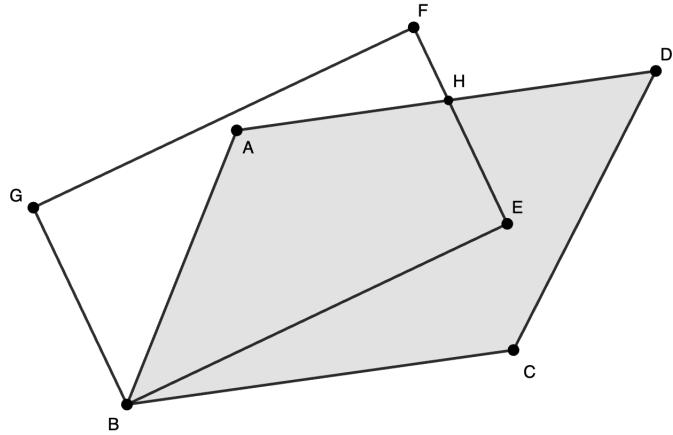


As shown in the figure below, $ABCD$ is a parallelogram and $BEFG$ is a rectangle. The intersection of AD and EF is shown by H . If $\angle ABE = 41^\circ$ and $\angle DHE = 69^\circ$, find the measure of $\angle BCD$.¹



¹Hiroshima Prefecture

Solution

Answer : 118°

Proof: $\angle AHE = 180^\circ - \angle DHE = 180^\circ - 69^\circ = 111^\circ$. Now focusing on the interior angles of quadrilateral $ABEH$, $\angle A + 41^\circ + 90^\circ + 111^\circ = 360^\circ$, giving us $\angle A = 118^\circ$. Since opposite angles of a parallelogram are congruent, $\angle BCD = \angle A = 118^\circ$.