Euclid's Elements

Book I

If Euclid did not kindle your youthful enthusiasm, you were not born to be a scientific thinker.

Albert Einstein

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Parallelograms which are on the same base and in the same parallels equal one another.

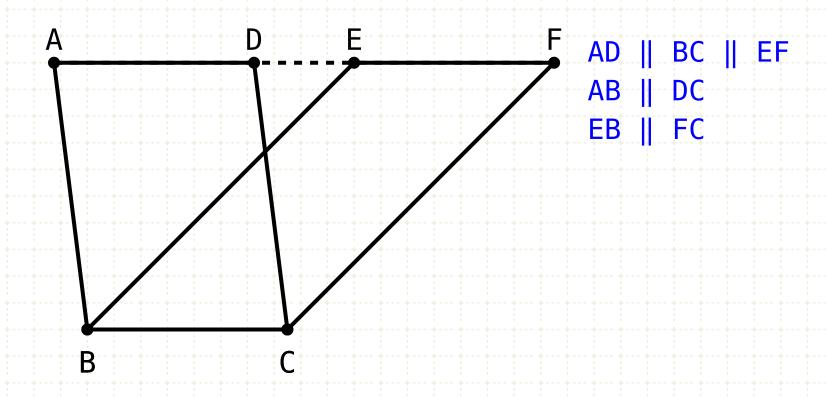


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In other words

Given two parallel lines

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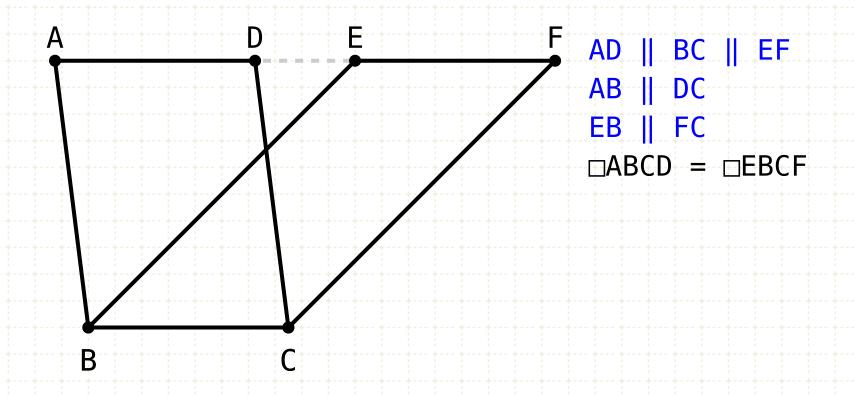


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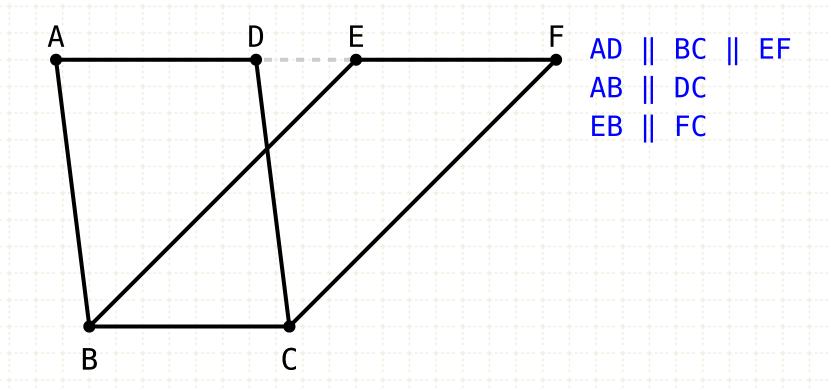
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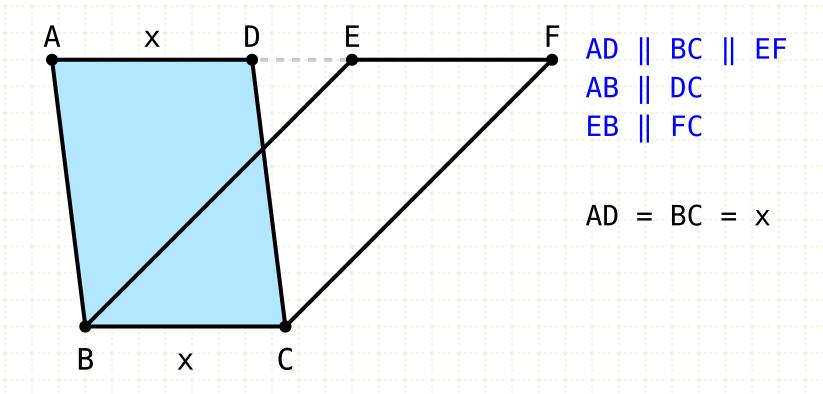
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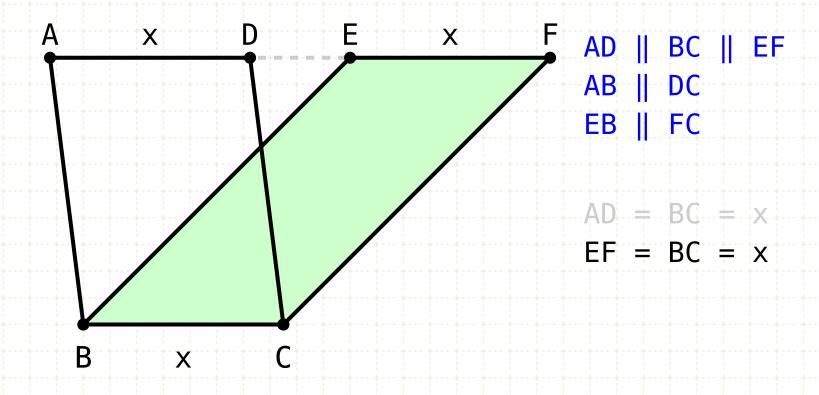
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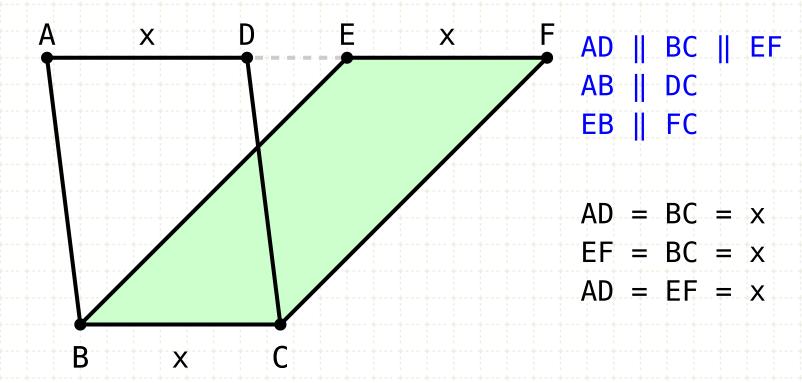
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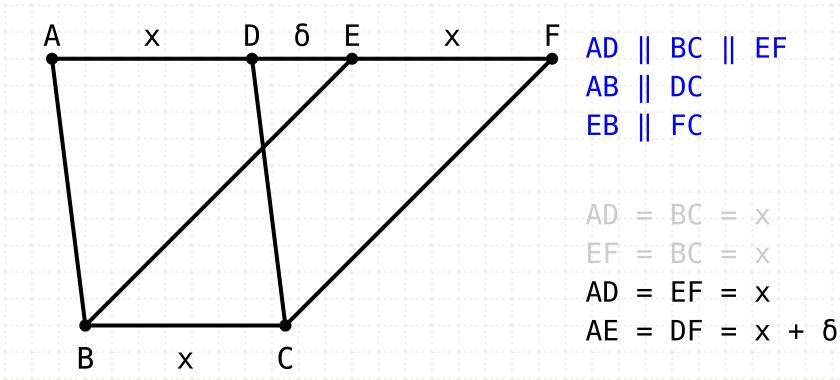
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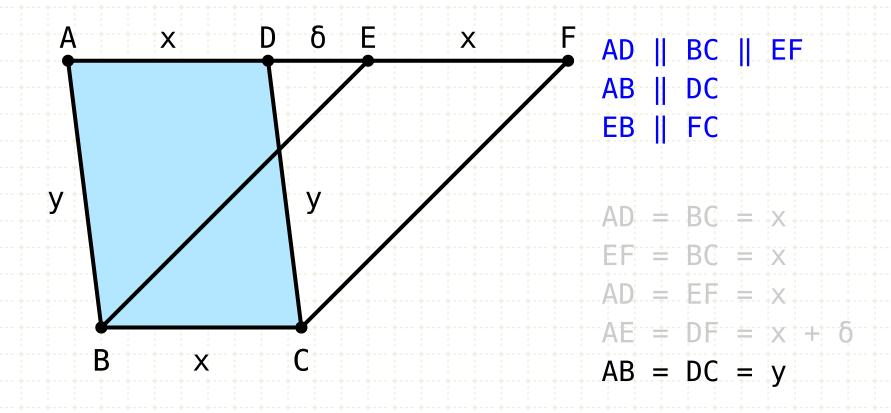
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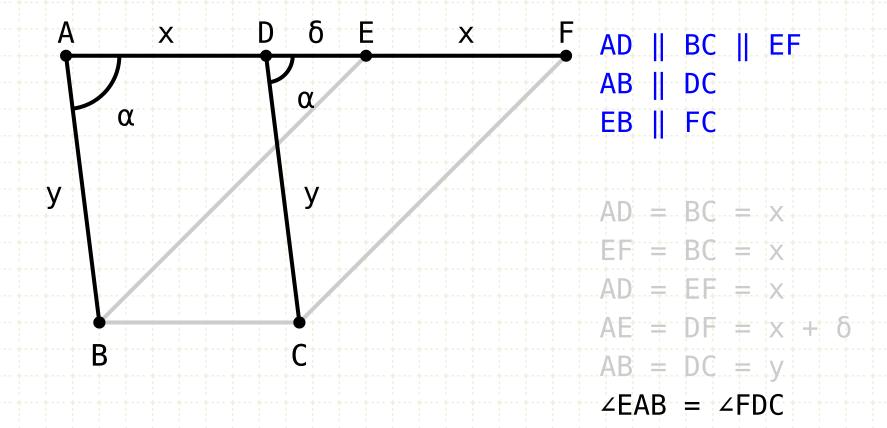
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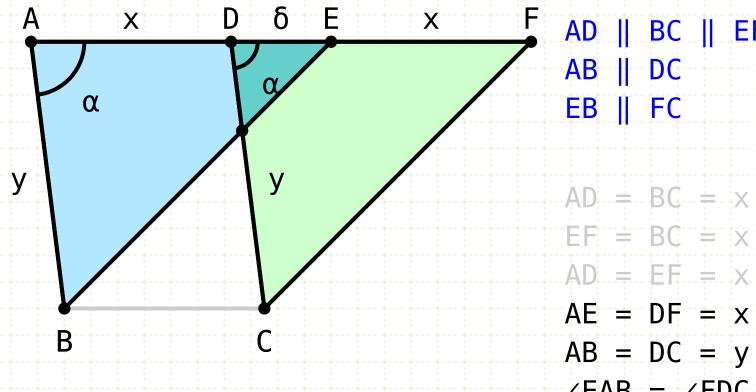
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$$\times$$
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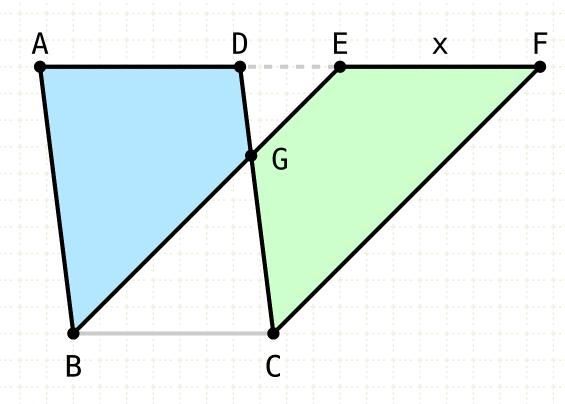
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Triangles ABE and DFC are equivalent (I·4), thus equal in area

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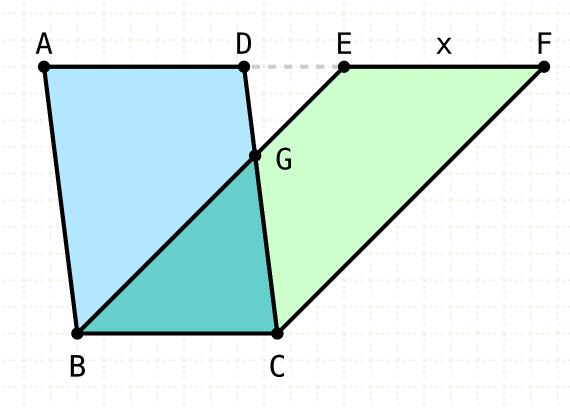
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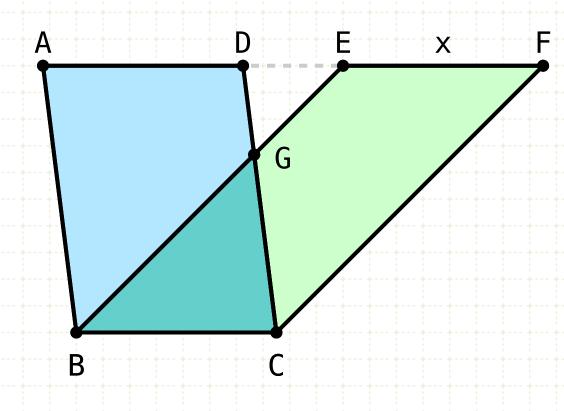
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