

Coordinate proof of a rectangle

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Use Coordinate Geometry to prove that parallelogram $ABCD$ is a rectangle given the vertices $A(1, 3)$, $B(5, 7)$, $C(7, 5)$ and $D(3, 1)$.

Method 1

Show that consecutive sides are perpendicular which means their slopes are opposite reciprocals. (or product is -1)

Formula for the slope $m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$

Calculate the slopes of all the sides.

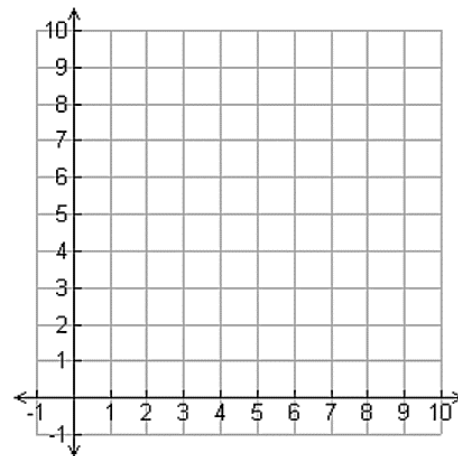
$$m_{\overline{AB}} =$$

$$m_{\overline{BC}} =$$

$$m_{\overline{CD}} =$$

$$m_{\overline{DA}} =$$

Explain why $ABCD$ is a rectangle:



Method 2

Show that diagonals are congruent which means they have the same length.

Find the lengths of the diagonals.

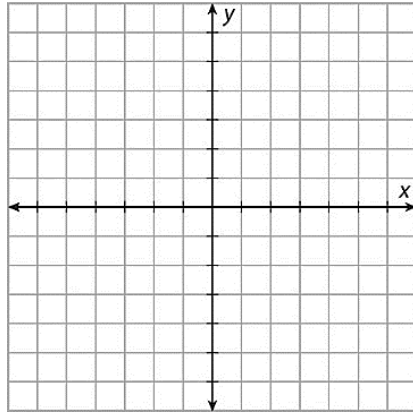
Distance Formula $d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$ or Pythagorean Theorem $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$

$$AC =$$

$$BD =$$

Explain why $ABCD$ is a rectangle:

1. Prove that quadrilateral $A(-6, 2)$ $B(-3, 6)$ $C(5, 0)$ $D(2, -4)$ is a rectangle.



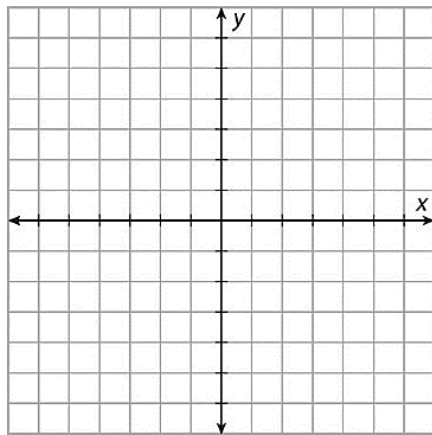
I know $ABCD$ is a parallelogram because _____

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I know $ABCD$ is a rectangle because _____

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2. Prove that quadrilateral $W(-2, 3)$ $X(0, 4)$ $Y(2, 0)$ $Z(0, -1)$ is a rectangle.



I know $WXYZ$ is a parallelogram because _____

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I know $WXYZ$ is a rectangle because _____

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