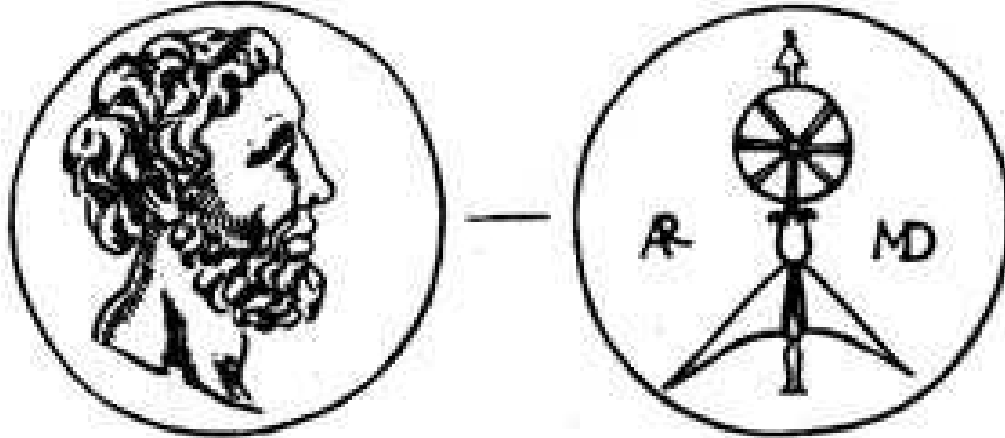


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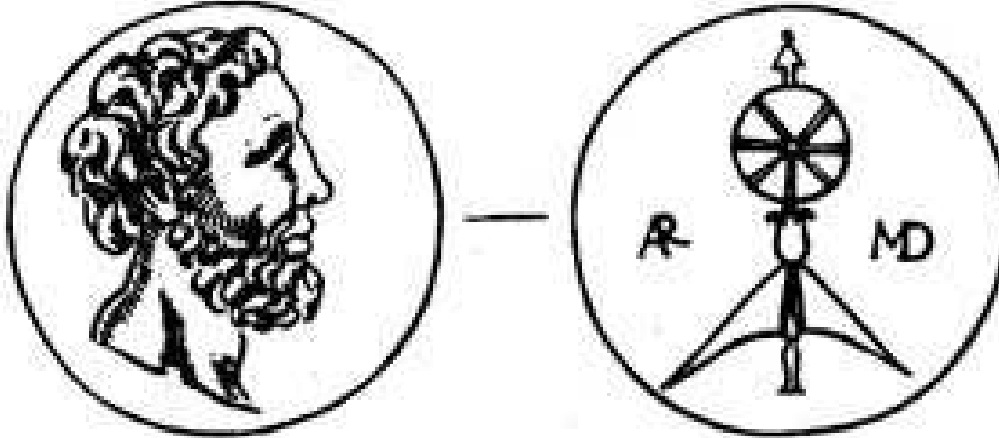


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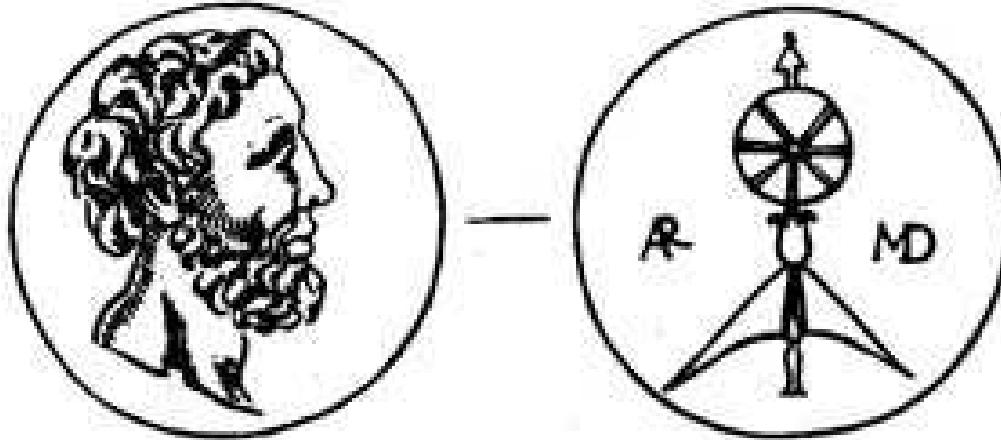


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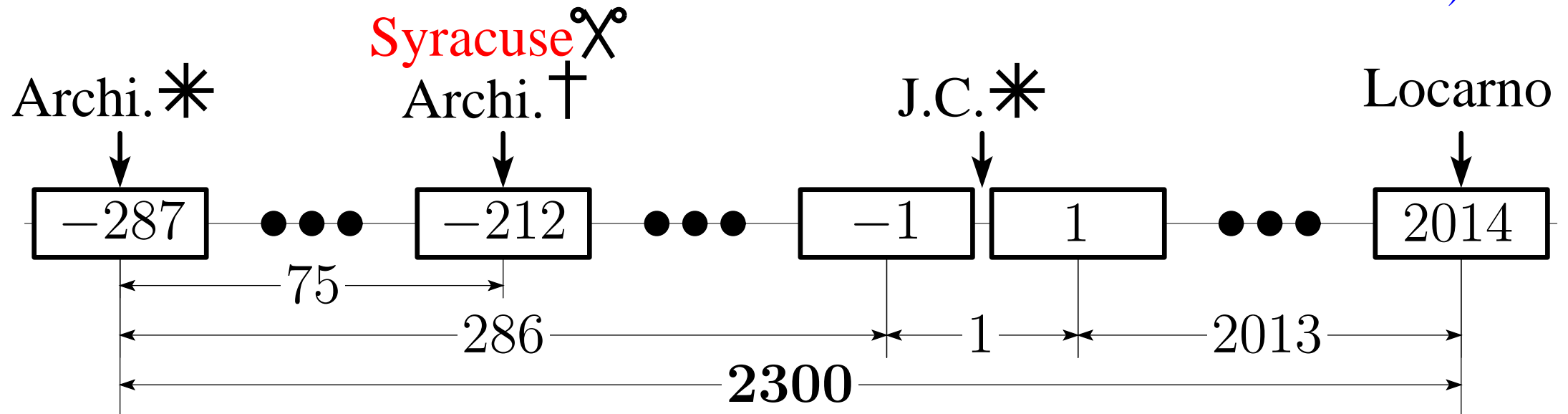
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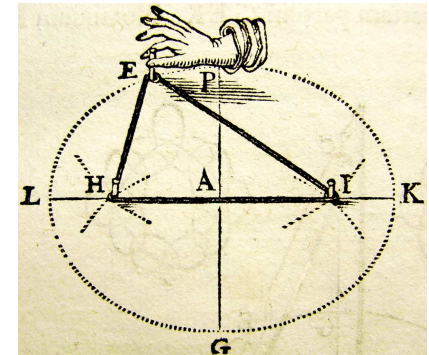
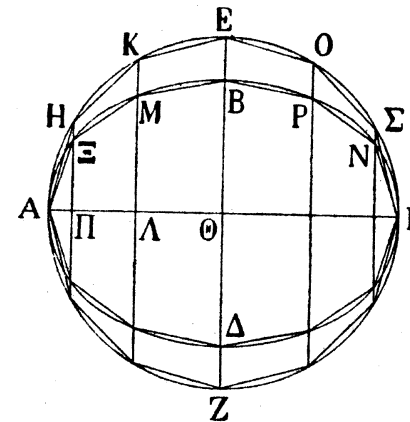
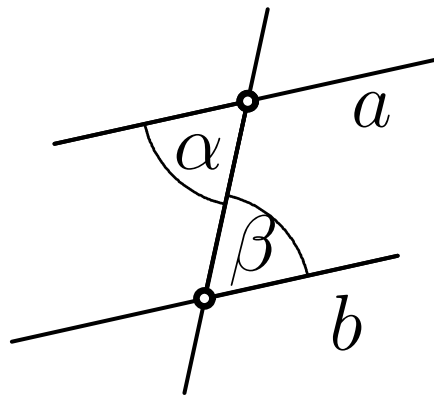
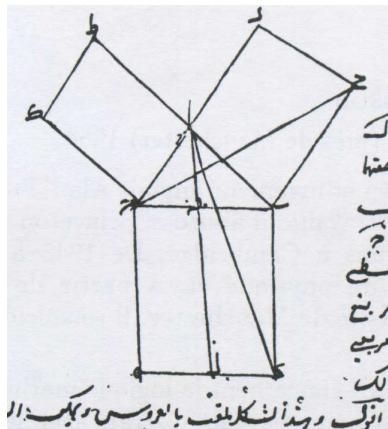
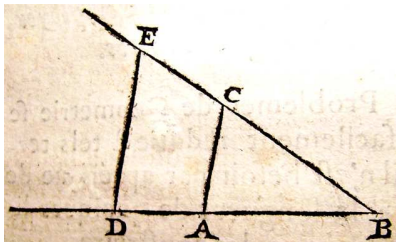
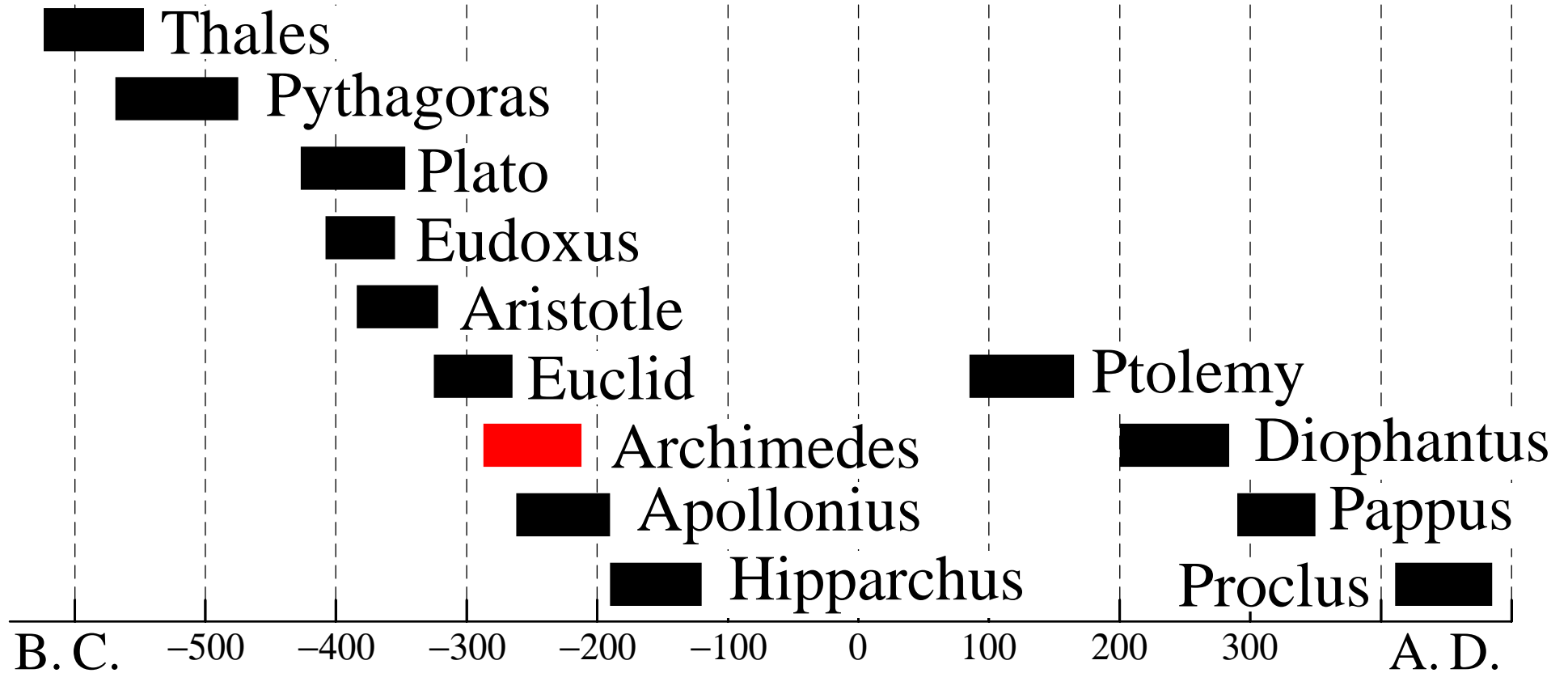


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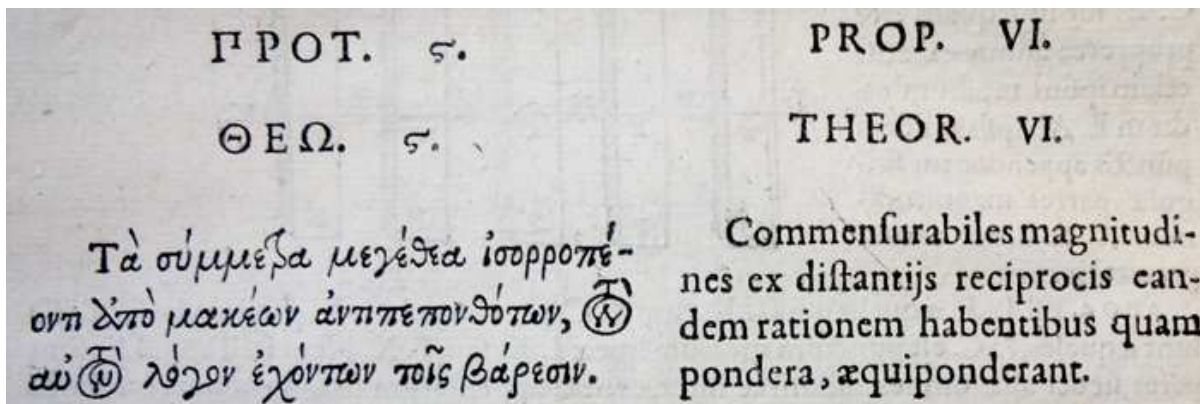
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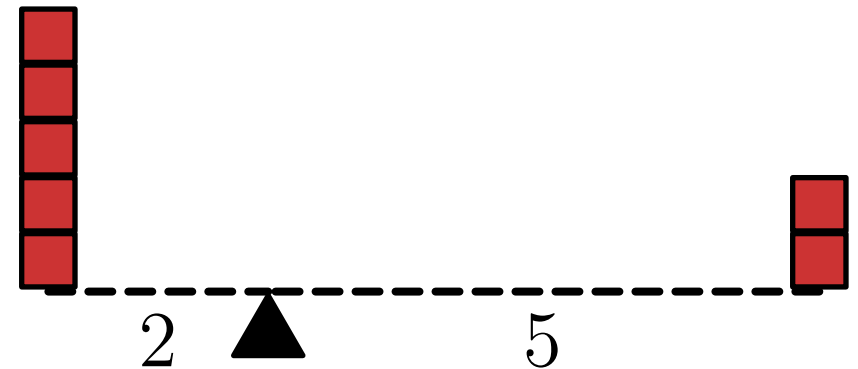
Equilibrium of planes.



(Opera omnia, printed 1615 (Paris, ed. David Rivault, BGE Ka459)



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“Donne-moi où je puisse tenir ferme, et j’ ébranlerai la terre” (trad. Ver Eecke)

Archimedes' original proof: (from edition Heiberg 1913)

ἔστω σύμμετρα μεγέθη τὰ A, B , ὧν κέντρα τὰ A, B , καὶ μᾶκος ἔστω τι τὸ EA , καὶ ἔστω, ὡς τὸ A ποτὶ τὸ B , οὕτως τὸ $ΔΓ$ μᾶκος ποτὶ τὸ $ΓΕ$ μᾶκος· δεικτέον, ὅτι τοῦ ἐξ ἀμφοτέρων τῶν A, B συγκειμένου μεγέθους κέντρον ἐστὶ τοῦ βάρους τὸ $Γ$.

ἐπεὶ γὰρ ἐστίν, ὡς τὸ A ποτὶ τὸ B , οὕτως τὸ $ΔΓ$ ποτὶ τὸ $ΓΕ$, τὸ δὲ A τῷ B σύμμετρον, καὶ τὸ $ΓΔ$ ἄρα τῷ $ΓΕ$ σύμμετρον, τουτέστιν εὐθεία τῆς εὐθείας· ὥστε τῶν $ΕΓ, ΓΔ$ ἐστὶ κοινὸν μέτρον. ἔστω δὴ τὸ N , καὶ κείσθω τῆς μὲν $ΕΓ$ ἴσα ἑκατέρα τῶν $ΔΗ, ΔΚ$, τῆς δὲ $ΔΓ$ ἴσα ἡ $ΕΛ$. καὶ ἐπεὶ ἴσα ἡ $ΔΗ$ τῆς $ΓΕ$, ἴσα καὶ ἡ $ΔΓ$ τῆς $ΕΗ$ · ὥστε καὶ ἡ $ΛΕ$ ἴσα τῆς $ΕΗ$. διπλασία ἄρα ἡ μὲν $ΛΗ$ τῆς $ΔΓ$, ἡ δὲ $ΗΚ$ τῆς $ΓΕ$ · ὥστε τὸ N καὶ ἑκατέραν τῶν $ΔΗ, ΗΚ$ μετρεῖ, ἐπειδήπερ καὶ τὰ ἡμίσεια αὐτῶν. καὶ ἐπεὶ ἐστίν, ὡς τὸ A ποτὶ τὸ B , οὕτως ἡ $ΔΓ$ ποτὶ $ΓΕ$, ὡς δὲ ἡ $ΔΓ$ ποτὶ $ΓΕ$, οὕτως ἡ $ΔΗ$ ποτὶ $ΗΚ$ · διπλασία γὰρ ἑκατέρα ἑκατέρας· καὶ ὡς ἄρα τὸ A ποτὶ τὸ B , οὕτως ἡ $ΔΗ$ ποτὶ $ΗΚ$. ὁσαπλασίων δὲ ἐστὶν ἡ $ΔΗ$ τῆς N , τοσαυταπλασίων ἔστω καὶ τὸ A τοῦ Z · ἐστὶν ἄρα, ὡς ἡ $ΔΗ$ ποτὶ N , οὕτως τὸ A ποτὶ Z . ἐστὶ δὲ καὶ, ὡς ἡ $ΚΗ$ ποτὶ $ΔΗ$, οὕτως τὸ B ποτὶ A · δι' ἴσου ἄρα ἐστίν, ὡς ἡ $ΚΗ$ ποτὶ N , οὕτως τὸ B ποτὶ Z · ἰσάκις ἄρα πολλαπλασίων ἐστὶν ἡ $ΚΗ$ τῆς N καὶ τὸ B τοῦ Z . ἰδείχθη δὲ τοῦ Z καὶ τὸ A πολλαπλάσιον ἔσθαι· ὥστε τὸ Z τῶν A, B κοινόν ἐστὶ μέτρον. διαιρεθείσας οὖν τῆς μὲν $ΔΗ$ εἰς τῆς τῆς N ἴσας, τοῦ δὲ A

εἰς τὰ τῷ Z ἴσα, τὰ ἐν τῇ $ΔΗ$ τμήματα ἰσομεγέθη τῆς N ἴσα ἐσσεῖται τῷ πλήθει τοῖς ἐν τῷ A τμημάτεσσιν ἴσοις εἶναι τῷ Z . ὥστε, ἂν ἐφ' ἑκάστον τῶν τμημάτων τῶν ἐν τῇ $ΔΗ$ ἐπιτεθῆ μέγεθος ἴσον τῷ Z τὸ κέντρον τοῦ βάρους ἔχον ἐπὶ μέσῳ τοῦ τμήματος, τὰ τε πάντα μεγέθη ἴσα ἐντὶ τῷ A , καὶ τοῦ ἐκ πάντων συγκειμένου κέντρον ἐσσεῖται τοῦ βάρους τὸ E · ἄρτιά τε γὰρ ἐστὶ τὰ πάντα τῷ πλήθει, καὶ τὰ ἐφ' ἑκάτερα τοῦ E ἴσα τῷ πλήθει διὰ τὸ ἴσαν εἶμεν τὰν $ΛΕ$ τῆς $ΗΕ$. ὁμοίως δὲ δειχθήσεται, ὅτι κἂν, εἰ καὶ ἐφ' ἑκάστον τῶν ἐν τῇ $ΚΗ$ τμημάτων ἐπιτεθῆ μέγεθος ἴσον τῷ Z κέντρον τοῦ βάρους ἔχον ἐπὶ τοῦ μέσου τοῦ τμήματος, τὰ τε πάντα μεγέθη ἴσα ἐσσεῖται τῷ B , καὶ τοῦ ἐκ πάντων συγκειμένου κέντρον τοῦ βάρους ἐσσεῖται τὸ $Δ$ · ἐσσεῖται οὖν τὸ μὲν A ἐπικείμενον κατὰ τὸ E , τὸ δὲ B κατὰ τὸ $Δ$. ἐσσεῖται δὴ μεγέθη ἴσα ἀλλήλοις ἐπ' εὐθείας κείμενα, ὧν τὰ κέντρα τοῦ βάρους ἴσα ἀπ' ἀλλήλων διέστακεν, [συγκείμενα] ἄρτια τῷ πλήθει· δῆλον οὖν, ὅτι τοῦ ἐκ πάντων συγκειμένου μεγέθους κέντρον ἐστὶ τοῦ βάρους ἡ διχοτομία τῆς εὐθείας τῆς ἐχούσας τὰ κέντρα τῶν μέσων μεγεθῶν. ἐπεὶ δ' ἴσαι ἐντὶ ἡ μὲν $ΛΕ$ τῆς $ΓΔ$, ἡ δὲ $ΕΓ$ τῆς $ΔΚ$, καὶ ὅλα ἄρα ἡ $ΔΓ$ ἴσα τῆς $ΓΚ$ · ὥστε τοῦ ἐκ πάντων μεγέθους κέντρον τοῦ βάρους τὸ $Γ$ σαμείον. τοῦ μὲν ἄρα A κειμένου κατὰ τὸ E , τοῦ δὲ B κατὰ τὸ $Δ$, ἰσορροπησοῦντι κατὰ τὸ $Γ$.

Archimedes' original proof:

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ἄρα τῷ $ΓE$

ὥστε τῶν E

N , καὶ κείσθαι

τῶν δὲ $ΔΓ$

καὶ ἡ $ΔΓ$

πλασία ἄρα

ὥστε τὸ N

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ποτὶ HK . ὁ

ταπλασίων

$ΔH$ ποτὶ N

KH ποτὶ

ἐστίν, ὡς ἡ KH ποτὶ N , οὕτως τὸ B ποτὶ Z · ἰσάκεις

ἄρα πολλαπλασίων ἐστὶν ἡ KH τῆς N καὶ τὸ B τοῦ

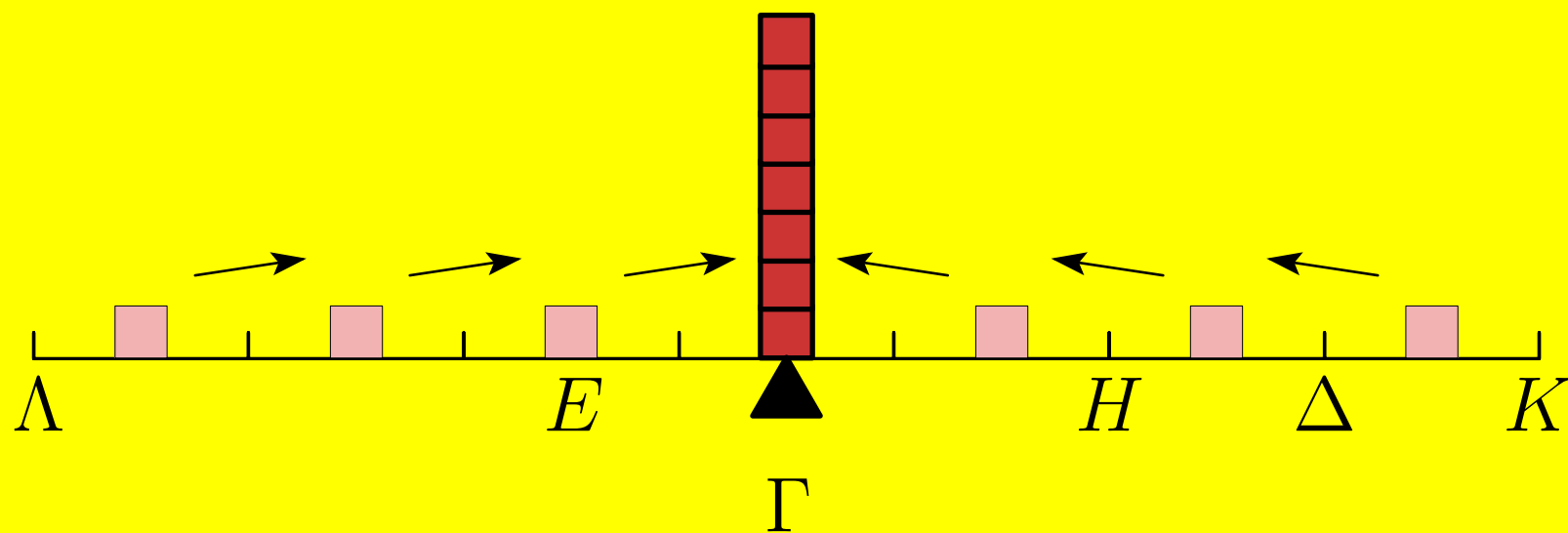
Z . ἰδείχθη δὲ τοῦ Z καὶ τὸ A πολλαπλάσιον ἔόν·

ὥστε τὸ Z τῶν A, B κοινόν ἐστὶ μέτρον. διαιρεθεί-

σας οὖν τῆς μὲν $ΔH$ εἰς τὰς τῆς N ἰσᾶς, τοῦ δὲ A

εἰς τὰ τῷ Z ἴσα, τὰ ἐν τῇ $ΔH$ τμήματα ἰσομεγέθηα τῇ N ἴσα ἐσσεῖται τῷ πλήθει τοῖς ἐν τῷ A τμημάτεσσιν ἴσοις εἶναι τῷ Z . ὥστε, ἂν ἐφ' ἕκαστον τῶν τμημάτων τῶν ἐν τῇ $ΔH$ ἐπιτεθῆ μέγεθος ἴσον τῷ Z τὸ κέντρον τοῦ βάρους ἔχον ἐπὶ μέσον τοῦ τμήματος, τὰ τε πάντα μεγέθη ἴσα ἐντὶ τῷ A , καὶ τοῦ ἐκ πάντων συγκειμένου κέντρον ἐσσεῖται τοῦ βάρους τὸ E .

Κεντραβαρων



των μεσων μεγεθων. ἐπει οἱ ἴσαι ἐντὶ α μὲν $ΔE$

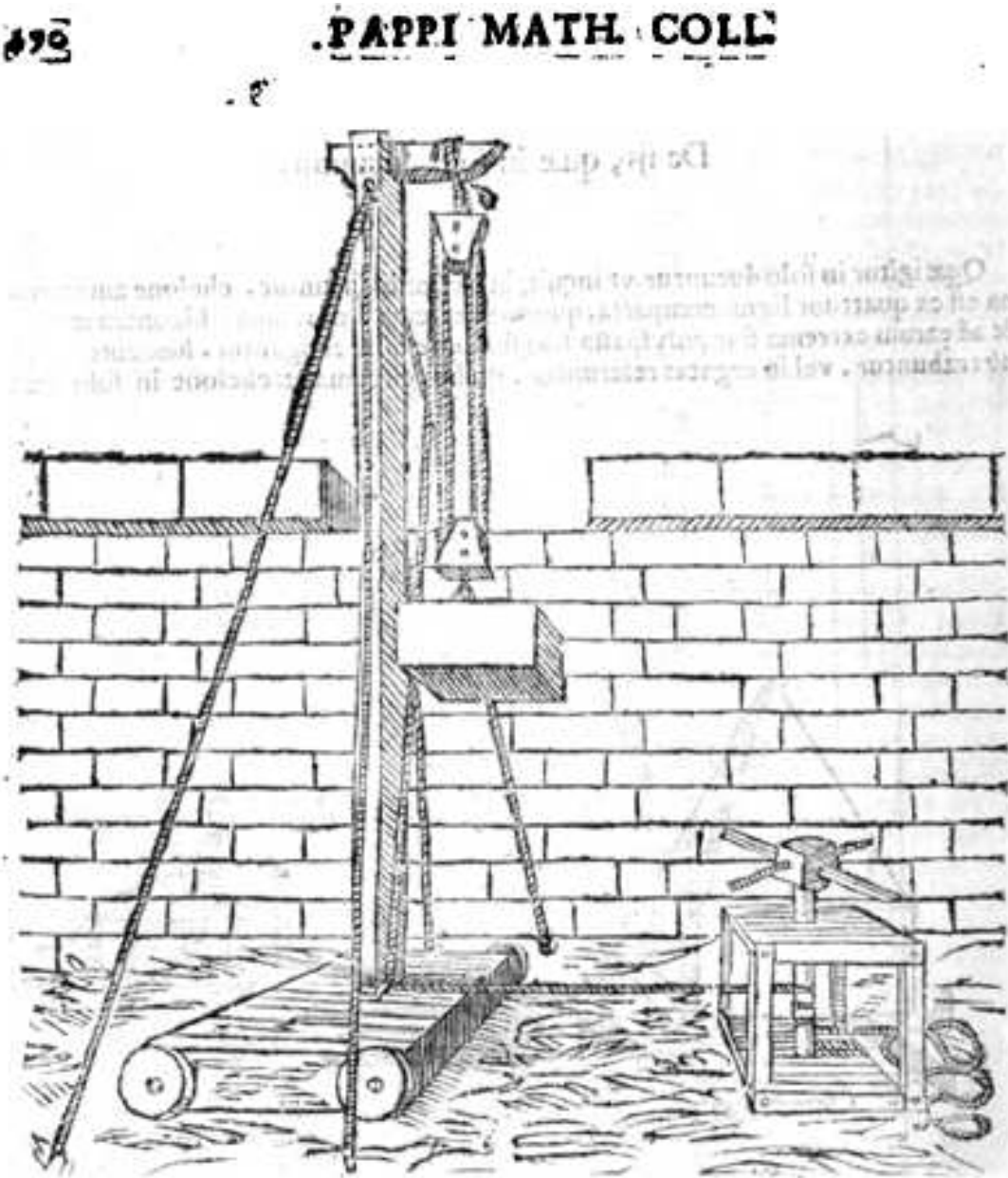
τῇ $ΓΔ$, ἡ δὲ $EΓ$ τῇ $ΔK$, καὶ ὅλα ἄρα ἡ $ΔΓ$ ἴσα τῇ

$ΓK$ · ὥστε τοῦ ἐκ πάντων μεγέθους κέντρον τοῦ βάρους

τὸ $Γ$ σημειον. τοῦ μὲν ἄρα A κειμένου κατὰ τὸ

E , τοῦ δὲ B κατὰ τὸ $Δ$, ἰσορροπησοῦντι κατὰ τὸ $Γ$.

Pappus' *Collectiones* (\approx A.D. 300; Book VIII):
more and more complicated “machines” paved the road ...



Pappus' very last page



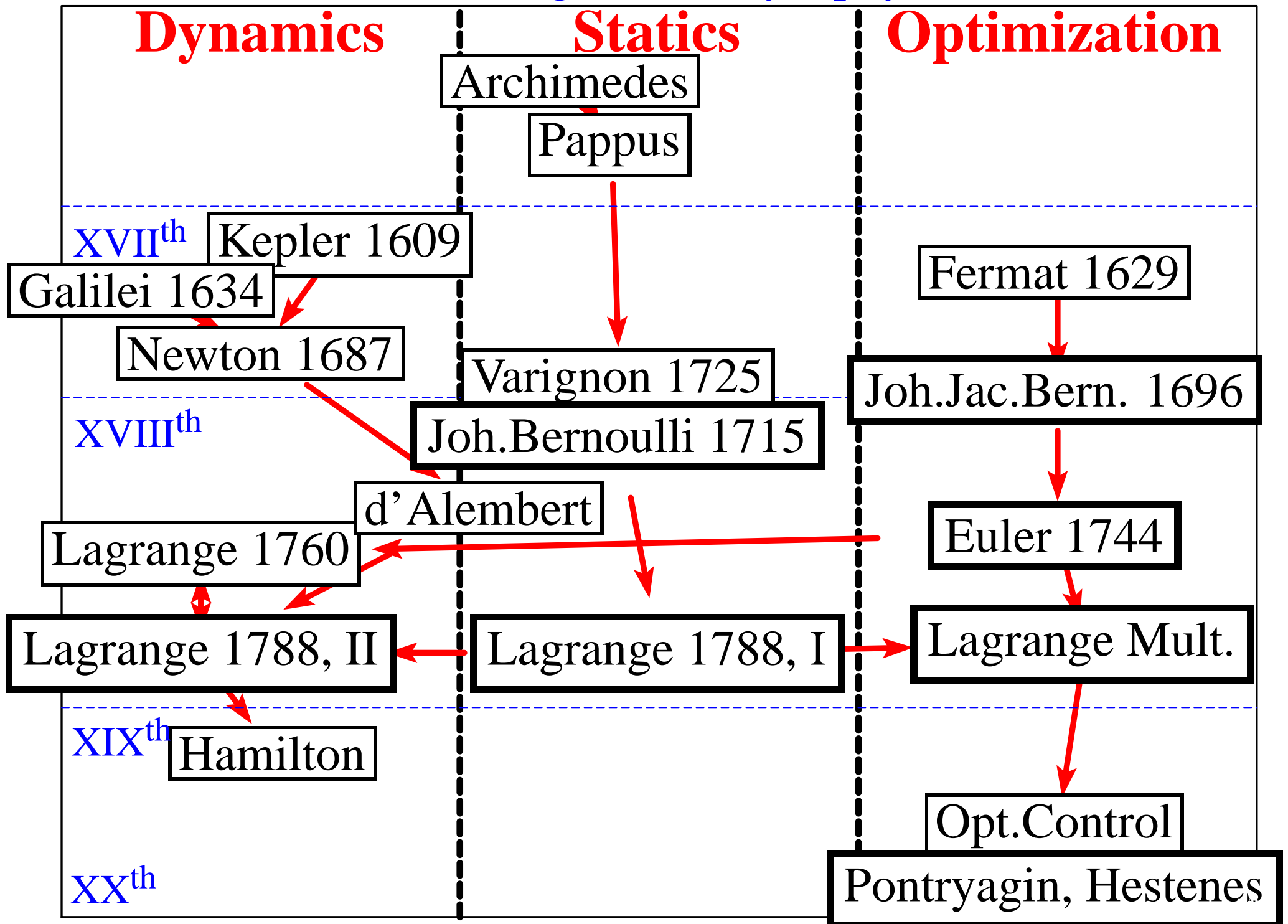
NOUVELLE
MECANIQUE.



A Mécanique en general est la Science du Mouvement, de sa cause, de ses effets; en un mot de tout ce qui y a rapport. Par consequent elle est aussi la Science des proprietéz & des usages des Machines ou Instrumens propres à faciliter le Mouvement. Entre ces Machines on en compte d'ordinaire six élémentaires après Pappus (*Liv. 8.*) lequel pourtant n'en compte que cinq, quoiqu'il en employe six; sçavoir, le *Levier*, le *Tour*, la *Poulie*, le *Plan incliné*, la *Vis*, & le *Coin*; auxquelles on en peut encore ajouter une, que j'appelle *Funiculaire*, en ce qu'elle n'est faite que de

First page of Varignon 1725

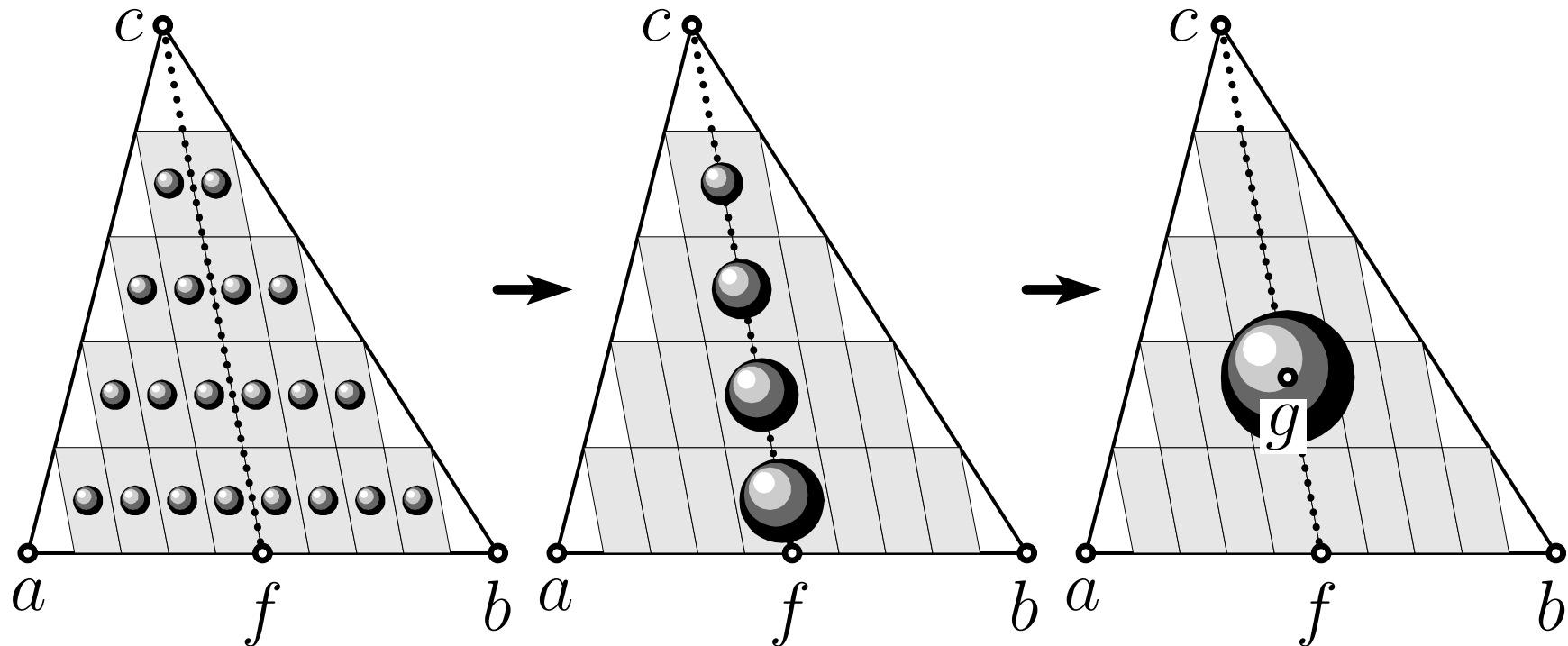
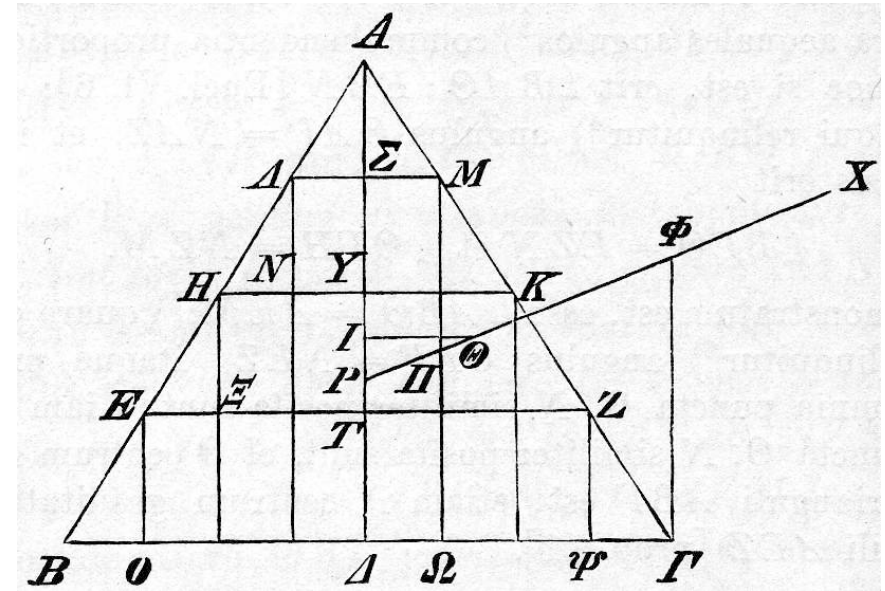
... to the origin of today's physics:



The barycentre of a plane triangle (Prop. 13):

The barycentre
of a plane triangle
lies on all medians;

⇒ All medians meet in G .
 G divides medians in ratio 2 : 1

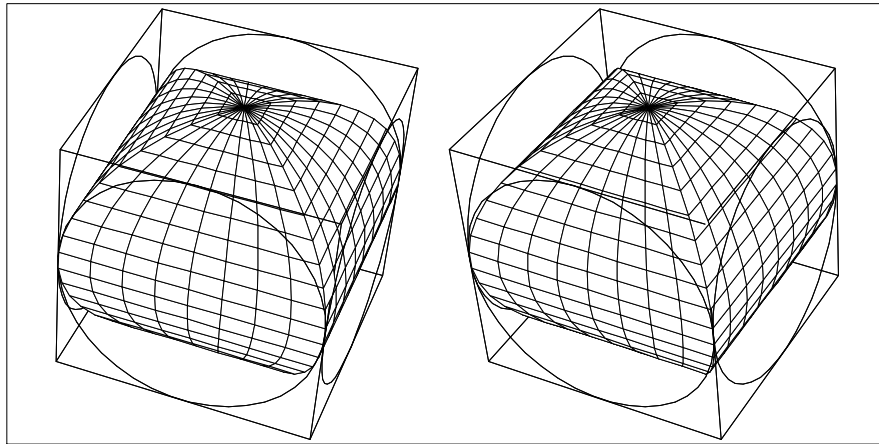


“Finite Element Method” and convergence proof!

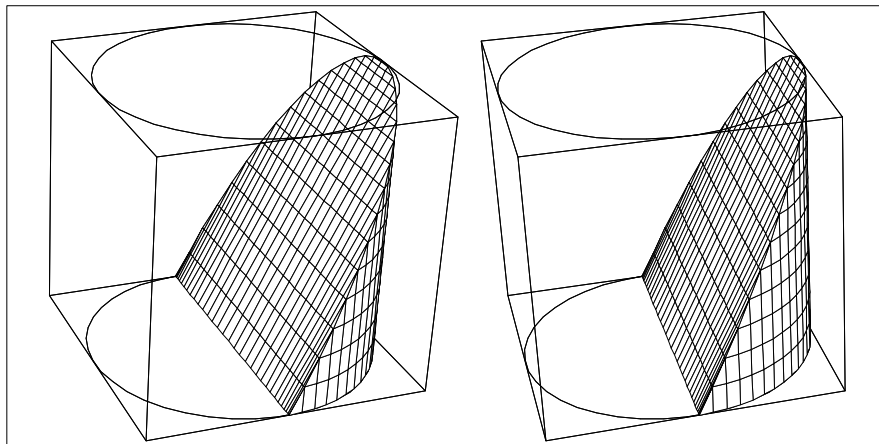
Archimedes' challenges for Eratosthenes:

“*The method of mechanical theorems*”, sent to Eratosthenes (“Since I know that you are diligent (*σπουδαῖον*), an excellent teacher of philosophy”);

(discovered 1899 by Heiberg in a “Jerusalem palimpsest”.)



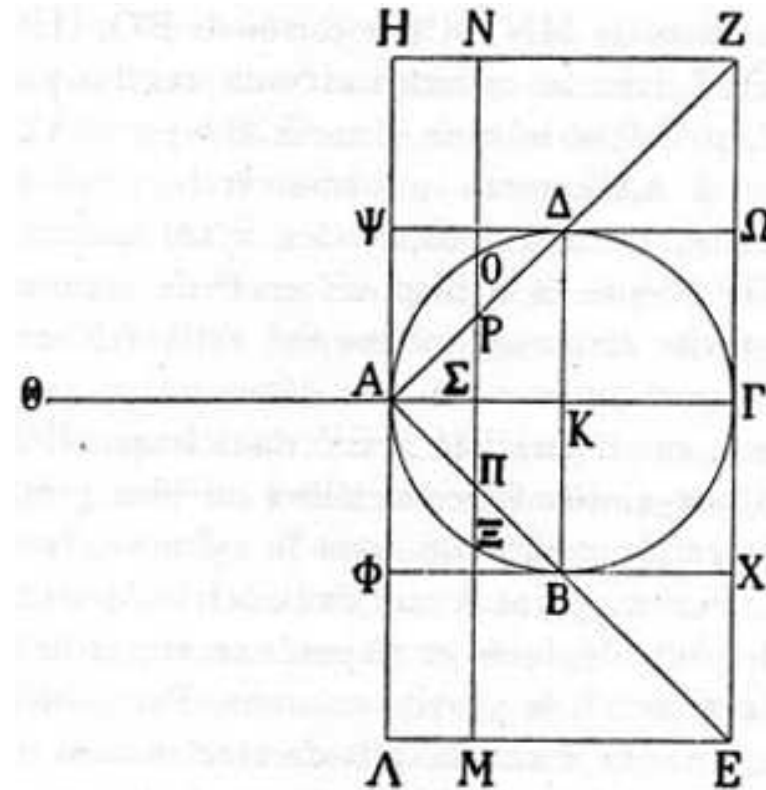
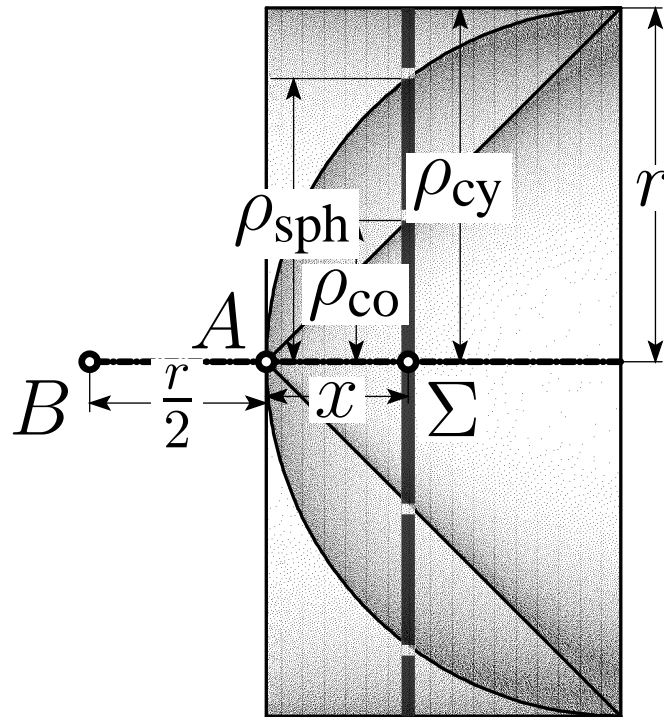
show that volume = $\frac{2}{3}$,



show that volume = $\frac{1}{6}$.

Archimedes' "weighting" of the sphere.

Idea: Place sphere, cone and cylinder "on a balance" at point A:

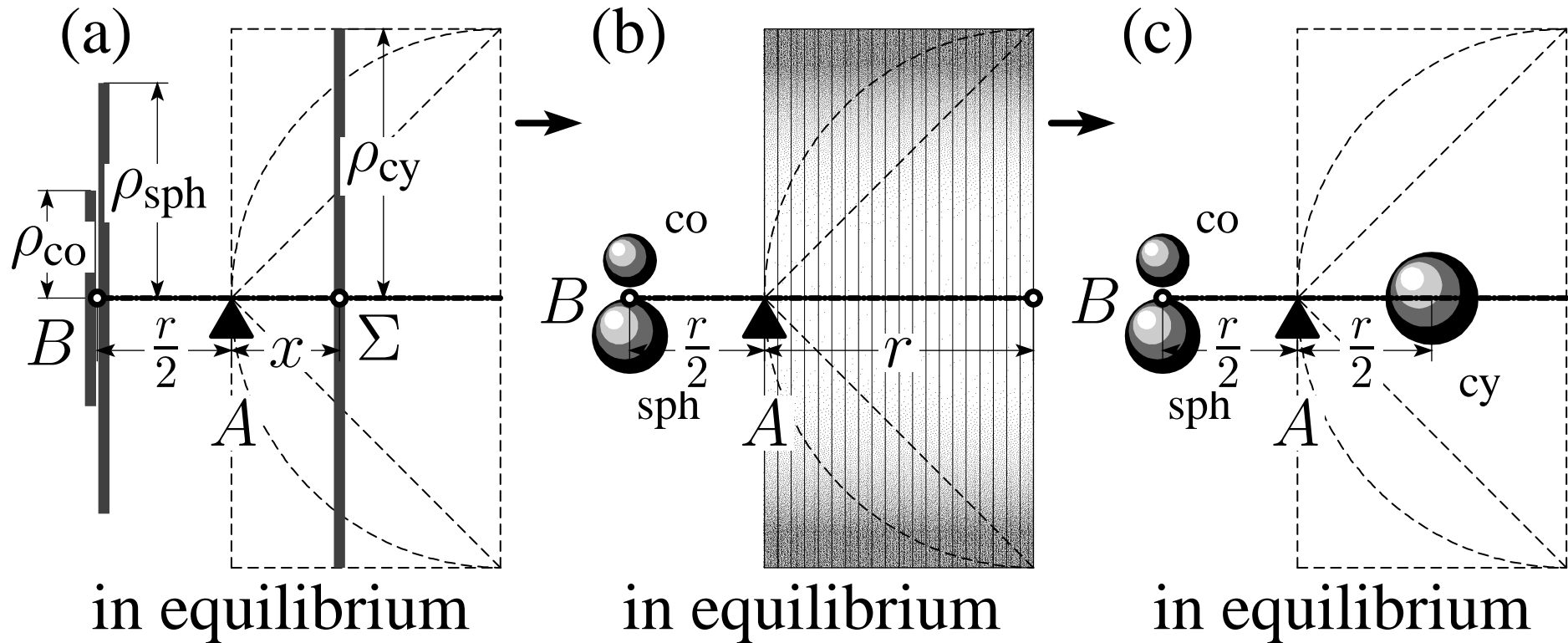


$$\text{Eucl. III.35: } \rho_{sph}^2 = x(2r - x) = 2\rho_{cy}^2 \frac{x}{r} - \rho_{co}^2$$

or

$$(\rho_{sph}^2 + \rho_{co}^2) \cdot \frac{r}{2} = \rho_{cy}^2 \cdot x .$$

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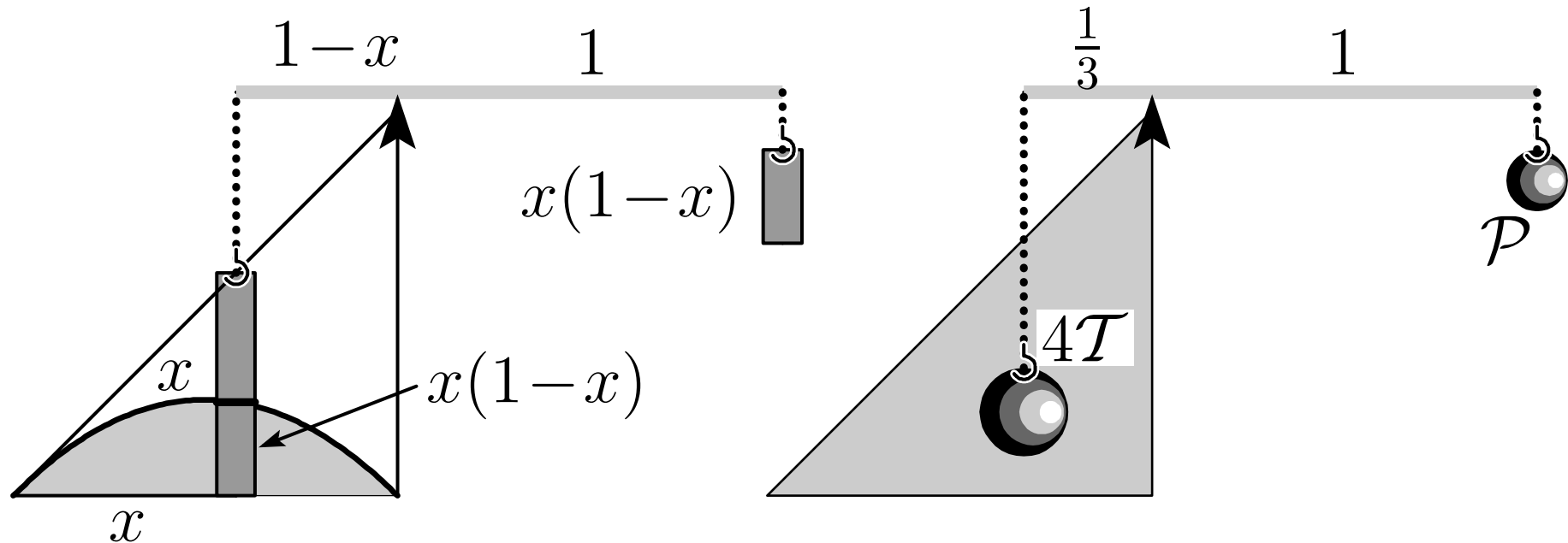
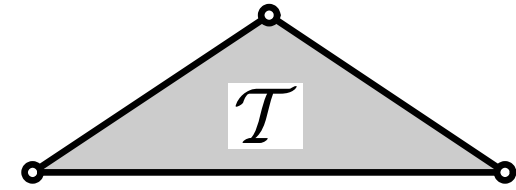
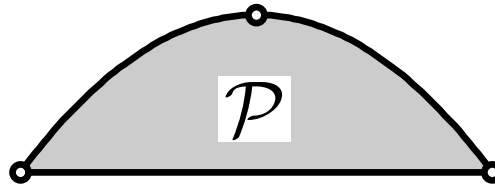
$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{V}_{\text{sphere}} + \mathcal{V}_{\text{cone}} = \mathcal{V}_{\text{cylinder}} , \quad (\text{Eudoxus: } \mathcal{V}_{\text{cone}} = \frac{1}{3} \mathcal{V}_{\text{cylinder}})$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\mathcal{V}_{\text{cone}} : \mathcal{V}_{\text{sphere}} : \mathcal{V}_{\text{cylinder}} = 1 : 2 : 3} .$$

Cicéron: “Je trouvais (sa tombe) à la faveur de quelques vers ... et au-dessus une sphère et un cylindre” (Ver Eecke p. xxix)

Archimedes' "weighting" of the parabola.

which relation?

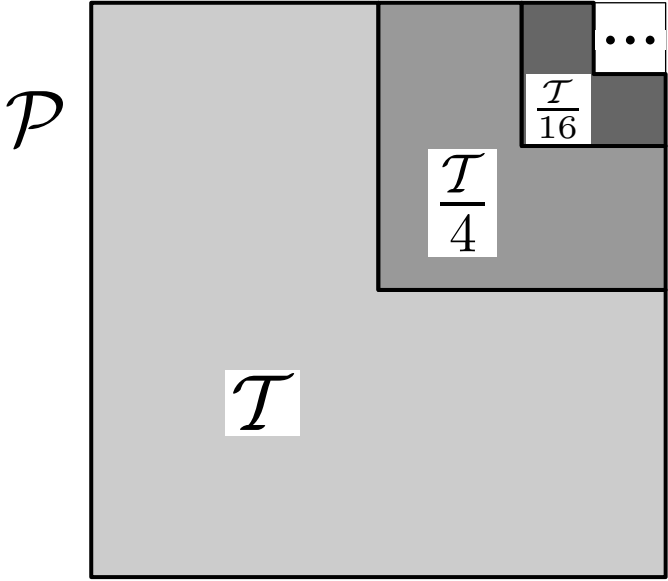
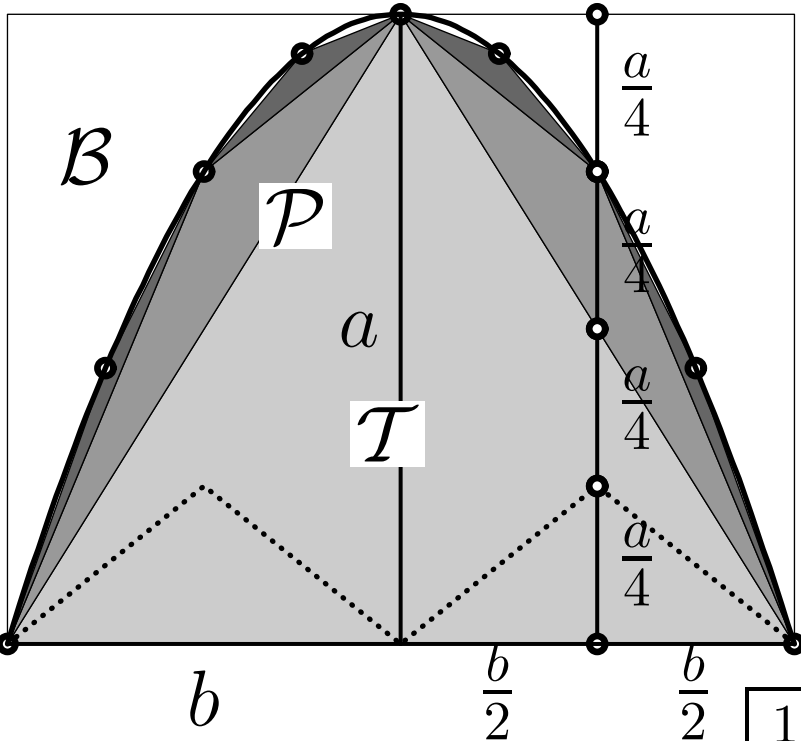
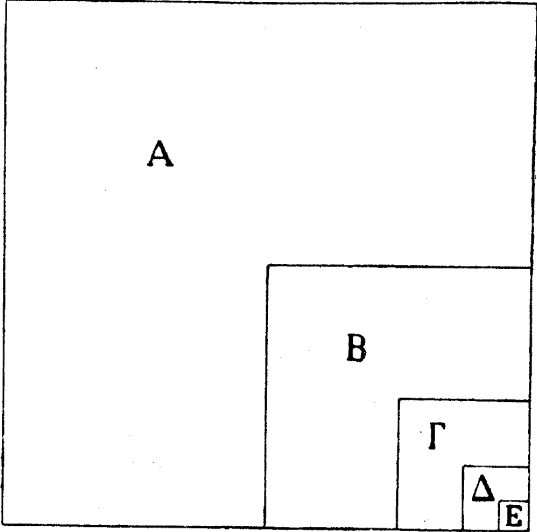
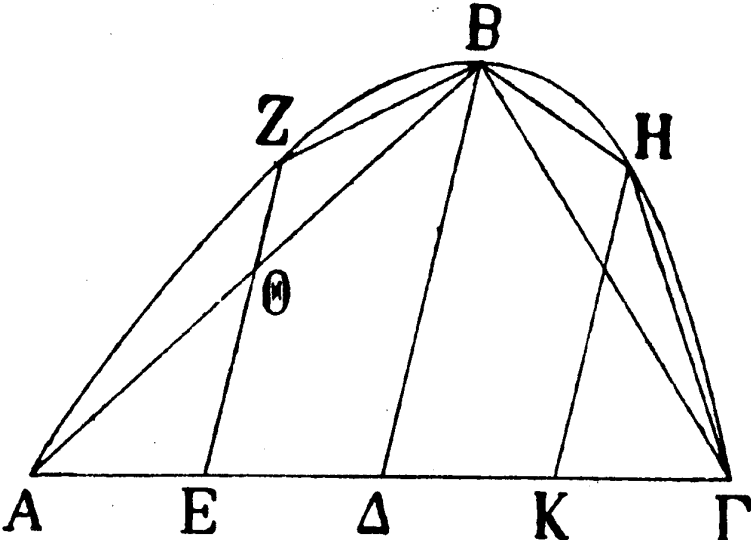


in equilibrium

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\mathcal{P} = \frac{4}{3}\mathcal{T}}.$$

Arch.: "Is that rigorous?" **NO!** Rigorous is only Geometry \Rightarrow

Second proof: **The Quadrature of the Parabola.**



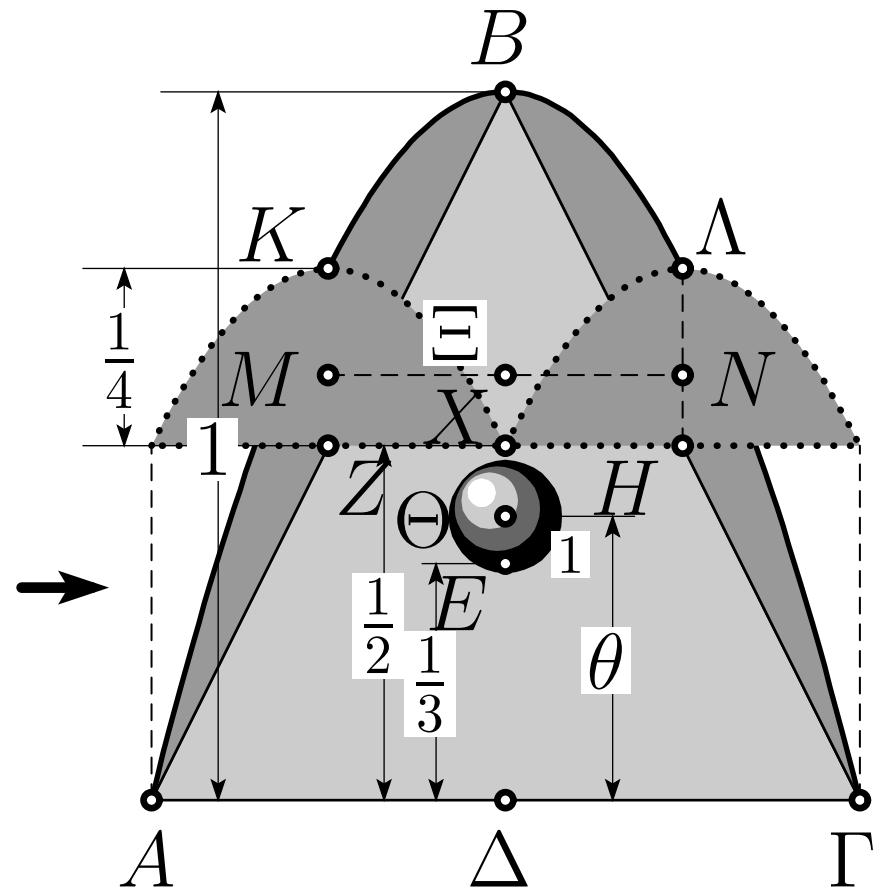
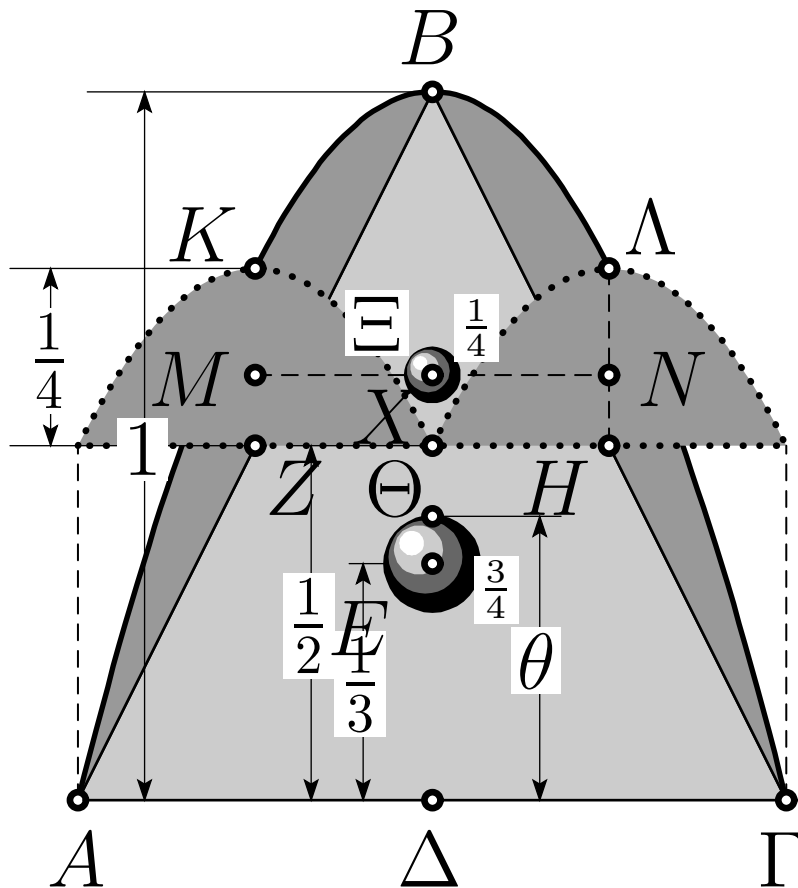
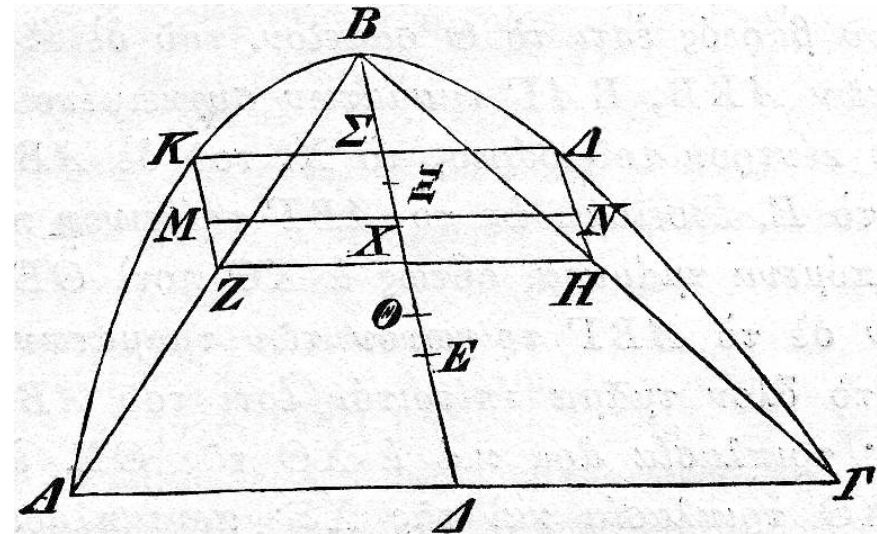
$$\frac{1}{4} \mathcal{P} = \frac{1}{3} \mathcal{T}$$

Equilibrium of planes II. Barycenter of parabola:

$$\Xi X = \frac{1}{4}\theta \quad (\text{Prop. 7})$$

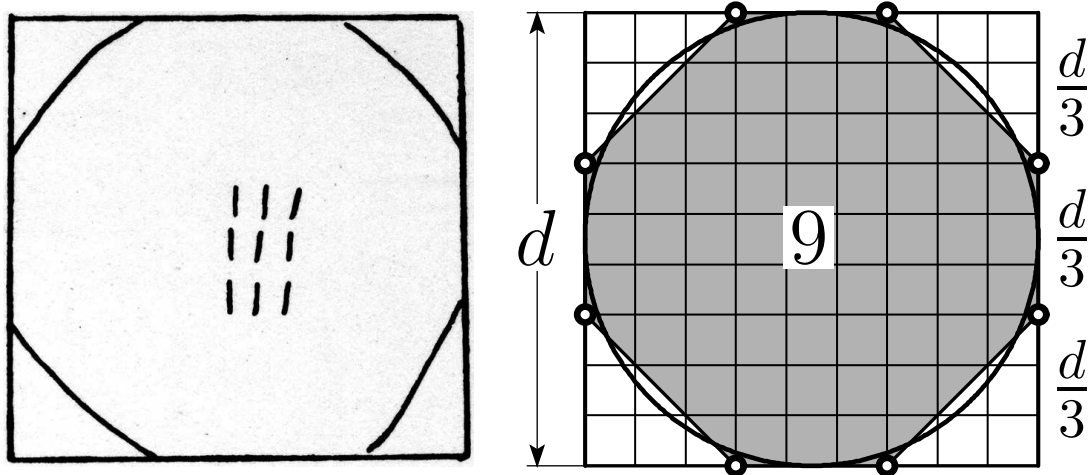
$$\theta = \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4}\theta \right) + \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\theta = \frac{2}{5}}$$



Area of the Circle.

Rhind Papyrus (Luxor, 19th century B.C.), Art. 48:



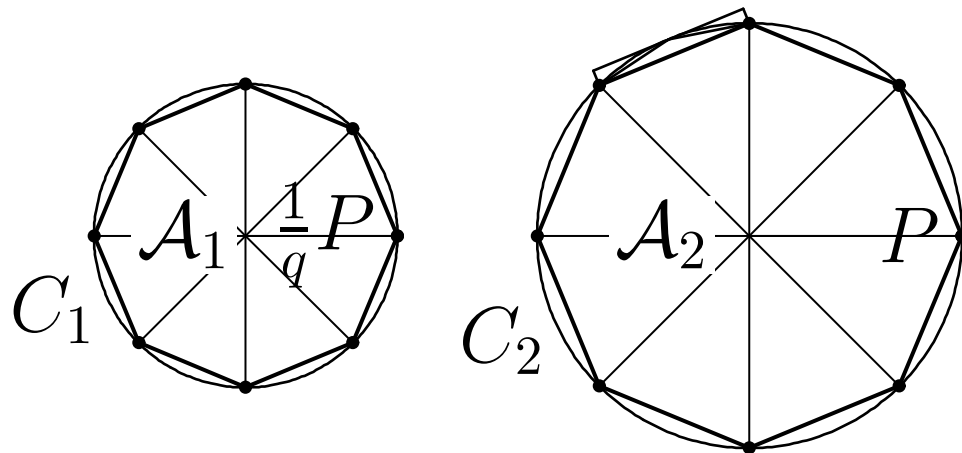
Square of $9 \times 9 = 81$ units;

“Circle” of $81 - 18 = 63 \approx 64$ units

$$64 = 8^2 = (9 - 1)^2$$

“subtract $\frac{1}{9}$ -th of diam. then square”.

Euclid XII.2:



$$\frac{r_2}{r_1} = q \Rightarrow \frac{A_2}{A_1} = q^2.$$

hence $A = r^2 \pi$

with unknown constant π .

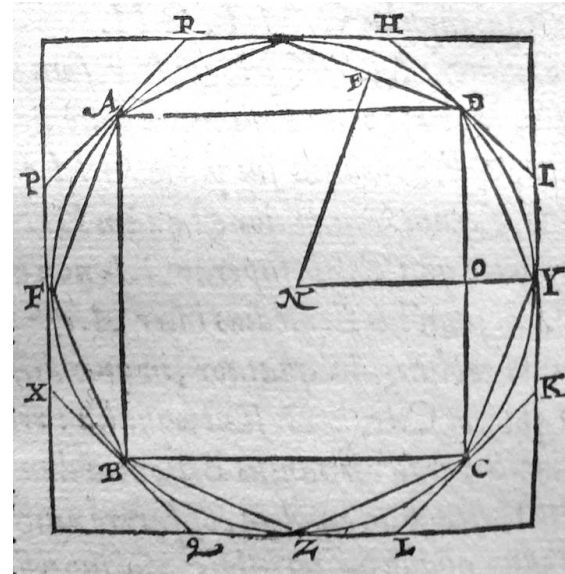
Egyptian: $\pi \approx \frac{256}{81} = 3.1605$

Archimedes' Measuring of the Circle.

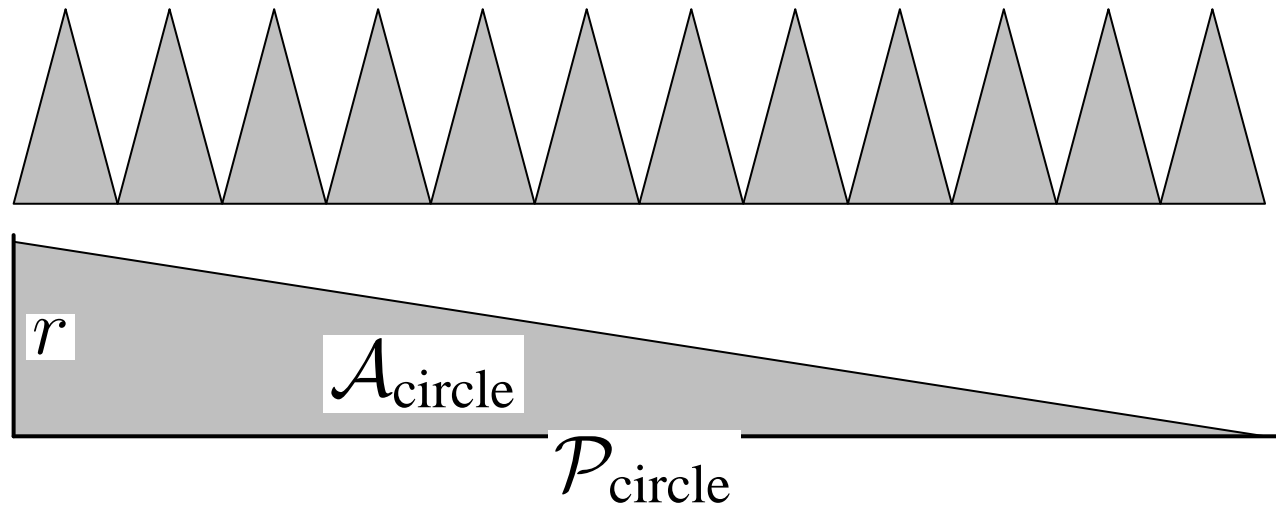
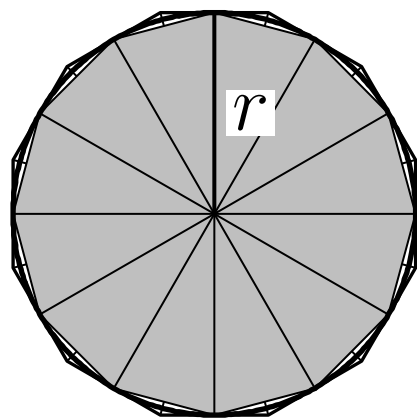
Proposition I:

$$A_{\text{circle}} = \mathcal{P}_{\text{circle}} \cdot \frac{r}{2},$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\text{circle}} = 2r\pi.$$

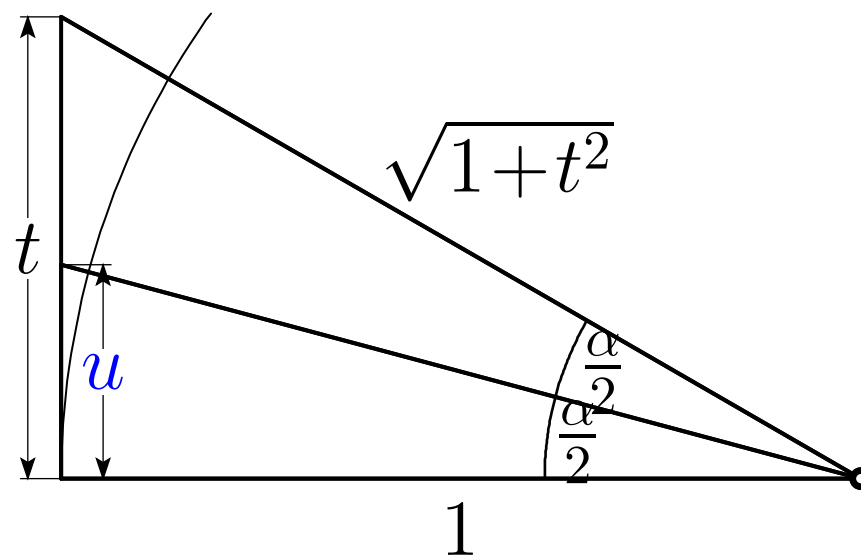
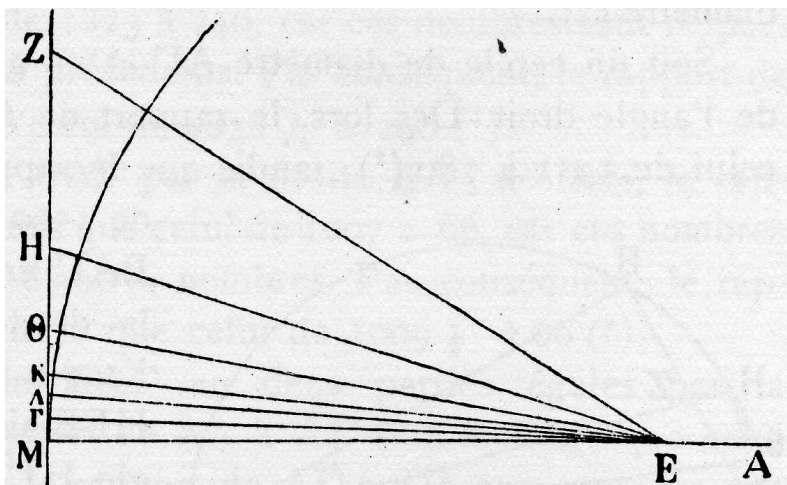


(Opera, 1615 (D. Rivault, BGE Ka459))



Upper bounds for π .

Eucl. VI.3: $\frac{t - u}{\sqrt{1 + t^2}} = \frac{u}{1}$ or $u = \frac{t}{\sqrt{1 + t^2} + 1} \mapsto t$.



$$\Gamma Z < \frac{153}{265}, \quad \Gamma H < \frac{153}{571}, \quad \Gamma \Theta < \frac{153}{1162\frac{1}{8}}, \quad \Gamma K < \frac{153}{2334\frac{1}{4}}, \quad \Gamma \Lambda < \frac{153}{4673\frac{1}{2}}$$

PROPOSITION III:

$$3 \frac{10}{71} < \pi < 3 \frac{1}{7}$$

“Trust is good, control is better”:

n	t_{corr}	t_{arch}	$\pi <$	S_{corr}	S_{arch}	$\pi >$
6	0.577350	0.577358	3.464102	0.500000	0.500000	3.000000
12	0.267949	0.267951	3.215390	0.258819	0.258814	3.105829
24	0.131652	0.131655	3.159660	0.130526	0.130519	3.132629
48	0.065543	0.065546	3.146086	0.065403	0.065400	3.139350
96	0.032737	0.032738	3.142715	0.032719	0.032718	3.141032

PROPOSITION III:

$$3 \frac{10}{71} < \pi < 3 \frac{1}{7}$$

“Trust is good, control is better”:

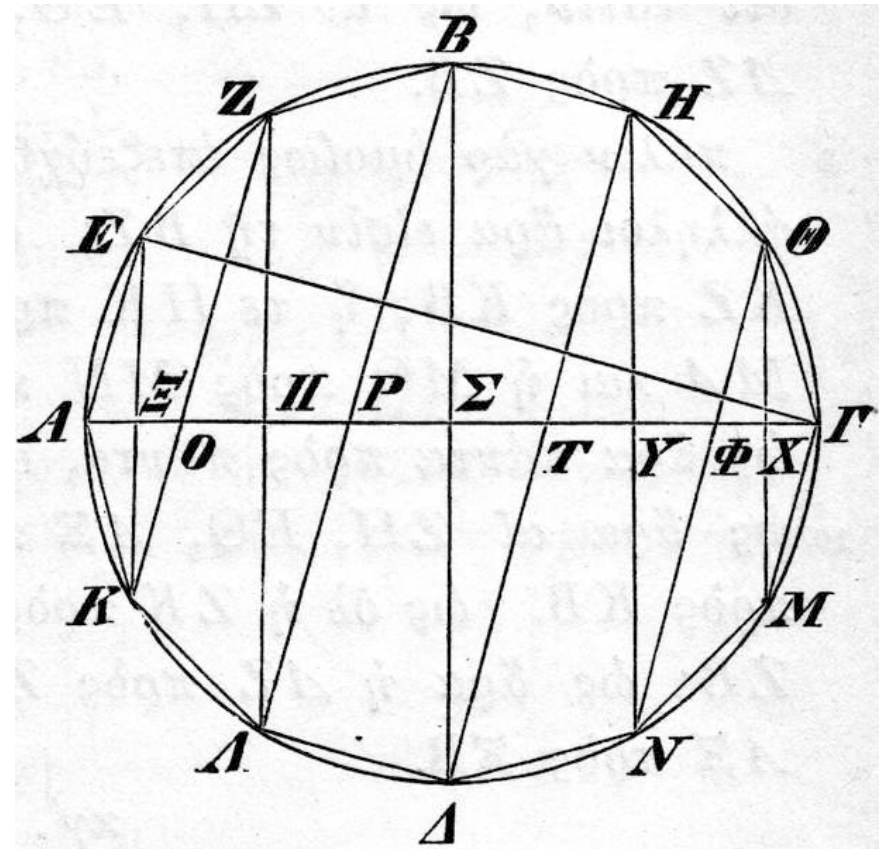
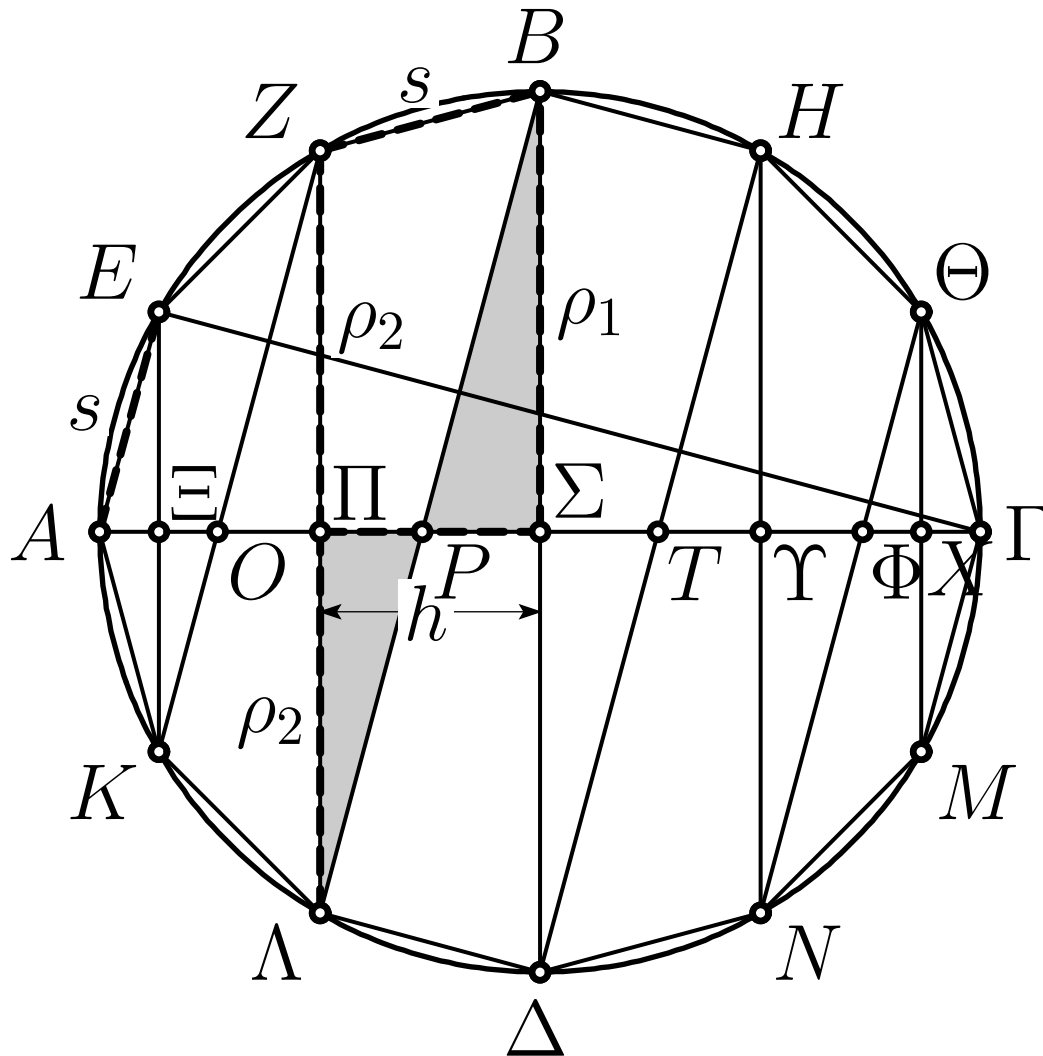
n	t_{corr}	t_{arch}	$\pi <$	S_{corr}	S_{arch}	$\pi >$
6	0.577350	0.577358	3.464102	0.500000	0.500000	3.000000
12	0.267949	0.267951	3.215390	0.258819	0.258814	3.105829
24	0.131652	0.131655	3.159660	0.130526	0.130519	3.132629
48	0.065543	0.065546	3.146086	0.065403	0.065400	3.139350
96	0.032737	0.032738	3.142715	0.032719	0.032718	3.141032

P.S. This control detected no error in Archimedes, but a printing error in the first edition of our book ...

DE SPHAERA ET CYLINDRO (en total 229 pages).

“... since any circle equals a triangle whose basis is the perimeter and whose height is the radius, I had the intuition that any sphere equals a cone whose basis equals the **surface** of the sphere, and the height is the radius.”

(Archimedes, in *The Method*, see Ver Eecke (1960), p. 488)

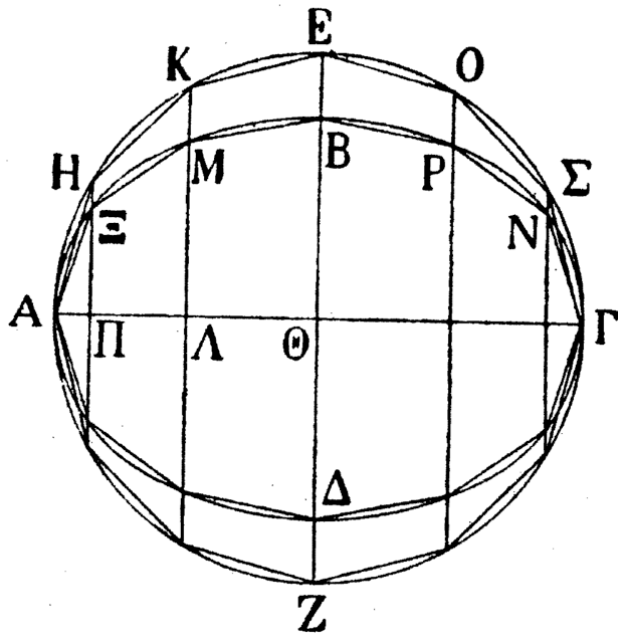


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DE CONOIDIBUS ET SPHAEROIDIBUS. (3rd proof!)

“But afterwards, when I had studied them with greater care, I discovered what I had failed in before.” (from the Introduction).

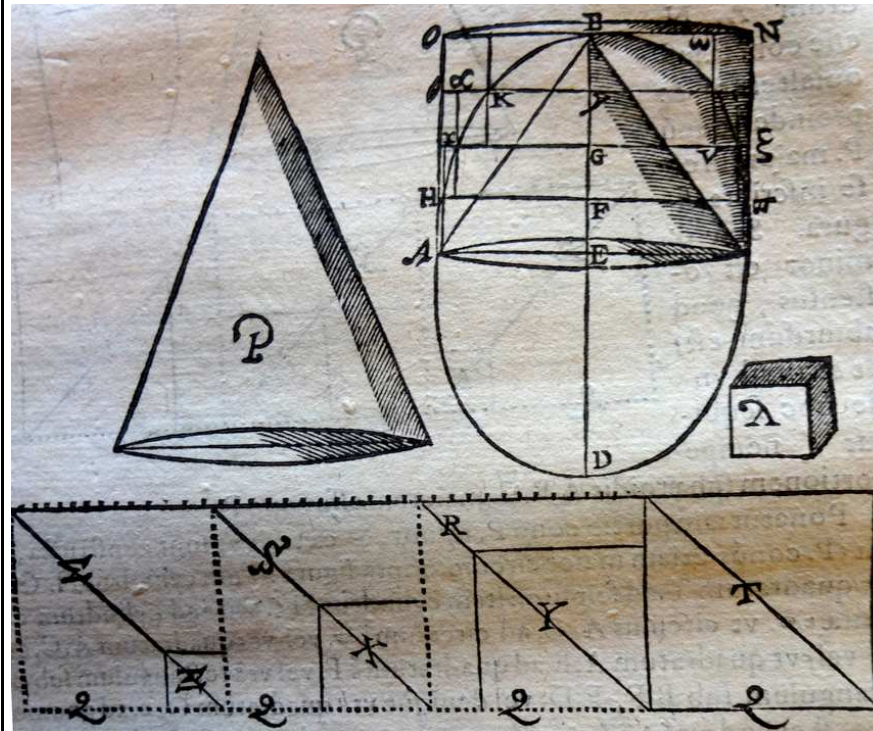
Proposition IV



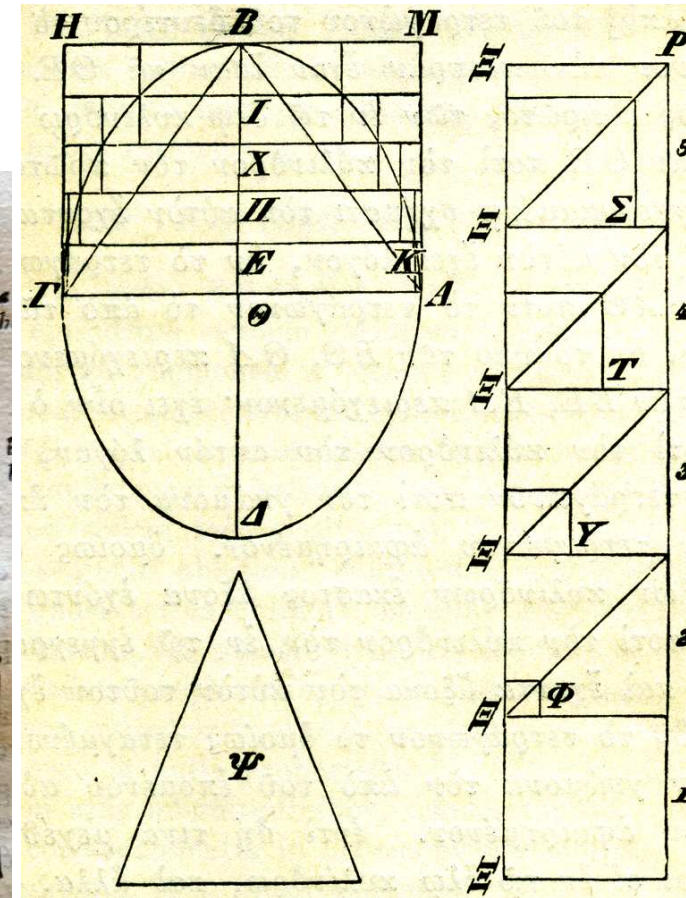
(Oeuvres, Ver Eecke 1960)

(Area of Ellipse
by Trap. Rule)

Proposition XXVII



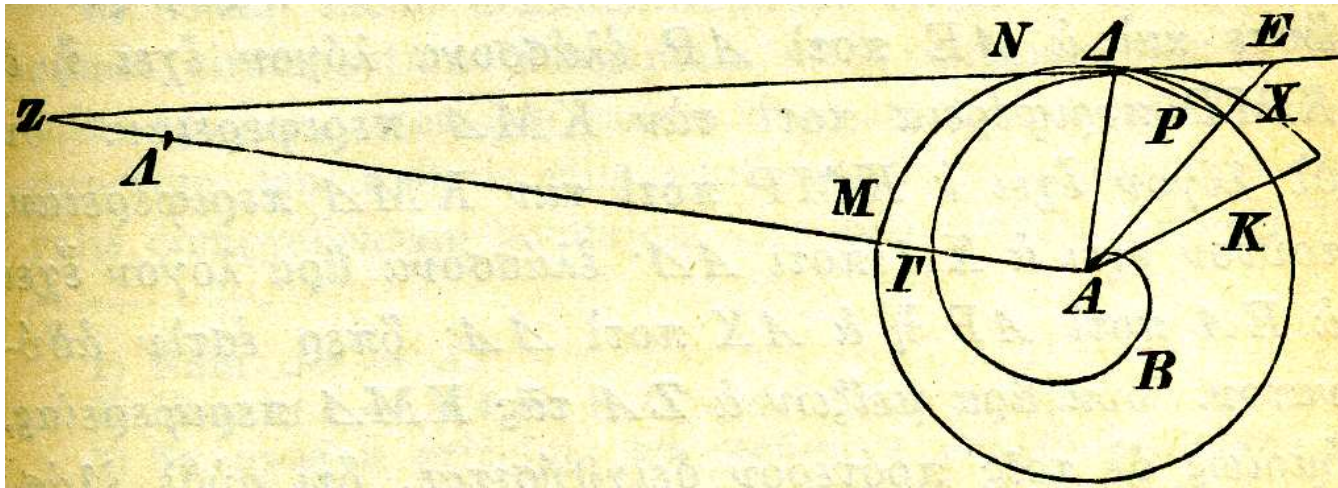
(Opera, Rivault 1615)



(Opera, Heiberg 1910)

(Vol. of Ellipsoid by
upper and lower Riemann sums)

DE LINEIS SPIRALIBUS. $r = a\varphi$.



Proposition XX:

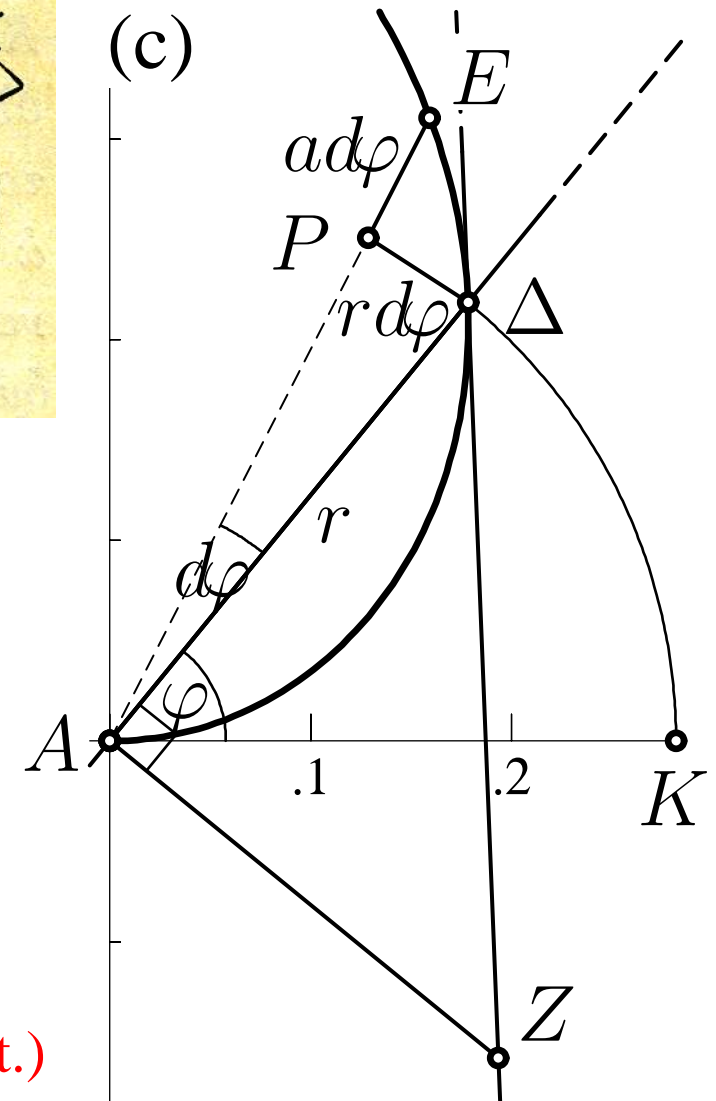
$\Delta Z = \text{tangent in } \Delta \text{ if } AZ = \text{arc } \Delta K.$

Proof. Archimedes: $\frac{EP}{AP} = \frac{\Delta P}{AZ}$;

*EP ποτὶ τὰν AP
 ΔP ποτὶ τὰν AZ.*

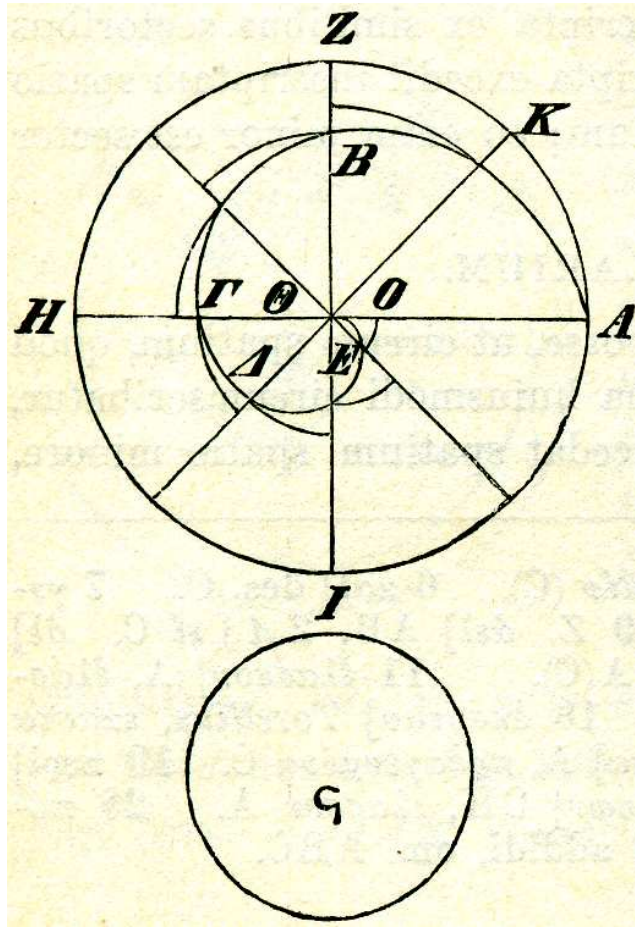
(in fact more carefully: choose a $\Delta \neq Z \Rightarrow \text{contradict.}$)

Leibniz: $\frac{ad\varphi}{r} = \frac{rd\varphi}{AZ}$ or $AZ = \frac{r^2}{a} = r\varphi. \square$

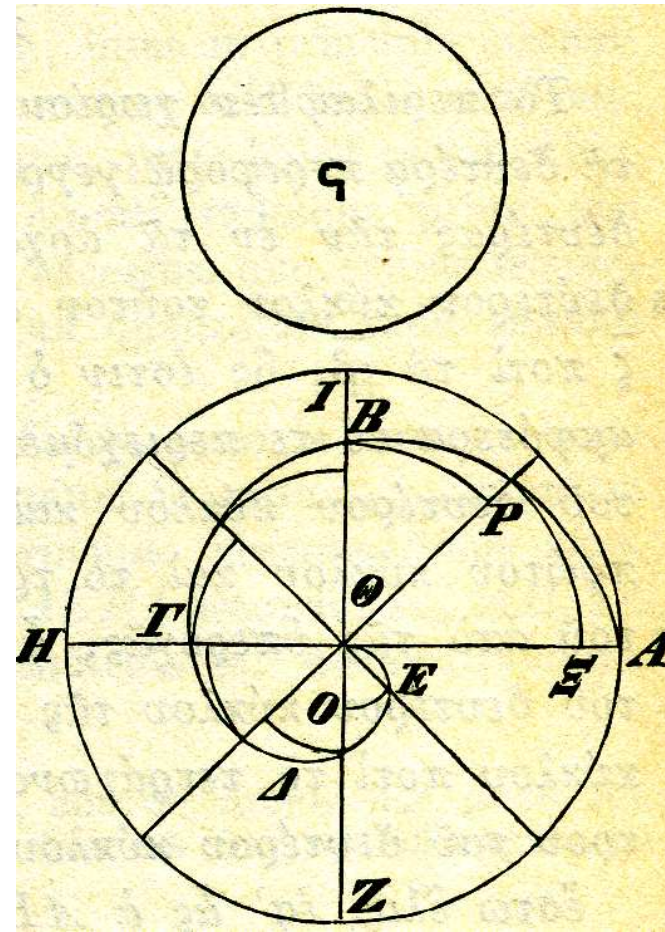


Proposition XXIV. The area of the spiral (spatium comprehensum spirali ...) after one revolution (prima circumactione ...) is $\frac{1}{3}$ -rd (tertia pars ...) of the area of the circle.

Proof. Careful estimations ...



by upper ...



... and lower Riemann sums.

(P.S. He quotes this result in his *sphaeroidibus*.)

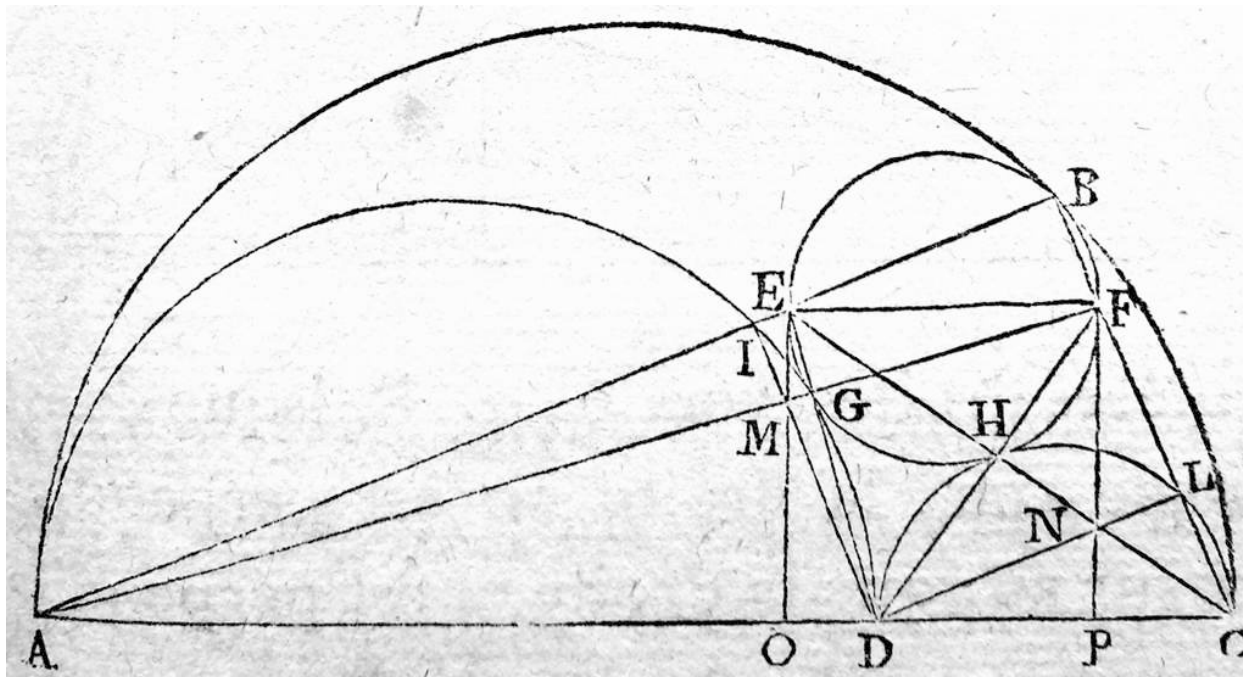
Book of Lemmas.

(Greek text is lost; survived through Arabic translation by Thābit ibn Qurra)

Prop. VI.

A, O, P, C in continued proportion

or $AO : OP = OP : PC$.

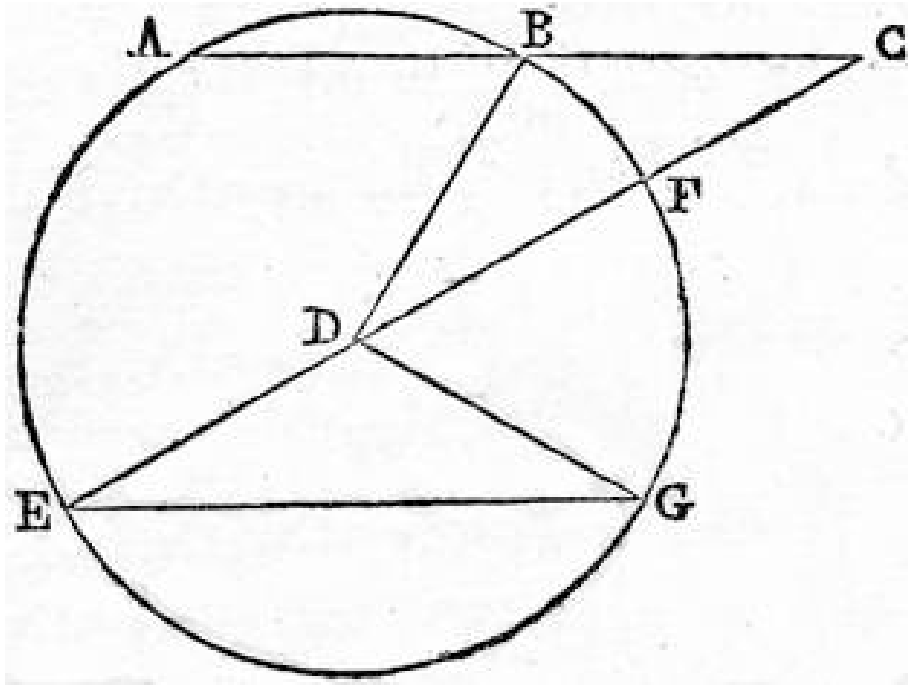


(copied from Peyrard's edition of Archimedes' *Opera*, vol. 2, Paris 1808)

(come back to this in talk on Steiner.)

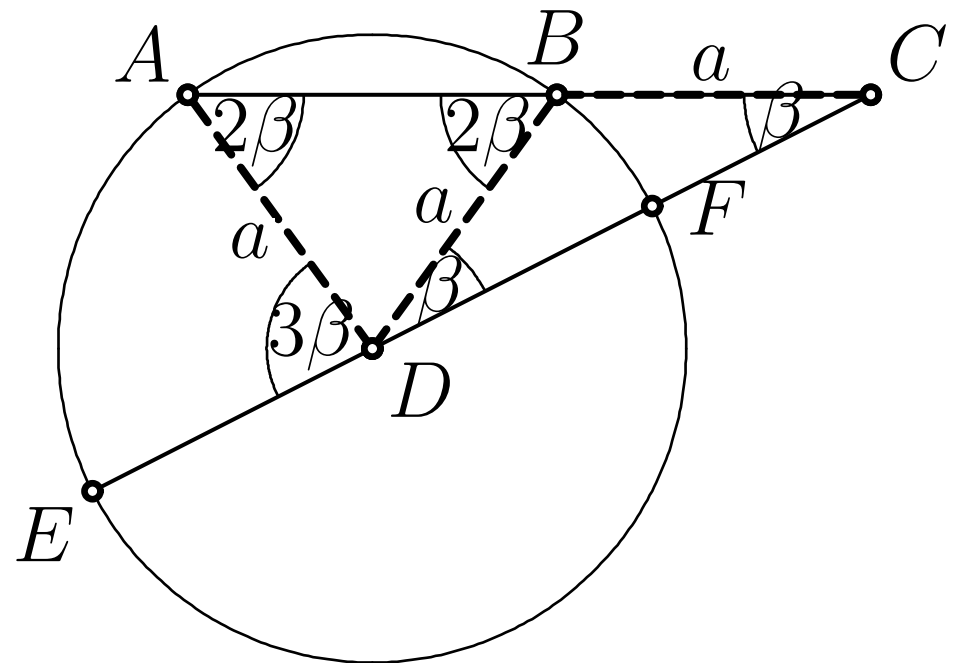
Book of Lemmas contd.

Prop. VIII. If $BC = BD$,
 $\text{arc } AE = 3 \text{ arc } BF.$



Proof. Draw parall. EG ,
 Eucl. III.20:
 $\text{arc } FG = 2 \text{ arc } BF.$

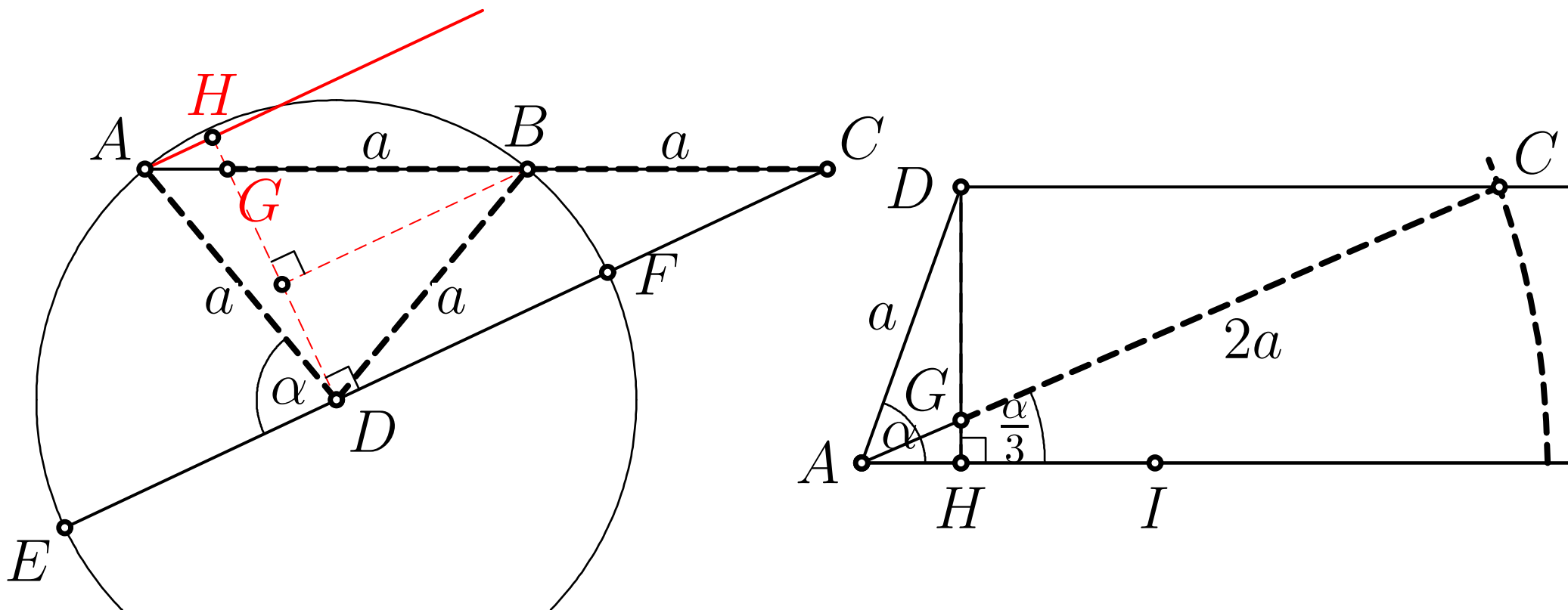
Simplified proof
 by Viète's "ladder" (1593):



use alternatively
 Eucl. I.5 and Eucl. I.32.

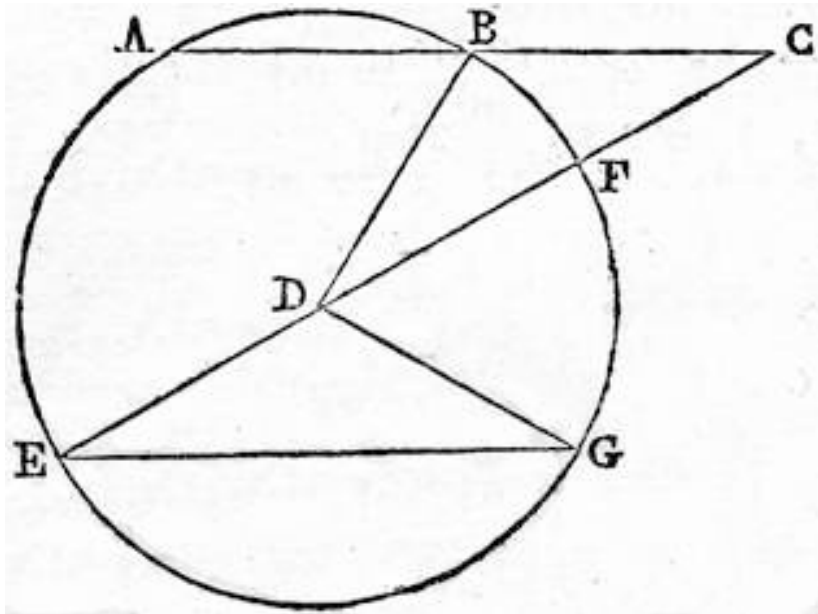
Pappus Book IV. Prop. 32:

Draw parallel AH and perpendicular $DH \Rightarrow$

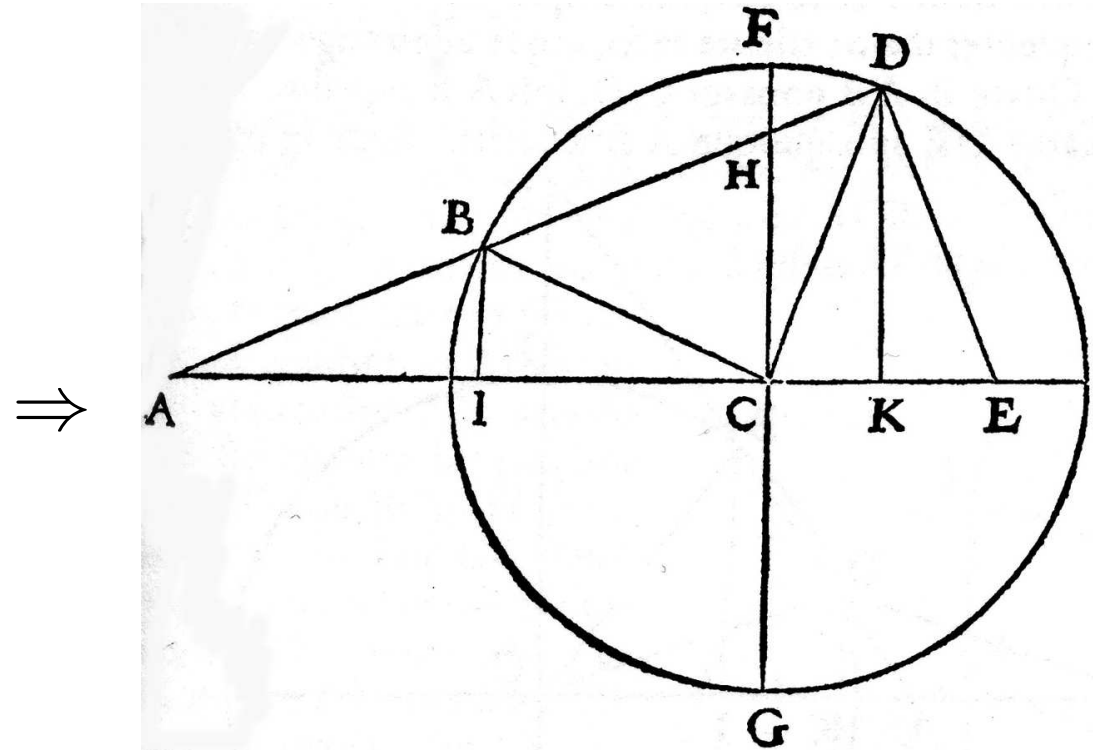


leads to angle-trisection algorithm using the **conchoid** \uparrow .

Viète, *Supplementum Geometriæ*, 1593:



Archimedes, Lemma 8



Viète 1593

known $CE = d = 2 \cos 3\alpha$, have to find $AC = x = 2 \cos \alpha$.

$$CH^2 = 4 - x^2,$$

(Pythagoras)

$$HD \cdot 1 = 1 - CH^2,$$

(Eucl. III.35 for H)

$$\frac{d}{x} = \frac{HD}{1}.$$

(Thales)

IC — 3 N, equatur 1.

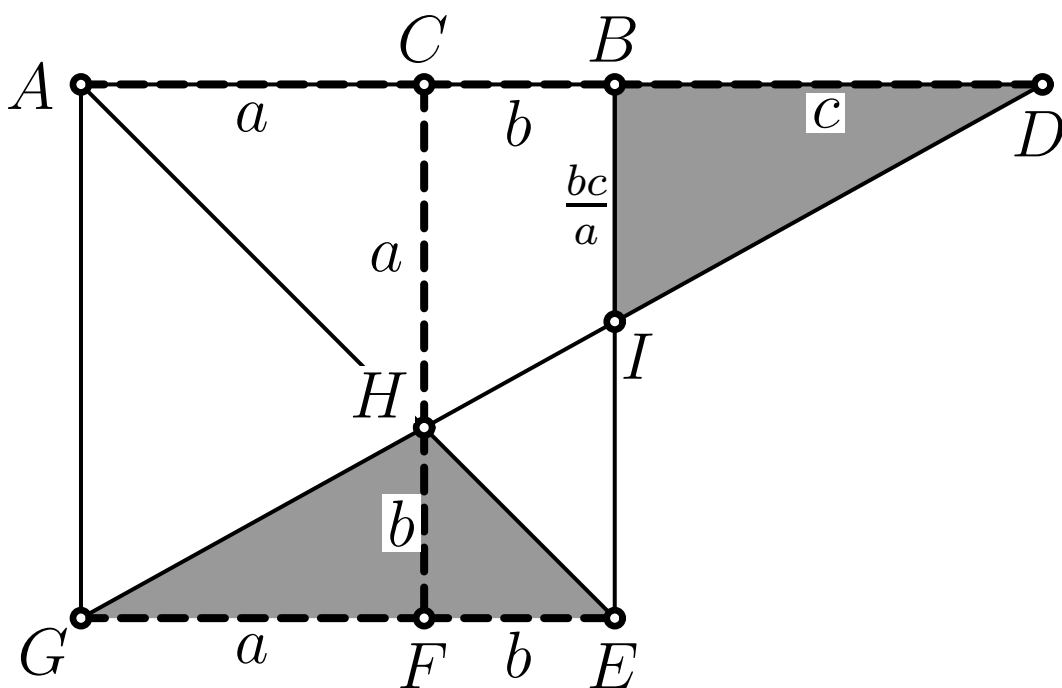
$$\boxed{x^3 - 3x = d}$$

\Rightarrow cubic equation for trisection

How did Archimedes solve this “oldest nonlinear system of algebraic equations of humanity” by νεύσεις (verging) ?

$$c^2 = a(a + b), \quad (\text{Arch}_1)$$

$$a^2 = b(b + c). \quad (\text{Arch}_2)$$



draw square $ABEG$ with diag. AE ;
 “verge” line $GHID$ such that
 grey triangles have same area;

Thales $IBD \sim HFG \Rightarrow BI = \frac{bc}{a}$;

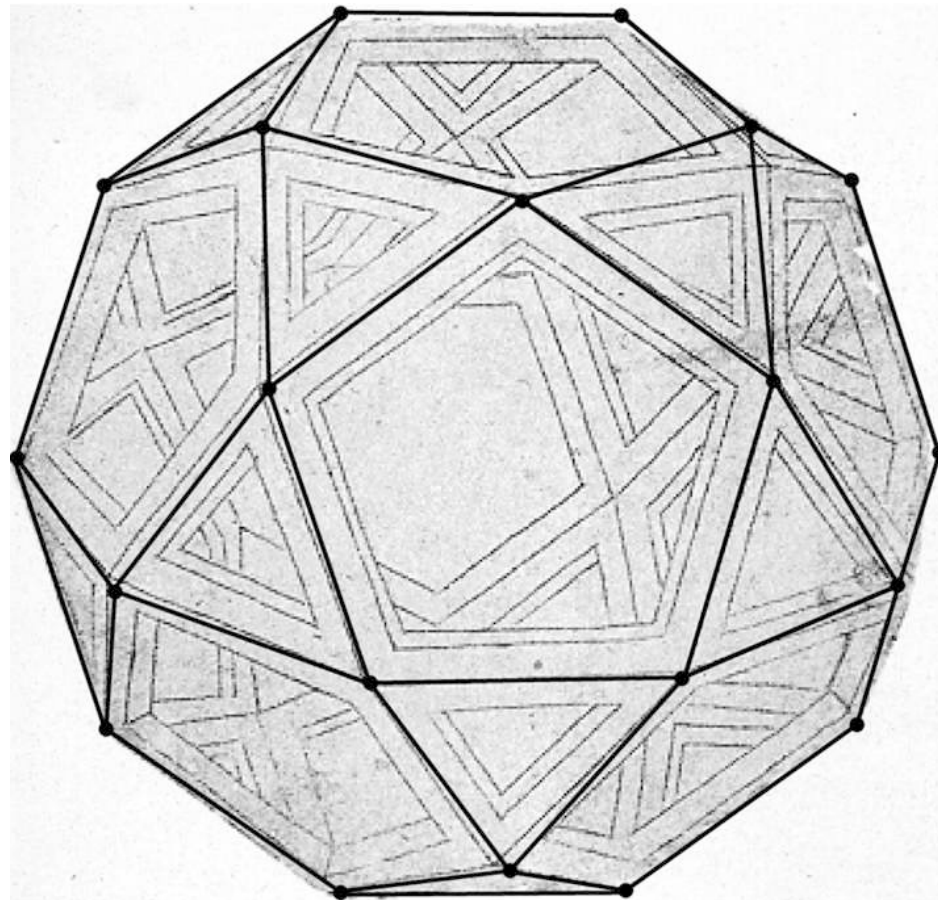
Thales $IBD \sim HCD \Rightarrow (\text{Arch}_2)$,

areas $IBD = CHE \Rightarrow (\text{Arch}_1)$.

In Archimedis solidorum doctrinam.

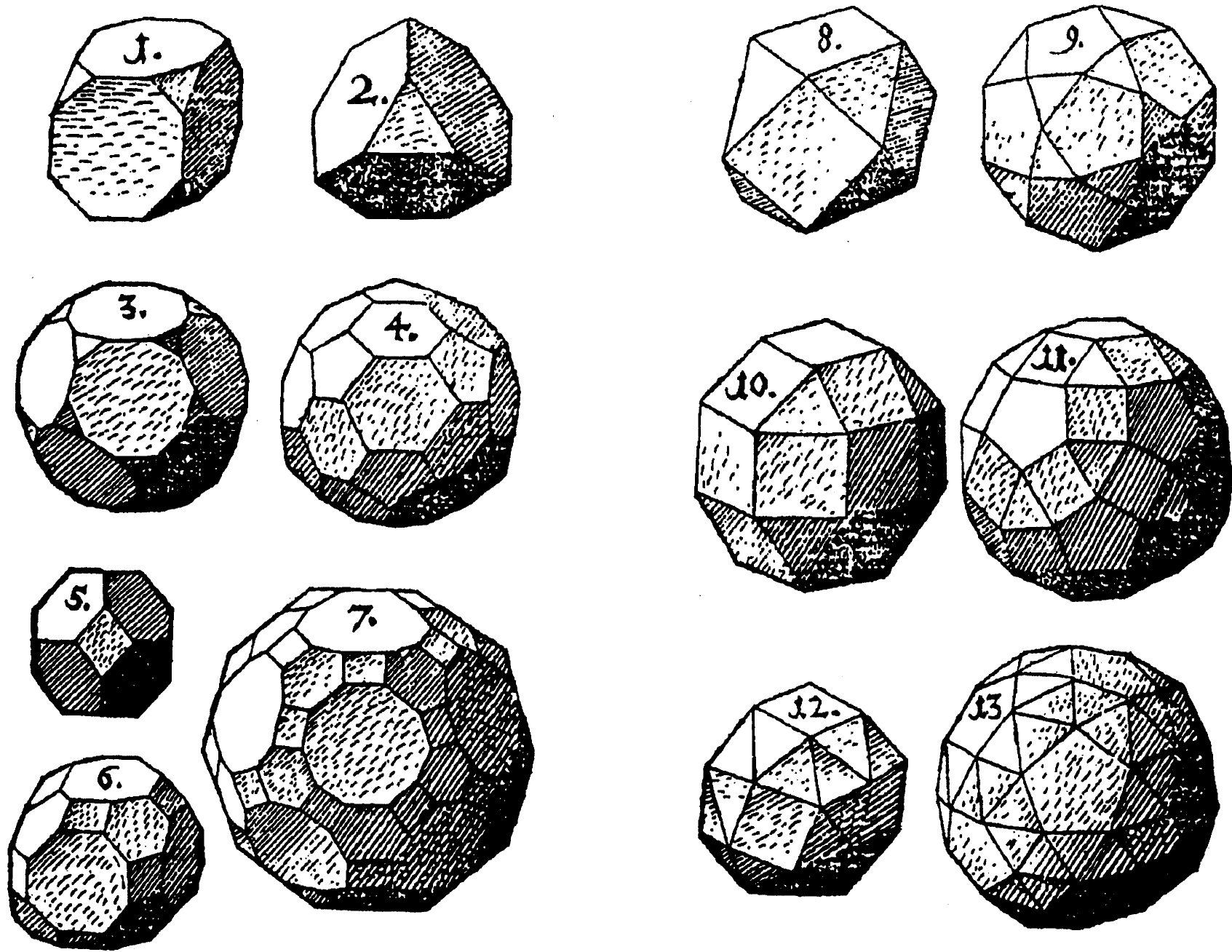
Pappus, in his *Collection*, Book V, gives a list of

sed etiam quæ ab Archimede inuenta sunt, numero tredecim;



Leonardo da Vinci, corr. by Bernard Gisin.

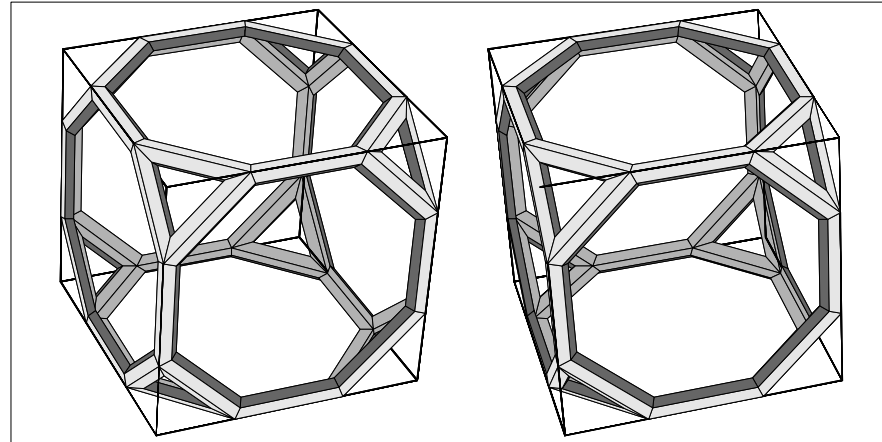
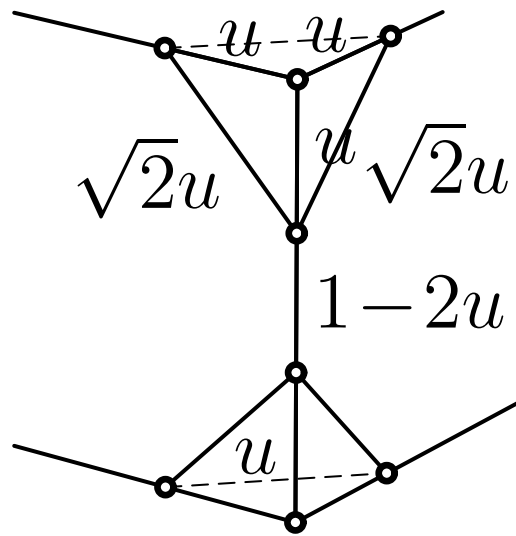
Archimedes' text is lost; slow re-discovery over centuries (see picture) until **Kepler 1619** found them all ...



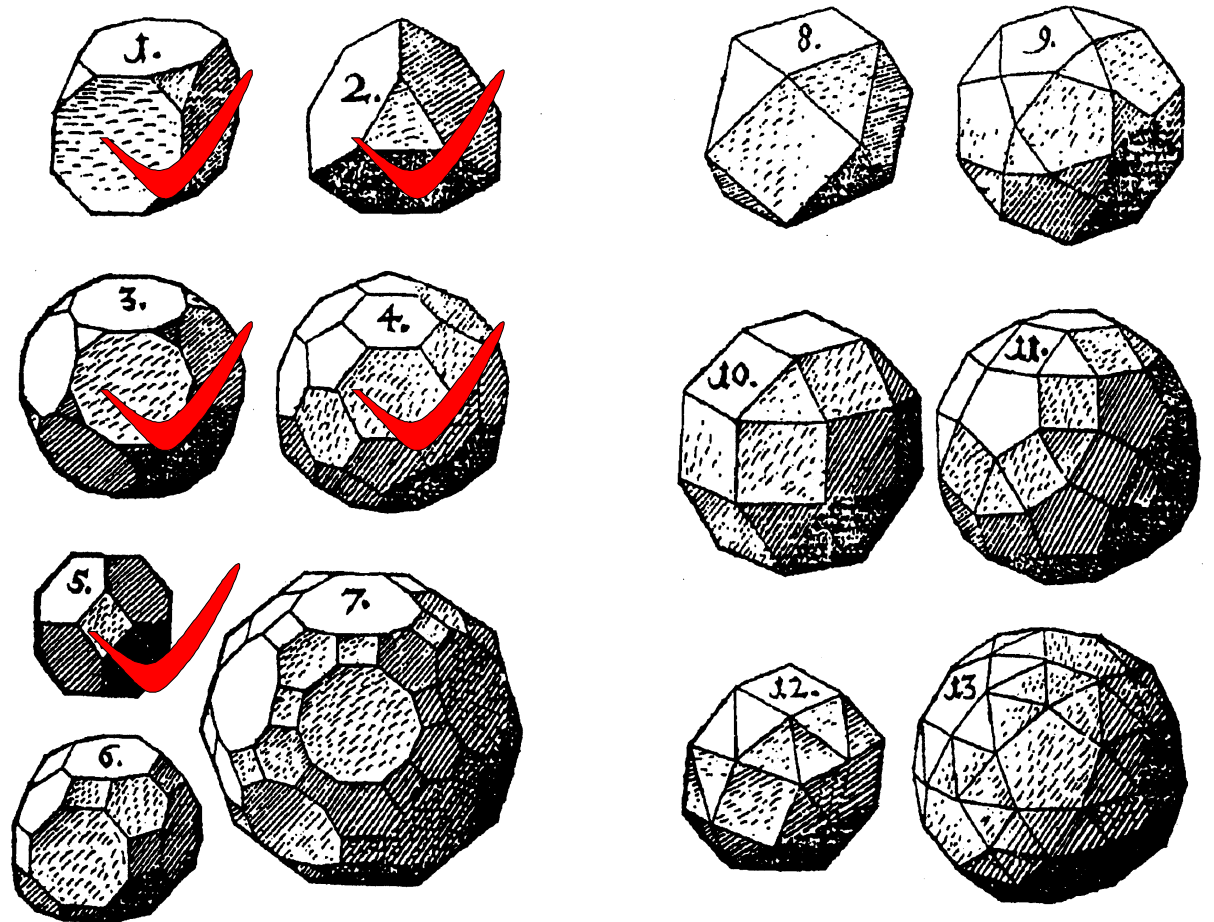
Kepler's "Archimedêa Corpora"
(*Harmonices mundi* 1619, Liber II, Propositio XXVIII).

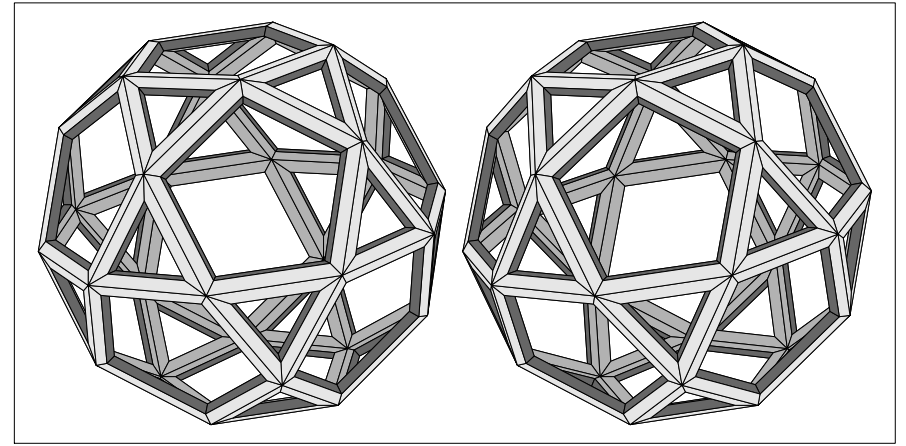
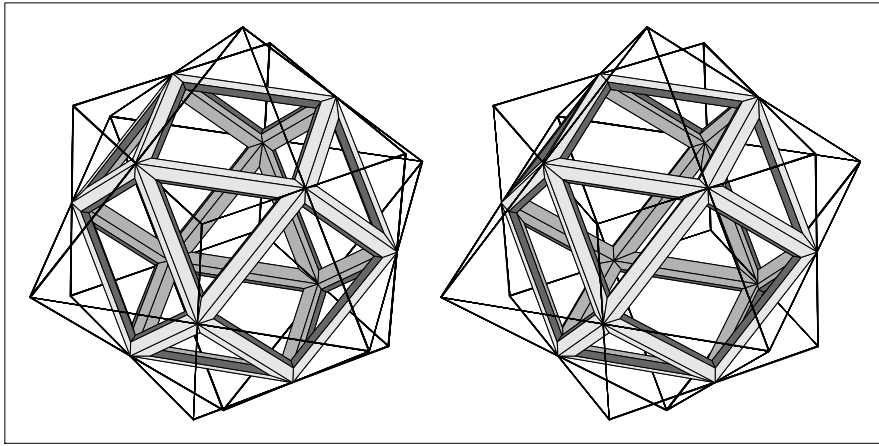
... and gave these names:

1	trunc. cube	8 triang., 6 octog.	14	36	24
2	trunc. tetrahedron	4 triang., 4 hexag.	8	18	12
3	trunc. dodecahedron	20 triang., 12 decag.	32	90	60
4	trunc. icosahedron	12 pent., 20 hexag.	32	90	60
5	trunc. octahedron	6 squares, 8 hexag.	14	36	24
6	trunc. cuboctahedron	12 squares, 8 hexag., 6 octog.	26	72	48
7	trunc. icosidodecahedron	30 squares, 20 hexag., 12 decag.	62	180	120
8	cuboctahedron	8 triang., 6 squares	14	24	12
9	icosidodecahedron	20 triang., 12 pent.	32	60	30
10	rhombicuboctahedron	8 triang., 18 squares	26	48	24
11	rhombicosidodecahedron	20 triang., 30 squares, 12 pent.	62	120	60
12	snub cube	32 triang., 6 squares	38	60	24
13	snub dodecahedron	80 triang., 12 pent.	92	150	60

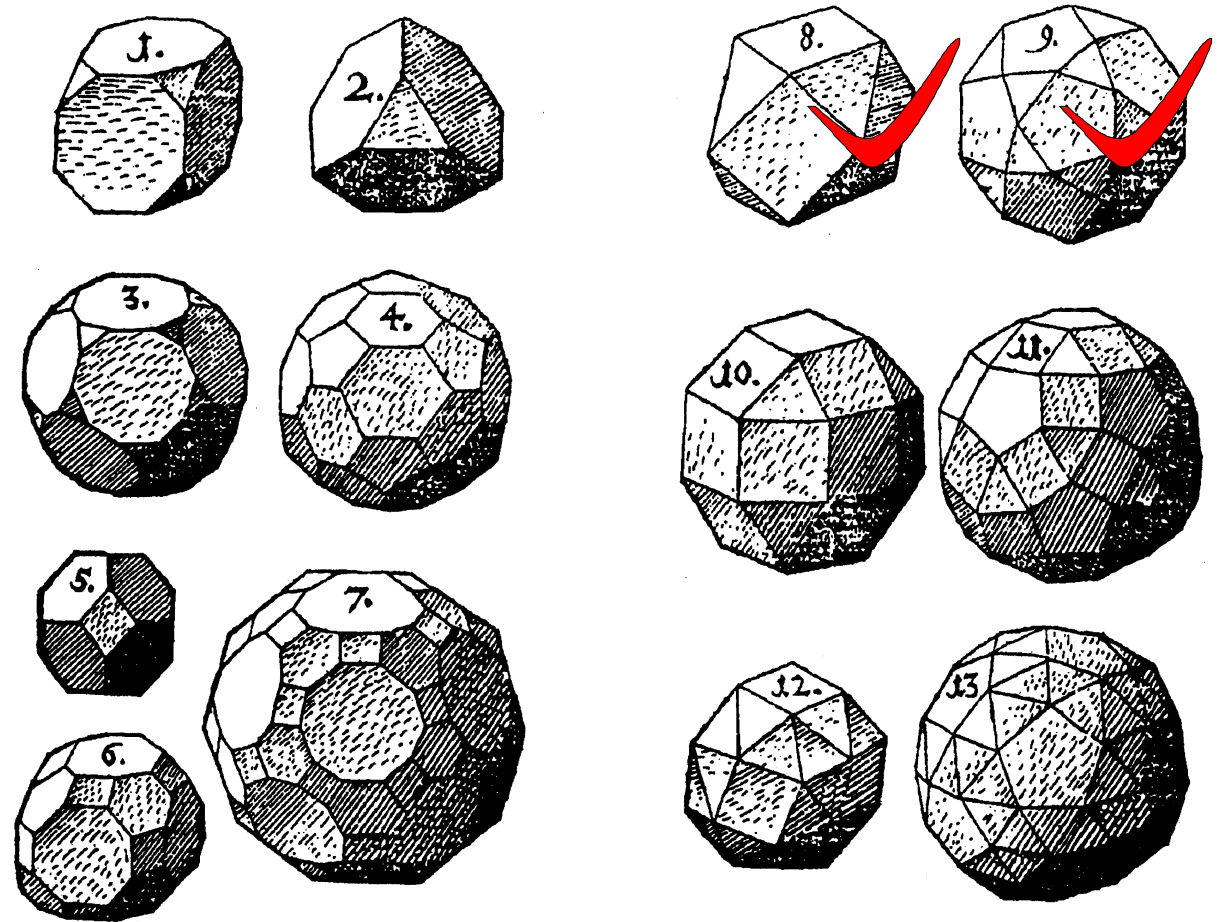


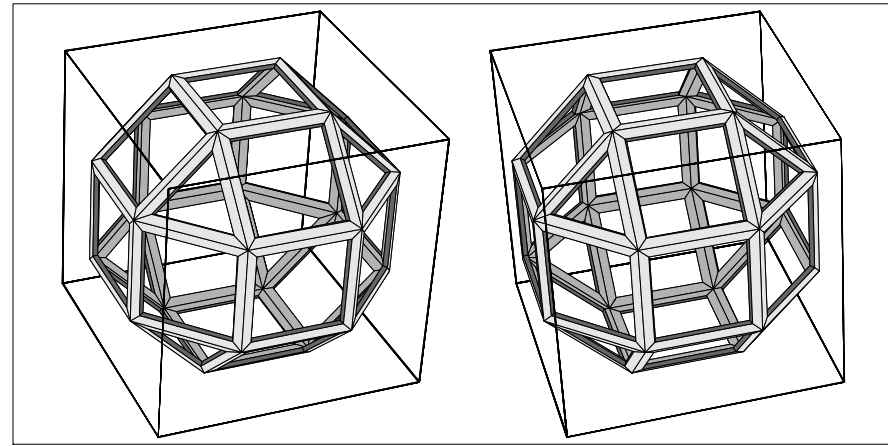
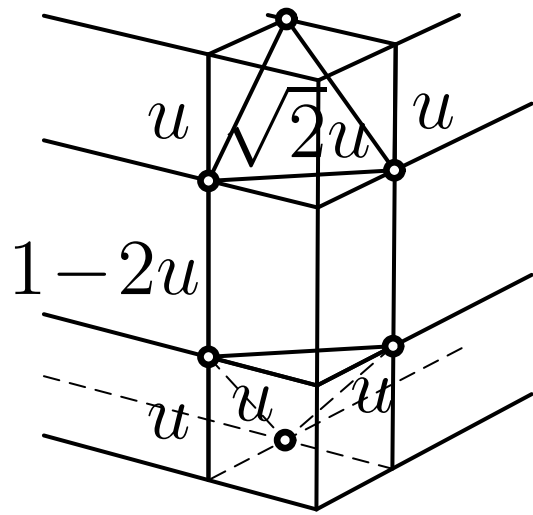
**Construction
of the Corpora
from Plato's:**
**1. Truncating
the vertices.**



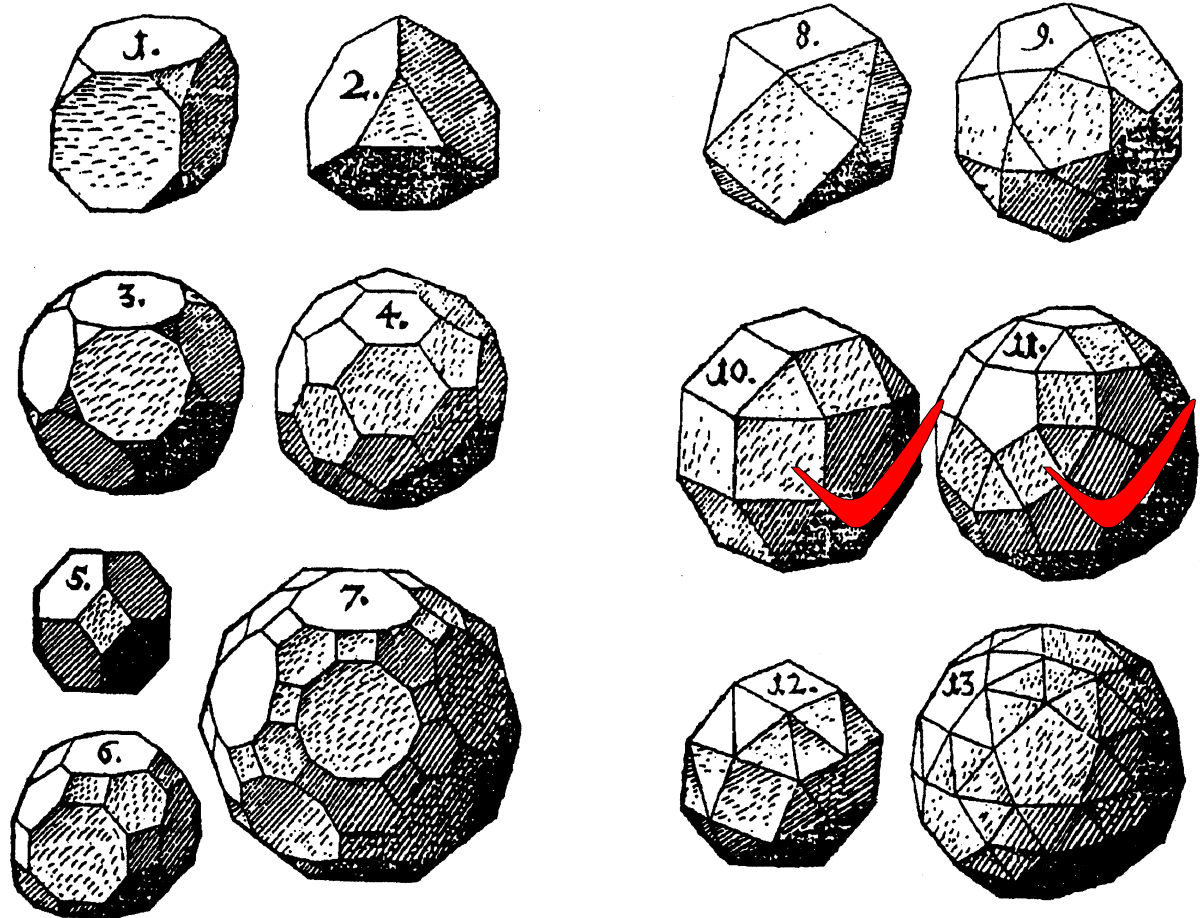


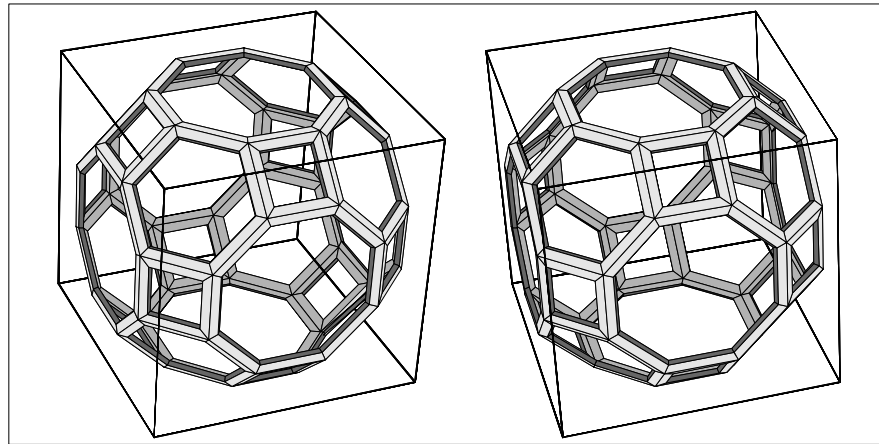
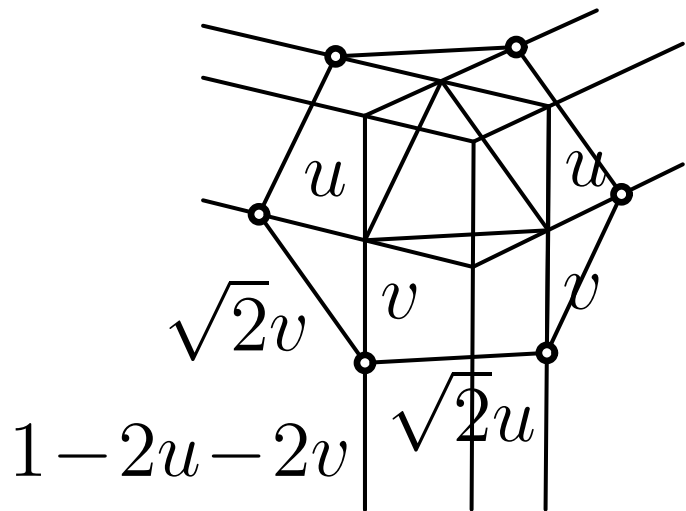
**2. Truncating
to the midpoint.**



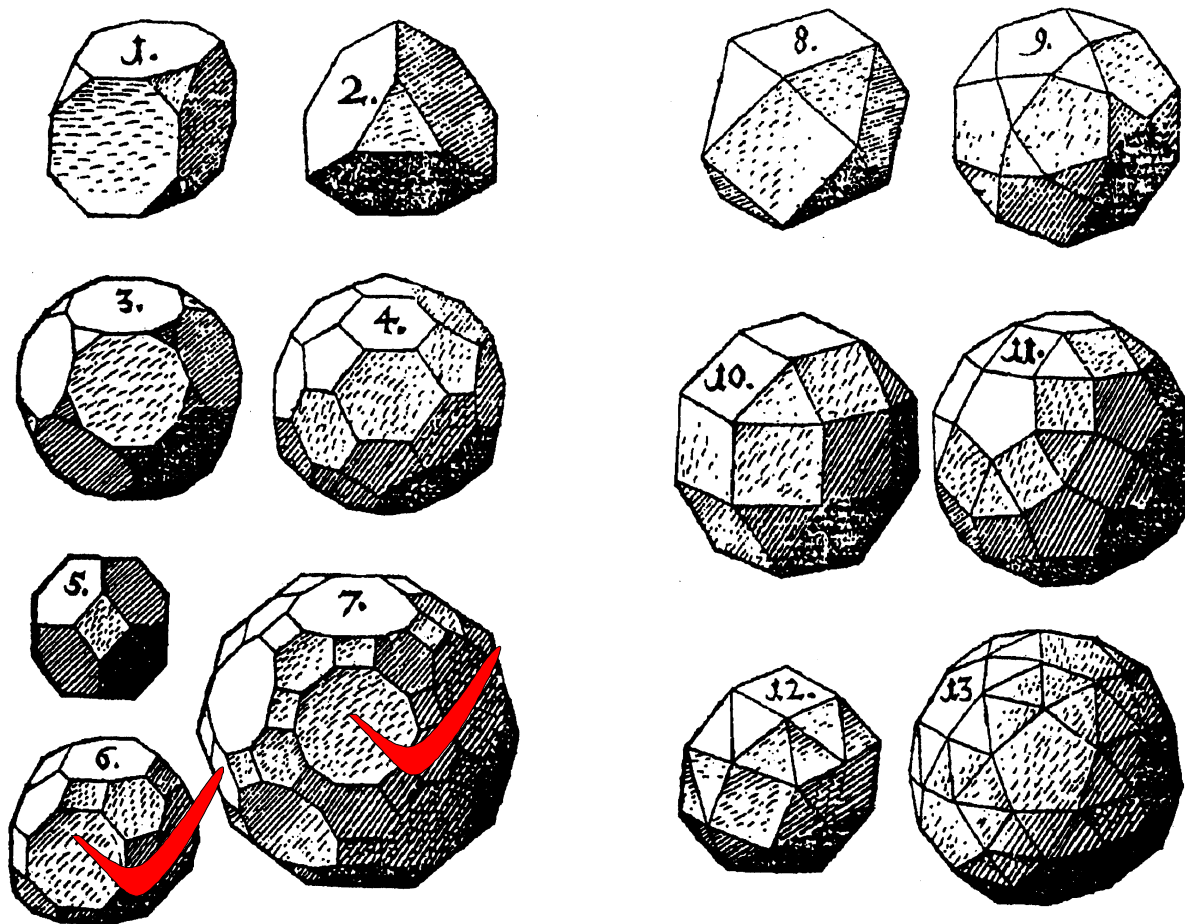


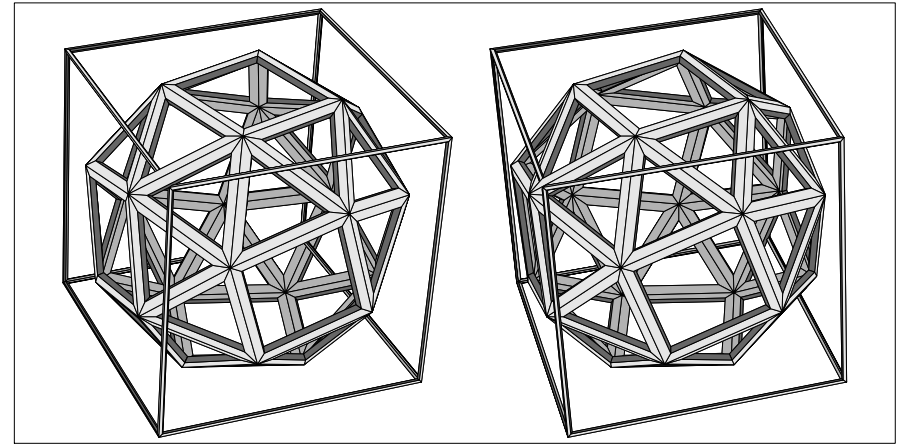
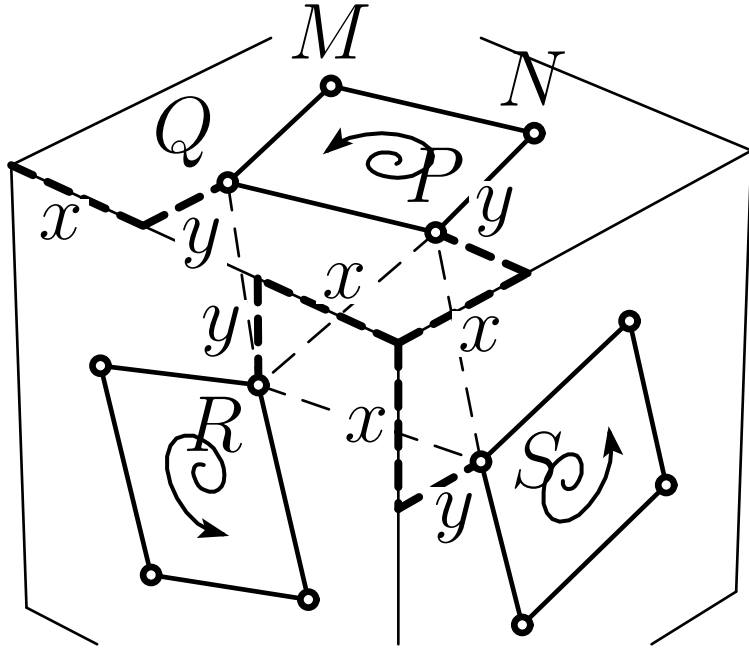
3. Truncating the edges.



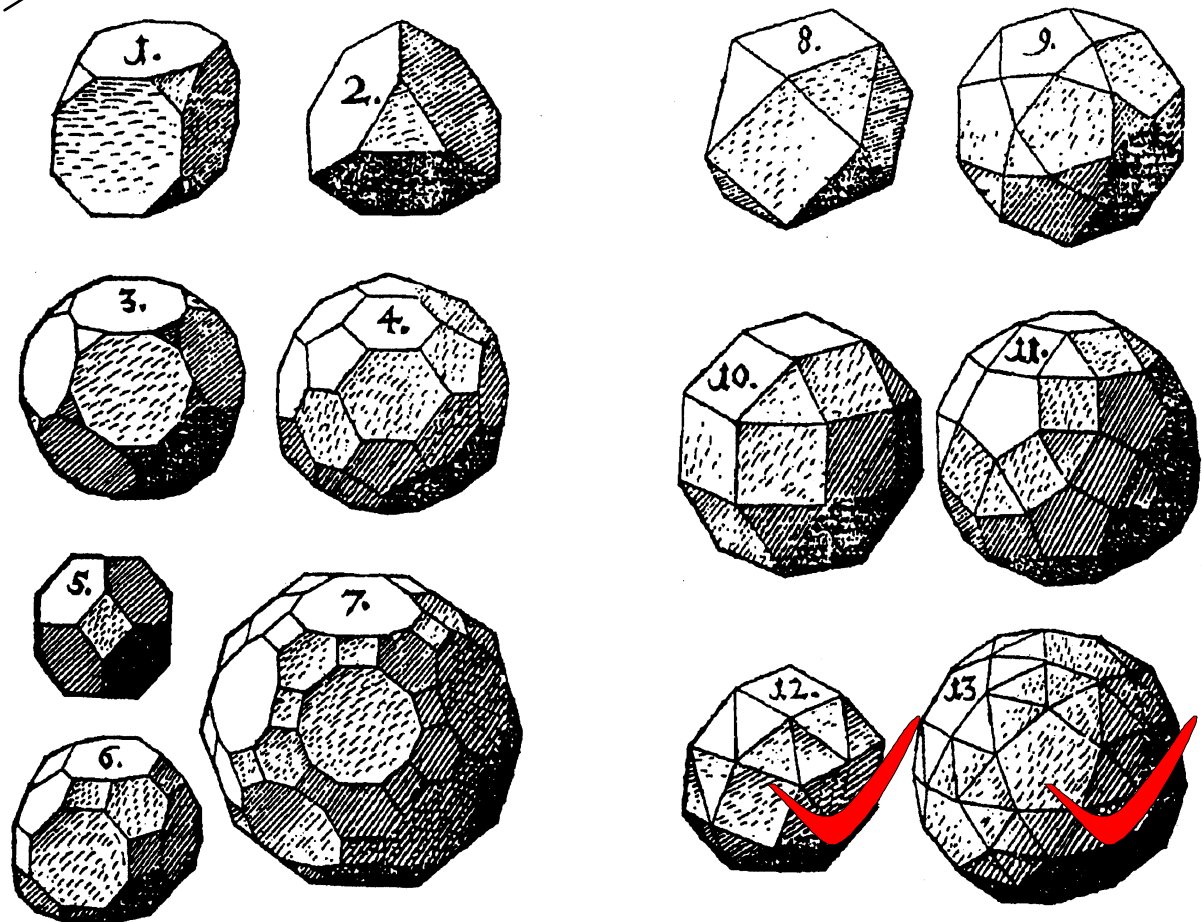


4. Truncating edges and vertices



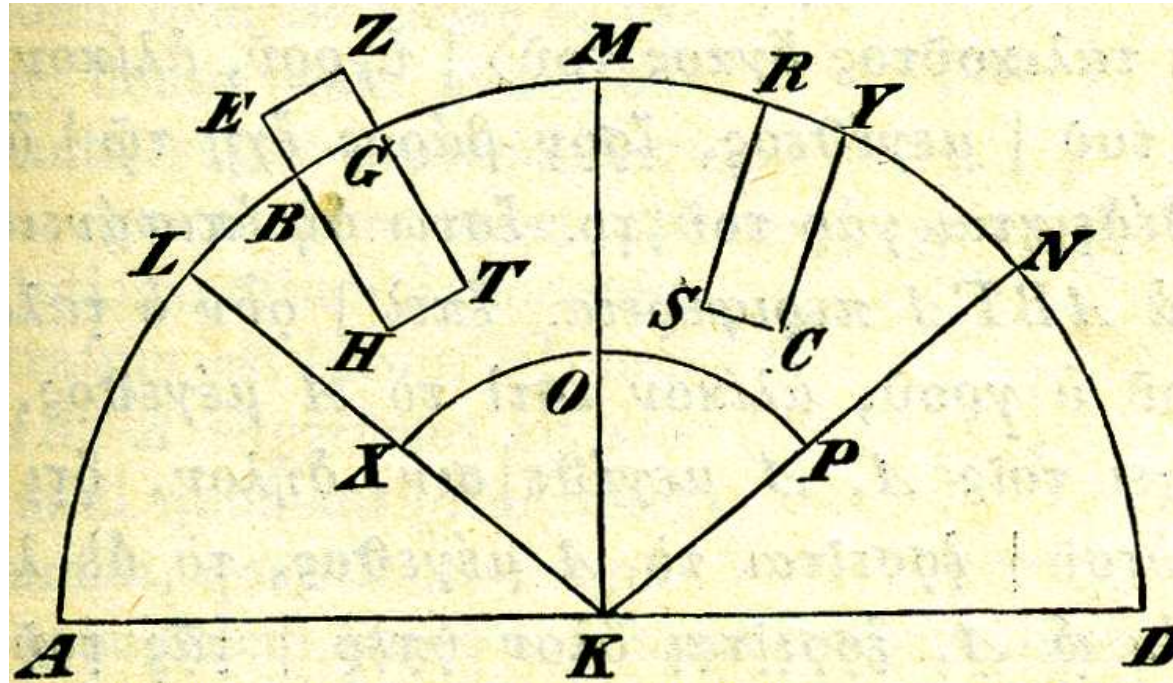


5. Shrinking and rotating.



... and at the end the most famous:

DE CORPORIBUS FLUITANTIBUS.



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Proposition V: Any solid lighter than a fluid will, if placed in the fluid, be so far immersed that the weight of the solid will be equal to the weight of the fluid displaced.

Not astonishing that Leibniz wrote ...

“Qui Archimedes et Apollonius intelligit, recentiorum summorum virorum inventa parcius mirabitur.”

[Those who perceive the works of Archimedes and Apollonius will marvel less at the discoveries of the greatest modern scholars.]

(G.W. Leibniz; copied from Ver Eecke 1923)

(P.S. This was perhaps also a little pin-brick against the glory of Newton.)