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QUIZ 4

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1 PROBLEM 1

1. Without using distance formula, show that points $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$, $\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ are the vertices of a parallelogram.

SOLUTION:

Given,

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$
 (1.0.1)

To show that the given points are the vertices of a parallelogram, we need to show the following;

$$1) \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{C}$$

$$2) \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D} = \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}$$

So,

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.0.2}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -6\\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.0.3}$$

$$\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -3\\2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 3\\3 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.0.4}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -6\\-1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.0.5}$$

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.0.6}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.0.7}$$

$$\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.0.8}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.0.9}$$

Therefore, we can now say that the given points are the vertices of a parallelogram since both the sides of the quadrilateral are parallel to each other.

