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Geometrie

**E1.** *The midpoints  $P, Q, R, S$  of any quadrilateral in plane or space are vertices of a parallelogram.*

**E2.** *Reconstruct a pentagon from the midpoints  $P, Q, R, S, T$  of its sides.*

**E3.** *Let  $ABCDEF$  be any hexagon, and let  $A_1B_1C_1D_1E_1F_1$  be the hexagon of the centroids of the triangles  $ABC$ ,  $BCD$ ,  $CDE$ ,  $DEF$ ,  $EFA$ ,  $FAB$ . Then the  $A_1B_1C_1D_1E_1F_1$  has parallel and equal opposite sides.*

**E4.** Let  $ABCD$  be a quadrilateral, and let  $A'B'C'D'$  be the quadrilateral of the centroids of  $BCD$ ,  $CDA$ ,  $DAB$ ,  $ABC$ . Show that  $ABCD$  can be transformed into  $A'B'C'D'$  by a stretch from some point  $Z$ . Find  $Z$  and the stretch factor  $t$ .

**E5.** Find the centroid  $S$  of  $n$  points  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  defined by

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \overrightarrow{SA_i} = \vec{0}.$$

**E6.** *The diagonals of a quadrilateral are orthogonal if and only if the sums of the squares of opposite sides are equal.*

**E7.** *The diagonals of a quadrilateral are orthogonal iff its medians have equal length.*



**E8.** *Let  $A, B, C, D$  be four points in space. Then we always have*

$$|AB|^2 + |CD|^2 - |BC|^2 - |AD|^2 = 2\overrightarrow{AC} \cdot \overrightarrow{DB}.$$

**E9.** *Someone found in his attic an old description of a pirate, who died long ago. It read as follows: Go to the island X, start at the gallows, go to the elm tree, and count the steps. Then turn left by  $90^\circ$ , and go the same number of steps until point  $g'$ . Again, go from the gallows to the fig tree, and count the steps. Then turn right by  $90^\circ$ , and go the same number of steps to the point  $g''$ . A treasure is buried in the midpoint  $t$  of  $g'g''$ .*

A man went to the island and found the elm tree  $e$  and the fig tree  $f$ . But the gallows could not be traced. Find the treasure point  $t$ .

**E10. Napoleonic Triangles.** *If one erects regular triangles outwardly (inwardly) on the sides of a triangle, then their centers are vertices of a regular triangle (outer and inner Napoleonic triangles).*

**E11.** *Squares are erected outwardly on the sides of a quadrilateral. If the centers of the squares are  $x$ ,  $y$ ,  $z$ ,  $u$ , then the segments  $xz$  and  $yu$  are perpendicular and of equal length.*

**E12.** Squares  $cbqp$  and  $acmn$  are erected outwardly on the sides  $bc$  and  $ac$  of the triangle  $abc$ . Show that the midpoints  $d$ ,  $e$  of these squares, the midpoint  $g$  of  $ab$ , and the midpoint  $f$  of  $mp$  are vertices of a square.

**E13.** *Let  $a_1b_1c_1$  and  $b_1b_2b_3$  be two, positively oriented, regular triangles and let  $c_i$  be the midpoint of  $a_ib_i$ . Then  $c_1c_2c_3$  is a regular triangle.*

**E14.** *Let  $A, B, C, D$  be four points in a plane. Then*

$$|AB| \cdot |CD| + |BC| \cdot |AD| \geq |AC| \cdot |BD| \quad (\text{Ptolemy's inequality}).$$

# Problems

1. Show that

$$|AC|^2 + |BD|^2 = |AB|^2 + |BC|^2 + |CD|^2 + |DA|^2 \iff A + C = B + D.$$

2. Let  $A, B, C, D$  be four space points. Prove the theorem: *If, for all points  $X$  in space,  $|AX|^2 + |CX|^2 = |BX|^2 + |DX|^2$ , then  $ABCD$  is a rectangle.*
3. Rectangles  $ABDE, BCFG, CAHI$  are erected outwardly on the sides of a triangle  $ABC$ . Show that the perpendicular bisectors of the segments  $HE, DG, FI$  are concurrent.
4. A regular  $n$ -gon  $A_1 \cdots A_n$  is inscribed in a circle with center  $O$  and radius  $R$ .  $X$  is any point with  $d = |OX|$ . Then  $\sum_{i=1}^n |A_i X|^2 = n(R^2 + d^2)$ .
5. Let  $ABC$  be a regular triangle inscribed in a circle. Then  $PA^n + PB^n + PC^n$  is independent of the choice of  $P$  on the circle for  $n = 2, 4$ .



6. For any point  $P$  of the circumcircle of the square  $ABCD$ , the sum  $PA^n + PB^n + PC^n + PD^n$  is independent of the choice of  $P$  if  $n = 2, 4, 6$ .
7. Prove Euler's theorem: *In a quadrilateral  $ABCD$  with medians  $MN$  and  $PQ$ ,  $|AC|^2 + |BD|^2 = 2(|MN|^2 + |PQ|^2)$ .*
8. Find the locus of all points  $X$ , which satisfy  $\overrightarrow{AX} \cdot \overrightarrow{CX} = \overrightarrow{CB} \cdot \overrightarrow{AX}$ .
9. Three points  $A, B, C$  are such that  $|AC|^2 + |BC|^2 = |AB|^2/2$ . What is the relative position of these points?
10. If  $M$  is a point and  $ABCD$  a rectangle, then  $\overrightarrow{MA} \cdot \overrightarrow{MC} = \overrightarrow{MB} \cdot \overrightarrow{MD}$ .
11. The points  $E, F, G, H$  divide the sides of the quadrilateral  $ABCD$  in the same ratios. Find the condition for  $EFGH$  to be a parallelogram.
12. Let  $Q$  be an arbitrary point in the plane and  $M$  be the midpoint of  $AB$ . Then  $|QA|^2 + |QB|^2 = 2|QM|^2 + |AB|^2/2$ .
13. Let  $A, B, C, D$  denote four points in space and  $AB$  the distance between  $A$  and  $B$ , and so on. Show that  $AC^2 + BD^2 + AD^2 + BC^2 \geq AB^2 + CD^2$ .