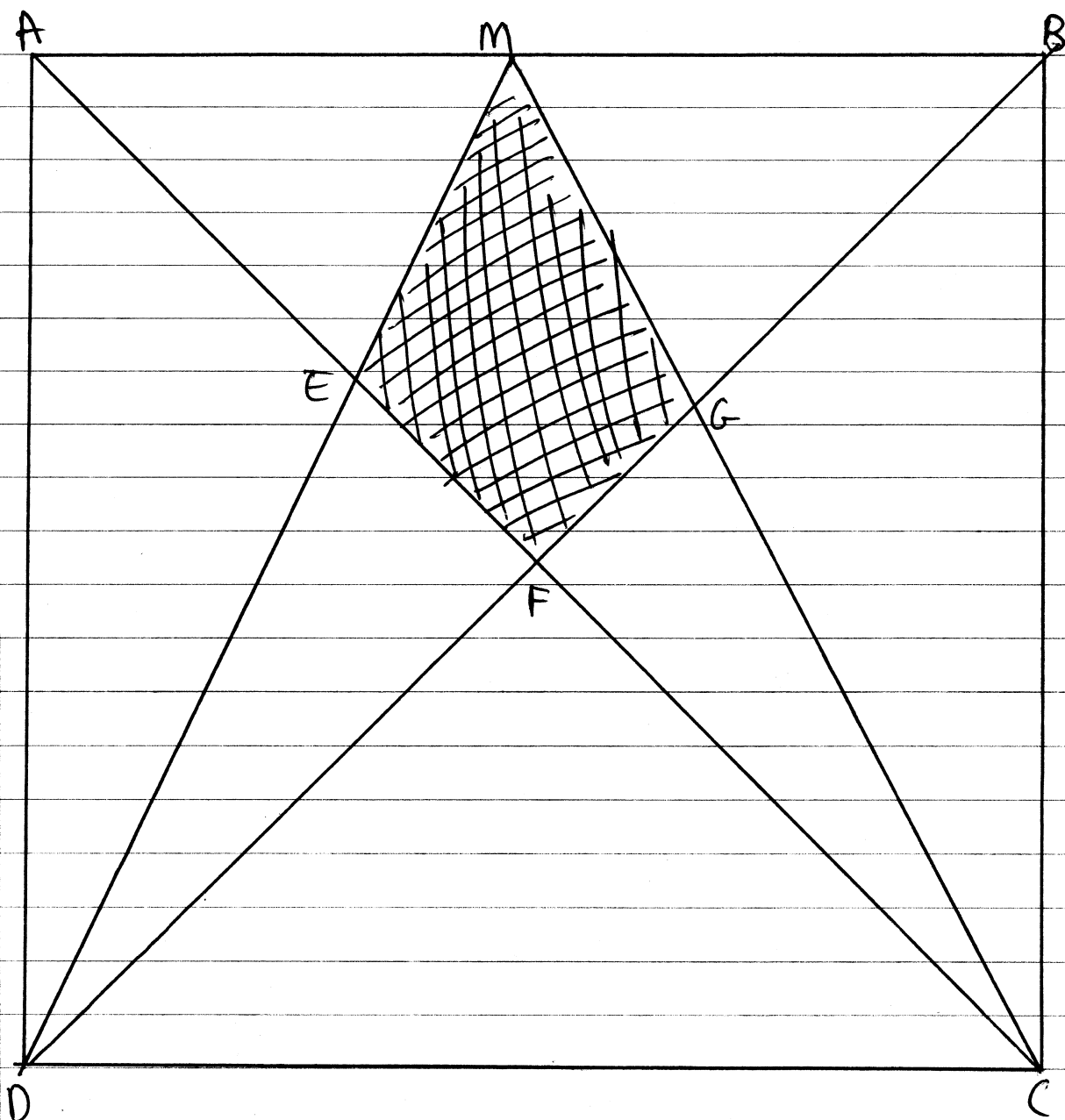




Let $ABCD$ be a unit square. (Note also that I have labelled 3 new points: E , F and G).

Let $\triangle AED = x$ and $\triangle DEF = y$. Due to the symmetry of $ABCD$, $\triangle DEF = \triangle GEF (=y)$, and $\triangle AED = \triangle BGC (=x)$.

Lines AC and BD both divide $ABCD$ into two equal parts. As they are also diagonals, their intersection (point F) is the midpoint of the square $ABCD$.

Therefore, each of the four triangles which have been created (i.e. $\triangle AFD$, $\triangle DFC$, $\triangle CFB$ and $\triangle BFA$) are all

equal in size, and therefore $\frac{1}{4}$ of ABCD.

$$\therefore x+y = \frac{1}{4}.$$

$$\text{So } \triangle DFC = x+y.$$

As point m is defined to be the midpoint of AB, the line through m which is parallel to the side AD divides ABCD in two equal parts.

As the line DM cuts through one of these halves, $\triangle DAM = \frac{1}{4}$. As proved earlier, $x+y = \frac{1}{4}$. $\triangle AED = x$, so $\triangle DAM - \triangle AED = y = \triangle AEM$.

Due to the symmetry of ABCD, $\triangle AEM = \triangle BGM = y$.

Due to alternate angles, $\angle DCG = \angle GMB$, and $\angle CDG = \angle GBM$. Therefore, $\triangle GDC = \triangle GBM$. The length scale factor is 2, so the area scale factor is $2^2 = 4$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore } x+2y &= 4(y) \\ \Rightarrow x &= 2y. \end{aligned}$$

So the total area (not including the kite MEFG) is equal to $11y$. As proved earlier, $\triangle ABF = \frac{1}{4} \text{ ABCD} = x+y$. Therefore, $\text{MEFG} = x+y - 2y = 3y - 2y = y$.

So the proportion of ABCD which is equal to MEFG = $\frac{y}{11y+y} = \frac{y}{12y} = \frac{1}{12}$.