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Constructability and Rigor of Angles Multiples of 3 in Euclidean Geometry

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Abstract: This paper investigates the constructability of angles multiples of 3 within the framework of Euclidean geometry. It makes a significant contribution by presenting the first geometric construction for all such angles, offering a rigorous solution to a longstanding geometric problem. The paper reaffirms the efficacy of Euclidean geometry in providing precise constructions and robust proofs for these angles, demonstrating the enduring strength of Euclidean principles from classical to modern times. The presented workflow goes beyond Euclidean geometry to examine non-Euclidean methods, particularly analytical approaches, revealing misconceptions that compromise the genetic and geometric rigor of Euclidean principles. The paper exposes incongruities when algebraic proofs related to angle constructability are applied to the Euclidean system, emphasizing the misalignment of fundamental geometric concepts. A notable result in the paper is the construction of a 36° angle, introducing the “ 36° angle chord” as a novel geometric property. This property challenges assumptions made by non-Euclidean methods and highlights the nuanced geometric properties crucial for rigorous constructions. The paper refutes the fallacy of relying solely on algebra for solutions to angles multiples of 3, emphasizing the necessity of embracing Euclidean geometry for geometric discoveries. The paper underscores the merits and resilience of Euclidean geometry, showcasing its independence and depth across historical and modern perspectives. The newly presented geometric construction not only resolves a longstanding question but also emphasizes the intrinsic strength and uniqueness of Euclidean principles in contrast to alternative methodologies.

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1. Introduction

Euclidean geometry [1-4], a venerable cornerstone of mathematical inquiry [5], has ingrained its enduring construction principles and proofs into the annals of mathematical thought. Across centuries, its significance remains steadfast, serving as the bedrock for developing various mathematical concepts. This paper explores the multi-stage process of constructing and proving angles multiples of 3 (Definition 2.1). Within the confines of the Euclidean geometric system, the objective here is to delve deep into this complex process, unveiling the subtleties that underscore the versatility and comprehensiveness inherent in Euclidean geometry.

This paper’s motivation rests upon Euclidean geometry’s profound ability to tackle the challenge of constructing and proving angles multiples of 3. This enterprise is far from trivial; it ventures into the intricate interplay between angles, lines, and circles, forming the basis for intricate geometric constructions and persuasive proofs [6]. As we

journey through this geometric background, we aim to illuminate not just the success of Euclidean geometry in addressing this problem but also to cast a discerning eye on its limitations and the drawbacks that emerge when alternative, non-Euclidean methods are embraced as authoritative substitutes. Central to this inquiry is the acknowledgment that Euclidean geometry extends beyond being merely a mathematical field. It represents a rich tapestry intricately woven with the elements of logical reasoning, accuracy, and inventive intuition.

This paper, therefore, navigates the path of this intricate tapestry, connecting the techniques, strategies, and insights that underpin the construction and proof of angles multiples of 3. However, we endeavor to extend beyond mere exposition as it necessitates a critical gaze into non-Euclidean methods. These alternate avenues, while innovative, must be scrutinized for their potential to distort the genetic and geometric rigor that characterizes the Euclidean geometric system. Essentially, the unfolding narrative is not merely a chronological recounting of methods and solutions but rather a harmonious interplay between the advantages of Euclidean geometry and the possibility of misconceptions. The paper intends to not only pay homage to the longevity and robustness of Euclidean geometry but also to stimulate introspection, urging us to question the appeal of non-Euclidean methods. In doing so, we recognize the importance of refining the discerning lens of mathematical inquiry, cultivating an appreciation for Euclidean geometry's intrinsic merits, and deciphering its methodologies' intricacies.

2. Unveiling Euclidean Geometry's Bounds-From Past to Present

Upon exploring alternative methodologies, a glaring realization emerges that an exclusive reliance on non-Euclidean methods, particularly analytical approaches, to resolve geometric problems inevitably engenders a range of limitations and misconstructions [3,7]. The implications of these missteps reverberate across the landscape of mathematical reasoning, distorting the fabric of geometric solutions. Foremost among these limitations is the perplexing transformation of geometric problems into algebraic statements [3,7]. What once resided within spatial relationships, lines, and angles is now expressed in the obscure terminology of algebraic equations. In this transformation, the eloquence of geometric solutions is forsaken, making room for a clinical and disconnected domain of symbolic manipulation. The geometrical beauty inherent in Euclidean methods is characteristically substituted with a mechanical process of solving equations, fundamentally reshaping the essence of the problem [3,7,8-13].

Evolution of Euclidean Geometric Constructions. To comprehend the evolution of Euclidean geometric constructions aimed at resolving the constructability of whole-number angles, it is imperative to trace the historical journey through various approaches. These approaches have strived to bisect all angles [1-4], including angles multiples of 15. While the historical journey reveals diverse methods leading to the construction of a dense set of angles multiples of 15 within the Euclidean geometric framework, a significant gap remained concerning the geometric constructability of angles of multiples of 3, which includes the 3° angle itself.

Euclidean Geometry's Strength in Constructability. This paper stands as a testament to the enduring strength of Euclidean geometry in addressing the constructability of angles multiples of 3, including the construction of the elusive 3° angle. The proposed solutions showcase the richness of Euclidean geometry by introducing an additional geometric ingredient, the constructed "36° angle chord". Remarkably, this geometric property has not been directly associated with the constructability of angles multiples of 3 before, although it is asserted using non-Euclidean geometric methods that the constructability of these angles is conceivable [10,11,13].

Reconsidering the Definition of Constructible Angles. With humility, this paper considers the geometrically constructible angles before the revealed constructions as those multiples of 15 (first focusing on the whole number angles here, inclusive of the 15° angle). The statement “angles multiples of 3” has excluded a geometric procedure that constructs an angle of 3° . This paper asserts that the constructability of the 3° angle has not been geometrically established, and the notion of constructing angles multiples of 3 has been forcefully imposed to Euclidean geometry without the authority of the Euclidean geometric system. This perspective, purely geometric, challenges the prevalent notion that all angles multiples of 3 are constructible geometrically. The gap in the constructability of all angles multiples of 3 is addressed through the construction of the 36° angle, anchored in the construction of the “ **36° angle chord**”.

Unraveling Geometric Solutions and Algebraic Notions. The provided solution through the paper writes off the algebraic notion that all angles multiples of 3 are constructible, revealing its weakness when confronted with the authority of Euclidean geometry. Geometrically, the only constructible angles to this day have been those based on the bisection of angles multiples of 15. Thus, the union of the constructability of angles multiples of 3 with angles multiples of 15 completes the set of all constructible angles multiples of 3 geometrically. This exposition brings clarity to the misconception that all angles multiples of 3 are geometrically constructible and underlines the need to reconsider prevailing algebraic notions in light of Euclidean geometric rigor.

2.1 Structural Limitations and Misconstructions of Non-Euclidean Methods

In the quest for alternative approaches, it becomes evident that an overreliance on non-Euclidean methods, particularly analytical approaches, introduces a series of limitations and misconstructions that warrant scrutiny. These missteps cast a shadow over the landscape of mathematical reasoning, distorting the very essence of geometric solutions. Among these limitations, a notable concern arises from converting geometric quandaries into algebraic formulations. The once-visual domain of spatial relationships, lines, and angles undergoes a curious metamorphosis, adopting the esoteric language of algebraic equations [3,5,8,10,13]. This transformation sacrifices the eloquence inherent in geometric solutions, ushering in a system of detached symbolic manipulation [7]. The intrinsic geometric elegance synonymous with Euclidean methods gives way to a mechanized equation-solving process, profoundly reshaping the problem’s essence. The rift deepens as non-Euclidean methods plunge into the sea of analytical abstraction [3,5,7,10,13]. The complex geometric pattern created using Euclidean techniques is deciphered, revealing the clear simplicity of algebraic expressions. While these approaches have their value in specific situations, the profound consequence of separating the problem from its geometric origins is significant.

The precision demanded by algebra replaces the intuitive spatial understanding fostered by Euclidean geometry, creating an intellectual vacuum where geometric insight once flourished. This transformation, which separates geometric challenges from their inherent spatial essence, initiates a troubling reinterpretation of Euclid’s original purpose. His eloquent language, crafted to communicate geometric principles and realities, is compelled to adapt to a fresh structure aligned with the algebraic framework. The result is a distortion of Euclid’s eloquent geometric prose into an algebraic dialect, eroding the very essence of his teachings and veiling the geometric subtleties his words sought to convey [3,7]. Thus, it is imperative to underscore that the transformation from Euclidean to non-Euclidean methods alters the mode of mathematical inquiry and skews the solutions. In embracing alternative methodologies, we inadvertently tinker with the fundamental genetic and geometric rigor that Euclidean geometry upholds. This, in turn, reverberates in the very solutions we seek, rendering them more similar to algebraic artifacts than geometric insights.

2.2 Divergence of Euclidean and Non-Euclidean Geometry

Beyond the evident limitations of substituting Euclidean geometry with non-Euclidean methods, an intricate web of challenges emerges from the incompatibility between the two perspectives geometric essence of Euclidean geometry and the analytical framework of non-Euclidean methods [3,7]. This incongruity becomes glaringly evident when attempting to prove specific problems, particularly those involving the constructability of angles. The allure of replacing innate geometric rigor with analytical techniques shrouds these problems in a paradoxical dimension. In Euclidean geometry, proving the constructability of angles multiples of 3 has long been an engaging pursuit. The geometric solutions, intricate in their execution, reveal the nuanced dance between lines, angles, and circles [3]. However, adopting non-Euclidean analytic methods to navigate this territory introduces a discordant note, creating an irksome tension between the geometric and the algebraic. The crux of this limitation lies in the intricate web of contradictions that surfaces as one tries to reconcile the geometric constructability with the analytical framework. Attempting to replace geometric elegance with algebraic prowess, we face perplexing contradictions - for instance, the angles trisection problem tantalizing challenges at the heart of this dichotomy. While Euclidean geometry wrestles with the challenge of trisecting an angle, analytical approaches frequently present a contrasting perspective. The impossibility of trisecting some angles emerges as an incongruence that challenges the foundations of geometric rigor [7].

Moreover, the disconnect between the geometric and analytic intensifies in the commensurability and incommensurability of geometric magnitudes like angles. Euclidean geometry uniquely navigates this intricate landscape, showcasing the nuances of relationships between angles and other geometric magnitudes. However, the delicate balance falters when viewed through the prism of non-Euclidean analytical methods. The intricate dance between ratios and geometric realities is lost in the rigid framework of equations and variables. These limitations highlight Euclidean geometry's delicate balance between geometric insight and analytical rigor. The resulting misconstructions are profound when we attempt to sever this equilibrium by replacing one with the other. The intricate and beautifully entwined fabric of geometry is torn asunder, revealing the dissonance that surfaces when the innate geometric rigor of Euclidean geometry is traded for the exacting analytical methods of non-Euclidean frameworks.

2.3 Historical to Modern Contrast

The journey from the historical origins of Euclidean geometry, dating back to the ancient Greeks and their foundational contributions, to the modern context is an enduring testament to its unparalleled strength in tackling a diverse array of geometric problems. Throughout this temporal domain, Euclidean geometry has proven to be not merely a static branch of mathematics but a dynamic and robust framework that transcends time [9,10]. At its heart, the efficacy of Euclidean geometry stems from its unique ability to provide specific, concise, and unambiguous solutions to complex geometric problems.

Euclidean geometry has consistently demonstrated its prowess in illuminating the geometric landscape, from the intricate constructions of ancient civilizations to the sophisticated proofs of contemporary mathematics. Its inherent specificity ensures that solutions are not vague approximations but precise and tangible insights into the world of shapes and relationships. Another distinguishing feature that underscores the lasting importance of Euclidean geometry is its remarkable geometric precision. Its axioms, postulates, and theorems are elegantly crafted to be self-evident, forming an intelligible foundation upon which elaborate proofs are built [1]. This clarity extends beyond formalism and permeates Euclidean geometry's essence, enabling even the novice to grasp and appreciate its principles. This attribute has allowed Euclidean geometry to

serve as an educational cornerstone for generations, fostering an understanding of mathematics and the beauty of geometric reasoning [1,9].

Further, another remarkable feature of Euclidean geometry is its inherent capacity to grasp geometric relationships. It goes beyond mere calculations, involving a profound comprehension of spatial connections and their consequences. This comprehension has enabled Euclidean geometry to address problems that demand numerical results and insights into how geometric entities interact. Euclidean geometry's true brilliance lies in its ability to turn apparent limitations into advantages. The structural and tool-related constraints intrinsic to the Euclidean system can be transformed into strengths. Instead of being obstacles, these limitations become guiding principles that steer mathematical exploration toward elegant solutions. This self-sufficient nature is evidence of Euclidean geometry's resilience, demonstrating its ability to thrive within its own framework. The most powerful affirmation of Euclidean geometry's strength is its capacity to establish the constructability of angles multiples of 3. Armed with its rigorously genetic geometric methods, Euclidean geometry provides a clear and direct route to demonstrate the constructability of these angles. This accomplishment is a beacon that shines a light on Euclidean geometry's ability to navigate complex problems without deviating from its principles. Thus, Euclidean geometry exemplifies mathematical inquiry that has stood the test of time [5,9,11,12]. From its roots in antiquity to its relevance in the modern age, its strengths-specificity, clarity, and the understanding of geometric relationships make it an invaluable tool for understanding the world of shapes and spaces. The construction and proof of angles multiples of 3 within this framework are a testament to the enduring power of Euclidean geometry and the elegance it brings to the realm of mathematics.

2.4 The Richness of Euclidean Geometry

In the continually changing realm of mathematical exploration, developing non-Euclidean geometries has unquestionably brought forth fresh dimensions, viewpoints, and practical uses [5,9-14]. However, it is imperative to tread with caution and ensure that the allure of the new does not cast an unjust shadow over the enduring merits of Euclidean geometry timeless discipline that continues to stand tall as a beacon of rigor and clarity. Non-Euclidean geometries offer alternative viewpoints, expanding the horizons of mathematical thought [9,10,13]. They provide avenues to comprehend spaces that diverge from the familiar Euclidean domain. Yet, in this exploration, it becomes paramount to remember that Euclidean geometry's legacy cannot be easily overshadowed. Its rigor, clarity, and elegant precision form an unmatched foundation upon which mathematical investigations have been built for centuries. The unparalleled rigor of Euclidean geometry ensures that every deduction is rooted in solid logical reasoning. The principles of axioms, postulates, and theorems have stood the test of time, offering an unwavering framework that fosters the discovery of mathematical truths and the development of critical thinking skills. In a world where complexities often cloud understanding, Euclidean geometry is a steadfast anchor domain where each step is transparent, and every conclusion is irrefutable. Clarity, another hallmark of Euclidean geometry, resonates through its elegant language. Concepts are expressed with precision, and relationships are articulated with grace. This clarity is not mere linguistic dexterity; it reflects a deep understanding of geometric relationships. The very act of formulating these principles with such transparency cultivates an environment where mathematics becomes accessible to all who engage with it. The richness of Euclidean geometry extends beyond its foundational axioms and theorems. It thrives in its ability to harness structural limitations as contextually relevant assets. These limitations, rather than hindering progress, channel mathematical inquiry in productive directions. They encourage creative problem-solving, nudging mathematicians to extract elegant solutions from a palette of restricted tools.

Euclidean geometry offers a self-sustaining ecosystem where structural limitations are not weaknesses to overcome but sources of strength that illuminate pathways to

elegant solutions. It embraces its boundaries, recognizing that the seeds of deeper understanding lie within them. This embracing of limitations contextualizes Euclidean geometry as a living, breathing discipline that thrives on its terms. While non-Euclidean geometries undoubtedly bring innovation and broader perspectives, it is essential not to undermine the virtues of Euclidean geometry. Its rigor, clarity, and ability to transform limitations into assets offer a solid foundation for geometric investigations. Euclidean geometry's timeless notes continue to resonate in the symphony of mathematical exploration, enriching our understanding and appreciation of the intricate dance of shapes, spaces, and relationships.

Definition 2.1. (Angles Multiples of 3 in Euclidean Geometric Language). In Euclidean geometry context, the term "*angles multiples of 3*" will refer to the geometric construction of an angle as a magnitude. Specifically, this angle is constructed in such a way that within its geometric context, a dense set of other larger or smaller angles exists. Notably, the ratio of larger angles to the made angle consistently remains at a constant value of 3, and conversely, the ratio of smaller angles to the constructed angle is maintained at a constant value of $\frac{1}{3}$. This geometric concept serves as a foundational element in the broader exploration of constructability using compass and straightedge methods, showcasing the inherent intricacies and symmetries within the domain of geometric constructions.

Clarity (Between Euclidean geometry and the Modern perspective). Consider a circle with its center at O and radius OA . Let angle θ , subtended by an arc AB , be a multiple of 3. In Euclidean terms, this implies that the arc AB and the circumference of the circle are commensurable, meaning they share a common unit of measurement without leaving any remainder. This commensurability speaks to the inherent geometric connection between the angle and the arc. Geometrically, this commensurability is expressible through the ratio of the arc length AB to the circle's circumference. Let this ratio be denoted as $r(AB)/C$, where $r(AB)$ represents the length of arc AB , and C signifies the circle's circumference. Since both quantities are commensurable, the ratio $r(AB)/C$ equals a simple fraction. Furthermore, this ratio embodies the essence of Euclidean geometry by revealing the proportional relationship between the subtended angle θ and the arc length AB . As angle θ varies, the corresponding arc length AB also varies in a commensurable manner, forming a fundamental geometric link.

This definition assumes a pivotal role within the interface that converges Euclidean geometry and the contemporary constructability perspective. It emerges as a bridging link that artfully unites the intuitive geometric domain of Euclidean geometry with the nuanced contours of modern constructability theory. The inherent commensurability binding angles multiples of 3 to their corresponding arc lengths resonates harmoniously with the contemporary ethos of constructability, wherein angles metamorphose from mere geometric magnitudes in the Euclidean setting to numerically imbued entities. This transition is navigated through the profound lens of ratios, whereby angles embody a nuanced tapestry of proportions that transcend the boundary between geometry and number theory. This inherent geometric definition encapsulates the harmonious interplay between Euclidean geometry's language of commensurability, ratios, and geometric relationships. It elegantly showcases the way angles multiples of 3 interact with the geometric structures they inhabit and how this connection remains relevant in both classical and modern interpretations, seamlessly blending the ageless wisdom of Euclid's geometry with contemporary mathematical perspectives.

3. Navigating Angle Constructability - A Comparative Exploration

This section focuses on the intricate task of angle constructability, exploring both the Euclidean and non-Euclidean perspectives. We establish Euclidean geometry's

remarkable capacity to provide robust constructions and proofs for angles multiples of 3, utilizing the fundamental tools of a straightedge and compass. As we embark on this journey, we also extend our inquiry into non-Euclidean methods, particularly analytical approaches, which attempt to bridge the gap between algebraic and geometric viewpoints. This intermediary phase serves as a critical occasion for the exploration, highlighting the potential pitfalls and misconceptions that can arise when non-Euclidean methods are introduced into the discussion of Euclidean geometric problems. Within this context, we delve deeper into constructability within the non-Euclidean geometric scheme, seeking to unravel the limitations and complexities that emerge when geometric concepts are scrutinized through alternative perspectives.

3.1. Constructability within the Non-Euclidean Geometric Scheme

While Euclidean geometry forms the cornerstone of our understanding, non-Euclidean methods, particularly analytical techniques, have emerged as intriguing alternatives. Exploring non-Euclidean methods offers unique insights into the interplay between algebraic and geometric viewpoints, shedding light on the complexities and challenges that can arise.

Consider a familiar scenario, a common example that provides insight into the interplay between Euclidean and non-Euclidean geometric approaches. We begin with the known trigonometric relation; $\cos 72^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{4}$. Thus, we can construct 72° angle using the following series of steps:

1. Construct a line of length $\sqrt{5}$ (This notion is ingrained in the algebraic view of constructing square roots [15]).
2. Subtract 1.
3. Divide by 4 (Assume performing multiple bisection operations; this creates $\cos 72^\circ$)
4. Construct a right triangle with the hypotenuse 1 and the adjacent $\cos 72^\circ$ (Draw a perpendicular line from the line segment of length $\cos 72^\circ$ constructed earlier and intersected with a circle of length 1).
5. The angle formed between the two lines is 72° .

The goal of this section is not to present an alternative proof using non-Euclidean language but to highlight the inherent limitations and vagueness that arise when adopting such an approach for Euclidean geometric solutions. While non-Euclidean methods can serve as tools for verification [3,5], they often lack the generality and precision that the Euclidean framework offers, especially in cases where measurements are not essential.

For instance, let us consider the generic perspective that one may make from the provided construction (an assumed construction starting diagram. The described construction here follows a common non-Euclidean geometric approach [10,13], and so its geometrical validation is not considered in this paper but, applied carefully to complete the argument). In the absence of a standardized unit-length segment for comparison, the length of a segment becomes entirely arbitrary. Consequently, it lacks a definitive value, rendering the concept of taking its square root meaningless. Consider a given segment denoted as AB , with a length represented as x . Let point C reside on segment AB , such that BC measures 1 unit. By constructing the midpoint M of segment AC (in Euclidean terms, the midpoint here can be thought of as the point of intersection between the bisection of AC and the segment AC itself), forming a circle with center M that encompasses point A , and constructing a perpendicular line from B to AB , we can locate the points D and E as intersections of the line with the circle. Notably, BD equals the square root of x .

Within this arrangement, both AC and DE serve as chords of the circle, intersecting at point B . Following the principle of the power of a point theorem, the product of AB and BC equals the product of DB and BE , resulting in the equation $x \times 1 = x = DB \times BE$. Additionally, since DE forms a perpendicular angle to AC and AC serves as a diameter of the circle, DE is bisected by AC , and thus, DB equals BE . This leads to the realization that x equals DB squared or equivalently, DB equals the square root of x . The assertion that this construction represents a special instance of the broader geometric-mean construction deserves attention. When confronted with two lengths, AB and BC , arranged as described above, the presented construction yields the length BD , which is the square root of the product of AB and BC . This relationship between lengths aligns with the geometric-mean concept, where the length BD represents the geometric mean of AB and BC .

3.2. Geometric Critique of the Algebraic Construction

The presented algebraic construction (section 3.1) seeks to establish the angle of 72° through a series of algebraic operations and trigonometric relationships. However, upon closer examination, it becomes apparent that this construction ventures beyond the traditional realm of Euclidean geometric methodology, introducing measurements and quantities that deviate from the core principles of pure geometric constructions. Euclidean geometry operates within a framework that inherently avoids using measurements, relying instead on the interplay of geometric figures and relationships. The absence of numerical values and measures ensures Euclidean constructions' contextual universality and purity, making them accessible and applicable across various contexts. The introduction of specific numerical lengths, such as a line of length $5 - \sqrt{5}$ or a circle of length 1, inherently undermines the genetic language of Euclidean geometry. These quantities are not established purely through geometric relationships but through external measurements that depend on numerical values. In the genetic Euclidean framework, lengths are not quantified but expressed in relationships, proportions, and ratios.

Further, while the point theorem is a legitimate mathematical principle, its application in the construction involves specific measurements, such as $x \times BC = DB \times BE$. This equation is not derived solely from the geometric properties of the figure but only relies on the numerical values assigned to the lengths AB , BC , and DB . This departure from the geometric language compromises the genetic rigor of Euclidean constructions. Moreover, constructing angles through algebraic operations like subtraction and division deviates from the Euclidean method, where angles are traditionally constructed based on the interplay of lines, arcs, and circles without resorting to numerical calculations [3]. The view that the construction is a special case of geometric-mean construction also raises concerns. While geometric mean has its place in Euclidean geometry, attempting to retroactively fit this algebraic construction into the framework of geometric mean ignores that the construction relies on measurements and algebraic relationships, which contradicts the pure geometric essence of Euclidean constructions. In its real sense, the presented algebraic construction, while mathematically valid, stretches the boundaries of Euclidean geometry by incorporating specific measurements and algebraic operations. This departure from the genetic language of Euclidean construction blurs the line between the traditional geometric framework and algebraic methods, undermining the intrinsic elegance and rigor of pure geometric constructions.

3.3. Constructability of Angles Multiples of 3 within the Euclidean Geometric Framework

In Euclidean geometry, the constructability of angles multiples of 3 relies on the foundational principles of straightedge and compass constructions. This section will

provide rigorous proof for the constructability of angles multiples of 3 following Euclidean geometric principles.

3.3.1. Important Terminology and Useful Construction Ingredients

In Euclidean geometry, the term “*equal*” takes specific contextual meanings, the specifics of which were not explicitly elucidated by Euclid himself. These contextual definitions derive their significance from foundational assumptions and axioms within the geometric framework. Prior to their integration into the primary definition of a given problem, it is essential to comprehend these geometric interpretations of equality.

Definition 3.1 [Equal (In a Euclidean Geometry Context) [1-4,6]. Two geometric figures or quantities are considered equal if they have the same measure, length, or size, as determined based on the Euclidean principle of superposition.

Remark 3.1. In Euclidean geometry, the concept of equality is based on Playfair's Axiom, which states that through a given point not on a given straight line, only one straight line can be drawn that does not intersect the given line [1-4,6].” This axiom establishes the principle of superposition, asserting that if two geometric figures can be placed in a way that they coincide exactly, or if they can be made to coincide through geometric translation or rotation, they are deemed equal.

The Axiom of Equality. “All right angles are equal to one another [6].”

Definition 3.2 [Identical (Euclidean Geometry) [1-4,6]. Two geometric figures are contextually said to be identical if they coincide perfectly and have the exact same size, shape, and orientation. In Euclidean geometry, the concept of identical emphasizes perfect congruence and the inability to distinguish between the two figures.

Remark 3.2. The notion of identical quantities is rooted in Euclidean axioms and postulates that establish congruence and the indistinguishability of geometric figures.

Postulate 1 (Ruler Postulate) [6]. “On a straight line, we can mark off as many points as we please, as such, all straight lines are congruent.” In the context of Euclidean geometry, the term “congruent” signifies the ability to superimpose two figures without any distinction in terms of size, shape, or orientation. This fundamental concept plays a pivotal role in establishing the congruence of geometric figures within the domain of Euclidean proofs.

Remark 3.3. In Euclidean geometry, two figures are considered identical if they can be superimposed without any distinction in size, shape, or orientation. This concept is fundamental to establishing the congruence of geometric figures in Euclidean proofs. Through the provided results analysis, *postulate 1* will play a significant role in the analytical aspect of the analysis presented in later sections of this paper. Further, the mention of a “*Ruler*” in the postulate does not directly introduce measurements into the construction process. Instead, it implies a more abstract notion that aligns with the analytical techniques elaborated upon in subsequent sections. The ruler, in this context, symbolizes the capacity to establish points on a line without explicitly introducing numerical measurements, aligning with the principles of Euclidean geometry.

These definitions emphasize the importance of congruence, superposition, and the indistinguishability of geometric figures to establish concept of equality.

Assumptions and Axioms. The subsequent sections of the proof will also rely on a set of assumptions and axioms of Euclidean geometry [1-4,6], as outlined in this section.

Axiom 1. Things that are equal to the same thing are equal to one another.

Axiom 2. If equals are added to equals, then the wholes are equal.

Axiom 3. If equals are subtracted from equals, then the remainders are equal.

Axiom 4. Things that coincide with one another are equal to one another.

Axiom 5. The whole is greater than the part.

Assumptions. In the Euclidean geometric framework, we assume the fundamental principles laid out by Euclid, such as the congruence of geometric figures and the axiomatic foundation of geometry, including the principle of superposition.

Applying the wisdom of the stated axioms and the assumption, consider *Claim 1*.

Claim 1. *It is geometrically possible to construct every angle θ , a multiple of 3, using a straightedge and compass.*

As mentioned earlier, the geometric construction of an angle is rather intricate, and it concerns the use of other magnitudes, such as straight-line segments (they will be referred to through the paper as chords) and curves, to prove using geometric reasoning that an angle is constructible. This section sets up an elegant construction, which begins with the construction of 36° and 54° angles as the geometric foundation for the constructability of any other angle that is a multiple of 3.

3.3.2. Geometric Construction of 36° and 54° Angles

Consider the following straightedge-compass construction steps, performed in a geometric plane for given two points A and B .

1. Construct a straight line (a baseline) through the given two points A and B .
2. Construct a perpendicular to the baseline \overline{AB} through point A .
3. Using radius \overline{AB} , construct an arc that intersects the perpendicular line constructed through point A at point C . $\angle CAB = 90^\circ$ since $\overline{AB} \perp \overline{AC}$.
4. Construct the midpoint of the radius \overline{AB} , at a point, D .
5. Construct a straight line through points C and D using a straightedge.
6. Using radius \overline{CD} and point D as the center of construction, construct an arc that intersects \overline{BA} on the side of A at a point, E .
7. Using the straight-line segment \overline{AE} , construct an arc that intersects the curve \widehat{BC} at a point, F as depicted in [Figure 1](#). The straight-line segment \overline{AE} will be referred to as the (36° Angle Chord) in the subsequent workflow.

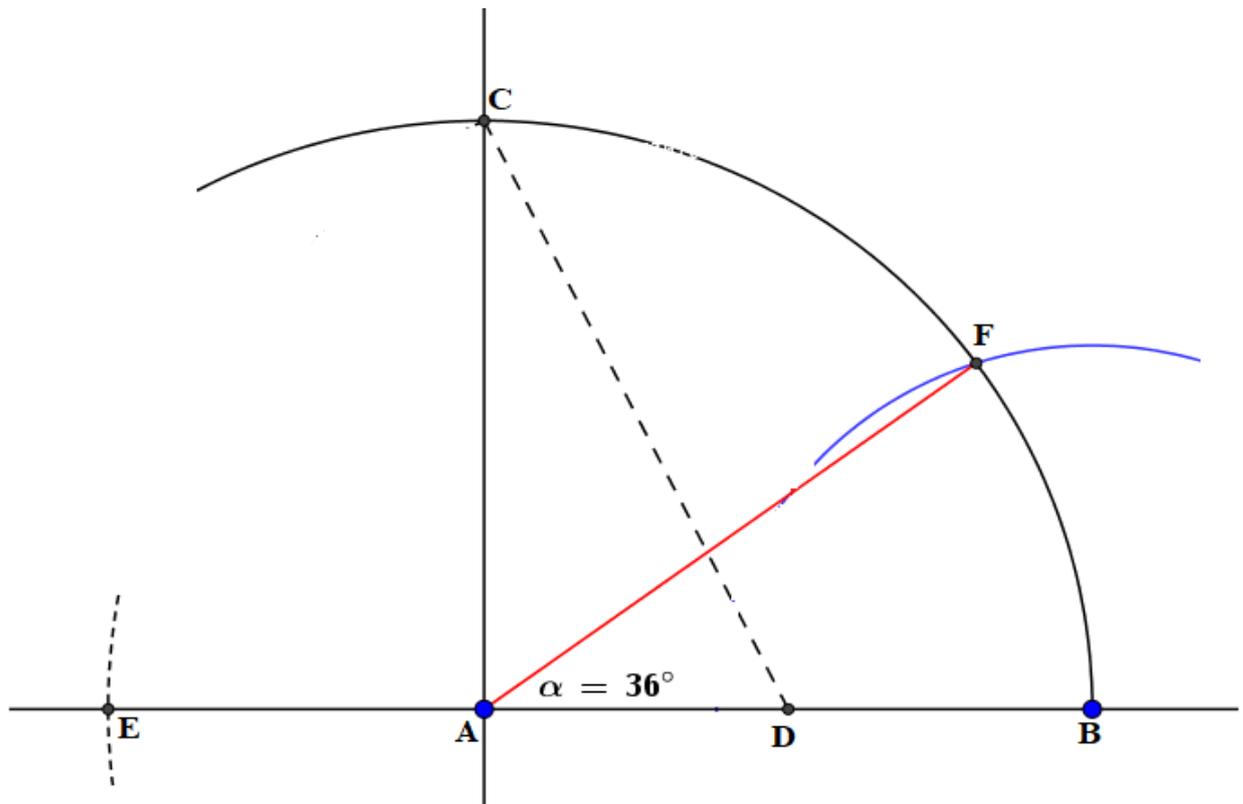


Figure 1. Construction of 36° Angle Using Straightedge and Compass.

Definition 3.3. (36° Angle Chord). The 36° angle chord is a line segment connecting two points on the circumference of a circle, such that the central angle subtended by the chord at the center of the circle is, geometrically, exactly 36° .

Geometric Clarity (Validation of the 36° Angle Chord Property). In the pursuit of constructing angles multiples of 3 within the Euclidean geometric framework, a crucial step has been the establishment of the 36° Angle Chord. The focus here is to validate the provided geometric construction following a detailed computational analysis (using MATLAB software), specifically focusing on the chord EF as a representation of the 36° angle. The goal of the provided MATLAB code is to computationally validate the geometric property of the " 36° Angle Chord". This property involves geometric construction of a line segment between two points on the circumference of a circle, such that the central angle subtended by the chord at the center of the circle is precisely 36° .

Clarity Case 1 (Validation through Geometric Constructions). The geometric construction involves a sequence of steps methodically designed to ensure the accuracy of the resulting angles. The construction begins with the formation of a perpendicular at point A to a given baseline \overline{AB} . By constructing an arc intersecting this perpendicular, we establish a point C such that $\angle CAB = 90^\circ$. The midpoint D of the radius \overline{AB} is then geometrically determined. The critical step involves drawing a straight line through points C and D , creating a line segment \overline{CD} . Subsequently, an arc is constructed from point D intersecting the baseline \overline{BA} , forming a point E . The final step is drawing an arc from point B , intersecting the curve \overline{BC} at point F . The straight line segment $\overline{AE} = \overline{BF}$ is then defined as the " 36° Angle Chord". To validate this geometrically, we turn to Euclidean axioms and assumptions. Axioms 1 through 5 establish fundamental principles of equality, coincidence, and order. Importantly, the assumption of congruence of geometric figures and the principle of superposition in Euclidean geometry forms the

basis for geometric constructions. This geometric validation is worked out through the subsequent sections of proof.

Clarity Case 2 (Validation through Geometric Analysis). For clarity, we will focus on a computational analysis, translating the described geometric algorithm to a symbolic computer code, and extracting the desired specific floating point results from these computations. Consider appendix A. The provided code rigorously applies Euclidean axioms and assumptions, ensuring the validity of the constructed angles. Key to the validation is the use of well-established geometric principles, including the congruence of geometric figures and the axiomatic foundations of Euclidean geometry. In Euclidean geometry, the process of constructing angles involves careful considerations of chords, arcs, and their relationships within a geometric plane. The code, by demonstrating the construction of the “36° Angle Chord”, essentially proves that angles multiples of 3 are geometrically constructible within the Euclidean framework by demonstrating the equality between the line segments $\overline{AE} = \overline{BF}$, following the construction of the 36° Angle.

Definition 3.4. (Isosceles Angle). An isosceles angle, as illustrated in Figure (1) with the vertex at the point A , is a rectilinear angle enclosed by two intersecting lines emanating from the center of a circle. Specifically, considering the central angle $\angle FAB$ in the construction context, these lines correspond to the radii of the circle. Notably, the equality of the two lines $\overline{AB} = \overline{AF}$ (radii of the circle), characterizes the isosceles nature of the angle. The constructed straight-line segment $\overline{EA} = \overline{FB}$ is the “36° Angle Chord”, forming the base of an isosceles triangle ABF such that the base angles $\angle ABF = \angle AFB$. Hence, $\angle FAB$ is contextually an isosceles angle.

Geometrical Context (On the Isosceles Angle). In the geometric context of an isosceles angle, the vertex A serves as the center of a circle. The equality of the two line segments $\overline{AB} = \overline{AF}$ is established when these segments coincide with the radii of the circle. The formation of an isosceles triangle ABF is marked by the equality of the angles $\angle ABF$ and $\angle AFB$, both sharing the base $\overline{EA} = \overline{FB}$. For clarity, this contextual validation of an Isosceles angle is extended through the following axioms, as outlined earlier.

Axiom 1. Things that are equal to the same thing are equal to one another. This axiom validates the equality of \overline{AB} and \overline{AF} as radii of the circle, ensuring the isosceles nature of the angle.

Axiom 4. Things that coincide with one another are equal to one another. The coincidence of \overline{AB} and \overline{AF} with the radii at the circumference affirms their equality and, consequently, the isosceles property.

Proposition 3.2. The chord $\overline{EA} = \overline{FB}$ or such a segment, when constructed in a similar configuration, would subtend an angle of 36° at the vertex of an isosceles triangle. From [Figure 1](#) $\overline{AB} \perp \overline{AC}$ implying that $\angle CAB = 90^\circ$. Therefore, $\angle CAF = 90^\circ - 36^\circ = 54^\circ$.

Definition 3.5. (Trisection Angle). Within the context of this paper, the term *trisection angle*, denoted as α refers to an angle that is achieved through a specific sequence of finite steps involving straightedge and compass constructions. This sequence is applied to a given angle referred to as the *trisected angle* θ . The trisection angle α is characterized by the ratios $\frac{\alpha}{\theta} = \frac{1}{3}$ and $2\frac{\alpha}{\theta} = \frac{2}{3}$.

PROOF.

One of the ways to show that angles multiples of 3 are constructible is by performing the trisection of an angle that is a multiple of 3. Reasonably, suppose both 36° and 54° angles are constructible. In that case, it must be possible to construct both 12° and 18° angles (this perspective benefits from the flawed modern notion of angles trisection interpretation that concerns reversing the problem from its desired solution [13,16,17]). This proof will be based on the constructability of the 18° sufficiently to serve the purpose.

Definition 3.6. (Equality of Angles as Magnitudes). An angle θ is said to be a multiple of another angle α if there exists a positive integer ratio n between θ and α such that, if α is put together n times in the order $n\alpha = \beta$, then β is an angle equal in magnitude to angle θ .

Remark 3.6. In line with the earlier established Euclid's principles on equality, this definition is applied in proving the claims about the construction of angles as magnitudes.

Definition 3.7. (Equality of Angles as Measurements). Suppose a particular angle θ (an angle of known size) is a multiple of another specific angle α such that there exists a whole number ratio n between θ and α . In that case, α measures θ , and θ is a multiple of α .

Remark 3.7. This definition is used at the discretion of the revealed construction results, where the relation between the constructed results is based on measurements. For instance, Appendix A establishes through sort of bisection operations that the 36° and 3° angles is constructible, with the 36° angle a multiple of and 3° angle. In this configuration, the region bounding the 3° to the circle circumference can be traced exactly 12 times, to completely coincide the 36° angle region. Here, the 12 times correspond to the ratio n .

3.3.3. Proof by Geometric Construction

Consider the following construction steps aimed at developing a genetic generic proof of the claim that angles 36° and 54° are constructible following the rules of Euclidean constructions.

1. Construct a straight line (a baseline) through the given two points A and B .
2. Construct a perpendicular to the baseline \overline{AB} through point A .
3. Using radius \overline{AB} , construct an arc that intersects the perpendicular line constructed through point A at a point C such that $\overline{AB} \perp \overline{AC}$.
4. Construct the midpoint of the radius \overline{AB} , at a point, D .
5. Construct a straight-line segment through points C and D using a straightedge.
6. Using radius \overline{CD} and center D , construct an arc that intersects \overline{BA} on the side of A at a point, E .
7. Using the straight-line segment \overline{AE} , construct an arc that intersects the curve \widehat{BC} at a point, F .
8. Construct point B' , a geometric reflection of point B , to be the point of intersection between the arc \widehat{BC} and the baseline \overline{BA} .
9. Using chord \overline{FC} and center B , construct an arc that intersects the curve \widehat{BC} at a point, G .
10. With the compass adjusted to the chord \overline{FG} and using B' as the center, construct an arc that intersects the curve $\widehat{CB'}$ (C_1) at a point, H .
11. Construct a straight line through points G and H , to intersect the baseline $\overline{BB'}$ externally, at a point, I .

12. Using the straight-line segment \overline{IH} and point H as the center of construction, construct a circle that passes through points I and A , circle (C_2).

The construction results are depicted in [Figure 2](#). For this proof, circle C_1 is the original (the black circle), and the circle C_2 is the green circle. First, consider the circle C_1 and circle C_2 ; constructed using different radii and distinct points as centers of construction (circle C_1 of radius $\overline{AB} = \overline{AH}$ centered at point A and circle C_2 of radius \overline{IH} centered at point H), circle C_1 pass exactly through the point H , and circle C_2 pass exactly through point A . This implies that $\overline{AB} = \overline{AH} = \overline{IH}$, with \overline{IH} as the radius of the constructed circle, C_2 . Considerably, circle C_2 is inherently constructed as a result of the trisection process.

Let the radius of the circle C_1 be r . This implies that the circle C_2 equally, has radius r , since $\overline{AB} = \overline{AH} = \overline{IH}$. The relationship can now be reformulated as

$$\overline{AB} = \overline{AH} = \overline{IH} = r \tag{1}$$

Equation 1 aids in deriving the geometric properties, useful for showing that $\angle GAF = \angle FAH_1 = \angle H_1AB = 1/3(\angle GAB)$. Taking $\angle GAF = \angle HAB' = \theta$, and that point B' is a reflection of point B (by a geometric construction), then $\angle HAI = \angle HIA = \theta$. Base angles of the isosceles triangle AHI since

$$\overline{IH} = \overline{AH} = \overline{AB} = r \tag{2}$$

This implies that. Triangle $HAB' \cong GAF$, (Congruence property *Side – Angle – Side (SAS)*). Again, $\angle AHG = 2\theta$ (by the property, an exterior angle of a triangle equals the sum of the opposite interior angles). Moreover,

$$\angle AGH = 2\theta \tag{3}$$

(Base angles of isosceles triangle HAG). It follows that

$$\angle HAG = 180^\circ - 4\theta \tag{4}$$

Consider; $\angle B'AH + \angle HAG + \angle GAB = 180^\circ$ (Sum of angles on a straight line add up to 180°). Making $\angle GAB$ the subject

$$\angle GAB = 180^\circ - (\angle B'AH + \angle HAG) \tag{5}$$

From Equations 2 and 4, we have $\angle B'AH = \theta$ and $\angle HAG = 180^\circ - 4\theta$, respectively. Substituting for angles $\angle B'AH$ and $\angle HAG$ in Equation 5, we obtain

$$\angle GAB = 180^\circ - (\theta + (180^\circ - 4\theta)) \tag{6}$$

The equation reduces to $\angle GAB = -\theta + 4\theta = 3\theta$. Equation 6 implies that $\angle GAB = 3\angle B'AH$, which can be rewritten as

$$1/3(\angle GAB) = \angle B'AH \tag{7}$$

Thus, $1/3(\angle GAB) = \angle GAF = \angle IAH = \angle AIH$. Since $\angle GAF = \angle B'AH$, hence the claim is proven. Substituting the constructed $\angle GAB$ in equation (7), we $\angle B'AH = 18^\circ$. Therefore, if 18° is constructible, so are 36° and 54° angles. This implies the possibility of constructing all angles multiples of 3. Hence, the problem is solved.

tools. They shed light on the congruence, proportionality, and inherent properties of geometric figures and angles. However, the relationship between Euclidean geometry and algebraic methods is not always seamless.

While Euclidean constructions can be elegant and intuitive, certain proofs and constructions can become increasingly complex and intricate, often relying on concepts like commensurability and incommensurability [18]. The most famous example of this complexity arises in the geometric proof of the Pythagorean theorem [18,19]. This reliance on commensurability, or the inability to perfectly compare two distinct lengths of an isosceles right triangle, introduces inherent limitations to the straightforwardness of Euclidean geometry. In this section, we delve into a different perspective- a perspective that does not aim to offer new proofs or replace the provided construction methods. Instead, we explore how non-Euclidean geometric techniques can be employed to validate the correctness and accuracy of Euclidean constructions. The purpose of introducing non-Euclidean methods is not to establish new proofs but to serve as tools for verifying the legitimacy of geometric solutions. Here, we extend the previously discussed geometric proof of the constructability of angles divisible by three to the construction of a regular pentagon. The construction of a regular pentagon is a captivating challenge that showcases the power of Euclidean methods and reveals certain intricacies in their application. By utilizing non-Euclidean geometric techniques, we aim to verify the geometric exactness of the solutions and shed light on the congruence and proportionality inherent in these constructions. Furthermore, we will focus on a specific example of the construction of the 3° angle. This case represents an application demonstrating the interplay between Euclidean and non-Euclidean techniques. It is important to emphasize that the analytic measurements and methods used throughout the paper are not meant to replace or challenge the Euclidean proofs. Rather, they provide an additional layer of scrutiny and verification, ensuring that the constructed angles and figures align with the desired outcomes.

3.4.1. Construction of a Regular Pentagon

According to algebra, the constructability of geometric magnitudes is restricted to three basic algebraic conditions, that state: (i) A length is constructible if and only if it represents a constructible number. (ii) An angle is constructible if and only if its cosine is a constructible number. (iii) A number is constructible if and only if it can be written in the four basic arithmetic operations and the extraction of square roots but not on higher roots. One limitation of the algebraic norm of geometric understanding is that algebra treats a geometric magnitude as a number, whereas numbers do not genetically represent geometric magnitudes [3], in Euclidean geometry. This algebraic approach offers a serious fallacy in translating geometry to algebra. Previously, it has been shown that all angles multiples of 3 are constructible strictly following straightedge-compass operations, starting with the construction of 36° angle. The constructability of a 36° angle implies the possibility of constructing a 72° angle and, equally, the geometric construction of a regular pentagon using a straightedge and compass.

Consider the following steps for constructing the regular pentagon (72° angle).

1. Construct a straight line (a baseline) through the given two points A and B .
2. Construct a perpendicular to the baseline \overline{AB} through point A .
3. Using radius \overline{AB} , construct an arc that intersects the perpendicular line constructed through point A at point C . $\angle CAB = 90^\circ$ since $\overline{AB} \perp \overline{AC}$.
4. Construct the midpoint of the radius \overline{AB} , at a point, D .
5. Construct a straight-line segment through points C and D using a straightedge.
6. Using radius \overline{CD} and center D , construct an arc that intersects \overline{BA} externally at a point, E .

7. Using the straight-line segment \overline{AE} , construct an arc that intersects the curve \widehat{BC} at a point, F . $\angle FAB = 36^\circ$ as shown in Figure 1.
8. With the compass adjusted radius \overline{AE} and using point F as the center, construct an arc that intersects the curve \widehat{FC} at a point, G .
9. Using the chord \overline{BG} as radius and starting with point G as the center of the construction, stroke along the curve \widehat{BGC} three times to produce points $H, I,$ and J , respectively. Points $G, H, I, J,$ and B are equidistant along \widehat{BC} .
10. Construct the chord $\overline{BG}, \overline{GH}, \overline{HI}, \overline{IJ},$ and \overline{JB} , as shown in Figure 3. These chords (the blue lines) are the sides of the regular pentagon.
11. Construct the diagonals $\overline{GI}, \overline{GJ},$ and \overline{HB} .
12. Label points K and L , as the points of intersections between the diagonals \overline{HB} and $\overline{GI},$ and \overline{HB} and \overline{GJ} respectively.

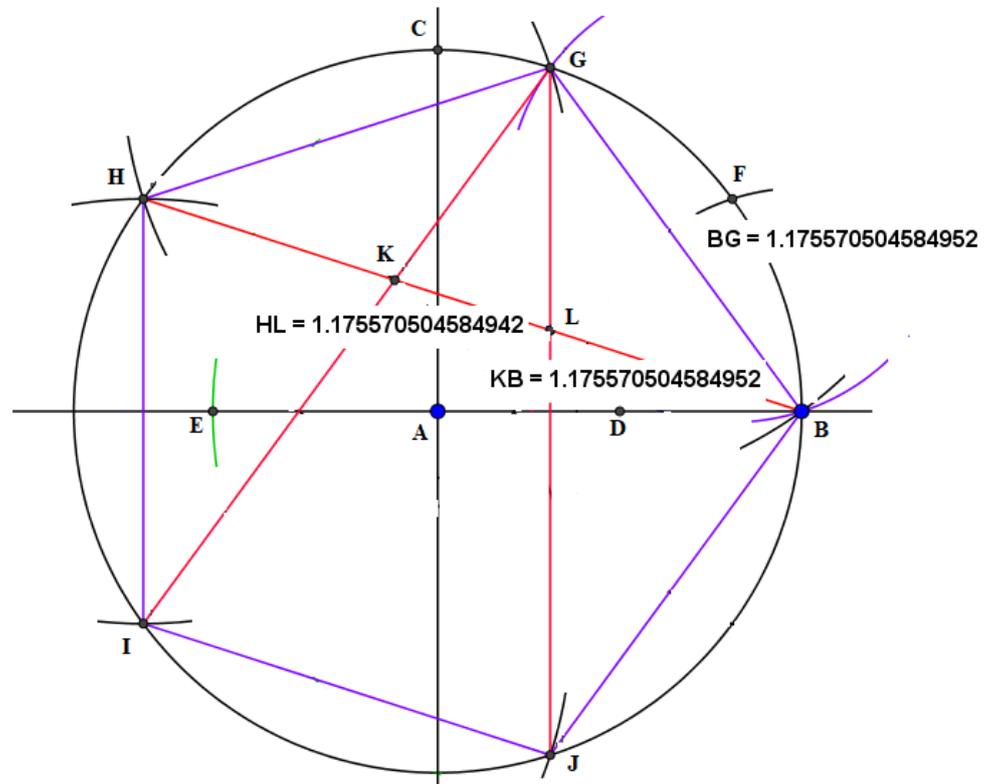


Figure 3. Geometric Construction of Regular Pentagon

Extending the Proof for Claim 1. This section is constructed in the interface between plane geometry and the algebraic means of proof based on Figure 3. A regular polygon has five sides with vertices evenly spaced from the center. We establish the geometric proof starting with triangle BGH . The straight-line segment; $\overline{BG} = \overline{GH}$ (sides of the regular pentagon). Moreover, $\overline{BG} = \overline{GH} = \overline{HL} = \overline{KB}$ (this can be proven, geometrically by the construction of a circle of radius \overline{HL} and any of the vertices of the pentagon as the center of the construction. The constructed circle will pass exactly through two vertices of the pentagon, thus proving $\overline{BG} = \overline{GH} = \overline{HL} = \overline{KB}$). In basic terms, the size of an interior angle (θ) of any regular polygon can be expressed as $\theta = 180^\circ - \frac{360^\circ}{n}$, where n is the number of sides of the regular polygon. Therefore, for a pentagon ($n = 5$), $\theta = 180^\circ - \frac{360^\circ}{5} = 108^\circ$. Therefore, $\angle BGH = 108^\circ$. The sum of angles in a triangle is 180° . Thus, the base angles in triangle BGH are each 36° (triangle BGH is isosceles). This deduction

produces two isosceles triangles, triangle GHL and triangle GBK . It can also be deduced that triangle BGH is geometrically sectioned into three small isosceles triangles: triangle GKH , triangle KGL , and triangle GLB . This implies that the segment $\overline{HK} = \overline{KG} = \overline{GL} = \overline{LB}$. Further, this deduction shows that triangle BGH is similar to triangles GKH and GLB (by the property *Side – Angle – Side (SAS)*).

To verify this proof, we will need some of the inherently constructed pieces. Let a side of the pentagon $\overline{BG} = x$, and a side of the smaller isosceles triangles be $\overline{LB} = y$. Therefore, the diagonal $\overline{HB} = \overline{HL} + \overline{LB} = x + y$. The similarity between triangles BGH and GKH can be expressed proportionally, as shown in Equation 8.

$$\frac{x}{y} = \frac{x+y}{x} \quad (8)$$

Rearranging Equation 8 provides the quadratic Equation 9.

$$y^2 + xy - x^2 = 0 \quad (9)$$

Using the quadratic formula Equation 9, it reduced to Equation 10 as follows:

$$y = \frac{-x \pm \sqrt{x^2 + 4 \times 1 \times x^2}}{2} = \frac{x(-1 \pm \sqrt{5})}{2}$$

Since y is a length and geometrically negative magnitudes are not allowed; therefore, there are no other geometrically necessary reasons for dropping the negative magnitudes and proceeding with Equation 10.

$$\frac{y}{x} = \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2} \quad (10)$$

It has already been established that the base of triangle BGH , $\overline{HB} = x + y$. Therefore,

$$x + y = x \left(1 + \frac{y}{x}\right) = x \frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{2} \quad (11)$$

With the aid of a straightedge and compass, we can construct a perpendicular through point G , to bisect the base \overline{HB} at a point such that we have a right triangle with hypotenuse x and a side $\frac{x+y}{2}$. Considering the algebraic condition that an angle is constructible if and only if its cosine is a constructible number, Equation 12 shows that the cosine of a base angle $\angle GHZ$ is a constructible number since it is possible to take square roots for the expression $\frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{4}$ using a straightedge and compass. The trigonometric ratio cosine is extracted from a right triangle following Equation 12, which implies the geometric construction of a line segment or the geometric construction of a ratio corresponding to the measure $\cos GHZ$.

$$\cos GHZ = \frac{x-y}{2x} = \frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{4} \quad (12)$$

Equation 12 can be verified using the provided MATLAB code in appendix A, which provides a numerical examination of the constructed angle as 36° . It therefore follows that the 36° angle is constructible. Considerably, a 30° angle is also constructible via straightedge and compass constructions. Thus, the 6° angle is constructible by $(36^\circ - 30^\circ = 6^\circ)$, and so is the 3° angle (the constructability of the 3° angle is provided later). It is thus legitimate to state that any angle that is an integer multiple of 3° is constructible using a straightedge and compass.

3.4.2. Geometric Construction of 3° Angle

The previous section has verified (Equation 7 provides a general analysis of the geometric construction) that angles multiples of 3 are constructible following the rules of Euclidean constructions, and so equally, is the construction of the 3° angle. This section provides a simplified series of steps for constructing a 3° angle using straightedge and compass operations. To get a 3° angle, this section offers a construction procedure that requires to construct the bisection of the geometric angle difference $36° - 30° = 6°$. This construction is possible, as depicted in Figure 4. The following construction steps result in the construction of a 3° angle.

1. Construct a straight line (a baseline) through the given two points A and B .
2. Construct a perpendicular to the baseline \overline{AB} through point A .
3. Using radius \overline{AB} , construct an arc that intersects the perpendicular line constructed through point A , at a point C .
4. Construct the midpoint of the radius \overline{AB} , at a point, D .
5. Construct a straight-line segment through points C and D using a straightedge.
6. Using radius \overline{CD} and point D as the center of construction, construct an arc that intersects \overline{BA} on the side of A at a point, E .
7. Using the straight-line segment \overline{AE} , construct an arc that intersects the curve \widehat{BC} at a point, F . $\angle FAB = 36°$ as shown in Figure 1.
8. Using radius \overline{AB} , and center B , construct an arc that intersects the curve \widehat{BC} at a point, G . $\overline{AB} = \overline{AG} = \overline{GB}$, implying triangle GAB is equilateral, and $\angle GAB = 60°$.
9. Construct the bisection of $\angle GAB$ to intersect the curve \widehat{BG} at a point, H . $\angle HAB = 30°$, since $\angle HAB$ is a bisection of $\angle GAB$. This implies $\angle FAH = 6°$.
10. Construct the bisection of $\angle FAH$ to intersect \widehat{FH} at a point, I . $\angle IAH = \angle IAH = 3°$.
11. Using either chord \overline{IH} or chord \overline{IF} and center B , construct an arc that intersects the curve \widehat{BH} at a point, J . $\angle JAB = 3°$, as shown in Figure 4.

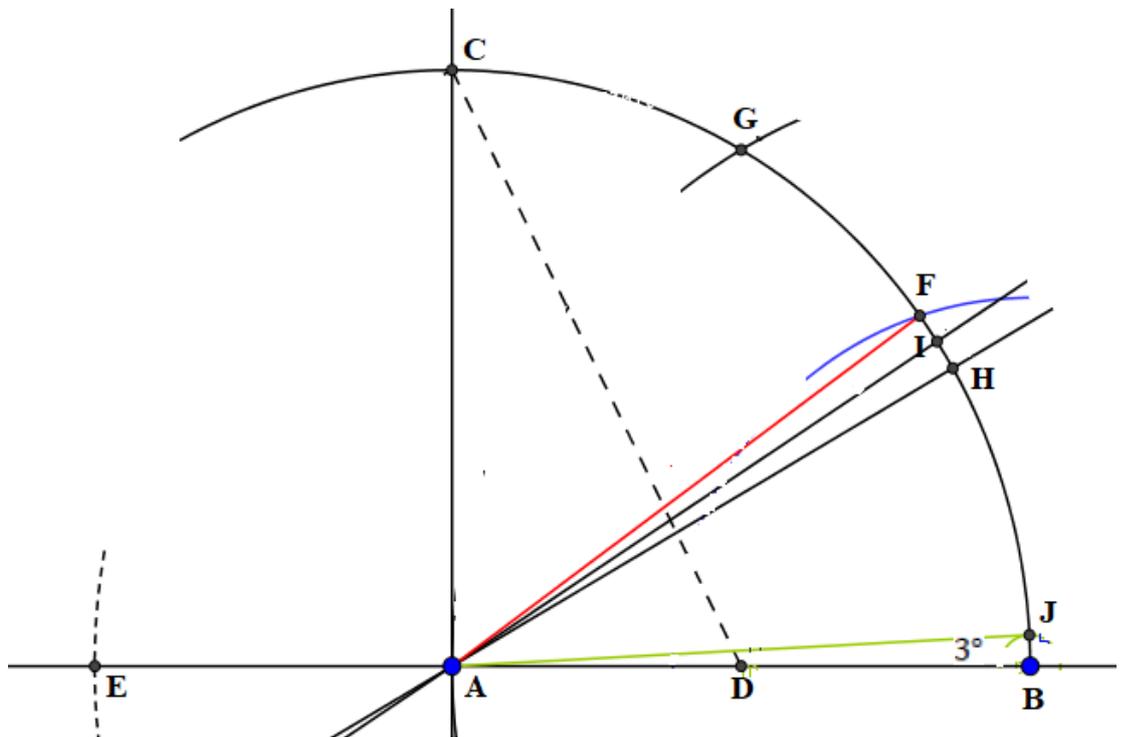


Figure 4. Geometric Construction of 3° Angle Using Straightedge and Compass.

3.5. Practical Limitations of Non-Euclidean Geometric Proofs (The Case of Non-Trisectability Angles)

Following the outline of the structural limitations of the non-Euclidean methods in geometry (section 2), this section focuses on a specific case aimed at extending the limitations of this system from structural to their practical essence. The adoption of non-Euclidean methods in addressing geometric problems, particularly concerning the constructability of angles multiples of 3, has inadvertently obscured the inherently geometric nature of these problems. While non-Euclidean approaches may offer alternative perspectives [13], they fall short of upholding the rigorous standards of Euclidean geometry. This section explores the limitations of non-geometric proofs, specifically focusing on the non-trisectability of angles, and dissect the misconceptions that arise when non-Euclidean methods are employed as substitutes for the desired geometric norms.

3.5.1. Misalignment of Geometric Concepts

The concept of the Misalignment of Geometric Concepts highlights a critical issue when non-Euclidean methods are applied to geometric problems. In this context, misalignment refers to the inappropriate conflation of two distinct geometric ideas: the constructability of an angle and the trisection of an angle. Non-Euclidean methods, while attempting to provide solutions to geometric problems, often obscure the boundaries between these two geometric concepts. First, we need to clarify what each of these concepts entails.

Remark 3.6 (Constructability of an Angle). This concept focuses on whether a specific angle can be constructed using only a straightedge and compass. It is a standalone problem that seeks to determine if a particular angle can be geometrically formed using the tools allowed by Euclidean geometry.

Remark 3.7 (Trisection of an Angle). The concept of angle trisection involves dividing an arbitrary angle into three equal segments. This process holds greater significance, as successfully trisecting a known angle can be employed to establish angle constructability. Conversely, the geometric truth does not necessarily hold in the reverse direction. Angle trisection represents a distinct geometric challenge, aiming to devise a general method capable of dividing a given angle into three congruent angles, each measuring one-third of the original angle.

The misalignment occurs when non-Euclidean methods attempt to solve the trisection problem by proving the constructability of an angle different from the trisected angle. This is fundamentally flawed because these two problems are distinct. The cornerstone of Euclid's geometry is its rigorous adherence to defined axioms and principles. Within this framework, each problem has a unique set of conditions and criteria for its solution. Attempting to substitute the constructability of one angle for the trisection of another is similar to trying to fit a square peg into a round hole. It contradicts the foundational principles of Euclidean geometry, which demand geometric precision and clarity in problem-solving. To draw an analogy, imagine trying to prove that it is impossible to construct a square with the same area as a given circle using only a straightedge and compass. If one mistakenly substitutes this problem with proving the constructability of a square with a different area, the result would be misleading and invalid. In essence, the misalignment of geometric concepts highlights the importance of respecting the uniqueness of each geometric problem and not assuming that solutions to one problem can automatically be applied to another. It underscores the need for precision and rigor in geometric reasoning, principles that lie at the core of Euclid's geometry.

3.5.2. Lack of Geometric Foundation

The lack of rigorous geometric foundations within non-Euclidean methods reveals a significant issue regarding the constructability of angles multiples of 3 and its implications on the trisection problem. In greater depth, we can explore this concept as follows:

Assumption vs. Geometric Proof. Historically, non-Euclidean methods have assumed that angles multiples of 3 are constructible using straightedge and compass, primarily based on algebraic viewpoints rather than rigorous geometric proofs. This assumption implies that certain angles can be constructed from a purely algebraic perspective, but it doesn't provide concrete geometric constructions to support this claim.

Introduction of a Geometric Construction. As demonstrated earlier in this paper, the introduction of a geometric construction challenges the long-standing assumption that angles multiples of 3 are inherently constructible within the Euclidean geometric system. The paper underscores the need for concrete geometric foundations in solving problems within Euclidean geometry by providing an actual geometric construction for such angles.

The Modern Mathematical Perspective. From a modern mathematical viewpoint, it is essential to acknowledge that the claim that a dense set of angles is geometrically trisectable lacks irrefutable evidence when considered solely from the perspective of non-Euclidean methods. While algebraic insights can offer alternative viewpoints and solutions, they should not be mistaken for geometric rigor.

The Role of Geometric Proof. In Euclidean geometry, the cornerstone of any claim is a rigorous geometric proof. Without such proof, assertions about geometric constructability can lack the necessary foundation. Introducing a geometric construction for angles multiples of 3 emphasizes that geometric proof is paramount in establishing the validity of claims within the Euclidean geometric system.

In the broad sense, this limitation underscores the need for solid geometric proofs when addressing geometric problems within the Euclidean framework. It highlights the potential pitfalls of relying solely on algebraic viewpoints or unproven assumptions and emphasizes the importance of rigor, precision, and clarity in Euclidean geometric reasoning.

3.5.3. The Inadequacy of Non-Euclidean Approaches

Here, we present an additional constraint, the inadequacy of non-Euclidean methods. When utilized as substitutes for Euclidean geometric demonstrations, they emphasize various crucial distinctions between these two geometric frameworks.

Fundamental Genetic Distinctions. Euclidean geometry and non-Euclidean geometry are fundamentally distinct in their genetic structures. Euclidean geometry is founded on specific axioms and principles developed over centuries. These axioms provide a rigorous foundation for geometric reasoning, and any proof within this system adheres to these principles. On the other hand, non-Euclidean systems deviate from these axiomatic foundations, often exploring alternative geometries.

Lack of Depth and Rigor. When non-Euclidean methods are applied as substitutes within the Euclidean geometric system, they may lack the necessary depth and rigor to meet Euclidean standards [3]. Euclidean proofs demand precision, clarity, and strict adherence to established axioms. Non-Euclidean approaches, while valuable in their own right, can

introduce concepts and techniques that do not align with the rigorous requirements of Euclidean geometry.

Complexity of Geometric Relations. Euclidean geometry strongly emphasizes the precise relationships between geometric entities, such as angles, lines, and triangles [1-4]. Non-Euclidean approaches, which often diverge from the traditional Euclidean framework, may introduce complexities or variations that make it challenging to establish these relationships with the same level of clarity and rigor.

Preservation of Euclidean Identity. The Euclidean geometric system has retained its identity and relevance over centuries due to its robustness and clarity [1-4]. While non-Euclidean approaches offer alternative perspectives and insights, the claim here is that they should be applied judiciously to avoid compromising the integrity of the Euclidean geometric system.

The Role of Geometric Proof. Euclidean geometry strongly emphasizes geometric proof as the standard for establishing claims. Non-Euclidean methods, while valuable for expanding mathematical horizons, may not always adhere to this strict standard. This discrepancy in proof methodology can lead to questions about the validity of claims made within the Euclidean framework.

This restriction is a constant reminder of the fundamental genetic differences between Euclidean and non-Euclidean geometry. While non-Euclidean methods can offer valuable insights and alternative perspectives, they should be employed with caution within the Euclidean system to ensure that the foundational principles of Euclidean geometry remain intact. The importance of precision, rigor, and adherence to Euclidean axioms cannot be understated in the pursuit of geometric knowledge and understanding.

3.5.4. Completeness of Euclidean Geometry

The notion of the Completeness of Euclidean Geometry highlights an important aspect of the Euclidean geometric system: its enduring comprehensiveness and resilience in detail.

Historical Significance. Euclidean geometry, developed by the ancient Greek mathematician Euclid, has stood the test of time and remains one of the most influential branches of mathematics. For centuries, it has been the foundational framework for geometric reasoning and has played a pivotal role in shaping mathematical thought.

Established Axioms. Euclidean geometry is built upon a well-defined set of axioms, postulates, and principles refined and validated over centuries [1-4]. These axioms serve as the bedrock upon which all Euclidean proofs are constructed. The clarity and precision of these axioms are a testament to the completeness of the system.

Robust Problem Solving. Euclidean geometry has consistently demonstrated its capacity to address various geometric problems. The Euclidean framework has provided elegant and rigorous solutions from elementary constructions to complex proofs. This ability to encompass diverse problem sets underscores its completeness.

Absence of Concrete Incompleteness Proof. While various branches of mathematics have explored the concept of mathematical incompleteness (most notably Gödel's incompleteness theorems [20-22]), there is no concrete proof that the Euclidean geometric system is incomplete or incapable of addressing its problems. In other words, no definitive mathematical evidence suggests that Euclidean geometry falls short of its scope.

Embracing Euclidean Strengths. It is crucial to recognize that while non-Euclidean methods can offer alternative perspectives and insights, they should not diminish the sophistication and comprehensiveness of Euclidean geometry. Euclidean geometry's unique strengths lie in its clarity, precision, and logical rigor, which should be embraced and celebrated.

This limitation emphasizes the enduring significance and robustness of the Euclidean geometric system. While mathematical thought has expanded to include non-Euclidean approaches, Euclidean geometry remains a cornerstone of mathematical knowledge. Its well-established axioms, problem-solving capabilities, and absence of concrete incompleteness proof highlight its completeness and enduring relevance in mathematics.

4. Independence of Euclidean Geometry-A Consequential Implication

The imperative of maintaining the independence of typical Euclidean geometric systems from the sway of non-Euclidean approaches arises from the fundamental character inherent to Euclidean geometry [7]. Rooted in a lineage of development spanning centuries, Euclidean geometry rests upon well-defined axioms and principles that collectively form an intricate framework for precise geometric reasoning. This framework has stood the test of time and provided a reliable foundation upon which many mathematical and scientific theories have been built. Non-Euclidean approaches [10,11,13], while introducing intriguing and valuable alternative viewpoints, must be approached with caution within the context of Euclidean geometry. The inherent structure of Euclidean axioms and the systematic arrangement of its principles have established a specific domain in which geometric proofs and constructions unfold with elegance and rigor. The axiomatic foundation of Euclidean geometry ensures coherence and consistency in the deductions drawn from its premises, facilitating a seamless process of reasoning and problem-solving. However, when non-Euclidean perspectives permeate the Euclidean domain, a delicate interplay emerges between the established norms and the newly introduced viewpoints. This interplay requires scrupulous consideration to ensure that the Euclidean framework's inherent harmony and logical flow remain unmarred [3]. Non-Euclidean methods should be integrated in a manner that respects the distinct axiomatic structure of Euclidean geometry and does not disrupt the established rules and principles that have made it a cornerstone of mathematical inquiry. While non-Euclidean approaches can broaden the horizons of mathematical understanding, they must be integrated thoughtfully, keeping in mind the essence of Euclidean geometry's foundational elements. The axiomatic integrity of Euclidean geometry and its historical significance necessitate that any infusion of non-Euclidean ideas is carefully balanced to preserve the coherence and robustness that have defined Euclidean geometry for centuries.

5. Conclusions

In the exploration of angle construction within the confines of Euclidean geometry, this investigative journey has traversed the intricate landscape of fundamental mathematical inquiries. The core focus has been to unearth the inherent strengths of Euclidean geometry and address challenges emerging when non-Euclidean approaches influence its traditional principles. Commencing with a resounding affirmation of Euclidean geometry's enduring prowess in delivering precise constructions and rigorous proofs for angles multiples of 3, accomplished with the basic tools of a straightedge and compass, the paper underscores the elegance and generative power of the Euclidean framework. This confirmation resonates with the intrinsic essence of Euclidean geometry, seamlessly bridging the abstract and tangible, algebraic and geometric domains. However, this exploration transcended the confines of Euclidean principles, venturing into the

domain of non-Euclidean techniques, particularly analytical methods seeking to establish links between the algebraic and geometric domains. Amidst fascinating revelations and alternative problem-solving approaches, a critical vulnerability of these methods to misinterpretations and structural errors emerged, especially when endeavoring to create specific angles. This misalignment of geometric concepts revealed a fundamental misunderstanding of the rigorous standards governing Euclidean geometry. The pivotal lesson from this exploration is the imperative to embrace Euclidean geometry in its pristine form. The misalignment of non-Euclidean methods with the core principles of Euclidean geometry underscores the perils of misinterpretation, inaccuracies, and the potential erosion of generality that arises from shifting toward analytical solutions. While non-Euclidean approaches offer valuable alternative perspectives, their limitations in capturing the true essence of Euclidean rigor and the intricate interplay of geometric relations become evident upon closer scrutiny. The zenith of this journey culminated in the presentation of the first rigorous geometric proof affirming the constructability of all angles multiples of 3 within the Euclidean geometric system. This accomplishment not only solidified Euclidean geometry's mastery in addressing fundamental geometric inquiries but also revealed a novel geometric property, the "36° angle chord". The introduction of this property serves as an innovative contribution, challenging the falsely asserted algebraic perspective that angles multiples of 3 are inherently constructible. The "36° angle chord", geometrically unprecedented, becomes the linchpin for constructing angles multiples of 3. This rich tapestry of geometry leaves behind a trail of insights, discoveries, and reflections. May it inspire future generations of mathematicians and scholars to navigate the boundless seas of mathematical inquiry, guided by the unwavering light of Euclidean wisdom.

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Appendix A: MATLAB Code for Construction Analysis

The MATLAB code leverages symbolic computations to precisely calculate lengths and angles, aligning with the geometric constructions outlined. It utilizes symbolic variables to represent geometric entities and employs numerical computations to ensure accuracy. The code's structure is coherent with the step-by-step geometric procedure, emphasizing the adherence to Euclidean principles in the computational analysis. The code carefully calculates the magnitude of radius \overline{CD} , establishes the radius \overline{EA} , and solves for points of intersection, crucial in constructing points F , G , H , and I . The results from the code align with geometric expectations, with angles such as $AngleFAB$ being precisely 36°. This correspondence between the computational results and the expected geometric properties attests to the success of the code in validating the "36° Angle Chord" property within the domain of Euclidean geometry. For accuracy check, the code results is computed to 50 decimals. This precision can be extended as desired.

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%% MATLAB Script for Computational Analysis of Angles Multiples of Three
% This MATLAB script provides a purely symbolic computational analysis of
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% Euclidean geometric constructions related to angles multiples of 3.

%% Initializing the construction:
% Clear the command window, workspace, and set the display format for numerical
values.
clc; clear; format long; format compact;

%%          %%%%%%%%%%%          Symbolic          and          Numerical
Analysis %%%%%%%%%%%          %%%%%%%%%%%

%% Important Initial Steps
% Computes the magnitude of radius CD and sets up symbolic variables.
% Computes the radius EA based on the construction.
% Solves for the points of intersection for circles with radii AB and BF.
% Establishes the point F, which defines the 36-degree angle (AngleFAB).

%% Compute the magnitude of radius CD
CD = sqrt(sym((1/2)^2 + 1)); % Compute the magnitude CD
digits(50) % Set precision for symbolic computations
vpa(CD) % Display the result

%% Compute the radius EA (Point E is constructed using radius CD)
AZ4 = CD + (1/2); % Establish a unit from D along AB on the side of B.
EA = AZ4 - 1;
BF = EA; % Set EA as a radius equal to BF. You can uncomment this line for
% display of the results

%% Solve the points of intersection for two circles: c1-radius (AB)
% c2-radius (BF).
syms x y
CirclesIntersection1 = [x^2 + y^2 == 1, (x - 1)^2 + y^2 == (BF)^2];
vars = [x y]; % Specify the circles x and y variables
[solFx, solFy] = solve(CirclesIntersection1, vars);

% Establish the point F, that defines the 36 degrees angle: FAB
F = [solFx(1), solFy(2)];
AngleFAB = vpa(acosd(solFx(1)), 50) % The 36-degrees angle

%% Further Construction Steps

%% Construct the point G such that angle GAB = 60 degrees
% The point G is an intersection of two circles
CirclesIntersection2 = [x^2 + y^2 == 1, (x - 1)^2 + y^2 == 1^2];
[solGx, solGy] = solve(CirclesIntersection2, vars);
G = [solGx(1), solGy(2)];
AngleGAB = vpa(acosd(solGx(1)), 50) % The 60-Degrees angle

%% Construction of 30-degrees angle (Geometric bisection of angle GAB)
% Set a point G1, at the intersection between lines JB and AG1, a point of
% chord bisection.
G1 = [((solGx(1) + 1)/2), (solGy(2)/2)]; % Intersection (Bisection) point

% Compute the slope for the line G1A

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SlopeG1A = G1(2)/G1(1); % Slope G1A

% Solve for the point H, a point of intersection between G1A and the unit
% circle
CircleLineIntersection3 = [x^2 + y^2 == 1, ((y - G1(2))/(x - G1(1))) == SlopeG1A];
[solHx, solHy] = solve(CircleLineIntersection3, vars);
H = [solHx(2), solHy(2)];
AngleHAB = vpa(acosd(solHx(2)), 50) % The 30-Degrees angle

%% Construction of 3-degrees angle. This is achievable if we make 33-degrees.
% Angle FAH = 36-degrees. We set a point I, the intersection between the
% bisection and the unit circle.

% Set point I1, the intersection between chord FH and the bisection of angle
% FAH
I1 = [((solFx(1) + H(1))/2), ((solFy(2) + H(2))/2)]; % Midpoint (Point of Intersection)

% Compute slope for the line I1A
SlopeI1A = I1(2)/I1(1);
CircleLineIntersection4 = [x^2 + y^2 == 1, ((y - I1(2))/(x - I1(1))) == SlopeI1A];
[solIx, solIy] = solve(CircleLineIntersection4, vars);
I = [solIx(2), solIy(2)]; % Point of Intersection
AngleIAB = vpa(acosd(solIx(2)), 50) % Display AngleIAB = 33 degrees
%%AngleIAB = vpa(AngleIAB) % Display AngleIAB = 33 degrees

%% Compute the difference between AngleIAB and AngleHAB to get angleIAH
angleIAH = vpa((AngleIAB - AngleHAB), 50) % Display AngleIAB = 3 degrees

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