

The Tower of Mathematics is the Tower of Babel inverted: its voices grow more coherent as it rises. The image of it is based on Pieter Brueghel's "Little Tower of Babel" (1554).

Not only do the names of numbers vary, but, more surprisingly, how we picture them to ourselves. Do you think of “six” as



or



or



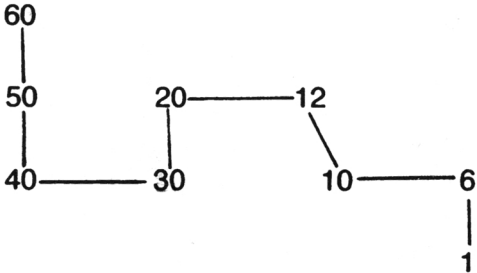
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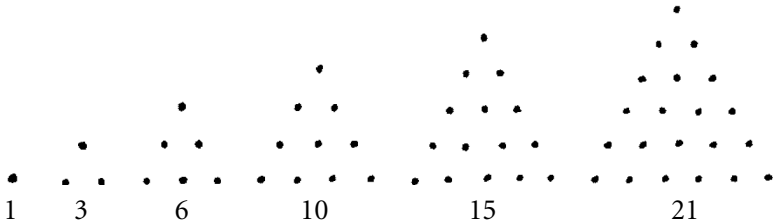


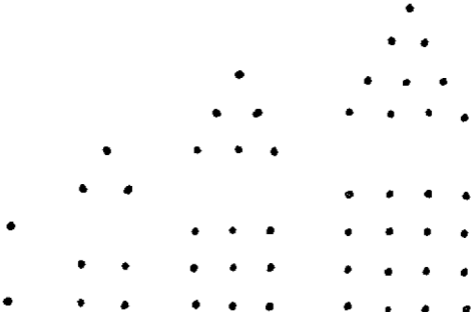
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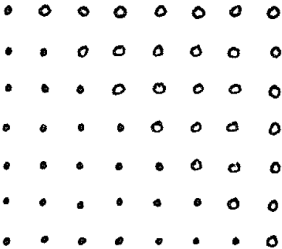




$$\boxed{2} = \triangle 1 + \triangle 2$$

$$\boxed{3} = \triangle 2 + \triangle 3$$

$$\boxed{n+1} = \triangle n + \triangle n+1$$





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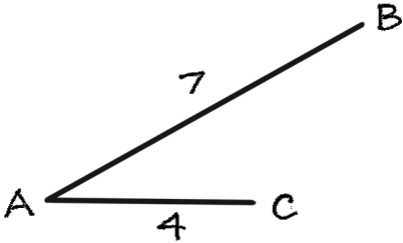
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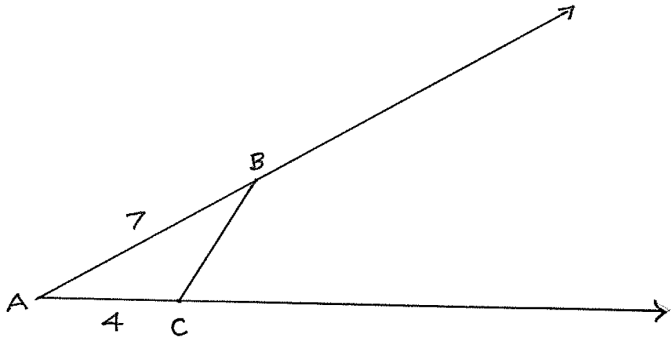


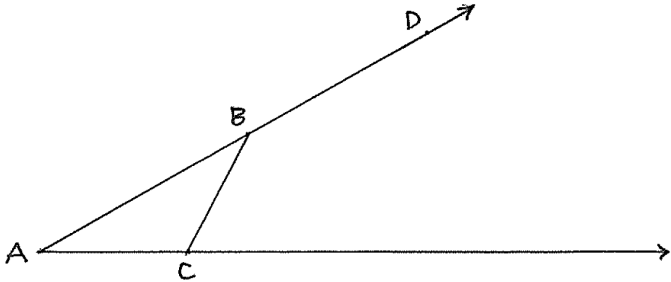
1 + 3 + 5

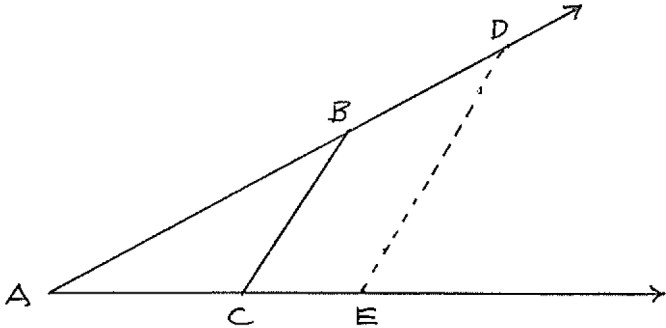


1 + 3 + 5 + 7.

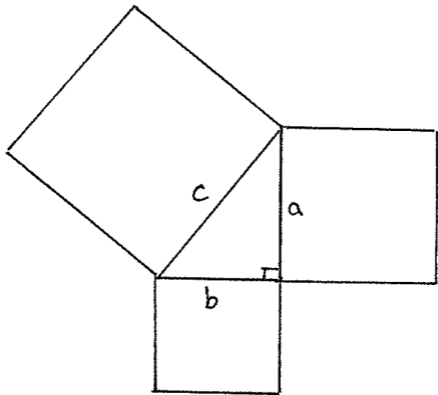




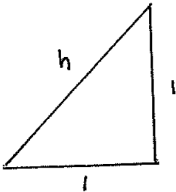


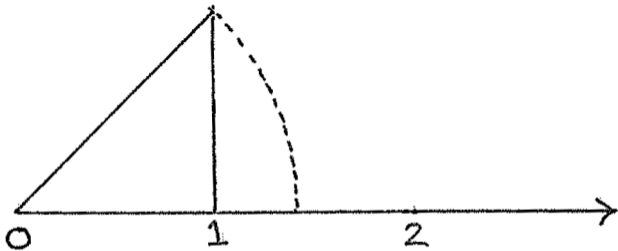






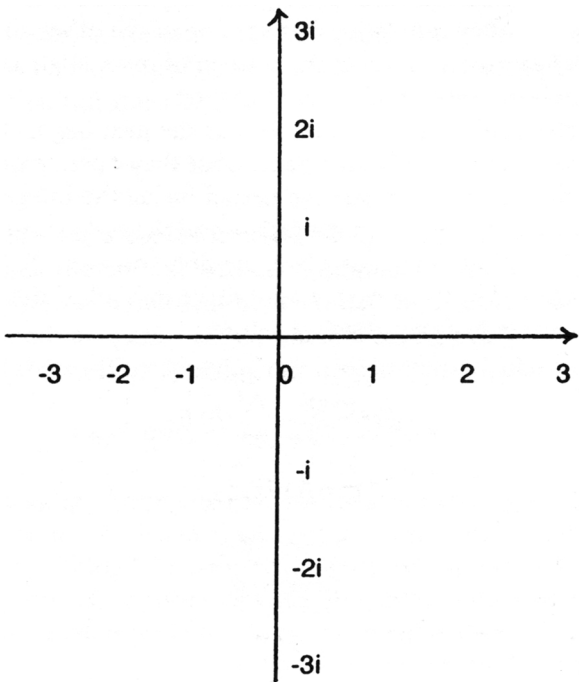
$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$



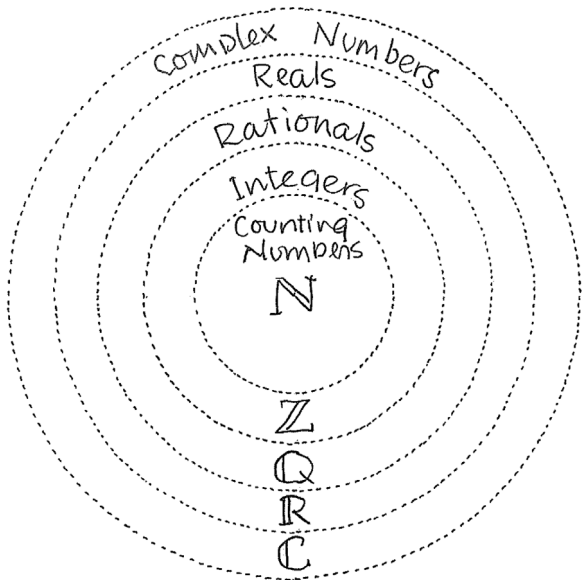


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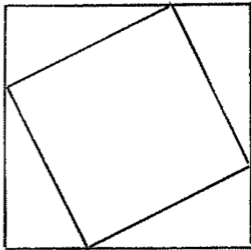
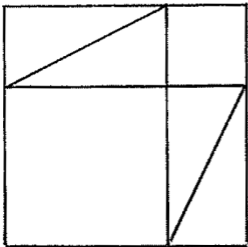
$$\begin{array}{r}
 \frac{1}{7} = 7 \overline{) 1.0000000000 \dots} \\
 \underline{-7} \\
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 \underline{-14} \\
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 \underline{-35} \\
 \textcircled{5}0 \\
 \underline{-49} \\
 \textcircled{1}0 \\
 \underline{-7} \\
 \textcircled{3}
 \end{array}$$



The Complex Plane



The Talisman of the New Pythagoreans



$$1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 6 + 7 + 8 + 9 + 10$$

$1 + 10 = 11$, $2 + 9 = 11$, $3 + 8 = 11$ —in fact, all these pairs will add up to 11! And how many pairs are there? 5—that is, half of 10. So

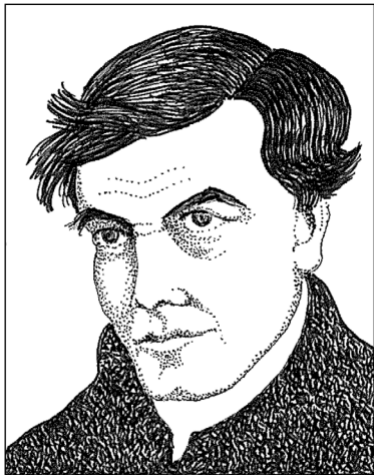
$$1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 6 + 7 + 8 + 9 + 10 = \left(\frac{10}{2}\right) \cdot (11),$$

$$\text{or } \left(\frac{n}{2}\right) \cdot (n + 1).$$





*René Descartes (1596–1650),
whose interest in mathematics
was sparked by a problem he
saw posted on a wall in
Holland in 1618.*



George Peacock (1791–1858)

The Axioms for a Field

if a , b , and c are numbers, then

Under Addition

A0 $a + b$ is a number

A1 $a + (b + c) = (a + b) + c$

A2 $a + b = b + a$

A3 there is a number, 0 ,
such that $a + 0 = a$

A4 for any number a there
is a number, $-a$, such
that $a + (-a) = 0$

Closure

Associativity

Commutativity

Identity

Inverse

Under Multiplication

M0 $a \cdot b$ is a number

M1 $a \cdot (b \cdot c) = (a \cdot b) \cdot c$

M2 $a \cdot b = b \cdot a$

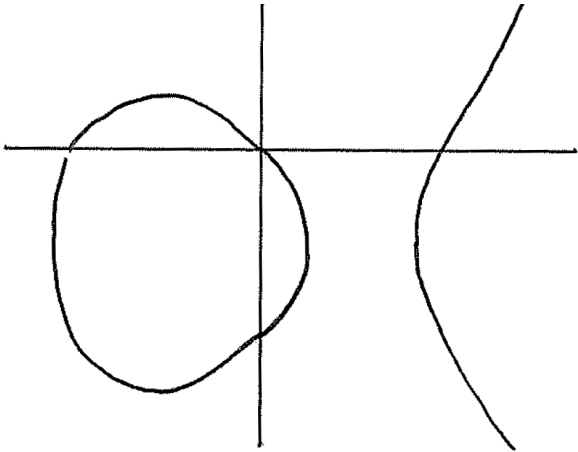
M3 there is a number, 1 ,
such that $a \cdot 1 = a$; and
 $1 \neq 0$.

M4 for any number a ,
except 0 , there is
a number, $\frac{1}{a}$, such
that $a \cdot \frac{1}{a} = 1$

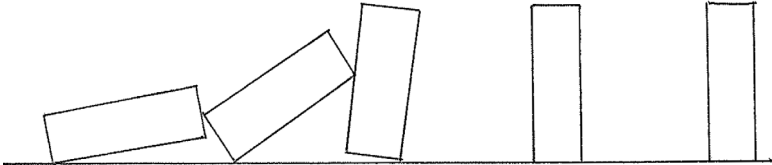
D Distributivity: $a \cdot (b + c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c$.

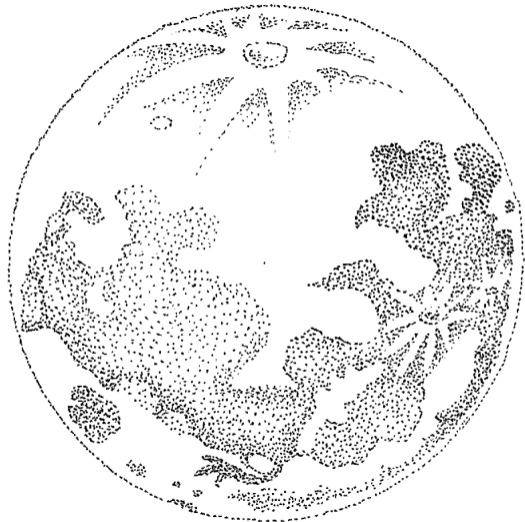


Richard Dedekind
(1831–1916)

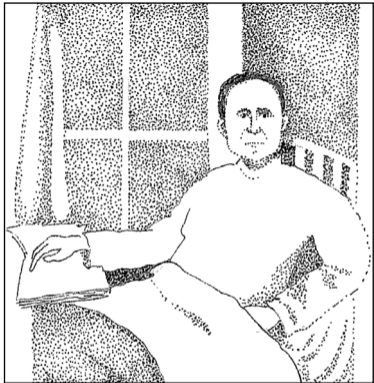


There you see all the real solutions to our equation.





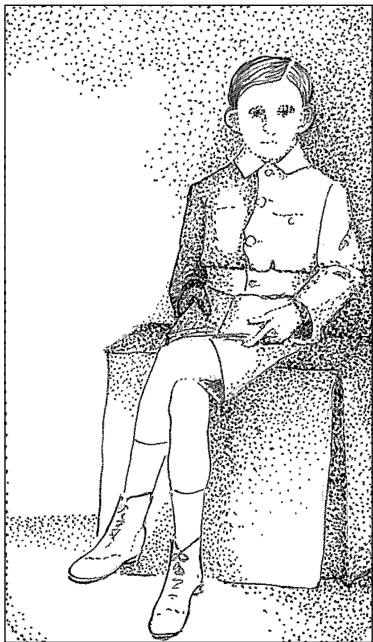
The moon, aged fourteen days and one hour, from a photograph made through a telescope on October 27, 1890. The crater Maurolicus is in the upper-left quadrant, below Tycho. If this orientation bothers you, it isn't that the moon has turned over in the course of a century, but that the telescope lens inverted the image.



*L. E. J. Brouwer (1881–1966).
Like Descartes and Gauss, he
had his best insights in bed.*



*David Hilbert (1862–1943).
From a set of postcards of the
Mathematics Department sold
by the University of Göttingen to
tourists.*



Erdoes at eight. The book in his hand is most likely not yet The Book.

Before

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25
26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46
47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67
68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88
89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106

During

2 3 ~~4~~ 5 ~~6~~ 7 ~~8~~ ~~9~~ ~~10~~ 11 ~~12~~ 13 14 ~~15~~ ~~16~~ 17 ~~18~~ 19 ~~20~~ ~~21~~ ~~22~~ 23 24 25
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89 ~~90~~ 91 ~~92~~ ~~93~~ 94 95 ~~96~~ 97 ~~98~~ ~~99~~ ~~100~~ 101 ~~102~~ 103 ~~104~~ ~~105~~ ~~106~~

After

2 3 5 7 11 13 17 19 23
29 31 37 41 43
47 53 59 61 67
71 73 79 83
89 97 101 103

Between

The Number of Primes Is

1 and 100	25
100 and 200	21
200 and 300	16
300 and 400	16
400 and 500	17
500 and 600	14
600 and 700	16
700 and 800	14
800 and 900	15
900 and 1000	14

Between**The Number of Primes Is**

1,000,000 and 1,000,100	6
1,000,100 and 1,000,200	10
1,000,200 and 1,000,300	8
1,000,300 and 1,000,400	8
1,000,400 and 1,000,500	7
1,000,500 and 1,000,600	7
1,000,600 and 1,000,700	10
1,000,700 and 1,000,800	5
1,000,800 and 1,000,900	6
1,000,900 and 1,001,000	8

Between**The Number of Primes Is**

10,000,000 and 10,000,100	2
10,000,100 and 10,000,200	6
10,000,200 and 10,000,300	6
10,000,300 and 10,000,400	6
10,000,400 and 10,000,500	5
10,000,500 and 10,000,600	4
10,000,600 and 10,000,700	7
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10,000,800 and 10,000,900	9
10,000,900 and 10,001,000	6

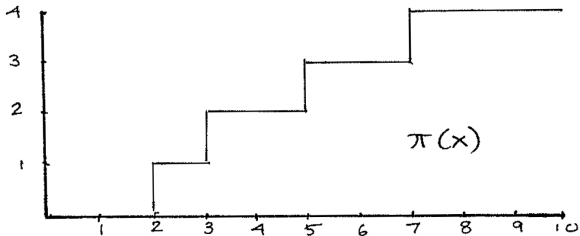
Between

The Number of Primes Is

10^{12} and $10^{12} + 100$	4
$10^{12} + 100$ and $10^{12} + 200$	6
$10^{12} + 200$ and $10^{12} + 300$	2
$10^{12} + 300$ and $10^{12} + 400$	4
$10^{12} + 400$ and $10^{12} + 500$	2
$10^{12} + 500$ and $10^{12} + 600$	4
$10^{12} + 600$ and $10^{12} + 700$	3
$10^{12} + 700$ and $10^{12} + 800$	5
$10^{12} + 800$ and $10^{12} + 900$	1
$10^{12} + 900$ and $10^{12} + 1000$	6

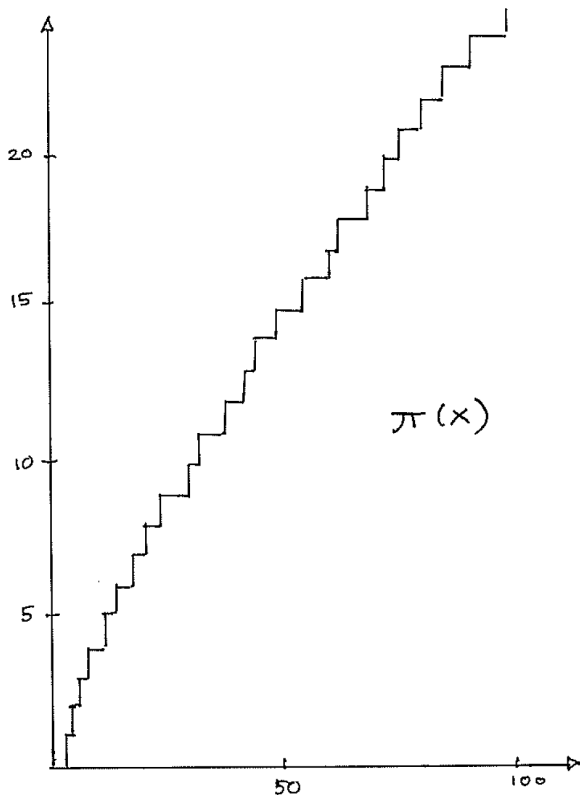


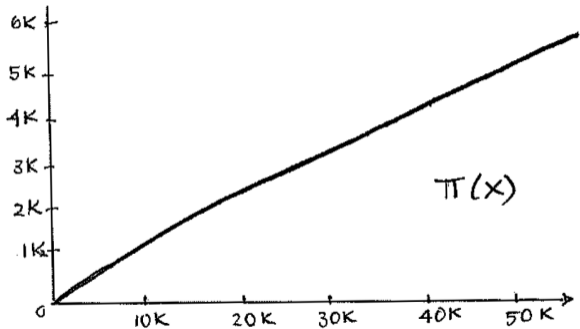
Carl Friedrich Gauss (1777–1855), a mason’s son and the master builder of mathematics.

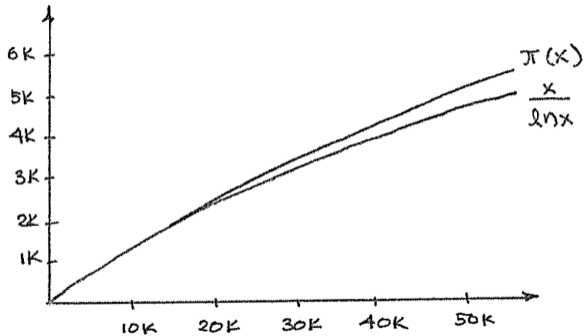


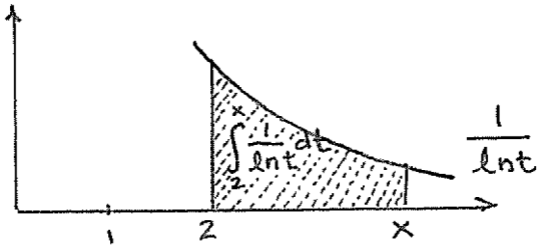
Only the horizontal “treads” matter in this step-graph. The vertical “risers” are conventionally put in just to give it a coherent shape.

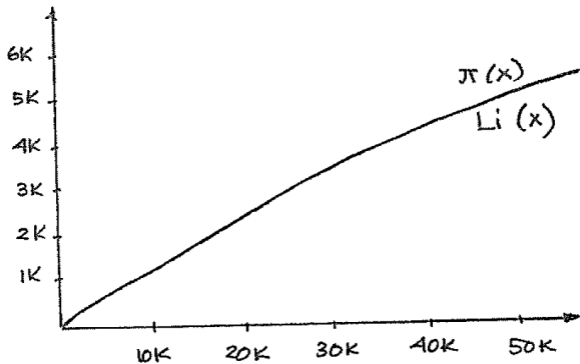
Here is the graph of $\pi(x)$ for x up to 100 (in order to accommodate the slow growth of the primes, we have shrunk the units on the vertical axis until those on the horizontal axis are about seven times their size, so that the graph looks much steeper than it should):

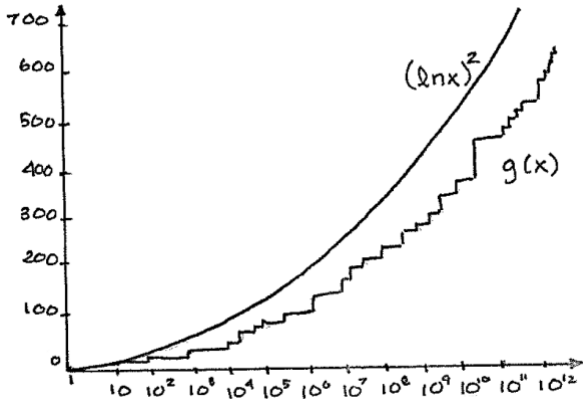










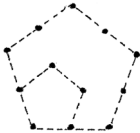




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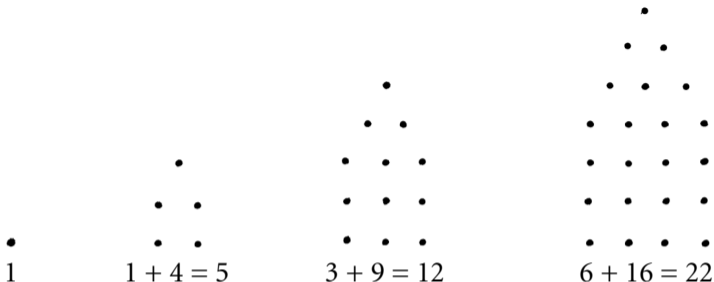
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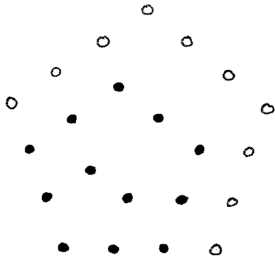
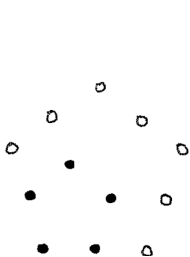


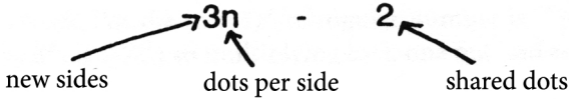
That is:

$$\triangle 1 + \square 2 = \text{pentagon } 2 \quad \triangle 2 + \square 3 = \text{pentagon } 3 \quad \triangle 3 + \square 4 = \text{pentagon } 4$$

and indeed

$$\triangle 4 + \square 5 = 10 + 25 = 35, \text{ which is } \text{pentagon } 5, \text{ and so, it seems, on.}$$





Old Name	New Name	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
triangular	3-gonal	1	3	6	10	15
square	4-gonal	1	4	9	16	25
pentagonal	5-gonal	1	5	12	22	35
hexagonal	6-gonal	1	6	15	28	45
heptagonal	7-gonal	1	7	18	34	55

k-gonal	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
3-gonal	1	1+2	1+2+3	1+2+3+4	1+2+3+4+5
4-gonal	1	1+3	1+3+5	1+3+5+7	1+3+5+7+9
5-gonal	1	1+4	1+4+7	1+4+7+10	1+4+7+10+13
6-gonal	1	1+5	1+5+9	1+5+9+13	1+5+9+13+17
7-gonal	1	1+6	1+6+11	1+6+11+16	1+6+11+16+ 21

$$1 + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{7}{4}$$

$$1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{15}{8}$$

$$1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16} = \frac{31}{16}$$

$$1 + \frac{1}{3} = 1\frac{1}{3}$$

$$1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{9} = 1\frac{4}{9}$$

$$1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{27} = 1\frac{13}{27}$$

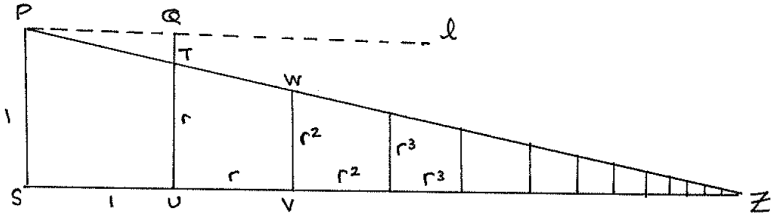
$$1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{27} + \frac{1}{81} = 1\frac{40}{81}$$

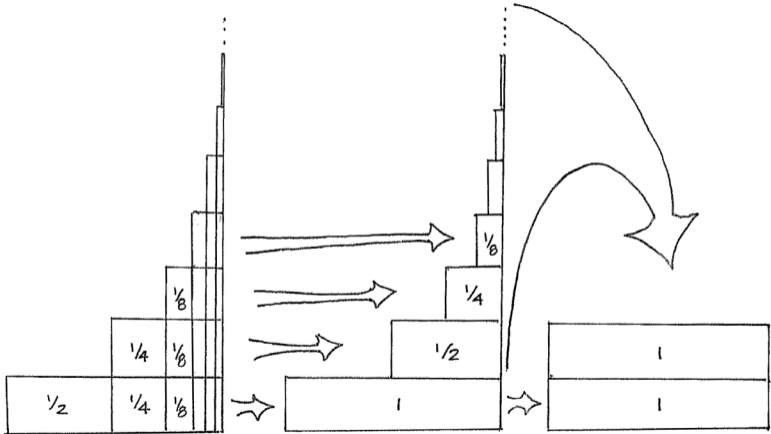
$$1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{5}{4} = 1\frac{1}{4}$$

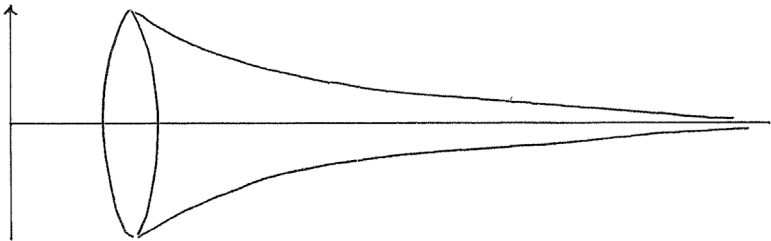
$$1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{16} = 1\frac{5}{16}$$

$$1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{64} = 1\frac{21}{64}$$

$$1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{64} + \frac{1}{256} = 1\frac{85}{256}$$







$$1 + \frac{1}{2} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{8}} + \dots$$

$$1 + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$> \frac{1}{2}$$

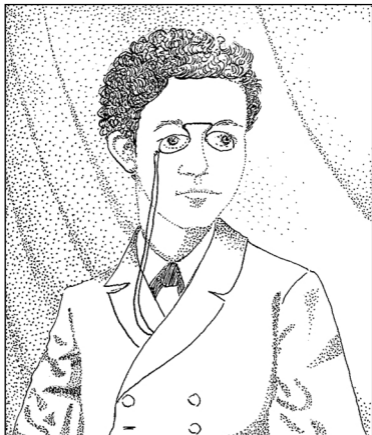
compare
each term

with $\frac{1}{4}$

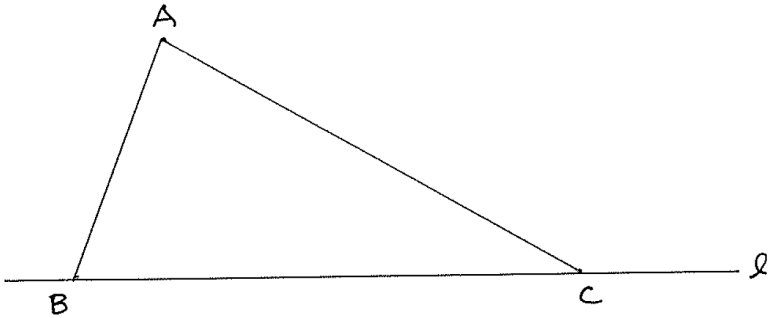
$$> \frac{1}{2}$$

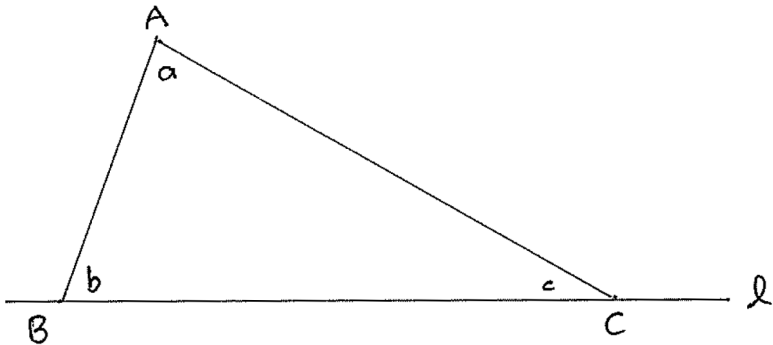
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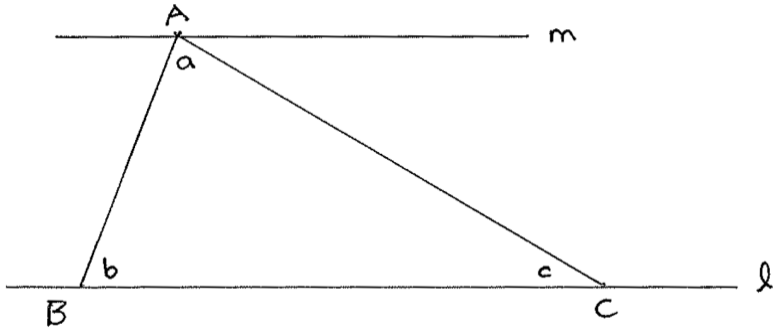
with $\frac{1}{8}$

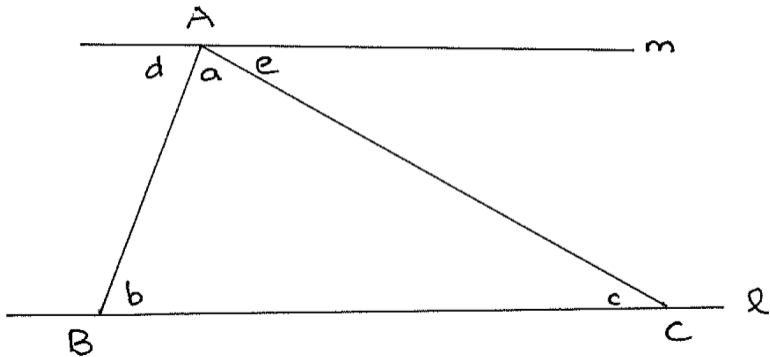


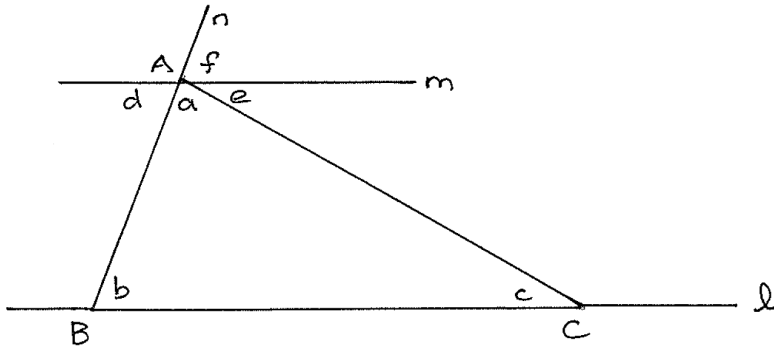
Hermann Minkowski
(1864–1909)

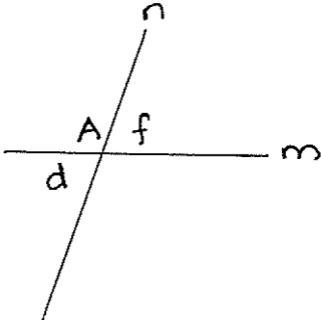


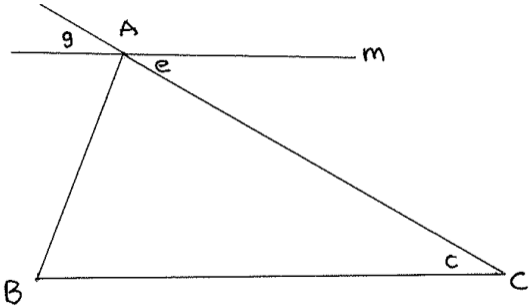


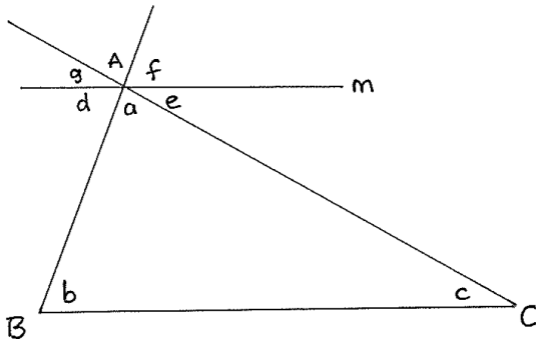


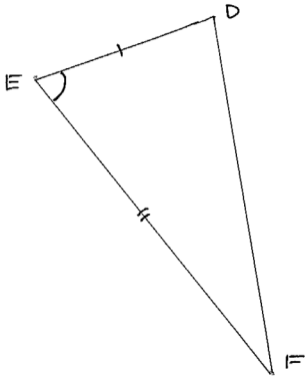
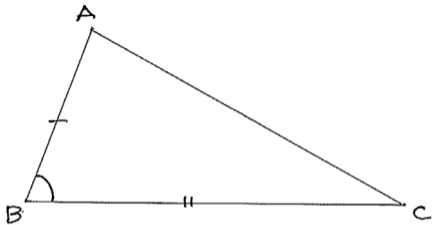


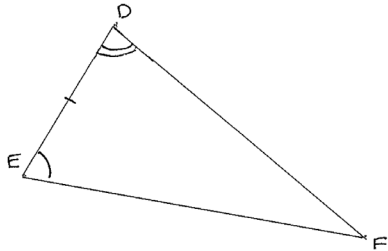
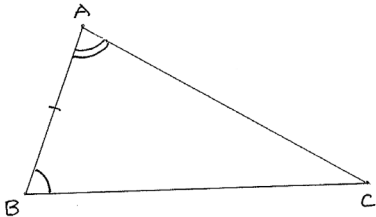


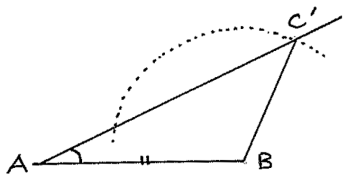
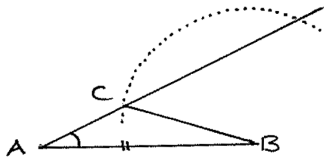




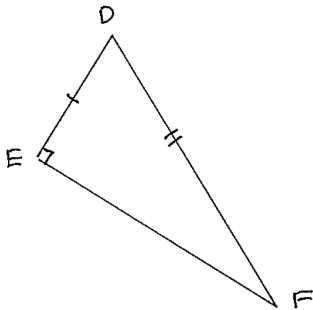
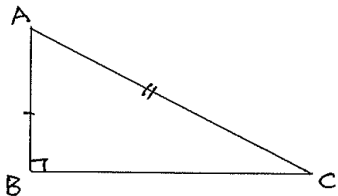




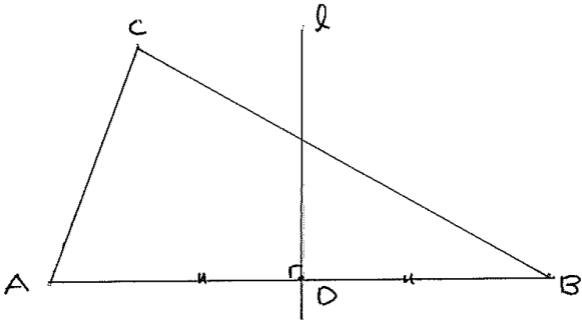


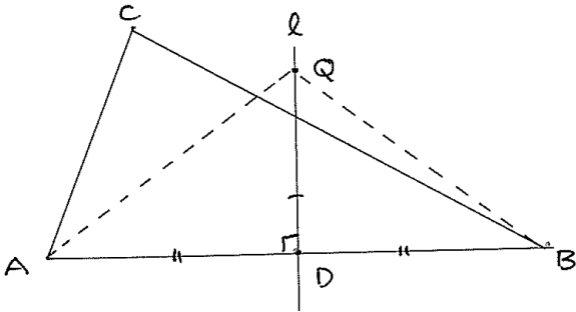


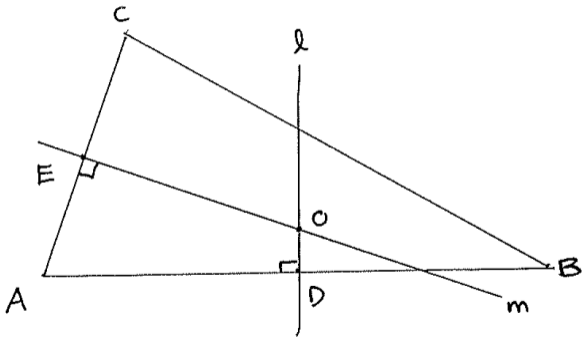
In the special case of right triangles, the equality of one pair of legs, and of the respective hypotenuses, suffices:

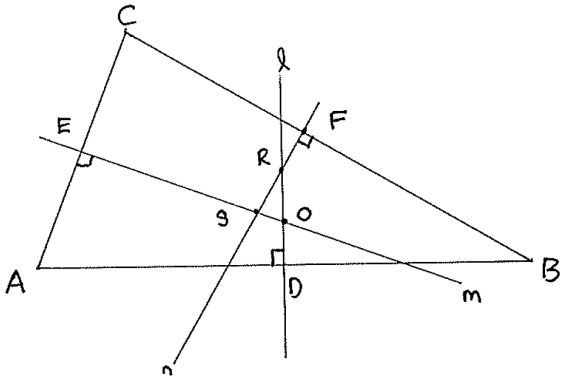


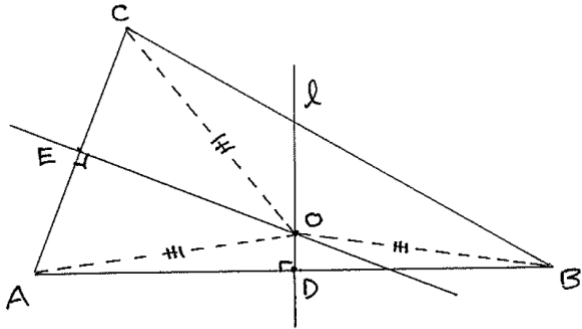
($AB = DE$, $AC = DF$, so right $\triangle ABC \cong$ right $\triangle DEF$)

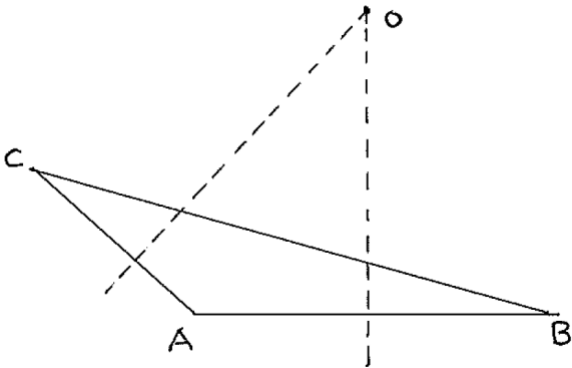


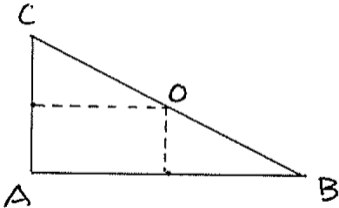


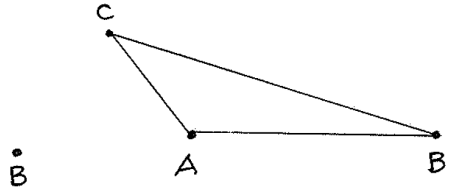


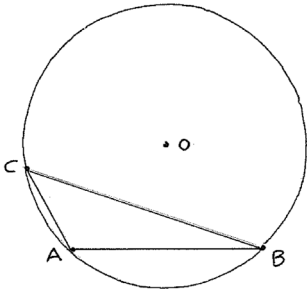
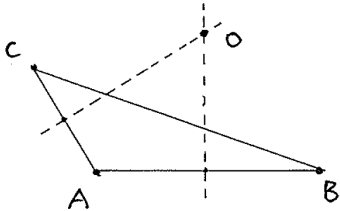


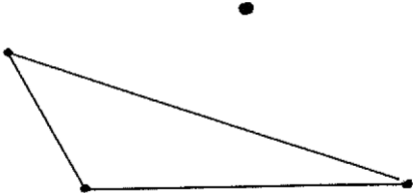


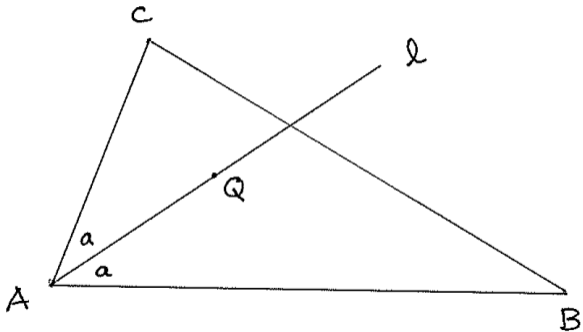


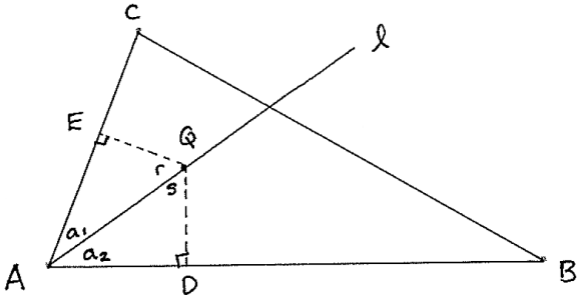


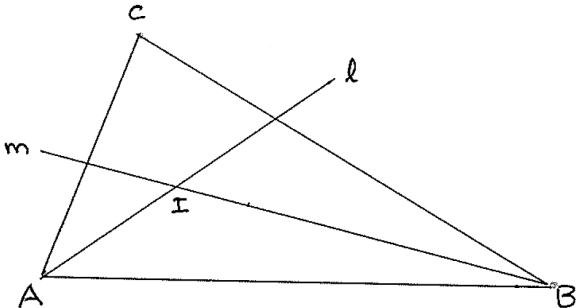


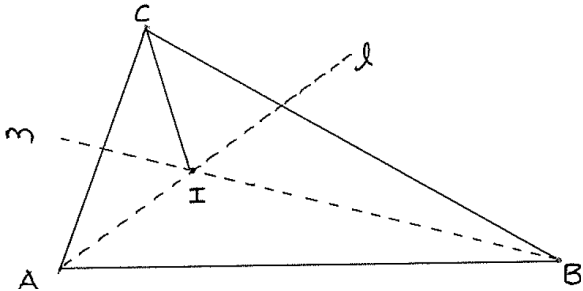


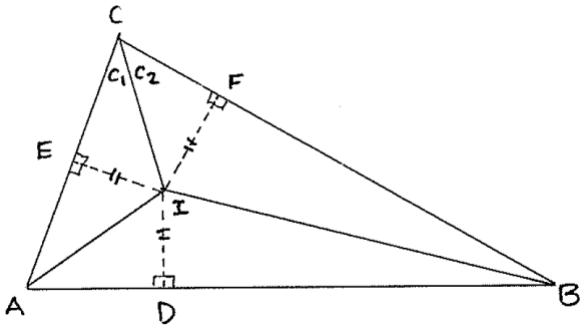


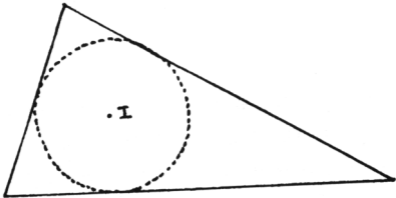


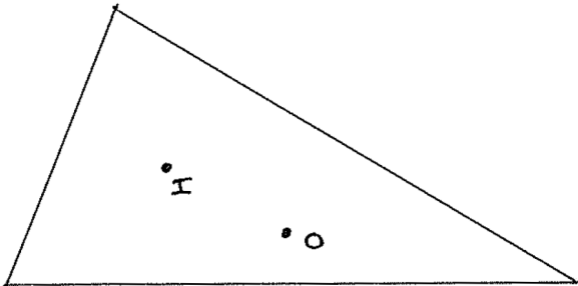


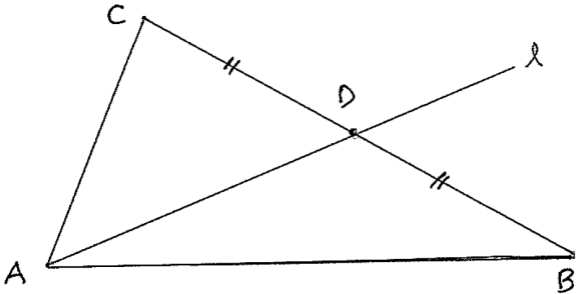


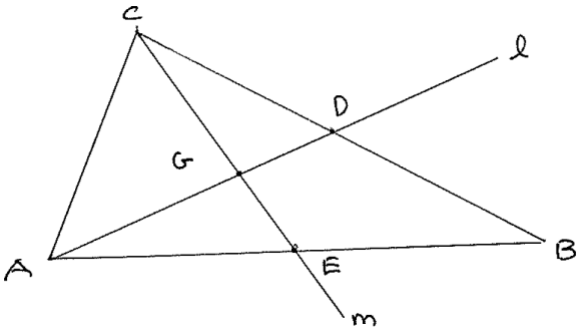


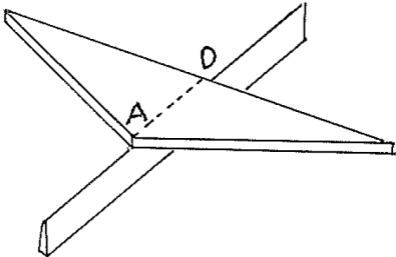


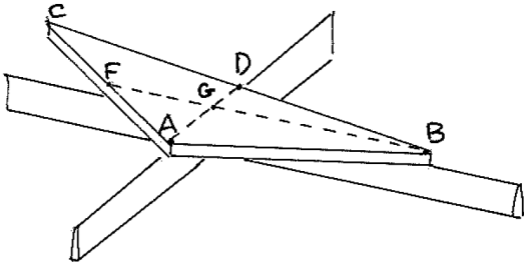


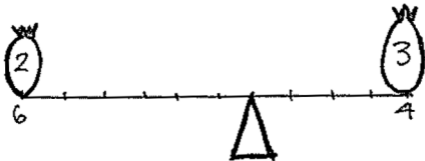




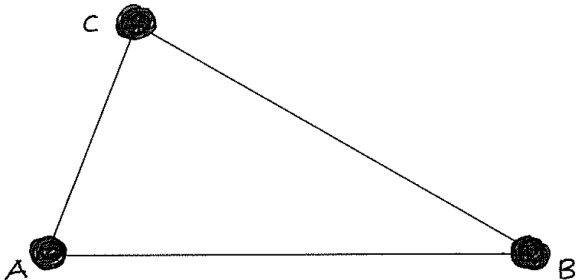


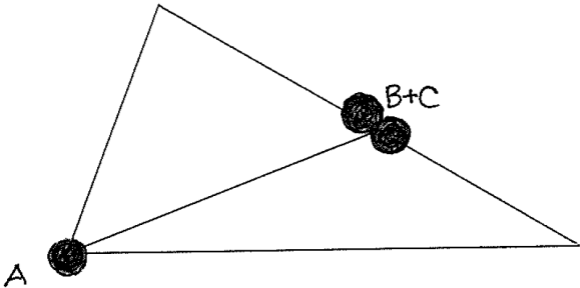


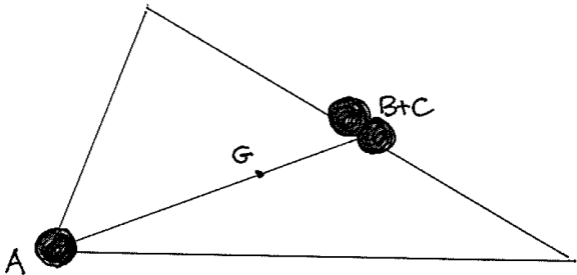


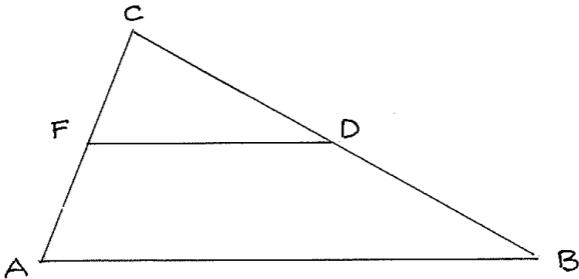


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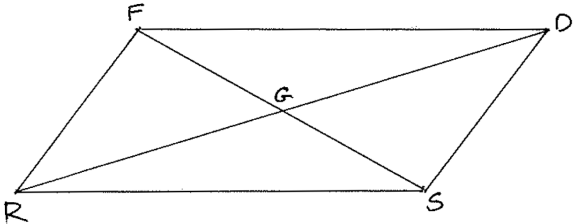




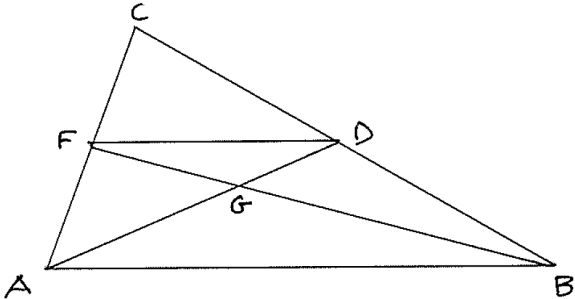


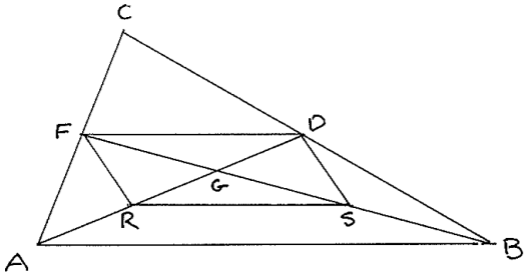


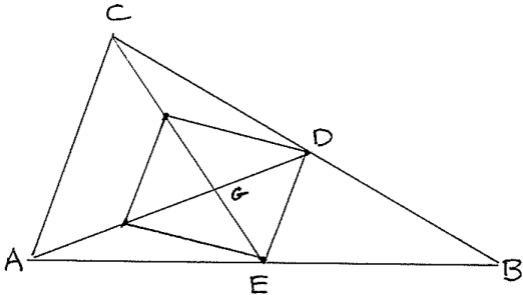
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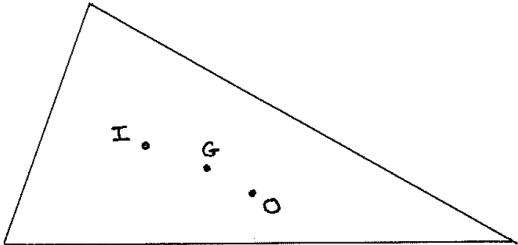


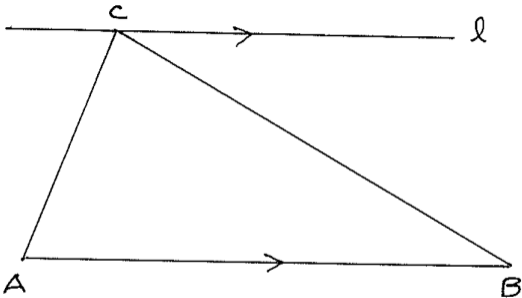
$$(RG = GD, FG = GS)$$



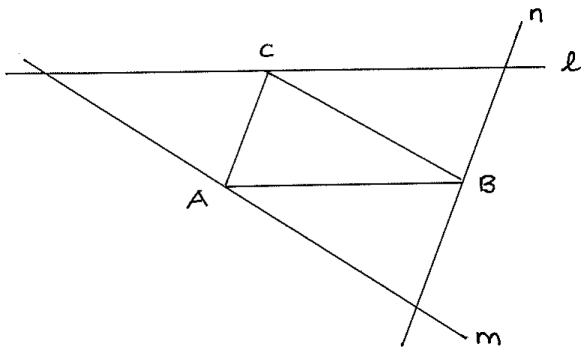




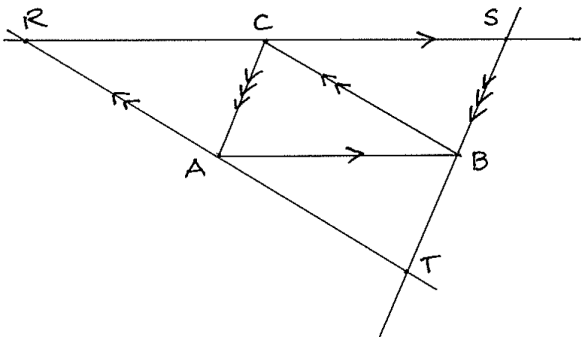


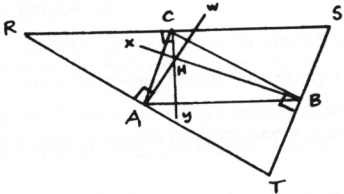


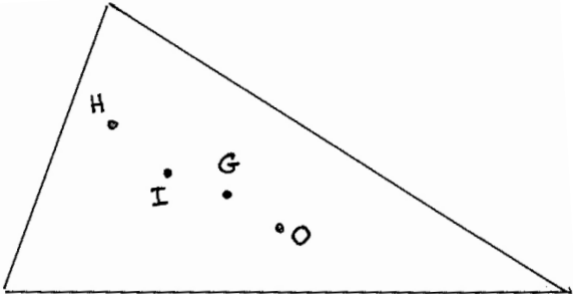
(our little arrows here mean that the two lines they are on are parallel).

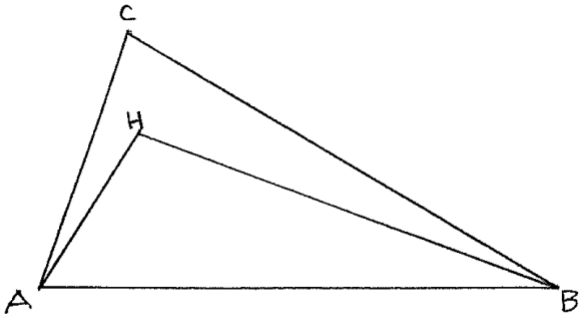


These new lines form a new triangle; we'll label its vertices R , S , and T .



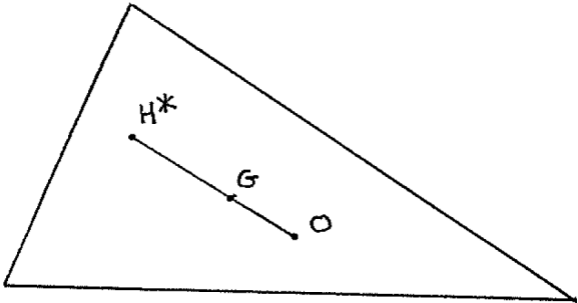


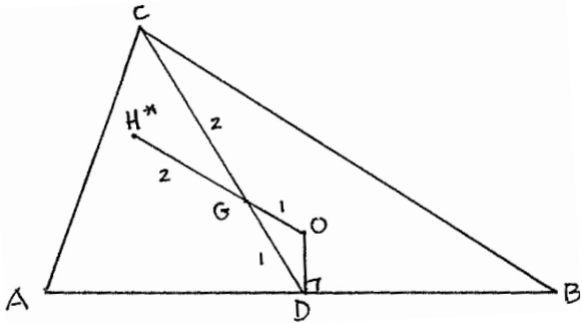


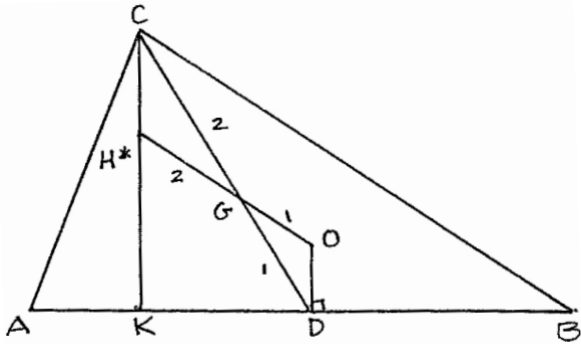


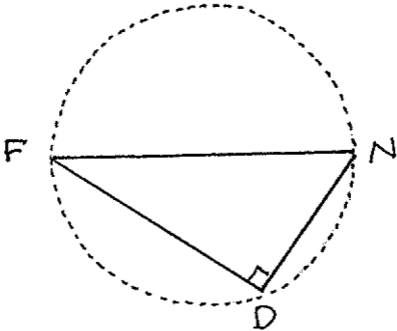


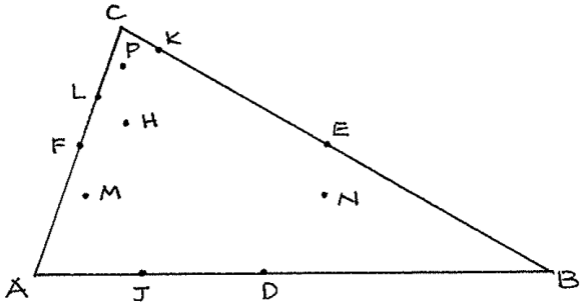
*Leonhard Euler (1707–
1783), father of thirteen and
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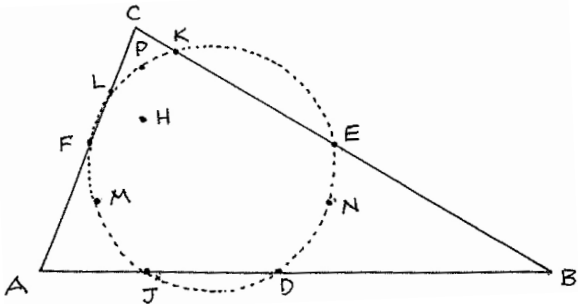


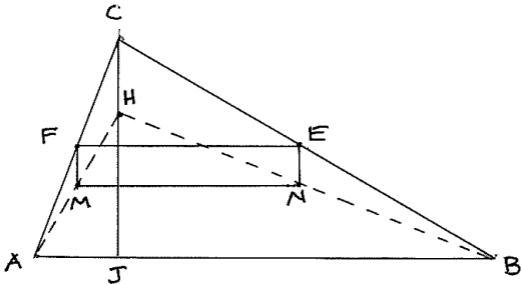


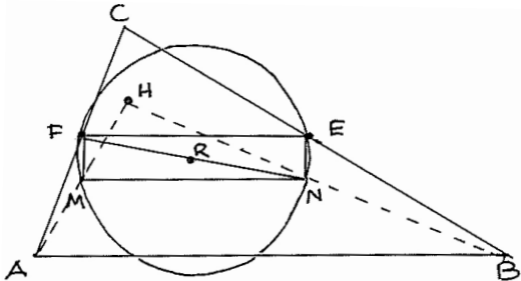


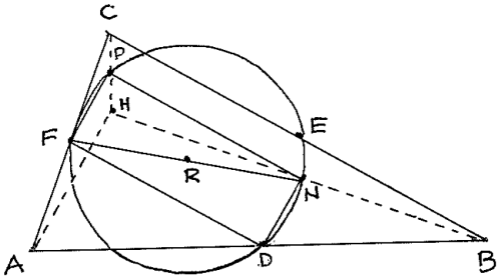


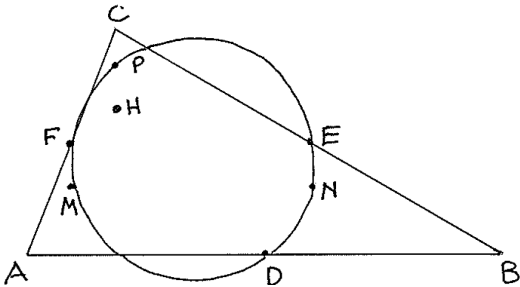


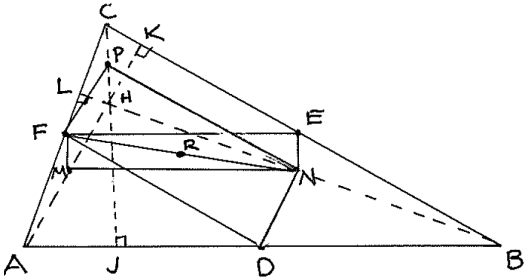


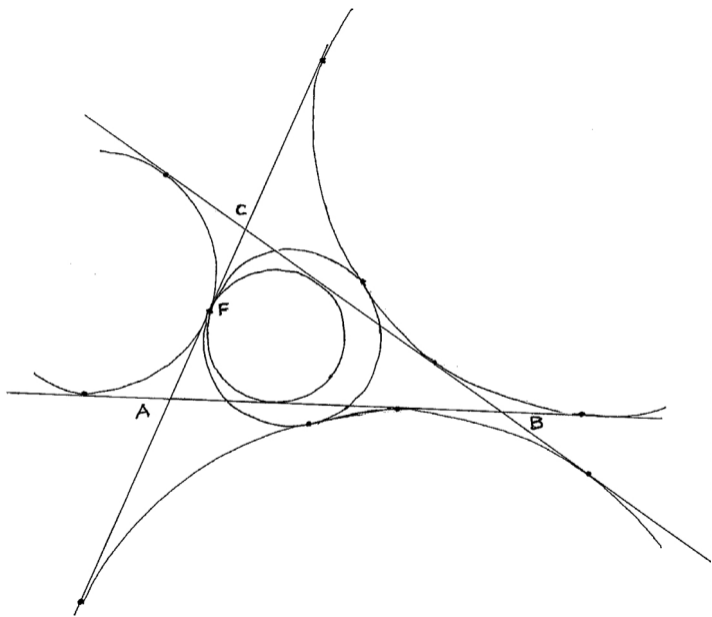


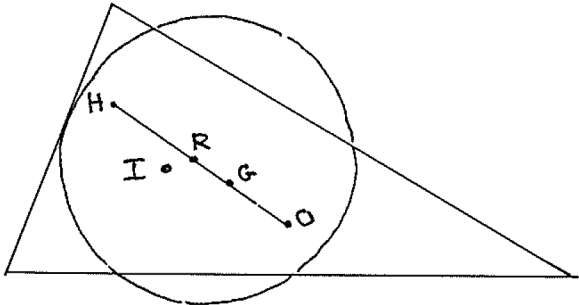






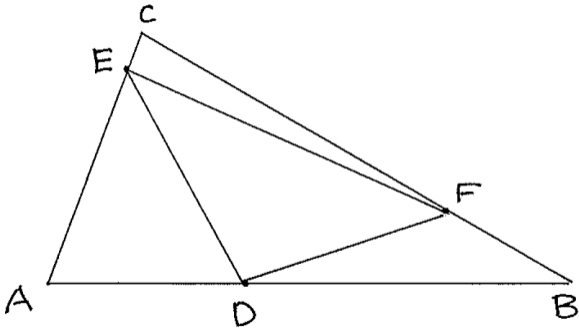


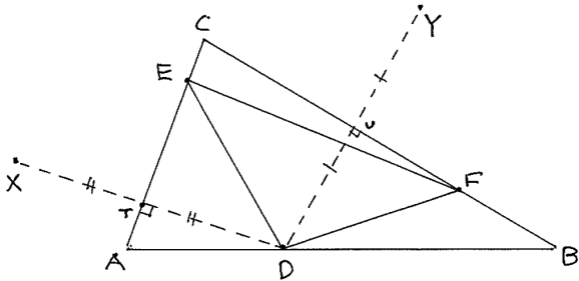


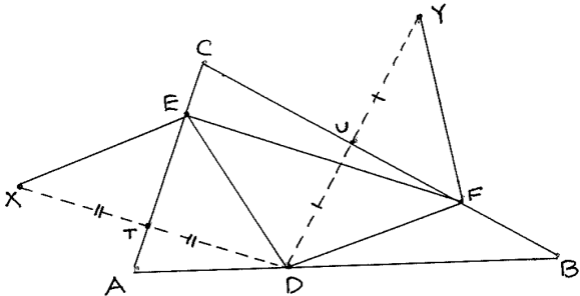


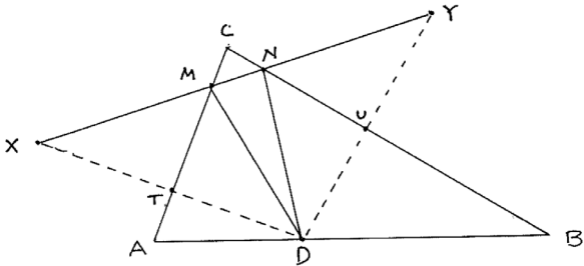


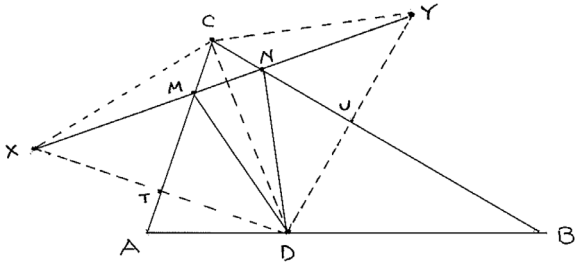
Henri Poincaré (1854–1912)

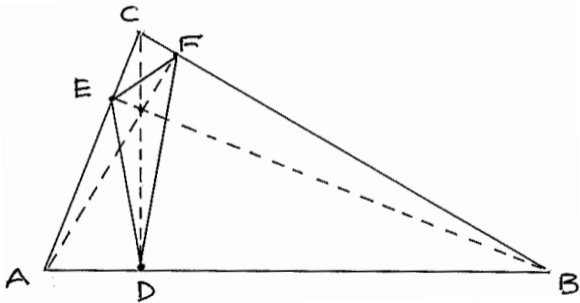


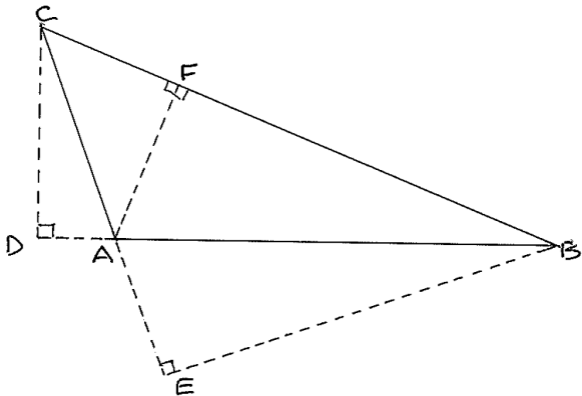


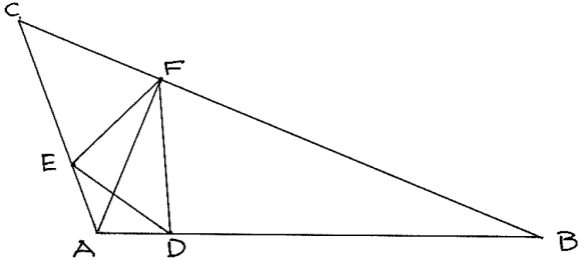


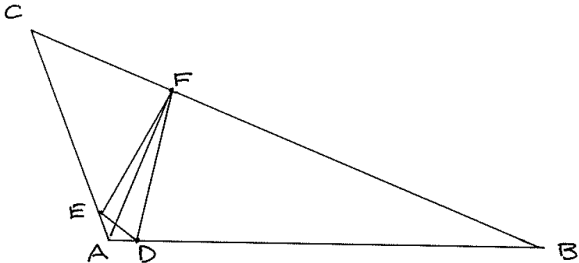


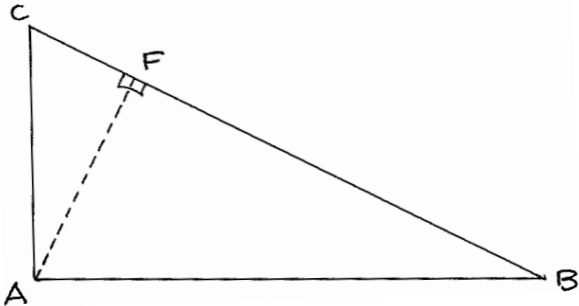


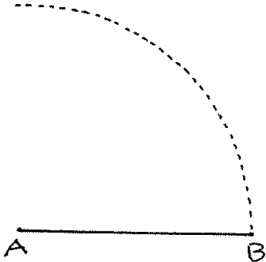


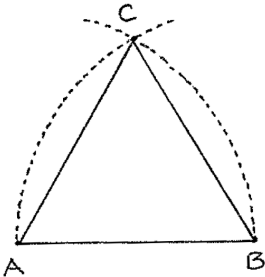


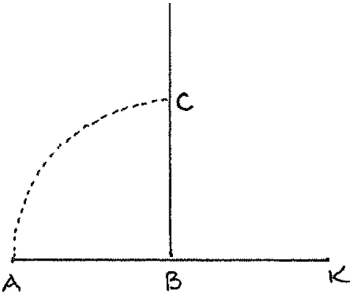


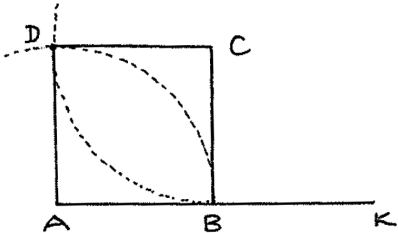


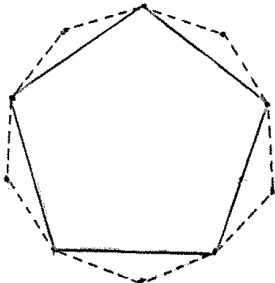


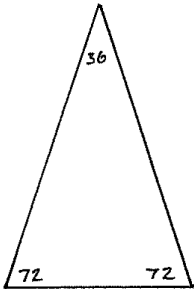


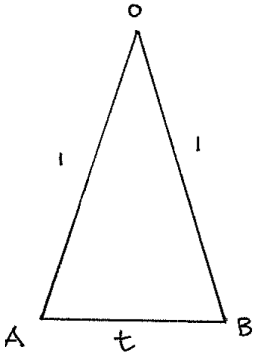


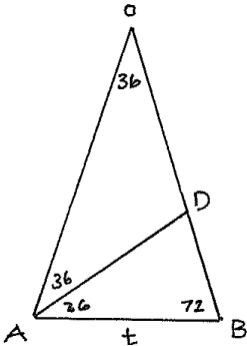


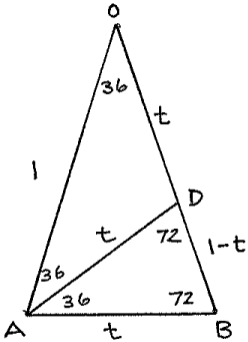


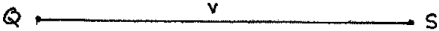
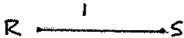


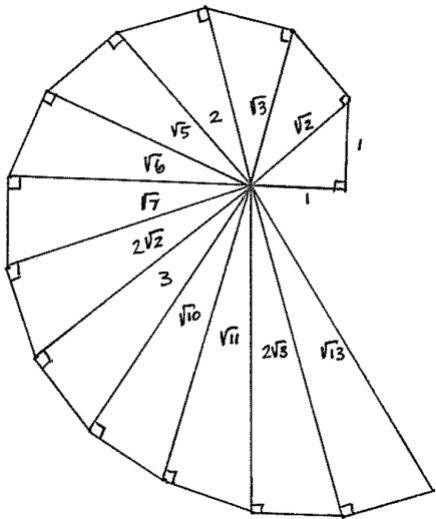


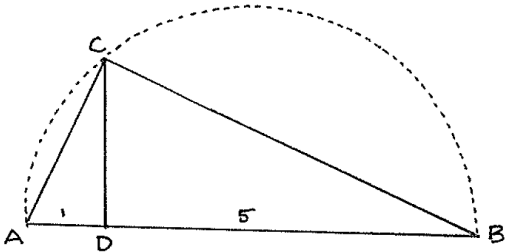


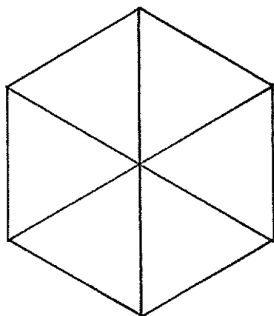




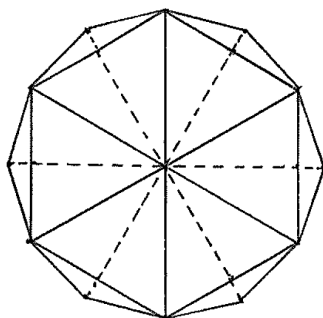




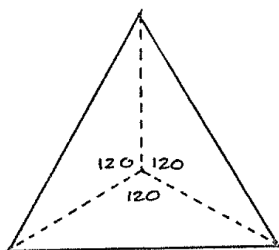




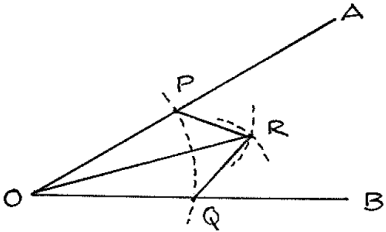
Suddenly it becomes clear that we can construct a 12-sided polygon (dodecagon) if we can bisect the central angles of the hexagon—

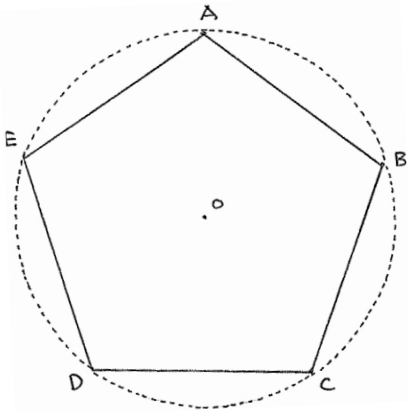


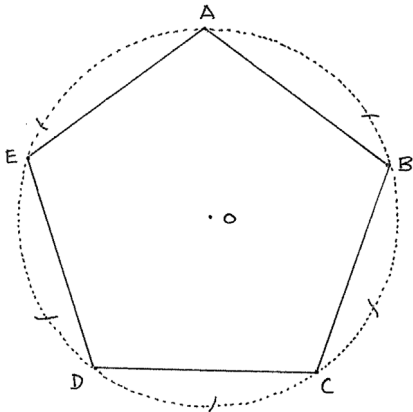
and indeed that we could have found the hexagon by bisecting the central angles of the triangle:

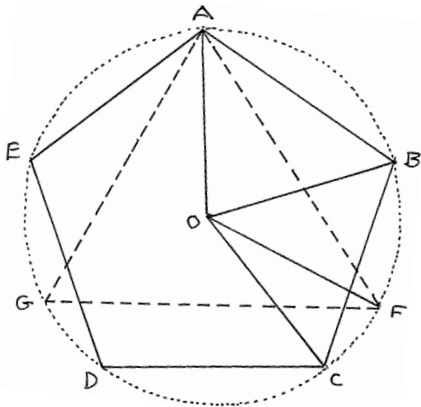


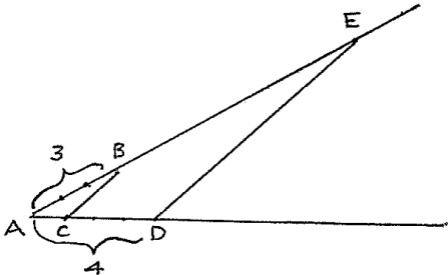
so if we could bisect an angle, every constructed n -gon would give us a $2n$ -gon for free—and angle-bisection falls readily to compass and straightedge. To bisect $\angle AOB$, swing any arc with center O , meeting AO at P and BO at Q .

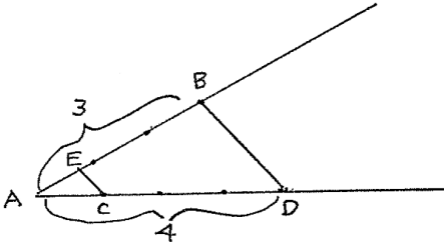


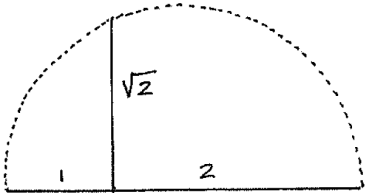


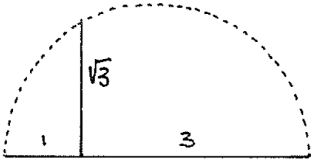


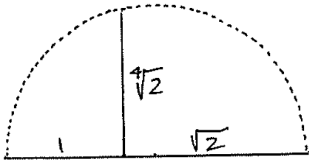




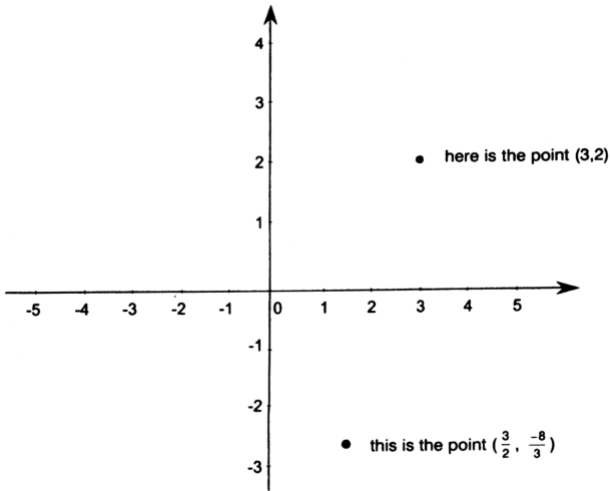


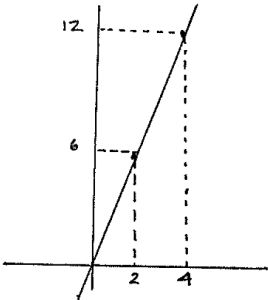


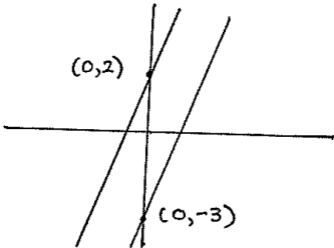


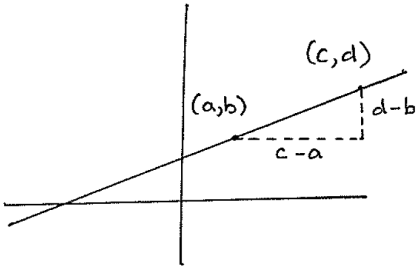


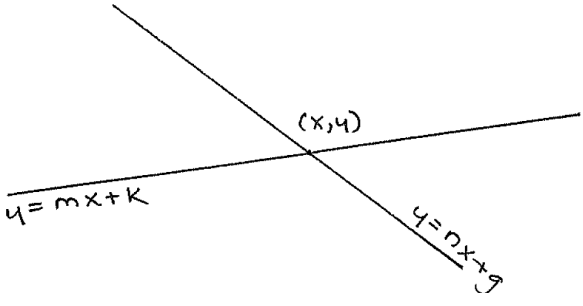
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\end{array}$$







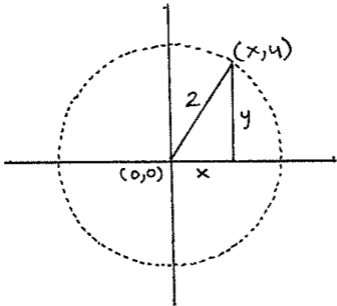


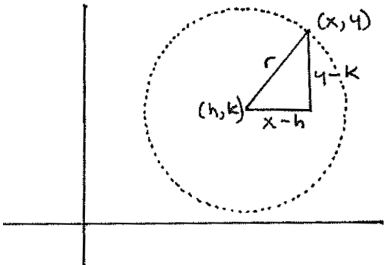


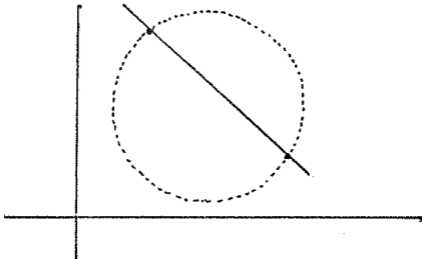
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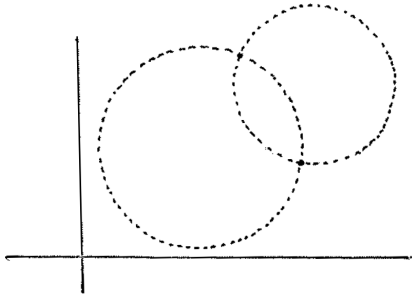
(x, y)

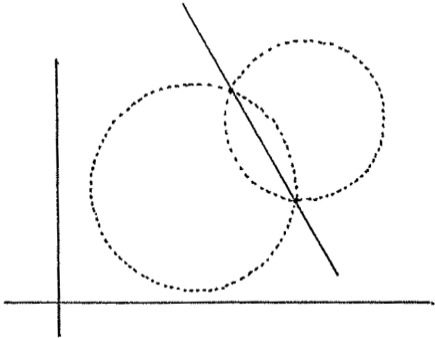
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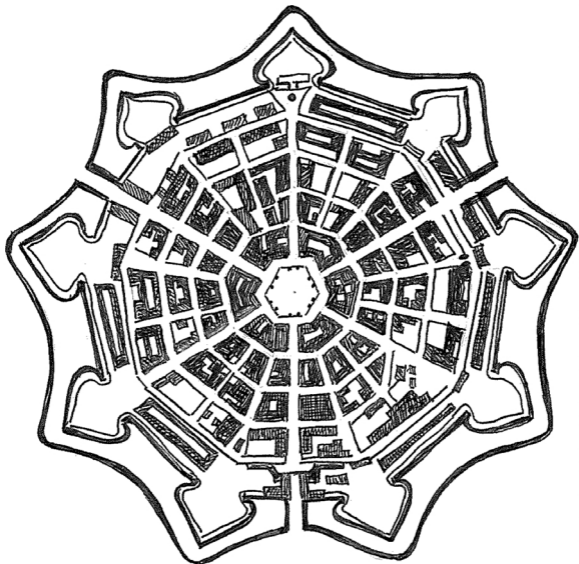


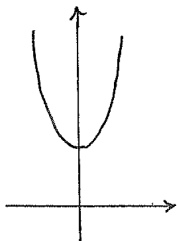




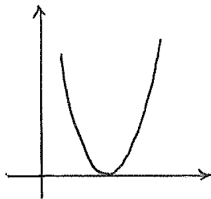




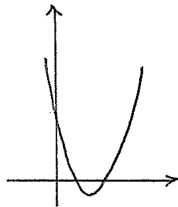




$$f(x) = x^2 + 3$$

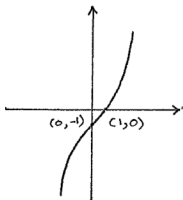


$$f(x) = x^2 - 8x + 16$$

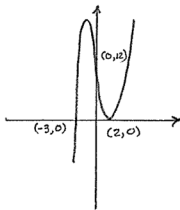


$$f(x) = x^2 - 5x + 6$$

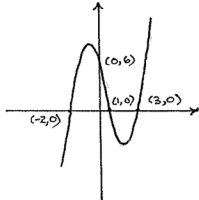
Cubic functions can have one, two, or three roots, but the shape of their graphs forbids their having none.



$$f(x) = x^3 - x^2 + x - 1$$

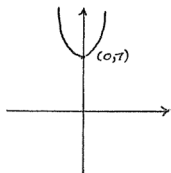


$$f(x) = x^3 - x^2 - 8x + 12$$

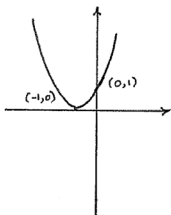


$$f(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 - 5x + 6$$

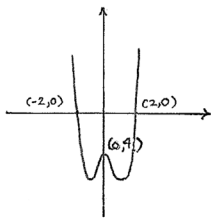
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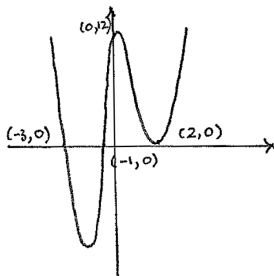
$$f(x) = x^4 + 7$$



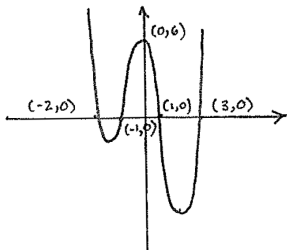
$$f(x) = x^4 + 4x^3 + 6x^2 + 4x + 1$$



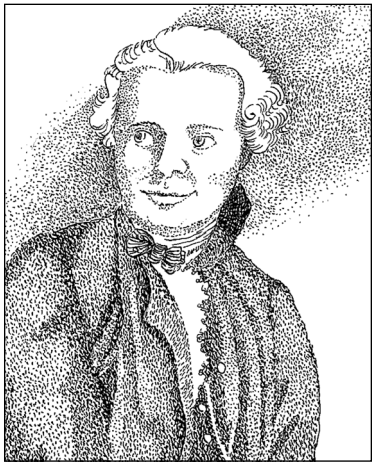
$$f(x) = x^4 - 3x^2 - 4$$



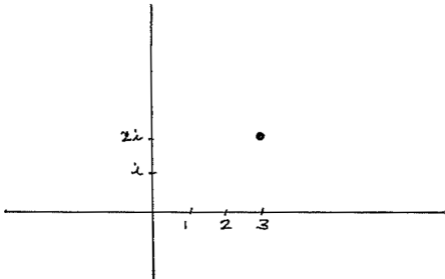
$$f(x) = x^4 - 9x^2 + 4x + 12$$

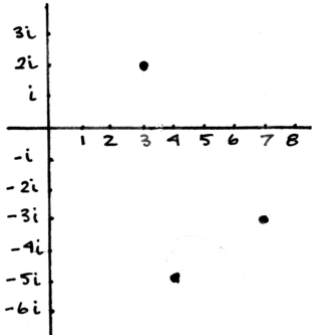


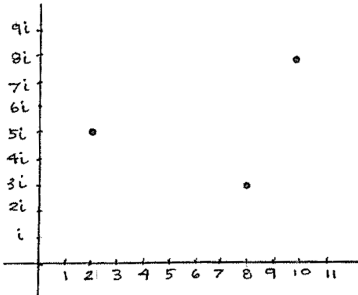
$$f(x) = x^4 - x^3 - 7x^2 + x + 6$$

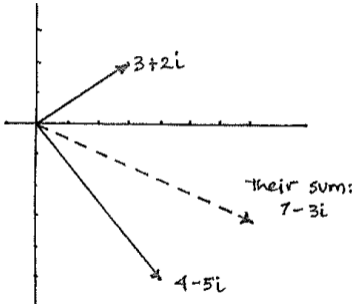


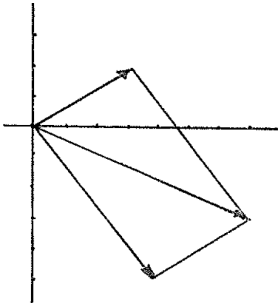
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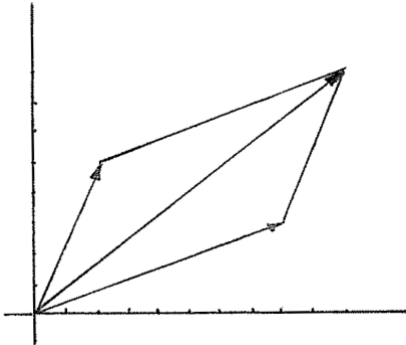


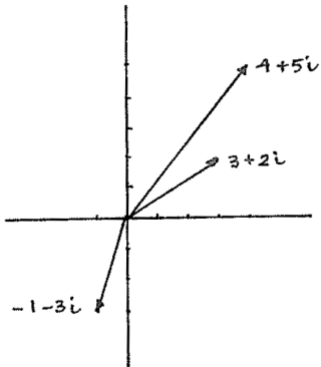


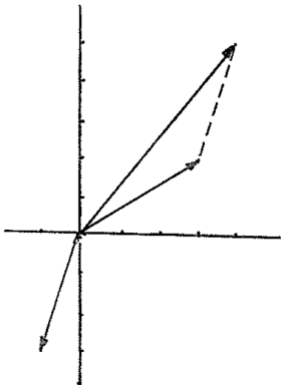


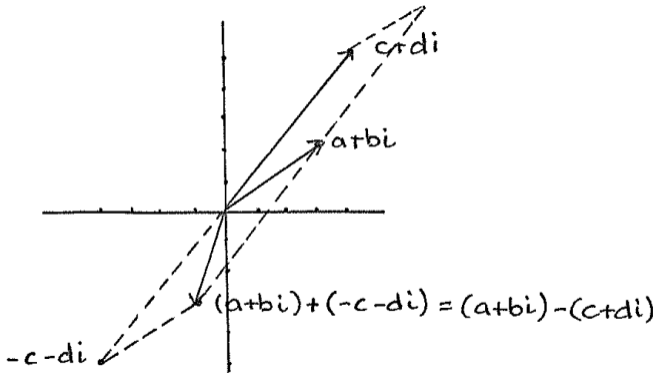


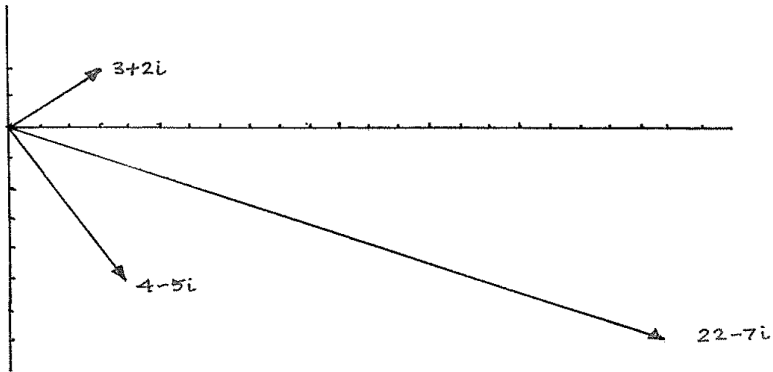


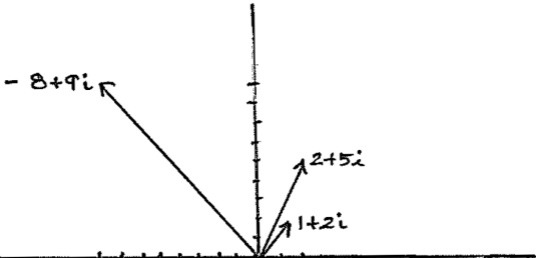


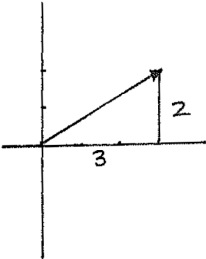


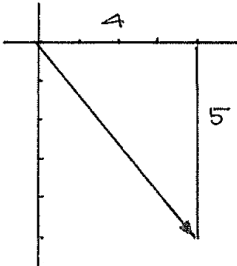


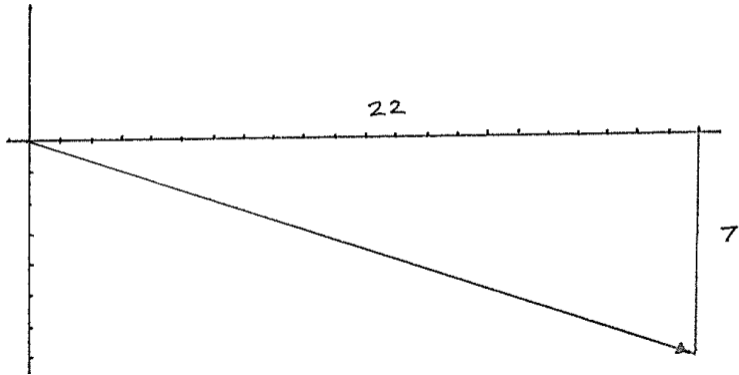


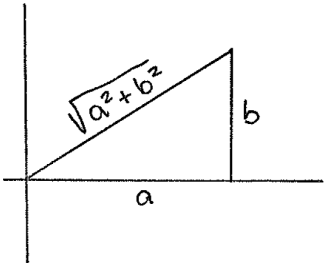


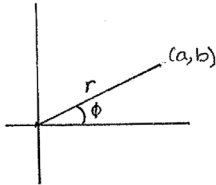
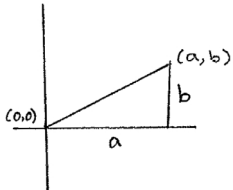


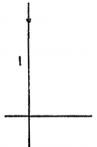
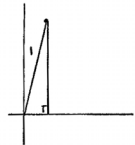
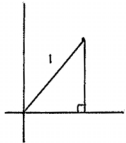
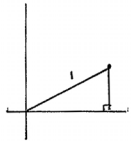
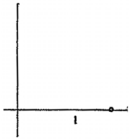


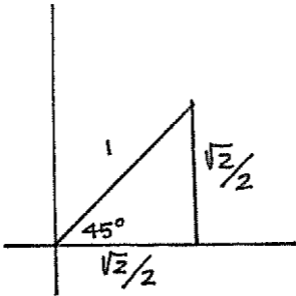


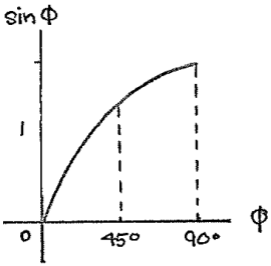


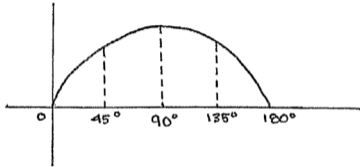
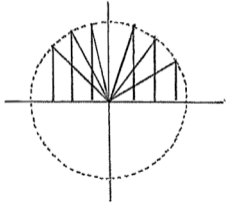


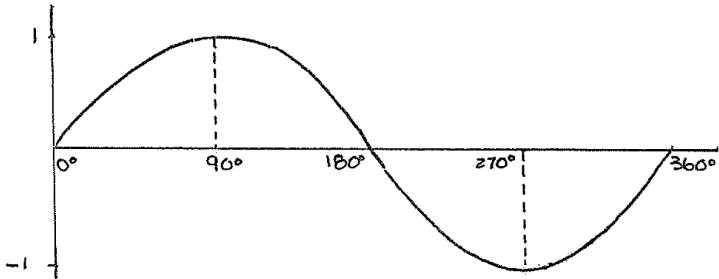


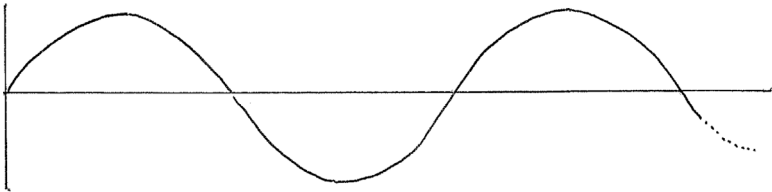


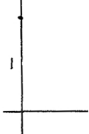
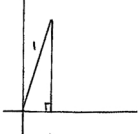
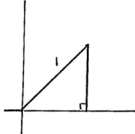
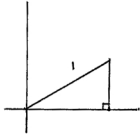
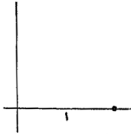


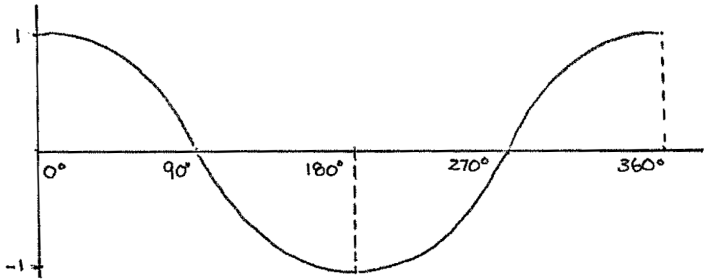


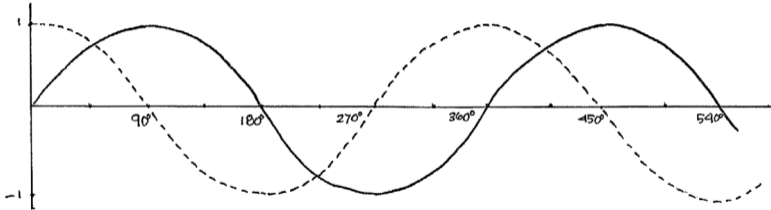


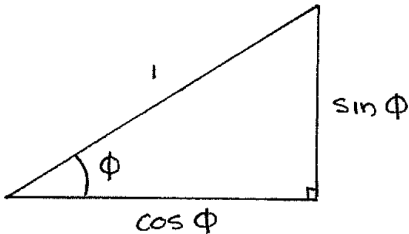




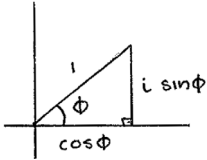
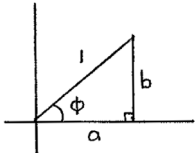






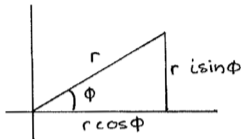
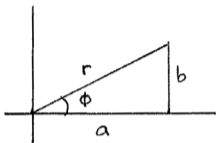


$$\sin^2 \phi + \cos^2 \phi = 1.$$



$$a = r \cos \phi$$

$$b = r i \sin \phi.$$

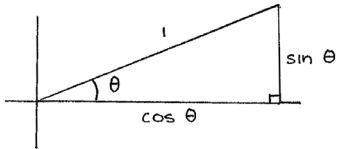
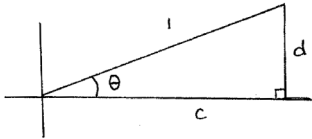


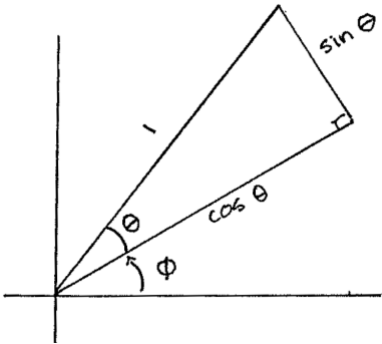
What was (a,b) is now $(r \cos \phi, r i \sin \phi)$, so

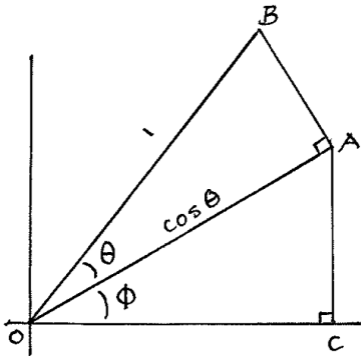
$$a + bi = r \cos \phi + r i \sin \phi$$

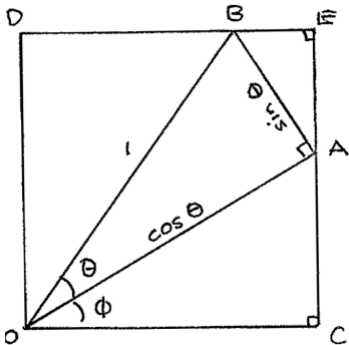
or more economically,

$$a + bi = r (\cos \phi + i \sin \phi).$$

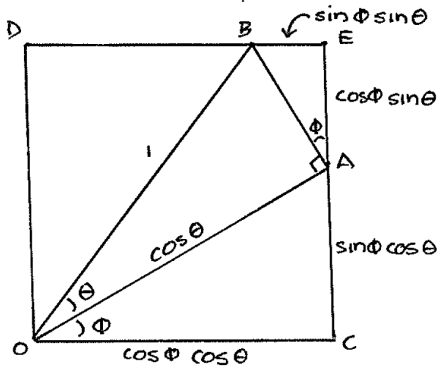


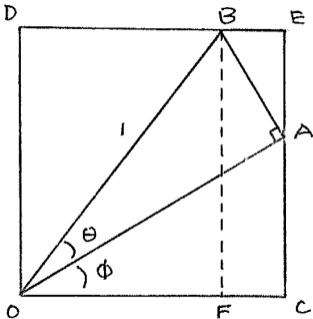


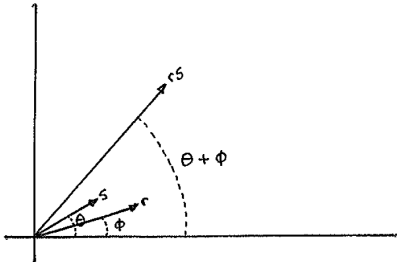


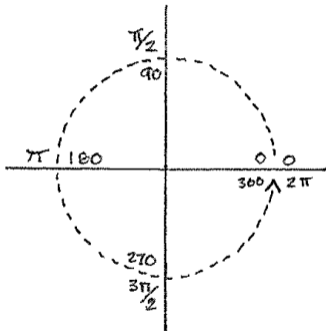


$$AE = \cos \phi \sin \theta.$$

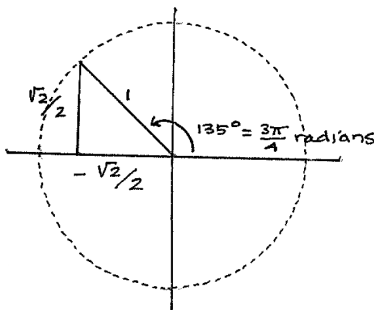






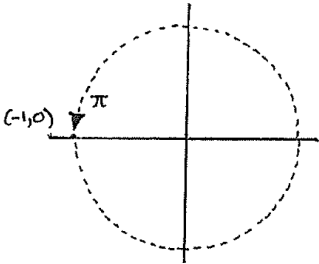


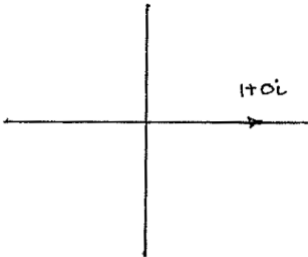
x in degrees	x in radians	sine x	cosine x
0	0	0	1
45	$\frac{\pi}{4}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$
90	$\frac{\pi}{2}$	1	0
135	$\frac{3\pi}{4}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$
180	π	0	-1
225	$\frac{5\pi}{4}$	$-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$
270	$\frac{3\pi}{2}$	-1	0
315	$\frac{7\pi}{4}$	$-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$
360	2π	0	1
405	$\frac{9\pi}{4}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$



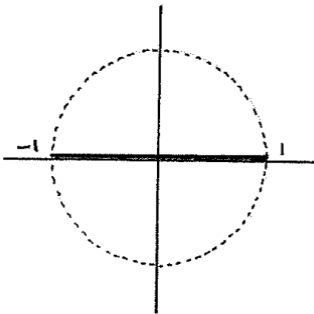
$$\sin x = \frac{x}{1!} - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \frac{x^9}{9!} - \dots$$

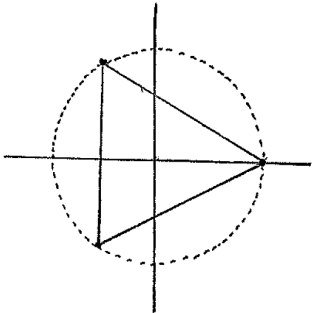
$$\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \frac{x^8}{8!} - \dots$$

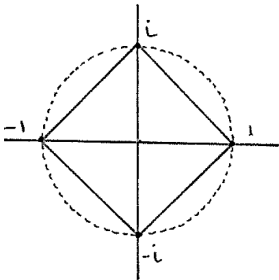


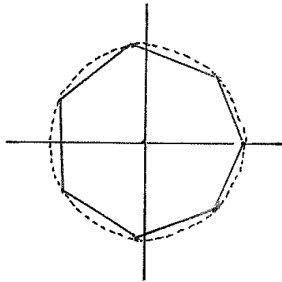
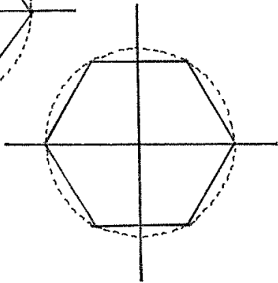
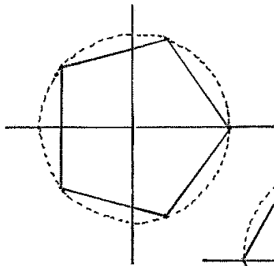


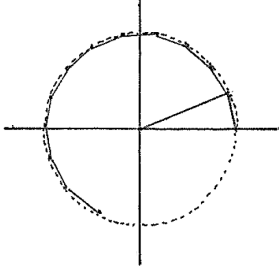
$$r = 1 \text{ and } \phi = 0$$



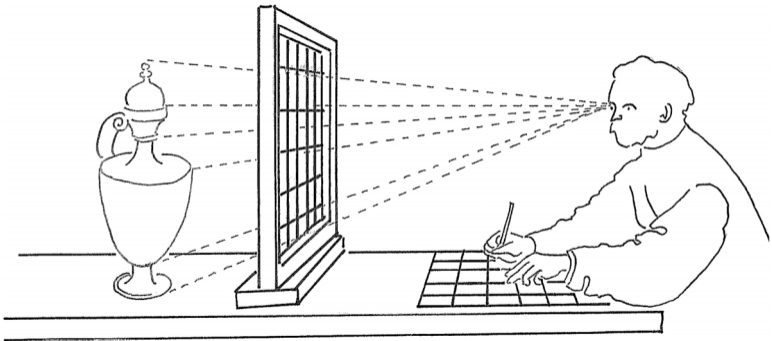


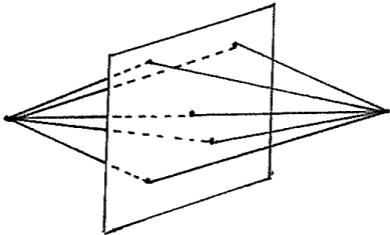


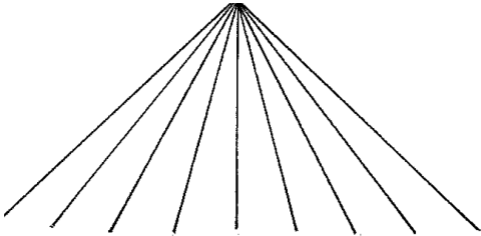


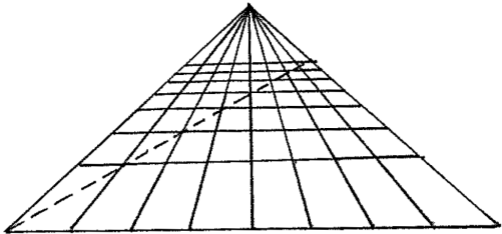


The n n th roots of unity, making angles of $\frac{2k\pi}{n}$ from the horizontal root at 1, for each k from 0 to $n - 1$.









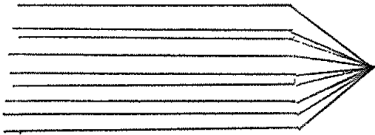


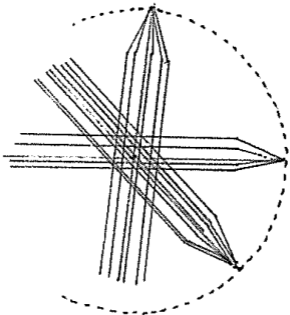
Poncelet (1788–1867). Loyal to his youth, he published in age his early work unedited by hindsight; loyal to France, he wasted his geometric foresight on its bureaucracy.

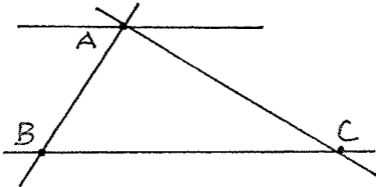
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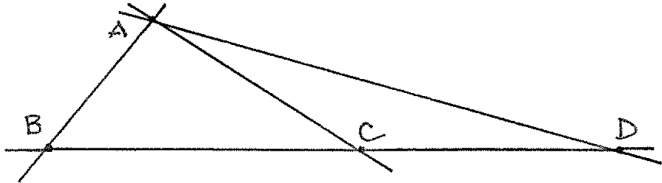
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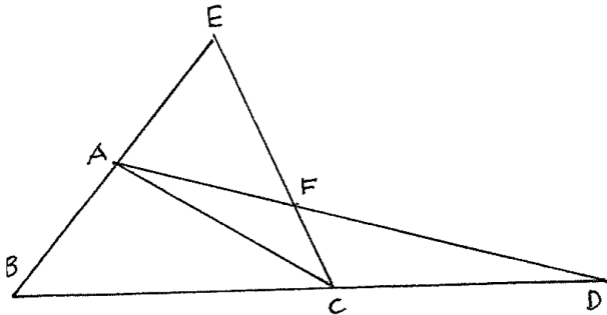
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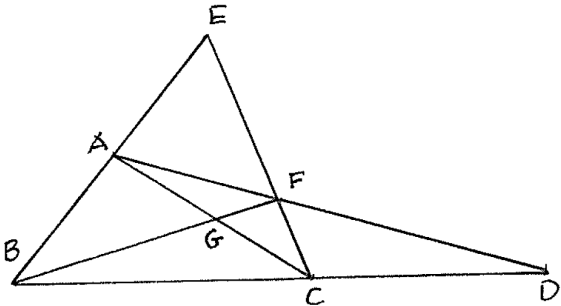


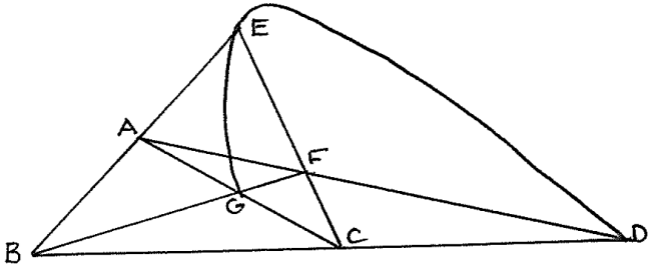


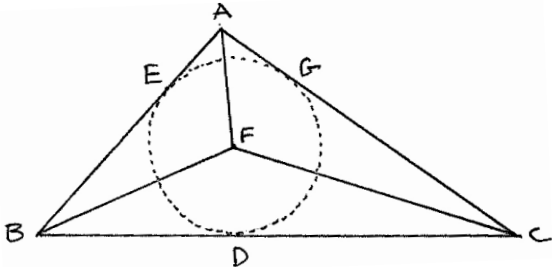












Line 1 = {a b c d}

Line 2 = {a e f g}

Line 3 = { b e h i}

Line 4 = { b f j k}

Line 5 = { b g l m}

Line 6 = { c e j l}

Line 7 = { c f h m}

Line 8 = { c g i k}

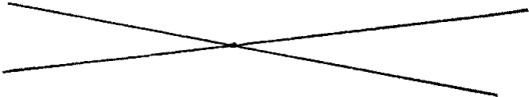
Line 9 = { d e k m }

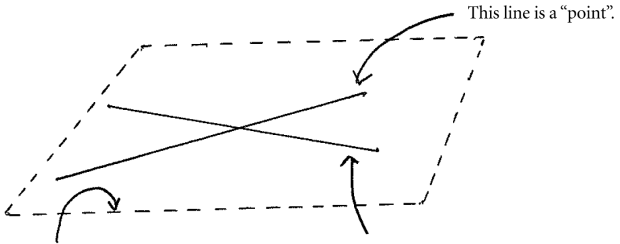
Line 10 = { d f i l }

Line 11 = { d g h j }

Line 12 = { a h k l }

Line 13 = { a i j m }



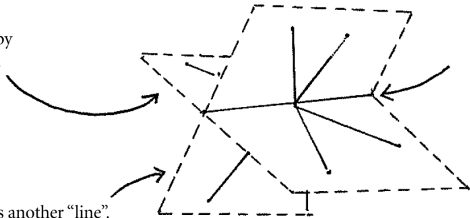


This line is a "point".

This plane is the "line" they lie on.

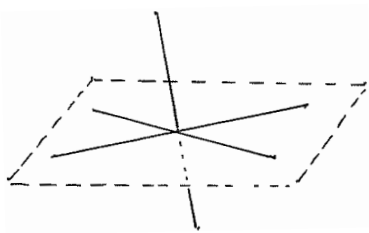
This line is another "point".

This plane, formed by its intersecting lines, is a "line".

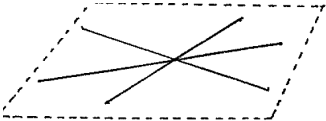


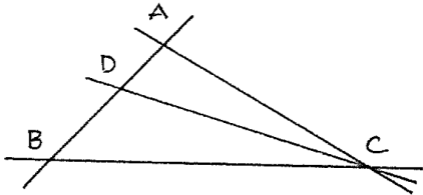
This line of intersection is the "point" that the two "lines" have in common.

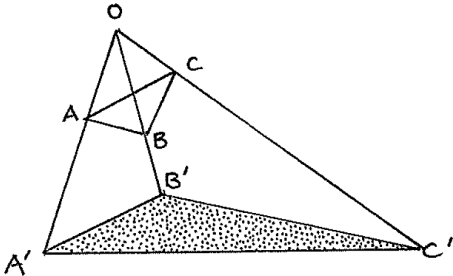
This plane is another "line".

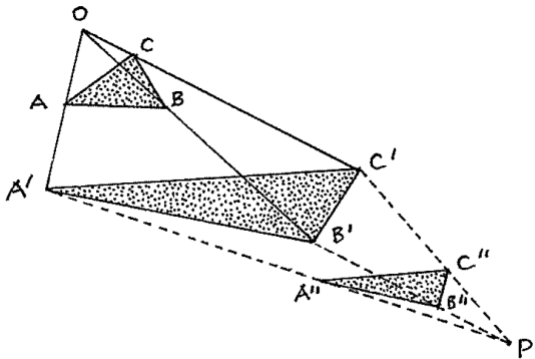


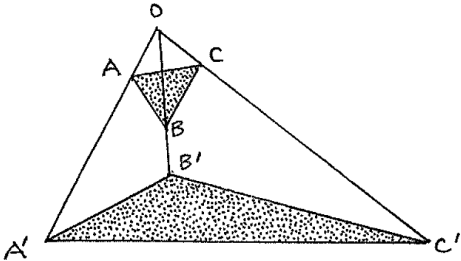
Three concurrent lines not all in the same plane—i.e., three “points” not all on the same “line.”

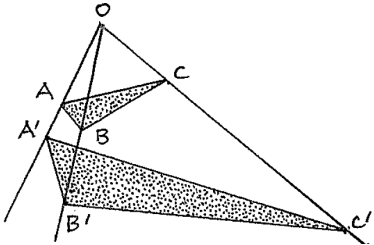


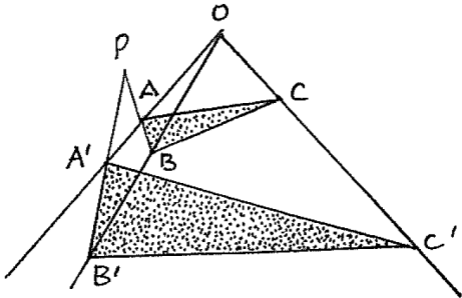


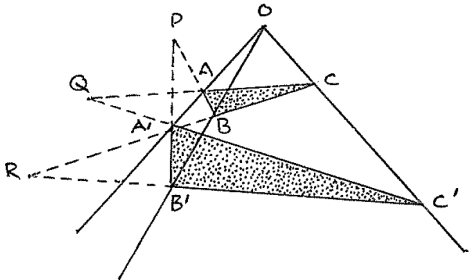


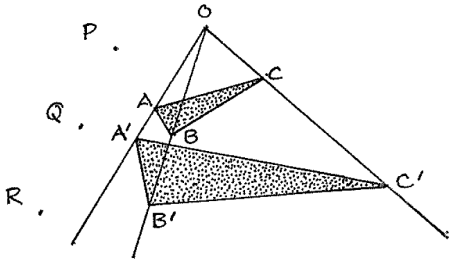


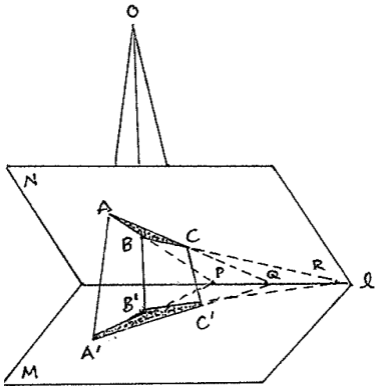


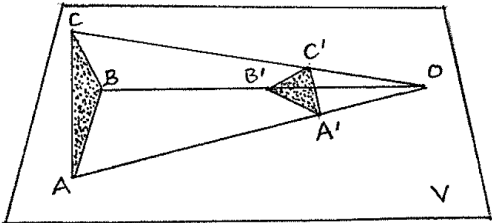


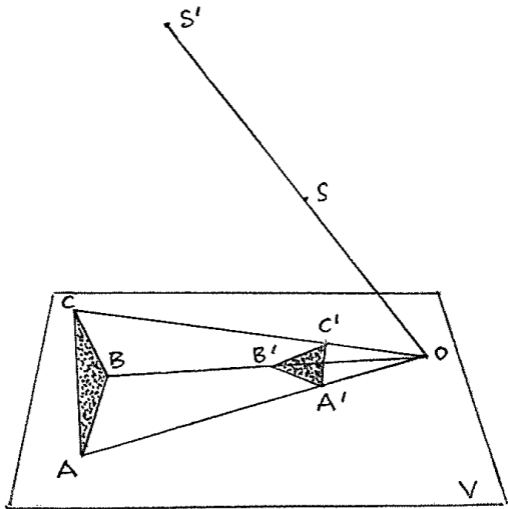


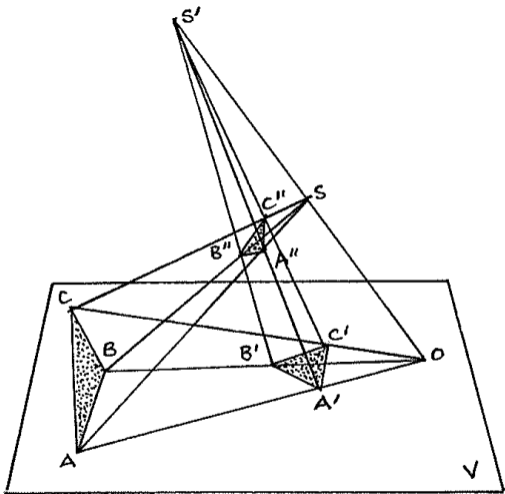


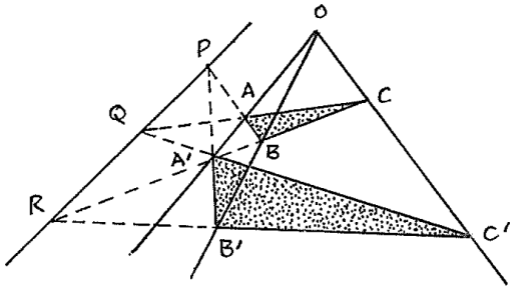


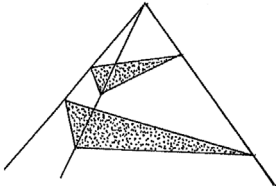
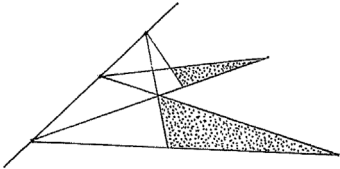


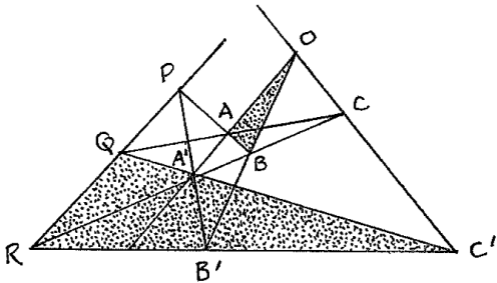


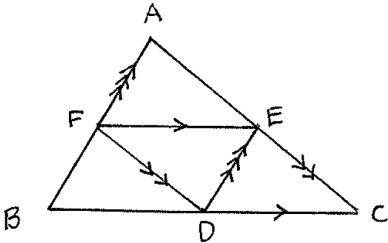


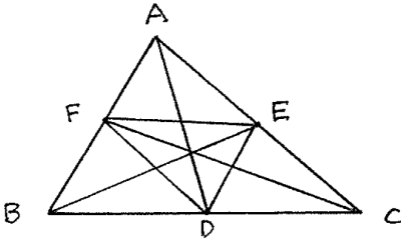


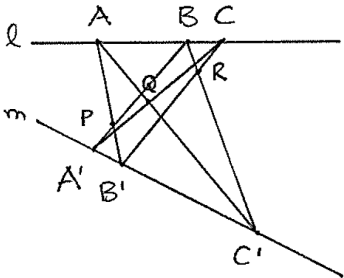


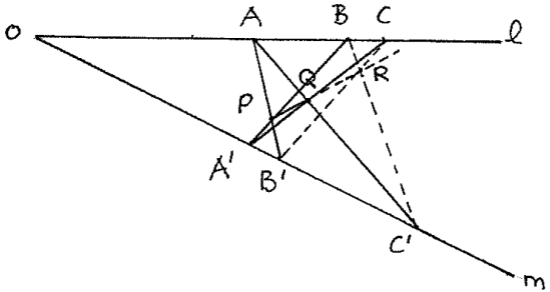


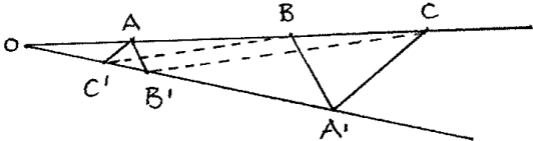


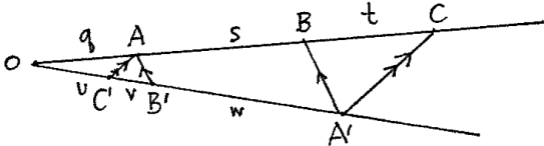


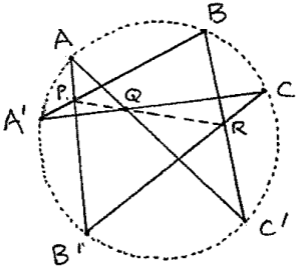


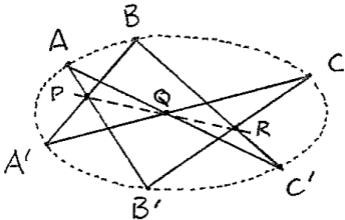


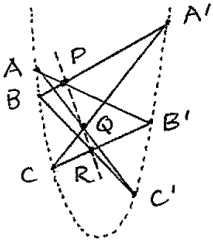


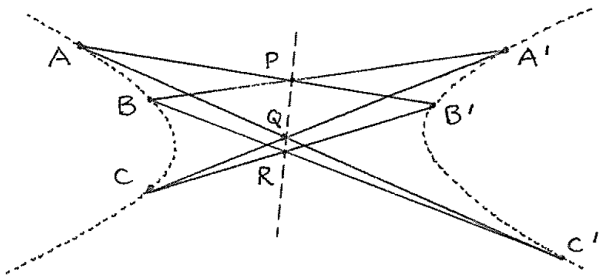


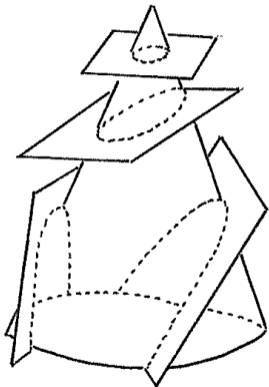


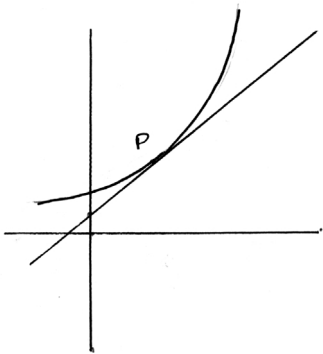
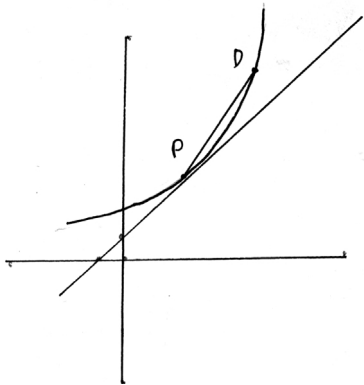














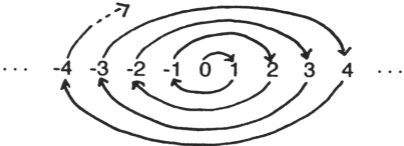
Cantor as a young man.

N		$2N$
1	\leftrightarrow	2
2	\leftrightarrow	4
3	\leftrightarrow	6
4	\leftrightarrow	8
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n	\leftrightarrow	$2n$

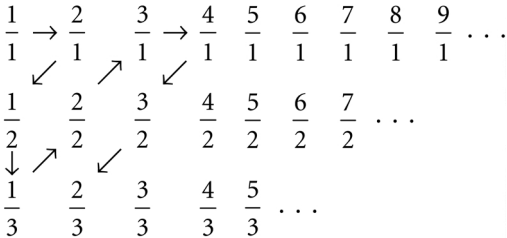
N		$3N$
1	\leftrightarrow	3
2	\leftrightarrow	6
3	\leftrightarrow	9
4	\leftrightarrow	12
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n	\leftrightarrow	$3n$

N		$7N$
1	\leftrightarrow	7
2	\leftrightarrow	14
3	\leftrightarrow	21
4	\leftrightarrow	28
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.	.	.
n	\leftrightarrow	$7n$

N		mN
1	\leftrightarrow	m
2	\leftrightarrow	$2m$
3	\leftrightarrow	$3m$
4	\leftrightarrow	$4m$
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\cdot	\cdot	\cdot
n	\leftrightarrow	nm

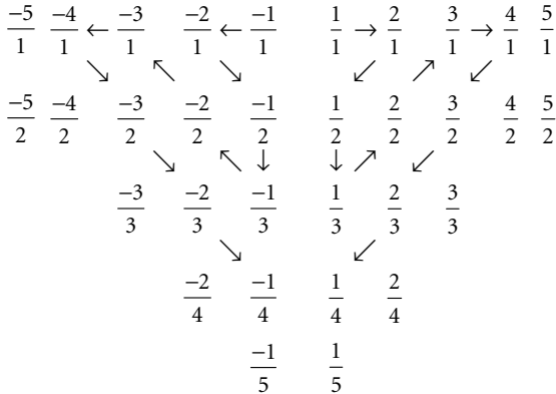


\mathbb{N}		\mathbb{Z}
1	\leftrightarrow	0
2	\leftrightarrow	1
3	\leftrightarrow	-1
4	\leftrightarrow	2
5	\leftrightarrow	-2
6	\leftrightarrow	3
7	\leftrightarrow	-3
.	.	.
.	.	.



\mathbb{N}		\mathbb{Q}^+
1	\leftrightarrow	$\frac{1}{1}$
2	\leftrightarrow	$\frac{2}{1}$
3	\leftrightarrow	$\frac{1}{2}$
4	\leftrightarrow	$\frac{1}{3}$
5	\leftrightarrow	$\frac{3}{1}$
6	\leftrightarrow	$\frac{4}{1}$
7	\leftrightarrow	$\frac{3}{2}$
8	\leftrightarrow	$\frac{2}{3}$
9	\leftrightarrow	$\frac{1}{4}$
10	\leftrightarrow	$\frac{1}{5}$
11	\leftrightarrow	$\frac{5}{1}$

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N		Q
1	\leftrightarrow	0
2	\leftrightarrow	$\frac{1}{1}$
3	\leftrightarrow	$\frac{-1}{1}$
4	\leftrightarrow	$\frac{2}{1}$
5	\leftrightarrow	$\frac{-2}{1}$
6	\leftrightarrow	$\frac{1}{2}$
7	\leftrightarrow	$\frac{-1}{2}$
8	\leftrightarrow	$\frac{1}{3}$
9	\leftrightarrow	$\frac{-1}{3}$
10	\leftrightarrow	$\frac{3}{1}$
11	\leftrightarrow	$\frac{-3}{1}$
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$$1 \leftrightarrow 0 . a_{11} a_{12} a_{13} a_{14} \dots$$

$$2 \leftrightarrow 0 . a_{21} a_{22} a_{23} a_{24} \dots$$

$$3 \leftrightarrow 0 . a_{31} a_{32} a_{33} a_{34} \dots$$

$$4 \leftrightarrow 0 . a_{41} a_{42} a_{43} a_{44} \dots$$

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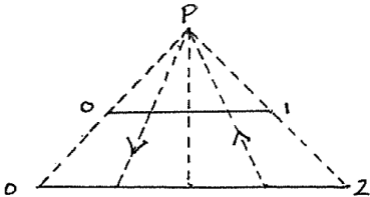
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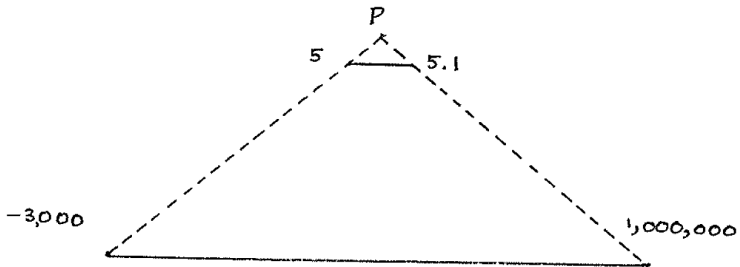
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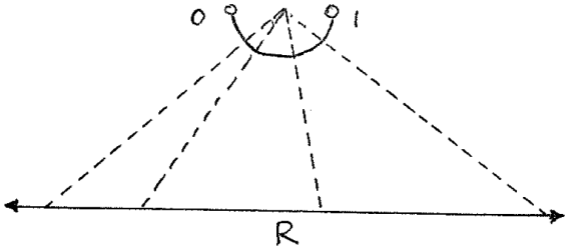
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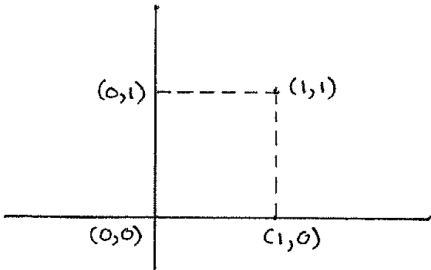


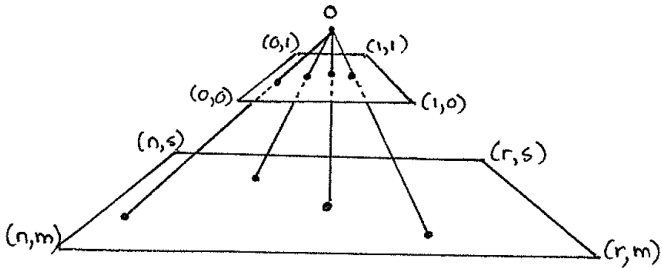
Cantor in middle age.

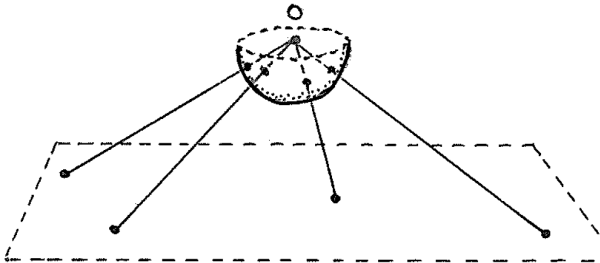












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Elements of S

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Elements of $\mathcal{P}S$: The Set of All Subsets of S

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S

{every element in S except i}

{g, h, j, l}

{k}

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Elements of S

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Elements of $\mathcal{P}S$: The Set of All Subsets of S

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1, 2, 3, ...

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Cardinal

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Ordinal

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Cardinal

1 3 5 ... 2 4 6 ...

$\omega, \omega + 1, \omega + 2 \dots$

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*Cantor, a few months
before his death.*