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Properties of Special Parallelograms
For use with Exploration 7.4
Essential Question What are the properties of the diagonals of rectangles, rhombuses, and squares?

## 1 EXPLORATION: Identifying Special Quadrilaterals

Go to BigIdeasMath.com for an interactive tool to investigate this exploration.
Work with a partner. Use dynamic geometry software.
a. Draw a circle with center $A$.
b. Draw two diameters of the circle.

Label the endpoints $B, C, D$, and $E$.
c. Draw quadrilateral $B D C E$.

Sample

d. Is $B D C E$ a parallelogram?
rectangle? rhombus? square?
Explain your reasoning.
e. Repeat parts (a) - (d) for several other circles. Write a conjecture based on your results.
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### 7.4 Properties of Special Parallelograms (continued)

## 2 EXPLORATION: Identifying Special Quadrilaterals

## Go to BigIdeasMath.com for an interactive tool to investigate this exploration.

Work with a partner. Use dynamic geometry software.
a. Construct two segments that are perpendicular bisectors of each other. Label the endpoints $A, B, D$, and $E$. Label the intersection $C$.
b. Draw quadrilateral $A E B D$.
c. Is $A E B D$ a parallelogram? rectangle? rhombus? square? Explain your reasoning.

Sample

d. Repeat parts (a) - (c) for several other segments. Write a conjecture based on your results.

## Communicate Your Answer

3. What are the properties of the diagonals of rectangles, rhombuses, and squares?
4. Is $R S T U$ a parallelogram? rectangle? rhombus? square? Explain your reasoning.
5. What type of quadrilateral has congruent diagonals that bisect
 each other?
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## 7.4 <br> Notetaking with Vocabulary <br> For use after Lesson 7.4

In your own words, write the meaning of each vocabulary term.
rhombus
rectangle
square

## Core Concepts

## Rhombuses, Rectangles, and Squares



A rhombus is a parallelogram with four congruent sides.


A rectangle is a parallelogram with four right angles.


A square is a parallelogram with four congruent sides and four right angles.

## Notes:

## Corollary 7.2 Rhombus Corollary

A quadrilateral is a rhombus if and only if it has four congruent sides.
$A B C D$ is a rhombus if and only if $\overline{A B} \cong \overline{B C} \cong \overline{C D} \cong \overline{A D}$.


## Corollary 7.3 Rectangle Corollary

A quadrilateral is a rectangle if and only if it has four right angles.
$A B C D$ is a rectangle if and only if $\angle A, \angle B, \angle C$, and $\angle D$ are right angles.

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### 7.4 Notetaking with Vocabulary (continued)

## Corollary 7.4 Square Corollary

A quadrilateral is a square if and only if it is a rhombus and a rectangle.
$A B C D$ is a square if and only if $\overline{A B} \cong \overline{B C} \cong \overline{C D} \cong \overline{A D}$ and $\angle A, \angle B, \angle C$, and $\angle D$ are right angles.


## Notes:

## Theorem 7.11 Rhombus Diagonals Theorem

A parallelogram is a rhombus if and only if its diagonals are perpendicular.
$\square A B C D$ is a rhombus if and only if $\overline{A C} \perp \overline{B D}$.


Notes:

## Theorem 7.12 Rhombus Opposite Angles Theorem

A parallelogram is a rhombus if and only if each diagonal bisects a pair of opposite angles.
$\square A B C D$ is a rhombus if and only if $\overline{A C}$ bisects $\angle B C D$ and $\angle B A D$, and $\overline{B D}$ bisects $\angle A B C$ and $\angle A D C$.

## Notes:

## Theorem 7.13 Rectangle Diagonals Theorem

A parallelogram is a rectangle if and only if its diagonals are congruent.
$\square A B C D$ is a rectangle if and only if $\overline{A C} \cong \overline{B D}$.


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### 7.4 Notetaking with Vocabulary (continued)

## Extra Practice

1. For any rhombus $M N O P$, decide whether the statement $\overline{M O} \cong \overline{N P}$ is always or sometimes true. Draw a diagram and explain your reasoning.
2. For any rectangle $P Q R S$, decide whether the statement $\angle P Q S \cong \angle R S Q$ is always or sometimes true. Draw a diagram and explain your reasoning.

In Exercises 3-5, the diagonals of rhombus ABCD intersect at $E$. Given that $m \angle B C A=44^{\circ}, A B=9$, and $A E=7$, find the indicated measure.
3. $B C$
4. $A C$
5. $m \angle A D C$


In Exercises 6-8, the diagonals of rectangle EFGH intersect at I. Given that $m \angle H F G=31^{\circ}$ and $E G=17$, find the indicated measure.
6. $m \angle F H G$
7. $H F$
8. $m \angle E F H$


In Exercises 9-11, the diagonals of square LMNP intersect at $K$. Given that $M K=\frac{1}{2}$, find the indicated measure.
9. $P K$
10. $m \angle P K N$
11. $m \angle M N K$


