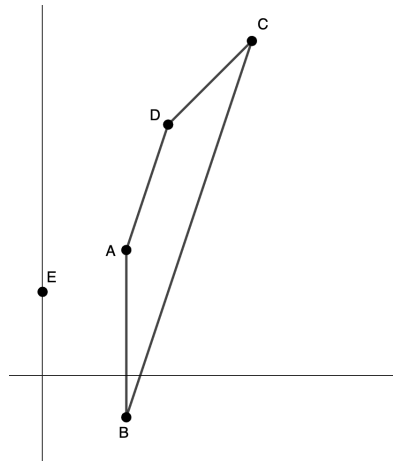


Four points, $A(2, 3)$, $B(2, -1)$, $C(5, 8)$, $D(3, 6)$, are connected to form a trapezoid. The coordinates of point E is $(0, 2)$. Find the equation of the line that passes through point E and splits the area of $ABCD$ in half.¹

Hint: Find the midpoint of the two bases of the trapezoid. Create a segment connecting these midpoints, and let M the midpoint of this segment. The area of a trapezoid can be cut in half when a line crosses both bases and M .



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