

On the Formalization of Foundations of Tarski's System of Geometry

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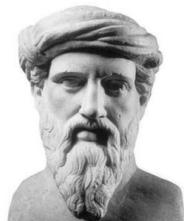


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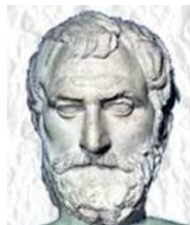
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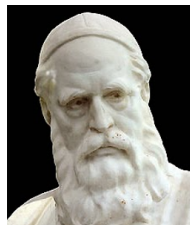
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Vladimir Voevodsky
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(Vladimir Voevodsky, talk in March 2014 at the Institute for Advanced Studies at Princeton)

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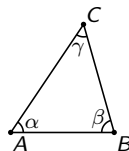
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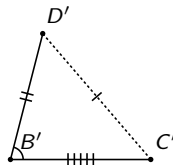
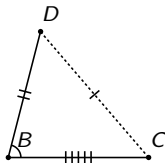
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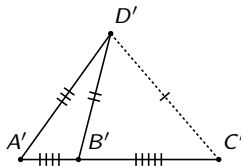
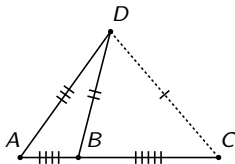
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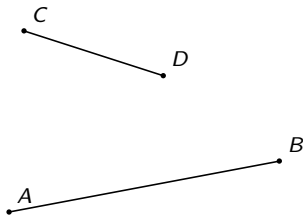


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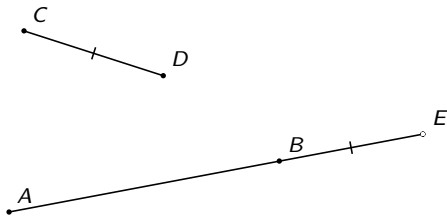
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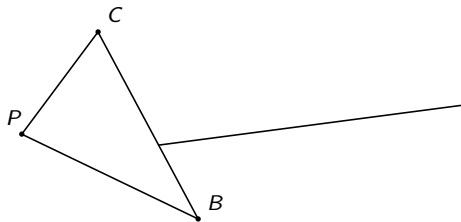


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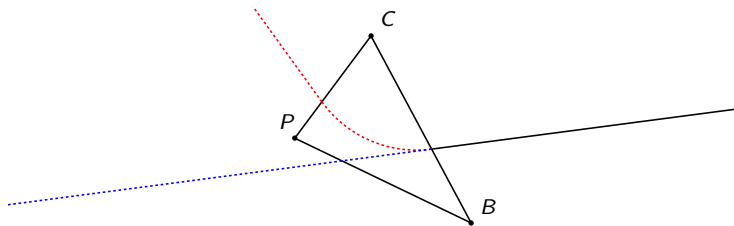
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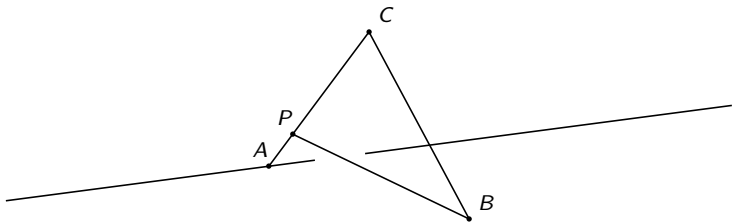
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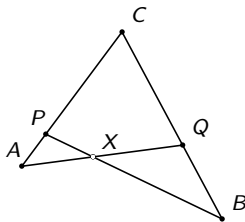
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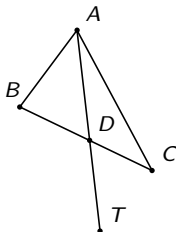
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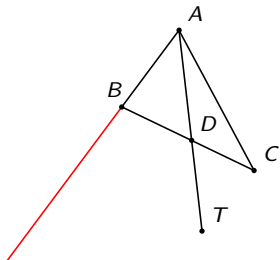
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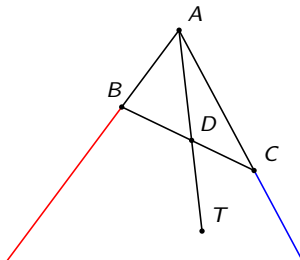
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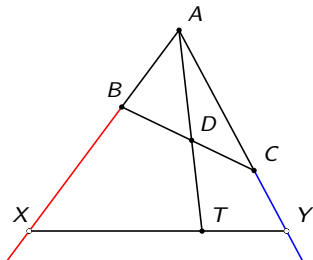
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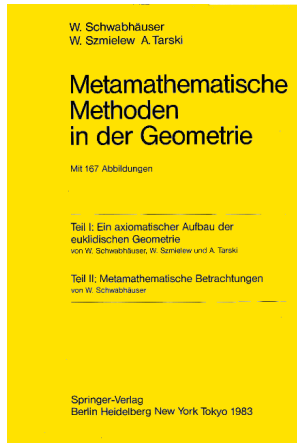
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Ch 8: Orthogonality	✓			
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Ch 10: Reflection	✓	✓		
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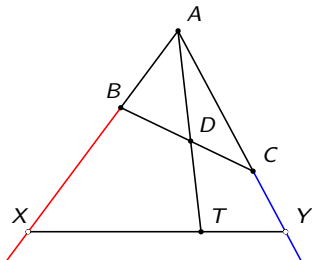
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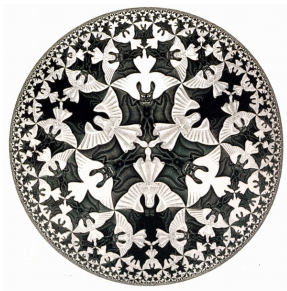
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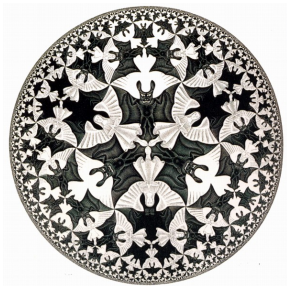
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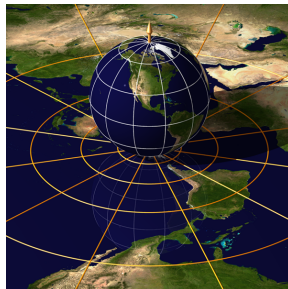
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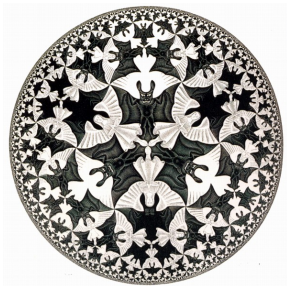
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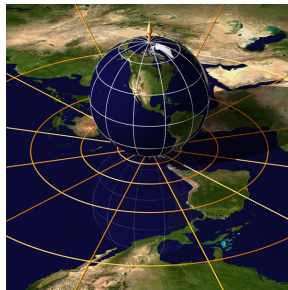
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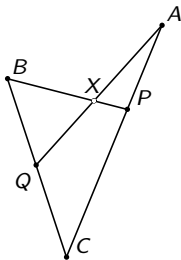
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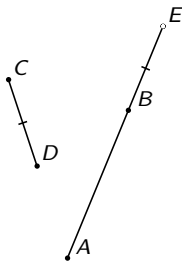
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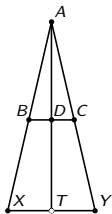
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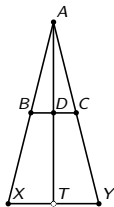
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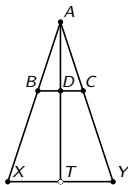
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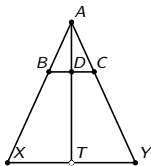
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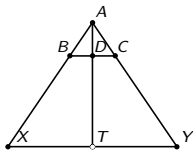
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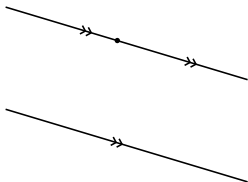
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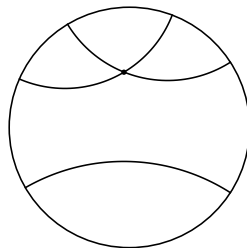
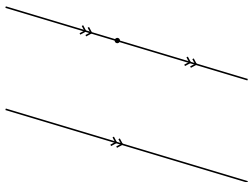
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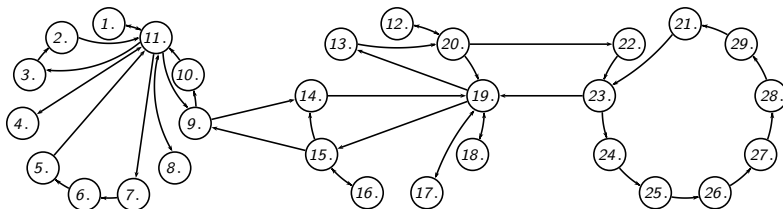
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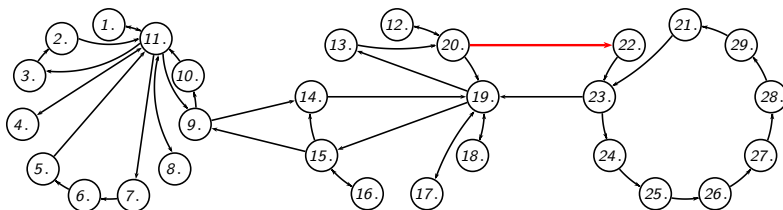
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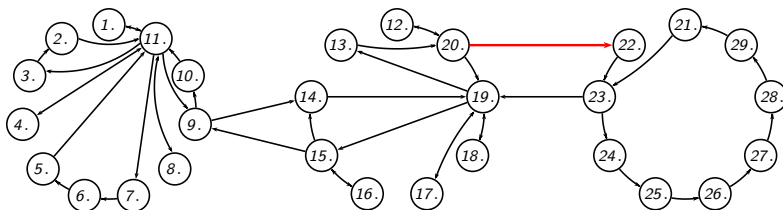
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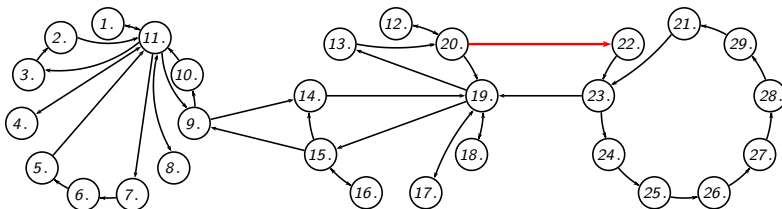
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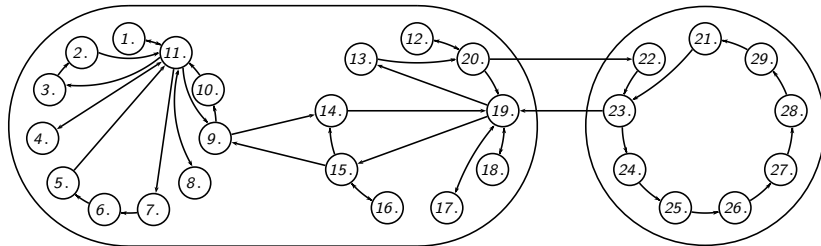


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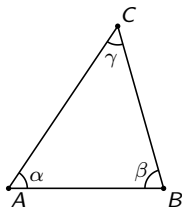
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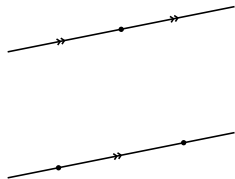
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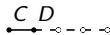
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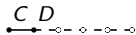
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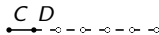
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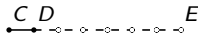
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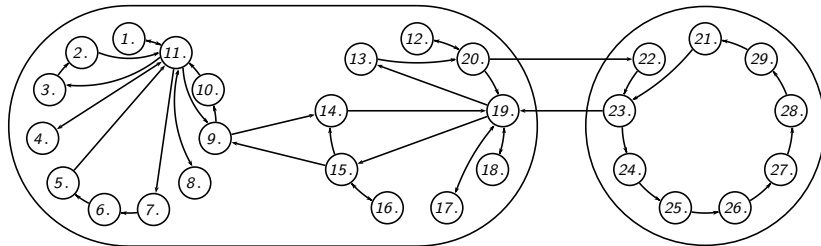
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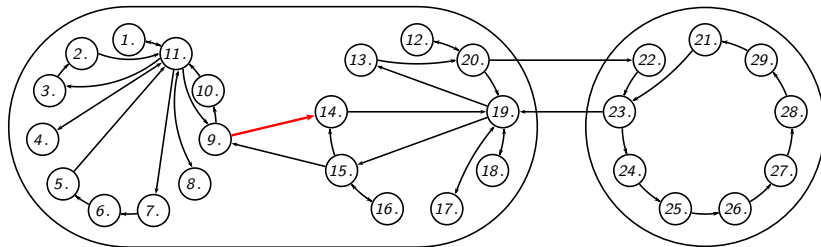
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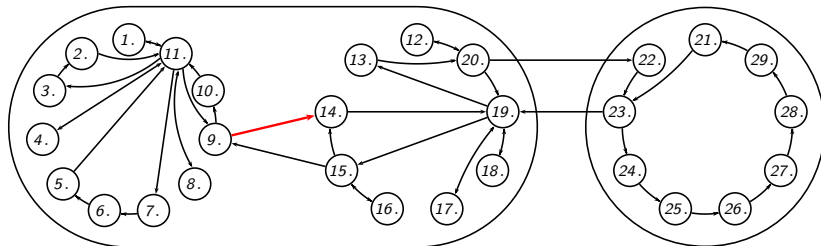
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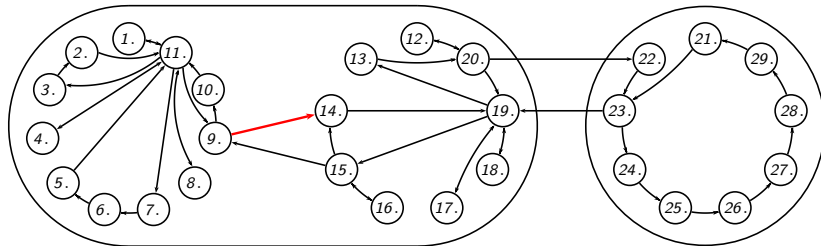
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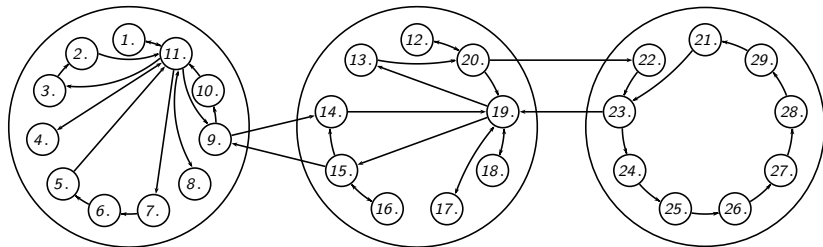
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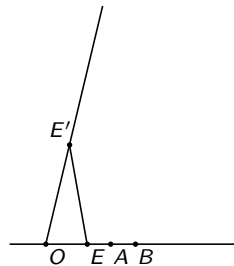
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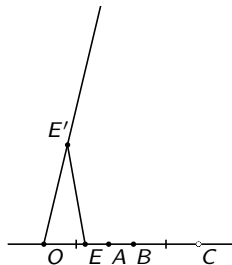
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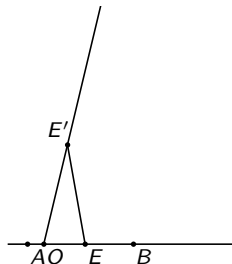
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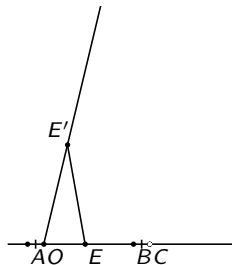
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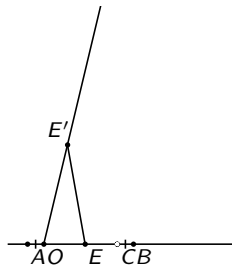
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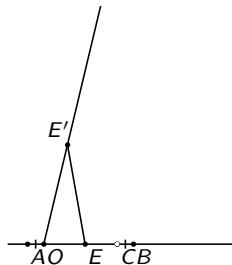
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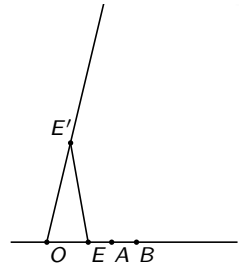


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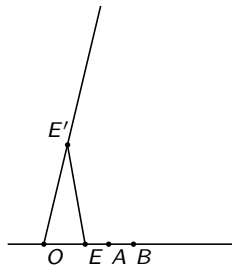


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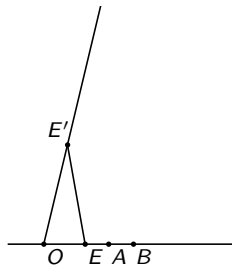
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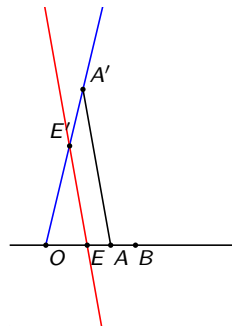
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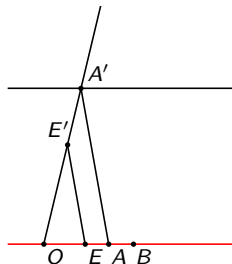
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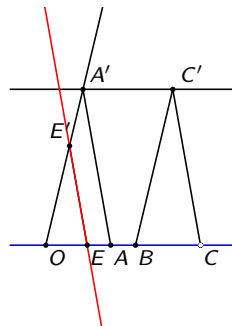
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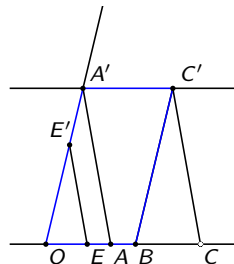
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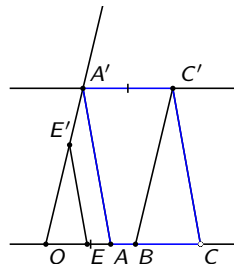
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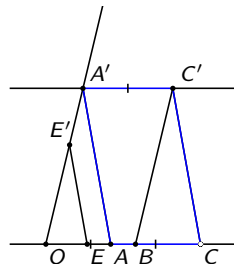
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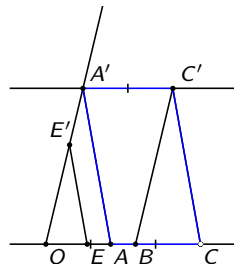


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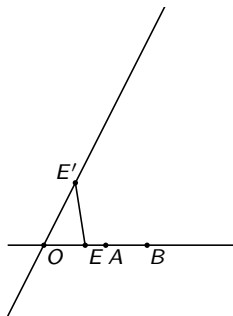
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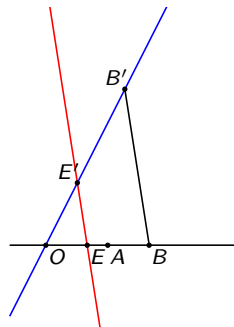
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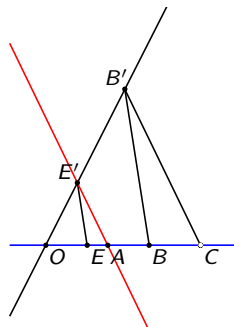
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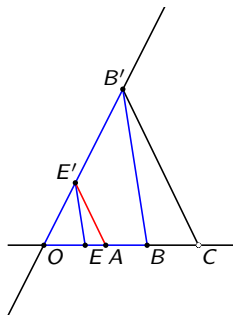


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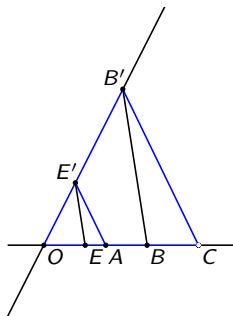
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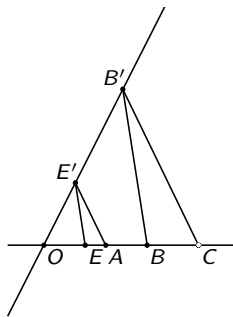
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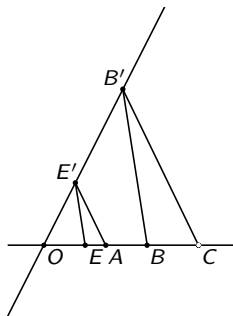
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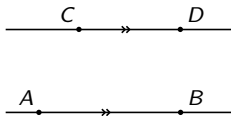
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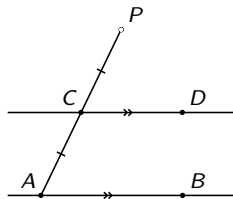
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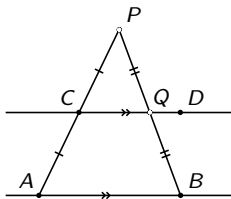
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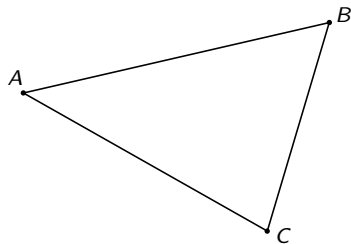
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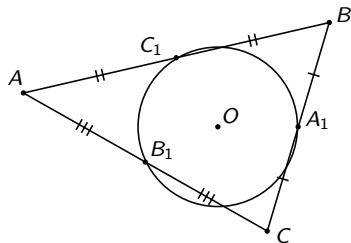
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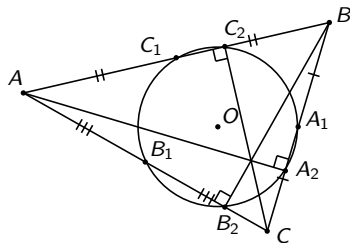
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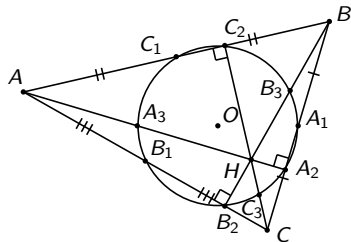
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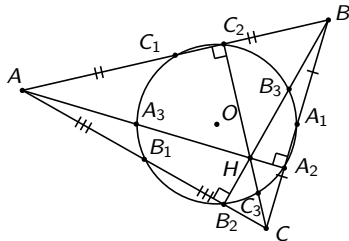
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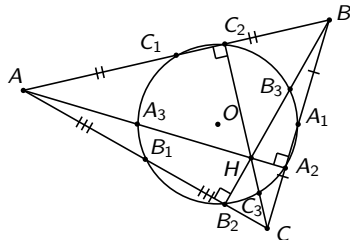
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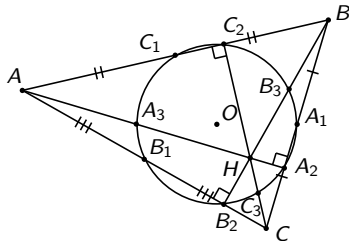


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