

# 1.2.12

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## Question:

If  $(1,2)$ ,  $(4,y)$ ,  $(x,6)$  and  $(3,5)$  are the vertices of parallelogram taken in order, find  $x$  and  $y$ .

## Solution:

Let ABCD be the given Parallelogram,

TABLE 0: Coordinates of the vertices of parallelogram ABCD

Vertex	Coordinates
A	$(1, 2)$
B	$(4, y)$
C	$(x, 6)$
D	$(3, 5)$

we know that AB is parallel to DC and  $\|AB\| = \|DC\|$   
Then,

$$B - A = C - D \quad (0.1)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ y \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.2)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ y-2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x-3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.3)$$

From equation (0.3),

$$3 = x - 3 \Rightarrow x = 6 \quad (0.4)$$

$$y - 2 = 1 \Rightarrow y = 3 \quad (0.5)$$

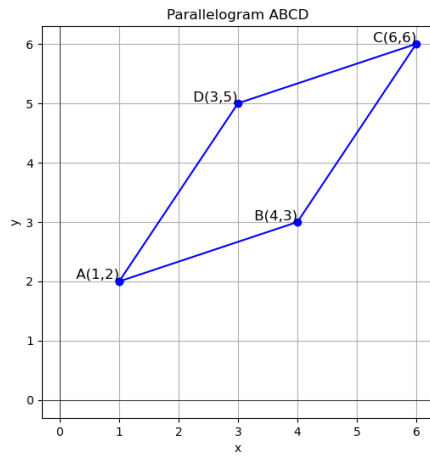


Fig. 0.1: Plot of parallelogram ABCD