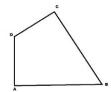
Quadrilaterals

A closed plane figure formed by four line segments is a quadrilateral. A quadrilateral is also known as a polygon with four sides and four vertices or corners.



A quadrilateral ABCD has

four sides: AB, BC, CD and DA four angles: $\angle A$, $\angle B$, $\angle C$ and $\angle D$

There are many kinds of quadrilaterals. Such as:

1. Parallelogram

Quadrilaterals having opposite sides parallel is known as a parallelogram.

In the figure AB // CD and AD // BC. So, ABCD is a parallelogram.



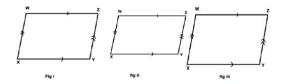
Theorems with parallelogram:

Theorem 1

The opposite sides of a parallelogram are congruent.

Verification:

Draw three parallelograms of different sizes as shown below:



Measure the sides and complete the table below:



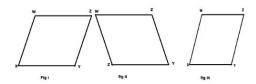
Conclusion: Opposite sides of a parallelogram are equal.

Theorem 2

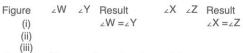
The opposite angles of a parallelogram are congruent.

Verification:

Draw three parallelograms of different sizes.



Measure the opposite angles and complete the table below:



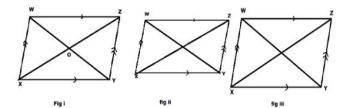
Conclusion: The opposite angles of a parallelogram are congruent.

Theorem 3

The diagonals of a parallelogram bisect each other.

Verification:

Draw three parallelograms of different sizes. Join the diagonals WY and XZ.



Measure the segments of the diagonals and complete the table below:

Figure

WO YO Result

WO = YO

XO ZO Result XO =ZO

(i) (ii)

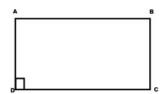
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Conclusion: Diagonals of the parallelogram bisect each other.

2. Rectangle

The rectangle is a parallelogram with all angles 90⁰. Opposite sides are parallel and of equal length. It is also known as an equiangular parallelogram.

Diagonal created in a rectangle are also congruent.



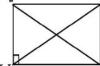
Theorem

The diagonals of a rectangle are congruent.

Verification:

Draw three rectangles of different sizes. Join the diagonals WY and XZ.







Measure the diagonals WY and XZ with the ruler and complete the following table.

Result WX = XZ

Figure

- - (ii) (iii)

Conclusion: The diagonals of the rectangle are congruent.

XZ

WX

3. Square

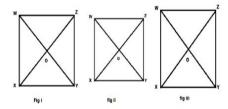
Square is also a parallelogram with all sides and angles equal. It is also known as an equilateral and equiangular parallelogram. In another word, a square is a rectangle having adjacent sides equal. The diagonal of square bisects each other at right angles.

Theorem

The diagonals of a square bisect each other at right angles.

Verification:

Draw three squares of different sizes. Join the diagonals WY and XZ which intersect at O. Since a square is a parallelogram, the diagonals bisect each other i.e WO = YO and XO = ZO.



Measure the angles between the diagonals and complete the following table.

Figure ∠WOX ∠YOZ ∠WOZ ∠XOY Result

 \angle WOX = \angle YOZ = \angle WOZ = \angle XOY = 90°

(i) (ii) (iii)

Conclusion: The diagonals of a square bisect each other at right angles.