## 8.EE Folding a Square into Thircls

## Task

Suppose we take a square piece of paper and fold it in half vertically and diagonally, leaving the creases shown below:


Next we make a fold that joins the top of the vertical crease to the bottom right corner, leaving the crease shown below. The point $P$ is the intersection of this new crease with the first diagonal fold.

a. Place the lower left corner of the square at $(0,0)$ on a coordinate grid with the upper

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right corner at $(1,1)$ as pictured below:


The lines $\ell$ and $m$ labelled in the picture contain the two diagonal folds. Find equations defining $\ell$ and $m$ and use these to calculate the coordinates of the point $P$.
b. Explain how to use part (a) in order to fold the square into thirds.

