

Coordinate Geometry Proofs Guided Notes

To Prove:	Formula you should use:
lines are congruent, show the lengths are equal = length, distance	$D = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$
segments bisect each other, show <u>midpoints</u> are the same	$\left( \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} \right)$
lines are <u>parallel</u> show slopes are $\frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$ = same	$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} \quad m_1 = m_2$
lines are perpendicular, show slopes are <u>Negative Reciprocal</u> $2 \cdot -\frac{1}{2}$	$m_1 \cdot m_2 = -1$

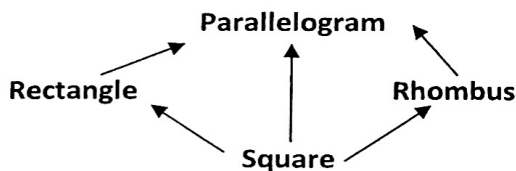
$m_1 = -\frac{1}{m_2}$

When you are completing a coordinate geometry proof:

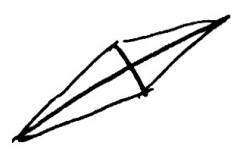
1. draw + label graph
2. State the formulas
3. Show all work
4. write a concluding statement, showing what was proven and why.

BE NEAT! If I can't follow your work, you will lose points.

Remember the diagram below:



The table gives methods that can be used to prove a quad belongs to a specific category.

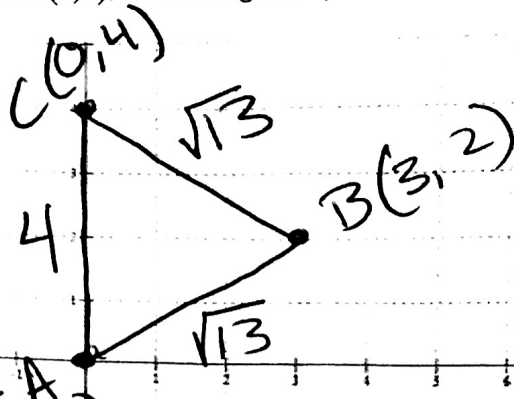
To prove a figure is a...	Methods:
1. Parallelogram ****	Show <i>one</i> of the following: 1. <u>2 pairs opp. // sides</u> (4 slope) or 2. <u>2 pairs opp <math>\cong</math> sides</u> (4 distance) or 3. <u>Diagonals bisect each other</u> (2 midpt) or 4. <u>One pair sides // and <math>\cong</math></u> (2 slope, 2 distance)
2. Rectangle	Show it is a <u>parallelogram</u> (see #1) and <u>one</u> of the following: 1. <u>1 rt <math>\angle</math></u> , show sides $\perp$ (2 slope) or 2. <u>Diagonals are <math>\cong</math></u> (2 distance)
3. Rhombus	Show it is a <u>parallelogram</u> (see #1) and <u>one</u> of the following: 1. <u>2 adjacent sides <math>\cong</math></u> (2 distance) or 2. <u>Diagonals are <math>\perp</math></u> (2 slope)
4. Square	Show it is a <u>rectangle</u> (see #2) AND 1. <u>2 adjacent sides <math>\cong</math></u> (2 distance) OR Show it is a <u>rhombus</u> (see #3) AND 2. <u>1 rt <math>\angle</math></u> (2 slopes)
5. Trapezoid	Show it has <u>only one</u> pair of parallel sides (2 slopes =, 2 slopes $\neq$ ) Note: you do have to find the slope of all 4 sides
6. Isosceles trapezoid 	Show it is a trapezoid (see #5) and <u>one</u> of the following: 1. <u>Show non // sides <math>\cong</math></u> (2 distance) or 2. <u>Diagonals are <math>\cong</math></u> (2 distance)

Triangle is a right triangle	1. $1 \ 90^\circ \angle$ 2 lines are $\perp$ (2 slope) OR 2. Satisfies Pythagorean theorem $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ (3 distance)
Triangle is isosceles	Show 2 $\cong$ sides (2 distance)
Triangle is scalene	No sides $\cong$ (3 distance)
Triangle is equilateral	3 $\cong$ sides (3 distance)
Triangle is an isosceles right triangle	$\perp$ lines + 2 $\cong$ sides <hr/> 2 sides $\cong$ + $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ (3 distance)
To find the length of a median	- Midpoint BC - Distance between A + D
Equation of an altitude	Point + Slope $\uparrow$ $\uparrow$ B $\perp$ AC $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$



1. Triangle ABC has vertices  $A(0,0)$ ,  $B(3,2)$ , and  $C(0,4)$ . The triangle may be classified as

- a. equilateral
- b. isosceles
- c. right
- d. scalene



$$d_{AB} = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

$$d_{AB} = \sqrt{(0 - 3)^2 + (0 - 2)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{(-3)^2 + (-2)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{9 + 4} = \sqrt{13}$$

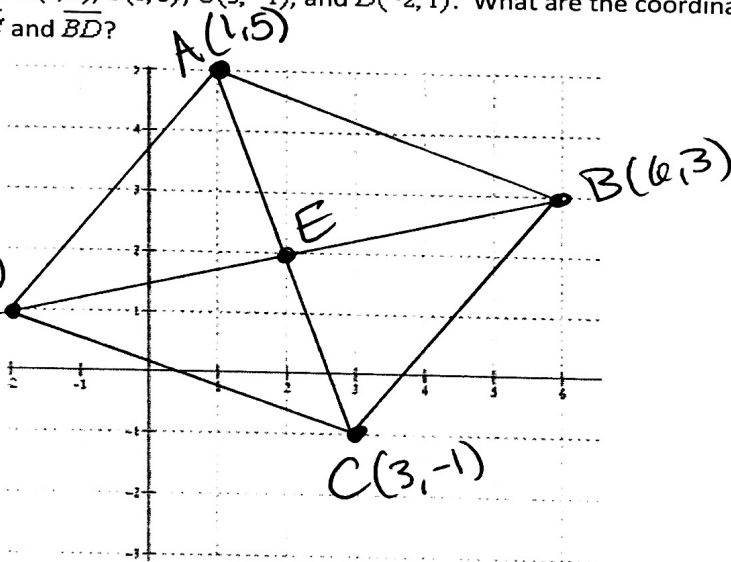
$$d_{CB} = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

$$d_{CB} = \sqrt{(3 - 0)^2 + (2 - 4)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{3^2 + (-2)^2} = \sqrt{13}$$

2. Parallelogram ABCD has coordinates  $A(1,5)$ ,  $B(6,3)$ ,  $C(3,-1)$ , and  $D(-2,1)$ . What are the coordinates of E, the intersection of diagonals  $\overline{AC}$  and  $\overline{BD}$ ?

- a. (2,2)
- b. (4.5, 1)
- c. (3.5, 2)
- d. (-1, 3)



Midpt AC

$$\left( \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} \right)$$

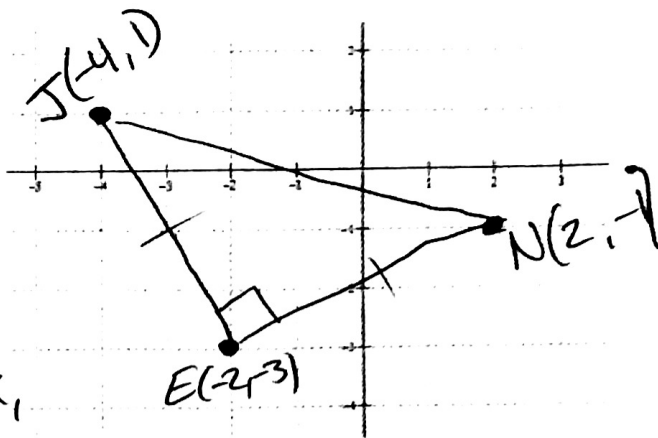
$$\left( \frac{1+3}{2}, \frac{5+(-1)}{2} \right)$$

Midpt BD

3. Given:  $J(-4,1)$ ,  $E(-2,-3)$ ,  $N(2,-1)$   
 Prove: triangle JEN is an isosceles right triangle.

$2 \cong \text{sides}$

$1 \text{ rt } \angle$



$$M_{JE} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

$$M_{EN} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

$$M_{JE} = -2$$

$$M_{EN} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$JE \perp EN$

$\angle E$  is a rt  $\angle$

$$d_{JE} = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

$$= 2.82 = \frac{\sqrt{20}}{2\sqrt{5}} = \frac{\sqrt{4 \cdot 5}}{2\sqrt{5}}$$

$$d_{EN} = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{20}}{2\sqrt{5}} = 2.82$$

$\angle E$  is a rt  $\angle$ .

Ad  $\overline{JE} \cong \overline{NE}$

$\therefore$  therefore JEN is an isosceles rt  $\Delta$ .