MatGeo Assignment 1.2.14

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Question:

The fourth vertex D of a parallelogram ABCD whose three vertices are A(-2,3), B(6,7) and C(8,3) is

Solution:

Let us solve the given equation theoretically and then verify the solution computationally.

We are given three vertices of a parallelogram:

$$A(-2,3)$$
, $B(6,7)$, $C(8,3)$.

Property: In a parallelogram, diagonals bisect each other.

Thus, midpoint of AC = midpoint of BD.

Let D(x, y) be the fourth vertex.

$$\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -2+8\\3+3 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 6+x\\7+y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{6}{2} \\ \frac{6}{2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{6+x}{2} \\ \frac{7+y}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{6+x}{2} = 3, \quad \frac{7+y}{2} = 3$$

$$x = 0, \quad y = -1$$

$$D(0,-1)$$

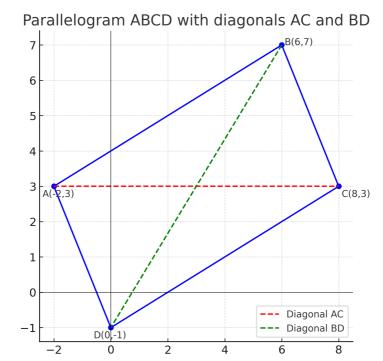


Fig. 0.1: The visual of the parallelogram with vertices A, B, C, D and diagonals shown

From the figure it is clearly verified that the theoretical solution matches with the computational solution.