

Line Assignment

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Problem Statement - For a given Parallelogram ABCD, show that for any point 'P' inside the parallelogram,

1. $Ar(APD) + Ar(PBC) = \frac{1}{2} Ar(ABCD)$
2. $Ar(APD) + Ar(PBC) = Ar(APB) + Ar(PCD)$

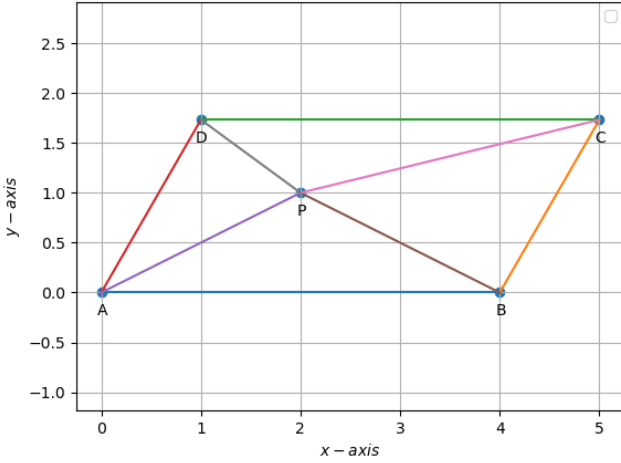


Figure 1: Parallelogram ABCD with interior point P

Solution

Part 1

WKT, area of a parallelogram with adjacent sides a & b is,

$$\text{Area of parallelogram} = \|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}\| \quad (1)$$

And, area of a triangle with adjacent sides p & q is,

$$\text{Area of triangle} = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{q}\| \quad (2)$$

From Figure 1,

$(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D})$ & $(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C})$ are equal,

$$\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D}\| = \|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}\| \quad (3)$$

Consider $\triangle APD$

$$\text{Area of } \triangle APD = \frac{1}{2} \|(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D}) \times (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P})\| \quad (4)$$

Consider $\triangle PBC$

$$\text{Area of } \triangle PBC = \frac{1}{2} \|(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}) \times (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{B})\| \quad (5)$$

On adding (4) & (5),

$$\begin{aligned} Ar(APD) + Ar(PBC) &= \\ \frac{1}{2} \|(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D}) \times (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P})\| + \frac{1}{2} \|(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}) \times (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{B})\| & \quad (6) \end{aligned}$$

From equation (3),

$$\begin{aligned} Ar(APD) + Ar(PBC) &= \\ \frac{1}{2} \|(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D}) \times (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P})\| + \frac{1}{2} \|(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D}) \times (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{B})\| & \quad (7) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow Ar(APD) + Ar(PBC) &= \\ \frac{1}{2} \|(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D}) \times [(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P}) + (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{B})]\| & \quad (8) \end{aligned}$$

Here, AP & PB are adjacent sides of $\triangle APB$

From Triangle law of vector addition,

$$(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P}) + (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{B}) = (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})$$

$$\Rightarrow Ar(APD) + Ar(PBC) = \frac{1}{2} \|(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D}) \times (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})\| \quad (9)$$

Since, $(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D})$ & $\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})$ are adjacent sides of parallelogram ABCD

With reference to (2),

$$Ar(ABCD) = \|(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D}) \times (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})\| \quad (10)$$

From (9) & (10)

$$\therefore Ar(APD) + Ar(PBC) = \frac{1}{2} Ar(ABCD) \quad (11)$$

Part 2

Similarly, we can prove that,

$$Ar(APB) + Ar(PBD) = \frac{1}{2} Ar(ABCD) \quad (12)$$

(3) On Comparing (11) and (12),

$$Ar(APD) + Ar(PBC) = Ar(APB) + Ar(PCD) \quad (13)$$

Hence Proved

Construction

A parallelogram ABCD is constructed using python, with the parameters that are mentioned in the table below.

Symbol	Value	Description
a	4	AB
b	2	AD
θ	60°	$\angle A$
A	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$	Vertex A
B	$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$	Vertex B
D	$b \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{pmatrix}$	Vertex B
C	B + D	Vertex C

Table 1: Parameter's Table

Proofs

Triangle law of vector addition

Consider a triangle APB with vertices,

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Vectors $(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P})$, $(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{B})$ & $(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})$ are sides of $\triangle APB$

Let's consider,

$$(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P}) + (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{B}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (14)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P}) + (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{B}) = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (15)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P}) + (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{B}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (16)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P}) + (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{B}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (17)$$

$$\therefore (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P}) + (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{B}) = (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) \quad (18)$$

Thus, Triangle law of vector addition says that sum of two adjacent side vectors of a triangle is equal to third side vector but in opposite direction.