

Math 1312
Section 4.2
The Parallelogram and Kite

Definition:

A kite is a quadrilateral with two distinct pairs of congruent adjacent sides.

Example 1:

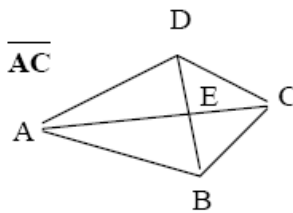
Theorem: In a kite, **one** pair of opposite angles are congruent.

Properties of Kites

1. NOT a parallelogram!
2. Two pairs of consecutive sides are congruent.
3. The diagonals are perpendicular.
4. One diagonal is the perpendicular bisector of the other.
5. One pair of opposite angles are congruent.
6. One of the diagonals bisects a pair of opposite angles.

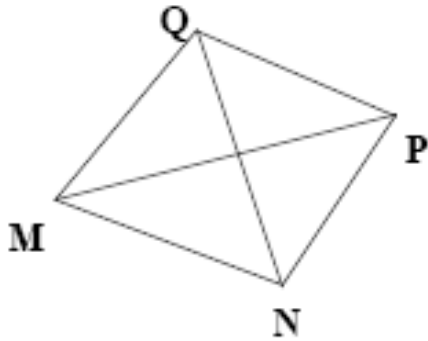
Example 2: Given a kite ABCD, \overline{AC} is the perpendicular bisector of \overline{BD} :

- a. If $\angle B = 90^\circ$ and $AB = 8$ and $BC = 6$. Find the length of \overline{AC}

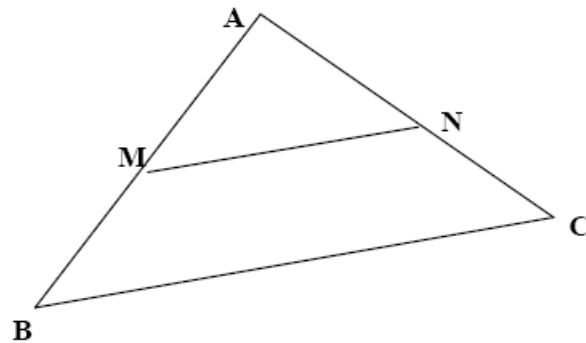


- b. If $AB = 16.3$ and the perimeter of the kite is 54.7, find the lengths of DC, BC and AD.

Example: In kite $MNPQ$, \overline{MP} is the perpendicular bisector of \overline{NQ} . If $m\angle QMN = 42^\circ$ and $m\angle MNP = 98^\circ$, find $m\angle NPQ$.

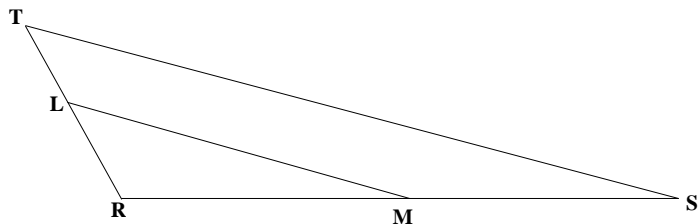


Theorem 4.2.5: The segment that joins the midpoints of the two sides of a triangle is parallel to the third side and has a length equal to one half the length of the third side.

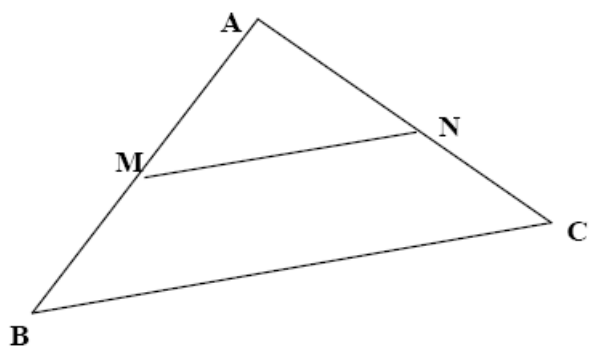


Clarification: in $\triangle TRS$ “M” is the midpoint of \overline{RS} and “L” is the midpoint \overline{RT} .

By the above “rule”, $ML \parallel ST$ and $ML = \frac{1}{2} ST$. This can also be expressed as $2ML = ST$.



Example 3. M and N are the midpoints of the sides \overline{AB} and \overline{AC} of $\triangle ABC$

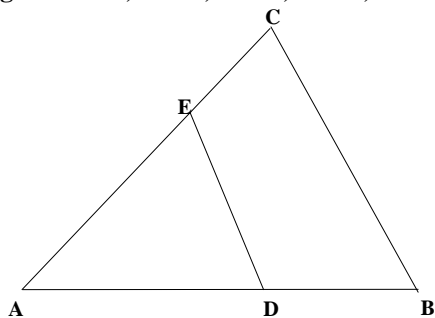


a. If $MN = 7.3$, find the length of \overline{BC} .

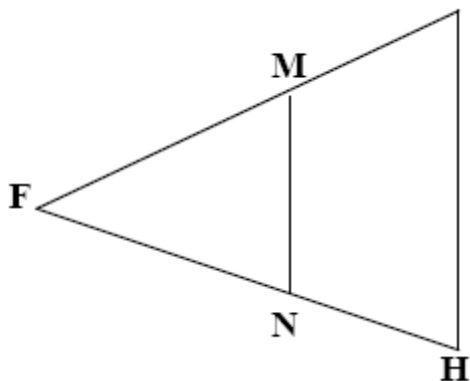
b. If $BC = 4x + 6$ and $MN = x + 9$, find the length of \overline{BC} .

Example 4:

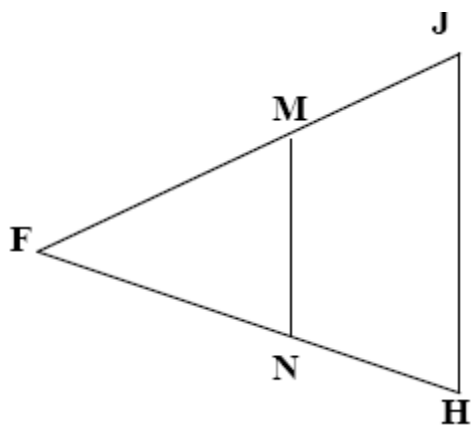
In the figure below, $AE=8$, $CE=x$, $DA=6$, and $BA=12$. Is $ED \parallel CB$?



Example 5: M and N are the midpoints of \overline{FJ} and \overline{FH}

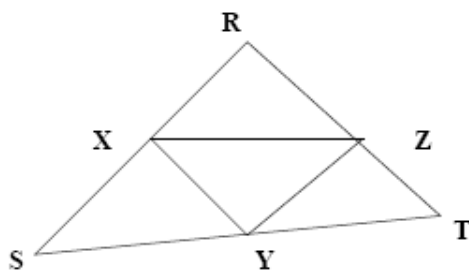


- a. Given that $\triangle FJH$ is isosceles, with $\overline{FJ} \cong \overline{FH}$, $FM = 2y + 3$, $NH = 5y - 9$ and $JH = 2y$. Find the perimeter of $\triangle FJH$.



b. Given $JH = 12$, $m\angle J = 80^\circ$ and $m\angle F = 60^\circ$. Find MN , $m\angle FMN$ and $m\angle FNM$.

Example 6: Use the following figure for both parts a and b. In $\triangle RST$, X, Y and Z are the midpoints of the sides as shown.



a. If $RS = 18$, $RT = 24$, and $ST = 26$. Find XY , YZ , XZ and the perimeter of $\triangle XYZ$.

b. If $XY = 7.2$, $XZ = 6.9$, $YZ = 5.1$. Find RS , RT , ST and perimeter $\triangle RST$.

Example 7:

In $\triangle ABC$, D is the midpoint of AB, E is the midpoint of BC, and F is the midpoint of AC. Find the perimeter of $\triangle DEF$ if $AB = 24$, $BC = 32$, and $AC = 26$.

Perimeter of $\triangle DEF$ = _____

