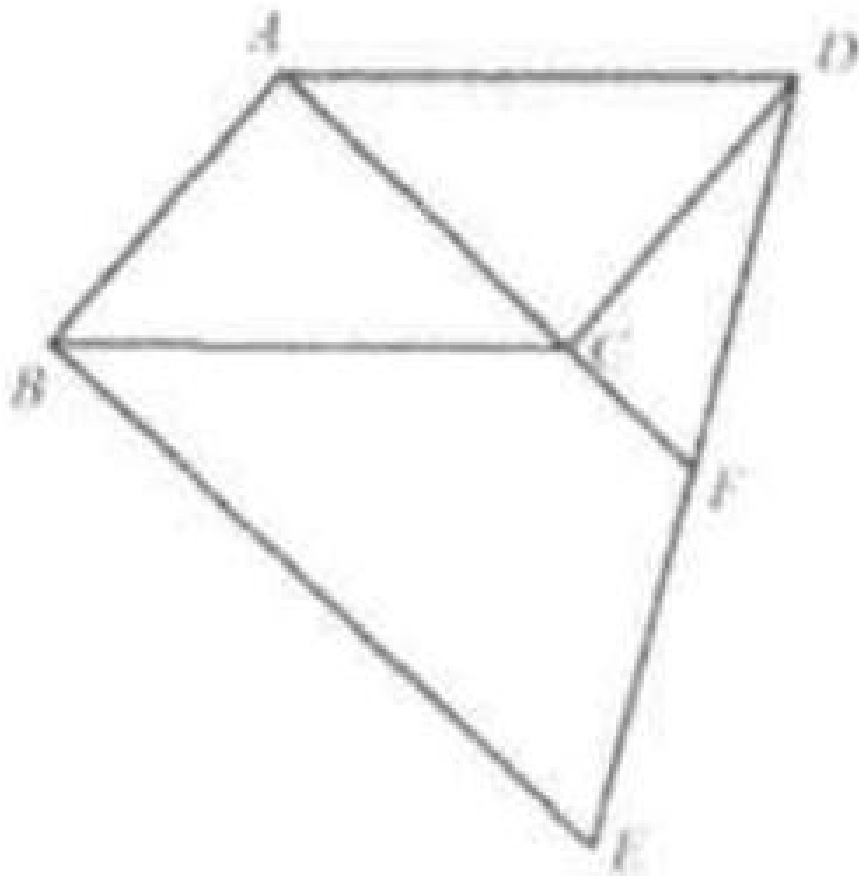


Example 5

As shown in the figure, $ABCD$ is a parallelogram with $AC \parallel BE$. DE meets the extension of AC at F ; meets BE at E . Prove: $DF = FE$.

Solution: Extend DC to meet AE at M .



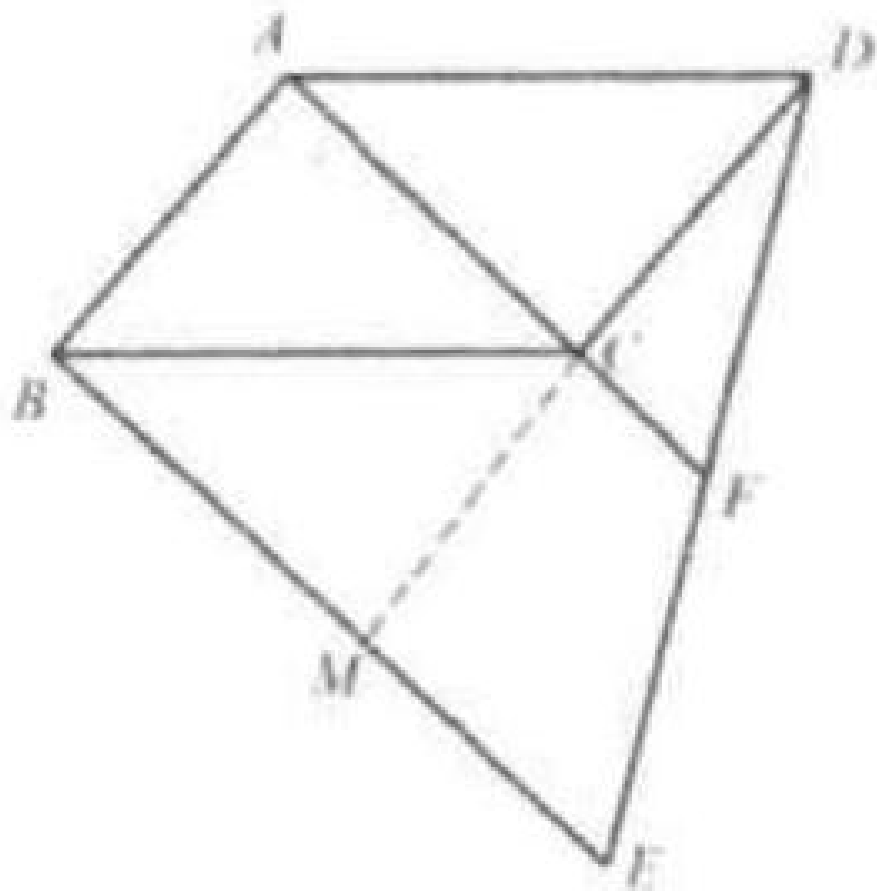
Since $AB \parallel DC$, $AB \parallel CM$.

We know that $AC \parallel BE$, so $AC \parallel BM$.

Therefore, $ABMC$ is a parallelogram with $AB = CM$.

Since $ABCD$ is a parallelogram, $AB = CD$.

Thus $DC = CM$ and C is the midpoint of DM .



Since $CF \parallel ME$, it divides the line segment DE such that $DF = FE$.