

STRAIGHT LINES
Exercise 7.1

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1 Problem

Q3. AD and BC are equal perpendiculars to a line segment. Show that CD bisects AB.

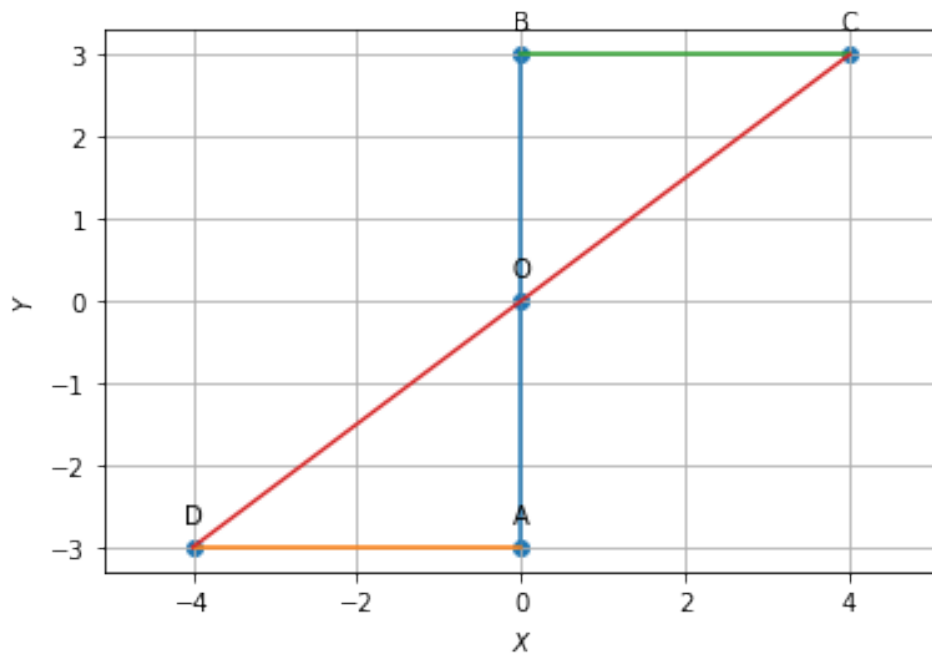


Figure 1:

2 Construction

The input parameters for this construction are

Symbol	Values	Description
A	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$	point A
B	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$	point B
C	$\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$	point C
D	$\begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$	point D
O	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$	point O

Table 2:

3 Solution

Given:

$$AD = BC \quad (1)$$

$$\angle CBO = \angle DAO \quad (2)$$

To prove :

$$\angle ODA = \angle OCB \quad (3)$$

Proof

The directional vectors are:

$$\mathbf{m}_1 = \mathbf{O} - \mathbf{D} \quad (4)$$

$$\mathbf{m}_2 = \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{A} \quad (5)$$

The Normal vectors are:

$$\mathbf{n}_1 = \mathbf{O} - \mathbf{C} \quad (6)$$

$$\mathbf{n}_2 = \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B} \quad (7)$$

$$(8)$$

$$\theta_1 = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{\mathbf{m}_1^T \mathbf{m}_2}{\|\mathbf{m}_1\| \|\mathbf{m}_2\|} \right) \quad (9)$$

$$\theta_2 = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{\mathbf{n}_1^T \mathbf{n}_2}{\|\mathbf{n}_1\| \|\mathbf{n}_2\|} \right) \quad (10)$$

If $\theta_1 = \theta_2$

$$\triangle OBC \cong \triangle OAD \quad (11)$$

$$OA = OB \quad (12)$$