

## Question 1

**a**

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned}
 x &= m^2 - n^2 \\
 y &= 2mn \\
 z &= m^2 + n^2 \\
 x^2 + y^2 &= (m^2 - n^2)^2 + (2mn)^2 \\
 &= m^4 - 2m^2n^2 + n^4 + 4m^2n^2 \\
 &= m^4 + 2m^2n^2 + n^4 \\
 &= (m^2 + n^2)^2 \\
 &= z^2 \\
 \Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 &= z^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$

Suppose :  $(x, y, z)$  are primitive triple

$\Rightarrow x, y, z$  are pairwise co-prime

Suppose :  $m, n$  are not co-prime or both odd

case 1 : not co-prime

$\exists p, q, k \neq 1 \in \mathbb{Z} : m = pk, n = qk$

$$x = m^2 - n^2 = (pk)^2 - (qk)^2 = (p^2 - q^2)k^2$$

$$y = 2mn = 2pk \cdot qk = 2pqk^2$$

$$\gcd(x, y) \geq k^2 > 1$$

$\Rightarrow x, y$  are not co-prime  $\Leftrightarrow$

case 2 : both odd

$\exists a, b \in \mathbb{Z} : m = 2a + 1, n = 2b + 1$

$$x = m^2 - n^2 = (2a + 1)^2 - (2b + 1)^2 = 4a^2 + 4a - 4b^2 - 4b = 4(a^2 + a - b^2 - b)$$

$$y = 2mn = 2(2a + 1)(2b + 1)$$

$$\gcd(x, y) \geq 2 > 1$$

$\Rightarrow x, y$  are not co-prime  $\Leftrightarrow$

$\Rightarrow (x, y, z)$  are primitive triple  $\implies m, n$  are co-prime and not both odd

$\Leftarrow$

Suppose :  $m, n$  are co-prime and not both odd

Without loss of generality, suppose :  $\exists p, q \in \mathbb{Z} : m = 2p, n = 2q + 1, \gcd(2p, 2q + 1) = 1$

Suppose :  $x, y, z$  are not pairwise co-prime

case 1 :  $\gcd(x, y) > 1$

$a := \gcd(x, y)$

$\Rightarrow a|2mn$

$a|2 \vee a|m \vee a|n$

$a \not| 2$  since  $m, n$  are not both even

$a|m :$

$a|m^2 - n^2$

$\Rightarrow a|n^2$

$\Rightarrow a|n$

$\Rightarrow \gcd(m, n) \geq a > 1 \Leftrightarrow \gcd(m, n) = 1$

$a|n$  same condition as  $a|m$

case 2 :  $\gcd(x, z) > 1$

$a := \gcd(x, z)$

$\Rightarrow a|m^2 - n^2 \wedge a|m^2 + n^2$

$a|2m^2 \wedge a|2n^2$

$\Rightarrow a|2 \vee (a|m^2 \wedge a|n^2)$

$a \not| 2$  since  $m, n$  are not both even

$\Rightarrow a|m^2 \wedge a|n^2$

$a|m \wedge a|n$

$\Rightarrow \gcd(m, n) \geq a > 1 \Leftrightarrow \gcd(m, n) = 1$

case 3 :  $\gcd(y, z) > 1$

$a := \gcd(y, z)$

$\Rightarrow a|2mn$

$a|2 \vee a|m \vee a|n$

$a \not| 2$  since  $m, n$  are not both even

$a|m :$

$a|m^2 + n^2$

$\Rightarrow a|n^2$

$\Rightarrow a|n$

$\Rightarrow \gcd(m, n) \geq a > 1 \Leftrightarrow \gcd(m, n) = 1$

$a|n$  same condition as  $a|m$

$\Rightarrow m, n$  are co-prime and not both odd  $\implies (x, y, z)$  are primitive triple  
 $\Rightarrow m, n$  are co-prime and not both odd  $\Leftrightarrow (x, y, z)$  are primitive triple

□

**b**

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 2mn \text{ must be odd} \\
 \Rightarrow & 2mn = 24 \\
 & x < z \\
 \Rightarrow & x = 7, z = 25 \\
 & x = m^2 - n^2, z = m^2 + n^2 \\
 & x + z = 2m^2 = 32 \\
 & m = 4 \vee m = -4 \\
 & m = 4 : \\
 & 2mn = 24 \\
 & n = 3 \\
 & m = -4 : \\
 & 2mn = 24 \\
 & n = -3 \\
 \Rightarrow & (m, n) = (4, 3) \vee (-4, -3)
 \end{aligned}$$

**c**

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (x, y, z) \text{ is pairwise co-prime} \\
 \Rightarrow & \text{without loss of generality : } \exists p, q \in \mathbb{Z} : m = 2p, n = 2q + 1, \gcd(2p, 2q + 1) = 1 \\
 & z = m^2 + n^2 \\
 & = (2p)^2 + (2q + 1)^2 \\
 & = 4p^2 + 4q^2 + 4q + 1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= 2(2p^2 + 2q^2 + 2q) + 1$$

$$2p^2 + 2q^2 + 2q \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(2p^2 + 2q^2 + 2q) + 1 \text{ is odd}$$

$z$  is odd

$z$  cannot be even

## Question 2

Draw perpendicular line of a line at a given point  $A$ :

Use compass to draw two arcs by center  $A$  intersecting the line, the two intersections are marked as  $B$  and  $C$ . At  $B$  and  $C$ , use compass to draw one arc by each  $B$  and  $C$  as the center, make sure the two circles containing the two arcs have the same radius and the two arcs intersects at one point, marking  $D$ , then draw a line crossing  $A$  and  $D$ , line  $AD$  is the perpendicular line of the original line at  $A$ .

Draw parallel line of a line at a given point  $A$ :

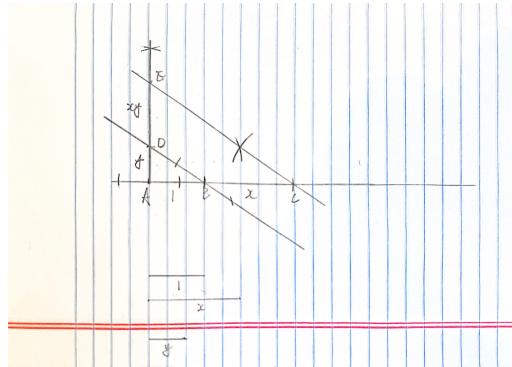
Use compass to draw an arc by center  $A$  intersecting the line, marking  $B$ . Then use the same distance on the compass to draw an arc by center  $B$  intersecting the line at  $C$ , note that  $\angle ABC > 90^\circ$ . Then use the same distance on the compass to draw an arc by center  $C$  intersecting the arc centered by  $A$ , marking the intersection  $D$ . Then draw a line crossing  $A$  and  $D$ , then line  $AD$  is parallel to  $BC$ , the original line.

**a**

Draw a line on the paper, and select a point  $A$  on the line. Use the compass to record the length  $x$ , then use  $A$  as the start point and mark the endpoint of the compass as  $B$ , then the segment  $AB$  has length  $x$ . Use the compass to record the length  $y$ , then use  $B$  as the start point and mark the endpoint of the compass in the same direction of  $\overrightarrow{AB}$  as  $C$ , then the segment  $BC$  has length  $y$  and segment  $AC$  has length  $x + y$ .

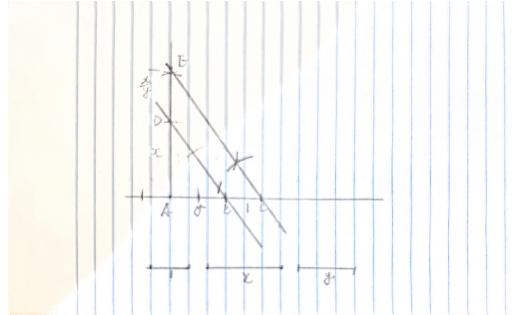
Draw a line on the paper, and select a point  $A$  on the line. Use the compass to record the length  $x$ , then use  $A$  as the start point and mark the endpoint of the compass as  $B$ , then the segment  $AB$  has length  $x$ . Use the compass to record the length  $y$ , then use  $B$  as the start point and mark the endpoint of the compass in the opposite direction of  $\overrightarrow{AB}$  as  $C$ , then the segment  $BC$  has length  $y$  and segment  $AC$  has length  $x - y$ .

**b**



Draw a line on the paper, and select a point  $A$  on the line. Use the compass to record the length  $1$  and then use  $A$  as the start point and mark the endpoint of the compass as  $B$ , then the segment  $AB$  has length  $1$ . Use the compass to record the length  $x$ , then use  $B$  as the start point and mark the endpoint of the compass in the same direction of  $\overrightarrow{AB}$  as  $C$ , then the segment  $BC$  has length  $x$ . Draw a perpendicular line of the line  $AC$  at point  $A$ . Use the compass to record the length  $y$ , then use  $A$  as the start point and mark the endpoint of the compass on the perpendicular line as  $D$ , then the segment  $AD$  has length  $y$  and connect  $BD$ . At point  $C$ , draw a line parallel to  $BD$ , and intersects line  $AD$  at  $E$ , then line segment  $DE$  has length  $xy$ .

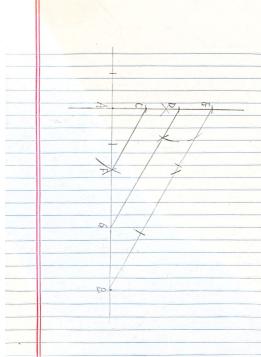
### c



Draw a line on the paper, and select a point  $A$  on the line. Use the compass to record the length  $y$  and then use  $A$  as the start point and mark the endpoint of the compass as  $B$ , then the segment  $AB$  has length  $y$ . Use the compass to record the length  $1$ , then use  $B$  as the start point and mark the endpoint of the compass in the same direction of  $\overrightarrow{AB}$  as  $C$ , then the segment  $BC$  has length  $1$ . Draw a perpendicular line of the line  $AC$  at point  $A$ . Use the compass to record the length  $x$ , then use  $A$  as the start point and mark the endpoint of the compass on the perpendicular line as  $D$ , then the segment  $AD$  has length  $x$  and connect  $BD$ . At point  $C$ , draw a line parallel to  $BD$ , and intersects line  $AD$  at  $E$ , then line segment  $DE$  has length  $xy$ .

$E$ , then line segment  $DE$  has length  $\frac{x}{y}$ .

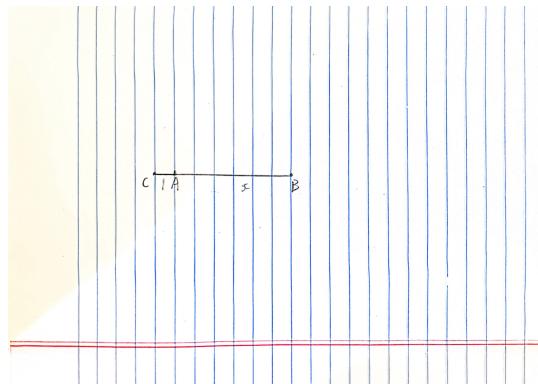
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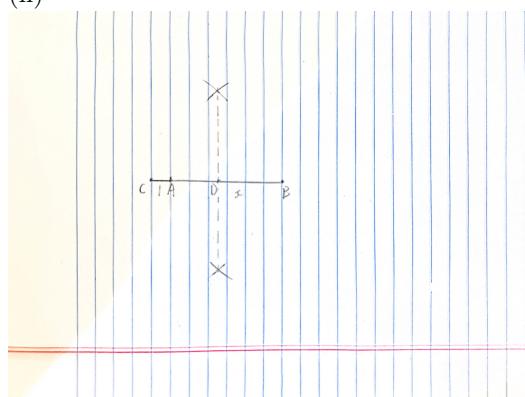
To triply divide a line segment of length  $x$ , draw a line on the paper, and select a point  $A$  on the line. Use the compass to record the length  $x$  and then use  $A$  as the start point and mark the endpoint of the compass as  $B$ , then the segment  $AB$  has length  $x$ . Draw a perpendicular line of the line  $AB$  at point  $A$ . Use any length to draw a line segment starting at  $A$  on the perpendicular line, marking the endpoint  $C$ , and draw two more line segments with the same length as line segment  $AC$  on line  $AC$ , marking the two endpoints  $D$  and  $E$ . Make sure that  $AC = CD = DE$  and  $\overrightarrow{AC}$ ,  $\overrightarrow{CD}$ ,  $\overrightarrow{DE}$  have the same direction. Connect  $BE$ , and draw two lines parallel to  $BE$  at  $C$  and  $D$ , intersecting  $AB$  at  $F$ ,  $G$  separately. Then  $AF = FG = GB = \frac{1}{3}AB$ .

### Question 3

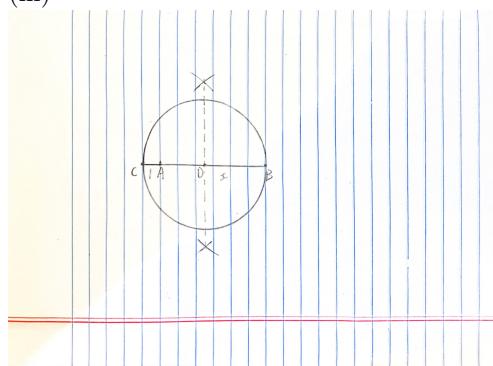
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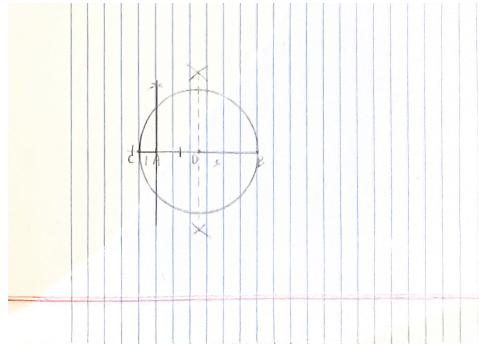
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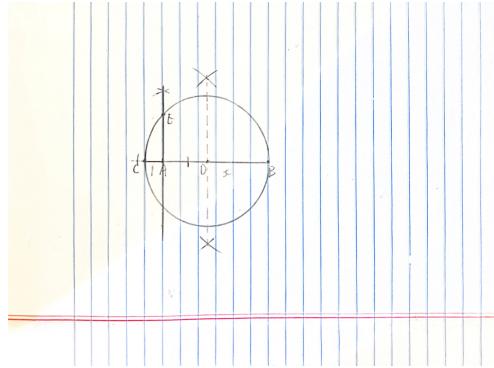
(iii)



(iv)



(v)



*Proof.*

Connects  $OE$

$$\Rightarrow OE = \frac{x+1}{2}$$

$$OA = OC - AC = \frac{x+1}{2} - 1 = \frac{x-1}{2}$$

$AE \perp BC$

$\Rightarrow \triangle OAE$  is a right triangle

$$OA^2 + AE^2 = OE^2$$

$$\left(\frac{x-1}{2}\right)^2 + AE^2 = \left(\frac{x+1}{2}\right)^2$$

$$\frac{x^2 - 2x + 1}{4} + AE^2 = \frac{x^2 + 2x + 1}{4}$$

$$AE^2 = x$$

$$AE = \sqrt{x} \quad (\text{negative root is meaningless})$$

□

## Question 4

a

i

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta ABC &\text{ is isosceles by } AB = AC \\ \Rightarrow \angle ACB &= \angle ABC \\ \angle BAC &= 36^\circ \wedge \angle ACB + \angle ABC + \angle BAC = 180^\circ \\ \Rightarrow \angle ACB &= \angle ABC = 72^\circ \\ BE &\text{ bisects } \angle ABC \\ \Rightarrow \angle CBE &= 36^\circ \\ \angle BEC &= 72^\circ \\ \Rightarrow \Delta BCE &\text{ is isosceles by } BC = BE \\ \Delta ABC &\text{ is similar to } \Delta BCE \\ \Rightarrow \frac{CE}{BC} &= \frac{BC}{AC} \\ BE &\text{ bisects } \angle ABC \\ \angle ABE &= 36^\circ \\ \Rightarrow \angle ABE &= \angle BAE \\ \Rightarrow \Delta ABE &\text{ is isosceles by } AE = BE \\ BC &= AE \\ \Rightarrow \frac{CE}{AE} &= \frac{AE}{AC} \\ CE : AE &= AE : AC\end{aligned}$$

□

ii

$$\begin{aligned}
BC &= AE := x \\
CE &= 1 - x \\
\Rightarrow \frac{1-x}{x} &= \frac{x}{1} \\
x^2 + x - 1 &= 0 \\
x = \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2} & \text{(the negative value is meaningless)} \\
\Rightarrow BC &= \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2}
\end{aligned}$$

iii

By connecting every vertex of the decagon to the center, there are 10 congruent isosceles triangles, making the acutest angle in the triangles  $36^\circ$ . So every triangle is similar to  $\Delta ABC$ . And with the radius 1, the ten triangles are all congruent to  $\Delta ABC$ , so the length of the side of the decagon should be the same as  $BC$ ,  $\frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2}$ .

b

i

By construction :

$$\angle EOB = 90^\circ$$

$$OE = EF = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$OB = 1$$

Since  $\Delta BOE$  is a right triangle

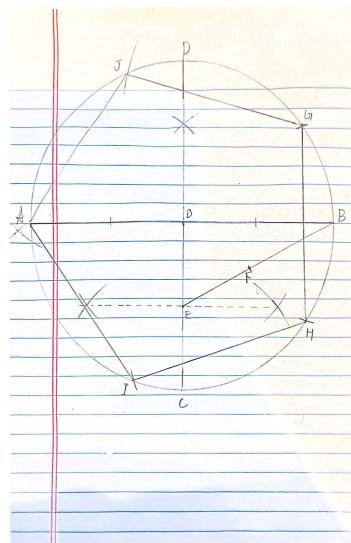
$$BE = \sqrt{OE^2 + OB^2} = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$BF = BE - FE = \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2}$$

ii

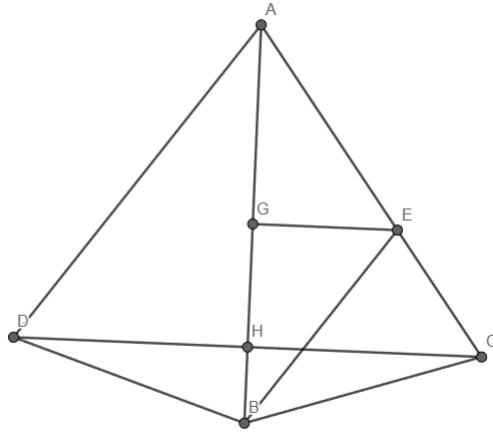
Connect  $BG$ ,  $BG = BF = \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2}$ , and  $OB = OG = 1$ , so  $\Delta BOG$  is congruent to the triangle  $ABC$  in part a. So  $\angle BOG = \angle BAC = 36^\circ$

iii



Use the steps up to ii to get  $G$ , then mark the other intersection of the circle  $O$  and circle  $B$  as  $H$ . Then draw an arc with center  $H$  and radius  $GH$  that intersects the circle with  $I$  different than  $G$ . Draw an arc with center  $G$  and radius  $HG$  that intersects the circle with  $J$  different than  $H$ . Then connect  $AI, IH, HG, GJ, JA$ . The pentagon  $AIHGJ$  is a regular pentagon.

c



$\triangle ABC$  is the same triangle described in 4(a).  $\triangle ABD$  is  $\triangle ABC$  reflected along  $AB$ . So  $\angle CAD = 72^\circ$  and  $AD = AC$ , making  $CD$  the length of a regular pentagon inscribed in circle of radius 1. Since the coefficient given by the radius of the circle can be offset, only considering the circle with radius of 1 is efficient for the proof

*Proof.*

$$AB = AC = 1$$

$$AE = BE = BC = \frac{\sqrt{5} - 1}{2}$$

$EG$  is perpendicular to  $AB$

$$\Rightarrow BG = \frac{1}{2}AB = 0.5$$

$$CH = \sin 36^\circ \cdot AC = \sin 36^\circ$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sin 36^\circ &= \frac{GE}{BE} = \frac{\sqrt{BE^2 - BG^2}}{BE} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{\left(\frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{4}}}{\frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2}} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{\frac{5-2\sqrt{5}}{4}}}{\frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2}} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{5-2\sqrt{5}}}{\sqrt{5}-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{\sqrt{5 - 2\sqrt{5}}(\sqrt{5} + 1)}{4} \\
&= \frac{\sqrt{10 - 2\sqrt{5}}}{4} \\
\Rightarrow CH &= \frac{\sqrt{10 - 2\sqrt{5}}}{4} \\
AD = AC \wedge \angle CAH &= \frac{1}{2}\angle CAD \\
\Rightarrow CD = 2CH &= \frac{\sqrt{10 - 2\sqrt{5}}}{2}
\end{aligned}$$

Side of a regular pentagon inscribed in circle of radius 1 is  $\frac{\sqrt{10 - 2\sqrt{5}}}{2}$

hexagon :

the central angle formed by two near vertices is  $60^\circ$

$\Rightarrow$ The triangle formed by two near vertices and the center is equilateral

$\Rightarrow$ Side length of regular hexagon inscribed in circle of radius 1 is 1

Side length of regular decagon inscribed in circle of radius 1 is  $\frac{\sqrt{5} - 1}{2}$

$$S_{pentagon} = \frac{\sqrt{10 - 2\sqrt{5}}}{2}$$

$$S_{hexagon} = 1$$

$$S_{decagon} = \frac{\sqrt{5} - 1}{2}$$

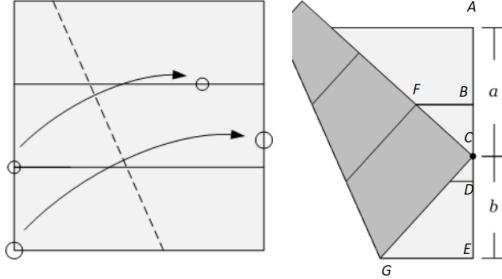
$$S_{decagon}^2 + S_{hexagon}^2 = \left(\frac{\sqrt{5} - 1}{2}\right)^2 + 1^2 = \frac{5 - \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$S_{pentagon}^2 = \left(\frac{\sqrt{10 - 2\sqrt{5}}}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{5 - \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow S_{decagon}^2 + S_{hexagon}^2 = S_{pentagon}^2$$

□

## Question 5



*Proof.*

$$EG := x$$

$$CG + EG = a + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow CG = a + 1 - x$$

$\Delta CEG$  is right triangle

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 1^2 = (a + 1 - x)^2$$

$$x^2 + 1 = 1 + 2a + a^2 - 2x - 2ax + x^2$$

$$(2a + 2)x = a^2 + 2a$$

$$x = \frac{a^2 + 2a}{2a + 2}$$

$$\Rightarrow EG = \frac{a^2 + 2a}{2a + 2}$$

$$BC = a - \frac{1}{3}(a + 1) = \frac{2}{3}a - \frac{1}{3}$$

$$CF = \frac{1}{3}(a + 1)$$

$\Delta BCF$  is right triangle

$$\Rightarrow BF = \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{3}(a + 1)\right)^2 - \left(\frac{2}{3}a - \frac{1}{3}\right)^2}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{6a - 3a^2}}{3}$$

$$\angle BCF + \angle GCE + 90^\circ = 180^\circ$$

$$\angle CGE + \angle GCE + 90^\circ = 180^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle BCF = \angle CGE$$

$$\angle CBF = \angle GEC = 90^\circ$$

So  $\Delta BCF$  and  $\Delta EGC$  are similar

$$\begin{aligned}
&\Rightarrow \frac{EG}{CE} = \frac{BC}{BF} \\
&\frac{a^2 + 2a}{2a + 2} = \frac{\frac{2}{3}a - \frac{1}{3}}{\frac{\sqrt{6a - 3a^2}}{3}} \\
&(a^2 + 2a)\sqrt{6a - 3a^2} = (2a + 2)(2a - 1) \\
&(a^2 + 2a)^2(6a - 3a^2) = ((2a + 2)(2a - 1))^2 \\
&- 3a^6 - 6a^5 + 12a^4 + 24a^3 = 16a^4 + 16a^3 - 12a^2 - 8a - 4 \\
&3a^6 + 6a^5 + 4a^4 - 8a^3 - 12a^2 - 8a + 4 = 0 \\
&(a^3 - 2)(3a^3 + 6a^2 + 4a - 2) = 0 \\
&a = \sqrt[3]{2} \\
&\Rightarrow \frac{a}{b} = \sqrt[3]{2}
\end{aligned}$$

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