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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' lies on extended side BA . Is $A'BC'D'$ a parallelogram?

solution

Point	Name
$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$	Point A
$\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$	Point B
$\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$	Point C
$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$	Point D
$\begin{pmatrix} -4/3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$	Point D'
$\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$	Point C'
$\begin{pmatrix} -4/3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$	Point A'

TABLE 0: Variables Used

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

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

$$\frac{BD'}{BD} = \frac{BC'}{BC} = \frac{D'C'}{DC} = \frac{4}{3}. \quad (2)$$

So D' lies on extension of BD and C' .

Construct A'

Draw $D'A' \parallel DA$ with A' on extension of BA .

Check the parallelogram property

1. By construction $D'A' \parallel DA$.

But since $DA \parallel C'B$ (by similarity of triangles), we get:

$$D'A' \parallel BC'. \quad (3)$$

2. A' lies on extended BA , we have :

$$A'B \parallel D'C'. \quad (4)$$

Thus:

$$A'B \parallel D'C'. \quad (5)$$

$$D'A' \parallel BC'. \quad (6)$$

so, opposite sides are parallel.

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

