

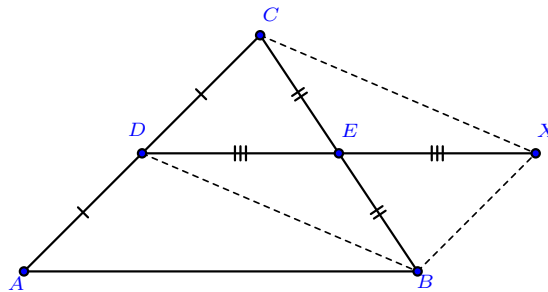
Midsegment Theorem

Proofs updated.

Theorem 1. *Midsegment Theorem: The segment joining the midpoints of two sides of a triangle is parallel to and half the length of the third side.*

Note: In preparation for the midsegment theorem, the class proved several useful theorems about parallelograms.

Problem 1 To prove the midsegment theorem for $\triangle ABC$ with midpoints D and E of sides AC and BC , respectively, Mitch extended \overline{DE} to a point X such that $EX = DE$, as shown in the marked figure. Then he added dotted lines to the figure to show parallelograms.

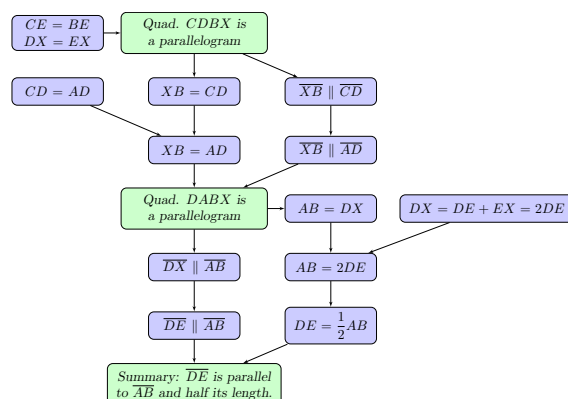


Mitch organized his reasoning in the following flow chart:

Fix note: The flowchart omits reasons to reduce clutter. The most significant steps are green whereas the details are blue.

Learning outcomes:
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