

Euclid's Elements

Book I

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

Albert Einstein

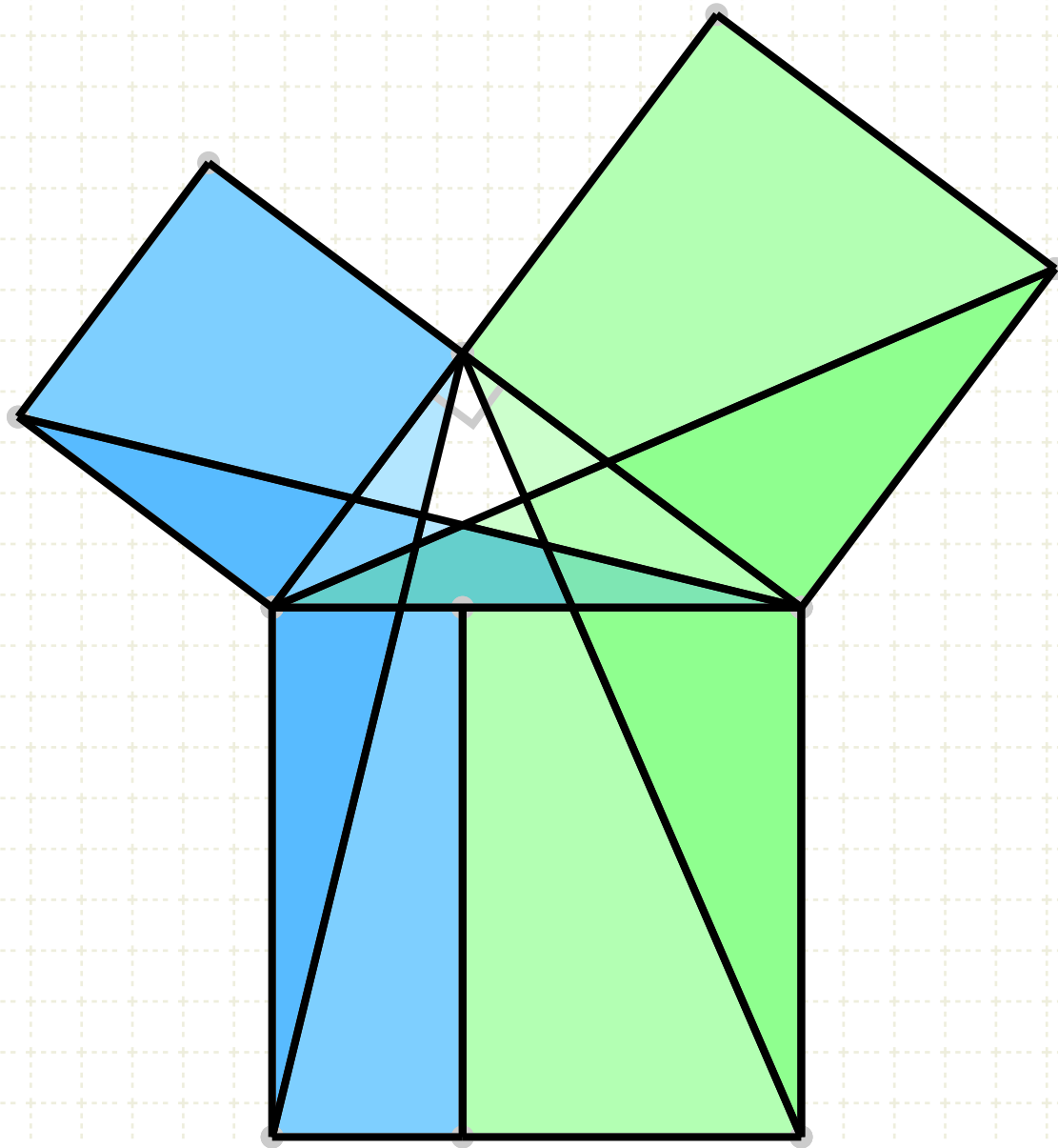


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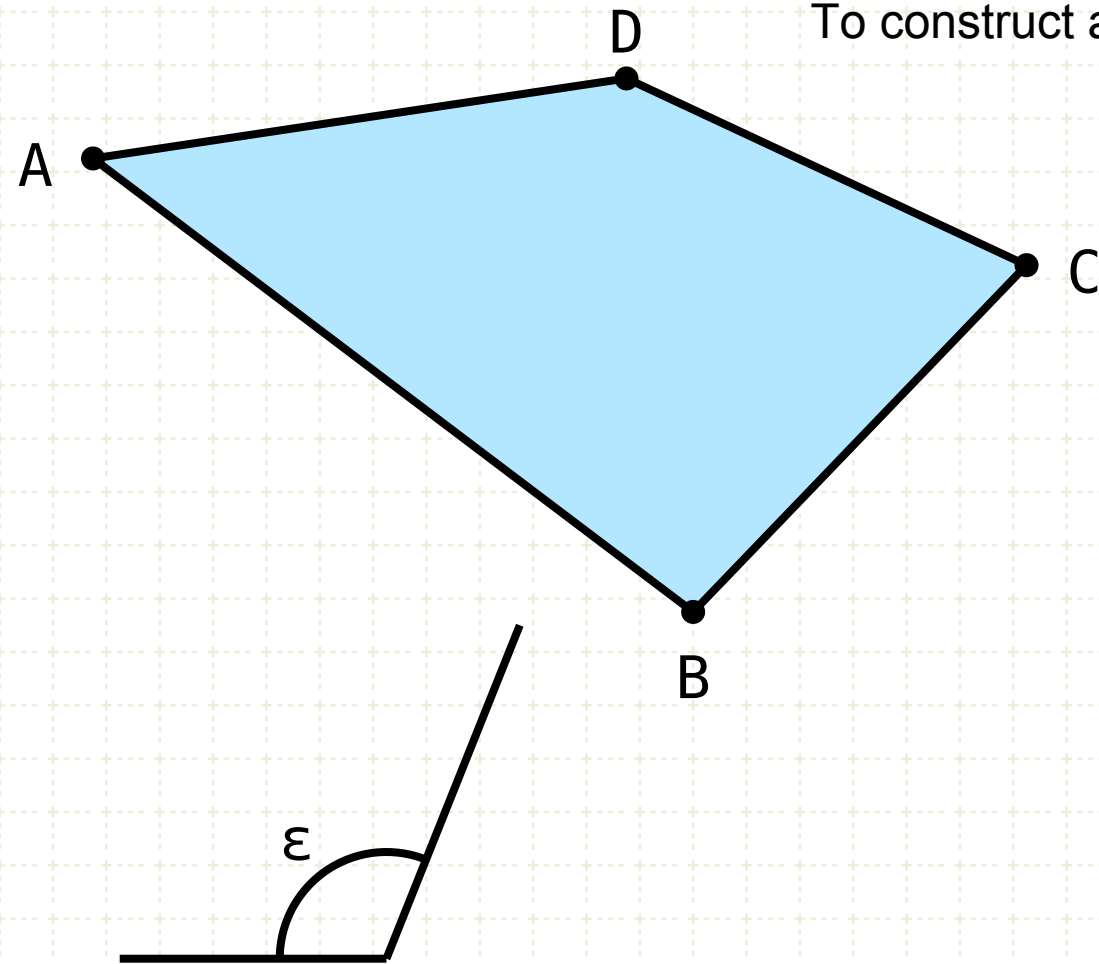
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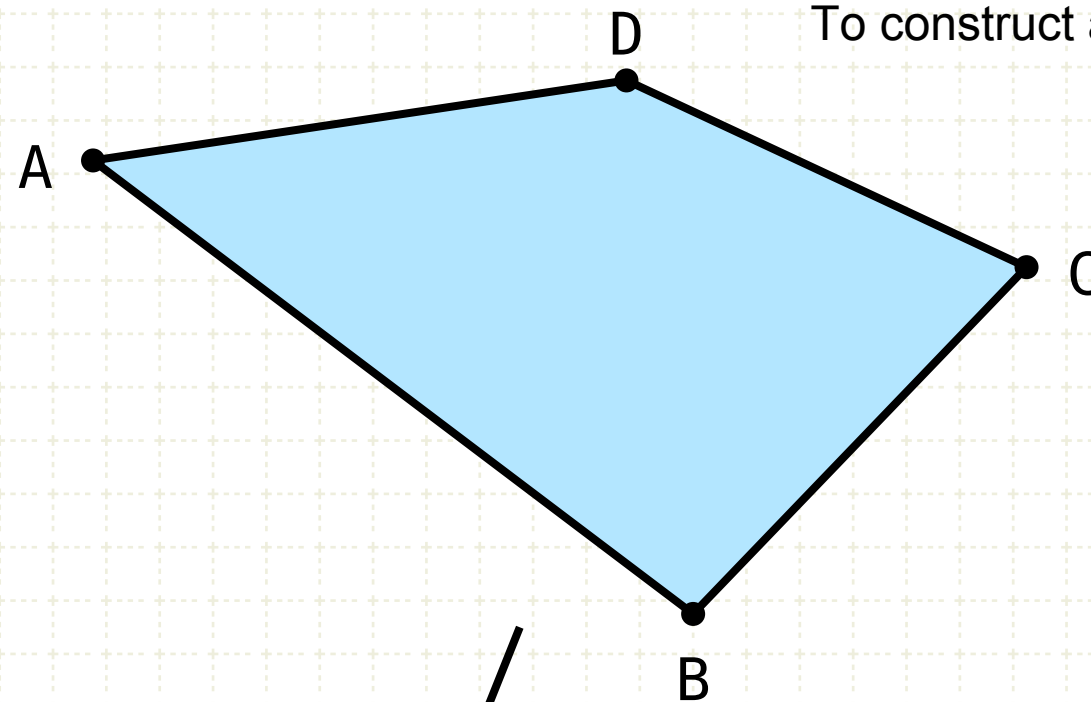


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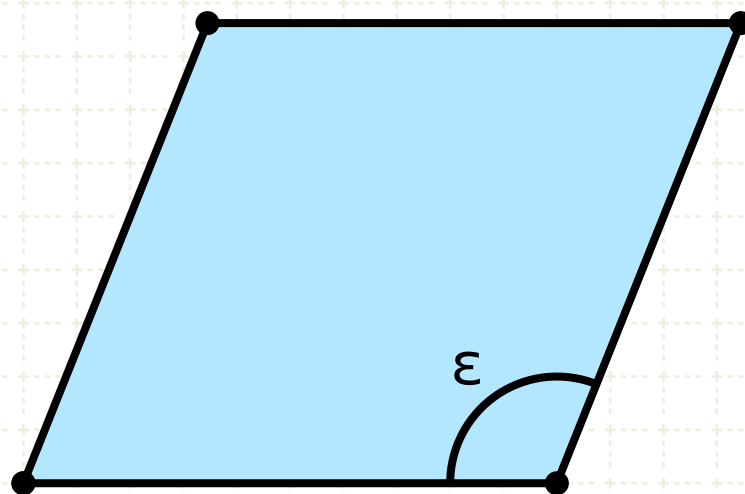
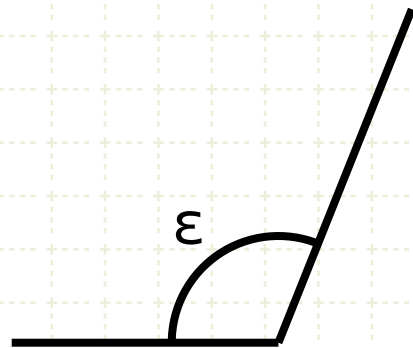
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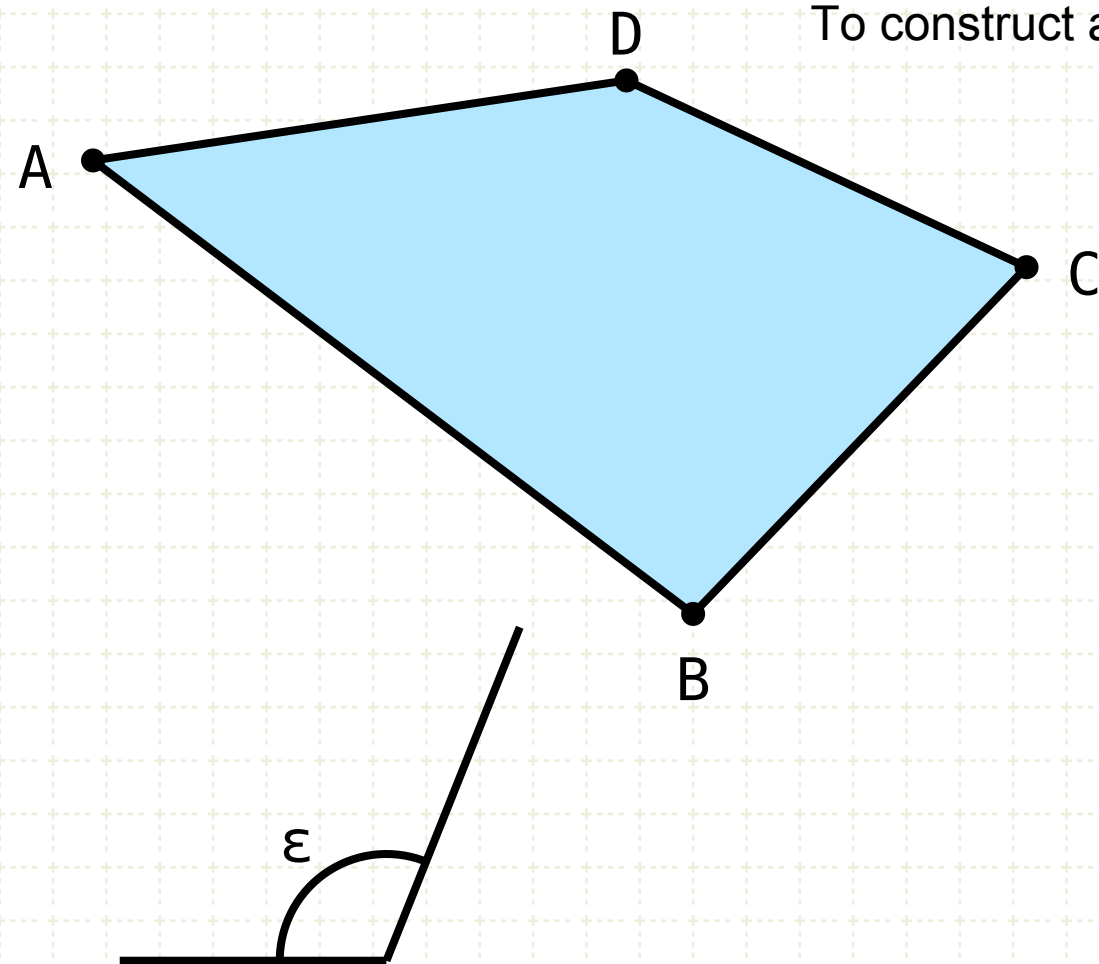
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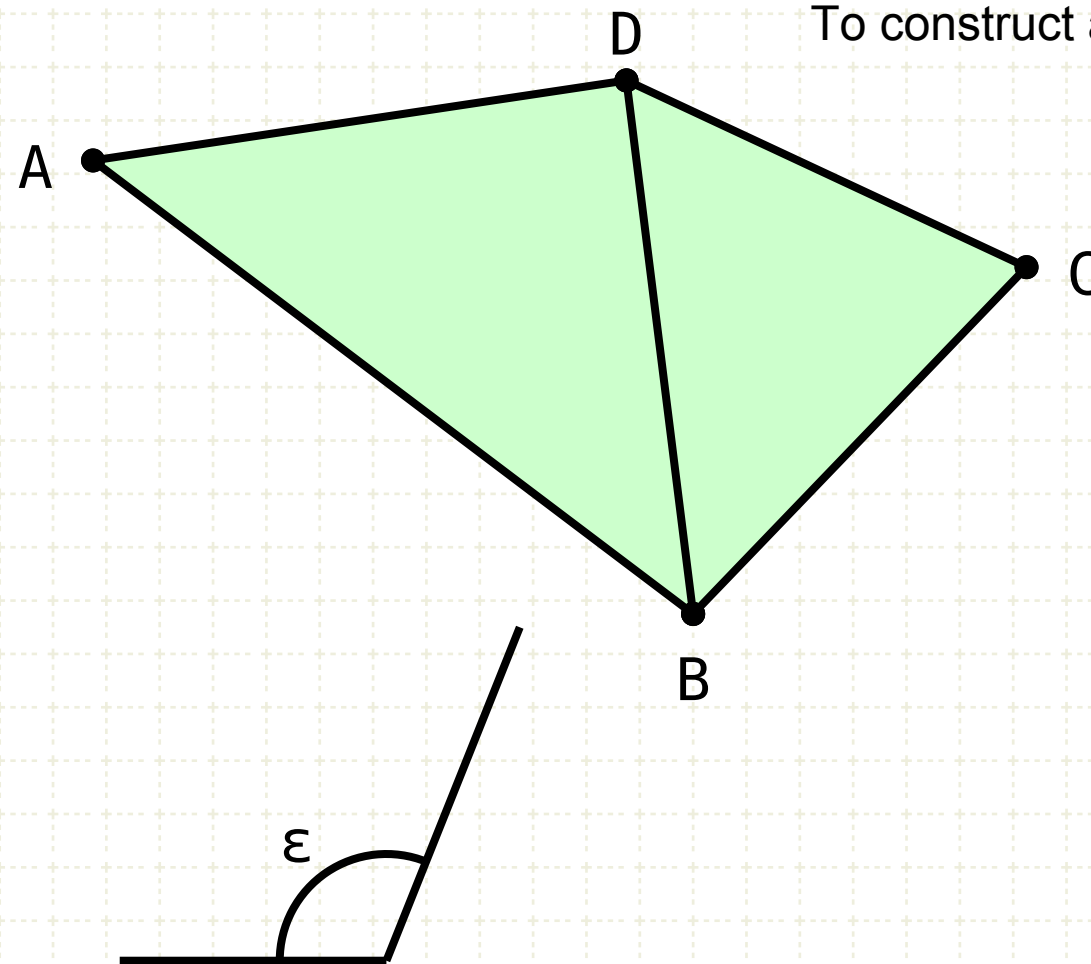
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Construction



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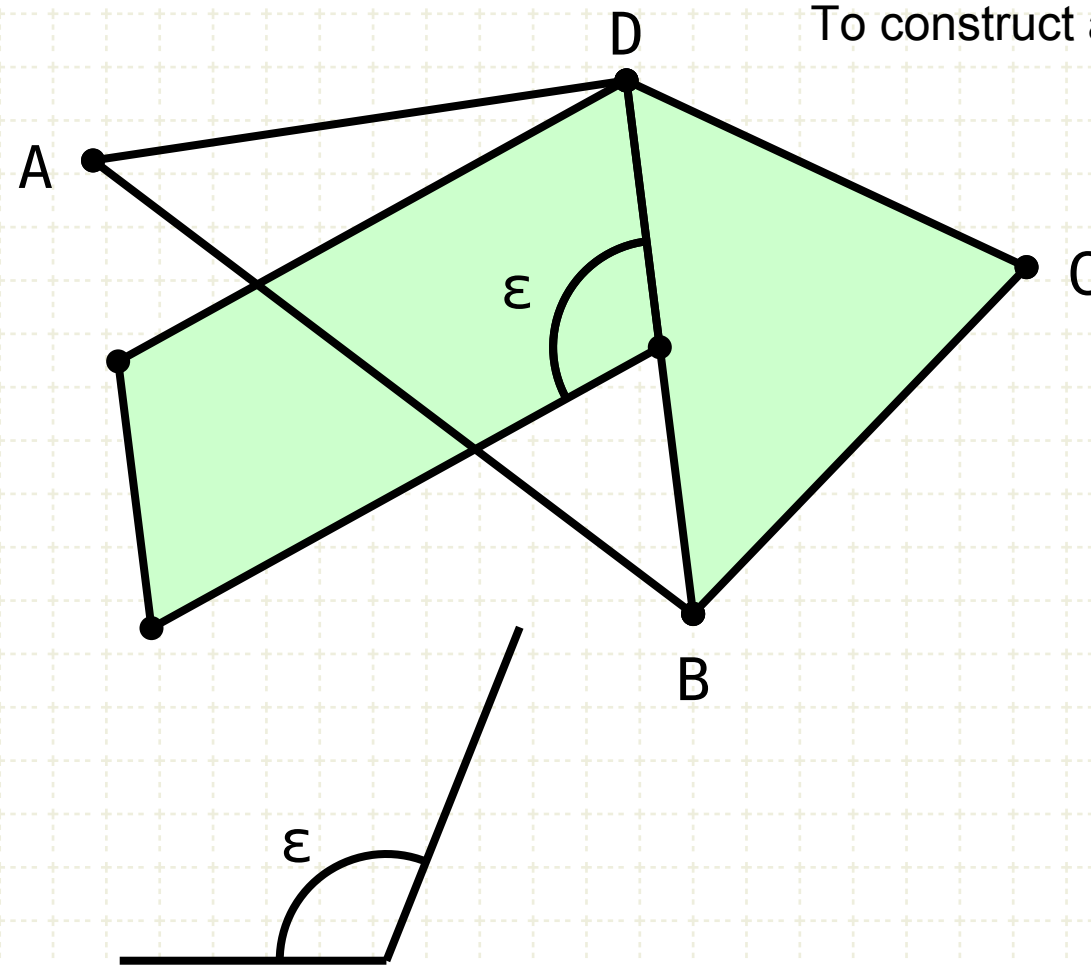
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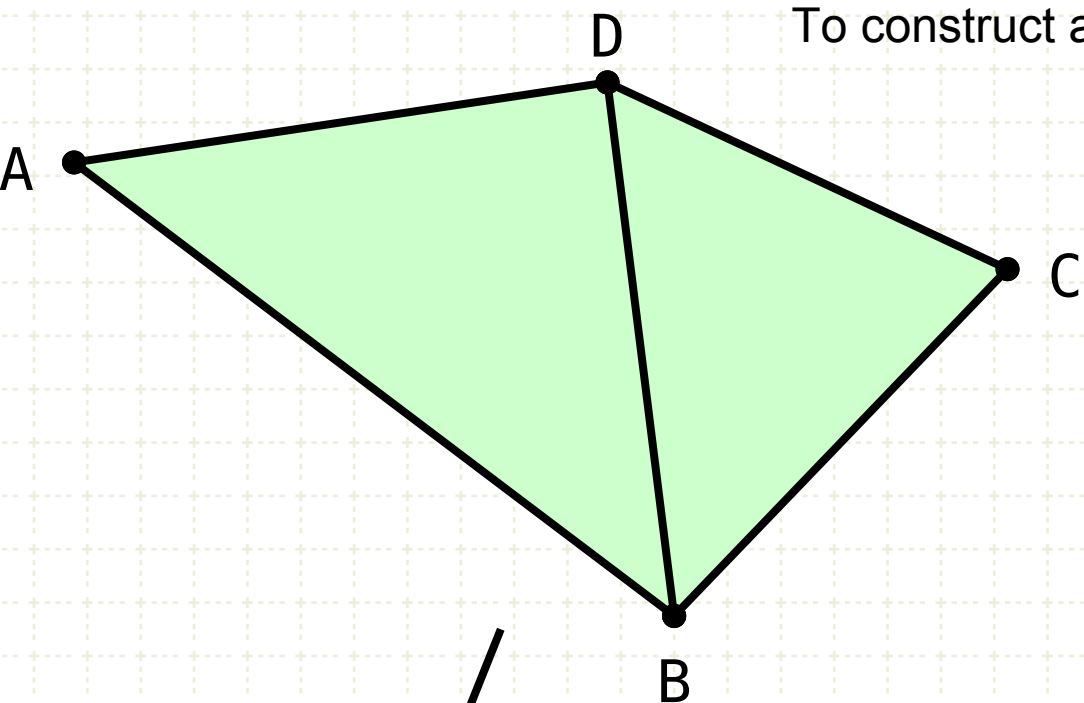
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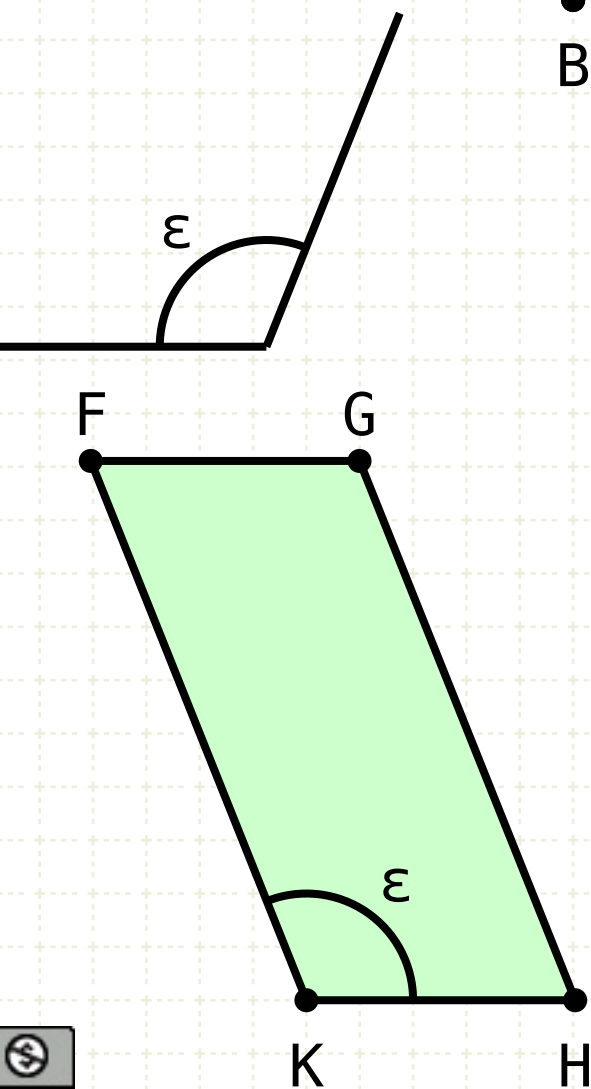
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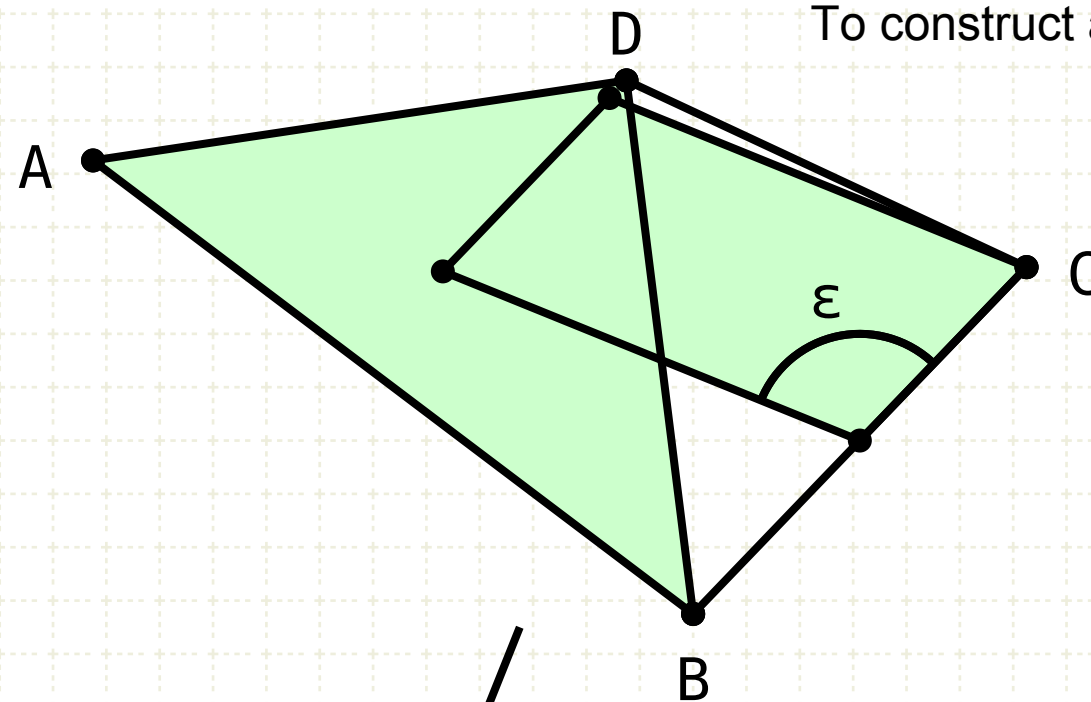
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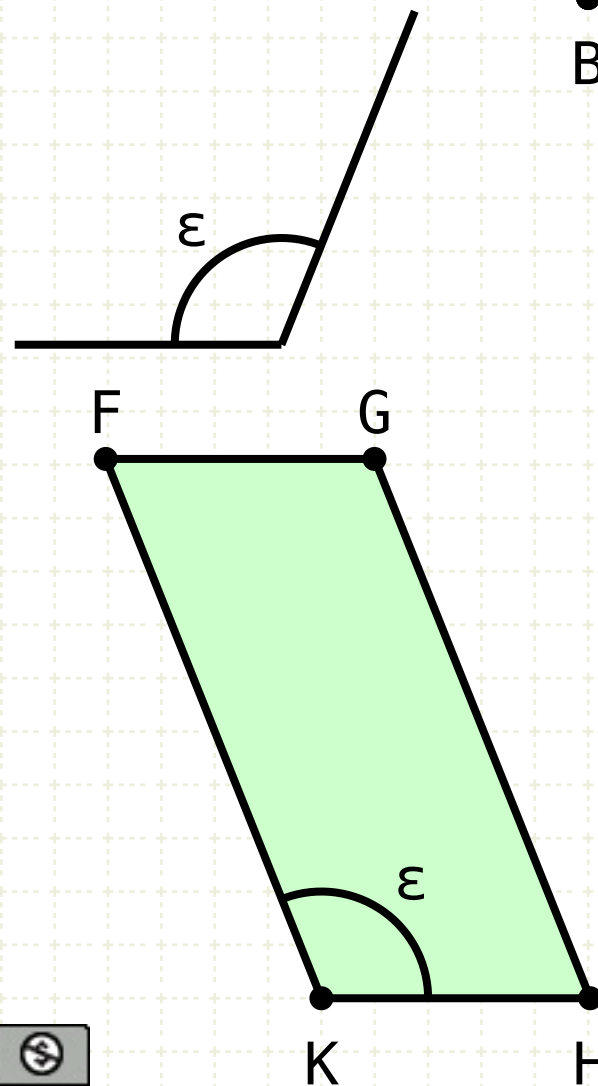
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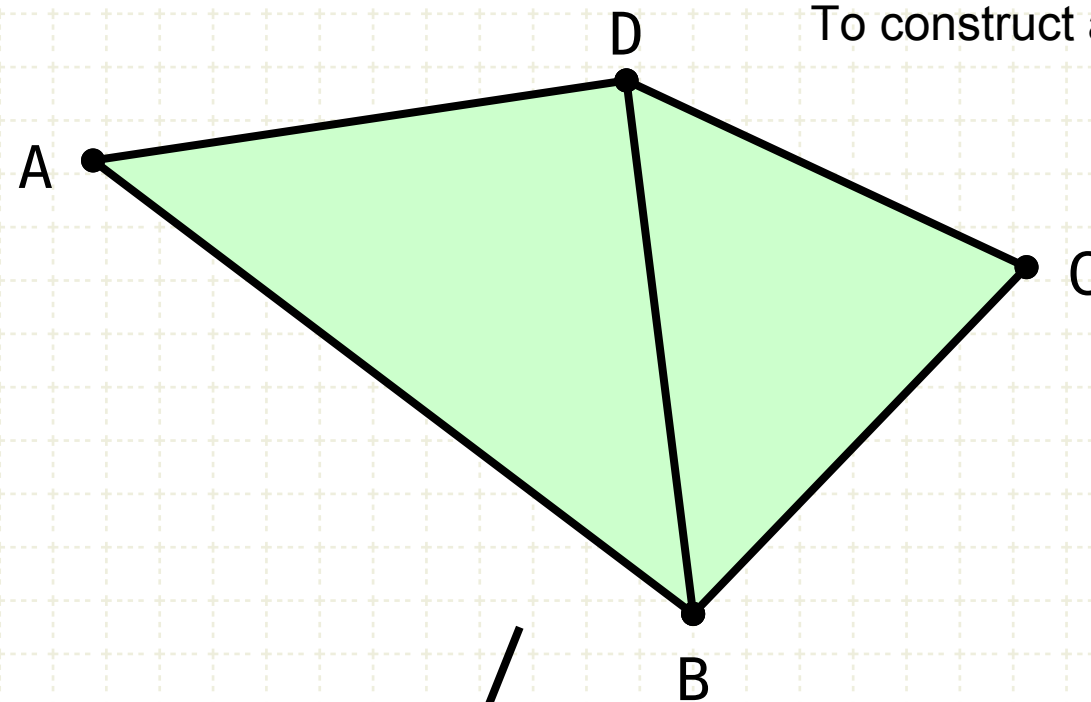
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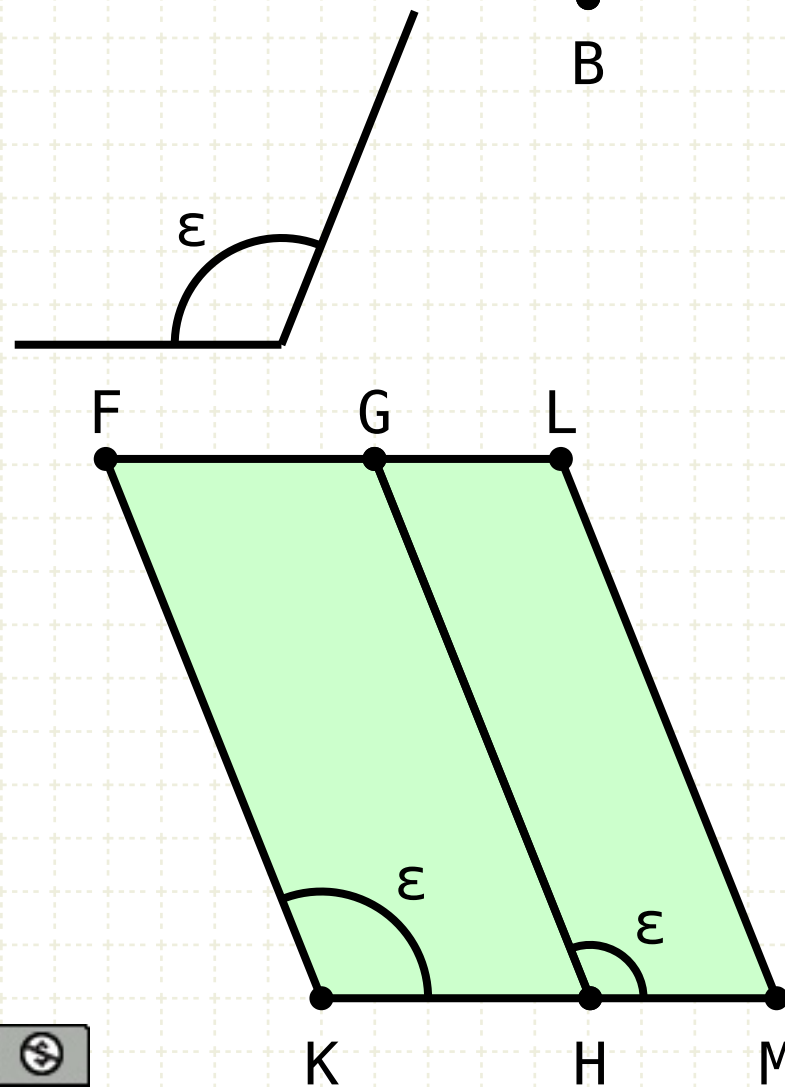
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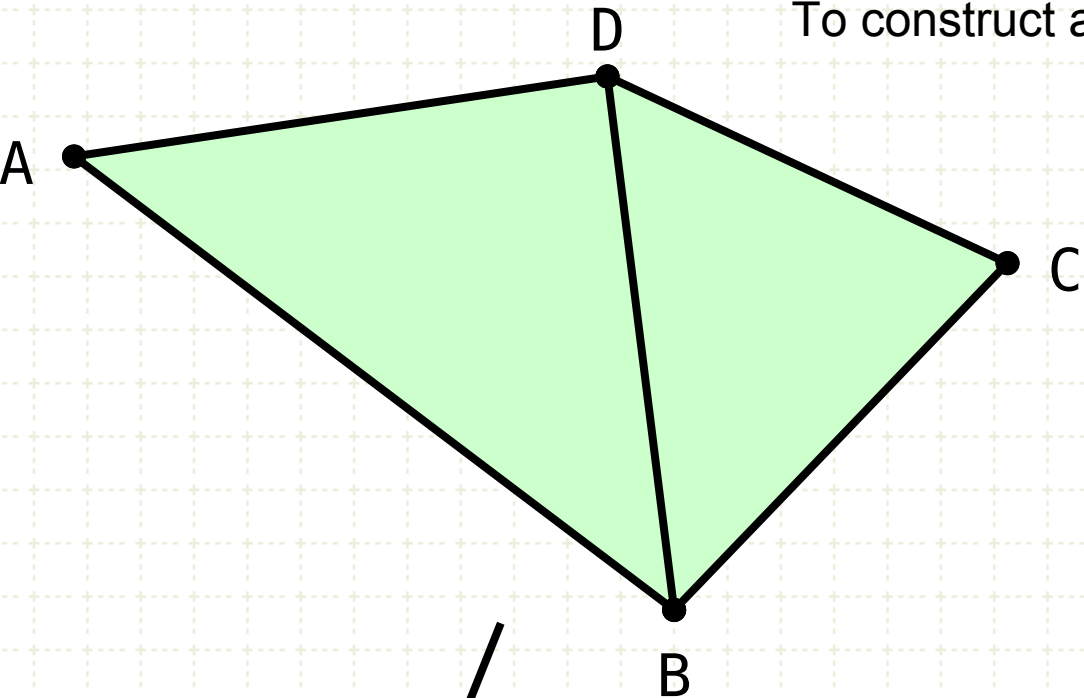
Create a parallelogram equal to triangle DBC, with angle ε (I·42)

Create a parallelogram, equal to triangle DBC, on side GH (I·44)

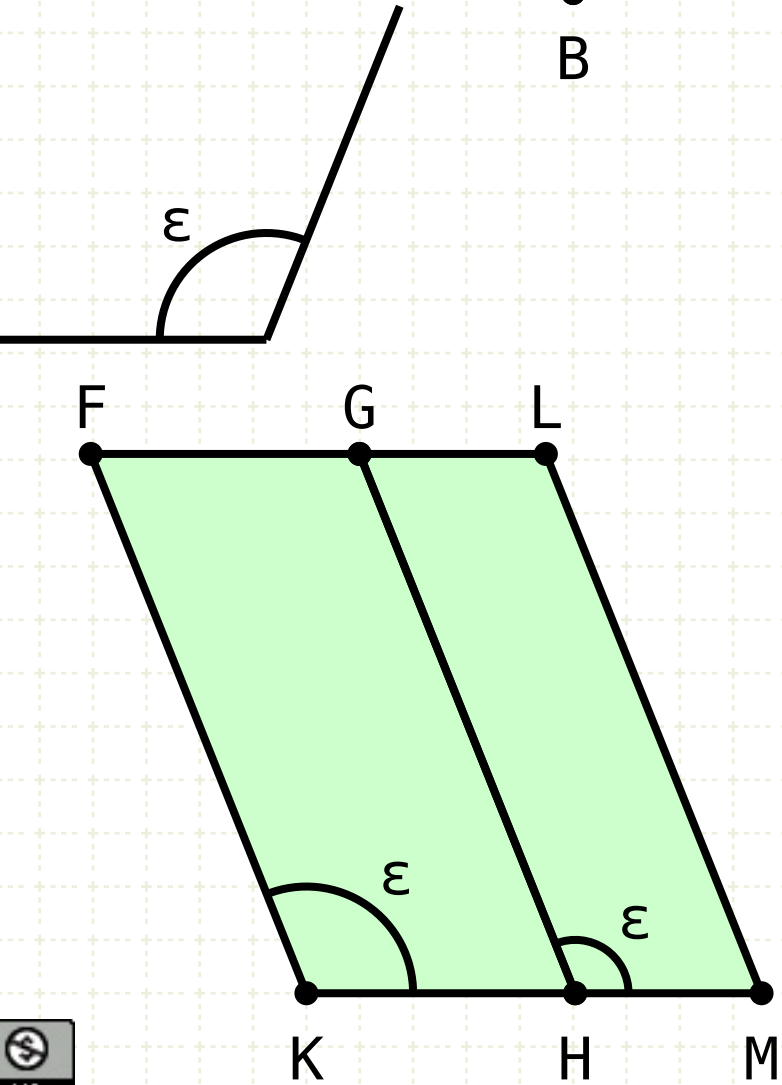


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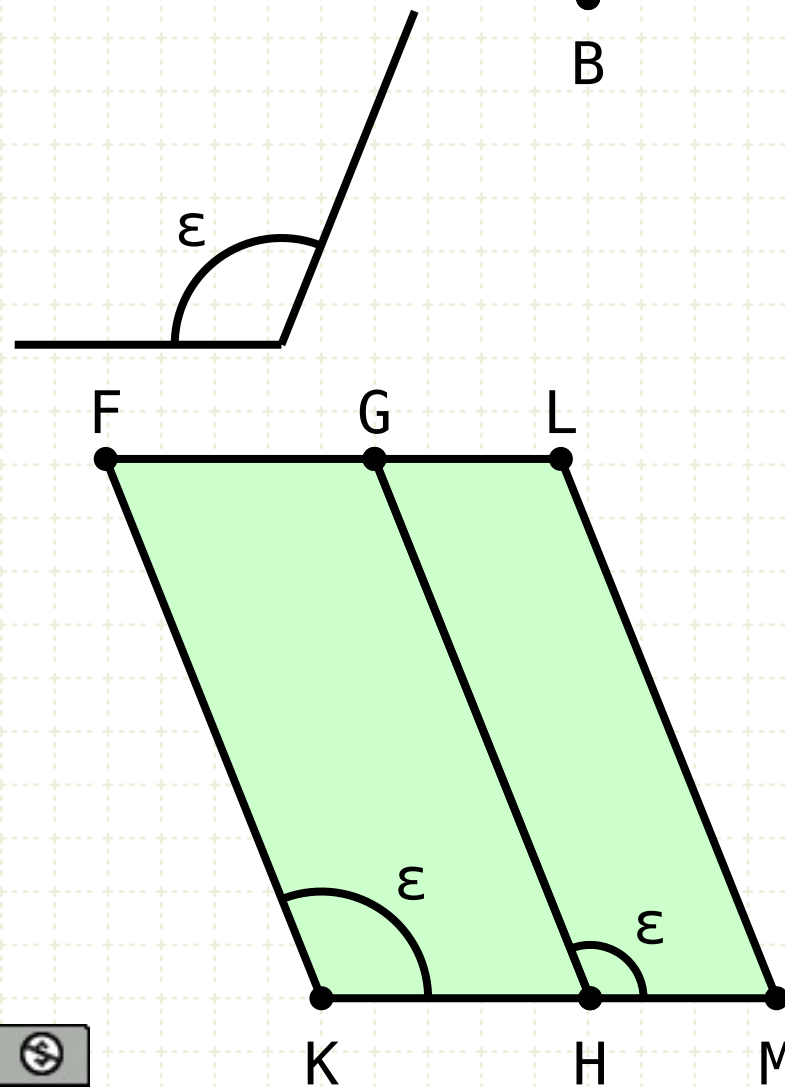
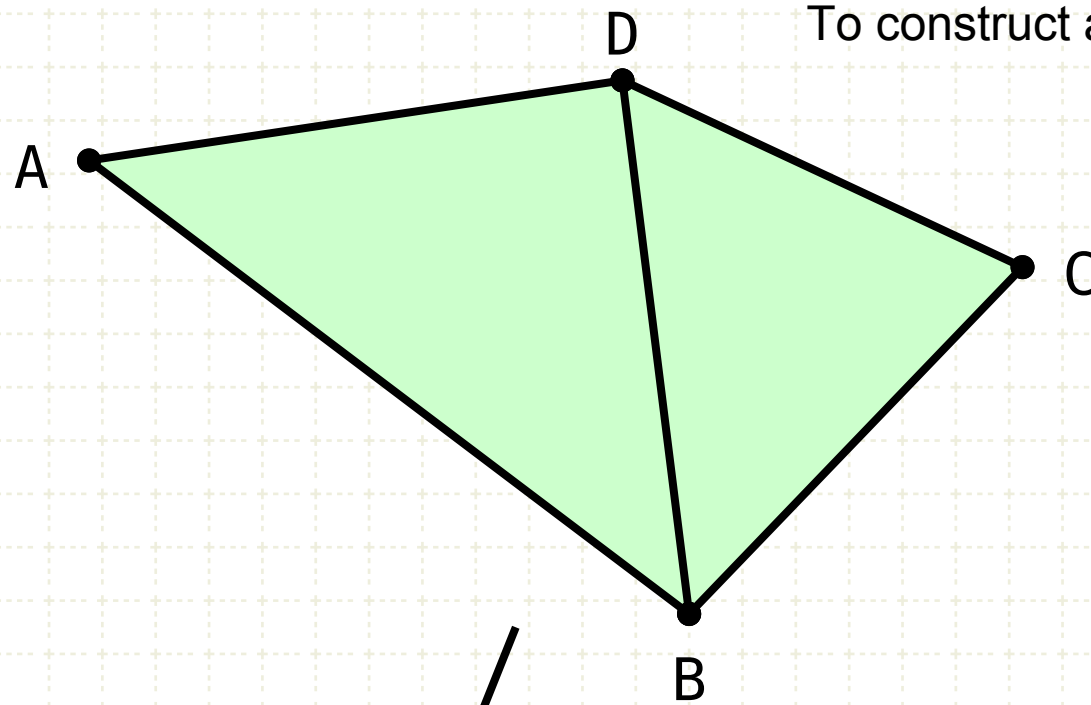
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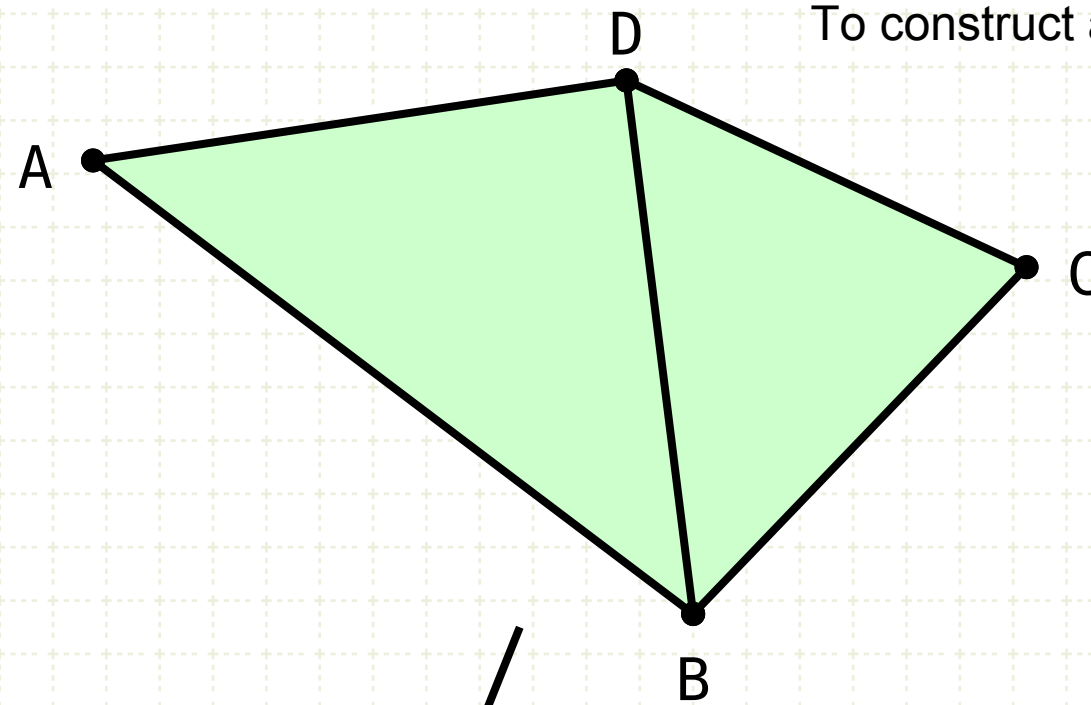
$$\angle GHM = \epsilon$$

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Proof:

FGHK is a parallelogram by construction so its sides are parallel

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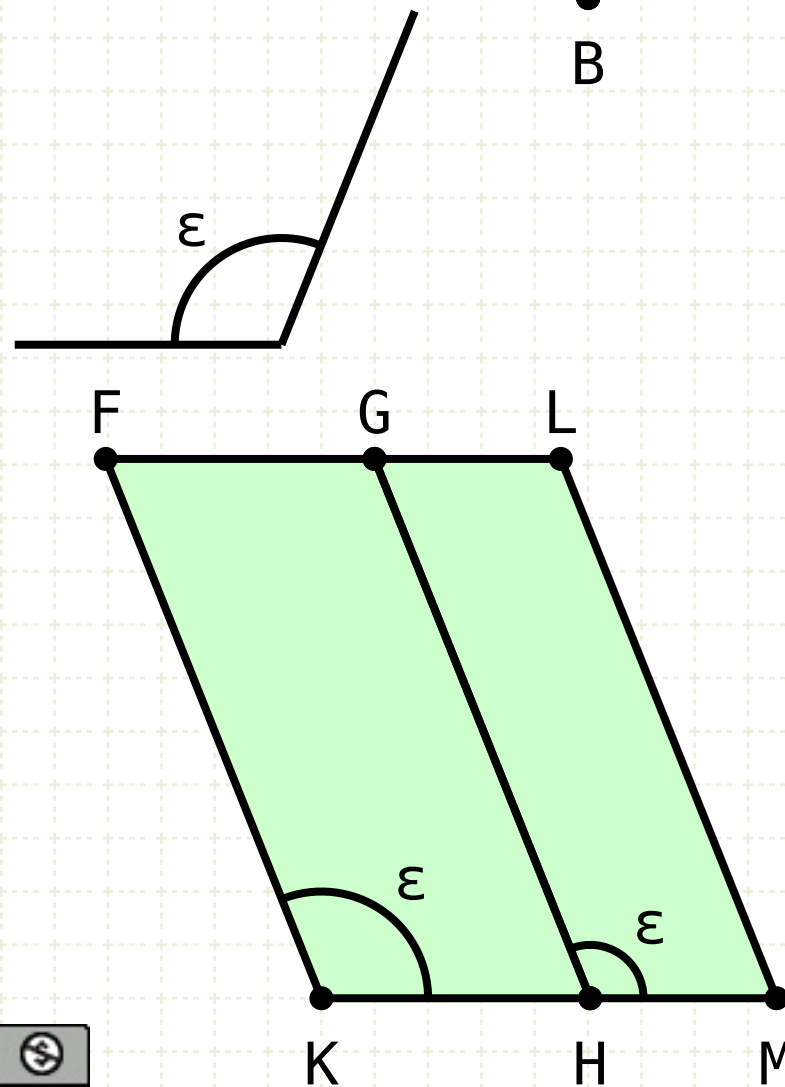
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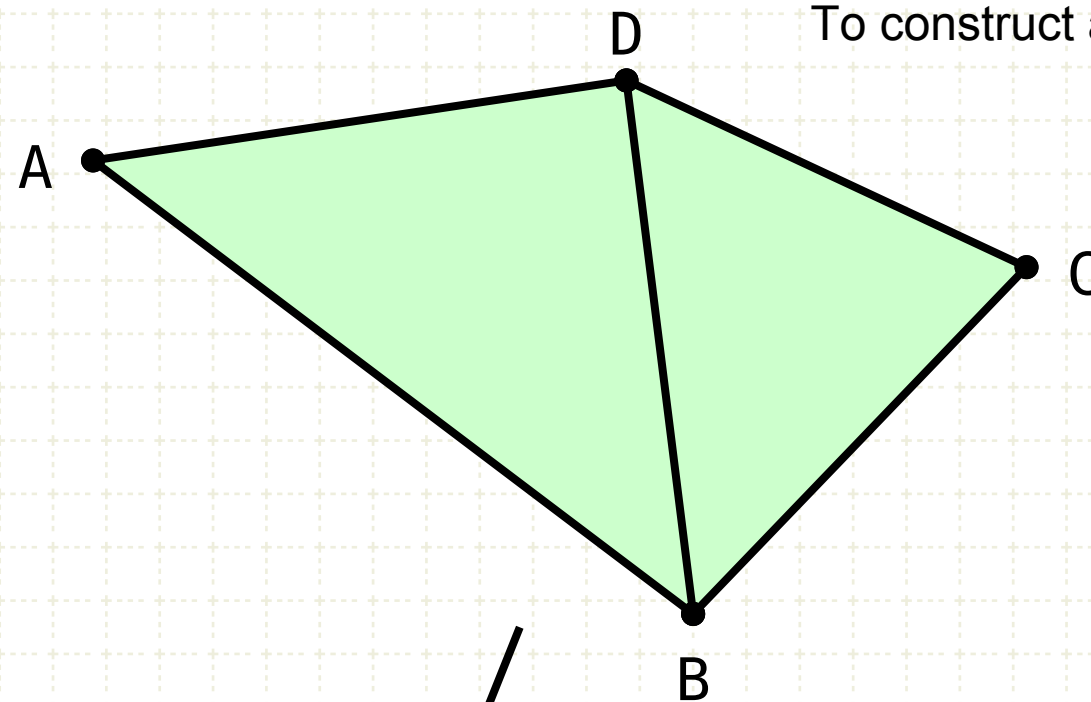
$$\triangle DBC = \square GHLM$$

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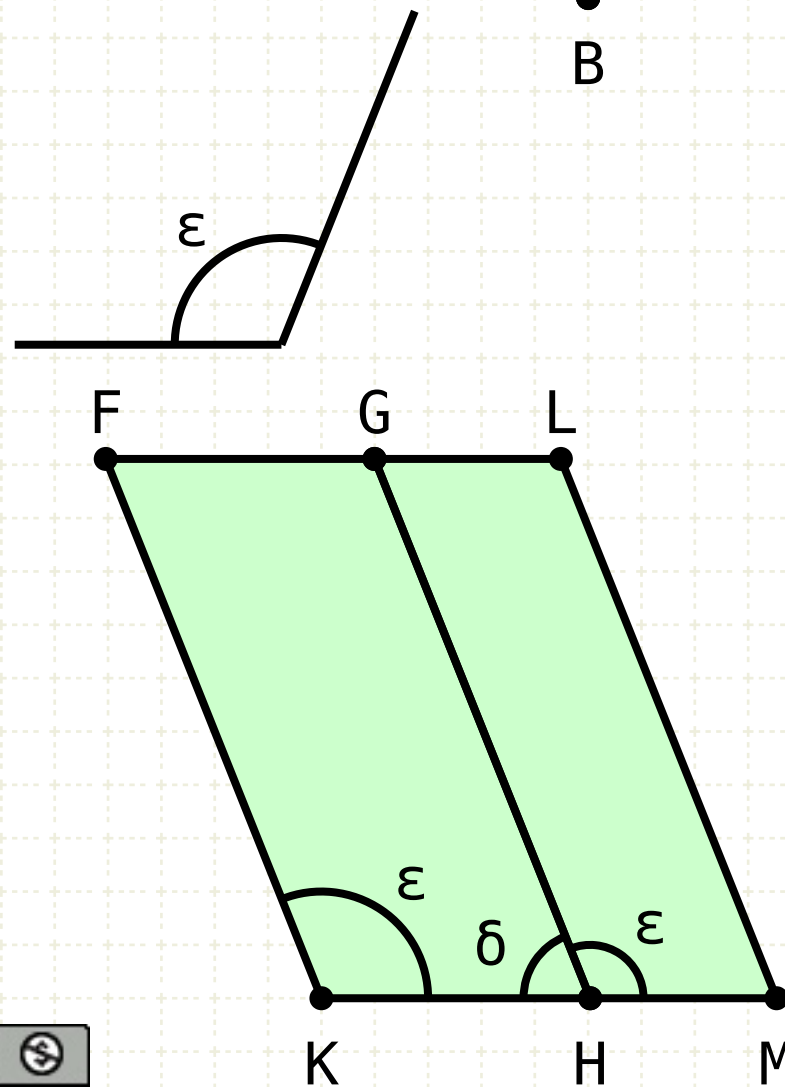
$$FK \parallel GH, FG \parallel KH$$

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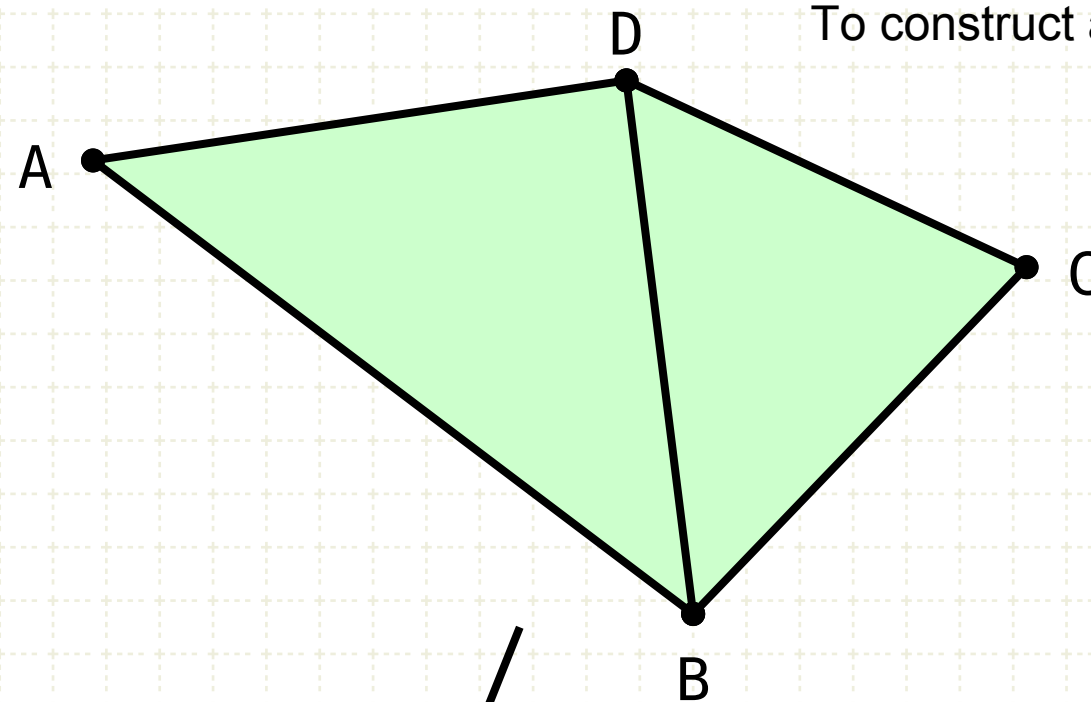
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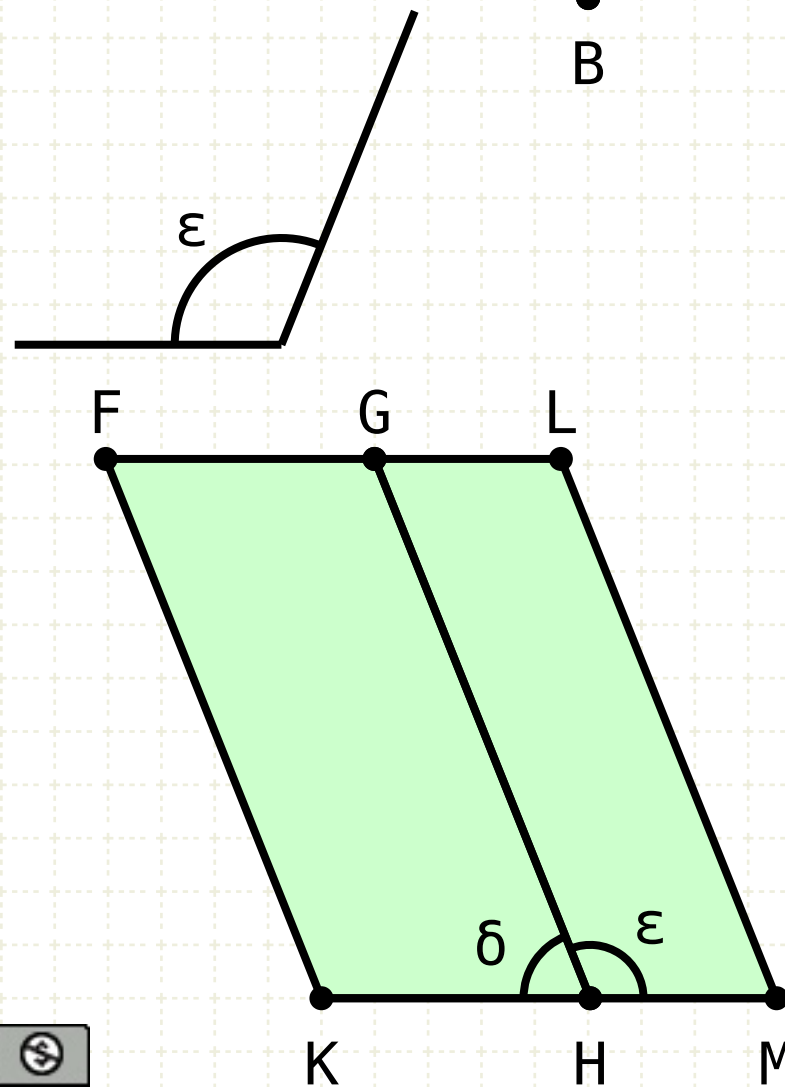
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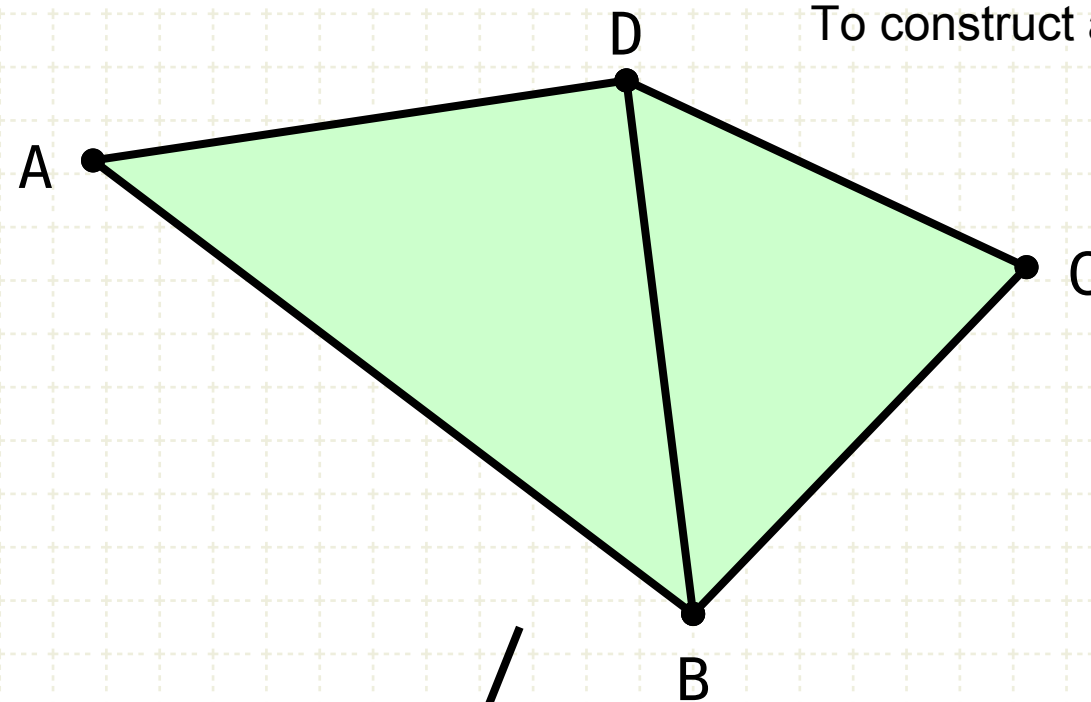
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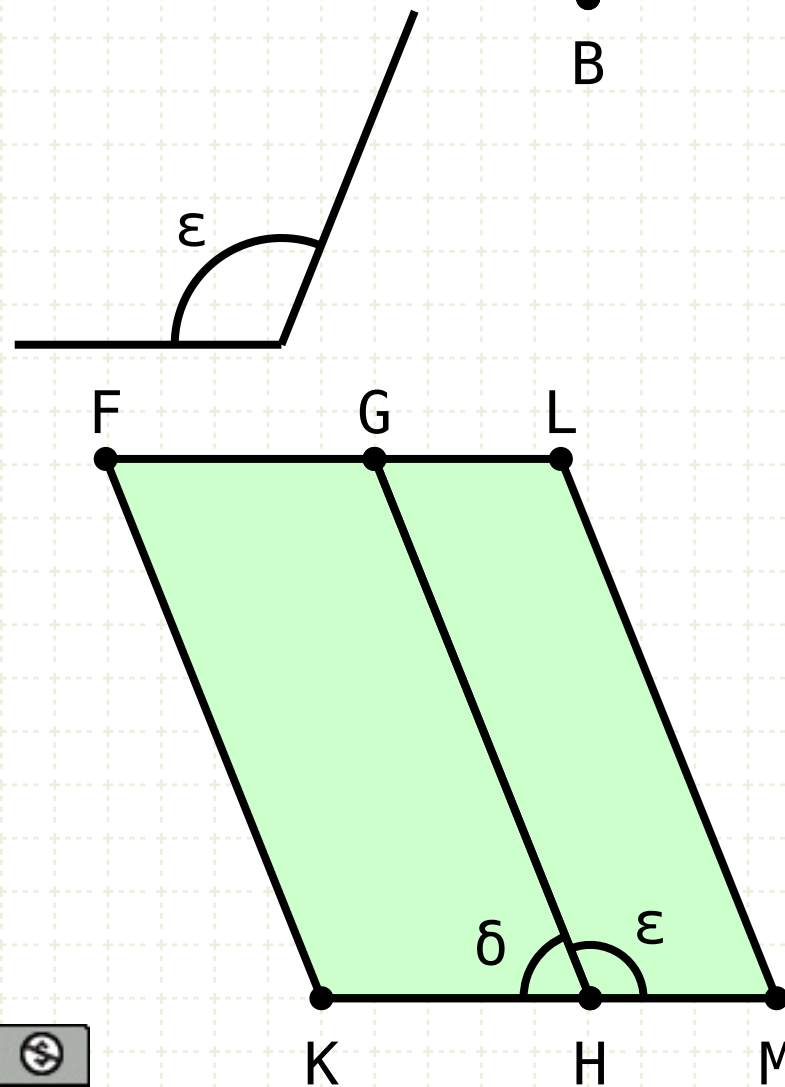
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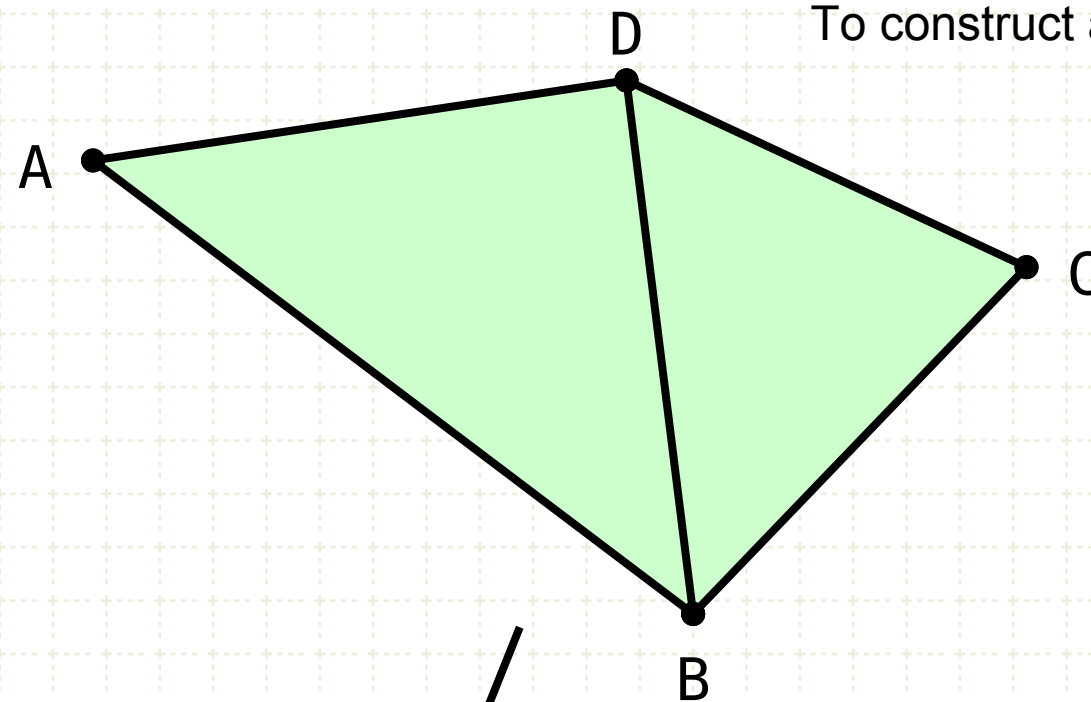
Since angles GHK and GHM sum to two right angles, KH is in a straight line with HM (I·14)

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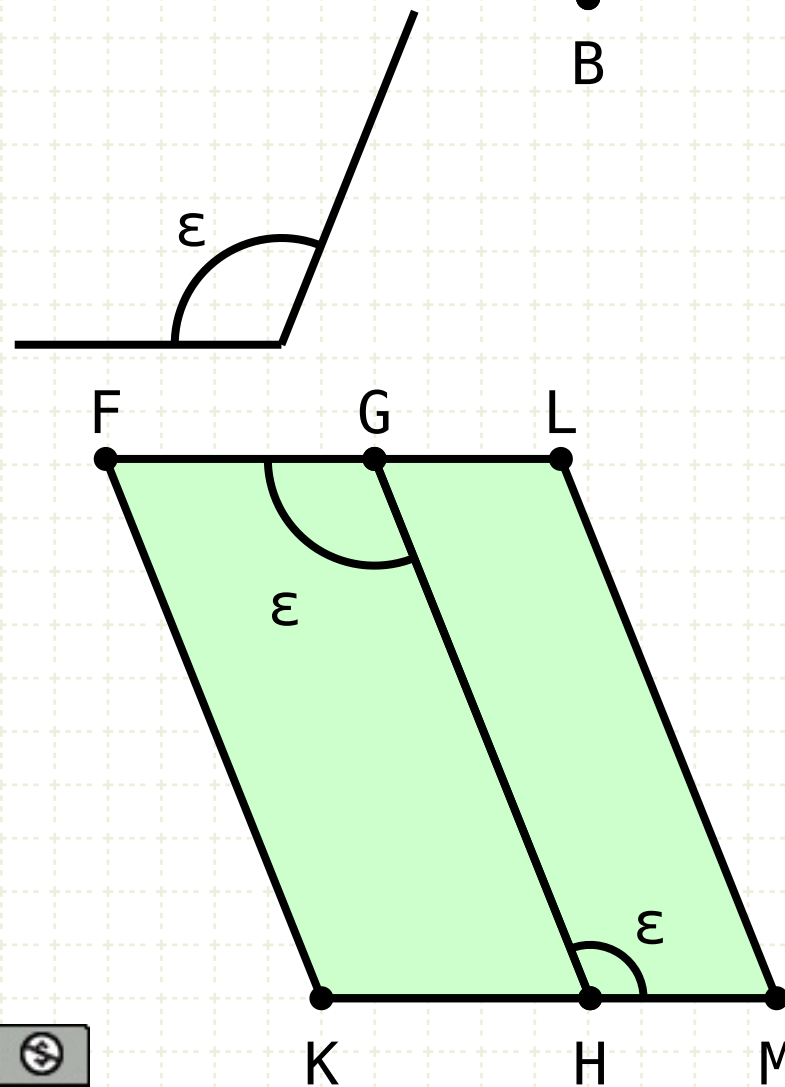
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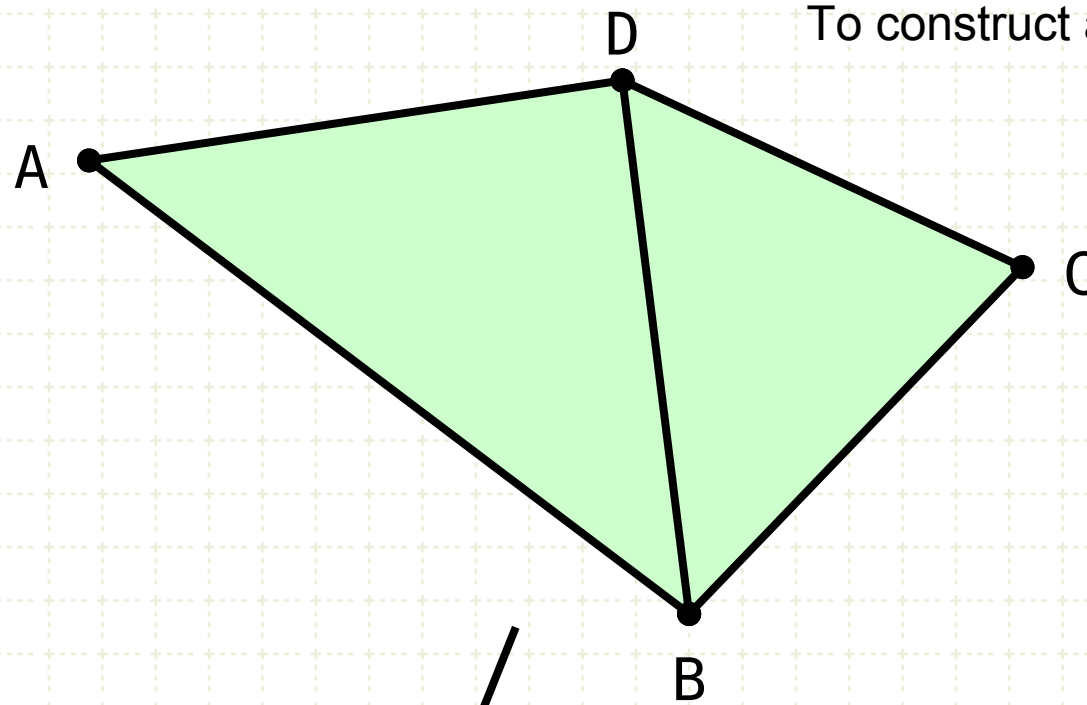
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Thus, the alternate angles (HGF and GHM) are equal (I·29)



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$$GL \parallel HM, GH \parallel LM$$

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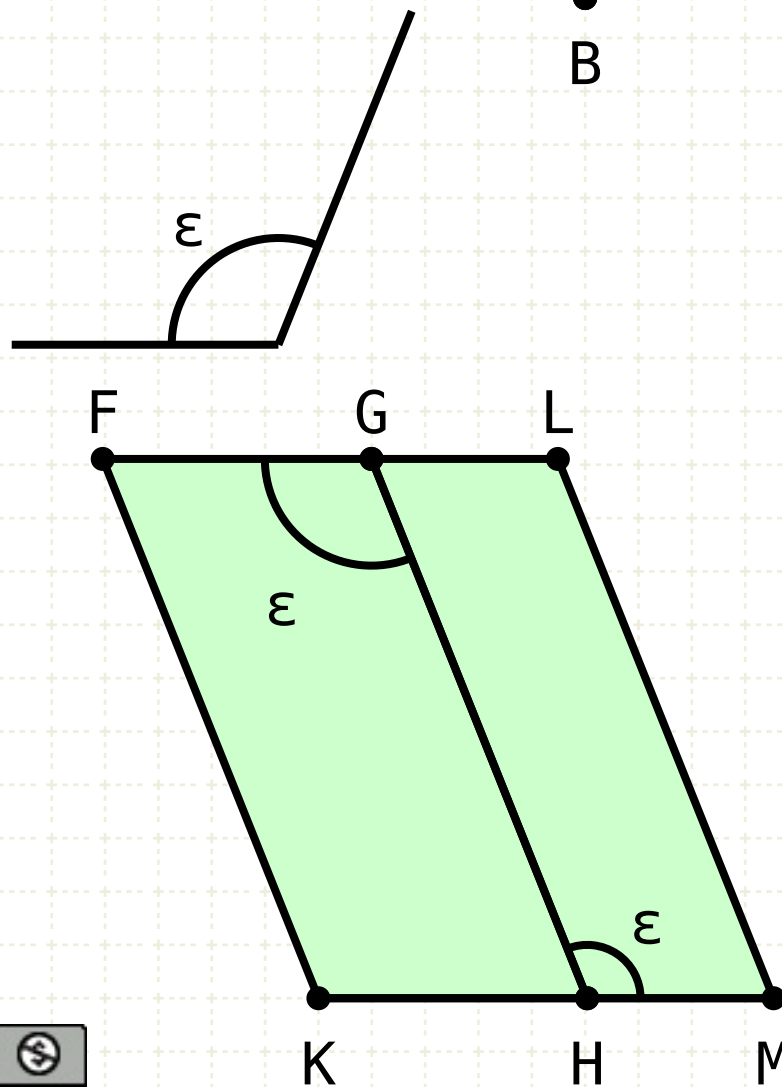
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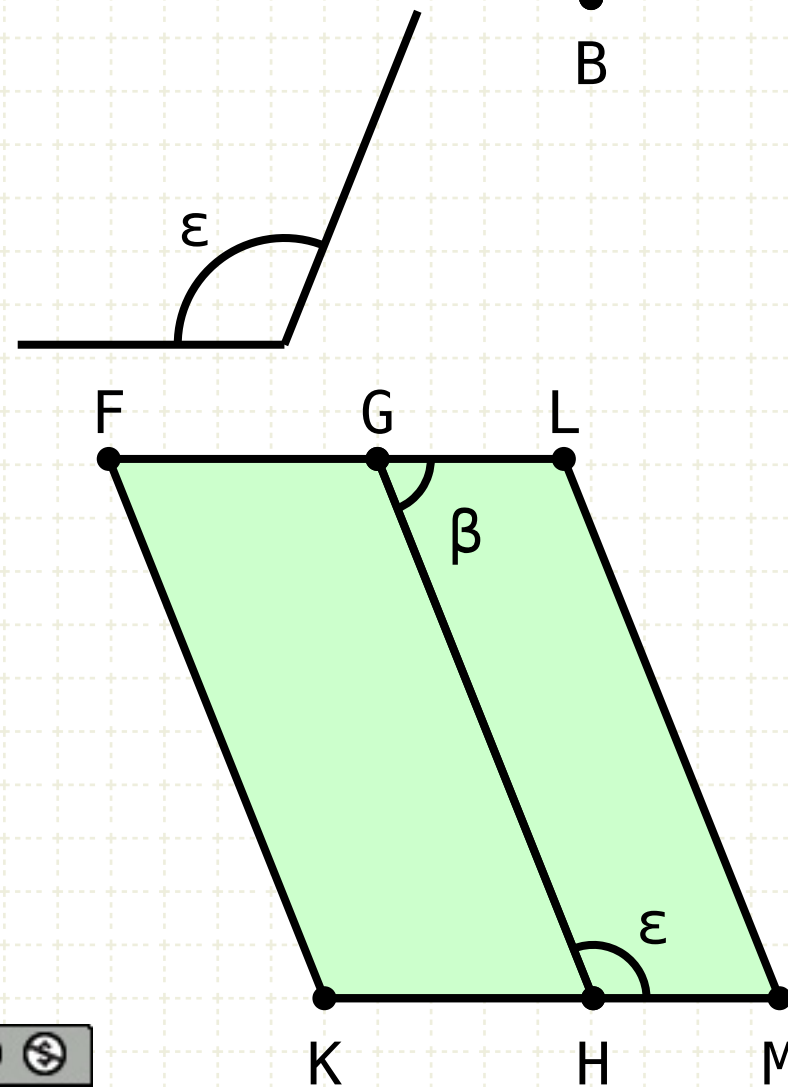
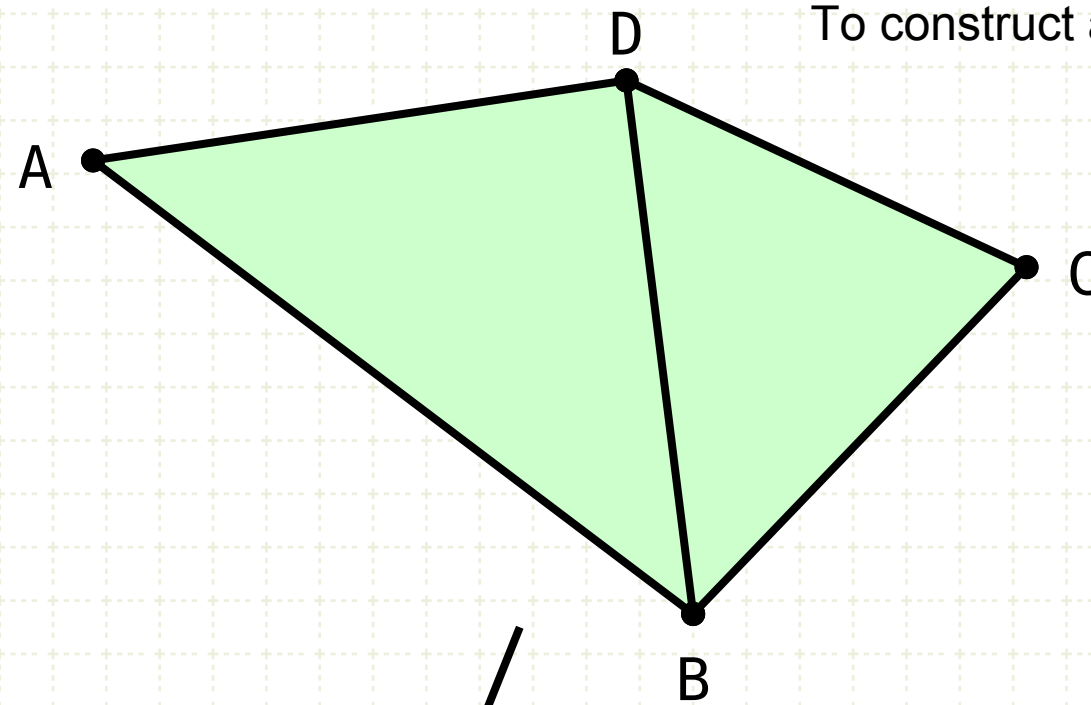
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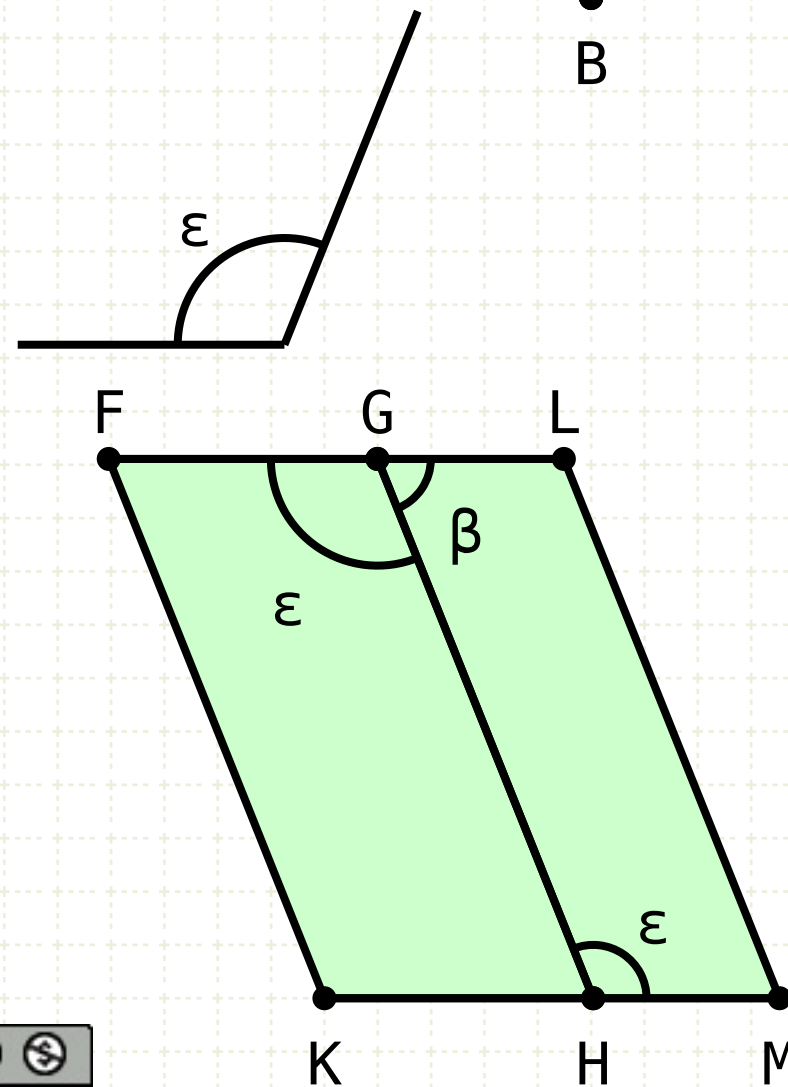
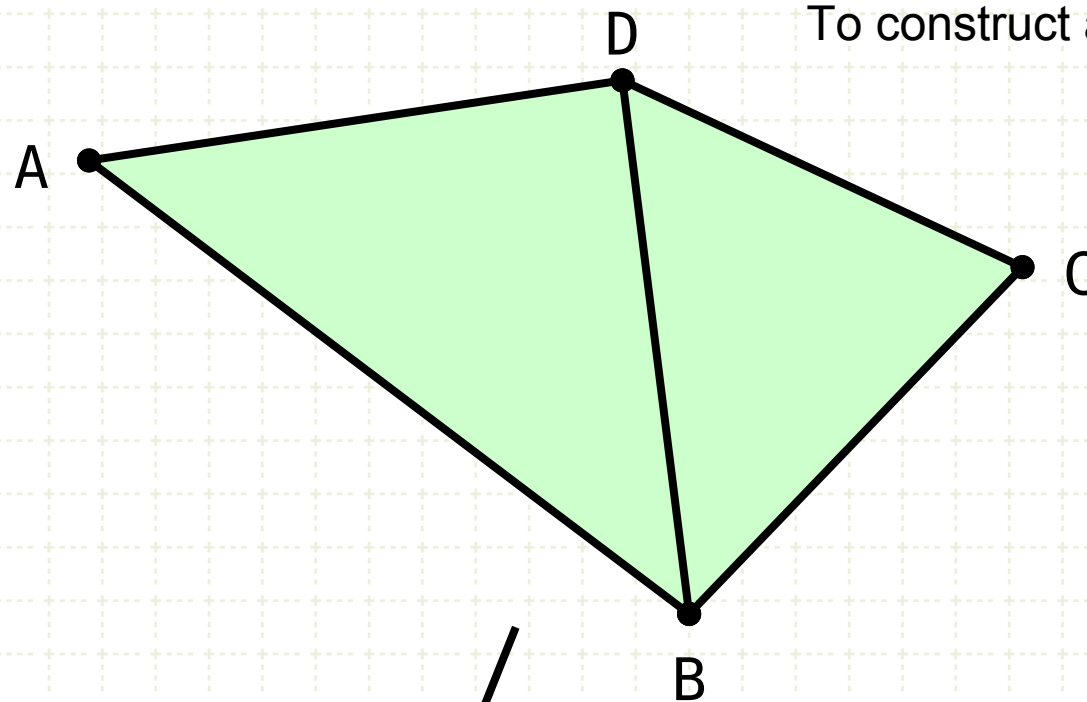
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 FG, GL &= FL
 \end{aligned}$$

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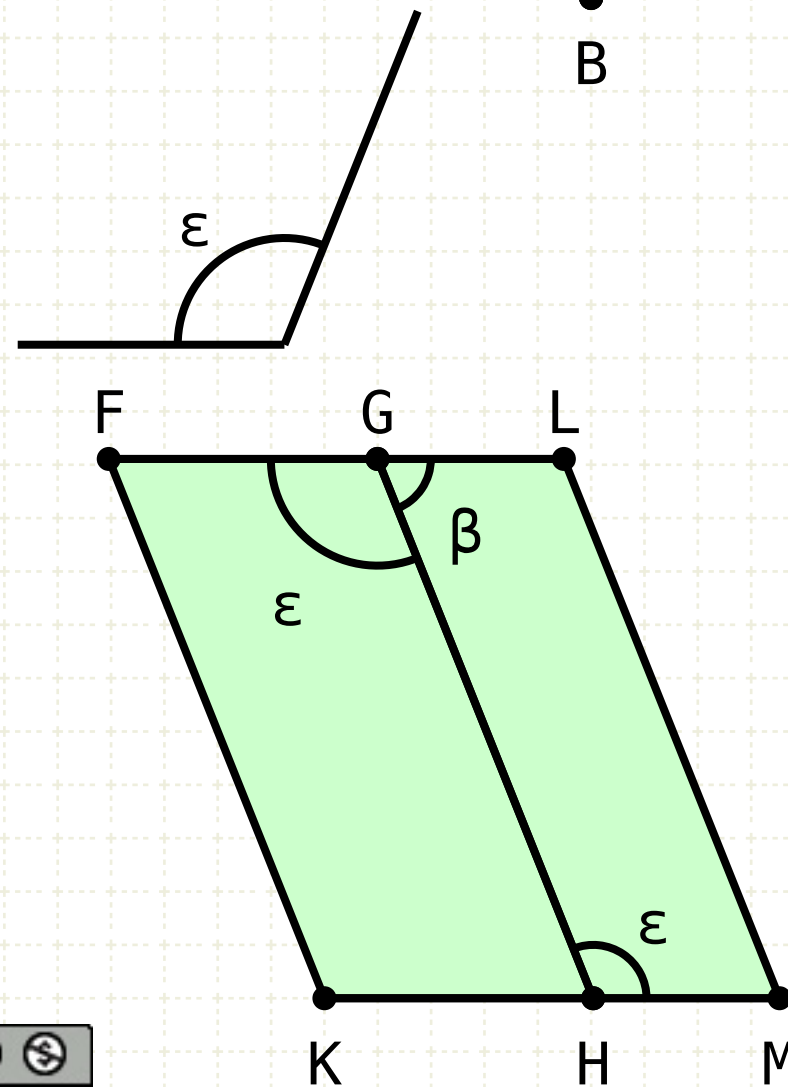
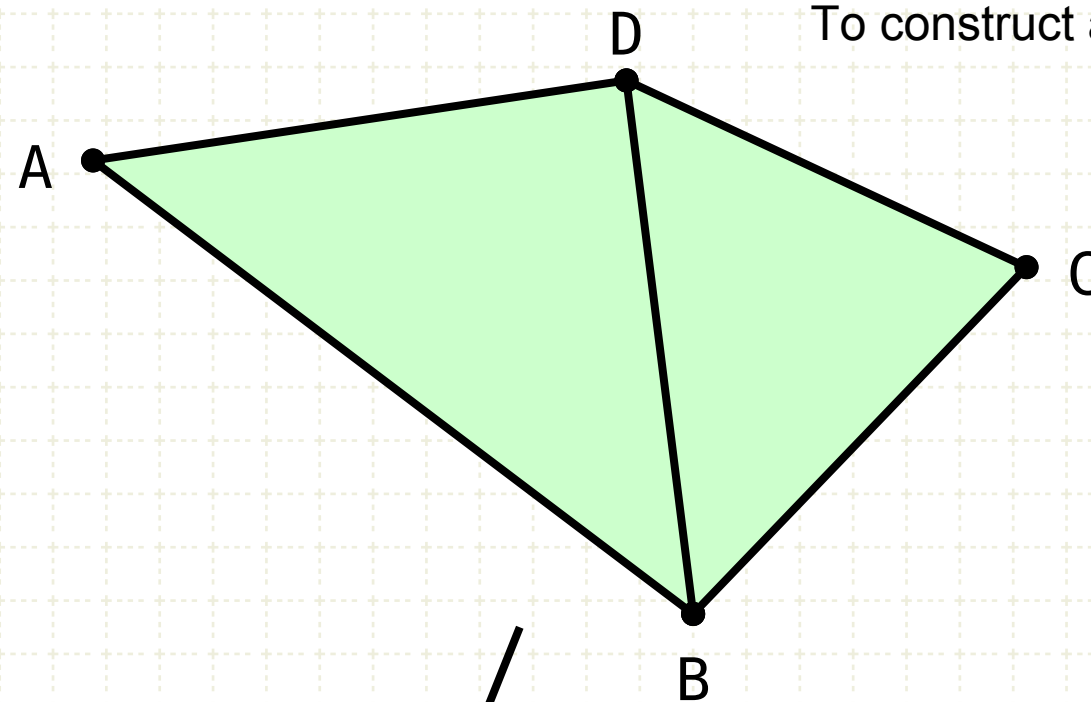
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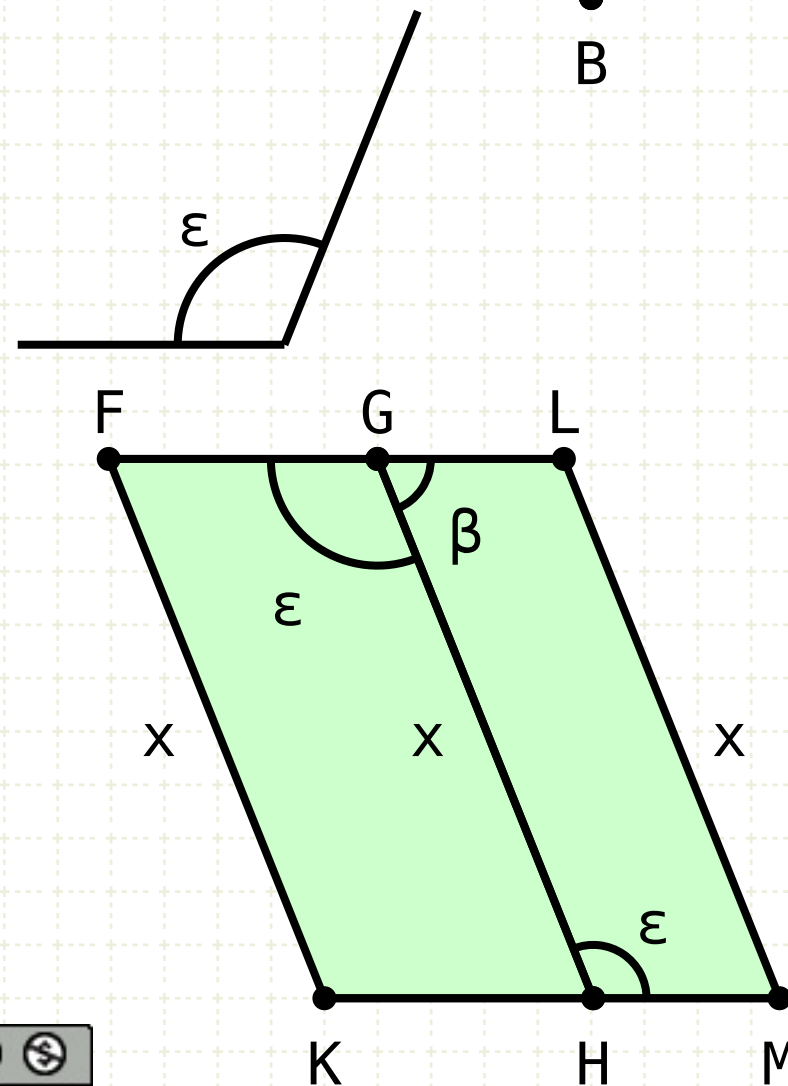
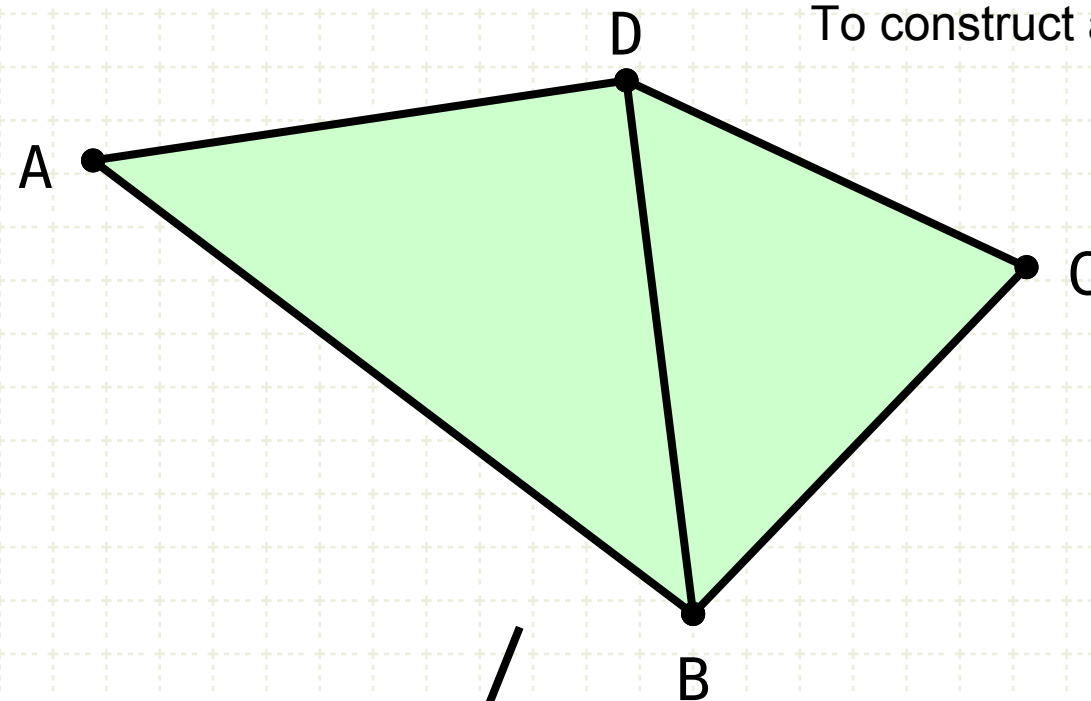
Angles LGH and GHM sum to two right angles I·29

Since angles FGH and LGH sum to two right angles, FG is in a straight line with GL (I·14)

Lines FK and GH are parallel to each other, and lines GH and LM are parallel to each other, therefore lines FK and LM are parallel (I·30)

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 FK &\parallel LM \\
 GK &= GH = LM = x
 \end{aligned}$$

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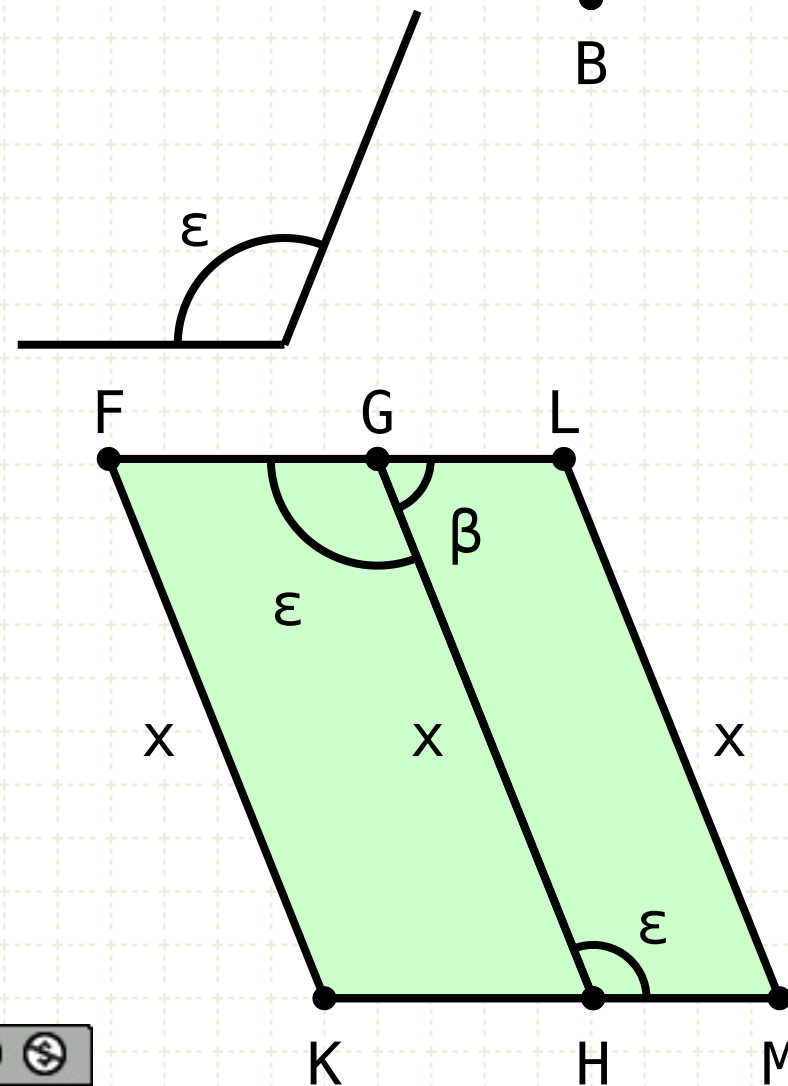
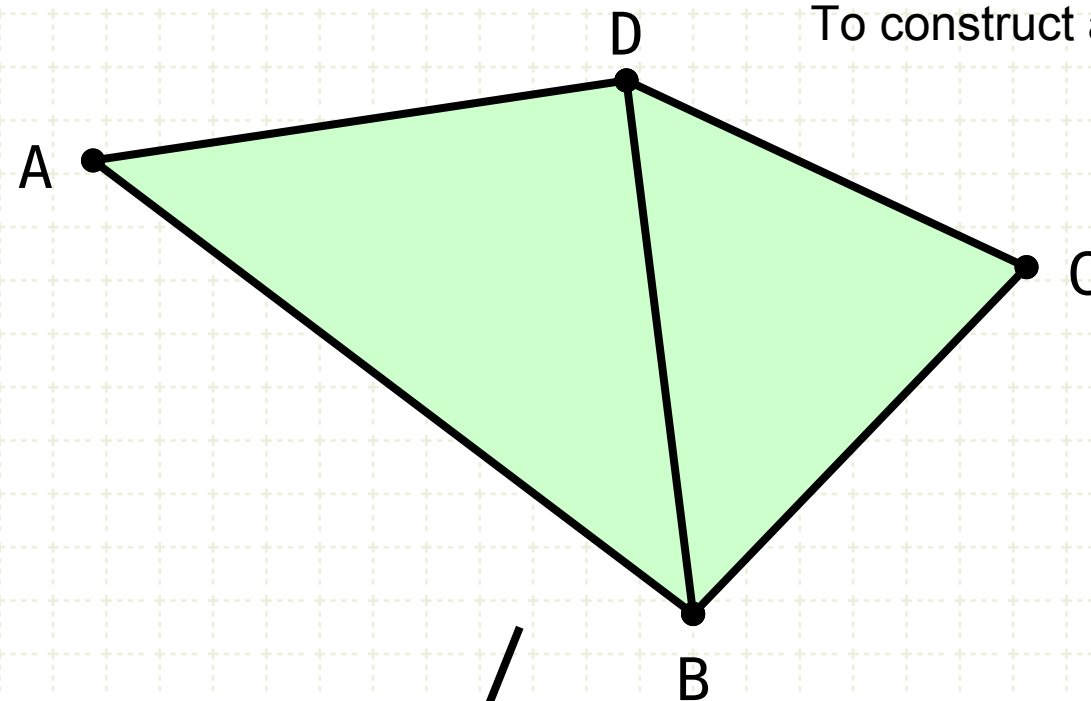
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By their construction, lines GK and GH and LM are all of equal length



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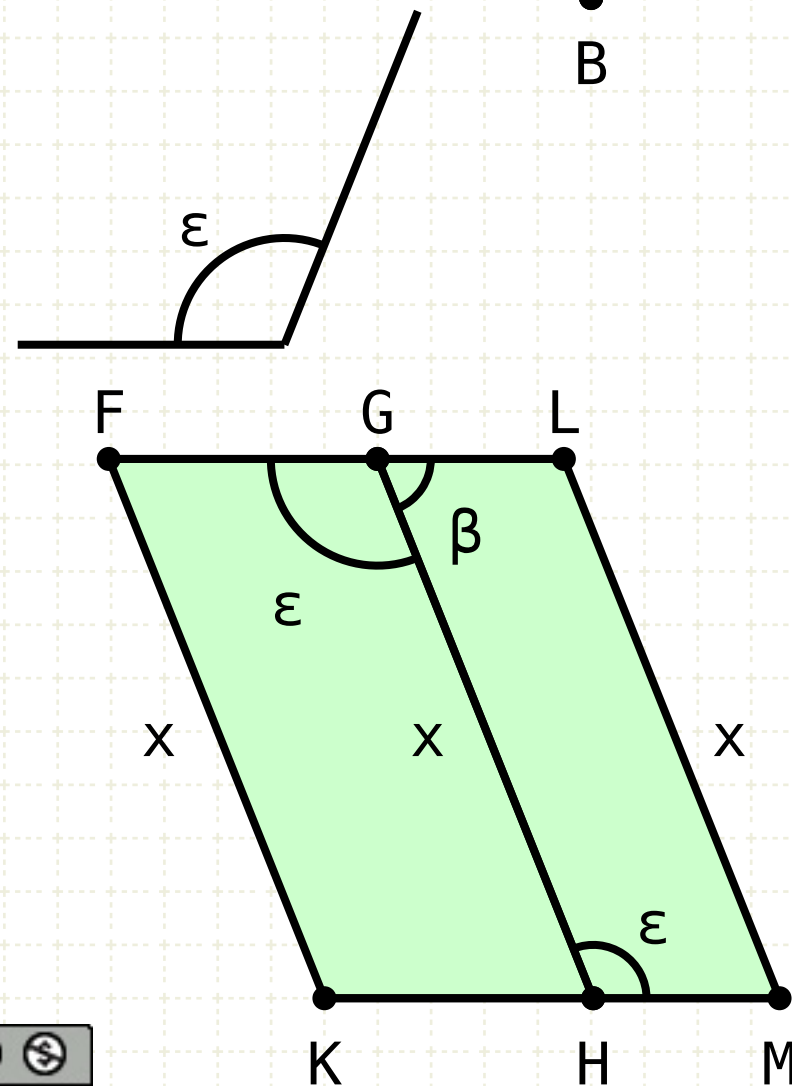
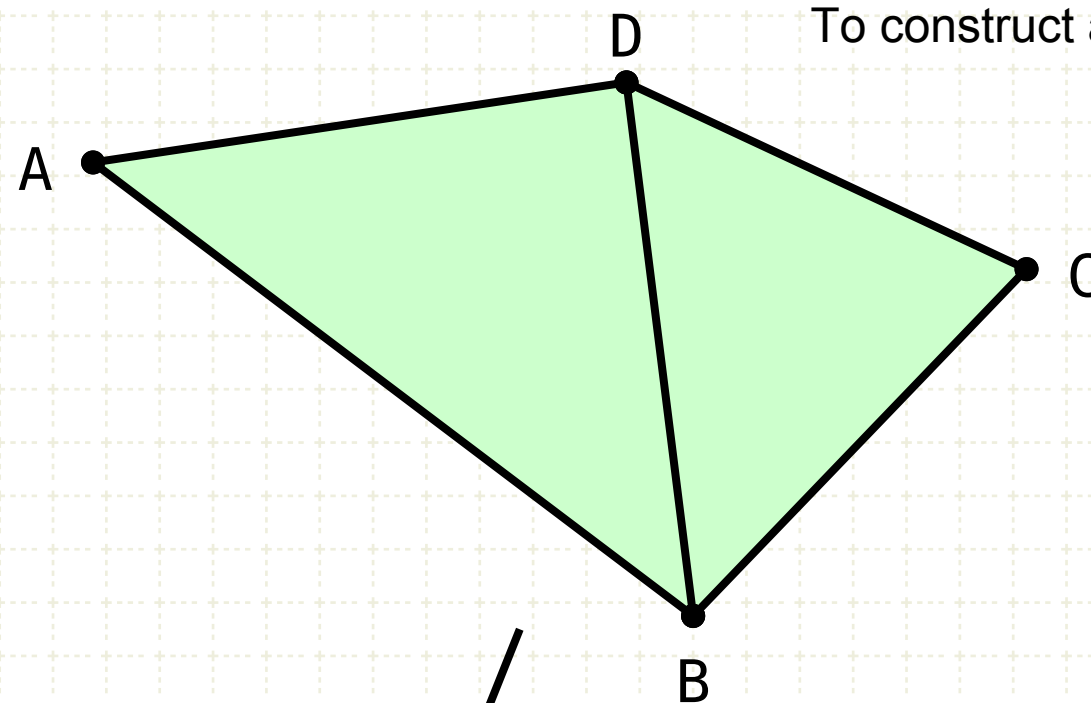
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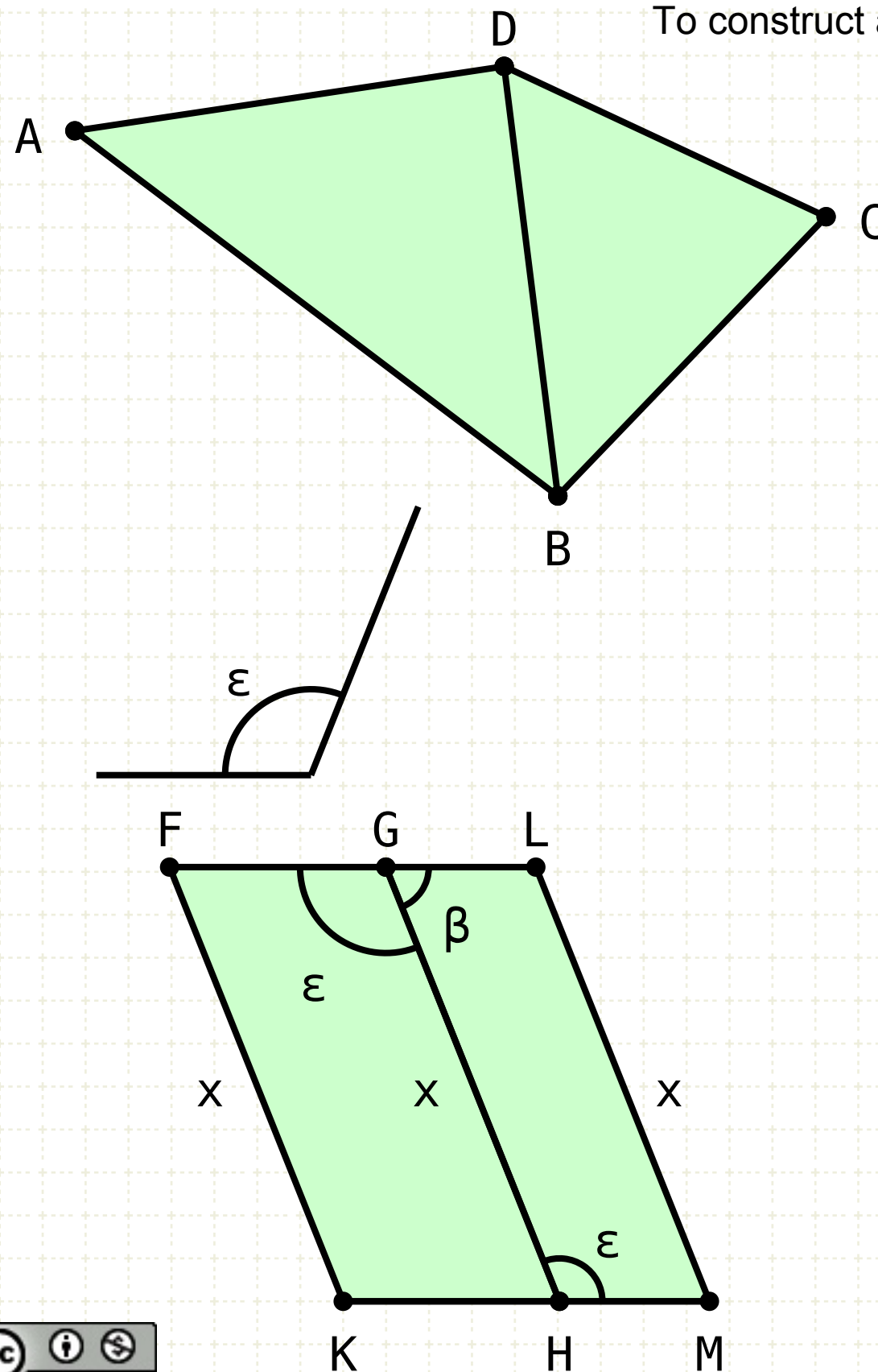
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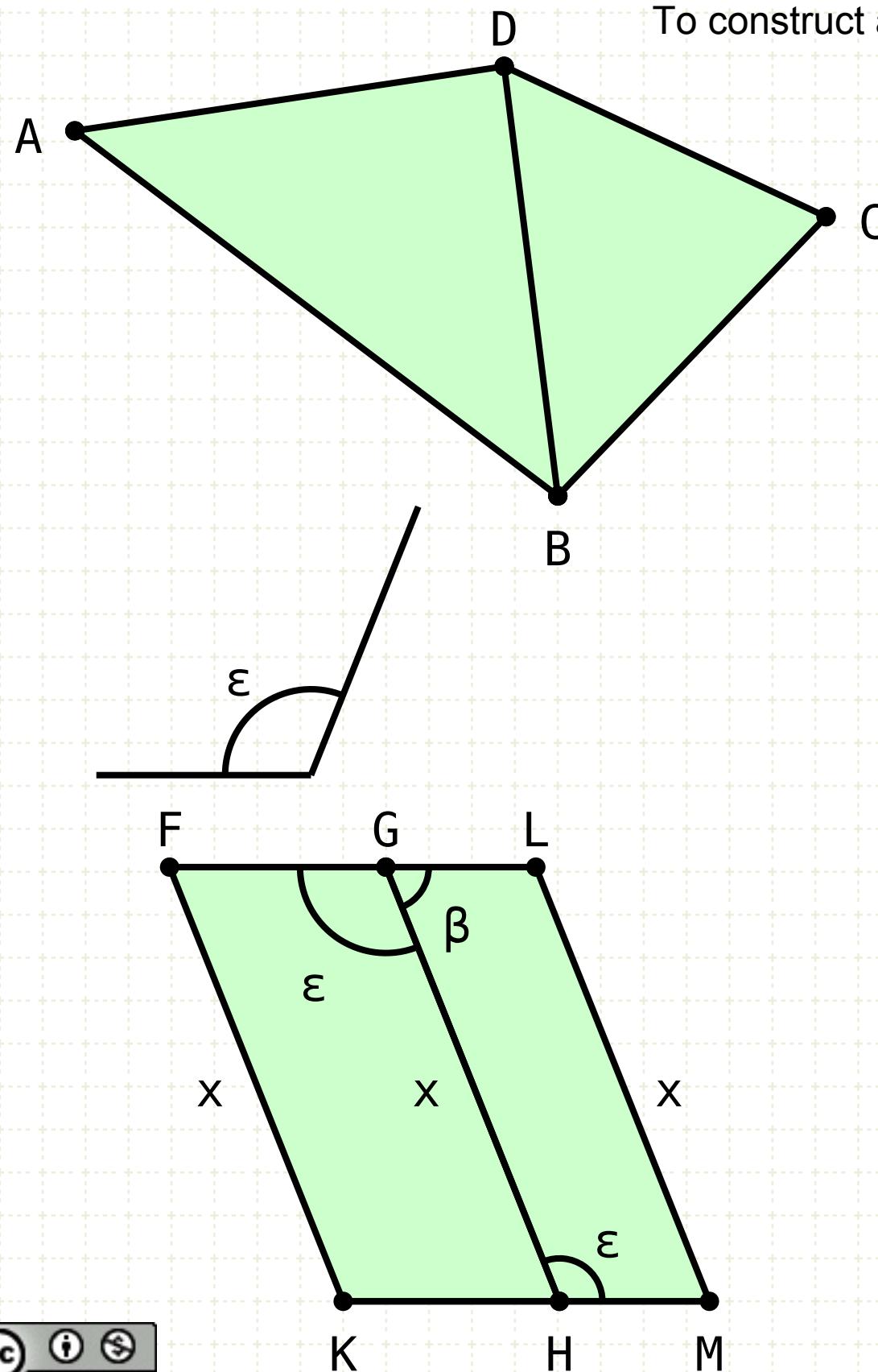
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