Euclid's Elements

Book I

If Euclid did not kindle your youthful enthusiasm, you were not born to be a scientific thinker.

Albert Einstein

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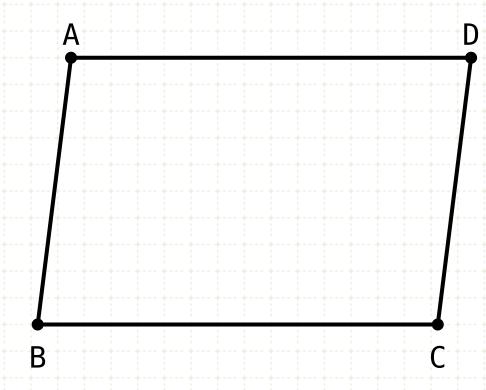
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Proposition 43 of Book I
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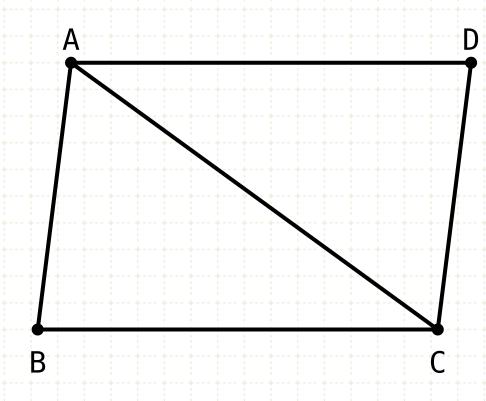
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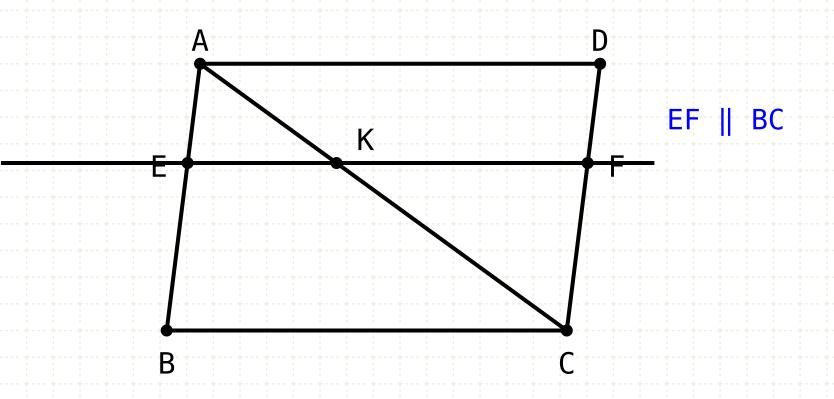
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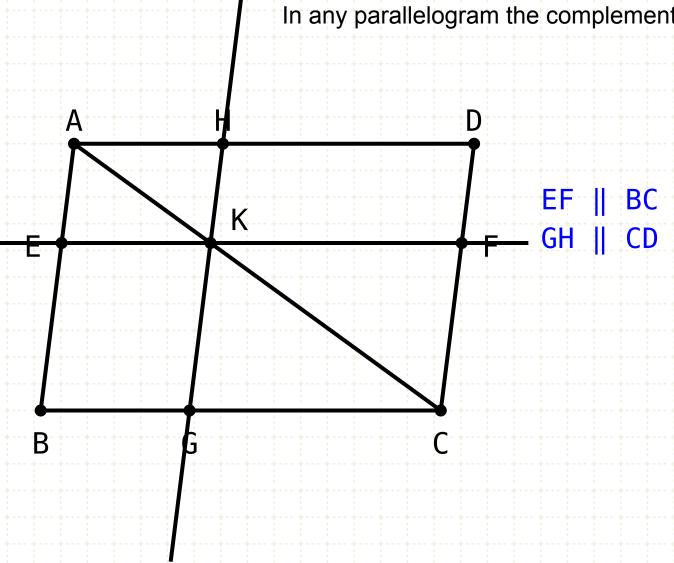
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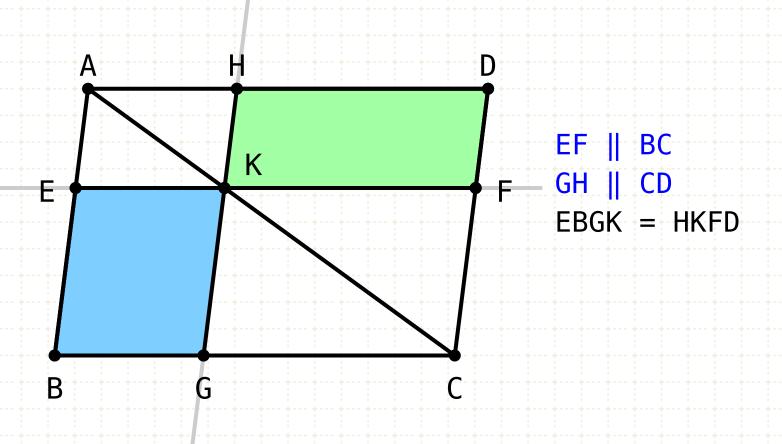
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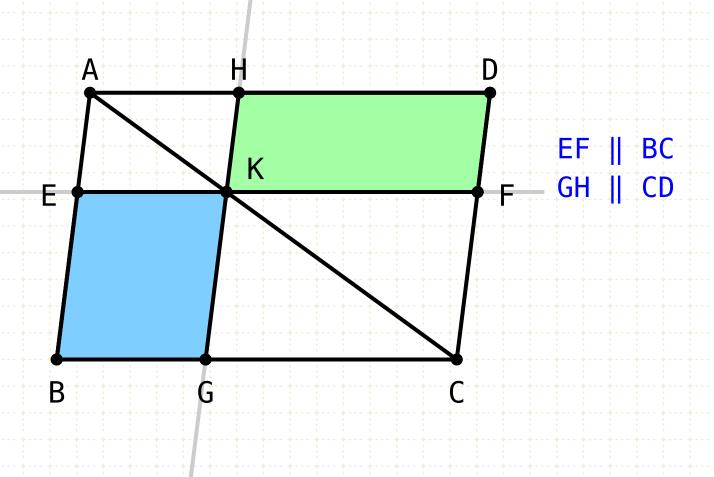
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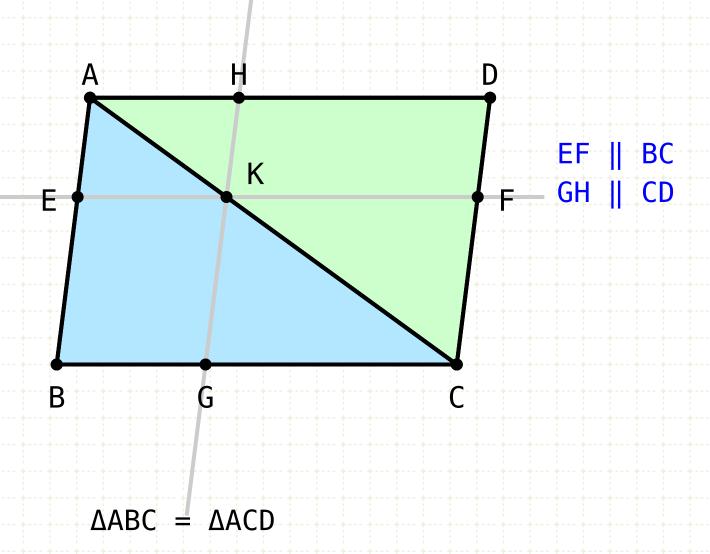
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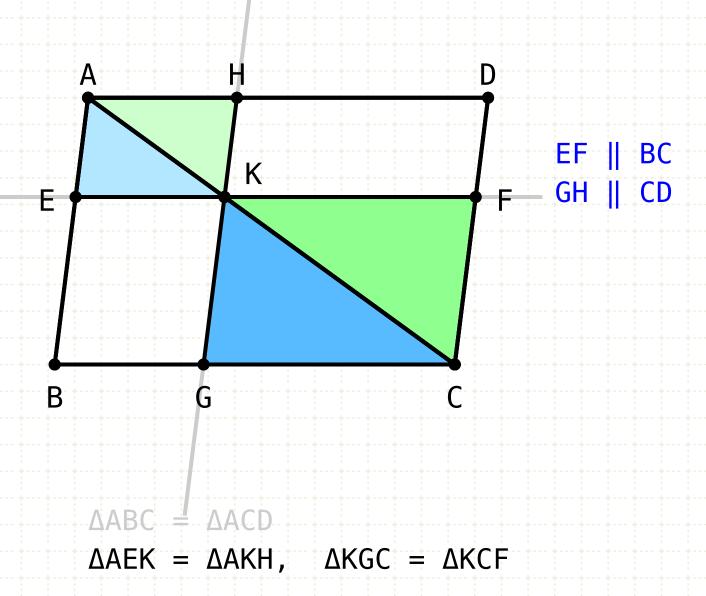
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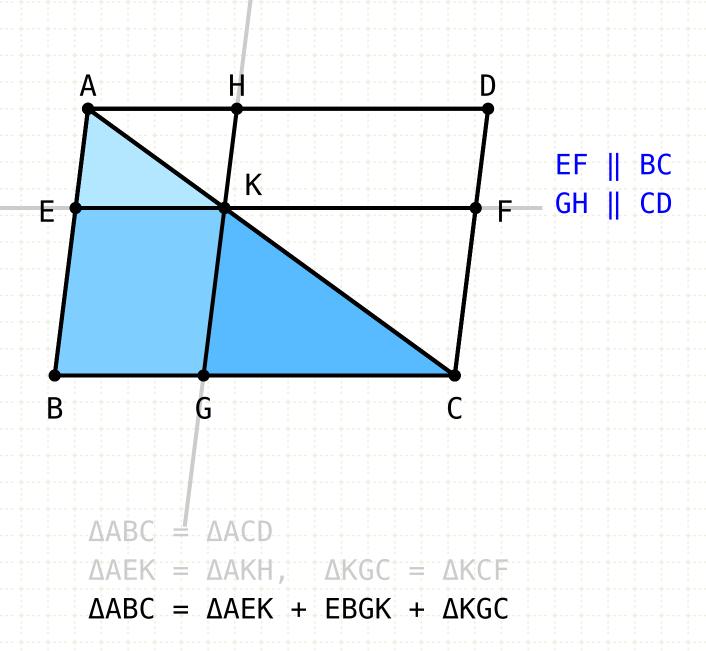
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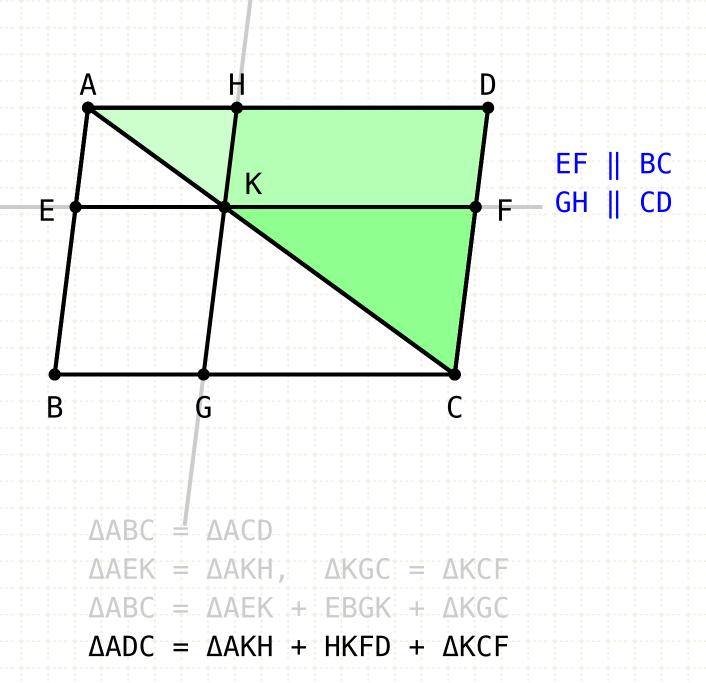
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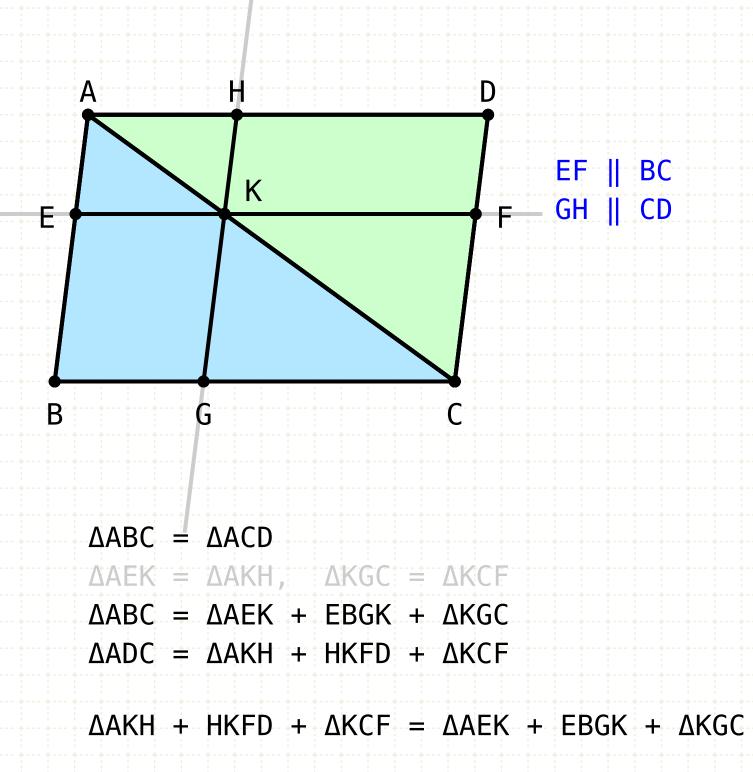
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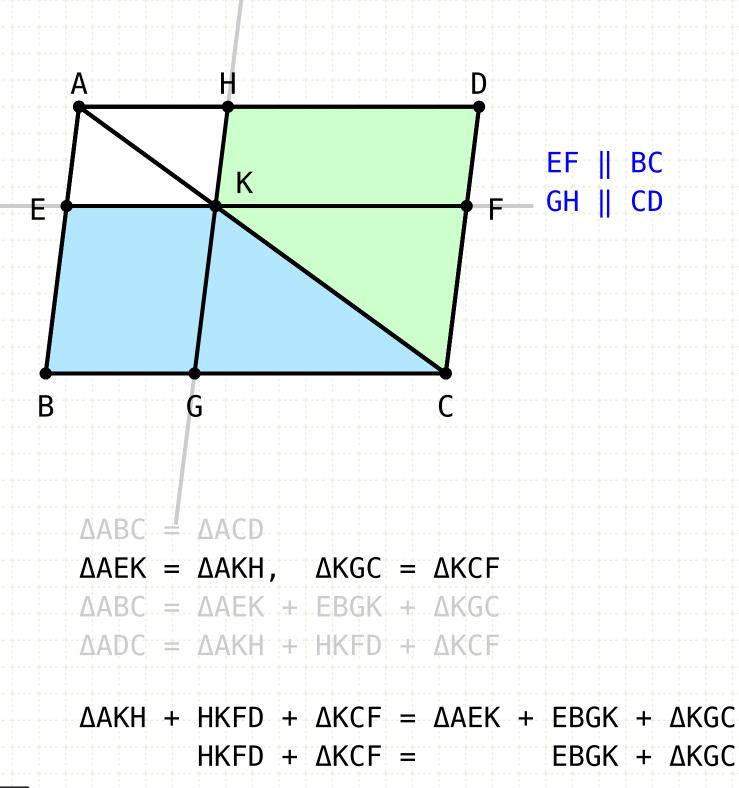
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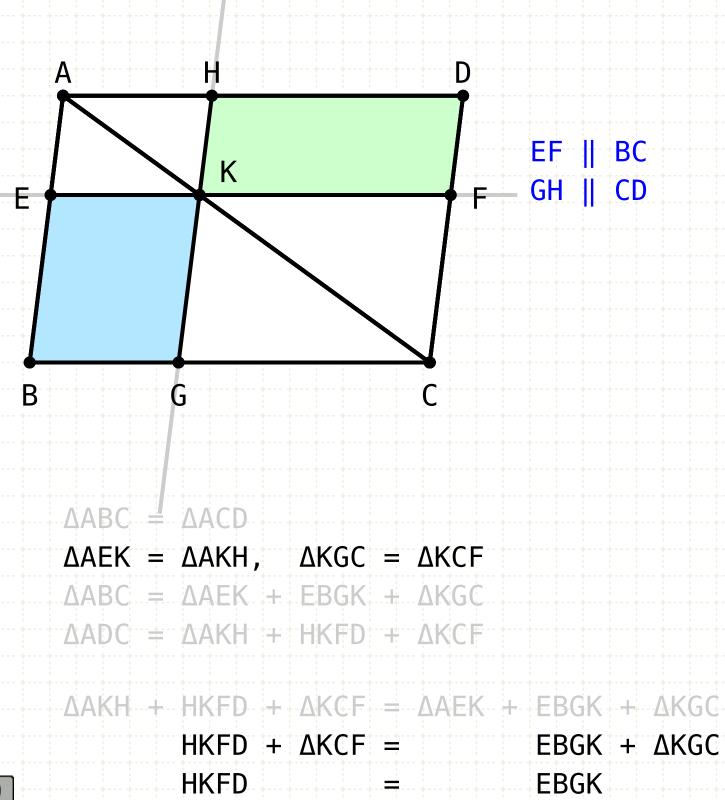
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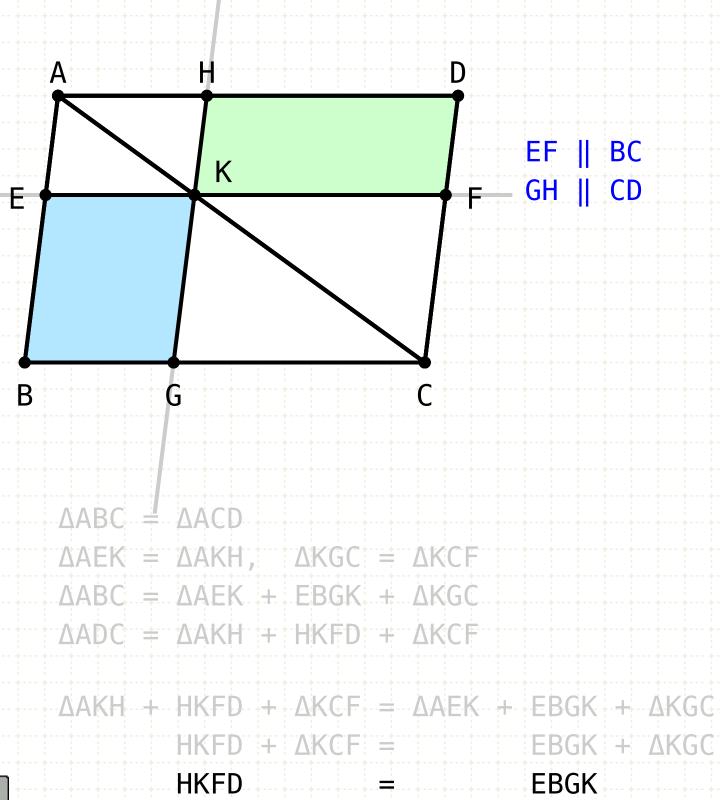
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