

## Proposition 4

If there be any number of magnitudes whatever which are, respectively, equimultiples of many magnitudes equal in multitude, then, whatever multiple one of the magnitudes is of one, that multiple will also be of all

given:

magnitudes  $AB, CD$   
be equimultiples of  
 $E, F$  in equal multitude

required:

whatever multiple  $AB$  is  
of  $E$ , that multiple will  
 $AB, CD$  also be of  $E, F$

$AB$  is the same multiple of  $E$   
that  $CD$  of  $F$

divide  $AB$  into magnitudes  $AG, GB$   
 $AG, GB = E$

divide  $CD$  into magnitudes  $CH, HD$   
 $CH, HD = F$

$$AG, GB = CH, HD$$

$$AG = E$$

$$CH = F$$

$$AG, CH = E, F$$

For the same reason,

$$GB = E$$

$$GB, HD = E, F$$

as many magnitudes there are in  $AB = E$ , so many also are in  $AB, CD = E, F$   
whatever multiple  $AB$  is of  $E$ , that multiple will  $AB, CD$  be of  $E, F$ .

Q.E.D.

## Proposition 2

If a first magnitude be the same multiple of a second that a third is of a fourth, and a fifth also be the same multiple of a second that a sixth is of the fourth, the sum of the first and fifth will also be the same multiple of the second that the sum of the third and sixth is of the fourth.

given

first magnitude  $AB$   
be the same multiple of a  
second  $C$ , that a third  $DE$   
is of a fourth  $F$ . and a fifth  
 $BE$ , be the same multiple as the  
second,  $C$ , that a sixth,  $EH$   
is of fourth  $F$ .

required

The sum of the first and fifth  $AE$   
will be the same multiple of the  
second,  $C$ , that the sum of  
third and sixth,  $DH$ , is of fourth,  $F$ .

$AB$  is the same multiple of  $C$   
that  $DE$  of  $F$

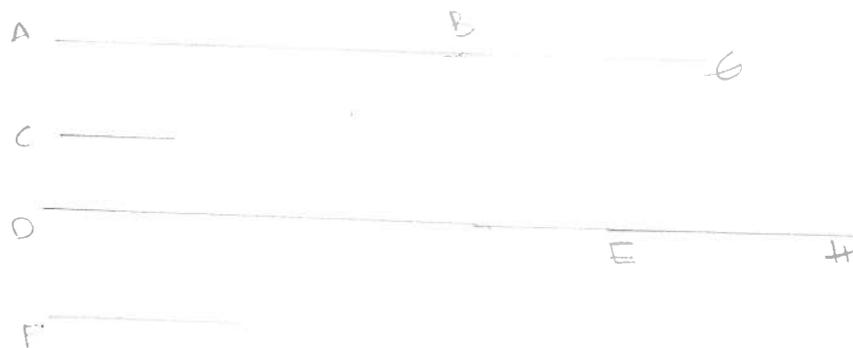
as many magnitudes there are in  $AB = C$ ,  
there also are in  $DE = F$

For the same reason,

as many as there are in  $BE = C$   
there also are in  $EH = F$

as many as there are in  $AB = C$   
There also are in  $DH = F$

whatever multiple  $AE$  is of  $C$ ,  
 $DH$  is of  $F$



The sum of the first and  
fifth,  $AE$ , is the same  
multiple of the second,  $C$ ,  
that the sum of the third  
and sixth,  $DH$ , is of the  
fourth,  $F$

Q.E.D.

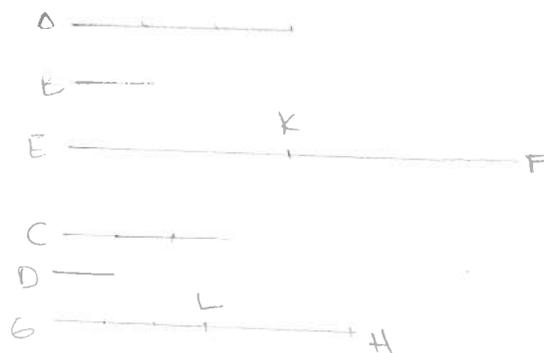
### Proposition 3

If a first magnitude be the same multiple of a second that a third is of a fourth, and if equimultiples be taken of the first and third, then also ex aequali the magnitudes taken will be equimultiples respectively, the one of the second and the other of the fourth.

given:

first magnitude  $A$   
be the same multiple  
of a second  $B$ , than  
a third  $C$  is of  
fourth  $D$ .

equimultiples  $EF, GH$   
be taken of  $A, C$ .



required

$EF$  is the same  
multiple of  $B$  than  
 $GH$  is of  $D$

$EF$  is the same multiple of  $A$   
that  $GH$  of  $C$

as many magnitudes there are  
in  $EF$  equal to  $A$  there are  
in  $GH$  equal to  $C$ .

divide  $EF$  in  $EK, KF = A$

divide  $GH$  in  $EL, LH = C$

magnitudes  $EK, KF =$  magnitude  $EL, LH$

$A$  is the same multiple of  $B$  than  
 $C$  of  $D$

$$EK = A$$

$$EL = C$$

$EK$  is the same multiple of  $B$   
than  $EL$  of  $D$

first magnitude  $EK$  is the  
same multiple of a second  $B$   
than a third  $EL$  is of fourth  $D$   
and a fifth  $KF$  is also multiple  
of second  $B$ , than a sixth  $LH$   
is of the fourth  $D$ . [V.2]

Q.E.D.

## Proposition 4

If a first magnitude have to a second magnitude the same ratio as a third to a fourth, any equimultiples whatever of the first and third will also have the same ratio to any equimultiples whatever of the second and fourth respectively, taken in corresponding order.

Given:

first magnitude  $A$   
have to the second,  $B$ ,  
the same ratio as a  
third  $C$  to a fourth  
 $D$ .

equimultiples  $E, F$  be  
taken of  $A, C$  and  
 $G, H$  of  $B, D$ .

required.

$E$  is to  $G$

so is

$F$  to  $H$

Equimultiples  $K, L$  be taken of  $E, F$

Equimultiples  $M, N$  be taken of  $G, H$

$E$  is the same multiple  $A$  that  $F$  of  $C$   
equimultiples  $K, L$  of  $E, F$  have been taken

$K$  is the same multiple  $A$   
that  $L$  of  $C$  [V.3]

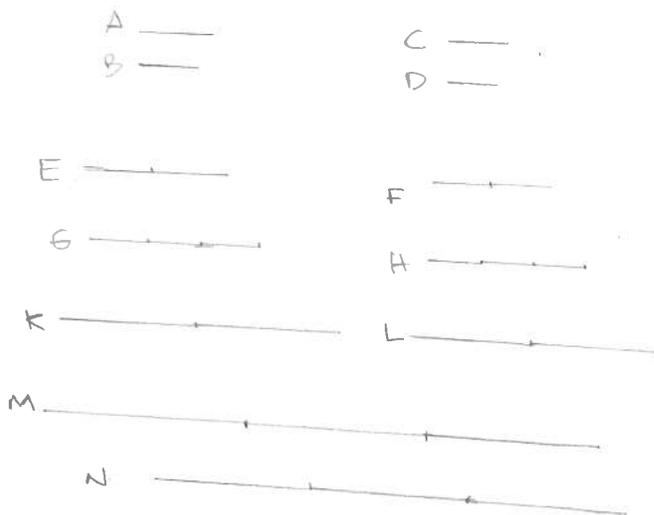
For the same reason,

$M$  is the same multiple of  $B$   
that  $N$  of  $D$ .

$A$  is to  $B$ , so is  $C$  to  $D$

$A, C$  equimultiples of  $K, L$

$B, D$  equimultiples  $M, N$



$K$  is in excess of  $M$ ,

$L$  is in excess of  $N$

If it is equal, equal [V. Def. 5]  
If it is less, less

$K, L$  are equimultiples of  $E, F$   
 $M, N$  are equimultiples of  $G, H$ .

$E$  is to  $G$

so is

$F$  to  $H$

[V. Def. 5]

Q.E.D.

## Proposition 5

If a magnitude be the same multiple of a magnitude that a part subtracted is of a part subtracted, The remainder will also be the same multiple of the remainder that the whole is of the whole

Given:

Magnitude AB  
= Magnitude CD  
that the part AE  
subtracted is of  
the part CF  
subtracted



Required:

Remainder EB  
Remainder FD  
That the whole  
AB is of the  
whole CD

Whatever multiple AE is of CF  
let EB be made that multiple of CF

AE is the same multiple of CF  
that EB of CD  
AE is the same multiple of CF  
that AB of EF [V.1]

→ Assumption

AE is the same multiple of CF  
that AB of CD

AB is the same multiple of EF, CD  
EF = CD

→ Subtract CF  
EC = FD

AE is the same multiple of CF  
that EB of EC  
EC = FD

AE is the same multiple of CF  
that EB of FD

→ hypothesis:

AE is the same multiple of CF  
that AB of CD

EB is the same multiple of FD  
that AB of CD

The remainder EB will be the  
same multiple of the  
remainder FD that the  
whole AB is of the whole  
CD.

Q.E.D.

## Proposition 6

If two magnitudes be equimultiples of two magnitudes, and any magnitudes subtracted from them be equimultiples of the same, the remainders also are either equal to the same or equimultiples of them.

given:

magnitudes  $AB, CD$   
be equimultiples of  
magnitudes  $E, F$ .

let  $AG, CH$  subtracted  
from the equimultiples  
of the same two  $E, F$

A E E

E —

K C H D

F —

Required:

remainders  $GB, HD$   
are either equal to  
 $E, F$  or equimultiples  
of them.

$$F = KC$$

$$HD = F$$

$$GB = E$$

$$HD = F$$

$$GB = E$$

$$\rightarrow HD = F$$

$$KC = F$$

similarly,

$GB$  be a multiple of  $E$

$HD$  is the same multiple of  $F$

$AG$  is the same multiple of  $E$

that  $CH$  of  $F$

$$GB = E \quad KC = F$$

$AB$  is the same multiple of  $E$

that  $KH$  of  $F$  [V.2]

Q.E.D.

hypothesis

$AB$  is the same multiple of  $E$

that  $CD$  of  $F$

$KH$  is the same multiple of  $F$   
that  $CD$  of  $F$

magnitudes  $KH = CD$

$\rightarrow$  subtract  $CH$

$$KC = HD$$

## Proposition 7

Equal magnitudes have to the same ratio, as also has the same to equal magnitudes.

given

A, B be equal magnitudes  
C any other magnitude



required

magnitudes  $A, B$  have the same ratio to  $C$  and  $C$  has the same ratio as  $A, B$ .

equimultiples  $D, E$  of  $A, B$   
equimultiple  $F$  of  $C$

$D$  is the same multiple of  $A$   
that  $E$  of  $B$

$$A=B$$

$$D=E$$

→  $F$  is another magnitude

$D$  is in excess of  $F$ ,  
 $E$  is in excess of  $F$   
If equal to it, equal  
and, if less, less

$D, E$  are equimultiples of  $A, B$   
 $F$  is multiple of  $C$

$$A \text{ is to } C$$

$$\text{as } B \text{ is to } C \quad [\text{V. Def. 5}]$$

→  $C$  has the same ratio to  $A, B$

with the same construction,  
 $D=E$   
 $F$  another magnitude

$F$  is in excess of  $D$ , it is also  
in excess of  $E$ .  
If equal, equal  
If less, less

$F$  is a multiple of  $C$

$D, E$  are multiples of  $A, B$

$$C \text{ is to } A$$

$$\text{as } C \text{ is to } B \quad [\text{V. Def. 5}]$$

Q.E.D.

Porism:

From this it is manifest that,  
If any magnitudes are  
Proportional, they will  
also be Proportional  
inversely. [V. Def. 13]

## Proposition 8

of unequal magnitudes, the greater has to the same a greater ratio than the less has; and the same has to the less a greater ratio than it has to the greater.

given:

AB, C be unequal magnitudes

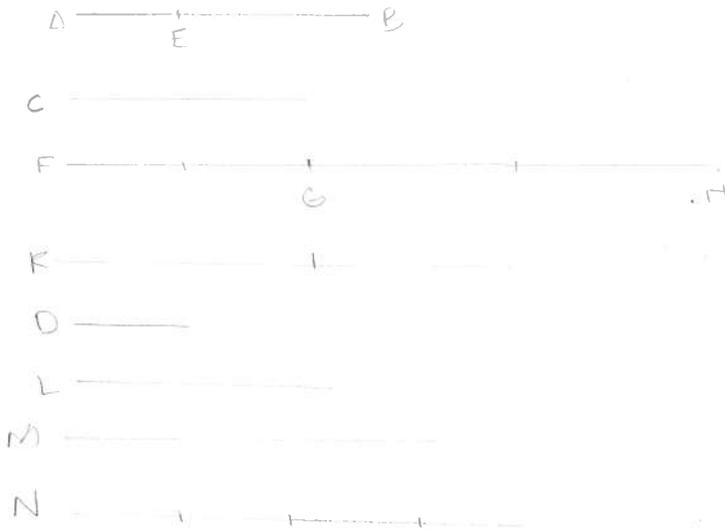
$AB > C$

D another magnitude

required:

AB has to D a greater ratio than C has to D, and

D has a greater ratio than it has to AB.



CASE 1:

$AE < EB$

AE multiplied

FG multiple  $> D$

whatever multiple FG is of AE  
GH is the same multiple of EB  
K of C

L double D

M triple D

N quadruple of D  
first multiple  $> K$

$K < N$  (first)

$K > M$

FG same multiple of AE  
that GH of EB

FH is the same multiple of AE  
that FH of AB [V.I]

FG is the same multiple of AE  
that K of C

FH is the same multiple of AB  
that K of C

FH, K are equimultiples of AB, C

$\rightarrow$  GH is the same multiple of EB  
that K of C

$EB = C$

$GH = K$

$K > M$

$GH > M$

$FG > D$

$FH > D, M$

$D + M = N$

M is triple D

M, D are quadruple D

N = quadruple D

$M, D = N$

$FH > MD$

$FH$  is in excess of  $N$

$K$  is not an excess of  $N$

$FH, K$  are equimultiples of  $AB, C$ , while  $N$  is multiple of  $D$   
 $AB$  has to  $D$  a greater ratio than  $C$  has to  $D$  [V. Def. 7]

→  $D$  also has to  $C$  a greater ratio than  $D$  has to  $AB$

with the same construction,

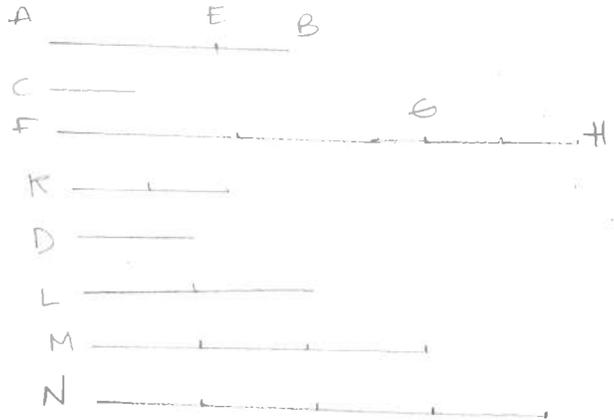
$N$  is in excess of  $K$

$N$  is not in excess of  $FH$

$N$  is a multiple of  $D$ ,  $FH, K$  are equimultiples of  $AB, C$   
 $D$  has a greater ratio to  $C$  than  $D$  to  $AB$  [V. Def. 7]

CASE 2:

$AE > EB$



$EB$  if multiplied will sometime be greater than  $D$  [V. Def. 4]

$EH$  multiple of  $EB$   
 $EH > D$

whatever multiple  $EH$  is of  $EB$ ,  
 $FG$  is same multiple of  $AE$   
 $K$  of  $C$

similarly,

$FH, K$  are equimultiples of  $AB, C$   
similarly,

$N$  multiple of  $D$ , the first greater than  $FG$   
 $FE > M$

$EH > D$

$FH$  is in excess of  $D, M (N)$

$K$  is not in excess of  $N$ , inasmuch as  $FE$  also, which is greater than  $EH$   
That is,  $th$   $K$ , is not in excess of  $N$

Q.E.D

### Proposition 9

magnitudes which have the same ratio to the same are equal to one another; and magnitudes to which have the same ratio are unequal.

given

A, B have the same ratio to C



required.

$$A = B$$

otherwise,

each of these magnitudes would not have had the same ratio to C [V.8]

but they do,

$$A = B$$

let C have the same ratio to A, B

$$A = B$$

otherwise,

C would not have had the same ratio of A, B [V.8]

But it has,

$$A = B$$

Q.E.D.

## Proposition 10

of magnitudes which have a ratio to the same, that which has a greater ratio is greater; and that to which the same has a greater ratio is less.

given:

A has a greater ratio to C than B has to C



required:

$A > B$

If not A is equal or less to B

→ A is not equal to B

for in that case A, B would have had the same ratio to C, [V.7]

but they don't

$A \neq B$

→ A is not less than B

for in that case, A would have had to C a less ratio than B to C

but it has not.

A is not less than B

But they are not equal

$A > B$

→ C has to B a greater ratio than C to A

$B < A$

If not it is equal or greater

→ B is not equal to A

For in that case, C would have had the same ratio to A, B [V.4] but it has not

B is not equal to A

→ B is not greater than A

For if in that case, C would have had to B a less ratio than it has to A [V.2]

but it has not

B is not greater than A

But they are not equal

$B < A$

Q.E.D.

## Proposition 11

ratios which are the same with the same ratio are also the same with one another.

given

as A is to B  
C is to D

as C is to D  
E is to F

A ———  
B ———

C ———  
D ———

E ———  
F ———

G ————— H ————— K —————  
L ————— M ————— N —————

required

as A is to B  
E is to F

G, H, K equimultiples of A, C, E  
L, M, N equimultiples of B, D, F

as A is to B  
C is to D

of A, C equimultiples G, H  
of B, D equimultiples L, M

if G is in excess of L  
H is in excess of M  
if equal, equal  
if less, less

as C is to D  
E is to F

of C, E equimultiples H, K

of D, F equimultiples M, N

if H is in excess of M  
K is in excess of N  
if equal, equal  
if less, less

H is in excess of M  
G is in excess of L

if G is in excess of L  
K is in excess of N  
if equal, equal  
if less, less

G, K are equimultiples of A, E  
L, N are equimultiples of B, F

as A is to B  
E is to F

QED

## Proposition 12

If any number of magnitudes be proportional, as one of the antecedents is to one of the consequents, so will all the antecedents be to all consequents.

given

magnitudes  $A, B, C, D, E, F$   
are proportional

as  $A$  is to  $B$   
 $C$  is to  $D$   
 $E$  is to  $F$



required

as  $A$  is to  $B$   
 $A, C, E$  is to  $B, D, F$

$G, H, K$  equimultiples of  $A, C, E$   
 $L, M, N$  equimultiples of  $B, D, F$

as  $A$  is to  $B$   
 $C$  is to  $D$   
 $E$  is to  $F$

of  $A, C, E$  equimultiples  $G, H, K$   
of  $B, D, F$  equimultiples  $L, M, N$

If  $G$  is in excess of  $L$   
 $H$  is in excess of  $M$   
 $K$  of  $N$

If equal, equal  
If less, less.

→ in addition

If  $G$  is in excess of  $L$   
 $G, H, K$  are in excess of  $L, M, N$

$G$  and  $G, H, K$  are equimultiples of  
 $A, A, C, E$

since, if any number of magnitudes  
whatever are respectively  
equimultiples of any magnitudes  
equal in multitude, whatever  
multiple one of the magnitudes  
is of one, that multiple will be  
of all [V.1]

For the same reason,

$L$  and  $L, M, N$  are  
equimultiples of  $B, B, D, F$

AS  $A$  is to  $B$   
 $A, C, E$  is to  $B, D, F$   
[V. def. 5]

Q. E. D

## Proposition 13

If a first magnitude have to a second the same ratio as a third to a fourth, and the third have to the fourth a greater ratio than a fifth has to a sixth, the first will also have to the second a greater ratio than the fifth to the sixth.

given:

magnitude A have to a second, B, the same ratio as a third C has to the fourth D; the third C has to the fourth D a greater ratio than a fifth E has to a sixth F.

required:

the first A has to the second B, a greater ratio than the fifth E to the sixth F.

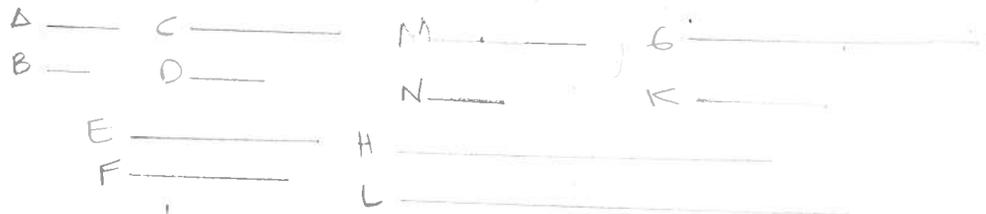
there are equimultiples of C, E and D, F and other equimultiples such that C is in excess of D.

while multiple E is not in excess of F [V. Def. 7]

E, H equimultiples of C, E  
K, L equimultiples of D, F  
E is in excess of K  
H is not in excess of L

whatever multiple G is of C  
M is of A

whatever multiple K is of D  
N is of B



As A is to B  
C is to D

M, G equimultiples of A, C

N, K equimultiples of B, D

if M is in excess of N  
G is in excess of K

if equal, equal

if less, less [V. Def. 5]

G is in excess of K  
M is in excess of N

H is not in excess of L  
M, H are equimultiples of A, E  
N, L equimultiples of B, F

A has to B a greater ratio than E to F [V. Def. 7]

Q.E.D.

## Proposition 14

If a first magnitude have to a second the same ratio as a third to a fourth, and the first be greater than the third, the second will also be greater than the fourth; if equal, equal; and if less, less

Given:

first magnitude A have  
The same ratio to a  
second B as a third C  
has to a fourth D.



$A > C$

required:

$B > D$

$A > C$

B is another magnitude

A has to B a greater  
ratio than C to B

as A is to B  
C is to B

C has a greater ratio to D  
than C to B [V.13]

But that to which the same has  
a greater ratio is less; [V.10]

$D < B$

$B > D$

Similarly,

If  $A = C$

$B = D$

and

If  $A < C$

$B < D$

Q.E.D.

## Proposition 15

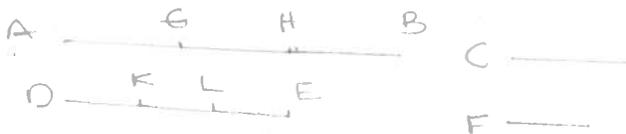
Parts have the same ratio as the same multiples of them taken in corresponding order.

given:

AB the same multiple of C  
that DE is of F

required:

as C is to F  
AB is to DE



AB is the same multiple of C  
that DE is of F

as many magnitudes as there  
are in  $AB = C$ , there are  
in  $DE = F$

AB divided into AG, GH, HB = C

DE divided into DK, KL, LE = F

magnitude AG, GH, HB = magnitude  
DK, KL, LE

AG = GH = HB

DK = KL = LE

as AG is to DK

GH is to KL

HB is to LE [V.7]

as one of the antecedents is  
to one of the consequents,  
so will all the antecedents be  
to all the consequents [V.12]

as AG is to DK

AB is to DE

AG = C

DK = F

as C is to F

AB is to DE

Q.E.D.

## Proposition 16

If four magnitudes be proportional, they will also be Proportional alternately.

Given:

A, B, C, D 4 proportional magnitudes

as A is to B  
C is to D

A \_\_\_\_\_

B \_\_\_\_\_

C \_\_\_\_\_

D \_\_\_\_\_

Required:

E \_\_\_\_\_

G \_\_\_\_\_

They will also be so alternately [V. Def. 12]

as A is to C  
B is to D

F \_\_\_\_\_

H \_\_\_\_\_

E, F equimultiples of A, B  
G, H equimultiples of C, D

E is the same multiple of A  
that F is of B

Parts have the same ratio  
as the same multiples of them [V. 15]

as A is to B  
E is to F

As A is to B  
C is to D

as C is to D.  
E is to F [V. 11]

G, H equimultiples of C, D  
as C is to D  
G is to H [V. 15]

As C is to D  
E is to F

as E is to F  
G is to H [V. 11]

If four magnitudes be Proportional, and the first be greater than the third, The second will also be greater than the fourth.  
If equal, equal  
If less, less [V. 14]

If E is in excess of G  
F is in excess of H.

E, F equimultiples of A, B  
G, H equimultiples of C, D  
as A is to C  
B is to D [V. Def. 5]

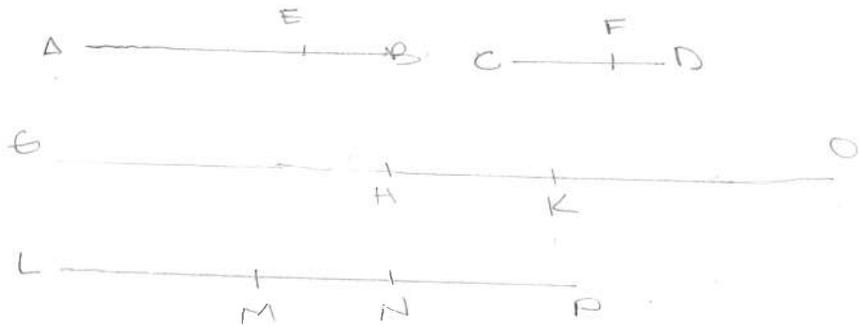
Q.E.D

## Proposition 17

If magnitudes be proportional componendo they will also be proportional Separando

given:

AB, BE, CD, DF proportional  
componendo [V. def 14]  
 AS AB IS TO BE  
 CD IS TO DF



required:

They will also be  
 Proportional separando  
 [V. Def. 15]

AS AE IS TO EB  
 CF IS TO DF

GH, HK, LM, MN equimultiples of  
 AE, EB, CF, FD

KO, OP equimultiples of EB, FD

GH is the same multiple of AE  
 that HK of EB

GH is the same multiple of AE  
 that GK of AB [V. 1]

GH is the same multiple of AE  
 that LM of CF

GK is the same multiple of AB  
 that LM of CF.

LM is the same multiple of CF  
 that MN of FD

LM is the same multiple of CF  
 that LN of CD [V. 1]

LM same multiple of CF  
 that GK of AB

GK is the same multiple of AB  
 that LN of CD

GK, LN are equimultiples of AB, CD

HK is the same multiple of EB  
 that MN of FD

KO is the same multiple of EB  
 that NP of FD

HO is the same multiple of EB  
 that MP of FD [V. 2]

AS AB IS TO BE  
 CD IS TO DF

GK, LN equimultiples of AB, CD  
 HO, MP equimultiples of EB, FD

GK is in excess of HO  
 LN is in excess of MP

GK in excess of HO

→ subtract HK  
 & H in excess of KO

If GK is in excess of HO  
 LN is in excess of MP

→ subtract MN  
 LM is in excess of NP

GH is in excess of KO  
 LM is in excess of NP

Similarly,

$$\text{if } GH = KO$$

$$LM = NP$$

if less, less

GH, LM equimultiples of AE, CF

KO, NP equimultiples of EB, FD

as AG is to EB

CF is to FD

Q.E.D

## Proposition 18

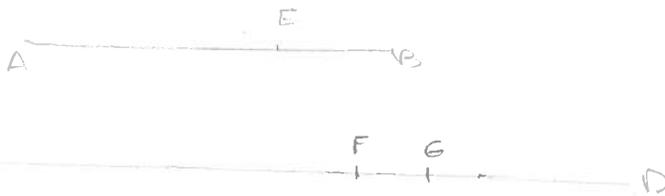
If magnitudes be proportional separando, they will be proportional compendo.

given:

AE, EB, CF, FD proportional  
separando [V. def 15]

as AE is to EB

CF is to FD



required:

they will also be  
proportional compendo  
[V. def 14]

as AB is to BE

CF is to FD

If CD be not to DF as AB to BE

then as AB is to BE

CD will either be less than DF  
or greater.

→ a ratio to a less magnitude DG

as AB is to BE

CD is to DG

They are proportional compendo  
They will also be proportional separando  
[V. 17]

as AE is to EB

CG is to GD

→ hypothesis

as AE is to EB

CF is to FD

as CG is to GD

CF is to FD [V. 11]

First CG is greater than third CF  
second ED is greater than  
fourth FD [V. 14]

But it is absurd:  
(IMPOSSIBLE)

As AB is to BE

So is not CD to a less  
magnitude than FD

Similarly,

neither it is in that ratio  
to a greater;

it is in that ratio to FD

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## Proposition 19

If, as a whole is to a whole, so is a part subtracted to a part, remainder will also be to the remainder as whole to whole.

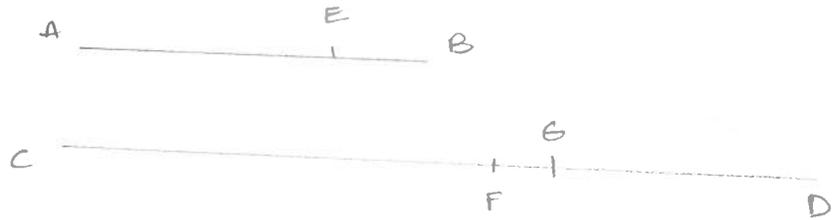
given:

Whole AB is to the whole CD,

part AE subtracted to the part CF subtracted

required:

remainder EB will be to the remainder FD as the whole AB to the whole CD



AS AB IS TO CD  
AE IS TO CF

alternately,

AS BA IS TO AE  
CD IS TO CF [V.16]

the magnitudes are proportional  
componendo and separando  
[V.17]

AS BE IS TO EA  
DF IS TO CF

alternately,

BE IS TO DF  
EA IS TO FC [V.16]

hypothesis

AS AE IS TO CF  
whole AB IS TO whole CD

The remainder EB will be to the remainder FD

as the whole AB is to the whole CD  
[V.11]

Q.E.D.

POBISM:

From this it is manifest that, if magnitudes be proportional componendo [V. def. 14], they will also be proportional convertendo [V. def. 16]

## Proposition 20

If there be three magnitudes, and others equal to them in multitude, which taken two and two are in the same ratio, and if ex aequali the first be greater than the third, the fourth will also be greater than the sixth; if equal, equal; and if less, less.

given:

magnitudes A, B, C  
equal to D, E, F in  
multitude.

Taken 2 and 2 are in  
the same ratio.

AS A IS TO B

D IS TO E

and, AS B IS TO C

E IS TO F

A > C ex aequali [V. def. 17]

required:

D > F

if A = C equal,  
if less, less

A > C

B other magnitude

The greater has to the same  
a greater ratio than the  
less has [V. 8]

A has to B a greater ratio  
than C to B.

AS A IS TO B

D IS TO E

AS C IS TO B

F IS TO E

D has to E a greater ratio  
than C to B



of magnitudes which have  
a ratio to the same, that  
which has a greater ratio  
is greater [V. 10]

D > F

Similarly,

if A = C

D = F

and if less, less

QED

## Proposition 21

If there be three magnitudes, and others equal to them in multitude, which taken two and two together are in the same ratio, and the proportion of them be perturbed, then, if ex aequali the first magnitude is greater than the third, the fourth will also be greater than the sixth; if equal, equal; and if less, less.

given:

magnitudes A, B, C and D, E, F equal in multitude.

taken two and two are in the same ratio.

their proportion is perturbed [V. def. 12]

as A is to B

E is to F

and as B is to C

D is to E

$A > C$  ex aequali [V. def. 17]

required:

$D > F$

If  $A = C$ , equal

If less, less

$A > C$

B other magnitude

A has to B a greater ratio than C to B [V. 8]

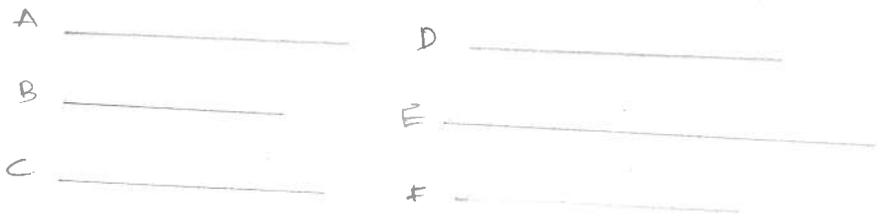
As A is to B

E is to F

and as C is to B

E is to D

E has to F a greater ratio than E to D [V. 13]



But that to which the same has a greater ratio is less.

$F < D$

[V. 10]

$D > F$

Similarly,

If  $A = C$

$D = F$

If less, less

Q. E. D.

## Proposition 22

If there be any number of magnitudes whatever, and others equal to them in multitude, which taken two and two together are in the same ratio, they will also be in the same ratio *ex aequali*.

Given:

magnitudes A, B, C  
and D, E, F equal  
in multitude.

Taken two and two  
together are in the  
same ratio.

AS A IS TO B  
D IS TO E

and AS B IS TO C  
E IS TO F

Required:

They will be in the  
same ratio *ex aequali*.

[V. def. 1A]

AS A IS TO C  
D IS TO F

G, H equimultiples of A, D  
K, L equimultiples of B, E  
M, N equimultiples of C, F

AS A IS TO B  
D IS TO E

G, H equimultiples of A, D  
K, L equimultiples of B, E

AS G IS TO K  
H IS TO L [V. 4]

For the same reason,

AS K IS TO M  
L IS TO N



There are three magnitudes  
G, K, M and others H, L, N  
equal to them in multitude;  
which taken two and two  
together are in the same ratio,  
↳ *ex aequali*

If G is in excess of M

H is in excess of N

If equal, equal

If less, less [V. 20]

G, H equimultiples of A, D  
M, N equimultiples of C, F

AS A IS TO C  
D IS TO F [V. def. 5]

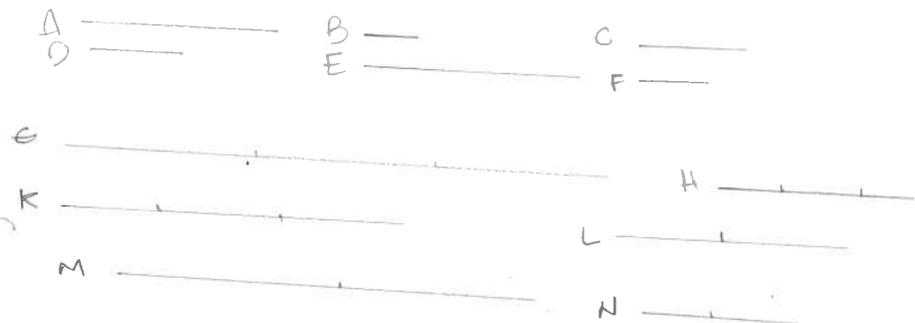
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Proposition 23

If there be three magnitudes, and others equal to them in multitude, which taken two and two together are in the same ratio, and the proportion of them be perturbed, they will also be in the same ratio *ex aequali*.

Given

magnitudes A, B, C and others equal to them in multitude, which taken two and two together, are in the same proportion, D, E, F and let the proportion be perturbed [V. def. 18]



so, as A is to B  
E is to F  
and as B is to C  
D is to F

required

as A is to C  
D is to F

G, H, K equimultiples of A, B, D  
L, M, N equimultiples of C, E, F

G, H equimultiples of A, B  
Parts have the same ratio as the same multiples of them [V. 15]

as A is to B  
G is to H

For the same reason,  
as E is to F  
M is to N

as A is to B  
E is to F  
as G is to H  
M is to N [V. 11]

as B is to C  
D is to E

alternately, B is to D  
C is to E [V. 16]

H, K equimultiples of B, D  
Parts have the same ratio as their equimultiples  
as B is to D  
H is to K [V. 15]

as B is to D  
C is to E → as H is to K  
C is to E [V. 11]

L, M equimultiples of C, E  
as C is to E  
L is to M [V. 15]

as C is to E  
H is to K → as H is to K  
L is to M [V. 11]

alternately,  
as H is to L  
K is to M [V. 16]

it was proved that  
as G is to H  
M is to N

Three magnitudes G, H, L, and others equal to them in multitude M, N, L, which taken two and two together are in the same ratio and the proportion is Perturbed.

→ *ex aequali* if G is in excess of L  
K is in excess of N [V. 21]  
G, K equimultiples of A, D / L, N of C, F.  
as A is to C, D is to F Q.E.D.

## Proposition 24

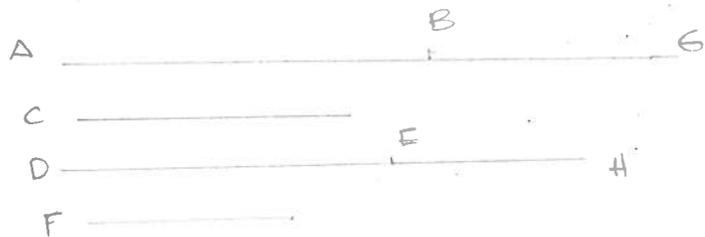
If a first magnitude have to a second the same ratio as a third has to a fourth, and also a fifth have to the second the same ratio as a sixth to the fourth, the first and fifth added together will have to the second the same ratio as the third and sixth have to the fourth.

given:

first magnitude AB  
have to a second C,  
the same ratio as a third  
DE has to a fourth F;  
a fifth BG have to the  
second C the same  
ratio as a sixth EH has  
to a fourth F.

required

first and fifth added  
together, AG, will have  
to the second, C the  
same ratio that the  
third and sixth, DH  
have to the fourth F.



also,

AS BG IS TO C  
EH IS TO F

ex aequali

AS AG IS TO C

DH IS TO F [V.22]

Q.E.D

AS BG IS TO C  
EH IS TO F

AS AB IS TO C  
DE IS TO F

AS C IS TO BG  
F IS TO EH

↳ ex aequali

AS AB IS TO BG

DE IS TO EH [V.22]

since the magnitudes are proportional  
separando, they will be proportional  
componendo [V.18]

AS AG IS TO GB

DH IS TO EH



## Proposition 25

If four magnitudes be proportional, the greatest and the least are greater than the remaining two.

given:

magnitudes  $AB, CD, E, F$   
be proportional.

As  $AB$  is to  $CD$   
 $E$  is to  $F$

$AB$  the greatest  
 $F$  the least

required

$AB, F > CD, E$

$$AG = E$$

$$CH = F$$

As  $AB$  is to  $CD$

$E$  is to  $F$

$$E = AG$$

$$F = CH$$

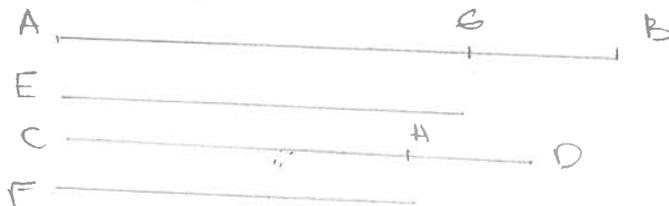
As  $AB$  is to  $CD$

$AG$  is to  $CH$

As the whole  $AB$  is to the whole  $CD$ , so is the part  $AG$  subtracted to the part  $CH$  subtracted.

The remainder  $GB$  will also be to the remainder  $HD$

as the whole  $AB$  is to the whole  $CD$  [V. 19]



$AB > CD$

$GB > HD$

$$AG = E$$

$$CH = F$$

$$AG, F = CH, E$$

$GB, HD$  are unequal

$GB > HD$

$AG, F$  added to  $GB$

$CH, E$  added to  $HD$

$AB, F > CD, E$

Q.E.D