

Equations of Lines: Question 12

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The image of the square is shown below. The steps for calculating the two equations of the diagonals are as follows:

- Find the slope of one diagonal .
- Find the equation of one diagonal.
- Divide -1 by the slope to get the other diagonal's slope
- Find the equation of the other diagonal.

$$A(-3, 3) \quad (1)$$

$$C(3, -3) \quad (2)$$

$$B(3, 3) \quad (3)$$

$$D(-3, -3) \quad (4)$$

$$\text{slope}_{AC} = \frac{3 - (-3)}{-3 - 3} \rightarrow \frac{6}{-6} = -1 \quad (5)$$

$$\text{slope}_{BD} = -1x = -1 \rightarrow x = \frac{-1}{-1} = 1 \quad (6)$$

$$y = mx + b \quad (7)$$

$$3 = -1(-3) + b \rightarrow b = 0 \quad (8)$$

$$-3 = -3(1) + b \rightarrow b = 0 \quad (9)$$

$$AC \rightarrow y = -x \quad (10)$$

$$BD \rightarrow y = x \quad (11)$$

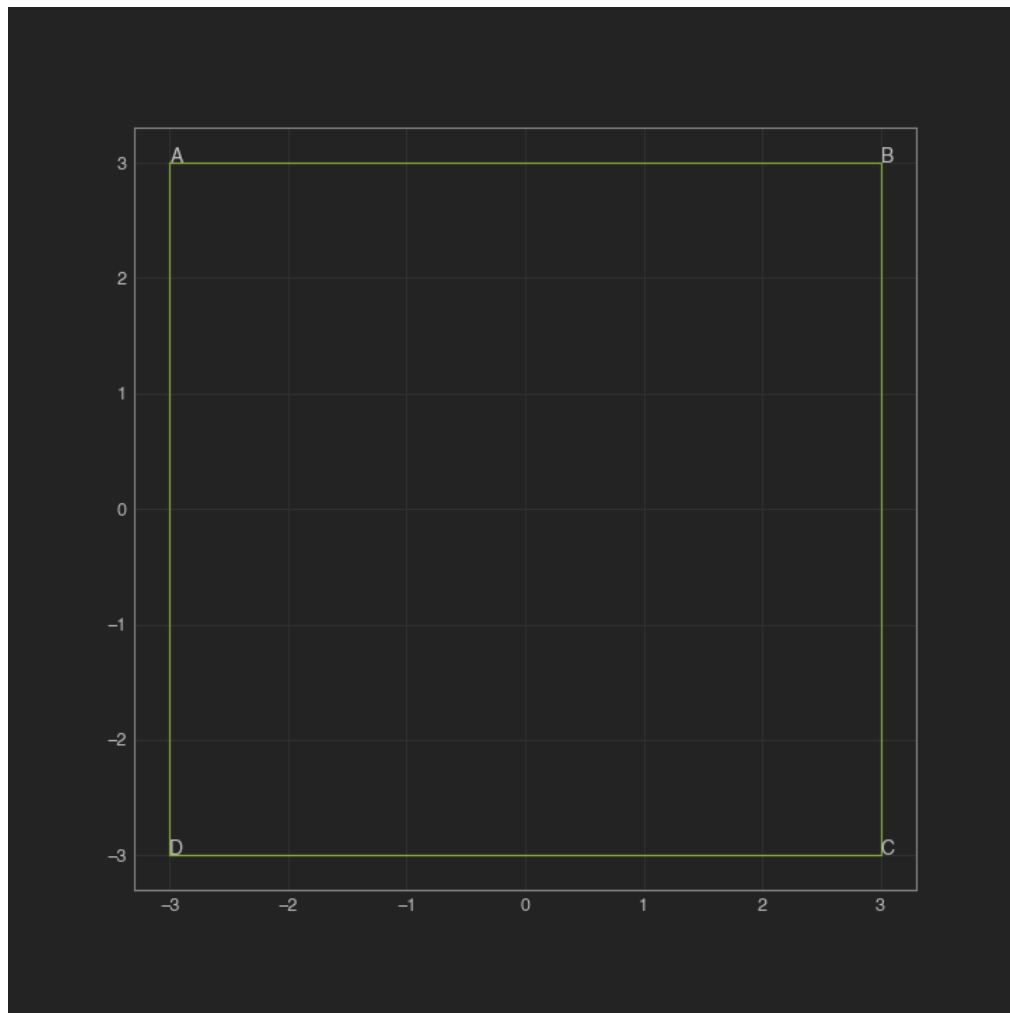


Figure 1: Square with Diagonals