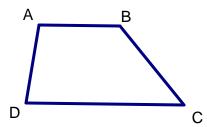
# 4.4 The Trapezoid

**Definition** 

A **trapezoid** is a quadrilateral with exactly one pair of parallel sides.



Bases:

Legs:

Base angles:

Median:

Altitude:

Questions:

- 1. Can you find any relationships between the angles of the trapezoid?
- 2. Can a trapezoid have all of its angles acute angles? Why or why not?

**Definition** 

An **isosceles trapezoid** is a trapezoid with the nonparallel sides (legs) congruent.

Properties of isosceles trapezoids

Theorem 1 (4.4 – T 4.4.1)

The base angles of an isosceles trapezoid are congruent.



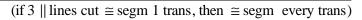
Corollary 1 (4.4 – C 4.4.2)

The diagonals of an isosceles trapezoid are congruent.



**Theorem** (4.4 – T 4.4.8)

If three (or more) parallel lines cut off congruent segments on one transversal, then they cut off congruent segments on every transversal.





Write a formal proof.

The segment that joins the midpoints of two sides of a triangle is \_\_\_\_\_\_ to the third side and has a length equal to \_\_\_\_\_

# **Theorem 2** (4.4 – T 4.4.3)

The length of the median of a trapezoid equals one-half the sum of the lengths of the two bases.



Write a formal proof.

Theorem 3 (4.4 – T 4.4.4)

The median of a trapezoid is parallel to each base.

When is a quadrilateral a trapezoid?

Theorem 1 (4.4 – T 4.4.5)

If two of three consecutive angles of a quadrilateral are supplementary, the quadrilateral is a trapezoid.

When is a trapezoid isosceles?

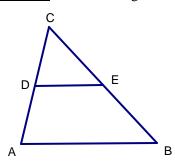
**Theorem 1** (4.4 – T 4.4.6)

If two base angles of a trapezoid are congruent, the trapezoid is an isosceles trapezoid.

**Theorem 2** (4.4 – T 4.4.7)

If the diagonals of a trapezoid are congruent, the trapezoid is an isosceles trapezoid.

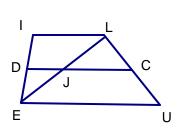
#### **Problem #1** Use the figure to answer the questions.



Given: D, E midpoints

- a) What is DEBA?
- b) If DE = 7 in, find AB.
- c) If AB is 23 cm, find DE.

## **Problem #2** Use the figure to answer the questions.



Given: trap EULI ( $\overline{EU}$ ,  $\overline{IL}$  bases)  $\overline{D}$ ,  $\overline{C}$  midpoints,  $\overline{J}$  midpoint  $\overline{EL}$ 

$$\overline{DC} \parallel \overline{EU}$$

a) If IL = 43 cm, find DJ.

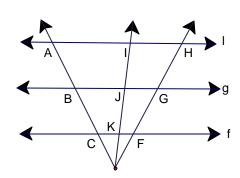
b) If EU = 17 in, find JC.

c) If JC = 12.5 cm, find EU.

e) If DJ = 6.3 cm, find IL.

f) If EU = 21 in and IL = 16 in, find DC.

### **Problem #3** Use the figure to answer the questions.



b) If FG = 3 in, find FH.

Given: 
$$l \parallel g \parallel f$$

$$\overline{IJ} \cong \overline{JK}$$

a) If AB = 14 cm, find AC.

c) If AC = 36 cm, find BC.

d) If GH = 22 in, find HF.

e) If BC = 4 in and GF = 6 in, find AC + HF.

Proble m #4

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Given: RSTV trapezoid  $\overline{RV} \parallel \overline{ST}$   $m \angle SRV = 90^{\circ}$ M, N midpoints

ST = 13 in, RV = 17 in, RS = 16 in Find: RN.

