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Chapter 1

Triangle

Consider a triangle with vertices

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1.1)$$

1.1. Vectors

1.2. median

1.2.1. If \mathbf{D} divides BC in the ratio $k : 1$,

$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{k\mathbf{C} + \mathbf{B}}{k + 1} \quad (1.2.1.1)$$

Find the mid points $\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{E}, \mathbf{F}$ of the sides BC, CA and AB respectively.

If \mathbf{D} divides BC in the ratio $k : 1$,

$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{k\mathbf{C} + \mathbf{B}}{k + 1} \quad (1.2.1.2)$$

Find the mid points $\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{E}, \mathbf{F}$ of the sides BC, CA and AB respectively.

Given:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.1.3)$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.1.4)$$

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.1.5)$$

Solution: Since \mathbf{D} is the midpoint of BC ,

$$k = 1 \quad (1.2.1.6)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{D} = \frac{\mathbf{C} + \mathbf{B}}{2} \quad (1.2.1.7)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.1.8)$$

Similarly,

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{C}}{2} \quad (1.2.1.9)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.1.10)$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \frac{\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}}{2} \quad (1.2.1.11)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.1.12)$$

1.2.2. Find the equations of AD, BE and CF .

Solution: : $\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{E}, \mathbf{F}$ are the midpoints of BC, CA, AB respectively, then

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.2.1)$$

$$\mathbf{E} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-3}{2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.2.2)$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.2.3)$$

(a) The normal equation for the median AD is

$$\mathbf{n}^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{A}) = 0 \quad (1.2.2.4)$$

$$\implies \mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{A} \quad (1.2.2.5)$$

We have to find the \mathbf{n} so that we can find \mathbf{n}^\top . Since,

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{m} \quad (1.2.2.6)$$

Here $\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{A}$ for median AD

$$\mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.2.7)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-1}{2} \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.2.8)$$

Since,

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{m} \quad (1.2.2.9)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-1}{2} \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.2.10)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.2.11)$$

Hence the normal equation of median AD is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.2.12)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2 & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 2 \quad (1.2.2.13)$$

(b) The normal equation for the median BE is

$$\mathbf{n}^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{B}) = 0 \quad (1.2.2.14)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{B} \quad (1.2.2.15)$$

Here $\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{E} - \mathbf{B}$ for median BE

$$\mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-3}{2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.2.16)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-13}{2} \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.2.17)$$

Since,

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{m} \quad (1.2.2.18)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-13}{2} \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.2.19)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ \frac{13}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.2.20)$$

Hence the normal equation of median BE is

$$\begin{pmatrix} -4 & \frac{13}{2} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & \frac{13}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.2.21)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -4 & \frac{13}{2} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 6 \quad (1.2.2.22)$$

(c) The normal equation for the median CF is

$$\mathbf{n}^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{C}) = 0 \quad (1.2.2.23)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{C} \quad (1.2.2.24)$$

Here $\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{F} - \mathbf{C}$ for median CF

$$\mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.2.25)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.2.26)$$

Since,

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{m} \quad (1.2.2.27)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.2.28)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.2.29)$$

Hence the normal equation of median CF is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -7 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -7 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.2.30)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -7 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = -8 \quad (1.2.2.31)$$

1.2.3. Find the intersection \mathbf{G} of BE and CF

Solution: **A**, **B** and **C** are vertices of triangle:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.3.1)$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.3.2)$$

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.3.3)$$

Since **E** and **F** are midpoints of CA and AB ,

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{C}}{2} \quad (1.2.3.4)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-3}{2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.3.5)$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \frac{\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{A}}{2} \quad (1.2.3.6)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.3.7)$$

The line BE in vector form is given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} -4 & \frac{13}{2} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.3.8)$$

The line CF in vector form is given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -7 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -8 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.3.9)$$

From (1.2.3.8) and (1.2.3.9) the augmented matrix is:

$$\begin{pmatrix} -4 & \frac{13}{2} & 6 \\ 2 & -7 & -8 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.3.10)$$

Solve for \mathbf{x} using Gauss-Elimination method:

$$\begin{pmatrix} -4 & \frac{13}{2} & 6 \\ 2 & -7 & -8 \end{pmatrix} \xleftrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow -R_1/4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{-13}{8} & \frac{-3}{2} \\ 2 & -7 & -8 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.3.11)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - 2R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{-13}{8} & \frac{-3}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{-15}{4} & -5 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.3.12)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow -4R_2/15} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{-13}{8} & \frac{-3}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{4}{3} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.3.13)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow R_1 + \frac{13}{8}R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{4}{3} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.3.14)$$

Therefore,

$$\mathbf{G} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{4}{3} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.3.15)$$

From Fig. 1.1, We can see that $\mathbf{G} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{4}{3} \end{pmatrix}$ is the intersection of BE and CF

1.2.4. Verify that

$$\frac{BG}{GE} = \frac{CG}{GF} = \frac{AG}{GD} = 2 \quad (1.2.4.1)$$

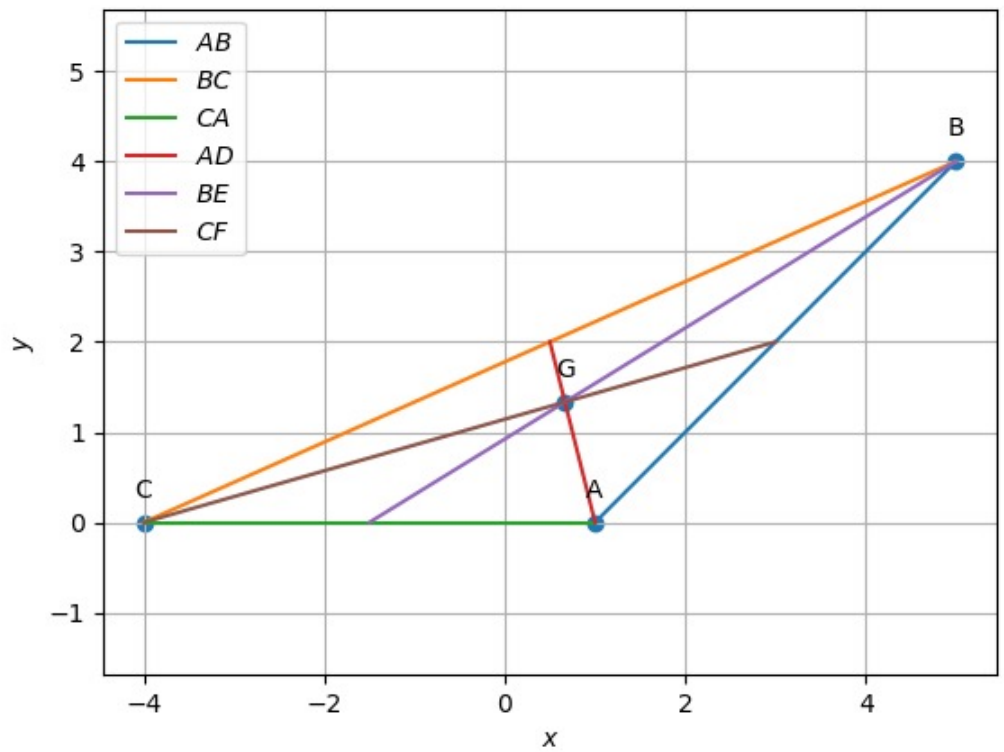


Figure 1.1: G is the centroid of triangle ABC

Question 1.2.4: Verify that

$$\frac{BG}{GE} = \frac{CG}{GF} = \frac{AG}{GD} = 2 \quad (1.2.4.2)$$

Solution: In order to verify the above equation we first need to find G . G is the

intersection of BE and CF , Using the value of \mathbf{G} from (1.2.3).

$$\mathbf{G} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{4}{3} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.4.3)$$

Also, We know that \mathbf{D} , \mathbf{E} and \mathbf{F} are midpoints of BC , CA and AB respectively from (1.2.1).

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{E} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-3}{2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{F} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.4.4)$$

(a) Calculating the ratio of BG and GE ,

$$\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-13}{3} \\ \frac{-8}{3} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.4.5)$$

$$\mathbf{E} - \mathbf{G} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-13}{6} \\ \frac{4}{3} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.4.6)$$

$$\|\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{B}\| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{-13}{3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{-8}{3}\right)^2} = \frac{\sqrt{233}}{3} \quad (1.2.4.7)$$

$$\|\mathbf{E} - \mathbf{G}\| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{-13}{6}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{-4}{3}\right)^2} = \frac{\sqrt{233}}{6} \quad (1.2.4.8)$$

$$\frac{BG}{GE} = \frac{\|\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{B}\|}{\|\mathbf{E} - \mathbf{G}\|} = \frac{\frac{\sqrt{233}}{3}}{\frac{\sqrt{233}}{6}} = 2 \quad (1.2.4.9)$$

(b) Calculating the ratio of CG and GF ,

$$\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{14}{3} \\ \frac{4}{3} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.4.10)$$

$$\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{G} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{7}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.4.11)$$

$$\|\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{C}\| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{14}{3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^2} = 2\frac{\sqrt{53}}{3} \quad (1.2.4.12)$$

$$\|\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{G}\| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{7}{3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2} = \frac{\sqrt{53}}{3} \quad (1.2.4.13)$$

$$\frac{CG}{GF} = \frac{\|\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{C}\|}{\|\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{G}\|} = \frac{2}{\frac{\sqrt{53}}{3}} \frac{\sqrt{53}}{3} = 2 \quad (1.2.4.14)$$

(c) Calculating the ratio of AG and GD ,

$$\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-1}{3} \\ \frac{4}{3} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.4.15)$$

$$\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{G} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{6} \\ \frac{2}{3} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.4.16)$$

$$\|\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{A}\| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{-1}{3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^2} = \frac{\sqrt{17}}{3} \quad (1.2.4.17)$$

$$\|\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{G}\| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{-1}{6}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2} = \frac{\sqrt{17}}{6} \quad (1.2.4.18)$$

$$\frac{AG}{GD} = \frac{\|\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{A}\|}{\|\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{G}\|} = \frac{\frac{\sqrt{17}}{3}}{\frac{\sqrt{17}}{6}} = 2 \quad (1.2.4.19)$$

From (1.2.4.9), (1.2.4.14), (1.2.4.19)

$$\frac{BG}{GE} = \frac{CG}{GF} = \frac{AG}{GD} = 2 \quad (1.2.4.20)$$

Hence verified.

1.2.5. Show that **A**, **G** and **D** are collinear.

Solution: Given that,

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.5.1)$$

We need to show that points **A**, **D**, **G** are collinear. From Problem 1.2.3 We know that, The point **G** is

$$\mathbf{G} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{4}{3} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.5.2)$$

And from Problem 1.2.1 We know that, The point **D** is

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.5.3)$$

In Problem 1.1.3, There is a theorem/law mentioned i.e.,

Points **A**, **D**, **G** are defined to be collinear if

$$\text{rank} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{D} & \mathbf{G} \end{pmatrix} = 2 \quad (1.2.5.4)$$

Using the above law/Theorem Let

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & 2 & \frac{4}{3} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.5.5)$$

The matrix \mathbf{R} can be row reduced as follows,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & 2 & \frac{4}{3} \end{pmatrix} \xleftrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 2 & \frac{4}{3} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.5.6)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 + 4R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.5.7)$$

Rank of above matrix is 2.

Hence, we proved that that points $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{D}, \mathbf{G}$ are collinear.

1.2.6. Verify that

$$\mathbf{G} = \frac{\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}}{3} \quad (1.2.6.1)$$

\mathbf{G} is known as the centroid of $\triangle ABC$.

Verify that

$$\mathbf{G} = \frac{\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}}{3} \quad (1.2.6.2)$$

\mathbf{G} is known as the centroid of $\triangle ABC$ SOLUTION:

let us first evaluate the R.H.S of the equation

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{G} &= \frac{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}}{3} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{4}{3} \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}\tag{1.2.6.3}$$

Hence verified.

1.2.7. Verify that

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{E} - \mathbf{D}\tag{1.2.7.1}$$

The quadrilateral $AFDE$ is defined to be a parallelogram.

Question : Verify that

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{E} - \mathbf{D}\tag{1.2.7.2}$$

The quadrilateral $AFDE$ is defined to be parallelogram

Solution: Given that,

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}\tag{1.2.7.3}$$

From Problem 1.2.1 We know that, The point $\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{E}, \mathbf{F}$ is

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{E} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-3}{2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{F} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.7.4)$$

Evaluating the R.H.S of the equation

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{F} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.7.5)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.7.6)$$

Evaluating the L.H.S of the equation

$$\mathbf{E} - \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-3}{2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.7.7)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.7.8)$$

Hence verified that, R.H.S = L.H.S i.e.,

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{E} - \mathbf{D} \quad (1.2.7.9)$$

From the fig1.2, It is verified that $AFDE$ is a parallelogram

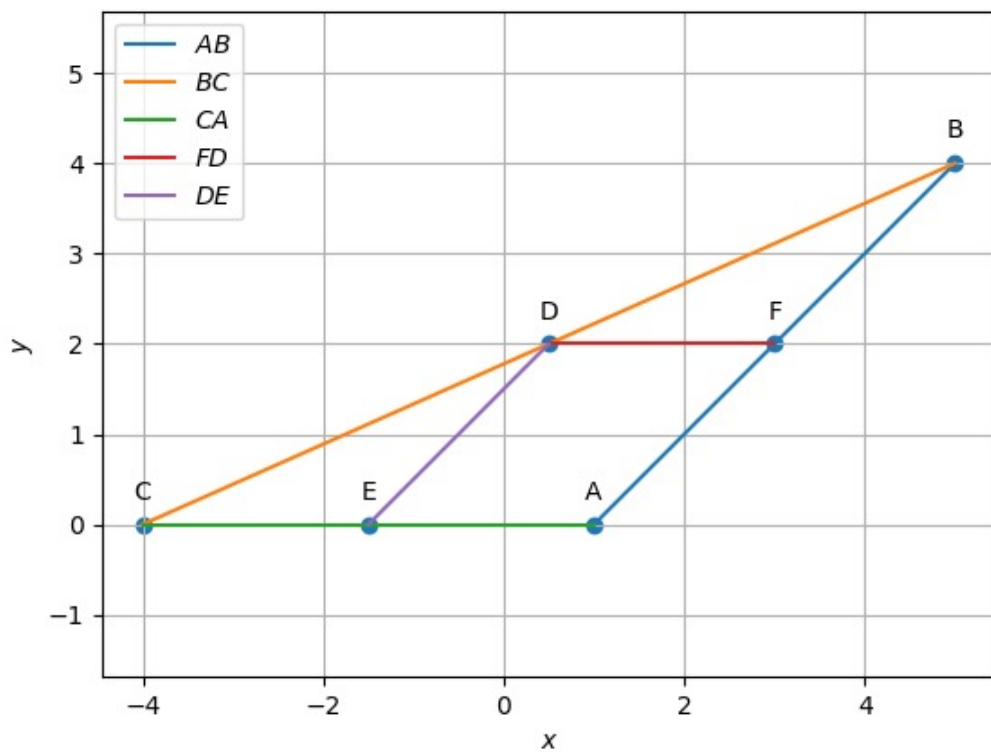


Figure 1.2: $AFDE$ form a parallelogram in triangle ABC