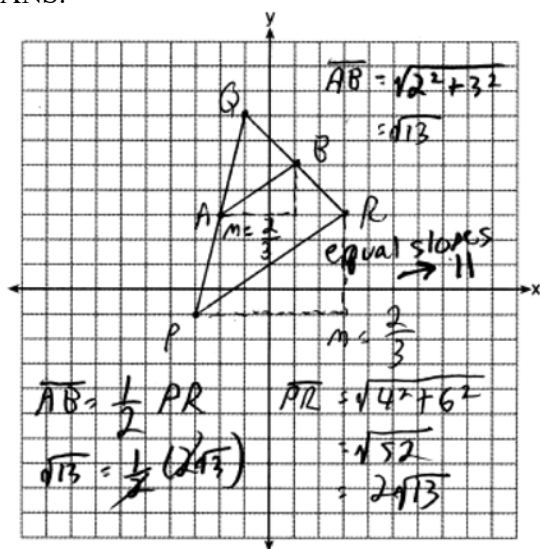
15 ANS:



Because  $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{AC}$ ,  $\triangle ABC$  has two congruent sides and is isosceles. Because  $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{BC}$  is not true,  $\triangle ABC$  has sides that are not congruent and  $\triangle ABC$  is not equilateral.

REF: 061832geo

16 ANS:



REF: 081732geo