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Question:

Construct the triangle $BD'C'$ similar to $\triangle BDC$ with scale factor $\frac{4}{3}$. Draw the line segment $D'A'$ parallel to DA where A' prime lies on extended side BA . Is $A'BC'D'$ a parallelogram?

solution

Vector	Name
$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$	Vector A
$\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$	Vector B
$\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$	Vector C
$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$	Vector D

TABLE 0: Variables Used

consider $\triangle BDC$. constructs a $\triangle BD'C'$ with scale factor $\frac{4}{3}$.
This means

$$\triangle BD'C' \sim \triangle BDC. \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{\mathbf{D}' - \mathbf{B}}{\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{B}} = \frac{\mathbf{C}' - \mathbf{B}}{\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B}} = \frac{\mathbf{C}' - \mathbf{D}'}{\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{D}} = \frac{4}{3}. \quad (2)$$

$$\mathbf{D}' = \mathbf{B} + \frac{4}{3}(\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{B}) \quad (3)$$

$$\mathbf{D}' = \begin{pmatrix} -4/3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4)$$

$$\mathbf{C}' = \mathbf{B} + \frac{4}{3}(\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B}) \quad (5)$$

$$\mathbf{C}' = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (6)$$

Construct A'

Mark D' and A' parallel to $D - A$ with A' along the direction of $B - A$.

$$\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (7)$$

$$\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (8)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{D} \quad (9)$$

$$\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (10)$$

$$\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (11)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B} \quad (12)$$

\Rightarrow ABCD is a Parallelogram

Check the parallelogram property of $A'BC'D'$

$$\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}' = -t(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) \quad (13)$$

$$\mathbf{D}' - \mathbf{C}' = k(\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{D}) \quad (14)$$

$$\text{From Equation (9) } \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{D} \quad (15)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}' = -t(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) = t(\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{D}) = \frac{t}{k}\mathbf{D}' - \mathbf{C}' \quad (16)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}' \parallel \mathbf{D}' - \mathbf{C}' \quad (17)$$

By construction of A'

$$D' - A' \parallel D - A \quad (18)$$

$$D - A \parallel C - B \quad (19)$$

$$C - B \parallel C' - B \quad (20)$$

$$\Rightarrow D' - A' \parallel C' - B \quad (21)$$

$\Rightarrow A'BC'D'$ a parallelogram

