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Question:

The coordinates of the three consecutive vertices of a parallelogram ABCD are A (1,3),B(-1,2), and C(2,5). Find the coordinates of the fourth vertex D. (10,2021)

Sol:

Given
$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$
, $B = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$, and $C = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$
Let D be $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$

In a parallelogram, midpoints of diagonals are same.

Therefore midpoint of AC and BD is the same.

Midpoint of
$$AC = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1+2}{2} \\ \frac{3+2}{2} \\ \frac{-1+x}{2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{2} \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Midpoint of $BD = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-1+x}{2} \\ \frac{2+y}{2} \end{pmatrix}$

Now equating both the midpoints we get

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{2} \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-1+x}{2} \\ \frac{2+y}{2} \end{pmatrix}^2$$

Solving for x and y,

we get x=4 and y=6

Hence
$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$$