

Constructing the Midpoint of a Segment

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Theorem 11.2. Given a segment, find the midpoint (par 3).

Given a segment AB.

1) Draw a circle with the center through the point A.

2) Draw a circle with the center through the point B.

Then label intersection points of the circle and label a rhombus.

3) Draw a line CD.

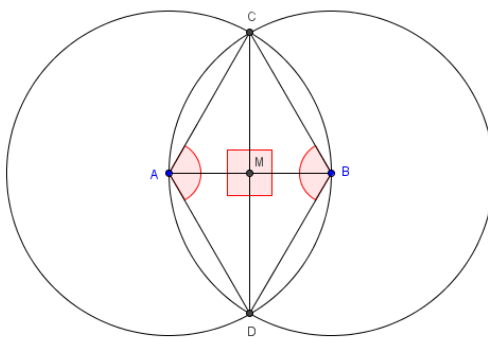


Figure 1: Midpoint of a segment AB

Proof. In this case, ACBD is a rhombus because of four congruent side. By Ms. Van Nevele's Theorem, we know that M is the midpoint of BD (in my case AB). By the proof of the Theorem 1.2, we know that diagonals of a rhombus meet. Thus, we conclude that M is a midpoint of a segment AB. \square