

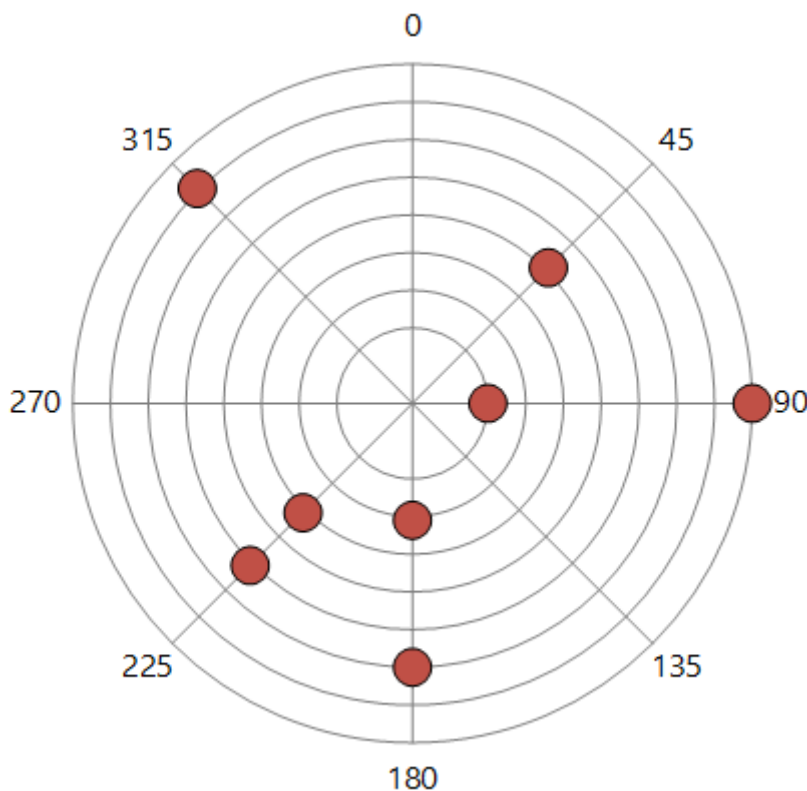
# SOLAR SYSTEM

From #8, angle of Jupiter =  $5 \times$  angle of Mars. Since all angles are multiples of  $45^\circ$ , and  $0^\circ$  and  $0^\circ$  is impossible (it would contradict #4), Mars is at  $45^\circ$  and Jupiter at  $225^\circ$ .

From #2, three planets with consecutive orbits on the same line could be Mercury-Venus-Earth or Venus-Earth-Mars (contradicts #5), Earth-Mars-Jupiter (this is a possibility), Mars-Jupiter-Saturn or Jupiter-Saturn-Uranus (but we already know Jupiter and Saturn are on different lines) or Saturn-Uranus-Neptune (contradicts #6). So Earth is on the same line as Mars and Jupiter, and since (from #5) it can't have the same angle as Mars, Earth is at  $225^\circ$ .

From #6, angle of Neptune +  $225^\circ$  = angle of Uranus. Since the angles don't wrap around the circle, the possibilities are only  $0^\circ$  and  $225^\circ$  (violates #2),  $45^\circ$  and  $270^\circ$  (violates #2) or  $90^\circ$  and  $315^\circ$ . So Neptune is at  $90^\circ$  and Uranus is at  $315^\circ$ .

From #1, there are now exactly three angles left without planets on them:  $0^\circ$ ,  $135^\circ$  and  $270^\circ$ . Finally, from #7 angle of Venus =  $2 \times$  angle of Mercury. Since we can't add any more planets to angles  $0^\circ$ ,  $45^\circ$ ,  $135^\circ$  and  $270^\circ$ , the only possibility is to place Mercury at  $90^\circ$  and Venus at  $180^\circ$ .



After the planets' positions are determined, the answer can be read from them as follows: take pairs of planets on consecutive orbits, starting from the innermost planets and proceeding to outermost ones, and convert each pair's positions to a letter using flag semaphore. So, the first pair of planets are at angles 90 and 180, which corresponds to F, the second pair are at angles 180 and 255, which corresponds to A, etc.

## ANSWER: FALLACY