

What is Geometry?

(an introduction to modern geometry)

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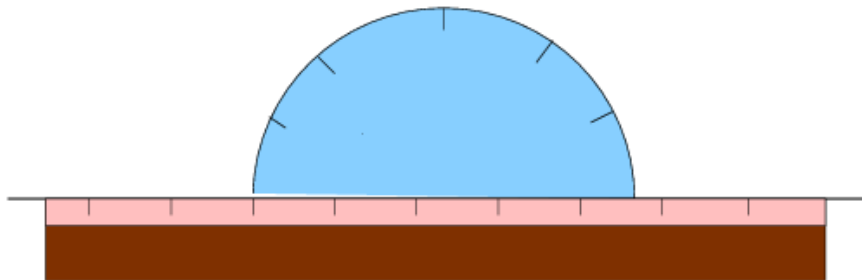
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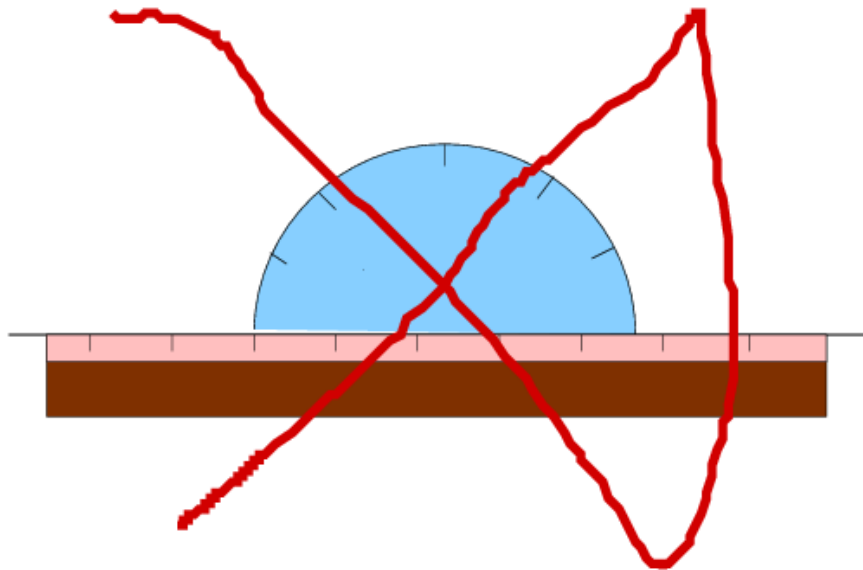
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“The rest” is how mathematicians usually refer to non-mathematicians!

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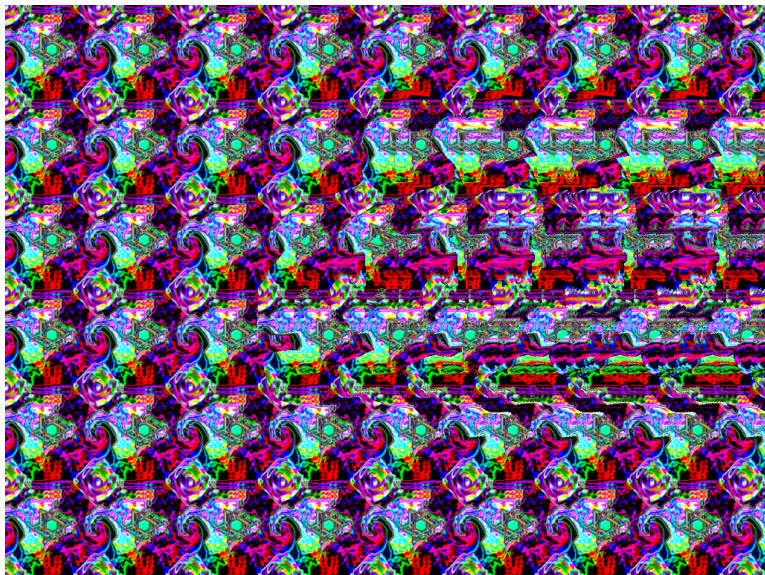
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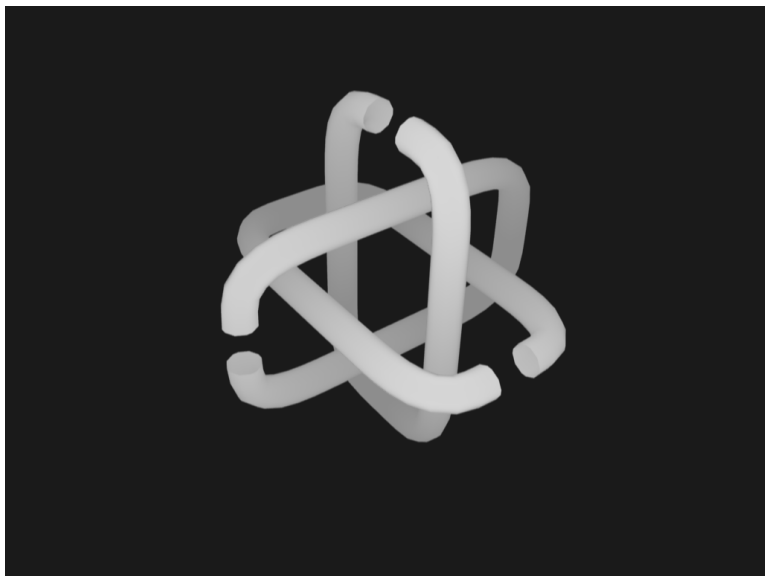
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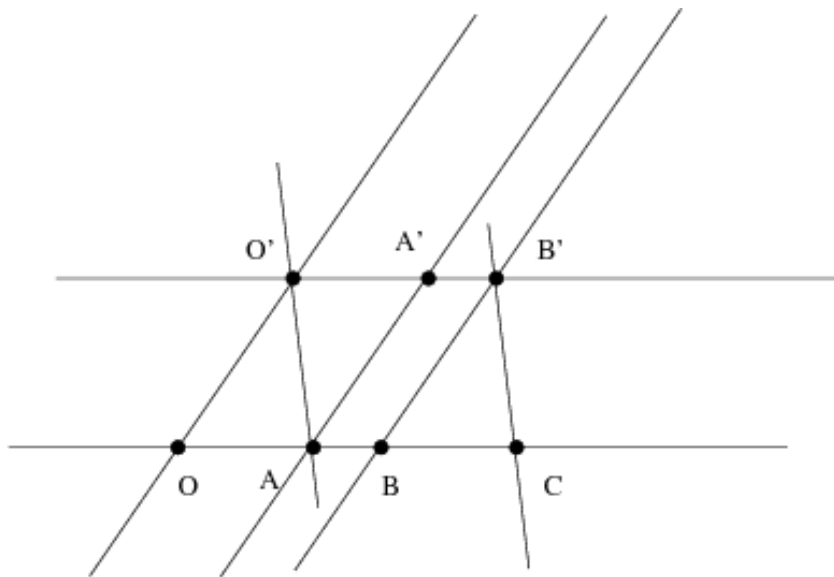
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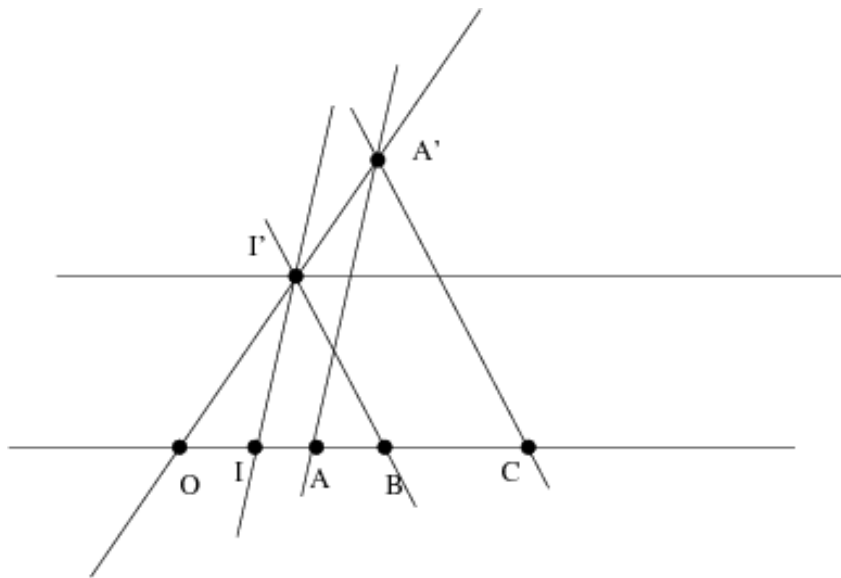
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Divisibility: Given any segment we can chop it up into two (or more) equal parts.

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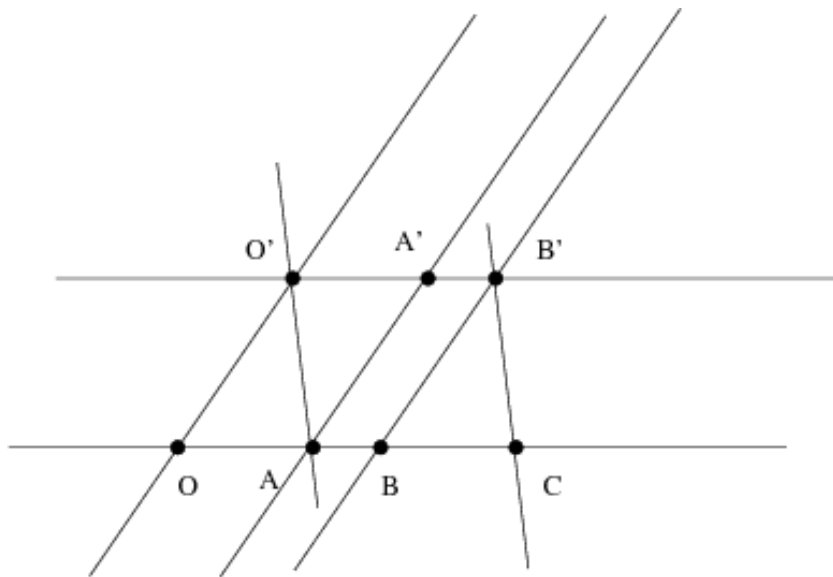
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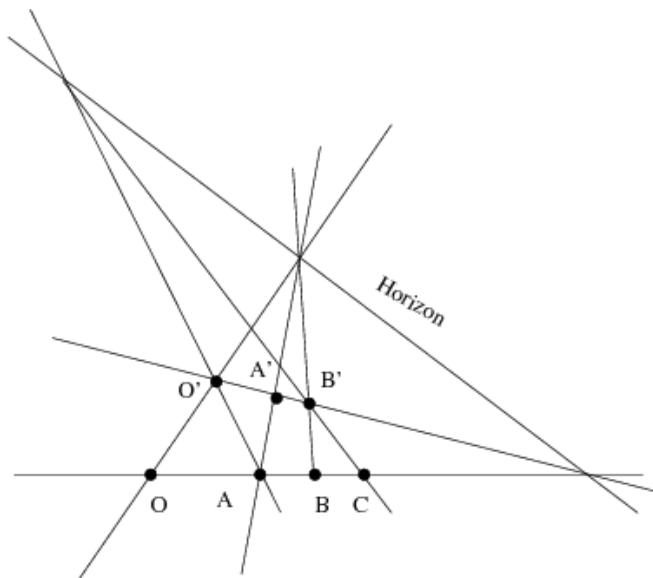
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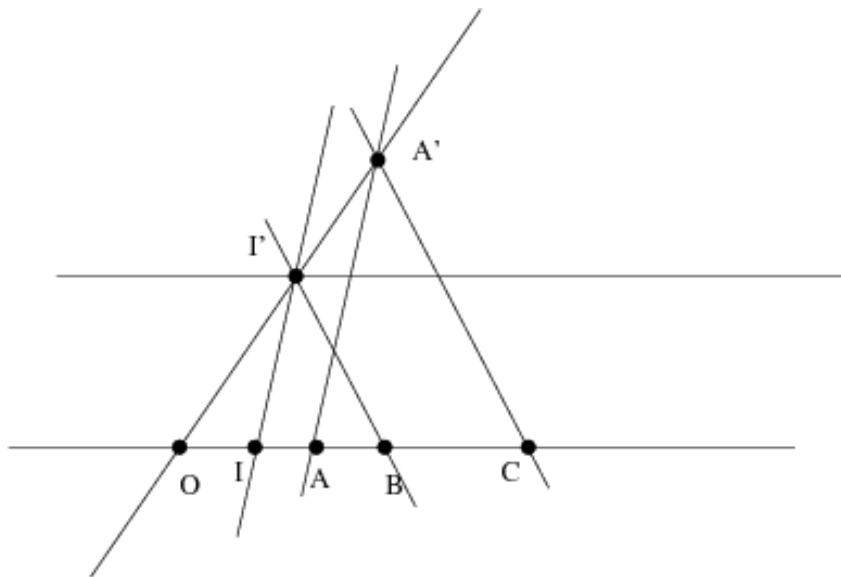
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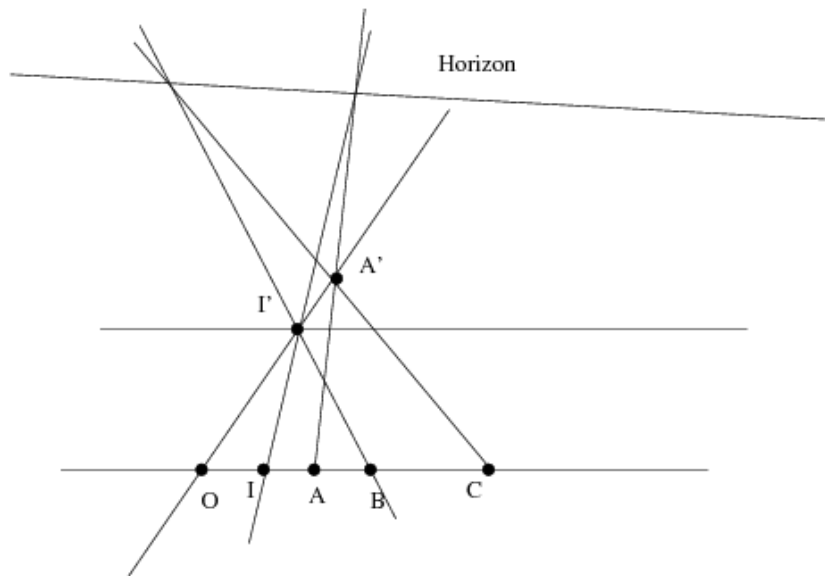
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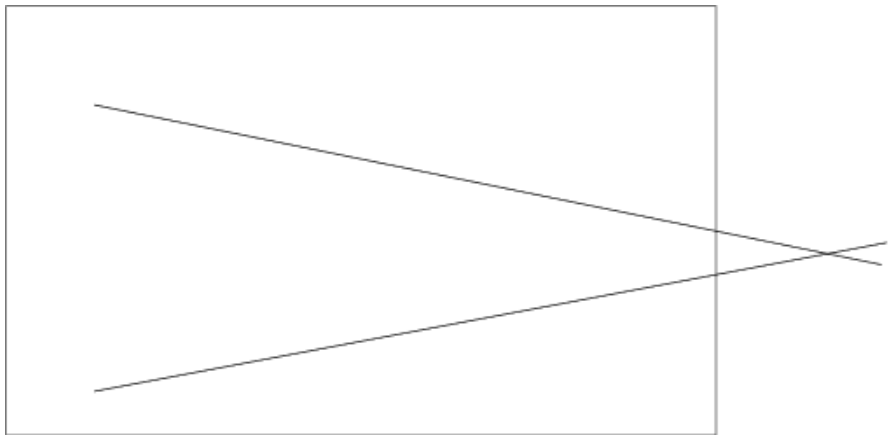
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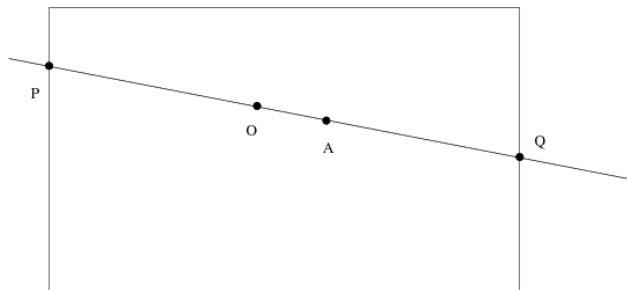
Geometry on a Piece of paper



Non-Euclidean Fifth Postulate

Given a line and a point outside it, there are **infinitely** many lines through that point which do not meet the given line.

Non-Euclidean Distance



$$\log(|AP|/|AQ|) - \log(|OP|/|OQ|)$$

Thank you for your attention