

Special Triangles

Consider a triangle at $A(2, 0), B(2, p), C(3, 0)$ with area $p/2$. Now complete the parallelogram to get a point $D(1, p)$. Reflect A over D to get $E(0, 2p)$. Since $ACBD$ is a parallelogram, the area of BCD is half of that of the parallelogram, which is the area of ABC , which is $p/2$. Now since DE is parallel to BC , area of ECB and DCB must be the same (same height, common base).

Note that since p is non-zero, all three have distinct x and y coordinates. Hence BCE is a valid triangle, and we can always print $(0, 2p), (2, p), (3, 0)$ for a triangle with area $p/2$ where $p \in \mathbb{Z}$, and in all other cases, no solution exists as above.

Here p can be found by dividing a and b by $GCD(a, b)$.

Finding the GCD has time complexity $= \mathcal{O}(\log(ab))$ and all other operations are of $\mathcal{O}(1)$.

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Another possible solution is the following family of triangles: $(0, 0), (1, 2), (p, p)$ when $p > 2$ and the triangles $(0, 4), (2, 2), (3, 0)$ for $p = 2$ and $(0, 2), (2, 1), (3, 0)$ for $p = 1$.