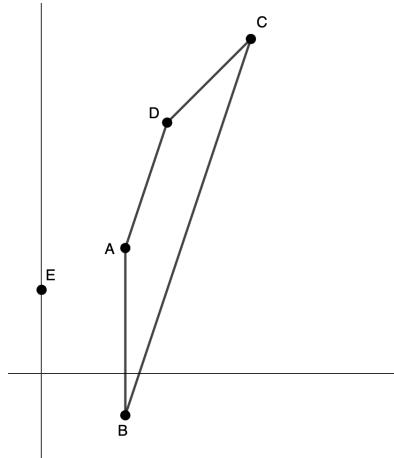


Four points,  $A(2, 3), B(2, -1), C(5, 8), D(3, 6)$ , are connected to form a trapezoid. The coordinates of point  $E$  is  $(0, 2)$ . Find the equation of the line that passes through point  $E$  and splits the area of  $ABCD$  in half.<sup>1</sup>

*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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