

# Towards an independent version of Tarski's system of geometry

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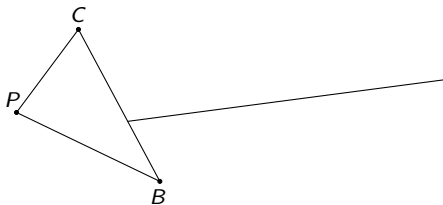
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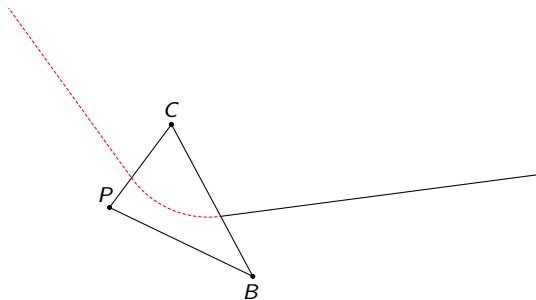
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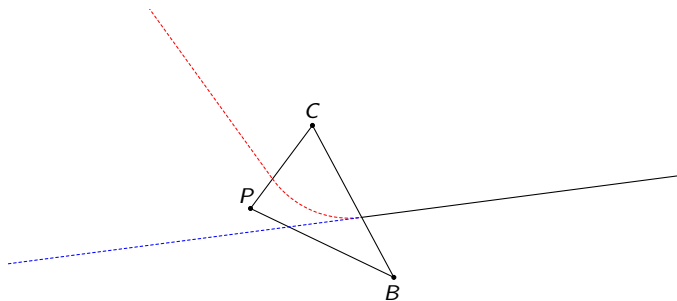
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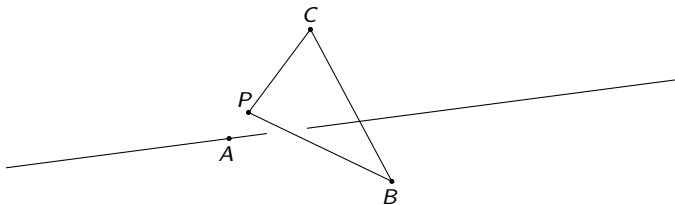
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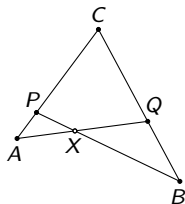
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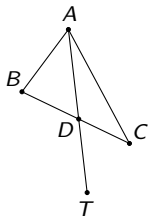
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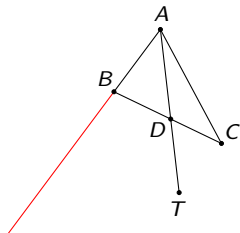
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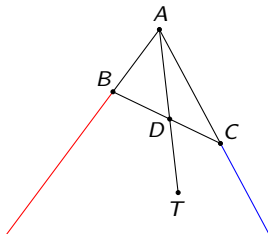
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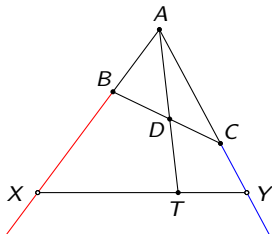
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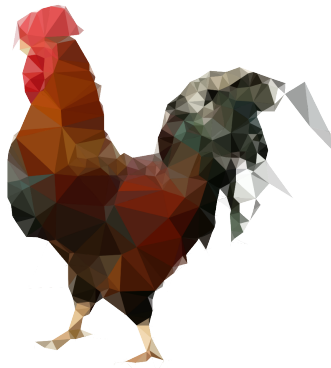
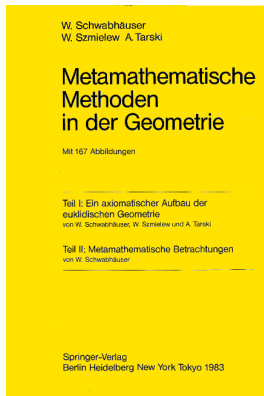
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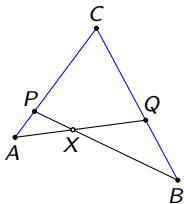
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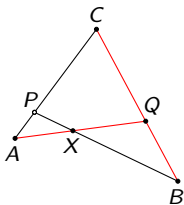
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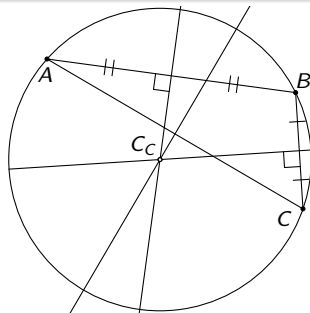
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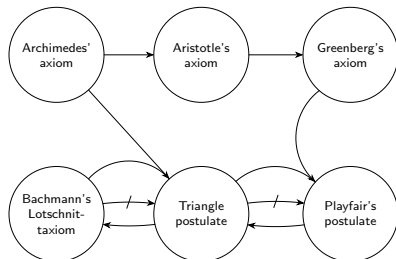
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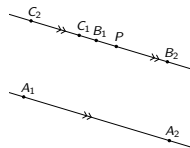
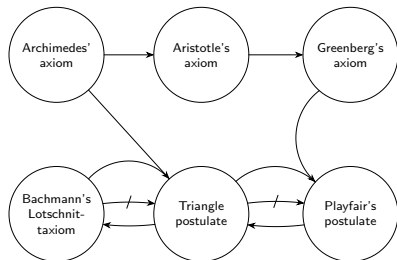
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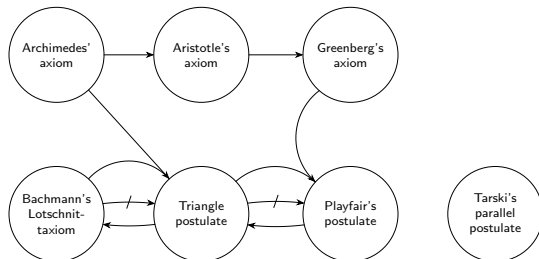
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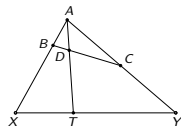
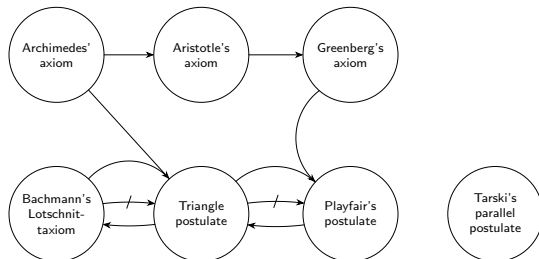
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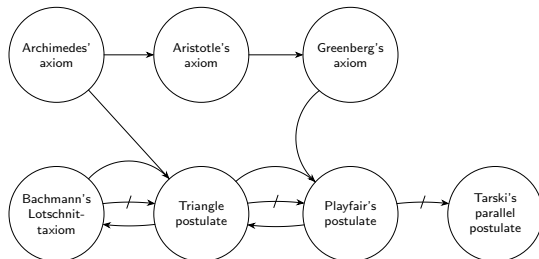
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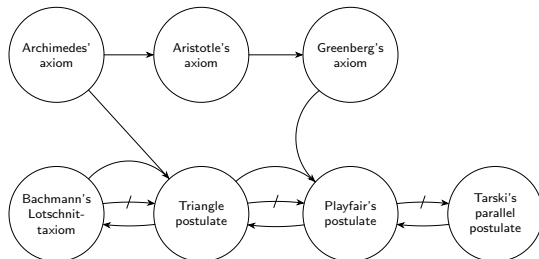


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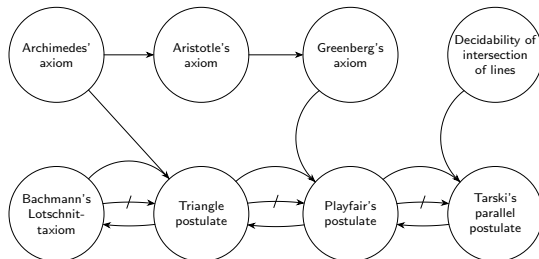




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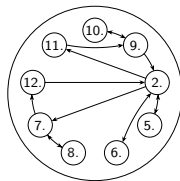
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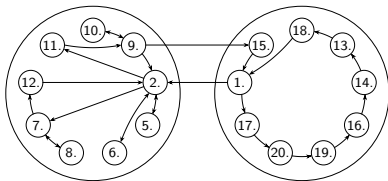
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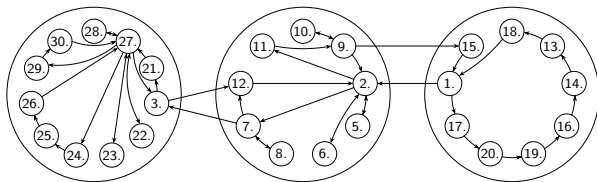
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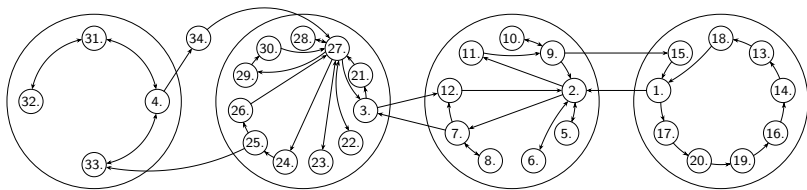
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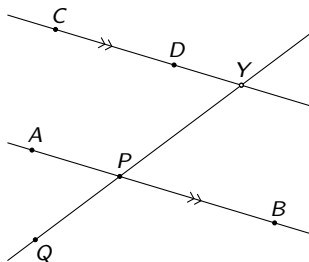
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$$A1 \quad AB \equiv BA$$

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$$A3 \quad AB \equiv CC \Rightarrow A = B$$

$$A4 \quad \exists E, A-B-E \wedge BE \equiv CD$$

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$$A8 \quad \exists ABC, \neg A-B-C \wedge \neg B-C-A \wedge \neg C-A-B$$

$$A9' \quad AP \equiv AQ \wedge BP \equiv BQ \wedge CP \equiv CQ \wedge P \neq Q \wedge \\ A \neq B \wedge B \neq C \wedge A \neq C \Rightarrow \\ A-B-C \vee B-C-A \vee C-A-B$$

$$A10'$$

$$A11' \quad \forall \exists \Upsilon, (\exists A, (\forall XY, (\exists X \wedge \Upsilon Y \Rightarrow A-X-Y)) \Rightarrow \\ \exists B, (\forall XY, (\exists X \wedge \Upsilon Y \Rightarrow X-B-Y \vee X = B \vee B = Y))$$

$$A14 \quad A-B-C \Rightarrow C-B-A$$

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A1	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
A2'	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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A11'	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓
A14	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓
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