

Coordinate Geometry Proof Practice

Tips for doing Coordinate Geometry Proofs:

- **Organize** your work and **label everything**. Do not just perform calculations all over the place and leave your teacher to figuring out what is what (because we won't!).
- label your algebra statements clearly
 - so, for example, if you're going to prove the figure on the next page is a parallelogram by definition, one thing you'll need to do is find the slope of \overline{BC} . When you show that, write something like $\text{slope } \overline{BC} = \frac{3-0}{-4-8} = \frac{3}{-12} = \frac{-1}{4}$.
- you must refer to your calculations and provide a **summary/proof statement** when done. So, for example, if you have just finished finding 4 slopes and are now ready to say that it is a parallelogram, then you would finish with something like this:
 - $\overline{BC} \parallel \overline{AD}$ because both have slopes = $-1/4$
 - $\overline{AB} \parallel \overline{CD}$ because both have slopes = $4/1$
 - since both pairs of opp. sides are \parallel , it's a \square by def. ✓
- do **NOT** turn nice fractions like $3/4$ into decimals – reduce all fractions
- you must **show algebraic work** for things in your proofs – you can not just simply, for example, look at the graph paper and write down the pt. where it looks like 2 lines intersect – you must use some algebraic way to find the point

Here is some warm-up/review for the proofs on the following pages:

- 1) What is the equation of the line that goes through (1, 3) and (5, 12)? Leave your answer in point-slope form.

$$\text{slope} = \frac{12-3}{5-1} = \frac{9}{4} \quad y-3 = \frac{9}{4}(x-1)$$

$$y = \frac{9}{4}x - \frac{9}{4} + 3$$

$$y = \frac{9}{4}x + \frac{3}{4} \quad \checkmark$$

- 2) What is the midpoint of (1, 3) and (5, 12)?

$$\left(\frac{1+5}{2}, \frac{3+12}{2} \right) = \left(3, \frac{15}{2} \right) \quad \checkmark$$

- 3) What is the distance between (1, 3) and (5, 12)?

$$d = \sqrt{(1-5)^2 + (3-12)^2} = \sqrt{(-4)^2 + (-9)^2} = \sqrt{16+81} = \sqrt{97} \quad \checkmark$$

- 4) What is the equation of the line that is \parallel to the line in #1 and also goes through (0, -1)?

same slope of $9/4$

$$y - (-1) = \frac{9}{4}(x - 0)$$

$$y = \frac{9}{4}x - 1 \quad \checkmark$$

- 5) What is the equation of the line that is \perp to the line in #1 and also goes through (0, -1)?

neg. recip. of $9/4$ is $-4/9$

$$y - (-1) = \frac{-4}{9}(x - 0)$$

$$y = \frac{-4}{9}x - 1 \quad \checkmark$$

$$AB = \sqrt{(-4 - -5)^2 + (3 - -1)^2}$$

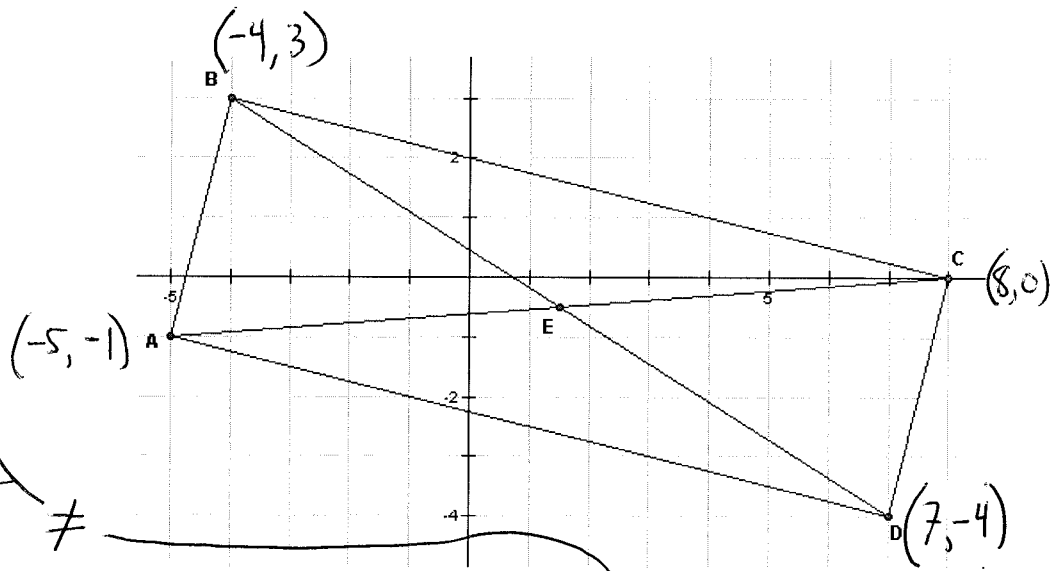
$$= \sqrt{1 + 16}$$

$$= \sqrt{17}$$

$$AD = \sqrt{(-5 - 7)^2 + (-1 - -4)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{(-12)^2 + 3^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{144 + 9} = \sqrt{153}$$



1. Given the figure above, prove that it is specifically a **rectangle** and not a square. There are many ways to do this. Let's practice a few. Prove it's a rectangle by:

- showing it's a parallelogram with one right angle and 2 sides are not \cong .

$$\text{slope } \overline{BC} = \frac{3-0}{-4-8} = \frac{3}{-12} = -\frac{1}{4}$$

$$\text{slope } \overline{AD} = \frac{-4-1}{7-5} = \frac{-3}{2} = -\frac{3}{2}$$

so, $\overline{BC} \parallel \overline{AD}$

so, by def., $ABCD$ is a \square

$$\text{slope } \overline{AB} = \frac{3-1}{-4-5} = \frac{2}{-9} = -\frac{2}{9}$$

so, $\overline{AB} \parallel \overline{CD}$

$$\text{slope } \overline{CD} = \frac{0-4}{8-7} = \frac{-4}{1} = -4$$

$$\text{slope } \overline{AB} \cdot \text{slope } \overline{AD} = \frac{2}{-9} \cdot -\frac{3}{2} = 1 \neq -1$$

so, $\overline{AB} \perp \overline{AD}$

so, it's a rectangle & can't be a square

- showing that the diagonals are congruent and bisect each other and 2 sides are not \cong

$$AC = \sqrt{(-5-8)^2 + (-1-0)^2} = \sqrt{(-13)^2 + 1} = \sqrt{170}$$

$$BD = \sqrt{(-4-7)^2 + (3-4)^2} = \sqrt{(-11)^2 + 1} = \sqrt{122}$$

so, diags are \cong (but that does not make it a \square)

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on the last page we showed the E is the m.p. of \overline{AC} and \overline{BD} - therefore, \overline{AC} and \overline{BD} bisect each other - we've also shown they are \cong and that $\overline{AB} \neq \overline{AD}$ - so we're finally done. \checkmark $\ddot{\smile}$

- showing that the quadrilateral has 4 right angles and the diagonal are not \perp

$\overline{AB} \perp \overline{AD}$ since slope product is -1 from above \checkmark

similarly, $\overline{AD} \perp \overline{DC}$, $\overline{DC} \perp \overline{BC}$, and $\overline{BC} \perp \overline{BA}$

since all products of slopes are -1 . \checkmark

so, all \angle s are rt. by def.

$$\text{slope } \overline{BD} = \frac{7}{-11}$$

$$\text{slope } \overline{AC} = \frac{1}{13}$$

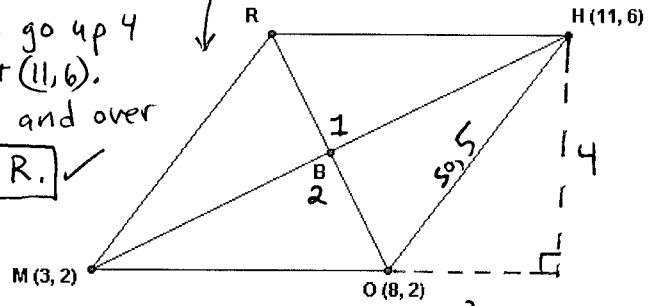
$$\frac{7}{-11} \cdot \frac{1}{13} \neq -1$$

so diags. are not \perp

so it must be a rectangle

2. If the above quadrilateral is a rhombus, what is the coordinate of R (show how you get it and say why your method works)?

Slope of \overline{OH} is $\frac{2-6}{8-11} = \frac{4}{3}$ So, if I apply the slope once and go up 4 and over 3 from $(8,2)$, I land at $(11,6)$.
By analogy, let me then go up 4 and over 3 from $(3,2)$ to land on $(6,6) = R$. ✓



a) now prove that RHOM is a rhombus

Since we already know how to use the dist. formula, let's use another part of our logical brain to solve this. We're dealing with nice lattice points (points with integer coordinates) and 2 sides lie horizontally - it's easy to see that $MO=5$ and $RH=5$. Now, to see that $RM=HO=5$, look at the auxiliary lines I drew on the right side to form a rt. Δ . You can now see the beautiful Pythagorean Triple $(3,4,5)$. Since the other side has the same rt. Δ , all sides now equal 5. It's a rhombus ✓

b) find the coordinates of B (do so by finding equations for \overline{RO} and \overline{MH} and solving the system of 2 equations)

Slope $\overline{RO} = \frac{6-2}{3-8} = \frac{4}{-5} = -\frac{4}{5}$ It's a rhombus - so diags are \perp . So, slope of \overline{MH} is $\frac{1}{2}$.

$\hookrightarrow y-6 = -\frac{4}{5}(x-3)$
 $y = -\frac{4}{5}x + \frac{12}{5} + 6 = -\frac{4}{5}x + \frac{42}{5}$

$\hookrightarrow y-2 = \frac{1}{2}(x-8)$
 $y = \frac{1}{2}x - 4 + 2 = \frac{1}{2}x - 2$

$-\frac{4}{5}x + \frac{42}{5} = \frac{1}{2}x - 2$
 $-4x + 84 = 5x - 10$
 $94 = 9x$
 $x = \frac{94}{9}$

$7 = x$ so, $y = -2(7) + 18 = 4$

$(7,4) = B$ ✓

c) give another way to do problem b) and explain

slope $\overline{MH} = \frac{1}{2}$ so, if you were to use the slope to get from M to pt. H, you'd have to apply the slope 4 times. To get from M to B then, apply it twice - go up 1 over 2 twice and you'll be at $(7,4)$ ✓

d) prove that $\Delta RBH \cong \Delta OBM$ (again, using coordinate geometry)

slope of $\overline{RO} = -2$ $-2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = -1$ so $\overline{RO} \perp \overline{MH}$ and $\angle 1 + \angle 2$ are then rt. \angle s. Our rt. Δ now already have \cong hypotenuses from steps above.

$RB = \sqrt{(6-7)^2 + (6-4)^2} = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + (2)^2} = \sqrt{5}$

$BO = \sqrt{(7-8)^2 + (4-2)^2} = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + (2)^2} = \sqrt{5}$

$\rightarrow \Delta RBH \cong \Delta OBM$ by HL ✓

3. Being as specific as possible, what type of figure is this? prove it.

$$\text{slope } \overline{FO} = \frac{4-4}{15-3} = 0$$

$$\text{slope } \overline{RU} = \frac{-8--8}{3-16} = 0$$

$\overline{FO} \parallel \overline{RU}$

$$\text{slope } \overline{FR} = \frac{4--8}{3-3} = \frac{12}{0} = \text{undefined} = \text{vertical line}$$

$$\text{slope } \overline{OU} = \frac{4--8}{15-16} = \frac{12}{-1} = -12$$

lines
not \parallel

$FR = 12$ (don't need distance formula for vertical lines - too easy)

$FR \neq OU$ so

$$\begin{aligned} OU &= \sqrt{(15-16)^2 + (4--8)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(-1)^2 + (12)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{145} \end{aligned}$$

$$\left(\frac{15+16}{2}, \frac{4+-8}{2} \right) = \left(\frac{31}{2}, -2 \right)$$

Find the midpoints of \overline{FR} and \overline{OU} and label them A and B, respectively.

$$\left(\frac{3+3}{2}, \frac{4+-8}{2} \right) = (3, -2)$$

Find AB.

$$= \sqrt{\left(3 - \frac{31}{2}\right)^2 + (-2 - (-2))^2} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{-25}{2}\right)^2} = \frac{25}{2}$$

Show that $AB = \frac{1}{2}$ of \overline{FR} and parallel to it.

$$\left(\frac{RU + FO}{2} \right)$$

$$\downarrow$$

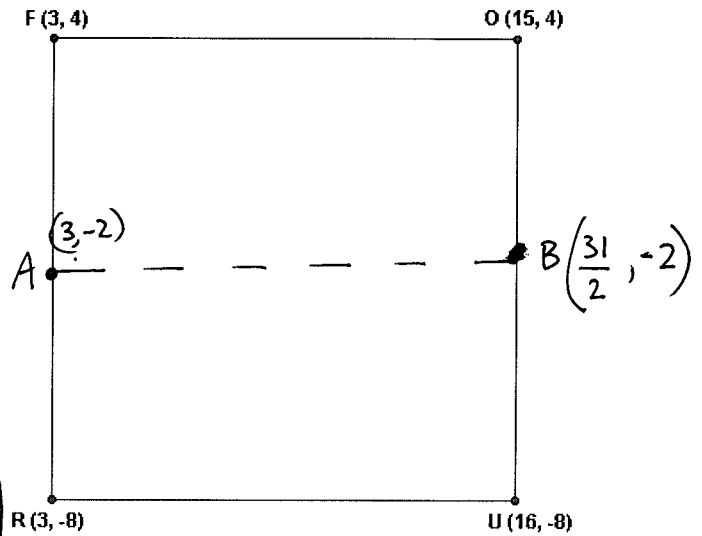
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$$\downarrow$$

12

$$13 + 12 = 25$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(25) = \frac{25}{2}$$



it's a trapezoid, (not an isos. trap.) ✓

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$$m_{\overline{BD}} = \frac{3 - -4}{-4 - 7} = \frac{-7}{11} \longrightarrow y - 3 = \frac{-7}{11}(x - -4)$$

$$m_{\overline{AC}} = \frac{-1 - 0}{-5 - 8} = \frac{1}{13} \quad y = \frac{-7}{11}x - \frac{28}{11} + 3$$

$$y = \frac{-7}{11}x + \frac{5}{11}$$

$$y - 0 = \frac{1}{13}(x - 8)$$

$$y = \frac{1}{13}x - \frac{8}{13}$$

$$BE = \sqrt{\left(-4 - \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 + \left(3 - -\frac{1}{2}\right)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{\left(\frac{-11}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{7}{2}\right)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{121}{4} + \frac{49}{4}} = \sqrt{\frac{170}{4}} = \frac{\sqrt{170}}{2}$$

so, $BE = \frac{1}{2}BD$ and E is m.p. of \overline{BD}

$$\frac{-7}{11}x + \frac{5}{11} = \frac{1}{13}x - \frac{8}{13}$$

$$-91x + 65 = 11x - 88$$

$$153 = 102x$$

$$\frac{153}{102} = x$$

$$\frac{9}{6} = x$$

$$\frac{3}{2} = x$$

$$y = \frac{-7}{11}\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) + \frac{5}{11}$$

$$22y = -21 + 10$$

$$y = \frac{-11}{22} = \frac{-1}{2}$$

$$\text{so, } E = \left(\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$AE = \sqrt{\left(-5 - \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 + \left(-1 - -\frac{1}{2}\right)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{\left(\frac{-13}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{169}{4} + \frac{1}{4}} = \sqrt{\frac{170}{4}} = \frac{\sqrt{170}}{4}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{170}}{2}$$

so, $AE = \frac{1}{2}AC$

and E is m.p. of \overline{AC}