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Part 6 – Lines in CPS – 30: The Square Root Spiral

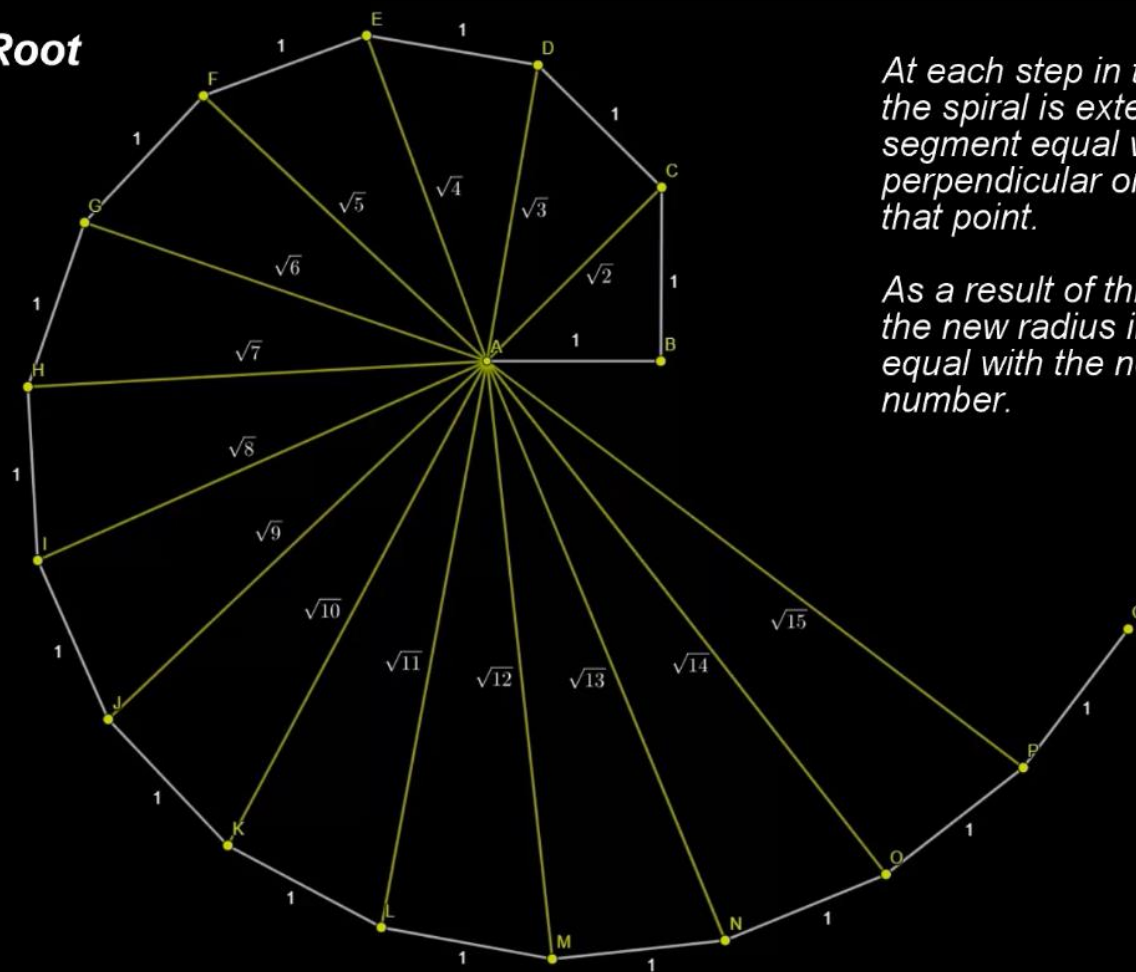
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*The Square Root
Spiral*

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The Square Root Spiral

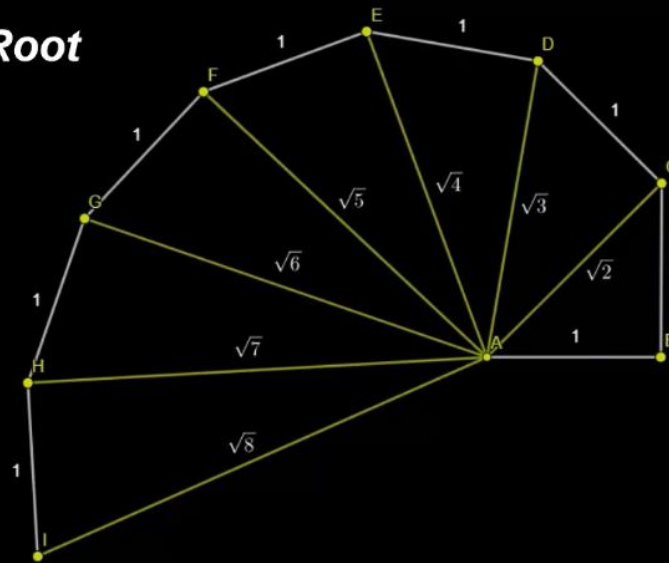


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As we have seen in the previous presentation, the diagonal and the size of a square are incommensurables with each other.

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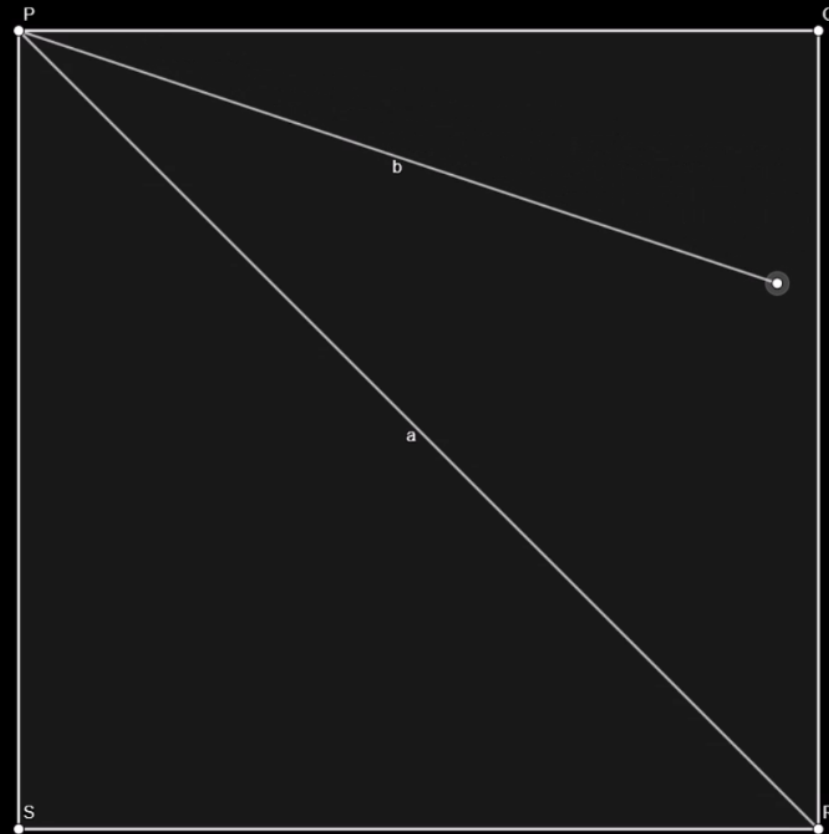


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This geometrical statement is equivalent to the following arithmetical statement:
The number one and the number square root of 2 are two incommensurable magnitudes.

The Concept Of Incommensurability



One can never find a common unit between the diagonal and the size of a square.

The diagonal and the size of a square are incommensurable.

This fact can also be stated in the following way:

There is no way to express the number square root of two as a ratio between two integer numbers.

The Concept Of Incommensurability

Step 1:

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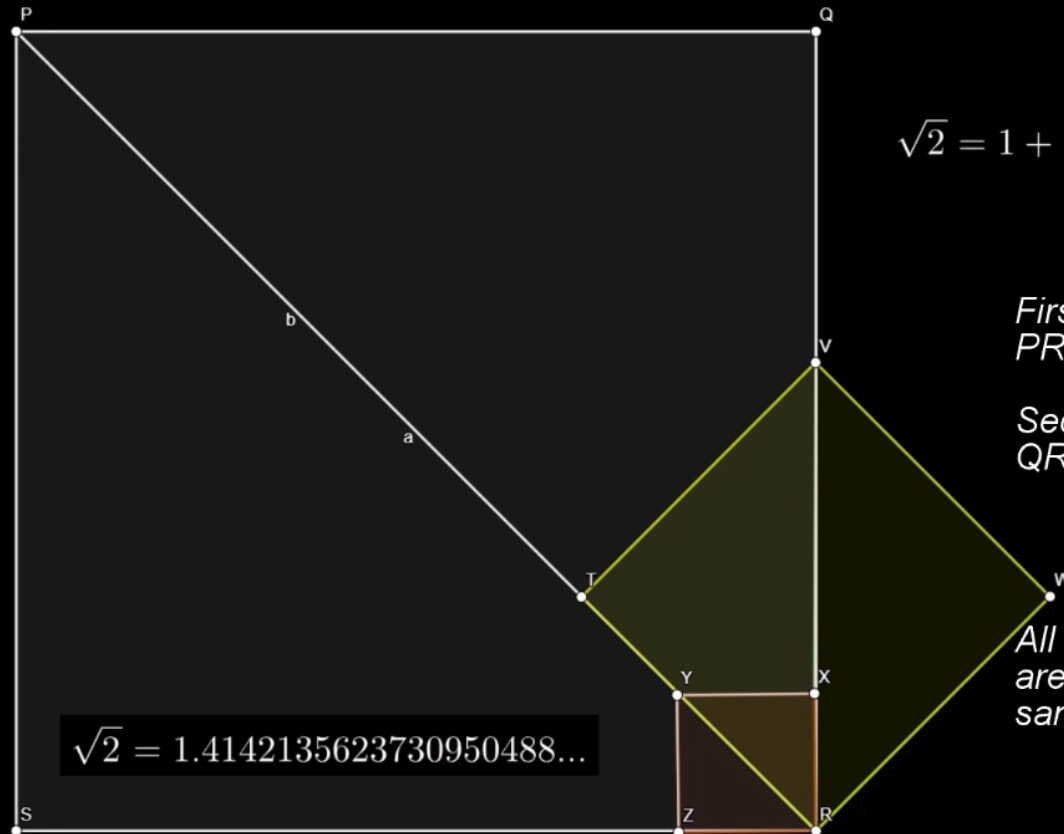
Step 2:

$$QV = TV = TR$$

Step 3:

$$VR = VX + XR$$

$$QR = 2 \cdot VX + XR$$



$$\sqrt{2} = 1 + \frac{1}{2 + \frac{1}{2 + \frac{1}{2 + \frac{1}{\dots}}}}$$

First term is 1:
 $PR = 1 \cdot PT + TR$

Second term is 2:
 $QR = 2 \cdot PV + XR$

All the other terms
 are also 2, for the
 same reason.

$$\sqrt{2} = 1.4142135623730950488\dots$$

The next logical question one might ask is:

Are 1 and the square root of 2 the only set of incommensurable magnitudes?

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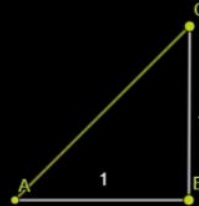


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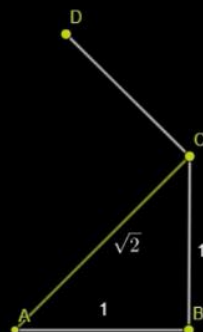


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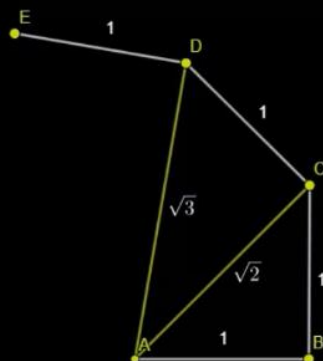
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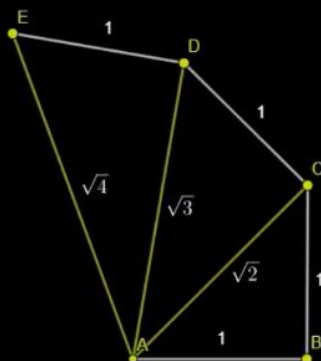
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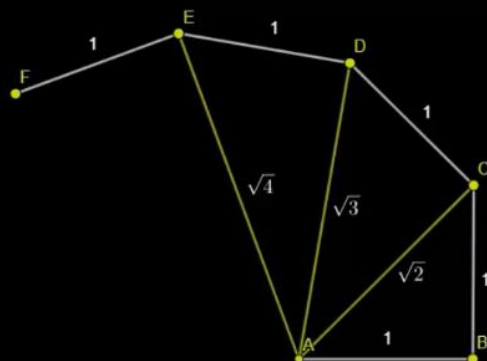


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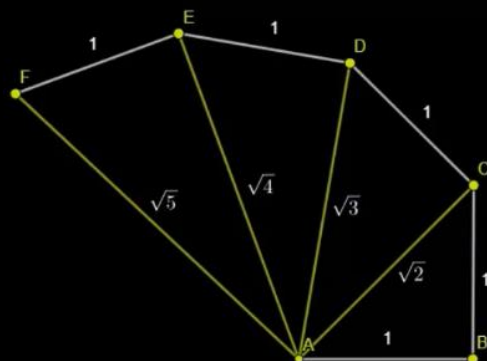


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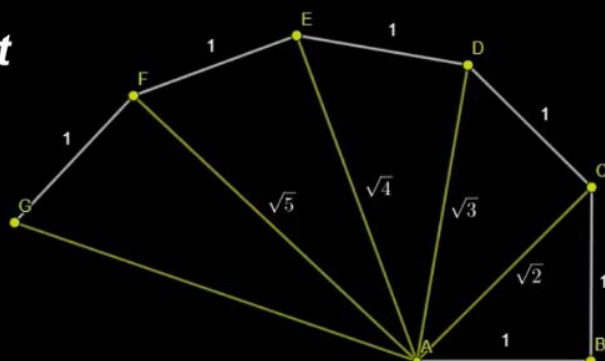


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The square root of a perfect square number is always an integer.

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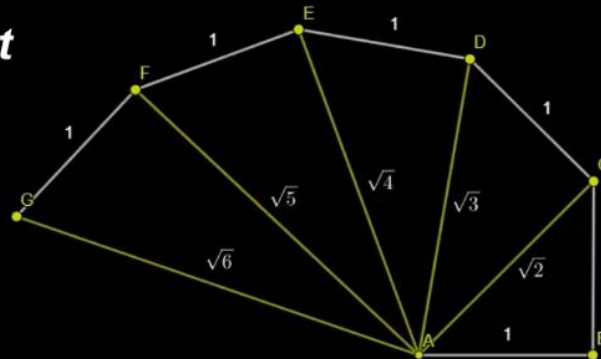


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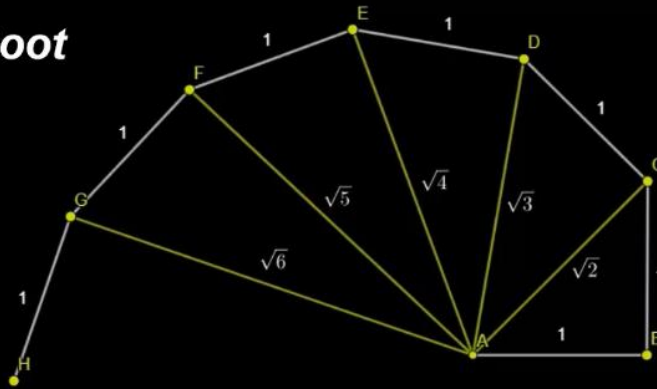
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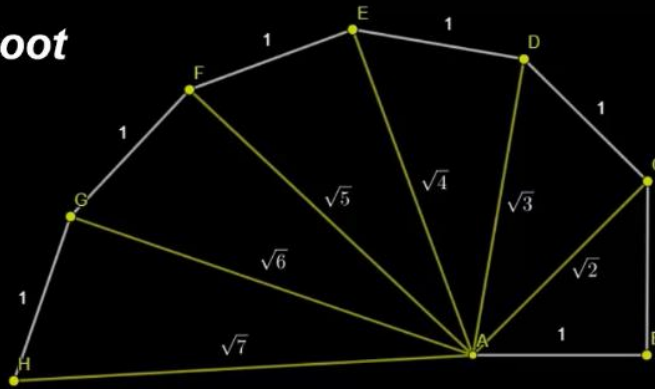
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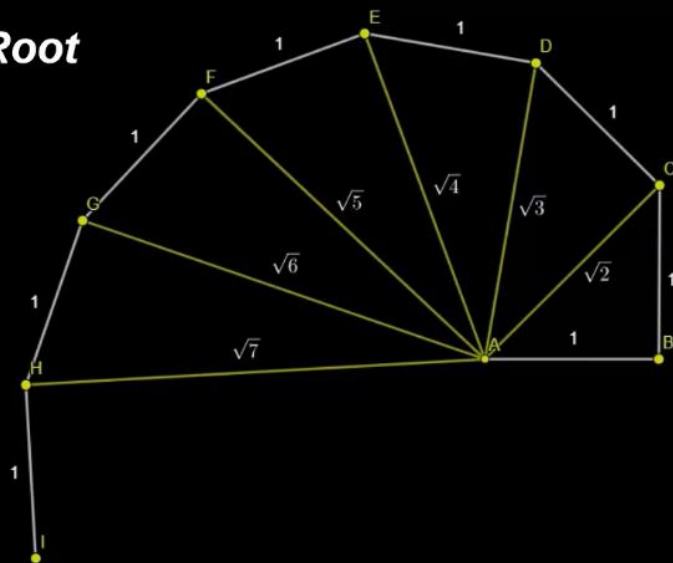
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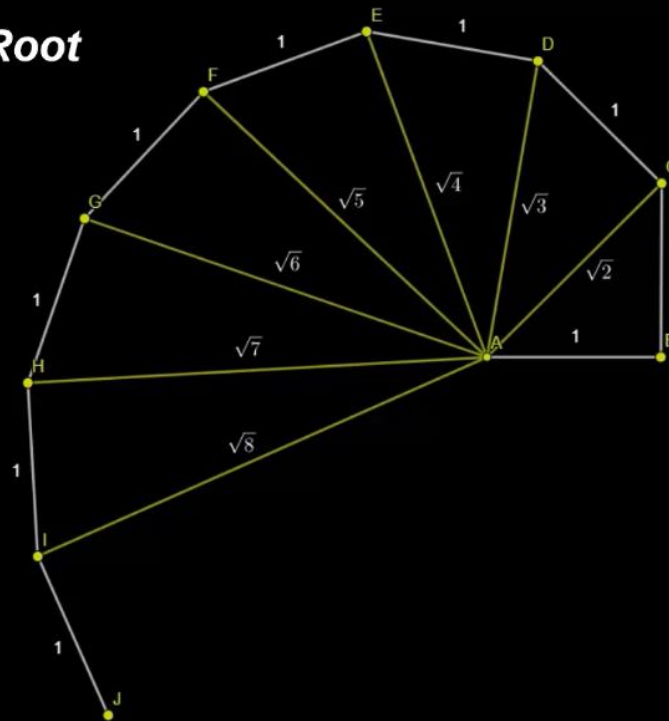
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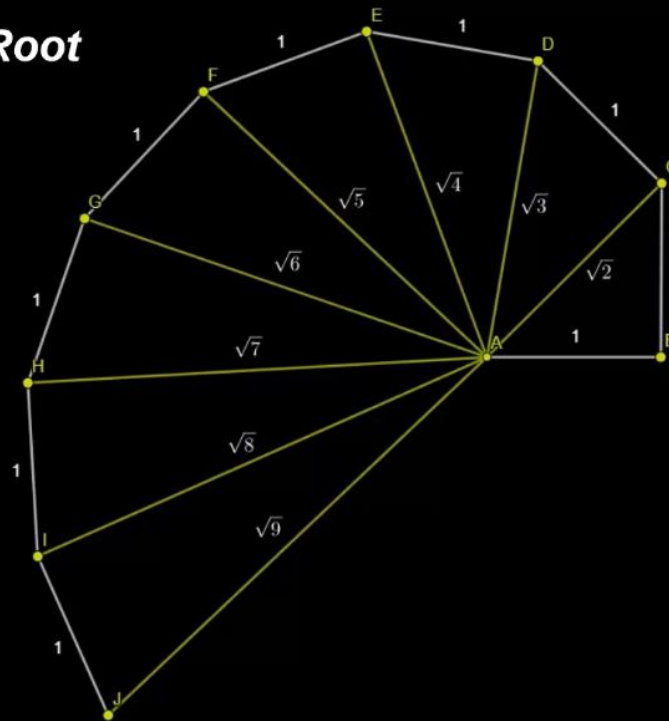
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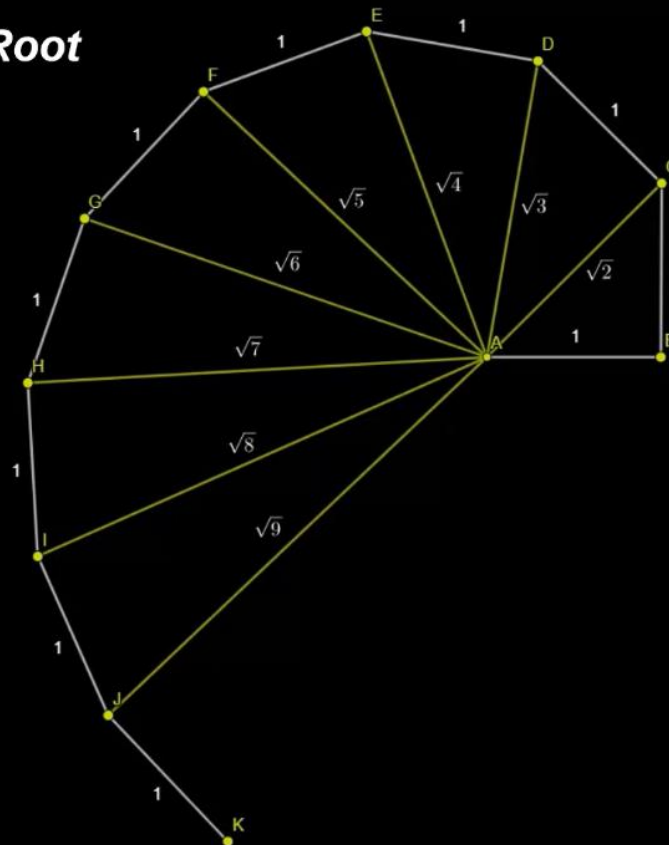
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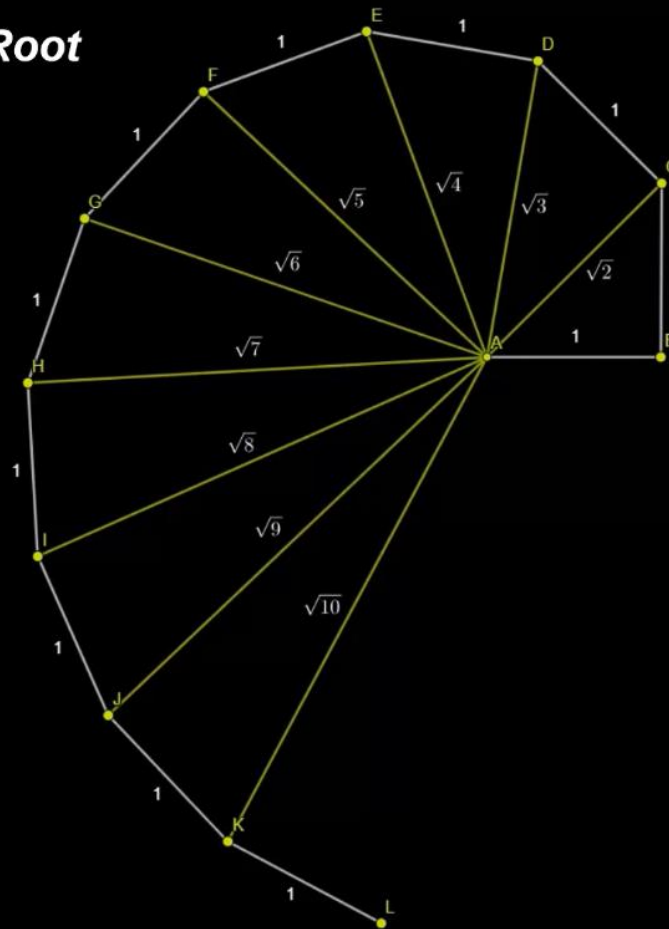
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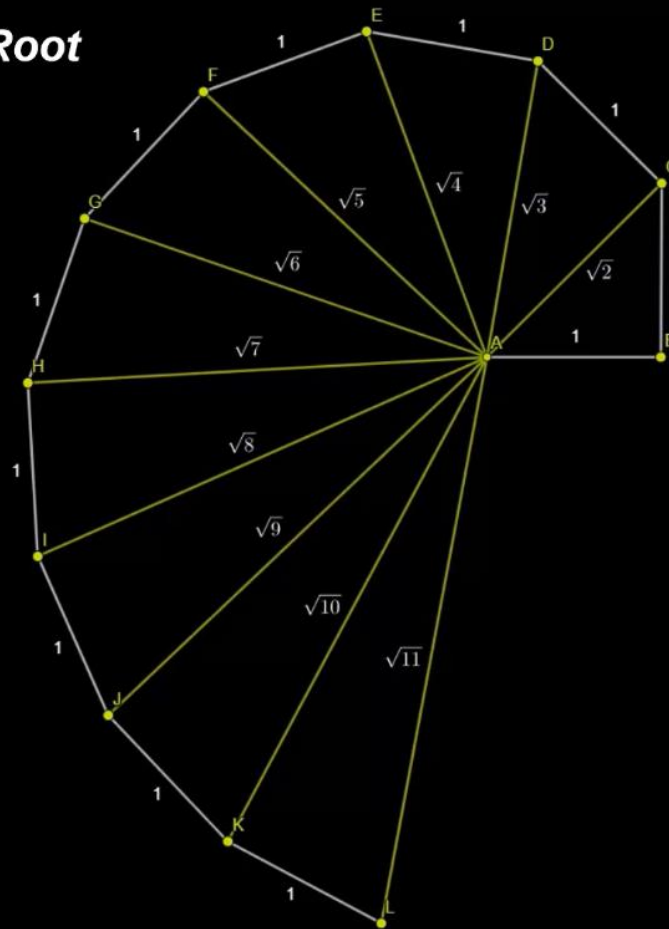
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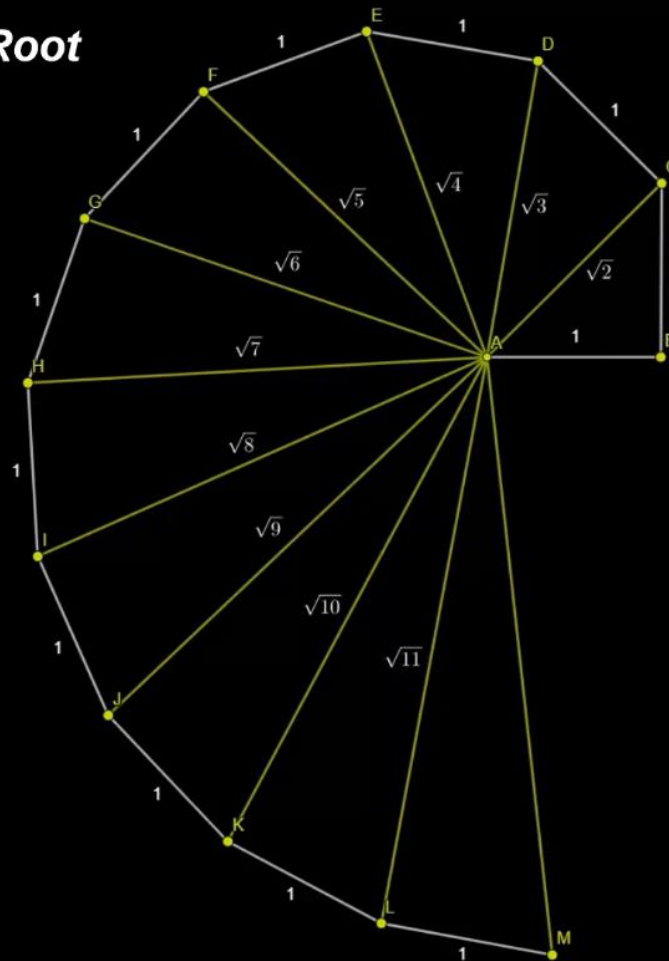
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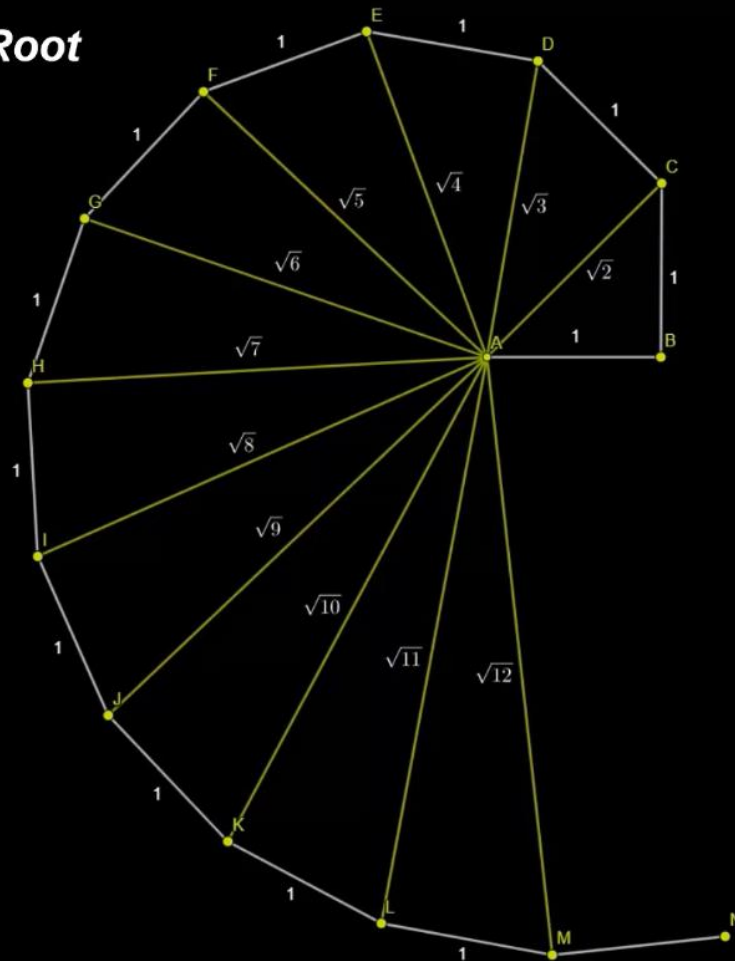
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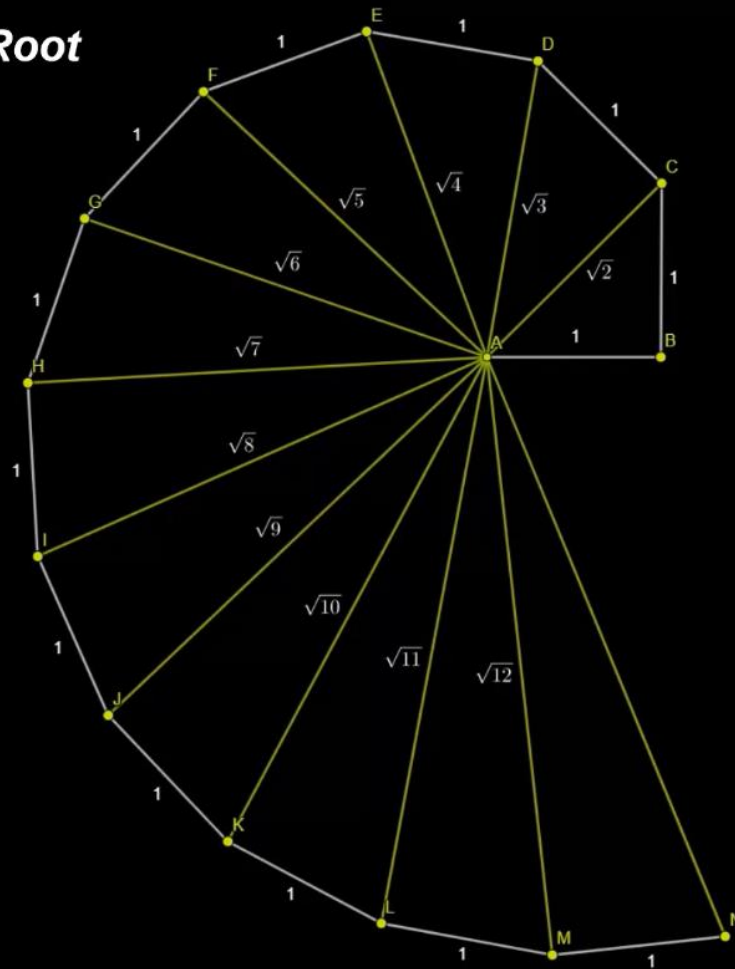
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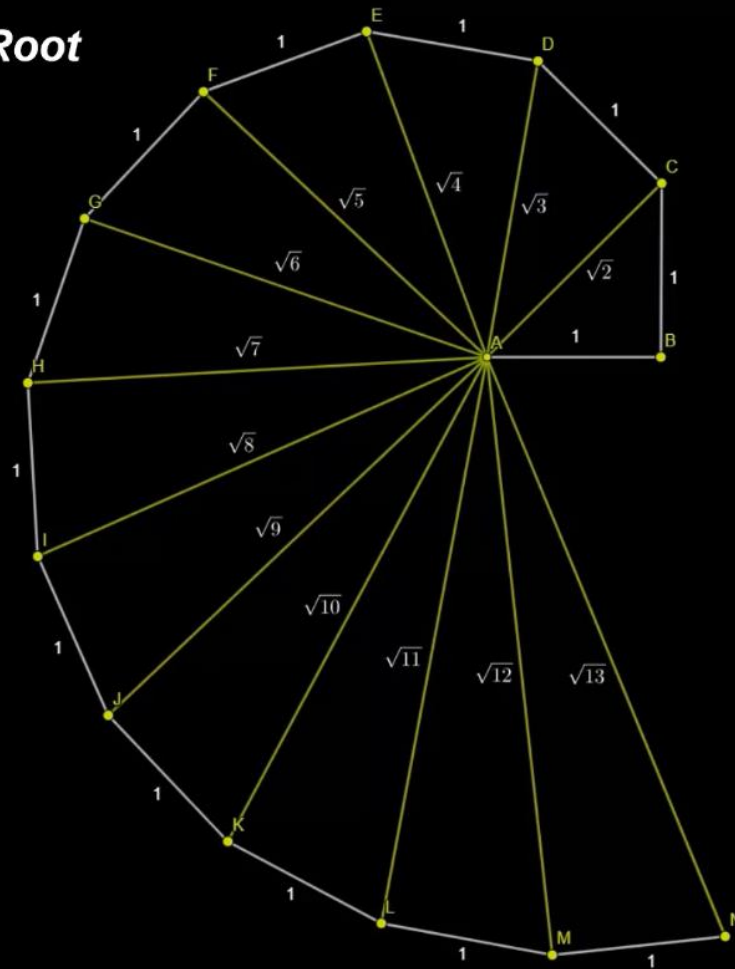
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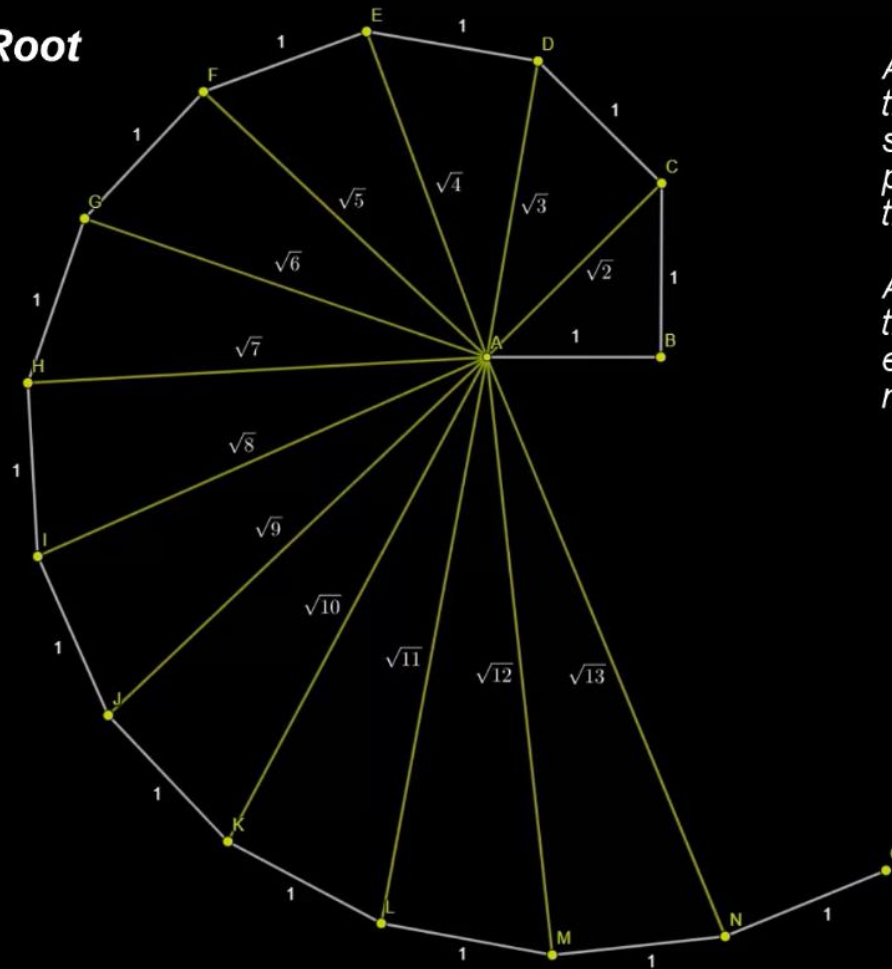
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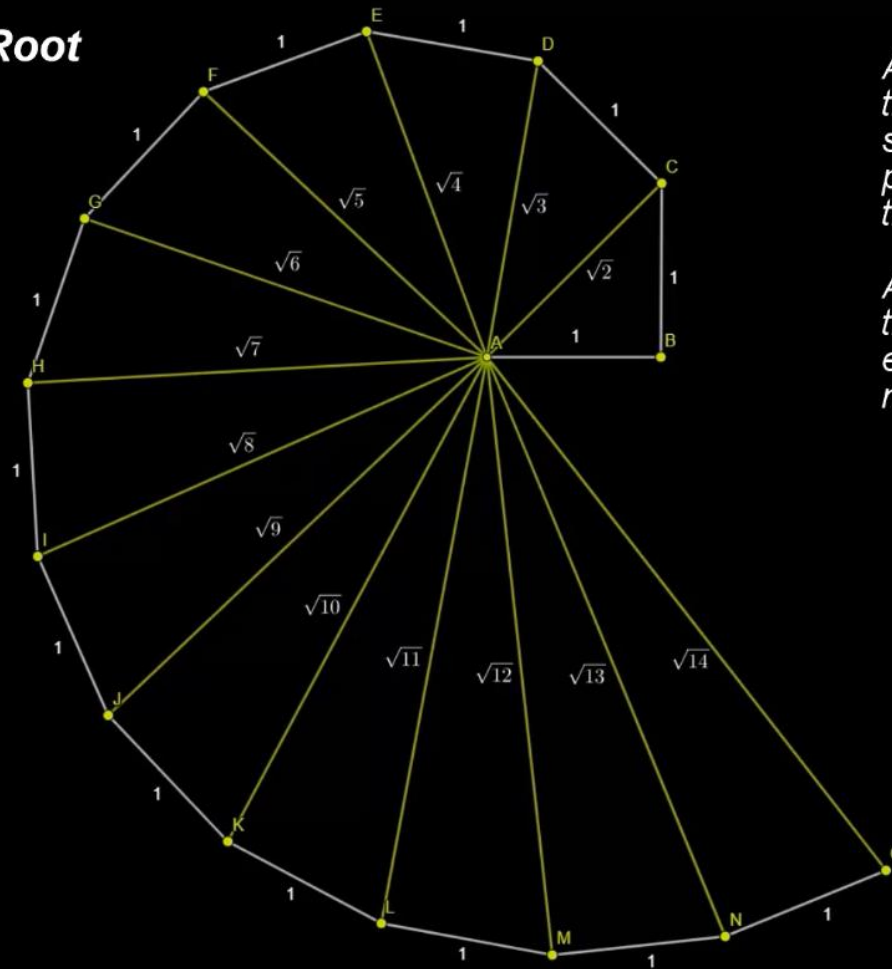
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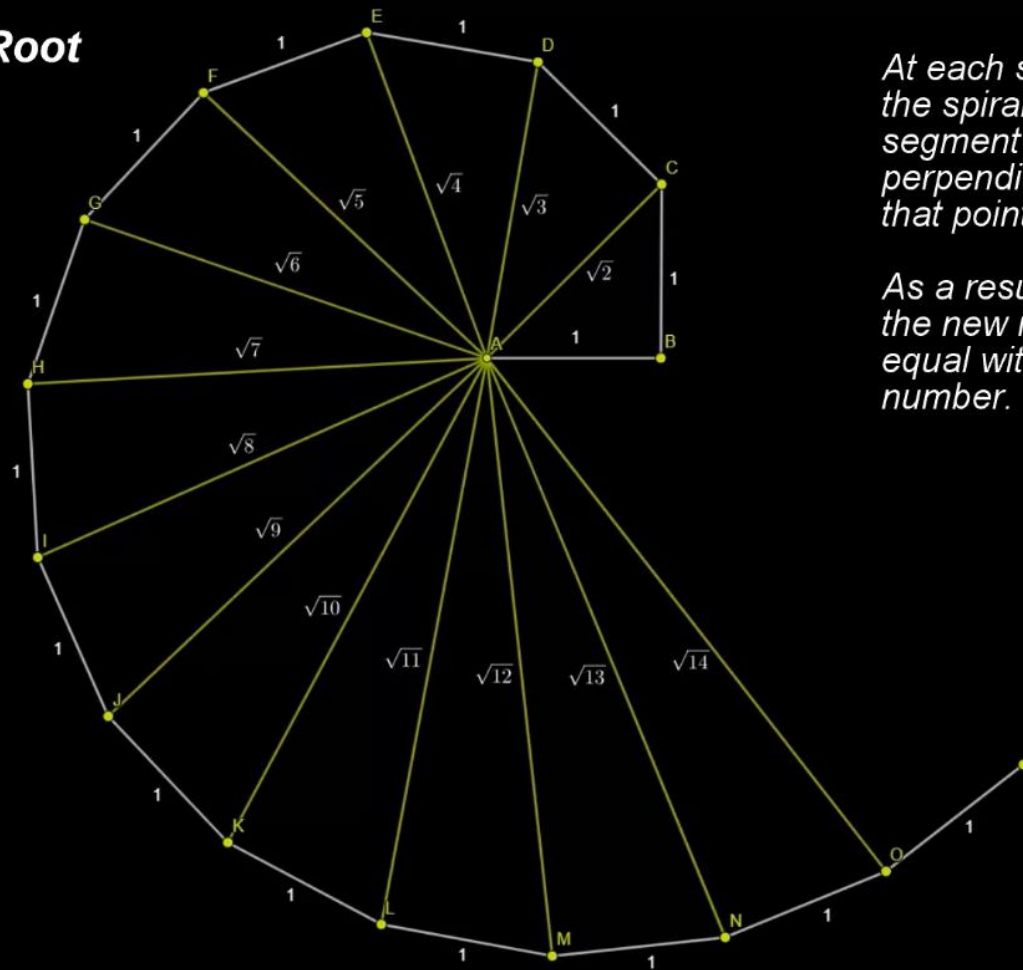
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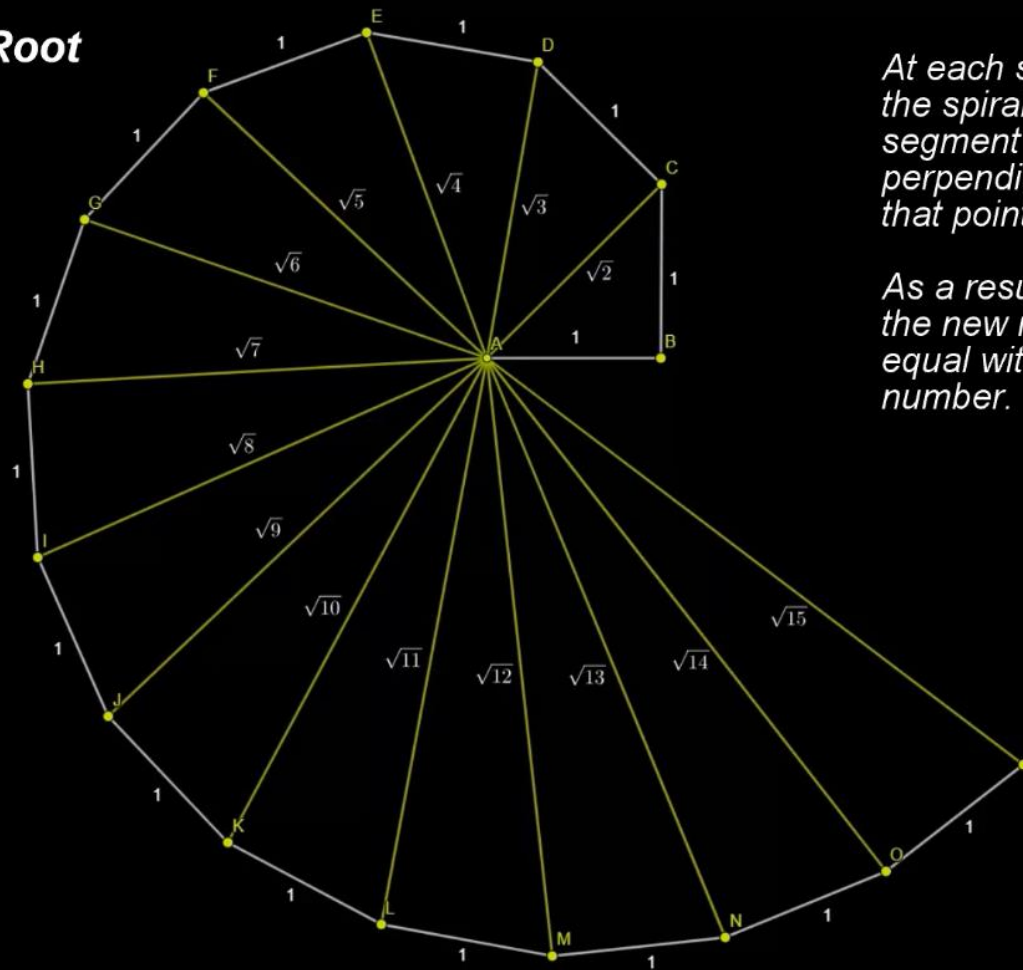
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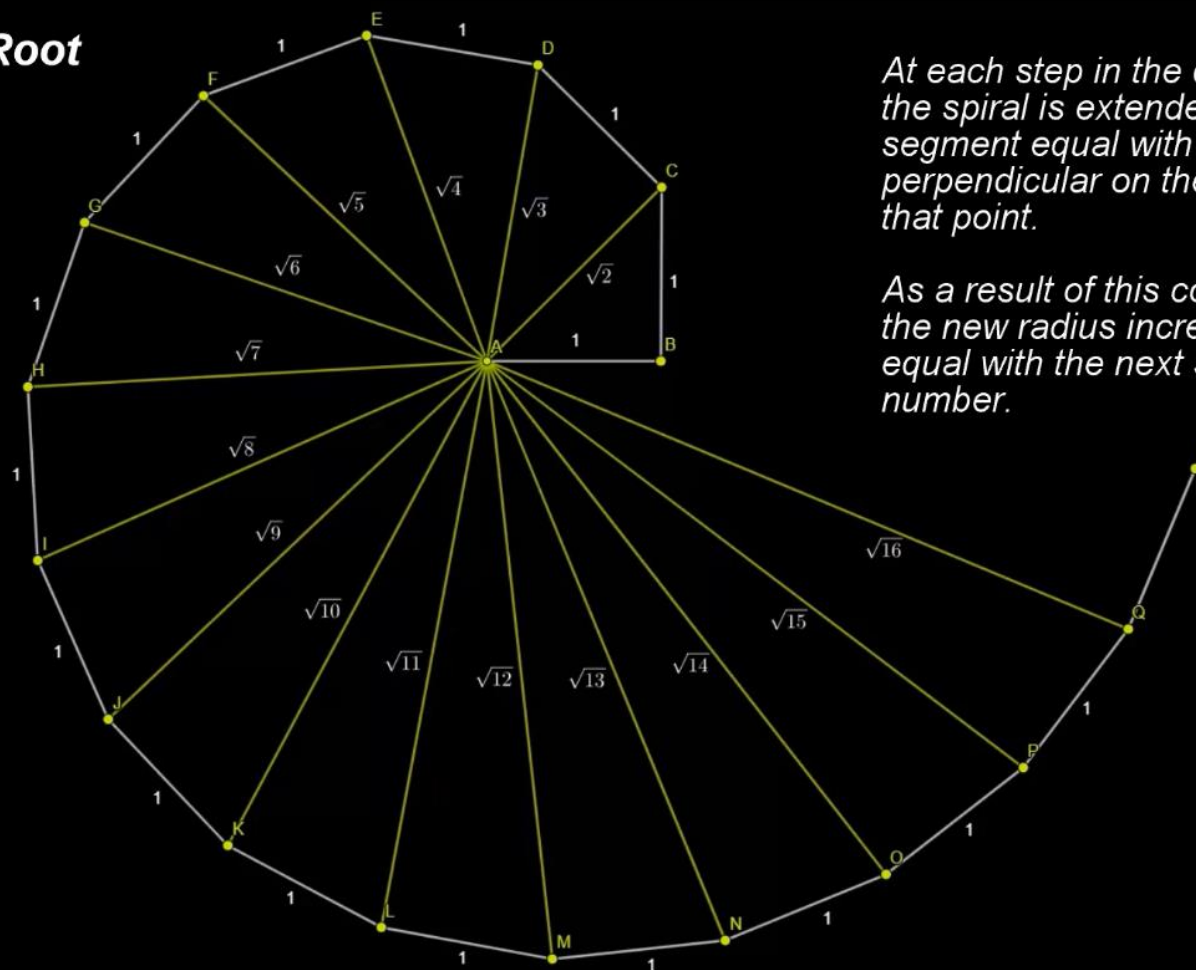
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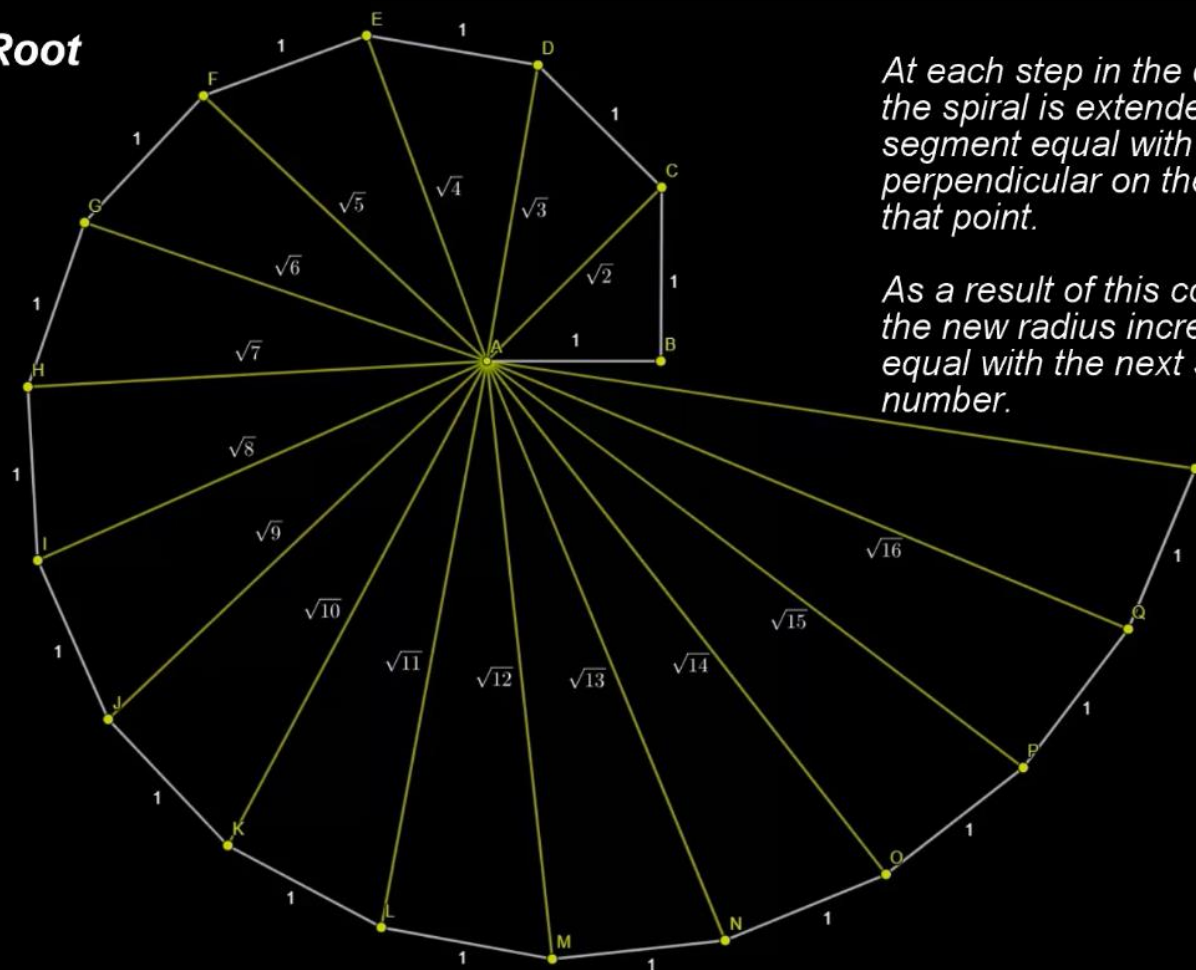
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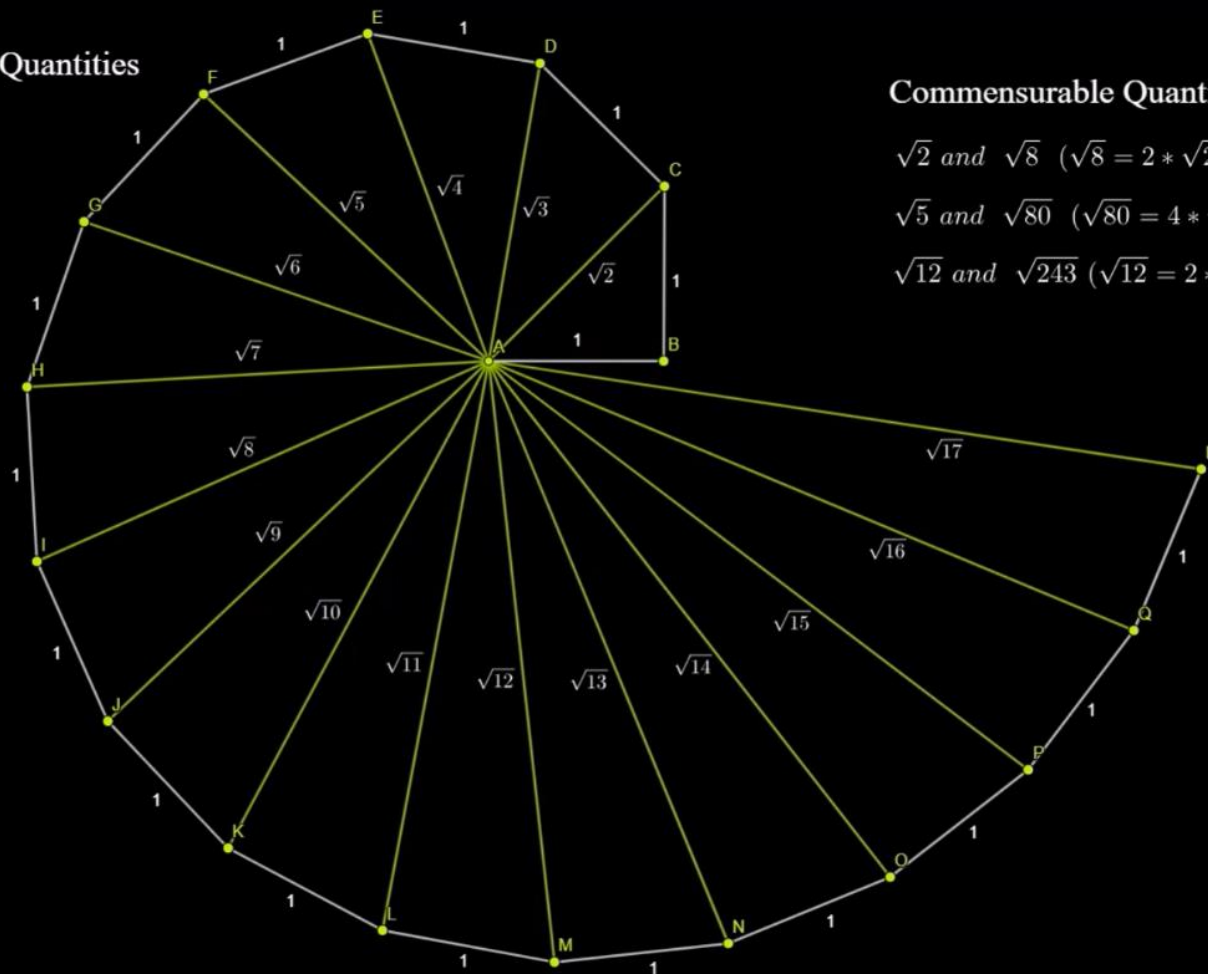
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For example the following quantities are incommensurable:

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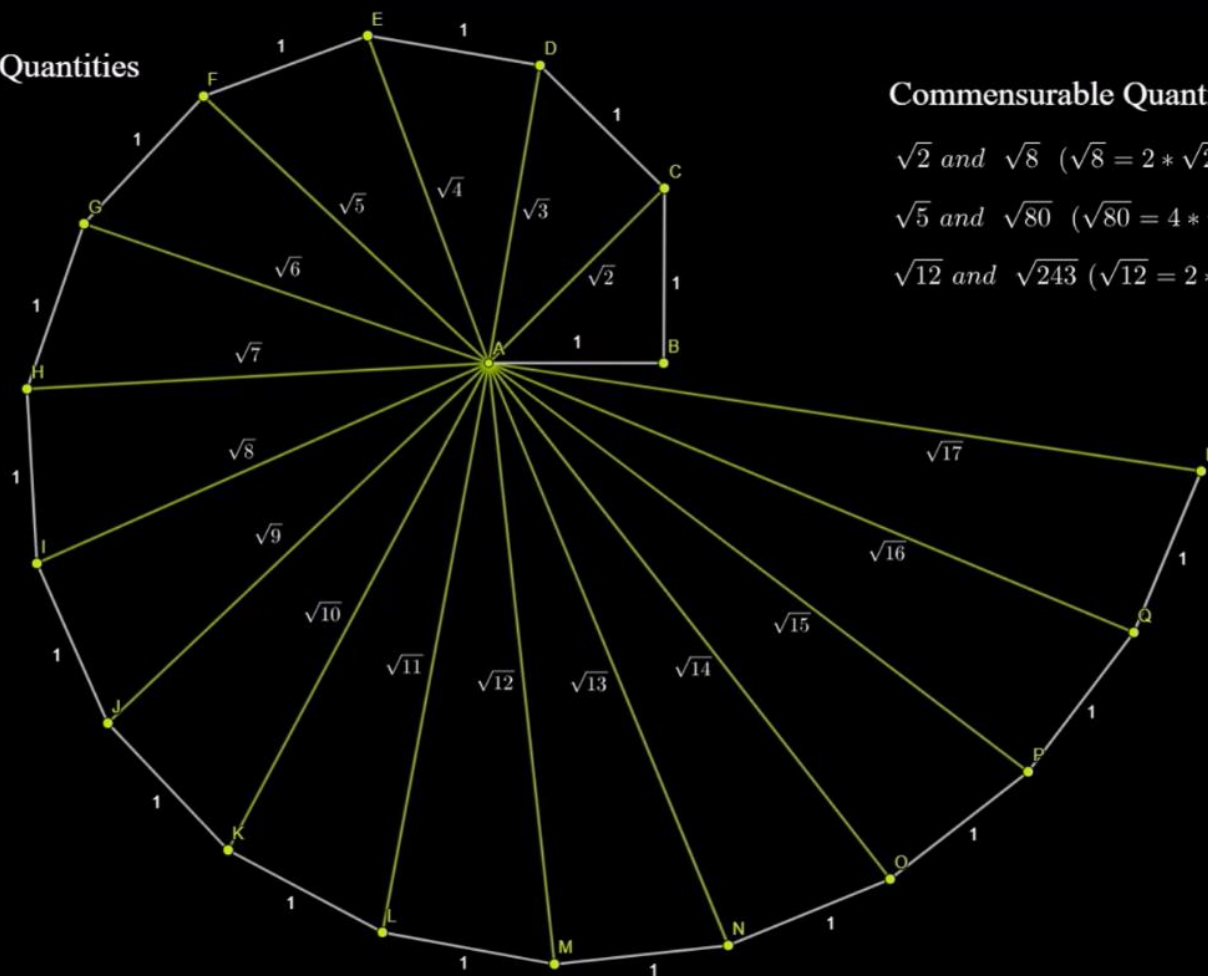
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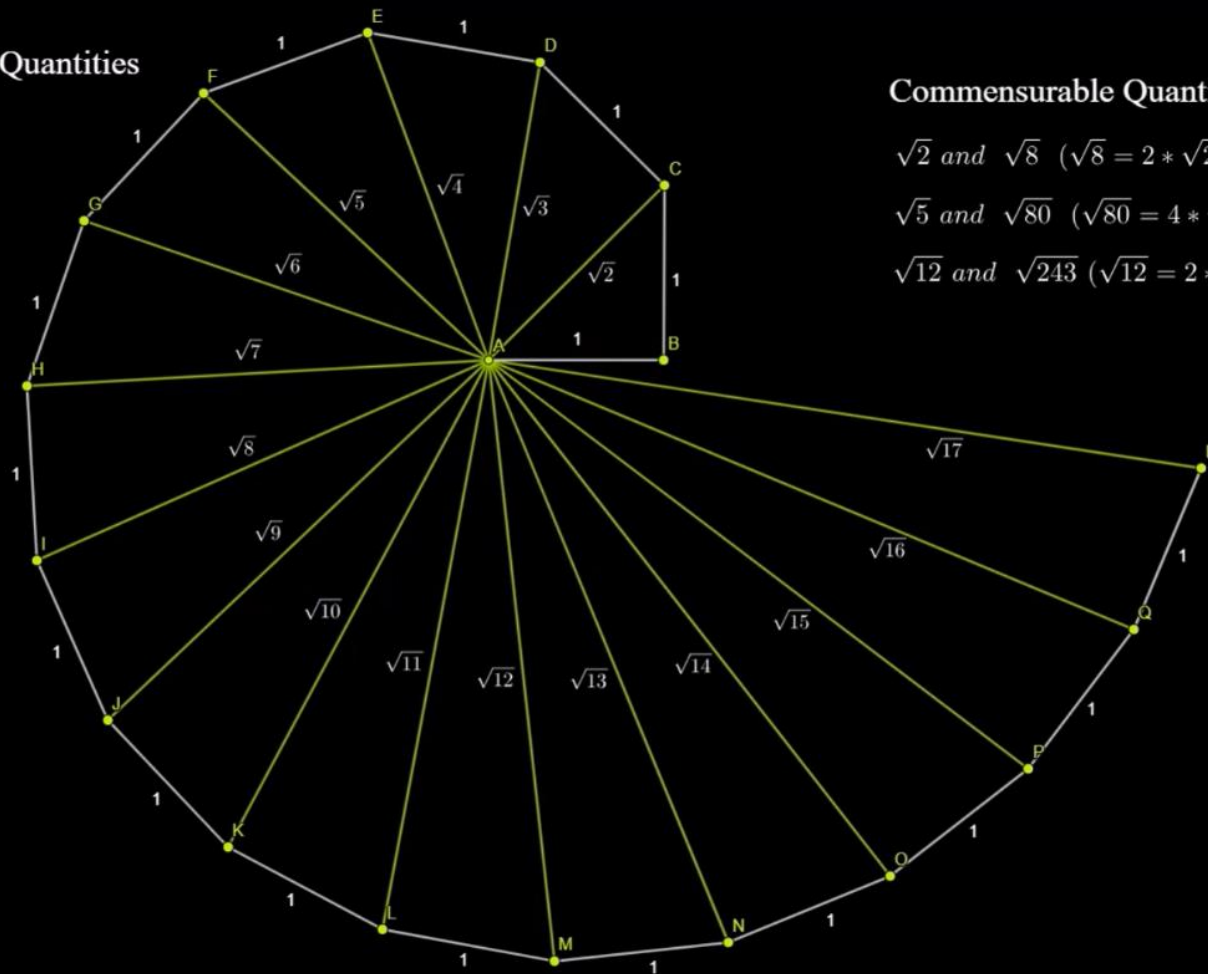
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The existence of incommensurable magnitudes *is not some kind of very rare exception*.

In fact *this is the rule*.

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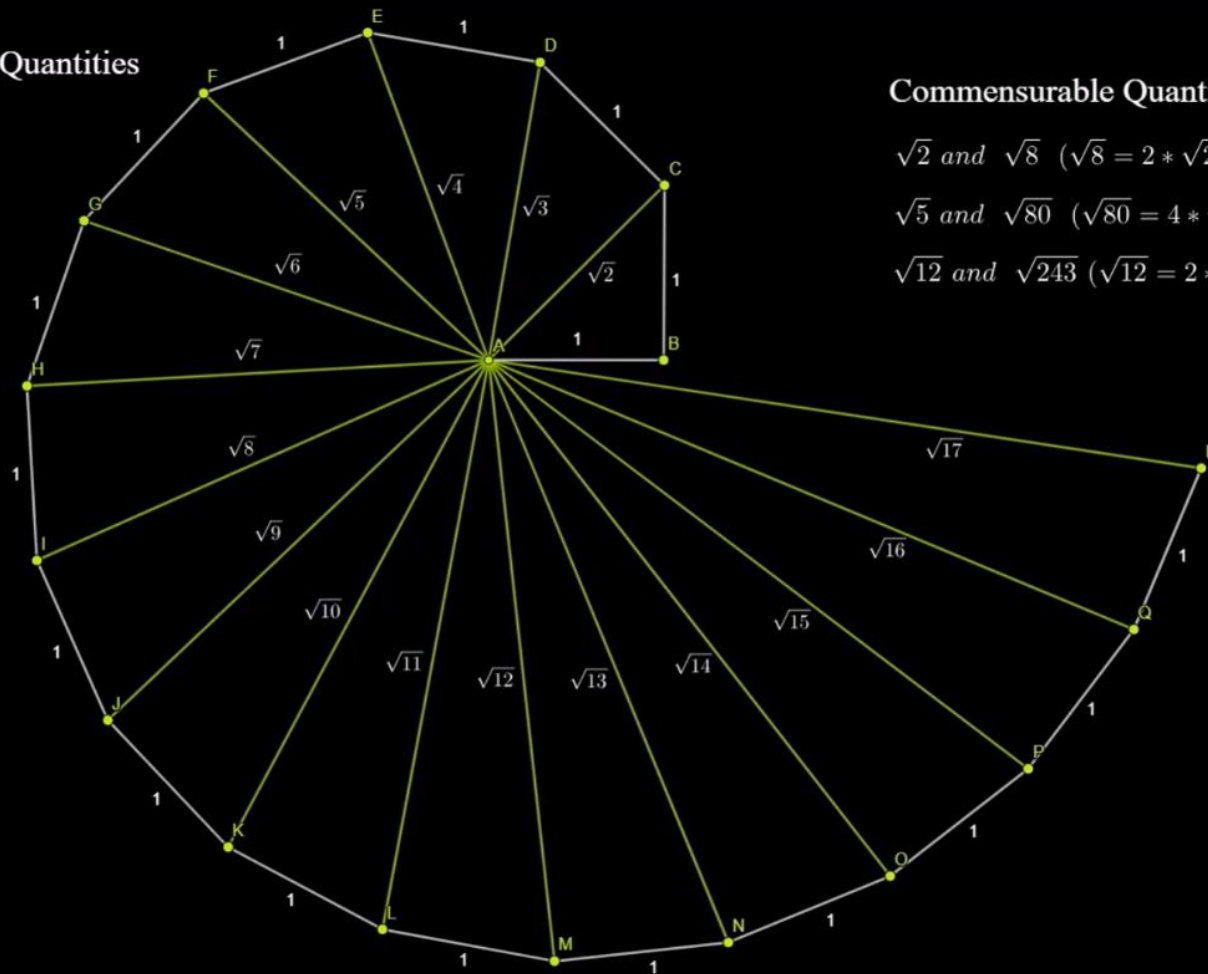
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are commensurable Quantities.

1. The Logarithmic Spiral

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Let's look next into two other well known spirals in mathematics, namely **the logarithmic spiral** and the Archimedean spiral.

More precisely, let us look to the methods of constructing these two spirals, based on their definitions.

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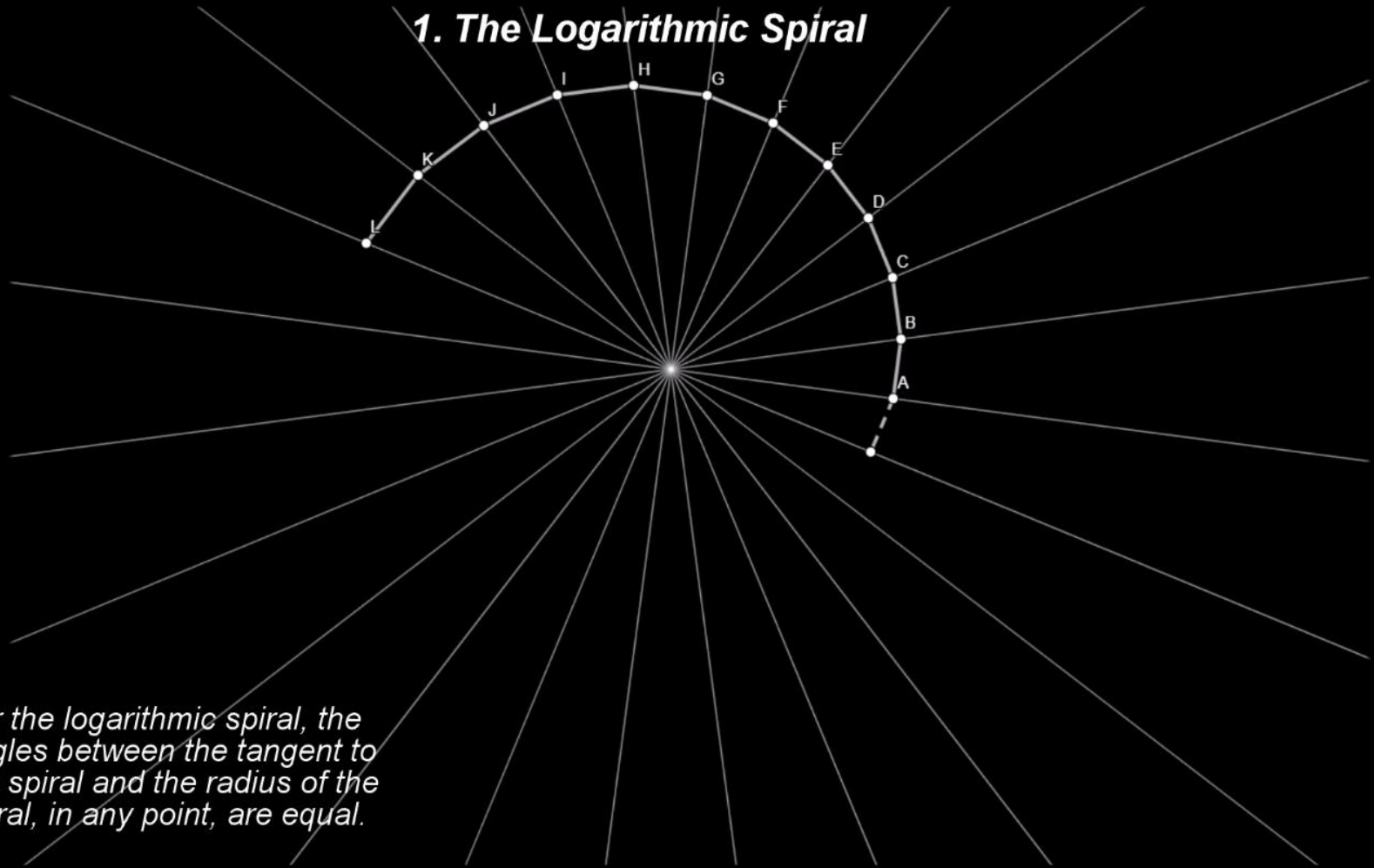
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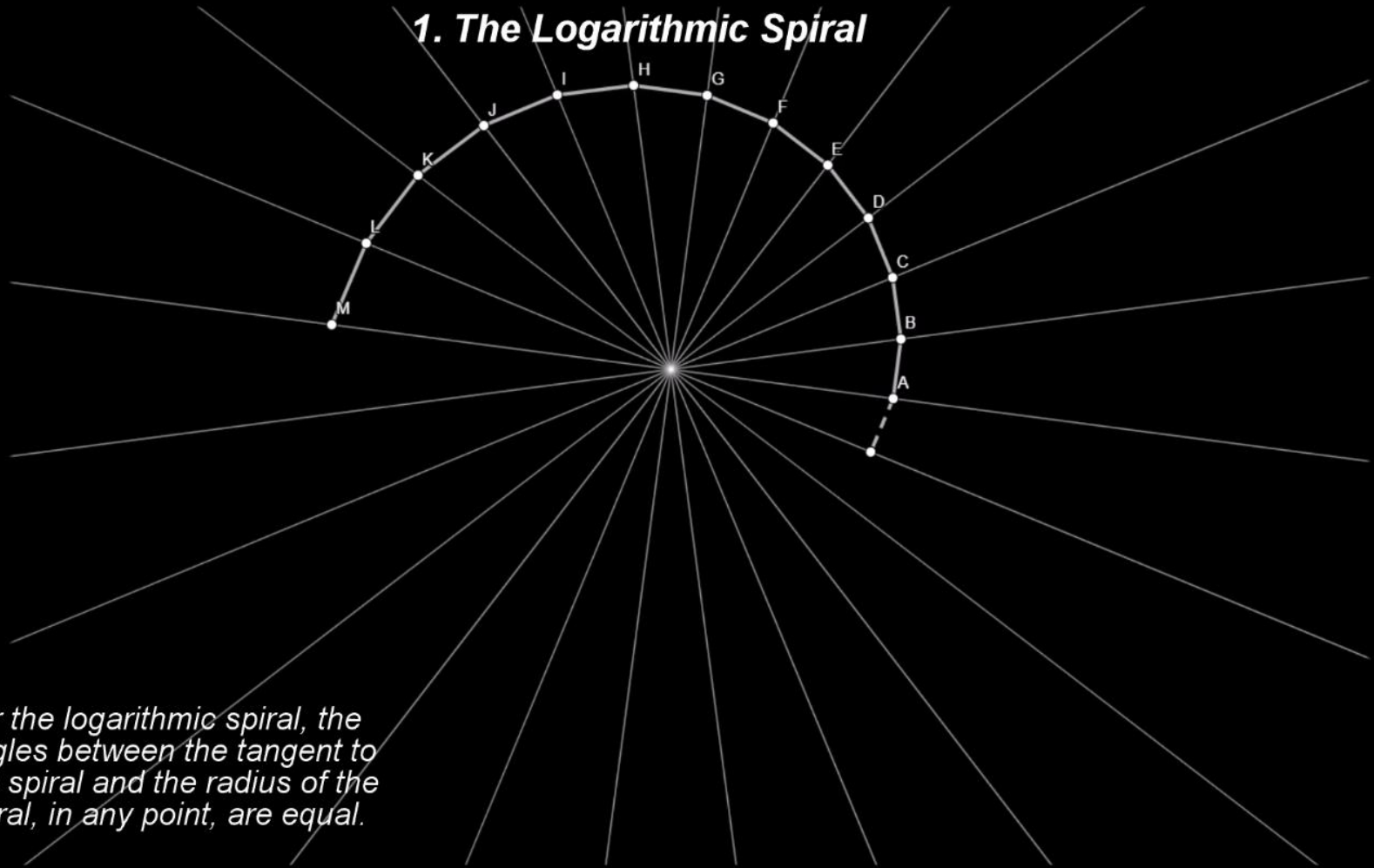
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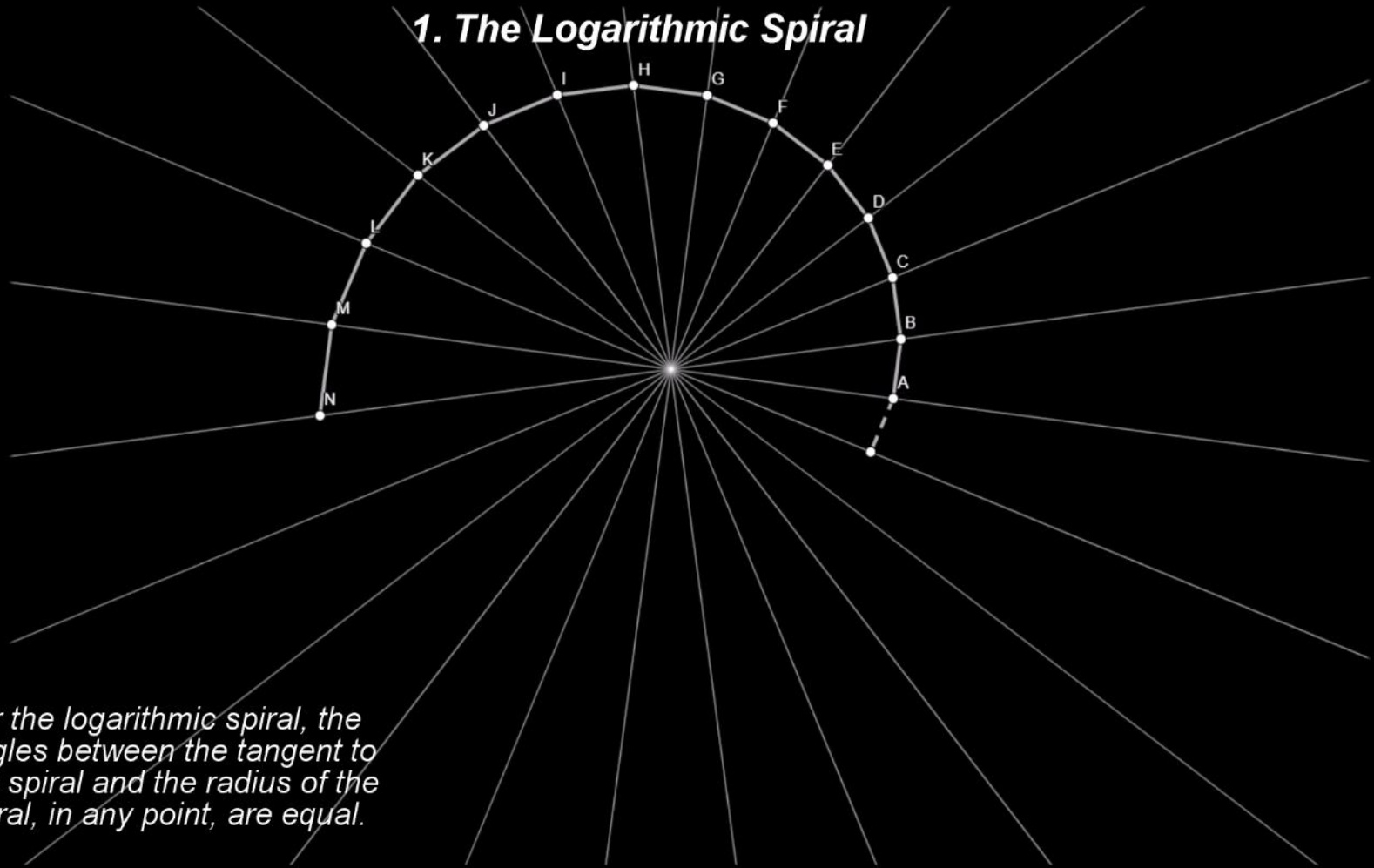
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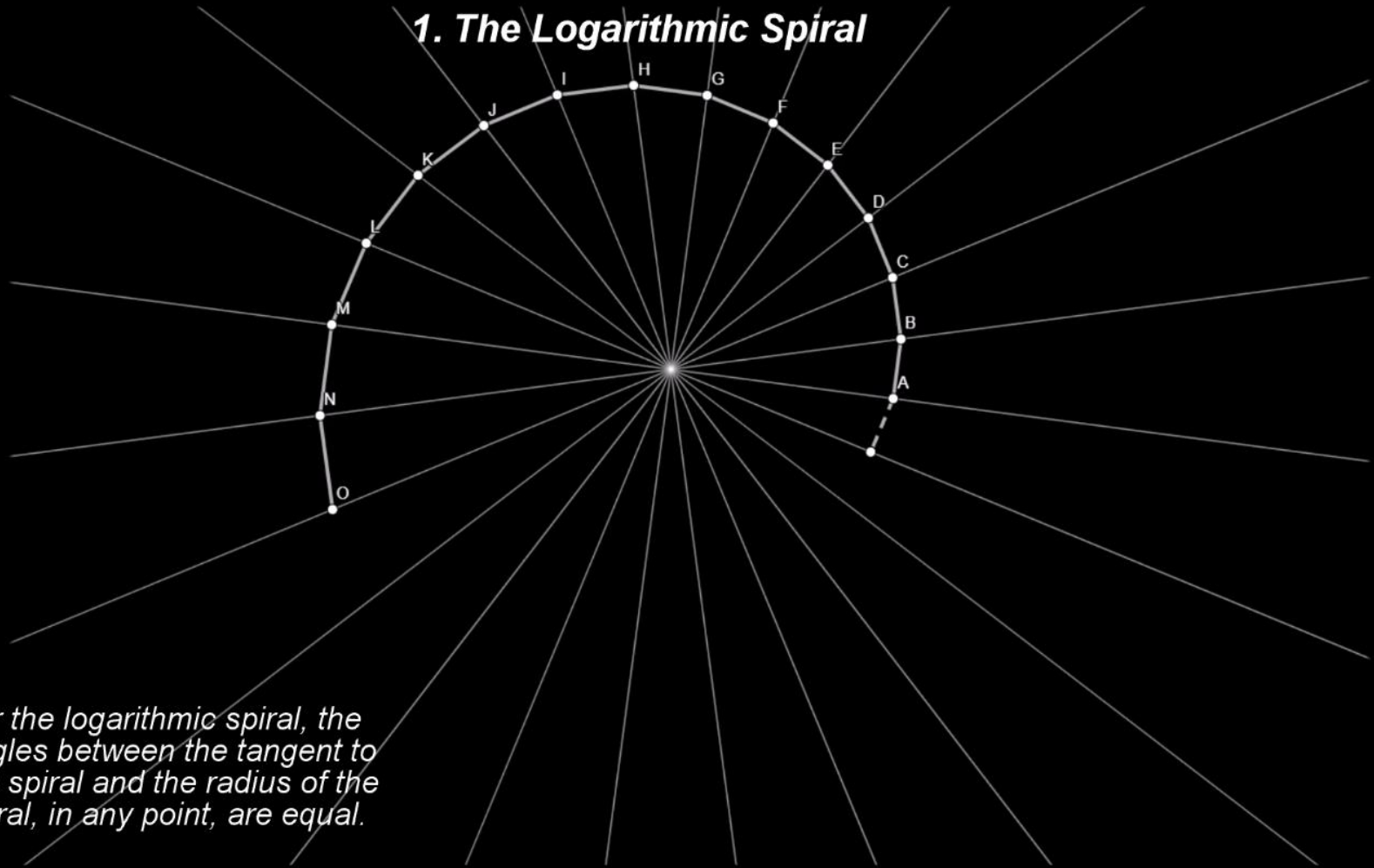
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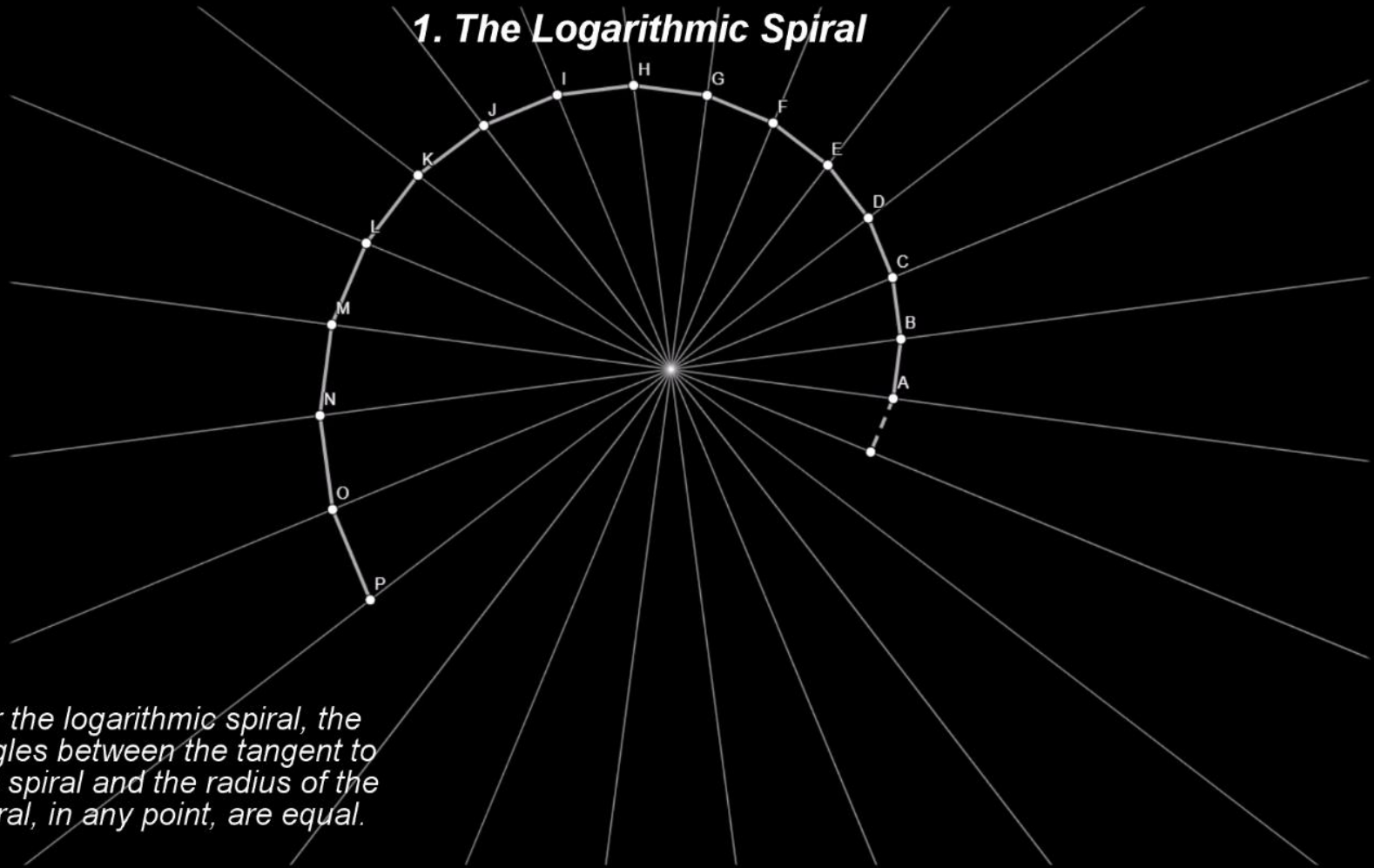
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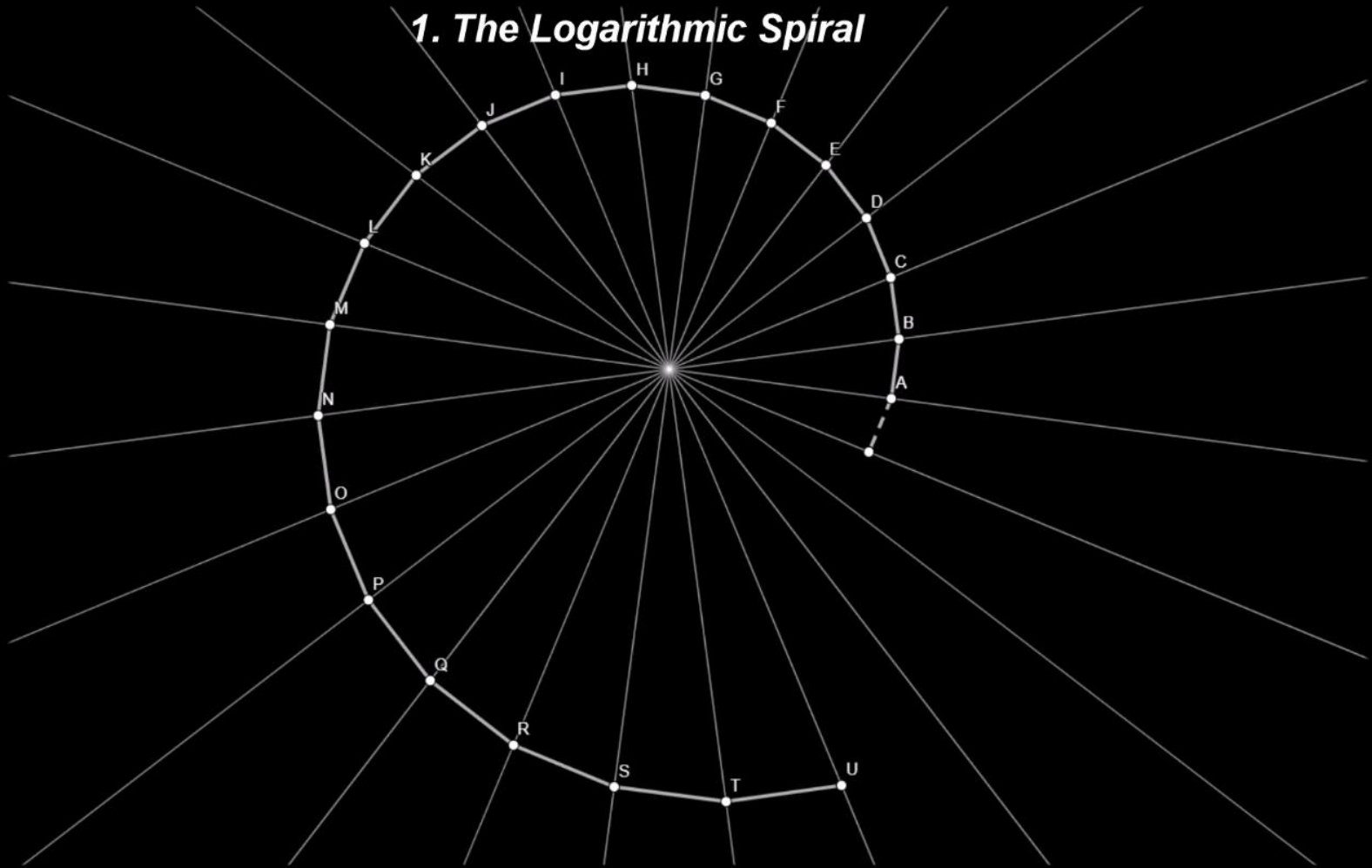
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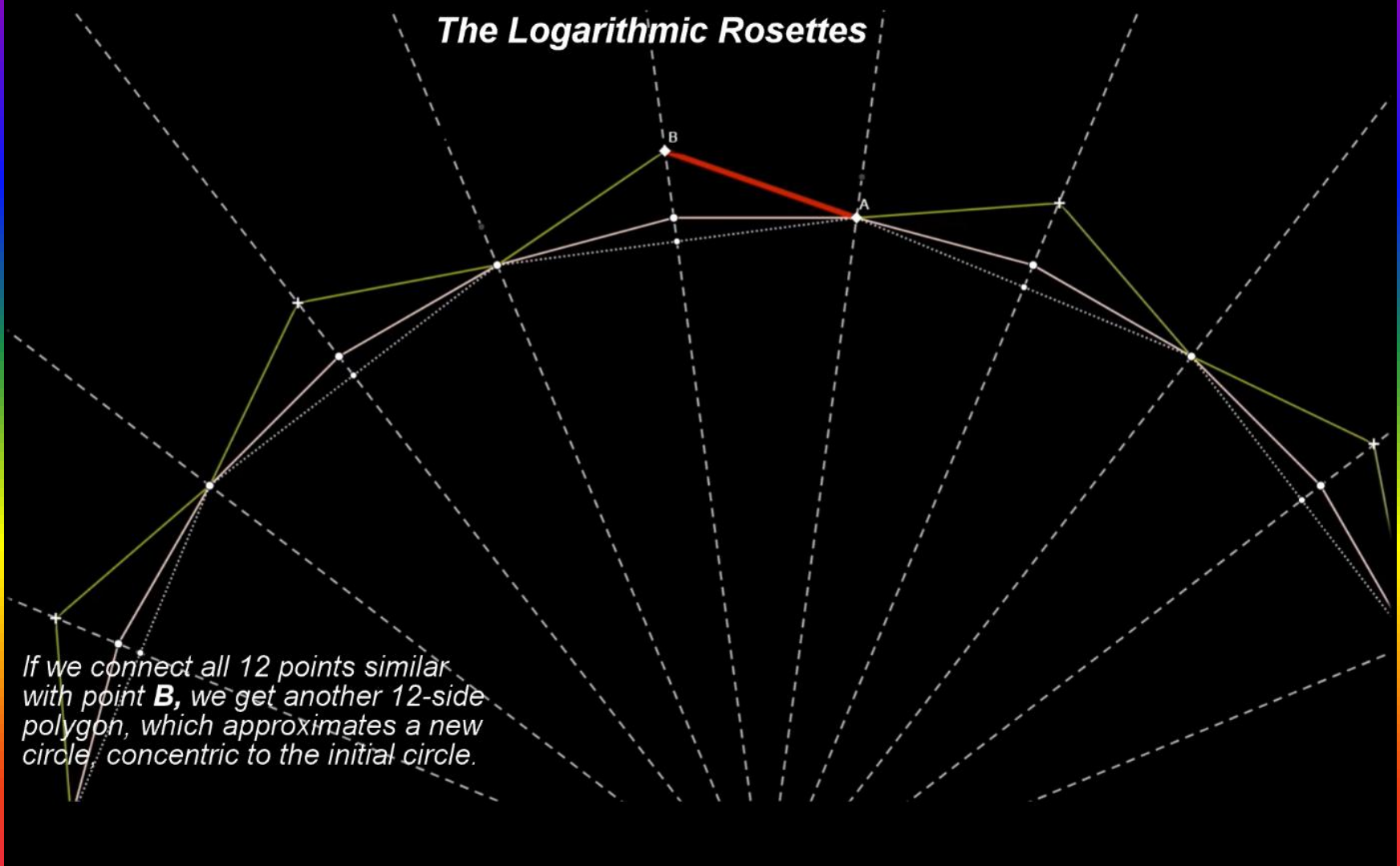
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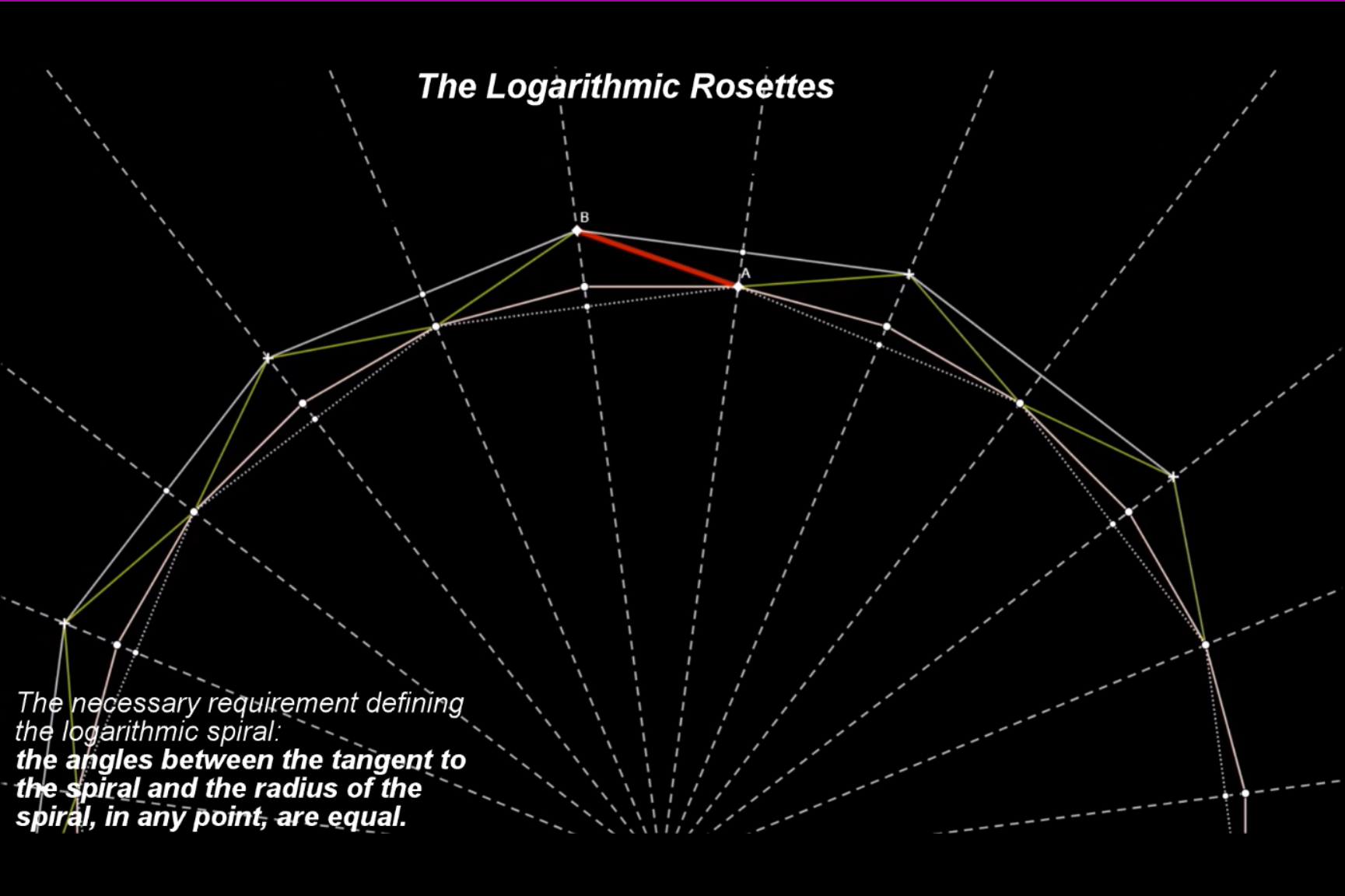
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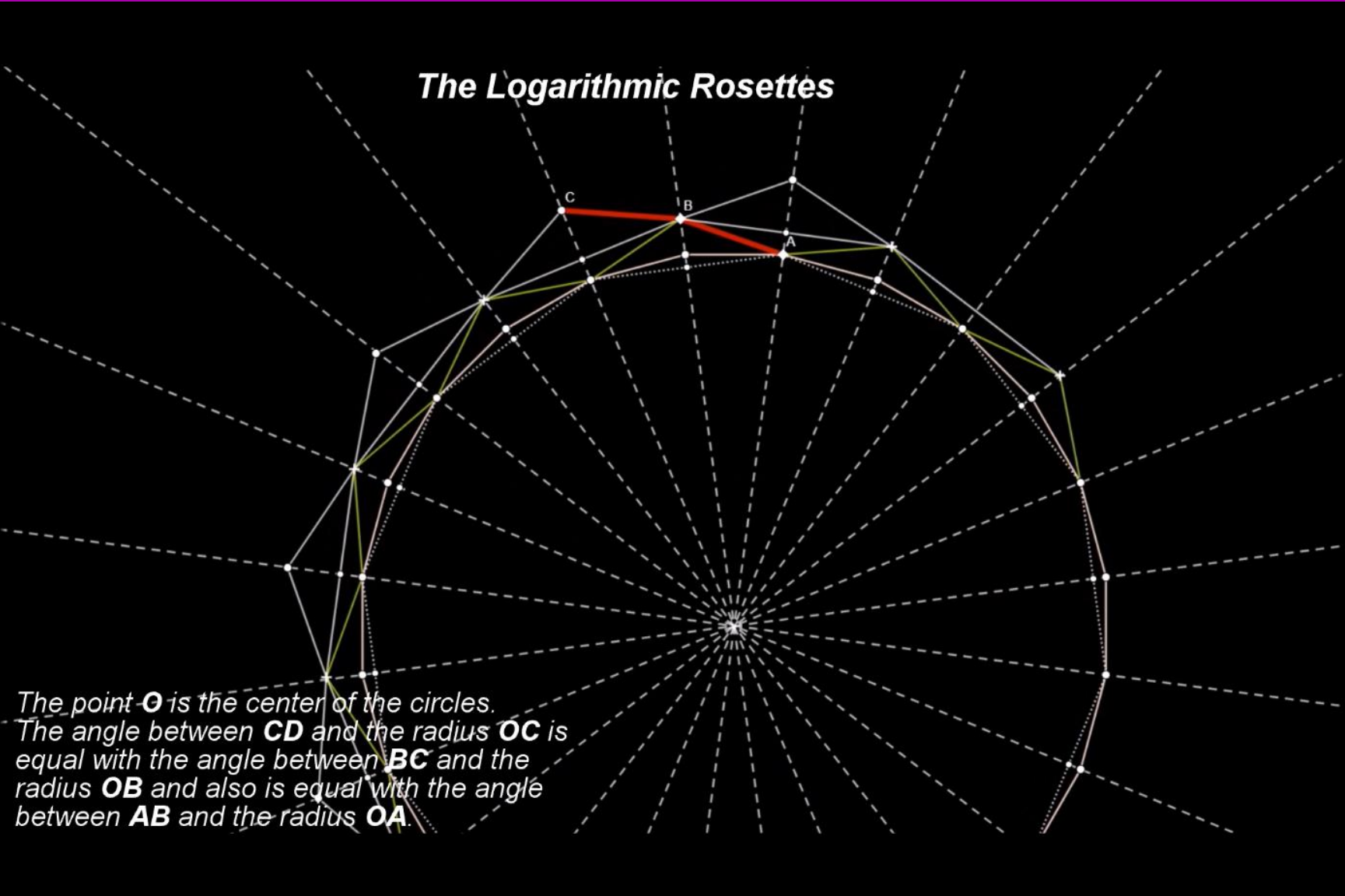
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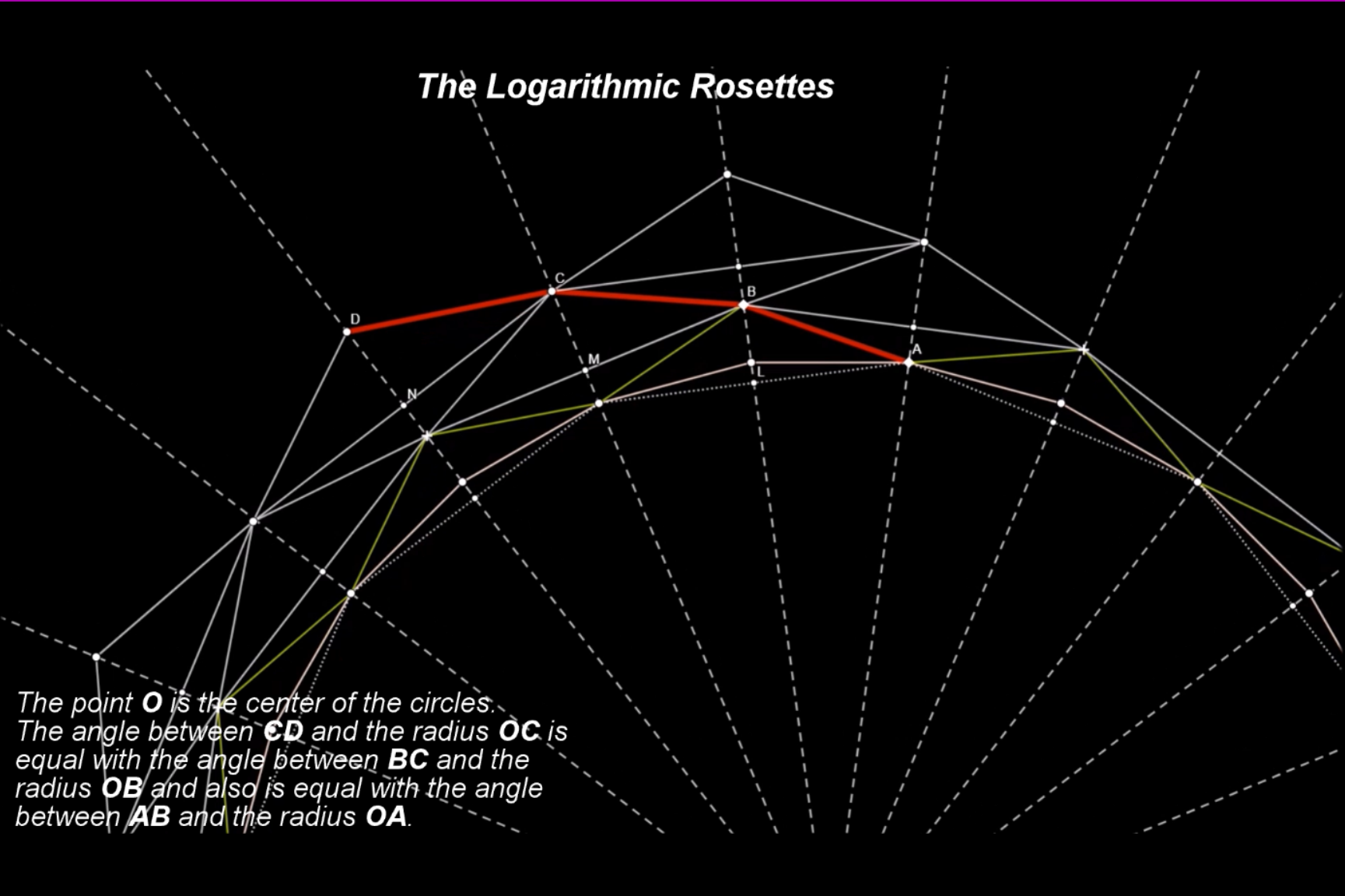
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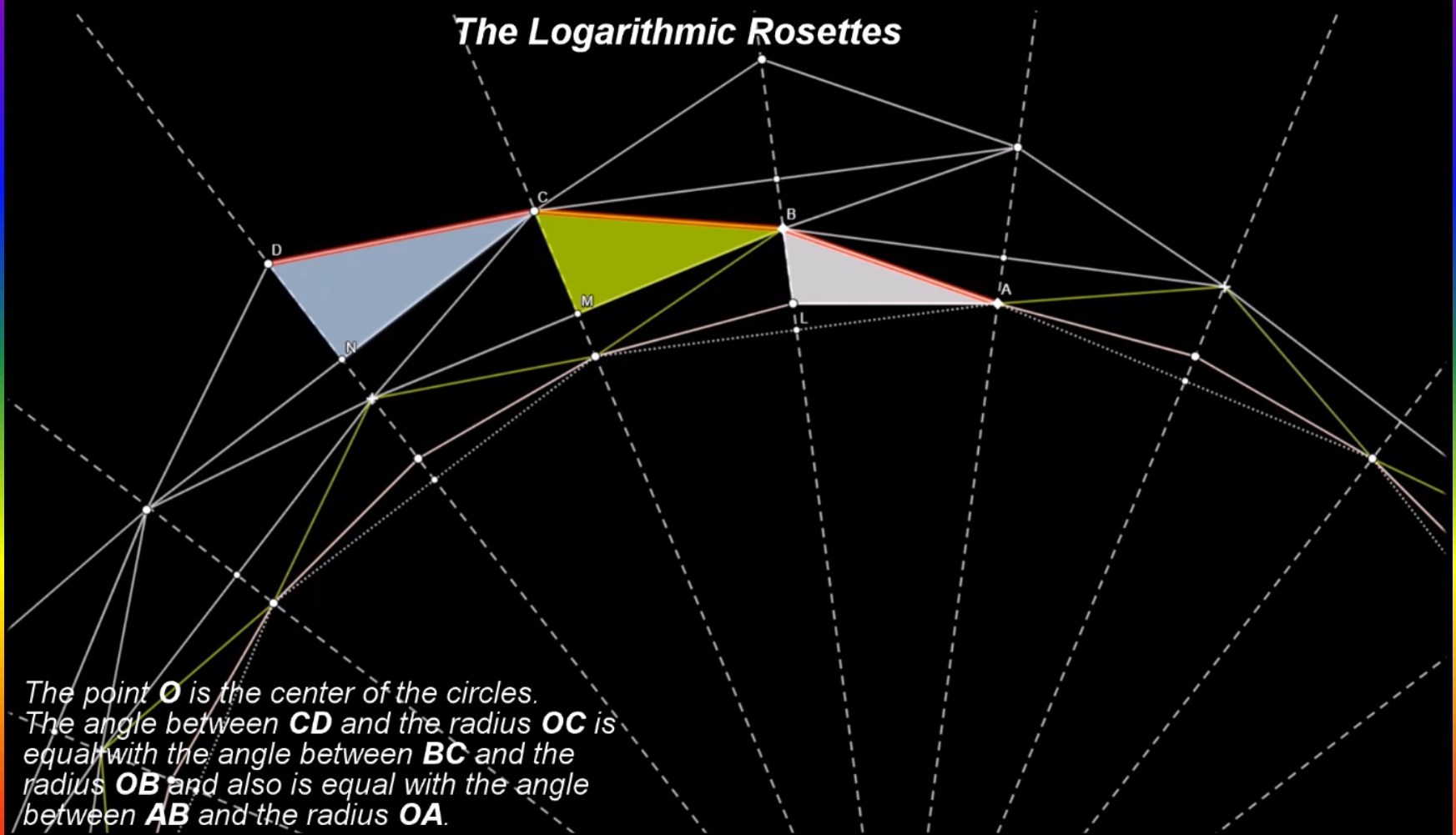
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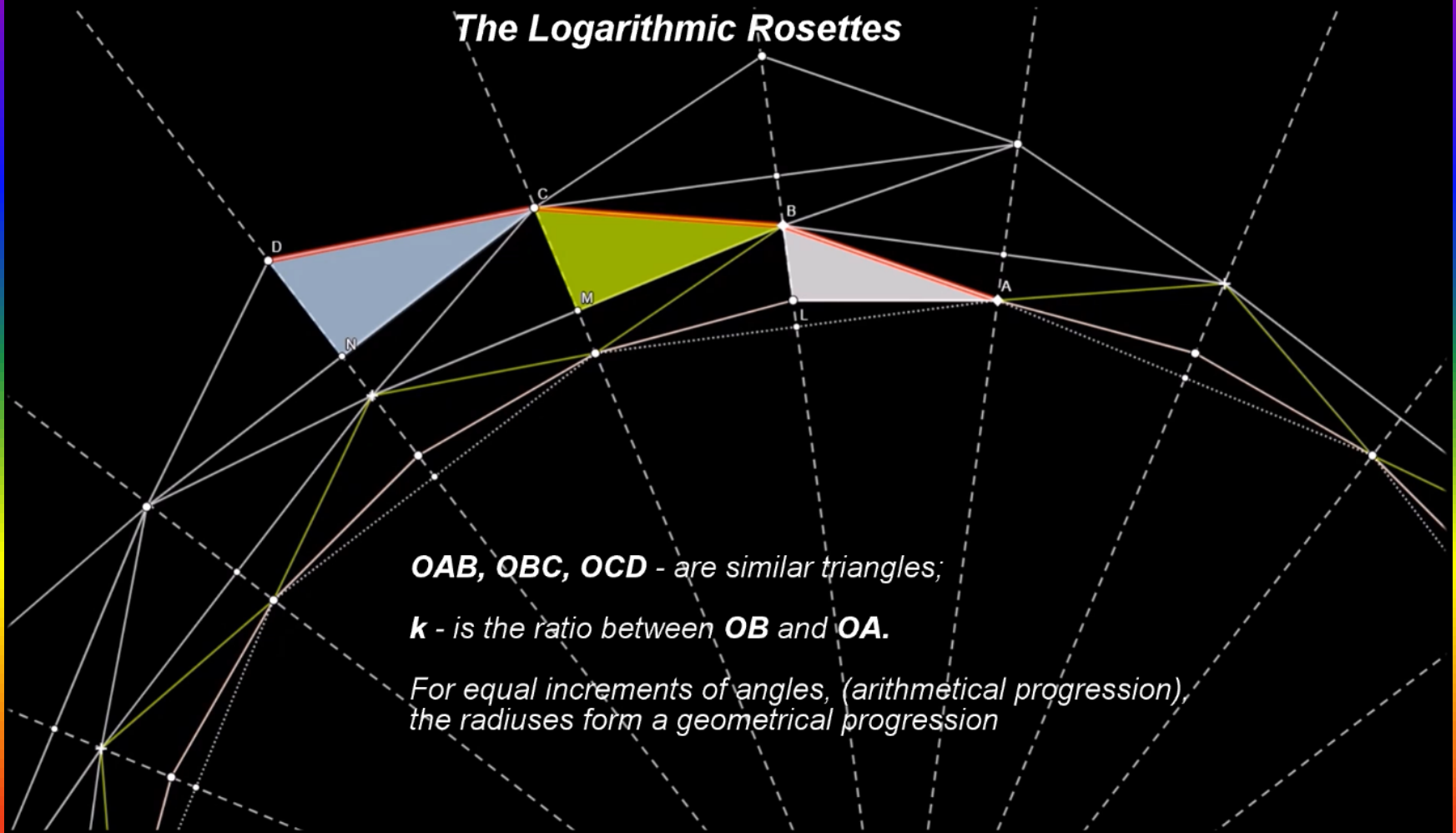
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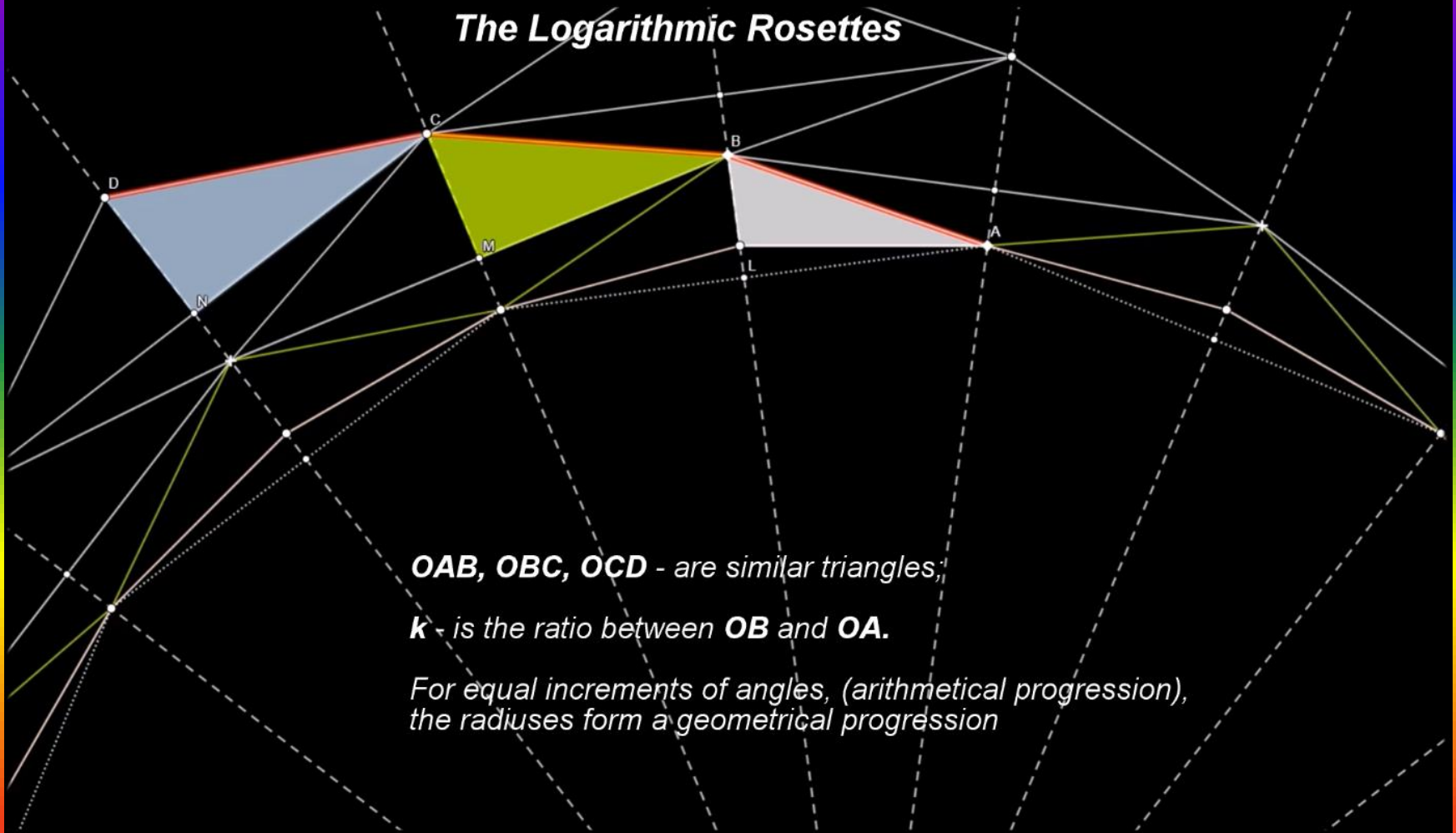
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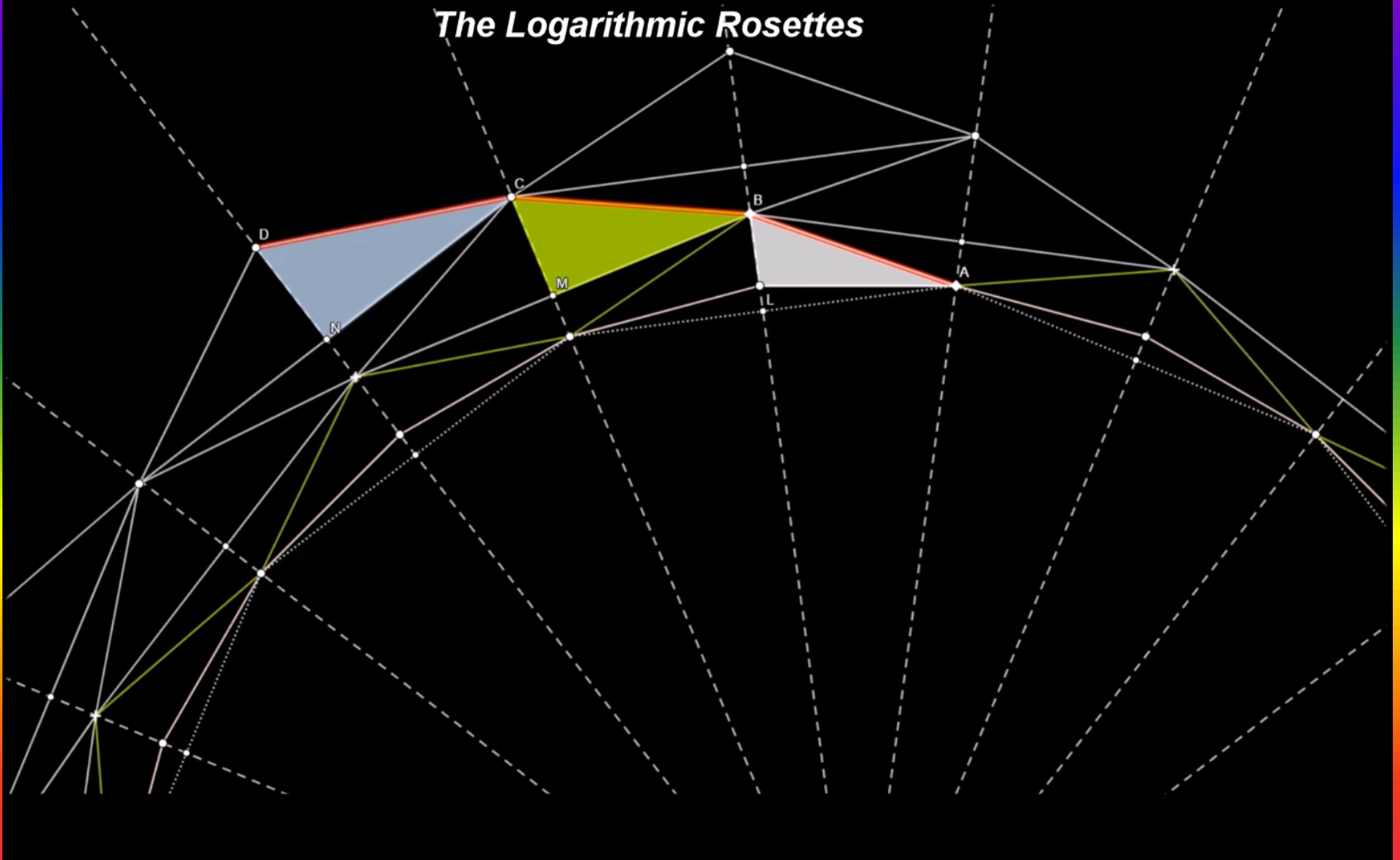
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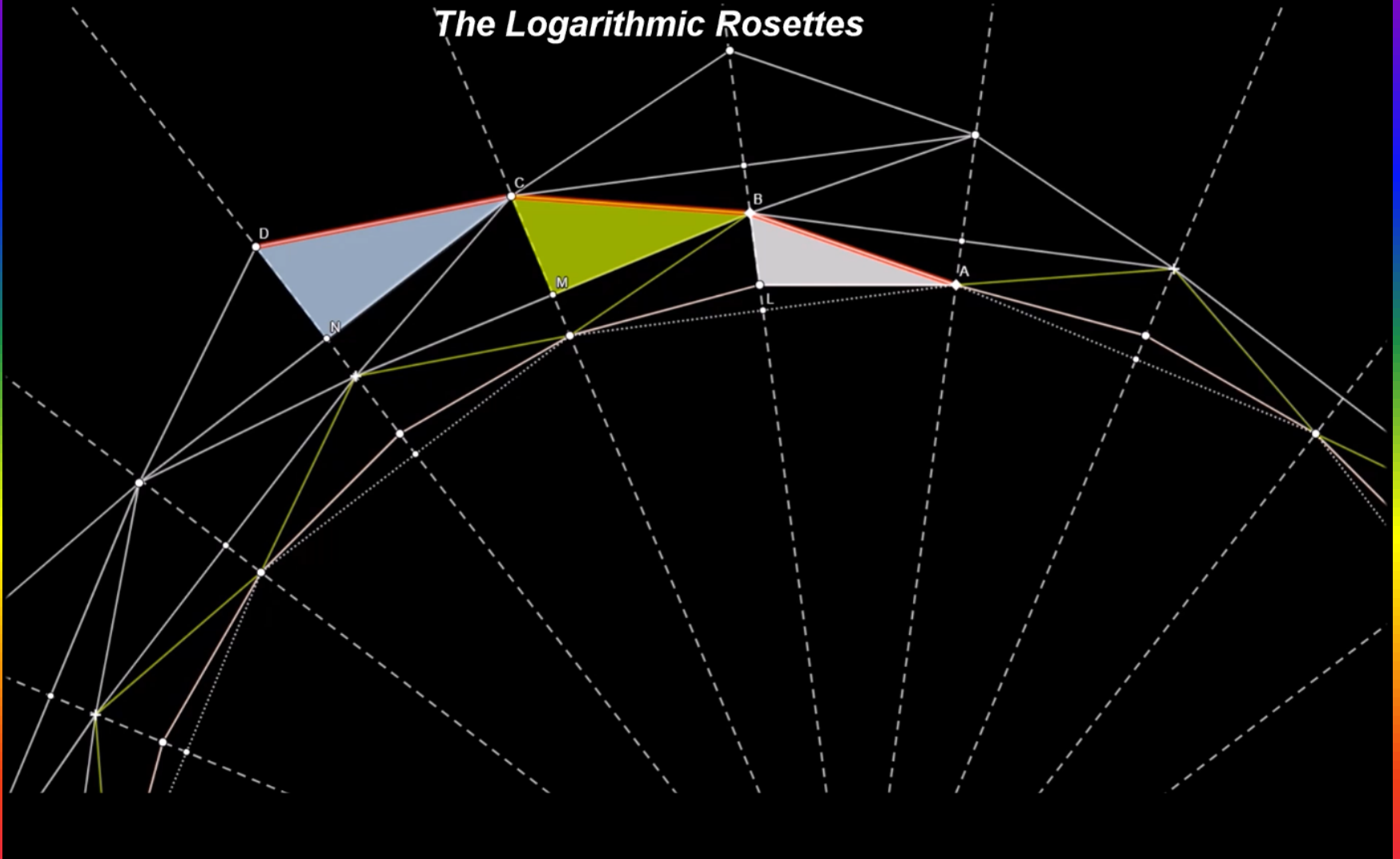


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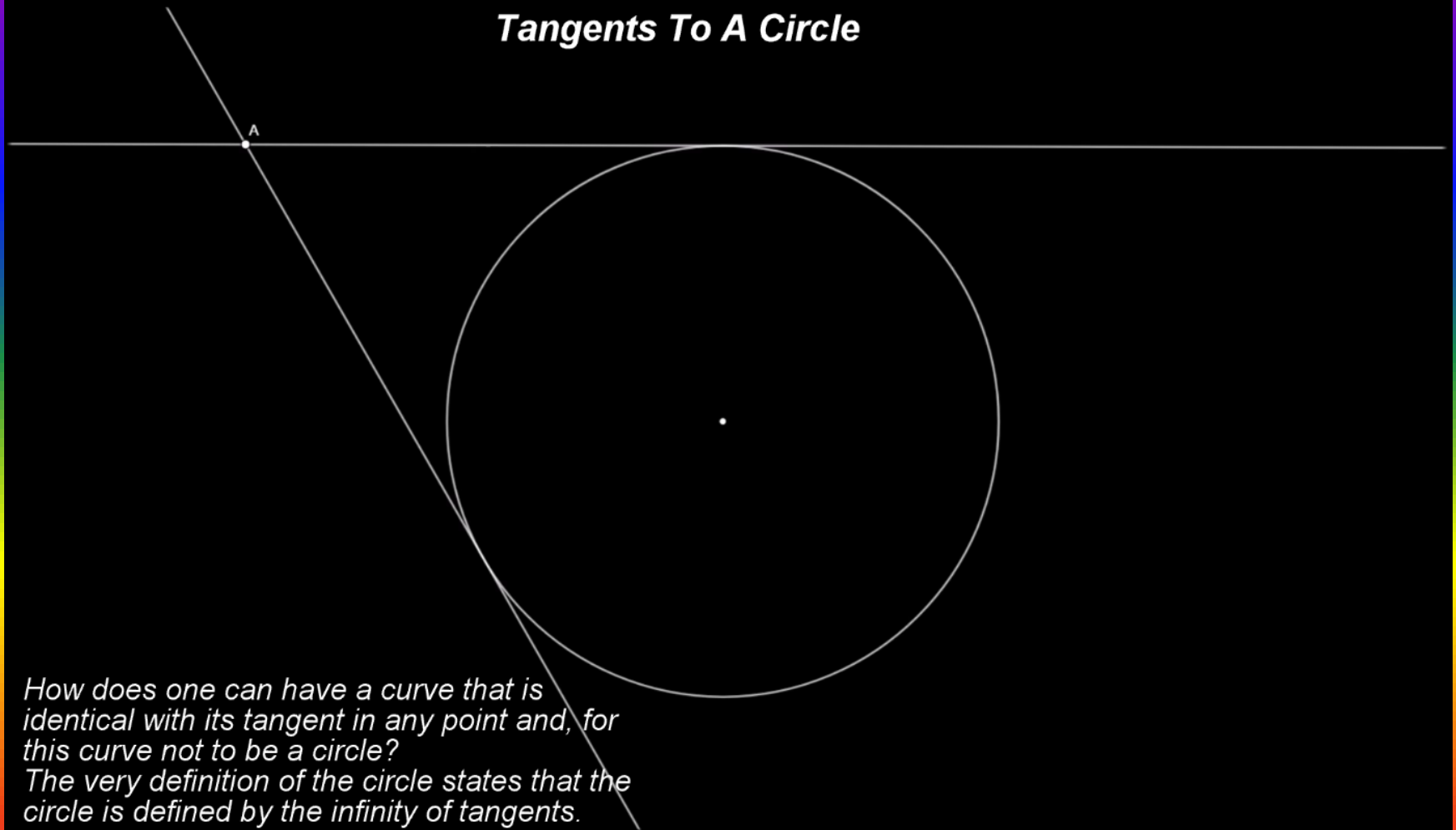
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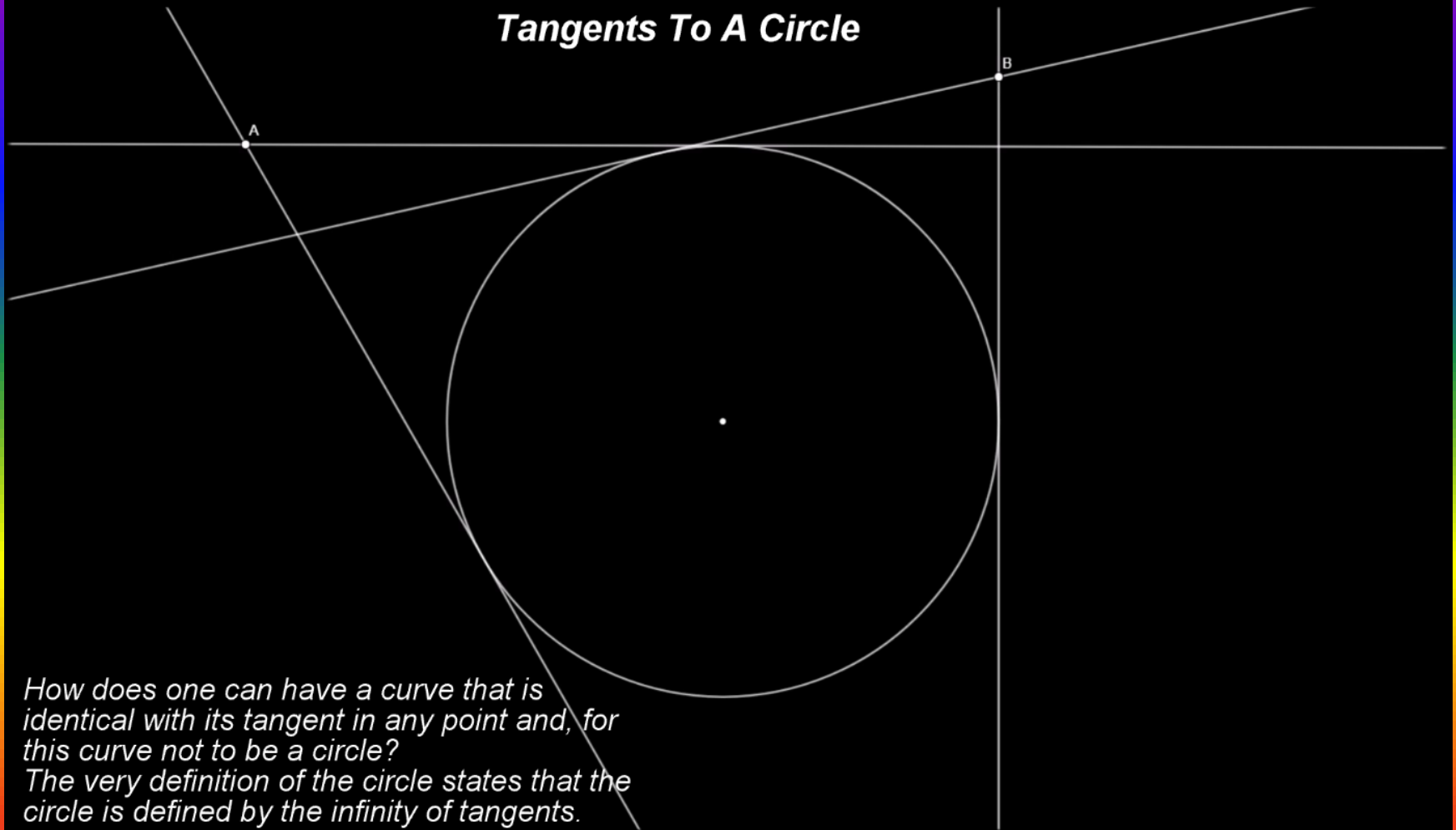
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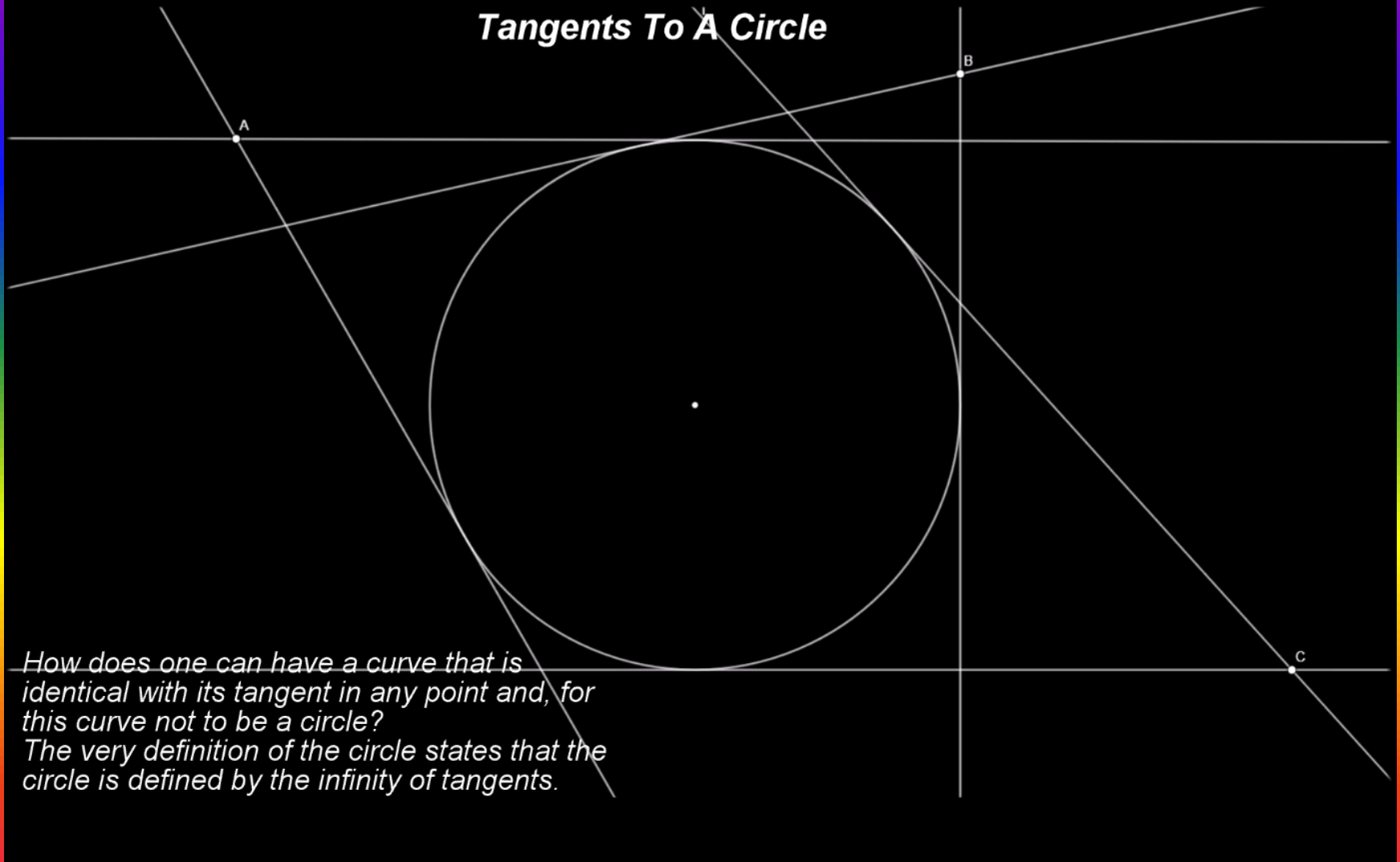


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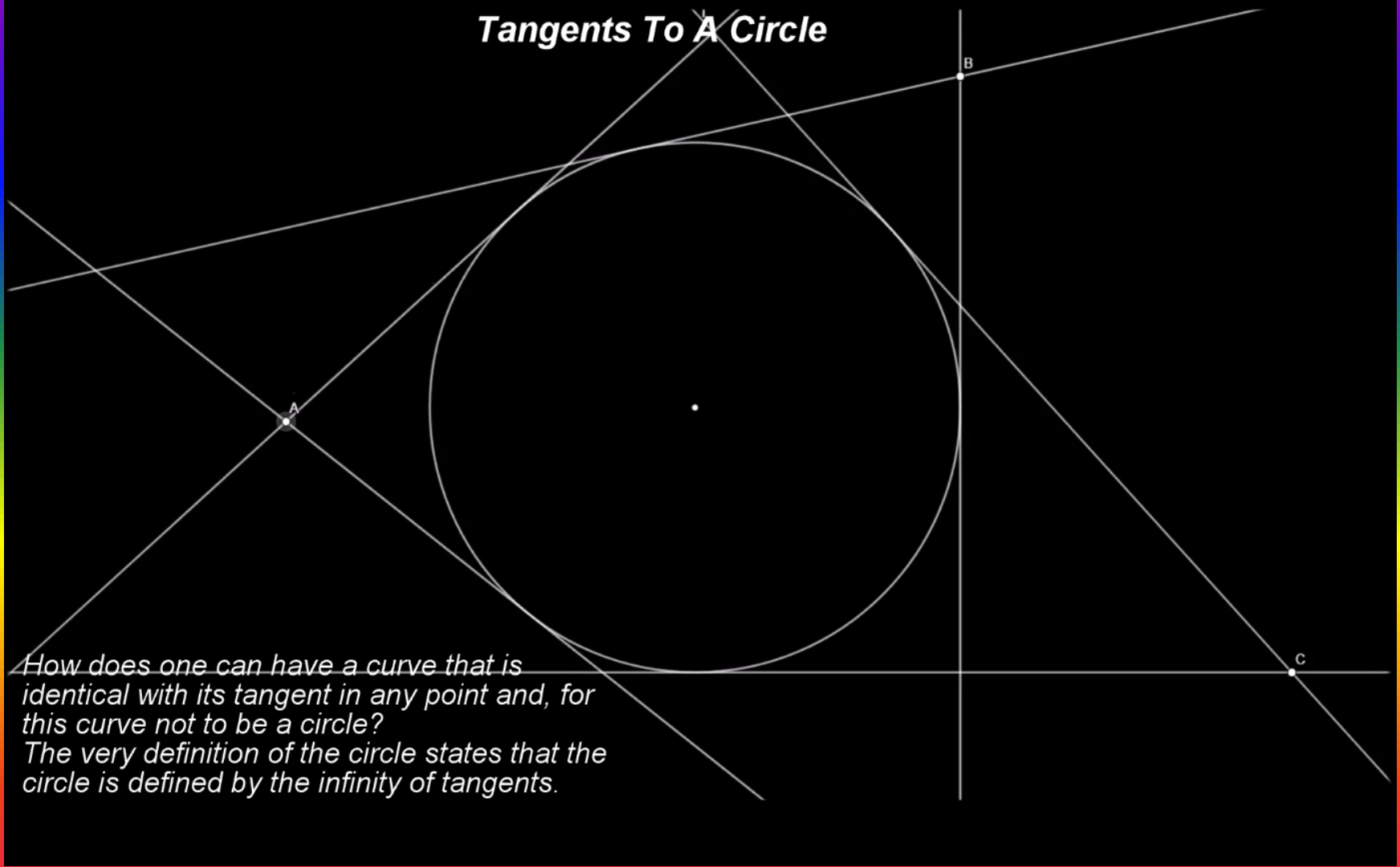
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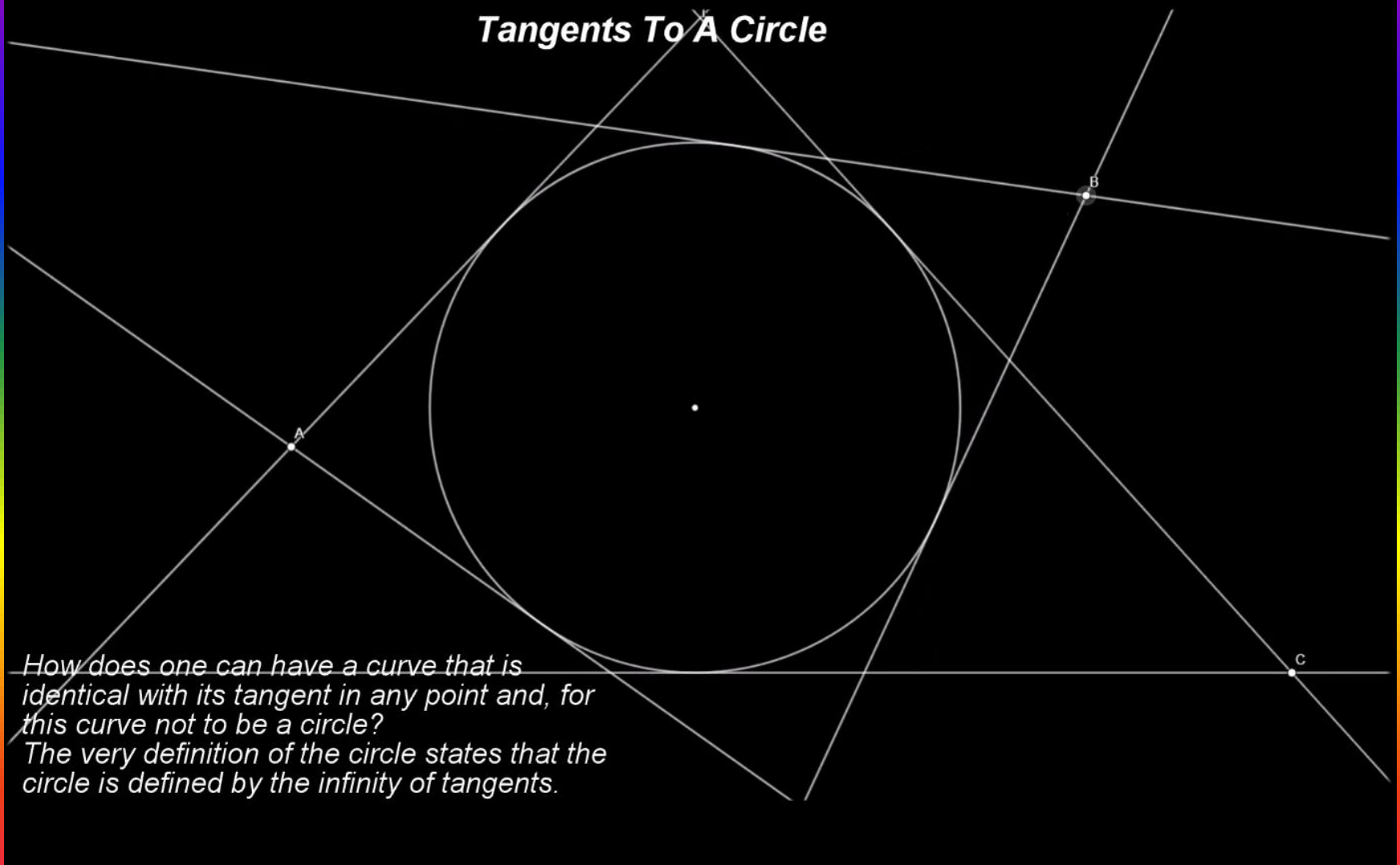


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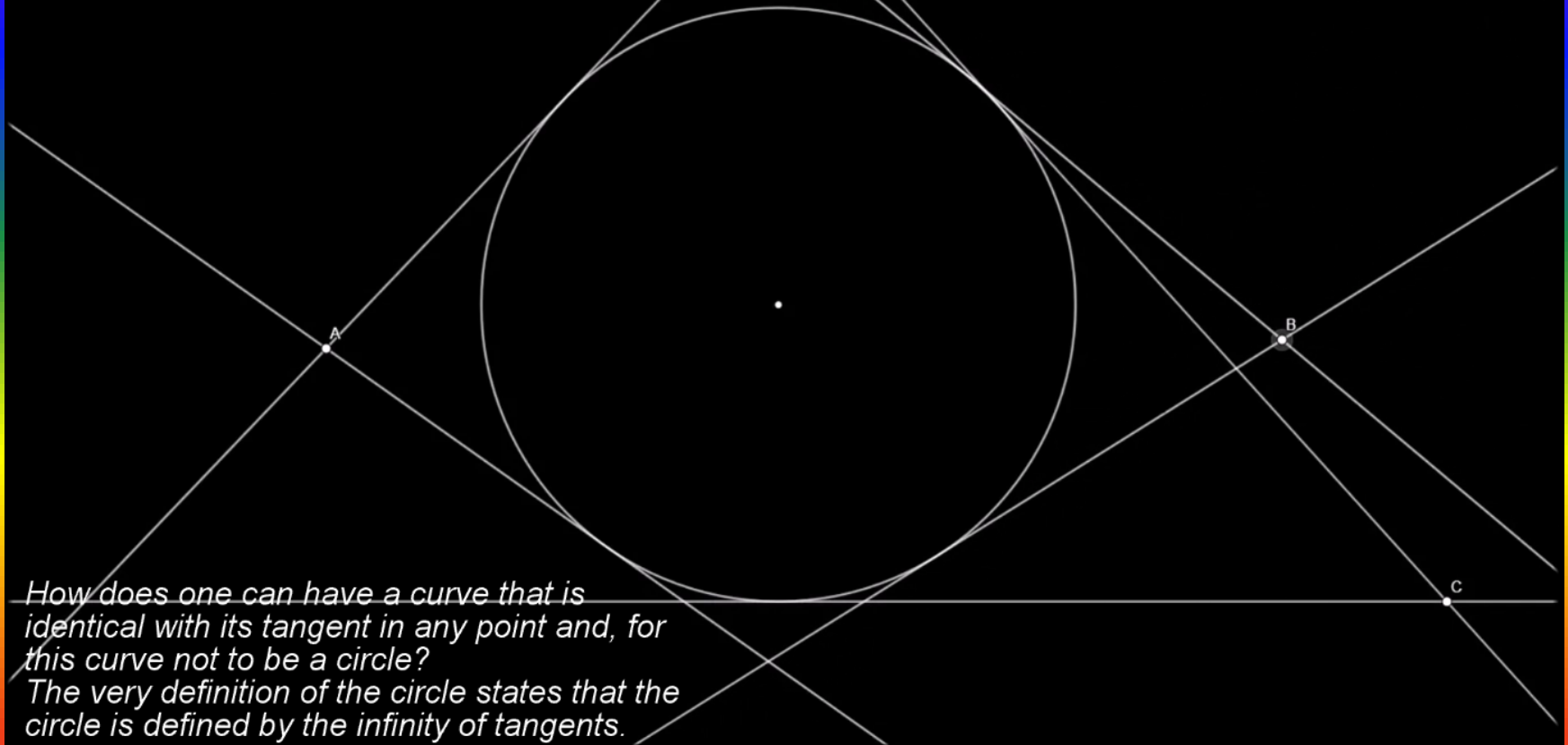


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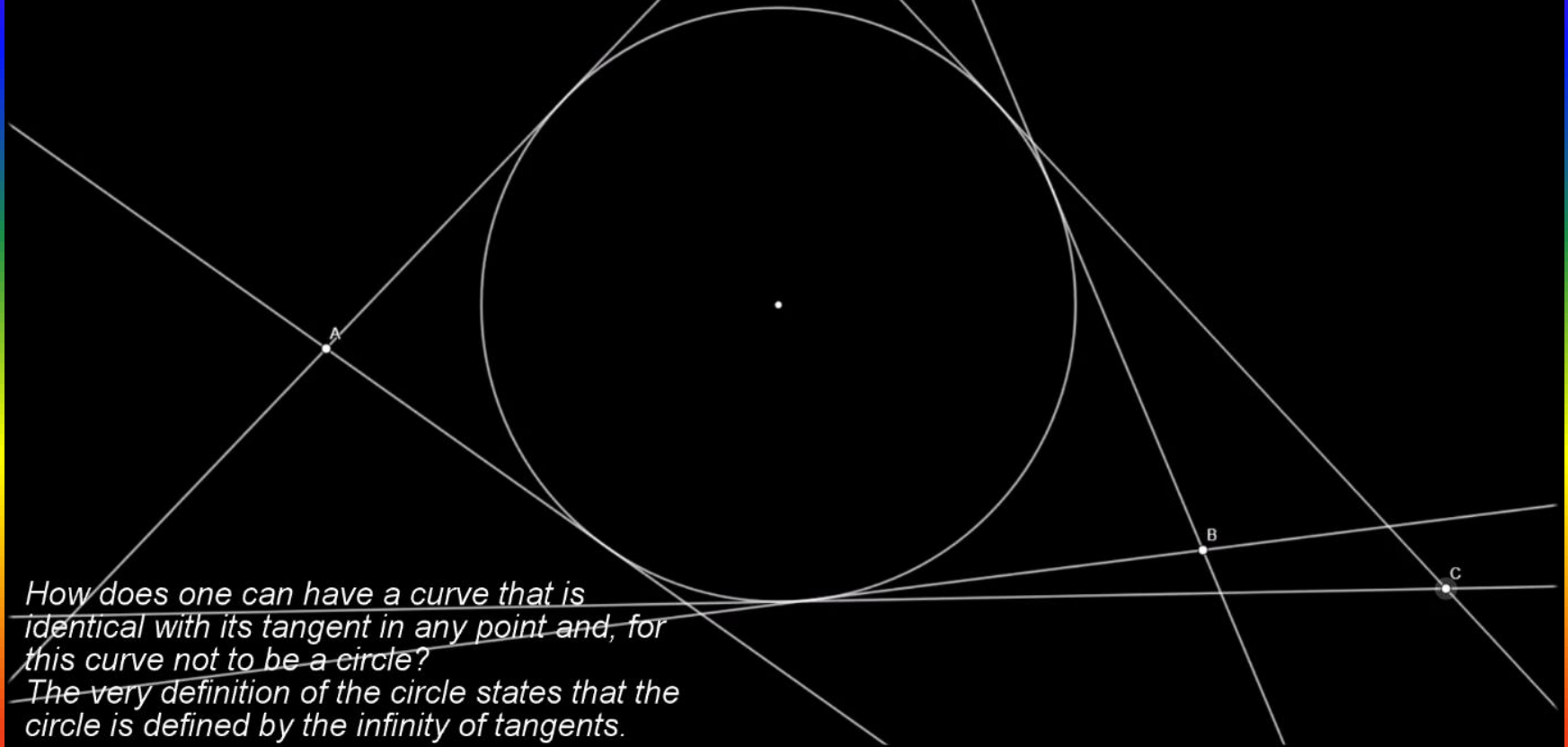
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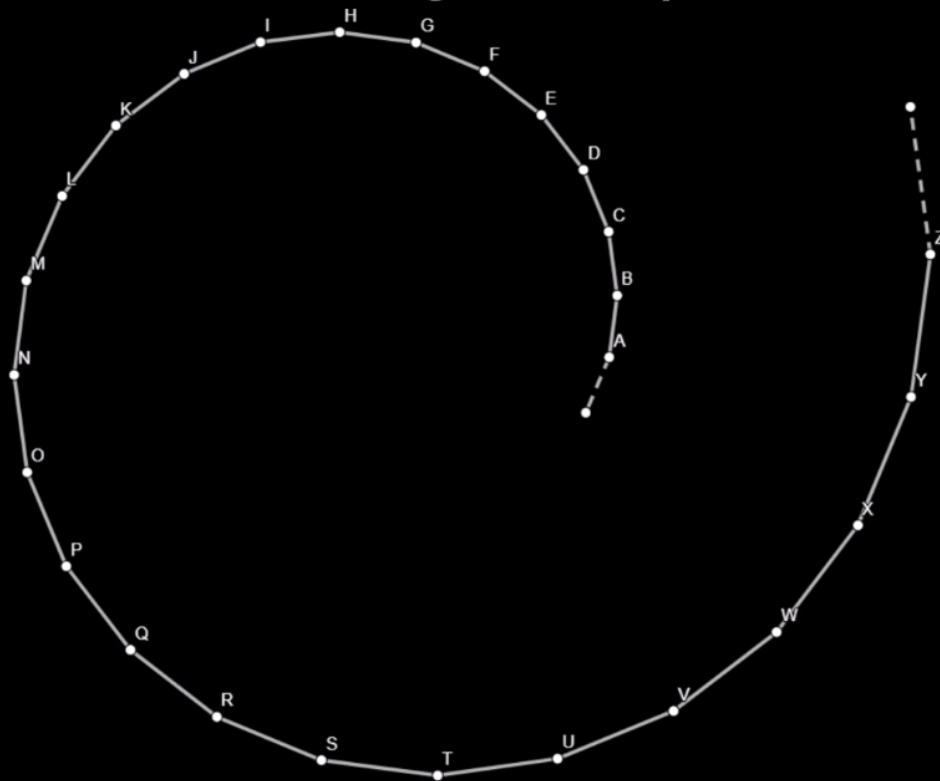
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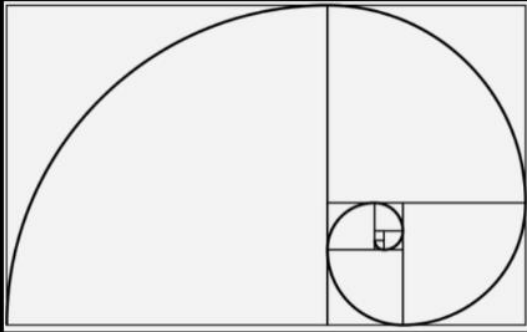
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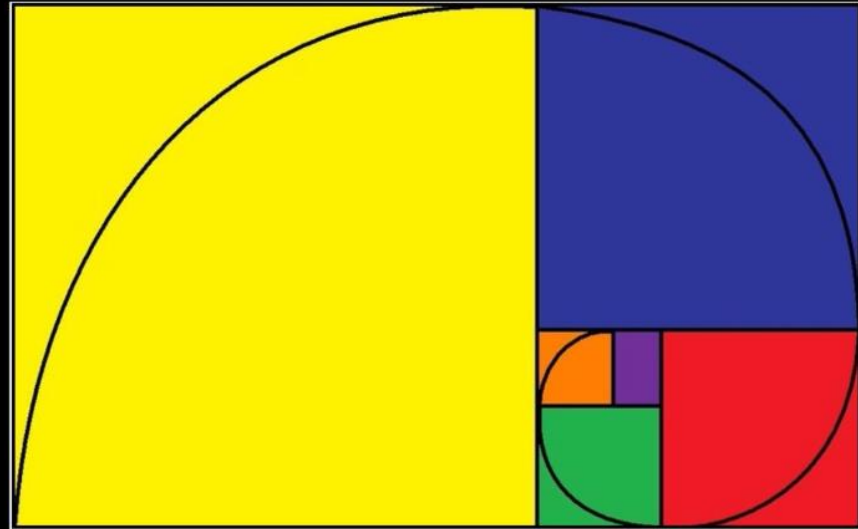


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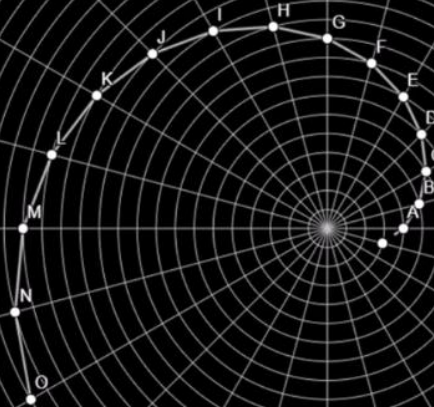
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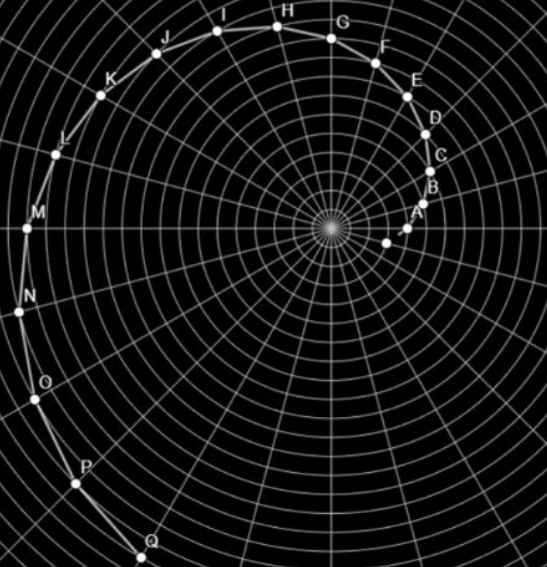


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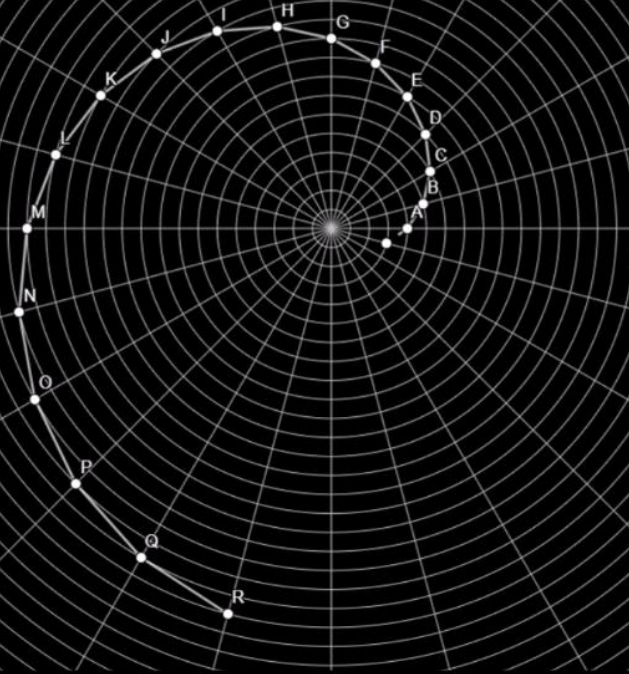


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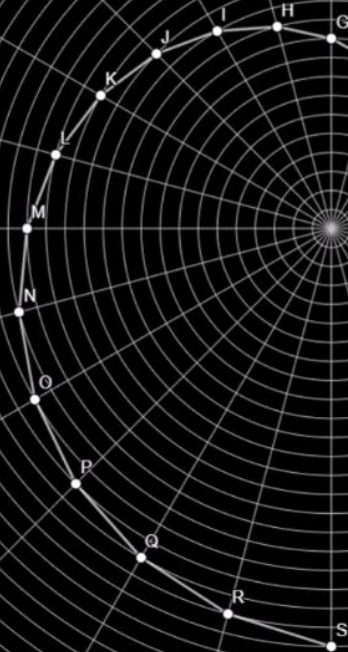


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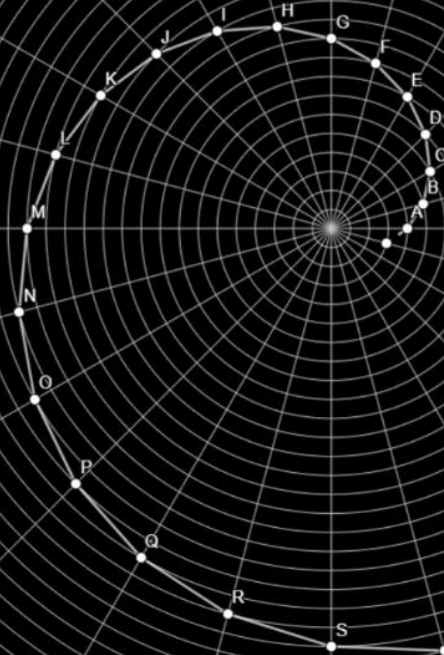


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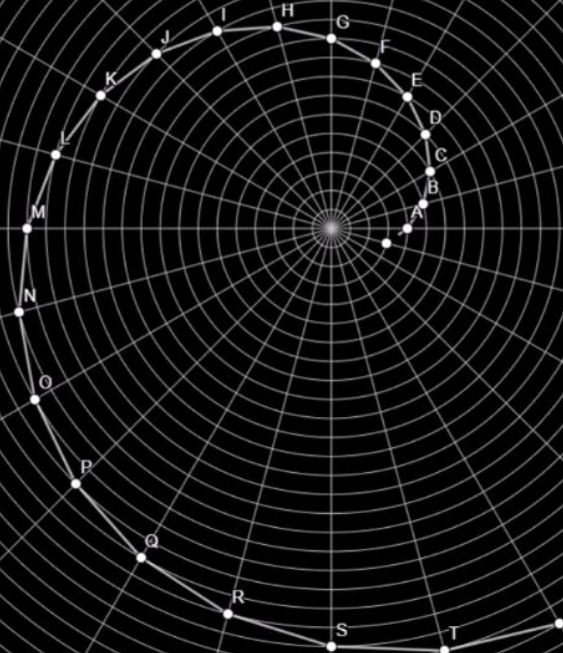


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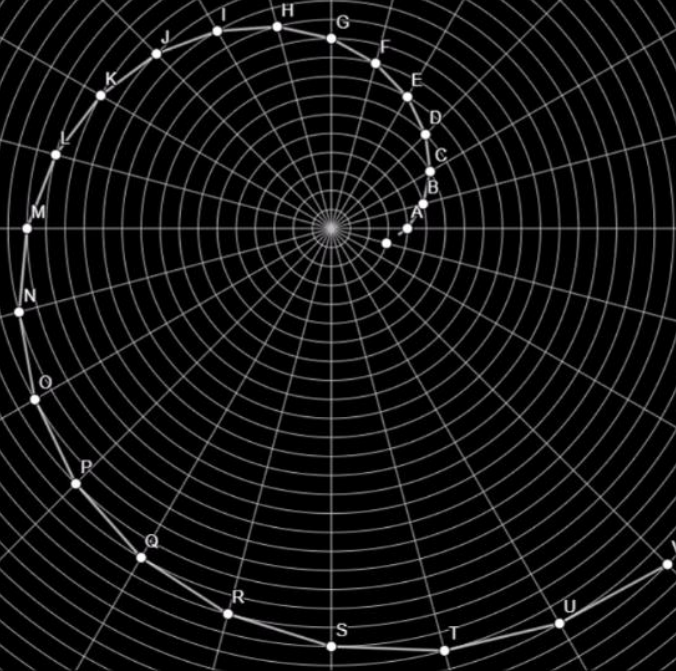


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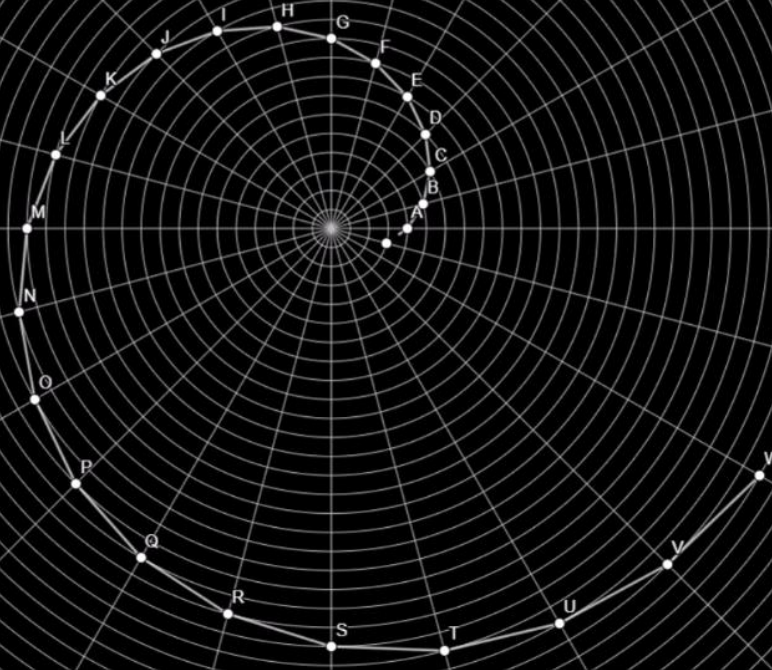


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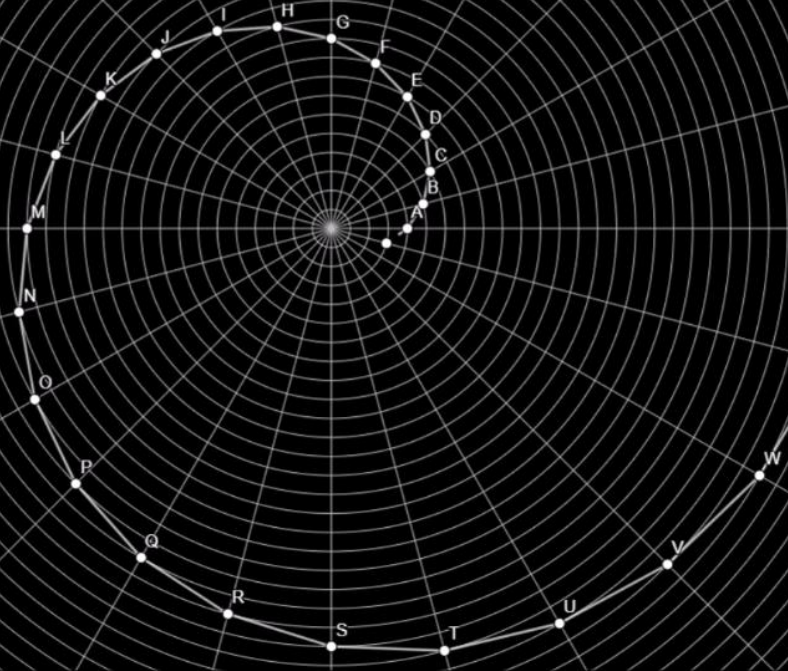


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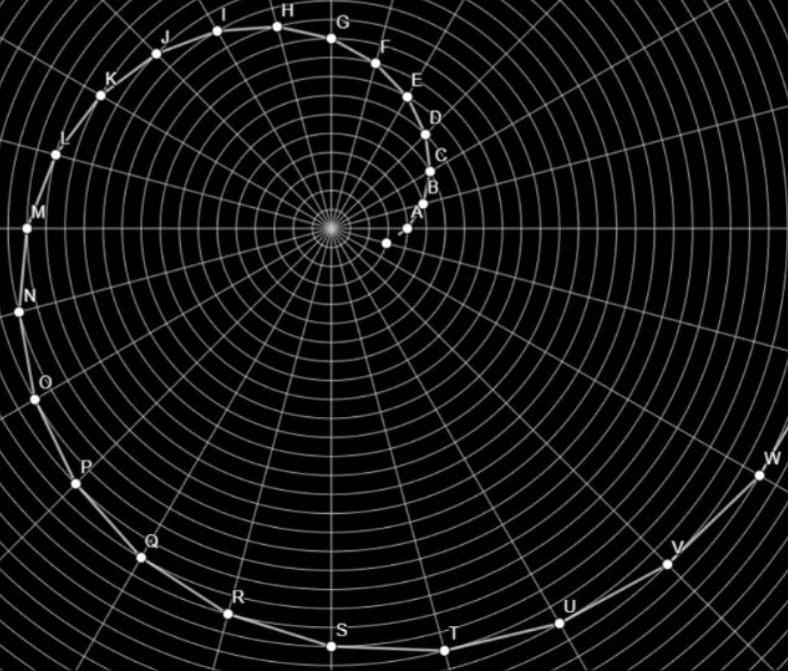


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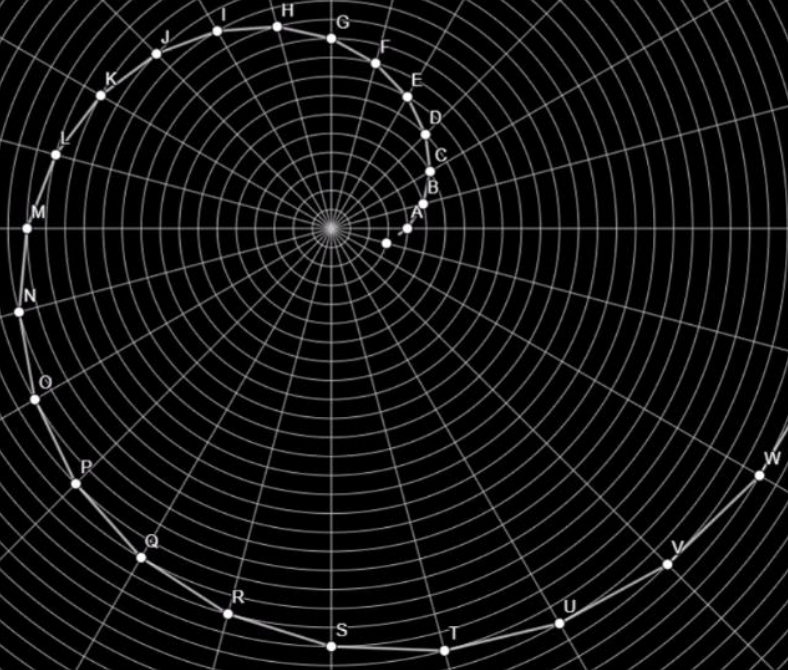


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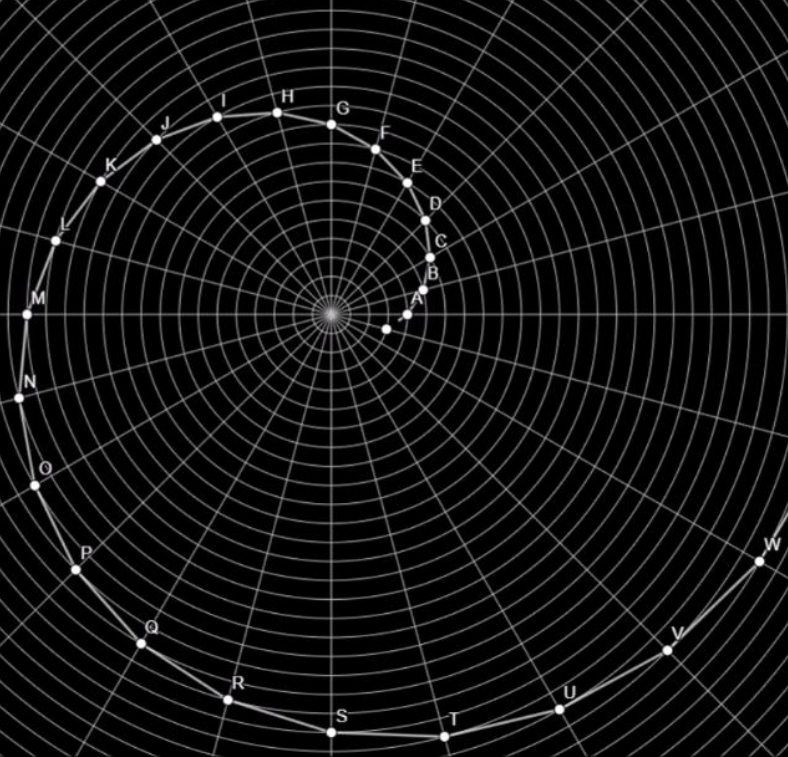


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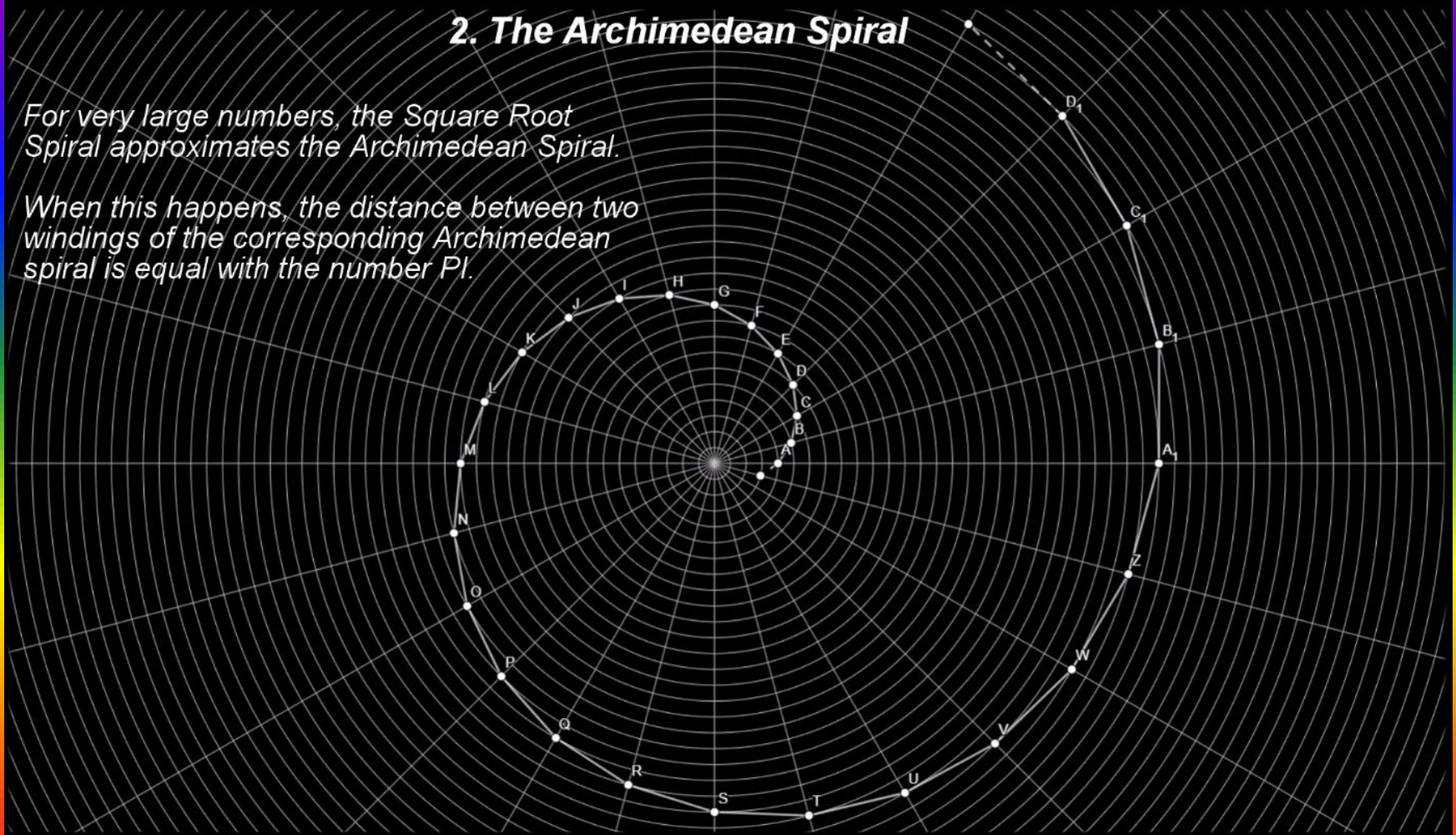
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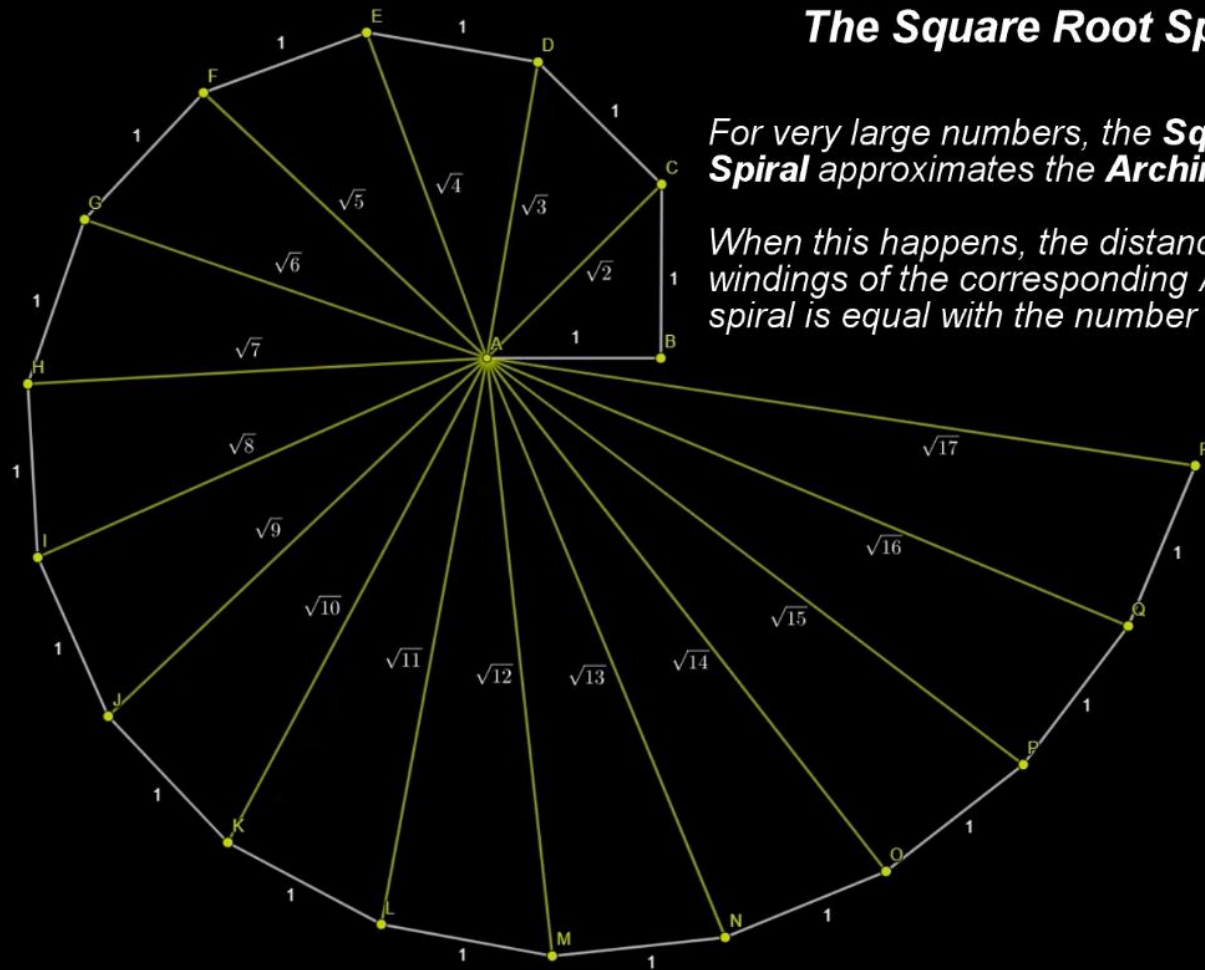
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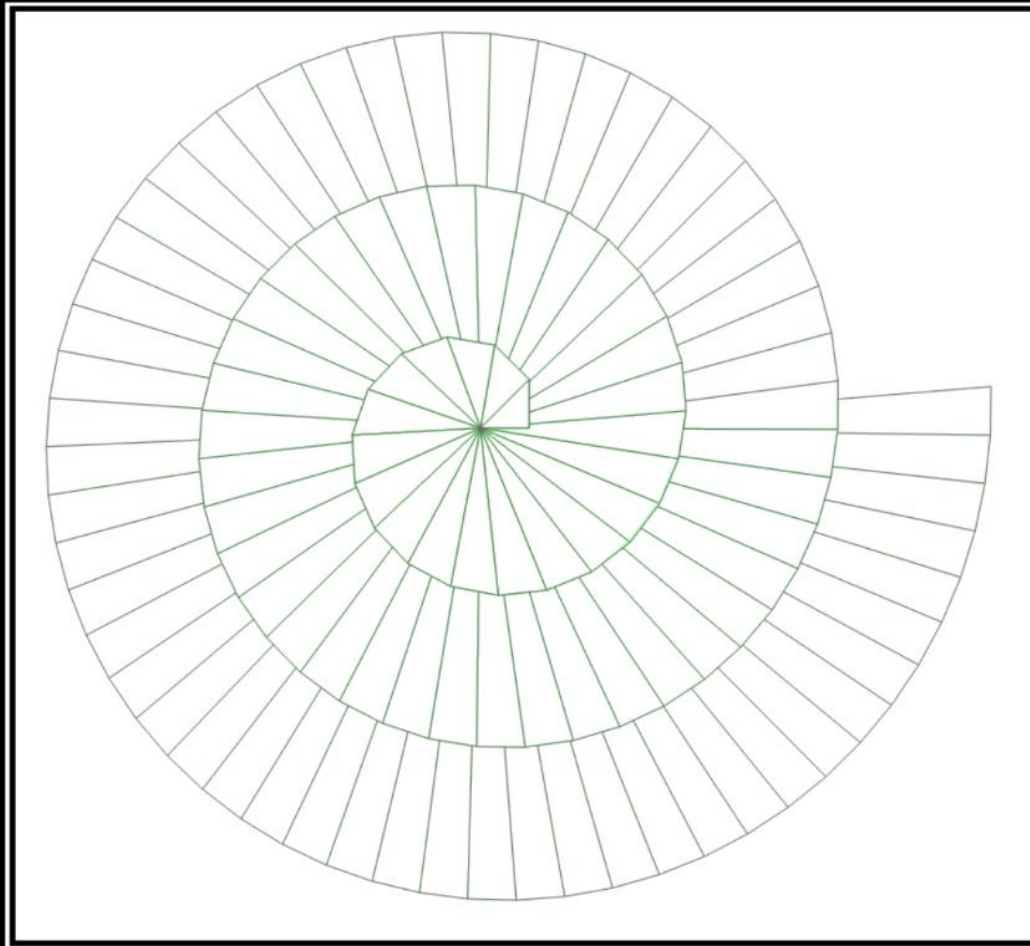
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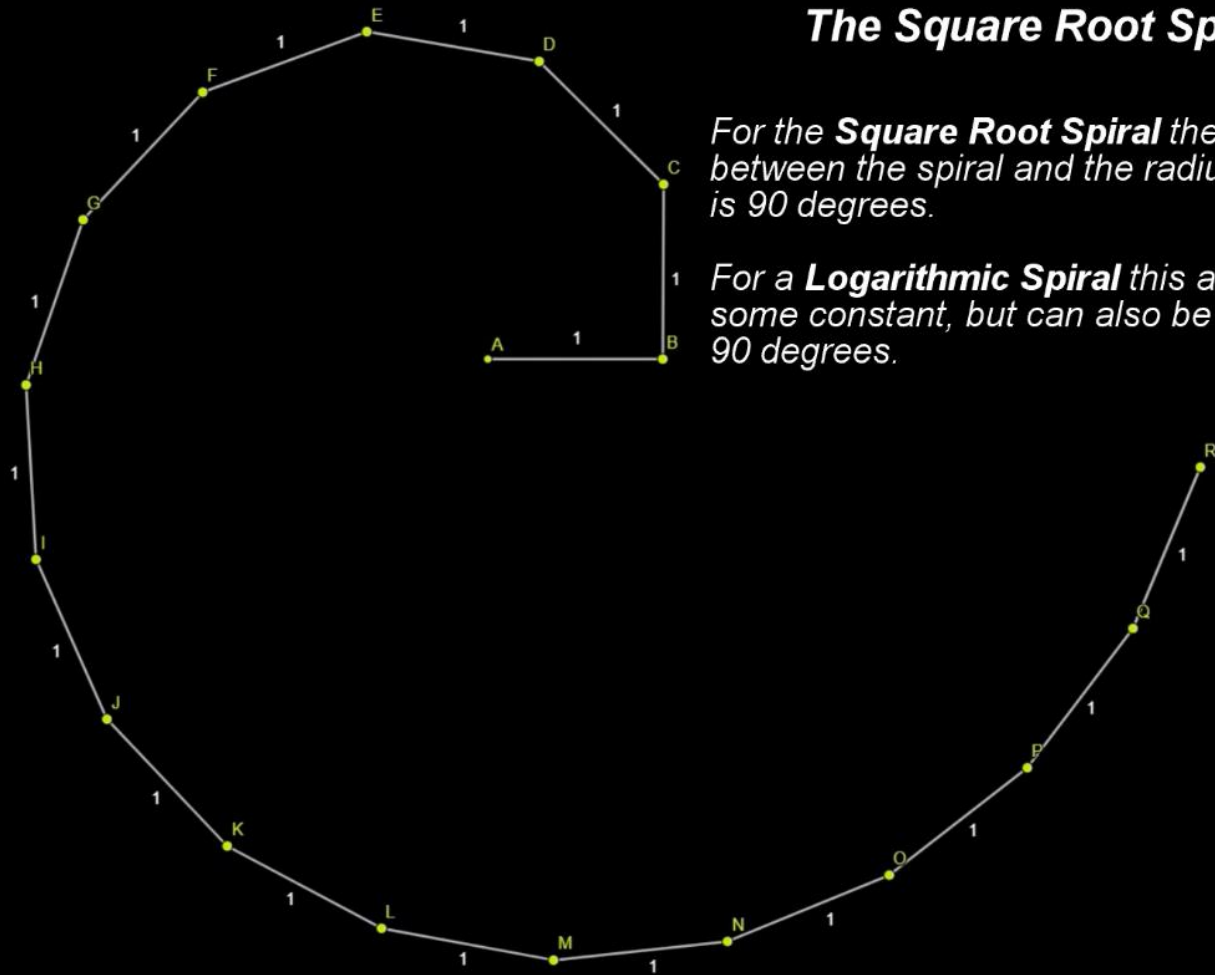


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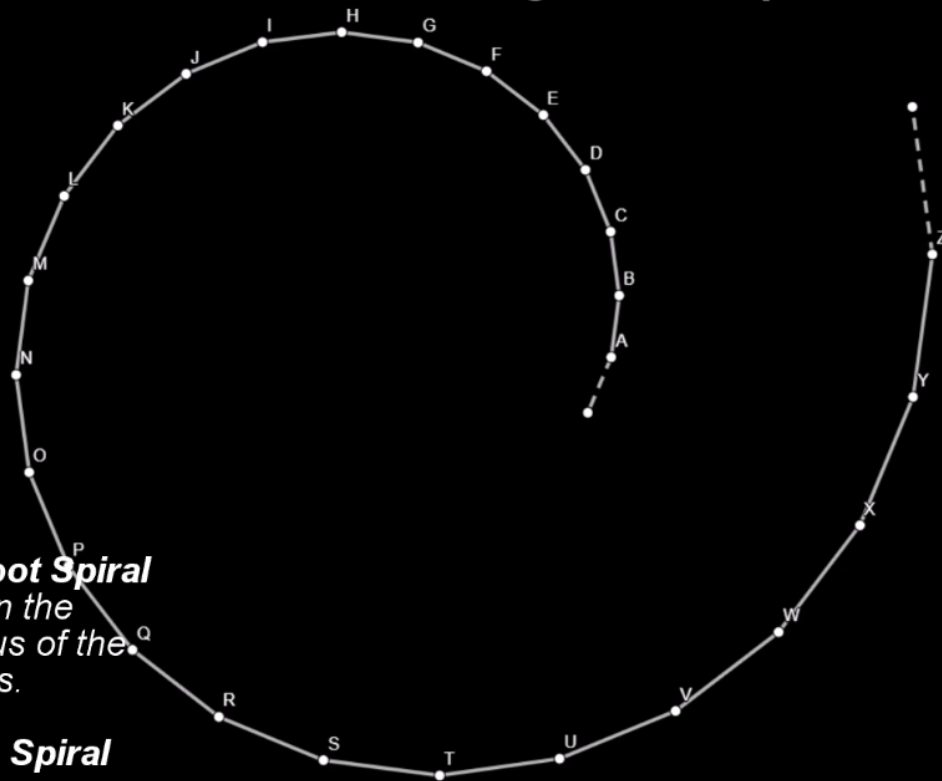
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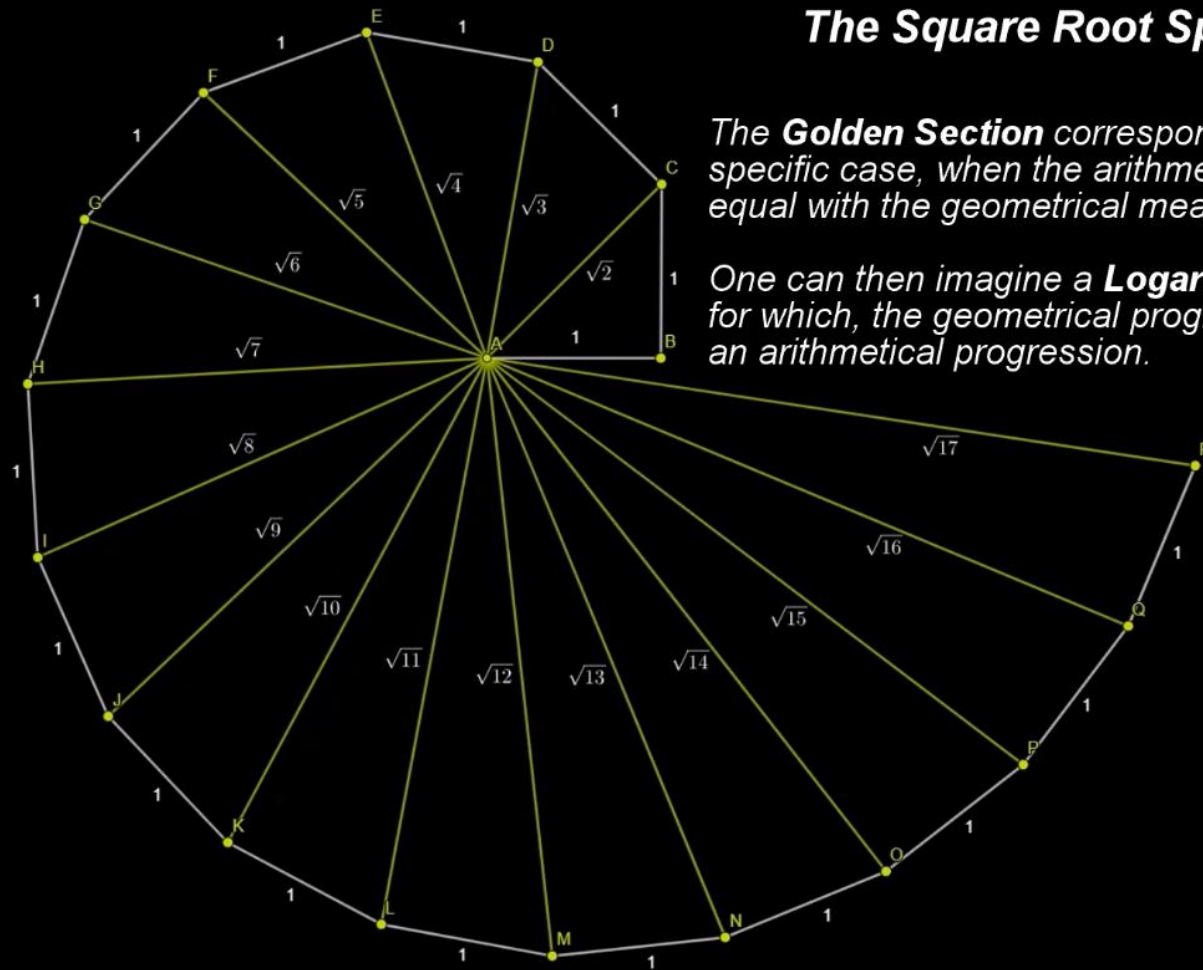
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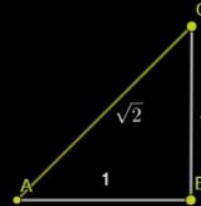
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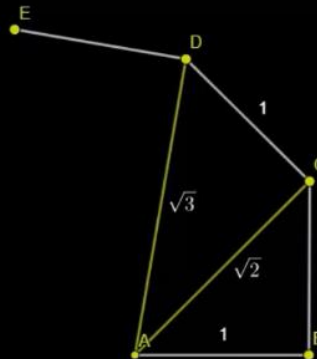
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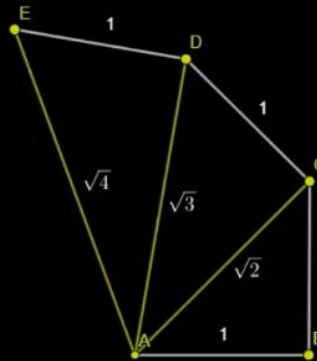
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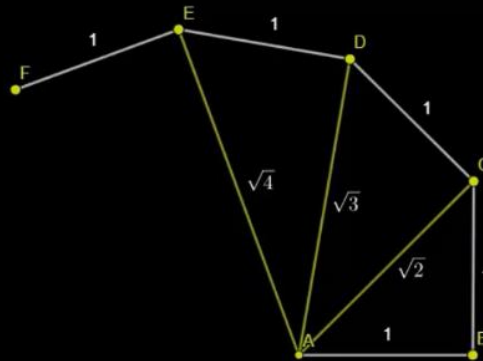
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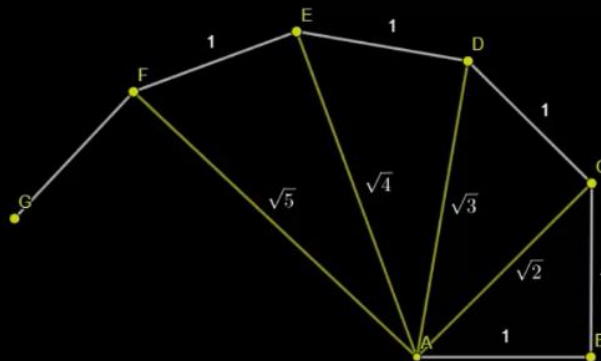
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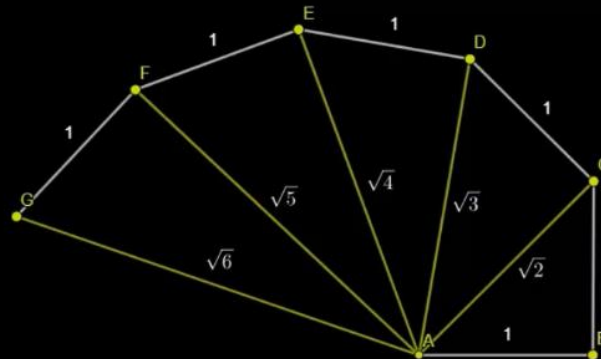
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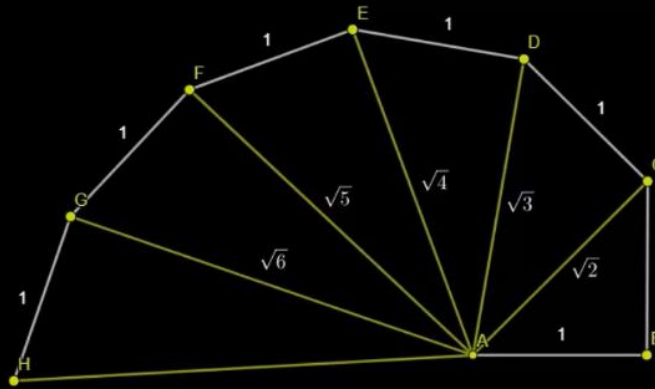
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