

# 6.2

## Properties of Parallelograms

### What you should learn

**GOAL 1** Use some properties of parallelograms.

**GOAL 2** Use properties of parallelograms in **real-life** situations, such as the drafting table shown in **Example 6**.

### Why you should learn it

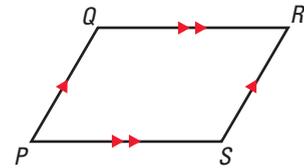
▼ You can use properties of parallelograms to understand how a scissors lift works in **Exs. 51–54**.



### GOAL 1 PROPERTIES OF PARALLELOGRAMS

In this lesson and in the rest of the chapter you will study special quadrilaterals. A **parallelogram** is a quadrilateral with both pairs of opposite sides parallel.

When you mark diagrams of quadrilaterals, use matching arrowheads to indicate which sides are parallel. For example, in the diagram at the right,  $\overline{PQ} \parallel \overline{RS}$  and  $\overline{QR} \parallel \overline{SP}$ . The symbol  $\square PQRS$  is read “parallelogram  $PQRS$ .”

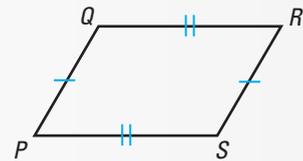


### THEOREMS ABOUT PARALLELOGRAMS

#### THEOREM 6.2

If a quadrilateral is a parallelogram, then its **opposite sides** are congruent.

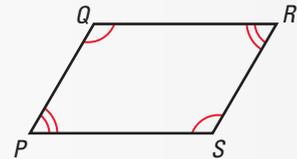
$$\overline{PQ} \cong \overline{RS} \text{ and } \overline{SP} \cong \overline{QR}$$



#### THEOREM 6.3

If a quadrilateral is a parallelogram, then its **opposite angles** are congruent.

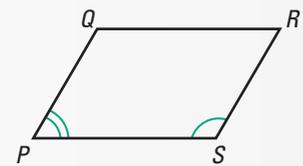
$$\angle P \cong \angle R \text{ and } \angle Q \cong \angle S$$



#### THEOREM 6.4

If a quadrilateral is a parallelogram, then its **consecutive angles** are supplementary.

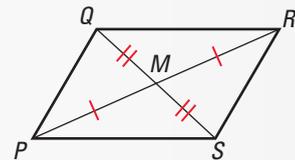
$$m\angle P + m\angle Q = 180^\circ, m\angle Q + m\angle R = 180^\circ, \\ m\angle R + m\angle S = 180^\circ, m\angle S + m\angle P = 180^\circ$$



#### THEOREM 6.5

If a quadrilateral is a parallelogram, then its **diagonals bisect each other**.

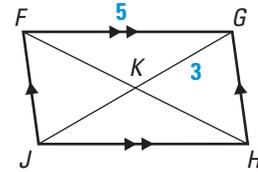
$$\overline{QM} \cong \overline{SM} \text{ and } \overline{PM} \cong \overline{RM}$$



Theorem 6.2 is proved in Example 5. You are asked to prove Theorem 6.3, Theorem 6.4, and Theorem 6.5 in Exercises 38–44.

**EXAMPLE 1** *Using Properties of Parallelograms*

$FGHJ$  is a parallelogram.  
Find the unknown length.  
Explain your reasoning.



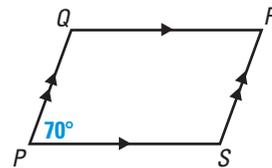
- $JH$
- $JK$

**SOLUTION**

- $JH = FG$       **Opposite sides of a  $\square$  are  $\cong$ .**  
 $JH = 5$       **Substitute 5 for  $FG$ .**
- $JK = GK$       **Diagonals of a  $\square$  bisect each other.**  
 $JK = 3$       **Substitute 3 for  $GK$ .**

**EXAMPLE 2** *Using Properties of Parallelograms*

$PQRS$  is a parallelogram.  
Find the angle measure.



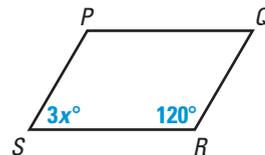
- $m\angle R$
- $m\angle Q$

**SOLUTION**

- $m\angle R = m\angle P$       **Opposite angles of a  $\square$  are  $\cong$ .**  
 $m\angle R = 70^\circ$       **Substitute  $70^\circ$  for  $m\angle P$ .**
- $m\angle Q + m\angle P = 180^\circ$       **Consecutive  $\sphericalangle$ s of a  $\square$  are supplementary.**  
 $m\angle Q + 70^\circ = 180^\circ$       **Substitute  $70^\circ$  for  $m\angle P$ .**  
 $m\angle Q = 110^\circ$       **Subtract  $70^\circ$  from each side.**

**EXAMPLE 3** *Using Algebra with Parallelograms*

$PQRS$  is a parallelogram.  
Find the value of  $x$ .

**SOLUTION**

- $$m\angle S + m\angle R = 180^\circ$$
- $$3x + 120 = 180$$
- $$3x = 60$$
- $$x = 20$$
- Consecutive angles of a  $\square$  are supplementary.**
  - Substitute  $3x$  for  $m\angle S$  and 120 for  $m\angle R$ .**
  - Subtract 120 from each side.**
  - Divide each side by 3.**

**GOAL 2**

**REASONING ABOUT PARALLELOGRAMS**

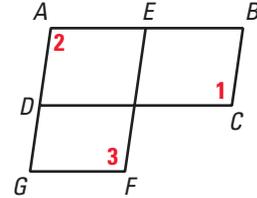
**EXAMPLE 4**

**Proving Facts about Parallelograms**

**GIVEN** ▶  $ABCD$  and  $AEFG$  are parallelograms.

**PROVE** ▶  $\angle 1 \cong \angle 3$

**Plan** Show that both angles are congruent to  $\angle 2$ . Then use the Transitive Property of Congruence.



**SOLUTION**

**Method 1** Write a two-column proof.

Statements	Reasons
1. $ABCD$ is a $\square$ . $AEFG$ is a $\square$ .	1. Given
2. $\angle 1 \cong \angle 2$ , $\angle 2 \cong \angle 3$	2. Opposite angles of a $\square$ are $\cong$ .
3. $\angle 1 \cong \angle 3$	3. Transitive Property of Congruence

**Method 2** Write a paragraph proof.

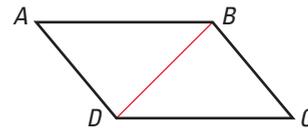
$ABCD$  is a parallelogram, so  $\angle 1 \cong \angle 2$  because opposite angles of a parallelogram are congruent.  $AEFG$  is a parallelogram, so  $\angle 2 \cong \angle 3$ . By the Transitive Property of Congruence,  $\angle 1 \cong \angle 3$ .

**EXAMPLE 5**

**Proving Theorem 6.2**

**GIVEN** ▶  $ABCD$  is a parallelogram.

**PROVE** ▶  $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{CD}$ ,  $\overline{AD} \cong \overline{CB}$



**SOLUTION**

Statements	Reasons
1. $ABCD$ is a $\square$ .	1. Given
2. Draw $\overline{BD}$ .	2. Through any two points there exists exactly one line.
3. $\overline{AB} \parallel \overline{CD}$ , $\overline{AD} \parallel \overline{CB}$	3. Definition of parallelogram
4. $\angle ABD \cong \angle CDB$ , $\angle ADB \cong \angle CBD$	4. Alternate Interior Angles Theorem
5. $\overline{DB} \cong \overline{DB}$	5. Reflexive Property of Congruence
6. $\triangle ADB \cong \triangle CBD$	6. ASA Congruence Postulate
7. $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{CD}$ , $\overline{AD} \cong \overline{CB}$	7. Corresponding parts of $\cong \triangle$ are $\cong$ .



**REAL LIFE FURNITURE DESIGN**

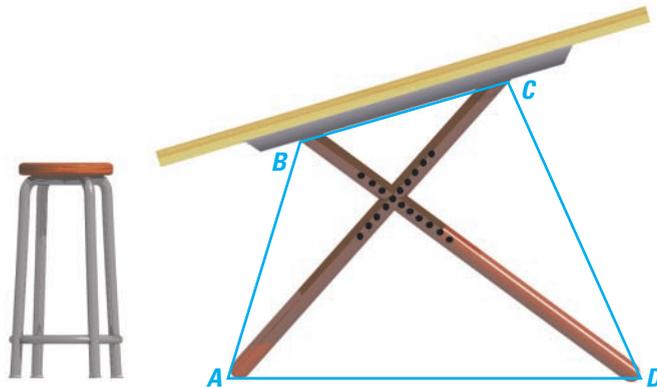
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**EXAMPLE 6 Using Parallelograms in Real Life**

**FURNITURE DESIGN** A drafting table is made so that the legs can be joined in different ways to change the slope of the drawing surface. In the arrangement below, the legs  $\overline{AC}$  and  $\overline{BD}$  do *not* bisect each other. Is  $ABCD$  a parallelogram?



**SOLUTION**

No. If  $ABCD$  were a parallelogram, then by Theorem 6.5  $\overline{AC}$  would bisect  $\overline{BD}$  and  $\overline{BD}$  would bisect  $\overline{AC}$ .

**GUIDED PRACTICE**

**Vocabulary Check** ✓

1. Write a definition of *parallelogram*.

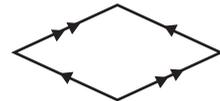
**Concept Check** ✓

Decide whether the figure is a parallelogram. If it is not, explain why not.

2.



3.



**Skill Check** ✓

**IDENTIFYING CONGRUENT PARTS** Use the diagram of parallelogram  $JKLM$  at the right. Complete the statement, and give a reason for your answer.

4.  $\overline{JK} \cong$  ?

5.  $\overline{MN} \cong$  ?

6.  $\angle MLK \cong$  ?

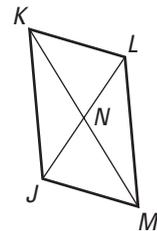
7.  $\angle JKL \cong$  ?

8.  $\overline{JN} \cong$  ?

9.  $\overline{KL} \cong$  ?

10.  $\angle MNL \cong$  ?

11.  $\angle MKL \cong$  ?



Find the measure in parallelogram  $LMNQ$ . Explain your reasoning.

12.  $LM$

13.  $LP$

14.  $LQ$

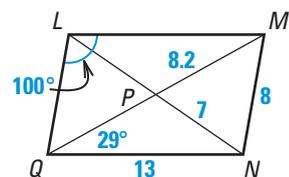
15.  $QP$

16.  $m\angle LMN$

17.  $m\angle NQL$

18.  $m\angle MNQ$

19.  $m\angle LMQ$

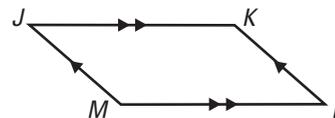




39. **PROVING THEOREM 6.4** Copy and complete the two-column proof of Theorem 6.4: If a quadrilateral is a parallelogram, then its consecutive angles are supplementary.

**GIVEN** ▶  $JKLM$  is a  $\square$ .

**PROVE** ▶  $\angle J$  and  $\angle K$  are supplementary.



Statements	Reasons
1. $\underline{\quad ? \quad}$	1. Given
2. $m\angle J = m\angle L, m\angle K = m\angle M$	2. $\underline{\quad ? \quad}$
3. $m\angle J + m\angle L + m\angle K + m\angle M = \underline{\quad ? \quad}$	3. Sum of measures of int. $\angle$ s of a quad. is $360^\circ$ .
4. $m\angle J + m\angle J + m\angle K + m\angle K = 360^\circ$	4. $\underline{\quad ? \quad}$
5. $2(\underline{\quad ? \quad} + \underline{\quad ? \quad}) = 360^\circ$	5. Distributive property
6. $m\angle J + m\angle K = 180^\circ$	6. $\underline{\quad ? \quad}$ prop. of equality
7. $\angle J$ and $\angle K$ are supplementary.	7. $\underline{\quad ? \quad}$

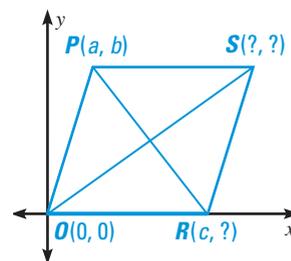
You can use the same reasoning to prove any other pair of consecutive angles in  $\square JKLM$  are supplementary.

40. **DEVELOPING COORDINATE PROOF** Copy and complete the coordinate proof of Theorem 6.5.

**GIVEN** ▶  $PORS$  is a  $\square$ .

**PROVE** ▶  $\overline{PR}$  and  $\overline{OS}$  bisect each other.

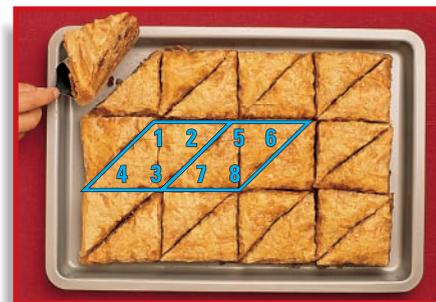
**Plan for Proof** Find the coordinates of the midpoints of the diagonals of  $\square PORS$  and show that they are the same.



40. Point  $R$  is on the  $x$ -axis, and the length of  $\overline{OR}$  is  $c$  units. What are the coordinates of point  $R$ ?
41. The length of  $\overline{PS}$  is also  $c$  units, and  $\overline{PS}$  is horizontal. What are the coordinates of point  $S$ ?
42. What are the coordinates of the midpoint of  $\overline{PR}$ ?
43. What are the coordinates of the midpoint of  $\overline{OS}$ ?
44. **Writing** How do you know that  $\overline{PR}$  and  $\overline{OS}$  bisect each other?

**BAKING** In Exercises 45 and 46, use the following information.

In a recipe for baklava, the pastry should be cut into triangles that form congruent parallelograms, as shown. Write a paragraph proof to prove the statement.



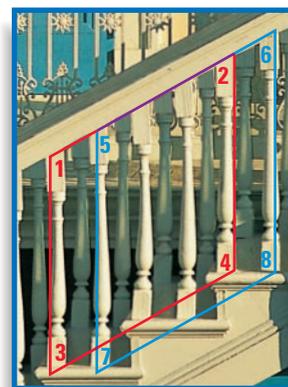
45.  $\angle 3$  is supplementary to  $\angle 6$ .
46.  $\angle 4$  is supplementary to  $\angle 5$ .

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 for help with the coordinate proof in Exs. 40–44.

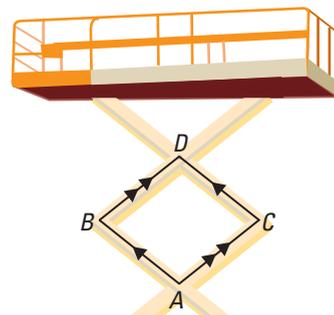
 **STAIR BALUSTERS** In Exercises 47–50, use the following information.

In the diagram at the right, the slope of the handrail is equal to the slope of the stairs. The balusters (vertical posts) support the handrail.



47. Which angle in the red parallelogram is congruent to  $\angle 1$ ?
48. Which angles in the blue parallelogram are supplementary to  $\angle 6$ ?
49. Which postulate can be used to prove that  $\angle 1 \cong \angle 5$ ?
50. *Writing* Is the red parallelogram congruent to the blue parallelogram? Explain your reasoning.

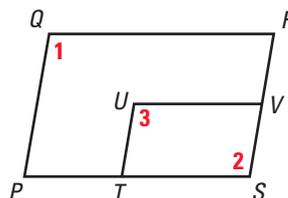
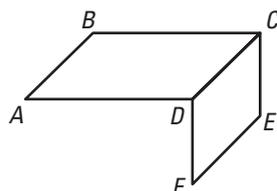
 **SCISSORS LIFT** Photographers can use scissors lifts for overhead shots, as shown at the left. The crossing beams of the lift form parallelograms that move together to raise and lower the platform. In Exercises 51–54, use the diagram of parallelogram  $ABDC$  at the right.



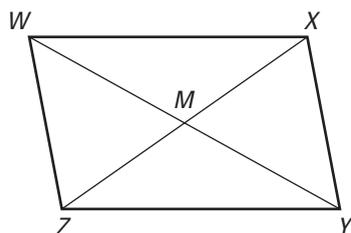
51. What is  $m\angle B$  when  $m\angle A = 120^\circ$ ?
52. Suppose you decrease  $m\angle A$ . What happens to  $m\angle B$ ?
53. Suppose you decrease  $m\angle A$ . What happens to  $AD$ ?
54. Suppose you decrease  $m\angle A$ . What happens to the overall height of the scissors lift?

 **TWO-COLUMN PROOF** Write a two-column proof.

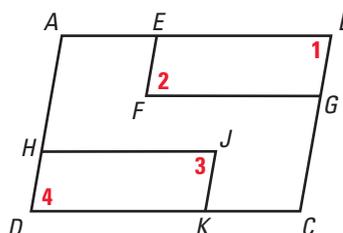
55. **GIVEN**  $\triangleright$   $ABCD$  and  $CEFD$  are  $\square$ s. **PROVE**  $\triangleright$   $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{FE}$
56. **GIVEN**  $\triangleright$   $PQRS$  and  $TUVS$  are  $\square$ s. **PROVE**  $\triangleright$   $\angle 1 \cong \angle 3$



57. **GIVEN**  $\triangleright$   $WXYZ$  is a  $\square$ . **PROVE**  $\triangleright$   $\triangle WMZ \cong \triangle YMX$



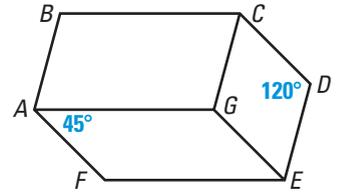
58. **GIVEN**  $\triangleright$   $ABCD$ ,  $EBGF$ ,  $HJKD$  are  $\square$ s. **PROVE**  $\triangleright$   $\angle 2 \cong \angle 3$



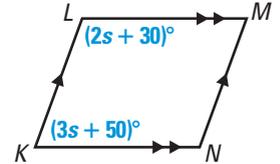
## Test Preparation



59. **Writing** In the diagram,  $ABCG$ ,  $CDEG$ , and  $AGEF$  are parallelograms. Copy the diagram and add as many other angle measures as you can. Then describe how you know the angle measures you added are correct.



60. **MULTIPLE CHOICE** In  $\square KLMN$ , what is the value of  $s$ ?
- (A) 5                      (B) 20                      (C) 40  
(D) 52                      (E) 70

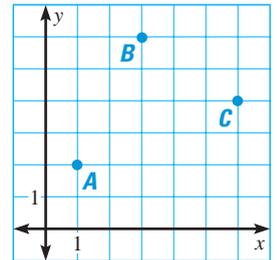


61. **MULTIPLE CHOICE** In  $\square ABCD$ , point  $E$  is the intersection of the diagonals. Which of the following is *not* necessarily true?
- (A)  $AB = CD$    (B)  $AC = BD$    (C)  $AE = CE$    (D)  $AD = BC$    (E)  $DE = BE$

## ★ Challenge

62. **USING ALGEBRA** Suppose points  $A(1, 2)$ ,  $B(3, 6)$ , and  $C(6, 4)$  are three vertices of a parallelogram.

62. Give the coordinates of a point that could be the fourth vertex. Sketch the parallelogram in a coordinate plane.
63. Explain how to check to make sure the figure you drew in Exercise 62 is a parallelogram.
64. How many different parallelograms can be formed using  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  as vertices? Sketch each parallelogram and label the coordinates of the fourth vertex.



### EXTRA CHALLENGE

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## MIXED REVIEW

65. **USING ALGEBRA** Use the Distance Formula to find  $AB$ . (Review 1.3 for 6.3)

65.  $A(2, 1)$ ,  $B(6, 9)$                       66.  $A(-4, 2)$ ,  $B(2, -1)$                       67.  $A(-8, -4)$ ,  $B(-1, -3)$

68. **USING ALGEBRA** Find the slope of  $\overline{AB}$ . (Review 3.6 for 6.3)

68.  $A(2, 1)$ ,  $B(6, 9)$                       69.  $A(-4, 2)$ ,  $B(2, -1)$                       70.  $A(-8, -4)$ ,  $B(-1, -3)$

71. **PARKING CARS** In a parking lot, two guidelines are painted so that they are both perpendicular to the line along the curb. Are the guidelines parallel? Explain why or why not. (Review 3.5)

- Name the shortest and longest sides of the triangle. Explain. (Review 5.5)

