

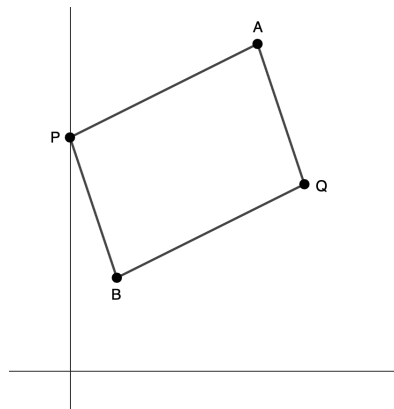
Two fixed points, $A(4, 7)$ and $B(1, 2)$, exist on a plane. Additionally, point P is a point that can move along the y -axis. Depending on the location of P , point Q is placed to create parallelogram $APBQ$.¹

(1): Find the coordinates of point M , the midpoint of segment AB .

(2): Find the coordinates point Q when segment PQ is as short as possible.

Hint: The midpoint of segment PQ should have the same coordinates as point M , as derived in (1).

(3): Find the equation of the line that passes through $(6, 2)$ and splits the area of $APBQ$ in half.



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