

# Assignment 3

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**Abstract**—This document uses the properties of a parallelogram to prove a statement

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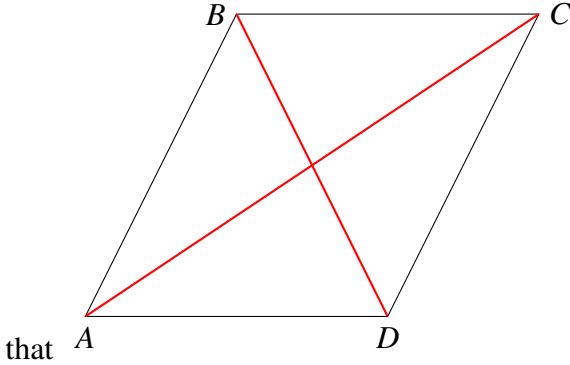
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## 1 PROBLEM

Prove that the sum of the squares of the diagonals of parallelogram is equal to the sum of the squares of its sides.

## 2 EXPLANATION

Given a parallelogram ABCD we have to prove



$$\begin{aligned} \|A - C\|^2 + \|B - D\|^2 = \\ \|A - B\|^2 + \|B - C\|^2 + \|D - C\|^2 + \|A - D\|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (2.0.1)$$

In the parallelogram ABCD ,let

$$\mathbf{a} = A - D \quad (2.0.2)$$

$$\mathbf{b} = D - C \quad (2.0.3)$$

## 3 SOLUTION

If  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  represent the sides of the parallelogram then, the diagonals are

$$A - C = \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} \quad (3.0.1)$$

$$B - D = \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b} \quad (3.0.2)$$

The sum of the squares of diagonals is

$$\|A - C\|^2 + \|B - D\|^2 = \|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}\|^2 \quad (3.0.3)$$

$$\|A - C\|^2 + \|B - D\|^2 = 2\|\mathbf{a}\|^2 + 2\|\mathbf{b}\|^2 \quad (3.0.4)$$

from equation (2.0.3) and (3.0.4)

$$\|A - C\|^2 + \|B - D\|^2 = 2\|A - D\|^2 + 2\|D - C\|^2 \quad (3.0.5)$$

In the parallelogram ABCD

$$\|\mathbf{a}\| = \|A - D\| = \|B - C\| \quad (3.0.6)$$

$$\|\mathbf{b}\| = \|A - B\| = \|D - C\| \quad (3.0.7)$$

from equation (3.0.5) , (3.0.6) and (3.0.7)

$$\begin{aligned} \|A - C\|^2 + \|B - D\|^2 = \\ \|A - B\|^2 + \|B - C\|^2 + \|D - C\|^2 + \|A - D\|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (3.0.8)$$