



MATRICES-LINES

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1 PROBLEM

If E,F,G and H are respectively the mid-points of the sides of a parallelogram ABCD, show that

$$\text{ar}(\text{EFGH}) = \frac{1}{2} \text{ar}(\text{ABCD})$$

2 SOLUTION

- Construct a parallelogram with vertices A,B,C and D.
- Point mid-points E,F,G and H on sides AB,BC,CD and DA.

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{\mathbf{A}+\mathbf{B}}{2}$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \frac{\mathbf{B}+\mathbf{C}}{2}$$

$$\mathbf{G} = \frac{\mathbf{C}+\mathbf{D}}{2}$$

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{\mathbf{D}+\mathbf{A}}{2}$$

3. By joining the midpoints of adjacent sides of parallelogram ABCD, another parallelogram EFGH is formed.

4. The area of parallelogram ABCD is given as,

$$\text{ar}(\text{ABCD}) = ((\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) \times (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D})) \quad (1)$$

$$(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) = \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$

$$(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1.25 \\ 4.8 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3)$$

$$((\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) \times (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D})) = \begin{vmatrix} 10 & 0 \\ 1.25 & 4.8 \end{vmatrix} \quad (4)$$

From (4),

$$\text{ar}(\text{ABCD}) = 48$$

5. The area of parallelogram EFGH is given as,

$$\text{ar}(\text{EFGH}) = ((\mathbf{E} - \mathbf{F}) \times (\mathbf{E} - \mathbf{H})) \quad (5)$$

$$(\mathbf{E} - \mathbf{F}) = \begin{pmatrix} 5.625 \\ 2.4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (6)$$

$$(\mathbf{E} - \mathbf{H}) = \begin{pmatrix} -4.375 \\ 2.4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (7)$$

$$((\mathbf{E} - \mathbf{F}) \times (\mathbf{E} - \mathbf{H})) = \begin{vmatrix} 5.625 & 2.4 \\ -4.375 & 2.4 \end{vmatrix} \quad (8)$$

From (8),

$$\text{ar}(\text{EFGH}) = 24$$

Hence,

$$\text{ar}(\text{EFGH}) = \frac{1}{2} \text{ar}(\text{ABCD})$$

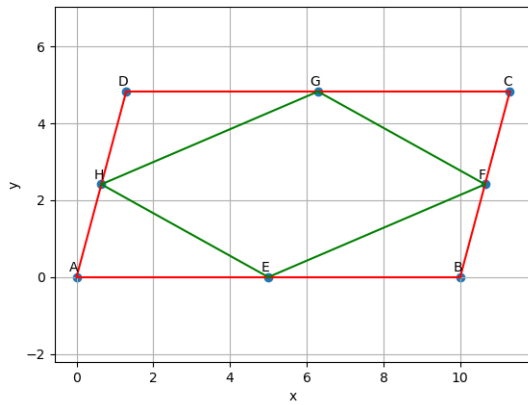


Figure
3 CONSTRUCTION

The parallelogram is constructed with $l=10$ and $j=5$,

Symbol	Co-ordinates	Description
l	10	AB
j	5	AD
A	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$	point vector A
B	$\begin{pmatrix} l \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$	point vector B
D	$\begin{pmatrix} j.\cos(\theta) \\ j.\sin(\theta) \end{pmatrix}$	point vector D
C	$(B + D)$	point vector C

The figure above is generated using python code provided in the below source code link.

<https://github.com/madind5668/FWC/blob/main/matrices/lines/codes/main.py>