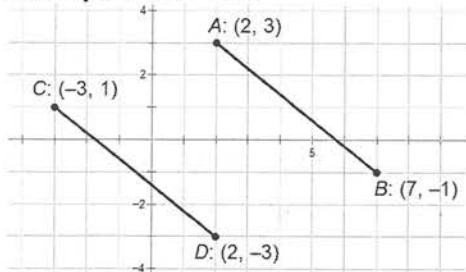


Coordinate Geometry Proofs

Slope Formula $\frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = m$

Example: $\overline{AB} \parallel \overline{CD}$

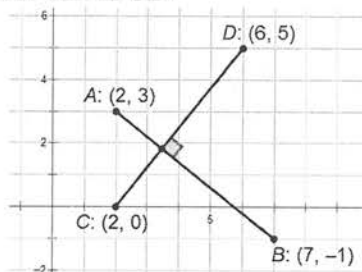


Slope AB = $\frac{3 - (-1)}{2 - 7} = \frac{4}{-5}$

Slope CD = $\frac{1 - (-3)}{-3 - 2} = \frac{4}{-5}$

Conclusion: Parallel lines have equal slopes.

Example: $\overline{AB} \perp \overline{CD}$



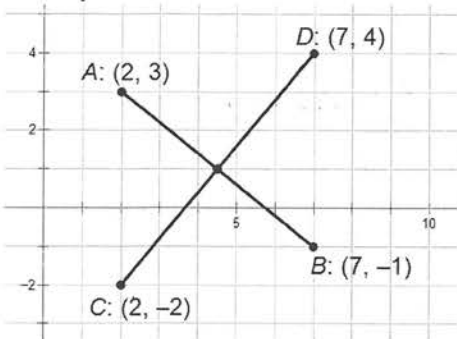
Slope AB = $\frac{3 - (-1)}{2 - 7} = \frac{4}{-5}$

Slope CD = $\frac{5 - 0}{6 - 2} = \frac{5}{4}$

Conclusion: Perpendicular lines have negative reciprocal slopes.

Midpoint Formula $M = \left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} \right)$

Example:



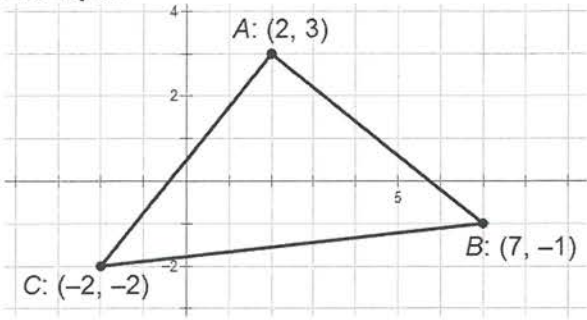
Midpoint AB = $\left(\frac{2+7}{2}, \frac{3+(-1)}{2} \right) = \left(\frac{9}{2}, 1 \right)$

Midpoint CD = $\left(\frac{7+2}{2}, \frac{4+(-2)}{2} \right) = \left(\frac{9}{2}, 1 \right)$

Conclusion: \overline{AB} and \overline{CD} bisect each other because they share the same midpoint.

Distance Formula $d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$

Example:



$$AC = \sqrt{(2 - (-2))^2 + (3 - (-2))^2} = \sqrt{16 + 25} = \sqrt{41}$$

$$AB = \sqrt{(2 - 7)^2 + (3 - (-1))^2} = \sqrt{25 + 25} = \sqrt{50}$$

Conclusion: $\overline{AC} \cong \overline{AB}$ because they have the same length.

Coordinate Geometry Proof: proof using Algebra formulas.

Steps:

1. Draw a picture.

2. Use the formulas.

Slope - for \parallel or \perp

Midpoint - for midpt or seg. bisector

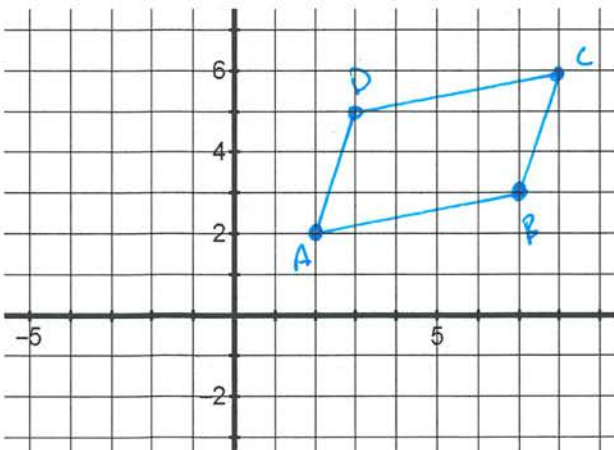
Distance - for \cong segments.

3. Write a concluding sentence or two.

Example:

Given: Quadrilateral ABCD with A(2,2), B(7,3), C(8,6), D(3,5).

Prove: The opposite sides of ABCD are parallel



$$\text{Slope } AB = \frac{3 - 2}{7 - 2} = \frac{1}{5} \quad \left. \vphantom{\frac{1}{5}} \right\} \overline{AB} \parallel \overline{DC}$$

$$\text{Slope } DC = \frac{6 - 5}{8 - 3} = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$\text{Slope } AD = \frac{5 - 2}{3 - 2} = \frac{3}{1} \quad \left. \vphantom{\frac{3}{1}} \right\} \overline{AD} \parallel \overline{BC}$$

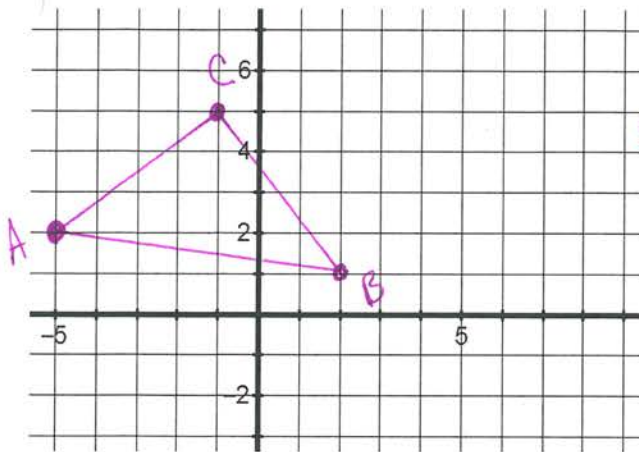
$$\text{Slope } BC = \frac{6 - 3}{8 - 7} = \frac{3}{1}$$

$\overline{AB} \parallel \overline{DC}$ and $\overline{AD} \parallel \overline{BC}$ because they have = slopes.

Example:

Given: Triangle ABC with A(-5,2), B(2,1), C(-1,5).

Prove: Triangle ABC is an Isosceles Right triangle.



$$\left. \begin{aligned} \text{Slope } AC &= \frac{5-2}{-1-(-5)} = \frac{3}{4} \\ \text{Slope } BC &= \frac{5-1}{-1-2} = \frac{4}{-3} \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \overline{AC} \perp \overline{BC} \\ \text{because neg. reciprocal} \\ \text{slopes.} \end{array}$$

$$AC = \sqrt{(-5-(-1))^2 + (2-5)^2} = \sqrt{16+9} = \sqrt{25} = 5$$

$$BC = \sqrt{(2-(-1))^2 + (1-5)^2} = \sqrt{9+16} = \sqrt{25} = 5$$

$\overline{AC} \cong \overline{BC}$ because equal lengths.

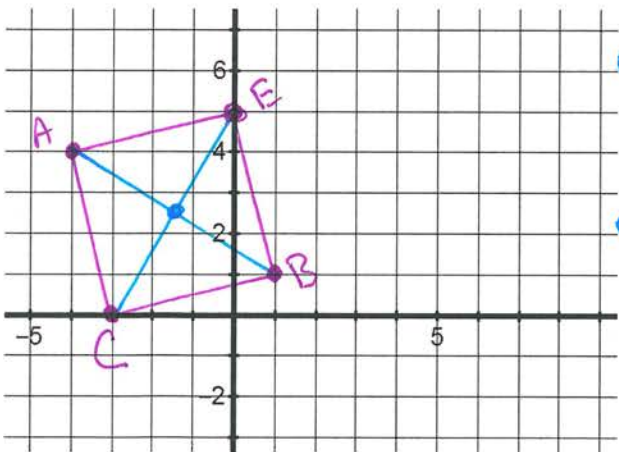
$\triangle ABC$ is Isosceles because it has a pair of \cong sides.

$\triangle ABC$ is Right because it has a pair of \perp sides.

Example:

Given: Quadrilateral ACBE with A(-4,4), C(-3,0), B(1,1), E(0,5).

Prove: The diagonals \overline{AB} and \overline{CE} bisect each other.



$$\text{midpt of } \overline{AB} = \left(\frac{-4+1}{2}, \frac{4+1}{2} \right) = \left(\frac{-3}{2}, \frac{5}{2} \right)$$

$$\text{midpt of } \overline{CE} = \left(\frac{-3+0}{2}, \frac{0+5}{2} \right) = \left(\frac{-3}{2}, \frac{5}{2} \right)$$

Since \overline{AB} and \overline{CE} share a midpt,
they bisect each other.