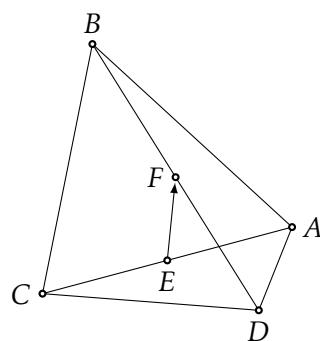


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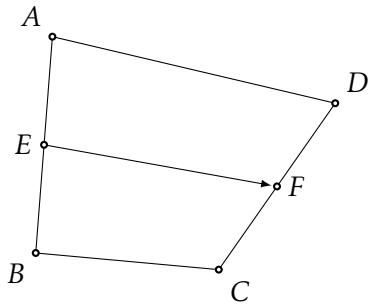
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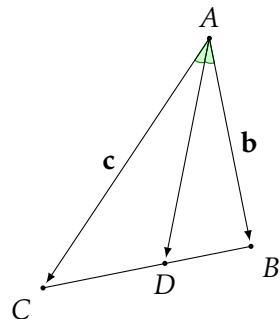
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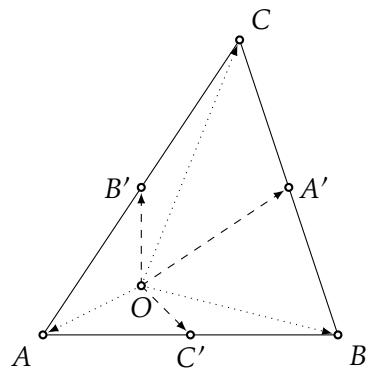


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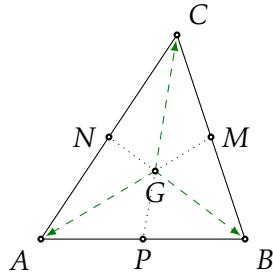


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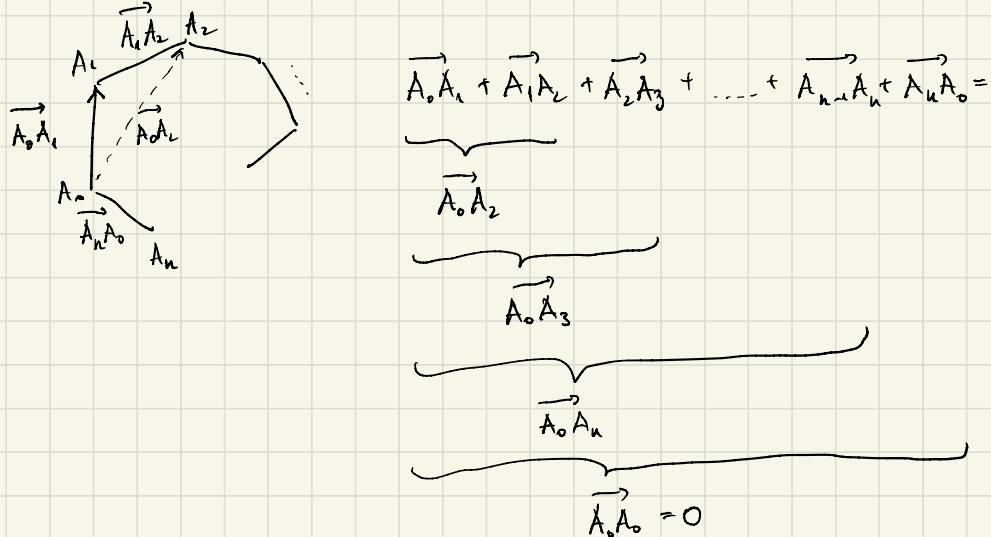
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$$1. \quad \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}$  can be represented on the sides of a polygon (with 3 sides, i.e.  $\Delta$ )

• is the triangle degenerate?

$\Downarrow$   
A, B, C collinear?

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 $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}$  linearly dependent which is not the case

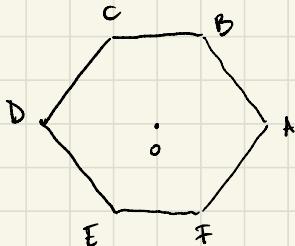
2. We have the same vectors as in 1 except  $\mathbf{v}$  which is in the opposite direction so, the answer is yes.

3.  $\|\mathbf{u}\| + \|\mathbf{v}\| = 10 < \|\mathbf{w}\| = 11 \Rightarrow$  no, a triangle cannot have one side longer than the sum of the other sides

$$4. \|\mathbf{u}\| = \sqrt{2} \quad \|\mathbf{v}\| = 1 \quad \|\mathbf{w}\| = 2\sqrt{3} \Rightarrow \text{no, } \sqrt{2} + 1 < 2\sqrt{3}$$

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$$1) \quad \overrightarrow{OA} = \overrightarrow{EF} = \overrightarrow{EO} + \overrightarrow{OF} = \overrightarrow{OF} - \overrightarrow{OE}$$

$$\overrightarrow{OB} = -\overrightarrow{OE}$$

$$\overrightarrow{OC} = -\overrightarrow{OF}$$

$$\overrightarrow{OD} = \overrightarrow{FE} = \overrightarrow{OE} - \overrightarrow{OF}$$

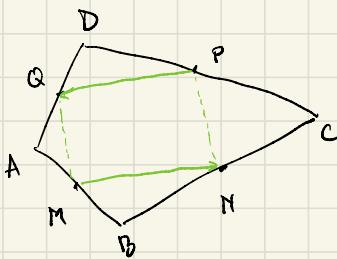
$$\overrightarrow{-EF}$$

$$\overrightarrow{-OF}$$

$$\overrightarrow{-OA}$$

$$2) \quad \begin{aligned} \overrightarrow{AB} + \overrightarrow{AC} + \overrightarrow{AD} + \overrightarrow{AE} + \overrightarrow{AF} &= (\overrightarrow{AB} + \overrightarrow{AF}) + (\overrightarrow{AB} + \overrightarrow{BC}) + (\overrightarrow{AF} + \overrightarrow{FE}) + \overrightarrow{AD} \\ &= \underbrace{2(\overrightarrow{AB} + \overrightarrow{AF})}_{\overrightarrow{AO}} + 4\overrightarrow{AO} \\ &= 6\overrightarrow{AO} = 3\overrightarrow{AD} \end{aligned}$$

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Fix a point  $O \in \mathbb{E}^2$

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$$\overrightarrow{PQ} = \overrightarrow{OQ} - \overrightarrow{OP} = \frac{1}{2}(\overrightarrow{OA} + \overrightarrow{OD}) - \frac{1}{2}(\overrightarrow{OB} + \overrightarrow{OC})$$

$$\overrightarrow{MN} + \overrightarrow{PQ} = \dots = \mathbf{0}$$

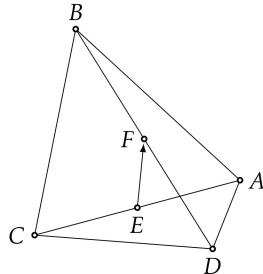
$$\Rightarrow \overrightarrow{MN} = \overrightarrow{QP} \Leftrightarrow MNPQ \text{ parallelogram}$$

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Let  $O$  be any point in the plane  $E^2$

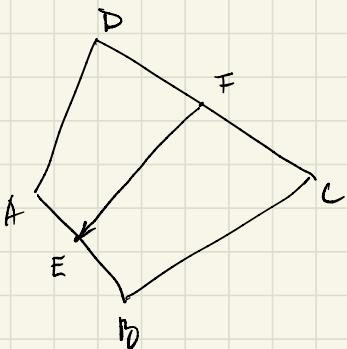
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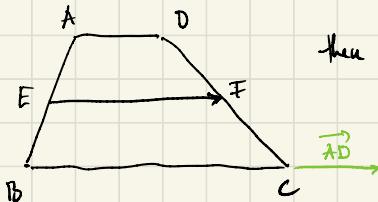
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$$\begin{aligned}\overrightarrow{EF} &= \overrightarrow{OF} - \overrightarrow{OE} = \frac{1}{2}(\overrightarrow{OB} + \overrightarrow{OC}) - \frac{1}{2}(\overrightarrow{OA} + \overrightarrow{OB}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(\overrightarrow{OB} + \overrightarrow{OC} - \overrightarrow{OA} - \overrightarrow{OB}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(\overrightarrow{AD} + \overrightarrow{BC})\end{aligned}$$

If  $ABCD$  is a trapezoid



then  $\overrightarrow{EF}, \overrightarrow{AD}, \overrightarrow{BC}$  are collinear.

$$|\overrightarrow{EF}| = \|\overrightarrow{EF}\| = \left\| \frac{1}{2}(\overrightarrow{AD} + \overrightarrow{BC}) \right\| = \frac{1}{2} \|\overrightarrow{AD} + \overrightarrow{BC}\| = \frac{1}{2} (\|\overrightarrow{AD}\| + \|\overrightarrow{BC}\|) = \frac{|AD| + |BC|}{2}$$

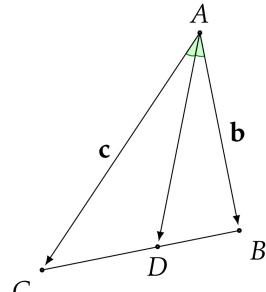
since  $\overrightarrow{AB}$  and  $\overrightarrow{DC}$   
are collinear and have the same orientation

7. Let  $ABC$  be a triangle and let  $D \in [BC]$  be such that  $AD$  is an angle bisector. Express  $\overrightarrow{AD}$  in terms of  $\mathbf{b} = \overrightarrow{AB}$  und  $\mathbf{c} = \overrightarrow{AC}$ .

By the angle bisector theorem we have

$$\frac{|\overline{AC}|}{|\overline{CD}|} = \frac{|\overline{AB}|}{|\overline{BD}|} \quad (*)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } \overrightarrow{AD} &= \overrightarrow{AC} + \overrightarrow{CD} = c + \frac{|\overline{CD}|}{|\overline{CB}|} \overrightarrow{CB} \\ &= c + \frac{|\overline{CD}|}{|\overline{CB}|} (\overrightarrow{AB} - \overrightarrow{AC}) \\ &= c + \frac{|\overline{CD}|}{|\overline{CB}|} (b - c) \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{|\overline{CD}|}{|\overline{CB}|}\right)c + \frac{|\overline{CD}|}{|\overline{CB}|} b \end{aligned}$$



By (\*) we have

$$\frac{|\overline{BD}|}{|\overline{CD}|} = \frac{|\overline{AB}|}{|\overline{AC}|} \stackrel{+1}{\Rightarrow} \frac{\overbrace{|\overline{BD}| + |\overline{CD}|}}{|\overline{CD}|} = \frac{|\overline{AB}| + |\overline{AC}|}{|\overline{AC}|}$$

$$\text{so } |\overline{CD}| = \frac{|\overline{BC}| \cdot |\overline{AC}|}{|\overline{AB}| + |\overline{AC}|}$$

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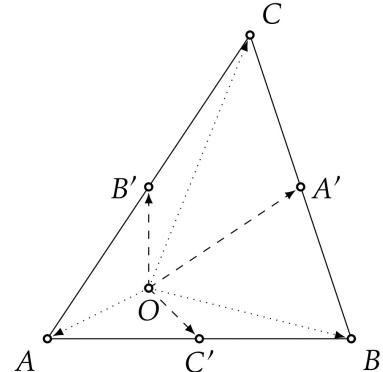
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$$\overrightarrow{OA'} + \overrightarrow{OB'} + \overrightarrow{OC'} = \overrightarrow{OA} + \overrightarrow{OB} + \overrightarrow{OC}$$

$$\overrightarrow{OA'} = \frac{1}{2}(\overrightarrow{OB} + \overrightarrow{OC})$$

$$\overrightarrow{OB'} = \frac{1}{2}(\overrightarrow{OA} + \overrightarrow{OC})$$

$$\begin{aligned}\overrightarrow{OC'} &= \frac{1}{2}(\overrightarrow{OA} + \overrightarrow{OB}) \\ &\quad \text{---+---} \\ &= \overrightarrow{OA} + \overrightarrow{OB} + \overrightarrow{OC}\end{aligned}$$



9. Show that the medians in a triangle intersect in one point.

Let  $P$  be the midpoint of  $AB$

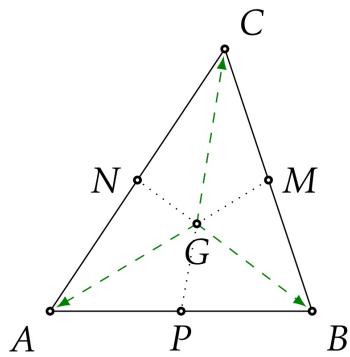
$$M \text{ --- } P \text{ --- } BC$$

$$M \text{ --- } P \text{ --- } CA$$

For any point  $O \in E^2$  we have

consider the vector

$$v = \overrightarrow{OA} + \overrightarrow{OB} + \overrightarrow{OC}$$



Then

$$v = (\overrightarrow{OA} + \overrightarrow{OB}) + \overrightarrow{OC} = 2\overrightarrow{OP} + \overrightarrow{OC} \quad (1)$$

$$v = (\overrightarrow{OA} + \overrightarrow{OC}) + \overrightarrow{OB} = 2\overrightarrow{ON} + \overrightarrow{OB} \quad (2)$$

$$v = (\overrightarrow{OB} + \overrightarrow{OC}) + \overrightarrow{OA} = 2\overrightarrow{OP} + \overrightarrow{OA} \quad (3)$$

So, if we choose  $O$  on  $CP$  it follows from (1) that  $v \parallel CP$

Similar, if we choose O on BN

$$\text{---} \parallel \text{---} \quad AM$$

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$$V \parallel \overrightarrow{BN}$$

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Now, if  $O \in CP \cap BN \Rightarrow V \parallel \overrightarrow{CP}$  and  $V \parallel \overrightarrow{BN}$

$$\Rightarrow V = O \quad (\text{else } \overrightarrow{CP} \parallel \overrightarrow{BN} \Leftrightarrow CP \parallel BN \text{ which is impossible})$$

(3)

$$\Rightarrow O = 2\overrightarrow{OM} + \overrightarrow{OA} \Rightarrow \overrightarrow{OM}, \overrightarrow{OA} \text{ are proportional} \Rightarrow O, M, A \text{ are collinear}$$

So if  $O \in CP \cap BN$  then  $O \in AM$ , ie the intersection point of two medians lies on the third median  
i.e all three medians intersect in one point

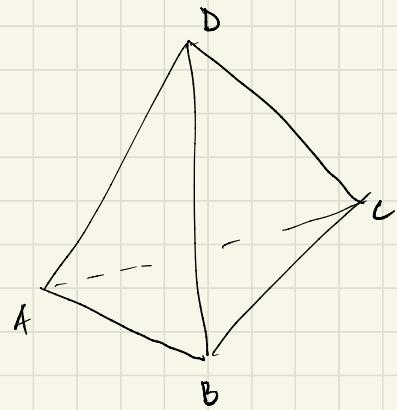
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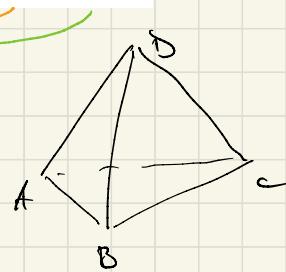
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$$\overrightarrow{AD} + \overrightarrow{BC} = (\overrightarrow{AB} + \overrightarrow{BD}) + (\overrightarrow{BA} + \overrightarrow{AC})$$

$$= \overrightarrow{BD} + \overrightarrow{AC} + \underbrace{\overrightarrow{AB} + \overrightarrow{BA}}_{=0}$$

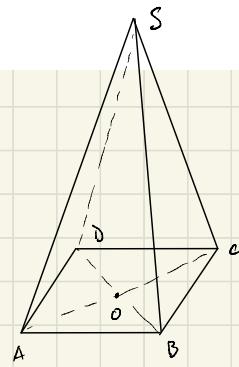


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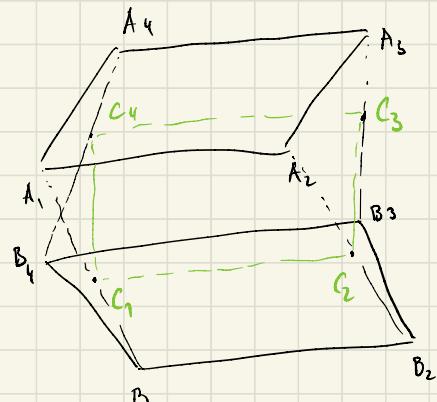
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Let  $C_i$  be the midpoint of  $[A_iB_i]$

$$\begin{aligned}\overrightarrow{C_1C_2} &= \overrightarrow{OC_2} - \overrightarrow{OC_1} = \frac{1}{2}(\overrightarrow{OA_2} + \overrightarrow{OB_2} - \overrightarrow{OA_1} - \overrightarrow{OB_1}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(\overrightarrow{A_1A_2} + \overrightarrow{B_1B_2})\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{similar } \overrightarrow{C_3C_4} = \frac{1}{2}(\overrightarrow{A_3A_4} + \overrightarrow{B_3B_4})$$

(see Problem 6)



$$\Rightarrow \overrightarrow{C_1C_2} + \overrightarrow{C_3C_4} = \frac{1}{2}(\underbrace{\overrightarrow{A_1A_2} + \overrightarrow{A_3A_4}}_0 + \underbrace{\overrightarrow{B_1B_2} + \overrightarrow{B_3B_4}}_0) = 0 \Rightarrow \overrightarrow{C_1C_2} = \overrightarrow{C_3C_4}$$

since  $A_1A_2A_3A_4$  is a parallelogram

$\Rightarrow C_1C_2C_3C_4$  parallelogram

