

**Proposition.** *Given  $\square ABCD$  with  $AB \parallel CD$  and  $AB \cong CD$  in  $\mathbb{E}^2$ ,  $\square ABCD$  is a parallelogram.*

*Proof by construction.*  $\angle BDC \cong \angle ABD$  as alternate interior angles of parallel lines by converse alternate interior angle theorem (in  $\mathbb{E}^2$ , parallel lines have congruent alternate interior angles.)

$\therefore \triangle ABD \cong \triangle CDB$  by side-angle-side congruence ( $AB \cong CD$  by hypothesis,  $BD$  is a common side,  $\angle ABD \cong \angle BDC$  by previous step.)

$\therefore \angle ADB \cong \angle CBD$  (corresponding parts of congruent triangles.)

$\angle ADB$  and  $\angle CBD$  being alternate interior angles of  $AD$  and  $BC$  with transversal  $BD$ ,  $AD \parallel BC$  by alternate interior angle theorem (lines with congruent alternate interior angles are parallel.)

All pairs of opposite sides of  $\square ABCD$  being parallel,  $\square ABCD$  is a parallelogram by definition.

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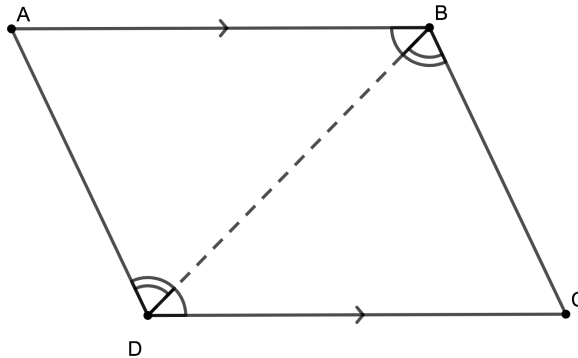


Figure 1: A quadrilateral with a pair of opposite sides that are congruent and parallel is a parallelogram in  $\mathbb{E}^2$ .