

Euclid's Elements

Book V



Proportions are what makes the old Greek temples classic in their beauty. They are like huge blocks, from which the air has been literally hewn out between the columns.

$$AB:C = DE:F$$

$$BG:C = EH:F$$

$$AG:C = DH:F$$

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the componendo (composition) ratio of $A:B$ is $(A+B):B$

the separando (separated) ratio of $(A+B):B$ is $A:B$

the convertendo (in conversion) ratio of $(A+B):B$ is $(A+B):A$

Definitions

14. COMPOSITION OF A RATIO means taking the antecedent together with the consequent as one in relation to the consequent by itself
15. SEPARATION OF A RATIO means taking the excess by which the antecedent exceeds the consequent in relation to the consequent by itself
16. CONVERSION OF A RATIO means taking the antecedent in relation to the excess by which the antecedent exceeds the consequent.



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$$(AE+EB):EB = (CF+FD):FD$$



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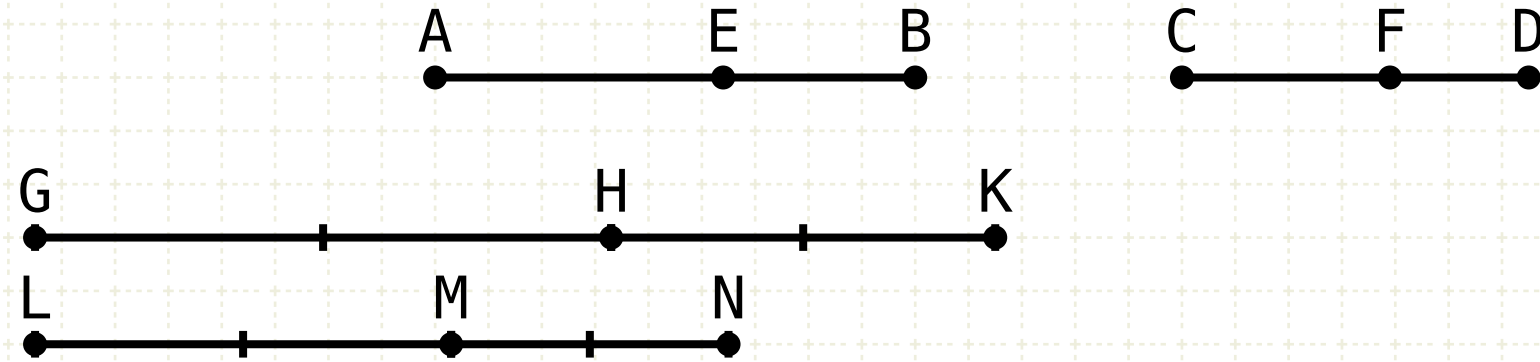
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Proof

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$$(AE+EB) : EB = (CF+FD) : FD$$

$$GH = m \cdot AE$$

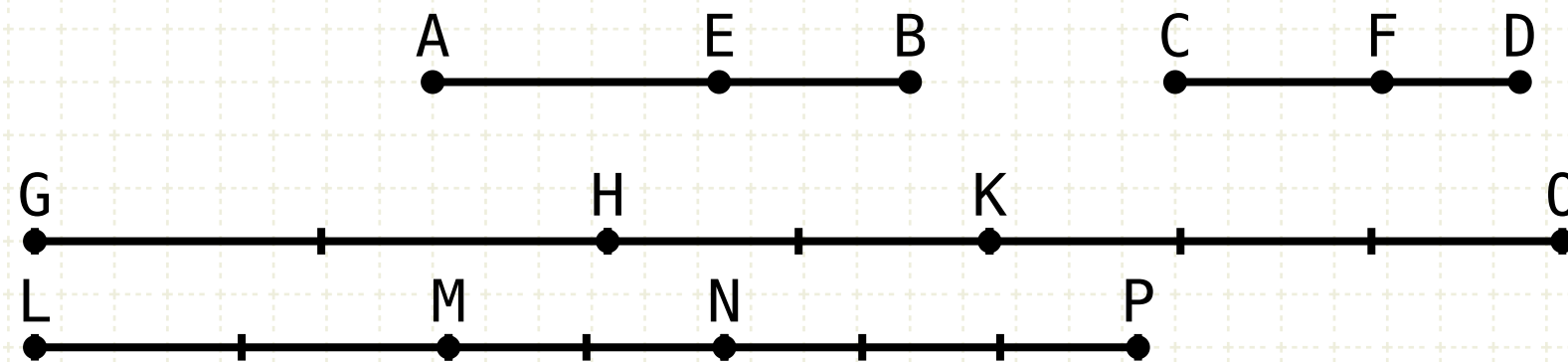
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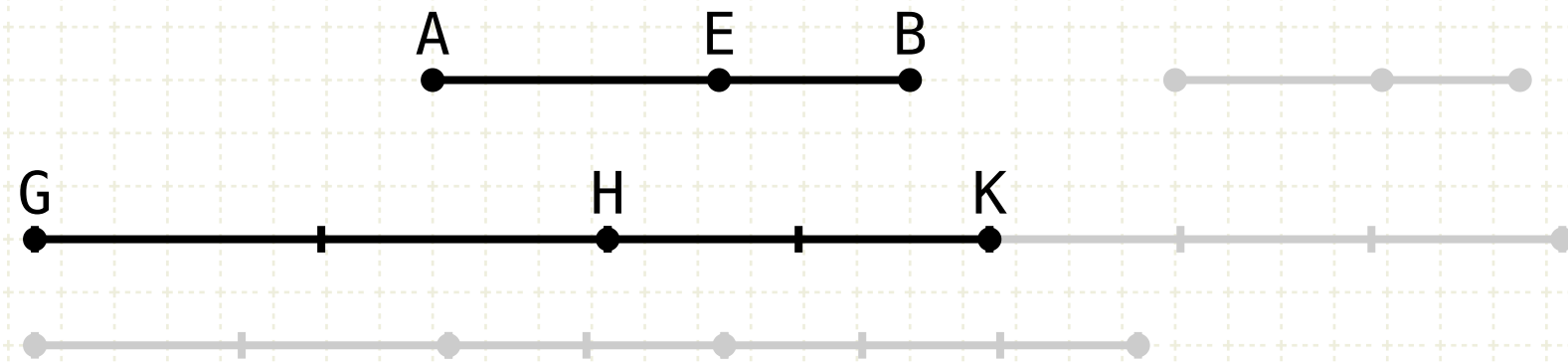
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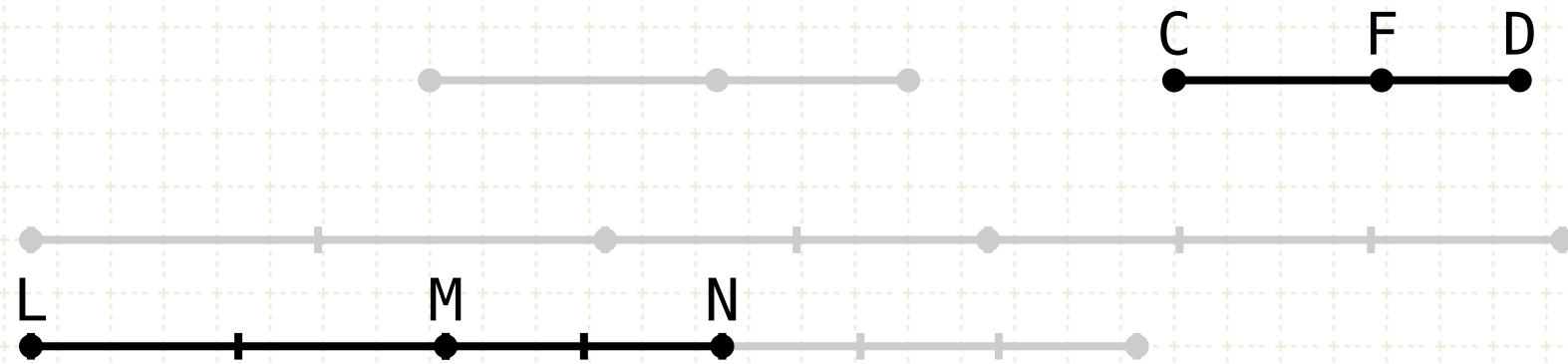
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Since GH and HK are equimultiples of AE and EB, then the sum of GH,HK is the same equimultiple of the sum of AE,EB (V·1)



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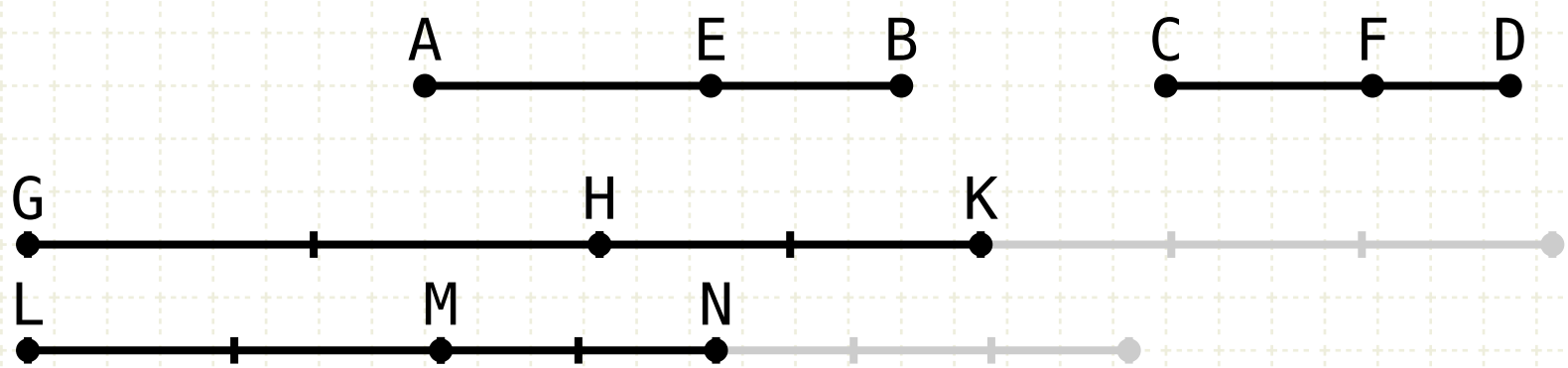
Since GH and HK are equimultiples of AE and EB, then the sum of GH,HK is the same equimultiple of the sum of AE,EB (V·1)

Also, since LM,MN are equimultiples of CF,FD, then the sum of LM,MN is the same equimultiple of the sum of CF,FD (V·1)



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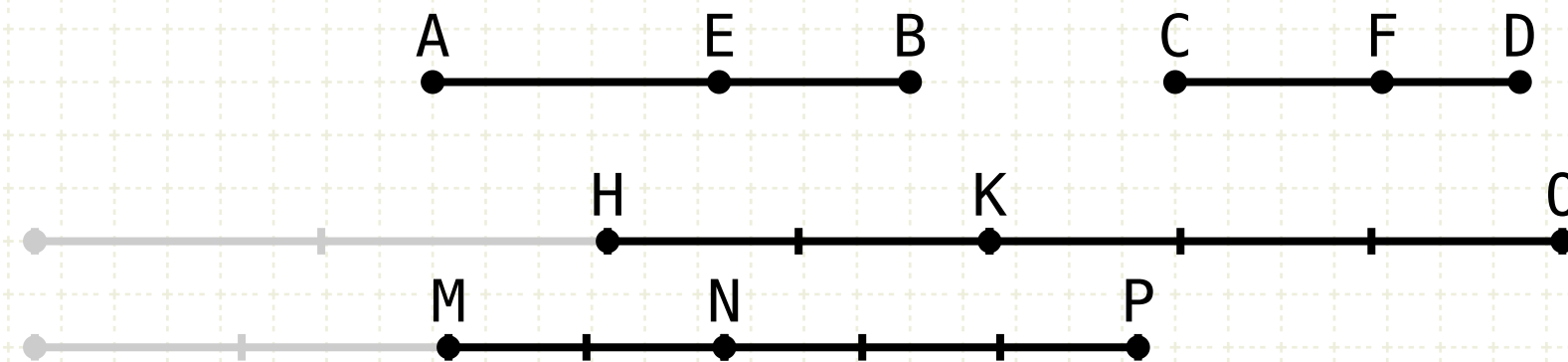
Also, since LM,MN are equimultiples of CF,FD, then the sum of LM,MN is the same equimultiple of the sum of CF,FD (V·1)

Because everything is equimultiple to everything else, GK and LN are equimultiples of AB and CD



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$$NP = n \cdot FD$$

$$GK = m \cdot AB$$

$$LN = m \cdot CD$$

$$HO = (m+n) \cdot EB = k \cdot EB$$

$$MP = (m+n) \cdot FD = k \cdot FD$$

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If AB, BE, CD, DF be magnitudes proportional COMPONENDO (V·def·14)

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Proof

Let GH, HK, LM, MN be equimultiples of AE, EB, CF, FD

Let KO, NP be chance equimultiples of EB, FD

Since GH and HK are equimultiples of AE and EB, then the sum of GH,HK is the same equimultiple of the sum of AE,EB (V·1)

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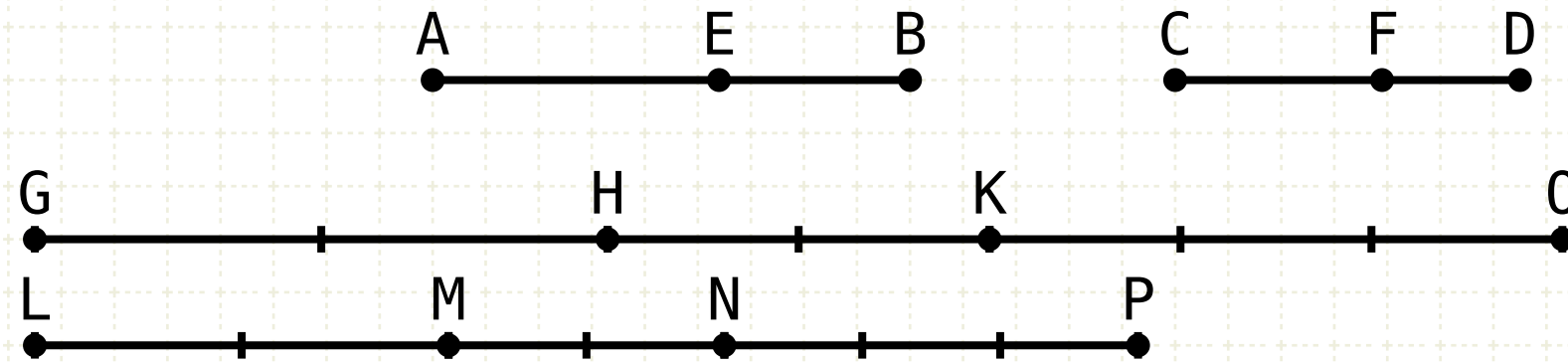
Because everything is equimultiple to everything else, GK and LN are equimultiples of AB and CD

HK,MN are equimultiples of EB,FD and KO,NP are also equimultiples of EB,FD, then HO,MP are also equimultiples of EB,FD (V·2)



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$$(AE+EB) : EB = (CF+FD) : FD$$

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$$m \cdot AB \geq k \cdot EB \rightarrow m \cdot CD \geq k \cdot FD$$

$$GK \geq HO \rightarrow LN \geq MP$$

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If AB, BE, CD, DF be magnitudes proportional COMPONENDO (V·def·14)

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Proof

Let GH, HK, LM, MN be equimultiples of AE, EB, CF, FD

Let KO, NP be chance equimultiples of EB, FD

Since GH and HK are equimultiples of AE and EB, then the sum of GH, HK is the same equimultiple of the sum of AE, EB (V·1)

Also, since LM, MN are equimultiples of CF, FD, then the sum of LM, MN is the same equimultiple of the sum of CF, FD (V·1)

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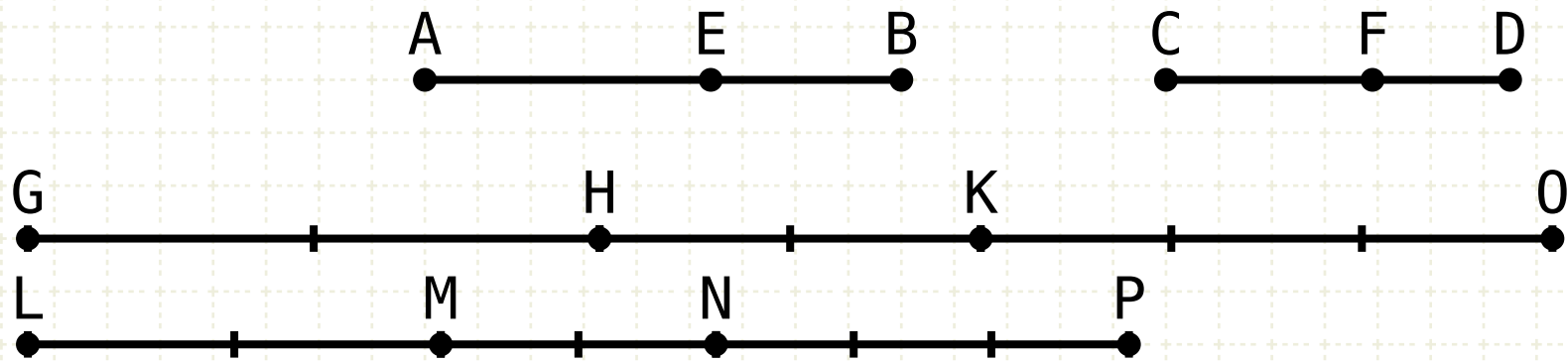
HK, MN are equimultiples of EB, FD and KO, NP are also equimultiples of EB, FD, then HO, MP are also equimultiples of EB, FD (V·2)

Since AB is to EB as CD to FD, and chance equimultiples have been taken of AB, CD and EB, FD, then if GK is greater than HO, so is LN greater than MP, etc. (V·def·5)



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Also, since LM,MN are equimultiples of CF,FD, then the sum of LM,MN is the same equimultiple of the sum of CF,FD (V·1)

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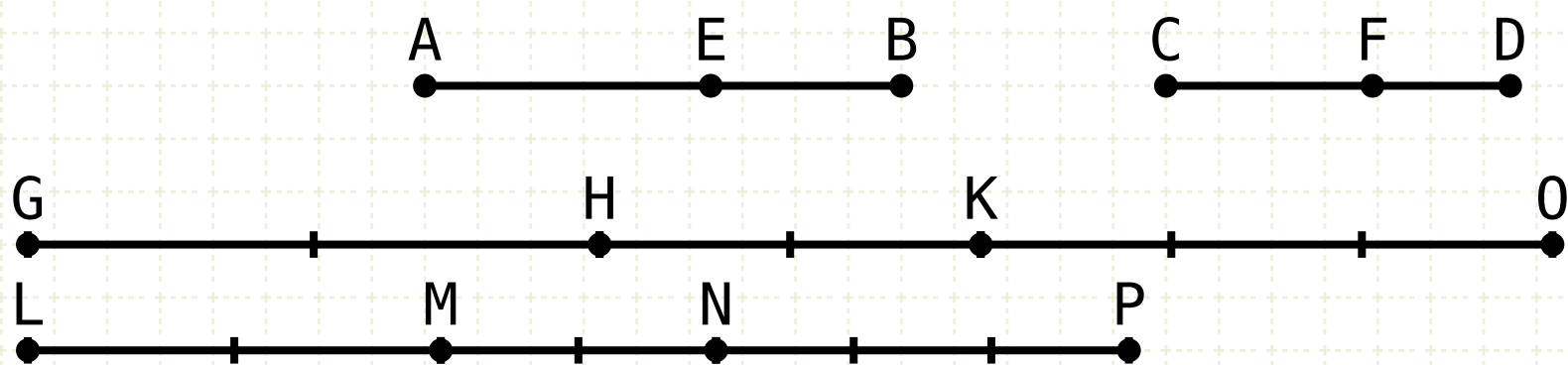
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Since AB is to EB as CD to FD, and chance equimultiples have been taken of AB,CD and EB,FD, then if GK is greater than HO, so is LN greater than MP, etc. (V·def·5)



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Proof (cont)

$$(AE+EB) : EB = (CF+FD) : FD$$

$$GH = m \cdot AE$$

$$HK = m \cdot EB$$

$$LM = m \cdot CF$$

$$MN = m \cdot FD$$

$$K0 = n \cdot EB$$

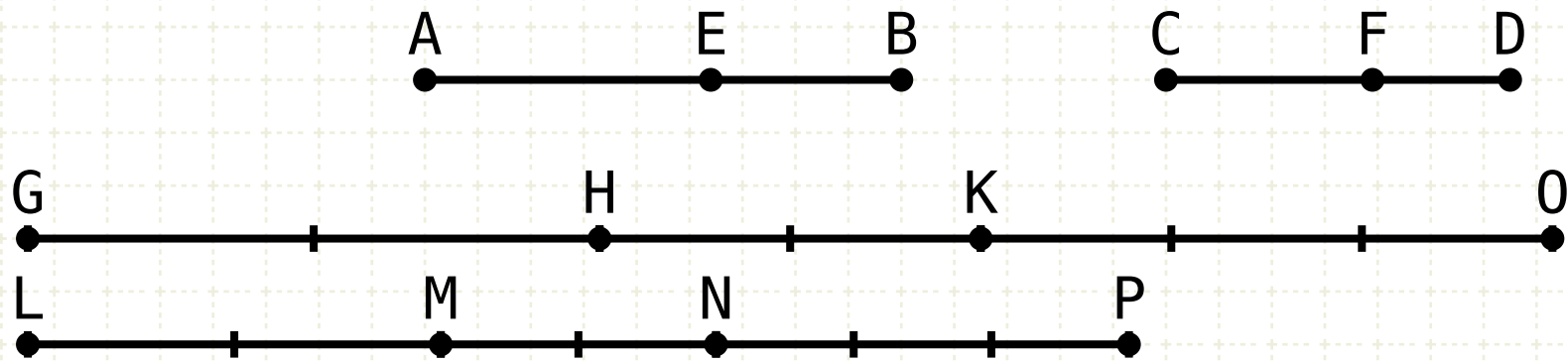
$$NP = n \cdot FD$$

$$GK \geq H0 \rightarrow LN \geq MP$$



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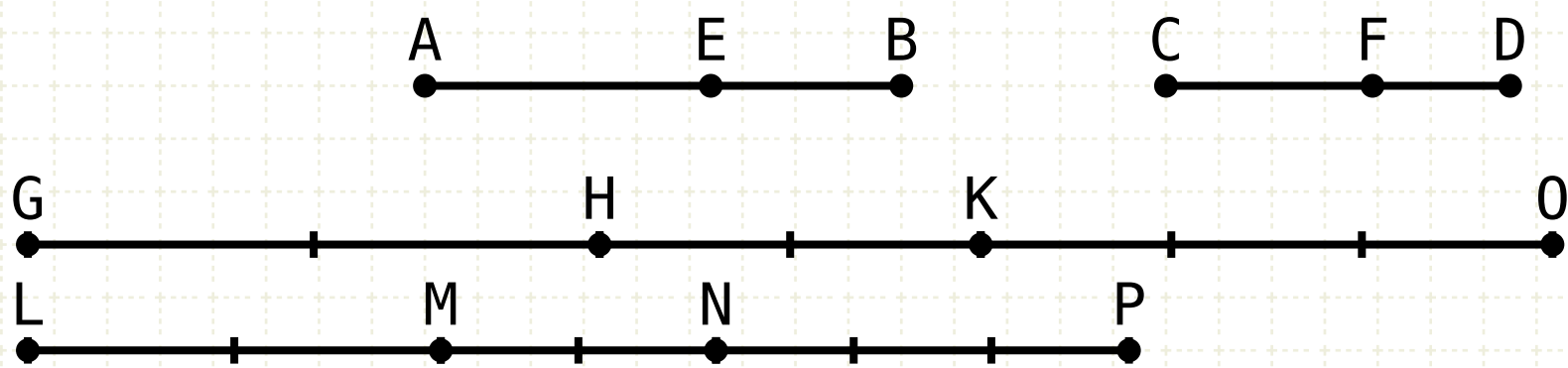
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Subtract HK from both, then GH is also in excess of KO

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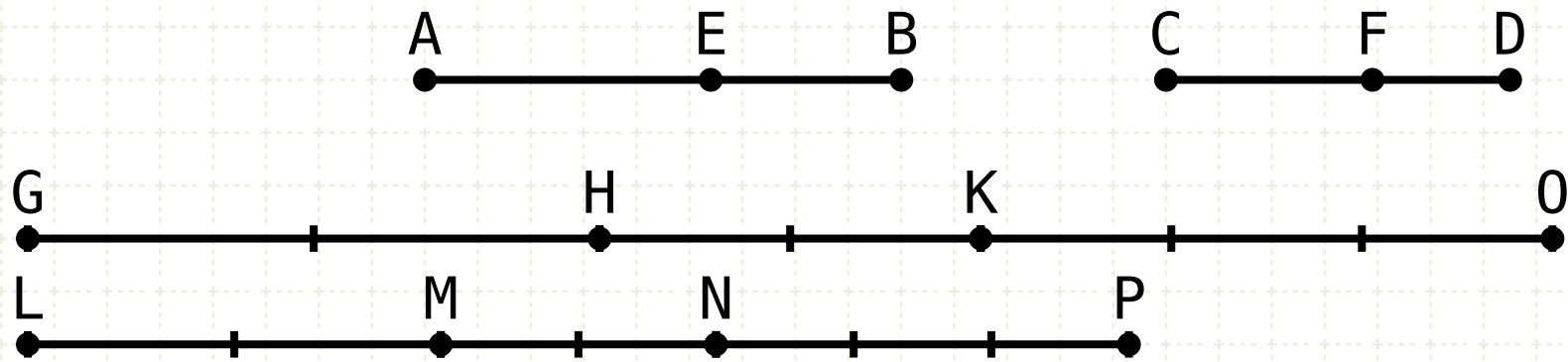
$$GK - HK > H0 - HK$$

$$GH > KO$$



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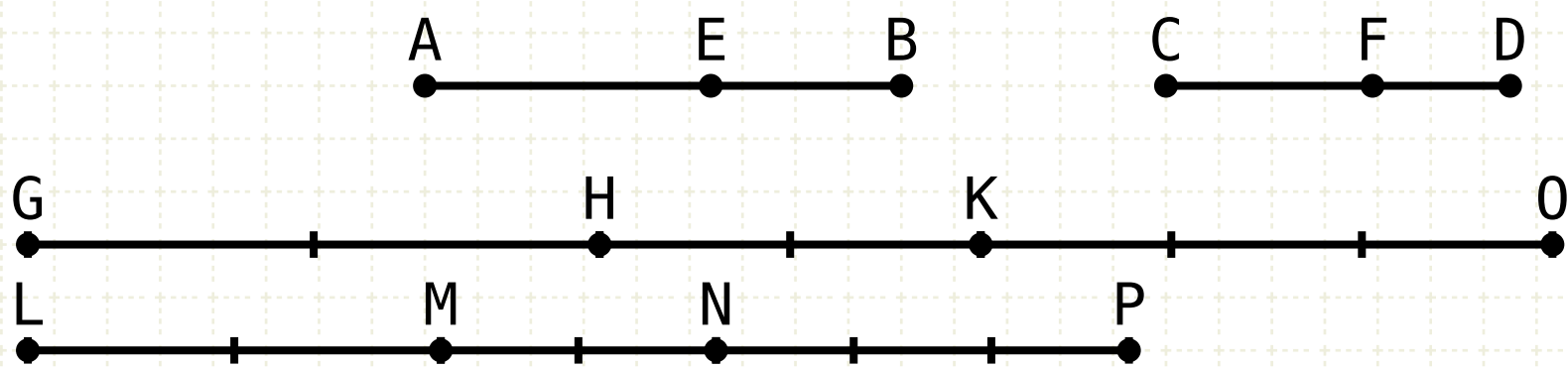
Subtract HK from both, then GH is also in excess of KO

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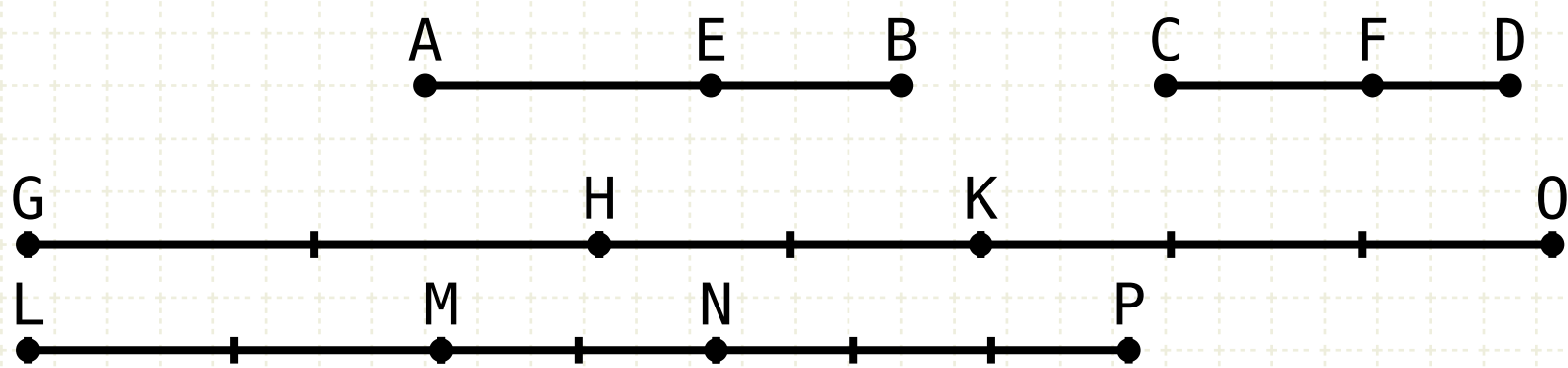
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Similarly, we can show that if GH is equal to HO, then LM is equal to NP, if equal, equal



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$$LN - MN > MP - MN$$

$$LM > NP$$

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$$m \cdot AE \geq n \cdot EB \rightarrow m \cdot CF \geq n \cdot FD$$

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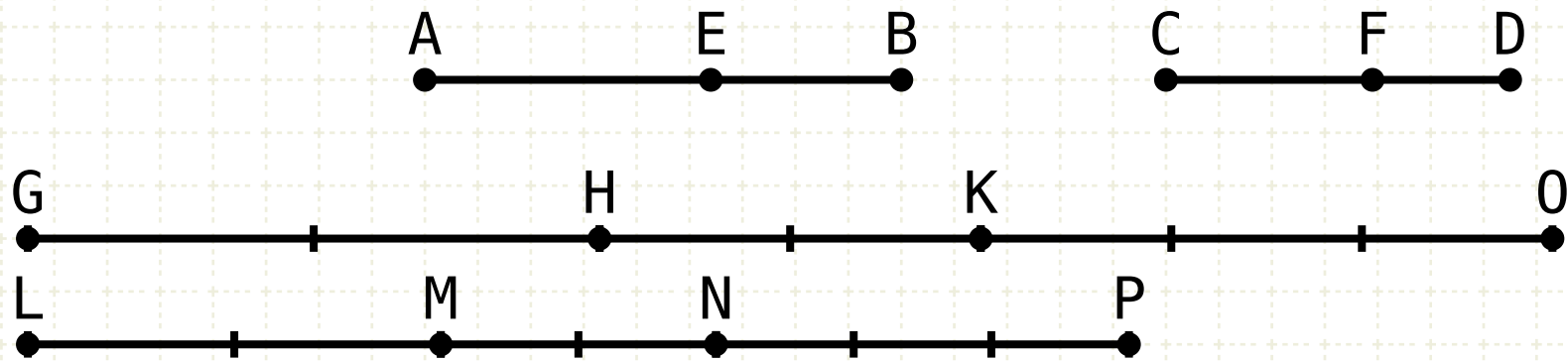
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