

Theorem 5-12

The diagonals of a rectangle are congruent.

Theorem 5-13

The diagonals of a rhombus are perpendicular.

Theorem 5-14

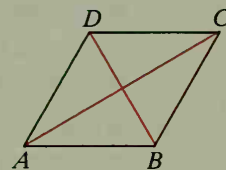
Each diagonal of a rhombus bisects two angles of the rhombus.

Example Given: $ABCD$ is a rhombus.
What can you conclude?

Solution $ABCD$ is a parallelogram, with all the properties of a parallelogram. Also:

By Theorem 5-13, $\overline{AC} \perp \overline{BD}$.

By Theorem 5-14, \overline{AC} bisects $\angle DAB$ and $\angle BCD$;
 \overline{BD} bisects $\angle ABC$ and $\angle ADC$.

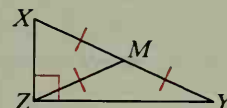
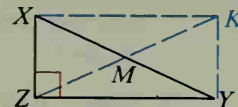


The properties of rectangles lead to the following interesting conclusion about any right triangle.

Begin with rt. $\triangle XYZ$.

1. Draw lines to form rectangle $XZYK$. (How?)
2. Draw \overline{ZK} . $ZK = XY$ (Why?)
3. \overline{ZK} and \overline{XY} bisect each other. (Why?)
4. $MX = MY = MZ = MK$, by (2) and (3).

Since $MX = MY = MZ$, we have shown the following.



Theorem 5-15

The midpoint of the hypotenuse of a right triangle is equidistant from the three vertices.

Proofs of the next two theorems will be discussed as Classroom Exercises.

Theorem 5-16

If an angle of a parallelogram is a right angle, then the parallelogram is a rectangle.

Theorem 5-17

If two consecutive sides of a parallelogram are congruent, then the parallelogram is a rhombus.