

Dilation Line Lab

Test how lines behave under a dilation.

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GEO-G.SRT.1.a "Verify experimentally that dilation takes a line not passing through the center of the dilation to a parallel line, and leaves a line passing through the center unchanged."

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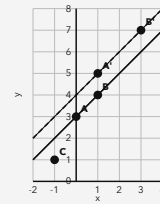
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TRACK THE LINE

A dilation sends each point along a ray from the center. A line through the center stays on itself. A line away from the center maps to a parallel line, so the slopes match.

WORKED EXAMPLE

The grid shows line AB and its image A'B' after a dilation centered at C with scale factor 2. Verify the line relationship.



1. Find $m(AB)$: $(4 - 3)/(1 - 0) = 1$.
2. Find $m(A'B')$: $(7 - 5)/(3 - 1) = 1$.
3. The equal slopes show the two lines are parallel.

Answer: $m(AB) = 1$ and $m(A'B') = 1$, so A'B' is parallel to AB.

PRACTICE 4 problems

- 1** A dilation has center $(4, -3)$ and scale factor 2. It maps $y = 5x + 7$ to a new line. Find the image equation and its relationship to the original line.

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- 2** A dilation centered at $(3, -5)$ has scale factor -2. What is the image of the line $y = 4x - 17$?

ANSWER _____

- 3** A dilation centered at $(1, 6)$ has scale factor 3. It maps $P(-1, 2)$ to $P'(-5, -6)$ and $Q(2, 5)$ to $Q'(4, 3)$. Find both slopes and state the line relationship.

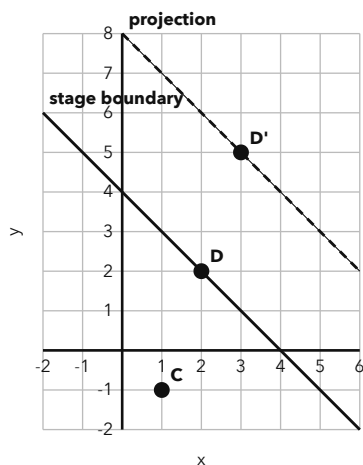
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- 4** A dilation centered at $(-4, 2)$ has scale factor $1/2$. Which line is unchanged: $y = -2x - 6$ or $y = -2x + 1$?

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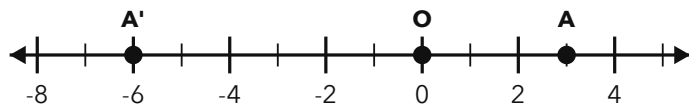
APPLY IT Show your work

- 1** A concert app projects the solid stage boundary onto the dashed boundary. The grid shows a dilation centered at C with scale factor 2. Find both slopes and state the relationship.



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- 2** A drone follows a straight rail through control point O. The number line shows point A and its image A' after a dilation centered at O with scale factor -2. Does the rail become a different parallel rail, or does it stay the same line?



ANSWER _____

CHALLENGE One step up

A dilation with scale factor 3 maps $y = 2x - 1$ to $y = 2x + 5$. Find all possible centers $C(a, b)$. Explain why the center cannot be on the original line.

WORK SPACE AND ANSWER

PART 1 • PRACTICE

#	PROBLEM	ANSWER
1	A dilation has center (4, -3) and scale factor 2. It maps $y = 5x + 7$ to a new line. Find the image equation and its relationship to the original line.	$y = 5x + 37$; the image line is parallel to the original line.
2	A dilation centered at (3, -5) has scale factor -2. What is the image of the line $y = 4x - 17$?	$y = 4x - 17$
3	A dilation centered at (1, 6) has scale factor 3. It maps $P(-1, 2)$ to $P'(-5, -6)$ and $Q(2, 5)$ to $Q'(4, 3)$. Find both slopes and state the line relationship.	$m(PQ) = 1$ and $m(P'Q') = 1$; $P'Q'$ is parallel to PQ.
4	A dilation centered at (-4, 2) has scale factor $1/2$. Which line is unchanged: $y = -2x - 6$ or $y = -2x + 1$?	$y = -2x - 6$

PART 2 • APPLY IT

- Both slopes are -1, so the projected boundary is parallel to the stage boundary.** Read a slope of -1 from each line. The solid line does not pass through C, so its image is a parallel line.
- The rail stays the same line through O.** A and A' lie on the same straight line as O. A dilation leaves every line through its center unchanged.

CHALLENGE

All possible centers satisfy $b = 2a - 4$. This line is parallel to $y = 2x - 1$, so no possible center lies on the original line.

Accept equivalent equation forms, such as $5x - y + 37 = 0$. For slope work, accept a correct rise-over-run calculation and the conclusion that equal slopes show parallel lines.