

CHAPTER-9
AREAS OF PARALLELOGRAMS AND TRIANGLES

1 Exercise 9.2

Q1. In the figure given below, $ABCD$ is a parallelogram, $AE \perp DC$ and $CF \perp AD$. If $AB = 16\text{cm}$, $AE = 8\text{cm}$ and $CF = 10\text{cm}$, find AD .

Construction

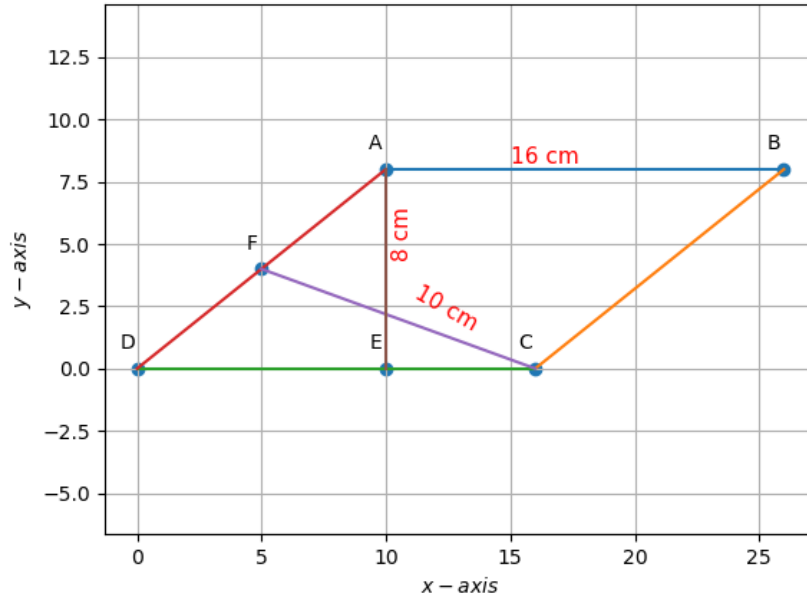


Figure 1: Parallelogram ABCD

The input parameters for the above construction are shown in the table below :

Symbol	Value	Description
AB	16cm	$\ \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} \ $
CD	16cm	$\ \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{C} \ = \ \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} \ $
AE	8cm	$\ \mathbf{E} - \mathbf{A} \ $
CF	10cm	$\ \mathbf{F} - \mathbf{C} \ $
$\angle CFD$	90°	$CF \perp AD$
$\angle AED$	90°	$AE \perp CD$

Table 1: Parameters

The input co-ordinates of the above parallelogram are given in this table :

Point	Co-ordinates	Description
D	(0,0)	Origin(Assumption)
C	(16,0)	(because $\mathbf{CD} = 16cm$)

Table 2: Co-ordinates

The rest of the co-ordinates were obtained in the following way :

1. Deriving the co-ordinates for E :

The length of DE gives the x co-ordinate of E and it is obtained in the following way :

$$\tan D = \frac{AE}{DE} \quad (1)$$

$$DE = \cot D * AE \quad (2)$$

$$DE = \cot 38.68 * 8cm \quad (3)$$

$$\left(\frac{10}{8}\right) * 8cm = 10cm \quad (4)$$

$$(5)$$

Therefore, the x-coordinate is 10.As, the point E is on the same line as that of D the y co-ordinate is 0.

So, the co-ordinates of E are (10,0).

2. Deriving the co-ordinates of A :

As A lies exactly above E the x co-ordinate of A is same as that of E which is 10.

The length of AE gives the y co-ordinate of A which is 8.So, the co-ordinates of A are (10,8).

3. Deriving the co-ordinates of B :

The y co-ordinate of B is same as that of A because both the points are on the same horizontal line which is 8.

In order to obtain the x co-ordinate :

$$B_x = A_x + 16(\text{because } AB = 16\text{cm}) \quad (6)$$

$$B_x = 10 + 16 = 26. \quad (7)$$

$$(8)$$

The co-ordinates of B are (26,8).

4. Deriving the co-ordinates of F :

Let us initially assume that the co-ordinates of F are (x,y). The co-ordinates of F are derived using distance formula for DF and CF and solving these equations, we get the co-ordinates of F.

To find out length of DF :

$$\cos D = \frac{DF}{DC}(\text{from } \triangle DFC) \quad (9)$$

$$DF = \cos D * DC \quad (10)$$

$$DF = \cos 38.68 * 16 \quad (11)$$

$$DF = 12.48\text{cm} \quad (12)$$

$$(13)$$

By applying distance formula between point D and point F, we get the following equation :

$$x^2 + y^2 = 156 \quad (14)$$

$$(15)$$

By applying the distance formula between point F and point C, we get the following equation :

$$(x - 16)^2 + y^2 = 100 \quad (16)$$

$$(17)$$

By solving the above two equations, we get the co-ordinates of F which are (9.75, 7.806).

Solution

It is given that the length of $AB = 16\text{cm}$. So,

$$\|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}\| = 16\text{cm} \quad (18)$$

$$(19)$$

As the figure above is a parallelogram,

$$\|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}\| = \|\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{D}\| = 16cm \quad (20)$$

$$(21)$$

In order to find $\angle DCF$,

$$\text{Let } \theta_2 = \angle FCD \quad (22)$$

$$\mathbf{n}_1 = \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{F} = \begin{pmatrix} 6.25 \\ -7.806 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{n}_2 = \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 16 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (23)$$

$$\theta_2 = \cos^{-1} \frac{\mathbf{n}_1^\top \mathbf{n}_2}{\|\mathbf{n}_1\| \|\mathbf{n}_2\|} \quad (24)$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta_2 = \cos^{-1} \frac{(6.25 \quad -7.806) \begin{pmatrix} 16 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}}{(10)(16)} = 51.32^\circ \quad (25)$$

As the sum of internal angles of a triangle are 180° , from $\triangle DFC$

$$\angle CFD + \angle FCD + \angle D = 180^\circ \quad (26)$$

$$\angle D = 180^\circ - (\angle CFD + \angle FCD) \quad (27)$$

$$\angle D = 180^\circ - 141.32^\circ \quad (28)$$

$$\angle D = 38.68^\circ \quad (29)$$

$$(30)$$

The area of parallelogram is calculated using the below formula

$$Area = (base) * (height) \quad (31)$$

$$(32)$$

For the above problem this can be written as,

$$Area = \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{E}\| \|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}\| \quad (33)$$

$$\Rightarrow (8)(16) = 128 \quad (34)$$

$$(35)$$

The area of parallelogram can also be found out using cross product of two vectors, for the above problem it can be written as;

$$Area of parallelogram ABCD = \mathbf{DC} \times \mathbf{AD} \quad (36)$$

$$\mathbf{DC} \times \mathbf{AD} = \|\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{C}\| \|\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{A}\| \sin D \quad (37)$$

$$(38)$$

From 20 and 37

$$\|\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{A}\| (16) \sin 38.68 = 128 \quad (39)$$

$$\|\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{A}\| (16) \left(\frac{5}{8}\right) = 128 \quad (40)$$

$$\|\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{A}\| = \frac{64}{5} \quad (41)$$

$$\|\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{A}\| = 12.8cm \quad (42)$$

$$(43)$$

Therefore, $|\overrightarrow{\mathbf{AD}}| = \mathbf{12.8\ cm}$