

Eudoxus, the most important mathematician you've never heard of

Yes, we speak of things that matter
With words that must be said
"Can analysis be worthwhile?"
"Is the theater really dead?"

Simon and Garfunkel,
"The Dangling Conversation"

Before Eudoxus

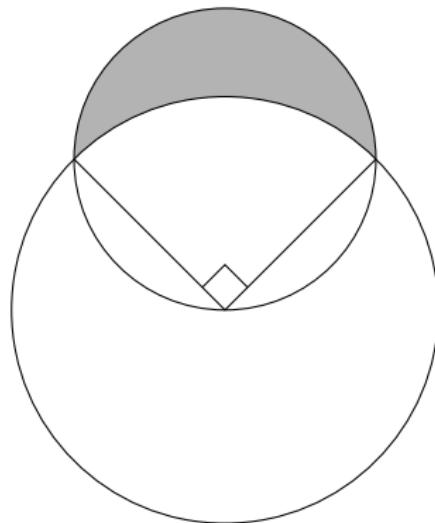
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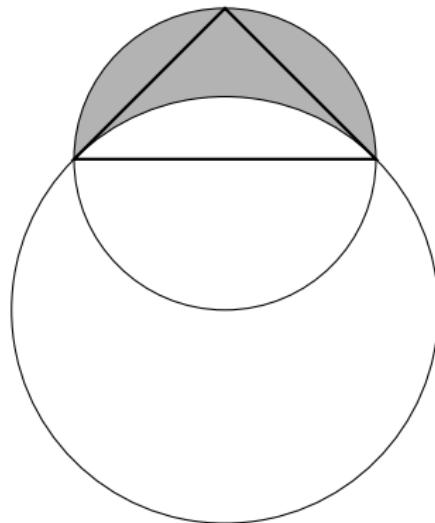
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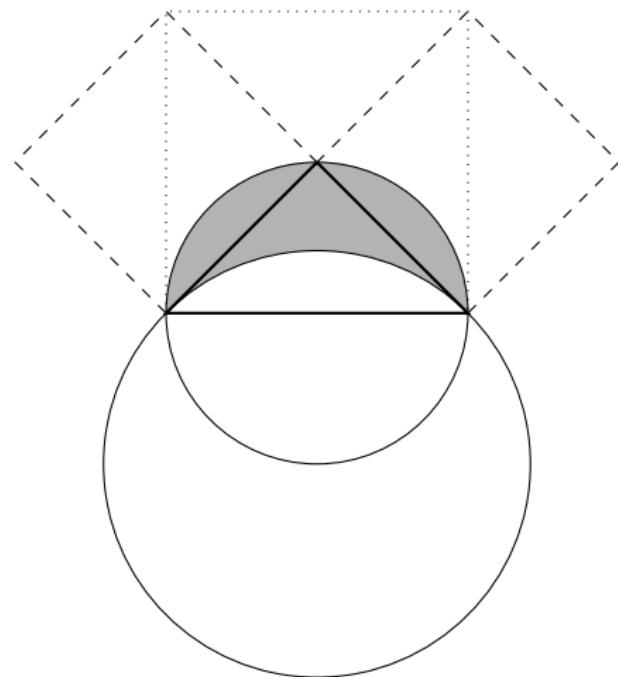
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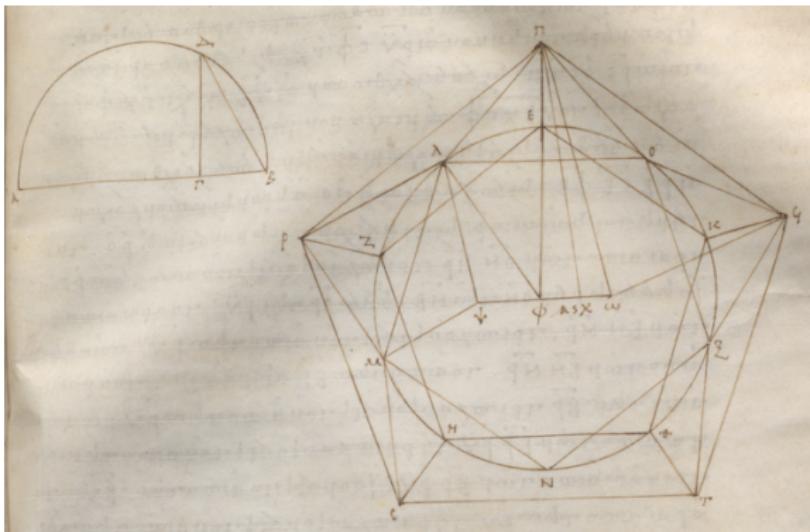


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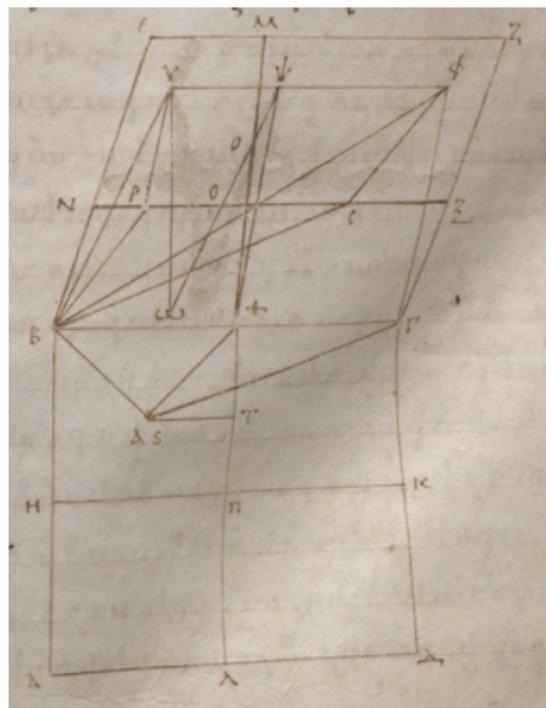
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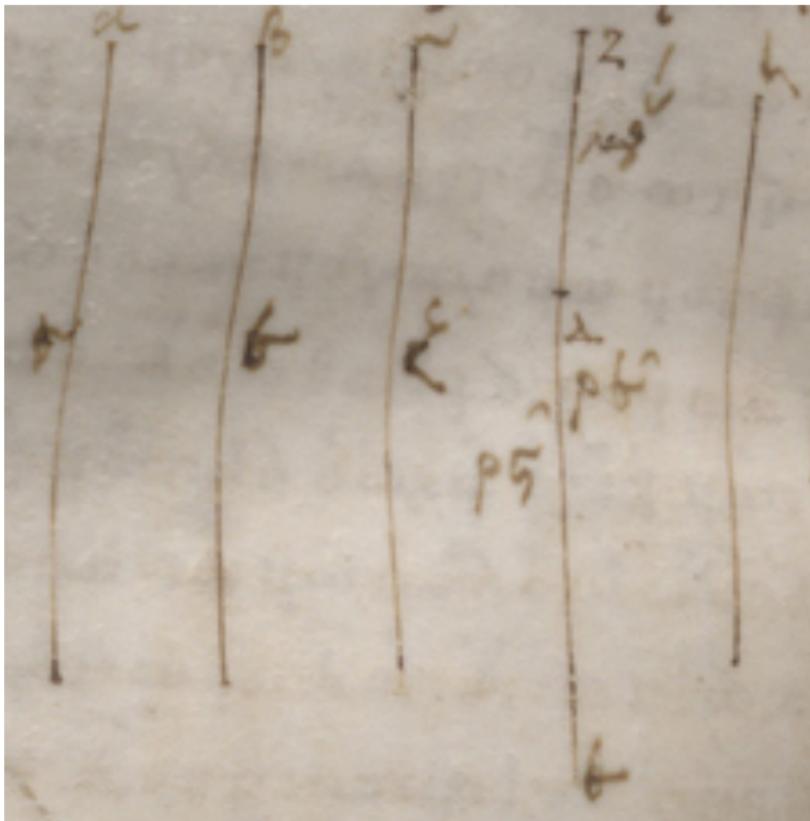
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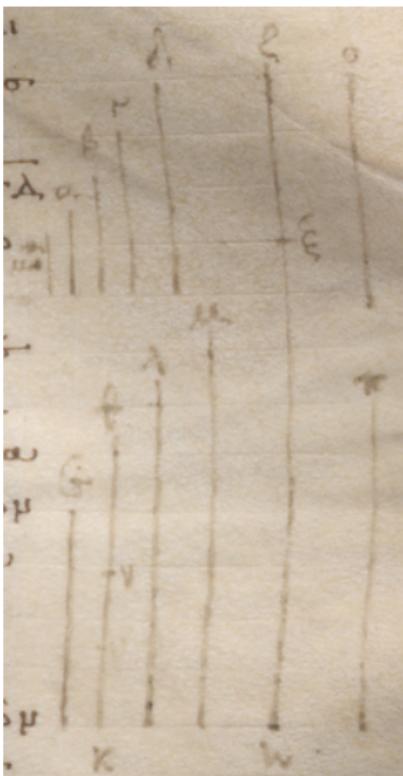
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Greek number-theoretic figures



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Εγπωι αυτοι μόνωι μάγεθη μέγαντα μη τομώροσ
 Δάκτεροι μέτριτοι ωρούς σάρτοι. Οταν τάπου ωρών του
 Μέτριτου ισάλκοι πομαρωχάσται. Ταυτού δάκτερου μέτρ
 Σάρτου ισάλκοι πομαρωχάσται. Καρβίτωσι ουμούμων
 Πομαρωχάσται μηδέπερ θεάστεροι μηδεπέρου. Λέπται ψαθράνται
 Λέπται ισωται. Λέπται έγγραται μηδεπέρανται.

“Dedekind cuts”

Definition (*Elements* V.5)

“Magnitudes are said to be in the same ratio, the first to the second and the third to the fourth, when, if any equimultiples whatever be taken of the first and third, and any equimultiples whatever of the second and fourth, the former equimultiples alike exceed, are alike equal to, or alike fall short of, the latter equimultiples respectively taken in corresponding order.” (trans. Thomas Little Heath)

The “Archimedean” property

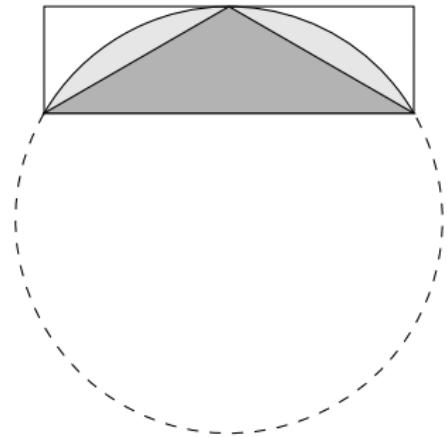
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Definition (*Elements* V.4)

“Magnitudes are said to have a ratio to one another which are capable, when multiplied, of exceeding one another.” (trans. Thomas Little Heath)

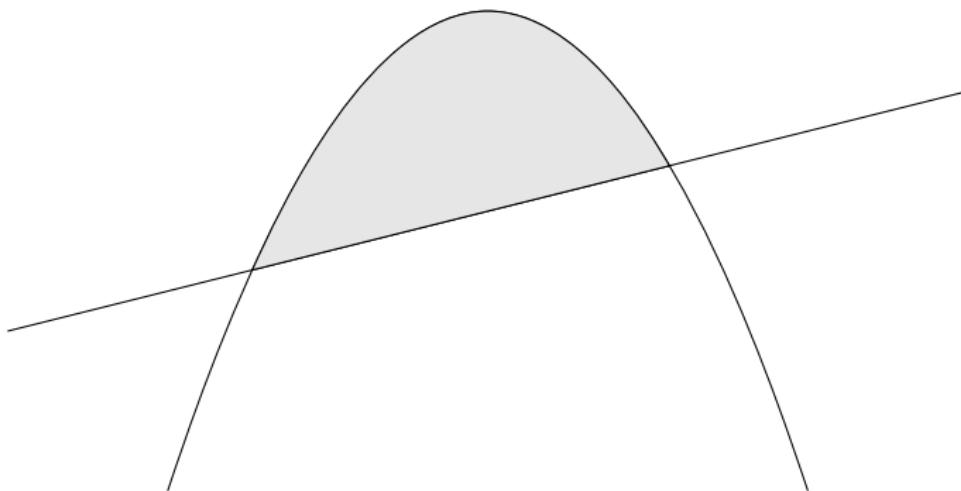
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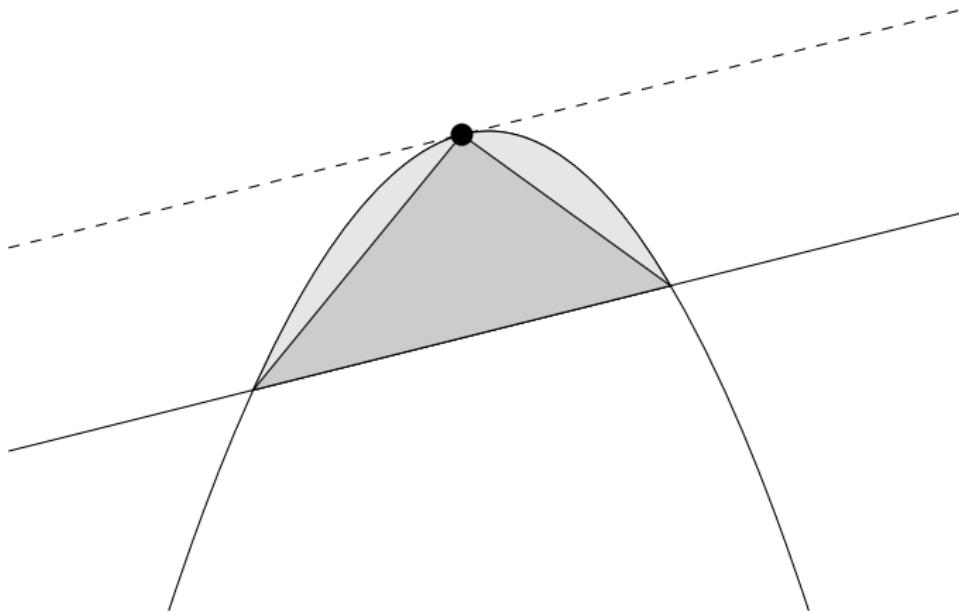


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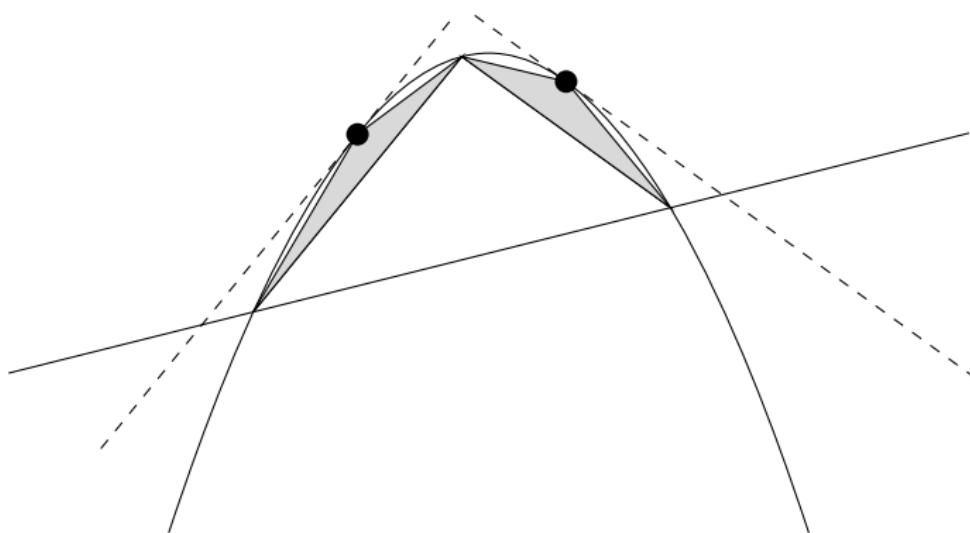
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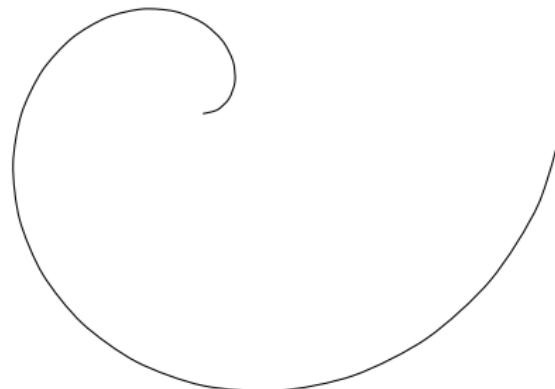
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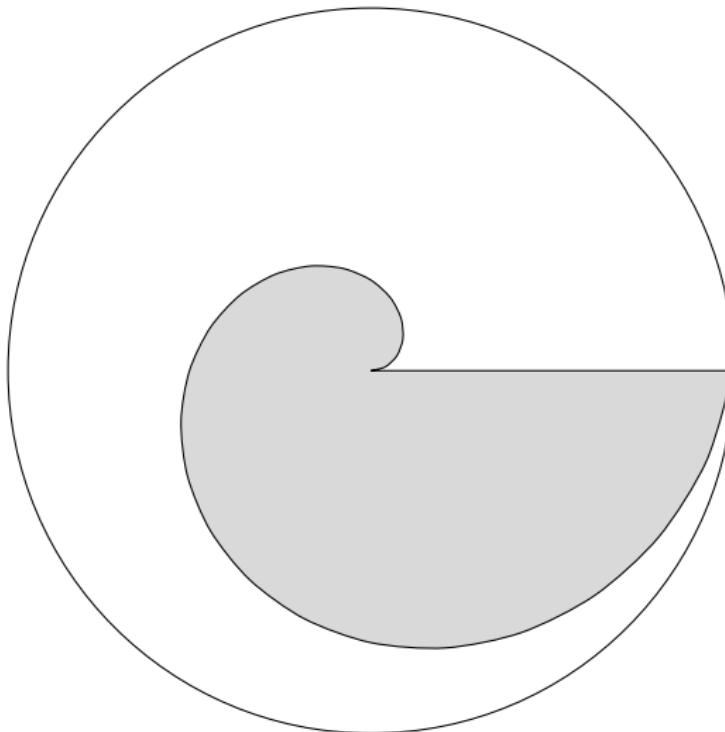
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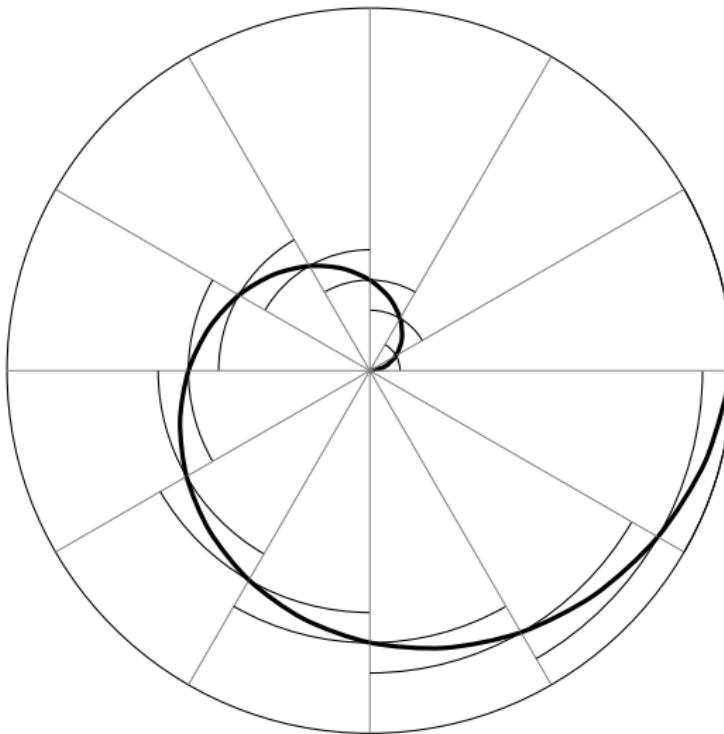
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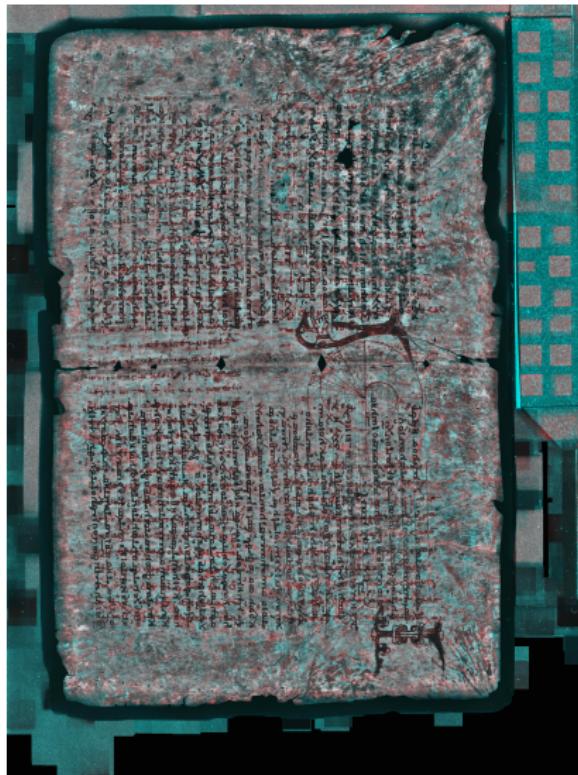
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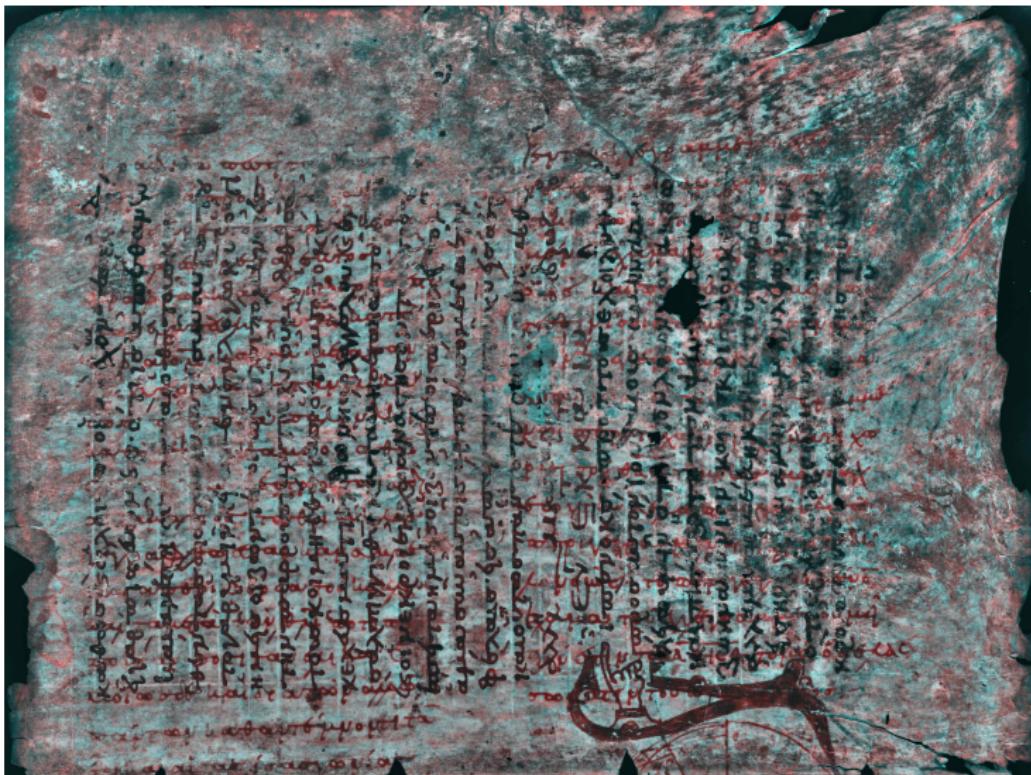
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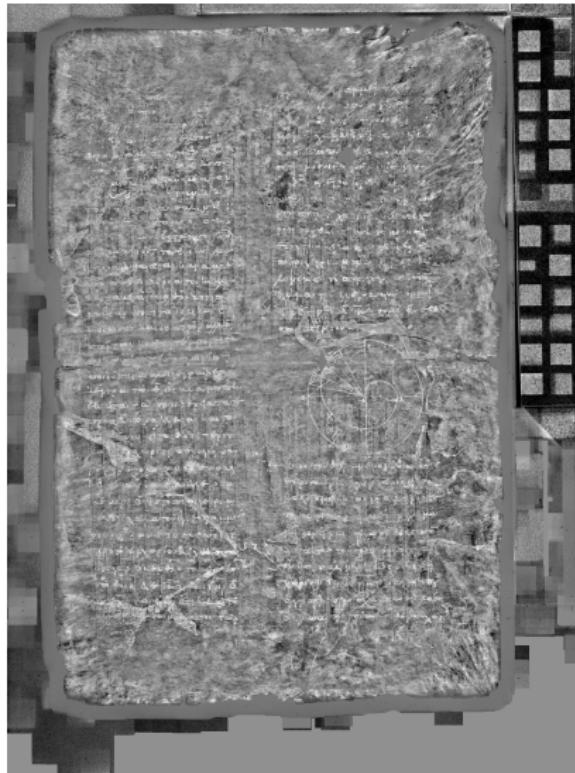
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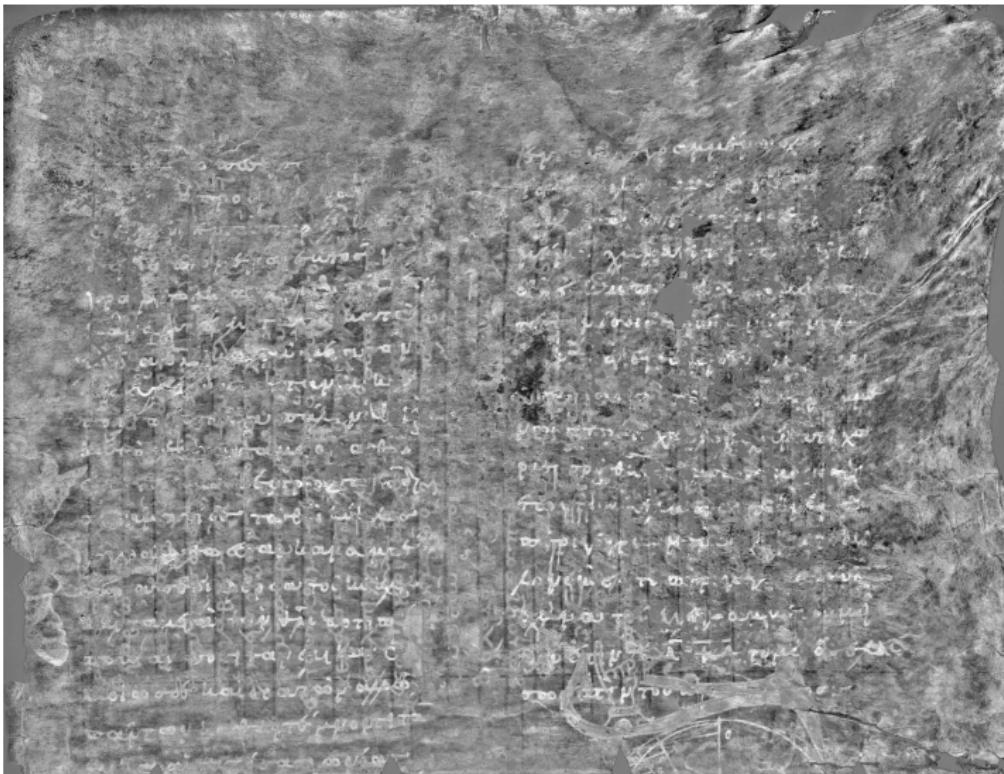
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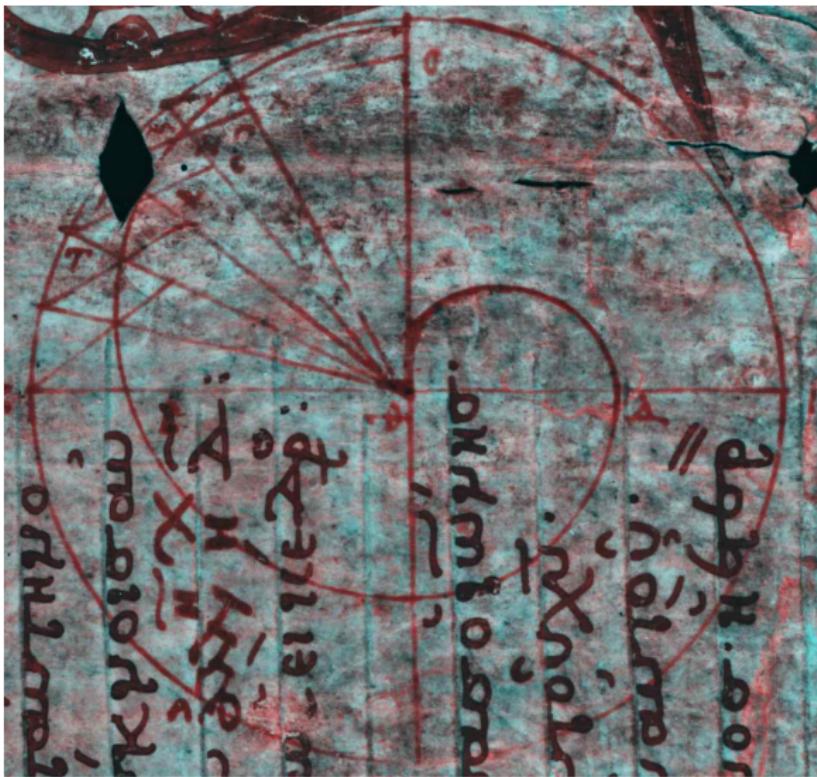
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