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Chapter 30, Problem 1EB



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## Problem

Prove each of the following:

Let  $A$  be any set of points in the plane;  $(a, b)$  is constructible from  $A$  iff  $(a, 0)$  and  $(0, b)$  are constructible from  $A$ .

## Step-by-step solution

### Step 1 of 3

Here, objective is to prove that  $(a, b)$  is constructible from  $A$ , if and only if  $(a, 0)$  and  $(0, b)$  are constructible from  $A$ .

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### Step 2 of 3

Constructible point:

The point is either the end point of given unit segment or it is the intersection of two lines

determined by previous constructible points is called as constructible point.

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Step 3 of 3

Let  $A$  be the set of points in the plane.

Consider the below figure:

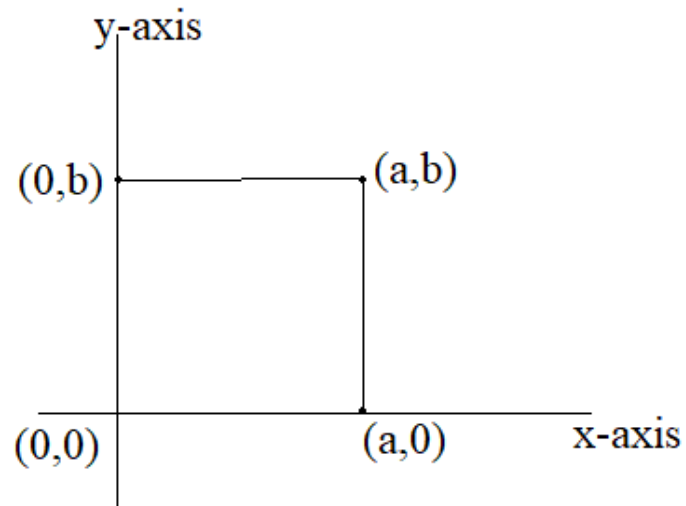


figure:construction of  $(a,b)$

Consider  $(a,0)$  and  $(0,b)$  are constructible from  $A$ .

Construct perpendicular lines to the x-axis and y-axis passing through  $(a,0)$  and  $(0,b)$ .

Then the perpendicular lines intersect at the point  $(a,b)$ .

Therefore,  $(a,b)$  is constructible from  $A$ , if and only if  $(a,0)$  and  $(0,b)$  are constructible from  $A$ .

Hence, proved

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