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The operation of forming a parallel minor is dual to that of forming a topological minor. More precisely, H is a parallel minor of G if H can be obtained from G by contracting edges and deleting parallel edges. This talk presents the analogs for parallel minors of the results of Oporowski, Oxley, and Thomas. (Received September 25, 2006)