

LINEAR
PERSPECTIVE:

OR, A

New METHOD

Of Representing justly all manner of

OBJECTS

As they appear to the EYE

IN ALL

SITUATIONS.

A Work necessary for PAINTERS,
ARCHITECTS, &c. to Judge of, and
Regulate Designs by.

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IN this Treatise I have endeavour'd to render the Art of PERSPECTIVE more general, and more easy, than has yet been done. In order to this, I find it necessary to lay aside the common Terms of Art, which have hitherto been used, such as Horizontal Line, Points of Distance, &c. and to use new ones of my own; such as seem to be more significant of the Things they express, and more agreeable

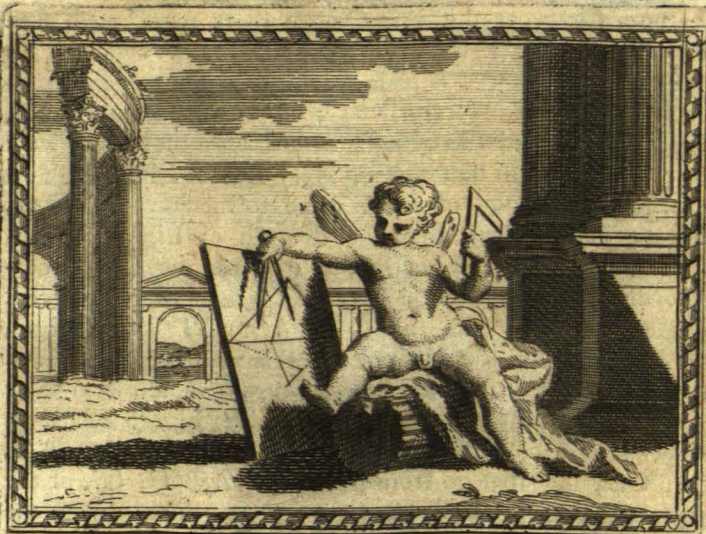
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agreeable to the general Notion I have formed to my self of this Subject.

Thus much I thought necessary to say by way of Preface; because it always needs an Apology to change Terms of Art, or any way to go out of the common Road. But I shall add no more, because the shortness of the Treatise it self makes it needless to trouble the Reader with a more particular Account of it.



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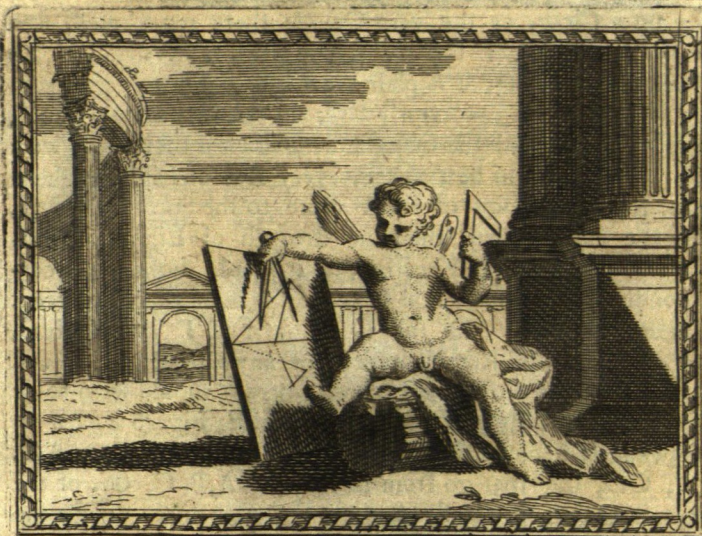
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LINEAR PERSPECTIVE:

SECTION I.

Containing an Explanation of those things that are necessary to be understood in order to the Practice of PERSPECTIVE.

PERSPECTIVE is the Art of drawing on a Plane the Appearances of any Figures, by the Rules of Geometry.

In order to understand the Principles of this Art, we must consider, That a Picture painted in its utmost degree of Perfection, ought so to affect the Eye of the Beholder, that he should not be able to judge, whether what he sees be only a few Colours laid artificially

ally on a Cloth, or the very Objects there represented, seen thro' the Frame of the Picture, as thro' a Window. To produce this Effect, it is plain the Light ought to come from the Picture to the Spectator's Eye, in the very same manner, as it would do from the Objects themselves, if they really were where they seem to be; that is, every Ray of Light ought to come from any Point of the Picture to the Spectator's Eye, with the same Colour, the same strength of Light and Shadow, and in the same Direction, as it would do from the corresponding Point of the real Object, if it were placed where it is imagined to be. So that (*Fig. 1.*) if $E T$ be a Picture, and $a b c d$ be the Representation of any Object on it, and $A B C D$ be the real Object placed where it should seem to be to a Spectator's Eye in O ; then ought the Figure $a b c d$ to seem exactly to cover the Figure $A B C D$, and the Rays $A O$, $B O$, $C O$, &c. that go from any Points A, B, C , &c. of the original Object to the Spectator's Eye O , ought to cut the Picture in the corresponding Points a, b, c , &c. of the Representation. Wherefore, in order to demonstrate any Proposition in this Treatise, upon this Principle, I always suppose the real original Object to be placed where it should appear to be.

DEFINITIONS.

DEF. I.

THE Center of the Picture is that Point where a Line from the Spectator's Eye cuts it (or its Plane continued beyond the Frame, if need be) at Right Angles.

If the Plane $C D$ (*Fig. 2.*) be the Picture, and O the Spectator's Eye, then a Perpendicular let fall on the Picture from O , will cut it in its Center P .

DEF.

D E F. II.

The Distance of the Picture, or principal Distance, is the Distance between the Center of the Picture and the Spectator's Eye.

In the same Figure *P O* is the Distance of the Picture.

D E F. III.

The Interfection of an Original Line is that Point where it cuts the Picture.

If *I K* be an Original Line cutting the Picture in *C*, then is *C* the Interfection of the Line *I K*.

D E F. IV.

The Interfection of an Original Plane, is that Line wherein it cuts the Picture.

A P is an Original Plane cutting the Picture in the Line *C Q*, which therefore is its Interfection.

D E F. V.

The Vanishing Point of an Original Line, is that Point where a Line passing thro' the Spectator's Eye, parallel to the Original Line, cuts the Picture.

Such is the Point *V*, the Line *Q V* being parallel to the Original Line *I K*.

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C O R O L. 1.

Hence it is plain, that Original Lines, which are parallel to each other, have the same Vanishing Point. For one Line passing thro' the Spectator's Eye, parallel to them all, produces the Vanishing Point of 'em all, by this Definition.

C O R O L. 2.

Those Lines that are parallel to the Picture have no Vanishing Points. Because the Lines which should produce the Vanishing Points, are in this Case also parallel to the Picture, and therefore can never cut it.

C O R O L. 3.

The Lines that generate the Vanishing Points of two Original Lines, make the same Angle at the Spectator's Eye, as the Original Lines do with each other.

D E F. VI.

The Vanishing Line of an Original Plane, is that Line wherein the Picture is cut by a Plane passing thro' the Spectator's Eye parallel to the Original Plane.

Such is the Line VS, the Plane EF, being parallel to the Original Plane AB.

C O R O L. 1.

Hence Original Planes, that are parallel, have the same Vanishing Line. For one Plane passing thro' the Spectator's Eye, parallel to them all, produces that Vanishing Line.

C O R O L.

C O R O L. 2.

All the Vanishing Points of Lines in parallel Planes, are in the Vanishing Line of those Planes. For the Lines that produce those Vanishing Points, (by *Def. 5.*) are all in the Plane that produces that Vanishing Line, (by this *Def.*)

C O R O L. 3.

The Planes which produce the Vanishing Lines of two Original Planes, being parallel to the Original Planes, and passing both thro' the Spectator's Eye, (by this *Def.*) have their common Interfection passing thro' the Spectator's Eye, parallel to the Interfection of the Original Planes, and are inclined to each other in the same Angle as the Original Planes are. And hence,

C O R O L. 4.

The Vanishing Point of the common Interfection of two Planes, is the Interfection of the Vanishing Lines of those Planes,

C O R O L. 5.

The Vanishing Line, and Interfection of the same Original Plane, are parallel to each other. Because they are generated by parallel Planes. (By this *Def.* and *Def. 4.*)

D E F. VII.

The Center of a Vanishing Line is that Point where it is cut by a Perpendicular from the Spectator's Eye.

Such is S, O S being perpendicular to the Vanishing Line V S.

C O R O L.

A Line drawn from the Center of the Picture, to the Center of a Vanishing Line, is perpendicular to that Vanishing Line, As in the Line PS, to the Vanishing Line SV.

D E F. VIII.

The Distance of a Vanishing Line is the Distance between its Center, and the Eye of the Spectator, As OS.

C O R O L.

The Distance of a Vanishing Line is the Hypothenufe of a Right-Angled Triangle, (such as OPS) whose Base being the Principal Distance (OP) its Perpendicular is the Distance (PS) between the Center of the Picture, and the Center of that Vanishing Line.

D E F. IX.

The Directing Plane is a Plane passing thro' the Spectator's Eye parallel to the Picture.

Such is the Plain GH:

D E F. X.

The Directing Point of an Original Line is that Point where it cuts the Directing Plane.

Such is the Point G, to the Original Line IK,

P R O P.

PROP. I. THEOR. I.

The Representation of a Line is Part of a Line passing thro' the Intersection and Vanishing Point of the Original Line.

(Fig. 2.) For the visual Rays IO, KO, &c. which produce the Representations of the Points I, K, &c. of the Original Line IK, by their Intersections with the Picture in *i*, *k*, &c. are all in a Plane passing thro' the Original Line IK, and the Spectator's Eye O. But the Point C, which is the Intersection of the Original Line IK, is in that Plane, because it is in the Line IK; and the Line OV is in the same Plane, because it is parallel to the Original Line IK, (by Def. 5.) Wherefore the Line VC is the Intersection of the Plane IOK with the Picture, and consequently *ik*, which is the Representation of the Line IK, is Part of the Line VC, which passes thro' the Vanishing Point V, and the Intersection C, of the Original Line IK.

COROL. I.

Hence the Representations of any Number of Lines that are parallel to each other, but not parallel to the Picture, will pass thro' the same Point. For they all pass thro the same Vanishing Point. (By this Theor. and by Cor. I. Def. 5.) See this express'd in Fig. 3.

COROL. 2.

But if the Original Lines are parallel to the Picture, as well as to each other, their Representations will be parallel to each other, and to the Originals. For the Line passing thro' the Spectator's Eye, which in other Cases produces the Vanishing Point by its Intersection with the Picture, is in this Case parallel to it, and therefore produces no Vanishing Point. So that the Representations can never meet each other; nor that

that Line passing thro' the Spectator's Eye, and consequently are parallel to each other, to that Line, and to the Originals. See this represented in *Fig. 4.* where *AB* is the Picture, *O* the Eye of the Spectator, &c.

C O R O L. 3.

And hence it appears that the Representations of plain Figures, parallel to the Picture, are exactly of the same Shape as their Originals. For (*Fig. 5.*) the Picture being *AB*, the Original Figure parallel to it being *CDEF*, and the Representation being *cdef*, if you resolve the Original Figure into Triangles, by means of Diagonal Lines, such as *DF*, the Representation will be resolved into Triangles by corresponding Diagonals *df*. Whence all the Lines in the Representation being parallel to all the Lines in the Original, every Triangle *cdf* will be like the corresponding Triangle *EDF*, and consequently all the Lines of the Figure *edcf* will be in the same Proportion to one another, as the corresponding Lines in the Figure *CDEF*.

P R O P. 2. T H E O R. 2.

Any Line in the Representation of a Figure parallel to the Picture, is to its Original Line, as the Principal Distance is to the Distance between the Spectator's Eye, and the Plane of the Original Figure.

Let *OG* (*Fig. 5.*) be perpendicular to the Original Plane; and to the Picture, cutting them in *G*, and *g*. The Original Plane being parallel to the Picture, therefore all the visual Rays *OC*, *OD*, *OE*, &c. are cut in the same Proportion by the Points *cde*, &c. as *OG* is by the Point *g*; and *dc* being parallel to *DC*, the Triangle *dOc* is like the Triangle *DOC*; wherefore *dc* is to *DC*, as *Od* is to *OD*, that is as *Og* (which is the principal Distance) is to *OG*.

P R O P.

PROP. 3. THEOR. 3.

The Representation of a Line is parallel to a Line passing thro' its Directing Point and the Spectator's Eye.

For the Directing Point G, (Fig. 2.) and consequently the Line OG, is in the Plane IOK, which produces the Representation ik. (By Prop. 1.) Wherefore the Directing Plane being parallel to the Picture, (by Def. 9.) the Representation ik is parallel to OG.

COROL.

Hence it appears that Original Lines which pass thro' the same Point of the Directing Plane, have parallel Representations. Which also is true, when they don't pass thro' the same Point of the Directing Plane, but thro' any Points of the same Line (OG) that passes thro' the Spectator's Eye.

PROP. 4. THEOR. 4.

The Distance between the Vanishing Point of a Line and the Representation of any Point in it, is to the Distance between the Vanishing Point and Intersection, as the Distance between the Directing Point and the Intersection, is to the Distance between the Directing Point and the Original Point.

(Fig. 2.) Every thing remaining as is explained in the Definitions, and k being the Representation of K, the Line VC being Parallel to OG, the Triangles OVk, and KGO are similar; wherefore $Vk : OG :: OV : GK$. But $OG = VC$, and $OV = GC$; wherefore $Vk : VC :: GC : GK$.

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If you imagin a Plane to pass through K parallel to the Picture, this Proportion will be the same as in *Prop. 2.*



SECTION II.

Propositions relating to the General Practice of
PERSPECTIVE.

P R O P. 5. P R O B. I.

Having given the Center and Distance of the Picture, to find the Representation of a Point, whose Seat on the Picture, and Distance from it are given.

Fig. 6. S is the Center of the Picture, and C the Seat of the Original Point. Thro' S and C draw at pleasure two parallel Lines, and make SO equal to the Distance of the Picture, and CP equal to the Distance of the original Point from it's Seat, and draw OP, which will cut SC in *p*, which is the Point sought.

When the Picture lies between the Spectator's Eye, and the original Point, *p* will fall between S and C; but when the original Point falls between the Spectator's Eye and the Picture, then will *p* fall beyond C, as is expressed by the Letters P₁ and *p*₁; but when the Spectator's Eye falls between the Picture and the original Point, that Point cannot be seen on the Picture, because it is behind the Spectator, though it's Projection is of use in some Cases.

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For you may imagin O to be the Spectator's Eye, and P to be the original Point, in their proper Places, then will OP be a visual Ray projecting the Point p on the Picture.

The Point p may be found likewise by Calculation, for $S p : S C :: O S : O S + C P$, or $S p^I : S C :: O S : O S - P I C$.

PROP. 6. PROB. 2.

Having given the Center and Distance of the Picture, and the Position of an Original Line with respect to the Picture, to find its Indefinite Representation and Vanishing Point.

I. *By the Seat, Intersection, and Inclination of the Original Line.*

Fig. 7. Let S be the Center of the Picture, C the Intersection of the original Line, and CD its Seat on the Picture.

Draw CA, so that the Angle ACD may be equal to the Angle the original Line makes with its Seat CD. Draw SV parallel to CD, and perpendicular to it draw SO equal to the Distance of the Picture, and draw OV parallel to CA cutting SV in V, and draw CV. Then will V be the Vanishing Point, and CV the indefinite Representation of the Original Line.

II. *By the Seats of two Points of the Original Line.*

Let D and E (Fig. 7.) be the Seats of two Points of the Original Line on the Picture, Draw DE, and SV parallel to it. Perpendicular to DE take DA, and EB equal to the Distances of the two Original Points from their
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their Seats; and Perpendicular to SV take SO equal to the Distance of the Picture, and draw OV parallel to AB , cutting SV in V . Then will V be the Vanishing Point. Draw SE , and find the Representation of B . (By *Prop. 5.*) Then will Vb be the indefinite Representation. Or find the Representations a and b of the two Points A and B (by *Prop. 5.*) and draw ba cutting SV in V . Then will Vb be the indefinite Representation, and V the Vanishing Point.

The Vanishing Point V , may likewise be found by a Line of Tangents; for the Angle VOS is equal to CAD which is the Compliment of the given Angle ACD ; wherefore the Distance of the Picture SO being Radius, SV will be the Co-tangent of the Angle ACD .

DEMONSTRATION.

Suppose the Triangles SVO and CDA to be turn'd round the Lines SV , and CD , till O co-incides with the Spectator's Eye, and CA co-incides with the Original Line. Then the Planes SOV , and CAD being parallel to each other, and the Angles OVS , and ACD still equal, OV will be parallel to CA . Wherefore V will be the Vanishing Point, (by *Def. 5.*) and CV will be the indefinite Representation. (By *Prop. 1.*)

PROP. 7. PROB. 3.

Having given the Center and Distance of the Picture, and the Position of an Original Plane, to find its Vanishing Line, its Center, and Distance.

Find the Vanishing Points of two Lines in that Plain, (by *Prop. 6.*) and a Line passing through them will be the Vanishing Line sought. (By *Cor. 2. Def. 6.*) Or let S be the Center of the Picture, (*Fig. 8.*) and AB the Intersection of the Original Plane. Draw SO parallel to AB , and equal to the
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Distance of the Picture, and draw SV perpendicular to it, and let C be the Angle of the Inclination of the Original Plane to the Picture. Draw OV cutting SV in V , so that the Angle OVS may be equal to C , and draw VD parallel to AB . Then will VD be the Vanishing Line sought, V its Center, and VO its Distance.

The Distance SV may also be found by a Line of Tangents; for SO being Radius, SV is the Co-tangent of C .

DEMONSTRATION.

Turn the Triangle SVO round the Line SV , till its Plane becomes perpendicular to the Picture. Then will the Plane OVD be parallel to the Original Plane, and consequently will produce the Vanishing Line DV . (By *Def. 6.*) And OV being perpendicular to VD , V will be its Center, and VD its Distance, (by *Def. 7.* and *8.*)

PROP. 8. PROB. 4.

Having given the Center and Distance of the Picture, and the Vanishing Line of a Plane, to find the Vanishing Point of Lines perpendicular to that Plane.

Fig. 9. S is the Center of the Picture, and VA the Vanishing Line given. Draw SO parallel to VA , and equal to the Distance of the Picture, and draw SV perpendicular to VA cutting it in V . Then draw VO , and OP perpendicular to it, which will cut VS in the Point sought P .

Or you may find the Distance SP by Calculation, for $VS : SO :: SO : OP$.

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DEMONSTRATION.

If the Plane VOP be turn'd round the Line VP , till O co-incides with the Spectator's Eye; then will OVA be the Plane producing the Vanishing Line VA , and OP being perpendicular to that Plane, will be parallel to the Original Lines that are perpendicular to the Original Planes, and therefore will produce their Vanishing Point P .

N. B. When the Vanishing Line passes thro' the Center of the Picture, the Points S and V will be all one, and the Distance SP , or VP will be Infinite, and the Representations of all Lines perpendicular to the Original Plane, will be perpendicular to the Vanishing Line, and consequently parallel to each other, as they are to the Originals.

PROP. 9. PROB. 5.

Having given the Center and Distance of the Picture, and the Vanishing Point of a Line; to find the Vanishing Line of Planes perpendicular to that Line.

Fig. 9. S is the Center of the Picture, and P the Vanishing Point given. Draw SP , and perpendicular to it take SO equal to the Distance of the Picture, and draw OP , and perpendicular to it draw OK cutting PS in V . Then draw VA perpendicular to VP , and that will be the Vanishing Line sought, V its Center, and VO its Distance.

This is demonstrated as the foregoing *Prop.* by bringing O to the Spectator's Eye. And SV may in the same manner be found by Calculation.

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N. B. *When the Point P co-incides with the Center of the Picture, the Distance PV, or SV will be Infinite, and there will be no Vanishing Line, the Original Planes being parallel to the Picture.*

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Having given the Center and Distance of the Picture, and the Vanishing Line of a Plane, and the Vanishing Point of the Intersection of that Plane, with another Plane perpendicular to it; to find the Vanishing Line of that other Plane.

Fig. 9. S is the Center of the Picture, AV the Vanishing Line given, and in it (by Cor. 4. Def. 6.) D is the Vanishing Point given. Find P the Vanishing Point of Lines perpendicular to the Plane, whose Vanishing Line is DA. (By Prop. 8.) Then draw DP, which is the Vanishing Line sought.

D E M O N S T R A T I O N.

For the Plane whose Vanishing Line is sought being perpendicular to the other Plain, P will be the Vanishing Point of one Line in it. But D is the Vanishing Point of another Line in it by the Supposition. Wherefore DP is its Vanishing Line.

N. B. *When the Vanishing Line AD passes through the Center of the Picture, the Distance VP will be Infinite, (by Prop. 8.) Wherefore in that Case DP will be parallel to VP, and consequently perpendicular to AD.*

PROP. II. PROB. 7.

Having given the Center and Distance of the Picture, and the Inclination of two Planes, and the Vanishing Line of one of them, together with the Vanishing Point of their Intersection, to find the Vanishing Line of the other Plane.

Fig. 10. S is the Center of the Picture, AB the given Vanishing Line of one of the Planes, and A the Vanishing Point of its Intersection with the other Plane, the Planes being inclined to each other in the Angle C. Find the Vanishing Line TB of a Plane perpendicular to the Line whose Vanishing Point is A, (by Prop. 9.) its Center will be V, where it is cut by AS. Take VO equal to the Distance of the Vanishing Line BT, and thro' the Point B, where it cuts the given Vanishing Line AB, draw BO, and make the Angle BOT equal to C, the Line OT cutting TB in T; and draw AT, which will be the Vanishing Line sought.

DEMONSTRATION.

Turn the Triangle BOT round the Line BT, till O coincides with the Spectator's Eye; then will OA be perpendicular both to OB and to OT, it being perpendicular to the Plane BOT by the Construction, and OA will be parallel to the Intersection of the Original Planes. Wherefore AB being the Vanishing Line of one of them, and the Angle BOT being equal to C, TA will be the Vanishing Line of the other of them. (By Cor. 3 and 4. Def. 6.)

N. B. When the Intersection of the Planes is parallel to the Picture, the Point A being at an infinite Distance, SA will be parallel to the Vanishing Line BA, and V will co-incide with S, and BV will be perpendicular to BA; VO will be the Principal Distance, and TA will be parallel to BA.

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PROP. 12. PROB. 8.

Having given the Vanishing Line of a Plane, its Center and Distance, and the Vanishing Point of a Line in that Plane, to find the Vanishing Point of Lines that make a given Angle with that Line.

QV (Fig. 11.) is the Vanishing Line given, S its Center, and V the Vanishing Point given. Perpendicular to QV draw SO equal to the Distance given. Then draw OV and make the Angle VOQ equal to the given Angle, and Q will be the Vanishing Point sought. So that if you draw any two Lines VP , and QP , the Angle VPQ will represent an Angle equal to VOQ .

DEMONSTRATION.

Turn VOQ round the Vanishing Line VQ , till O coincides with the Spectator's Eye. Then will OV and OQ be parallel to the Original Lines whose Vanishing Points are V and Q , and consequently the Angle they make with each other is equal to VOQ .

By this Proposition you may find the Representations of any plain Figures, having one side. For the Original Figure may be resolved into Triangles, whose Angles being all given, the Vanishing Points of all their sides will be given by this Proposition. Whence the Representations of all the sides will be found, beginning first with those that lie next the side given.

Here likewise you may observe, That the Center of the Picture is not concerned in this *Problem*. Wherefore to see the Representations of Figures in a Plane, whose Vanishing Line is VQ , the Spectator's Eye may be placed any where in the Circumference of a Circle described by O , while the Plane VOQ turns round the Axis VQ .

PROP. 13. PROB. 9.

Having given the Representation of a Line, and its Vanishing Point; to find the Representation of a Point that divides the Original Line in a given Proportion.

Fig. 12. *AB* is the Representation given, and *V* the Vanishing Point. Draw at pleasure *Ab*, and divide it in the given Proportion in *c*. Draw *VO* parallel to *Ab*, and draw *bB* cutting it in *O*. Then draw *Oc*, which will cut *AB* in the Point sought *C*.

This may likewise be done by Calculation; for $AC : AB :: Ac \times AV : Ac \times AV + bc \times BV$, or $AC_1 : AB :: Ac_1 \times AV : Ac_1 \times AV - bc_1 \times BV$, or $AC_2 : AB :: Ac_2 \times AV : bc_2 \times BV - Ac_2 \times AV$.

DEMONSTRATION.

Suppose the Original Line to be in a Plane, whose Vanishing Line is *VO*. Then will *OA*, *Obb*, and *OCCc* represent parallel Lines. Wherefore the Originals of *AB* and *Ab* are divided in the same Proportion by the Originals of the Points *C* and *c*. But *Ab* being parallel to *VO*, it is divided by *c* in the same Proportion as its Original (by *Cor. 3. Prop. 1.*) that is, in the Proportion given. Wherefore the Original of *AB* is also divided in the Proportion given.

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PROP. 14. PROB. 10.

Having given the Vanishing Point of a Line V (Fig. 13.) and three Points in its Representation, A , B , C ; to find a fourth Point D , so that the Part represented by CD may be to the Part represented by AB , in a given Proportion.

Draw at pleasure VO , and Ad parallel to each other, and thro' any Point O of the Line VO draw VB , VC cutting Ad in b , and c . Make cd to Ab in the given Proportion, and draw Od cutting AV in D , which will be the Point sought.

This is demonstrated as the foregoing Proposition.

The Point D may also be found by a Scale and Compasses, by the help of this Proportion $CD : CV :: cd \times AB \times CV : cd \times AB \times CV + Ab \times AV \times BV$. Which may easily be accommodated to any Position of the Points A , B , C , D , only observing well the Signs $+$ and $-$.

PROP. 15. PROB. 11.

Having given the Vanishing Line of a Plane, its Center and Distance, and the Representations of two Lines in that Plane, from a given Point in one of them to cut off a Line, that shall represent a Line in a given Proportion to the Line represented by the other.

Fig. 14. SD is the given Vanishing Line, and V its Center, and AB and CI are the Representations given, whose Vanishing Points are D and E . It is required to find the Point I , so that the Line represented by CI , may be to the Line represented by AB , as c is to d . Draw VO perpendicular to

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FD, and equal to the Distance given, and draw OD and OE, and make $OQ : OR :: c : d$, and draw OS parallel to RQ. Draw AC cutting SD in F, and draw FB and DC cutting each other in p . Then draw pS , which will cut CE in the Point sought I.

DEMONSTRATION.

Because of the Vanishing Points D and F, the Figure AB pC represents a Parallelogram. Wherefore Cp represents a Line equal to the Line represented by AB.

By the manner of placing the Point O, the Plane SOD may be considered as the Plane producing the Vanishing Line SD, O being the Spectator's Eye. Wherefore OS being parallel to RQ, D, E and S are the Vanishing Points of the Sides of a Triangle parallel to ROQ. Wherefore pCI represents that Triangle, and consequently the Line represented by CI is to the Line represented by pC , or by AB, as OQ is to OR; that is, as c is to d .

If the Point F falls out of reach, you may bring it into the bounds of the Picture thus. Instead of AB suppose ab to be one of the Lines given, whose Vanishing Point is D. Draw DA, and taking any Point r in the Vanishing Point FD, as is most convenient, draw ra and rb cutting DA in A and B, and use the Line AB, as above, instead of ab . For because of the Vanishing Points r and D, AB and ab represent equal Lines.

PROP. 16. PROB. 12.

Having given the Vanishing Line of a Plane, and the Representations of two Lines in it; to find a Point in one of them, so that it may represent a Line divided in the same Proportion, as the Line represented by the other.

Fig. 15. Pk is the Vanishing Line given, and AC , DE are the two Representations, and it is required to find the Point F , so that the Parts represented by DF and FE may be in the same Proportion as the Parts represented by AB and BC . Draw any Line sv parallel to the Vanishing Line, and by means of any Vanishing Point w transfer the Points A , B , C , to s , t , v , and sv will be divided in the same Proportion as the Original of AC (by *Cor. 3. Prop. 1.*) and because of ws , wt , wv , representing Parallels. Whence you may find the Point F by *Prop. 13.*

When the Vanishing Point k of the Line AB falls within reach, you may find the Proportion of st , to tv , without drawing any Lines on the Picture. For $st : tv :: AB \times Ck : BC \times Ak$.

By these Propositions you may find the Perspective Representation of any Figures proposed. For you may consider the whole Design as one Figure, the Position of whose Parts are all given with respect to each other. Then having found the Vanishing Line of some Principal Plane, and the Representation of a Remarkable Line in the Design, by *Prop. 5, 6, 7*, you may find the Vanishing Lines of all other Plains, by their Positions with respect to the Plane first assumed, by *Prop. 9, 10, 11.* And then by the Vanishing Points already given, and by the given Proportions of the Parts, you may find the Representations of the Figures proposed by *Prop. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16.* Or having given the Plan of any Figure, upon any Plane that is conveniently chosen, and the Elevations of the Parts of the Figure above that Plane, having found the Representation of the Plan, by *Prop. 12*, or by that and *Prop. 13, 14, 15, 16*, you may then find the Representations of the Elevations, by the help of *Prop. 8.* And in order to do all this, there is no necessity of having an Original Design drawn out in its just Proportions; but it is sufficient to have the Proportions of the Parts express'd in Numbers; the Design being any how scetch'd out to help the Memory. This I shall illustrate by a few Examples.

EXAMPLE I.

To find the Representations of any Figures on a Plane, having given the Interfection, and Vanishing Line, Center and Distance, the Original Plane being drawn out in its just Proportions.

At the end of *Prop.* 12. I have observed that the Shapes of the Representations of Figures on a Plane don't at all depend upon the Angle the Picture makes with that Plane. Wherefore let FE (*Fig.* 16.) be the Interfection given, fe the Vanishing Line, V its Center, and VO its Distance perpendicular to it. Then O being consider'd as the Spectator's Eye in the Plane X , which generates the Vanishing Line, and which is now so turn'd as to co-incide with the Plane of the Picture Y , let Z be the Original Plane turned in the same manner till it co-incides with the Picture, the Figures $ABCD$ and M being now seen on the back-side. Then to find the Representation of any Point B , draw BE cutting EF in E , and draw Oe parallel to it, cutting the Vanishing Line in e ; then E being the Interfection, and e the Vanishing Point of the Line BE , the Representation of the Point B is found by drawing Ee , and the visual Ray OB cutting it in B . The Point C is found without drawing the visual Ray, by the Interfection of the indefinite Representations Ee , and Ff of the Lines CE and CF . And in the same manner the Representation m of the Figure M , is found by the Interfections and Vanishing Points, without drawing any visual Rays.

Or you may find the Representations of the Figures proposed by means of the Directing Plane. Thus (*Fig.* 17.) DFC being the Original Plane reversed, as before, $DFGH$ the Plane of the Picture, DF the Interfection, GH the Vanishing Line, V its Center, and VO its Distance set off perpendicular to it, as before; having drawn df parallel to GH , and as far below O , as DF is below GH , dOF will be the Directing Plane brought into the Plane of the Picture, df being its Interfection with the Original Plane. Whence having
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continued the Sides of the Triangle ABC , till they cut DT and df in D, E, F , and d, e, f ; D, E and F being their Intersections, and d, e, f , their Directing Points, drawing Dd parallel to Od , Ee parallel to Oe , and Ff parallel to Of , they by their Intersections will give the Representation sought abc , (by *Prop. 3.*)

EXAMPLE II.

To find the Representation of any given plane Figure, having given the Representation of one Side of it, and the Vanishing Line, Center and Distance of the Plane it is in: (*Fig. 18.*) MF is the given Vanishing Line, V its Center, and VO its Distance set off perpendicular to it, and ab is the Line given to represent the Side AB of the Figure $ABCDE$. Having resolved the Original Figure into Triangles, by means of the Diagonals AC, AD , the Vanishing Points of the Sides AC, BC , are found by continuing ab till it cuts the Vanishing Line in its Vanishing Point F ; and then making the Angle FOH equal to BAC , you have the Vanishing Point H of the Side AC ; and by making the Angle FOG equal to pBC , you have the Vanishing Point G of the Side BC : Whence you have the Representation abc of the Triangle ABC . And in the same manner by the Side ac you will get the Triangle acd , and then by ad you get the Triangle ade , and by that means have the Representation $abcde$ of the whole Figure. This is founded upon *Prop. 12.*

Or you may proceed thus. Continue the Sides DC, DE (*Fig. 19.*) till they cut AB in P and Q . Then having found the Representations p and q of the Points P and Q (by *Prop. 13.*) you will find the Representation of the Triangle PDQ , as before (by *Prop. 12.*) and then you will have the Points c and e , by *Prop. 13.*

Or having continued ab (*Fig. 20.*) till it cuts the Vanishing Line in F , and drawn DE parallel to the Vanishing Line HF , cutting ab in D , draw DB parallel to OF , and draw the visual Rays Oa, Ob , cutting DB in A and B , and on
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the Side AB make a Figure ACB like the Original Figure, and proceed as in *Exam. 1.* the Line DE being considered as the Interfection, and DCE as the Original Plane inverted.

Curve-lined Figures are described by finding several Points, and then joyning them neatly by Hand. And this may conveniently be done by putting the Geometrical Descriptions of Curves into Perspective, as in the two following Examples of describing a Circle.

E X A M P L E III.

Having given the Vanishing Line of a Plane, its Center and Distance; to find the Representation of a Circle, from the given Representation of one Radius.

Fig. 21. C is the Representation of the Center, and CA of the Radius given, DE is the Vanishing Line, and O the Spectator's Eye placed as in the foregoing Examples. Draw at Pleasure CB, and make CB to represent a Line equal to that represented by CA (by *Prop. 15.*) that is, bisect the Angle EOD by the Line OF, and draw FA, cutting EC in B. And in the same manner you may find as many Points B in the Circumference of the Circle, as you please.

E X A M P L E IV.

Having given the Vanishing Line of a Plane, its Center and Distance, thro' three Points given to draw the Representation of a Circle.

Fig. 22. A, B, and C are the three Points given, Df the Vanishing Line, and O the Spectator's Eye placed as above. Draw CA and CB cutting the Vanishing Line in D and E, and draw DO and EO. Draw any Line *dO*, and make the Angle *dOe* equal to DOE, or having made an Instrument containing the Angle DOE, turn it round the Center O, till it comes into the Position *dOe*; the Leg OD cutting the
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the Vanishing Line in d , and $O E$, (or $O e$) cutting it in f . Thro' d and f draw $d A$ and $f B$ cutting each other in p , and you will have one Point in the Representation sought. This Construction is taken from the equality of Angles in the Circle insisting upon the same Base, whence the Vanishing Points are found by *Prop. 13.*

E X A M P L E V.

Having given the same things as in either of the two foregoing Examples, from a given Point of the Picture to draw a Line that shall touch the Representation of the Circle.

Fig. 23. $D E$ is the Vanishing Line, O the Eye of the Spectator, C the Representation of the Center, and $C A$ the Representation of the Radius, and P the Point given, from whence a Tangent is to be drawn. Draw $P C$ cutting the Vanishing Line in E , and (by *Exam. 3.*) find the Radius $C B$. Any where apart draw $b p$, and make $b c : c p :: B C \times P E : C P \times B E$; that is, make the line $b c p$ like the Original of $B C P$. With the Center c and Radius $c b$ make a Circle, and draw the Tangent $p T$, and then find the Representation $P t$ of it by *Exam. 2.* And you may proceed in the same manner by finding the Original Figure, when three Points are given.

If instead of from the Point P , it had been required to draw a Tangent parallel to $C E$, the Point P being supposed infinitely distant, $P E$ would be equal to $P C$, and consequently it would be $b c : c p :: B C : B E$. But in this Case, as also always when P falls beyond E , you must take $c p$ backwards, p falling on the contrary side of the Point c , to what it does in the present Scheme. But I shall leave the Reader to consider all the variety of Cases that may happen from the different Position of the Points.

The Use of this Example is to find the apparent part of the Base of a Cone or Cylinder.

EXAMPLE VI.

Fig. 24. In this Figure having given the Center of the Picture S , its Distance equal to the Line L , and the Line AB to represent one side of the first Step, and KI the Vanishing Line of the Plane of the Horizon; the Representation of the Base $ABCD$ of the first Step, is found by the Vanishing Points I, K, L , which are found by *Prop. 12*. Then by *Prop. 8*. having found the Vanishing Point M of the Perpendiculars $AE, FC, \&c.$ the Vanishing Line of the Face $ACEF$ being MK , the Vanishing Point N of the Diagonal AF is found by *Prop. 12*. Whence all the rest of the Lines are found, as appears sufficiently in the Figure.

EXAMPLE VII.

Fig. 25. In this Figure the Representation $HIKQ$ of a regular Tetraedrum is found as follows; Having given the Side HI , the Center of the Picture S , its Distance equal to the Line L , and GF the Vanishing Line of the Face HIK . Having continued the given Side HI till it cuts the Vanishing Line GF , in its own Vanishing Point F , the Vanishing Points G and M of the Sides IK and HK are found by *Prop. 12*. Then having made an Equilateral Triangle ABC , and drawn AD perpendicular to BC , and made the Isosceles Triangle AEC , whose Sides AE , and CE are equal to AD ; the Angle AEC being equal to the Inclination of two Faces of the Figure proposed, the Vanishing Line FN of the Face HIQ is found by *Prop. 11*. Whence having the Vanishing Points P and N of the Sides HQ and IQ , you have the whole Representation sought.

The Reader may exercise himself in drawing the Representations of the five regular Solids, in order to which their Plans and Profils may be found in the following manner.

Fig. 26. Having made an Equilateral Triangle ABC , and found its Center G , you have the Plan $ABCG$ of a regular Tetraedron.

Tetraedron. Then making the Triangle BCE , whose Sides BE , and CE are equal to the Perpendicular BD , and drawing CF perpendicular to BE , you have CF equal to the height of the Vertex above the Center G .

It would be superfluous to shew how to make the Plan and elevation of a Cube.

Fig. 27. To find the Plan and elevation of a regular Octaedron, make the regular Hexagon $AEBFCD$, and having drawn the Lines, as appears in the Figure, you have the Plan of the Figure, on the Plane of one Face ABC . Then having drawn BD cutting AC in G , and DH perpendicular to it, with the Center G and Radius GB make a Circle cutting DH in H , and DH will be the Distance between two opposite Faces.

Fig. 28. To find the Plan of a regular Dodecaedron, make a regular Decagon $ABCDEFGHIK$, whose Center is S . Then draw a Diagonal AD , leaving out two Angles B and C , and draw SB cutting it in M , and make two regular Pentagons $MNOPL$, $mnopt$ in sub-contrary Positions, having the same Center S , and draw the Lines ND , OF , PH , LK , oA , pC , &c. and you will have the Plan of a Dodecaedron on one of its Faces $MNOPL$.

Draw av , and in it make ab and bv equal to the Perpendicular LR let fall from one Angle of the Pentagon to the opposite Side, and make the Isosceles Triangle cbv , with the Base cv equal to BD , or, which is all one, to a Diagonal LN of the Pentagon. In vc take ce equal to LM , and make ad , df , ef parallel and equal to their opposite Lines ce , cb , ba , and let s be the Center of the Figure $abcefd$. Then bisect cv in g , and draw sg cutting bc in h , and make nm perpendicular to ad , sm and sn being each equal to half LM , and make bi , fk , fl each equal to bb , and having drawn the Lines as appears in the Figure, you will have the Profil of the same Figure; d , n and b being the height of the Angles perpendicular over K , B and H , D and F , and k , m , and o

being the Elevations of the Angles perpendicular over A and I, C and G, and E, and *f l e* being the Elevations of the upper Face, which is perpendicular over *n o p l m*,

Fig. 29. To find the Plan and Profil of a regular Icosaedron, make a Right-Angle *A B C*, *BC* being the double of *AB*, and with the Center *A* and Radius *AC* make a Circle cutting *AB* in *D*. Then make a regular Hexagon *E F G H I K*, whose Center is *S*, and having drawn the Lines *SE*, *SF*, *SG*, &c. make the Distances *SL*, *SM*, &c. to *SF*, as *BD* is to *BC*, that is, as the Side of a Pentagon is to the Diagonal, and draw all the Lines as appears in the Figure, and you will have the Plan of a Icosaedron on one of its Faces *LMN*.

To find the Profil of the same Figure make the Isosceles Triangle *OPQ*, whose Base *OQ* is equal to the Difference between *LM* and *EG*, and the Sides *OP*, *QP* are equal to a Perpendicular let fall from *L* to the opposite Side *MN* of the Triangle *LMN*. In *QP* make *PR = PO*, and in *QO* make *OT = LM*, and make *RX*, *XV*, *VT* parallel and equal to their opposite Lines *OT*, *OP*, *PR*, and draw the Lines as appears in the Figure, and you will have the Profil sought, *Z* being the Elevation of the Points over *F* and *K*, *Y* that over *G* and *I*, *R* that over *H*, *T* that over *E*, *V* that over *m* and *n*, and *X* that over *l*; and observe that the Lines *ZR*, and *TY* are parallel to *OP*, or *VX*.

EXAMPLE VIII.

Fig. 30. Having given the Center of the Picture *S*, its Distance *SD*, and the Representation *CA* of one Radius of a Sphere, whose Vanishing Point is *V*, the Representation of the Center being *C*, the Representation of the Sphere is found as follows. Draw *SR* perpendicular to *AV*, and in it take *RO* equal to the Hypotenuse of a Right-angled Triangle, whose Base is *SR*, and perpendicular is *SD*, that is, make *RO* equal to the Distance of the Spectator's Eye from the Point *R*. Draw *AO*, *VO*, *CO*, and draw any Line parallel to *VO*, cutting

cutting AO , and CO in a and c , and with the Center c , and Radius ca describe a Circle, to which draw a Tangent Or cutting CA in T . Then find the Vanishing Line PQ of a Plane perpendicular to the Line, whose Vanishing Point is C (by *Prop. 9.*) and find the Representation of a Circle in that Plane, the Representation of one Radius being CT , and the Center C , (by *Exam. 3.*) and that will be the Contour of the Sphere.

The Demonstration of this Construction is easy to one that considers, That the visual Rays which touch a Sphere make a Cone, whose Base is a lesser Circle of the Sphere, whose Representation is the Contour of the Representation of the Sphere.

In the Practice of *Perspective* it is often Necessary to draw Lines towards a Vanishing Point, or some other Point that is out of reach, in which case the following Propositions are useful.

PROP. 17. PROB. 13.

From a given Point to draw a Line that shall tend to an inaccessible Point of a given Line, having the Distance of the inaccessible Point from a given Point of that Line.

Fig. 31. Q is the inaccessible Point in the Line PQ , the Distance BQ being given, and A is the Point from whence a Line is to be drawn tending towards Q .

Draw at pleasure AP , cutting PQ in P , and taking the Measure of PB by a Scale of equal Parts, you will have the length of PQ . Take any Point q in the Line BQ , and make $Pa : Pq :: PA : PQ$. Draw aq , and AQ will be parallel to it.

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PROP. 18. PROB. 14.

Having given two Lines that tend to an inaccessible Point, thro' a given Point to draw a Line that shall tend to the same Point.

Fig. 32. AB and CD are the given Lines tending to the inaccessible Point, and P is the Point thro' which it is required to draw a Line Pp tending to the same Point.

Draw at pleasure PA ($n : 1$) and PB parallel to it, cutting AB and CD in C , A , B , and D , and make $Bp : BD :: AP : AC$, and draw Pp , which will be the Line sought.

Otherwise, without the Compasses.

$n : 2$, and $n : 3$. Thro' P draw at pleasure two Lines cutting AB and CD in A and C , B and D . Then draw AD and BC meeting in Q . Thro' Q draw at pleasure two Lines cutting AB and CD in b and c , a and d , and draw ac and bd meeting in p , and draw Pp , which will be the Line sought.

SECTION III.

Of finding the Shadows of given Figures.

In this Place I consider Shadows only as the Projections of given Figures on given Surfaces, by the means of given Luminous Points. For I consider the Luminous Body as a Point, to avoid the Difficulties that would attend the Description of Shadows, if the Magnitude of the Luminous Body were taken into Consideration, it being sufficient for Practice to regard only the Center of the Luminous Body; and having found the Contour of the Shadow in that Case, the Penumbra may be drawn

drawn by a good Judgment founded on much Observation; it being difficult to bring every thing to exact Mathematical Constructions, at least so as to be most convenient for Practice. But the Artist that has made himself well acquainted with the Principles of this Art, will easily find ways to satisfy himself in those cases that require more Exactness.

P R O P. 19. P R O B. 15.

Having given the Center and Distance of the Picture, and the Vanishing Line of a Plane, and the Representation of a Luminous Point, and of its Seat on that Plane; to find the Representation of the Shadow of a Point, whose Representation and Seat on the same Plane are also given; and to find the Vanishing Point of the Ray of Light.

Fig. 33. E T is the given Vanishing Line, S the Representation of the Luminous Point, R the Representation of its Seat, A the Representation of the Point whose Shadow is to be found, B the Representation of its Seat, and P the Vanishing Point of Lines perpendicular to the given Plane, (found by Prop. 8.) Draw R C cutting the Vanishing Line in V, and draw V P; then draw S A cutting R V in C, and P V in D. Then will C be the Shadow sought, and D the Vanishing Point of the Ray of Light.

DEMONSTRATION.

For the Originals of R, B, A, and S are in a plain Perpendicular to the Plane, on which the Shadow is to be cast; wherefore C is the Shadow, it being the Intersection of the Ray S A with the Plane R B. Besides, V is the Vanishing Point of R B. Wherefore P V is the Vanishing Line of R S A B, and consequently D is the Vanishing Point of S A.

N. B. When the Original Luminous Point is behind the Spectator, so that it cannot have any real Representation on the Picture, its imaginary Representation (which is as it were the Shadow of the Spectator's Eye on the Picture,) must be on the contrary Side of the Plane to the Point, whose Shadow is sought, that is, if B be between P and A, S on the contrary must be between P and R (as in $\pi : 2.$) And when the Luminous Point is the Sun, or any other Light supposed to be at an infinite Distance, the Points R and V will co-incide, and D will be the same as S, as I have shewn in $\pi : 3,$ and $\pi : 4.$ In $\pi : 3,$ the Sun appears in the Picture: But in $\pi : 4,$ it is behind the Spectator, and its imaginary Representation is S.

PROP. 20. PROB. 16.

Having given the Center and Distance of the Picture, and the Representation of a Line, and of the Seat of one Point of it on a Plane whose Vanishing Line is given, and also the Vanishing Point of that Line; to find the Representation of the whole Seat of that Line on that Plane.

Fig. 34. V E is the given Vanishing Line of the Original Plane, P is the Vanishing Point of Lines perpendicular to it, (found by Prop. 8.) AC is the given Representation of a Line, D its Vanishing Point, and B the Representation of the Seat of one Point of it, whose Representation is A. Draw P D cutting V E in E, and V B cutting A D in C. Then will V B be the Representation of the whole Seat of the Line A D.

DEMONSTRATION.

For the Original of ABC is a Triangle whose Vanishing Line is P D. Wherefore V must necessarily be the Vanishing Point of B C, &c.

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When you have got the Description of any Figure by the foregoing *Propositions*, you generally have the Vanishing Points of all the Lines of it. So that having the Seat of one Point of the Figure on the Plane you intend to cast the Shadow on, you may find the Seats of all the other Points of the Figure by this *Proposition*, and their Shadows by the foregoing.

P R O P. 21. P R O B. 17.

Having given the Center and Distance of the Picture, and the Vanishing Lines of two Planes, and the Representation of their common Interfection, and the Representation of a Line, and of its Seat on one Plane; to find the Representation of the Seat of that Line on the other Plane.

Fig. 35. A B and C B are the Vanishing Lines of the two Planes, B D the Representation of their common Interfection, F E the given Representation of a Line, and A E the Representation of its Seat on the Plane, whose Vanishing Line is A B. By *Prop. 8.* find the Vanishing Points G and H of Lines perpendicular to the Planes, whose Vanishing Lines are A B and C B. Draw A G cutting F E in F, and B C in C, and draw H F cutting B C in I, and draw C D cutting E F in K. Then draw I K, which will be the Line sought.

D E M O N S T R A T I O N.

F, A, and C are the Vanishing Points of the Lines E F, E A, and K C, whose Originals are all in the same Plane, because of the Vanishing Line G C, and because they meet in E and D. But because of the Point D being in the Representation of the Interfection of the two Planes, and because of the Vanishing Line B C, the Original of D K, and consequently of the Point K, is in the Plane, whose Vanishing Line is B C. But because of the Vanishing Line H F, I is the
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Vanishing Point of the Seat of $E F$ on the Plane, whose Vanishing Line is $B C$; wherefore K being the Representation of the Interfection of that Line with that Plane, $K I$ will be the Representation of its Seat.

By this *Proposition* you may carry a Shadow from one Plane to another. For $E F$ being the Ray of Light, having its Position with respect to the Plane, whose Vanishing Line is $A B$, you find the Shadow K on the Plane, whose Vanishing Line is $B C$. So that by these three last *Propositions* you may find the Shadows of any Figures.

In some Cases perhaps it may be most convenient to find the Shadows by putting the foregoing Rules of *Perspective* into *Perspective*. For Example (*Fig. 36.*) $G, E,$ and F , being the Vanishing Points of the Sides of the Triangle $A B C$, whose Shadow is to be cast on a Plane, whose Vanishing Line is $T V$, and Interfection with the Plane of the Triangle $A B C$ is $D I$; to find the Shadow cast by the Luminous Point represented by S . I seek the Representation $D g$ of the Interfection of a Plane passing through the Luminous Point parallel to the Plane of the Original Triangle, with the other Plane: Then drawing $S G, S E,$ and $S F$ cutting $D g$ in g, e and f , and continuing the Sides of the Triangle, till they cut $D I$ in $H, I,$ and K ; I consider S as if it were a Spectator's Eye, and use g, e and f as Vanishing Points, and $K, H,$ and I as Interfections of the Lines $B C, B A, A C$, and so find the Shadow abc .

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SECTION IV.

Of finding the Representations of the Reflections of Figures on polish'd Planes.

It is well known that the Reflections of Figures on a polish'd Plane, as in a Looking-Glass, or on the Surface of standing Water, appear to be just as much on one side of the Plane, as the real Objects are on the other side. So that to find the reflected Appearance of any Point, you must draw a Perpendicular to the reflecting Plane from the real Point, and in it take a Point at the same Distance on the contrary side of the Plane. For Instance, To find the apparent Place of the Reflection of the Point P (*Fig. 37.*) on the Plane AB draw the Perpendicular PB, and on the contrary side of the Plane make $Bp = BP$, and p will be the apparent Place of the Point P, seen by Reflection. And from hence it follows that the Appearance of any Figure seen by Reflection, is exactly of the same Shape, and of the same Bigness as the real Figure, but in an inverted Position.

Upon these Principles depend the following *Propositions*, by which you may easily find the *Perspective* Representations of the Appearances of any Figures seen by Reflexion from given Planes.

P R O P. 22. P R O B. 18.

Having given the Center and Distance of the Picture, and the Vanishing Line of a reflecting Plane, and the Representation of the Seat of a Point on that Plane; to find the Representation of the Reflection of that Point.

Fig. 38. AB is the Vanishing Line given, P the Representation of the real Point, Q the Representation of its Seat on the reflecting Plane, and V the Vanishing Point of Lines perpendicular to that Plane. Make Qp to represent a Line equal to that represented by QP (by Prop. 13.) and p will be the Point sought.

This is evident by the Introduction to this Section.

P R O P. 23. P R O B. 19.

Having given the Center and Distance of the Picture, and the Vanishing Line of a reflecting Plane, and the Vanishing Point of a Line, together with the Representation of its Seat on the reflecting Plane; to find the Representation of the Reflection of that Line, and its Vanishing Point.

Fig. 39. AB is the Vanishing Line of the Reflecting Plane, V the Vanishing Point of Lines perpendicular to it, PI the Representation of the real Line, C its Vanishing Point, and BI the Representation of its Seat on the Reflecting Plane. With the Vanishing Point V make Bc , and BC to represent equal Lines, (by Prop. 13.) then will c be the Vanishing Point of the Reflection; and drawing cI , that will be its Representation.

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DEMONSTRATION.

For if you seek the Reflection of the Line by the Reflections of two Points of it, by the foregoing *Proposition*, then drawing any Line VP , the Parts PQ and Qp will represent equal Lines; otherwise p can't represent the Reflection of P . Wherefore when Q co-incides with B , BC and Bc will also represent equal Lines. But in that Case C , B , and c , are the Vanishing Points of the real Line PI , its Seat BI , and its Reflection pI . Wherefore the Vanishing Point c , and the Reflection cI are rightly determined by the foregoing Construction.

PROP. 24. PROB. 20.

Having given the Center and Distance of the Picture, and the Vanishing Line of a reflecting Plane; to find the Vanishing Line of the Reflection of a Plane, whose Vanishing Line is also given.

Fig. 39. AB is the Vanishing Line of the Reflecting Plane, V the Vanishing Point of Lines perpendicular to it, and AC the Vanishing Line of the real Plane. Draw VC cutting AC and AB in C and B , and find the Point c , as in the foregoing *Proposition*, and draw $A c$, which will be the Vanishing Line sought.

DEMONSTRATION.

For by the foregoing *Proposition* c is the Vanishing Point of the Reflection of a Line, whose Vanishing Point is C . But the Vanishing Line AC is the Place of all the Points C ; and therefore the Vanishing Line $A c$ is the Place of all the Points c , and consequently is rightly determined by finding one of them, and drawing $A c$.

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By these three *Propositions* having got the Vanishing Line of the Reflection of one Face of a given Figure, and the Representation of the Reflection of one side of that Face, you may find the whole Reflection as you do the real Figure, by the foregoing *Propositions*, only observing to make the Reflections in a contrary Position to the real Objects.



SECTION V.

Of the Inverse Practice of PERSPECTIVE, and of the manner of Examining Pictures already drawn.

PROP. 25. PROB. 21.

Having given the Representation of a Line divided into two Parts in a given Proportion; to find its Vanishing Point.

Fig. 13. Suppose the Part represented by AB , to be to that represented by BC , as a to b . Draw at pleasure Ad , and taking Ab at pleasure, make $Ab : bc :: a : b$, and draw bB and cC meeting in O , and draw OV parallel to Ad , cutting AB in V , which is the Vanishing Point sought.

This is the reverse of *Prop. 13*.

You may find V by Arithmetick, making $CV =$

$$\frac{a \times AC \times BC}{b \times AB - a \times BC}$$

PROP.

P R O P. 26. P R O B. 22.

Having given the Representation of a given kind of Triangle, and its Vanishing Line; to find its Center and Distance.

Fig. 40. A B C is the given Representation of a Triangle, and its Vanishing Line is F E, and consequently the Vanishing Points of its Sides are F, D, and E.

Bisect F D and D E in G and H, and raise the Perpendiculars G I, H K, and make the Angle G I D equal to the Angle that ought to be represented by F B D, and H K E equal to the Angle that ought to be represented by D A E, and with the Centers I, and K, and Radius's I D and K D, make two Circles cutting each other in O. Then draw O P cutting F E at right Angles in P, and P will be the Center, and P O the Distance of the Vanishing Line F E.

D E M O N S T R A T I O N.

It is a known Property of the Circle, that the Angles F O D and D O E, are equal to G I D, and H K E; wherefore the Angles F B D, or A B C, and B A C, represent Angles equal to G I D, and H K E, by Prop. 12.

P R O P.

PROP. 27. PROB. 23.

Having given the Representation of a given kind of Parallelogram; to find its Vanishing Line, Center and Distance.

Fig. 41. $ABCD$ is the given Representation of a Parallelogram. Continue the opposite Sides, till they meet in E and F , then will EF be the Vanishing Line. Draw the Diagonal AC , and by means of the Triangle ABC find the Center and Distance by the foregoing Proposition.

DEMONSTRATION.

For the Original Figure being a Parallelogram, the opposite Sides are parallel; wherefore their Representations must meet in their Vanishing Points, and consequently EF will be the Vanishing Line.

PROP. 28. PROB. 24.

Having given the Representation $ABCD$ (Fig. 42.) of a given kind of Trapezium, to find its Vanishing Line, Center and Distance.

Draw the Diagonals AC and DB meeting in E , and by the given Proportion of the Originals of AE , EC , BE , ED , find the Vanishing Points F and G of the Lines AC and DB (by Prop. 25.) and you will have the Vanishing Line GF . Then by the given Species of the Original of the Triangle ABE , find the Center and Distance (by Prop. 26.)

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PROP. 29. PROB. 25.

Having given the Representation of a right-angled Parallelepipedon; to find the Center and Distance of the Picture, and the Species of the Original Figure.

Fig. 43. ABCDEFG is the Representation given. Continue the Sides of the Figure till they meet in their Vanishing Points H, I, K, and you will have the Vanishing Lines HI, IK, KH of all the Faces of the Figure. Then from H and I draw Perpendiculars to IK and HK, meeting in S, which will be the Center of the Picture, L and M being the Centers of the Vanishing Lines IK and HK. Upon the Diameter IK make a Circle cutting HL in O. Then will LO be the Distance of the Vanishing Line IK, Whence the Distance of the Picture is easily found. Draw the Diagonal GF cutting IK in its Vanishing Point N, and draw ON. Then will NOK be the Angle represented by AGF, and NOI will be the Angle represented by FGE; whence you have the Species of the Face AFE G. And in the same manner you may find the Species of the other Faces.

DEMONSTRATION.

The opposite Sides of the Figure being to represent Parallels, the Points where they meet must be their Vanishing Points, and consequently the Lines HI, IK, KH will be their Vanishing Lines. But because of all the Angles being Right-angles, H and I will be the Vanishing Points of Lines perpendicular to the Planes whose Vanishing Lines are IK, and HK, and consequently L and M will be the Centers of those Vanishing Lines, and S the Center of the Picture, as is sufficiently evident by Prop. 8. But because of the Circle, the Angle IOK is a Right-angle. Wherefore the Distance LO is rightly found to make EGA represent a Right-angle; whence the Angles NOK, and NOI are found, which are represented by FGA, and FGE, by Prop. 12.

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When the Sides *AB*, *GC*, *ED* are parallel to each other, (*n* : 2.) the Point *H* will be infinitely Distant, and the Vanishing Line *IK* will pass thro' the Center of the Picture, the Points *L* and *S* in this case co-inciding. But because the Point *L* in this Case is left undetermined, the Species of the Figure is also undetermined. So that the Point *O* may be taken any where in the Semicircle *IOK*. Whence if the Semicircle *IOK* be placed perpendicular to the Picture, a Spectator's Eye placed any where in that Circumference, will take the Figure *AD* for a Right-angled Parallelepipedon; tho' the Species of it will be different, according to the different Places of the Spectator's Eye. But this is, provided the Lines *AB*, *GC*, &c. be perpendicular to the Vanishing Line *KI*; otherwise the Figure can't represent a Right-angled Parallelepipedon, but one inclined on a Right-angled Base.

I leave it to the Artists to consider whether this Observation may not be of Use in Painting the Scenes of a Theater. For hence it appears, that if *I* and *K* were the two Points, that in the common Books of Perspective are call'd the Points of Distance, and the Buildings in the Scene were so drawn, that their Sides should run to those Points, (as in the present Figure,) they would always appear Right-angled to the Spectators in the front Seats of the Boxes, their Eyes being all in Circumference of the Semicircle *IOK*; for tho' the Proportions of their Sides were something alter'd, that would be no great Inconvenience.

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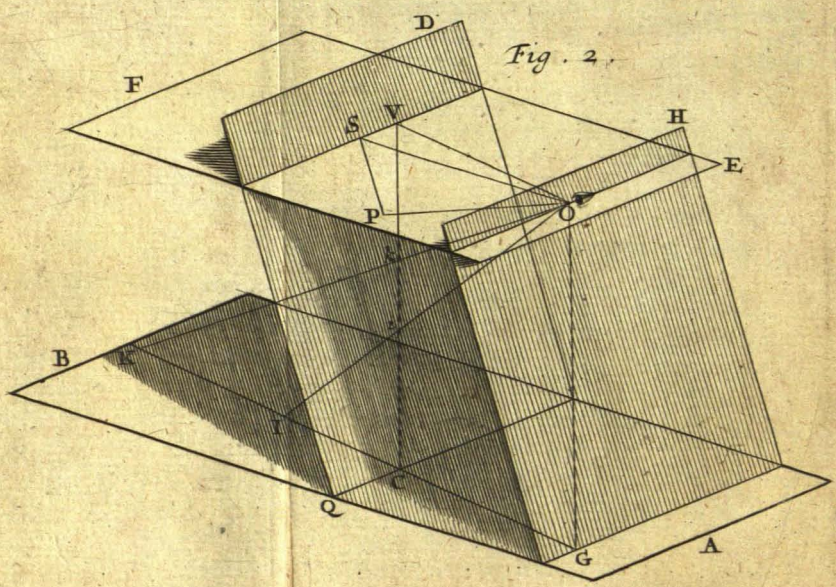
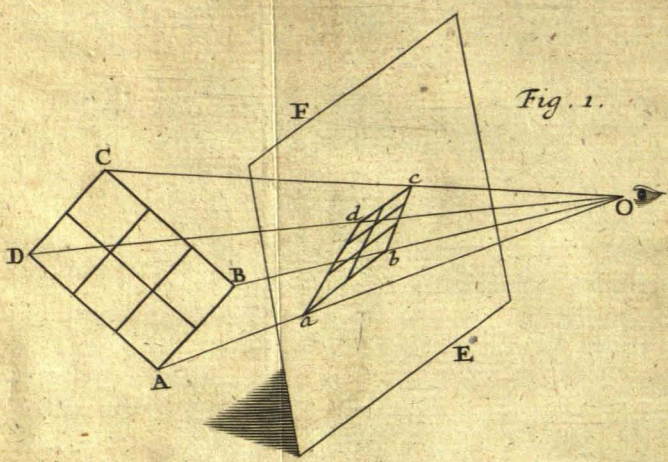


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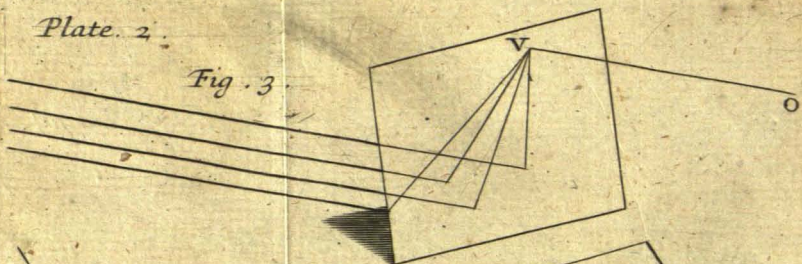


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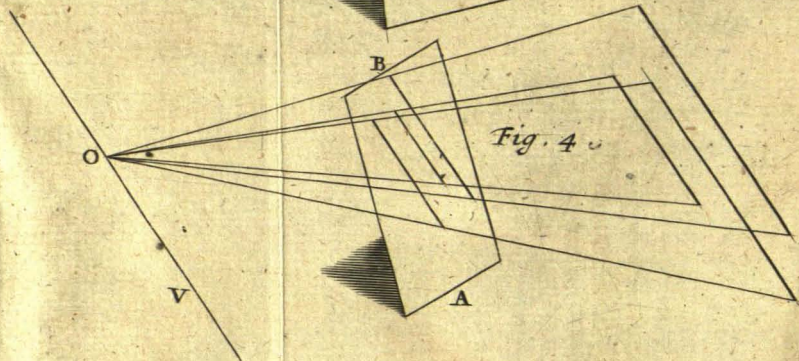


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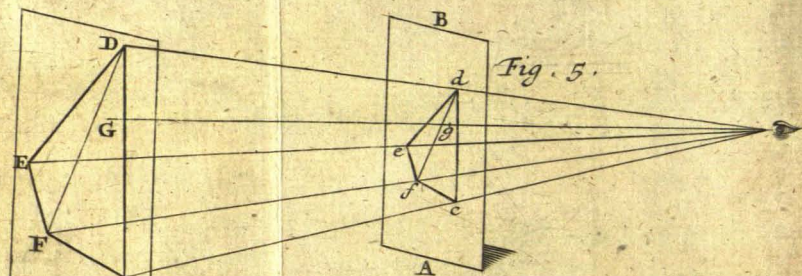


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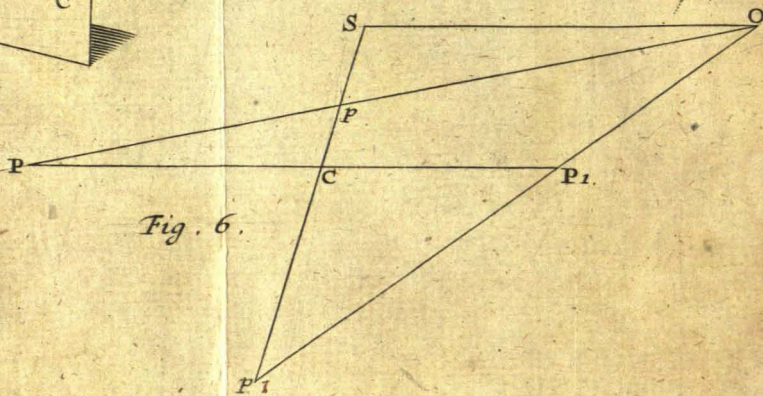


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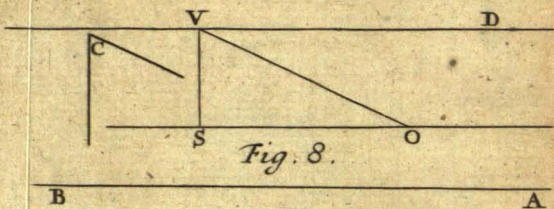
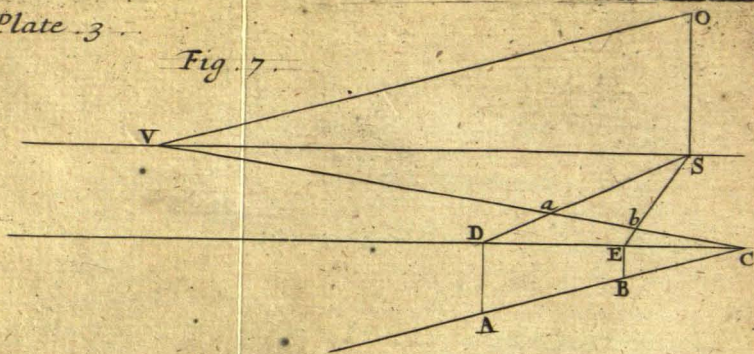


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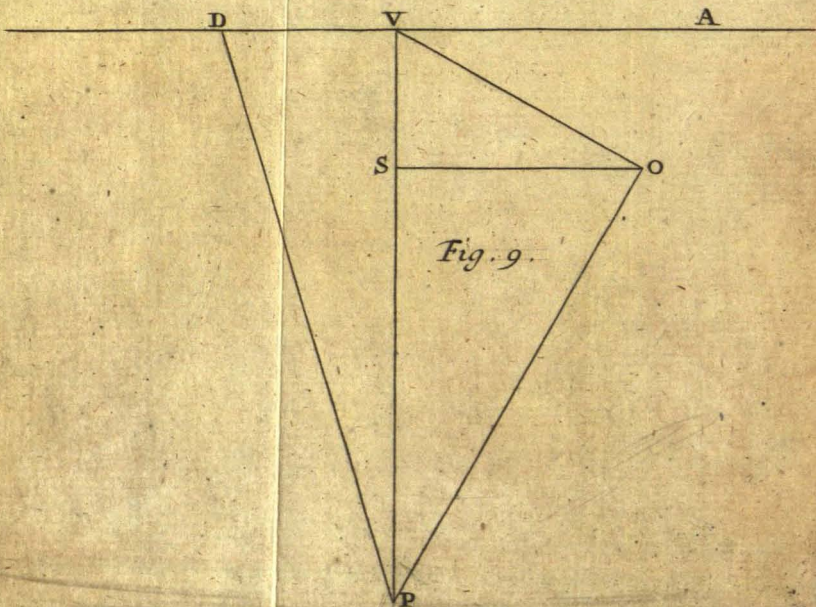


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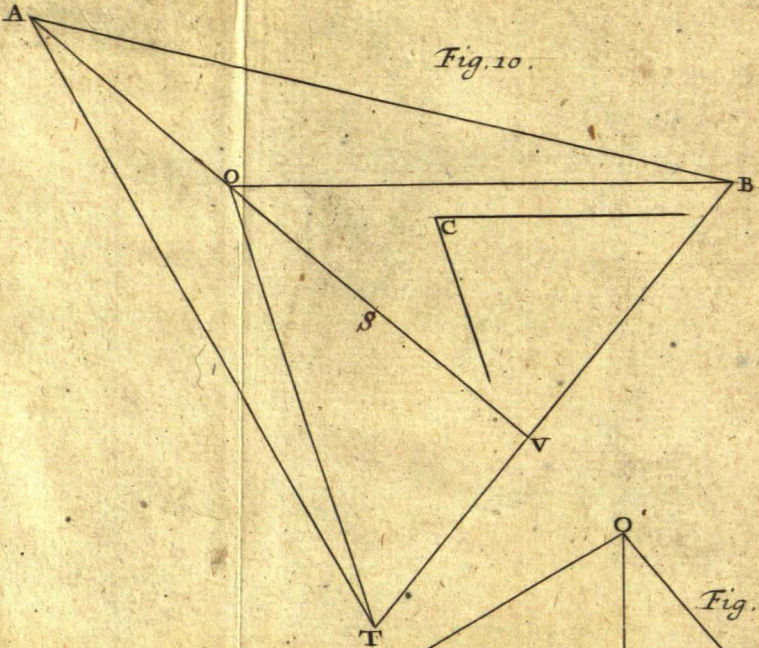


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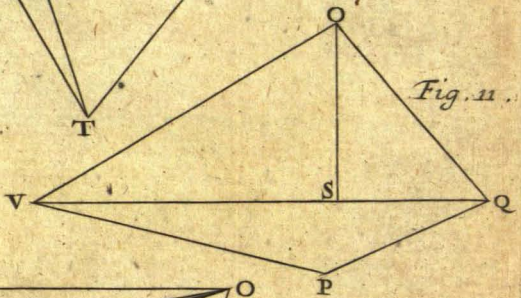


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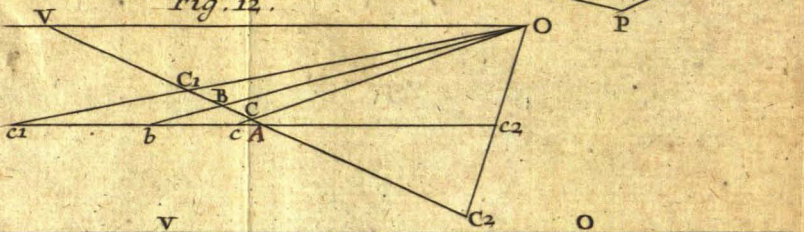


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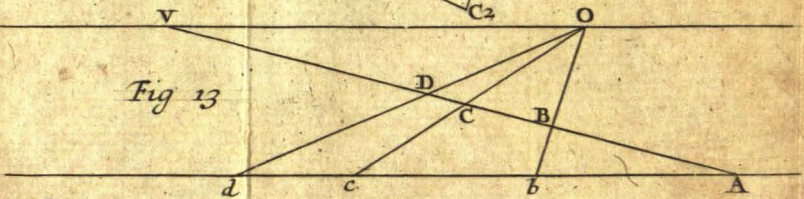


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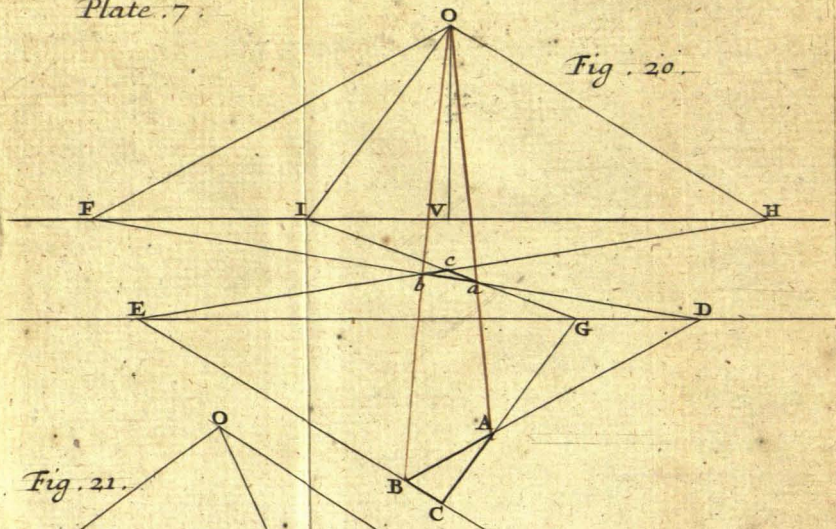


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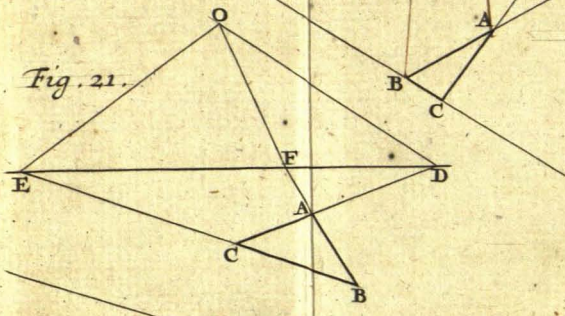


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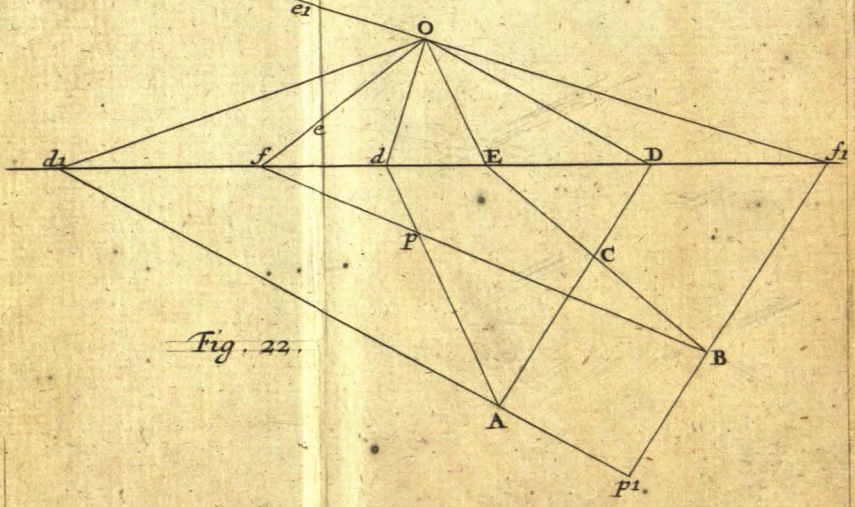


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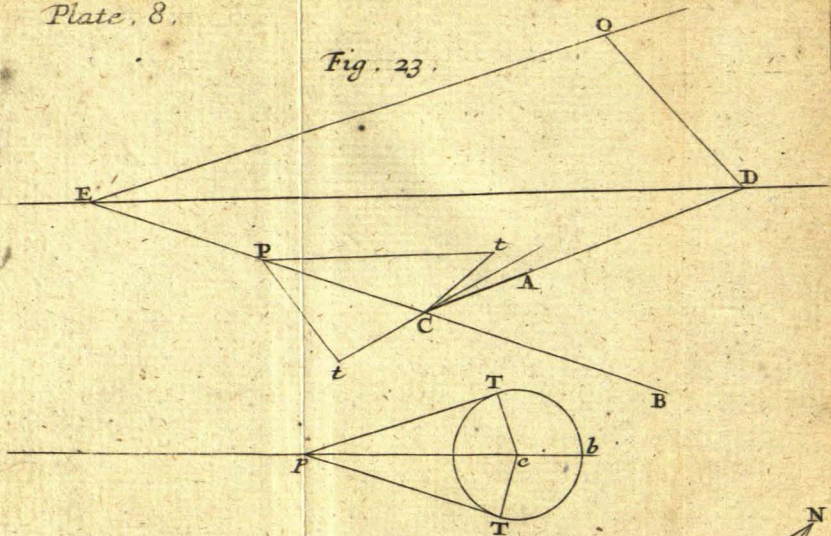
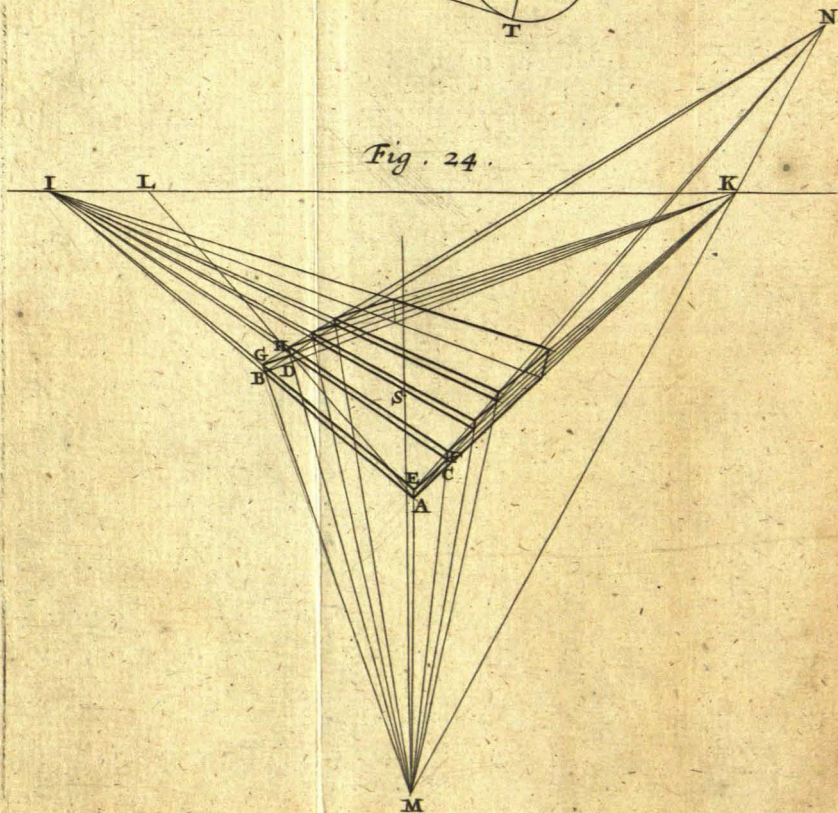


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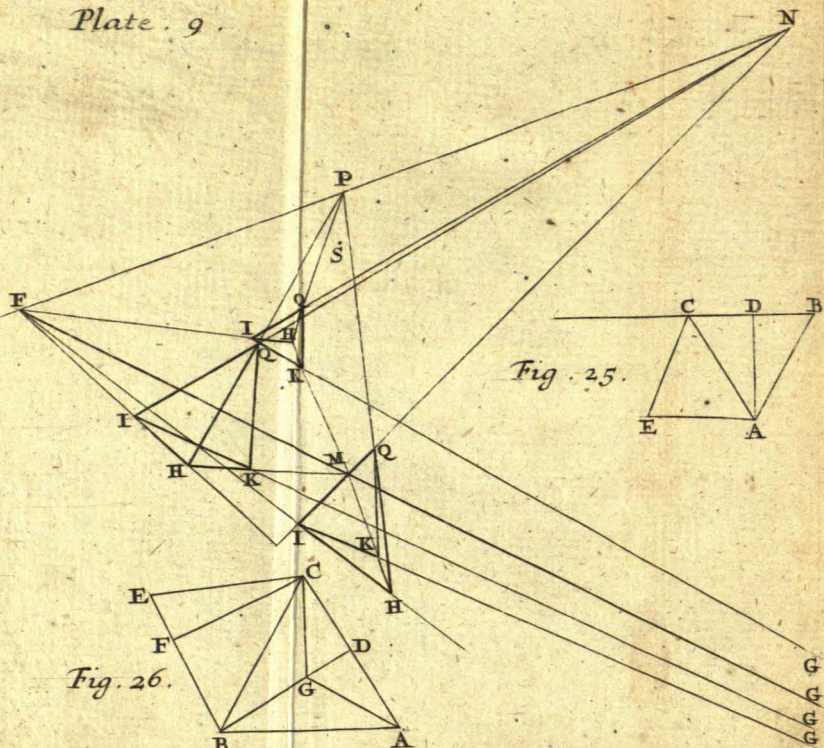


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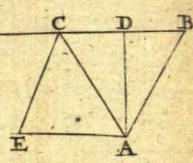


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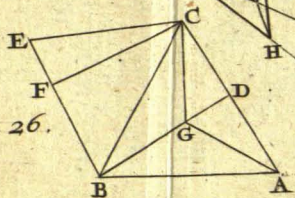
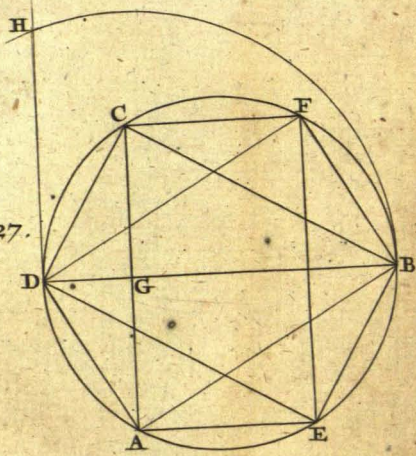


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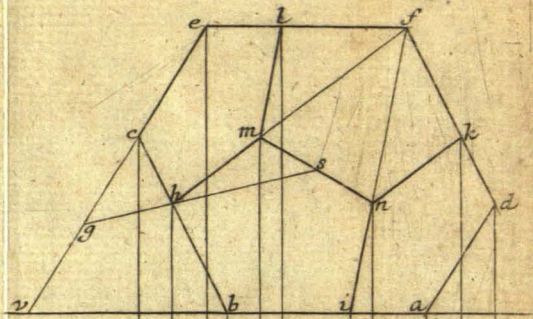


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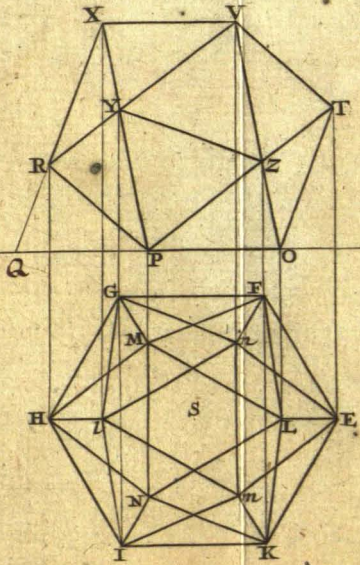
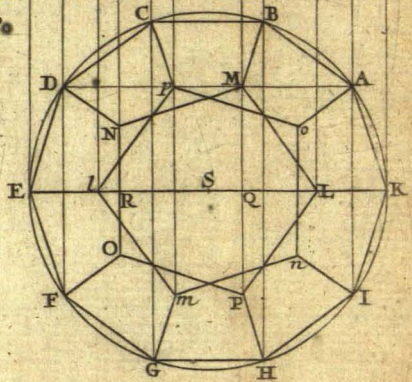
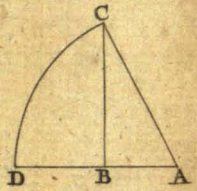
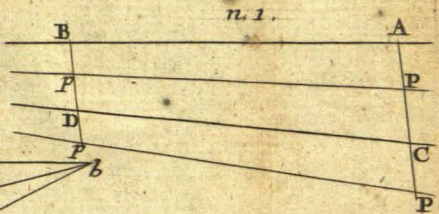
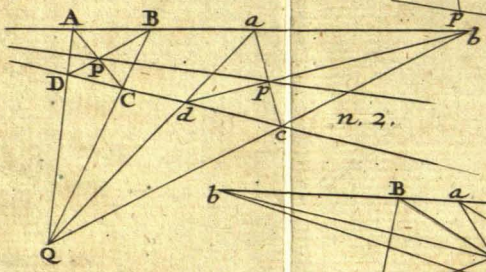


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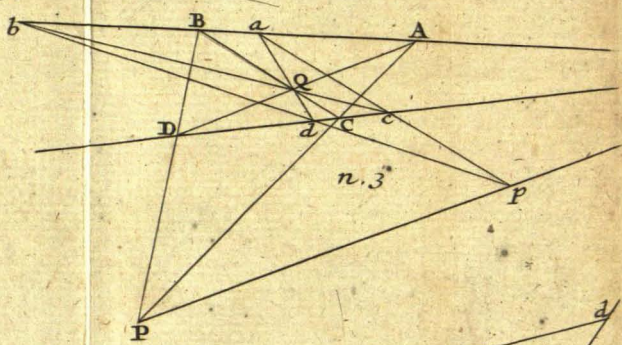


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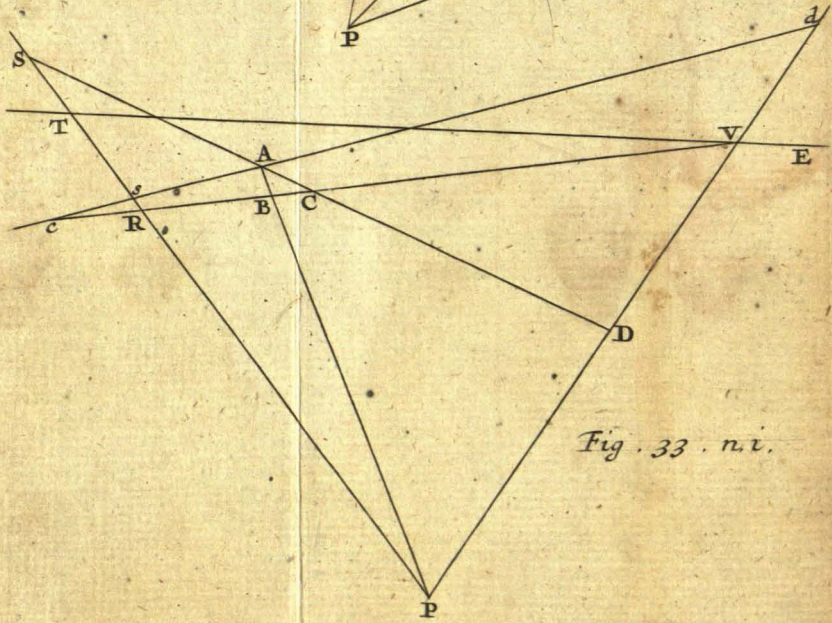


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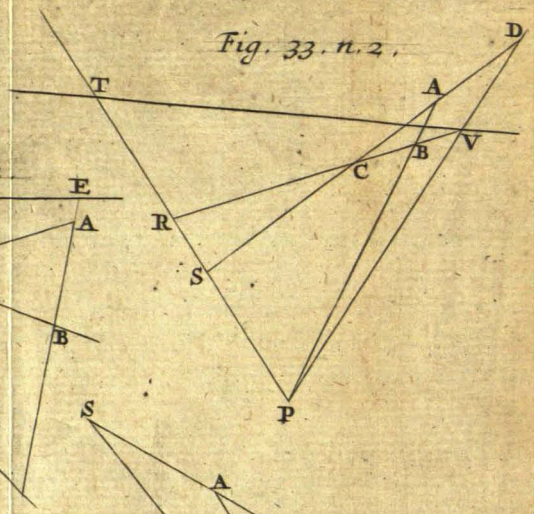


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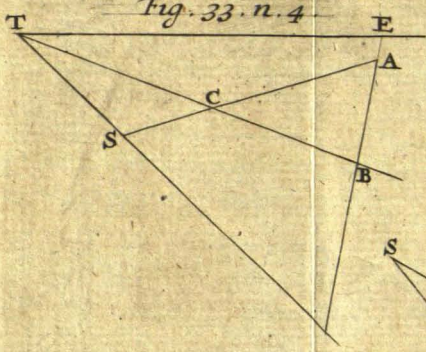


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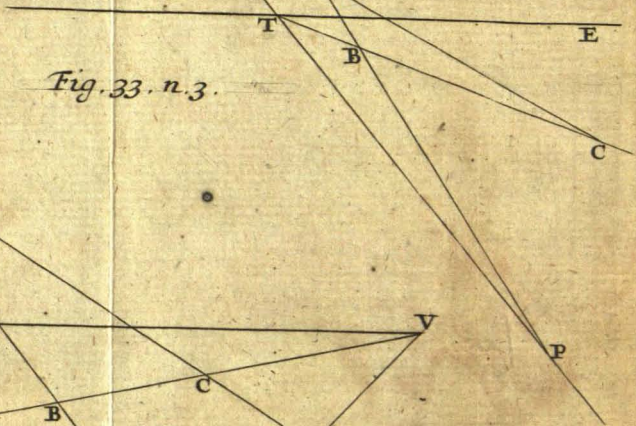


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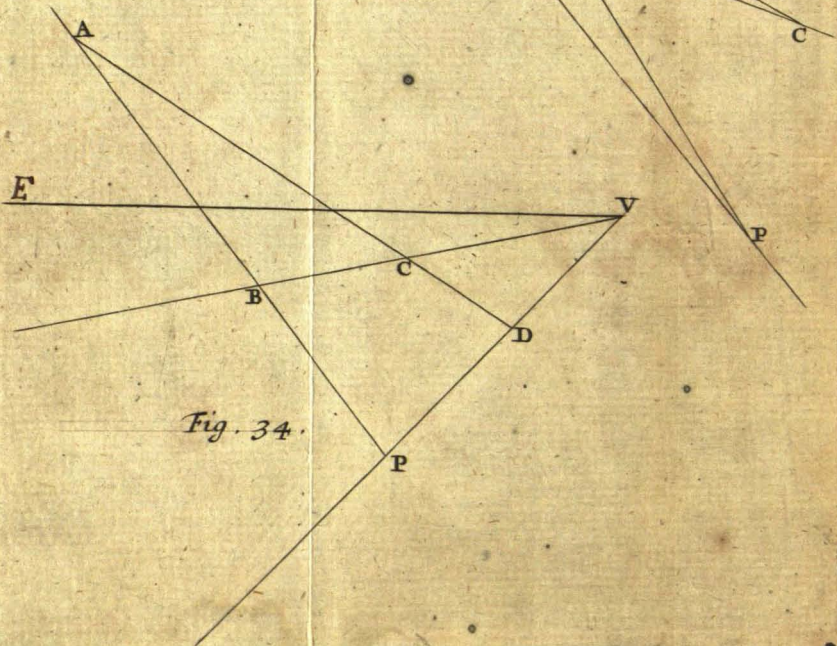


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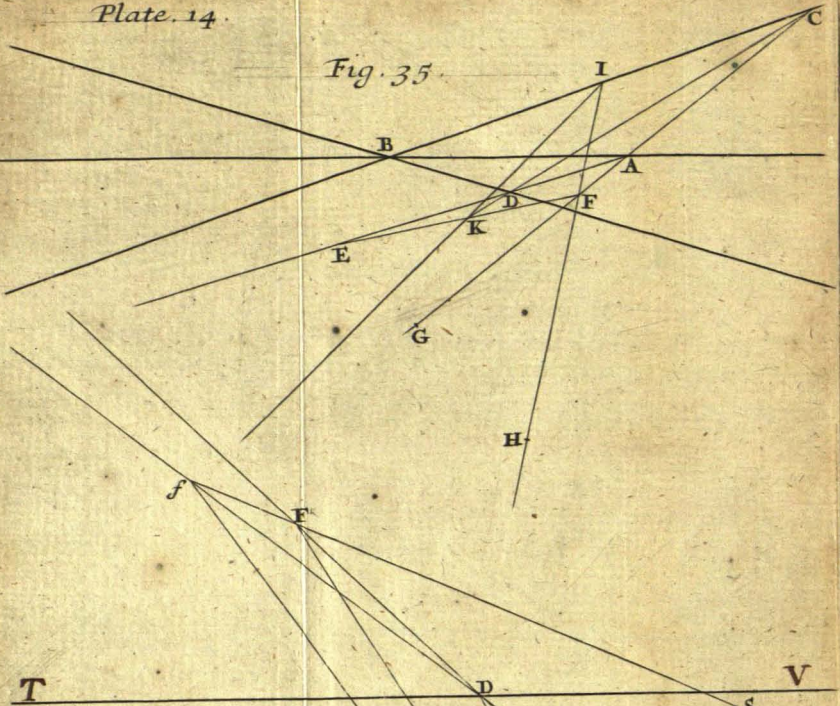


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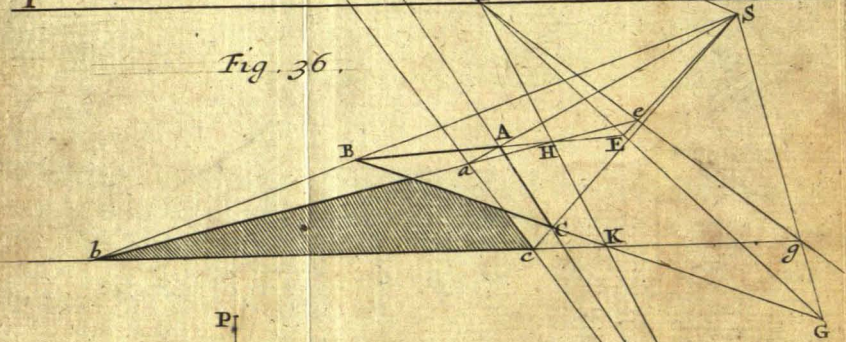
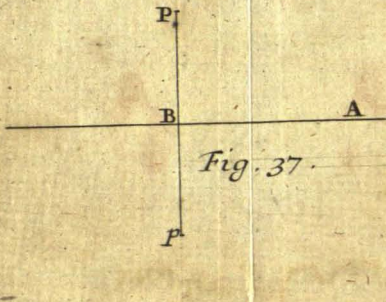


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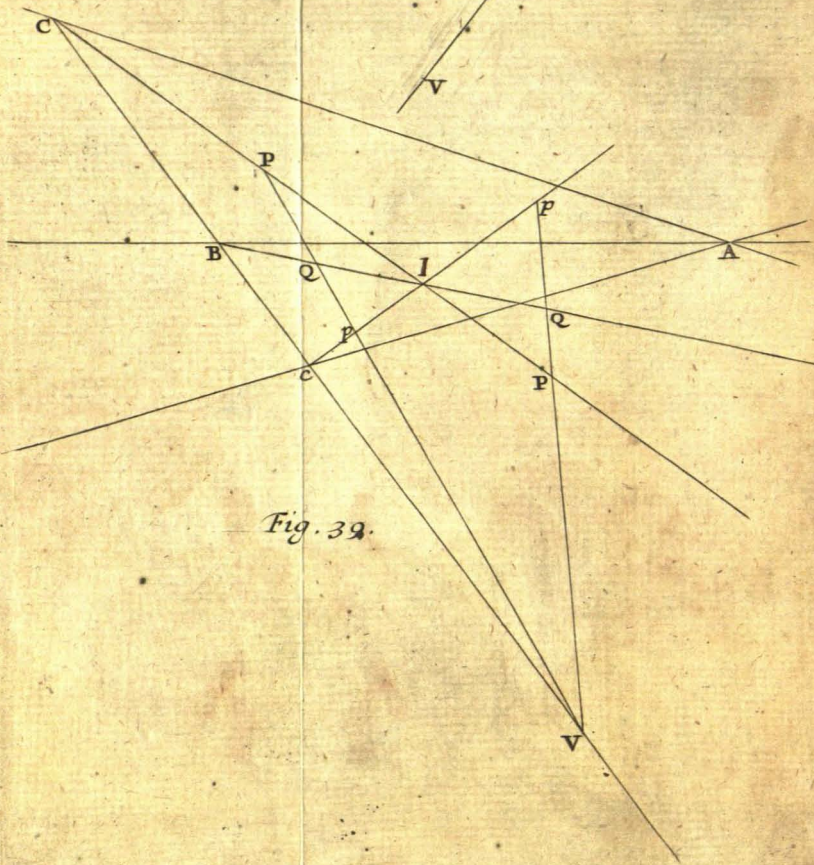
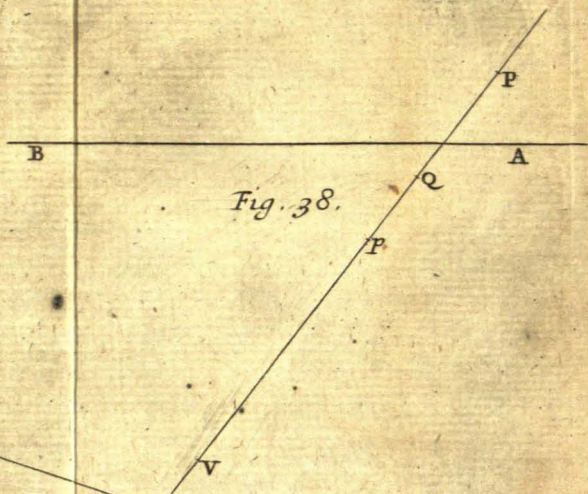


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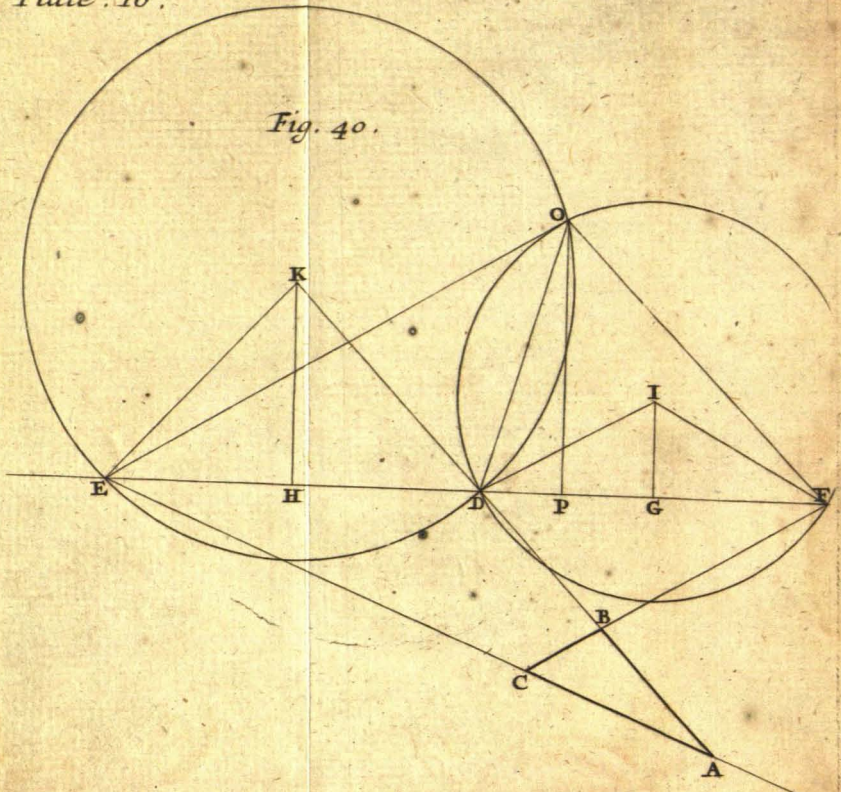
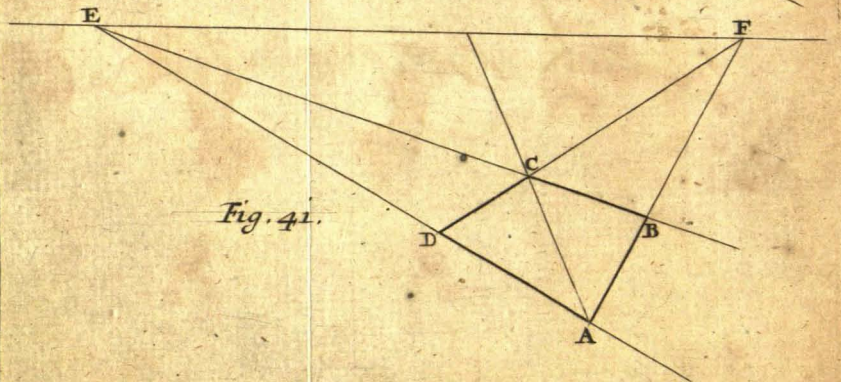


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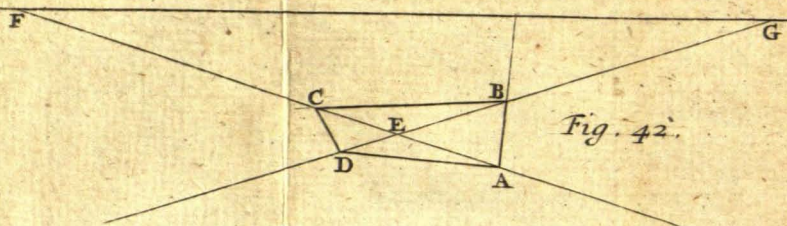


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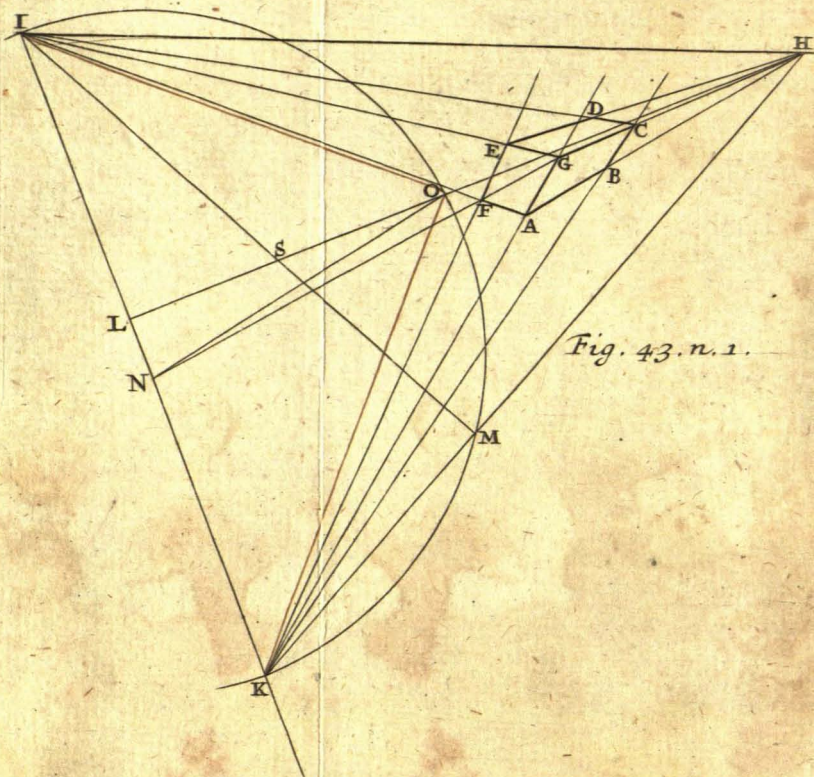


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