

§28.1.

**Synopsis: Chapter Twenty - Eight.**

The Lemma below is stated, relating the proportionality between the areas of inscribed and circumscribed regular figures, of a given order for a given circle, to the area of the inscribed figure with double the sides, and demonstrated with a number of examples:

(i) The inscribed regular hexagon has an area which is the mean proportional between the areas of the inscribed and circumscribed equilateral triangles; similarly, for the cases:

(ii) the regular inscribed/circumscribed hexagons with the regular inscribed dodecagon ;

(iii) the regular inscribed/circumscribed squares with the regular inscribed octagon;

(iv) the regular inscribed/circumscribed pentagons with the regular inscribed decagon.

[If  $a_n$  is the area of the inscribed n-gon, and  $A_n$  the area of the circumscribed n-gon, for a given circle, then  $a_{2n} = \sqrt{(a_n \cdot A_n)}$ .]

A large list of calculated lengths of side for inscribed/circumscribed regular figures in a circle with unit radius is presented, together with their perimeters and areas. A number of scaling problems is then demonstrated, showing the great advantage of using logarithms.

§28.2.

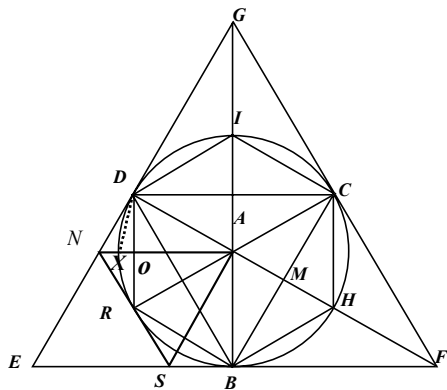
**Chapter Twenty Eight.** [p.78.]

*With the diameter of a circle given, to find the sides and areas of the regular Triangle, Square, Pentagon, Hexagon, Octagon, Decagon, Dodecagon, Hexadecagon, inscribed and circumscribed in the same circle.*

*Lemma*

**F**or regular figures ascribed in a circle: *Let two figures of the same kind be associated with the same circle, the one inscribed and the other circumscribed: if a third figure, of which the number of sides is equal to the sum of the remaining sides taken together, is to be inscribed in the same circle , then the area of this figure is the mean proportional between the remaining areas.*

[1. *Inscribed and circumscribed equilateral triangles with an inscribed regular hexagon*].



[Figure 28-1]

Let two triangles  $DCB$ ,  $GEF$  be ascribed to the same triangle, to which the hexagon  $DICHBR$  is inscribed: I assert the area of the hexagon<sup>1</sup> to be the mean proportional between the areas of the ascribed triangles.

For the triangles  $ACM$ ,  $ACF$  are similar: &  $AM$ ,  $AC$  ( or  $AH$ ),  $AF$  are in continued proportion, see Figure 28-1. And

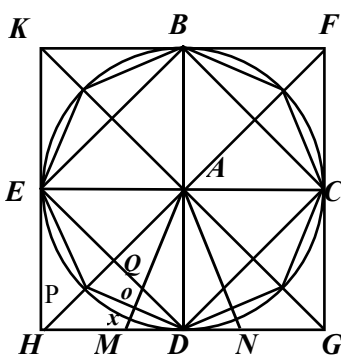
therefore the triangles  $ACM$ ,  $ACH$ ,  $ACF$ : as they have the

same altitude, their areas are proportional to their bases; that is, their areas are in continued

proportion, as their bases; And the figures, [i.e. the areas of these triangles and the hexagon] are also in continued proportion. Let the radius of the circle  $AD$  be 1.  $BC$  is the side of the inscribed triangle  $\ell.3$ , by Prop.12, Book13, Euclid. The perimeter of the triangle is  $\ell.27$ . The semi-perimeter,  $\ell.6^{3/4}$ ;  $AM$ ,  $1/2$ . The area of the triangle  $BCD$ ,  $\ell.27/16$ ;  $AO$ ,  $\ell.^{3/4}$ ;  $DR$ , 1. Triangle  $DAR$ ,  $\ell.^{3/16}$ . The area of the hexagon  $DICHBR$  is  $\ell.^{27/4}$ ;  $EF$ ,  $\ell.12$ ;  $AB$ , 1;  $EAF$   $\ell.3$ ; and the area  $EGF$   $\ell.27$ . [i.e. area  $\triangle ABCD \times$  area  $\triangle EGF =$  area squared hexagon  $DICHBR$ .]

[2. *Inscribed and circumscribed regular hexagons with an inscribed regular dodecagon*].

The line  $DR$  of the inscribed hexagon has length 1, [see Figure 28-1 again]. The circumscribed line  $NS$ ,  $\ell.^{4/3}$ : for the lengths  $AO$ ,  $\ell.^{3/4}$ ;  $DR$ , 1;  $AR$ , 1;  $NS$ ,  $\ell.^{4/3}$  are in proportion. The area of the triangle  $ANS$  is  $\ell.^{1/3}$ , and of the circumscribed hexagon  $\ell.12$ . Again, the area of the inscribed dodecagon is 3. For  $XO$  is  $1 - \ell.^{3/4}$ , & the square of  $XO$ ,  $1^{3/4} - \ell.3$ ; & the square of  $DO$ ,  $1/4$ . Therefore the square of  $DX$  is  $2 - \ell.3$ ; & the square of half the line  $DX$  is  $1/2 - \ell.^{3/16}$ . [From Pythagoras' Theorem] the square of the perpendicular from the point  $A$  to the line  $DX$  is  $1/2 + \ell.^{3/16}$ . The area of the triangle  $ADX$  is  $\ell.^{1/16}$ , or  $1/4$ , & the whole area of the inscribed dodecagon is 3. Which is the mean proportion between the areas of the inscribed hexagon  $\ell.^{27/4}$  and the circumscribed hexagon  $\ell.12$ .



[Figure 28-2]

[3. *Inscribed and circumscribed squares with an inscribed regular octagon*].

For the inscribed square  $BCDE$  the side has length  $\ell.2$ , area 2 [see Figure 28-2]; the circumscribed square  $FGHK$  has side of length 2, and area 4.

For the inscribed octagon<sup>2</sup> the side  $DP$  has length

$\ell.\text{bin}.2 - \ell.2$ . (For  $AQ$  is  $\ell.^{1/2}$ ;  $PQ$   $1 - \ell.^{1/2}$ , and the square of

$PQ = 1\frac{1}{2} - \ell.2$ . The square of  $DQ$  is  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; therefore the square of  $DP$  is  $2 - \ell.2$ . The square  $DO$  ( $\frac{1}{4}$  of the square  $DP$ ) is  $\frac{1}{2} - \ell.\frac{1}{8}$ , which taken from the square of the radius  $AD$  1, gives the square  $AO$  as  $\frac{1}{2} + \ell.\frac{1}{8}$ , and the product of  $AO$  with the line  $OD$ :

$\ell.\text{bin}.\frac{1}{2} + \ell.\frac{1}{8}$  times  $\ell.\text{bin}.\frac{1}{2} - \ell.\frac{1}{8}$ , which is  $\ell.\frac{1}{8}$  the area of the triangle  $ADP$ . The area of the inscribed octagon is  $\ell.8$ . Which is the mean proportional between the area of the inscribed square 2, and the circumscribed square 4.

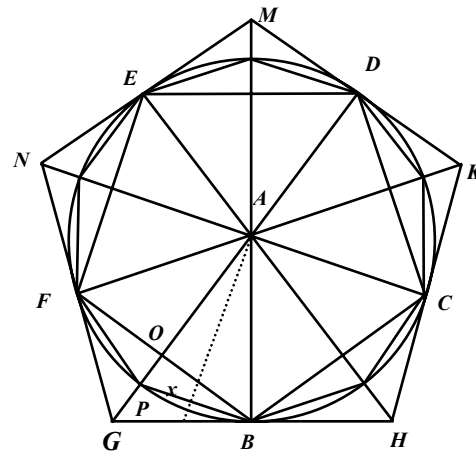
[4. *Inscribed and circumscribed octagons with an inscribed regular hexadecagon*].

The line  $MN$  of the circumscribed octagon has length  $\ell.8 - 2$ , [see Figure 28-2], (because  $HA$ ,  $HN$  are equal, & therefore  $DN$  is  $\ell.2 - 1$ , &  $NM$  twice the same, is  $\ell.8 - 2$ . But also as  $HA$ ,  $HN$  are equal, it is evident by Prop.5, Book 1, Euclid; that the angle  $HAN$  has the value  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a right angle from the construction, &  $HNA$  is equal to the sum of the angles  $NGA$ ,  $NAG$  by Prop.32, Book 1, *Euclid*.) The radius  $AD$  is 1; the product of the radius 1 by  $DN$   $\ell.2 - 1$  is  $\ell.2 - 1$ , is equal to the area of the triangle  $AMN$ , of which the corresponding 8-fold is  $\ell.128 - 8$ , equal to the area of the circumscribed octagon.[while the area of the inscribed octagon is  $\ell.8$  from above].

With the inscribed hexadecagon [16-gon], the length of the side is  $\ell.\text{bin} 32 - \ell.512$  [There is a typographical error here, but the correct value is given in Table 28-6].

[5. *Inscribed and circumscribed pentagons with the inscribed regular decagon*].

The length of the side of the inscribed pentagon is  $\ell.\text{bin}.\frac{5}{2} - \ell.\frac{5}{4}$ , the perpendicular to the centre is the length  $\ell.\text{bin}.\frac{3}{8} + \ell.\frac{5}{64}$ ; the product of this perpendicular with the half of the side of the pentagon



[Figure 28-3]

$\ell \cdot \text{bin.}^5/8 - \ell \cdot ^5/64$  is the area of the triangle  $ABC$   $\ell \cdot \text{bin.}^5/32 + \ell \cdot ^5/1024$ , and the total area of the inscribed pentagon<sup>4</sup> is  $\ell \cdot \text{bin.}^{125}/32 + \ell \cdot ^{3125}/1024$ . The side of the circumscribed pentagon is  $\ell \cdot \text{bin.}20 - \ell \cdot 320$ . The product of the radius by the half of this side is  $\ell \cdot \text{bin.}5 - \ell \cdot 20$ , the area of the triangle  $AGH$ , and the total area of the circum-scribed pentagon is  $\ell \cdot \text{bin.}125 - \ell \cdot 12500$ .

The side of the inscribed decagon  $BP$  is  $\ell \cdot ^5/4 - ^1/2$ , of which the square is  $^3/2 - \ell \cdot ^5/4$ . The square of the line  $BX$  is  $^3/8 - \ell \cdot ^5/64$  & the square of  $AX$  is  $^5/8 + \ell \cdot ^5/64$ , the area of triangle  $ABP$  is  $\ell \cdot \text{bin.}^5/32 - \ell \cdot ^5/1024$ , and the total area of the decagon  $\ell \cdot \text{bin.}^{125}/8 - \ell \cdot ^{3125}/64$ , which is the mean proportional between the areas of the inscribed and the circumscribed pentagons. [The ratio of the inscribed pentagon to decagon is  $\sqrt{\{(5 + 5\sqrt{5})/8\}}$ , as also is the ratio of the inscribed decagon to the circumscribed pentagon].

[End of Examples of Lemma]

If we wish to construct some of these figures for a circle of which the diameter is given or found: in the first place the appropriate differences of the logarithms can be found for an individual figure; when I have shown these, then I can explain the rest briefly.

For the Circle and the Triangle.

		<i>Logarithms</i>
Terms	Diameter of circle - - - - - 2	0,30102,99956,6398
	Side of inscribed triangle - - - - - $\ell \cdot 3$	0,23856,06273,5983
	Side of circumscribed triangle - - - $\ell \cdot 12$	0,53959,06230,2381
Difference of logs. for a triangle	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <span style="margin-right: 5px;">{</span> <span style="margin-right: 5px;">inscribed</span> <span style="margin-left: 5px;">0,06246,93683,0415</span> </div>	
	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <span style="margin-right: 5px;">{</span> <span style="margin-right: 5px;">circumscribed</span> <span style="margin-left: 5px;">0,23856,06273,5983</span> </div>	
<i>Logarithms</i>		
Terms	Circumference of circle <span style="float: right;"><u>628318530718</u></span>	0,79817,98683,5500
	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <span style="margin-right: 5px;">{</span> <span style="margin-right: 5px;">inscribed <math>\ell \cdot 27</math></span> <span style="margin-left: 5px;">0,71568,18820,7949</span> </div>	
Log. difference for the triangle	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <span style="margin-right: 5px;">{</span> <span style="margin-right: 5px;">circumscribed <math>\ell \cdot 108</math></span> <span style="margin-left: 5px;">1,01671,18777,4347</span> </div>	
	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <span style="margin-right: 5px;">{</span> <span style="margin-right: 5px;">inscribed</span> <span style="margin-left: 5px;">0,08249,79862,7551</span> </div>	
Log. diff. for triangle	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <span style="margin-right: 5px;">{</span> <span style="margin-right: 5px;">circumscribed</span> <span style="margin-left: 5px;">0,21853,20093,8847</span> </div>	
	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <span style="margin-right: 5px;">{</span> <span style="margin-right: 5px;">inscribed</span> <span style="margin-left: 5px;">0,38352,79819,3949</span> </div>	
<i>Logarithms</i>		
Terms	Area of circle <span style="float: right;"><u>314159265359</u></span>	0,49714,98726,9102
	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <span style="margin-right: 5px;">{</span> <span style="margin-right: 5px;">inscribed <math>\ell \cdot ^{27}/16</math></span> <span style="margin-left: 5px;">0,11362,18907,5153</span> </div>	
Log. diff. for triangle	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <span style="margin-right: 5px;">{</span> <span style="margin-right: 5px;">circumscribed <math>\ell \cdot 27</math></span> <span style="margin-left: 5px;"><u>0,71568,18820,7949</u></span> </div>	
	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <span style="margin-right: 5px;">{</span> <span style="margin-right: 5px;">inscribed</span> <span style="margin-left: 5px;">0,38352,79819,3949</span> </div>	
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <span style="margin-right: 5px;">{</span> <span style="margin-right: 5px;">circumscribed</span> <span style="margin-left: 5px;">0,21853,20093,8847</span> </div>		

[Table 28-1]

If a circle with diameter 9 is given & the sides of the inscribed and circumscribed triangles are sought. [Note: Briggs favours an inverted ratio in the case where a negative logarithm results: as with diameter/length of inscribed side; subsequently, he subtracts this logarithm when scaling, as below].

		<i>Logarithms</i>	
	Log. of diameter 9 - - - - -	095424251	
Difference of the sides	{	inscribed	006246937
		circumscribed	023856063
Sides of the triangle	{	inscribed	089177314 <u>7794228</u>
		circumscribed	119280314 <u>15588457</u>
		[Table 28-2]	

The sides of the triangle are: inscribed 7794228 ; circumscribed 15588457.

If the side of length 6 of a triangle is given : & the diameters of the inscribed and circumscribed circles are required.

		<i>Logarithms</i>	
	Log. of given side 6 - - - - -	077812125	
Difference for the triangle	{	inscribed	023856063
		circumscribed	006246937
Log. for the diameter	{	circumscribed	084062062 <u>6928406</u>
		inscribed	053959062 <u>3464203</u>
		[Table 28-3]	

The diameters of the circles is: inscribed 3464203; circumscribed 6928406.

If the area  $\ell.243$  of a triangle is given: & the areas of the inscribed and circumscribed circles are required.

		<i>Logarithms</i>	
	Log. of given area $\ell. 243$ - - - - -	119280313	
Difference for the triangle	{	inscribed	038352798
		circumscribed	021853201
Log. of area of circle	{	circumscribed	157633111 <u>37699112</u>
		inscribed	053959062 <u>9424778</u>
		[Table 28-4]	

The areas of the circles is: inscribed 9424778; circumscribed (four times that of the inscribed) 37699112.

2. For the Circle & the Square.

		<i>Logarithms</i>	
Terms	{	Diameter of circle	2    0,30102,99956,6398
		Side of inscribed square	$\ell.2$ 0,15051,49978,3199
		Side of circumscribed square	2 <u>0,30102,99956,6398</u>
Difference of logs. for sides of squares	{	inscribed	0,15051,49978,3199
		circumscribed	0,00000,00000,0000

		<i>Logarithms</i>	
Terms	Circumference of circle	628318530718	0,79817,98683,5500
		Perimeter of square	
Difference of logs. for perimeter of the square		inscribed $l.32$	0,75257,4981,5995
		circumscribed 8	<u>0,90308,99869,9194</u>
		inscribed	0,04560,48791,9505
		circumscribed	0,10491,01186,3694
		<i>Logarithms</i>	
Terms	Area of circle	314159265359	0,49714,98726,9102
		Area of square	
Log. diff. for square		inscribed 2	0,30102,99956,6398
		circumscribed 4	<u>0,60205,99913,2796</u>
		inscribed	0,19611,98770,2704
		circumscribed	0,10491,01186,3694

[Table 28-5]

For the circle and adscribed regular many-sided figures [Table 28-6].

		<i>Logarithms</i>		
Circle	Diameter ----- 2		0,30102,9995	
		Circumference	6283585307	0,79817,9868
		Area	3141592654	0,49714,9873
Pentagon	Side	inscribed $l. \text{bin. } 5/2 - l. 5/4$	1175570504	0,07024,8681
		circumscribed $l. \text{bin. } 20 - l. 320$	1453085056	0,16229,1036
	Perimeter	inscribed $l. \text{bin. } 62^{1/2} - l. 781^{1/4}$	5877852523	0,76921,8685
		circumscribed $l. \text{bin. } 500 - l. 12500$	726542528	0,86126,1040
	Area	inscribed $l. \text{bin. } 125^{3/32} + l. 3125^{1/1024}$	237764129	0,37614,6310
		circumscribed $l. \text{bin. } 125 - l. 12500$	363271264	0,56023,1045
Hexagon	Side	inscribed	1	0,00000,0000
		circumscribed $l^{4/3}$	1154700538	0,06246,9368
	Perimeter	inscribed	6	0,77815,1250
		circumscribed $l.48$	6928202220	0,84062,0618
	Area	inscribed $l. 27^{1/4}$	2598076211	0,41465,1886
		dodecagon inscribed	3 -----	0,56023,1045
	circumscribed $l. 12$	3464101651	0,53959,0623	
Octagon	Side	inscribed $l. \text{bin} 2 - l. 2$	7653668647-	0,11613,0343
		circumscribed $l. 8 - 2$	82842712-	0,08174,5690
	Perimeter	inscribed $l. \text{bin } 128 - l. 8192$	6122934918	0,78695,9644
		circumscribed $l. 512 - 16$	662741696	0,82134,4298
	Area	inscribed $l. 8$	282842712	0,45154,4993
		hexadecagon inscribed $l. \text{bin } 32 - l. 512$	306146746	0,48592,9647
	circumscribed $l. 128 - 8$	332370850	0,52031,4302	
Decagon	Side	inscribed $l. 2^{7/4} - 1/2$	6180339887-	0,20898,764
		circumscribed $l. \text{bin } 4 - l. 64^{1/5}$	6498393925-	0,18719,397
	Perimeter	inscribed $l. 125 - 5$	6180339887	0,79101,236
		circumscribed $l. \text{bin } 400 - l. 128000$	6498393925	0,81280,603
	Area	inscribed $l. \text{bin } 125^{1/8} - l. 3125^{1/64}$	2938926261	0,46818,869
		20-gon inscribed $l. l. 4375^{1/2} - l. 17578125$	309016994	0,48998,236
	circumscribed $l. 100 - l. 8000$	324919696	0,51177,603	
Dodecagon	Side	inscribed $l. \text{bin. } 2 - l. 3$	5176380902-	0,28597,3773
		circumscribed $4 - l. 12$	5358983849-	0,27091,7552
	Perimeter	inscribed $l. \text{bin } 288 - l. 62208$	6211657082	0,79320,7472
		circumscribed $48 - l. 1728$	6430780618	0,80826,3694
	Area	inscribed -----	3	0,47712,1255
		24-gon inscribed $l. \text{bin } 72 - l. 3888$	3105828541	0,49217,7477
	circumscribed $l. 100 - l. 8000$	3215399309	0,50723,3699	

With these logarithms found, if any whatever of these figures are proposed, given either their side, perimeter, or area, then we can find any of these other terms. Because we have shown the triangle in more detail, hence we will show only a single example from the rest.

Let the given side of a regular octagon be of 7 parts. The side is sought, perimeter, and area of the pentagon, with the same circle as the inscribed octagon.

The required side can be found thus:

With a circle of which the radius is unity, the side of the inscribed octagon is 7653668647, but the side of the pentagon is 1175579504. If the side of the octagon is taken as 7 parts, the side of the pentagon sought is the fourth proportion. Therefore the logarithms of the given terms are taken, so that the logarithm of the term required may be found (as in Ch. 15).

proportions	<i>Logarithms</i>
{ Side of the given octagon <u>7653668647</u>	-0,11613034
{ Side of the octagon taken 7	0,84509804
{ Side of the given pentagon <u>1175579504</u>	0,07024868
{ Side of the pentagon sought <u>107516982</u>	1,03147706

[Table 28-7]

Where it is observed that the logarithm of the first term (as this is less than unity) is negative, as we showed in Ch. 10; and because of this, it is not to be taken away from the sum of the means of the ratio, but rather added on; and the logarithm of the fourth proportional is 1,03147706, and the required side 107516982.

This side, if we neglect to use the rule of proportion with logarithms, is the root of the four numbers<sup>5</sup>  $122^{1/4} + \ell$ .  $7503^{1/8} - \ell$ .  $3001^{1/4} - \ell$ .  $1500^{5/8}$ . [For from the table, the length of the side by proportion is  $7 \times \{ \ell \cdot \text{bin. } ^5/2 - \ell \cdot ^5/4 \} / \{ \ell \cdot \text{bin}2 - \ell \cdot 2 \}$ , which can be written as the square root of the number shown].

By the same method the perimeter of the pentagon is found, if for the third term the perimeter of the given pentagon is taken, and of this, the logarithm. As [Table 28-8]:

proportions	<i>Logarithms</i>
{ Side of the given octagon <u>7653668647</u>	-0,11613034
{ Side of the octagon being taken 7	0,84509804
{ Perimeter of the given pentagon <u>5877852523</u>	0,76921861
{ Perimeter of the pentagon sought <u>53758491</u>	1,73044706

If we seek the area of the pentagon, with nothing given except the side of the octagon inscribed in the same circle: then we remember that the areas of similar plane figures are in the duplicate

ratio with the logarithms of their corresponding sides. Therefore the side squared of the octagon can be found, in order to be able to establish area from the comparison. Thus, in this process, it is not necessary to find the length of the side of the pentagon, as we need only be concerned with the squares themselves, which will be easiest by the method of Ch. 16, as we have the logarithms of these. As you see here:

		<i>Logarithms</i>	
pro- port- ion- als	{	Square of the side of the given octagon $2 - \ell.2$	-0,0232260686
		Square of the side taken $49$ -----	1,690196080
		Area of the given pentagon $\ell. \text{bin}^{125}/_{32} + \ell. \text{ }^{3125}/_{1024}$	0,376146310
		Area of the pentagon sought <u>1988854794</u>	<u>12,298603076</u>

[Table 28-9]

If the area of the given decagon is 6, and the side of the octagon circumscribing the same circle is sought, of which the decagon is inscribed; the calculation is:

		<i>Logarithms</i>	
pro- port- ion- als	{	Area of the given decagon $293892626$	0,46818869
		Area of decagon taken $6$ -----	0,77815125
		Square of the side of the given circumscribed octagon	<u>-0,16349138</u>
		Sum of the means	<u>0,61465987</u>
		Square of the side of the sought circumscribed octagon	<u>0,14647118</u>
		<u>0,07323559</u>	

[Table 28-10]

And thus in this way with a circle, and with these figures adscribed to the same circle, from a single term given, any other can be found by using logarithms.

**§28.3. Notes on Chapter Twenty Eight.**

<sup>1</sup> Briggs refers to figures according to the number of angles they contain; thus, 'sexangulum' for hexagon.

<sup>2</sup>  $\ell.$  means 'latus' or side, being one of the abbreviations for the square root sign at this time, while bin. is short for 'bin-us, -a, -um', meaning 'a pair or two', and indicates in this case that the square root of both terms is included. The expression thus means  $\sqrt{(2 - \sqrt{2})}$ .

<sup>3</sup> Here we have a good example of the nature of algebraic manipulations at the time. In modern terms, we have

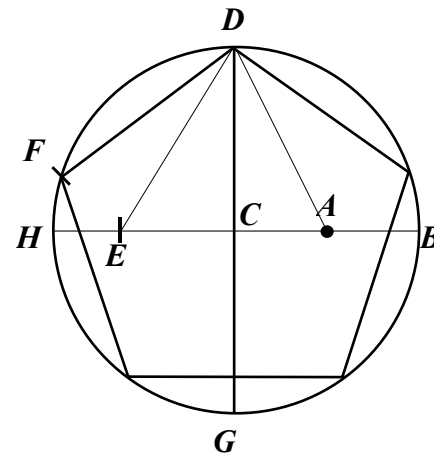


$DO^2 = \frac{1}{4}DP^2 = \frac{1}{2} - \sqrt{\frac{1}{8}}$ . Then  $AO^2 = \frac{1}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{1}{8}}$ , and the product

$AO \cdot OD = \sqrt{(\frac{1}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{1}{8}})} \sqrt{(\frac{1}{2} - \sqrt{\frac{1}{8}})} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{8}}$ , the area of  $\triangle ADP$ .

<sup>4</sup> The construction of the regular pentagon is contained in Proposition 11, Book IV, Euclid. As this development may not be so obvious as the previous constructions have been, we give a construction of the pentagon, attributed to Ptolemy, as

shown by Henry E. Dudeney in his *Amusements in Mathematics*, Nelson, 1917, p. 38. [Heath, Volume 2 of *The Elements*, p.104 of the Dover edition, gives another method, due to H. M. Taylor]. In this construction, the radius of the (circumscribed) circle is taken as unity. Two perpendicular diameters are constructed. The mid-point A of the line BC is found, and the length AD used to mark



[Figure 28-4]

off with compasses the equal length AE: of size  $\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}$  by Pythagoras. The length EC is  $(\sqrt{5} - 1)/2$ , and hence

$ED = \sqrt{(5/2 - \sqrt{5}/2)}$ , and the equal length FD marked off with the compasses as a side of the pentagon. The other sides are produced by drawing equal arcs around the circle. It suffices to show that this is indeed the length of side of the inscribed pentagon: for if the radius of the circumscribed circle is 1, then the length of the side a is given by  $a = 2\sin(\pi/5)$ , where  $\sin(\pi/5) = \sqrt{\{(5 - \sqrt{5})/8\}}$ .

Thus, the radius of the in-circle to the pentagon is  $\sqrt{\{(3+\sqrt{5})/8\}}$ , while the area of  $\triangle ABC$  is  $\sqrt{\{(5 + \sqrt{5})/32\}}$ , etc. An up to date presentation can be found 'on the web' currently at

[www.cut-the-knot.org](http://www.cut-the-knot.org)

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*Data Diametro Circli, invenire Latera & Areas ordinatorum Trianguli, Quadrati, Quinquanguli, Sexanguli, Octanguli, Decagon, Decanguli, Dodecanguli, Sedecanguli, eidem circulo inscripti, & circumscriptorum.*  
*Lemma.*

In figuris circulo ordinatis ascriptis. Si duae figurae homogeneae circulo adscribantur, una intus, reliqua extra: tertia, cuius latera sunt numero aequalia lateribus reliquorum simul sumptis, eidem circulo inscripta, erit media proportionalis inter reliquas.

Sunto duo Triangula  $DCB$ ,  $GEF$  eidem circulo adscripta, cui inscribatur Sexangulum  $DICHBR$  :aio Sexangulum esse medium proportionale inter Triangula adscripta.

Sunt enim Triangula  $ACM$ ,  $ACF$  similia: &  $AM$ ,  $AC$  (vel  $AH$ ),  $AF$  continue proportionalia. & idcirco Triangula  $ACM$ ,  $ACH$ ,  $ACF$  cum sint aequaleta, sunt ut bases: id est sunt continue proportionalia; ut ipsae bases; & Figurae, horum Triangulorum Sextae, sunt etiam continue proportionales. Esto  $AD$  radius circuli 1. erit  $BC$  Latus trianguli inscripti  $\ell.3$ , per 12.p.13.1.Eucl. Perimeter Trianguli  $\ell.27$ . semiperimeter  $\ell.6^{3/4}$ .  $AM$ ,  $1/2$ . Area Trianguli  $\ell.27/16$ .  $AO$ ,  $\ell.3/4$ .  $DR$  1. Triangulum  $DAR$ ,  $\ell.3/16$ . Sexangulum  $DICHBR$   $\ell.27/4$ ;

$EF$ ,  $\ell.12$ ;  $AB$ , 1;  $EAF$   $\ell.3$ ;  $EGF$   $\ell.27$ .

Latus Sexanguli inscripti  $DR$ , 1. Circumscripti latus  $NS$ ,  $\ell.4/3$ : Sunt enim  $AO$ ,  $\ell.3/4$ ;  $DR$ , 1;  $AR$ , 1;  $NS$ ,  $\ell.4/3$  proportionales. & Triangulum  $ANS$   $\ell.1/3$ , & Sexangulum circumscriptum  $\ell.12$ .

Dodecangulum autem inscriptum est 3. est enim  $XO$  is  $1 - \ell.3/4$ , & Qu.  $XO$ ,  $1^{3/4} - \ell.3$ ; & Qu.  $DO$ ,  $1/4$ . est igitur Qu.  $DX$   $2 - \ell.3$ ; & Qu. semissis rectae  $DX$   $1/2 - \ell.3/16$ . & Quad. perpendicularis a puncto  $A$  in rectam  $DX$  est  $1/2 + \ell.3/16$ . Triangulum igitur  $ADX$   $\ell.1/16$ , vel  $1/4$ , & totum Dodecangulum inscriptum est 3. Quod est medium

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proportionale inter Sexangulum inscripti  $\ell.27/4$  & Sexangulum circumscriptum  $\ell.12$ .

Quadrati  $BCDE$  inscripti Latus  $\ell.2$ , Area 2, Circumscripti  $FGHK$  Latus 2, Area 4.

Octanguli inscripti Latus,  $DP$

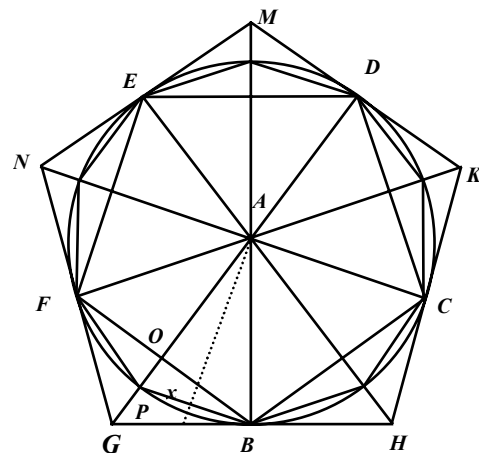
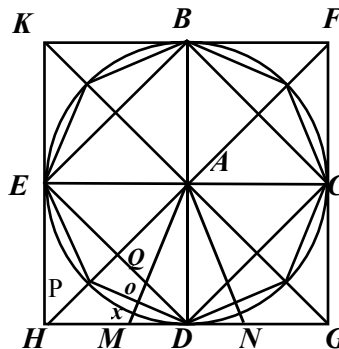
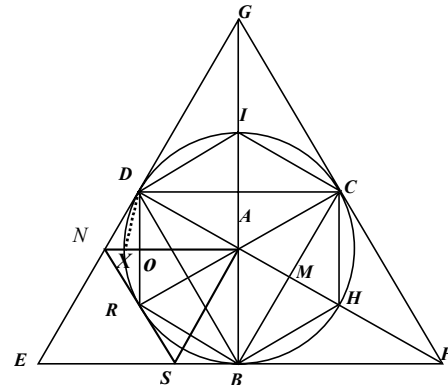
$\ell.2 \cdot \text{bin}.2 - \ell.2$ . (est enim  $AQ$   $\ell.1/2$ ;  $PQ$   $1 - \ell.1/2$ , & Qu.

$PQ$   $1^{1/2} - \ell.2$ . Qu.  $DQ$ :  $1/2$ ; idcirco Qu.  $DP$   $2 - \ell.2$ ). Qu.  $DO$  ( $1/4$  Qu.  $DP$ ) erit  $1/2 - \ell.1/8$ . quo ablato e quadrato Radii  $AD$  1, restabit Qu.  $AO$   $1/2 + \ell.1/8$ , & factus a recta  $AO$   $\ell.2 \cdot \text{bin}.1/2 + \ell.1/8$  in  $OD$ :  $\ell.2 \cdot \text{bin}.1/2 - \ell.1/8$ , erit  $\ell.1/8$  Area trianguli  $ADP$ . & Octangulum inscriptum erit  $\ell.8$ . Quod medium est proportionale inter Quadratum inscriptum 2, & Quadratum circumscriptum 4.

Octanguli circumscripti Latus  $MN$ ,  $\ell.8 - 2$ , (quia  $HA$ ,  $HN$  aequantur, & idcirco  $DN$  est  $\ell.2 - 1$ , &  $NM$  dupla eiusdem,  $\ell.8 - 2$ . Quod autem  $HA$ ,  $HN$  aequantur, patet per 5.pro.1.lib.Eucl.; quia  $HAN$  valet  $3/4$  recti ex fabrica, &  $HNA$  aequatur angulis  $NGA$ ,  $NAG$  per 32.p.lib.1. Eucl.)  $AD$  radius 1. factus a radio 1 in  $DN$   $\ell.2 - 1$ . est is  $\ell.2 - 1$ , aequalis Areae Trianguli  $AMN$ , cuius octuplum  $\ell.128 - 8$ , aequatur Octangulo circumscripto.

Sedecanguli inscripti Latus est  $\ell.2 \cdot \text{bin}.32 - \ell.512$ . Latus inscripti Quinquanguli  $\ell.2 \cdot \text{bin}.5/2 - \ell.5/4$ , perpendicularis a centro in Latus  $\ell.2 \cdot \text{bin}.3/8 + \ell.5/64$ . factus ab hac perpendiculari in semissem lateris Quinquanguli  $\ell.2 \cdot \text{bin}.5/8 - \ell.5/64$ , erit Triangulum  $ABC$   $\ell.2 \cdot \text{bin}.5/32 + \ell.5/1024$ . & Area totius inscripti Quinquanguli  $\ell.2 \cdot \text{bin}.125/32 + \ell.3125/1024$ . Latus Quinquanguli circumscripti, erit  $\ell.20 - \ell.320$ . Factus a Radio in semissem huius lateris erit  $\ell.20$ , Triangulum  $AGH$ , & totum Quinquangulum circumscriptum  $\ell.200 - \ell.12500$ .

Latus Decanguli inscripti  $BP$   $\ell.5/4 - 1/2$ , cuius quadratum  $3/2 - \ell.5/4$ . Quadratum rectae  $BX$   $3/8 - \ell.5/64$  & Qu.  $AX$   $5/8 + \ell.5/64$ , area Trianguli  $ABP$   $\ell.2 \cdot \text{bin}.5/32 - \ell.5/1024$ , & totum Decangulum  $\ell.2 \cdot \text{bin}.125/8 - \ell.3125/64$ , quod proportione medium est inter Quinquangula inscriptum & circumscriptum.



Si circulo cuius diameter data vel quaesita fuerit, harum figurarum aliquam adscribere velimus: inprimis: quaerendae sunt Logarithmorum unicuique figurae convenientium Differentiae. quas ubi exhibuero, reliqua qua potero brevitate expediam. Pro Circulo & Triangulo.

		<i>Logarithmi.</i>
Termini {	Diameter circuli ----- 2	0,30102,99956,6398
	Latus Trianguli inscripti ----- $\ell.3$	0,23856,06273,5983
	Latus Trianguli circumscripti --- $\ell.12$	0,53959,06230,2381
Differentia Logarith. pro Triangulo {	inscripted	0,06246,93683,0415
	circumscripti	0,23856,06273,5983

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		<i>Logarithmi.</i>	
Termini {	Peripheria Circuli <u>628318530718</u>	0,79817,98683,5500	
	Perimeter trianguli {	inscripti $\ell.27$	0,71568,18820,7949
		circumscripti $\ell.108$	1,01671,18777,4347
Differentia Logarithm.pro Triangulo {	inscripti	0,08249,79862,7551	
	circumscripti	0,21853,20093,8847	

		<i>Logarithmi.</i>	
Termini {	Area Circuli <u>314159265359</u>	0,49714,98726,9102	
	Area Trianguli {	inscripted $\ell.^{27}/_{16}$	0,11362,18907,5153
		circumscripted $\ell.27$	<u>0,71568,18820,7949</u>
Differentia Logarithm. pro Triangle {	inscripti	0,38352,79819,3949	
	circumscripti	0,21853,20093,8847	

Si Data sit Circuli Diameter 9 & quaeruntur latera Triangulorum inscripti & circumscripti.

		<i>Logarithms</i>
Logarith. Diametri 9 -----		095424251
Differentia pro lateribus {	inscripti	006246937
	circumscripti	<u>023856063</u>
Latera Triangulorum {	inscripted	089177314 <u>7794228</u>
	circumscripted	119280314 <u>15588457</u>

Erunt latera Triangulorum: inscripti 7794228 ; circumscripti 15588457.

If datum sit Trianguli Latus 6 : & quaeruntur Diametri circulorum inscripti & circumscripti.

		<i>Logarithmi</i>
Logarithmus. Lateris dati 6 -----		077812125
Differentia pro Triangulo {	inscripti	023856063
	circumscripti	<u>006246937</u>
Logarith. pro Diametro {	circumscripti	084062062 <u>6928406</u>
	inscripti	053959062 <u>3464203</u>

Erunt diametri circulorum: inscripti 3464203; circumscripti 6928406.

Si data sit Area trianguli  $\ell.243$  : & quaerantur Areae circulorum inscripti & circumscripti.

		<i>Logarithmi</i>
Logarithmus Areae datae $\ell. 243$		119280313
Differentiae pro triangulo {	inscripti	038352798
	circumscripti	<u>021853201</u>
Logar. pro Areis Areis circulorum {	circumscripti	157633111 <u>37699112</u>
	inscripti	053959062 <u>9424778</u>

Circuli inscripti Area erit 9424778; circumscripti (quadrupla inscripti) 37699112.

2. Pro Circulo & Quadrato.

		<i>Logarithmi.</i>	
Termini	{ Diameter circuli 2 Latera Quadrati	{ inscripti $l.2$ circumscripti 2	0,30102,99956,6398
			0,15051,49978,3199
Differentia logarith. pro Latera Quadrati	{	{ inscripti circumscripti	0,30102,99956,6398
			0,15051,49978,3199
			<i>Logarithmi.</i>
Termini	{ Peripheria circuli Perimeter Quadrati	{ inscripti $l.32$ circumscripti 8	628318530718 0,79817,98683,5500
			0,75257,4981,5995
Differentia Logarith. pro Perimetro Quadrati	{	{ inscripti circumscripti	0,90308,99869,9194
			0,04560,48791,9505
			0,10491,01186,3694
			<i>Logarithmi.</i>
Termini	{ Area Circuli Area Quadrati	{ inscripti 2 circumscripti 4	314159265359 0,49714,98726,9102
			0,30102,99956,6398
Differentia Logar. pro Area Quadrati	{	{ inscripti circumscripti	0,60205,99913,2796
			0,19611,98770,2704
			0,10491,01186,3694

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Pro Circulo, et adscriptis Multangulis Ordinatis.

		<i>Logarithmi</i>	
Circuli	{	Diameter ----- 2	0,30102,9995
		Peripheria 6283585307	0,79817,9868
		Area 3141592654	0,49714,9873
Quinquanguli	Latus	inscripti $l. \text{bin. } \frac{5}{2} - l. \frac{5}{4}$	1175570504 0,07024,8681
		circumscripti $l. \text{bin. } 20 - l. 320$	1453085056 0,16229,1036
	Perimeter	inscripti $l. \text{bin. } 62\frac{1}{2} - l. 781\frac{1}{4}$	5877852523 0,76921,8685
		circumscripti $l. \text{bin. } 500 - l. 12500$	726542528 0,86126,1040
	Area	inscripti $l. \text{bin. } \frac{125}{32} + l. \frac{3125}{1024}$	237764129 0,37614,6310
		circumscripti $l. \text{bin. } 125 - l. 12500$	363271264 0,56023,1045
Hexagon	Latus	inscripti 1	0,00000,0000
		circumscripti $l. \frac{4}{3}$	1154700538 0,06246,9368
	Perimeter	inscripti 6	0,77815,1250
		circumscripti $l. 48$	6928202220 0,84062,0618
	Area	inscribed $l. \frac{27}{4}$	2598076211 0,41465,1886
		dodecagon inscripti circumscripti $l. 12$	3 0,56023,1045 3464101651 0,53959,0623
Octanguli	Latus	inscripti $l. \text{bin} 2 - l. 2$	7653668647 - 0,11613,0343
		circumscripti $l. 8 - 2$	82842712 - 0,08174,5690
	Perimeter	inscripti $l. \text{bin } 128 - l. 8192$	6122934918 0,78695,9644
		circumscripti $l. 512 - 16$	662741696 0,82134,4298
	Area	inscripti $l. 8$	282842712 0,45154,4993
		hexadecagon inscripti $l. \text{bin } 32 - l. 512$ circumscripti $l. 128 - 8$	306146746 0,48592,9647 332370850 0,52031,4302
Decagon	Latus	inscripti $l. \frac{27}{4} - \frac{1}{2}$	6180339887 - 0,20898,764
		circumscripti $l. \text{bin } 4 - l. \frac{64}{5}$	6498393925 - 0,18719,397
	Perimeter	inscripti $l. 125 - 5$	6180339887 0,79101,236
		circumscripti $l. \text{bin } 400 - l. 128000$	6498393925 0,81280,603
	Area	inscripti $l. \text{bin } \frac{125}{8} - l. \frac{3125}{64}$	2938926261 0,46818,869
		20anguli inscripti $l. \frac{4375}{2} - l. 17578125$ Circumscripti $l. 100 - l. 8000$	309016994 0,48998,236 324919696 0,51177,603
Dodecagon	Latus	inscripti $l. \text{bin. } 2 - l. 3$	5176380902 - 0,28597,3773
		circumscripti $4 - l. 12$	5358983849 - 0,27091,7552
	Perimeter	inscripti $l. \text{bin } 288 - l. 62208$	6211657082 0,79320,7472
		circumscripti $48 - l. 1728$	6430780618 0,80826,3694
	Area	inscripti ----- 3	0,47712,1255
		24 anguli inscripti $l. \text{bin } 72 - l. 3888$ Circumscripti $l. 100 - l. 8000$	3105828541 0,49217,7477 3215399309 0,50723,3699

His Logarithmis inventis, si proposita harum figurarum qualibet, detur eius latus vel perimeter vel area; poterimus alterius cuiusvis harum, quemlibet terminum invenire. Quod in triangulo ostendimus fusius, idem unico aut altero exemplo in reliquis deinceps ostendimus.

Esto datum latus Octaguli ordinati partium 7. quaeruntur Latus, Perimeter et Area quinquanguli, eidem circulo cum Octagulo inscripti.

Latus quaesitum sic invenietur:

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In circulo cuius Radius est unitas, latus inscripti Octanguli est 7653668647, Latus autem Quinquanguli est 1175579504. et si latus Octanguli sumatur partium 7, erit latus Quinquanguli quaesitum, quartum proportione. Sunt igitur semendi Logarithmi datorum terminorum, ut (per cap. 15) inveniatu Logarithmus termini quaesiti.

proportiones	Logarithmi.
Latus Octanguli datum <u>7653668647</u>	-0,11613034
Latus Octanguli sumptum 7	0,84509804
Latus Quinquanguli datum <u>1175579504</u>	0,07024868
Latus Quinquanguli quaesitum <u>107516982</u>	1,03147706

Ubi animaduertendum, Logarithmum primi termini (cum is sit minor unitate) esse defectum, ut cap. 10 ostendimus; atque ea de causa, non esse auferendum e summa mediorum, sed addendum potius; eritque Logarithmus quartus 1,03147706, et latus quaesitum 107516982.

Hoc latus, si neglectis Logarithmis per proportionis regulam quaeritur, erit latus Quadrinomij  $122^{1/4} + \ell. 7503^{1/8} - \ell. 3001^{1/4} - \ell. 1500^{5/8}$ .

Eodem modo inveniri poterit perimeter Quinquanguli, si pro tertio termino sumatur perimeter dati Quinquanguli, eiusque, logarithmus. ut :

proportiones	Logarithms
Latus octanguli datum <u>7653668647</u>	-0,11613034
Latus octanguli sumptum 7	0,84509804
Perimeter Quinquanguli data <u>5877852523</u>	0,76921861
Perimeter Quinquanguli quaesita <u>53758491</u>	1,73044706

Si quaerimus Aream Quinquanguli, cum nihil aliud sit datum praeter latus Octanguli eidem circulo inscripti : meminisse debemus, figuras similes planas, esse in duplicata ratione homologorum laterum: et idcirco laterum Octanguli quadrata esse sumenda, ut rite institui possit comparatio. Veruntamen, in hoc negotio, non opus erit, ut de ipsis quadratis simus solliciti, modo eorum Logarithmos, quod per cap. 16 facillimum erit, habuerimus. ut hic vides.

	Logarithmi.
pro- { Quadratum lateris Octanguli data $2 - \ell. 2$	-0,0232260686
port. { Quadratum lateris sumpti 49 -----	1,690196080
{ Area Quinquanguli dati $\ell. \text{bin } 125/32 + \ell. 3125/1024$	0,376146310
{ Area Quinquanguli quaesita <u>1988854794</u>	12,298603076

Si area dati Decanguli sit 6, et quaeratur latus Octanguli circumscripti eidem circulo, cui Decangulum inscribitur; erunt:

	Logarithms
pro- { Area decanguli dati <u>293892626</u>	0,46818869
port. { Area Decanguli sumpta 6 -----	0,77815125
{ Quadratum lateris Octanguli circumscripti dati	-0,16349138
{ aggregatum mediorum	<u>0,61465987</u>
{ Quadratum lateris Octanguli circumscripti quaesiti	<u>0,14647118</u>
{ Latus quaesitum <u>118368622</u>	<u>0,07323559</u>

Atque ad hunc modum in circulo, et in his figuris eidem circulo adscripti, ex unico termino, poterit alius quilibet per Logarithmos inveniri.