## Worksheet 1 (Cartesian Coordinates; Distance and Midpoint Formulas)

- 1. Find the page in section 1.1 that mentions quadrants. On the coordinate axes below:
  - (a) Label each of the four quadrants (I, II, III, IV).
  - (b) Plot the point P = (1, -3). What quadrant is P in?
  - (c) If a point's x-coordinate is positive, what quadrant(s) can it be in?



- 2. For each of the following, find the midpoint of the line segment joining the points  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ .
  - (a)  $P_1 = (2, -3); P_2 = (4, 2)$
  - (b)  $P_1 = (-1,0); P_2 = (2,4)$
- 3. Plot each of the following points and form the triangle ABC. Find the distances between all three pairs of points and use this to verify that the triangle is a right triangle. Find its area.

$$A = (-2,5); B = (1,3); C = (-1,0)$$



4. Determine what the graph of  $y = x^2 - 3$  looks like by plotting at least 5 points on it.

