

Διήχθω γὰρ ἡ  $BA$  ἐπὶ τὸ  $\Delta$  σημεῖον, καὶ κείσθω τῇ  $GA$  ἴση ἡ  $AD$ , καὶ ἐπεξεύχθω ἡ  $\Delta G$ .

Ἐπεὶ οὖν ἴση ἐστὶν ἡ  $\Delta A$  τῇ  $AG$ , ἴση ἐστὶ καὶ γωνία ἡ ὑπὸ  $ADG$  τῇ ὑπὸ  $AGD$ . μείζων ἄρα ἡ ὑπὸ  $BGD$  τῆς ὑπὸ  $ADG$ . καὶ ἐπεὶ τρίγωνόν ἐστι τὸ  $\Delta GB$  μείζονα ἔχον τὴν ὑπὸ  $BGD$  γωνίαν τῆς ὑπὸ  $BAG$ , ὑπὸ δὲ τὴν μείζονα γωνίαν ἡ μείζων πλευρὰ ὑποτείνει, ἡ  $\Delta B$  ἄρα τῆς  $BG$  ἐστὶ μείζων. ἴση δὲ ἡ  $\Delta A$  τῇ  $AG$ . μείζονες ἄρα αἱ  $BA$ ,  $AG$  τῆς  $BG$ . ὁμοίως δὲ δείξομεν, ὅτι καὶ αἱ μὲν  $AB$ ,  $BG$  τῆς  $GA$  μείζονες εἰσιν, αἱ δὲ  $BG$ ,  $GA$  τῆς  $AB$ .

Παντὸς ἄρα τριγώνου αἱ δύο πλευραὶ τῆς λοιπῆς μείζονες εἰσι πάντῃ μεταλαμβανόμεναι· ὅπερ ἔδει δεῖξαι.

and  $BC$  than  $AC$ , and (the sum of)  $BC$  and  $CA$  than  $AB$ .

For let  $BA$  have been drawn through to point  $D$ , and let  $AD$  be made equal to  $CA$  [Prop. 1.3], and let  $DC$  have been joined.

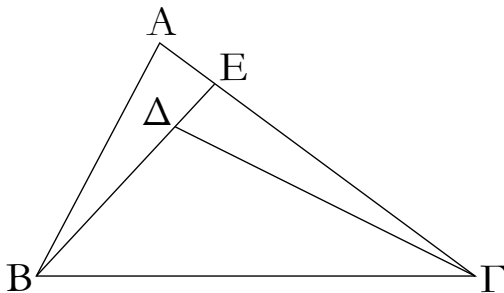
Therefore, since  $DA$  is equal to  $AC$ , the angle  $ADC$  is also equal to  $ACD$  [Prop. 1.5]. Thus,  $BCD$  is greater than  $ADC$ . And since  $DCB$  is a triangle having the angle  $BCD$  greater than  $BDC$ , and the greater angle subtends the greater side [Prop. 1.19],  $DB$  is thus greater than  $BC$ . But  $DA$  is equal to  $AC$ . Thus, (the sum of)  $BA$  and  $AC$  is greater than  $BC$ . Similarly, we can show that (the sum of)  $AB$  and  $BC$  is also greater than  $CA$ , and (the sum of)  $BC$  and  $CA$  than  $AB$ .

Thus, in any triangle, (the sum of) two sides taken together in any (possible way) is greater than the remaining (side). (Which is) the very thing it was required to show.

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### Proposition 21

Ἐὰν τριγώνου ἐπὶ μιᾷ τῶν πλευρῶν ἀπὸ τῶν περάτων δύο εὐθεῖαι ἐντὸς συσταθῶσιν, αἱ συσταθεῖσαι τῶν λοιπῶν τοῦ τριγώνου δύο πλευρῶν ἐλάττονες μὲν ἔσονται, μείζονα δὲ γωνίαν περιέχουσιν.

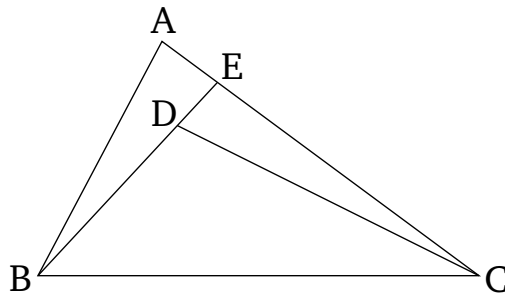


Τριγώνου γὰρ τοῦ  $ABG$  ἐπὶ μιᾷ τῶν πλευρῶν τῆς  $BG$  ἀπὸ τῶν περάτων τῶν  $B$ ,  $G$  δύο εὐθεῖαι ἐντὸς συνεστάτωσαν αἱ  $BD$ ,  $\Delta G$ . λέγω, ὅτι αἱ  $BD$ ,  $\Delta G$  τῶν λοιπῶν τοῦ τριγώνου δύο πλευρῶν τῶν  $BA$ ,  $AG$  ἐλάσσονες μὲν εἰσιν, μείζονα δὲ γωνίαν περιέχουσι τὴν ὑπὸ  $BAG$  τῆς ὑπὸ  $BAG$ .

Διήχθω γὰρ ἡ  $BD$  ἐπὶ τὸ  $E$ . καὶ ἐπεὶ παντὸς τριγώνου αἱ δύο πλευραὶ τῆς λοιπῆς μείζονες εἰσιν, τοῦ  $ABE$  ἄρα τριγώνου αἱ δύο πλευραὶ αἱ  $AB$ ,  $AE$  τῆς  $BE$  μείζονες εἰσιν· κοινὴ προσκείσθω ἡ  $EG$ . αἱ ἄρα  $BA$ ,  $AG$  τῶν  $BE$ ,  $EG$  μείζονες εἰσιν. πάλιν, ἐπεὶ τοῦ  $GED$  τριγώνου αἱ δύο πλευραὶ αἱ  $GE$ ,  $ED$  τῆς  $GD$  μείζονες εἰσιν, κοινὴ προσκείσθω ἡ  $\Delta B$ . αἱ  $GE$ ,  $EB$  ἄρα τῶν  $GD$ ,  $\Delta B$  μείζονες εἰσιν. ἀλλὰ τῶν  $BE$ ,  $EG$  μείζονες ἐδείχθησαν αἱ  $BA$ ,  $AG$ . πολλὰ ἄρα αἱ  $BA$ ,  $AG$  τῶν  $BD$ ,  $\Delta G$  μείζονες εἰσιν.

Πάλιν, ἐπεὶ παντὸς τριγώνου ἡ ἐκτὸς γωνία τῆς ἐντὸς καὶ ἀπεναντίον μείζων ἐστίν, τοῦ  $GAE$  ἄρα τριγώνου ἡ ἐκτὸς γωνία ἡ ὑπὸ  $BAG$  μείζων ἐστὶ τῆς ὑπὸ  $GED$ . διὰ ταῦτά τοίνυν καὶ τοῦ  $ABE$  τριγώνου ἡ ἐκτὸς γωνία ἡ ὑπὸ

If two internal straight-lines are constructed on one of the sides of a triangle, from its ends, the constructed (straight-lines) will be less than the two remaining sides of the triangle, but will encompass a greater angle.



For let the two internal straight-lines  $BD$  and  $DC$  have been constructed on one of the sides  $BC$  of the triangle  $ABC$ , from its ends  $B$  and  $C$  (respectively). I say that  $BD$  and  $DC$  are less than the (sum of the) two remaining sides of the triangle  $BA$  and  $AC$ , but encompass an angle  $BDC$  greater than  $BAC$ .

For let  $BD$  have been drawn through to  $E$ . And since in any triangle (the sum of any) two sides is greater than the remaining (side) [Prop. 1.20], in triangle  $ABE$  the (sum of the) two sides  $AB$  and  $AE$  is thus greater than  $BE$ . Let  $EC$  have been added to both. Thus, (the sum of)  $BA$  and  $AC$  is greater than (the sum of)  $BE$  and  $EC$ . Again, since in triangle  $CED$  the (sum of the) two sides  $CE$  and  $ED$  is greater than  $CD$ , let  $DB$  have been added to both. Thus, (the sum of)  $CE$  and  $EB$  is greater than (the sum of)  $CD$  and  $DB$ . But, (the sum of)  $BA$  and  $AC$  was shown (to be) greater than (the sum of)  $BE$  and  $EC$ . Thus, (the sum of)  $BA$  and  $AC$  is much greater than

ΓΕΒ μείζων ἐστὶ τῆς ὑπὸ ΒΑΓ. ἀλλὰ τῆς ὑπὸ ΓΕΒ μείζων ἐδείχθη ἡ ὑπὸ ΒΔΓ. πολλῶ ἄρα ἡ ὑπὸ ΒΔΓ μείζων ἐστὶ τῆς ὑπὸ ΒΑΓ.

Ἐὰν ἄρα τριγώνου ἐπὶ μιᾷς τῶν πλευρῶν ἀπὸ τῶν περάτων δύο εὐθείαι ἐντὸς συσταθῶσιν, αἱ συσταθεῖσαι τῶν λοιπῶν τοῦ τριγώνου δύο πλευρῶν ἐλάττονες μὲν εἰσιν, μείζονα δὲ γωνίαν περιέχουσιν· ὅπερ ἔδει δεῖξαι.

(the sum of)  $BD$  and  $DC$ .

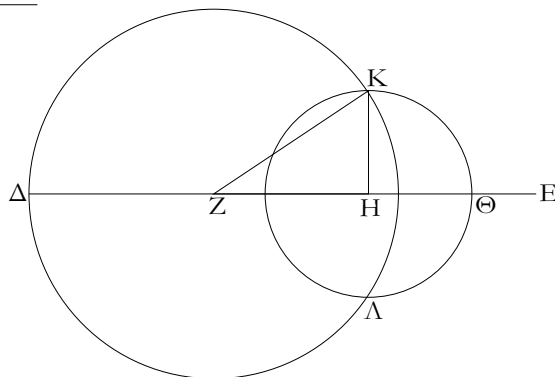
Again, since in any triangle the external angle is greater than the internal and opposite (angles) [Prop. 1.16], in triangle  $CDE$  the external angle  $BDC$  is thus greater than  $CED$ . Accordingly, for the same (reason), the external angle  $CEB$  of the triangle  $ABE$  is also greater than  $BAC$ . But,  $BDC$  was shown (to be) greater than  $CEB$ . Thus,  $BDC$  is much greater than  $BAC$ .

Thus, if two internal straight-lines are constructed on one of the sides of a triangle, from its ends, the constructed (straight-lines) are less than the two remaining sides of the triangle, but encompass a greater angle. (Which is) the very thing it was required to show.

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Ἐκ τριῶν εὐθειῶν, αἱ εἰσιν ἴσαι τρισὶ ταῖς δοθείσαις [εὐθείαις], τρίγωνον συστήσασθαι· δεῖ δὲ τὰς δύο τῆς λοιπῆς μείζοντας εἶναι πάντῃ μεταλαμβανομένας [διὰ τὸ καὶ παντὸς τριγώνου τὰς δύο πλευρὰς τῆς λοιπῆς μείζοντας εἶναι πάντῃ μεταλαμβανομένας].

A \_\_\_\_\_  
B \_\_\_\_\_  
Γ \_\_\_\_\_



Ἐστωσαν αἱ δοθεῖσαι τρεῖς εὐθεῖαι αἱ Α, Β, Γ, ὧν αἱ δύο τῆς λοιπῆς μείζονες ἕστωσαν πάντῃ μεταλαμβανόμεναι, αἱ μὲν Α, Β τῆς Γ, αἱ δὲ Α, Γ τῆς Β, καὶ ἔτι αἱ Β, Γ τῆς Α· δεῖ δὴ ἐκ τῶν ἴσων ταῖς Α, Β, Γ τρίγωνον συστήσασθαι.

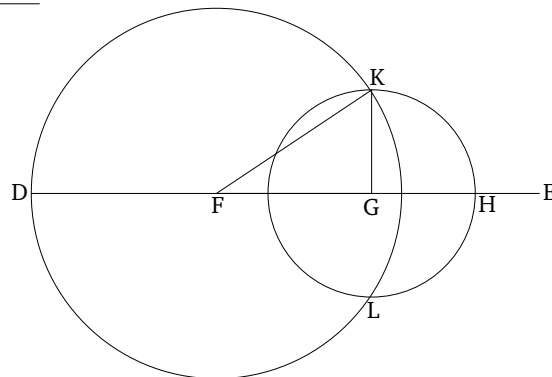
Ἐκκείσθω τις εὐθεία ἡ ΔΕ πεπερασμένη μὲν κατὰ τὸ Δ ἄπειρος δὲ κατὰ τὸ Ε, καὶ κείσθω τῇ μὲν Α ἴση ἡ ΔΖ, τῇ δὲ Β ἴση ἡ ΖΗ, τῇ δὲ Γ ἴση ἡ ΗΘ· καὶ κέντρῳ μὲν τῷ Ζ, διαστήματι δὲ τῷ ΖΔ κύκλος γεγράφθω ὁ ΔΚΛ· πάλιν κέντρῳ μὲν τῷ Η, διαστήματι δὲ τῷ ΗΘ κύκλος γεγράφθω ὁ ΚΛΘ, καὶ ἐπεζεύχθωσαν αἱ ΚΖ, ΚΗ· λέγω, ὅτι ἐκ τριῶν εὐθειῶν τῶν ἴσων ταῖς Α, Β, Γ τρίγωνον συνέσταται τὸ ΚΖΗ.

Ἐπεὶ γὰρ τὸ Z σημεῖον κέντρον ἐστὶ τοῦ ΔΚΛ κύκλου,  
ἴση ἐστὶν ἡ ΖΔ τῇ ΖΚ· ἀλλὰ ἡ ΖΔ τῇ Α ἐστὶν ἴση. καὶ ἡ

### Proposition 22

To construct a triangle from three straight-lines which are equal to three given [straight-lines]. It is necessary for (the sum of) two (of the straight-lines) taken together in any (possible way) to be greater than the remaining (one), [on account of the (fact that) in any triangle (the sum of) two sides taken together in any (possible way) is greater than the remaining (one) [Prop. 1.20] ].

A \_\_\_\_\_  
B \_\_\_\_\_  
C \_\_\_\_\_



Let  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  be the three given straight-lines, of which let (the sum of) two taken together in any (possible way) be greater than the remaining (one). (Thus), (the sum of)  $A$  and  $B$  (is greater) than  $C$ , (the sum of)  $A$  and  $C$  than  $B$ , and also (the sum of)  $B$  and  $C$  than  $A$ . So it is required to construct a triangle from (straight-lines) equal to  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$ .

Let some straight-line  $DE$  be set out, terminated at  $D$ , and infinite in the direction of  $E$ . And let  $DF$  made equal to  $A$ , and  $FG$  equal to  $B$ , and  $GH$  equal to  $C$  [Prop. 1.3]. And let the circle  $DKL$  have been drawn with center  $F$  and radius  $FD$ . Again, let the circle  $KLH$  have been drawn with center  $G$  and radius  $GH$ . And let  $KF$  and  $KG$  have been joined. I say that the triangle  $KFG$  has

KZ ἄρα τῇ A ἐστὶν ἴση. πάλιν, ἐπεὶ τὸ H σημεῖον κέντρον ἐστὶ τοῦ ΛΚΘ κύκλου, ἴση ἐστὶν ἡ ΗΘ τῇ ΗΚ· ἀλλὰ ἡ ΗΘ τῇ Γ ἐστὶν ἴση· καὶ ἡ ΚΗ ἄρα τῇ Γ ἐστὶν ἴση. ἐστὶ δὲ καὶ ἡ ΖΗ τῇ Β ἴση· αἱ τρεῖς ἄρα εὐθεῖαι αἱ ΚΖ, ΖΗ, ΗΚ τρισὶ ταῖς Α, Β, Γ ἴσαι εἰσὶν.

Ἐκ τριῶν ἄρα εὐθειῶν τῶν ΚΖ, ΖΗ, ΗΚ, αἱ εἰσὶν ἴσαι τρισὶ ταῖς δοθείσαις εὐθείαις ταῖς Α, Β, Γ, τρίγωνον συνέσταται τὸ ΚΖΗ· ὅπερ ἔδει ποιῆσαι.

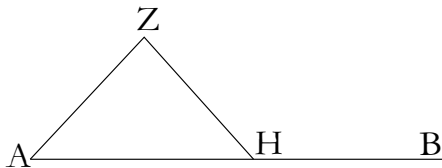
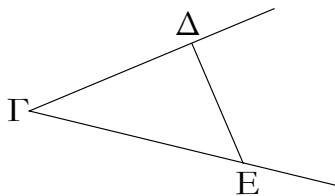
been constructed from three straight-lines equal to  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$ .

For since point  $F$  is the center of the circle  $DKL$ ,  $FD$  is equal to  $FK$ . But,  $FD$  is equal to  $A$ . Thus,  $KF$  is also equal to  $A$ . Again, since point  $G$  is the center of the circle  $LKH$ ,  $GH$  is equal to  $GK$ . But,  $GH$  is equal to  $C$ . Thus,  $KG$  is also equal to  $C$ . And  $FG$  is also equal to  $B$ . Thus, the three straight-lines  $KF$ ,  $FG$ , and  $GK$  are equal to  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  (respectively).

Thus, the triangle  $KFG$  has been constructed from the three straight-lines  $KF$ ,  $FG$ , and  $GK$ , which are equal to the three given straight-lines  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  (respectively). (Which is) the very thing it was required to do.

κγ'.

Πρὸς τῇ δοθείσῃ εὐθείᾳ καὶ τῷ πρὸς αὐτῇ σημείῳ τῇ δοθείσῃ γωνίᾳ εὐθύγραμμω ἴσην γωνίαν εὐθύγραμμον συστήσασθαι.



Ἐστω ἡ μὲν δοθεῖσα εὐθεῖα ἡ ΑΒ, τὸ δὲ πρὸς αὐτῇ σημεῖον τὸ Α, ἡ δὲ δοθεῖσα γωνία εὐθύγραμμος ἡ ὑπὸ ΔΓΕ· δεῖ δὲ πρὸς τῇ δοθείσῃ εὐθείᾳ τῇ ΑΒ καὶ τῷ πρὸς αὐτῇ σημείῳ τῷ Α τῇ δοθείσῃ γωνίᾳ εὐθύγραμμω τῇ ὑπὸ ΔΓΕ ἴσην γωνίαν εὐθύγραμμον συστήσασθαι.

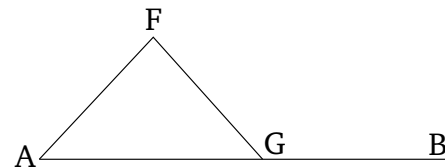
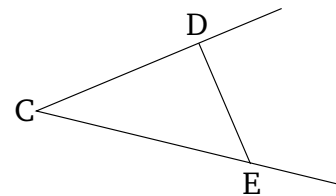
Εἰλήφθω ἐφ' ἑκατέρας τῶν ΓΔ, ΓΕ τυχόντα σημεία τὰ Δ, Ε, καὶ ἐπεζεύχθω ἡ ΔΕ· καὶ ἐκ τριῶν εὐθειῶν, αἱ εἰσὶν ἴσαι τρισὶ ταῖς ΓΔ, ΔΕ, ΓΕ, τρίγωνον συνεστάτω τὸ ΑΖΗ, ὥστε ἴσην εἶναι τὴν μὲν ΓΔ τῇ ΑΖ, τὴν δὲ ΓΕ τῇ ΑΗ, καὶ ἔτι τὴν ΔΕ τῇ ΖΗ.

Ἐπεὶ οὖν δύο αἱ ΔΓ, ΓΕ δύο ταῖς ΖΑ, ΑΗ ἴσαι εἰσὶν ἑκατέρα ἑκατέρᾳ, καὶ βάσις ἡ ΔΕ βάσει τῇ ΖΗ ἴση, γωνία ἄρα ἡ ὑπὸ ΔΓΕ γωνία τῇ ὑπὸ ΖΑΗ ἐστὶν ἴση.

Πρὸς ἄρα τῇ δοθείσῃ εὐθείᾳ τῇ ΑΒ καὶ τῷ πρὸς αὐτῇ σημείῳ τῷ Α τῇ δοθείσῃ γωνίᾳ εὐθύγραμμω τῇ ὑπὸ ΔΓΕ ἴση γωνία εὐθύγραμμος συνέσταται ἡ ὑπὸ ΖΑΗ· ὅπερ ἔδει ποιῆσαι.

### Proposition 23

To construct a rectilinear angle equal to a given rectilinear angle at a (given) point on a given straight-line.



Let  $AB$  be the given straight-line,  $A$  the (given) point on it, and  $DCE$  the given rectilinear angle. So it is required to construct a rectilinear angle equal to the given rectilinear angle  $DCE$  at the (given) point  $A$  on the given straight-line  $AB$ .

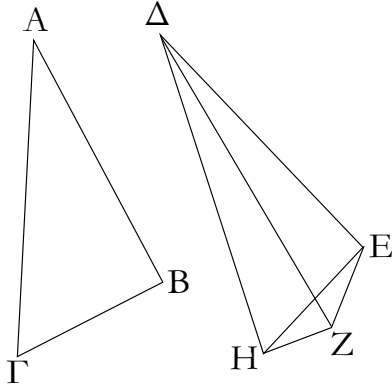
Let the points  $D$  and  $E$  have been taken at random on each of the (straight-lines)  $CD$  and  $CE$  (respectively), and let  $DE$  have been joined. And let the triangle  $AFG$  have been constructed from three straight-lines which are equal to  $CD$ ,  $DE$ , and  $CE$ , such that  $CD$  is equal to  $AF$ ,  $CE$  to  $AG$ , and further  $DE$  to  $FG$  [Prop. 1.22].

Therefore, since the two (straight-lines)  $DC$ ,  $CE$  are equal to the two (straight-lines)  $FA$ ,  $AG$ , respectively, and the base  $DE$  is equal to the base  $FG$ , the angle  $DCE$  is thus equal to the angle  $FAG$  [Prop. 1.8].

Thus, the rectilinear angle  $FAG$ , equal to the given rectilinear angle  $DCE$ , has been constructed at the (given) point  $A$  on the given straight-line  $AB$ . (Which

κδ'.

Ἐάν δύο τρίγωνα τὰς δύο πλευράς [ταῖς] δύο πλευραῖς ἴσας ἔχῃ ἑκατέραν ἑκατέρᾳ, τὴν δὲ γωνίαν τῆς γωνίας μείζονα ἔχῃ τὴν ὑπὸ τῶν ἴσων εὐθειῶν περιεχομένην, καὶ τὴν βάσιν τῆς βάσεως μείζονα ἔξει.



Ἐστω δύο τρίγωνα τὰ  $AB\Gamma$ ,  $\Delta EZ$  τὰς δύο πλευράς τὰς  $AB$ ,  $A\Gamma$  ταῖς δύο πλευραῖς ταῖς  $\Delta E$ ,  $\Delta Z$  ἴσας ἔχοντα ἑκατέραν ἑκατέρᾳ, τὴν μὲν  $AB$  τῇ  $\Delta E$  τὴν δὲ  $A\Gamma$  τῇ  $\Delta Z$ , ἡ δὲ πρὸς τῷ  $A$  γωνία τῆς πρὸς τῷ  $\Delta$  γωνίας μείζων ἔστω· λέγω, ὅτι καὶ βάσις ἡ  $B\Gamma$  βάσεως τῆς  $EZ$  μείζων ἔστί.

Ἐπεὶ γὰρ μείζων ἡ ὑπὸ  $BA\Gamma$  γωνία τῆς ὑπὸ  $E\Delta Z$  γωνίας, συνεστιάτω πρὸς τῇ  $\Delta E$  εὐθείᾳ καὶ τῷ πρὸς αὐτῇ σημείῳ τῷ  $\Delta$  τῇ ὑπὸ  $BA\Gamma$  γωνίᾳ ἴση ἡ ὑπὸ  $E\Delta H$ , καὶ κείσθω ὁποτέρᾳ τῶν  $A\Gamma$ ,  $\Delta Z$  ἴση ἡ  $\Delta H$ , καὶ ἐπεζεύχθωσαν αἱ  $EH$ ,  $ZH$ .

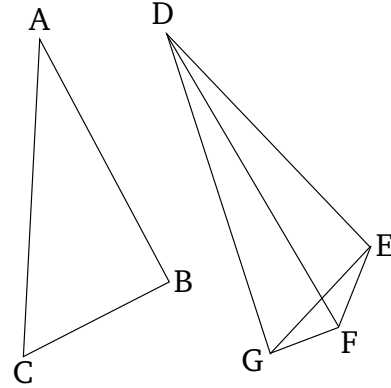
Ἐπεὶ οὖν ἴση ἔστιν ἡ μὲν  $AB$  τῇ  $\Delta E$ , ἡ δὲ  $A\Gamma$  τῇ  $\Delta H$ , δύο δὲ αἱ  $BA$ ,  $A\Gamma$  δυσὶ ταῖς  $E\Delta$ ,  $\Delta H$  ἴσαι εἰσὶν ἑκατέρα ἑκατέρᾳ· καὶ γωνία ἡ ὑπὸ  $BA\Gamma$  γωνία τῇ ὑπὸ  $E\Delta H$  ἴση· βάσις ἄρα ἡ  $B\Gamma$  βάσει τῇ  $EH$  ἔστιν ἴση. πάλιν, ἐπεὶ ἴση ἔστιν ἡ  $\Delta Z$  τῇ  $\Delta H$ , ἴση ἔστί καὶ ἡ ὑπὸ  $\Delta HZ$  γωνία τῇ ὑπὸ  $\Delta ZH$ · μείζων ἄρα ἡ ὑπὸ  $\Delta ZH$  τῆς ὑπὸ  $EHZ$ · πολλῶ ἄρα μείζων ἔστιν ἡ ὑπὸ  $EZH$  τῆς ὑπὸ  $EHZ$ . καὶ ἐπεὶ τρίγωνόν ἐστι τὸ  $EZH$  μείζονα ἔχον τὴν ὑπὸ  $EZH$  γωνίαν τῆς ὑπὸ  $EHZ$ , ὑπὸ δὲ τὴν μείζονα γωνίαν ἡ μείζων πλευρὰ ὑποτείνει, μείζων ἄρα καὶ πλευρὰ ἡ  $EH$  τῆς  $EZ$ . ἴση δὲ ἡ  $EH$  τῇ  $B\Gamma$ · μείζων ἄρα καὶ ἡ  $B\Gamma$  τῆς  $EZ$ .

Ἐάν ἄρα δύο τρίγωνα τὰς δύο πλευράς δυσὶ πλευραῖς ἴσας ἔχῃ ἑκατέραν ἑκατέρᾳ, τὴν δὲ γωνίαν τῆς γωνίας μείζονα ἔχῃ τὴν ὑπὸ τῶν ἴσων εὐθειῶν περιεχομένην, καὶ τὴν βάσιν τῆς βάσεως μείζονα ἔξει· ὁπερ ἔδει δεῖξαι.

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### Proposition 24

If two triangles have two sides equal to two sides, respectively, but (one) has the angle encompassed by the equal straight-lines greater than the (corresponding) angle (in the other), then (the former triangle) will also have a base greater than the base (of the latter).



Let  $ABC$  and  $DEF$  be two triangles having the two sides  $AB$  and  $AC$  equal to the two sides  $DE$  and  $DF$ , respectively. (That is),  $AB$  (equal) to  $DE$ , and  $AC$  to  $DF$ . Let them also have the angle at  $A$  greater than the angle at  $D$ . I say that the base  $BC$  is also greater than the base  $EF$ .

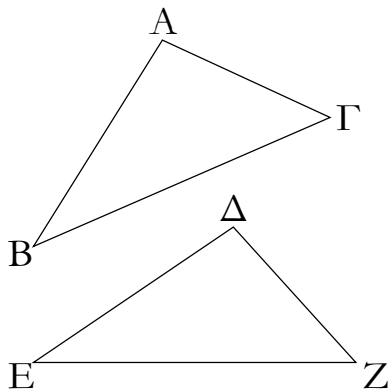
For since angle  $BAC$  is greater than angle  $EDF$ , let (angle)  $EDG$ , equal to angle  $BAC$ , have been constructed at the point  $D$  on the straight-line  $DE$  [Prop. 1.23]. And let  $DG$  be made equal to either of  $AC$  or  $DF$  [Prop. 1.3], and let  $EG$  and  $FG$  have been joined.

Therefore, since  $AB$  is equal to  $DE$  and  $AC$  to  $DG$ , the two (straight-lines)  $BA$ ,  $AC$  are equal to the two (straight-lines)  $ED$ ,  $DG$ , respectively. Also the angle  $BAC$  is equal to the angle  $EDG$ . Thus, the base  $BC$  is equal to the base  $EG$  [Prop. 1.4]. Again, since  $DF$  is equal to  $DG$ , angle  $DGF$  is also equal to angle  $DFG$  [Prop. 1.5]. Thus,  $DFG$  (is) greater than  $EGF$ . Thus,  $EFG$  is much greater than  $EGF$ . And since triangle  $EFG$  has angle  $EFG$  greater than  $EGF$ , and the greater angle is subtended by the greater side [Prop. 1.19], side  $EG$  (is) thus also greater than  $EF$ . But  $EG$  (is) equal to  $BC$ . Thus,  $BC$  (is) also greater than  $EF$ .

Thus, if two triangles have two sides equal to two sides, respectively, but (one) has the angle encompassed by the equal straight-lines greater than the (corresponding) angle (in the other), then (the former triangle) will also have a base greater than the base (of the latter).

κε'.

Ἐάν δύο τρίγωνα τὰς δύο πλευρὰς δυσὶ πλευραῖς ἴσας ἔχῃ ἑκατέραν ἑκατέρῃ, τὴν δὲ βάσιν τῆς βάσεως μείζονα ἔχῃ, καὶ τὴν γωνίαν τῆς γωνίας μείζονα ἔξει τὴν ὑπὸ τῶν ἴσων εὐθειῶν περιεχομένην.



Ἐστω δύο τρίγωνα τὰ  $AB\Gamma$ ,  $\Delta EZ$  τὰς δύο πλευρὰς τὰς  $AB$ ,  $A\Gamma$  ταῖς δύο πλευραῖς ταῖς  $\Delta E$ ,  $\Delta Z$  ἴσας ἔχοντα ἑκατέραν ἑκατέρῃ, τὴν μὲν  $AB$  τῇ  $\Delta E$ , τὴν δὲ  $A\Gamma$  τῇ  $\Delta Z$ . βάσις δὲ ἡ  $B\Gamma$  βάσεως τῆς  $EZ$  μείζων ἔστω· λέγω, ὅτι καὶ γωνία ἡ ὑπὸ  $BAG$  γωνίας τῆς ὑπὸ  $EDZ$  μείζων ἐστίν.

Εἰ γὰρ μή, ἦτοι ἴση ἐστὶν αὐτῇ ἢ ἐλάσσων· ἴση μὲν οὖν οὐκ ἔστιν ἡ ὑπὸ  $BAG$  τῇ ὑπὸ  $EDZ$ · ἴση γὰρ ἂν ἦν καὶ βάσις ἡ  $B\Gamma$  βάσει τῇ  $EZ$ · οὐκ ἔστι δέ· οὐκ ἄρα ἴση ἐστὶ γωνία ἡ ὑπὸ  $BAG$  τῇ ὑπὸ  $EDZ$ · οὐδὲ μὴν ἐλάσσων ἐστὶν ἡ ὑπὸ  $BAG$  τῆς ὑπὸ  $EDZ$ · ἐλάσσων γὰρ ἂν ἦν καὶ βάσις ἡ  $B\Gamma$  βάσεως τῆς  $EZ$ · οὐκ ἔστι δέ· οὐκ ἄρα ἐλάσσων ἐστὶν ἡ ὑπὸ  $BAG$  γωνία τῆς ὑπὸ  $EDZ$ . ἐδείχθη δέ, ὅτι οὐδὲ ἴση· μείζων ἄρα ἐστὶν ἡ ὑπὸ  $BAG$  τῆς ὑπὸ  $EDZ$ .

Ἐάν ἄρα δύο τρίγωνα τὰς δύο πλευρὰς δυσὶ πλευραῖς ἴσας ἔχῃ ἑκατέραν ἑκατέρῃ, τὴν δὲ βάσιν τῆς βάσεως μείζονα ἔχῃ, καὶ τὴν γωνίαν τῆς γωνίας μείζονα ἔξει τὴν ὑπὸ τῶν ἴσων εὐθειῶν περιεχομένην· ὅπερ εἶδει δεῖξαι.

κε'.

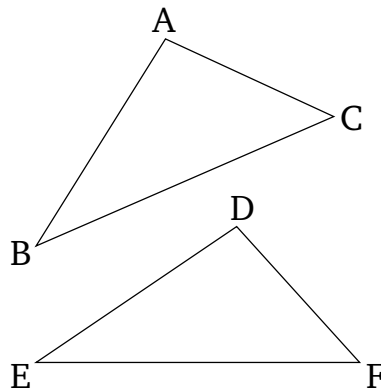
Ἐάν δύο τρίγωνα τὰς δύο γωνίας δυσὶ γωνίαις ἴσας ἔχῃ ἑκατέραν ἑκατέρῃ καὶ μίαν πλευρὰν μιᾷ πλευρᾷ ἴσην ἦτοι τὴν πρὸς ταῖς ἴσαις γωνίαις ἢ τὴν ὑποτείνουσαν ὑπὸ μίαν τῶν ἴσων γωνιῶν, καὶ τὰς λοιπὰς πλευρὰς ταῖς λοιπαῖς πλευραῖς ἴσας ἔξει [ἑκατέραν ἑκατέρῃ] καὶ τὴν λοιπὴν γωνίαν τῇ λοιπῇ γωνίᾳ.

Ἐστω δύο τρίγωνα τὰ  $AB\Gamma$ ,  $\Delta EZ$  τὰς δύο γωνίας τὰς

(Which is) the very thing it was required to show.

## Proposition 25

If two triangles have two sides equal to two sides, respectively, but (one) has a base greater than the base (of the other), then (the former triangle) will also have the angle encompassed by the equal straight-lines greater than the (corresponding) angle (in the latter).



Let  $ABC$  and  $DEF$  be two triangles having the two sides  $AB$  and  $AC$  equal to the two sides  $DE$  and  $DF$ , respectively (That is),  $AB$  (equal) to  $DE$ , and  $AC$  to  $DF$ . And let the base  $BC$  be greater than the base  $EF$ . I say that angle  $BAC$  is also greater than  $EDF$ .

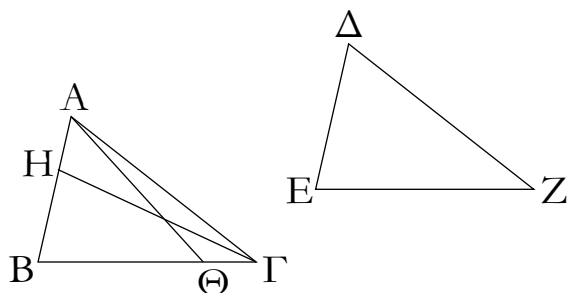
For if not, ( $BAC$ ) is certainly either equal to, or less than, ( $EDF$ ). In fact,  $BAC$  is not equal to  $EDF$ . For then the base  $BC$  would also have been equal to the base  $EF$  [Prop. 1.4]. But it is not. Thus, angle  $BAC$  is not equal to  $EDF$ . Neither, indeed, is  $BAC$  less than  $EDF$ . For then the base  $BC$  would also have been less than the base  $EF$  [Prop. 1.24]. But it is not. Thus, angle  $BAC$  is not less than  $EDF$ . But it was shown that ( $BAC$  is) not equal (to  $EDF$ ) either. Thus,  $BAC$  is greater than  $EDF$ .

Thus, if two triangles have two sides equal to two sides, respectively, but (one) has a base greater than the base (of the other), then (the former triangle) will also have the angle encompassed by the equal straight-lines greater than the (corresponding) angle (in the latter). (Which is) the very thing it was required to show.

## Proposition 26

If two triangles have two angles equal to two angles, respectively, and one side equal to one side—in fact, either that by the equal angles, or that subtending one of the equal angles—then (the triangles) will also have the remaining sides equal to the [corresponding] remaining sides, and the remaining angle (equal) to the remaining angle.

ὑπὸ  $AB\Gamma$ ,  $B\Gamma A$  δυοὶ ταῖς ὑπὸ  $\Delta EZ$ ,  $EZ\Delta$  ἴσας ἔχοντα ἑκατέραν ἑκατέρᾳ, τὴν μὲν ὑπὸ  $AB\Gamma$  τῇ ὑπὸ  $\Delta EZ$ , τὴν δὲ ὑπὸ  $B\Gamma A$  τῇ ὑπὸ  $EZ\Delta$ . ἐχέτω δὲ καὶ μίαν πλευρὰν μιᾶ πλευρᾷ ἴσην, πρότερον τὴν πρὸς ταῖς ἴσαις γωνίαις τὴν  $B\Gamma$  τῇ  $EZ$ . λέγω, ὅτι καὶ τὰς λοιπὰς πλευρὰς ταῖς λοιπαῖς πλευραῖς ἴσας ἔξει ἑκατέραν ἑκατέρᾳ, τὴν μὲν  $AB$  τῇ  $\Delta E$  τὴν δὲ  $A\Gamma$  τῇ  $\Delta Z$ , καὶ τὴν λοιπὴν γωνίαν τῇ λοιπῇ γωνίᾳ, τὴν ὑπὸ  $BAG$  τῇ ὑπὸ  $E\Delta Z$ .



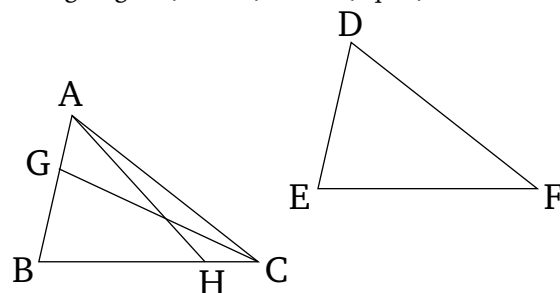
Εἰ γὰρ ἄνισός ἐστιν ἡ  $AB$  τῇ  $\Delta E$ , μία αὐτῶν μείζων ἐστίν. ἔστω μείζων ἡ  $AB$ , καὶ κείσθω τῇ  $\Delta E$  ἴση ἡ  $BH$ , καὶ ἐπεζεύχθω ἡ  $H\Gamma$ .

Ἐπεὶ οὖν ἴση ἐστίν ἡ μὲν  $BH$  τῇ  $\Delta E$ , ἡ δὲ  $B\Gamma$  τῇ  $EZ$ , δύο δὲ αἱ  $BH$ ,  $B\Gamma$  δυοὶ ταῖς  $\Delta E$ ,  $EZ$  ἴσαι εἰσὶν ἑκατέρα ἑκατέρᾳ· καὶ γωνία ἡ ὑπὸ  $H\Gamma B$  γωνία τῇ ὑπὸ  $\Delta EZ$  ἴση ἐστίν· βάσις ἄρα ἡ  $H\Gamma$  βάσει τῇ  $\Delta Z$  ἴση ἐστίν, καὶ τὸ  $H\Gamma B$  τρίγωνον τῷ  $\Delta EZ$  τριγώνῳ ἴσον ἐστίν, καὶ αἱ λοιπαὶ γωνίαι ταῖς λοιπαῖς γωνίαις ἴσαι ἔσονται, ὅφ' ἂς αἱ ἴσαι πλευραὶ ὑποτείνουσιν· ἴση ἄρα ἡ ὑπὸ  $H\Gamma B$  γωνία τῇ ὑπὸ  $\Delta ZE$ . ἀλλὰ ἡ ὑπὸ  $\Delta ZE$  τῇ ὑπὸ  $B\Gamma A$  ὑπόκειται ἴση· καὶ ἡ ὑπὸ  $B\Gamma H$  ἄρα τῇ ὑπὸ  $B\Gamma A$  ἴση ἐστίν, ἡ ἐλάσσων τῇ μείζονι· ὅπερ ἀδύνατον. οὐκ ἄρα ἄνισός ἐστιν ἡ  $AB$  τῇ  $\Delta E$ . ἴση ἄρα. ἔστι δὲ καὶ ἡ  $B\Gamma$  τῇ  $EZ$  ἴση· δύο δὲ αἱ  $AB$ ,  $B\Gamma$  δυοὶ ταῖς  $\Delta E$ ,  $EZ$  ἴσαι εἰσὶν ἑκατέρα ἑκατέρᾳ· καὶ γωνία ἡ ὑπὸ  $AB\Gamma$  γωνία τῇ ὑπὸ  $\Delta EZ$  ἐστίν ἴση· βάσις ἄρα ἡ  $A\Gamma$  βάσει τῇ  $\Delta Z$  ἴση ἐστίν, καὶ λοιπὴ γωνία ἡ ὑπὸ  $BAG$  τῇ λοιπῇ γωνίᾳ τῇ ὑπὸ  $E\Delta Z$  ἴση ἐστίν.

Ἀλλὰ δὴ πάλιν ἔστωσαν αἱ ὑπὸ τὰς ἴσας γωνίας πλευραὶ ὑποτείνουσαι ἴσαι, ὥς ἡ  $AB$  τῇ  $\Delta E$ . λέγω πάλιν, ὅτι καὶ αἱ λοιπαὶ πλευραὶ ταῖς λοιπαῖς πλευραῖς ἴσαι ἔσονται, ἡ μὲν  $A\Gamma$  τῇ  $\Delta Z$ , ἡ δὲ  $B\Gamma$  τῇ  $EZ$  καὶ ἔτι ἡ λοιπὴ γωνία ἡ ὑπὸ  $BAG$  τῇ λοιπῇ γωνίᾳ τῇ ὑπὸ  $E\Delta Z$  ἴση ἐστίν.

Εἰ γὰρ ἄνισός ἐστιν ἡ  $B\Gamma$  τῇ  $EZ$ , μία αὐτῶν μείζων ἐστίν. ἔστω μείζων, εἰ δυνατόν, ἡ  $B\Gamma$ , καὶ κείσθω τῇ  $EZ$  ἴση ἡ  $B\Theta$ , καὶ ἐπεζεύχθω ἡ  $A\Theta$ . καὶ ἐπεὶ ἴση ἐστίν ἡ μὲν  $B\Theta$  τῇ  $EZ$  ἡ δὲ  $AB$  τῇ  $\Delta E$ , δύο δὲ αἱ  $AB$ ,  $B\Theta$  δυοὶ ταῖς  $\Delta E$ ,  $EZ$  ἴσαι εἰσὶν ἑκατέρα ἑκατέρᾳ· καὶ γωνίας ἴσας περιέχουσιν· βάσις ἄρα ἡ  $A\Theta$  βάσει τῇ  $\Delta Z$  ἴση ἐστίν, καὶ τὸ  $AB\Theta$  τρίγωνον τῷ  $\Delta EZ$  τριγώνῳ ἴσον ἐστίν, καὶ αἱ λοιπαὶ γωνίαι ταῖς λοιπαῖς γωνίαις ἴσαι ἔσονται, ὅφ' ἂς αἱ ἴσας πλευραὶ ὑποτείνουσιν· ἴση ἄρα ἐστίν ἡ ὑπὸ  $B\Theta A$  γωνία τῇ ὑπὸ  $EZ\Delta$ . ἀλλὰ ἡ ὑπὸ

Let  $ABC$  and  $DEF$  be two triangles having the two angles  $ABC$  and  $BCA$  equal to the two (angles)  $DEF$  and  $EFD$ , respectively. (That is)  $ABC$  (equal) to  $DEF$ , and  $BCA$  to  $EFD$ . And let them also have one side equal to one side. First of all, the (side) by the equal angles. (That is)  $BC$  (equal) to  $EF$ . I say that they will have the remaining sides equal to the corresponding remaining sides. (That is)  $AB$  (equal) to  $DE$ , and  $AC$  to  $DF$ . And (they will have) the remaining angle (equal) to the remaining angle. (That is)  $BAC$  (equal) to  $EDF$ .



For if  $AB$  is unequal to  $DE$  then one of them is greater. Let  $AB$  be greater, and let  $BG$  be made equal to  $DE$  [Prop. 1.3], and let  $GC$  have been joined.

Therefore, since  $BG$  is equal to  $DE$ , and  $BC$  to  $EF$ , the two (straight-lines)  $GB$ ,  $BC$  are equal to the two (straight-lines)  $DE$ ,  $EF$ , respectively. And angle  $GBC$  is equal to angle  $DEF$ . Thus, the base  $GC$  is equal to the base  $DF$ , and triangle  $GBC$  is equal to triangle  $DEF$ , and the remaining angles subtended by the equal sides will be equal to the (corresponding) remaining angles [Prop. 1.4]. Thus,  $GCB$  (is equal) to  $DFE$ . But,  $DFE$  was assumed (to be) equal to  $BCA$ . Thus,  $BCG$  is also equal to  $BCA$ , the lesser to the greater. The very thing (is) impossible. Thus,  $AB$  is not unequal to  $DE$ . Thus, (it is) equal. And  $BC$  is also equal to  $EF$ . So the two (straight-lines)  $AB$ ,  $BC$  are equal to the two (straight-lines)  $DE$ ,  $EF$ , respectively. And angle  $ABC$  is equal to angle  $DEF$ . Thus, the base  $AC$  is equal to the base  $DF$ , and the remaining angle  $BAC$  is equal to the remaining angle  $EDF$  [Prop. 1.4].

But, again, let the sides subtending the equal angles be equal: for instance, (let)  $AB$  (be equal) to  $DE$ . Again, I say that the remaining sides will be equal to the remaining sides. (That is)  $AC$  (equal) to  $DF$ , and  $BC$  to  $EF$ . Furthermore, the remaining angle  $BAC$  is equal to the remaining angle  $EDF$ .

For if  $BC$  is unequal to  $EF$  then one of them is greater. If possible, let  $BC$  be greater. And let  $BH$  be made equal to  $EF$  [Prop. 1.3], and let  $AH$  have been joined. And since  $BH$  is equal to  $EF$ , and  $AB$  to  $DE$ , the two (straight-lines)  $AB$ ,  $BH$  are equal to the two

ΕΖΔ τῇ ὑπὸ ΒΓΑ ἔστιν ἴση· τριγώνου δὴ τοῦ ΑΘΓ ἡ ἐκτὸς γωνία ἡ ὑπὸ ΒΘΑ ἴση ἐστὶ τῇ ἐντὸς καὶ ἀπεναντίον τῇ ὑπὸ ΒΓΑ· ὅπερ ἀδύνατον. οὐκ ἄρα ἄνισός ἐστιν ἡ ΒΓ τῇ ΕΖ· ἴση ἄρα. ἐστὶ δὲ καὶ ἡ ΑΒ τῇ ΔΕ ἴση. δύο δὲ αἱ ΑΒ, ΒΓ δύο ταῖς ΔΕ, ΕΖ ἴσαι εἰσὶν ἑκατέρα ἑκατέρᾳ· καὶ γωνίας ἴσας περιέχουσιν· βάσεις ἄρα ἡ ΑΓ βάσει τῇ ΔΖ ἴση ἐστίν, καὶ τὸ ΑΒΓ τρίγωνον τῷ ΔΕΖ τριγώνῳ ἴσον καὶ λοιπὴ γωνία ἡ ὑπὸ ΒΑΓ τῇ λοιπῇ γωνίᾳ τῇ ὑπὸ ΕΔΖ ἴση.

Ἐὰν ἄρα δύο τρίγωνα τὰς δύο γωνίας δυσὶ γωνίαις ἴσας ἔχῃ ἑκατέραν ἑκατέρᾳ καὶ μίαν πλευρὰν μιᾷ πλευρᾷ ἴσην ᾗτοι τὴν πρὸς ταῖς ἴσαις γωνίαις, ἢ τὴν ὑποτείνουσιν ὑπὸ μίαν τῶν ἴσων γωνιῶν, καὶ τὰς λοιπὰς πλευρὰς ταῖς λοιπαῖς πλευραῖς ἴσας ἔξει καὶ τὴν λοιπὴν γωνίαν τῇ λοιπῇ γωνίᾳ· ὅπερ ἔδει δεῖξαι.

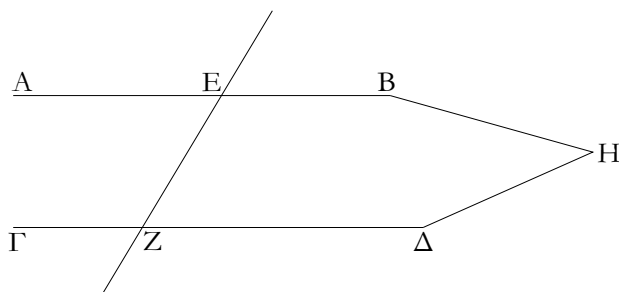
(straight-lines)  $DE$ ,  $EF$ , respectively. And the angles they encompass (are also equal). Thus, the base  $AH$  is equal to the base  $DF$ , and the triangle  $ABH$  is equal to the triangle  $DEF$ , and the remaining angles subtended by the equal sides will be equal to the (corresponding) remaining angles [Prop. 1.4]. Thus, angle  $BHA$  is equal to  $EFD$ . But,  $EFD$  is equal to  $BCA$ . So, in triangle  $AHC$ , the external angle  $BHA$  is equal to the internal and opposite angle  $BCA$ . The very thing (is) impossible [Prop. 1.16]. Thus,  $BC$  is not unequal to  $EF$ . Thus, (it is) equal. And  $AB$  is also equal to  $DE$ . So the two (straight-lines)  $AB$ ,  $BC$  are equal to the two (straight-lines)  $DE$ ,  $EF$ , respectively. And they encompass equal angles. Thus, the base  $AC$  is equal to the base  $DF$ , and triangle  $ABC$  (is) equal to triangle  $DEF$ , and the remaining angle  $BAC$  (is) equal to the remaining angle  $EDF$  [Prop. 1.4].

Thus, if two triangles have two angles equal to two angles, respectively, and one side equal to one side—in fact, either that by the equal angles, or that subtending one of the equal angles—then (the triangles) will also have the remaining sides equal to the (corresponding) remaining sides, and the remaining angle (equal) to the remaining angle. (Which is) the very thing it was required to show.

† The Greek text has “ $BG$ ,  $BC$ ”, which is obviously a mistake.

κζ'.

Ἐὰν εἰς δύο εὐθείας εὐθεῖα ἐμπίπτουσα τὰς ἐναλλάξ γωνίας ἴσας ἀλλήλαις ποιῇ, παράλληλοι ἔσονται ἀλλήλαις αἱ εὐθεῖαι.

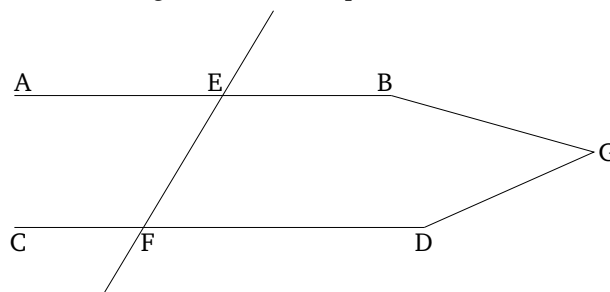


Εἰς γὰρ δύο εὐθείας τὰς ΑΒ, ΓΔ εὐθεῖα ἐμπίπτουσα ἡ ΕΖ τὰς ἐναλλάξ γωνίας τὰς ὑπὸ ΑΕΖ, ΕΖΔ ἴσας ἀλλήλαις ποιεῖτω· λέγω, ὅτι παράλληλός ἐστιν ἡ ΑΒ τῇ ΓΔ.

Εἰ γὰρ μὴ, ἐκβαλλόμεναι αἱ ΑΒ, ΓΔ συμπεσοῦνται ᾗτοι ἐπὶ τὰ Β, Δ μέρη ἢ ἐπὶ τὰ Α, Γ. ἐκβεβλήσθωσαν καὶ συμπίπτωσαν ἐπὶ τὰ Β, Δ μέρη κατὰ τὸ Η. τριγώνου δὴ τοῦ ΗΕΖ ἡ ἐκτὸς γωνία ἡ ὑπὸ ΑΕΖ ἴση ἐστὶ τῇ ἐντὸς καὶ ἀπεναντίον τῇ ὑπὸ ΕΖΗ· ὅπερ ἐστὶν ἀδύνατον· οὐκ ἄρα αἱ ΑΒ, ΓΔ ἐκβαλλόμεναι συμπεσοῦνται ἐπὶ τὰ Β, Δ μέρη. ὁμοίως

### Proposition 27

If a straight-line falling across two straight-lines makes the alternate angles equal to one another then the (two) straight-lines will be parallel to one another.



For let the straight-line  $EF$ , falling across the two straight-lines  $AB$  and  $CD$ , make the alternate angles  $AEF$  and  $EFD$  equal to one another. I say that  $AB$  and  $CD$  are parallel.

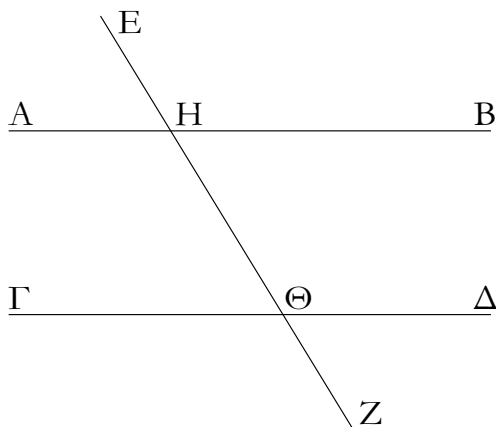
For if not, being produced,  $AB$  and  $CD$  will certainly meet together: either in the direction of  $B$  and  $D$ , or (in the direction) of  $A$  and  $C$  [Def. 1.23]. Let them have been produced, and let them meet together in the direction of  $B$  and  $D$  at (point)  $G$ . So, for the triangle

δη δειχθήσεται, ὅτι οὐδὲ ἐπὶ τὰ  $A, \Gamma$  αἱ δὲ ἐπὶ μηδέτερα τὰ μέρη συμπίπτουσαι παράλληλοί εἰσιν· παράλληλος ἄρα ἐστὶν ἡ  $AB$  τῇ  $\Gamma\Delta$ .

Ἐάν ἄρα εἰς δύο εὐθείας εὐθεῖα ἐμπίπτουσα τὰς ἐναλλάξ γωνίας ἴσας ἀλλήλαις ποιῇ, παράλληλοι ἔσονται αἱ εὐθεῖαι· ὅπερ ἔδει δεῖξαι.

κη'.

Ἐάν εἰς δύο εὐθείας εὐθεῖα ἐμπίπτουσα τὴν ἐκτὸς γωνίαν τῇ ἐντὸς καὶ ἀπεναντίον καὶ ἐπὶ τὰ αὐτὰ μέρη ἴσην ποιῇ ἢ τὰς ἐντὸς καὶ ἐπὶ τὰ αὐτὰ μέρη δυσὶν ὀρθαῖς ἴσας, παράλληλοι ἔσονται ἀλλήλαις αἱ εὐθεῖαι.



Εἰς γὰρ δύο εὐθείας τὰς  $AB, \Gamma\Delta$  εὐθεῖα ἐμπίπτουσα ἡ  $EZ$  τὴν ἐκτὸς γωνίαν τὴν ὑπὸ  $EHB$  τῇ ἐντὸς καὶ ἀπεναντίον γωνίᾳ τῇ ὑπὸ  $H\Theta\Delta$  ἴσην ποιείτω ἢ τὰς ἐντὸς καὶ ἐπὶ τὰ αὐτὰ μέρη τὰς ὑπὸ  $BH\Theta, H\Theta\Delta$  δυσὶν ὀρθαῖς ἴσας· λέγω, ὅτι παράλληλός ἐστιν ἡ  $AB$  τῇ  $\Gamma\Delta$ .

Ἐπεὶ γὰρ ἴση ἐστὶν ἡ ὑπὸ  $EHB$  τῇ ὑπὸ  $H\Theta\Delta$ , ἀλλὰ ἡ ὑπὸ  $EHB$  τῇ ὑπὸ  $AH\Theta$  ἐστὶν ἴση, καὶ ἡ ὑπὸ  $AH\Theta$  ἄρα τῇ ὑπὸ  $H\Theta\Delta$  ἐστὶν ἴση· καὶ εἰσιν ἐναλλάξ· παράλληλος ἄρα ἐστὶν ἡ  $AB$  τῇ  $\Gamma\Delta$ .

Πάλιν, ἐπεὶ αἱ ὑπὸ  $BH\Theta, H\Theta\Delta$  δύο ὀρθαῖς ἴσαι εἰσίν, εἰσὶ δὲ καὶ αἱ ὑπὸ  $AH\Theta, BH\Theta$  δυσὶν ὀρθαῖς ἴσαι, αἱ ἄρα ὑπὸ  $AH\Theta, BH\Theta$  ταῖς ὑπὸ  $BH\Theta, H\Theta\Delta$  ἴσαι εἰσίν· κοινὴ ἀφηρήσθω ἡ ὑπὸ  $BH\Theta$ · λοιπὴ ἄρα ἡ ὑπὸ  $AH\Theta$  λοιπῇ τῇ ὑπὸ  $H\Theta\Delta$  ἐστὶν ἴση· καὶ εἰσιν ἐναλλάξ· παράλληλος ἄρα ἐστὶν ἡ  $AB$  τῇ  $\Gamma\Delta$ .

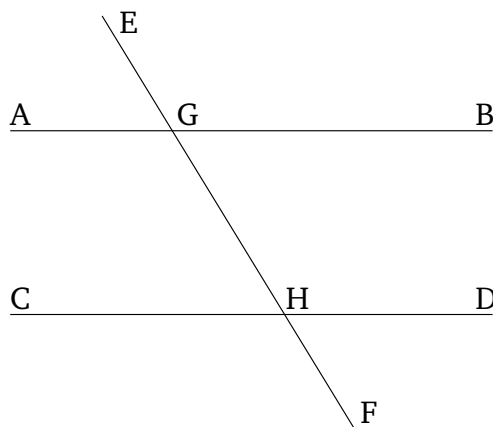
Ἐάν ἄρα εἰς δύο εὐθείας εὐθεῖα ἐμπίπτουσα τὴν ἐκτὸς γωνίαν τῇ ἐντὸς καὶ ἀπεναντίον καὶ ἐπὶ τὰ αὐτὰ μέρη ἴσην

$GEF$ , the external angle  $AEF$  is equal to the interior and opposite (angle)  $EFG$ . The very thing is impossible [Prop. 1.16]. Thus, being produced,  $AB$  and  $CD$  will not meet together in the direction of  $B$  and  $D$ . Similarly, it can be shown that neither (will they meet together) in (the direction of)  $A$  and  $C$ . But (straight-lines) meeting in neither direction are parallel [Def. 1.23]. Thus,  $AB$  and  $CD$  are parallel.

Thus, if a straight-line falling across two straight-lines makes the alternate angles equal to one another then the (two) straight-lines will be parallel (to one another). (Which is) the very thing it was required to show.

### Proposition 28

If a straight-line falling across two straight-lines makes the external angle equal to the internal and opposite angle on the same side, or (makes) the (sum of the) internal (angles) on the same side equal to two right-angles, then the (two) straight-lines will be parallel to one another.



For let  $EF$ , falling across the two straight-lines  $AB$  and  $CD$ , make the external angle  $EGB$  equal to the internal and opposite angle  $GHD$ , or the (sum of the) internal (angles) on the same side,  $BGH$  and  $GHD$ , equal to two right-angles. I say that  $AB$  is parallel to  $CD$ .

For since (in the first case)  $EGB$  is equal to  $GHD$ , but  $EGB$  is equal to  $AGH$  [Prop. 1.15],  $AGH$  is thus also equal to  $GHD$ . And they are alternate (angles). Thus,  $AB$  is parallel to  $CD$  [Prop. 1.27].

Again, since (in the second case, the sum of)  $BGH$  and  $GHD$  is equal to two right-angles, and (the sum of)  $AGH$  and  $BGH$  is also equal to two right-angles [Prop. 1.13], (the sum of)  $AGH$  and  $BGH$  is thus equal to (the sum of)  $BGH$  and  $GHD$ . Let  $BGH$  have been subtracted from both. Thus, the remainder  $AGH$  is equal to the remainder  $GHD$ . And they are alternate (angles). Thus,  $AB$  is parallel to  $CD$  [Prop. 1.27].

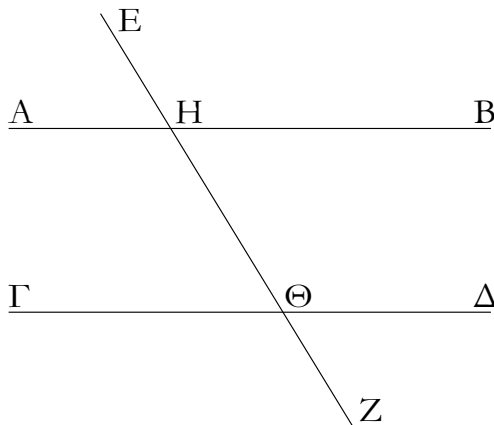


ποιῇ ἢ τὰς ἐντὸς καὶ ἐπὶ τὰ αὐτὰ μέρη δυσὶν ὀρθαῖς ἴσας, παράλληλοι ἔσονται αἱ εὐθεῖαι· ὅπερ ἔδει δεῖξαι.

Thus, if a straight-line falling across two straight-lines makes the external angle equal to the internal and opposite angle on the same side, or (makes) the (sum of the) internal (angles) on the same side equal to two right-angles, then the (two) straight-lines will be parallel (to one another). (Which is) the very thing it was required to show.

κθ'.

Ἐὰν εἰς τὰς παραλλήλους εὐθείας εὐθεῖα ἐμπίπτουσα τὰς τε ἐναλλὰξ γωνίας ἴσας ἀλλήλαις ποιεῖ καὶ τὴν ἐκτὸς τῇ ἐντὸς καὶ ἀπεναντίον ἴσην καὶ τὰς ἐντὸς καὶ ἐπὶ τὰ αὐτὰ μέρη δυσὶν ὀρθαῖς ἴσας.



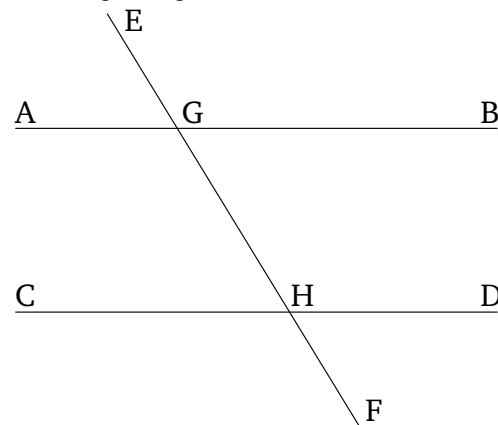
Εἰς γὰρ παραλλήλους εὐθείας τὰς AB, ΓΔ εὐθεῖα ἐμπίπτετω ἡ EZ· λέγω, ὅτι τὰς ἐναλλὰξ γωνίας τὰς ὑπὸ AHΘ, HΘΔ ἴσας ποιεῖ καὶ τὴν ἐκτὸς γωνίαν τὴν ὑπὸ EHB τῇ ἐντὸς καὶ ἀπεναντίον τῇ ὑπὸ HΘΔ ἴσην καὶ τὰς ἐντὸς καὶ ἐπὶ τὰ αὐτὰ μέρη τὰς ὑπὸ BHΘ, HΘΔ δυσὶν ὀρθαῖς ἴσας.

Εἰ γὰρ ἄνισός ἐστιν ἡ ὑπὸ AHΘ τῇ ὑπὸ HΘΔ, μία αὐτῶν μείζων ἐστίν. ἔστω μείζων ἡ ὑπὸ AHΘ· κοινὴ προσκείσθω ἡ ὑπὸ BHΘ· αἱ ἄρα ὑπὸ AHΘ, BHΘ τῶν ὑπὸ BHΘ, HΘΔ μείζονές εἰσιν. ἀλλὰ αἱ ὑπὸ AHΘ, BHΘ δυσὶν ὀρθαῖς ἴσαι εἰσίν. [καὶ] αἱ ἄρα ὑπὸ BHΘ, HΘΔ δύο ὀρθῶν ἐλάσσονές εἰσιν. αἱ δὲ ἀπ' ἐλασσόνων ἢ δύο ὀρθῶν ἐκβαλλόμεναι εἰς ἄπειρον συμπίπτουσιν· αἱ ἄρα AB, ΓΔ ἐκβαλλόμεναι εἰς ἄπειρον συμπεσοῦνται· οὐ συμπίπτουσι δὲ διὰ τὸ παραλλήλους αὐτὰς ὑποκεῖσθαι· οὐκ ἄρα ἄνισός ἐστιν ἡ ὑπὸ AHΘ τῇ ὑπὸ HΘΔ· ἴση ἄρα. ἀλλὰ ἡ ὑπὸ AHΘ τῇ ὑπὸ EHB ἐστὶν ἴση· καὶ ἡ ὑπὸ EHB ἄρα τῇ ὑπὸ HΘΔ ἐστὶν ἴση· κοινὴ προσκείσθω ἡ ὑπὸ BHΘ· αἱ ἄρα ὑπὸ EHB, BHΘ ταῖς ὑπὸ BHΘ, HΘΔ ἴσαι εἰσίν. ἀλλὰ αἱ ὑπὸ EHB, BHΘ δύο ὀρθαῖς ἴσαι εἰσίν· καὶ αἱ ὑπὸ BHΘ, HΘΔ ἄρα δύο ὀρθαῖς ἴσαι εἰσίν.

Ἐὰν εἰς τὰς παραλλήλους εὐθείας εὐθεῖα ἐμπίπτουσα τὰς τε ἐναλλὰξ γωνίας ἴσας ἀλλήλαις ποιεῖ καὶ τὴν ἐκτὸς τῇ ἐντὸς καὶ ἀπεναντίον ἴσην καὶ τὰς ἐντὸς καὶ ἐπὶ τὰ αὐτὰ

### Proposition 29

A straight-line falling across parallel straight-lines makes the alternate angles equal to one another, the external (angle) equal to the internal and opposite (angle), and the (sum of the) internal (angles) on the same side equal to two right-angles.



For let the straight-line  $EF$  fall across the parallel straight-lines  $AB$  and  $CD$ . I say that it makes the alternate angles,  $AGH$  and  $GHD$ , equal, the external angle  $EGB$  equal to the internal and opposite (angle)  $GHD$ , and the (sum of the) internal (angles) on the same side,  $BGH$  and  $GHD$ , equal to two right-angles.

For if  $AGH$  is unequal to  $GHD$  then one of them is greater. Let  $AGH$  be greater. Let  $BGH$  have been added to both. Thus, (the sum of)  $AGH$  and  $BGH$  is greater than (the sum of)  $BGH$  and  $GHD$ . But, (the sum of)  $AGH$  and  $BGH$  is equal to two right-angles [Prop 1.13]. Thus, (the sum of)  $BGH$  and  $GHD$  is [also] less than two right-angles. But (straight-lines) being produced to infinity from (internal angles whose sum is) less than two right-angles meet together [Post. 5]. Thus,  $AB$  and  $CD$ , being produced to infinity, will meet together. But they do not meet, on account of them (initially) being assumed parallel (to one another) [Def. 1.23]. Thus,  $AGH$  is not unequal to  $GHD$ . Thus, (it is) equal. But,  $AGH$  is equal to  $EGB$  [Prop. 1.15]. And  $EGB$  is thus also equal to  $GHD$ . Let  $BGH$  be added to both. Thus, (the sum of)  $EGB$  and  $BGH$  is equal to (the sum of)  $BGH$  and  $GHD$ . But, (the sum of)  $EGB$  and  $BGH$  is equal to two right-

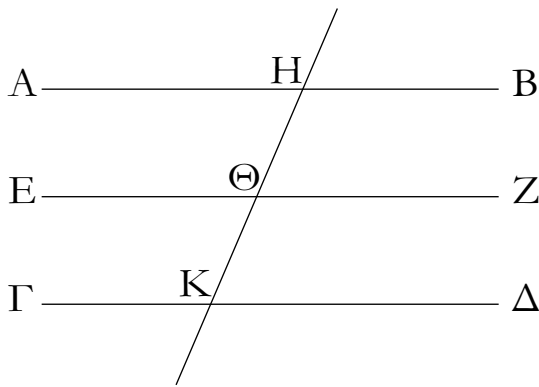
μέρη δυσὶν ὀρθαῖς ἴσας· ὅπερ ἔδει δεῖξαι.

angles [Prop. 1.13]. Thus, (the sum of)  $BGH$  and  $GHD$  is also equal to two right-angles.

Thus, a straight-line falling across parallel straight-lines makes the alternate angles equal to one another, the external (angle) equal to the internal and opposite (angle), and the (sum of the) internal (angles) on the same side equal to two right-angles. (Which is) the very thing it was required to show.

λ'.

Αἱ τῇ αὐτῇ εὐθείᾳ παράλληλοι καὶ ἀλλήλαις εἰσὶ παράλληλοι.



Ἐστω ἑκατέρα τῶν  $AB$ ,  $\Gamma\Delta$  τῇ  $EZ$  παράλληλος· λέγω, ὅτι καὶ ἡ  $AB$  τῇ  $\Gamma\Delta$  ἐστὶ παράλληλος.

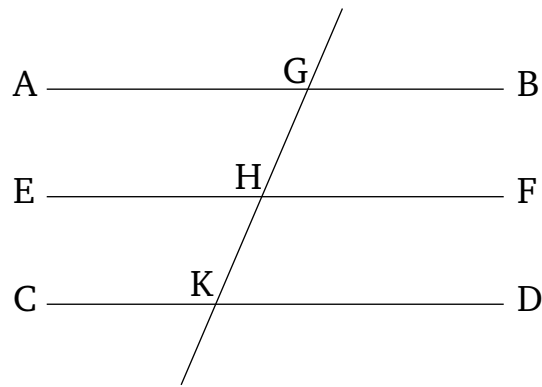
Ἐμπίπττω γὰρ εἰς αὐτὰς εὐθεῖα ἡ  $HK$ .

Καὶ ἐπεὶ εἰς παραλλήλους εὐθείας τὰς  $AB$ ,  $EZ$  εὐθεῖα ἐμπίπτωκεν ἡ  $HK$ , ἴση ἄρα ἡ ὑπὸ  $AHK$  τῇ ὑπὸ  $H\Theta Z$ . πάλιν, ἐπεὶ εἰς παραλλήλους εὐθείας τὰς  $EZ$ ,  $\Gamma\Delta$  εὐθεῖα ἐμπίπτωκεν ἡ  $HK$ , ἴση ἐστὶν ἡ ὑπὸ  $H\Theta Z$  τῇ ὑπὸ  $HK\Delta$ . ἐδείχθη δὲ καὶ ἡ ὑπὸ  $AHK$  τῇ ὑπὸ  $H\Theta Z$  ἴση. καὶ ἡ ὑπὸ  $AHK$  ἄρα τῇ ὑπὸ  $HK\Delta$  ἐστὶν ἴση· καὶ εἰσιν ἐναλλάξ. παράλληλος ἄρα ἐστὶν ἡ  $AB$  τῇ  $\Gamma\Delta$ .

[Αἱ ἄρα τῇ αὐτῇ εὐθείᾳ παράλληλοι καὶ ἀλλήλαις εἰσὶ παράλληλοι·] ὅπερ ἔδει δεῖξαι.

### Proposition 30

(Straight-lines) parallel to the same straight-line are also parallel to one another.



Let each of the (straight-lines)  $AB$  and  $CD$  be parallel to  $EF$ . I say that  $AB$  is also parallel to  $CD$ .

For let the straight-line  $GK$  fall across ( $AB$ ,  $CD$ , and  $EF$ ).

And since the straight-line  $GK$  has fallen across the parallel straight-lines  $AB$  and  $EF$ , (angle)  $AGK$  (is) thus equal to  $GHE$  [Prop. 1.29]. Again, since the straight-line  $GK$  has fallen across the parallel straight-lines  $EF$  and  $CD$ , (angle)  $GHE$  is equal to  $GKD$  [Prop. 1.29]. But  $AGK$  was also shown (to be) equal to  $GHE$ . Thus,  $AGK$  is also equal to  $GKD$ . And they are alternate (angles). Thus,  $AB$  is parallel to  $CD$  [Prop. 1.27].

[Thus, (straight-lines) parallel to the same straight-line are also parallel to one another.] (Which is) the very thing it was required to show.

λα'.

Διὰ τοῦ δοθέντος σημείου τῇ δοθείσῃ εὐθείᾳ παράλληλον εὐθεῖαν γραμμὴν ἀγαγεῖν.

Ἐστω τὸ μὲν δοθὲν σημεῖον τὸ  $A$ , ἡ δὲ δοθεῖσα εὐθεῖα ἡ  $BF$ · δεῖ δὴ διὰ τοῦ  $A$  σημείου τῇ  $BF$  εὐθείᾳ παράλληλον εὐθεῖαν γραμμὴν ἀγαγεῖν.

Εἰλήφθω ἐπὶ τῆς  $BF$  τυχὸν σημεῖον τὸ  $\Delta$ , καὶ ἐπεζεύχθω ἡ  $A\Delta$ · καὶ συνεστάτω πρὸς τῇ  $\Delta A$  εὐθείᾳ καὶ τῷ πρὸς αὐτῇ σημείῳ τῷ  $A$  τῇ ὑπὸ  $A\Delta\Gamma$  γωνίᾳ ἴση ἡ ὑπὸ  $\Delta AE$ · καὶ

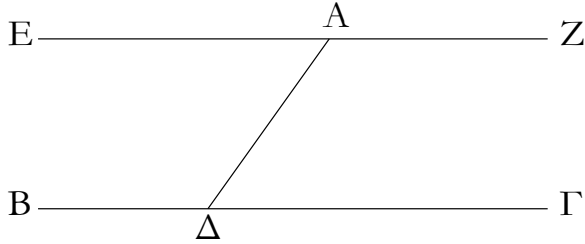
### Proposition 31

To draw a straight-line parallel to a given straight-line, through a given point.

Let  $A$  be the given point, and  $BC$  the given straight-line. So it is required to draw a straight-line parallel to the straight-line  $BC$ , through the point  $A$ .

Let the point  $D$  have been taken a random on  $BC$ , and let  $AD$  have been joined. And let (angle)  $DAE$ , equal to angle  $ADC$ , have been constructed on the straight-line

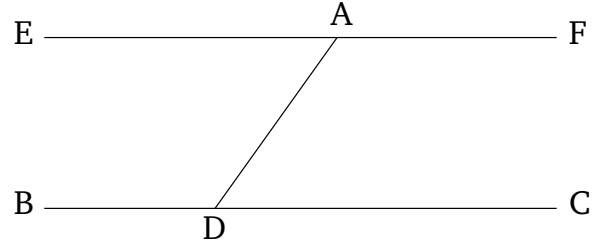
ἐκβεβλήσθω ἐπ' εὐθείας τῇ  $EA$  εὐθεΐα ἡ  $AZ$ .



Καὶ ἐπεὶ εἰς δύο εὐθείας τὰς  $BG$ ,  $EZ$  εὐθεΐα ἐμπίπτουσα ἡ  $AD$  τὰς ἐναλλὰξ γωνίας τὰς ὑπὸ  $EAD$ ,  $ADG$  ἴσας ἀλλήλαις πεποίηκεν, παράλληλος ἄρα ἐστὶν ἡ  $EAZ$  τῇ  $BG$ .

Διὰ τοῦ δοθέντος ἄρα σημείου τοῦ  $A$  τῇ δοθείσῃ εὐθείᾳ τῇ  $BG$  παράλληλος εὐθεΐα γραμμὴ ἤκται ἡ  $EAZ$ . ὅπερ ἔδει ποιῆσαι.

$DA$  at the point  $A$  on it [Prop. 1.23]. And let the straight-line  $AF$  have been produced in a straight-line with  $EA$ .

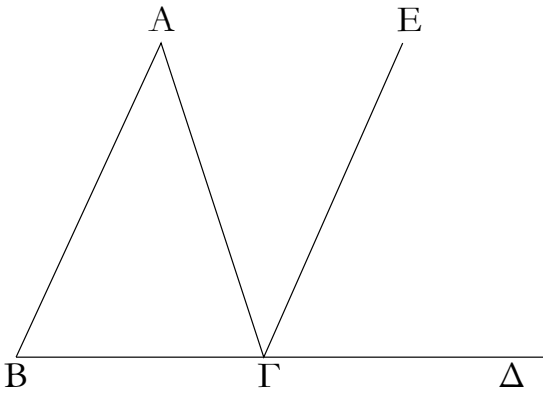


And since the straight-line  $AD$ , (in) falling across the two straight-lines  $BC$  and  $EF$ , has made the alternate angles  $EAD$  and  $ADC$  equal to one another,  $EAF$  is thus parallel to  $BC$  [Prop. 1.27].

Thus, the straight-line  $EAF$  has been drawn parallel to the given straight-line  $BC$ , through the given point  $A$ . (Which is) the very thing it was required to do.

λβ'.

Παντὸς τριγώνου μιᾶς τῶν πλευρῶν προσεκβληθείσης ἡ ἐκτὸς γωνία δυσὶ ταῖς ἐντὸς καὶ ἀπεναντίον ἴση ἐστίν, καὶ αἱ ἐντὸς τοῦ τριγώνου τρεῖς γωνίαι δυσὶν ὀρθαῖς ἴσαι εἰσίν.



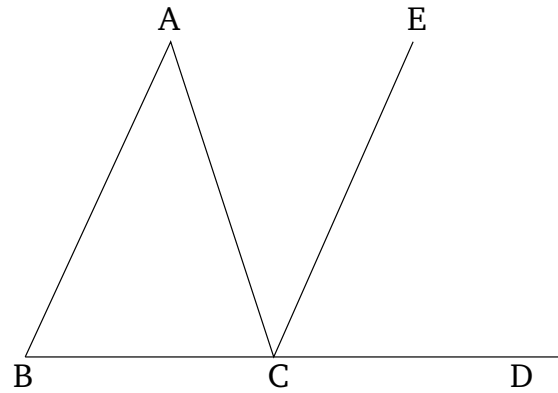
Ἐστω τρίγωνον τὸ  $ABG$ , καὶ προσεκβεβλήσθω αὐτοῦ μία πλευρὰ ἡ  $BG$  ἐπὶ τὸ  $\Delta$ . λέγω, ὅτι ἡ ἐκτὸς γωνία ἡ ὑπὸ  $AGD$  ἴση ἐστὶ δυσὶ ταῖς ἐντὸς καὶ ἀπεναντίον ταῖς ὑπὸ  $GAB$ ,  $ABG$ , καὶ αἱ ἐντὸς τοῦ τριγώνου τρεῖς γωνίαι αἱ ὑπὸ  $ABG$ ,  $BGA$ ,  $GAB$  δυσὶν ὀρθαῖς ἴσαι εἰσίν.

Ἦχθω γὰρ διὰ τοῦ  $G$  σημείου τῇ  $AB$  εὐθείᾳ παράλληλος ἡ  $GE$ .

Καὶ ἐπεὶ παράλληλός ἐστιν ἡ  $AB$  τῇ  $GE$ , καὶ εἰς αὐτὰς ἐμπίπτωκεν ἡ  $AG$ , αἱ ἐναλλὰξ γωνίαι αἱ ὑπὸ  $BAG$ ,  $AGE$  ἴσαι ἀλλήλαις εἰσίν. πάλιν, ἐπεὶ παράλληλός ἐστιν ἡ  $AB$  τῇ  $GE$ , καὶ εἰς αὐτὰς ἐμπίπτωκεν εὐθεΐα ἡ  $BD$ , ἡ ἐκτὸς γωνία ἡ ὑπὸ  $EGD$  ἴση ἐστὶ τῇ ἐντὸς καὶ ἀπεναντίον τῇ ὑπὸ  $ABG$ . ἐδείχθη δὲ καὶ ἡ ὑπὸ  $AGE$  τῇ ὑπὸ  $BAG$  ἴση· ὅλη ἄρα ἡ ὑπὸ  $AGD$  γωνία ἴση ἐστὶ δυσὶ ταῖς ἐντὸς καὶ ἀπεναντίον ταῖς ὑπὸ  $BAG$ ,  $ABG$ .

### Proposition 32

In any triangle, (if) one of the sides (is) produced (then) the external angle is equal to the (sum of the) two internal and opposite (angles), and the (sum of the) three internal angles of the triangle is equal to two right-angles.



Let  $ABC$  be a triangle, and let one of its sides  $BC$  have been produced to  $D$ . I say that the external angle  $ACD$  is equal to the (sum of the) two internal and opposite angles  $CAB$  and  $ABC$ , and the (sum of the) three internal angles of the triangle— $ABC$ ,  $BCA$ , and  $CAB$ —is equal to two right-angles.

For let  $CE$  have been drawn through point  $C$  parallel to the straight-line  $AB$  [Prop. 1.31].

And since  $AB$  is parallel to  $CE$ , and  $AC$  has fallen across them, the alternate angles  $BAC$  and  $ACE$  are equal to one another [Prop. 1.29]. Again, since  $AB$  is parallel to  $CE$ , and the straight-line  $BD$  has fallen across them, the external angle  $ECD$  is equal to the internal and opposite (angle)  $ABC$  [Prop. 1.29]. But  $ACE$  was also shown (to be) equal to  $BAC$ . Thus, the whole an-

Κοινή προσκείσθω ἡ ὑπὸ ΑΓΒ· αἱ ἄρα ὑπὸ ΑΓΔ, ΑΓΒ τρισὶ ταῖς ὑπὸ ΑΒΓ, ΒΓΑ, ΓΑΒ ἴσαι εἰσὶν. ἀλλ' αἱ ὑπὸ ΑΓΔ, ΑΓΒ δυσὶν ὀρθαῖς ἴσαι εἰσὶν· καὶ αἱ ὑπὸ ΑΓΒ, ΓΒΑ, ΓΑΒ ἄρα δυσὶν ὀρθαῖς ἴσαι εἰσὶν.

Παντὸς ἄρα τριγώνου μιᾶς τῶν πλευρῶν προσεκβληθείσης ἡ ἐκτὸς γωνία δυσὶ ταῖς ἐντὸς καὶ ἀπεναντίον ἴση ἐστίν, καὶ αἱ ἐντὸς τοῦ τριγώνου τρεῖς γωνίαι δυσὶν ὀρθαῖς ἴσαι εἰσὶν· ὅπερ ἔδει δεῖξαι.

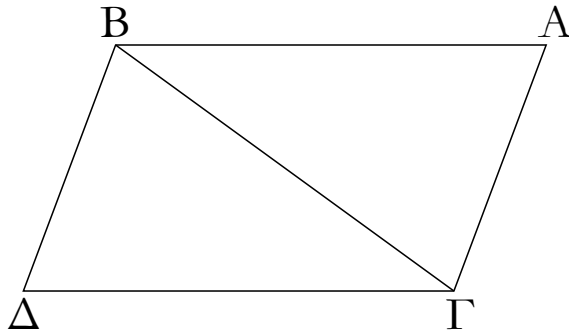
gle  $ACD$  is equal to the (sum of the) two internal and opposite (angles)  $BAC$  and  $ABC$ .

Let  $ACB$  have been added to both. Thus, (the sum of)  $ACD$  and  $ACB$  is equal to the (sum of the) three (angles)  $ABC$ ,  $BCA$ , and  $CAB$ . But, (the sum of)  $ACD$  and  $ACB$  is equal to two right-angles [Prop. 1.13]. Thus, (the sum of)  $ACB$ ,  $CBA$ , and  $CAB$  is also equal to two right-angles.

Thus, in any triangle, (if) one of the sides (is) produced (then) the external angle is equal to the (sum of the) two internal and opposite (angles), and the (sum of the) three internal angles of the triangle is equal to two right-angles. (Which is) the very thing it was required to show.

λγ'.

Αἱ τὰς ἴσας τε καὶ παραλλήλους ἐπὶ τὰ αὐτὰ μέρη ἐπιζευγνύουσαι εὐθεῖαι καὶ αὐταὶ ἴσαι τε καὶ παράλληλοί εἰσιν.



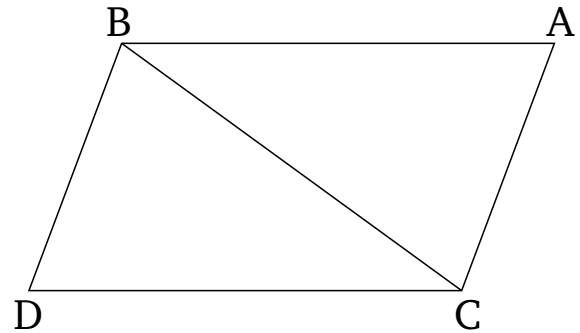
Ἐστωσαν ἴσαι τε καὶ παράλληλοι αἱ ΑΒ, ΓΔ, καὶ ἐπιζευγνύτωσαν αὐτάς ἐπὶ τὰ αὐτὰ μέρη εὐθεῖαι αἱ ΑΓ, ΒΔ· λέγω, ὅτι καὶ αἱ ΑΓ, ΒΔ ἴσαι τε καὶ παράλληλοί εἰσιν.

Ἐπεζύχθω ἡ ΒΓ. καὶ ἐπεὶ παράλληλός ἐστιν ἡ ΑΒ τῇ ΓΔ, καὶ εἰς αὐτάς ἐμπίπτωκεν ἡ ΒΓ, αἱ ἐναλλὰξ γωνίαι αἱ ὑπὸ ΑΒΓ, ΒΓΔ ἴσαι ἀλλήλαις εἰσὶν. καὶ ἐπεὶ ἴση ἐστὶν ἡ ΑΒ τῇ ΓΔ κοινὴ δὲ ἡ ΒΓ, δύο δὴ αἱ ΑΒ, ΒΓ δύο ταῖς ΒΓ, ΓΔ ἴσαι εἰσὶν· καὶ γωνία ἡ ὑπὸ ΑΒΓ γωνία τῇ ὑπὸ ΒΓΔ ἴση· βάσεις ἄρα ἡ ΑΓ βάσει τῇ ΒΔ ἐστὶν ἴση, καὶ τὸ ΑΒΓ τρίγωνον τῷ ΒΓΔ τριγώνῳ ἴσον ἐστίν, καὶ αἱ λοιπαὶ γωνίαι ταῖς λοιπαῖς γωνίαις ἴσαι ἔσονται ἑκατέρω ἑκατέρω, ὅφ' ἂς αἱ ἴσαι πλευραὶ ὑποτείνουσιν· ἴση ἄρα ἡ ὑπὸ ΑΓΒ γωνία τῇ ὑπὸ ΓΒΔ. καὶ ἐπεὶ εἰς δύο εὐθείας τὰς ΑΓ, ΒΔ εὐθεῖα ἐμπίπτουσα ἡ ΒΓ τὰς ἐναλλὰξ γωνίας ἴσας ἀλλήλαις πεποίηκεν, παράλληλος ἄρα ἐστὶν ἡ ΑΓ τῇ ΒΔ. ἐδείχθη δὲ αὐτῇ καὶ ἴση.

Αἱ ἄρα τὰς ἴσας τε καὶ παραλλήλους ἐπὶ τὰ αὐτὰ μέρη ἐπιζευγνύουσαι εὐθεῖαι καὶ αὐταὶ ἴσαι τε καὶ παράλληλοί εἰσιν· ὅπερ ἔδει δεῖξαι.

### Proposition 33

Straight-lines joining equal and parallel (straight-lines) on the same sides are themselves also equal and parallel.



Let  $AB$  and  $CD$  be equal and parallel (straight-lines), and let the straight-lines  $AC$  and  $BD$  join them on the same sides. I say that  $AC$  and  $BD$  are also equal and parallel.

Let  $BC$  have been joined. And since  $AB$  is parallel to  $CD$ , and  $BC$  has fallen across them, the alternate angles  $ABC$  and  $BCD$  are equal to one another [Prop. 1.29]. And since  $AB$  is equal to  $CD$ , and  $BC$  is common, the two (straight-lines)  $AB$ ,  $BC$  are equal to the two (straight-lines)  $DC$ ,  $CB$ .<sup>†</sup> And the angle  $ABC$  is equal to the angle  $BCD$ . Thus, the base  $AC$  is equal to the base  $BD$ , and triangle  $ABC$  is equal to triangle  $DCB$ ,<sup>‡</sup> and the remaining angles will be equal to the corresponding remaining angles subtended by the equal sides [Prop. 1.4]. Thus, angle  $ACB$  is equal to  $CBD$ . Also, since the straight-line  $BC$ , (in) falling across the two straight-lines  $AC$  and  $BD$ , has made the alternate angles ( $ACB$  and  $CBD$ ) equal to one another,  $AC$  is thus parallel to  $BD$  [Prop. 1.27]. And ( $AC$ ) was also shown (to be) equal to ( $BD$ ).

Thus, straight-lines joining equal and parallel (straight-

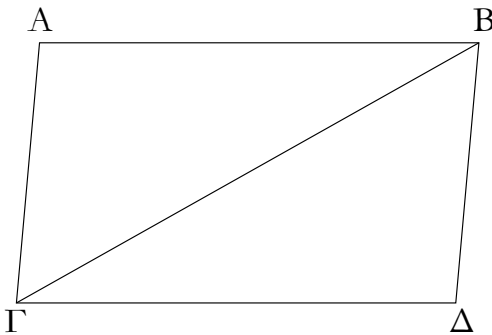
lines) on the same sides are themselves also equal and parallel. (Which is) the very thing it was required to show.

† The Greek text has “ $BC, CD$ ”, which is obviously a mistake.

‡ The Greek text has “ $DCB$ ”, which is obviously a mistake.

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Τῶν παραλληλογράμμων χωρίων αἱ ἀπεναντίον πλευραὶ τε καὶ γωνίαι ἴσαι ἀλλήλαις εἰσίν, καὶ ἡ διάμετρος αὐτὰ διχα τέμνει.



Ἐστω παραλληλόγραμμον χωρίον τὸ ΑΓΔΒ, διάμετρος δὲ αὐτοῦ ἡ ΒΓ· λέγω, ὅτι τοῦ ΑΓΔΒ παραλληλογράμμου αἱ ἀπεναντίον πλευραὶ τε καὶ γωνίαι ἴσαι ἀλλήλαις εἰσίν, καὶ ἡ ΒΓ διάμετρος αὐτὸ διχα τέμνει.

Ἐπεὶ γὰρ παράλληλός ἐστιν ἡ ΑΒ τῇ ΓΔ, καὶ εἰς αὐτὰς ἐμπίπτωκεν εὐθεῖα ἡ ΒΓ, αἱ ἐναλλὰξ γωνίαι αἱ ὑπὸ ΑΒΓ, ΒΓΔ ἴσαι ἀλλήλαις εἰσίν. πάλιν ἐπεὶ παράλληλός ἐστιν ἡ ΑΓ τῇ ΒΔ, καὶ εἰς αὐτὰς ἐμπίπτωκεν ἡ ΒΓ, αἱ ἐναλλὰξ γωνίαι αἱ ὑπὸ ΑΓΒ, ΓΒΔ ἴσαι ἀλλήλαις εἰσίν. δύο δὲ τρίγωνά ἐστι τὰ ΑΒΓ, ΒΓΔ τὰς δύο γωνίας τὰς ὑπὸ ΑΒΓ, ΒΓΑ δυσὶ ταῖς ὑπὸ ΒΓΔ, ΓΒΔ ἴσας ἔχοντα ἑκατέραν ἑκατέρᾳ καὶ μίαν πλευρὰν μιᾷ πλευρᾷ ἴσην τὴν πρὸς ταῖς ἴσαις γωνίαις κοινὴν αὐτῶν τὴν ΒΓ· καὶ τὰς λοιπὰς ἄρα πλευρὰς ταῖς λοιπαῖς ἴσας ἔξει ἑκατέραν ἑκατέρᾳ καὶ τὴν λοιπὴν γωνίαν τῇ λοιπῇ γωνίᾳ· ἴση ἄρα ἡ μὲν ΑΒ πλευρὰ τῇ ΓΔ, ἡ δὲ ΑΓ τῇ ΒΔ, καὶ ἔτι ἴση ἐστὶν ἡ ὑπὸ ΒΑΓ γωνία τῇ ὑπὸ ΓΔΒ. καὶ ἐπεὶ ἴση ἐστὶν ἡ μὲν ὑπὸ ΑΒΓ γωνία τῇ ὑπὸ ΒΓΔ, ἡ δὲ ὑπὸ ΓΒΔ τῇ ὑπὸ ΑΓΒ, ὅλη ἄρα ἡ ὑπὸ ΑΒΔ ὅλη τῇ ὑπὸ ΑΓΔ ἐστὶν ἴση. ἐδείχθη δὲ καὶ ἡ ὑπὸ ΒΑΓ τῇ ὑπὸ ΓΔΒ ἴση.

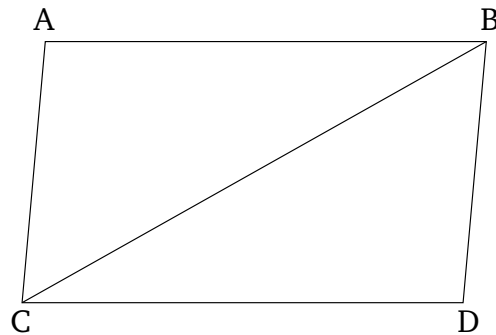
Τῶν ἄρα παραλληλογράμμων χωρίων αἱ ἀπεναντίον πλευραὶ τε καὶ γωνίαι ἴσαι ἀλλήλαις εἰσίν.

Λέγω δὲ, ὅτι καὶ ἡ διάμετρος αὐτὰ διχα τέμνει. ἐπεὶ γὰρ ἴση ἐστὶν ἡ ΑΒ τῇ ΓΔ, κοινὴ δὲ ἡ ΒΓ, δύο δὲ αἱ ΑΒ, ΒΓ δυσὶ ταῖς ΓΔ, ΒΓ ἴσαι εἰσὶν ἑκατέρᾳ ἑκατέρᾳ· καὶ γωνία ἡ ὑπὸ ΑΒΓ γωνία τῇ ὑπὸ ΒΓΔ ἴση. καὶ βάσις ἄρα ἡ ΑΓ τῇ ΔΒ ἴση. καὶ τὸ ΑΒΓ [ἄρα] τρίγωνον τῷ ΒΓΔ τριγώνῳ ἴσον ἐστίν.

Ἡ ἄρα ΒΓ διάμετρος διχα τέμνει τὸ ΑΒΓΔ παραλληλόγραμμον· ὅπερ ἔδει δεῖξαι.

### Proposition 34

In parallelogrammic figures the opposite sides and angles are equal to one another, and a diagonal cuts them in half.



Let  $ACDB$  be a parallelogrammic figure, and  $BC$  its diagonal. I say that for parallelogram  $ACDB$ , the opposite sides and angles are equal to one another, and the diagonal  $BC$  cuts it in half.

For since  $AB$  is parallel to  $CD$ , and the straight-line  $BC$  has fallen across them, the alternate angles  $ABC$  and  $BCD$  are equal to one another [Prop. 1.29]. Again, since  $AC$  is parallel to  $BD$ , and  $BC$  has fallen across them, the alternate angles  $ACB$  and  $CBD$  are equal to one another [Prop. 1.29]. So  $ABC$  and  $BCD$  are two triangles having the two angles  $ABC$  and  $BCA$  equal to the two (angles)  $BCD$  and  $CBD$ , respectively, and one side equal to one side—the (one) by the equal angles and common to them, (namely)  $BC$ . Thus, they will also have the remaining sides equal to the corresponding remaining (sides), and the remaining angle (equal) to the remaining angle [Prop. 1.26]. Thus, side  $AB$  is equal to  $CD$ , and  $AC$  to  $BD$ . Furthermore, angle  $BAC$  is equal to  $CDB$ . And since angle  $ABC$  is equal to  $BCD$ , and  $CBD$  to  $ACB$ , the whole (angle)  $ABD$  is thus equal to the whole (angle)  $ACD$ . And  $BAC$  was also shown (to be) equal to  $CDB$ .

Thus, in parallelogrammic figures the opposite sides and angles are equal to one another.

And, I also say that a diagonal cuts them in half. For since  $AB$  is equal to  $CD$ , and  $BC$  (is) common, the two (straight-lines)  $AB, BC$  are equal to the two (straight-lines)  $DC, CB$ <sup>†</sup>, respectively. And angle  $ABC$  is equal to angle  $BCD$ . Thus, the base  $AC$  (is) also equal to  $DB$ ,

and triangle  $ABC$  is equal to triangle  $BCD$  [Prop. 1.4].

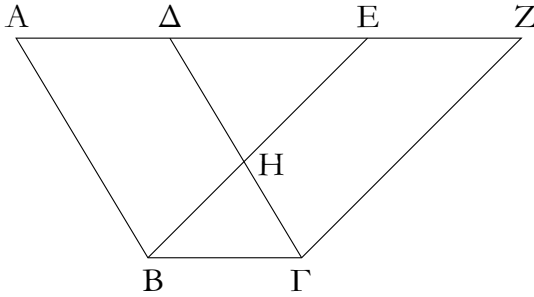
Thus, the diagonal  $BC$  cuts the parallelogram  $ACDB$ <sup>†</sup> in half. (Which is) the very thing it was required to show.

<sup>†</sup> The Greek text has " $CD, BC$ ", which is obviously a mistake.

<sup>‡</sup> The Greek text has " $ABCD$ ", which is obviously a mistake.

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Τὰ παραλληλόγραμμα τὰ ἐπὶ τῆς αὐτῆς βάσεως ὄντα καὶ ἐν ταῖς αὐταῖς παραλλήλοις ἴσα ἀλλήλοις ἐστίν.



Ἐστω παραλληλόγραμμα τὰ  $AB\Gamma\Delta$ ,  $EB\Gamma Z$  ἐπὶ τῆς αὐτῆς βάσεως τῆς  $B\Gamma$  καὶ ἐν ταῖς αὐταῖς παραλλήλοις ταῖς  $AZ$ ,  $B\Gamma$ · λέγω, ὅτι ἴσον ἐστὶ τὸ  $AB\Gamma\Delta$  τῷ  $EB\Gamma Z$  παραλληλογράμμῳ.

Ἐπεὶ γὰρ παραλληλόγραμμὸν ἐστὶ τὸ  $AB\Gamma\Delta$ , ἴση ἐστὶν ἡ  $A\Delta$  τῇ  $B\Gamma$ . διὰ τὰ αὐτὰ δὴ καὶ ἡ  $EZ$  τῇ  $B\Gamma$  ἐστὶν ἴση· ὥστε καὶ ἡ  $A\Delta$  τῇ  $EZ$  ἐστὶν ἴση· καὶ κοινὴ ἡ  $\Delta E$ · ὅλη ἄρα ἡ  $AE$  ὅλη τῇ  $\Delta Z$  ἐστὶν ἴση. ἐστὶ δὲ καὶ ἡ  $AB$  τῇ  $\Delta\Gamma$  ἴση· δύο δὲ αἱ  $EA$ ,  $AB$  δύο ταῖς  $Z\Delta$ ,  $\Delta\Gamma$  ἴσαι εἰσὶν ἑκατέρωθεν· καὶ γωνία ἡ ὑπὸ  $Z\Delta\Gamma$  γωνία τῇ ὑπὸ  $EAB$  ἐστὶν ἴση ἢ ἐκτὸς τῇ ἐντὸς· βάσις ἄρα ἡ  $EB$  βάσει τῇ  $Z\Gamma$  ἴση ἐστίν, καὶ τὸ  $EAB$  τρίγωνον τῷ  $\Delta Z\Gamma$  τριγώνῳ ἴσον ἔσται· κοινὸν ἀφρηθήσθω τὸ  $\Delta HE$ · λοιπὸν ἄρα τὸ  $ABH\Delta$  τραπέζιον λοιπῷ τῷ  $EH\Gamma Z$  τραπέζιῳ ἐστὶν ἴσον· κοινὸν προσκεῖσθω τὸ  $HBF\Gamma$  τριγώνον· ὅλον ἄρα τὸ  $AB\Gamma\Delta$  παραλληλόγραμμον ὅλῳ τῷ  $EB\Gamma Z$  παραλληλογράμμῳ ἴσον ἐστίν.

Τὰ ἄρα παραλληλόγραμμα τὰ ἐπὶ τῆς αὐτῆς βάσεως ὄντα καὶ ἐν ταῖς αὐταῖς παραλλήλοις ἴσα ἀλλήλοις ἐστίν· ὅπερ ἔδει δεῖξαι.

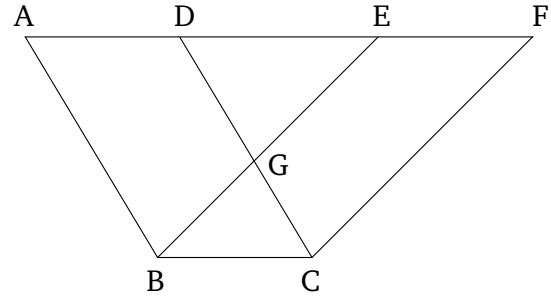
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Τὰ παραλληλόγραμμα τὰ ἐπὶ ἴσων βάσεων ὄντα καὶ ἐν ταῖς αὐταῖς παραλλήλοις ἴσα ἀλλήλοις ἐστίν.

Ἐστω παραλληλόγραμμα τὰ  $AB\Gamma\Delta$ ,  $EZH\Theta$  ἐπὶ ἴσων βάσεων ὄντα τῶν  $B\Gamma$ ,  $ZH$  καὶ ἐν ταῖς αὐταῖς παραλλήλοις ταῖς  $A\Theta$ ,  $BH$ · λέγω, ὅτι ἴσον ἐστὶ τὸ  $AB\Gamma\Delta$  παραλ-

### Proposition 35

Parallelograms which are on the same base and between the same parallels are equal<sup>†</sup> to one another.



Let  $ABCD$  and  $EBCF$  be parallelograms on the same base  $BC$ , and between the same parallels  $AF$  and  $BC$ . I say that  $ABCD$  is equal to parallelogram  $EBCF$ .

For since  $ABCD$  is a parallelogram,  $AD$  is equal to  $BC$  [Prop. 1.34]. So, for the same (reasons),  $EF$  is also equal to  $BC$ . So  $AD$  is also equal to  $EF$ . And  $DE$  is common. Thus, the whole (straight-line)  $AE$  is equal to the whole (straight-line)  $DF$ . And  $AB$  is also equal to  $DC$ . So the two (straight-lines)  $EA$ ,  $AB$  are equal to the two (straight-lines)  $FD$ ,  $DC$ , respectively. And angle  $FDC$  is equal to angle  $EAB$ , the external to the internal [Prop. 1.29]. Thus, the base  $EB$  is equal to the base  $FC$ , and triangle  $EAB$  will be equal to triangle  $DFC$  [Prop. 1.4]. Let  $DGE$  have been taken away from both. Thus, the remaining trapezium  $ABGD$  is equal to the remaining trapezium  $EGCF$ . Let triangle  $GBC$  have been added to both. Thus, the whole parallelogram  $ABCD$  is equal to the whole parallelogram  $EBCF$ .

Thus, parallelograms which are on the same base and between the same parallels are equal to one another. (Which is) the very thing it was required to show.

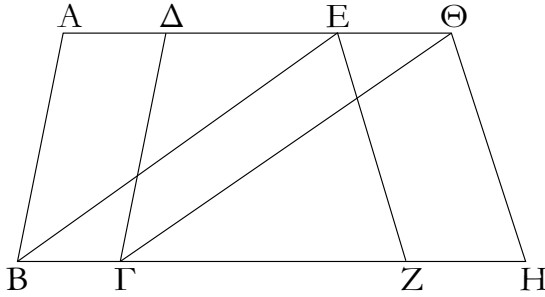
<sup>†</sup> Here, for the first time, "equal" means "equal in area", rather than "congruent".

### Proposition 36

Parallelograms which are on equal bases and between the same parallels are equal to one another.

Let  $ABCD$  and  $EFGH$  be parallelograms which are on the equal bases  $BC$  and  $FG$ , and (are) between the same parallels  $AH$  and  $BG$ . I say that the parallelogram

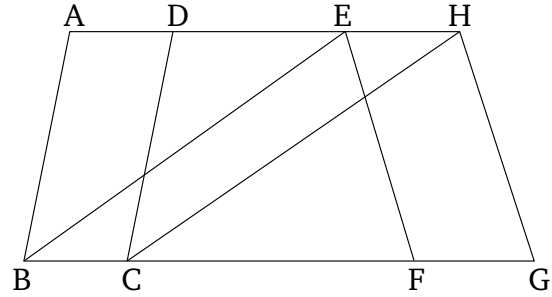
ληλόγραμμον τῷ  $EZH\Theta$ .



Ἐπεξεύχθωσαν γὰρ αἱ  $BE$ ,  $G\Theta$ . καὶ ἐπεὶ ἴση ἐστὶν ἡ  $BG$  τῇ  $ZH$ , ἀλλὰ ἡ  $ZH$  τῇ  $E\Theta$  ἐστὶν ἴση, καὶ ἡ  $BG$  ἄρα τῇ  $E\Theta$  ἐστὶν ἴση. εἰσὶ δὲ καὶ παράλληλοι. καὶ ἐπιζευγνύουσιν αὐτάς αἱ  $EB$ ,  $\Theta\Gamma$ . αἱ δὲ τὰς ἴσας τε καὶ παράλληλους ἐπὶ τὰ αὐτὰ μέρη ἐπιζευγνύουσαι ἴσαι τε καὶ παράλληλοί εἰσι [καὶ αἱ  $EB$ ,  $\Theta\Gamma$  ἄρα ἴσαι τέ εἰσι καὶ παράλληλοι]. παραλληλόγραμμον ἄρα ἐστὶ τὸ  $EBG\Theta$ . καὶ ἐστὶν ἴσον τῷ  $ABG\Delta$ . βάσιν τε γὰρ αὐτῷ τὴν αὐτὴν ἔχει τὴν  $BG$ , καὶ ἐν ταῖς αὐταῖς παραλλήλοις ἐστὶν αὐτῷ ταῖς  $BG$ ,  $A\Theta$ . διὰ τὰ αὐτὰ δὴ καὶ τὸ  $EZH\Theta$  τῷ αὐτῷ τῷ  $EBG\Theta$  ἐστὶν ἴσον· ὥστε καὶ τὸ  $ABG\Delta$  παραλληλόγραμμον τῷ  $EZH\Theta$  ἐστὶν ἴσον.

Τὰ ἄρα παραλληλόγραμμα τὰ ἐπὶ ἴσων βάσεων ὄντα καὶ ἐν ταῖς αὐταῖς παραλλήλοις ἴσα ἀλλήλοις ἐστίν· ὅπερ ἔδει δεῖξαι.

$ABCD$  is equal to  $EFGH$ .

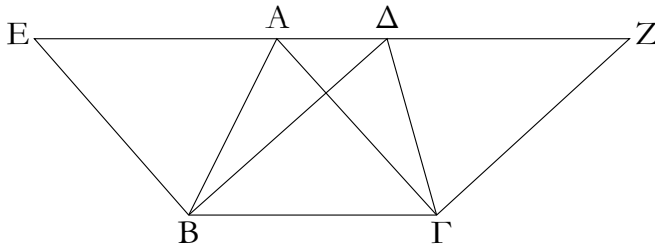


For let  $BE$  and  $CH$  have been joined. And since  $BC$  is equal to  $FG$ , but  $FG$  is equal to  $EH$  [Prop. 1.34],  $BC$  is thus equal to  $EH$ . And they are also parallel, and  $EB$  and  $HC$  join them. But (straight-lines) joining equal and parallel (straight-lines) on the same sides are (themselves) equal and parallel [Prop. 1.33] [thus,  $EB$  and  $HC$  are also equal and parallel]. Thus,  $EBCH$  is a parallelogram [Prop. 1.34], and is equal to  $ABCD$ . For it has the same base,  $BC$ , as ( $ABCD$ ), and is between the same parallels,  $BC$  and  $AH$ , as ( $ABCD$ ) [Prop. 1.35]. So, for the same (reasons),  $EFGH$  is also equal to the same (parallelogram)  $EBCH$  [Prop. 1.34]. So that the parallelogram  $ABCD$  is also equal to  $EFGH$ .

Thus, parallelograms which are on equal bases and between the same parallels are equal to one another. (Which is) the very thing it was required to show.

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Τὰ τρίγωνα τὰ ἐπὶ τῆς αὐτῆς βάσεως ὄντα καὶ ἐν ταῖς αὐταῖς παραλλήλοις ἴσα ἀλλήλοις ἐστίν.

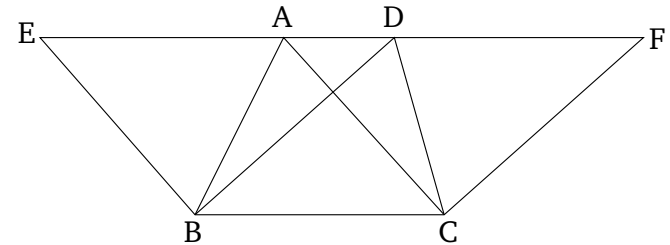


Ἐστω τρίγωνα τὰ  $ABG$ ,  $DBC$  ἐπὶ τῆς αὐτῆς βάσεως τῆς  $BG$  καὶ ἐν ταῖς αὐταῖς παραλλήλοις ταῖς  $AD$ ,  $B\Gamma$ . λέγω, ὅτι ἴσον ἐστὶ τὸ  $ABG$  τρίγωνον τῷ  $DBC$  τριγώνῳ.

Ἐκβεβλήσθω ἡ  $AD$  ἐφ' ἐκάτερα τὰ μέρη ἐπὶ τὰ  $E$ ,  $Z$ , καὶ διὰ μὲν τοῦ  $B$  τῇ  $GA$  παράλληλος ἦχθω ἡ  $BE$ , διὰ δὲ τοῦ  $\Gamma$  τῇ  $BD$  παράλληλος ἦχθω ἡ  $GZ$ . παραλληλόγραμμον ἄρα ἐστὶν ἐκάτερον τῶν  $EBGA$ ,  $DBGZ$ . καὶ εἰσιν ἴσα· ἐπὶ τε γὰρ τῆς αὐτῆς βάσεως εἰσι τῆς  $BG$  καὶ ἐν ταῖς αὐταῖς παραλλήλοις ταῖς  $BG$ ,  $EZ$ . καὶ ἐστὶ τοῦ μὲν  $EBGA$  παραλληλογράμμου ἡμισυ τὸ  $ABG$  τρίγωνον· ἡ γὰρ  $AB$  διάμετρος αὐτὸ διχα τέμνει· τοῦ δὲ  $DBGZ$  παραλληλογράμμου ἡμισυ τὸ  $DBG$  τρίγωνον· ἡ γὰρ  $D\Gamma$  διάμετρος αὐτὸ διχα τέμνει. [τὰ δὲ

### Proposition 37

Triangles which are on the same base and between the same parallels are equal to one another.



Let  $ABC$  and  $DBC$  be triangles on the same base  $BC$ , and between the same parallels  $AD$  and  $BC$ . I say that triangle  $ABC$  is equal to triangle  $DBC$ .

Let  $AD$  have been produced in both directions to  $E$  and  $F$ , and let the (straight-line)  $BE$  have been drawn through  $B$  parallel to  $CA$  [Prop. 1.31], and let the (straight-line)  $CF$  have been drawn through  $C$  parallel to  $BD$  [Prop. 1.31]. Thus,  $EBCA$  and  $DBCF$  are both parallelograms, and are equal. For they are on the same base  $BC$ , and between the same parallels  $BC$  and  $EF$  [Prop. 1.35]. And the triangle  $ABC$  is half of the parallelogram  $EBCA$ . For the diagonal  $AB$  cuts the latter in

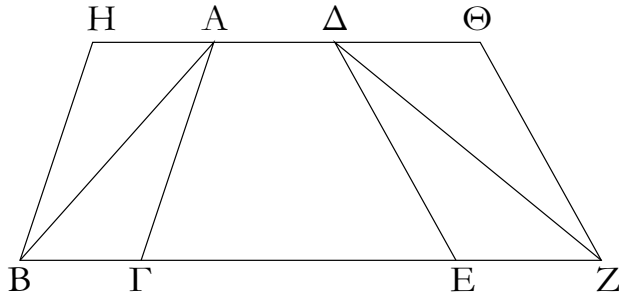
τῶν ἴσων ἡμίση ἴσα ἀλλήλοις ἐστίν]. ἴσον ἄρα ἐστὶ τὸ  $AB\Gamma$  τρίγωνον τῷ  $\Delta B\Gamma$  τριγώνῳ.

Τὰ ἄρα τρίγωνα τὰ ἐπὶ τῆς αὐτῆς βάσεως ὄντα καὶ ἐν ταῖς αὐταῖς παραλλήλοις ἴσα ἀλλήλοις ἐστίν· ὅπερ ἔδει δεῖξαι.

† This is an additional common notion.

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Τὰ τρίγωνα τὰ ἐπὶ ἴσων βάσεων ὄντα καὶ ἐν ταῖς αὐταῖς παραλλήλοις ἴσα ἀλλήλοις ἐστίν.



Ἐστω τρίγωνα τὰ  $AB\Gamma$ ,  $\Delta EZ$  ἐπὶ ἴσων βάσεων τῶν  $B\Gamma$ ,  $EZ$  καὶ ἐν ταῖς αὐταῖς παραλλήλοις ταῖς  $BZ$ ,  $AD$ . λέγω, ὅτι ἴσον ἐστὶ τὸ  $AB\Gamma$  τρίγωνον τῷ  $\Delta EZ$  τριγώνῳ.

Ἐκβεβλήσθω γὰρ ἡ  $AD$  ἐφ' ἐκάτερα τὰ μέρη ἐπὶ τὰ  $H$ ,  $\Theta$ , καὶ διὰ τοῦ  $B$  τῇ  $GA$  παράλληλος ἦχθω ἡ  $BH$ , διὰ δὲ τοῦ  $Z$  τῇ  $\Delta E$  παράλληλος ἦχθω ἡ  $Z\Theta$ . παραλληλόγραμμον ἄρα ἐστὶν ἐκάτερον τῶν  $HBGA$ ,  $\Delta EZ\Theta$ · καὶ ἴσον τὸ  $HBGA$  τῷ  $\Delta EZ\Theta$ · ἐπὶ τε γὰρ ἴσων βάσεων εἰσι τῶν  $B\Gamma$ ,  $EZ$  καὶ ἐν ταῖς αὐταῖς παραλλήλοις ταῖς  $BZ$ ,  $H\Theta$ · καὶ ἐστὶ τοῦ μὲν  $HBGA$  παραλληλογράμμου ἡμισυ τὸ  $AB\Gamma$  τρίγωνον. ἡ γὰρ  $AB$  διάμετρος αὐτὸ δίχα τέμνει· τοῦ δὲ  $\Delta EZ\Theta$  παραλληλογράμμου ἡμισυ τὸ  $ZE\Delta$  τρίγωνον· ἡ γὰρ  $\Delta Z$  διάμετρος αὐτὸ δίχα τέμνει [τὰ δὲ τῶν ἴσων ἡμίση ἴσα ἀλλήλοις ἐστίν]. ἴσον ἄρα ἐστὶ τὸ  $AB\Gamma$  τρίγωνον τῷ  $\Delta EZ$  τριγώνῳ.

Τὰ ἄρα τρίγωνα τὰ ἐπὶ ἴσων βάσεων ὄντα καὶ ἐν ταῖς αὐταῖς παραλλήλοις ἴσα ἀλλήλοις ἐστίν· ὅπερ ἔδει δεῖξαι.

λθ'.

Τὰ ἴσα τρίγωνα τὰ ἐπὶ τῆς αὐτῆς βάσεως ὄντα καὶ ἐπὶ τὰ αὐτὰ μέρη καὶ ἐν ταῖς αὐταῖς παραλλήλοις ἐστίν.

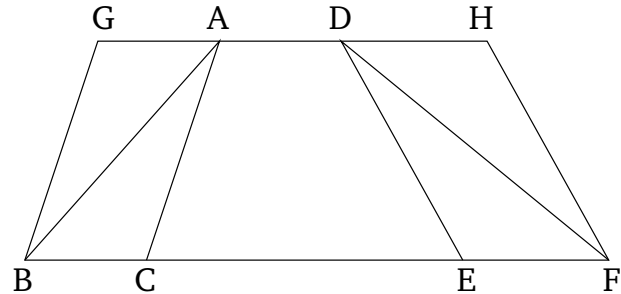
Ἐστω ἴσα τρίγωνα τὰ  $AB\Gamma$ ,  $\Delta B\Gamma$  ἐπὶ τῆς αὐτῆς βάσεως ὄντα καὶ ἐπὶ τὰ αὐτὰ μέρη τῆς  $B\Gamma$ · λέγω, ὅτι καὶ ἐν ταῖς

half [Prop. 1.34]. And the triangle  $DBC$  (is) half of the parallelogram  $DBCF$ . For the diagonal  $DC$  cuts the latter in half [Prop. 1.34]. [And the halves of equal things are equal to one another.]† Thus, triangle  $ABC$  is equal to triangle  $DBC$ .

Thus, triangles which are on the same base and between the same parallels are equal to one another. (Which is) the very thing it was required to show.

### Proposition 38

Triangles which are on equal bases and between the same parallels are equal to one another.



Let  $ABC$  and  $DEF$  be triangles on the equal bases  $BC$  and  $EF$ , and between the same parallels  $BF$  and  $AD$ . I say that triangle  $ABC$  is equal to triangle  $DEF$ .

For let  $AD$  have been produced in both directions to  $G$  and  $H$ , and let the (straight-line)  $BG$  have been drawn through  $B$  parallel to  $CA$  [Prop. 1.31], and let the (straight-line)  $FH$  have been drawn through  $F$  parallel to  $DE$  [Prop. 1.31]. Thus,  $GBCA$  and  $DEFH$  are each parallelograms. And  $GBCA$  is equal to  $DEFH$ . For they are on the equal bases  $BC$  and  $EF$ , and between the same parallels  $BF$  and  $GH$  [Prop. 1.36]. And triangle  $ABC$  is half of the parallelogram  $GBCA$ . For the diagonal  $AB$  cuts the latter in half [Prop. 1.34]. And triangle  $FED$  (is) half of parallelogram  $DEFH$ . For the diagonal  $DF$  cuts the latter in half. [And the halves of equal things are equal to one another.] Thus, triangle  $ABC$  is equal to triangle  $DEF$ .

Thus, triangles which are on equal bases and between the same parallels are equal to one another. (Which is) the very thing it was required to show.

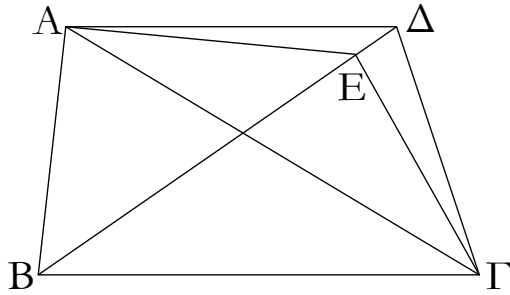
### Proposition 39

Equal triangles which are on the same base, and on the same side, are also between the same parallels.

Let  $ABC$  and  $DBC$  be equal triangles which are on the same base  $BC$ , and on the same side (of it). I say that



αὐταῖς παραλλήλοις ἐστίν.



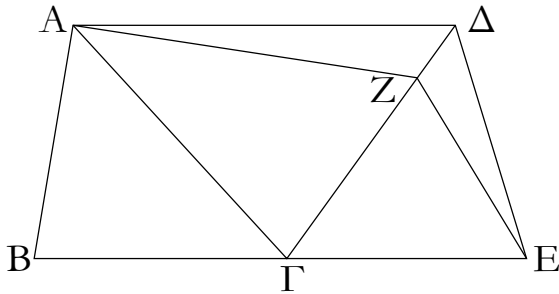
Ἐπεζεύχθω γὰρ ἡ  $AD$ · λέγω, ὅτι παράλληλός ἐστιν ἡ  $AD$  τῇ  $BG$ .

Εἰ γὰρ μή, ἤχθω διὰ τοῦ  $A$  σημείου τῇ  $BG$  εὐθείᾳ παράλληλος ἡ  $AE$ , καὶ ἐπεζεύχθω ἡ  $EG$ . ἴσον ἄρα ἐστὶ τὸ  $ABG$  τριγώνον τῷ  $EBG$  τριγώνῳ· ἐπὶ τε γὰρ τῆς αὐτῆς βάσεως ἐστὶν αὐτῷ τῆς  $BG$  καὶ ἐν ταῖς αὐταῖς παραλλήλοις. ἀλλὰ τὸ  $ABG$  τῷ  $DBG$  ἐστὶν ἴσον· καὶ τὸ  $DBG$  ἄρα τῷ  $EBG$  ἴσον ἐστὶ τὸ μείζον τῷ ἐλάσσονι· ὅπερ ἐστὶν ἀδύνατον· οὐκ ἄρα παράλληλός ἐστιν ἡ  $AE$  τῇ  $BG$ . ὁμοίως δὲ δείξομεν, ὅτι οὐδ' ἄλλη τις πλὴν τῆς  $AD$ · ἡ  $AD$  ἄρα τῇ  $BG$  ἐστὶ παράλληλος.

Τὰ ἄρα ἴσα τρίγωνα τὰ ἐπὶ τῆς αὐτῆς βάσεως ὄντα καὶ ἐπὶ τὰ αὐτὰ μέρη καὶ ἐν ταῖς αὐταῖς παραλλήλοις ἐστίν· ὅπερ ἔδει δεῖξαι.

μ'.

Τὰ ἴσα τρίγωνα τὰ ἐπὶ ἴσων βάσεων ὄντα καὶ ἐπὶ τὰ αὐτὰ μέρη καὶ ἐν ταῖς αὐταῖς παραλλήλοις ἐστίν.

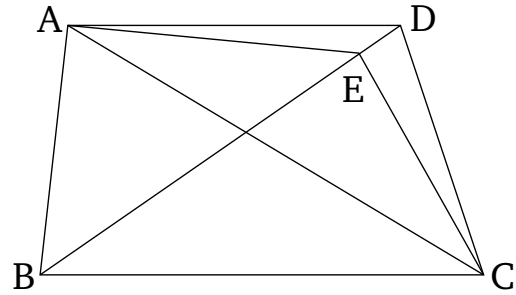


Ἐστω ἴσα τρίγωνα τὰ  $ABG$ ,  $GDE$  ἐπὶ ἴσων βάσεων τῶν  $BG$ ,  $GE$  καὶ ἐπὶ τὰ αὐτὰ μέρη. λέγω, ὅτι καὶ ἐν ταῖς αὐταῖς παραλλήλοις ἐστίν.

Ἐπεζεύχθω γὰρ ἡ  $AD$ · λέγω, ὅτι παράλληλός ἐστιν ἡ  $AD$  τῇ  $BE$ .

Εἰ γὰρ μή, ἤχθω διὰ τοῦ  $A$  τῇ  $BE$  παράλληλος ἡ  $AZ$ , καὶ ἐπεζεύχθω ἡ  $ZE$ . ἴσον ἄρα ἐστὶ τὸ  $ABG$  τριγώνον τῷ  $ZGE$  τριγώνῳ· ἐπὶ τε γὰρ ἴσων βάσεων εἰσι τῶν  $BG$ ,  $GE$  καὶ ἐν ταῖς αὐταῖς παραλλήλοις ταῖς  $BE$ ,  $AZ$ . ἀλλὰ τὸ  $ABG$  τριγώνον ἴσον ἐστὶ τῷ  $DGE$  [τριγώνῳ]· καὶ τὸ  $DGE$  ἄρα [τριγώνον] ἴσον ἐστὶ τῷ  $ZGE$  τριγώνῳ τὸ μείζον τῷ

they are also between the same parallels.



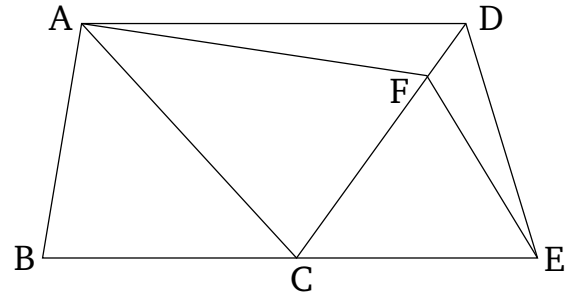
For let  $AD$  have been joined. I say that  $AD$  and  $BC$  are parallel.

For, if not, let  $AE$  have been drawn through point  $A$  parallel to the straight-line  $BC$  [Prop. 1.31], and let  $EC$  have been joined. Thus, triangle  $ABC$  is equal to triangle  $EBC$ . For it is on the same base as it,  $BC$ , and between the same parallels [Prop. 1.37]. But  $ABC$  is equal to  $DBC$ . Thus,  $DBC$  is also equal to  $EBC$ , the greater to the lesser. The very thing is impossible. Thus,  $AE$  is not parallel to  $BC$ . Similarly, we can show that neither (is) any other (straight-line) than  $AD$ . Thus,  $AD$  is parallel to  $BC$ .

Thus, equal triangles which are on the same base, and on the same side, are also between the same parallels. (Which is) the very thing it was required to show.

### Proposition 40<sup>†</sup>

Equal triangles which are on equal bases, and on the same side, are also between the same parallels.



Let  $ABC$  and  $CDE$  be equal triangles on the equal bases  $BC$  and  $CE$  (respectively), and on the same side (of  $BE$ ). I say that they are also between the same parallels.

For let  $AD$  have been joined. I say that  $AD$  is parallel to  $BE$ .

For if not, let  $AF$  have been drawn through  $A$  parallel to  $BE$  [Prop. 1.31], and let  $FE$  have been joined. Thus, triangle  $ABC$  is equal to triangle  $FCE$ . For they are on equal bases,  $BC$  and  $CE$ , and between the same parallels,  $BE$  and  $AF$  [Prop. 1.38]. But, triangle  $ABC$  is equal

ἐλάσσονι· ὅπερ ἐστὶν ἀδύνατον· οὐκ ἄρα παράλληλος ἡ  $AZ$  τῇ  $BE$ . ὁμοίως δὲ δείξομεν, ὅτι οὐδ' ἄλλη τις πλὴν τῆς  $AD$ · ἡ  $AD$  ἄρα τῇ  $BE$  ἐστὶ παράλληλος.

Τὰ ἄρα ἴσα τρίγωνα τὰ ἐπὶ ἴσων βάσεων ὄντα καὶ ἐπὶ τὰ αὐτὰ μέρη καὶ ἐν ταῖς αὐταῖς παραλλήλοις ἐστίν· ὅπερ ἔδει δεῖξαι.

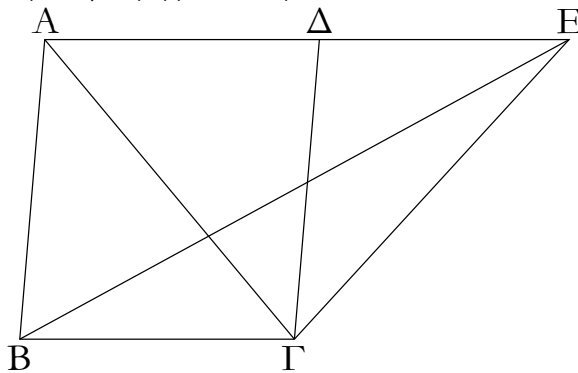
to [triangle]  $DCE$ . Thus, [triangle]  $DCE$  is also equal to triangle  $FCE$ , the greater to the lesser. The very thing is impossible. Thus,  $AF$  is not parallel to  $BE$ . Similarly, we can show that neither (is) any other (straight-line) than  $AD$ . Thus,  $AD$  is parallel to  $BE$ .

Thus, equal triangles which are on equal bases, and on the same side, are also between the same parallels. (Which is) the very thing it was required to show.

† This whole proposition is regarded by Heiberg as a relatively early interpolation to the original text.

μα'.

Ἐάν παραλληλόγραμμον τριγώνω βάσιν τε ἔχη τὴν αὐτὴν καὶ ἐν ταῖς αὐταῖς παραλλήλοις ᾗ, διπλάσιόν ἐστὶ τὸ παραλληλόγραμμον τοῦ τριγώνου.



Παραλληλόγραμμον γάρ τὸ  $ABGD$  τριγώνω τῷ  $EBG$  βάσιν τε ἔχεται τὴν αὐτὴν τὴν  $BG$  καὶ ἐν ταῖς αὐταῖς παραλλήλοις ἔστω ταῖς  $BG$ ,  $AE$ · λέγω, ὅτι διπλάσιόν ἐστὶ τὸ  $ABGD$  παραλληλόγραμμον τοῦ  $EBG$  τριγώνου.

Ἐπεζεύχθω γὰρ ἡ  $AG$ . ἴσον δὲ ἐστὶ τὸ  $ABG$  τρίγωνον τῷ  $EBG$  τριγώνω· ἐπὶ τε γὰρ τῆς αὐτῆς βάσεως ἐστὶν αὐτῷ τῆς  $BG$  καὶ ἐν ταῖς αὐταῖς παραλλήλοις ταῖς  $BG$ ,  $AE$ . ἀλλὰ τὸ  $ABGD$  παραλληλόγραμμον διπλάσιόν ἐστὶ τοῦ  $ABG$  τριγώνου· ἡ γὰρ  $AG$  διάμετρος αὐτὸ δίχα τέμνει· ὥστε τὸ  $ABGD$  παραλληλόγραμμον καὶ τοῦ  $EBG$  τριγώνου ἐστὶ διπλάσιον.

Ἐάν ἄρα παραλληλόγραμμον τριγώνω βάσιν τε ἔχη τὴν αὐτὴν καὶ ἐν ταῖς αὐταῖς παραλλήλοις ᾗ, διπλάσιόν ἐστὶ τὸ παραλληλόγραμμον τοῦ τριγώνου· ὅπερ ἔδει δεῖξαι.

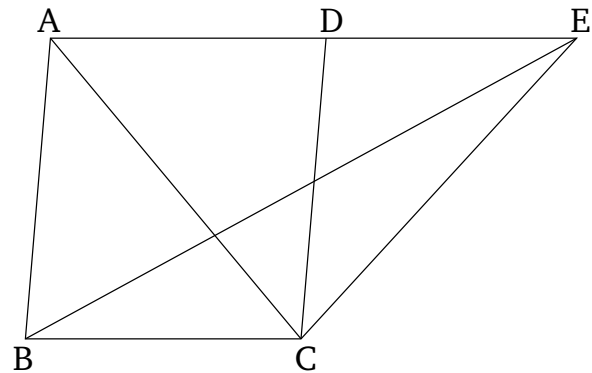
μβ'.

Τῷ δοθέντι τριγώνω ἴσον παραλληλόγραμμον συστήσασθαι ἐν τῇ δοθείσῃ γωνίᾳ εὐθυγράμμω.

Ἐστω τὸ μὲν δοθέν τρίγωνον τὸ  $ABG$ , ἡ δὲ δοθεῖσα γωνία εὐθύγραμμος ἡ  $\Delta$ · δεῖ δὲ τῷ  $ABG$  τριγώνω ἴσον παραλληλόγραμμον συστήσασθαι ἐν τῇ  $\Delta$  γωνίᾳ εὐθυγράμμω.

### Proposition 41

If a parallelogram has the same base as a triangle, and is between the same parallels, then the parallelogram is double (the area) of the triangle.



For let parallelogram  $ABCD$  have the same base  $BC$  as triangle  $EBC$ , and let it be between the same parallels,  $BC$  and  $AE$ . I say that parallelogram  $ABCD$  is double (the area) of triangle  $BEC$ .

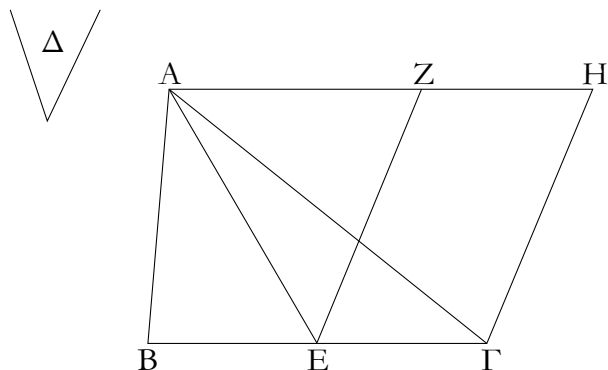
For let  $AC$  have been joined. So triangle  $ABC$  is equal to triangle  $EBC$ . For it is on the same base,  $BC$ , as ( $EBC$ ), and between the same parallels,  $BC$  and  $AE$  [Prop. 1.37]. But, parallelogram  $ABCD$  is double (the area) of triangle  $ABC$ . For the diagonal  $AC$  cuts the former in half [Prop. 1.34]. So parallelogram  $ABCD$  is also double (the area) of triangle  $EBC$ .

Thus, if a parallelogram has the same base as a triangle, and is between the same parallels, then the parallelogram is double (the area) of the triangle. (Which is) the very thing it was required to show.

### Proposition 42

To construct a parallelogram equal to a given triangle in a given rectilinear angle.

Let  $ABC$  be the given triangle, and  $D$  the given rectilinear angle. So it is required to construct a parallelogram equal to triangle  $ABC$  in the rectilinear angle  $D$ .



Τετμήσθω ἡ ΒΓ δίχα κατὰ τὸ Ε, καὶ ἐπεζεύχθω ἡ ΑΕ, καὶ συνεστάτω πρὸς τῇ ΕΓ εὐθείᾳ καὶ τῷ πρὸς αὐτῇ σημείῳ τῷ Ε τῇ Δ γωνία ἴση ἡ ὑπὸ ΓΕΖ, καὶ διὰ μέν τοῦ Α τῇ ΕΓ παράλληλος ῥηχθὼ ἡ ΑΗ, διὰ δὲ τοῦ Γ τῇ ΕΖ παράλληλος ῥηχθὼ ἡ ΓΗ· παραλληλόγραμμον ἄρα ἐστὶ τὸ ΖΕΓΗ. καὶ ἐπεὶ ἴση ἐστὶν ἡ ΒΕ τῇ ΕΓ, ἴσον ἐστὶ καὶ τὸ ΑΒΕ τρίγωνον τῷ ΑΕΓ τριγώνῳ· ἐπὶ τε γὰρ ἴσων βάσεων εἰσι τῶν ΒΕ, ΕΓ καὶ ἐν ταῖς αὐταῖς παραλλήλοις ταῖς ΒΓ, ΑΗ· διπλάσιον ἄρα ἐστὶ τὸ ΑΒΓ τρίγωνον τοῦ ΑΕΓ τριγώνου. ἔστι δὲ καὶ τὸ ΖΕΓΗ παραλληλόγραμμον διπλάσιον τοῦ ΑΕΓ τριγώνου· βάσιν τε γὰρ αὐτῶ τὴν αὐτὴν ἔχει καὶ ἐν ταῖς αὐταῖς ἐστὶν αὐτῶ παραλλήλοις· ἴσον ἄρα ἐστὶ τὸ ΖΕΓΗ παραλληλόγραμμον τῷ ΑΒΓ τριγώνῳ. καὶ ἔχει τὴν ὑπὸ ΓΕΖ γωνίαν ἴσην τῇ δοθείσῃ τῇ Δ.

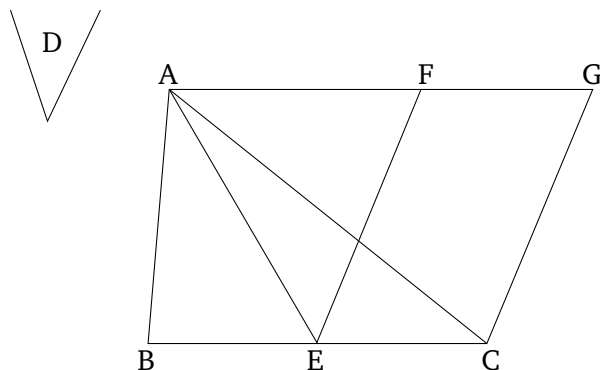
Τῷ ἄρα δοθέντι τριγώνῳ τῷ ΑΒΓ ἴσον παραλληλόγραμμον συνέσσεται τὸ ΖΕΓΗ ἐν γωνίᾳ τῇ ὑπὸ ΓΕΖ, ἧτις ἐστὶν ἴση τῇ Δ· ὅπερ ἔδει ποιῆσαι.

μγ'.

Παντὸς παραλληλογράμμου τῶν περὶ τὴν διάμετρον παραλληλογράμμων τὰ παραπληρώματα ἴσα ἀλλήλοις ἐστίν.

Ἐστω παραλληλόγραμμον τὸ ΑΒΓΔ, διάμετρος δὲ αὐτοῦ ἡ ΑΓ, περὶ δὲ τὴν ΑΓ παραλληλόγραμμα μὲν ἔστω τὰ ΕΘ, ΖΗ, τὰ δὲ λεγόμενα παραπληρώματα τὰ ΒΚ, ΚΔ· λέγω, ὅτι ἴσον ἐστὶ τὸ ΒΚ παραπλήρωμα τῷ ΚΔ παραπληρώματι.

Ἐπεὶ γὰρ παραλληλόγραμμον ἐστὶ τὸ ΑΒΓΔ, διάμετρος δὲ αὐτοῦ ἡ ΑΓ, ἴσον ἐστὶ τὸ ΑΒΓ τρίγωνον τῷ ΑΓΔ τριγώνῳ. πάλιν, ἐπεὶ παραλληλόγραμμον ἐστὶ τὸ ΕΘ, διάμετρος δὲ αὐτοῦ ἐστὶν ἡ ΑΚ, ἴσον ἐστὶ τὸ ΑΕΚ τρίγωνον τῷ ΑΘΚ τριγώνῳ. διὰ τὰ αὐτὰ δὴ καὶ τὸ ΚΖΓ τρίγωνον τῷ ΚΗΓ ἐστὶν ἴσον. ἐπεὶ οὖν τὸ μὲν ΑΕΚ τρίγωνον τῷ ΑΘΚ τριγώνῳ ἐστὶν ἴσον, τὸ δὲ ΚΖΓ τῷ ΚΗΓ, τὸ ΑΕΚ τρίγωνον μετὰ τοῦ ΚΗΓ ἴσον ἐστὶ τῷ ΑΘΚ τριγώνῳ μετὰ τοῦ ΚΖΓ· ἔστι δὲ καὶ ὅλον τὸ ΑΒΓ τρίγωνον ὅλῳ τῷ ΑΔΓ ἴσον· λοιπὸν ἄρα τὸ ΒΚ παραπλήρωμα λοιπῷ τῷ ΚΔ παρα-



Let  $BC$  have been cut in half at  $E$  [Prop. 1.10], and let  $AE$  have been joined. And let (angle)  $CEF$ , equal to angle  $D$ , have been constructed at the point  $E$  on the straight-line  $EC$  [Prop. 1.23]. And let  $AG$  have been drawn through  $A$  parallel to  $EC$  [Prop. 1.31], and let  $CG$  have been drawn through  $C$  parallel to  $EF$  [Prop. 1.31]. Thus,  $FECG$  is a parallelogram. And since  $BE$  is equal to  $EC$ , triangle  $ABE$  is also equal to triangle  $AEC$ . For they are on the equal bases,  $BE$  and  $EC$ , and between the same parallels,  $BC$  and  $AG$  [Prop. 1.38]. Thus, triangle  $ABC$  is double (the area) of triangle  $AEC$ . And parallelogram  $FECG$  is also double (the area) of triangle  $AEC$ . For it has the same base as ( $AEC$ ), and is between the same parallels as ( $AEC$ ) [Prop. 1.41]. Thus, parallelogram  $FECG$  is equal to triangle  $ABC$ . ( $FECG$ ) also has the angle  $CEF$  equal to the given (angle)  $D$ .

Thus, parallelogram  $FECG$ , equal to the given triangle  $ABC$ , has been constructed in the angle  $CEF$ , which is equal to  $D$ . (Which is) the very thing it was required to do.

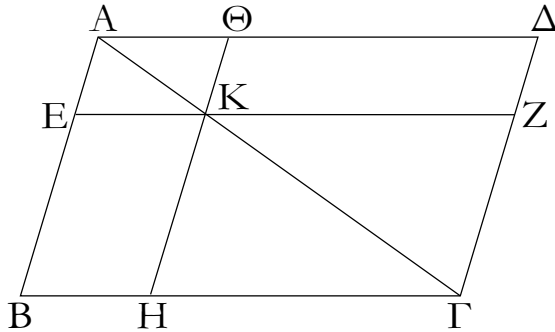
### Proposition 43

For any parallelogram, the complements of the parallelograms about the diagonal are equal to one another.

Let  $ABCD$  be a parallelogram, and  $AC$  its diagonal. And let  $EH$  and  $FG$  be the parallelograms about  $AC$ , and  $BK$  and  $KD$  the so-called complements (about  $AC$ ). I say that the complement  $BK$  is equal to the complement  $KD$ .

For since  $ABCD$  is a parallelogram, and  $AC$  its diagonal, triangle  $ABC$  is equal to triangle  $ACD$  [Prop. 1.34]. Again, since  $EH$  is a parallelogram, and  $AK$  is its diagonal, triangle  $AEK$  is equal to triangle  $AHK$  [Prop. 1.34]. So, for the same (reasons), triangle  $KFC$  is also equal to (triangle)  $KGC$ . Therefore, since triangle  $AEK$  is equal to triangle  $AHK$ , and  $KFC$  to  $KGC$ , triangle  $AEK$  plus  $KGC$  is equal to triangle  $AHK$  plus  $KFC$ . And the whole triangle  $ABC$  is also equal to the whole (triangle)  $ADC$ . Thus, the remaining complement  $BK$  is equal to

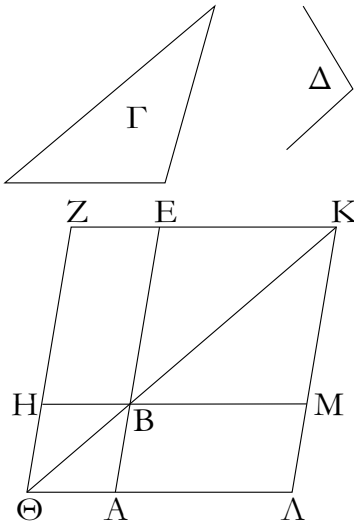
πληρώματί ἐστιν ἴσον.



Παντὸς ἄρα παραλληλογράμμου χωρίου τῶν περὶ τὴν διάμετρον παραλληλογράμμων τὰ παραπληρώματα ἴσα ἀλλήλοις ἐστίν· ὅπερ ἔδει δεῖξαι.

μδ'.

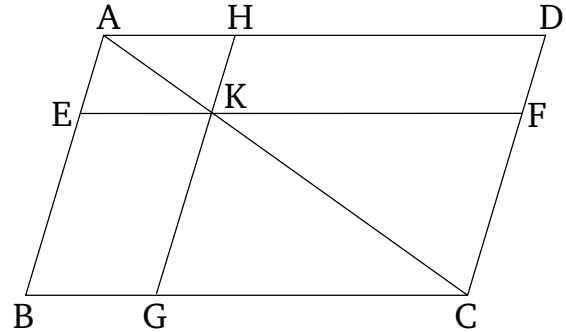
Παρά τὴν δοθεῖσαν εὐθεῖαν τῷ δοθέντι τριγώνῳ ἴσον παραλληλόγραμμον παραβαλεῖν ἐν τῇ δοθείσῃ γωνίᾳ εὐθύγραμμῳ.



Ἐστω ἡ μὲν δοθεῖσα εὐθεῖα ἡ AB, τὸ δὲ δοθὲν τρίγωνον τὸ Γ, ἡ δὲ δοθεῖσα γωνία εὐθύγραμμος ἡ Δ· δεῖ δὴ παρὰ τὴν δοθεῖσαν εὐθεῖαν τὴν AB τῷ δοθέντι τριγώνῳ τῷ Γ ἴσον παραλληλόγραμμον παραβαλεῖν ἐν ἴσῃ τῇ Δ γωνίᾳ.

Συνεστάτω τῷ Γ τριγώνῳ ἴσον παραλληλόγραμμον τὸ BEZH ἐν γωνίᾳ τῇ ὑπὸ EBH, ἣ ἐστὶν ἴση τῇ Δ· καὶ κείσθω ὥστε ἐπ' εὐθείας εἶναι τὴν BE τῇ AB, καὶ διήχθω ἡ ZH ἐπὶ τὸ Θ, καὶ διὰ τοῦ A ὁποτέρᾳ τῶν BH, EZ παράλληλος ἦχθω ἡ AΘ, καὶ ἐπεξεύχθω ἡ ΘB. καὶ ἐπεὶ εἰς παραλλήλους τὰς AΘ, EZ εὐθεῖα ἐνέπεσεν ἡ ΘZ, αἱ ἄρα ὑπὸ AΘZ, ΘZE γωνίαι δυσὶν ὀρθαῖς εἰσιν ἴσαι. αἱ ἄρα ὑπὸ BΘH, HZE δύο ὀρθῶν ἐλάσσονες εἰσιν· αἱ δὲ ἀπὸ ἐλασσόνων ἡ δύο ὀρθῶν εἰς ἄπειρον ἐκβαλλόμεναι συμπίπτουσιν· αἱ ΘB, ZE

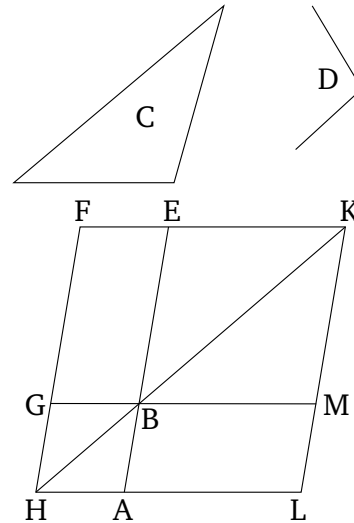
the remaining complement  $KD$ .



Thus, for any parallelogramic figure, the complements of the parallelograms about the diagonal are equal to one another. (Which is) the very thing it was required to show.

### Proposition 44

To apply a parallelogram equal to a given triangle to a given straight-line in a given rectilinear angle.



Let  $AB$  be the given straight-line,  $C$  the given triangle, and  $D$  the given rectilinear angle. So it is required to apply a parallelogram equal to the given triangle  $C$  to the given straight-line  $AB$  in an angle equal to (angle)  $D$ .

Let the parallelogram  $BEFG$ , equal to the triangle  $C$ , have been constructed in the angle  $EBG$ , which is equal to  $D$  [Prop. 1.42]. And let it have been placed so that  $BE$  is straight-on to  $AB$ .<sup>†</sup> And let  $FG$  have been drawn through to  $H$ , and let  $AH$  have been drawn through  $A$  parallel to either of  $BG$  or  $EF$  [Prop. 1.31], and let  $HB$  have been joined. And since the straight-line  $HF$  falls across the parallels  $AH$  and  $EF$ , the (sum of the) angles  $AHF$  and  $HFE$  is thus equal to two right-angles

ἄρα ἐκβαλλόμεναι συμπεσοῦνται. ἐκβεβλήσθωσαν καὶ συμ-  
πιπτεύωσαν κατὰ τὸ  $K$ , καὶ διὰ τοῦ  $K$  σημείου ὁποτέρᾳ  
τῶν  $EA$ ,  $Z\Theta$  παράλληλος ἦχθῃ ἢ  $KL$ , καὶ ἐκβεβλήσθωσαν  
αἱ  $\Theta A$ ,  $HB$  ἐπὶ τὰ  $\Lambda$ ,  $M$  σημεία. παραλληλόγραμμον ἄρα  
ἐστὶ τὸ  $\Theta AKZ$ , διάμετρος δὲ αὐτοῦ ἡ  $\Theta K$ , περὶ δὲ τὴν  $\Theta K$   
παραλληλόγραμμοι μὲν τὰ  $AH$ ,  $ME$ , τὰ δὲ λεγόμενα παρα-  
πληρώματα τὰ  $AB$ ,  $BZ$  ἴσον ἄρα ἐστὶ τὸ  $AB$  τῷ  $BZ$ . ἀλλὰ  
τὸ  $BZ$  τῷ  $\Gamma$  τριγώνῳ ἐστὶν ἴσον· καὶ τὸ  $AB$  ἄρα τῷ  $\Gamma$  ἐστὶν  
ἴσον. καὶ ἐπεὶ ἴση ἐστὶν ἡ ὑπὸ  $HBE$  γωνία τῇ ὑπὸ  $ABM$ ,  
ἀλλὰ ἡ ὑπὸ  $HBE$  τῇ  $\Delta$  ἐστὶν ἴση, καὶ ἡ ὑπὸ  $ABM$  ἄρα τῇ  $\Delta$   
γωνίᾳ ἐστὶν ἴση.

Παρὰ τὴν δοθεῖσαν ἄρα εὐθεῖαν τὴν  $AB$  τῷ δοθέντι  
τριγώνῳ τῷ  $\Gamma$  ἴσον παραλληλόγραμμον παραβέβληται τὸ  $AB$   
ἐν γωνίᾳ τῇ ὑπὸ  $ABM$ , ἣ ἐστὶν ἴση τῇ  $\Delta$ · ὅπερ ἔδει ποιῆσαι.

[Prop. 1.29]. Thus, (the sum of)  $BHG$  and  $GFE$  is less  
than two right-angles. And (straight-lines) produced to  
infinity from (internal angles whose sum is) less than two  
right-angles meet together [Post. 5]. Thus, being pro-  
duced,  $HB$  and  $FE$  will meet together. Let them have  
been produced, and let them meet together at  $K$ . And let  
 $KL$  have been drawn through point  $K$  parallel to either  
of  $EA$  or  $FH$  [Prop. 1.31]. And let  $HA$  and  $GB$  have  
been produced to points  $L$  and  $M$  (respectively). Thus,  
 $HLKF$  is a parallelogram, and  $HK$  its diagonal. And  
 $AG$  and  $ME$  (are) parallelograms, and  $LB$  and  $BF$  the  
so-called complements, about  $HK$ . Thus,  $LB$  is equal to  
 $BF$  [Prop. 1.43]. But,  $BF$  is equal to triangle  $C$ . Thus,  
 $LB$  is also equal to  $C$ . Also, since angle  $GBE$  is equal to  
 $ABM$  [Prop. 1.15], but  $GBE$  is equal to  $D$ ,  $ABM$  is thus  
also equal to angle  $D$ .

Thus, the parallelogram  $LB$ , equal to the given trian-  
gle  $C$ , has been applied to the given straight-line  $AB$  in  
the angle  $ABM$ , which is equal to  $D$ . (Which is) the very  
thing it was required to do.

† This can be achieved using Props. 1.3, 1.23, and 1.31.

με'.

Τῷ δοθέντι εὐθυγράμμῳ ἴσον παραλληλόγραμμον συστ-  
ῆσασθαι ἐν τῇ δοθείσῃ γωνίᾳ εὐθυγράμμῳ.

Ἐστω τὸ μὲν δοθὲν εὐθύγραμμοι τὸ  $AB\Gamma\Delta$ , ἡ δὲ  
δοθεῖσα γωνία εὐθύγραμμος ἡ  $E$ · δεῖ δὴ τῷ  $AB\Gamma\Delta$  εὐθυ-  
γράμμῳ ἴσον παραλληλόγραμμον συστήσασθαι ἐν τῇ δοθείσῃ  
γωνίᾳ τῇ  $E$ .

Ἐπεξεύχθω ἡ  $\Delta B$ , καὶ συνεστάτω τῷ  $AB\Delta$  τριγώνῳ  
ἴσον παραλληλόγραμμον τὸ  $Z\Theta$  ἐν τῇ ὑπὸ  $\Theta KZ$  γωνίᾳ, ἣ  
ἐστὶν ἴση τῇ  $E$ · καὶ παραβεβλήσθω παρὰ τὴν  $H\Theta$  εὐθεῖαν τῷ  
 $\Delta B\Gamma$  τριγώνῳ ἴσον παραλληλόγραμμον τὸ  $HM$  ἐν τῇ ὑπὸ  
 $H\Theta M$  γωνίᾳ, ἣ ἐστὶν ἴση τῇ  $E$ . καὶ ἐπεὶ ἡ  $E$  γωνία ἐκατέρᾳ  
τῶν ὑπὸ  $\Theta KZ$ ,  $H\Theta M$  ἐστὶν ἴση, καὶ ἡ ὑπὸ  $\Theta KZ$  ἄρα τῇ ὑπὸ  
 $H\Theta M$  ἐστὶν ἴση. κοινὴ προσκείσθω ἡ ὑπὸ  $K\Theta H$ · αἱ ἄρα  
ὑπὸ  $ZK\Theta$ ,  $K\Theta H$  ταῖς ὑπὸ  $K\Theta H$ ,  $H\Theta M$  ἴσαι εἰσὶν. ἀλλ' αἱ  
ὑπὸ  $ZK\Theta$ ,  $K\Theta H$  δυσὶν ὀρθαῖς ἴσαι εἰσὶν· καὶ αἱ ὑπὸ  $K\Theta H$ ,  
 $H\Theta M$  ἄρα δύο ὀρθαῖς ἴσαι εἰσὶν. πρὸς δὴ τινι εὐθεῖᾳ τῇ  $H\Theta$   
καὶ τῷ πρὸς αὐτῇ σημείῳ τῷ  $\Theta$  δύο εὐθεῖαι αἱ  $K\Theta$ ,  $\Theta M$  μὴ  
ἐπὶ τὰ αὐτὰ μέρη κείμεναι τὰς ἐφεξῆς γωνίας δύο ὀρθαῖς  
ἴσας ποιοῦσιν· ἐπ' εὐθείας ἄρα ἐστὶν ἡ  $K\Theta$  τῇ  $\Theta M$ · καὶ  
ἐπεὶ εἰς παραλλήλους τὰς  $KM$ ,  $ZH$  εὐθεῖα ἐνέπεσεν ἡ  $\Theta H$ ,  
αἱ ἐναλλὰξ γωνίαι αἱ ὑπὸ  $M\Theta H$ ,  $\Theta HZ$  ἴσαι ἀλλήλαις εἰσὶν.  
κοινὴ προσκείσθω ἡ ὑπὸ  $\Theta H\Lambda$ · αἱ ἄρα ὑπὸ  $M\Theta H$ ,  $\Theta H\Lambda$  ταῖς  
ὑπὸ  $\Theta HZ$ ,  $\Theta H\Lambda$  ἴσαι εἰσὶν. ἀλλ' αἱ ὑπὸ  $M\Theta H$ ,  $\Theta H\Lambda$  δύο  
ὀρθαῖς ἴσαι εἰσὶν· καὶ αἱ ὑπὸ  $\Theta HZ$ ,  $\Theta H\Lambda$  ἄρα δύο ὀρθαῖς  
ἴσαι εἰσὶν· ἐπ' εὐθείας ἄρα ἐστὶν ἡ  $ZH$  τῇ  $H\Lambda$ . καὶ ἐπεὶ ἡ  
 $ZK$  τῇ  $\Theta H$  ἴση τε καὶ παράλληλός ἐστιν, ἀλλὰ καὶ ἡ  $\Theta H$  τῇ  
 $M\Lambda$ , καὶ ἡ  $KZ$  ἄρα τῇ  $M\Lambda$  ἴση τε καὶ παράλληλός ἐστιν· καὶ

### Proposition 45

To construct a parallelogram equal to a given rectilin-  
ear figure in a given rectilinear angle.

Let  $ABCD$  be the given rectilinear figure,<sup>†</sup> and  $E$  the  
given rectilinear angle. So it is required to construct a  
parallelogram equal to the rectilinear figure  $ABCD$  in  
the given angle  $E$ .

Let  $DB$  have been joined, and let the parallelogram  
 $FH$ , equal to the triangle  $ABD$ , have been constructed  
in the angle  $HKF$ , which is equal to  $E$  [Prop. 1.42]. And  
let the parallelogram  $GM$ , equal to the triangle  $DBC$ ,  
have been applied to the straight-line  $GH$  in the angle  
 $GHM$ , which is equal to  $E$  [Prop. 1.44]. And since angle  
 $E$  is equal to each of (angles)  $HKF$  and  $GHM$ , (an-  
gle)  $HKF$  is thus also equal to  $GHM$ . Let  $KHG$  have  
been added to both. Thus, (the sum of)  $FKH$  and  $KHG$   
is equal to (the sum of)  $KHG$  and  $GHM$ . But, (the  
sum of)  $FKH$  and  $KHG$  is equal to two right-angles  
[Prop. 1.29]. Thus, (the sum of)  $KHG$  and  $GHM$  is  
also equal to two right-angles. So two straight-lines,  $KH$   
and  $HM$ , not lying on the same side, make adjacent an-  
gles with some straight-line  $GH$ , at the point  $H$  on it,  
(whose sum is) equal to two right-angles. Thus,  $KH$  is  
straight-on to  $HM$  [Prop. 1.14]. And since the straight-  
line  $HG$  falls across the parallels  $KM$  and  $FG$ , the al-  
ternate angles  $MHG$  and  $HGF$  are equal to one another  
[Prop. 1.29]. Let  $HGL$  have been added to both. Thus,  
(the sum of)  $MHG$  and  $HGL$  is equal to (the sum of)