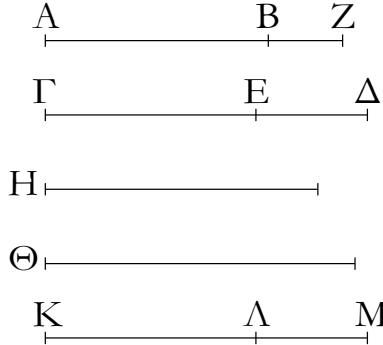


ριδ'.

Ἐάν χωρίον περιέχεται ὑπὸ ἀποτομῆς καὶ τῆς ἐκ δύο ὀνομάτων, ἥς τὰ ὀνόματα σύμμετρά τέ ἐστι τοῖς τῆς ἀποτομῆς ὀνόμασι καὶ ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ λόγῳ, ἡ τὸ χωρίον δυναμένη ῥητὴ ἐστίν.



Περιεχέσθω γὰρ χωρίον τὸ ὑπὸ τῶν AB, ΓΔ ὑπὸ ἀποτομῆς τῆς AB καὶ τῆς ἐκ δύο ὀνομάτων τῆς ΓΔ, ἥς μείζον ὄνομα ἔστω τὸ ΓΕ, καὶ ἔστω τὰ ὀνόματα τῆς ἐκ δύο ὀνομάτων τὰ ΓΕ, ΕΔ σύμμετρά τε τοῖς τῆς ἀποτομῆς ὀνόμασι τοῖς ΑΖ, ΖΒ καὶ ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ λόγῳ, καὶ ἔστω ἡ τὸ ὑπὸ τῶν AB, ΓΔ δυναμένη ἡ Η· λέγω, ὅτι ῥητὴ ἐστίν ἡ Η.

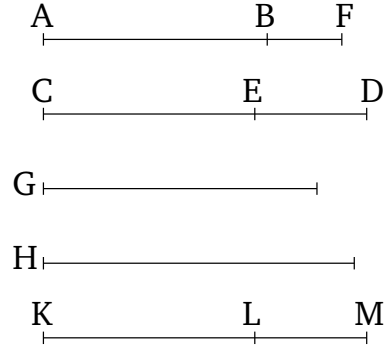
Ἐκκείσθω γὰρ ῥητὴ ἡ Θ, καὶ τῷ ἀπὸ τῆς Θ ἴσον παρὰ τὴν ΓΔ παραβεβλήσθω πλάτος ποιοῦν τὴν ΚΛ· ἀποτομὴ ἄρα ἐστὶν ἡ ΚΛ, ἥς τὰ ὀνόματα ἔστω τὰ ΚΜ, ΜΛ σύμμετρα τοῖς τῆς ἐκ δύο ὀνομάτων ὀνόμασι τοῖς ΓΕ, ΕΔ καὶ ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ λόγῳ. ἀλλὰ καὶ αἱ ΓΕ, ΕΔ σύμμετροί τε εἰσι ταῖς ΑΖ, ΖΒ καὶ ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ λόγῳ· ἔστιν ἄρα ὡς ἡ ΑΖ πρὸς τὴν ΖΒ, οὕτως ἡ ΚΜ πρὸς τὴν ΜΛ. ἐναλλάξ ἄρα ἐστὶν ὡς ἡ ΑΖ πρὸς τὴν ΚΜ, οὕτως ἡ ΒΖ πρὸς τὴν ΜΛ· καὶ λοιπὴ ἄρα ἡ ΑΒ πρὸς λοιπὴν τὴν ΚΛ ἐστὶν ὡς ἡ ΑΖ πρὸς ΚΜ. σύμμετρος δὲ ἡ ΑΖ τῇ ΚΜ· σύμμετρος ἄρα ἐστὶ καὶ ἡ ΑΒ τῇ ΚΛ. καὶ ἐστὶν ὡς ἡ ΑΒ πρὸς ΚΛ, οὕτως τὸ ὑπὸ τῶν ΓΔ, ΑΒ πρὸς τὸ ὑπὸ τῶν ΓΔ, ΚΛ· σύμμετρον ἄρα ἐστὶ καὶ τὸ ὑπὸ τῶν ΓΔ, ΑΒ τῷ ἀπὸ τῆς Θ· σύμμετρον ἄρα ἐστὶ τὸ ὑπὸ τῶν ΓΔ, ΑΒ τῷ ἀπὸ τῆς Θ. τῷ δὲ ὑπὸ τῶν ΓΔ, ΑΒ ἴσον ἐστὶ τὸ ἀπὸ τῆς Η· σύμμετρον ἄρα ἐστὶ τὸ ἀπὸ τῆς Η τῷ ἀπὸ τῆς Θ. ῥητὸν δὲ τὸ ἀπὸ τῆς Θ· ῥητὸν ἄρα ἐστὶ καὶ τὸ ἀπὸ τῆς Η· ῥητὴ ἄρα ἐστὶν ἡ Η. καὶ δύναται τὸ ὑπὸ τῶν ΓΔ, ΑΒ.

Ἐάν ἄρα χωρίον περιέχεται ὑπὸ ἀποτομῆς καὶ τῆς ἐκ δύο ὀνομάτων, ἥς τὰ ὀνόματα σύμμετρά ἐστι τοῖς τῆς ἀποτομῆς ὀνόμασι καὶ ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ λόγῳ, ἡ τὸ χωρίον δυναμένη ῥητὴ ἐστίν.

$KH$  will have the same order as  $BC$  [Defs. 10.5—10.10]. (Which is) the very thing it was required to show.

### Proposition 114

If an area is contained by an apotome, and a binomial whose terms are commensurable with, and in the same ratio as, the terms of the apotome then the square-root of the area is a rational (straight-line).



For let an area, the (rectangle contained) by  $AB$  and  $CD$ , have been contained by the apotome  $AB$ , and the binomial  $CD$ , of which let the greater term be  $CE$ . And let the terms of the binomial,  $CE$  and  $ED$ , be commensurable with the terms of the apotome,  $AF$  and  $FB$  (respectively), and in the same ratio. And let the square-root of the (rectangle contained) by  $AB$  and  $CD$  be  $G$ . I say that  $G$  is a rational (straight-line).

For let the rational (straight-line)  $H$  be laid down. And let (some rectangle), equal to the (square) on  $H$ , have been applied to  $CD$ , producing  $KL$  as breadth. Thus,  $KL$  is an apotome, of which let the terms,  $KM$  and  $ML$ , be commensurable with the terms of the binomial,  $CE$  and  $ED$  (respectively), and in the same ratio [Prop. 10.112]. But,  $CE$  and  $ED$  are also commensurable with  $AF$  and  $FB$  (respectively), and in the same ratio. Thus, as  $AF$  is to  $FB$ , so  $KM$  (is) to  $ML$ . Thus, alternately, as  $AF$  is to  $KM$ , so  $BF$  (is) to  $LM$  [Prop. 5.16]. Thus, the remainder  $AB$  is also to the remainder  $KL$  as  $AF$  (is) to  $KM$  [Prop. 5.19]. And  $AF$  (is) commensurable with  $KM$  [Prop. 10.12].  $AB$  is thus also commensurable with  $KL$  [Prop. 10.11]. And as  $AB$  is to  $KL$ , so the (rectangle contained) by  $CD$  and  $AB$  (is) to the (rectangle contained) by  $CD$  and  $KL$  [Prop. 6.1]. Thus, the (rectangle contained) by  $CD$  and  $AB$  is also commensurable with the (rectangle contained) by  $CD$  and  $KL$  [Prop. 10.11]. And the (rectangle contained) by  $CD$  and  $KL$  (is) equal to the (square) on  $H$ . Thus, the (rectangle contained) by  $CD$  and  $AB$  is commensurable with the (square) on  $H$ . And the (square) on  $G$  is equal to the (rectangle contained) by  $CD$  and  $AB$ . The (square) on  $G$

is thus commensurable with the (square) on  $H$ . And the (square) on  $H$  (is) rational. Thus, the (square) on  $G$  is also rational.  $G$  is thus rational. And it is the square-root of the (rectangle contained) by  $CD$  and  $AB$ .

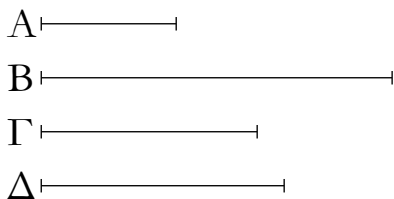
Thus, if an area is contained by an apotome, and a binomial whose terms are commensurable with, and in the same ratio as, the terms of the apotome, then the square-root of the area is a rational (straight-line).

## Πόρισμα.

Καὶ γέγονεν ἡμῖν καὶ διὰ τούτου φανερόν, ὅτι δυνατόν ἐστι ῥητὸν χωρίον ὑπὸ ἀλόγων εὐθειῶν περιέχεσθαι. ὅπερ ἔδει δεῖξαι.

## ριε'.

Ἀπὸ μέσης ἄπειροι ἄλογοι γίνονται, καὶ οὐδεμία οὐδεμιᾶ τῶν πρότερον ἢ αὐτῇ.



Ἐστω μέση ἡ  $A$ · λέγω, ὅτι ἀπὸ τῆς  $A$  ἄπειροι ἄλογοι γίνονται, καὶ οὐδεμία οὐδεμιᾶ τῶν πρότερον ἢ αὐτῇ.

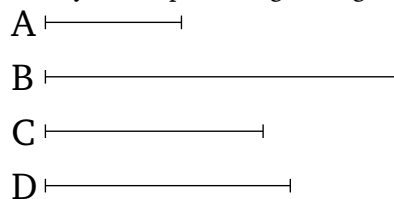
Ἐκκείσθω ῥητὴ ἡ  $B$ , καὶ τῷ ὑπὸ τῶν  $B$ ,  $A$  ἴσον ἔστω τὸ ἀπὸ τῆς  $\Gamma$ · ἄλογος ἄρα ἐστὶν ἡ  $\Gamma$ · τὸ γὰρ ὑπὸ ἀλόγου καὶ ῥητῆς ἄλογόν ἐστιν. καὶ οὐδεμιᾶ τῶν πρότερον ἢ αὐτῇ· τὸ γὰρ ἀπ' οὐδεμιᾶς τῶν πρότερον παρὰ ῥητὴν παραβαλλόμενον πλάτος ποιεῖ μέσην. πάλιν δὴ τῷ ὑπὸ τῶν  $B$ ,  $\Gamma$  ἴσον ἔστω τὸ ἀπὸ τῆς  $\Delta$ · ἄλογον ἄρα ἐστὶ τὸ ἀπὸ τῆς  $\Delta$ · ἄλογος ἄρα ἐστὶν ἡ  $\Delta$ · καὶ οὐδεμιᾶ τῶν πρότερον ἢ αὐτῇ· τὸ γὰρ ἀπ' οὐδεμιᾶς τῶν πρότερον παρὰ ῥητὴν παραβαλλόμενον πλάτος ποιεῖ τὴν  $\Gamma$ . ὁμοίως δὴ τῆς τοιαύτης τάξεως ἐπ' ἄπειρον προβαίνουσας φανερόν, ὅτι ἀπὸ τῆς μέσης ἄπειροι ἄλογοι γίνονται, καὶ οὐδεμία οὐδεμιᾶ τῶν πρότερον ἢ αὐτῇ· ὅπερ ἔδει δεῖξαι.

## Corollary

And it has also been made clear to us, through this, that it is possible for a rational area to be contained by irrational straight-lines. (Which is) the very thing it was required to show.

## Proposition 115

An infinite (series) of irrational (straight-lines) can be created from a medial (straight-line), and none of them is the same as any of the preceding (straight-lines).



Let  $A$  be a medial (straight-line). I say that an infinite (series) of irrational (straight-lines) can be created from  $A$ , and that none of them is the same as any of the preceding (straight-lines).

Let the rational (straight-line)  $B$  be laid down. And let the (square) on  $C$  be equal to the (rectangle contained) by  $B$  and  $A$ . Thus,  $C$  is irrational [Def. 10.4]. For an (area contained) by an irrational and a rational (straight-line) is irrational [Prop. 10.20]. And ( $C$  is) not the same as any of the preceding (straight-lines). For the (square) on none of the preceding (straight-lines), applied to a rational (straight-line), produces a medial (straight-line) as breadth. So, again, let the (square) on  $D$  be equal to the (rectangle contained) by  $B$  and  $C$ . Thus, the (square) on  $D$  is irrational [Prop. 10.20].  $D$  is thus irrational [Def. 10.4]. And ( $D$  is) not the same as any of the preceding (straight-lines). For the (square) on none of the preceding (straight-lines), applied to a rational (straight-line), produces  $C$  as breadth. So, similarly, this arrangement being advanced to infinity, it is clear that an infinite (series) of irrational (straight-lines) can be created from a medial (straight-line), and that none of them is the same as any of the preceding (straight-lines). (Which is) the very thing it was required to show.

# ELEMENTS BOOK 11

## *Elementary Stereometry*

## Ὅροι.

α'. Στερεόν ἐστὶ τὸ μήκος καὶ πλάτος καὶ βάθος ἔχον.

β'. Στερεοῦ δὲ πέρας ἐπιφάνεια.

γ'. Εὐθεία πρὸς ἐπίπεδον ὀρθή ἐστίν, ὅταν πρὸς πάσας τὰς ἀπτομένας αὐτῆς εὐθείας καὶ οὐσας ἐν τῷ [ὑποκειμένῳ] ἐπιπέδῳ ὀρθὰς ποιῇ γωνίας.

δ'. Ἐπίπεδον πρὸς ἐπίπεδον ὀρθόν ἐστίν, ὅταν αἱ τῇ κοινῇ τομῇ τῶν ἐπιπέδων πρὸς ὀρθὰς ἀγόμεναι εὐθεῖαι ἐν ἐνὶ τῶν ἐπιπέδων τῷ λοιπῷ ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὀρθὰς ὦσιν.

ε'. Εὐθείας πρὸς ἐπίπεδον κλίσις ἐστίν, ὅταν ἀπὸ τοῦ μετεώρου πέρατος τῆς εὐθείας ἐπὶ τὸ ἐπίπεδον κάθετος ἀχθῇ, καὶ ἀπὸ τοῦ γενομένου σημείου ἐπὶ τὸ ἐν τῷ ἐπιπέδῳ πέρας τῆς εὐθείας εὐθεῖα ἐπιζευχθῇ, ἡ περιεχομένη γωνία ὑπὸ τῆς ἀχθείσης καὶ τῆς ἐφεστώσης.

ς'. Ἐπίπεδον πρὸς ἐπίπεδον κλίσις ἐστὶν ἡ περιεχομένη ὀξεῖα γωνία ὑπὸ τῶν πρὸς ὀρθὰς τῇ κοινῇ τομῇ ἀγομένων πρὸς τῷ αὐτῷ σημείῳ ἐν ἑκατέρῳ τῶν ἐπιπέδων.

ζ'. Ἐπίπεδον πρὸς ἐπίπεδον ὁμοίως κεκλίσθαι λέγεται καὶ ἕτερον πρὸς ἕτερον, ὅταν αἱ εἰρημέναι τῶν κλίσεων γωνίαι ἴσαι ἀλλήλαις ὦσιν.

η'. Παράλληλα ἐπίπεδα ἐστὶ τὰ ἀσύμπτωτα.

θ'. Ὅμοια στερεὰ σχήματ' ἐστὶ τὰ ὑπὸ ὁμοίων ἐπιπέδων περιεχόμενα ἴσων τὸ πλήθος.

ι'. Ἰσα δὲ καὶ ὅμοια στερεὰ σχήματ' ἐστὶ τὰ ὑπὸ ὁμοίων ἐπιπέδων περιεχόμενα ἴσων τῷ πλήθει καὶ τῷ μεγέθει.

ια'. Στερεὰ γωνία ἐστὶν ἡ ὑπὸ πλειόνων ἢ δύο γραμμῶν ἀπτομένων ἀλλήλων καὶ μὴ ἐν τῇ αὐτῇ ἐπιφανείᾳ οὐσῶν πρὸς πάσαις ταῖς γραμμαῖς κλίσις. ἄλλως· στερεὰ γωνία ἐστὶν ἡ ὑπὸ πλειόνων ἢ δύο γωνιῶν ἐπιπέδων περιεχομένη μὴ οὐσῶν ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ἐνὶ σημείῳ συνισταμένων.

ιβ'. Πυραμὶς ἐστὶ σχῆμα στερεὸν ἐπιπέδοις περιχόμενον ἀπὸ ἐνὸς ἐπιπέδου πρὸς ἐνὶ σημείῳ συνεστῶς.

ιγ'. Πρίσμα ἐστὶ σχῆμα στερεὸν ἐπιπέδοις περιχόμενον, ὧν δύο τὰ ἀπεναντίον ἴσα τε καὶ ὁμοιά ἐστὶ καὶ παράλληλα, τὰ δὲ λοιπὰ παράλληλόγραμμα.

ιδ'. Σφαῖρά ἐστίν, ὅταν ἡμικυκλίου μενούσης τῆς διαμέτρου περιενεχθῇ τὸ ἡμικύκλιον εἰς τὸ αὐτὸ πάλιν ἀποκατασταθῇ, ὅθεν ἤρξατο φέρεσθαι, τὸ περιληφθὲν σχῆμα.

ιε'. Ἄξων δὲ τῆς σφαίρας ἐστὶν ἡ μένουσα εὐθεῖα, περὶ ἣν τὸ ἡμικύκλιον στρέφεται.

ις'. Κέντρον δὲ τῆς σφαίρας ἐστὶ τὸ αὐτό, ὃ καὶ τοῦ ἡμικυκλίου.

ιζ'. Διάμετρος δὲ τῆς σφαίρας ἐστὶν εὐθεῖα τις διὰ τοῦ κέντρου ἡγμένη καὶ περατουμένη ἐφ' ἑκάτερα τὰ μέρη ὑπὸ τῆς ἐπιφανείας τῆς σφαίρας.

ιη'. Κῶνός ἐστιν, ὅταν ὀρθογωνίου τριγώνου μενούσης μιᾶς πλευρᾶς τῶν περὶ τὴν ὀρθὴν γωνίαν περιενεχθῇ τὸ τρίγωνον εἰς τὸ αὐτὸ πάλιν ἀποκατασταθῇ, ὅθεν ἤρξατο

## Definitions

1. A solid is a (figure) having length and breadth and depth.

2. The extremity of a solid (is) a surface.

3. A straight-line is at right-angles to a plane when it makes right-angles with all of the straight-lines joined to it which are also in the plane.

4. A plane is at right-angles to a(nother) plane when (all of) the straight-lines drawn in one of the planes, at right-angles to the common section of the planes, are at right-angles to the remaining plane.

5. The inclination of a straight-line to a plane is the angle contained by the drawn and standing (straight-lines), when a perpendicular is lead to the plane from the end of the (standing) straight-line raised (out of the plane), and a straight-line is (then) joined from the point (so) generated to the end of the (standing) straight-line (lying) in the plane.

6. The inclination of a plane to a(nother) plane is the acute angle contained by the (straight-lines), (one) in each of the planes, drawn at right-angles to the common segment (of the planes), at the same point.

7. A plane is said to have been similarly inclined to a plane, as another to another, when the aforementioned angles of inclination are equal to one another.

8. Parallel planes are those which do not meet (one another).

9. Similar solid figures are those contained by equal numbers of similar planes (which are similarly arranged).

10. But equal and similar solid figures are those contained by similar planes equal in number and in magnitude (which are similarly arranged).

11. A solid angle is the inclination (constituted) by more than two lines joining one another (at the same point), and not being in the same surface, to all of the lines. Otherwise, a solid angle is that contained by more than two plane angles, not being in the same plane, and constructed at one point.

12. A pyramid is a solid figure, contained by planes, (which is) constructed from one plane to one point.

13. A prism is a solid figure, contained by planes, of which the two opposite (planes) are equal, similar, and parallel, and the remaining (planes are) parallelograms.

14. A sphere is the figure enclosed when, the diameter of a semicircle remaining (fixed), the semicircle is carried around, and again established at the same (position) from which it began to be moved.

15. And the axis of the sphere is the fixed straight-line about which the semicircle is turned.

φέρεισθαι, τὸ περιληφθὲν σχῆμα. καὶ μὲν ἡ μένουσα εὐθεῖα ἴση ἢ τῇ λοιπῇ [τῇ] περὶ τὴν ὀρθὴν περιφερομένη, ὀρθογώνιος ἔσται ὁ κῶνος, ἐὰν δὲ ἐλάττων, ἀμβλυγώνιος, ἐὰν δὲ μείζων, ὀξυγώνιος.

ιθ'. Ἀξων δὲ τοῦ κώνου ἐστὶν ἡ μένουσα εὐθεῖα, περὶ ἣν τὸ τρίγωνον στρέφεται.

κ'. Βάσις δὲ ὁ κύκλος ὁ ὑπὸ τῆς περιφερομένης εὐθείας γραφόμενος.

κα'. Κύλινδρος ἐστίν, ὅταν ὀρθογωνίου παραλληλογράμμου μενούσης μιᾶς πλευρᾶς τῶν περὶ τὴν ὀρθὴν γωνίαν περιενεχθὲν τὸ παραλληλόγραμμον εἰς τὸ αὐτὸ πάλιν ἀποκατασταθῇ, ὅθεν ἤρξατο φέρεσθαι, τὸ περιληφθὲν σχῆμα.

κβ'. Ἀξων δὲ τοῦ κυλίνδρου ἐστὶν ἡ μένουσα εὐθεῖα, περὶ ἣν τὸ παραλληλόγραμμον στρέφεται.

κγ'. Βάσεις δὲ οἱ κύκλοι οἱ ὑπὸ τῶν ἀπεναντίον περιεχόμενων δύο πλευρῶν γραφόμενοι.

κδ'. Ὅμοιοι κῶνοι καὶ κύλινδροι εἰσιν, ὧν οἱ τε ἄξονες καὶ αἱ διαμέτροι τῶν βάσεων ἀνάλογόν εἰσιν.

κε'. Κύβος ἐστὶ σχῆμα στερεὸν ὑπὸ ἑξ τετραγώνων ἴσων περιεχόμενον.

κς'. Ὀκτάεδρον ἐστὶ σχῆμα στερεὸν ὑπὸ ὀκτῶ τριγώνων ἴσων καὶ ἰσοπλευρῶν περιεχόμενον.

κζ'. Εἰκοσάεδρον ἐστὶ σχῆμα στερεὸν ὑπὸ εἴκοσι τριγώνων ἴσων καὶ ἰσοπλευρῶν περιεχόμενον.

κη'. Δωδεκάεδρον ἐστὶ σχῆμα στερεὸν ὑπὸ δώδεκα πενταγώνων ἴσων καὶ ἰσοπλευρῶν καὶ ἰσογωνίων περιεχόμενον.

16. And the center of the sphere is the same as that of the semicircle.

17. And the diameter of the sphere is any straight-line which is drawn through the center and terminated in both directions by the surface of the sphere.

18. A cone is the figure enclosed when, one of the sides of a right-angled triangle about the right-angle remaining (fixed), the triangle is carried around, and again established at the same (position) from which it began to be moved. And if the fixed straight-line is equal to the remaining (straight-line) about the right-angle, (which is) carried around, then the cone will be right-angled, and if less, obtuse-angled, and if greater, acute-angled.

19. And the axis of the cone is the fixed straight-line about which the triangle is turned.

20. And the base (of the cone is) the circle described by the (remaining) straight-line (about the right-angle which is) carried around (the axis).

21. A cylinder is the figure enclosed when, one of the sides of a right-angled parallelogram about the right-angle remaining (fixed), the parallelogram is carried around, and again established at the same (position) from which it began to be moved.

22. And the axis of the cylinder is the stationary straight-line about which the parallelogram is turned.

23. And the bases (of the cylinder are) the circles described by the two opposite sides (which are) carried around.

24. Similar cones and cylinders are those for which the axes and the diameters of the bases are proportional.

25. A cube is a solid figure contained by six equal squares.

26. An octahedron is a solid figure contained by eight equal and equilateral triangles.

27. An icosahedron is a solid figure contained by twenty equal and equilateral triangles.

28. A dodecahedron is a solid figure contained by twelve equal, equilateral, and equiangular pentagons.

α'.

### Proposition 1<sup>†</sup>

Εὐθείας γραμμῆς μέρος μὲν τι οὐκ ἔστιν ἐν τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ, μέρος δὲ τι ἐν μετεωροτέρῳ.

Εἰ γὰρ δυνατόν, εὐθείας γραμμῆς τῆς  $AB\Gamma$  μέρος μὲν τι τὸ  $AB$  ἔστω ἐν τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ, μέρος δὲ τι τὸ  $B\Gamma$  ἐν μετεωροτέρῳ.

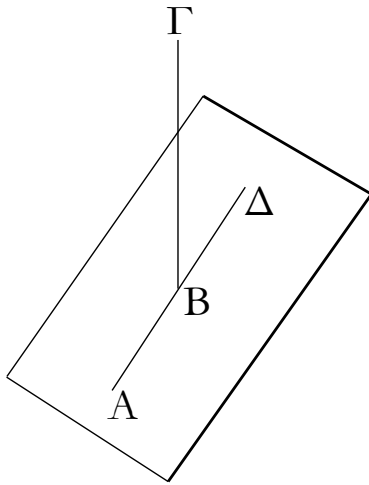
Ἔσται δὴ τις τῇ  $AB$  συνεχῆς εὐθεῖα ἐπ' εὐθείας ἐν τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ. ἔστω ἡ  $B\Delta$ . δύο ἄρα εὐθειῶν τῶν  $AB\Gamma$ ,  $AB\Delta$  κοινὸν τμήμα ἐστὶν ἡ  $AB$ . ὅπερ ἐστὶν ἀδύνατον, ἐπειδὴ περ ἐὰν κέντρῳ τῷ  $B$  καὶ διαστήματι τῷ  $AB$  κύκλον γράψωμεν, αἱ διαμέτροι ἀνίσους ἀπολήφονται τοῦ κύκλου

Some part of a straight-line cannot be in a reference plane, and some part in a more elevated (plane).

For, if possible, let some part,  $AB$ , of the straight-line  $ABC$  be in a reference plane, and some part,  $BC$ , in a more elevated (plane).

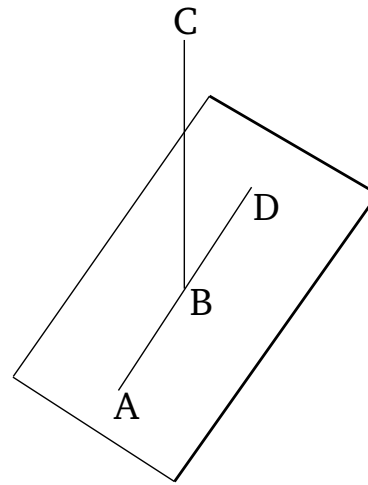
In the reference plane, there will be some straight-line continuous with, and straight-on to,  $AB$ .<sup>‡</sup> Let it be  $BD$ . Thus,  $AB$  is a common segment of the two (different) straight-lines  $ABC$  and  $ABD$ . The very thing is impossible, inasmuch as if we draw a circle with center  $B$  and

περιφερείας.



Εὐθείας ἄρα γραμμῆς μέρος μὲν τι οὐκ ἔστιν ἐν τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ, τὸ δὲ ἐν μετεωροτέρῳ· ὅπερ ἔδει δείξαι.

radius  $AB$  then the diameters ( $ABD$  and  $ABC$ ) will cut off unequal circumferences of the circle.



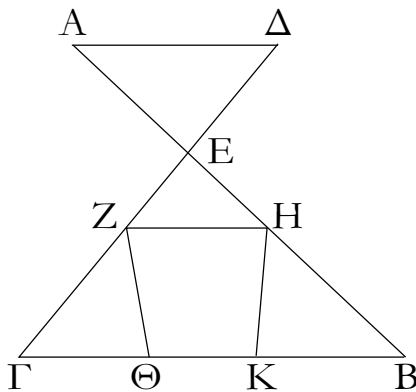
Thus, some part of a straight-line cannot be in a reference plane, and (some part) in a more elevated (plane). (Which is) the very thing it was required to show.

† The proofs of the first three propositions in this book are not at all rigorous. Hence, these three propositions should properly be regarded as additional axioms.

‡ This assumption essentially presupposes the validity of the proposition under discussion.

β'.

Ἐάν δύο εὐθεῖαι τέμνωσιν ἀλλήλας, ἐν ἐνί εἰσιν ἐπιπέδῳ, καὶ πᾶν τρίγωνον ἐν ἐνί ἐστιν ἐπιπέδῳ.

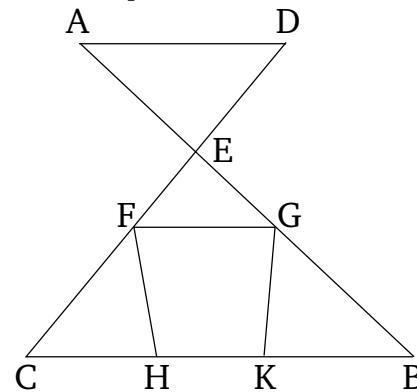


Δύο γὰρ εὐθεῖαι αἱ  $AB$ ,  $\Gamma\Delta$  τεμνέτωσαν ἀλλήλας κατὰ τὸ  $E$  σημεῖον. λέγω, ὅτι αἱ  $AB$ ,  $\Gamma\Delta$  ἐν ἐνί εἰσιν ἐπιπέδῳ, καὶ πᾶν τρίγωνον ἐν ἐνί ἐστιν ἐπιπέδῳ.

Εἰλήφθω γὰρ ἐπὶ τῶν  $ΕΓ$ ,  $ΕΒ$  τυχόντα σημεῖα τὰ  $Z$ ,  $H$ , καὶ ἐπεζεύχθωσιν αἱ  $\Gamma B$ ,  $ZH$ , καὶ διήχθωσιν αἱ  $Z\Theta$ ,  $HK$ . λέγω πρῶτον, ὅτι τὸ  $ΕΓΒ$  τρίγωνον ἐν ἐνί ἐστιν ἐπιπέδῳ. εἰ γὰρ ἐστὶ τοῦ  $ΕΓΒ$  τριγώνου μέρος ἥτοι τὸ  $Z\Theta\Gamma$  ἢ τὸ  $HBK$  ἐν τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ [ἐπιπέδῳ], τὸ δὲ λοιπὸν ἐν ἄλλῳ, ἔσται καὶ μιᾶς τῶν  $ΕΓ$ ,  $ΕΒ$  εὐθειῶν μέρος μὲν τι ἐν τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ

## Proposition 2

If two straight-lines cut one another then they are in one plane, and every triangle (formed using segments of both lines) is in one plane.



For let the two straight-lines  $AB$  and  $CD$  have cut one another at point  $E$ . I say that  $AB$  and  $CD$  are in one plane, and that every triangle (formed using segments of both lines) is in one plane.

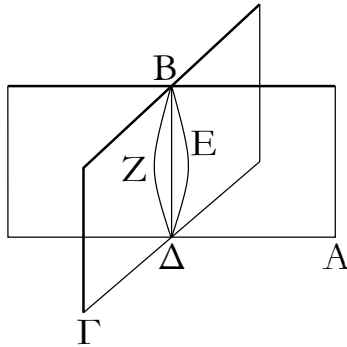
For let the random points  $F$  and  $G$  have been taken on  $EC$  and  $EB$  (respectively). And let  $CB$  and  $FG$  have been joined, and let  $FH$  and  $GK$  have been drawn across. I say, first of all, that triangle  $ECB$  is in one (reference) plane. For if part of triangle  $ECB$ , either  $FHC$

ἐπιπέδῳ, τὸ δὲ ἐν ἄλλῳ. εἰ δὲ τοῦ ΕΓΒ τριγώνου τὸ ΖΓΒΗ μέρος ἢ ἐν τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ, τὸ δὲ λοιπὸν ἐν ἄλλῳ, ἔσται καὶ ἀμφοτέρων τῶν ΕΓ, ΕΒ εὐθειῶν μέρος μὲν τι ἐν τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ, τὸ δὲ ἐν ἄλλῳ· ὅπερ ἄτοπον ἐδείχθη. τὸ ἄρα ΕΓΒ τρίγωνον ἐν ἐνὶ ἐστὶν ἐπιπέδῳ. ἐν ᾧ δὲ ἐστὶ τὸ ΕΓΒ τρίγωνον, ἐν τούτῳ καὶ ἑκατέρω τῶν ΕΓ, ΕΒ, ἐν ᾧ δὲ ἑκατέρω τῶν ΕΓ, ΕΒ, ἐν τούτῳ καὶ αἱ ΑΒ, ΓΔ. αἱ ΑΒ, ΓΔ ἄρα εὐθεῖαι ἐν ἐνὶ εἰσιν ἐπιπέδῳ, καὶ πᾶν τρίγωνον ἐν ἐνὶ ἐστὶν ἐπιπέδῳ· ὅπερ ἔδει δεῖξαι.

or  $GBK$ , is in the reference [plane], and the remainder in a different (plane) then a part of one the straight-lines  $EC$  and  $EB$  will also be in the reference plane, and (a part) in a different (plane). And if the part  $FCBG$  of triangle  $ECB$  is in the reference plane, and the remainder in a different (plane) then parts of both of the straight-lines  $EC$  and  $EB$  will also be in the reference plane, and (parts) in a different (plane). The very thing was shown to be absurd [Prop. 11.1]. Thus, triangle  $ECB$  is in one plane. And in whichever (plane) triangle  $ECB$  is (found), in that (plane)  $EC$  and  $EB$  (will) each also (be found). And in whichever (plane)  $EC$  and  $EB$  (are) each (found), in that (plane)  $AB$  and  $CD$  (will) also (be found) [Prop. 11.1]. Thus, the straight-lines  $AB$  and  $CD$  are in one plane, and every triangle (formed using segments of both lines) is in one plane. (Which is) the very thing it was required to show.

Υ'.

Ἐάν δύο ἐπίπεδα τεμνῇ ἄλληλα, ἡ κοινὴ αὐτῶν τομὴ εὐθεῖα ἐστίν.



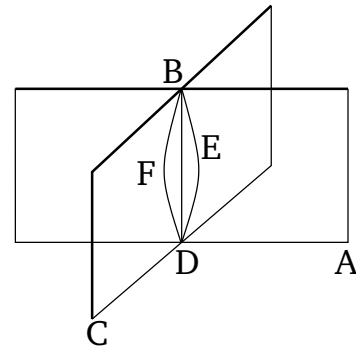
Δύο γὰρ ἐπίπεδα τὰ ΑΒ, ΒΓ τεμνέτω ἄλληλα, κοινὴ δὲ αὐτῶν τομὴ ἔστω ἡ ΔΒ γραμμὴ· λέγω, ὅτι ἡ ΔΒ γραμμὴ εὐθεῖα ἐστίν.

Εἰ γὰρ μή, ἐπεζεύχθω ἀπὸ τοῦ Δ ἐπὶ τὸ Β ἐν μὲν τῷ ΑΒ ἐπιπέδῳ εὐθεῖα ἡ ΔΕΒ, ἐν δὲ τῷ ΒΓ ἐπιπέδῳ εὐθεῖα ἡ ΔΖΒ. ἔσται δὴ δύο εὐθειῶν τῶν ΔΕΒ, ΔΖΒ τὰ αὐτὰ πέρατα, καὶ περιέξουσιν δηλαδὴ χωρίον· ὅπερ ἄτοπον. οὐκ ἄρα αἱ ΔΕΒ, ΔΖΒ εὐθεῖαι εἰσιν. ὁμοίως δὴ δείξομεν, ὅτι οὐδὲ ἄλλη τις ἀπὸ τοῦ Δ ἐπὶ τὸ Β ἐπιζευγνυμένη εὐθεῖα ἔσται πλὴν τῆς ΔΒ κοινῆς τομῆς τῶν ΑΒ, ΒΓ ἐπιπέδων.

Ἐάν ἄρα δύο ἐπίπεδα τέμνη ἄλληλα, ἡ κοινὴ αὐτῶν τομὴ εὐθεῖα ἐστίν· ὅπερ ἔδει δεῖξαι.

### Proposition 3

If two planes cut one another then their common section is a straight-line.



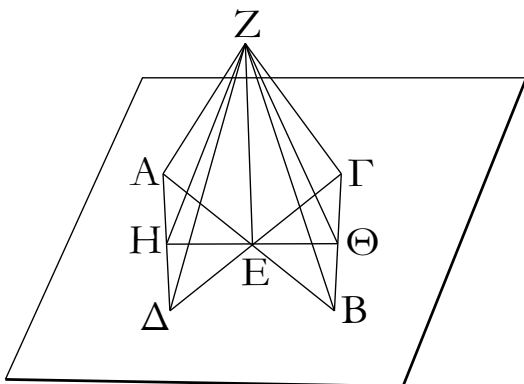
For let the two planes  $AB$  and  $BC$  cut one another, and let their common section be the line  $DB$ . I say that the line  $DB$  is straight.

For, if not, let the straight-line  $DEB$  have been joined from  $D$  to  $B$  in the plane  $AB$ , and the straight-line  $DFB$  in the plane  $BC$ . So two straight-lines,  $DEB$  and  $DFB$ , will have the same ends, and they will clearly enclose an area. The very thing (is) absurd. Thus,  $DEB$  and  $DFB$  are not straight-lines. So, similarly, we can show that no other straight-line can be joined from  $D$  to  $B$  except  $DB$ , the common section of the planes  $AB$  and  $BC$ .

Thus, if two planes cut one another then their common section is a straight-line. (Which is) the very thing it was required to show.

δ'.

Ἐάν εὐθεῖα δύο εὐθείαις τεμνούσαις ἀλλήλας πρὸς ὀρθὰς ἐπὶ τῆς κοινῆς τομῆς ἐπισταθῇ, καὶ τῷ δι' αὐτῶν ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὀρθὰς ἔσται.



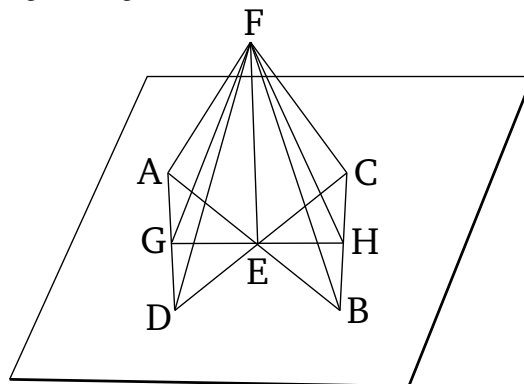
Εὐθεῖα γάρ τις ἡ EZ δύο εὐθείαις ταῖς AB, ΓΔ τεμνούσαις ἀλλήλας κατὰ τὸ E σημεῖον ἀπὸ τοῦ E πρὸς ὀρθὰς ἐφεστάτω· λέγω, ὅτι ἡ EZ καὶ τῷ διὰ τῶν AB, ΓΔ ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὀρθὰς ἔστιν.

Ἀπειλήφθωσαν γάρ αἱ AE, EB, ΓE, ΕΔ ἴσαι ἀλλήλαις, καὶ διήχθω τις διὰ τοῦ E, ὡς ἔτυχεν, ἡ HEΘ, καὶ ἐπεζεύχθωσαν αἱ AΔ, ΓB, καὶ ἔτι ἀπὸ τυχόντος τοῦ Z ἐπεζεύχθωσαν αἱ ZA, ZH, ZΔ, ZΓ, ZΘ, ZB.

Καὶ ἐπεὶ δύο αἱ AE, ΕΔ δυσὶ ταῖς ΓE, EB ἴσαι εἰσὶ καὶ γωνίας ἴσας περιέχουσιν, βάσις ἄρα ἡ AΔ βάσει τῇ ΓB ἴση ἐστίν, καὶ τὸ AED τρίγωνον τῷ ΓEB τριγώνῳ ἴσον ἔσται· ὥστε καὶ γωνία ἡ ὑπὸ ΔAE γωνία τῇ ὑπὸ EBG ἴση [ἐστίν]. ἔστι δὲ καὶ ἡ ὑπὸ AEH γωνία τῇ ὑπὸ BEΘ ἴση. δύο δὲ τριγώνῳ ἐστὶ τὰ AHE, BEΘ τὰς δύο γωνίας δυσὶ γωνίαις ἴσας ἔχοντα ἑκατέραν ἑκατέρᾳ καὶ μίαν πλευρὰν μιᾷ πλευρᾷ ἴσην τὴν πρὸς ταῖς ἴσαις γωνίαις τὴν AE τῇ EB· καὶ τὰς λοιπὰς ἄρα πλευρὰς ταῖς λοιπαῖς πλευραῖς ἴσας ἔξουσιν. ἴση ἄρα ἡ μὲν HE τῇ ΕΘ, ἡ δὲ AH τῇ ΒΘ. καὶ ἐπεὶ ἴση ἐστὶν ἡ AE τῇ EB, κοινὴ δὲ καὶ πρὸς ὀρθὰς ἡ ZE, βάσις ἄρα ἡ ZA βάσει τῇ ZB ἐστὶν ἴση. διὰ τὰ αὐτὰ δὲ καὶ ἡ ZΓ τῇ ZΔ ἐστὶν ἴση. καὶ ἐπεὶ ἴση ἐστὶν ἡ AΔ τῇ ΓB, ἔστι δὲ καὶ ἡ ZA τῇ ZB ἴση, δύο δὲ αἱ ZA, AΔ δυσὶ ταῖς ZB, BΓ ἴσαι εἰσὶν ἑκατέρᾳ ἑκατέρᾳ· καὶ βάσις ἡ ZΔ βάσει τῇ ZΓ ἐδείχθη ἴση· καὶ γωνία ἄρα ἡ ὑπὸ ZAΔ γωνία τῇ ὑπὸ ZBG ἴση ἐστίν. καὶ ἐπεὶ πάλιν ἐδείχθη ἡ AH τῇ ΒΘ ἴση, ἀλλὰ μὴν καὶ ἡ ZA τῇ ZB ἴση, δύο δὲ αἱ ZA, AH δυσὶ ταῖς ZB, BΘ ἴσαι εἰσὶν. καὶ γωνία ἡ ὑπὸ ZAH ἐδείχθη ἴση τῇ ὑπὸ ZBΘ· βάσις ἄρα ἡ ZH βάσει τῇ ZΘ ἐστὶν ἴση. καὶ ἐπεὶ πάλιν ἴση ἐδείχθη ἡ HE τῇ ΕΘ, κοινὴ δὲ ἡ EZ, δύο δὲ αἱ HE, EZ δυσὶ ταῖς ΘE, EZ ἴσαι εἰσὶν· καὶ βάσις ἡ ZH βάσει τῇ ZΘ ἴση· γωνία ἄρα ἡ ὑπὸ HEZ γωνία τῇ ὑπὸ ΘEZ ἴση ἐστίν. ὀρθὴ ἄρα ἑκατέρα τῶν ὑπὸ HEZ, ΘEZ γωνιῶν. ἡ ZE ἄρα πρὸς τὴν ΗΘ τυχόντως διὰ τοῦ E ἀχθεῖσαν ὀρθὴ ἐστίν. ὁμοίως δὲ δείξομεν, ὅτι ἡ ZE καὶ

## Proposition 4

If a straight-line is set up at right-angles to two straight-lines cutting one another, at the common point of section, then it will also be at right-angles to the plane (passing) through them (both).



For let some straight-line  $EF$  have (been) set up at right-angles to two straight-lines,  $AB$  and  $CD$ , cutting one another at point  $E$ , at  $E$ . I say that  $EF$  is also at right-angles to the plane (passing) through  $AB$  and  $CD$ .

For let  $AE$ ,  $EB$ ,  $CE$  and  $ED$  have been cut off from (the two straight-lines so as to be) equal to one another. And let  $GEH$  have been drawn, at random, through  $E$  (in the plane passing through  $AB$  and  $CD$ ). And let  $AD$  and  $CB$  have been joined. And, furthermore, let  $FA$ ,  $FG$ ,  $FD$ ,  $FC$ ,  $FH$ , and  $FB$  have been joined from the random (point)  $F$  (on  $EF$ ).

For since the two (straight-lines)  $AE$  and  $ED$  are equal to the two (straight-lines)  $CE$  and  $EB$ , and they enclose equal angles [Prop. 1.15], the base  $AD$  is thus equal to the base  $CB$ , and triangle  $AED$  will be equal to triangle  $CEB$  [Prop. 1.4]. Hence, the angle  $DAE$  [is] equal to the angle  $EBC$ . And the angle  $AEG$  (is) also equal to the angle  $BEH$  [Prop. 1.15]. So  $AGE$  and  $BEH$  are two triangles having two angles equal to two angles, respectively, and one side equal to one side—(namely), those by the equal angles,  $AE$  and  $EB$ . Thus, they will also have the remaining sides equal to the remaining sides [Prop. 1.26]. Thus,  $GE$  (is) equal to  $EH$ , and  $AG$  to  $BH$ . And since  $AE$  is equal to  $EB$ , and  $FE$  is common and at right-angles, the base  $FA$  is thus equal to the base  $FB$  [Prop. 1.4]. So, for the same (reasons),  $FC$  is also equal to  $FD$ . And since  $AD$  is equal to  $CB$ , and  $FA$  is also equal to  $FB$ , the two (straight-lines)  $FA$  and  $AD$  are equal to the two (straight-lines)  $FB$  and  $BC$ , respectively. And the base  $FD$  was shown (to be) equal to the base  $FC$ . Thus, the angle  $FAD$  is also equal to the angle  $FBC$  [Prop. 1.8]. And, again, since  $AG$  was shown (to be) equal to  $BH$ , but  $FA$  (is) also equal to



πρὸς πάσας τὰς ἀπτομένας αὐτῆς εὐθείας καὶ οὐσας ἐν τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ ὀρθὰς ποιήσει γωνίας. εὐθεῖα δὲ πρὸς ἐπίπεδον ὀρθή ἐστιν, ὅταν πρὸς πάσας τὰς ἀπτομένας αὐτῆς εὐθείας καὶ οὐσας ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ ἐπιπέδῳ ὀρθὰς ποιῇ γωνίας· ἡ  $ZE$  ἄρα τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὀρθὰς ἐστιν. τὸ δὲ ὑποκείμενον ἐπίπεδόν ἐστι τὸ διὰ τῶν  $AB$ ,  $\Gamma\Delta$  εὐθειῶν. ἡ  $ZE$  ἄρα πρὸς ὀρθὰς ἐστι τῷ διὰ τῶν  $AB$ ,  $\Gamma\Delta$  ἐπιπέδῳ.

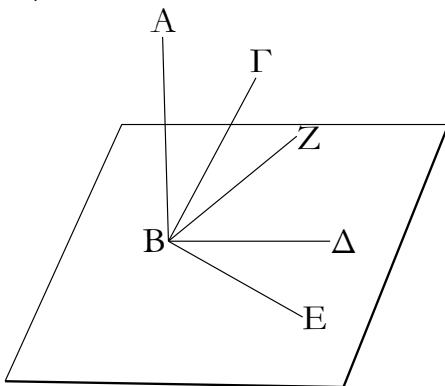
Ἐὰν ἄρα εὐθεῖα δύο εὐθείαις τεμνούσαις ἀλλήλας πρὸς ὀρθὰς ἐπὶ τῆς κοινῆς τομῆς ἐπισταθῇ, καὶ τῷ δι' αὐτῶν ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὀρθὰς ἔσται· ὅπερ ἔδει δεῖξαι.

$FB$ , the two (straight-lines)  $FA$  and  $AG$  are equal to the two (straight-lines)  $FB$  and  $BH$  (respectively). And the angle  $FAG$  was shown (to be) equal to the angle  $FBH$ . Thus, the base  $FG$  is equal to the base  $FH$  [Prop. 1.4]. And, again, since  $GE$  was shown (to be) equal to  $EH$ , and  $EF$  (is) common, the two (straight-lines)  $GE$  and  $EF$  are equal to the two (straight-lines)  $HE$  and  $EF$  (respectively). And the base  $FG$  (is) equal to the base  $FH$ . Thus, the angle  $GEF$  is equal to the angle  $HEF$  [Prop. 1.8]. Each of the angles  $GEF$  and  $HEF$  (are) thus right-angles [Def. 1.10]. Thus,  $FE$  is at right-angles to  $GH$ , which was drawn at random through  $E$  (in the reference plane passing through  $AB$  and  $AC$ ). So, similarly, we can show that  $FE$  will make right-angles with all straight-lines joined to it which are in the reference plane. And a straight-line is at right-angles to a plane when it makes right-angles with all straight-lines joined to it which are in the plane [Def. 11.3]. Thus,  $FE$  is at right-angles to the reference plane. And the reference plane is that (passing) through the straight-lines  $AB$  and  $CD$ . Thus,  $FE$  is at right-angles to the plane (passing) through  $AB$  and  $CD$ .

Thus, if a straight-line is set up at right-angles to two straight-lines cutting one another, at the common point of section, then it will also be at right-angles to the plane (passing) through them (both). (Which is) the very thing it was required to show.

ε'.

Ἐὰν εὐθεῖα τρισὶν εὐθείαις ἀπτομέναις ἀλλήλων πρὸς ὀρθὰς ἐπὶ τῆς κοινῆς τομῆς ἐπισταθῇ, αἱ τρεῖς εὐθεῖαι ἐν ἐνὶ εἰσιν ἐπιπέδῳ.

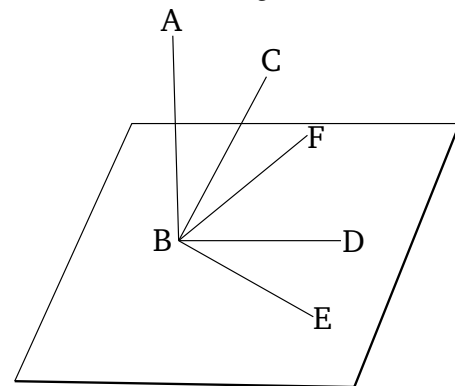


Εὐθεῖα γάρ τις ἡ  $AB$  τρισὶν εὐθείαις ταῖς  $B\Gamma$ ,  $B\Delta$ ,  $BE$  πρὸς ὀρθὰς ἐπὶ τῆς κατὰ τὸ  $B$  ἀφῆς ἐφρεστώτω· λέγω, ὅτι αἱ  $B\Gamma$ ,  $B\Delta$ ,  $BE$  ἐν ἐνὶ εἰσιν ἐπιπέδῳ.

Μὴ γάρ, ἀλλ' εἰ δυνατόν, ἔστωσαν αἱ μὲν  $B\Delta$ ,  $BE$  ἐν τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ, ἡ δὲ  $B\Gamma$  ἐν μετεωροτέρῳ, καὶ ἐκβεβλήσθω τὸ διὰ τῶν  $AB$ ,  $B\Gamma$  ἐπίπεδον· κοινὴν δὲ τομὴν

### Proposition 5

If a straight-line is set up at right-angles to three straight-lines cutting one another, at the common point of section, then the three straight-lines are in one plane.



For let some straight-line  $AB$  have been set up at right-angles to three straight-lines  $BC$ ,  $BD$ , and  $BE$ , at the (common) point of section  $B$ . I say that  $BC$ ,  $BD$ , and  $BE$  are in one plane.

For (if) not, and if possible, let  $BD$  and  $BE$  be in the reference plane, and  $BC$  in a more elevated (plane).

ποιήσει ἐν τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ εὐθεΐαν. ποιείτω τὴν BZ. ἐν ἐνὶ ἄρα εἰσὶν ἐπιπέδῳ τῷ διηγμένῳ διὰ τῶν AB, BG αἱ τρεῖς εὐθεΐαι αἱ AB, BG, BZ. καὶ ἐπεὶ ἡ AB ὀρθὴ ἐστὶ πρὸς ἑκατέραν τῶν BΔ, BE, καὶ τῷ διὰ τῶν BΔ, BE ἄρα ἐπιπέδῳ ὀρθὴ ἐστὶν ἡ AB. τὸ δὲ διὰ τῶν BΔ, BE ἐπίπεδον τὸ ὑποκείμενόν ἐστιν· ἡ AB ἄρα ὀρθὴ ἐστὶ πρὸς τὸ ὑποκείμενον ἐπίπεδον. ὥστε καὶ πρὸς πάσας τὰς ἀπτομένας αὐτῆς εὐθείας καὶ οὐσας ἐν τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ ὀρθὰς ποιήσει γωνίας ἡ AB. ἄπτεται δὲ αὐτῆς ἡ BZ οὐσα ἐν τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ· ἡ ἄρα ὑπὸ ABZ γωνία ὀρθὴ ἐστὶν. ὑπόκειται δὲ καὶ ἡ ὑπὸ ABΓ ὀρθὴ· ἴση ἄρα ἡ ὑπὸ ABZ γωνία τῇ ὑπὸ ABΓ. καὶ εἰσὶν ἐν ἐνὶ ἐπιπέδῳ· ὅπερ ἐστὶν ἀδύνατον. οὐκ ἄρα ἡ BG εὐθεΐα ἐν μετεωροτέρῳ ἐστὶν ἐπιπέδῳ· αἱ τρεῖς ἄρα εὐθεΐαι αἱ BG, BΔ, BE ἐν ἐνὶ εἰσὶν ἐπιπέδῳ.

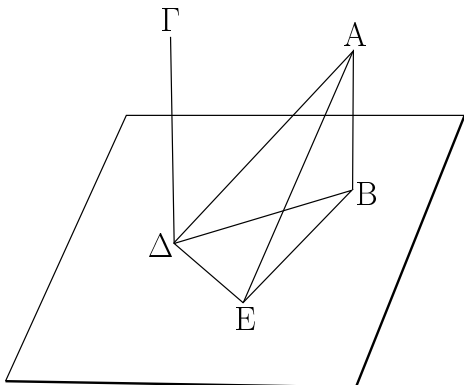
Ἐὰν ἄρα εὐθεΐαι τρισὶν εὐθείαις ἀπτομέναις ἀλλήλων ἐπὶ τῆς αὐτῆς πρὸς ὀρθὰς ἐπισταθῇ, αἱ τρεῖς εὐθεΐαι ἐν ἐνὶ εἰσὶν ἐπιπέδῳ· ὅπερ ἔδει δεῖξαι.

And let the plane through  $AB$  and  $BC$  have been produced. So it will make a straight-line as a common section with the reference plane [Def. 11.3]. Let it make  $BF$ . Thus, the three straight-lines  $AB$ ,  $BC$ , and  $BF$  are in one plane—(namely), that drawn through  $AB$  and  $BC$ . And since  $AB$  is at right-angles to each of  $BD$  and  $BE$ ,  $AB$  is thus also at right-angles to the plane (passing) through  $BD$  and  $BE$  [Prop. 11.4]. And the plane (passing) through  $BD$  and  $BE$  is the reference plane. Thus,  $AB$  is at right-angles to the reference plane. Hence,  $AB$  will also make right-angles with all straight-lines joined to it which are also in the reference plane [Def. 11.3]. And  $BF$ , which is in the reference plane, is joined to it. Thus, the angle  $ABF$  is a right-angle. And  $ABC$  was also assumed to be a right-angle. Thus, angle  $ABF$  (is) equal to  $ABC$ . And they are in one plane. The very thing is impossible. Thus,  $BC$  is not in a more elevated plane. Thus, the three straight-lines  $BC$ ,  $BD$ , and  $BE$  are in one plane.

Thus, if a straight-line is set up at right-angles to three straight-lines cutting one another, at the (common) point of section, then the three straight-lines are in one plane. (Which is) the very thing it was required to show.

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Ἐὰν δύο εὐθεΐαι τῷ αὐτῷ ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὀρθὰς ᾧσιν, παράλληλοι ἔσονται αἱ εὐθεΐαι.



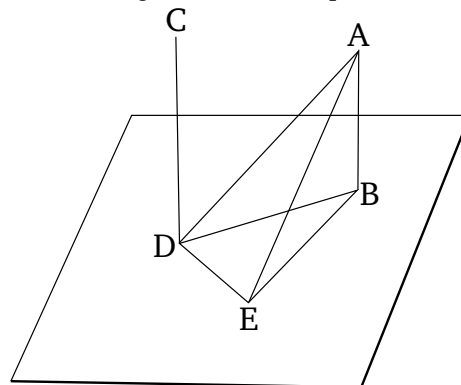
Δύο γὰρ εὐθεΐαι αἱ AB, ΓΔ τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὀρθὰς ἔστωσαν· λέγω, ὅτι παράλληλός ἐστιν ἡ AB τῇ ΓΔ.

Συμβαλλέτωσαν γὰρ τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ κατὰ τὰ B, Δ σημεία, καὶ ἐπεζεύχθω ἡ BΔ εὐθεΐα, καὶ ἤχθω τῇ BΔ πρὸς ὀρθὰς ἐν τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ ἡ ΔΕ, καὶ κείσθω τῇ AB ἴση ἡ ΔΕ, καὶ ἐπεζεύχθωσαν αἱ BE, AE, AD.

Καὶ ἐπεὶ ἡ AB ὀρθὴ ἐστὶ πρὸς τὸ ὑποκείμενον ἐπίπεδον, καὶ πρὸς πάσας [ἄρα] τὰς ἀπτομένας αὐτῆς εὐθείας καὶ οὐσας ἐν τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ ὀρθὰς ποιήσει γωνίας. ἄπτεται δὲ τῆς AB ἑκατέρα τῶν BΔ, BE οὐσα ἐν τῷ ὑπο-

### Proposition 6

If two straight-lines are at right-angles to the same plane then the straight-lines will be parallel.<sup>†</sup>



For let the two straight-lines  $AB$  and  $CD$  be at right-angles to a reference plane. I say that  $AB$  is parallel to  $CD$ .

For let them meet the reference plane at points  $B$  and  $D$  (respectively). And let the straight-line  $BD$  have been joined. And let  $DE$  have been drawn at right-angles to  $BD$  in the reference plane. And let  $DE$  be made equal to  $AB$ . And let  $BE$ ,  $AE$ , and  $AD$  have been joined.

And since  $AB$  is at right-angles to the reference plane, it will [thus] also make right-angles with all straight-lines joined to it which are in the reference plane [Def. 11.3].

κειμένω ἐπιπέδω· ὀρθὴ ἄρα ἐστὶν ἑκατέρα τῶν ὑπὸ  $AB\Delta$ ,  $ABE$  γωνιῶν. διὰ τὰ αὐτὰ δὴ καὶ ἑκατέρα τῶν ὑπὸ  $\Gamma\Delta B$ ,  $\Gamma\Delta E$  ὀρθαὶ ἐστί. καὶ ἐπεὶ ἴση ἐστὶν ἡ  $AB$  τῇ  $\Delta E$ , κοινὴ δὲ ἡ  $B\Delta$ , δύο δὴ αἱ  $AB$ ,  $B\Delta$  δυοὶ ταῖς  $E\Delta$ ,  $\Delta B$  ἴσαι εἰσὶν· καὶ γωνίας ὀρθὰς περιέχουσιν· βάσις ἄρα ἡ  $A\Delta$  βάσει τῇ  $BE$  ἐστὶν ἴση. καὶ ἐπεὶ ἴση ἐστὶν ἡ  $AB$  τῇ  $\Delta E$ , ἀλλὰ καὶ ἡ  $A\Delta$  τῇ  $BE$ , δύο δὴ αἱ  $AB$ ,  $BE$  δυοὶ ταῖς  $E\Delta$ ,  $\Delta A$  ἴσαι εἰσὶν· καὶ βάσις αὐτῶν κοινὴ ἡ  $AE$ · γωνία ἄρα ἡ ὑπὸ  $ABE$  γωνία τῇ ὑπὸ  $E\Delta A$  ἐστὶν ἴση. ὀρθὴ δὲ ἡ ὑπὸ  $ABE$ · ὀρθὴ ἄρα καὶ ἡ ὑπὸ  $E\Delta A$ · ἡ  $E\Delta$  ἄρα πρὸς τὴν  $\Delta A$  ὀρθὴ ἐστὶν. ἔστι δὲ καὶ πρὸς ἑκατέραν τῶν  $B\Delta$ ,  $\Delta\Gamma$  ὀρθή. ἡ  $E\Delta$  ἄρα τρισὶν εὐθείαις ταῖς  $B\Delta$ ,  $\Delta A$ ,  $\Delta\Gamma$  πρὸς ὀρθὰς ἐπὶ τῆς ἀφ᾽ ἧς ἐφέστηκεν· αἱ τρεῖς ἄρα εὐθεῖαι αἱ  $B\Delta$ ,  $\Delta A$ ,  $\Delta\Gamma$  ἐν ἐνὶ εἰσὶν ἐπιπέδω. ἐν ᾧ δὲ αἱ  $\Delta B$ ,  $\Delta A$ , ἐν τούτῳ καὶ ἡ  $AB$ · πᾶν γὰρ τρίγωνον ἐν ἐνὶ ἐστὶν ἐπιπέδω· αἱ ἄρα  $AB$ ,  $B\Delta$ ,  $\Delta\Gamma$  εὐθεῖαι ἐν ἐνὶ εἰσὶν ἐπιπέδω. καὶ ἐστὶν ὀρθὴ ἑκατέρα τῶν ὑπὸ  $AB\Delta$ ,  $B\Delta\Gamma$  γωνιῶν· παράλληλος ἄρα ἐστὶν ἡ  $AB$  τῇ  $\Gamma\Delta$ .

Ἐὰν ἄρα δύο εὐθεῖαι τῷ αὐτῷ ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὀρθὰς ᾧσιν, παράλληλοι ἔσονται αἱ εὐθεῖαι· ὅπερ ἔδει δεῖξαι.

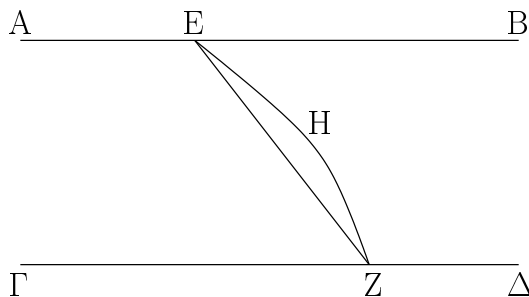
And  $BD$  and  $BE$ , which are in the reference plane, are each joined to  $AB$ . Thus, each of the angles  $ABD$  and  $ABE$  are right-angles. So, for the same (reasons), each of the angles  $CDB$  and  $CDE$  are also right-angles. And since  $AB$  is equal to  $DE$ , and  $BD$  (is) common, the two (straight-lines)  $AB$  and  $BD$  are equal to the two (straight-lines)  $ED$  and  $DB$  (respectively). And they contain right-angles. Thus, the base  $AD$  is equal to the base  $BE$  [Prop. 1.4]. And since  $AB$  is equal to  $DE$ , and  $AD$  (is) also (equal) to  $BE$ , the two (straight-lines)  $AB$  and  $BE$  are thus equal to the two (straight-lines)  $ED$  and  $DA$  (respectively). And their base  $AE$  (is) common. Thus, angle  $ABE$  is equal to angle  $EDA$  [Prop. 1.8]. And  $ABE$  (is) a right-angle. Thus,  $EDA$  (is) also a right-angle.  $ED$  is thus at right-angles to  $DA$ . And it is also at right-angles to each of  $BD$  and  $DC$ . Thus,  $ED$  is standing at right-angles to the three straight-lines  $BD$ ,  $DA$ , and  $DC$  at the (common) point of section. Thus, the three straight-lines  $BD$ ,  $DA$ , and  $DC$  are in one plane [Prop. 11.5]. And in which(ever) plane  $DB$  and  $DA$  (are found), in that (plane)  $AB$  (will) also (be found). For every triangle is in one plane [Prop. 11.2]. And each of the angles  $ABD$  and  $BDC$  is a right-angle. Thus,  $AB$  is parallel to  $CD$  [Prop. 1.28].

Thus, if two straight-lines are at right-angles to the same plane then the straight-lines will be parallel. (Which is) the very thing it was required to show.

† In other words, the two straight-lines lie in the same plane, and never meet when produced in either direction.

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Ἐὰν ᾧσι δύο εὐθεῖαι παράλληλοι, ληφθῇ δὲ ἐφ' ἑκατέρας αὐτῶν τυχόντα σημεῖα, ἡ ἐπὶ τὰ σημεῖα ἐπιζευγνυμένη εὐθεῖα ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ ἐπιπέδῳ ἐστὶ ταῖς παραλλήλοις.

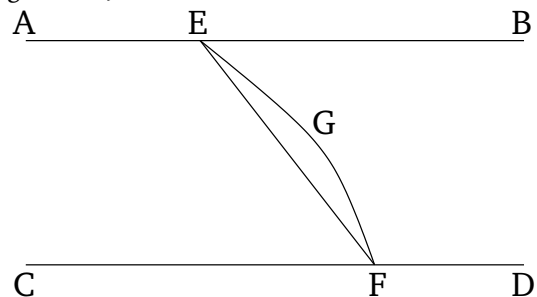


Ἐστωσαν δύο εὐθεῖαι παράλληλοι αἱ  $AB$ ,  $\Gamma\Delta$ , καὶ εἰληφθῶ ἐφ' ἑκατέρας αὐτῶν τυχόντα σημεῖα τὰ  $E$ ,  $Z$ · λέγω, ὅτι ἡ ἐπὶ τὰ  $E$ ,  $Z$  σημεῖα ἐπιζευγνυμένη εὐθεῖα ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ ἐπιπέδῳ ἐστὶ ταῖς παραλλήλοις.

Μὴ γάρ, ἀλλ' εἰ δυνατόν, ἔστω ἐν μετεωροτέρῳ ὡς ἡ  $EHZ$ , καὶ διήχθῳ διὰ τῆς  $EHZ$  ἐπίπεδον· τομὴν δὴ ποιήσει

### Proposition 7

If there are two parallel straight-lines, and random points are taken on each of them, then the straight-line joining the two points is in the same plane as the parallel (straight-lines).



Let  $AB$  and  $CD$  be two parallel straight-lines, and let the random points  $E$  and  $F$  have been taken on each of them (respectively). I say that the straight-line joining points  $E$  and  $F$  is in the same (reference) plane as the parallel (straight-lines).

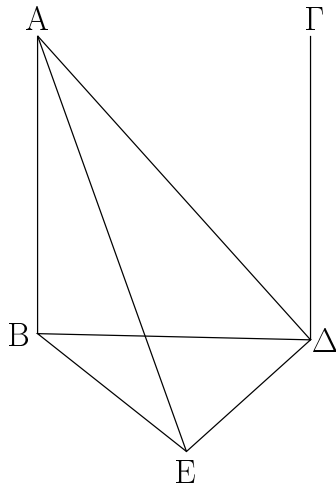
For (if) not, and if possible, let it be in a more elevated

ἐν τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ εὐθεΐαν. ποιείτω ὡς τὴν  $EZ$ · δύο ἄρα εὐθεΐαι αἱ  $EHZ$ ,  $EZ$  χωρίον περιέξουσιν· ὅπερ ἐστὶν ἀδύνατον. οὐκ ἄρα ἡ ἀπὸ τοῦ  $E$  ἐπὶ τὸ  $Z$  ἐπιζευγνυμένη εὐθεΐα ἐν μετεωροτέρῳ ἐστὶν ἐπιπέδῳ· ἐν τῷ διὰ τῶν  $AB$ ,  $\Gamma B$  ἄρα παραλλήλων ἐστὶν ἐπιπέδῳ ἡ ἀπὸ τοῦ  $E$  ἐπὶ τὸ  $Z$  ἐπιζευγνυμένη εὐθεΐα.

Ἐὰν ἄρα ὧσι δύο εὐθεΐαι παράλληλοι, ληφθῇ δὲ ἐφ' ἑκατέρας αὐτῶν τυχόντα σημεῖα, ἡ ἐπὶ τὰ σημεῖα ἐπιζευγνυμένη εὐθεΐα ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ ἐπιπέδῳ ἐστὶ ταῖς παραλλήλοις· ὅπερ ἔδει δεῖξαι.

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Ἐὰν ὧσι δύο εὐθεΐαι παράλληλοι, ἡ δὲ ἑτέρα αὐτῶν ἐπιπέδῳ τινὶ πρὸς ὀρθὰς ᾗ, καὶ ἡ λοιπὴ τῷ αὐτῷ ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὀρθὰς ἔσται.



Ἐστωσαν δύο εὐθεΐαι παράλληλοι αἱ  $AB$ ,  $\Gamma\Delta$ , ἡ δὲ ἑτέρα αὐτῶν ἡ  $AB$  τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὀρθὰς ἔστω· λέγω, ὅτι καὶ ἡ λοιπὴ ἡ  $\Gamma\Delta$  τῷ αὐτῷ ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὀρθὰς ἔσται.

Συμβαλλέτωσαν γὰρ αἱ  $AB$ ,  $\Gamma\Delta$  τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ κατὰ τὰ  $B$ ,  $\Delta$  σημεῖα, καὶ ἐπεζεύχθω ἡ  $BD$ · αἱ  $AB$ ,  $\Gamma\Delta$ ,  $BD$  ἄρα ἐν ἐνὶ εἰσιν ἐπιπέδῳ. ἦχθω τῇ  $BA$  πρὸς ὀρθὰς ἐν τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ ἡ  $\Delta E$ , καὶ κείσθω τῇ  $AB$  ἴση ἡ  $\Delta E$ , καὶ ἐπεζεύχθωσαν αἱ  $BE$ ,  $AE$ ,  $AD$ .

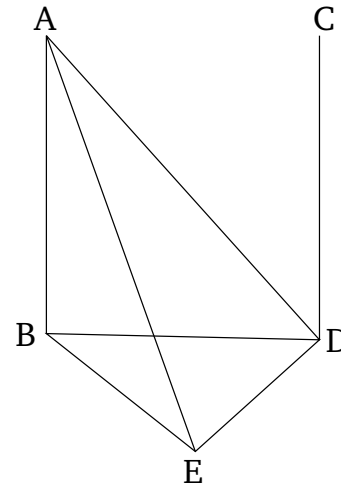
Καὶ ἐπεὶ ἡ  $AB$  ὀρθὴ ἐστὶ πρὸς τὸ ὑποκείμενον ἐπίπεδον, καὶ πρὸς πάσας ἄρα τὰς ἀπτομένας αὐτῆς εὐθείας καὶ οὐσας ἐν τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὀρθὰς ἐστὶν ἡ  $AB$ · ὀρθὴ ἄρα [ἐστὶν] ἑκάτερα τῶν ὑπὸ  $AB\Delta$ ,  $ABE$  γωνιῶν. καὶ ἐπεὶ εἰς παραλλήλους τὰς  $AB$ ,  $\Gamma\Delta$  εὐθεΐα ἐμπέπτωκεν ἡ  $BD$ , αἱ ἄρα ὑπὸ  $AB\Delta$ ,  $\Gamma\Delta B$  γωνίαι δυσὶν ὀρθαῖς ἴσαι εἰσίν. ὀρθὴ δὲ ἡ ὑπὸ  $AB\Delta$ · ὀρθὴ ἄρα καὶ ἡ ὑπὸ  $\Gamma\Delta B$ · ἡ  $\Gamma\Delta$  ἄρα πρὸς τὴν  $BD$  ὀρθὴ ἐστὶν. καὶ ἐπεὶ ἴση ἐστὶν ἡ  $AB$  τῇ  $\Delta E$ , κοινὴ δὲ ἡ  $BD$ ,

(plane), such as  $EGF$ . And let a plane have been drawn through  $EGF$ . So it will make a straight cutting in the reference plane [Prop. 11.3]. Let it make  $EF$ . Thus, two straight-lines (with the same end-points),  $EGF$  and  $EF$ , will enclose an area. The very thing is impossible. Thus, the straight-line joining  $E$  to  $F$  is not in a more elevated plane. The straight-line joining  $E$  to  $F$  is thus in the plane through the parallel (straight-lines)  $AB$  and  $CD$ .

Thus, if there are two parallel straight-lines, and random points are taken on each of them, then the straight-line joining the two points is in the same plane as the parallel (straight-lines). (Which is) the very thing it was required to show.

### Proposition 8

If two straight-lines are parallel, and one of them is at right-angles to some plane, then the remaining (one) will also be at right-angles to the same plane.



Let  $AB$  and  $CD$  be two parallel straight-lines, and let one of them,  $AB$ , be at right-angles to a reference plane. I say that the remaining (one),  $CD$ , will also be at right-angles to the same plane.

For let  $AB$  and  $CD$  meet the reference plane at points  $B$  and  $D$  (respectively). And let  $BD$  have been joined.  $AB$ ,  $CD$ , and  $BD$  are thus in one plane [Prop. 11.7]. Let  $DE$  have been drawn at right-angles to  $BD$  in the reference plane, and let  $DE$  be made equal to  $AB$ , and let  $BE$ ,  $AE$ , and  $AD$  have been joined.

And since  $AB$  is at right-angles to the reference plane,  $AB$  is thus also at right-angles to all of the straight-lines joined to it which are in the reference plane [Def. 11.3]. Thus, the angles  $ABD$  and  $ABE$  [are] each right-angles. And since the straight-line  $BD$  has met the parallel (straight-lines)  $AB$  and  $CD$ , the (sum of the) angles  $ABD$  and  $CDB$  is thus equal to two right-angles

δύο δὴ αἱ  $AB$ ,  $BD$  δυσὶ ταῖς  $ED$ ,  $\Delta B$  ἴσαι εἰσὶν· καὶ γωνία ἡ ὑπὸ  $AB\Delta$  γωνία τῇ ὑπὸ  $E\Delta B$  ἴση· ὀρθὴ γὰρ ἑκατέρα· βάσεις ἄρα ἡ  $A\Delta$  βάσει τῇ  $BE$  ἴση. καὶ ἐπεὶ ἴση ἐστὶν ἡ μὲν  $AB$  τῇ  $\Delta E$ , ἡ δὲ  $BE$  τῇ  $A\Delta$ , δύο δὴ αἱ  $AB$ ,  $BE$  δυσὶ ταῖς  $ED$ ,  $\Delta A$  ἴσαι εἰσὶν ἑκατέρα ἑκατέρα. καὶ βάσεις αὐτῶν κοινὴ ἡ  $AE$ · γωνία ἄρα ἡ ὑπὸ  $ABE$  γωνία τῇ ὑπὸ  $E\Delta A$  ἐστὶν ἴση. ὀρθὴ δὲ ἡ ὑπὸ  $ABE$ · ὀρθὴ ἄρα καὶ ἡ ὑπὸ  $E\Delta A$ · ἡ  $E\Delta$  ἄρα πρὸς τὴν  $A\Delta$  ὀρθὴ ἐστὶν. ἔστι δὲ καὶ πρὸς τὴν  $\Delta B$  ὀρθὴ· ἡ  $E\Delta$  ἄρα καὶ τῷ διὰ τῶν  $B\Delta$ ,  $\Delta A$  ἐπιπέδῳ ὀρθὴ ἐστὶν. καὶ πρὸς πάσας ἄρα τὰς ἀπτομένας αὐτῆς εὐθείας καὶ οὐσας ἐν τῷ διὰ τῶν  $B\Delta A$  ἐπιπέδῳ ὀρθὰς ποιήσει γωνίας ἡ  $E\Delta$ . ἐν δὲ τῷ διὰ τῶν  $B\Delta A$  ἐπιπέδῳ ἐστὶν αἱ  $AB$ ,  $B\Delta$ , ἐν ᾧ δὲ αἱ  $AB$ ,  $B\Delta$ , ἐν τούτῳ ἐστὶ καὶ ἡ  $\Delta\Gamma$ . ἡ  $E\Delta$  ἄρα τῇ  $\Delta\Gamma$  πρὸς ὀρθὰς ἐστὶν· ὥστε καὶ ἡ  $\Gamma\Delta$  τῇ  $\Delta E$  πρὸς ὀρθὰς ἐστὶν. ἔστι δὲ καὶ ἡ  $\Gamma\Delta$  τῇ  $B\Delta$  πρὸς ὀρθὰς. ἡ  $\Gamma\Delta$  ἄρα δύο εὐθείαις τεμνούσαις ἀλλήλας ταῖς  $\Delta E$ ,  $\Delta B$  ἀπὸ τῆς κατὰ τὸ  $\Delta$  τομῆς πρὸς ὀρθὰς ἐφέστηκεν· ὥστε ἡ  $\Gamma\Delta$  καὶ τῷ διὰ τῶν  $\Delta E$ ,  $\Delta B$  ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὀρθὰς ἐστὶν. τὸ δὲ διὰ τῶν  $\Delta E$ ,  $\Delta B$  ἐπίπεδον τὸ ὑποκείμενόν ἐστὶν· ἡ  $\Gamma\Delta$  ἄρα τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὀρθὰς ἐστὶν.

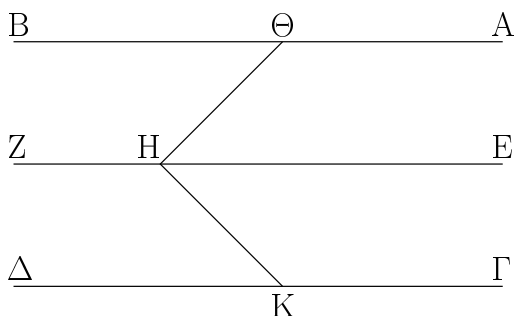
Ἐὰν ἄρα ὥσι δύο εὐθεῖαι παράλληλοι, ἡ δὲ μία αὐτῶν ἐπιπέδῳ τινὶ πρὸς ὀρθὰς ᾗ, καὶ ἡ λοιπὴ τῷ αὐτῷ ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὀρθὰς ἔσται· ὅπερ ἔδει δεῖξαι.

[Prop. 1.29]. And  $ABD$  (is) a right-angle. Thus,  $CDB$  (is) also a right-angle.  $CD$  is thus at right-angles to  $BD$ . And since  $AB$  is equal to  $DE$ , and  $BD$  (is) common, the two (straight-lines)  $AB$  and  $BD$  are equal to the two (straight-lines)  $ED$  and  $DB$  (respectively). And angle  $ABD$  (is) equal to angle  $EDB$ . For each (is) a right-angle. Thus, the base  $AD$  (is) equal to the base  $BE$  [Prop. 1.4]. And since  $AB$  is equal to  $DE$ , and  $BE$  to  $AD$ , the two (sides)  $AB$ ,  $BE$  are equal to the two (sides)  $ED$ ,  $DA$ , respectively. And their base  $AE$  is common. Thus, angle  $ABE$  is equal to angle  $EDA$  [Prop. 1.8]. And  $ABE$  (is) a right-angle.  $EDA$  (is) thus also a right-angle. Thus,  $ED$  is at right-angles to  $AD$ . And it is also at right-angles to  $DB$ . Thus,  $ED$  is also at right-angles to the plane through  $BD$  and  $DA$  [Prop. 11.4]. And  $ED$  will thus make right-angles with all of the straight-lines joined to it which are also in the plane through  $BDA$ . And  $DC$  is in the plane through  $BDA$ , inasmuch as  $AB$  and  $BD$  are in the plane through  $BDA$  [Prop. 11.2], and in which (ever plane)  $AB$  and  $BD$  (are found),  $DC$  is also (found). Thus,  $ED$  is at right-angles to  $DC$ . Hence,  $CD$  is also at right-angles to  $DE$ . And  $CD$  is also at right-angles to  $BD$ . Thus,  $CD$  is standing at right-angles to two straight-lines,  $DE$  and  $DB$ , which meet one another, at the (point) of section,  $D$ . Hence,  $CD$  is also at right-angles to the plane through  $DE$  and  $DB$  [Prop. 11.4]. And the plane through  $DE$  and  $DB$  is the reference (plane).  $CD$  is thus at right-angles to the reference plane.

Thus, if two straight-lines are parallel, and one of them is at right-angles to some plane, then the remaining (one) will also be at right-angles to the same plane. (Which is) the very thing it was required to show.

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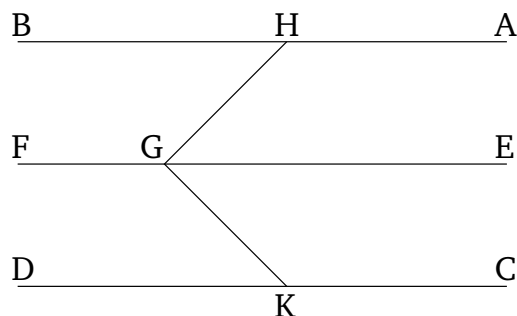
Αἱ τῇ αὐτῇ εὐθείᾳ παράλληλοι καὶ μὴ οὐσαι αὐτῇ ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ ἐπιπέδῳ καὶ ἀλλήλαις εἰσὶ παράλληλοι.



Ἐστω γὰρ ἑκατέρα τῶν  $AB$ ,  $\Gamma\Delta$  τῇ  $EZ$  παράλληλος μὴ οὐσαι αὐτῇ ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ ἐπιπέδῳ· λέγω, ὅτι παράλληλός

### Proposition 9

(Straight-lines) parallel to the same straight-line, and which are not in the same plane as it, are also parallel to one another.



For let  $AB$  and  $CD$  each be parallel to  $EF$ , not being in the same plane as it. I say that  $AB$  is parallel to  $CD$ .

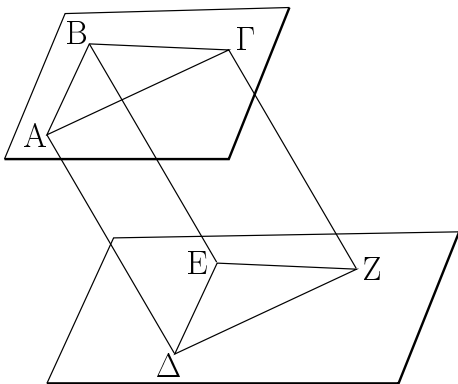
ἐστὶν ἡ  $AB$  τῇ  $\Gamma\Delta$ .

Εἰλήφθω γὰρ ἐπὶ τῆς  $EZ$  τυχὸν σημεῖον τὸ  $H$ , καὶ ἀπ' αὐτοῦ τῇ  $EZ$  ἐν μὲν τῷ διὰ τῶν  $EZ$ ,  $AB$  ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὀρθὰς ἦχθω ἡ  $H\Theta$ , ἐν δὲ τῷ διὰ τῶν  $ZE$ ,  $\Gamma\Delta$  τῇ  $EZ$  πάλιν πρὸς ὀρθὰς ἦχθω ἡ  $HK$ .

Καὶ ἐπεὶ ἡ  $EZ$  πρὸς ἑκατέραν τῶν  $H\Theta$ ,  $HK$  ὀρθὴ ἐστίν, ἡ  $EZ$  ἄρα καὶ τῷ διὰ τῶν  $H\Theta$ ,  $HK$  ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὀρθὰς ἐστίν. καὶ ἐστὶν ἡ  $EZ$  τῇ  $AB$  παράλληλος· καὶ ἡ  $AB$  ἄρα τῷ διὰ τῶν  $\Theta HK$  ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὀρθὰς ἐστίν. διὰ τὰ αὐτὰ δὴ καὶ ἡ  $\Gamma\Delta$  τῷ διὰ τῶν  $\Theta HK$  ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὀρθὰς ἐστίν· ἑκατέρα ἄρα τῶν  $AB$ ,  $\Gamma\Delta$  τῷ διὰ τῶν  $\Theta HK$  ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὀρθὰς ἐστίν. ἐὰν δὲ δύο εὐθεῖαι τῷ αὐτῷ ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὀρθὰς ὦσιν, παράλληλοί εἰσιν αἱ εὐθεῖαι· παράλληλος ἄρα ἐστὶν ἡ  $AB$  τῇ  $\Gamma\Delta$ . ὅπερ εἶδει δεῖξαι.

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Ἐὰν δύο εὐθεῖαι ἀπτόμεναι ἀλλήλων παρὰ δύο εὐθείας ἀπτομένας ἀλλήλων ὥσι μὴ ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ ἐπιπέδῳ, ἴσας γωνίας περιέξουσιν.



Δύο γὰρ εὐθεῖαι αἱ  $AB$ ,  $B\Gamma$  ἀπτόμεναι ἀλλήλων παρὰ δύο εὐθείας τὰς  $\Delta E$ ,  $EZ$  ἀπτομένας ἀλλήλων ἔστωσαν μὴ ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ ἐπιπέδῳ· λέγω, ὅτι ἴση ἐστὶν ἡ ὑπὸ  $AB\Gamma$  γωνία τῇ ὑπὸ  $\Delta EZ$ .

Ἀπειλήφθωσαν γὰρ αἱ  $BA$ ,  $B\Gamma$ ,  $E\Delta$ ,  $EZ$  ἴσαι ἀλλήλαις, καὶ ἐπεξεύχθωσαν αἱ  $A\Delta$ ,  $\Gamma Z$ ,  $BE$ ,  $A\Gamma$ ,  $\Delta Z$ .

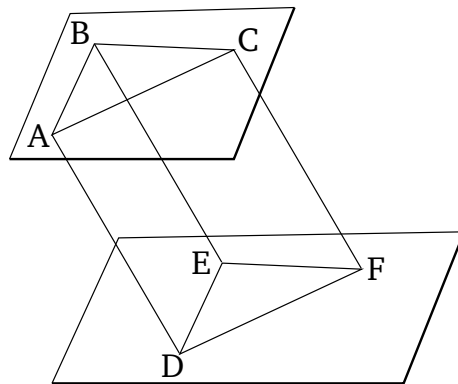
Καὶ ἐπεὶ ἡ  $BA$  τῇ  $E\Delta$  ἴση ἐστὶ καὶ παράλληλος, καὶ ἡ  $A\Delta$  ἄρα τῇ  $BE$  ἴση ἐστὶ καὶ παράλληλος. διὰ τὰ αὐτὰ δὴ καὶ ἡ  $\Gamma Z$  τῇ  $BE$  ἴση ἐστὶ καὶ παράλληλος· ἑκατέρα ἄρα τῶν  $A\Delta$ ,  $\Gamma Z$  τῇ  $BE$  ἴση ἐστὶ καὶ παράλληλος. αἱ δὲ τῇ αὐτῇ εὐθείᾳ παράλληλοι καὶ μὴ οὔσαι αὐτῇ ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ ἐπιπέδῳ καὶ ἀλλήλαις εἰσὶ παράλληλοι· παράλληλος ἄρα ἐστὶν ἡ  $A\Delta$  τῇ  $\Gamma Z$  καὶ ἴση. καὶ ἐπιζευγνύουσιν αὐτὰς αἱ  $A\Gamma$ ,  $\Delta Z$ · καὶ ἡ  $A\Gamma$  ἄρα τῇ  $\Delta Z$  ἴση ἐστὶ καὶ παράλληλος. καὶ ἐπεὶ δύο αἱ  $AB$ ,  $B\Gamma$  δυσὶ ταῖς  $\Delta E$ ,  $EZ$  ἴσαι εἰσὶν, καὶ βάσεις ἡ  $A\Gamma$  βάσει τῇ  $\Delta Z$  ἴση, γωνία ἄρα ἡ ὑπὸ  $AB\Gamma$  γωνία τῇ ὑπὸ  $\Delta EZ$  ἐστίν

For let some point  $G$  have been taken at random on  $EF$ . And from it let  $GH$  have been drawn at right-angles to  $EF$  in the plane through  $EF$  and  $AB$ . And let  $GK$  have been drawn, again at right-angles to  $EF$ , in the plane through  $FE$  and  $CD$ .

And since  $EF$  is at right-angles to each of  $GH$  and  $GK$ ,  $EF$  is thus also at right-angles to the plane through  $GH$  and  $GK$  [Prop. 11.4]. And  $EF$  is parallel to  $AB$ . Thus,  $AB$  is also at right-angles to the plane through  $HGK$  [Prop. 11.8]. So, for the same (reasons),  $CD$  is also at right-angles to the plane through  $HGK$ . Thus,  $AB$  and  $CD$  are each at right-angles to the plane through  $HGK$ . And if two straight-lines are at right-angles to the same plane then the straight-lines are parallel [Prop. 11.6]. Thus,  $AB$  is parallel to  $CD$ . (Which is) the very thing it was required to show.

### Proposition 10

If two straight-lines joined to one another are (respectively) parallel to two straight-lines joined to one another, (but are) not in the same plane, then they will contain equal angles.



For let the two straight-lines joined to one another,  $AB$  and  $BC$ , be (respectively) parallel to the two straight-lines joined to one another,  $DE$  and  $EF$ , (but) not in the same plane. I say that angle  $ABC$  is equal to (angle)  $DEF$ .

For let  $BA$ ,  $BC$ ,  $ED$ , and  $EF$  have been cut off (so as to be, respectively) equal to one another. And let  $AD$ ,  $CF$ ,  $BE$ ,  $AC$ , and  $DF$  have been joined.

And since  $BA$  is equal and parallel to  $ED$ ,  $AD$  is thus also equal and parallel to  $BE$  [Prop. 1.33]. So, for the same reasons,  $CF$  is also equal and parallel to  $BE$ . Thus,  $AD$  and  $CF$  are each equal and parallel to  $BE$ . And straight-lines parallel to the same straight-line, and which are not in the same plane as it, are also parallel to one another [Prop. 11.9]. Thus,  $AD$  is parallel and equal to  $CF$ . And  $AC$  and  $DF$  join them. Thus,  $AC$  is also equal and



δὲ ἡ  $AZ$  καὶ πρὸς τὴν  $\Delta E$  ὀρθή· ἡ  $AZ$  ἄρα πρὸς ἑκατέραν τῶν  $H\Theta$ ,  $\Delta E$  ὀρθή ἐστίν. ἐὰν δὲ εὐθεῖα δυσὶν εὐθείαις τεμνούσαις ἀλλήλας ἐπὶ τῆς τομῆς πρὸς ὀρθάς ἐπισταθῇ, καὶ τῷ δι' αὐτῶν ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὀρθάς ἔσται· ἡ  $ZA$  ἄρα τῷ διὰ τῶν  $E\Delta$ ,  $H\Theta$  ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὀρθάς ἐστίν. τὸ δὲ διὰ τῶν  $E\Delta$ ,  $H\Theta$  ἐπίπεδόν ἐστι τὸ ὑποκείμενον· ἡ  $AZ$  ἄρα τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὀρθάς ἐστίν.

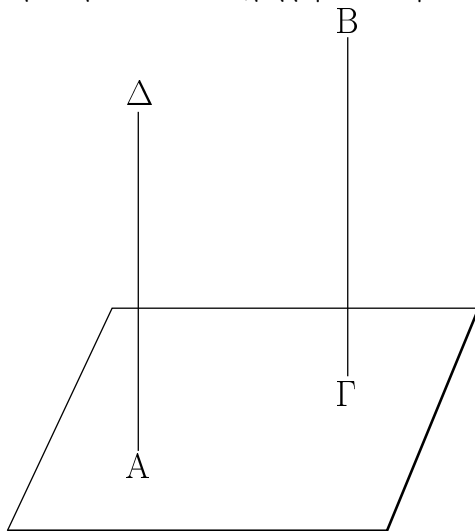
Ἀπὸ τοῦ ἄρα δοθέντος σημείου μετέωρου τοῦ  $A$  ἐπὶ τὸ ὑποκείμενον ἐπίπεδον κάθετος εὐθεῖα γραμμὴ ῥηται ἡ  $AZ$ · ὅπερ ἔδει ποιῆσαι.

$ED$  and  $DA$ . And  $GH$  is thus at right-angles to all of the straight-lines joined to it which are also in the plane through  $ED$  and  $AD$  [Def. 11.3]. And  $AF$ , which is in the plane through  $ED$  and  $DA$ , is joined to it. Thus,  $GH$  is at right-angles to  $FA$ . Hence,  $FA$  is also at right-angles to  $HG$ . And  $AF$  is also at right-angles to  $DE$ . Thus,  $AF$  is at right-angles to each of  $GH$  and  $DE$ . And if a straight-line is set up at right-angles to two straight-lines cutting one another, at the point of section, then it will also be at right-angles to the plane through them [Prop. 11.4]. Thus,  $FA$  is at right-angles to the plane through  $ED$  and  $GH$ . And the plane through  $ED$  and  $GH$  is the reference (plane). Thus,  $AF$  is at right-angles to the reference plane.

Thus, the straight-line  $AF$  has been drawn from the given raised point  $A$  perpendicular to the reference plane. (Which is) the very thing it was required to do.

ιβ'.

Τῷ δοθέντι ἐπιπέδῳ ἀπὸ τοῦ πρὸς αὐτῷ δοθέντος σημείου πρὸς ὀρθάς εὐθεῖαν γραμμὴν ἀναστήσαι.



Ἐστω τὸ μὲν δοθὲν ἐπίπεδον τὸ ὑποκείμενον, τὸ δὲ πρὸς αὐτῷ σημεῖον τὸ  $A$ · δεῖ δὲ ἀπὸ τοῦ  $A$  σημείου τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὀρθάς εὐθεῖαν γραμμὴν ἀναστήσαι.

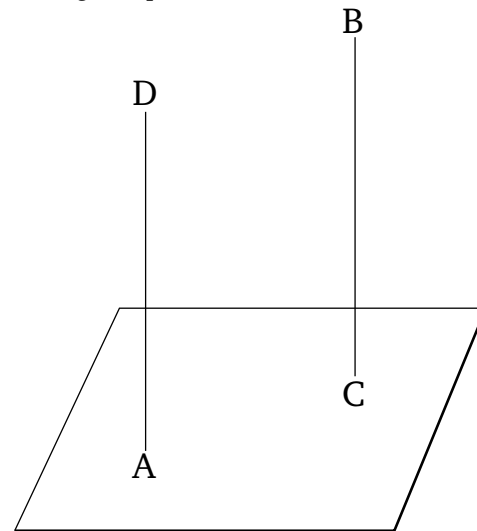
Νενοήσθω τι σημεῖον μετέωρον τὸ  $B$ , καὶ ἀπὸ τοῦ  $B$  ἐπὶ τὸ ὑποκείμενον ἐπίπεδον κάθετος ῥηθῶ ἡ  $BF$ , καὶ διὰ τοῦ  $A$  σημείου τῇ  $BF$  παράλληλος ῥηθῶ ἡ  $AD$ .

Ἐπεὶ οὖν δύο εὐθεῖαι παράλληλοι εἰσιν αἱ  $AD$ ,  $FB$ , ἡ δὲ μία αὐτῶν ἡ  $BF$  τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὀρθάς ἐστίν, καὶ ἡ λοιπὴ ἄρα ἡ  $AD$  τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὀρθάς ἐστίν.

Τῷ ἄρα δοθέντι ἐπιπέδῳ ἀπὸ τοῦ πρὸς αὐτῷ σημείου τοῦ  $A$  πρὸς ὀρθάς ἀνέσταται ἡ  $AD$ · ὅπερ ἔδει ποιῆσαι.

### Proposition 12

To set up a straight-line at right-angles to a given plane from a given point in it.



Let the given plane be the reference (plane), and  $A$  a point in it. So, it is required to set up a straight-line at right-angles to the reference plane at point  $A$ .

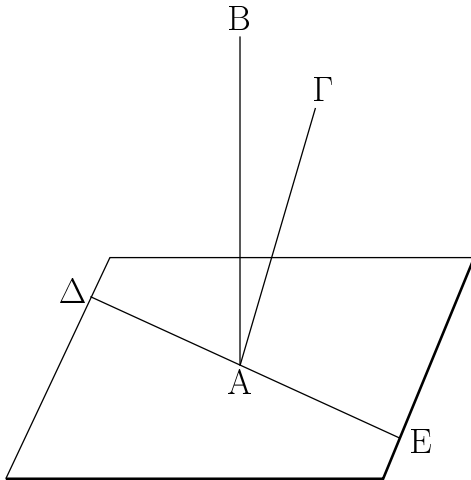
Let some raised point  $B$  have been assumed, and let the perpendicular (straight-line)  $BC$  have been drawn from  $B$  to the reference plane [Prop. 11.11]. And let  $AD$  have been drawn from point  $A$  parallel to  $BC$  [Prop. 1.31].

Therefore, since  $AD$  and  $CB$  are two parallel straight-lines, and one of them,  $BC$ , is at right-angles to the reference plane, the remaining (one)  $AD$  is thus also at right-angles to the reference plane [Prop. 11.8].



ιγ'.

Ἀπὸ τοῦ αὐτοῦ σημείου τῷ αὐτῷ ἐπιπέδῳ δύο εὐθεῖαι πρὸς ὀρθὰς οὐκ ἀναστήσονται ἐπὶ τὰ αὐτὰ μέρη.



Εἰ γὰρ δυνατόν, ἀπὸ τοῦ αὐτοῦ σημείου τοῦ Α τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ δύο εὐθεῖαι αἱ ΑΒ, ΒΓ πρὸς ὀρθὰς ἀνεστάτωσαν ἐπὶ τὰ αὐτὰ μέρη, καὶ διήχθω τὸ διὰ τῶν ΒΑ, ΑΓ ἐπίπεδον· τομὴν δὴ ποιήσει διὰ τοῦ Α ἐν τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ εὐθεῖαν· ποιεῖτω τὴν ΔΑΕ· αἱ ἄρα ΑΒ, ΑΓ, ΔΑΕ εὐθεῖαι ἐν ἐνὶ εἰσιν ἐπιπέδῳ. καὶ ἐπεὶ ἡ ΓΑ τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὀρθὰς ἐστίν, καὶ πρὸς πάσας ἄρα τὰς ἀπτομένας αὐτῆς εὐθείας καὶ οὐσας ἐν τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ ὀρθὰς ποιήσει γωνίας. ἄπτεται δὲ αὐτῆς ἡ ΔΑΕ οὐσα ἐν τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ· ἡ ἄρα ὑπὸ ΓΑΕ γωνία ὀρθὴ ἐστίν. διὰ τὰ αὐτὰ δὴ καὶ ἡ ὑπὸ ΒΑΕ ὀρθὴ ἐστίν· ἴση ἄρα ἡ ὑπὸ ΓΑΕ τῇ ὑπὸ ΒΑΕ καὶ εἰσιν ἐν ἐνὶ ἐπιπέδῳ· ὅπερ ἐστὶν ἀδύνατον.

Οὐκ ἄρα ἀπὸ τοῦ αὐτοῦ σημείου τῷ αὐτῷ ἐπιπέδῳ δύο εὐθεῖαι πρὸς ὀρθὰς ἀνασταθήσονται ἐπὶ τὰ αὐτὰ μέρη· ὅπερ ἔδει δεῖξαι.

ιδ'.

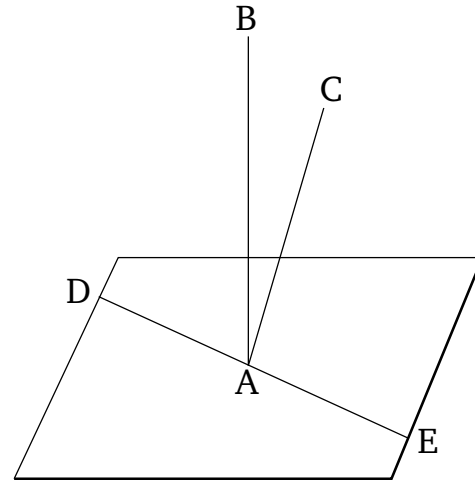
Πρὸς ἃ ἐπίπεδα ἡ αὐτὴ εὐθεῖα ὀρθὴ ἐστίν, παράλληλα ἔσται τὰ ἐπίπεδα.

Εὐθεῖα γάρ τις ἡ ΑΒ πρὸς ἑκάτερον τῶν ΓΔ, ΕΖ ἐπιπέδων πρὸς ὀρθὰς ἔστω· λέγω, ὅτι παράλληλά ἐστι τὰ ἐπίπεδα.

Thus,  $AD$  has been set up at right-angles to the given plane, from the point in it,  $A$ . (Which is) the very thing it was required to do.

### Proposition 13

Two (different) straight-lines cannot be set up at the same point at right-angles to the same plane, on the same side.



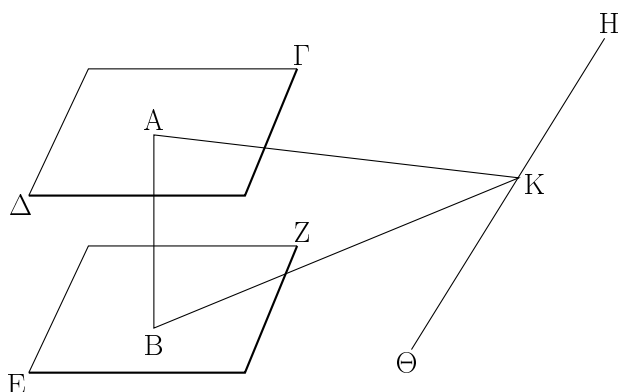
For, if possible, let the two straight-lines  $AB$  and  $AC$  have been set up at the same point  $A$  at right-angles to the reference plane, on the same side. And let the plane through  $BA$  and  $AC$  have been drawn. So it will make a straight cutting (passing) through (point)  $A$  in the reference plane [Prop. 11.3]. Let it have made  $DAE$ . Thus,  $AB$ ,  $AC$ , and  $DAE$  are straight-lines in one plane. And since  $CA$  is at right-angles to the reference plane, it will thus also make right-angles with all of the straight-lines joined to it which are also in the reference plane [Def. 11.3]. And  $DAE$ , which is in the reference plane, is joined to it. Thus, angle  $CAE$  is a right-angle. So, for the same (reasons),  $BAE$  is also a right-angle. Thus,  $CAE$  (is) equal to  $BAE$ . And they are in one plane. The very thing is impossible.

Thus, two (different) straight-lines cannot be set up at the same point at right-angles to the same plane, on the same side. (Which is) the very thing it was required to show.

### Proposition 14

Planes to which the same straight-line is at right-angles will be parallel planes.

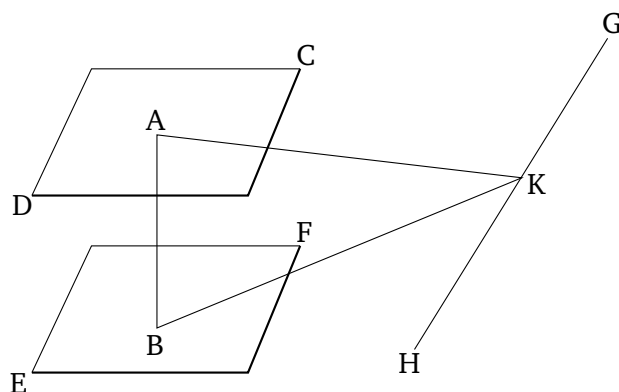
For let some straight-line  $AB$  be at right-angles to each of the planes  $CD$  and  $EF$ . I say that the planes are parallel.



Εἰ γὰρ μή, ἐκβαλλόμενα συμπεσοῦνται. συμπιπτεύ-  
ωσαν ποιήσουσι δὴ κοινὴν τομὴν εὐθεῖαν. ποιείτωσαν τὴν  
ΗΘ, καὶ εἰλήφθω ἐπὶ τῆς ΗΘ τυχὸν σημεῖον τὸ Κ, καὶ  
ἐπεζεύχθωσαν αἱ ΑΚ, ΒΚ.

Καὶ ἐπεὶ ἡ  $AB$  ὀρθὴ ἐστὶ πρὸς τὸ  $EZ$  ἐπίπεδον, καὶ πρὸς τὴν  $BK$  ἄρα εὐθεῖαν οὖσαν ἐν τῷ  $EZ$  ἐκβληθέντι ἐπιπέδῳ ὀρθὴ ἐστὶν ἡ  $AB$ · ἡ ἄρα ὑπὸ  $ABK$  γωνία ὀρθὴ ἐστίν. διὰ τὰ αὐτὰ δὴ καὶ ἡ ὑπὸ  $BAK$  ὀρθὴ ἐστίν. τριγώνου δὴ τοῦ  $ABK$  αἱ δύο γωνίαι αἱ ὑπὸ  $ABK$ ,  $BAK$  δυσὶν ὀρθαῖς εἰσιν ἴσαι· ὅπερ ἐστὶν ἀδύνατον. οὐκ ἄρα τὰ  $\Gamma\Delta$ ,  $EZ$  ἐπίπεδα ἐκβαλλόμενα συμπεσοῦνται· παράλληλα ἄρα ἐστὶ τὰ  $\Gamma\Delta$ ,  $EZ$  ἐπίπεδα.

Πρὸς ἃ ἐπίπεδα ἄρα ἡ αὐτὴ εὐθεΐα ὀρθή ἐστιν, παράλληλά ἐστι τὰ ἐπίπεδα· ὅπερ ἔδει δεῖξαι.



For, if not, being produced, they will meet. Let them have met. So they will make a straight-line as a common section [Prop. 11.3]. Let them have made  $GH$ . And let some random point  $K$  have been taken on  $GH$ . And let  $AK$  and  $BK$  have been joined.

And since  $AB$  is at right-angles to the plane  $EF$ ,  $AB$  is thus also at right-angles to  $BK$ , which is a straight-line in the produced plane  $EF$  [Def. 11.3]. Thus, angle  $ABK$  is a right-angle. So, for the same (reasons),  $BAK$  is also a right-angle. So the (sum of the) two angles  $ABK$  and  $BAK$  in the triangle  $ABK$  is equal to two right-angles. The very thing is impossible [Prop. 1.17]. Thus, planes  $CD$  and  $EF$ , being produced, will not meet. Planes  $CD$  and  $EF$  are thus parallel [Def. 11.8].

Thus, planes to which the same straight-line is at right-angles are parallel planes. (Which is) the very thing it was required to show.

13.

Ἐὰν δύο εὐθεῖαι ἀπτόμεναι ἀλλήλων παρὰ δύο εὐθείας ἀπτομένας ἀλλήλων ὥσι μὴ ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ ἐπιπέδῳ οὔσαι, παράλληλά ἐστι τὰ δι' αὐτῶν ἐπίπεδα.

Δύο γὰρ εὐθεῖαι ἀπτόμεναι ἀλλήλων αἱ AB, ΒΓ παρὰ δύο εὐθείας ἀπτομένας ἀλλήλων τὰς ΔΕ, ΕΖ ἕστωσαν μὴ ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ ἐπιπέδῳ οὖσαι· λέγω, ὅτι ἐκβαλλόμενα τὰ διὰ τῶν AB, ΒΓ, ΔΕ, ΕΖ ἐπίπεδα οὐ συμπεσεῖται ἀλλήλοις.

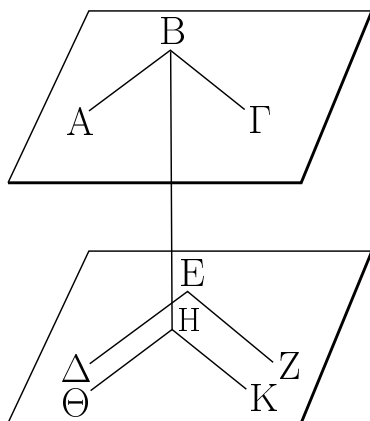
Ἦχθω γὰρ ἀπὸ τοῦ Β σημείου ἐπὶ τὸ διὰ τῶν ΔΕ, ΕΖ ἐπιπέδον κάθετος ἡ ΒΗ καὶ συμβαλλέτω τῷ ἐπιπέδῳ κατὰ τὸ Η σημεῖον, καὶ διὰ τοῦ Η τῇ μὲν ΕΔ παράλληλος ἦχθω ἡ ΗΘ, τῇ δὲ ΕΖ ἡ ΗΚ.

### Proposition 15

If two straight-lines joined to one another are parallel (respectively) to two straight-lines joined to one another, which are not in the same plane, then the planes through them are parallel (to one another).

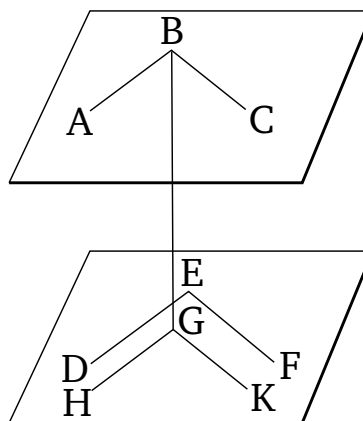
For let the two straight-lines joined to one another,  $AB$  and  $BC$ , be parallel to the two straight-lines joined to one another,  $DE$  and  $EF$  (respectively), not being in the same plane. I say that the planes through  $AB$ ,  $BC$  and  $DE$ ,  $EF$  will not meet one another (when) produced.

For let  $BG$  have been drawn from point  $B$  perpendicular to the plane through  $DE$  and  $EF$  [Prop. 11.11], and let it meet the plane at point  $G$ . And let  $GH$  have been drawn through  $G$  parallel to  $ED$ , and  $GK$  (parallel) to  $EF$  [Prop. 1.31].



Καὶ ἐπεὶ ἡ ΒΗ ὀρθὴ ἐστὶ πρὸς τὸ διὰ τῶν ΔΕ, ΕΖ ἐπίπεδον, καὶ πρὸς πάσας ἄρα τὰς ἀπτομένας αὐτῆς εὐθείας καὶ οὖσας ἐν τῷ διὰ τῶν ΔΕ, ΕΖ ἐπίπεδῳ ὀρθὰς ποιήσῃ γωνίας. ἄπτεται δὲ αὐτῆς ἑκατέρω τῶν ΗΘ, ΗΚ οὖσα ἐν τῷ διὰ τῶν ΔΕ, ΕΖ ἐπίπεδῳ· ὀρθὴ ἄρα ἐστὶν ἑκατέρω τῶν ὑπὸ ΒΗΘ, ΒΗΚ γωνιῶν. καὶ ἐπεὶ παράλληλός ἐστιν ἡ ΒΑ τῇ ΗΘ, αἱ ἄρα ὑπὸ ΗΒΑ, ΒΗΘ γωνίαι δυσὶν ὀρθαῖς ἴσαι εἰσίν. ὀρθὴ δὲ ἡ ὑπὸ ΒΗΘ· ὀρθὴ ἄρα καὶ ἡ ὑπὸ ΗΒΑ· ἡ ΗΒ ἄρα τῇ ΒΑ πρὸς ὀρθὰς ἐστίν. διὰ τὰ αὐτὰ δὴ ἡ ΗΒ καὶ τῇ ΒΓ ἐστὶ πρὸς ὀρθὰς. ἐπεὶ οὖν εὐθεῖα ἡ ΗΒ δυσὶν εὐθείαις ταῖς ΒΑ, ΒΓ τεμνούσαις ἀλλήλας πρὸς ὀρθὰς ἐφέστηκεν, ἡ ΗΒ ἄρα καὶ τῷ διὰ τῶν ΒΑ, ΒΓ ἐπίπεδῳ πρὸς ὀρθὰς ἐστίν. [διὰ τὰ αὐτὰ δὴ ἡ ΒΗ καὶ τῷ διὰ τῶν ΗΘ, ΗΚ ἐπίπεδῳ πρὸς ὀρθὰς ἐστίν. τὸ δὲ διὰ τῶν ΗΘ, ΗΚ ἐπίπεδόν ἐστι τὸ διὰ τῶν ΔΕ, ΕΖ· ἡ ΒΗ ἄρα τῷ διὰ τῶν ΔΕ, ΕΖ ἐπίπεδῳ ἐστὶ πρὸς ὀρθὰς. ἐδείχθη δὲ ἡ ΗΒ καὶ τῷ διὰ τῶν ΑΒ, ΒΓ ἐπίπεδῳ πρὸς ὀρθὰς]. πρὸς ἃ δὲ ἐπίπεδα ἡ αὐτὴ εὐθεῖα ὀρθὴ ἐστίν, παράλληλός ἐστι τὰ ἐπίπεδα· παράλληλον ἄρα ἐστὶ τὸ διὰ τῶν ΑΒ, ΒΓ ἐπίπεδον τῷ διὰ τῶν ΔΕ, ΕΖ.

Ἐὰν ἄρα δύο εὐθειῖαι ἀπτόμεναι ἀλλήλων παρὰ δύο εὐθείας ἀπτομένας ἀλλήλων ὥσι μὴ ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ ἐπιπέδῳ, παράλληλά ἐστι τὰ δι' αὐτῶν ἐπίπεδα· ὅπερ ἔδει δεῖξαι.



And since  $BG$  is at right-angles to the plane through  $DE$  and  $EF$ , it will thus also make right-angles with all of the straight-lines joined to it, which are also in the plane through  $DE$  and  $EF$  [Def. 11.3]. And each of  $GH$  and  $GK$ , which are in the plane through  $DE$  and  $EF$ , are joined to it. Thus, each of the angles  $BGH$  and  $BGK$  are right-angles. And since  $BA$  is parallel to  $GH$  [Prop. 11.9], the (sum of the) angles  $GBA$  and  $BGH$  is equal to two right-angles [Prop. 1.29]. And  $BGH$  (is) a right-angle.  $GBA$  (is) thus also a right-angle. Thus,  $GB$  is at right-angles to  $BA$ . So, for the same (reasons),  $GB$  is also at right-angles to  $BC$ . Therefore, since the straight-line  $GB$  has been set up at right-angles to two straight-lines,  $BA$  and  $BC$ , cutting one another,  $GB$  is thus at right-angles to the plane through  $BA$  and  $BC$  [Prop. 11.4]. [So, for the same (reasons),  $BG$  is also at right-angles to the plane through  $GH$  and  $GK$ . And the plane through  $GH$  and  $GK$  is the (plane) through  $DE$  and  $EF$ . And it was also shown that  $GB$  is at right-angles to the plane through  $AB$  and  $BC$ .] And planes to which the same straight-line is at right-angles are parallel planes [Prop. 11.14]. Thus, the plane through  $AB$  and  $BC$  is parallel to the (plane) through  $DE$  and  $EF$ .

Thus, if two straight-lines joined to one another are parallel (respectively) to two straight-lines joined to one another, which are not in the same plane, then the planes through them are parallel (to one another). (Which is the very thing it was required to show.

### Proposition 16

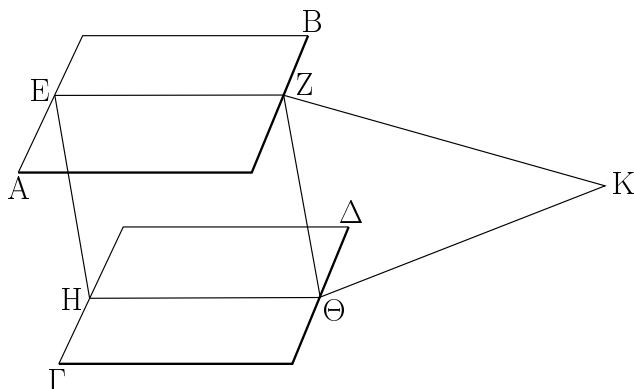
If two parallel planes are cut by some plane then their common sections are parallel.

For let the two parallel planes  $AB$  and  $CD$  have been cut by the plane  $EFGH$ . And let  $EF$  and  $GH$  be their common sections. I say that  $EF$  is parallel to  $GH$ .

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Ἐὰν δύο ἐπίπεδα παράλληλα ὑπὸ ἐπιπέδου τινὸς τέμνηται,  
αἱ κοιναὶ αὐτῶν τομαὶ παράλληλοί εἰσιν.

Δύο γὰρ ἐπίπεδα παράλληλα τὰ AB, ΓΔ ὑπὸ ἐπιπέδου τοῦ EZΘH τεμνέσθω, κοινὰ δὲ αὐτῶν τομαὶ ἔστωσαν αἱ EZ, HΘ· λέγω, ὅτι παράλληλός ἐστιν ἡ EZ τῇ HΘ.



Εἰ γὰρ μή, ἐκβαλλόμεναι αἱ EZ, HΘ ἤτοι ἐπὶ τὰ Z, Θ μέρη ἢ ἐπὶ τὰ E, H συμπεσοῦνται. ἐκβεβλήσθωσαν ὡς ἐπὶ τὰ Z, Θ μέρη καὶ συμπίπτεωσαν πρότερον κατὰ τὸ K. καὶ ἐπεὶ ἡ EZK ἐν τῷ AB ἐστὶν ἐπιπέδῳ, καὶ πάντα ἄρα τὰ ἐπὶ τῆς EZK σημεία ἐν τῷ AB ἐστὶν ἐπιπέδῳ. ἐν δὲ τῶν ἐπὶ τῆς EZK εὐθείας σημείων ἐστὶ τὸ K· τὸ K ἄρα ἐν τῷ AB ἐστὶν ἐπιπέδῳ. διὰ τὰ αὐτὰ δὴ τὸ K καὶ ἐν τῷ ΓΔ ἐστὶν ἐπιπέδῳ· τὰ AB, ΓΔ ἄρα ἐπίπεδα ἐκβαλλόμενα συμπεσοῦνται. οὐ συμπίπτουσι δὲ διὰ τὸ παράλληλα ὑποκεῖσθαι· οὐκ ἄρα αἱ EZ, HΘ εὐθεῖαι ἐκβαλλόμεναι ἐπὶ τὰ Z, Θ μέρη συμπεσοῦνται. ὁμοίως δὲ δεῖξομεν, ὅτι αἱ EZ, HΘ εὐθεῖαι οὐδὲ ἐπὶ τὰ E, H μέρη ἐκβαλλόμεναι συμπεσοῦνται. αἱ δὲ ἐπὶ μηδέτερα τὰ μέρη συμπίπτουσαι παράλληλοί εἰσιν. παράλληλος ἄρα ἐστὶν ἡ EZ τῇ HΘ.

Ἐάν ἄρα δύο ἐπίπεδα παράλληλα ὑπὸ ἐπιπέδου τινὸς τέμνηται, αἱ κοινὰ αὐτῶν τομαὶ παράλληλοί εἰσιν· ὅπερ ἔδει δεῖξαι.

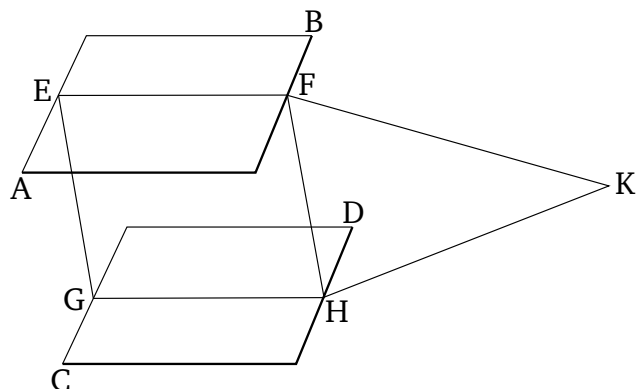
ιζ'.

Ἐάν δύο εὐθεῖαι ὑπὸ παραλλήλων ἐπιπέδων τέμνωνται, εἰς τοὺς αὐτοὺς λόγους τμηθήσονται.

Δύο γὰρ εὐθεῖαι αἱ AB, ΓΔ ὑπὸ παραλλήλων ἐπιπέδων τῶν HΘ, ΚΛ, ΜΝ τεμνέσθωσαν κατὰ τὰ A, E, B, Γ, Z, Δ σημεία· λέγω, ὅτι ἐστὶν ὡς ἡ AE εὐθεῖα πρὸς τὴν EB, οὕτως ἡ ΓZ πρὸς τὴν ZΔ.

Ἐπεξεύχθωσαν γὰρ αἱ ΑΓ, ΒΔ, ΑΔ, καὶ συμβαλλέτω ἡ ΑΔ τῷ ΚΛ ἐπιπέδῳ κατὰ τὸ Ξ σημεῖον, καὶ ἐπεξεύχθωσαν αἱ ΕΞ, ΕΖ.

Καὶ ἐπεὶ δύο ἐπίπεδα παράλληλα τὰ ΚΛ, ΜΝ ὑπὸ ἐπιπέδου τοῦ ΕΒΔΞ τέμνεται, αἱ κοινὰ αὐτῶν τομαὶ αἱ ΕΞ, ΒΔ παράλληλοί εἰσιν. διὰ τὰ αὐτὰ δὴ ἐπεὶ δύο ἐπίπεδα παράλληλα τὰ HΘ, ΚΛ ὑπὸ ἐπιπέδου τοῦ ΑΞΖΓ τέμνεται, αἱ κοινὰ αὐτῶν τομαὶ αἱ ΑΓ, ΕΖ παράλληλοί εἰσιν. καὶ ἐπεὶ τριγώνου τοῦ ΑΒΔ παρὰ μίαν τῶν πλευρῶν τὴν ΒΔ εὐθεῖα ἤχται ἡ ΕΞ, ἀνάλογον ἄρα ἐστὶν ὡς ἡ AE πρὸς EB, οὕτως



For, if not, being produced,  $EF$  and  $GH$  will meet either in the direction of  $F, H$ , or of  $E, G$ . Let them be produced, as in the direction of  $F, H$ , and let them, first of all, have met at  $K$ . And since  $EFK$  is in the plane  $AB$ , all of the points on  $EFK$  are thus also in the plane  $AB$  [Prop. 11.1]. And  $K$  is one of the points on  $EFK$ . Thus,  $K$  is in the plane  $AB$ . So, for the same (reasons),  $K$  is also in the plane  $CD$ . Thus, the planes  $AB$  and  $CD$ , being produced, will meet. But they do not meet, on account of being (initially) assumed (to be mutually) parallel. Thus, the straight-lines  $EF$  and  $GH$ , being produced in the direction of  $F, H$ , will not meet. So, similarly, we can show that the straight-lines  $EF$  and  $GH$ , being produced in the direction of  $E, G$ , will not meet either. And (straight-lines in one plane which), being produced, do not meet in either direction are parallel [Def. 1.23].  $EF$  is thus parallel to  $GH$ .

Thus, if two parallel planes are cut by some plane then their common sections are parallel. (Which is) the very thing it was required to show.

### Proposition 17

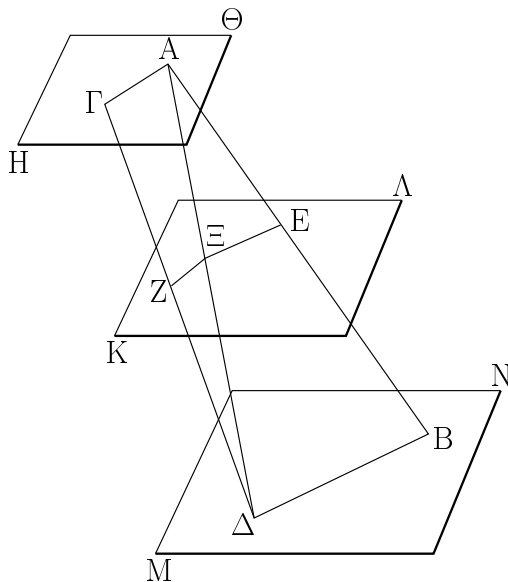
If two straight-lines are cut by parallel planes then they will be cut in the same ratios.

For let the two straight-lines  $AB$  and  $CD$  be cut by the parallel planes  $GH, KL$ , and  $MN$  at the points  $A, E, B$ , and  $C, F, D$  (respectively). I say that as the straight-line  $AE$  is to  $EB$ , so  $CF$  (is) to  $FD$ .

For let  $AC, BD$ , and  $AD$  have been joined, and let  $AD$  meet the plane  $KL$  at point  $O$ , and let  $EO$  and  $OF$  have been joined.

And since two parallel planes  $KL$  and  $MN$  are cut by the plane  $EBDO$ , their common sections  $EO$  and  $BD$  are parallel [Prop. 11.16]. So, for the same (reasons), since two parallel planes  $GH$  and  $KL$  are cut by the plane  $AOFC$ , their common sections  $AC$  and  $OF$  are parallel [Prop. 11.16]. And since the straight-line  $EO$  has been drawn parallel to one of the sides  $BD$  of trian-

ἡ  $ΑΞ$  πρὸς  $ΞΔ$ . πάλιν ἐπεὶ τριγώνου τοῦ  $ΑΔΓ$  παρὰ μίαν τῶν πλευρῶν τὴν  $ΑΓ$  εὐθεΐα ῥηται ἡ  $ΞΖ$ , ἀνάλογόν ἐστιν ὡς ἡ  $ΑΞ$  πρὸς  $ΞΔ$ , οὕτως ἡ  $ΓΖ$  πρὸς  $ΖΔ$ . ἐδείχθη δὲ καὶ ὡς ἡ  $ΑΞ$  πρὸς  $ΞΔ$ , οὕτως ἡ  $ΑΕ$  πρὸς  $ΕΒ$ · καὶ ὡς ἄρα ἡ  $ΑΕ$  πρὸς  $ΕΒ$ , οὕτως ἡ  $ΓΖ$  πρὸς  $ΖΔ$ .



Ἐὰν ἄρα δύο εὐθεΐαι ὑπὸ παραλλήλων ἐπιπέδων τέμνονται, εἰς τοὺς αὐτοὺς λόγους τμηθήσονται· ὅπερ ἔδει δεῖξαι.

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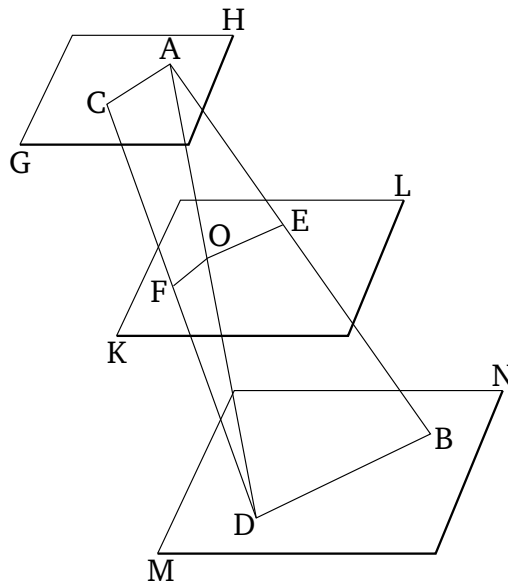
Ἐὰν εὐθεΐα ἐπιπέδῳ τινὶ πρὸς ὀρθὰς ᾖ, καὶ πάντα τὰ δι' αὐτῆς ἐπίπεδα τῷ αὐτῷ ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὀρθὰς ἔσται.

Εὐθεΐα γάρ τις ἡ  $ΑΒ$  τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὀρθὰς ἔστω· λέγω, ὅτι καὶ πάντα τὰ διὰ τῆς  $ΑΒ$  ἐπίπεδα τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὀρθὰς ἔστιν.

Ἐκβεβλήσθω γὰρ διὰ τῆς  $ΑΒ$  ἐπίπεδον τὸ  $ΔΕ$ , καὶ ἔστω κοινὴ τομὴ τοῦ  $ΔΕ$  ἐπιπέδου καὶ τοῦ ὑποκειμένου ἡ  $ΓΕ$ , καὶ εἰλήφθω ἐπὶ τῆς  $ΓΕ$  τυχὸν σημεῖον τὸ  $Ζ$ , καὶ ἀπὸ τοῦ  $Ζ$  τῇ  $ΓΕ$  πρὸς ὀρθὰς ῥηθῶ ἐν τῷ  $ΔΕ$  ἐπιπέδῳ ἡ  $ΖΗ$ .

Καὶ ἐπεὶ ἡ  $ΑΒ$  πρὸς τὸ ὑποκείμενον ἐπίπεδον ὀρθὴ ἐστίν, καὶ πρὸς πάσας ἄρα τὰς ἀπτομένας αὐτῆς εὐθείας καὶ οὐσας ἐν τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ ὀρθὴ ἐστίν ἡ  $ΑΒ$ · ὥστε καὶ πρὸς τὴν  $ΓΕ$  ὀρθὴ ἐστίν· ἡ ἄρα ὑπὸ  $ΑΒΖ$  γωνία ὀρθὴ ἐστίν. ἔστι δὲ καὶ ἡ ὑπὸ  $ΗΖΒ$  ὀρθή· παράλληλος ἄρα ἐστίν ἡ  $ΑΒ$  τῇ  $ΖΗ$ . ἡ δὲ  $ΑΒ$  τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὀρθὰς ἐστίν· καὶ ἡ  $ΖΗ$  ἄρα τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὀρθὰς ἐστίν. καὶ ἐπίπεδον πρὸς ἐπίπεδον ὀρθόν ἐστίν, ὅταν αἱ τῇ κοινῇ τομῇ τῶν ἐπιπέδων πρὸς ὀρθὰς ἀγόμεναι εὐθεΐαι ἐν ἐνὶ τῶν ἐπιπέδων τῷ λοιπῷ ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὀρθὰς ὦσιν. καὶ τῇ κοινῇ τομῇ τῶν ἐπιπέδων τῇ  $ΓΕ$  ἐν ἐνὶ τῶν ἐπιπέδων

gle  $ΑΒΔ$ , thus, proportionally, as  $ΑΕ$  is to  $ΕΒ$ , so  $ΑΟ$  (is) to  $ΟΔ$  [Prop. 6.2]. Again, since the straight-line  $ΟΓ$  has been drawn parallel to one of the sides  $ΑΓ$  of triangle  $ΑΔΓ$ , proportionally, as  $ΑΟ$  is to  $ΟΔ$ , so  $ΟΓ$  (is) to  $ΓΔ$  [Prop. 6.2]. And it was also shown that as  $ΑΟ$  (is) to  $ΟΔ$ , so  $ΑΕ$  (is) to  $ΕΒ$ . And thus as  $ΑΕ$  (is) to  $ΕΒ$ , so  $ΟΓ$  (is) to  $ΓΔ$  [Prop. 5.11].



Thus, if two straight-lines are cut by parallel planes then they will be cut in the same ratios. (Which is) the very thing it was required to show.

### Proposition 18

If a straight-line is at right-angles to some plane then all of the planes (passing) through it will also be at right-angles to the same plane.

For let some straight-line  $ΑΒ$  be at right-angles to a reference plane. I say that all of the planes (passing) through  $ΑΒ$  are also at right-angles to the reference plane.

For let the plane  $ΔΕ$  have been produced through  $ΑΒ$ . And let  $CE$  be the common section of the plane  $ΔΕ$  and the reference (plane). And let some random point  $F$  have been taken on  $CE$ . And let  $FG$  have been drawn from  $F$ , at right-angles to  $CE$ , in the plane  $ΔΕ$  [Prop. 1.11].

And since  $ΑΒ$  is at right-angles to the reference plane,  $ΑΒ$  is thus also at right-angles to all of the straight-lines joined to it which are also in the reference plane [Def. 11.3]. Hence, it is also at right-angles to  $CE$ . Thus, angle  $ΑΒΓ$  is a right-angle. And  $ΓFB$  is also a right-angle. Thus,  $ΑΒ$  is parallel to  $FG$  [Prop. 1.28]. And  $ΑΒ$  is at right-angles to the reference plane. Thus,  $FG$  is also