

# 3.2.4

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## Question:

Construct the triangle  $BD'C'$  similar to  $\triangle BDC$  with scale factor  $\frac{4}{3}$ . Draw the line segment  $D'A'$  parallel to  $DA$  where  $A'$  lies on extended side  $BA$ . Is  $A'BC'D'$  a parallelogram?

## solution

| Vector                                 | Name            |
|--|-----------------|
| $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ | Vector <b>A</b> |
| $\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ | Vector <b>B</b> |
| $\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ | Vector <b>C</b> |
| $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ | Vector <b>D</b> |

TABLE 0: Variables Used

consider  $\triangle BDC$ . constructs a  $\triangle BD'C'$  with scale factor  $\frac{4}{3}$ .

This means

$$\triangle BD'C' \sim \triangle BDC.$$

(1)

$$\frac{\|D' - B\|}{\|D - B\|} = \frac{\|C' - B\|}{\|C - B\|} = \frac{\|C' - D'\|}{\|C - D\|} = \frac{4}{3}.$$

(2)

$$D' = B + \frac{4}{3}(D - B)$$

(3)

$$D' = \begin{pmatrix} -4/3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

(4)

$$C' = B + \frac{4}{3}(C - B)$$

(5)

$$C' = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

(6)

## Construct $A'$

Mark  $D'$  and  $A'$  parallel to  $D - A$  with  $A'$  along the direction of  $B - A$ .

$$A' - D' = \lambda(A - D)$$

(7)

$$A' = \begin{pmatrix} -4/3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

(8)

$$\Rightarrow A' = \begin{pmatrix} -4/3 \\ 4 - 3\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

(9)

$A'$  lies on line through  $B - A$  so,

$$A' = B + \mu(A - B)$$

(10)

$$\Rightarrow A' = \begin{pmatrix} -4\mu \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

(11)

(12)

From equation (9) and (11)

$$\lambda = 4/3 \text{ and } \mu = 1/3$$

(13)

$$\Rightarrow A' = \begin{pmatrix} -4/3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

(14)

$$B - A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

(15)

$$C - D = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

(16)

$$\Rightarrow B - A = C - D$$

(17)

Check the parallelogram property of  $A'BC'D'$

$$\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}' = -t(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) \quad (18)$$

$$\mathbf{D}' - \mathbf{C}' = k(\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{D}) \quad (19)$$

$$\text{From Equation (17) } \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{D} \quad (20)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}' = -t(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) = t(\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{D}) = \frac{t}{k} \mathbf{D}' - \mathbf{C}' \quad (21)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}' \parallel \mathbf{D}' - \mathbf{C}' \quad (22)$$

By construction of  $A'$

$$\mathbf{D}' - \mathbf{A}' \parallel \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{A} \quad (23)$$

$$\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{A} \parallel \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B} \quad (24)$$

$$\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B} \parallel \mathbf{C}' - \mathbf{B} \quad (25)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{D}' - \mathbf{A}' \parallel \mathbf{C}' - \mathbf{B} \quad (26)$$

$\Rightarrow A'BC'D'$  a parallelogram

