

# Announcements

Midterm 1: Wednesday 2/19 7:00-8:30pm Sidney Lu 1043

- Material: everything through Tower Law  
i.e. through §13.2, except for composite ext's
- One reference sheet allowed (regular size, two sided)
- see policy email for more

Practice problem sol'n sketches posted

Tomorrow's problem session

↳ Wednesday's class: review

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Recall: If  $K_1, K_2 \subseteq L$ , the composite  $K_1 K_2$  of  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  is the smallest field containing  $K_1$  and  $K_2$ .

Prop: Let  $K_1/F$ ,  $K_2/F$  be finite ext's w/  $K_1, K_2 \subseteq L$ .

$$a) [K_1 K_2 : K_2] \leq [K_1 : F]$$

$$b) [K_1 K_2 : F] \leq [K_1 : F][K_2 : F]$$

PF: Let  $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  be a basis for  $K_1$  over  $F$ .

$$\text{Let } K = \{f_1 \alpha_1 + \dots + f_n \alpha_n \mid f_i \in K_2\}$$



Since  $L$  is an integral domain,

$\ker(T_Y) = \{0\}$ , so by the rank-nullity theorem,  
(D&F Cor. 11.8)

$\dim \operatorname{im} T_Y + \underbrace{\dim \ker T_Y}_0 = n$ , so  $T_Y$  is onto.

Thus  $Y$  has inverse  $T_Y^{-1}(1) \in K$ .

b) Using the Tower Law,

$$[K_1:F][K_2:F] \cong [K_1, K_2:K_2][K_2:F] = [K_1, K_2:F]$$

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Alternate pf (see D&F): Finite ext's are iterated simple extensions. Prove a) for simple ext's by considering degrees of min'l polys, and use induction for the general case

# Straightedge and Compass Constructions

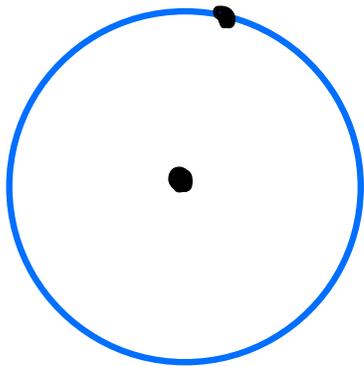
Game (ancient Greeks): Given a straightedge (ruler w/ out markings) and compass, what can we construct?

Operations:

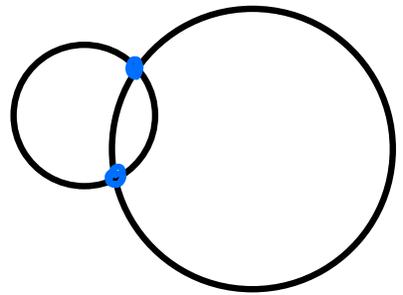
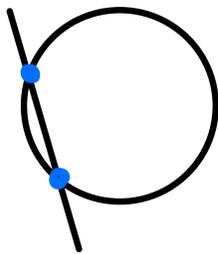
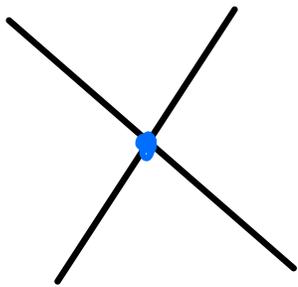
1) Connect two pts. by a line



2) Draw a circle w/ a given center and point



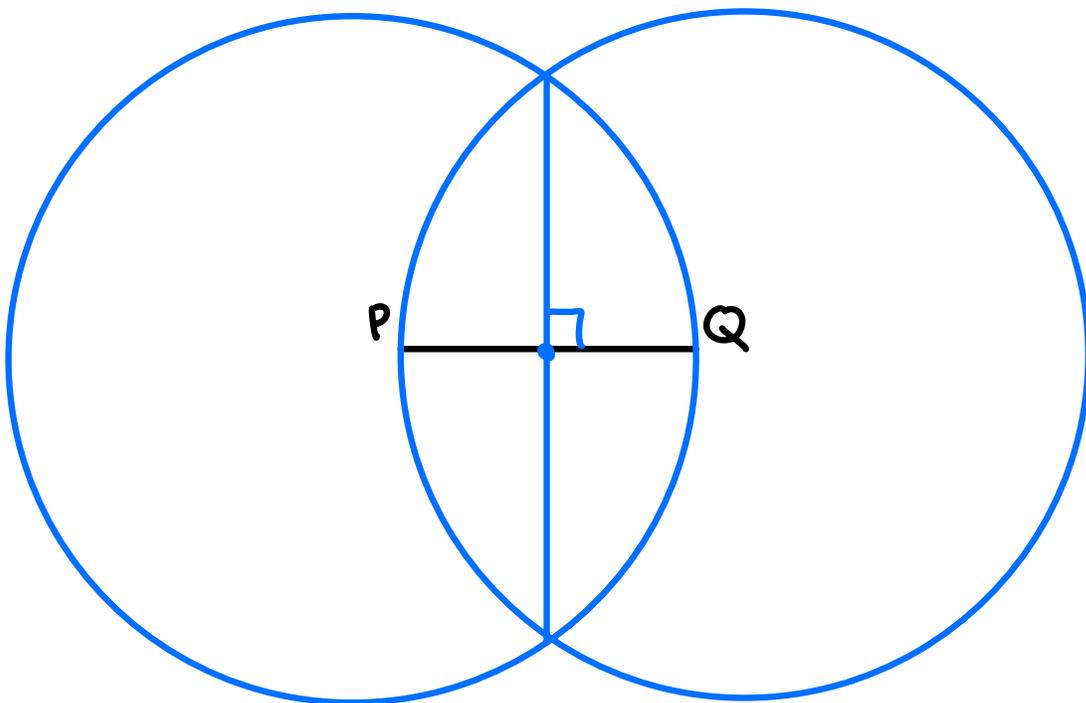
3) Find int. pt. of lines/circles



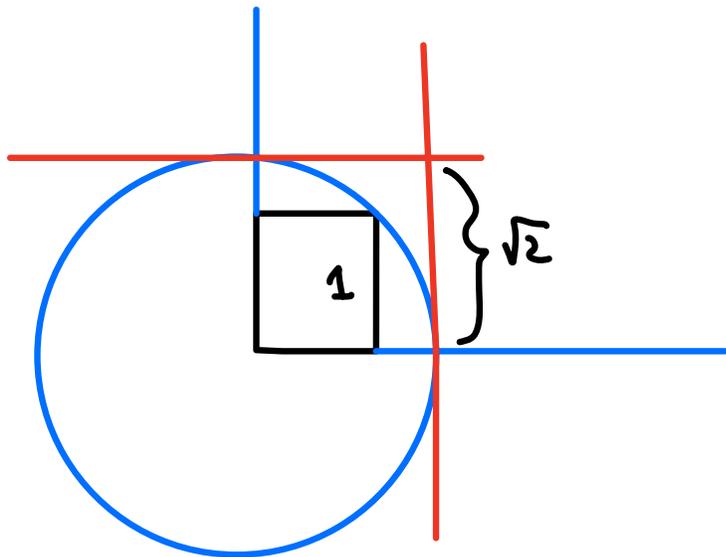
No measuring allowed!

With these operations, can do many things:

a) Perpendicular bisector



b) Double the area of a square



c) Construct the  $n$ -gon for certain  $n$   
(Gauss: 17-gon)

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3 problems that the Greeks couldn't solve:

- I) "Double the cube"
- II) Trisect an arbitrary angle
- III) "Square the circle"

Big idea: constructible numbers

Start w/ two points  $\begin{matrix} \cdot & \cdot \\ 0 & 1 \end{matrix}$

Constructible numbers:

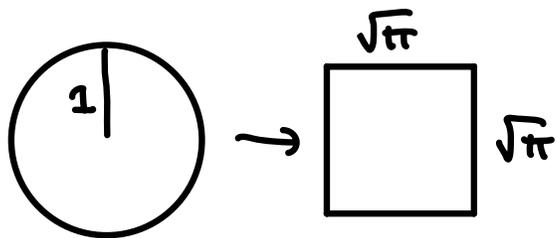
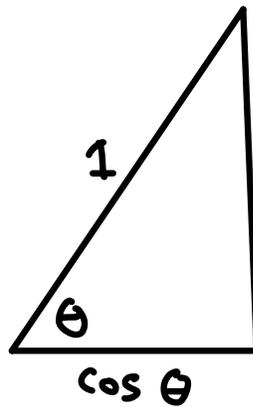
$$\mathcal{C} := \left\{ z \in \mathbb{C} \mid \begin{array}{l} \text{the pt. } z \text{ is constructible} \\ \text{from } 0 \text{ and } 1 \end{array} \right\}$$

Rephrase:

I) Construct  $\sqrt[3]{2}$

II) Construct  $\cos \frac{\theta}{3}$  given  $\cos \theta$

III) Construct  $\sqrt{\pi}$



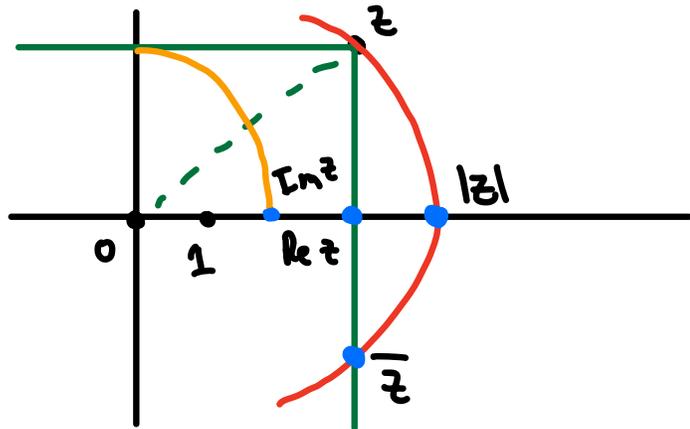
Prop:  $\mathcal{C}$  is closed under

a)  $z \mapsto |z|$

b)  $z \mapsto \bar{z}$

c)  $z \mapsto \operatorname{Re}(z)$

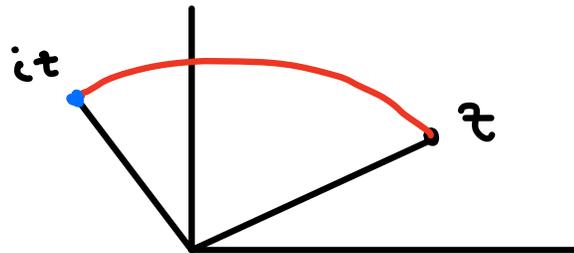
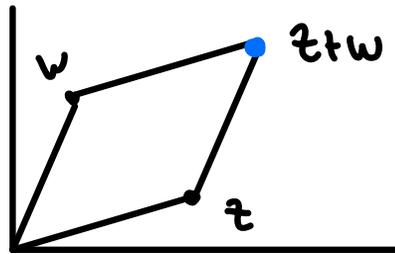
d)  $z \mapsto \operatorname{Im}(z)$



e) Addition

f) Subtraction

g) Mult by  $i$



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