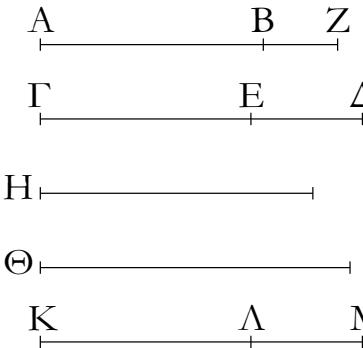


KH will have the same order as *BC* [Defs. 10.5—10.10]. (Which is) the very thing it was required to show.

ριδ'.

Ἐὰν χωρίον περιέχηται ὑπὸ ἀποτομῆς καὶ τῆς ἐκ δύο ὀνομάτων, ἡς τὰ ὄνόματα σύμμετρά τέ ἔστι τοῖς τῆς ἀποτομῆς ὄνόμασι καὶ ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ λόγῳ, ἡ τὸ χωρίον δυναμένη ῥητή ἔστιν.



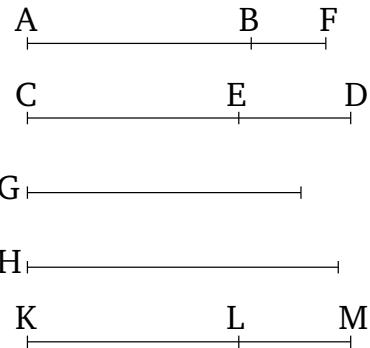
Περιεχέσθω γὰρ χωρίον τὸ ὑπὸ τῶν *AB*, *ΓΔ* ὑπὸ ἀποτομῆς τῆς *AB* καὶ τῆς ἐκ δύο ὀνομάτων τῆς *ΓΔ*, ἡς μεῖζον ὄνομα ἔστω τὸ *ΓΕ*, καὶ ἔστω τὰ ὄνόματα τῆς ἐκ δύο ὀνομάτων τὰ *ΓΕ*, *ΕΔ* σύμμετρά τε τοῖς τῆς ἀποτομῆς ὄνόμασι τοῖς *AZ*, *ZB* καὶ ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ λόγῳ, καὶ ἔστω ἡ τὸ ὑπὸ τῶν *AB*, *ΓΔ* δυναμένη ἡ *H*. λέγω, ὅτι ῥητή ἔστιν ἡ *H*.

Ἐκκείσθω γὰρ ῥητὴ ἡ *Θ*, καὶ τῷ ἀπὸ τῆς *Θ* ἵσον παρὰ τὴν *ΓΔ* παραβεβλήσθω πλάτος ποιοῦν τὴν *KΛ*. ἀποτομὴ ἄφα ἔστιν ἡ *KΛ*, ἡς τὰ ὄνόματα ἔστω τὰ *KM*, *ML* σύμμετρα τοῖς τῆς ἐκ δύο ὀνομάτων ὄνόμασι τοῖς *ΓΕ*, *ΕΔ* καὶ ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ λόγῳ. ἀλλὰ καὶ αἱ *ΓΕ*, *ΕΔ* σύμμετροί τέ εἰσι ταῖς *AZ*, *ZB* καὶ ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ λόγῳ· ἔστιν ἄφα ὡς ἡ *AZ* πρὸς τὴν *ZB*, οὕτως ἡ *KM* πρὸς *ML*. ἐναλλάξ ἄφα ἔστιν ὡς ἡ *AZ* πρὸς τὴν *KM*, οὕτως ἡ *BZ* πρὸς τὴν *LM*. καὶ λοιπὴ ἄφα ἡ *AB* πρὸς λοιπὴν τὴν *KΛ* ἔστιν ὡς ἡ *AZ* πρὸς *KM*. σύμμετρος δὲ ἡ *AZ* τῇ *KM*. σύμμετρος ἄφα ἔστι καὶ ἡ *AB* τῇ *KΛ*. καὶ ἔστιν ὡς ἡ *AB* πρὸς *KΛ*, οὕτως τὸ ὑπὸ τῶν *ΓΔ*, *AB* πρὸς τὸ ὑπὸ τῶν *ΓΔ*, *KΛ*. σύμμετρον ἄφα ἔστι καὶ τὸ ὑπὸ τῶν *ΓΔ*, *AB* τῷ ὑπὸ τῶν *ΓΔ*, *KΛ*. ἵσον δὲ τὸ ὑπὸ τῶν *ΓΔ*, *KΛ* τῷ ἀπὸ τῆς *Θ*. σύμμετρον ἄφα ἔστι τὸ ὑπὸ τῶν *ΓΔ*, *AB* τῷ ἀπὸ τῆς *Θ*. τῷ δὲ ὑπὸ τῶν *ΓΔ*, *AB* ἵσον ἔστι τὸ ἀπὸ τῆς *H*. σύμμετρον ἄφα ἔστι τὸ ἀπὸ τῆς *H* τῷ ἀπὸ τῆς *Θ*. ῥητὸν δὲ τὸ ἀπὸ τῆς *Θ* ἄφα ἔστι καὶ τὸ ἀπὸ τῆς *H*. ῥητὴ ἄφα ἔστιν ἡ *H*. καὶ δύναται τὸ ὑπὸ τῶν *ΓΔ*, *AB*.

Ἐὰν ἄφα χωρίον περιέχηται ὑπὸ ἀποτομῆς καὶ τῆς ἐκ δύο ὀνομάτων, ἡς τὰ ὄνόματα σύμμετρά ἔστι τοῖς τῆς ἀποτομῆς ὄνόμασι καὶ ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ λόγῳ, ἡ τὸ χωρίον δυναμένη ῥητὴ ἔστιν.

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 .

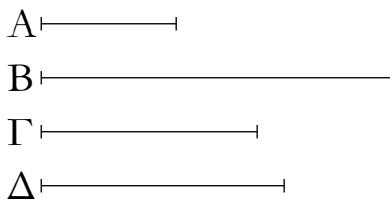
Thus, if an area is contained by an apotome, and a binomial whose terms are commensurable with, and in the same ratio as, the terms of the apotome, then the square-root of the area is a rational (straight-line).

Πόρισμα.

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

ριε'.

Ἄπὸ μέσης ἄπειροι ἄλογοι γίνονται, καὶ οὐδεμίᾳ οὐδεμιᾷ τῶν πρότερον ἡ αὐτῆ.



Ἐστω μέση ἡ A · λέγω, ὅτι ἀπὸ τῆς A ἄπειροι ἄλογοι γίνονται, καὶ οὐδεμίᾳ οὐδεμιᾷ τῶν πρότερον ἡ αὐτῆ.

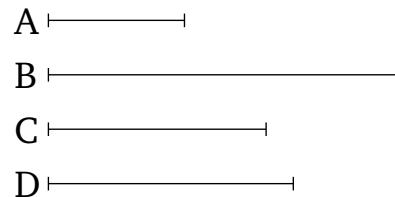
Ἐκκείσθω ρήτὴ ἡ B , καὶ τῷ ὑπὸ τῶν B , A ἵσον ἔστω τὸ ἀπὸ τῆς Γ · ἄλογος ἄρα ἔστιν ἡ Γ · τὸ γάρ ὑπὸ ἀλόγου καὶ ρήτης ἄλογόν ἐστιν. καὶ οὐδεμιᾳὶ τῶν πρότερον ἡ αὐτῆ· τὸ γάρ ἀπὸ οὐδεμιᾳὶ τῶν πρότερον παρὰ ρήτὴν παραβαλλόμενον πλάτος ποιεῖ μέσην. πάλιν δὴ τῷ ὑπὸ τῶν B , Γ ἵσον ἔστω τὸ ἀπὸ τῆς Δ · ἄλογον ἄρα ἔστι τὸ ἀπὸ τῆς Δ . ἄλογος ἄρα ἔστιν ἡ Δ · καὶ οὐδεμιᾳὶ τῶν πρότερον ἡ αὐτῆ· τὸ γάρ ἀπὸ οὐδεμιᾳὶ τῶν πρότερον παρὰ ρήτὴν παραβαλλόμενον πλάτος ποιεῖ τὴν Γ . ὅμοιώς δὴ τῆς τοιαύτης τάξεως ἐπὶ ἄπειρον προβαίνούσης φανερόν, ὅτι ἀπὸ τῆς μέσης ἄπειροι ἄλογοι γίνονται, καὶ οὐδεμίᾳ οὐδεμιᾳὶ τῶν πρότερον ἡ αὐτῆ· 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

”Οροι.

α'. Στερεόν ἔστι τὸ μῆκος καὶ πλάτος καὶ βάθος ἔχον.

β'. Στερεοῦ δὲ πέρας ἐπιφάνεια.

γ'. Εὐθεῖα πρὸς ἐπίπεδον ὁρθή ἔστιν, ὅταν πρὸς πάσας τὰς ἀπτομένας αὐτῆς εὐθείας καὶ οὔσας ἐν τῷ [ύποκειμένῳ] ἐπιπέδῳ ὁρθὰς ποιῇ γωνίας.

δ'. Ἐπίπεδον πρὸς ἐπίπεδον ὁρθόν ἔστιν, ὅταν αἱ τῇ κοινῇ τομῇ τῶν ἐπιπέδων πρὸς ὁρθὰς ἀγόμεναι εὐθεῖαι ἐν ἐν τῶν ἐπιπέδων τῷ λοιπῷ ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὁρθὰς ὄσιν.

ε'. Εὐθείας πρὸς ἐπίπεδον κλίσις ἔστιν, ὅταν ἀπὸ τοῦ μετεώρου πέρατος τῆς εὐθείας ἐπὶ τὸ ἐπίπεδον κάθετος ἀχθῆ, καὶ ἀπὸ τοῦ γενομένου σημείου ἐπὶ τὸ ἐν τῷ ἐπιπέδῳ πέρας τῆς εὐθείας εὐθεῖα ἐπιζευχθῆ, ἥ περιεχομένη γωνία ὑπὸ τῆς ἀχθείσης καὶ τῆς ἐφεστώσης.

Ϛ'. Ἐπιπέδου πρὸς ἐπίπεδον κλίσις ἔστιν ἥ περιεχομένη ὀξεῖα γωνία ὑπὸ τῶν πρὸς ὁρθὰς τῇ κοινῇ τομῇ ἀγόμενων πρὸς τῷ αὐτῷ σημείῳ ἐν ἐκατέρῳ τῶν ἐπιπέδων.

ζ'. Ἐπίπεδον πρὸς ἐπίπεδον ὁμοίως κεκλίσθαι λέγεται καὶ ἔτερον πρὸς ἔτερον, ὅταν αἱ εἰρημέναι τῶν κλίσεων γωνίαι ἵσαι ἀλλήλαις ὄσιν.

η'. Παράλληλα ἐπίπεδά ἔστι τὰ ἀσύμπτωτα.

θ'. Ὄμοια στερεὰ σχήματά ἔστι τὰ ὑπὸ ὁμοίων ἐπιπέδων περιεχόμενα ἵσων τὸ πλήθυος.

ι'. Ισα δὲ καὶ ὁμοια στερεὰ σχήματά ἔστι τὰ ὑπὸ ὁμοίων ἐπιπέδων περιεχόμενα ἵσων τῷ πλήθει καὶ τῷ μεγέθει.

ια'. Στερεὰ γωνία ἔστιν ἥ ὑπὸ πλειόνων ἥ δύο γραμμῶν ἀπτομένων ἀλλήλων καὶ μὴ ἐν τῇ αὐτῇ ἐπιφανείᾳ οὔσαν πρὸς πάσας ταῖς γραμμαῖς κλίσις. ἄλλως: στερεὰ γωνία ἔστιν ἥ ὑπὸ πλειόνων ἥ δύο γωνιῶν ἐπιπέδων περιεχομένη μὴ οὔσων ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ἐνὶ σημείῳ συνισταμένων.

ιβ'. Πυραμίς ἔστι σχῆμα στερεὸν ἐπιπέδοις περιχόμενον ἀπὸ ἑνὸς ἐπιπέδου πρὸς ἐνὶ σημείῳ συνεστώτῳ.

ιγ'. Πρίσμα ἔστι σχῆμα στερεὸν ἐπιπέδοις περιεχόμενον, δὲ δύο τὰ ἀπεναντίον ἵσα τε καὶ ὁμοιά ἔστι καὶ παράλληλα, τὰ δὲ λοιπὰ παραλληλόγραμμα.

ιδ'. Σφαιρά ἔστιν, ὅταν ἡμικυκλίου μενούσης τῆς διαμέτρου περιενεχθὲν τὸ ἡμικύκλιον εἰς τὸ αὐτὸ πάλιν ἀποκατασταθῆ, ὅθεν ἤρξατο φέρεσθαι, τὸ περιληφθὲν σχῆμα.

ιε'. Ἀξων δὲ τῆς σφαιρᾶς ἔστιν ἥ μένουσα εὐθεῖα, περὶ ἣν τὸ ἡμικύκλιον στρέφεται.

ιϛ'. Κέντρον δὲ τῆς σφαιρᾶς ἔστι τὸ αὐτό, ὃ καὶ τοῦ ἡμικυκλίου.

ιζ'. Διάμετρος δὲ τῆς σφαιρᾶς ἔστιν εὐθεῖα τις διὰ τοῦ κέντρου ἡγμένη καὶ περατουμένη ἐφ' ἐκάτερα τὰ μέρη ὑπὸ τῆς ἐπιφανείας τῆς σφαιρᾶς.

ιη'. Κῶνος ἔστιν, ὅταν ὁρθογωνίου τριγώνου μενούσης μᾶς πλευρᾶς τῶν περὶ τὴν ὁρθήν γωνίαν περιενεχθὲν τὸ τρίγωνον εἰς τὸ αὐτὸ πάλιν ἀποκατασταθῆ, 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.

φέρεσθαι, τὸ περιληφθὲν σχῆμα. καὶ μὲν ἡ μένουσα εὐθεῖα ἵση ἢ τῇ λοιπῇ [τῇ] περὶ τὴν ὄρθὴν περιφερομένῃ, ὄρθιογώνιος ἔσται ὁ κῶνος, ἐὰν δὲ ἐλάττων, ἀμβλυγώνιος, ἐὰν δὲ μείζων, ὀξυγώνιος.

ιψ'. Ἀξων δὲ τοῦ κώνου ἔστιν ἡ μένουσα εὐθεῖα, περὶ ἣν τὸ τρίγωνον στρέφεται.

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

κα'. Κύλινδρός ἔστιν, ὅταν ὄρθιογώνιον παραλληλογράμμου μενούσης μᾶς πλευρᾶς τῶν περὶ τὴν ὄρθὴν γωνίαν περιενεχθὲν τὸ παραλληλόγραμμον εἰς τὸ αὐτὸ πάλιν ἀποκατασταθῆ, ὅθεν ἥρξατο φέρεσθαι, τὸ περιληφθὲν σχῆμα.

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

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

κδ'. Ὁμοιοι κῶνοι καὶ κύλινδροι εἰσιν, ὃν οἵ τε ἄξονες καὶ οἱ διάμετροι τῶν βάσεων ἀνάλογόν εἰσιν.

κε'. Κύβος ἔστι σχῆμα στερεὸν ὑπὸ ἓξ τετραγώνων ἵσων περιεχόμενον.

κϛ'. Ὁκτάεδρόν ἔστι σχῆμα στερεὸν ὑπὸ ὀκτὼ τριγώνων ἵσων καὶ ἰσοπλεύρων περιεχόμενον.

κζ'. Εἰκοσάεδρόν ἔστι σχῆμα στερεὸν ὑπὸ εἴκοσι τριγώνων ἵσων καὶ ἰσοπλεύρων περιεχόμενον.

κη'. Δωδεκάεδρόν ἔστι σχῆμα στερεὸν ὑπὸ δώδεκα πενταγώνων ἵσων καὶ ἰσοπλεύρων 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'.

Εὐθείας γραμμῆς μέρος μέν τι οὐκ ἔστιν ἐν τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ, μέρος δέ τι ἐν μετεωροτέρῳ.

Εἰ γὰρ δύνατόν, εὐθείας γραμμῆς τῇς ΑΒΓ μέρος μέν τι τὸ ΑΒ ἔστω ἐν τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ, μέρος δέ τι τὸ ΒΓ ἐν μετεωροτέρῳ.

Ἐσται δή τις τῇ ΑΒ συνεχῆς εὐθεῖα ἐπ' εὐθείας ἐν τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ. ἔστω ἡ ΒΔ· δύο δρά εὐθειῶν τῶν ΑΒΓ, ΑΒΔ κοινὸν τμῆμά ἔστιν ἡ ΑΒ· ὅπερ ἔστιν ἀδύνατον, ἐπειδήπερ ἐὰν κέντρῳ τῷ Β καὶ διαστήματι τῷ ΑΒ κύκλον γράψωμεν, αἱ διάμετροι ἀνίσους ἀπολήψονται τοῦ κύκλου

Proposition 1[†]

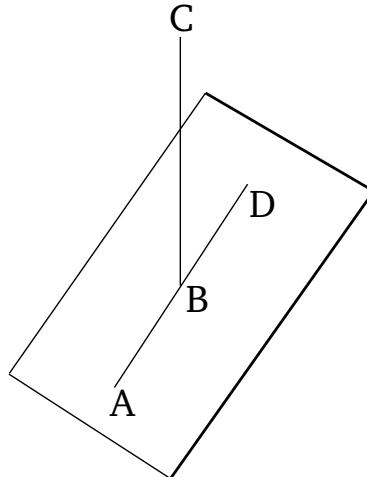
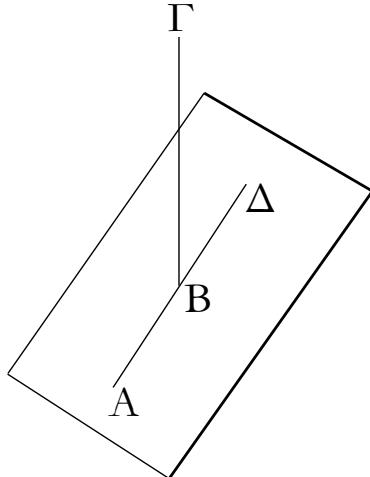
Some part of a straight-line cannot be in a reference plane, and some part in a more elevated (plane).

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 .[‡] 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

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



Εύθειάς ἄρα γραμμῆς μέρος μέν τι οὐκ ἔστιν ἐν τῷ ὑπο-
κειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ, τὸ δὲ ἐν μετεωροτέρῳ· ὅπερ ἔδει δεῖξαι.

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.

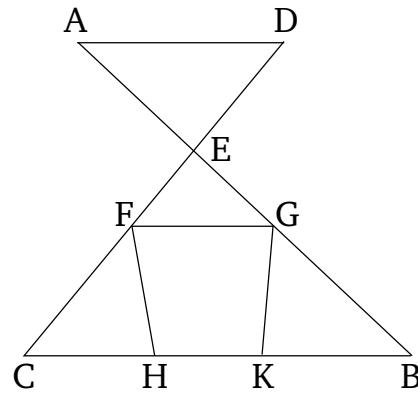
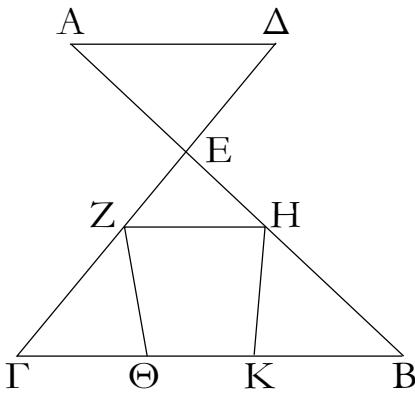
[‡] This assumption essentially presupposes the validity of the proposition under discussion.

β'.

Ἐὰν δύο εὐθεῖαι τέμνωσιν ἀλλήλας, ἐν ἐνί εἰσιν ἐπιπέδῳ,
καὶ πᾶν τρίγωνον ἐν ἐνί ἔστιν ἐπιπέδῳ.

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.



Δύο γάρ εὐθέαι αἱ ΑΒ, ΓΔ τεμνέτωσαν ἀλλήλας κατὰ τὸ Ε σημεῖον. λέγω, ὅτι αἱ ΑΒ, ΓΔ ἐν ἐνὶ εἰσιν ἐπιπέδῳ, καὶ πᾶν τοίγωνον ἐν ἐνὶ ἔστιν ἐπιπέδῳ.

Είλικρηφθύ γάρ ἐπὶ τῶν ΕΓ, ΕΒ τυχόντα σημεῖα τὰ Z, H, καὶ ἐπεζεύχθωσαν αἱ ΓΒ, ZΗ, καὶ διήχθωσαν αἱ ZΘ, HK· λέγω πρῶτον, ὅτι τὸ ΕΓΒ τριγώνου ἐν ἐστιν ἐπιπέδῳ. εἰ γάρ ἐστι τοῦ ΕΓΒ τριγώνου μέρος ἡτοι τὸ ZΘΓ ἢ τὸ HBΚ ἐν τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ [ἐπιπέδῳ], τὸ δὲ λοιπὸν ἐν ἄλλῳ, ἔσται καὶ μιᾶς τῶν ΕΓ, ΕΒ εὐθειῶν μέρος μέν τι ἐν τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ

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.

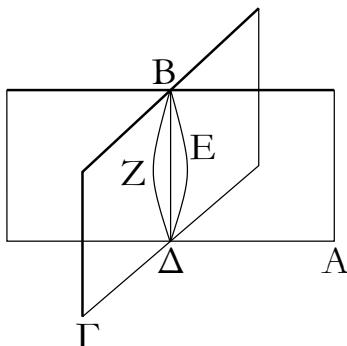
For let the random points F and G have been taken on EC and EB (respectively). And let CB and FG have been joined, and let FH and GK have been drawn across. I say, first of all, that triangle ECB is in one (reference) plane. For if part of triangle ECB , either FHC

ἐπιπέδῳ, τὸ δὲ ἐν αλλῷ. εἰ δὲ τοῦ ΕΓΒ τριγώνου τὸ ΖΓΒΗ μέρος ἥτις ἐν τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ, τὸ δὲ λοιπὸν ἐν ἄλλῳ, ἔσται καὶ ἀμφοτέρων τῶν ΕΓ, ΕΒ εὐθεῖῶν μέρος μέν τι ἐν τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ, τὸ δὲ ἐν ἄλλῳ· ὅπερ ἀτοπον ἐδείχθη. τὸ ἄρα ΕΓΒ τριγώνον ἐν ἐνὶ ἔστιν ἐπιπέδῳ. ἐν τῷ δὲ ἐστι τὸ ΕΓΒ τριγώνον, ἐν τούτῳ καὶ ἐκατέρᾳ τῶν ΕΓ, ΕΒ, ἐν τῷ δὲ ἐκατέρᾳ τῶν ΕΓ, ΕΒ, ἐν τούτῳ καὶ αἱ ΑΒ, ΓΔ. αἱ ΑΒ, ΓΔ ἄρα εὐθεῖαι ἐν ἐνὶ εἰσιν ἐπιπέδῳ, καὶ πᾶν τριγώνον ἐν ἐνὶ ἔστιν 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.

γ'.

Ἐὰν δύο ἐπίπεδα τεμνῃ ἄλληλα, ἡ κοινὴ αὐτῶν τομὴ εὐθεῖά ἔστιν.



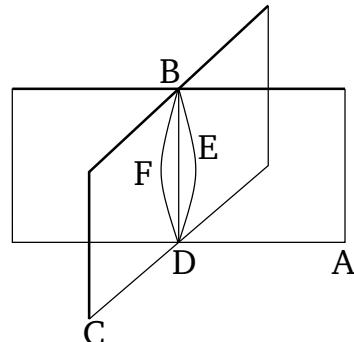
Δύο γὰρ ἐπίπεδα τὰ ΑΒ, ΒΓ τεμνέτω ἄλληλα, κοινὴ δὲ αὐτῶν τομὴ ἔστω ἡ ΔΒ γραμμή· λέγω, ὅτι ἡ ΔΒ γραμμὴ εὐθεῖά ἔστιν.

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 εὐθεῖῶν τῶν ΔΕΒ, ΔΖΒ τὰ αὐτὰ πέρατα, καὶ περιέξουσι δηλαδὴ χωρίον· ὅπερ ἀτοπον. οὔκτοις ἄρα αἱ ΔΕΒ, ΔΖΒ εὐθεῖαι εἰσιν. ὁμοίως δὴ δεῖξομεν, ὅτι οὐδὲ ἄλλη τις ἀπὸ τοῦ Δ ἐπὶ τὸ Β ἐπιζευγνυμένη εὐθεῖα ἔσται πλὴν τῆς ΔΒ κοινῆς τομῆς τῶν ΑΒ, ΒΓ ἐπιπέδων.

Ἐὰν ἄρα δύο ἐπίπεδα τέμνη ἄλληλα, ἡ κοινὴ αὐτῶν τομὴ εὐθεῖά ἔστιν· ὅπερ ἔδει δεῖξαι.

Proposition 3

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



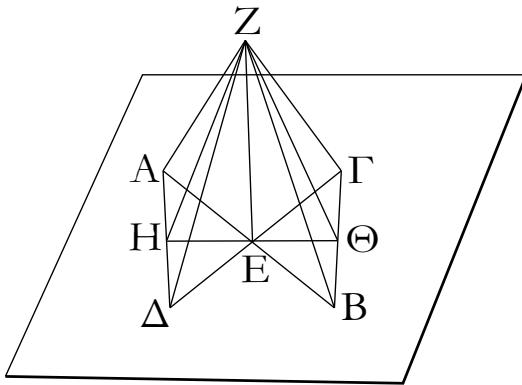
For let the two planes AB and BC cut one another, and let their common section be the line DB . I say that the line DB is straight.

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 than 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' .

Ἐὰν εὐθεῖα δύο εὐθεῖαις τεμνούσαις ἀλλήλας πρὸς ὄρθας ἐπὶ τῆς κοινῆς τομῆς ἐπισταθῇ, καὶ τῷ δι’ αὐτῶν ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὄρθας ἔσται.



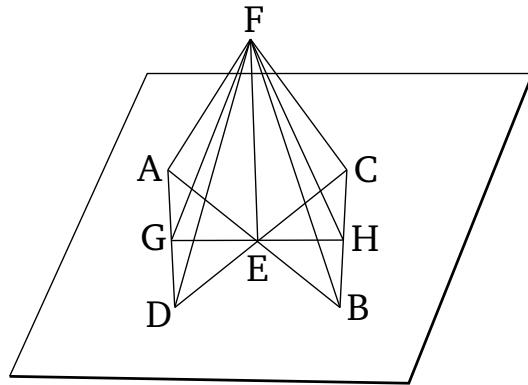
Εὐθεῖα γάρ τις ἡ EZ δύο εὐθεῖαις ταῖς AB, ΓΔ τε μνούσαις ἀλλήλας κατὰ τὸ E σημεῖον ἀπὸ τοῦ E πρὸς ὄρθας ἐφεστάτω· λέγω, ὅτι ἡ EZ καὶ τῷ διὰ τῶν AB, ΓΔ ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὄρθας ἔστιν.

Ἀπειλήφθωσαν γὰρ αἱ AE, EB, ΓΕ, ΓΔ ἵσαι ἀλλήλας, καὶ διήχθω τις διὰ τοῦ E, ὡς ἔτυχεν, ἡ HEΘ, καὶ ἐπεζεύχθωσαν αἱ AD, ΓΒ, καὶ ἔτι ἀπὸ τυχόντος τοῦ Z ἐπεζεύχθωσαν αἱ ZA, ZH, ZΔ, ZΓ, ZΘ, ZB.

Καὶ ἐπεὶ δύο αἱ AE, ED δυσὶ ταῖς ΓΕ, EB ἵσαι εἰσὶ καὶ γωνίας ἵσαις περιέχουσιν, βάσις ἄρα ἡ AΔ βάσει τῇ ΓΒ ἵση ἔστιν, καὶ τὸ AEΔ τρίγωνον τῷ ΓΕΒ τριγώνῳ ἵσον ἔσται· ὥστε καὶ γωνία ἡ ὑπὸ ΔAE γωνίᾳ τῇ ὑπὸ EBG ἵση [ἔστιν]. ἔστι δὲ καὶ ἡ ὑπὸ AEH γωνία τῇ ὑπὸ BEΘ ἵση. δύο δὴ τρίγωνά ἔστι τὰ AHE, BEΘ τὰς δύο γωνίας δυσὶ γωνίαις ἵσαις ἔχοντα ἐκατέραν ἐκατέρα καὶ μίαν πλευρὰν μιᾷ πλευρᾷ ἵσην τὴν πρὸς ταῖς ἵσαις γωνίαις τὴν AE τῇ EB· καὶ τὰς λοιπὰς ἄρα πλευρὰς ταῖς λοιπαῖς πλευραῖς ἵσαις ἔξουσιν. ἵση ἄρα ἡ μὲν HE τῇ EΘ, ἡ δὲ AH τῇ BΘ. καὶ ἐπεὶ ἵση ἔστιν ἡ AE τῇ EB, κοινὴ δὲ καὶ πρὸς ὄρθας ἡ ZE, βάσις ἄρα ἡ ZA βάσει τῇ ZB ἔστων ἵση. διὰ τὰ αὐτὰ δὴ καὶ ἡ ZΓ τῇ ZΔ ἔστιν ἵση. καὶ ἐπεὶ ἵση ἔστιν ἡ AΔ τῇ ΓΒ, ἔστι δὲ καὶ ἡ ZA τῇ ZB ἵση, δύο δὴ αἱ ZA, AΔ δυσὶ ταῖς ZB, BG ἵσαι εἰσὶν ἐκατέρα ἐκατέρα· καὶ βάσις ἡ ZΔ βάσει τῇ ZΓ ἐδείχθη ἵση· καὶ γωνία ἄρα ἡ ὑπὸ ZAΔ γωνίᾳ τῇ ὑπὸ ZBG ἵση ἔστιν. καὶ ἐπεὶ πάλιν ἐδείχθη ἡ AH τῇ BΘ ἵση, ἀλλὰ μὴν καὶ ἡ ZA τῇ ZB ἵση, δύο δὴ αἱ ZA, AH δυσὶ ταῖς ZB, BΘ ἵσαι εἰσὶν. καὶ γωνία ἡ ὑπὸ ZAH ἐδείχθη ἵση τῇ ὑπὸ ZBΘ· βάσις ἄρα ἡ ZH βάσει τῇ ZΘ ἔστιν ἵση. καὶ ἐπεὶ πάλιν ἵση ἐδείχθη ἡ HE τῇ EΘ, κοινὴ δὲ ἡ EZ, δύο δὴ αἱ HE, EZ δυσὶ ταῖς ΘΕ, EZ ἵσαι εἰσὶν· καὶ βάσις ἡ ZH βάσει τῇ ZΘ ἵση· γωνία ἄρα ἡ ὑπὸ HEZ γωνίᾳ τῇ ὑπὸ ΘEZ ἵση ἔστιν. ὄρθὴ ἄρα ἐκατέρα τῶν ὑπὸ HEZ, ΘEZ γωνιῶν. ἡ ZE ἄρα πρὸς τὴν ΗΘ τυχόντως διὰ τοῦ E ἀχθεῖσαν ὄρθη ἔστιν. ὄμοιώς δὴ 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 οὕσας ἐν τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ ὁρθὰς ποιήσει γωνίας. εὐθεῖα δὲ πρὸς ἐπίπεδον ὁρθὴ ἔστιν, ὅταν πρὸς πάσας τὰς ἀπτομένας αὐτῆς εὐθείας καὶ οὕσας ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ ἐπιπέδῳ ὁρθὰς ποιῇ γωνίας· ἡ ZE ἄρα τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὁρθὰς ἔστιν. τὸ δὲ ὑποκειμένον ἐπίπεδόν ἔστι τὸ διὰ τῶν AB, ΓΔ εὐθεῖῶν. ἡ ZE ἄρα πρὸς ὁρθὰς ἔστι τῷ διὰ τῶν AB, ΓΔ ἐπιπέδῳ.

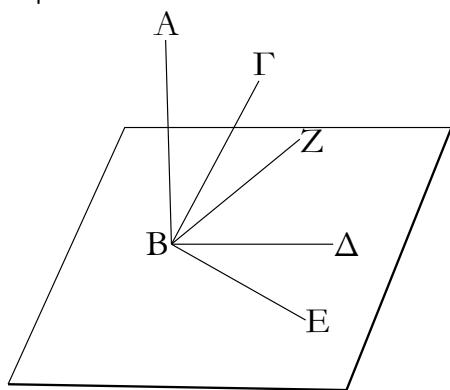
Ἐὰν ἄρα εὐθεῖα δύο εὐθείαις τεμνούσαις ἀλλήλας πρὸς ὁρθὰς ἐπὶ τῆς κοινῆς τομῆς ἐπισταθῇ, καὶ τῷ δι' αὐτῶν ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὁρθὰς ἔσται· ὅπερ ἔδει δεῖξαι.

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 ὁρθὰς ἐπὶ τῆς κοινῆς τομῆς ἐπισταθῇ, αἱ τρεῖς εὐθεῖαι ἐν ἐνί εἰσιν ἐπιπέδῳ.

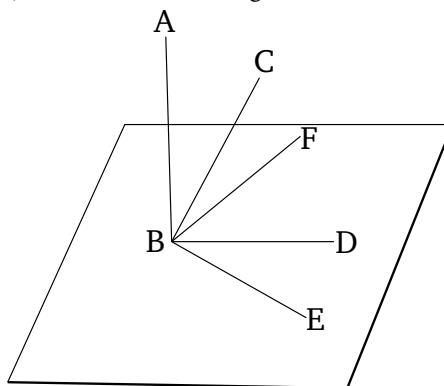


Εὐθεῖα γάρ τις ἡ AB τρισὶν εὐθείαις ταῖς BC, BD, BE πρὸς ὁρθὰς ἐπὶ τῆς κατὰ τὸ B ἀφῆς ἐφεστάτω· λέγω, ὅτι αἱ BC, BD, BE ἐν ἐνί εἰσιν ἐπιπέδῳ.

Μὴ γάρ, ἀλλ᾽ εἰ δυνατόν, ἔστωσαν αἱ μὲν BD, BE ἐν τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ, ἡ δὲ BC ἐν μετεωροτέρῳ, καὶ ἐκβεβλήσθω τὸ διὰ τῶν AB, BC ἐπίπεδον· κοινὴν δὴ 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 εὐθεῖαν. ποιείτω τὴν BZ . ἐν ἐνὶ ἄρα εἰσὸν ἐπιπέδῳ τῷ διηγμένῳ διὰ τῶν AB , $BΓ$ αἱ τρεῖς εὐθεῖαι αἱ AB , $BΓ$, BZ . καὶ ἐπεὶ ἡ AB ὁρθή ἐστι πρὸς ἔκατέραν τῶν $BΔ$, BE , καὶ τῷ διὰ τῶν $BΔ$, BE ἄρα ἐπιπέδῳ ὁρθή ἐστιν ἡ AB . τὸ δὲ διὰ τῶν $BΔ$, BE ἐπίπεδον τὸ ὑποκειμένον ἐστιν ἡ AB ἄρα ὁρθή ἐστι πρὸς τὸ ὑποκειμένον ἐπίπεδον. ὥστε καὶ πρὸς πάσας τὰς ἀπτομένας αὐτῆς εὐθείας καὶ οὕσας ἐν τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ ὁρθὰς ποιήσει γωνίας ἡ AB . ἀπτεται δὲ αὐτῆς ἡ BZ οὕσα ἐν τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ. ἡ ἄρα ὑπὸ ABZ γωνία ὁρθή ἐστιν. ὑπόκειται δὲ καὶ ἡ ὑπὸ $ABΓ$ ὁρθή ἵση ἄρα ἡ ὑπὸ ABZ γωνία τῇ ὑπὸ $ABΓ$. καὶ εἰσὶν ἐν ἐνὶ ἐπιπέδῳ ὅπερ ἐστὶν ἀδύνατον. οὐκ ἄρα ἡ $BΓ$ εὐθεῖα ἐν μετεωροτέρῳ ἐστὶν ἐπιπέδῳ αἱ τρεῖς ἄρα εὐθεῖαι αἱ $BΓ$, $BΔ$, BE ἐνί εἰσιν ἐπιπέδῳ.

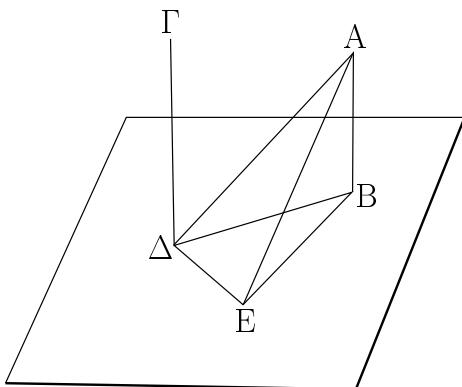
Ἐὰν ἄρα εὐθεῖα τρισὶν εὐθείαις ἀπτομέναις ἀλλήλων ἐπὶ τῆς ἀφῆς πρὸς ὁρθὰς ἐπισταθῆ, αἱ τρεῖς εὐθεῖαι ἐν ἐνὶ εἰσιν ἐπιπέδῳ. ὅπερ ἔδει δεῖξαι.

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.

φ' .

Ἐὰν δύο εὐθεῖαι τῷ αὐτῷ ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὁρθὰς ὣσιν, παράλληλοι ἔσονται αἱ εὐθεῖαι.



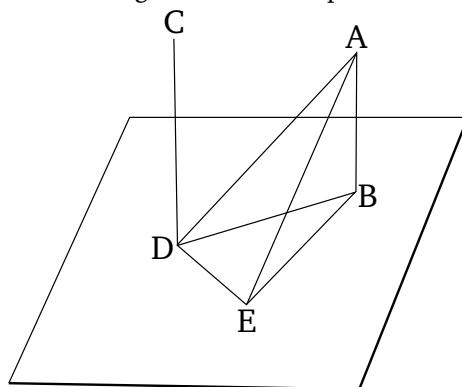
Δύο γὰρ εὐθεῖαι αἱ AB , $ΓΔ$ τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὁρθὰς ἔστωσαν· λέγω, ὅτι παράλληλός ἐστιν ἡ AB τῇ $ΓΔ$.

Συμβαλλέτωσαν γὰρ τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ κατὰ τὰ B , D σημεῖα, καὶ ἐπεζεύχθω ἡ $BΔ$ εὐθεῖα, καὶ ἤχθω τῇ $BΔ$ πρὸς ὁρθὰς ἐν τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ ἡ $ΔE$, καὶ κείσθω τῇ AB ἵση ἡ $ΔE$, καὶ ἐπεζεύχθωσαν αἱ BE , AE , $AΔ$.

Καὶ ἐπεὶ ἡ AB ὁρθή ἐστι πρὸς τὸ ὑποκειμένον ἐπίπεδον, καὶ πρὸς πάσας [ἄρα] τὰς ἀπτομένας αὐτῆς εὐθείας καὶ οὕσας ἐν τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ ὁρθὰς ποιήσει γωνίας. ἀπτεται δὲ τῆς AB ἔκατέρα τῶν $BΔ$, BE οὕσα ἐν τῷ ὑπ-

Proposition 6

If two straight-lines are at right-angles to the same plane then the straight-lines will be parallel.[†]



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].

κευμένω ἐπιπέδῳ· ὅρθὴ ἄρα ἐστὶν ἐκατέρα τῶν ὑπὸ ΑΒΔ, ΑΒΕ γωνιῶν. διὰ τὰ αὐτὰ δὴ καὶ ἐκατέρα τῶν ὑπὸ ΓΔΒ, ΓΔΕ ὅρθὴ ἐστιν. καὶ ἐπεὶ ἵση ἐστὶν ἡ ΑΒ τῇ ΔΕ, κοινὴ δὲ ἡ ΒΔ, δύο δὴ αἱ ΑΒ, ΒΔ δυσὶ ταῖς ΕΔ, ΔΒ ἵσαι εἰσίν· καὶ γωνίας ὁρθὰς περιέχουσιν· βάσις ἄρα ἡ ΑΔ βάσει τῇ ΒΕ ἐστιν ἵση· καὶ ἐπεὶ ἵση ἐστὶν ἡ ΑΒ τῇ ΔΕ, ἀλλὰ καὶ ἡ ΑΔ τῇ ΒΕ, δύο δὴ αἱ ΑΒ, ΒΕ δυσὶ ταῖς ΕΔ, ΔΑ ἵσαι εἰσίν· καὶ βάσις αὐτῶν κοινὴ ἡ ΑΕ· γωνία ἄρα ἡ ὑπὸ ΑΒΕ γωνιᾷ τῇ ὑπὸ ΕΔΑ ἐστιν ἵση· ὅρθὴ δὲ ἡ ὑπὸ ΑΒΕ· ὅρθὴ ἄρα καὶ ἡ ὑπὸ ΕΔΑ· ἡ ΕΔ ἄρα πρὸς τὴν ΔΑ ὅρθὴ ἐστιν. ἔστι δὲ καὶ πρὸς ἐκατέραν τῶν ΒΔ, ΔΓ ὅρθὴ· ἡ ΕΔ ἄρα τρισὶν εὐθείαις ταῖς ΒΔ, ΔΑ, ΔΓ πρὸς ὁρθὰς ἐπὶ τῆς ἀφῆς ἐφέστηκεν· αἱ τρεῖς ἄρα εὐθεῖαι αἱ ΒΔ, ΔΑ, ΔΓ ἐν ἐνί εἰσιν ἐπιπέδῳ. ἐν τῷ δὲ αἱ ΔΒ, ΔΑ, ἐν τούτῳ καὶ ἡ ΑΒ· πᾶν γάρ τρίγωνον ἐν ἐνί ἐστιν ἐπιπέδῳ· αἱ ἄρα ΑΒ, ΒΔ, ΔΓ εὐθεῖαι ἐν ἐνί εἰσιν ἐπιπέδῳ. καὶ ἐστιν ὁρθὴ ἐκατέρα τῶν ὑπὸ ΑΒΔ, ΒΔΓ γωνιῶν· παράλληλος ἄρα ἐστὶν ἡ ΑΒ τῇ ΓΔ.

Ἐάν δέ τις δύο εὐθεῖαι τῷ αὐτῷ ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὁρθὰς ὢσιν, παράλληλοι ἔσονται αἱ εὐθεῖαι· ὅπερ ἔδει δεῖξαι.

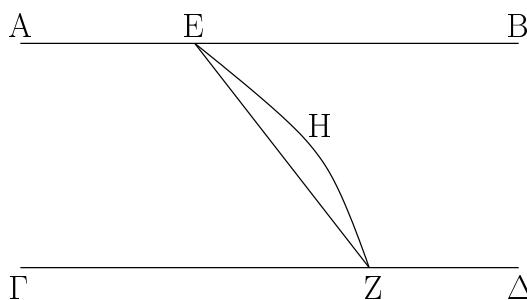
And BD and BE , which are in the reference plane, are each joined to AB . Thus, each of the angles ABD and ABE are right-angles. So, for the same (reasons), each of the angles CDB and CDE are also right-angles. And since AB is equal to DE , and BD (is) common, the two (straight-lines) AB and BD are equal 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.

ζ'.

Ἐάν δύο εὐθεῖαι παράλληλοι, ληφθῆ δὲ ἐφ' ἐκατέρας αὐτῶν τυχόντα σημεῖα, ἡ ἐπὶ τὰ σημεῖα ἐπιζευγνυμένη εὐθεῖα ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ ἐπιπέδῳ ἐστὶ ταῖς παραλλήλοις.

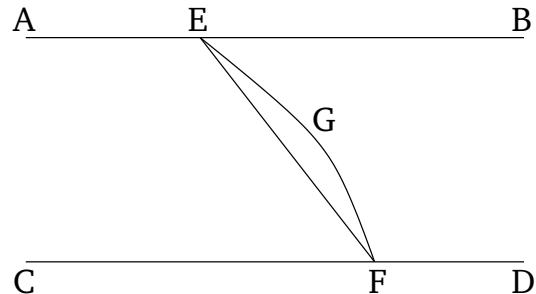


Ἐστωσαν δύο εὐθεῖαι παράλληλοι αἱ ΑΒ, ΓΔ, καὶ εἰλήφθω ἐφ' ἐκατέρας αὐτῶν τυχόντα σημεῖα τὰ Ε, Ζ· λέγω, ὅτι ἡ ἐπὶ τὰ Ε, Ζ σημεῖα ἐπιζευγνυμένη εὐθεῖα ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ ἐπιπέδῳ ἐστὶ ταῖς παραλλήλοις.

Μή γάρ, ἀλλ᾽ εἰ δυνατόν, ἔστω ἐν μετεωροτέρῳ ως ἡ EHZ , καὶ διήχθω 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 εὐθεῖαν. ποιείτω ὡς τὴν EZ· δύο ἄρα εὐθεῖαι αἱ EHZ, EZ χωρίον περιέξουσιν· ὅπερ ἔστιν ἀδύνατον. οὐκ ἄρα ἡ ἀπὸ τοῦ E ἐπὶ τὸ Z ἐπιζευγνυμένη εὐθεῖα ἐν μετεωροτέρῳ ἐστὶν ἐπιπέδῳ· ἐν τῷ διὰ τῶν AB, ΓΒ ἄρα παραλλήλων ἐστὶν ἐπιπέδῳ ἡ ἀπὸ τοῦ E ἐπὶ τὸ Z ἐπιζευγνυμένη εὐθεῖα.

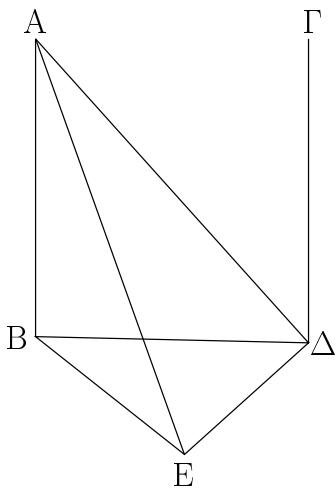
Ἐάν ἄρα ὅσι δύο εὐθεῖαι παραλλήλοι, ληφθῇ δὲ ἐφ' ἑκατέρας αὐτῶν τυχόντα σημεῖα, ἡ ἐπὶ τὰ σημεῖα ἐπιζευγνυμένη εὐθεῖα ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ ἐπιπέδῳ ἐστὶ ταῖς παραλλήλοις· ὅπερ ἔδει δεῖξαι.

(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.

η'.

Ἐὰν ὅσι δύο εὐθεῖαι παραλλήλοι, ἡ δὲ ἐτέρα αὐτῶν ἐπιπέδῳ τινὶ πρὸς ὁρθὰς ἡ, καὶ ἡ λοιπὴ τῷ αὐτῷ ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὁρθὰς ἐσται.



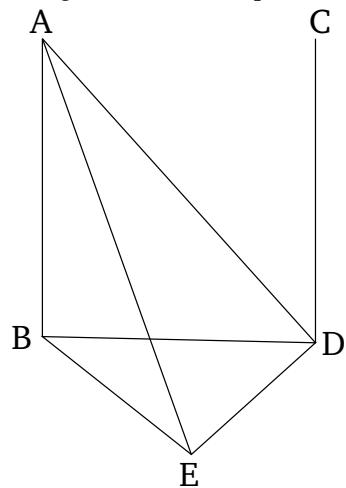
Ἐστωσαν δύο εὐθεῖαι παραλλήλοι αἱ AB, ΓΔ, ἡ δὲ ἐτέρα αὐτῶν ἡ AB τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὁρθὰς ἐστα· λέγω, ὅτι καὶ ἡ λοιπὴ ἡ ΓΔ τῷ αὐτῷ ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὁρθὰς ἐσται.

Συμβαλλέτωσαν γάρ αἱ AB, ΓΔ τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ κατὰ τὰ B, Δ σημεῖα, καὶ ἐπεζέυχθω ἡ BΔ· αἱ AB, ΓΔ, BΔ ἄρα ἐν ἐνί εἰσιν ἐπιπέδῳ. ἔχθω τῇ BA πρὸς ὁρθὰς ἐν τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ ἡ ΔE, καὶ κείσθω τῇ AB ἵση ἡ ΔE, καὶ ἐπεζέύχθωσαν αἱ BE, AE, AΔ.

Καὶ ἐπεὶ ἡ AB ὁρθή ἐστι πρὸς τὸ ὑποκείμενον ἐπίπεδον, καὶ πρὸς πάσας ἄρα τὰς ἀποτομένας αὐτῆς εὐθείας καὶ οὕσας ἐν τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὁρθὰς ἐστιν ἡ AB· ὁρθὴ ἄρα [ἔστιν] ἐκατέρᾳ τῶν ὑπὸ ABΔ, ABE γωνιῶν. καὶ ἐπεὶ εἰς παραλλήλους τὰς AB, ΓΔ εὐθεῖα ἐμπέπτωκεν ἡ BΔ, αἱ ἄρα ὑπὸ ABΔ, ΓΔB γωνίαι δυσὶν ὁρθαῖς ἴσαι εἰσίν. ὁρθὴ δὲ ἡ ὑπὸ ABΔ· ὁρθὴ ἄρα καὶ ἡ ὑπὸ ΓΔB· ἡ ΓΔ ἄρα πρὸς τὴν BΔ ὁρθή ἐστιν. καὶ ἐπεὶ ἴση ἐστὶν ἡ AB τῇ ΔE, κοινὴ δὲ ἡ BΔ,

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 , $B\Delta$ δυσὶ ταῖς $E\Delta$, ΔB ἵσαι εἰσὶν· καὶ γωνία
ἡ ὑπὸ $AB\Delta$ γωνίᾳ τῇ ὑπὸ $E\Delta B$ ἵση· ὁρθὴ γὰρ ἐκατέρω
βάσις ἄρα ἡ $A\Delta$ βάσει τῇ BE ἵση. καὶ ἐπεὶ ἵση ἐστὶν ἡ
μὲν AB τῇ ΔE , ἡ δὲ BE τῇ $A\Delta$, δύο δὴ αἱ AB , BE δυσὶ¹
ταῖς $E\Delta$, ΔA ἵσαι εἰσὶν ἐκατέρω ἐκατέρω. καὶ βάσις αὐτῶν
κοινὴ ἡ AE · γωνία ἄρα ἡ ὑπὸ ABE γωνίᾳ τῇ ὑπὸ $E\Delta A$
ἐστιν ἵση. ὁρθὴ δὲ ἡ ὑπὸ ABE · ὁρθὴ ἄρα καὶ ἡ ὑπὸ $E\Delta A$ ·
ἡ $E\Delta$ ἄρα πρὸς τὴν $A\Delta$ ὁρθὴ ἐστιν. ἔστι δὲ καὶ πρὸς τὴν
 ΔB ὁρθὴ· ἡ $E\Delta$ ἄρα καὶ τῷ διὰ τῶν $B\Delta$, ΔA ἐπιπέδῳ ὁρθὴ
ἐστιν. καὶ πρὸς πάσας ἄρα τὰς ἀπτομένας αὐτῆς εὐθείας καὶ
οὖσας ἐν τῷ διὰ τῶν $B\Delta A$ ἐπιπέδῳ ὁρθὰς ποιήσει γωνίας ἡ
 $E\Delta$. ἐν δὲ τῷ διὰ τῶν $B\Delta A$ ἐπιπέδῳ ἐστὶν ἡ $\Delta\Gamma$, ἐπειδήπερ
ἐν τῷ διὰ τῶν $B\Delta A$ ἐπιπέδῳ ἐστὶν αἱ AB , $B\Delta$, ἐν φῶ δὲ
αἱ AB , $B\Delta$, ἐν τούτῳ ἐστὶ καὶ ἡ $\Delta\Gamma$. ἡ $E\Delta$ ἄρα τῇ $\Delta\Gamma$
πρὸς ὁρθὰς ἐστιν· ὥστε καὶ ἡ $\Gamma\Delta$ τῇ ΔE πρὸς ὁρθάς ἐστιν.
ἔστι δὲ καὶ ἡ $\Gamma\Delta$ τῇ $B\Delta$ πρὸς ὁρθάς. ἡ $\Gamma\Delta$ ἄρα δύο εὐθείας
τεμνούσων ἀλλήλας ταῖς ΔE , ΔB ἀπὸ τῆς κατὰ τὸ Δ τομῆς
πρὸς ὁρθὰς ἐφέστηκεν· ὥστε ἡ $\Gamma\Delta$ καὶ τῷ διὰ τῶν ΔE , ΔB
ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὁρθάς ἐστιν. τὸ δὲ διὰ τῶν ΔE , ΔB ἐπίπεδον
τὸ ὑποκείμενόν ἐστιν· ἡ $\Gamma\Delta$ ἄρα τῷ ὑποκείμενῷ ἐπιπέδῳ
πρὸς ὁρθάς ἐστιν.

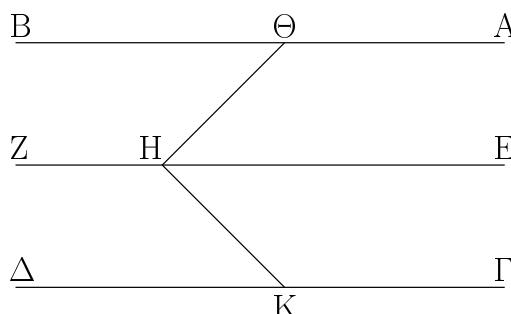
Ἐάν ἄρα ὥσι δύο εὐθείαι παράλληλοι, ἡ δὲ μία αὐτῶν
ἐπιπέδῳ τινὶ πρὸς ὁρθὰς ἦ, καὶ ἡ λοιπὴ τῷ αὐτῷ ἐπιπέδῳ
πρὸς ὁρθὰς ἐσται· ὅπερ ἔδει δεῖξαι.

[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.

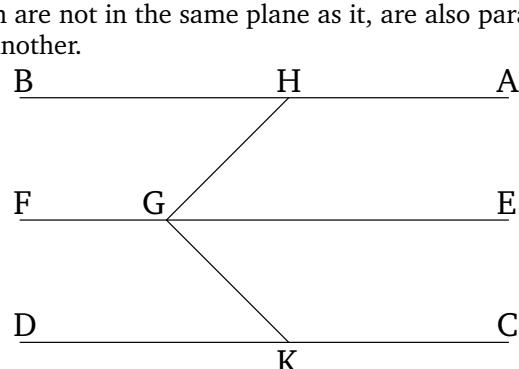
Thus, if two straight-lines are parallel, and one of them is at right-angles to some plane, then the remaining (one) will also be at right-angles to the same plane. (Which is) the very thing it was required to show.

θ'.

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



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



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 .

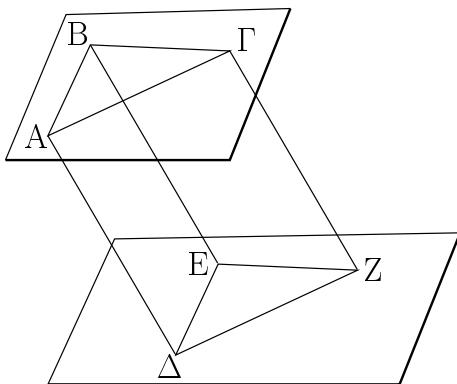
ἐστιν ἡ AB τῇ $\Gamma\Delta$.

Εἰλήφθω γὰρ ἐπὶ τῆς EZ τυχὸν σημεῖον τὸ H , καὶ ὅπερ ἀύτοῦ τῇ EZ ἐν μὲν τῷ διὰ τῶν EZ , AB ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὄρθας ἥχθω ἡ $H\Theta$, ἐν δὲ τῷ διὰ τῶν ZE , $\Gamma\Delta$ τῇ EZ πάλιν πρὸς ὄρθας ἥχθω ἡ HK .

Καὶ ἔπει τῇ EZ πρὸς ἔκατέραν τῶν $H\Theta$, HK ὄρθη ἐστιν, ἡ EZ ἄρα καὶ τῷ διὰ τῶν $H\Theta$, HK ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὄρθας ἐστιν. καὶ ἐστιν ἡ EZ τῇ AB παράλληλος· καὶ ἡ AB ἄρα τῷ διὰ τῶν ΘHK ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὄρθας ἐστιν. διὰ τὰ αὐτὰ δὴ καὶ ἡ $\Gamma\Delta$ τῷ διὰ τῶν ΘHK ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὄρθας ἐστιν· ἔκατέρα ἄρα τῶν AB , $\Gamma\Delta$ τῷ διὰ τῶν ΘHK ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὄρθας ἐστιν. ἐὰν δὲ δύο εὐθεῖαι τῷ αὐτῷ ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὄρθας ὕπου, παράλληλοι εἰσιν αἱ εὐθεῖαι· παράλληλοις ἄρα ἐστιν ἡ AB τῇ $\Gamma\Delta$. ὅπερ ἔδει δεῖξαι.

i'.

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



Δύο γὰρ εὐθεῖαι αἱ AB , BG ἀπτόμεναι ἀλλήλων παρὰ δύο εὐθείας τὰς ΔE , EZ ἀπτομένας ἀλλήλων ἐστωσαν μὴ ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ ἐπιπέδῳ· λέγω, ὅτι ἵση ἐστὶν ἡ ὑπὸ ABG γωνία τῇ ὑπὸ ΔEZ .

Ἀπειλήφθωσαν γὰρ αἱ BA , BG , $E\Delta$, EZ ἵσαι ἀλλήλαις, καὶ ἐπεξεύχθωσαν αἱ $A\Delta$, GZ , BE , AG , ΔZ .

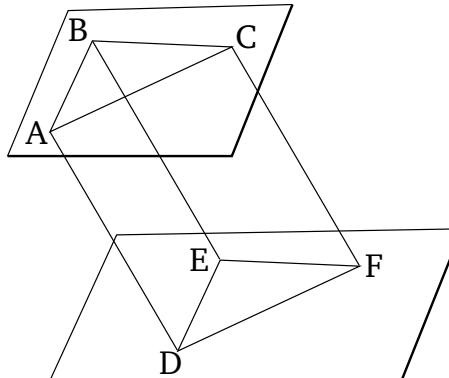
Καὶ ἔπει τῇ BA τῇ $E\Delta$ ἵση ἐστὶ· καὶ παράλληλος, καὶ ἡ $A\Delta$ ἄρα τῇ BE ἵση ἐστὶ· καὶ παράλληλος. διὰ τὰ αὐτὰ δὴ καὶ ἡ GZ τῇ BE ἵση ἐστὶ· καὶ παράλληλος· ἔκατέρα ἄρα τῶν $A\Delta$, GZ τῇ BE ἵση ἐστὶ· καὶ παράλληλος. αἱ δὲ τῇ αὐτῇ εὐθείᾳ παράλληλοι καὶ μὴ οὖσαι αὐτῇ ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ ἐπιπέδῳ καὶ ἀλλήλαις εἰσὶ παράλληλοι· παράλληλος ἄρα ἐστὶν ἡ $A\Delta$ τῇ GZ καὶ ἵση. καὶ ἐπιζευγνύουσιν αὐτὰς αἱ AG , ΔZ · καὶ ἡ AG ἄρα τῇ ΔZ ἵση ἐστὶ· καὶ παράλληλος. καὶ ἐπεὶ δύο αἱ AB , BG δυσὶ ταῖς ΔE , EZ ἵσαι εἰσὶν, καὶ βάσις ἡ AG βάσει τῇ ΔZ ἵση, γωνία ἄρα ἡ ὑπὸ ABG γωνίᾳ τῇ ὑπὸ ΔEZ ἐστιν

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

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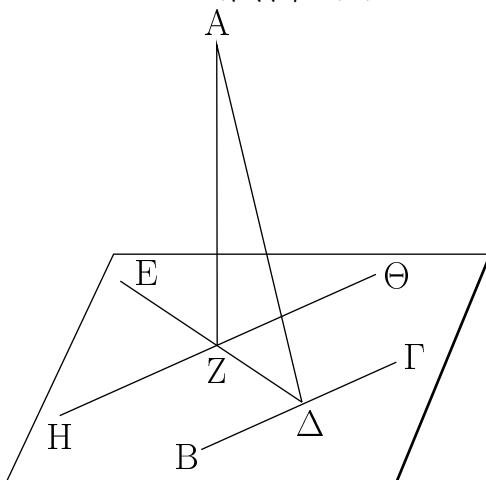
Ἐὰν ἄρα δύο εὐθεῖαι ἀπτόμεναι ἀλλήλων παρὰ δύο εὐθείας ἀπτομένας ἀλλήλων ὡσι μὴ ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ ἐπιπέδῳ, οἵσας γωνίας περιέξουσιν· ὅπερ ἔδει δεῖξαι.

parallel to DF [Prop. 1.33]. And since the two (straight-lines) AB and BC are equal to the two (straight-lines) DE and EF (respectively), and the base AC (is) equal to the base DF , the angle ABC is thus equal to the (angle) DEF [Prop. 1.8].

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

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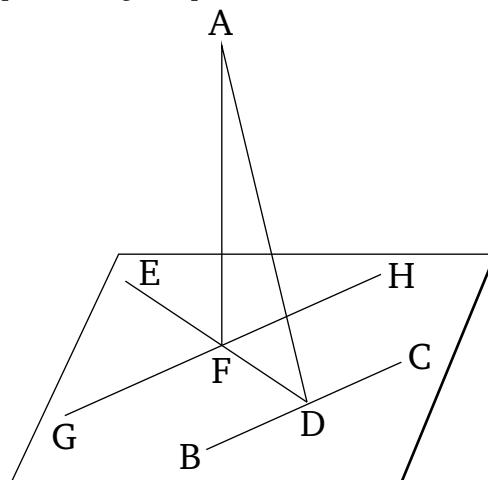
Ἄπὸ τοῦ δοιθέντος σημείου μετεώρου ἐπὶ τὸ δοιθὲν ἐπίπεδον κάθετον εὐθεῖαν γραμμὴν ἀγαγεῖν.



Ἐστω τὸ μὲν δοιθὲν σημεῖον μετέωρον τὸ A , τὸ δὲ δοιθὲν ἐπίπεδον τὸ ὑποκείμενον· δεῖ δὴ ἀπὸ τοῦ A σημείου ἐπὶ τὴν BC κάθετον ἡ AD . εἰ μὲν οὖν ἡ AD κάθετός ἐστι καὶ ἐπὶ τὸ ὑποκείμενον ἐπίπεδον, γεγονὸς ἀν εἴη τὸ ἐπιταχθέν. εἰ δὲ οὖ, ἥχθω ἀπὸ τοῦ Δ σημείου τῇ BC ἐν τῷ ὑποκείμενῳ ἐπίπεδῳ πρὸς ὁρθὰς ἡ ΔE , καὶ ἥχθω ἀπὸ τοῦ A ἐπὶ τὴν ΔE κάθετος ἡ AZ , καὶ διὰ τοῦ Z σημείου τῇ BC παράλληλος ἥχθω ἡ $H\Theta$.

Καὶ ἐπεὶ ἡ BC ἐκατέρᾳ τῶν ΔA , ΔE πρὸς ὁρθὰς ἐστιν, ἡ BC ἄρα καὶ τῷ διὰ τῶν $E\Delta A$ ἐπίπεδῳ πρὸς ὁρθὰς ἐστιν. καὶ ἐστιν αὐτῇ παράλληλος ἡ $H\Theta$. ἐὰν δὲ ὡσι δύο εὐθεῖαι παράλληλοι, ἡ δὲ μία αὐτῶν ἐπιπέδῳ τινὶ πρὸς ὁρθὰς ἦ, καὶ ἡ λοιπὴ τῷ αὐτῷ ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὁρθὰς ἔσται· καὶ ἡ $H\Theta$ ἄρα τῷ διὰ τῶν $E\Delta$, ΔA ἐπίπεδῳ πρὸς ὁρθὰς ἐστιν. καὶ πρὸς πάσας ἄρα τὰς ἀπτομένας αὐτῆς εὐθείας καὶ οὖσας ἐν τῷ διὰ τῶν $E\Delta$, ΔA ἐπίπεδῳ ὁρθὴ ἐστιν ἡ $H\Theta$. ἀπτεται δὲ αὐτῆς ἡ AZ οὖσα ἐν τῷ διὰ τῶν $E\Delta$, ΔA ἐπίπεδῳ· ἡ $H\Theta$ ἄρα ὁρθὴ ἐστι πρὸς τὴν $Z\Delta$. ὡστε καὶ ἡ $Z\Delta$ ὁρθὴ ἐστι πρὸς τὴν ΘH . ἐστι

To draw a perpendicular straight-line from a given raised point to a given plane.



Let A be the given raised point, and the given plane the reference (plane). So, it is required to draw a perpendicular straight-line from point A to the reference plane.

Let some random straight-line BC have been drawn across in the reference plane, and let the (straight-line) AD have been drawn from point A perpendicular to BC [Prop. 1.12]. If, therefore, AD is also perpendicular to the reference plane then that which was prescribed will have occurred. And, if not, let DE have been drawn in the reference plane from point D at right-angles to BC [Prop. 1.11], and let the (straight-line) AF have been drawn from A perpendicular to DE [Prop. 1.12], and let GH have been drawn through point F , parallel to BC [Prop. 1.31].

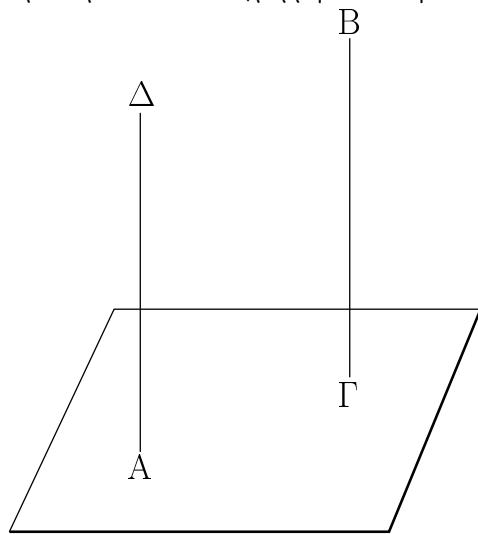
And since BC is at right-angles to each of DA and DE , BC is thus also at right-angles to the plane through EDA [Prop. 11.4]. And GH is parallel to it. And if two straight-lines are parallel, and one of them is at right-angles to some plane, then the remaining (straight-line) will also be at right-angles to the same plane [Prop. 11.8]. Thus, GH is also at right-angles to the plane through

δὲ ἡ AZ καὶ πρὸς τὴν ΔΕ ὁρθή· ἡ AZ ἥρα πρὸς ἐκατέραν τῶν ΗΘ, ΔΕ ὁρθή ἔστιν. ἐὰν δὲ εὐθεῖα δυσὶν εὐθείαις τεμνούσαις ἀλλήλας ἐπὶ τῆς τομῆς πρὸς ὁρθάς ἐπισταθῇ, καὶ τῷ διὸ αὐτῷ ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὁρθάς ἔσται· ἡ ZA ἥρα τῷ διὰ τῶν ΕΔ, ΗΘ ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὁρθάς ἔστιν. τὸ δὲ διὰ τῶν ΕΔ, ΗΘ ἐπιπέδον ἔστι τὸ ὑποκείμενον· ἡ AZ ἥρα τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὁρθάς ἔστιν.

Ἄπὸ τοῦ ἥρα δοιθέντος σημείου μετεώρου τοῦ A ἐπὶ τὸ ὑποκείμενον ἐπίπεδον κάθετος εὐθεῖα γραμμὴ ἤκται ἡ AZ· ὅπερ ἔδει ποιῆσαι.

β'.

Τῷ δοιθέντι ἐπιπέδῳ ἀπὸ τοῦ πρὸς αὐτῷ δοιθέντος σημείου πρὸς ὁρθάς εὐθεῖαν γραμμὴν ἀναστῆσαι.



Ἐστω τὸ μὲν δοιθέν ἐπίπεδον τὸ ὑποκείμενον, τὸ δὲ πρὸς αὐτῷ σημεῖον τὸ A· δεῖ δὴ ἀπὸ τοῦ A σημείου τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὁρθάς εὐθεῖαν γραμμὴν ἀναστῆσαι.

Νεοήσθω τι σημεῖον μετεώρον τὸ B, καὶ ἀπὸ τοῦ B ἐπὶ τὸ ὑποκείμενον ἐπίπεδον κάθετος ἤχθω ἡ BG, καὶ διὰ τοῦ A σημείου τῇ BG παράλληλος ἤχθω ἡ AD.

Ἐπεὶ οὖν δύο εὐθεῖαι παράλληλοι εἰσιν αἱ ΑΔ, ΓΒ, ἡ δὲ μία αὐτῶν ἡ BG τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὁρθάς ἔστιν, καὶ ἡ λοιπὴ ἥρα ἡ ΑΔ τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὁρθάς ἔστιν.

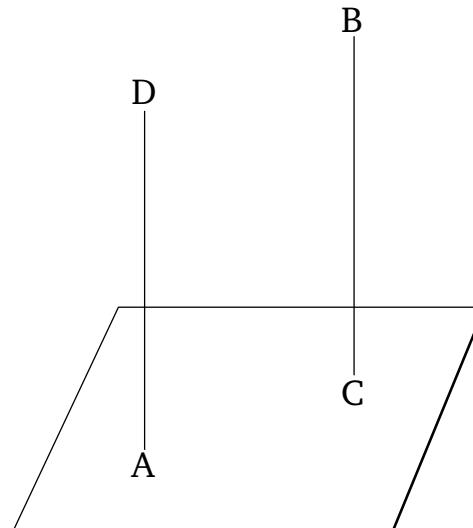
Τῷ ἥρᾳ δοιθέντι ἐπιπέδῳ ἀπὸ τοῦ πρὸς αὐτῷ σημείου τοῦ A πρὸς ὁρθάς ἀνέσταται ἡ ΑΔ· ὅπερ ἔδει ποιῆσαι.

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.

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.

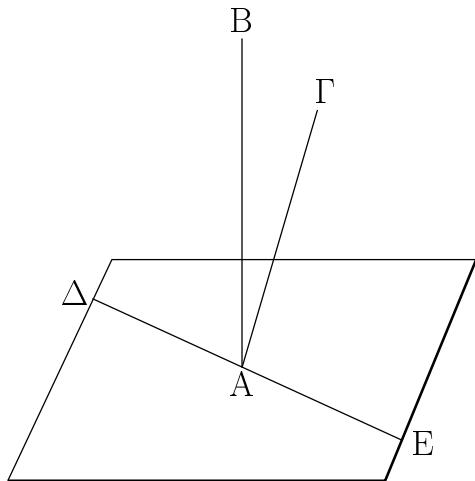
Let some raised point B have been assumed, and let the perpendicular (straight-line) BC have been drawn from B to the reference plane [Prop. 11.11]. And let AD have been drawn from point A parallel to BC [Prop. 1.31].

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].

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.

ιγ'.

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



Εἰ γάρ δυνατόν, ἀπὸ τοῦ αὐτοῦ σημείου τοῦ A τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ δύο εὐθεῖαι αἱ AB , BG πρὸς ὄρθας ἀνεστάτωσαν ἐπὶ τὰ αὐτὰ μέρη, καὶ διῆχθω τὸ διὰ τῶν BA , AG ἐπιπέδον· τομὴν δὴ ποιήσει διὰ τοῦ A ἐν τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ εὐθεῖαν. ποιείτω τὴν ΔAE · αἱ ἄρα AB , AG , ΔAE εὐθεῖαι ἐν ἐνι εἰσιν ἐπιπέδῳ. καὶ ἐπεὶ ἡ GA τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὄρθας ἔστιν, καὶ πρὸς πάσας ἄρα τὰς ἀπομένας αὐτῆς εὐθείας καὶ οὖσας ἐν τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ ὄρθας ποιήσει γωνίας. ἀπτεται δὲ αὐτῆς ἡ ΔAE οὖσα ἐν τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ ἡ ἄρα ὑπὸ GAE γωνία ὄρθη ἔστιν. διὰ τὰ αὐτὰ δὴ καὶ ἡ ὑπὸ BAE ὄρθη ἔστιν· ἵση ἄρα ἡ ὑπὸ GAE τῇ ὑπὸ BAE καὶ εἰσιν ἐν ἐνὶ ἐπιπέδῳ ὅπερ ἔστιν ἀδύνατον.

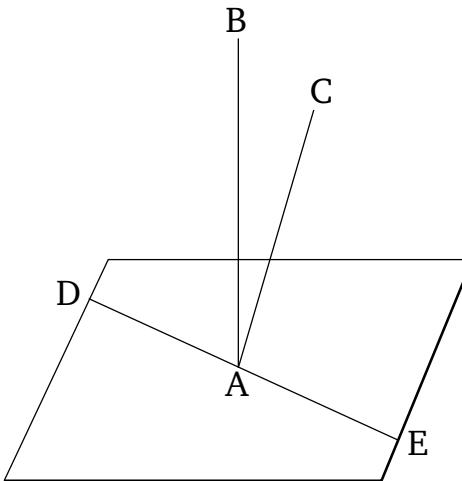
Οὐκ ἄρα ἀπὸ τοῦ αὐτοῦ σημείου τῷ αὐτῷ ἐπιπέδῳ δύο εὐθεῖαι πρὸς ὄρθας ἀνασταθήσονται ἐπὶ τὰ αὐτὰ μέρη· ὅπερ ἔδει δεῖξαι.

ιδ'.

Πρὸς ἀλλήλῃ εὐθεῖα ὄρθη ἔστιν, παράλληλα ἔσται τὰ ἐπίπεδα.

Εὐθεῖα γάρ τις ἡ AB πρὸς ἕκάτερον τῶν $ΓΔ$, $EΖ$ ἐπιπέδων πρὸς ὄρθας ἔστω· λέγω, ὅτι παράλληλά ἔστι τὰ ἐπίπεδα.

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



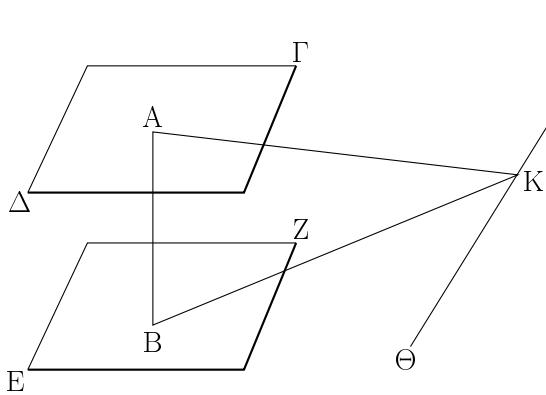
For, if possible, let the two straight-lines AB and AC have been set up at the same point A at right-angles to the reference plane, on the same side. And let the plane through BA and AC have been drawn. So it will make a straight cutting (passing) through (point) A in the reference plane [Prop. 11.3]. 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 CAB is a right-angle. So, for the same (reasons), BAE is also a right-angle. Thus, CAB (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. συμπιπτέτωσαν· 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 ΑΒ ὁρθὴ ἔστι πρὸς τὸ ΕΖ ἐπίπεδον, καὶ πρὸς τὴν ΒΚ ἄρα εὐθεῖαν οὖσαν ἐν τῷ ΕΖ ἐκβληθέντι ἐπιπέδῳ ὁρθὴ ἔστιν ἡ ΑΒ· ἡ ἄρα ὑπὸ ΑΒΚ γωνίᾳ ὁρθὴ ἔστιν. διὰ τὰ αὐτὰ δὴ καὶ ἡ ὑπὸ ΒΑΚ ὁρθὴ ἔστιν. τριγώνου δὴ τοῦ ΑΒΚ αἱ δύο γωνίαι αἱ ὑπὸ ΑΒΚ, ΒΑΚ δυσὶν ὁρθαῖς εἰσιν οὖσαι· ὅπερ ἔστιν ἀδύνατον. οὐκ ἄρα τὰ ΓΔ, ΕΖ ἐπίπεδα ἐκβαλλόμενα συμπεσοῦνται· παράλληλα ἄρα ἔστι τὰ ΓΔ, ΕΖ ἐπίπεδα.

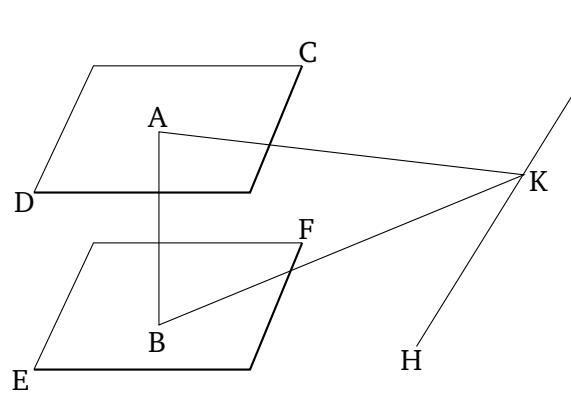
Πρὸς ἀλλήλῃ εὐθεῖαν ἀλλήλῃ εὐθεῖαν ὁρθὴ ἔστιν, παράλληλα ἔστι τὰ ἐπίπεδα· ὅπερ ἔδει δεῖξαι.

ιε'.

Ἐὰν δύο εὐθεῖαι ἀπτόμεναι ἀλλήλων παρὰ δύο εὐθείας ἀπτομένας ἀλλήλων ὥστι μὴ ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ ἐπιπέδῳ οὖσαι, παράλληλά ἔστι τὰ δι’ αὐτῶν ἐπίπεδα.

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

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



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].

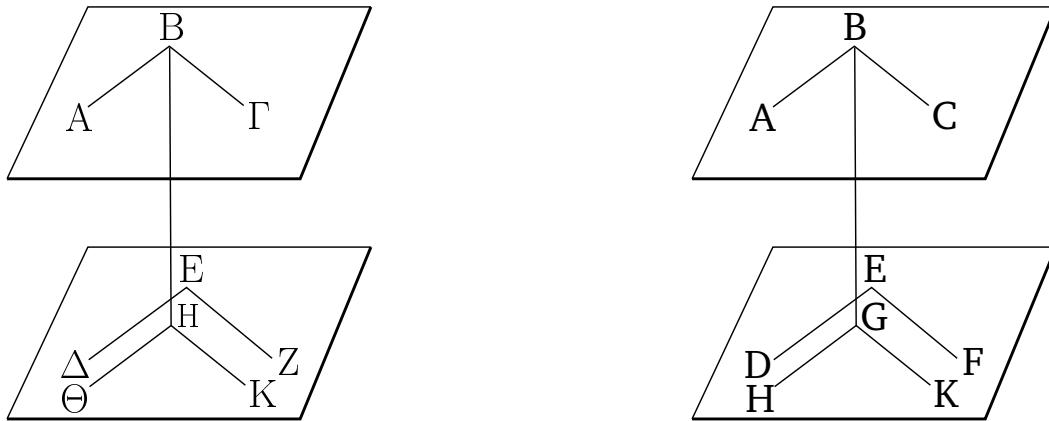
Thus, planes to which the same straight-line is at right-angles are parallel planes. (Which is) the very thing it was required to show.

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 BH ὁρθὴ ἔστι πρὸς τὸ διὰ τῶν ΔE, EZ ἐπίπεδον, καὶ πρὸς πάσας ἄρα τὰς ἀπτομένας αὐτῆς εὐθείας καὶ οὖσας ἐν τῷ διὰ τῶν ΔE, EZ ἐπίπεδῳ ὁρθὰς ποιήσει γωνίας. ἀπτεται δὲ αὐτῆς ἐκατέρᾳ τῶν HΘ, HK οὖσα ἐν τῷ διὰ τῶν ΔE, EZ ἐπίπεδῳ ὁρθὴ ἄρα ἔστιν ἐκατέρᾳ τῶν ὑπὸ BHΘ, BHK γωνιῶν. καὶ ἐπεὶ παράλληλος ἔστιν ἡ BA τῇ HΘ, αἱ ἄρα ὑπὸ HBA, BHΘ γωνίαι δυσὶν ὁρθαῖς ἵσαι εἰσίν. ὁρθὴ δὲ ἡ ὑπὸ BHΘ· ὁρθὴ ἄρα καὶ ἡ ὑπὸ HBA· ἡ HB ἄρα τῇ BA πρὸς ὁρθάς ἔστιν. διὰ τὰ αὐτὰ δὴ ἡ HB καὶ τῇ BG ἔστι πρὸς ὁρθάς. ἐπεὶ οὖν εὐθεῖα ἡ HB δυσὶν εὐθείαις ταῖς BA, BG τεμνούσαις ἀλλήλας πρὸς ὁρθάς ἐφέστηκεν, ἡ HB ἄρα καὶ τῷ διὰ τῶν BA, BG ἐπίπεδῳ πρὸς ὁρθάς ἔστιν. [διὰ τὰ αὐτὰ δὴ ἡ BH καὶ τῷ διὰ τῶν HΘ, HK ἐπίπεδῳ πρὸς ὁρθάς ἔστιν. τὸ δὲ διὰ τῶν HΘ, HK ἐπίπεδον ἔστι τὸ διὰ τῶν ΔE, EZ· ἡ BH ἄρα τῷ διὰ τῶν ΔE, EZ ἐπίπεδῳ ἔστι πρὸς ὁρθάς. ἐδείχθη δὲ ἡ HB καὶ τῷ διὰ τῶν AB, BG ἐπίπεδῳ πρὸς ὁρθάς]. πρὸς δὲ ἐπίπεδα ἡ αὐτὴ εὐθεῖα ὁρθὴ ἔστιν, παράλληλά ἔστι τὰ ἐπίπεδα· παράλληλον ἄρα ἔστι τὸ διὰ τῶν AB, BG ἐπίπεδον τῷ διὰ τῶν ΔE, EZ.]

Ἐὰν ἄρα δύο εὐθεῖαι ἀπτόμεναι ἀλλήλων παρὰ δύο εὐθείαις ἀπτομέναις ἀλλήλων ὥσι μὴ ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ ἐπίπεδῳ, παράλληλά ἔστι 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.

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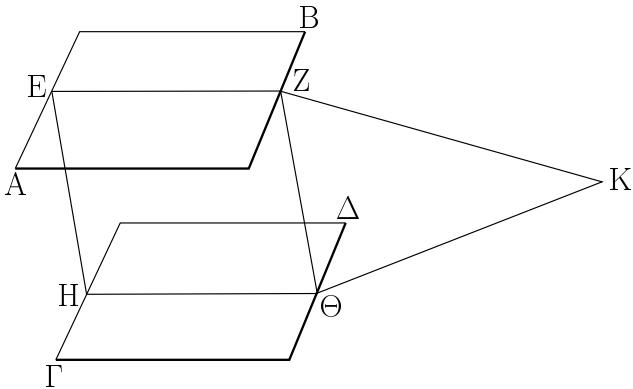
Ἐὰν δύο ἐπίπεδα παράλληλα ὑπὸ ἐπίπεδου τινὸς τέμνηται, αἱ κοιναὶ αὐτῶν τομαὶ παράλληλοι εἰσιν.

Δύο γάρ ἐπίπεδα παράλληλα τὰ AB, ΓΔ ὑπὸ ἐπίπεδου τοῦ EZHΘ τεμνέσθω, κοιναὶ δὲ αὐτῶν τομαὶ ἔστωσαν αἱ EZ, HΘ· λέγω, ὅτι παράλληλος ἔστιν ἡ EZ τῇ HΘ.

Proposition 16

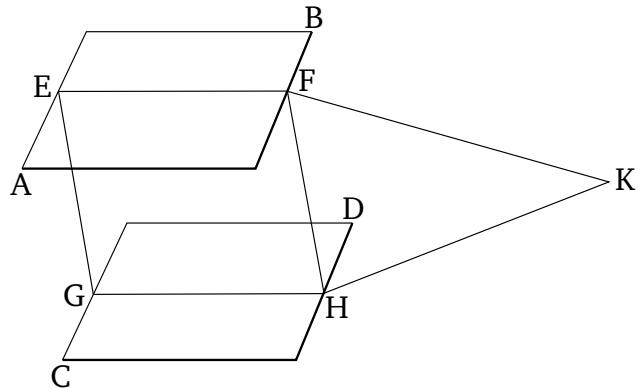
If two parallel planes are cut by some plane then their common sections are parallel.

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 .



Εἰ γὰρ μή, ἐκβαλλόμεναι αἱ EZ, ΗΘ ἡτοι ἐπὶ τὰ Z, Θ μέρη ἡ ἐπὶ τὰ E, H συμπεσοῦνται. ἐκβεβλήσθωσαν ὡς ἐπὶ τὰ Z, Θ μέρη καὶ συμπιπτέωσαν πρότερον κατὰ τὸ K. καὶ ἐπεὶ ἡ EZK ἐν τῷ AB ἐστιν ἐπιπέδῳ, καὶ πάντα ἄρα τὰ ἐπὶ τῆς EZK σημεῖα ἐστὶ τὸ K· τὸ K ἄρα ἐν τῷ AB ἐστιν ἐπιπέδῳ. διὰ τὰ αὐτὰ δὴ τὸ K καὶ ἐν τῷ ΓΔ ἐστιν ἐπιπέδῳ· τὰ AB, ΓΔ ἄρα ἐπίπεδα ἐκβαλλόμενα συμπεσοῦνται. οὐ συμπίπτουσι δὲ διὰ τὸ παράλληλα ὑποκείσθωσι· οὐκ ἄρα αἱ EZ, ΗΘ εὐθεῖαι ἐκβαλλόμεναι ἐπὶ τὰ Z, Θ μέρη συμπεσοῦνται. ὅμοιῶς δὴ δεῖξομεν, ὅτι αἱ EZ, ΗΘ εὐθεῖαι οὐδέ ἐπὶ τὰ E, H μέρη ἐκβαλλόμεναι συμπεσοῦνται. αἱ δὲ ἐπὶ μηδέτερα τὰ μέρη συμπίπτουσαι παράλληλοι εἰσιν. παράλληλος ἄρα ἐστὶν ἡ EZ τῇ ΗΘ.

Ἐὰν ἄρα δύο ἐπίπεδα παράλληλα ὑπὸ ἐπιπέδου τινὸς τέμνηται, αἱ κοιναὶ αὐτῶν τομαὶ παράλληλοι εἰσιν· ὅπερ εἴδεις δεῖξαι.



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.

Ιζ'.

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

Δύο γὰρ εὐθεῖαι αἱ AB, ΓΔ ὑπὸ παραλλήλων ἐπιπέδων τῶν ΗΘ, ΚΛ, MN τεμνέσθωσαν κατὰ τὰ A, E, B, Γ, Z, Δ σημεῖα· λέγω, ὅτι ἐστὶν ὡς ἡ AE εὐθεῖα πρὸς τὴν EB, οὕτως ἡ ΓΖ πρὸς τὴν ΖΔ.

Ἐπεζεύχθωσαν γὰρ αἱ ΑΓ, ΒΔ, ΑΔ, καὶ συμβαλλέτω ἡ ΑΔ τῷ ΚΛ ἐπιπέδῳ κατὰ τὸ Ξ σημεῖον, καὶ ἐπεζεύχθωσαν αἱ ΕΞ, ΞΖ.

Καὶ ἐπεὶ δύο ἐπίπεδα παράλληλα τὰ ΚΛ, MN ὑπὸ ἐπιπέδου τοῦ ΕΒΔΞ τέμνεται, αἱ κοιναὶ αὐτῶν τομαὶ αἱ ΕΞ, ΒΔ παράλληλοι εἰσιν. διὰ τὰ αὐτὰ δὴ ἐπεὶ δύο ἐπίπεδα παράλληλα τὰ ΗΘ, ΚΛ ὑπὸ ἐπιπέδου τοῦ ΑΞΖΓ τέμνεται, αἱ κοιναὶ αὐτῶν τομαὶ αἱ ΑΓ, ΞΖ παράλληλοι εἰσιν. καὶ ἐπεὶ τριγώνου τοῦ ΑΒΔ παρὰ μίαν τῶν πλευρῶν τὴν ΒΔ εὐθεῖα ἔχει τὴν ΕΞ, ἀνάλογον ἄρα ἐστὶν ὡς ἡ AE πρὸς EB, οὕτως

Proposition 17

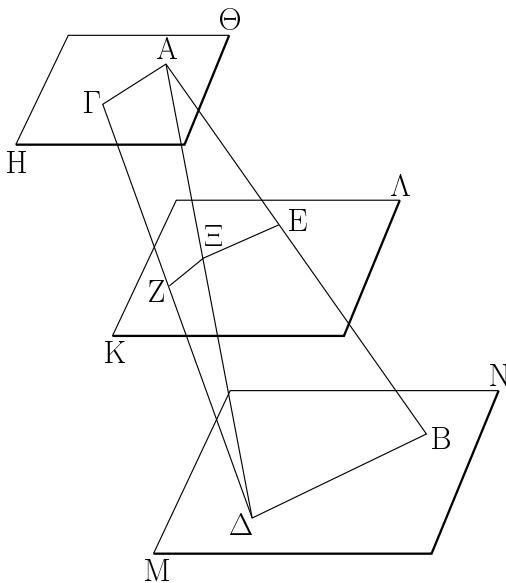
If two straight-lines are cut by parallel planes then they will be cut in the same ratios.

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.

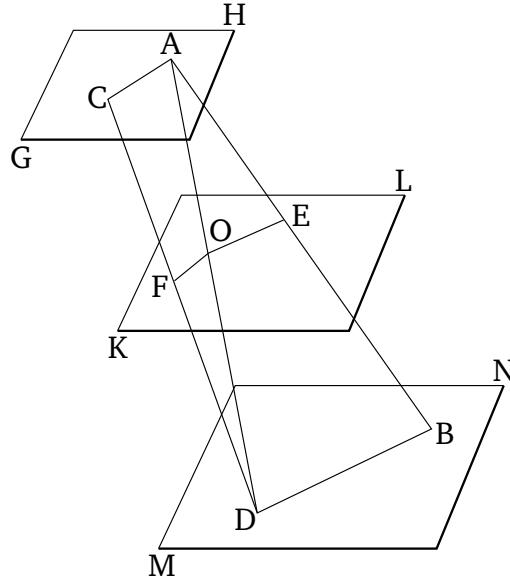
And since two parallel planes KL and MN are cut by the plane $EBDO$, their common sections EO and BD are parallel [Prop. 11.16]. So, for the same (reasons), since two parallel planes GH and KL are cut by the plane $AOFC$, their common sections AC and OF are parallel [Prop. 11.16]. And since the straight-line 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 εὐθεῖα ἥκται 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 εὐθεῖαι ὑπὸ παραλλήλων ἐπιπέδων τέμνωνται, εἰς τοὺς αὐτοὺς λόγους τμηθήσονται· ὅπερ ἔδει δειξαί.

gle ABD , thus, proportionally, as AE is to EB , so AO (is) to OD [Prop. 6.2]. Again, since the straight-line OF has been drawn parallel to one of the sides AC of triangle ADC , proportionally, as AO is to OD , so CF (is) to FD [Prop. 6.2]. And it was also shown that as AO (is) to OD , so AE (is) to EB . And thus as AE (is) to EB , so CF (is) to FD [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.

ιη'.

Ἐὰν εὐθεῖα ἐπιπέδῳ τινὶ πρὸς ὁρθὰς ἡ, καὶ πάντα τὰ δι’ αὐτῆς ἐπίπεδα τῷ αὐτῷ ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὁρθὰς ἔσται.

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

Ἐκβεβλήσθω γάρ διὰ τῆς ΑΒ ἐπίπεδον τὸ ΔΕ, καὶ ἔστω κοινὴ τομὴ τοῦ ΔΕ ἐπίπεδου καὶ τοῦ ὑποκειμένου ἡ ΓΕ, καὶ εἰλήφθω ἐπὶ τῆς ΓΕ τυχὸν σημεῖον τὸ Ζ, καὶ ἀπὸ τοῦ Ζ τῇ ΓΕ πρὸς ὁρθὰς ἥχθω ἐν τῷ ΔΕ ἐπιπέδῳ ἡ ΖΗ.

Καὶ ἐπεὶ ἡ ΑΒ πρὸς τὸ ὑποκειμένον ἐπίπεδον ὁρθή ἔστιν, καὶ πρὸς πάσας ἄρα τὰς ἀπομένας αὐτῆς εὐθείας καὶ οὕσας ἐν τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ ὁρθή ἔστιν ἡ ΑΒ· ὥστε καὶ πρὸς τὴν ΓΕ ὁρθή ἔστιν· ἡ ἄρα ὑπὸ ΑΒΖ γωνία ὁρθή ἔστιν. ἔστι δὲ καὶ ἡ ὑπὸ ΗΖΒ ὁρθή· παράλληλος ἄρα ἔστιν ἡ ΑΒ τῇ ΖΗ. ἡ δὲ ΑΒ τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὁρθὰς ἔστιν· καὶ ἡ ΖΗ ἄρα τῷ ὑποκειμένῳ ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὁρθὰς ἔστιν. καὶ ἐπίπεδον πρὸς ἐπίπεδον ὁρθόν ἔστιν, ὅταν αἱ τῇ κοινῇ τομῇ τῶν ἐπιπέδων πρὸς ὁρθὰς ἀγόμεναι εὐθεῖαι ἐν ἐνὶ τῶν ἐπιπέδων τῷ λοιπῷ ἐπιπέδῳ πρὸς ὁρθὰς ὤσιν. καὶ τῇ κοινῇ τομῇ τῶν ἐπιπέδων τῇ ΓΕ ἐν ἐνὶ τῶν ἐπιπέδων

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 AB be at right-angles to a reference plane. I say that all of the planes (passing) through AB are also at right-angles to the reference plane.

For let the plane DE have been produced through AB . And let CE be the common section of the plane DE 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 DE [Prop. 1.11].

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 also in the reference plane [Def. 11.3]. Hence, it is also at right-angles to CE . Thus, angle ABF is a right-angle. And GFB is also a right-angle. Thus, AB is parallel to FG [Prop. 1.28]. And AB is at right-angles to the reference plane. Thus, FG is also