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ABSTRACT

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The purpose of this research study was to determine if sociocultural variables of socioeconomic status, "father" present in the home, and crowding in the home influenced the learning of geometric constructions by culturally impoverished junior high school students.

A geometry workbook was designed to minimize the influence of reading by presenting each geometry lesson via an audio tape. Each taped lesson was approximately fifteen minutes in length and contained all of the necessary information for learning specific types of geometric constructions illustrated in the workbook.

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In this study a review of the literature pertaining to the cognitive theories of psychology was presented. These theories were based upon Piaget, Bruner and Ausubel. In general, the cognitive theorists attempted to explain the developmental learning patterns of the organism. These learning patterns were descriptions of the organism's capability for operational thinking.

Pedagogical implications for learning mathematical concepts are prevalent throughout the cognitive theories discussed in this investigation. Although the purpose of this investigation was not to study individual differences, some generalizations as to differential modes of intellectual growth for applying these modes to solving mathematical problems has been discussed. Recognition of the capabilities suggested by the various phases of intellectual growth are essential for the development of an adequate teaching methodology for the culturally impoverished learner.

The data analyzed in this research study included achievement test scores, course grades assigned by teachers, certain cultural variables, and scores on the test instrument of the teaching method being evaluated by this study.

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The results of this study indicated that familial characteristics, the presence or absence of a "father" in the home, and crowding produced no systematic effect upon the performance of students on the teaching method in question.

It would appear, from this study, that socio-cultural variables are not correlated with students performance on the test instrument; and vocabulary deficiencies are not a barrier to successful learning when the disadvantaged child is presented with a teaching methodology that does not emphasize reading skills.

Further research should be focused on environmental variables and their relationships to physical characteristics, personality development, achievement data, and any changes in the socioeconomic status between infancy and adulthood. This chain like cause and effect relationship, between the disadvantaged child and his environment, should provide further

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INTRODUCTION

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The educational achievement of the disadvantaged student is a product of a variety of factors such as aptitude, perserverance, experience, motivation, and intelligence. It appears from a review of studies concerning major psychological theories and related research findings that most of these factors are influenced by the conditions of the disadvantaged child's environment.

Other factors such as motivation, the ability to learn, and maturation were also affected by certain environmental conditions. The research studies by Irwin,¹ Gould,² and Jordan³ demonstrated the influence of the environment as it applied to the achievement motivation and educational behavior of the disadvantaged child. The social demands for educational achievement, parental aspirations for the educational accomplishments of the child, peer group influences, and other environmental conditions tended to influence the educational achievement of the disadvantaged child.

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The research findings of Deutsch,⁶ Coleman,⁷ Newton,⁸ Bruner⁹ and others demonstrated that the environment produced a multilateral influence on the educational achievement of the disadvantaged child. The environment influenced his potential academic achievement directly by determining the kind and quality of educational experiences. At the same time, it also influenced the disadvantaged child's academic growth indirectly by conditioning his motivation for learning and by stimulating his developmental and maturation processes. It is, therefore, important to ascertain information concerning the influence of the environment upon the academic achievement of

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the disadvantaged child in order to better understand his educational behavior. In this study an Index of Socioeconomic Status (SES) will be utilized to determine the type of environment in which the population, used in this study, was raised.

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This research study concerned itself with aspects of environmental factors that influence the academic achievement of disadvantaged children. The environment was studied in relationship to its influence on verbal learning and intellectual achievement.

The more constricted an individual's social frame of reference and the greater his distance from the cultural mainstream, the less meaningful and the less effective are the dominant cultural values that impinge on the disadvantaged learner in the schools. Thus, the behavior of a disadvantaged child becomes less interpretable by standardized measuring techniques, as these techniques are more foreign to his social frame of reference.

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It must be recognized that cultural deprivation and educational deprivation are not necessarily mutually exclusive, but may reinforce one another in a negative manner. Thus, the result for disadvantaged children is usually a cumulative deficit in learning. According to Kenneth Clark,

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. . . low-status minority children [are] literally abandoned by our public schools, in terms of any meaningful definition of the term education, are suffering from a pattern of unresolved educational problems. But the data support the fact that the retardation is cumulative; that the longer the children remain in school, the further behind they fall in the basic subjects. ¹¹

The learning environment of the disadvantaged student has been described by Ausubel as one that lends credence to the cumulative deficit theory. According to Ausubel,

His cumulative intellectual deficit is almost invariably, in part, the cumulative impact of a continuing and consistently deficient learning environment. . . Thus, most of the lower-class child's alienation from school is in great measure a reflection of cumulative deficits of a curriculum that is too demanding of him, and impaired self-confidence that he must bear.¹²

Deutsch concurred with Ausubel when he observed,

. . . that when a disadvantaged student broadens his environmental contacts by going to school, he is made aware of his inferior class status and this has the same depressing effect on his performance that his inferior class status had all along.¹³

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The theories advanced to account for this cumulative learning deficit are usually based on the concept that the educational materials require greater environmental and cultural experience than is possessed by the culturally disadvantaged student. Deutsch stated that,,

. . .it would appear that when one adds four years of school experience to a poor environment, plus minority status what emerged are children who are apparently less capable of handling standard intellectual and linguistic tasks.¹⁵

In a study by Milner it was found that a lower-¹⁶ class life results in a restrictive use of language. Bernstein has described this language as following a restricted linguistic pattern that hinders the development of an extensive functional vocabulary which keeps thought¹⁷ at a low level of conceptualization.

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In a study by Coleman et. al. it was shown that there was reasonable convincing evidence that the home background of students was a major determinant of their¹⁹ expected rate of progress. Deutsch tended to agree with this finding when he concluded from his study that

Children with deficits in learning and cognitive skills should be approached with methods to learn skills that would have been used at an earlier time had they not been disadvantaged in either their home or school environment.²⁰

Unless these differences are realized, the culturally deprived student will derive little of educational value from the years spent in public schools.

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Whiteman tended to agree with this point of view when he observed that,

The lower achievement level may even feed back on the slower development of the originally lowered cognitive skills. A series of interactions between underlying abilities, overt achievement and inward self-confidence may take place resulting in lower abilities producing lower achievements, and inducing diminished self-confidence, which in turn feeds upon achievement and so on.²²

These deficiencies in cognitive and psychomotor experiences make it more difficult for the disadvantaged student to comprehend and successfully compete in a curriculum which presupposes a variety of cognitive and verbal experiences which disadvantaged students often do not possess.

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An impoverished environment resulted in what Jensen²³ has labeled a "higher threshold" for verbal mediation. This would mean that the disadvantaged youth, as a result of his experiential background, is less able to solve problems by verbal mediation than would be true of a student with greater language experience. The potential importance of this for learning cannot be overestimated, in view of the fact that mathematical problems whose solutions were facilitated by verbal mediation were not limited to verbal problems, or even to problems verbally stated. In many so-called non-verbal tasks verbalization plays an integral role and many non-verbal problems are solved with the use of verbal mediation.

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curricula which simply present a cafeteria of experience which do not include some direction, cannot be expected to succeed - or to accomplish as much in ameliorating the school learning disabilities manifested by the disadvantaged child. Therefore, the evaluation of the specific skills and deficits of children from varying backgrounds should continue, and the attempt should be made to devise curricula and experience which will be consistent with the current skills of the child and which will be effectively directed toward his growth in the areas of deficit.²⁴

Bloom maintained that "most students can master what we have to teach them, and it is the task of instruction to find the means which will enable our students to master the subject under consideration."²⁵ In order to meet this objective, Bruner believed that the format for curriculum designs should begin with a theory of instruction specifying

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One difficulty in determining this body of knowledge was the failure, for the most part, of educational researchers to plan and conduct empirical studies that included parameters which had a significant influence upon the type of learning being appraised. According to Tyler, the most important of these parameters, and the least evaluated were:

1. the abilities, interests, and relevant background of the students;
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Brown and Deutsch tended to agree with Tyler's observations when they noted that a sizeable error variance occurred when racial groups were treated as homogeneous entities.²⁸ Moreover,

investigators have largely failed to pursue the identification of specific features of the lower-class environment which are associated with cognitive and verbal development. . . We must identify environmental factors which, when present or absent, can be related to performance on these abilities.²⁹

When the parameters of these environmental factors have been identified viable compensatory education programs can be developed for socially disadvantaged students. Essentially, this would involve the writing and filling of educational prescriptions concerning the total process of learning. Such a process

involves a sequence in which the student turns his attention to the learning situation, seeks to practice the things he is to learn, obtains guidance as needed in making his efforts successful, gains satisfaction from successful performance and continues the practice until the things become part of his available repertoire. Typically, a learning procedure or device is developed to aid in some part or parts of the learning process but not all of it.³⁰

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Rosner points out that the "areas of intellectual performance which show the least difference in level of performance are those associated with mathematical reasoning."³¹ Beilin has demonstrated that

disadvantaged children are more likely to succeed initially with subjects that are not too culturally laden. . . such as mathematics which is relatively more cultural-free than others.³²

Thus, one reference point from which to begin the abatement of intellectual impoverishment of the disadvantaged youth is in the area of mathematics.

Mathematics, however, is both an organized body of knowledge and a set of methods of critiquing and extending that knowledge. Both aspects are equally important. Either aspect, or both, may hold transient attention for solving the mathematical problem-at-hand. The mathematics curriculum planner therefore, cannot, select a particular psychologically-based strategy of instruction. He must first identify the terminal characteristics of the subject-matter to be learned.³³

These terminal characteristics become the course objectives. Also, the mathematics curriculum designer must specify the student population taking these mathematical courses. Only after this is determined, can the curriculum designer make an appropriate selection of a teaching strategy to be employed.

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The purpose of the present research study was as follows:

1. To determine whether the relationship between specific environmental factors and performance on the test instrument were independent of socioeconomic status.

2. To explore whether some specific environmental factors interact jointly with the socioeconomic status of the disadvantaged child and do thereby affect his performances on the test instrument used in this study.

To accomplish the above, a population of disadvantaged children in Philadelphia were selected from a Junior High School in a racially encapsulated area.

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Chapter 2

BASIS FOR THE STUDY

Factors associated with learning disabilities of disadvantaged children are identifiable but they operate neither independently nor with a clearly predictable pattern. Future efforts to characterize, identify, and select the socially disadvantaged student must be directed toward the identification of their learning disabilities. This is basic to, and a pre-requisite for, implementing new curriculum developments and experimentation with different approaches to teaching the disadvantaged.

This chapter is concerned with specific research relative to the study as follows:

1. The learning disabilities of disadvantaged children which affect their academic achievement.
2. Sociocultural variables that may account for differences in achievement and learning capabilities

within disadvantaged groups.

Additional purposes of this chapter are (1) to provide some historical perspective of the test instrument; (2) to present a background of cognitive psychology associated with learning mathematical concepts.

The Disadvantaged Child

There are different types of disadvantaged children. The group or subgroup in question may be easily identifiable, as ethnic groups, or relatively difficult to distinguish as in groups of individuals with common interests, such as an athletic team. Culturally influenced behavior may be formal and deliberate or incidental and subtle.

A review of the literature shows that a variety of different terms are used interchangeably when identifying a population as being disadvantaged. Anastasi referred to culturally deprived children as "persons exposed to inconsistent and often incompatible mores, goals, and social pressures." ¹ Kerber and

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Smith used the term culturally deprived children but in reference to those who "do not know enough of our cultural heritage, do not have the possession, rewards, competences, or knowledge which are too much taken for granted as given everybody in the American Society."²

Deutsch and his associates used the term minority-group children to apply to the absence of the "home, neighborhood, and school environment that might enable them [the disadvantaged] to utilize their ability and personality potentials fully."³

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Passow has used the term culturally disadvantaged when referring to the economic state in which they live. He also described culturally disadvantaged children, as being synonymous with the following terms: socially handicapped children; culturally different children; culturally impoverished children; children with inferior educational background; children of low social origin; the diverse, low income groups; children of depressed parents; and children of depressed areas.⁵ Deutsch has observed that the home of a disadvantaged youth is

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. . . A scarcity . . . of books, toys, puzzles, pencils and scribbling paper. It is not that the mere presence of such materials would necessarily result in their productive use, but it would increase the child's familiarity with the tools he'll be confronted with in school. Actually, for the most effective utilization of these tools, guidance and explanations are necessary from the earliest time of exposure. Such guidance requires not only the presence of aware and educated adults, but also time - a rare commodity in these marginal circumstances.⁶

In a study by Ausubel, it was shown that a delay in the acquisition of certain formal language forms resulted in difficulty in the transition from concrete to abstract modes of thought.⁷ Deutsch found lower-class children to be inferior in abstract conceptualization and categorization of visual stimuli.⁸ A similar result was found in a study by Bean, who had discovered that lower-class children tended to be relatively poor in visual imagery, abstraction and verbalization.⁹

The research of Spain¹⁰ states, that for the most part, the major difference between the culturally deprived and non-culturally deprived child was the slower increase

in the functional use of language by the culturally deprived children.

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Gordon held that all organized patterned behaviors are reflections or interactions between the organism and its environment. Deutsch and Brown,¹² found a similar interaction position, and suggested making an analysis of social factors, of social class components, and of the interaction of the two. Hunt¹³ focuses more directly on the developmental dimension and he emphasizes the hierarchical and sequential arrangement in developing intellectual capacities. Chilman¹⁴ pursued the dimensions of development still further by suggesting that disadvantaged children have a pragmatic, concrete and personal style, that is, the style of an immature person.

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Reissman defines a series of euphemisms such as culturally deprived, educationally deprived, deprived, underprivileged, disadvantaged, lower-class, lower socioeconomic group as interchangeable.

He stated that

While lower socioeconomic groups lack many of the advantages (and disadvantages of middle-class culture), we do not think it is appropriate to describe them as "culturally deprived" . . .

The term "culturally deprived" refers to those aspects of middle-class culture - such as education, books, formal language - from which these groups have benefited.

However, because it is the term in current usage, we will use "culturally deprived" interchangeably with "educationally deprived" to refer to the members of lower socioeconomic groups who have had limited access to education.¹⁶

Throughout this study, the term culturally disadvantaged is used according to the definition set forth by Reissman in the preceding paragraph.

Euclidean Geometry as a Basis for Research Materials Used in this Study

Euclid composed the Elements, in which he collected many of the geometric discoveries of Hermotimus, Pathagoras, Eudoxus, completed many of the theorems developed by Theatetus, and supplied then irrefutable mathematical proofs of geometric concepts which had¹ not been mathematically proven by his predecessors.

The logical structure of Euclid's Elements fulfilled Aristotle's desire to develop a science based

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upon the "primitive elements, on definitions and axioms."² Each of Euclid's thirteen books began with newly introduced concepts. The first book was divided into the following areas: (1) the primitive notions of geometry (point, line, surface, angle, boundary, and figure), and (2) the basic geometric figures (right angle, acute and obtuse angles, triangle, circle, quadrilaterals, and parallel lines). These explanations were followed by the postulates, and then by the axioms. Together, they comprised the mathematical foundation upon which Euclid developed a theory of geometry. This foundation (Book I) served as a base for the material utilized in the test instrument employed in the present investigation.

Birkhoff and Beatley's Geometry

Generally, the format of a geometry course has followed the pattern established by Euclid over two-thousand years ago. Throughout history mathematicians have sought to modify and clarify Euclid's geometry in an

attempt to make its mathematical basis more rigorous. The past century has seen considerable improvement upon Euclid's treatment of geometry with the emergence of alternative systems.

Perhaps the most significant attempt to structure demonstrative geometry was undertaken by George Birkhoff and Ralph Beatley.¹ Beginning with an article in 1930 in the Fifth Yearbook of the National Council for the Teachers of Mathematics entitled "A New Approach To Elementary Geometry" and culminating with the publication in 1940 of the textbook Basic Geometry, they presented a logically sound elementary system of geometry which provided an alternative approach to the teaching of traditional Euclidean Geometry.² This approach was the basis for the workbook containing the geometric constructions used in this investigation.

Theories of Cognitive Psychology Relative to Teaching Mathematics

The purpose of this section of the study is to review the literature pertaining to cognitive psychology as

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it applies to the teaching of mathematical concepts to disadvantaged students. The importance of psychological theory, as it is related to learning geometry, is that it

1. Can provide information as to the nature of each act of learning and the conditions affecting it. Each act of learning contains . . . the whole problem of learning.

2. Can formulate an economics of learning, that is to say, a theory and a practical art for selecting optimal rates and order of presentation when there are several or a large number of items to be learned.¹

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Beilin and Gotkin² suggested that the mathematics curriculum for disadvantaged pupils be subjected to a cognitive analysis in order to know what is to be taught and what behaviors and cognitive processes the disadvantaged learner is assumed to have in order to cope with mathematical problems. According to them,

. . . the disadvantaged child who is lacking in most cases the relevant cognitive structures or the symbolic means of representing his experience, may profit from being provided with appropriate logical models or problem solving strategies.³

The Geneva School

The Geneva School was represented by Jean Piaget. His theory was closely associated with the study of mathematical learning. Piaget's theory of cognition supported

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by the works of Flavell,⁴ Furth,⁵ Sigel and Hooper,⁶
can be interpreted as a group of three theories: a
metatheory, a stage-independent theory, and a stage
dependent theory.⁷ The stage-dependent theory is
relevant to the mathematical concepts used in this study.

Stage-Dependent Theory. As a stage-dependent⁸
theory, Piaget's work embraced the nature of the
human learner, the nature of knowledge, and the nature
of the general development of the learner. This theory
provided the human learner with inborn structures, capable
of a limited number of perceptions. This was considered
as an operational mode common to all living organisms in
their interaction with reality.

This operational mode can be interpolated to the
area of geometry. To assist the disadvantaged child in
solving the construction problems in the workbook used
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These materials were designed to encourage the student to move from the stage-dependent theory to combinatorial analysis which resulted in his ability to seek solutions to geometric constructions by deductive reasoning.

Formal Stage Theory. Research by Inhelder⁹ and Piaget on the reasoning capacity of children of particular ages has led them to the conclusion that development of the capacity for hypothetical reasoning or formal aspects of logic began at about age eleven.¹⁰ In a study by Hill it was shown that children between the ages of six and eight had a considerable intuitive grasp of many principles of logical inferences. In addition, these children demonstrated their understanding in reasoning from hypothetical premises. Her results also indicated that simple demonstrations improved children's performance in recognition of valid inferences.

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A study by Yudin and Kates investigated concept attainment of adolescents. Their findings were consistent with Inhelder and Piaget's assertion that the age of

twelve is the beginning of formal operations. The educationally disadvantaged individuals did not begin to fully employ formal operations until the ages of fourteen to sixteen but did show significant gains during these two years though equilibrium was not yet attained.

Factors of culture, socioeconomic status, and formal education, are recognized as variables which can promote or deter educational development and specifically the development of the capacity for hypothetical reasoning.

The Harvard School

¹²The Process of Education, a report by Jerome Bruner became the focal point for the learning by discovery approach. Although Bruner's theory was not original, he managed to embody the letter and spirit of the reform movement to renovate mathematics education during the decade of the 1950's. These talents have enabled Bruner to present educational theories in a manner which have had a pervasive influence on the

contemporary educational scene. While recognizing that these theories were not new, it is still important to realize that they are significant and challenging to the teaching of mathematical concepts.

Bruner's concept of knowledge structure was related to the writings of Alfred North Whitehead.¹³ His educational psychology about learning by discovery was based upon Piaget¹⁴ and included ideas from the writings of Dewey,¹⁵ and Scott.¹⁶

Bruner classified the modes of representation as enactive, iconic, and symbolic. These three learning sequences designated ways in which the learner made discoveries which were necessary for the teaching of transferrable principles and processes.

The deficits in symbolic representation and language development are reflected in studies of concept development in disadvantaged children. Concept formation in disadvantaged students has been found, by Reissman, as being content-centered rather than form-centered and whose reasoning has been described as more inductive than

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deductive.¹⁷ This conceptual style was reported by
¹⁸Gordon to limit the child's ability to make accurate
 generalizations from the specific to the general and to
 transfer knowledge utilizing previously learned concepts.

Although Bruner did not concede the necessity
 or the possibility of linking specific age limits or
 deprivation levels to these representational modes, he
 generally compared his levels to Piaget's stages of
 preoperational, concrete, and formal intelligence.

According to Bruner, any subject can be taught
 effectively in some intellectually honest form to any
 child at any stage of development.¹⁹

Bruner emphasized the kind of processes learned by
 the student, in contrast to the specific subject matter
 taught, that is, "knowing is a process, not a product."²⁰

²¹Peel discussed the learning strategies reported
 by Bruner, Goodnow and Austin. He recommended instruction
 which recognized individual differences and suggested
 the possibility of developing a new strategy appropriate
 to learning formal mathematical operations.

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The Theory. Ausubel²² recognized the careful sequencing of instructional experience so that the teaching of any mathematics unit was clearly and logically related to the units that precede it. His theory of learning concentrated on meaningful learning requiring that the learner utilized a meaningful set and that the material learned have potential relevance for the learner. The characteristics of a meaningful learning set included the ability to relate new material to corresponding features of existing cognitive structures and the capacity for incorporating the various relationships of the new material into present cognitive structure. For new material to be learned, a more general concept must already have been incorporated into the cognitive structure. These principles were some of integral features of the test instrument used in this study.

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Ausubel²³ conceived of the cognitive organization of meaningful learning by the learner as a hierarchical system. Rote learning resulted from materials not inherently meaning-

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ful, or at least not meaningful to the learner, or with potentially meaningful materials not approached with the proper learning set. This notion was similar to Hunt's theory of learning. He proposed that learning tasks can be divided into those which require complete information transmission (rote learning), information reduction (concept learning), and information production (probabilistic learning).²⁴

The arrangement of curricular materials can be governed by Ausubel's subsumption theory, a theory which²⁵ assumed a hierarchical organization of knowledge. Ausubel suggested the use of advance organizers prior to each unit and subunit. These organizers would contain the particular unit which they preceded; they would be general in nature and formulated in terms familiar to the student. These principles were incorporated into the teaching methodology employed in this study.

Teaching Mathematics to Disadvantaged Children

A theory of developing cognitive structure was oriented toward providing the disadvantaged learner with

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a logical structure which he may apply to a variety of mathematical relations. These relations would be developed in a logically ordered fashion so that the disadvantaged student acquires fundamental logical principles in a sequential order gradually developing more complex and sophisticated mathematical skills. Such a procedure would allow the disadvantaged child to "bypass the often arduous and frustrating task of attempting to discover mathematical principles which come more easily to middle-class children¹ (who have considerably broader referential systems)."

To overcome the disadvantaged student's achievement deficit on tests measuring cognitive ability, the school, being the primary method of socializing and teaching the disadvantaged youth, must also accept its own failures whenever any such child fails. To ignore this fact means that the school will only tend to increase the achievement deficit and further impoverish the intellectual talents of the disadvantaged youth.

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learning process, concluded that the lower-class child enters the school situation so poorly prepared to produce what the school demands that initial failures are almost inevitable and the school experience becomes negatively rather than positively reinforcing.

Educators must not allow themselves to believe as self-evident and self-fulfilling the cumulative-deficit theory. Instead the schools must undertake to decrease this intellectual impoverishment of the culturally disadvantaged.

According to Cynthia Deutsch,

Environmental background factors can be very important in the training of problem solving abilities and that these underlying skills are most crucial in the learning process in school.³

It has been shown by Piaget, Baldwin, and others that conceptual thinking and fundamental problem solving skills begin to develop during the early preschool period. Baldwin summarizes Piaget's findings as follows:

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After infancy the cognitive development of the child consists largely of the development of conceptual schemata. At the end of infancy he can exhibit the behavior that follows the simple logical rule. . . The course of the development of this conceptual schemata is from the specific to the general. The child first recognizes relationship in the one situation, then gradually generalizes until finally it becomes an abstract schema.⁴

Nelson observed that "children as young as three years have the ability to use a simple form of rational learning, and they can discover the rational organization of the learning problems with which they are confronted."⁵ These evidences suggest that the higher cognitive processes and mental skills which are very important to learning begin to develop at a very early age, much before the child begins to go to school. Consequently, the intellectuality in the home, the kind of complex and challenging environment provided to the child in the home contribute to the development of these abilities and skills. The influence of the home in this respect can continue even after the disadvantaged child begins formal schooling.

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role in the development of the child's verbal facility as a part of the socialization process much before he enters school. The quality of his language usage depends upon the kind of language models available to him in the home at the initial stages of his language development.

The cognitive development of disadvantaged children is not as adequate as that of their advantaged peers. Weaknesses in language, limited range of cognitive and verbal experiences, and restricted stimulation of an intellectual nature all produce certain cognitive deficiencies. In particular, culturally deprived children seem to have special difficulty in developing concepts of an abstract generalizing nature. Empirical evidence supported the notion that

school achievement of disadvantaged [children] is characterized by a cumulative-deficit phenomenon. The children begin school with certain inadequacies in language development, perceptual skills, attentional skills, and motivation. Under the usual school curriculum, the achievement pattern of deprived children is such that they fall increasingly behind their non-deprived peers in school subjects.⁹

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In a cross-cultural study of the acquisition of arithmetic concepts, Montague¹⁰ found that lower-class students performed better in mathematics than in reading. Deutsch¹¹ also found arithmetic scores to be higher than reading scores in a population of lower-class children. Both of these researchers tended to agree with the early finding by Siller¹² that disadvantaged children are most proficient in such academic areas as arithmetic.

Davis¹³ and Jensen¹⁴ have shown that status differentiations have the effect in varying degrees of defining and limiting the intellectual environment of the disadvantaged student. They maintained that SES was an important factor in determining the development of mathematical concepts. Findlay and McGuire¹⁵ found that children from lower status backgrounds exhibited a lower degree of problem solving capacity than higher status children.

Studies by Deutsch,¹⁶ Newton,¹⁷ Montague,¹⁸
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Wahlstrom,²⁴ and Erickson²⁵ investigated the relationship of socioeconomic environment and mathematics achievement. They found that the lower the level of socioeconomic environment the lower the school mathematics achievement. This relationship indicated that children from low socioeconomic background had a scholastic handicap in direct proportion to the degree of their disadvantaged status.

Davis,²⁶ Lorge and Thorndike²⁷ have found that low status children tended to operate, as a group, at a more concrete level than do high status children. They observed that the early deprivation in the disadvantaged child's development resulted in a lessened ability to form abstractions and that limited verbal development is related to difficulty in learning mathematics.

Mathematics instruction should be considered in terms of matching the proper instructional module and teaching strategy to the unique characteristics of the disadvantaged learner. According to Dode, this matching process is very difficult because there "is no decisive proof that any particular teaching method . . . will

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guarantee better results than any other method or philosophy,
 so far as achievement is concerned."²⁸ Instead, it becomes
 a matter of determining the most effective learning
 sequence and combination of the instructional methods
 necessary for solving different types of mathematical
 problems. Ralph Heimer observed that such a determination
 is very complex because "the extent of substantive
 knowledge about construction of efficient instructional
 sequence in mathematics is at present desperately sparse."²⁹

Moreover, Suppes, Hyman and Jerman concurred with
 Heimer when they observed that "in the cognitive domain
 mathematics provides one of the clearest examples of complex
 learning and performances, for the structure of the subject
 itself provides numerous constraints on any adequate theory."³⁰

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 Kruteskie has identified the two general
 components of mathematics learning as a visual image
 component and verbal-logic component. He established that
 there was a marked relationship between the ability to
 perform well in mathematics and the ability to deal with

symbolic and abstract representations of problems, whether verbally or non-verbally.

Havighurst tended to agree with Kruteskie when he observed that "the difference between the socially disadvantaged and the mass majority is less on tests of certain non-verbal skills than on tests of more verbal and abstract abilities."³² This relationship is further enhanced because disadvantaged children do not show a deficit in the conceptualization task in its performance aspect.³³ Thus curriculum materials specially designed for the disadvantaged child should prove superior to materials designed for "average" students.

Reissman observed that visual aids are "useful for eliciting the special cognitive style and creative potential of deprived children."³⁴ Newton tended to agree with Reissman when he observed that auto-instructional devices enhanced the learning environment of disadvantaged children because "they favor concrete, stimulus-bound cognitive processes which involve learning."³⁵

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Jerome Bruner, emphasizes the kinds of processes learned by the student, rather than the specific subject-matter products he may acquire. This idea was reflected in his statement that

We teach a subject . . . to get a student to think mathematically for himself. . . to embody the process of knowledge-getting. Knowing is a process, not a product.³⁶

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Bruner, in The Process of Education, states that the development of cognitive strategies are enhanced by providing the learner with intervening opportunities for trial and error in solving problems. This kind of exposure will increase the intellectual and social interchange between teacher and pupil.

Robert Gagne concurs with Bruner's emphasis that the process of learning was more important than its product. Gagne, however, is much more concerned with the teaching of the rules or intellectual skills that are relevant to particular instructional disciplines. He observed that when solving "a mathematical problem the individual . . . may have acquired a strategy of applying relevant subordinate rules in a certain order - but he must also

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In contrast to the educational philosophy of Bruner and Gagne, Ausubel maintained that the primary objective of the school is the transmission of knowledge.³⁹ Meaningful learning, according to Ausubel, occurred

. . . if the learning task can be related in non-arbitrary, substantive fashion to what the learner already knows, and . . . if the learner adopts a corresponding learning set to do so.⁴⁰

Lloyd Scott concurs with Bruner's theory that given sufficient prerequisite understanding in a given time period any child can learn any subject. Scott states that "any concept may be taught a child of any age in some intellectually honest manner, if one is able to find the proper language for expressing the concept."⁴¹

Kelson tends to reflect upon Scott's statement when he observed that "disadvantaged students, given enough time, can equal achievement levels of "suburban" children even with highly abstract content."⁴²

Similarly, John Carroll views aptitude as the amount of time required by the learner to attain mastery

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Implicit in this formulation is the assumption that, given enough time, all students can conceivably attain mastery of a learning task. If Carroll is right, then learning mastery is theoretically available to all, if we can find the means for helping each student.⁴⁴

In order to facilitate the transition of material from one level of thinking to the next requires the development of special instructional programs and techniques to be used by the disadvantaged pupil. According to Beilin and Gotkin, these pupils will benefit from the translation of motor activity to reasoning with perceptual and audio types of presentations. They believe that the most difficult task are those in "which reasoning in relation to one form of representation is made equivalent to reasoning in another."⁴⁵

Transfer of knowledge according to Ausubel⁴⁶ occurs most effectively if what was learned was rendered meaningful to the learner.⁴⁷ Gagne⁴⁸ and Piaget have demonstrated that a unit in mathematics should link new material and what preceded it. Once this link has been established, subsequent mastery is within the realm of accomplishment,

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If, as Ausubel suggested, meaningful learning results in positive transfer, it follows that the most stable objects of instruction are concepts, principles and general strategies, rather than isolated facts. However, when one teaches Euclidean geometry they should be embedded in a matrix of concepts and principles. When facts are related to conceptual schema, there is less chance of the student forgetting.⁴⁹ Although many of the specific associations may be forgotten, the presence of that organizing framework or matrix will, according to the Gestalt theory of learning, increase the likelihood of their reconstruction or rediscovery at a point in time when their application is needed. This matrix of concepts and principles were contained in the test instrument employed in this study.

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Chapter 3

RESEARCH DESIGN AND

SAMPLING PROCEDURES

Sample Selection

In this study 1000 culturally disadvantaged seventh and eighth grade Junior High School pupils in Philadelphia were used as subjects for the present study. Thirty class sections, equally divided between the two grades, were chosen from the Gillespie Junior High School which is located in a racially encapsulated area and has a 95 percent Negro enrollment.

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Guilford has maintained that there is no absolute distinction between large and small sample statistics.

Many of the small-sample statistical tests are based upon the statistic known as the student's t . Actually t is defined as the ratio of a deviation from the mean or other parameter, in a distribution of sample statistics, to the standard error of that distribution.²

The distinction between large and small sample statistics becomes critical below sample size of 30.³ Otherwise, the

distribution of t approaches the standardized normal distribution as sample size increases. Furthermore,

If really good accuracy is desired in determining interval probabilities the t distribution should be used when the sample size is around 100 cases. Beyond this number, the normal probabilities are extremely close to the exact t probabilities.⁴

It is for the reasons discussed in the preceding paragraph, that 100 subjects were randomly selected from a total population of 1000 students.⁵

The Index of Socioeconomic Status

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The Index of Socioeconomic Status (SES) as developed by Suzanne Keller and Estelle Cherry at the Institute for Developmental Studies was used by this researcher to assign social class ratings to the subjects involved, (See Appendix A)

Each category for the Index was derived from an appropriately weighted composite measure of the occupational status of the main [wage earner] and education of the main [wage earner]. The weights assigned to the indicators were derived from a regression equation based on the degree of inter-correlation among these three variables.⁷

The occupational status of the Index was derived from the Empey Scale of Occupational Prestige.⁸ The correlation was over .90 between the scale used in the Index of Socioeconomic Status and the Hollingshead Two Factor Index of Social Position.⁹

The educational variable of the Index was divided into eight categories ranging from one (0-4 years of school) to eight (graduate training). Each occupation was given a rating from one (lowest prestige) to ten (highest prestige), based upon the scale constructed by Empey,¹⁰ Smith,¹¹ and by Hatt and North.¹² This scale had a rank order correlation of .97.¹³ This treatment concurs with that used by Deutsch.

The distribution of educational and occupational ratings were treated as if they represented parametric data, and the ratings were converted into standard scores. A social class score was obtained by adding the two derived scores.¹⁴

The scores were then divided into the following three levels:

Level I. A typical family in this group has as a main wage earner a person who is unemployed, or who has an unskilled or semiskilled job. The educational level ranged from elementary schooling to completion of the Ninth grade.

Level II. The typical family at this level is headed by a wage earner with a semiskilled, clerical, or sales job whose education ranged from about nine grades to high school graduation.

Level III. The typical household is headed by a professional or managerial wage earner whose education would be high school graduation, college, or graduate work.¹⁵

Again according to Deutsch "the index shows a . . . degree of internal cohesiveness [and] has considerable construct validity."¹⁶ Additional validity for this social class index was determined in a study¹⁷ by Bloom, Whiteman, and Deutsch.

Based on Deutsch's SES Index, it was determined that those students participating in this study can be categorized as follows: Level I - low, 88%

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Level II - middle, 9%; Level III - high, 3%.

These findings compare favorably with the findings of Bloom, Whiteman, and Deutsch¹⁸ for inner-city children in "deprived" areas.

Data Gathering Procedures

A questionnaire containing personal information items, total number of individuals living in the home and schooling of father and mother was administered to the entire population of this study. (See Appendix B) The questionnaire was developed by this researcher with the assistance of the school counselors and social workers who were desirous of ascertaining current information about the student population being tested.*

* Without their participation and cooperation, this study would have been very difficult to administer. They introduced the investigator to the teachers, the administrators and assisted him in the distribution and collection of the test material given to the participating classroom teachers. Also, all pertinent student information was made available to the investigator and social workers.

The principal of the school, sincere in his desire to aid the research study, did not inform any of the other teachers in the school of this project. The participating teachers received information directly from the researcher as to the nature of the study, how to administer the student questionnaire, the pre-and post-tests and the geometry lessons.

Each teacher involved in this study was instructed not to inform their students that they were participating in a research project. They were told to emphasize that the questionnaire was not a test and that the students should respond freely to the questions. All of these teachers were instructed to assist the students, where necessary, in completing the questionnaire or answering any of the items.

Attached to each questionnaire was a 4" x 5" card also to be filled out by the students. (This card would identify the questionnaire for possible follow-up by having a number identical to that of the questionnaire.)

The students completed their questionnaires in their assigned classrooms during one time period. The advantage of having all students answering the questionnaire at the same time was to standardize the experience. The time allocated for the questionnaire was 45 minutes, or one classroom period. They were collected by the investigator from each of the participating teachers during the next classroom period.

Evaluative Instrument

The evaluative instrument consisted of a workbook containing 10 separate lessons pertaining to specific types of geometric constructions, 10 fifteen minute instructional audiotapes, recorded at 3 3/4 ips, which were necessary for completing each of the 10 geometry lessons. Each lesson, along with it's corresponding audio tape, was administered to the population under investigation for the successive days. These materials were developed by Kline¹⁹ in accordance with the following design principles:

1. The concepts to be communicated in each presentation were limited in number.
2. Practical experiences were designed to lead to intellectual discovery.

3. Correct responses were reinforced immediately to produce motive satisfaction.

4. The principle of concept generalization (knowledge transfer).

5. Each concept sequence was carefully programmed so that each geometrical principle served as a base for higher order learning, et. seq.²⁰

The workbook contained the following geometry lessons:

Lesson 1

This was an introductory lesson and includes background presentation, explanation of the need and use of Geometry by todays student. Discussion of points, lines, planes, solids, etc.

Lesson 2

This lesson included a discussion of angles, an explanation of rays, the vertex of an angle, right, acute, obtuse, straight and reflex angles. Methods of labelling and referring to angles were also explained.

Lesson 3

Brief review of lessons 1 and 2. Discussion and explanation of adjacent angles, methods of adding and subtracting angles based on axioms. A simple geometric proof was included and explained.

Lesson 4

Explanations concerning pairs of angles are given. Complementary, supplementary and vertical angles are discussed and their relationship to other angles discussed in previous lesson is explained. The lesson includes work related to acute, obtuse, right and other angles. A simple formal proof is explained in an informal manner.

Lesson 5

Introduction to the compass and straight edge. Simple constructions include; constructing a line segment equal to a given line segment, bi-secting a given line and constructing an angle equal to a given angle. The last part of the lesson deals with the construction of perpendiculars.

Lesson 6

Students were instructed how to construct angles to a given size with a compass and straight edge. Practice is given in the construction of 90° , 45° , 60° , and other angles. These constructions are taught by the relationship to a circle method.

Lesson 7

This lesson included the construction of parallels to a given straight line with a complete explanation of alternate-exterior angles and corresponding angles (sometimes called exterior-interior angles). The lesson also includes the relationships and equalities of these angles formed by parallel lines cut by a transversal.

Lesson 8

This lesson included the construction of circles, triangles and quadrilaterals from given data. The latter part of the lesson includes constructing a square equal in area to a given polygon. Simple formulae are reviewed to clarify the lesson.

Lesson 9

This lesson included (1) the construction of perpendiculars to a given point; (tangent) (2) the construction of inscribed and circumscribed triangles, hexagons, squares and octagons.

Lesson 10

This lesson was concerned with the construction of triangles equal in area to given polygons.²¹

The materials, in the geometry workbook, contained the accepted geometric constructions of Euclid as presented by Birkhoff and Beatley. This approach was discussed in Chapter 3. (See Appendix C for a copy of the workbook)

Both the workbook, containing the above listed geometry lessons, along with its corresponding audio tapes were designed in such a manner that

the student could compare his responses with correct constructions as the lesson progressed. By so doing, the correct responses by the student are progressively strengthened by being followed immediately by motive satisfaction. . . The method used to allow the student to make this comparison was accomplished by including correct responses in the student material immediately opposite the drawing area.²²

The workbook contained printed material to assist the student in interpreting the audio lesson, enabling him to make the basic geometric constructions as directed by the audio lesson, and answers to the supplementary

material was included in the teachers' notes. The audio-tapes stressed the use of the relative pause, voice inflections and connotational emphasis. Grammatical structure normally used for written composition was considered of lesser value than the importance of "conversational" speech acceptable to the disadvantaged child.

Reliability of the Instrument

An analysis of variance technique, which was developed by Hoyt, was used to compute the estimated test reliability of the instrument used in this research.

According to Hoyt, the formulas were developed

for estimating the reliability of a test by means of analysis of variance. . . It is essentially the method suggested by Johnson and Neyman and later used by Jackson. This particular approach does not use a new or different result for the problems of tests of significance but does possess considerable advantage in attacking problems of estimation.²³

The residual sums of squares were used by Hoyt as a basis for estimating the discrepancy between

observed variance and true variance; i.e., variance due to error in the test instrument. The residual sum of squares is obtained by subtracting the among students sum of squares and the among items sum of squares from the total sum of squares. The formula for computing the reliability coefficient r_{tt} is as follows:

$$r_{tt} = \frac{V_s - V_r}{V_s}$$

where r_{tt} = The reliability coefficient of the test,

V_s = Variance among students, and

V_r = Remainder variance.

When using Hoyt's technique, for estimating test reliability by analysis of variance, the residual sum of squares serves as the means for estimating the discrepancy between the obtained variance and true variance of the student's score on a test.

This estimate of the discrepancy is a better one than obtained by dividing the test into odd and even halves because in the latter case the particular split of the test, which is only one of many possible ways of splitting a test, may be an unlucky division and may result in either an overestimate or an underestimate of the coefficient of reliability. Furthermore, it has been shown. . . that the particular estimate of the discrepancy between the obtained and the 'true' scores is the best linear estimate where 'best' is considered in the light of the least 'squares' criterion. Hence, it is clear that this method of estimating the reliability of a test gives a better estimate than any method based upon an arbitrary division of the test into halves or into any other fractional parts.²⁵

The fact that Hoyt's technique for estimating test reliability yields precisely the same result as Kuder and Richardson's split-half procedure lends strong verification to the utilization of this technique. But, the Kuder and Richardson procedure has "some
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of the limitations of the split-half method."

Thus, Hoyt's method is an improvement over the split-half method, as well as the Kuder and Richardson procedure. This technique provides a better estimate between the obtained variance and true variance by

eliminating the possibility of an unlucky odd-even split of the students' scores on a test.

The computation for the estimated reliability of the test, using Hoyt's technique, is shown in Table 1.

Table 1

ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE OF 10 ITEMS IN GEOMETRY,
ADMINISTERED TO 100 STUDENTS

Source of Variation	d.f.	Sum of Squares	Variance *
Among Students	99	20.699	20.9
Among Items	9	29.789	3.30988
Residual	891	159.911	.17947
Total	999	210.399	0.2106

The coefficient of reliability of the test instrument is

$$r_{tt} = \frac{20.9 - 0.17947}{20.9}$$

$$r_{tt} = 0.9913$$

* Variance in this application is the same as mean squares in standard application.

An estimated test reliability of 0.9913 indicates a non-ambiguous test reliability across individual students. This test instrument, therefore, has a high degree of internal consistency and it is reliable across individual students.

Standard Error of Measurement of the Test

Though it may seem obvious to the reader that a test with such a high reliability coefficient (.9913) should have a low amount of measurement error, Hoyt's Standard Error of Measurement²⁷ was nonetheless computed as a further check. The Standard Error of Measurement, according to Hoyt, is obtained by taking the square root of the residual sum of squares and dividing it by the degrees of freedom for among students found in Table 1. The computation for the Standard Error of Measurement is as follows:

$$\sqrt{\frac{159.11}{99}} = 1.27$$

The Standard Error of Measurement is equal to 1.27. This measurement is a "standard deviation of an

[individual's] hypothetical distribution over measured occasions." ²⁸ It can be interpreted in the following manner:

1. The chances are two out of three that the individual's obtained score was not more than 1.27 units from his true score.

2. The chances are 95 out of 100 that the individual's obtained score was not more than 2.54 units from his true score.

3. The chances are 99 out of 100 that the individual's obtained score is not more than 3.81 units from his true score.

The small standard error of measurement indicates that the test has a low degree of measurement error and thus that a considerable of confidence can be placed in scores obtained from the test instrument.

Test Validity

Since this study did not include a previously standardized criterion measure of geometric skills it is not possible to compute a validity coefficient. How-

ever, it would seem logical to assume that a test which requires the student to demonstrate specific geometric skills is a measure of the attainment of those skills and thus has reasonable validity for purposes of this study.

Acceptance of the above logic implies, however, that the test include a representative sampling of the broad spectrum of skills which contribute to competence in geometry. In other words, the test would be biased if it overly emphasized a few geometric skills at the expense of others. In its development, Kline incorporated the skills generally included in elementary geometry textbooks.

Statistical Procedures

The statistical methods that were used to analyze the data from this study are as follows: Product moment coefficient of linear correlation, and the "t" test for correlated means.

A product moment coefficient of linear correlation was used to estimate the degree of relationship between the variables used in this study: mathematics and

verbal achievement scores, grades earned in math and English, socioeconomic factors, home crowding factor, whether or not there is a father in the home and the dependent variable which is the pre-and posttest scores.

The 10 pre-and posttest items contained the same materials that inferred a knowledge of geometric constructions and did not contain specific questions that could be directly related to the test instrument. The scores on the pre-and posttest were based upon a ten point scale. An item analysis of these scores are shown in table 2. (See Appendix D for a copy of the pre-and posttest)

The student's achievement scores in mathematics and reading were obtained from the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills that each student had taken from fourth grade through eighth grade, inclusively. The math and English course grades from fourth through eighth grade were ascertained from the cumulative records of each of the students.

A two tailed test was used to determine the significance of all differences when

TABLE 2

ANALYSIS OF TEST INSTRUMENT BY ITEM

Item	Percent Passing	Percent Failing
1	77	23
2	78	22
3	72	28
4	83	17
5	43	57
6	66	34
7	55	45
8	36	64
9	37	63
10	95	5

No prior hypotheses about the direction of the difference between p_1 and p_2 is made. The test of significance should take into account both the probability of a positive difference and the probability of a negative difference.²⁹

A significance level of .01 was the criterion for accepting or rejecting the research hypotheses involved.

The "t" Test

In this research study, course effectiveness was evaluated by a repeated measurements design. This design was chosen because this research study did not employ a control group.

The term repeated measurements describes a type of research design in which

. . .two measurements are made on each element. If the order in which the treatments are administered has no effect upon the final outcome, then the difference between the two measures on the same element on a common criterion provides a measure of the relative effectiveness of the treatments. This measure is but systematic effects associated with the elements themselves. In this respect each element serves as its own control group.³⁰

Moreover, "one of the primary advantages of repeated measures is the potential reduction due to experimental error."³¹

When using a repeated measurements design, the standard "t" test is not utilized because a fundamental assumption of that test is that the means being evaluated are independently derived or orthogonal. In a repeated measurements design, the fundamental assumption underlying a "t" test is violated because the same individuals appear in both sets of measurements. Therefore, in this research study it was necessary to use the "t" test for correlated means.

The "t" test for correlated means³² is a technique which computes the correlation between the means and then uses it to correct the standard error of the difference between the means. This technique has the effect of reducing the denominator of the "t" test, which is the error term. In other words, any variation reflected in the correlation coefficient can be described to a known cause rather than being placed under unexplained experimental error.

The computation of "t", for this research design, is provided in Table 3 is further discussed in the next chapter on findings of the study.

Research Hypotheses

This study was designed to test the assumption that a teaching methodology can be developed to overcome certain sociological and environmental factors that tend to hamper the educational achievement of the disadvantaged child. To do so, the following null hypotheses, were tested:

Hypothesis 1: It is postulated that the difference between the means of the pre-and posttests will be significant.

Hypothesis 2: It is postulated that the correlation between student performance on the test instrument and SES will not be significant.

Hypothesis 3: It is postulated that the correlation between student performance on the test instrument and

"father"* will not be significant.

Hypothesis 4: It is postulated that the correlation between student performance on the test instrument and crowding* will not be significant.

Hypothesis 5: It is postulated that the correlation between student performance on the test instrument and verbal achievement scores will not be significant.

Hypothesis 6: It is postulated that the correlation between student performance on the test instrument and mathematics achievement scores will not be significant.

Hypothesis 7: It is postulated that the correlation between student performance on the test instrument and grades will not be significant.

* "Father" refers to a home in which the father is present as opposed to one in which he is not.

* "Crowding" is the number of people in a home divided by the number of rooms in the home.

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Chapter 4

RESEARCH FINDINGS

The data gathered in this study includes achievement test scores, course grades assigned by teachers, certain familial characteristics, and scores on the test instrument of the teaching method being evaluated by this research study. Findings are presented in terms of the several hypotheses stated in Chapter 3.

The Research Hypotheses And The Findings

Hypothesis 1: It is hypothesized that the difference between the means of the pre-and posttests will be significant.

In order to evaluate this hypothesis it must be stated in the "null" form. The null hypothesis (H_0) to be evaluated is that:

There is no significant difference between the means of the pre-and posttests. ($H_0: M_2 - M_1 = 0$)

The .01 level of significance was selected as the criterion for rejection of the null hypothesis. A "t" test for correlated means, which was discussed in the previous

chapter, was used to evaluate the significance of the difference between the means of the pre-and posttest scores. The data is presented in Table 3 with the probability of "t" being based upon a two-tailed comparison.

Table 3

Analysis of Mean Scores of
Test Data

Means		Difference (Post-Pre)	SD		Computed "t"	df	Probability of "t"
Pre	Post		Pre	Post			
4.72	7.48	2.76	1.9	1.3	1.75	98	less than .01

Since the "t" score necessary for the rejection of the null hypothesis at the .01 level is 2.54, a computed "t" of 17.50 is clearly significant and the probability of obtaining such differences by chance is very small. Therefore, we are able to reject the null hypothesis and the alternative hypothesis (H_1) seems tenable.

The range for this study was based upon one standard deviation in both directions from the mean. As such, the range for 68 percent of the cases is equal to 7.48 ± 1.3 ; i.e., the range is 6.18 to 8.78.

The fact that the study did not incorporate a control group poses some questions as to the validity of the above conclusion. For example, under some circumstances, the improvement reflected in the students' performance on the posttest could be due to some maturational factor which occurred during the time between the administration of the two tests. In this case, however, the two tests were administered within the span of one-half month so maturational factors as such can be discounted.

Another counter explanation for the improvement of these students' test scores is that the pretest may have influenced their posttest scores by sensitizing them to what was expected of them or through the effect of practice.¹

The investigator recognizes this as a legitimate criticism of the repeated measures design utilized in this study. It is quite possible that some of the improvement in the scores is due to the effect of the pretest. However, the magnitude of improvement observed was sufficient to warrant a serious question that more than a minor portion could be accounted for by practice.

Statistical regression may also be a reason for the improvement in the posttest scores. However, without a control group there is no way to evaluate the extent to which statistical regression is involved in a repeated measures design. While it is true that these students were not selected because of low scores on achievement tests, their scores were still low because students of minority background tend to score low on such tests. This is an artifact of doing research involving minority subjects. It will be noted later that the relationship between performance on the test instrument and performance on standardized achievement tests was not significant. Therefore, it seems illogical that statistical regression accounts for that extent of improvement observed in this sample.

Hypothesis 2: It is postulated that the correlation between student performance on the test instrument and SES will not be statistically significant.

In order to evaluate this hypothesis it is necessary to test the assumption that the null hypothesis that the population correlation is zero is true such that

$$t = \frac{r(n-2)^{1/2}}{(1-r^2)^{1/2}}$$

which has a t distribution with n-2 degrees of freedom and can be evaluated by means of the table of t with alpha set at .01.² A two-tailed t test is necessary since the above hypothesis does not designate the direction of a significant departure from zero correlation.

By substitution into the above formula it can be shown that a correlation coefficient of .264 is required for significance at the .01 level.

In a repeated measurements design it is possible to generate three test performance scores: a pretest score, a posttest score and the difference between these two scores.

The results of this test are presented in Table 4.

Table 4

Corrleations Between SES
And Test Instrument

<u>Variables</u>	<u>Correlation Coefficient</u>	<u>df</u>	<u>Significance</u>
Pre vs SES	.095	98	No
Post vs SES	-.010	98	No
Gain*vs SES	-.124	98	No

Since none of the correlations in Table 4 are significant, Hypothesis 2 was confirmed in this sample. Therefore, it would seem that a student's socioeconomic status has little effect upon his capacity to respond to the method of teaching geometry under investigation.

Hypothesis 3: It is postulated that the correlation between student performance on the test instrument and "father"*** will not be significant.

The null hypothesis to be tested is that the population correlation is zero. A two-tailed t test with alpha equal to .01 are the criteria for rejection of the null hypothesis.

* Gain represents an improvement score drived by subtracting a student's score on the pretest from his score on the posttest.

** "Father" refers to a home in which a father is present (scored as +1) as opposed to a home in which no father is present (scored as 0). In this study 78 percent of the population did not have a father present in the home; whereas 22 percent did have a father present in the home.

However, it is necessary to use the point-biserial correlation coefficient rather than the Pearson r 's since "father" is a dichotomous variable. The formula³ used in the computations reads

$$r = \frac{M_p - M_q}{\sigma_t} (pq)^{1/2}$$

where p = "father" present, q = "father" absent and t = total group.

The data is summarized in Table 5.

Table 5

Correlations Between Father
And The Test Instrument

<u>Variables</u>	<u>Point-Biserial r</u>	<u>df</u>	<u>Significance</u>
Pre vs Father	.134	98	No
Post vs Father	.080	98	No
Gain vs Father	-.097	98	No

Since all three point-biserial r 's are much less than .264 Hypothesis 3 remains tenable. According to the data on this sample, the presence or absence of a father in the

home produces no systematic effect upon the performance of students on the teaching method in question.

Hypothesis 4: It is postulated that the correlation between student performance on the test instrument and crowding* will not be statistically significant.

The hypothesis to be tested is that the population correlation equals zero by utilizing a two-tailed t test with alpha equal to .01 in the manner discussed previously in the analysis of Hypothesis 2. In order to reject the null hypothesis a correlation coefficient equal to or greater than .264 is required. The data is summarized in Table 6.

Table 6
Correlations Between Crowding And

The Test Instrument		df	Significance
<u>Variables</u>	<u>Correlation Coefficient</u>		
Pre vs Crowding	-.157	98	No
Post vs Crowding	-.134	98	No
Gain vs Crowding	.080	98	No

* Crowding is a ratio with the number of people in the home as the numerator and with the number of rooms in the home as the denominator.

Since none of the correlation coefficients listed in Table 5 are significant, Hypothesis 4 remains tenable. Therefore, the data indicates that crowding in the home does not appreciably affect a student's capacity to profit from the teaching technique being investigated.

Hypothesis 5: It is postulated that the correlation between student performance on the test instrument and verbal achievement scores* will not be significant.

In order to test this hypothesis, we will again use the null hypothesis that the population correlation equals zero as well as a two-tailed t test with alpha equal to .01. The degrees of freedom is $N-2 = 100-2 = 98$. In order to reject the null hypothesis in regard to any one of the computed correlations, the coefficient must equal or exceed .264.

The data is summarized in Table 7 on the following page.

* Scores on the verbal component of the Iowa Test of Basic Skills.

Table 7

Correlations Between Verbal Achievement
By Grade Level And The Test Instrument

		Test Instrument		
		Pre	Post	Gain
Verbal Achievement	4	-.023	.045	.066
	5	-.082	.014	.111
	6	-.150	.055	.227
	7	-.099	.040	.153
	8	-.098	.038	.150

None of the correlations are sufficient to reject the null hypothesis and Hypothesis 5 remains tenable.

It should be noted, however, that the correlation between gain and sixth grade verbal achievement (.227) would have been significant had alpha been equal to .05. (The critical r for an alpha of .05 is .205.) The data offers no explanation for this one coefficient being so much greater than the others.

In addition, it is interesting that all of the coefficients associated with the pretest are negative in sign while all the others are positive in sign. This same trend

will be observed in the next section in regard to mathematics achievement. Since this trend was not anticipated, the author is unable to evaluate its meaning with the present research design. One possible explanation is that the change in sign is due to the rather large movement (improvement) between the pre-and posttest scores on the test instrument.

In summary, the performance on the test instrument of this sample of 100 students was not significantly related to their performance on tests of verbal achievement. (Refer to Appendix E for scatterplots of Mathematics Achievement Scores for grades four through eight)

Hypothesis 6: It is postulated that the correlation between student performance on the test instrument and mathematics achievement scores* will not be significant.

The null hypothesis to be tested is that the population correlation is zero. For a two-tailed t test with 98 degrees of freedom the critical value of r for the .01 level of significance remains at .264.

The data is summarized in Table 8 on the following page.

* Scores on the verbal component of the Iowa Test of Basic Skills.

Table 8

Correlations Between The Test Instrument
And Mathematics Achievement By Grade Level

	Test Instrument		
	Pre	Post	Gain
Mathematics Achievement	4 -.121	-.044	.110
	5 -.108	.011	.140
	6 -.115	.050	.188
	7 -.126	.018	.168
	8 -.084	.045	.139

None of the above coefficients are significant.

Therefore, Hypothesis 6 remains tenable.

It should be noted that all of the coefficients associated with the pretest are negative in sign while all but one of the others are positive in sign. This trend was observed and discussed in the preceding discussion of Hypothesis 5 and the situation is comparably difficult to explain.

On the basis of this data it would seem that the ability of this sample of 100 students to respond to the teaching method being evaluated was not significantly related to their performance on standardized tests of mathematics achievement. (Refer to Appendix E for scatterplots of Verbal Achievement Scores for grades four through eight)

Hypothesis 7: It is postulated that the correlation between student performance on the test instrument and grades will not be significant.

The null hypothesis that the population correlation equals zero will be tested by means of a two-tailed t test with 98 degrees of freedom. The critical r for rejection at the .01 level of significance is again .264.

The correlations between the test instrument and grades received in mathematics courses are summarized in Table 9 on the following page. The correlations between the test instrument and grades received in English courses are summarized in Table 10.

Since the same trends are observed in both tables they will be discussed together.

Table 9
Correlations Between The Test Instrument
And Mathematics Grades

	Test Instrument		
	Pre	Post	Gain
Mathematics Grades	4 -.155	-.127	.083
	5 -.018	.024	.041
	6 -.062	-.039	.043
	7 .089	.068	-.052
	8 .010	-.003	-.015

Table 10
Correlations Between The Test Instrument
And English Grades

	Test Instrument		
	Pre	Post	Gain
English Grades	4 -.094	-.073	.053
	5 -.174	-.027	.183
	6 .014	-.044	.053
	7 -.007	-.098	.037
	8 .008	.109	.080

None of the coefficients in either table are significant. Therefore, Hypothesis 7 remains tenable. Since there is no discernible pattern to the positive and negative signs of the coefficients, no explanation can be offered. In effect, there is little relationship between the performance of this sample of 100 students on the test instrument and the grades they received in various mathematics and English courses.

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Chapter 5

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Conclusions

In this study the predicted non-correlation between social and familial variables and student achievement were found. The non-significance of these correlations were determined by a two-tailed t test for correlated means and the t ratio for testing the significance of a correlation coefficient.

The results of this study indicated that familial characteristics or sociocultural variables did not influence student achievement with this teaching method. This teaching method did not require reading competence in the students. This particular skill is one that the literature reviewed in this paper has shown impedes the success of disadvantaged children in learning mathematics.

According to the data of this sample, the presence or absence of a "father" in the home produces no systematic effect upon the performance of students on the teaching method in question.

In a similar manner, the null hypothesis concerned with the correlation between student performance on the test instrument and crowding in the home was rejected. Based upon the results of this study, it can be stated that it is what, rather than who, is in the learning environment of the disadvantaged child, that has the greater effect upon the student's success with the teaching methodology utilized in this study.

Although the conclusions previously stated are related to a methodology for teaching disadvantaged children, other conclusions may also be drawn from the results of this study.

These conclusions are:

1. Sociocultural variables are not significantly correlated with student performance on the test instrument.

2. Vocabulary deficiencies are not a barrier to successful learning when the disadvantaged child is presented with a teaching methodology that does not emphasize reading skills.

Recommendations

The sociocultural environment has been studied as a means of understanding the factors which influence the intellectual development of disadvantaged children. Research studies cited in this paper have shown repeatedly that this environment greatly influences the intellectual development of disadvantaged children.

The foregoing statement implies that there should be an exploration of Piaget's theory of interaction between the organism and his environment. A stimulating educational environment in the home may influence the academic growth of the child. In a similar manner, the capacity of the child to profit from such an environment may influence the parental efforts in providing a stimulating environment. A similar phenomenon may occur in the school environment. This chain-like cause and effect relationship, if studied, should provide further

understanding about the interaction between the disadvantaged child and his environment. Such investigations may involve longitudinal studies as well as intensive case studies in order to obtain empirical data about the possible interaction between the disadvantaged child and his educational environment.

If a high correlation between the environmental factors and achievement scores is sustained by future research, then a wide variety of topics for studying the intellectual growth of the disadvantaged child may become evident.

One of the areas for further research would be to determine whether the relation between parallel measurements over a given amount of time is directly related to the intellectual development represented at the different stages of development. These measures could include data on physical characteristics, personality development, achievement data, home environment, and any changes in the socioeconomic status between infancy and adulthood.

A longitudinal study would also appear to be useful, especially at the elementary stage. It seems

necessary to study the relationship between the measurement of the educational environment in the home at the time the disadvantaged child is first admitted to school and his educational achievement throughout school. If these relationships are found to be comparable to those found in the present study, the environment and socioeconomic measurements are likely to be very useful in making academic predictions.

Another area for further research is to study the role of social class as it affects language development and cognition. Such studies will provide further understanding about the influences of the intellectual environment in the home at different stages of development.

It would appear that the deficiencies of the sociocultural environment make it more difficult for disadvantaged children to understand a teaching methodology which presupposes a variety of experiences which they have not been afforded. The results of this study, however, indicate that a teaching methodology can be developed for this impoverished intellectual background.

If replications of this study confirm the present findings, then further research should be focused on environmental variables and their relationship with other pertinent variables. One area of research may be directed toward the development and evaluation of a curriculum that would overcome the multilateral influences of social deprivations on learning.

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APPENDIXES

INDEX OF SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS

APPENDIX A

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Instructions in Use of the Index of Socioeconomic Status*

The index of socioeconomic status (SES) developed at the Institute for Developmental Studies in New York City utilizes two factors to estimate the relative social positioning of individuals in a given community. These factors are identified as:

1. occupation of main support of the family
2. education of main support of the family

Implicit assumptions in the use of the scale are that:

1. within any family unit, the social status of an individual can be derived from certain characteristics of the head of that family, and
2. within a community certain individuals are accorded more prestige than others on the basis of their occupation, education and/or income.

The following instructions outline the steps in obtaining an SES rating for children who are to be tested. The procedure involved is simple and the rating can be

* Original, 1961; revised, 1965.

obtained in a few short steps.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Find the occupation of the specified head of the family in the occupational classification given in the following pages:

OCCUPATIONAL RATING SCALE

<u>OCCUPATION</u>	<u>RATING</u>
U.S. Supreme Court Justice	10
U.S. Diplomat or Foreign Service	
State Governor, Mayor of large city	
U.S. Cabinet Member	
U.S. Senator, Congressman	
Physician	
College President or Chancellor	
College Professor	
Scientist (Government or other)	
State Attorney	
Bank Executive	9
Investment Broker	
Captain of ocean-going vessel	
County Judge	
Department Head, State Government	
Motion Picture Actor, (not "extra")	
Minister	
Lawyer	
Architect	
Postmaster, City	
Chemist	
Dentist	
Electronic Engineer	
Nuclear Physicist	
Civil Engineer	
Mathematician	
Radio entertainer (except announcer)	
Director, Large Corporation	
Business Executive, Advertising	
Executive	
Airplane Pilot	
Inventor	

<u>OCCUPATION</u>	<u>RATING</u>
Editor-Owner newspaper	
Psychologist	
Veterinarian	
Historian, Economist	
Sociologist	
Medical Researcher, Biologist	
Author	8
Accountant, C.P.A.	
Registered Nurse	
Justice of the Peace	
Government Investigator	
(FBI, Justice Dept., etc.)	
Artist, performing artist	
Professional Athlete	
Interior Decorator,	
Industrial Designer,	
Fashion Designer	
Factory, Department Store Owner	
High School Teacher	
Building Contractor	
Radio Operator	
Mine owner-operator	
Owner of logging camp	
Musician in symphony orchestra	
Small Retail Owner	
Sheriff-County	
Army-Captain or above	
Elementary School Teacher	7
Railroad-Supervisor	
Real Estate Agent	
Agricultural Agent-County	
Laboratory Technician	
Detective of Police	
Fire Lt. or above	

<u>OCCUPATION</u>	<u>RATING</u>
Private Secretary	
Undertaker	
Social, Welfare Worker	
Foreman or Supervisor, Factory	
Labor Union official-National only	
Radio Announcer	
Farm owner-operator	
Hotel Manager	6
Newspaper Columnist	
Owner-operator print shop	
Railroad-Engineer	
Electrician	
Watchmaker, factory	
Trained Machinist	
Mason	
Dental Technician	
Auto Salesman	
Office Manager	
Owner-operator dry cleaning	
Linotype operator, printer	
Newspaper reporter, proofreader	
Oil well driller (not engineer)	
Manager small store	
Policeman, private investigator	5
Mail clerk, carrier	
Bookkeeper	
Insurance Agent	
Traveling Salesman	
Receptionist, typist secretary	
Bank Clerk	
Railroad Conductor, ticket agent	
Practical Nurse	
I.B.M. Key punch operator	

<u>OCCUPATION</u>	<u>RATING</u>
Playground worker	
Teachers Aid	
Structural Iron worker	
Carpenter	
Pawnbroker	
Tenant farmer	
Auto mechanic	
Dressmaker	
Beautician	4
Plumber	
Telephone operator, lineman	
Labor union official-Local only	
Lunch stand operator	
Painter, house and/or non factory	
Salesclerk, grocery clerk	
Musician-popular, dance, singer	
Furniture finisher	
T.V. repairman	
Fireman	
Welder, offset pressman	
Machinist-Factory	
Barber	
Shoe repair man	
Railroad baggage handler	
Other semi-skilled	
Cook-restaurant or hotel, short order	3
Chauffer-private	
Fisherman	
Motorman, bus driver, conductor	
Milk route man	
Shipping clerk	
Cashier	
Merchant seaman	
Truck driver	

Gas station attendant
 Quarry worker
 Night club singer
 Porter-railroad
 Taxi driver
 Waiter-Bartender 2
 Farm worker
 All unskilled laborers
 Coal miner
 Night watchman
 Janitorial-Building super-
 intendent
 Elevator operator
 Freight handler
 Nurse's Aide

Laundry worker
 Newsboy
 Soda clerk
 Peddler 1
 Grinder-tool, etc.
 Odd job worker
 Share cropper-migratory
 worker
 Scrub woman
 Garbage collector
 Street sweeper
 Shoe shiner

2. Occupational categories have been grouped into clusters; each has a prestige rating. Assign a rating to each child based on the occupation of main support of his family. For example, U.S. Supreme Court Justice is rated "10", Milk Route Man is rated "3". This number will be the occupation rating of each child.

3. Similarly, the education level of the head of the child's family is to be rated.

4. The following table specifies the ratings to be assigned for level of education of the main support in

the child's family.

<u>EDUCATION</u>	<u>RATING</u>
0-4 years	1
5-6 years	2
7-8 years	3
Some high school	4
High School graduate	5
Some college	6
College graduate	7
Post graduate or professional training	8

5. You now have two (2) ratings for each child. One the basis of these two ratings (occupations and education) you can now derive an estimated SES rating for each child as follows:

6. Referring to the table on the following page:

SES CONVERSION TABLE
Education of Main Support

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1	I	I	I	I	I	II	II	II	
2	I	I	I	I	II	II	II	III	Occupation
3	I	I	I	I	II	II	III	III	of Main
4	I	I	I	II	II	III	III	III	Support
5	I	I	I	II	II	III	III	III	
6	I	I	II	II	III	III	III	III	
7	I	II	II	III	III	III	III	III	
8	II	II	II	III	III	III	III	III	
9	II	II	III	III	III	III	III	III	
10	II	II	III	III	III	III	III	III	

1. locate the occupation rating of main support for a given child on the left hand side of the figure;

2. locate the education of main support for a given child across the top of the figure;

3. find the coordinate of these two by bringing your finger down to the point where they both meet. You will find that they meet in a box numbered I, II or III. This numerical value is the overall SES rating for the child.

7. Enter this number in the space marked "SES-A" in the lower right hand corner of the child's Background Information Sheet.

8. In the space marked "SES-B" enter your own judgmental estimate of the child's relative social status based on any familiarity that you may have with the child or his family. Use the numerals I, II or III where I will represent "Low" and III will represent "High".

QUESTIONNAIRE

APPENDIX B

Dear Teacher,

It is possible that some of your students may have a reading difficulty. Please feel free to assist them in reading and/or interpreting the questions as this information is of extreme importance to this study.

Thank you for your cooperation in this regard and on the other phase of the program.

Sincerely,

Steven Newstat

(This letter was sent with the packet of questionnaires to each cooperating teacher involved in this study.)

FOR EACH QUESTION CIRCLE THE LETTER THAT IS NEXT TO YOUR ANSWER.
MARK ONLY ONE ANSWER FOR EACH QUESTION. YOU MAY OMIT ANY QUESTION
WHICH YOU WOULD PREFER NOT TO ANSWER, BUT PLEASE ANSWER THEM ALL
IF YOU POSSIBLY CAN.

1. Are you male or female?
 (a) Male
 (b) Female
2. How old were you on your last birthday?
 (a) 10 (e) 14
 (b) 11 (f) 15
 (c) 12 (g) 16 or older
 (d) 13
3. Where were you born?

(a) Alabama (b) Alaska (c) Arizona (d) Arkansas (e) California (f) Colorado (g) Connecticut (h) Delaware (i) District of Columbia (j) Florida (k) Georgia (l) Hawaii (m) Idaho (n) Illinois (o) Indiana (p) Iowa (q) Kansas (r) Kentucky (s) Louisiana (t) Maine (u) Maryland (v) Massachusetts (w) Michigan (x) Minnesota (y) Mississippi (z) Missouri (aa) Montana (bb) Nebraska (cc) Nevada (dd) New Hampshire	(ee) New Jersey (ff) New Mexico (gg) New York (hh) North Carolina (ii) North Dakota (jj) Ohio (kk) Oklahoma (ll) Oregon (mm) Pennsylvania (nn) Rhode Island (oo) South Carolina (pp) South Dakota (qq) Tennessee (rr) Texas (ss) Utah (tt) Vermont (uu) Virginia (vv) Washington (ww) West Virginia (xx) Wisconsin (yy) Wyoming (zz) U.S. possession (American Samoa, Canal Zone, Guam, & Virgin Islands) (aaa) Puerto Rico (bbb) Mexico (ccc) Canada (ddd) Country other than the U.S. or its possessions, Puerto Rico, Canada or Mexico (eee) I don't know
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4. Where was your mother born?

5. Where was your father born?

6. Where have you spent most of your life?
 (a) In this city, or county
 (b) In this state but outside this city, town, or county
 (c) In another state in the U.S.
 (d) In Puerto Rico or another U.S. possession
 (e) In Mexico
 (f) In Canada
 (g) In a country other than the U.S., Canada or Mexico
7. In what type of community have you spent most of your life? (Give your best estimate if you are not sure.)
 (a) In the open country or in a farming community
 (b) In a small town (less than 10,000 people) that was not a suburb
 (c) Inside a medium size city (10,000 to 100,000 people)
 (d) In a suburb of a medium size city
 (e) Inside a large city (100,000 to 500,000 people)
 (f) In a suburb of a large city
 (g) in a very large city (over 500,000 people)
 (h) In a suburb of a very large city
8. When was the last time you changed schools (not counting promotions from one school to another)?
 (a) I have not changed schools
 (b) Less than a year ago
 (c) About one year ago
 (d) About two years ago

9. How far do you want to go in school?
- (a) I do not want to finish high school
 - (b) I want to finish high school only
 - (c) I want to go to technical, nursing, or business school after high school
 - (d) Some college training, but less than 4 years
 - (e) I want to graduate from a 4 year college
 - (f) I want to do professional or graduate work after I finish college
10. Circle the items that your family now has.
- (a) Television Set
 - (b) Telephone
 - (c) Record player, hi-fi, or stereo
 - (d) Electric or gas refrigerator
 - (e) Dictionary
 - (f) Set of encyclopedias
 - (g) Automobile
 - (h) Vacuum cleaner
 - (i) Daily newspaper
11. How many books are in your home?
- (a) None or very few (0-9)
 - (b) A few (10-24)
 - (c) One bookcase full (25-99)
 - (d) Two bookcases full (100-249)
 - (e) Three or more bookcases full (250 or more)
12. Do you usually find writing papers a difficult task, or do you have relatively little difficulty getting your ideas down on paper?
- (a) I find writing papers a very difficult task
 - (b) I frequently have some difficulty writing
 - (c) Usually I do not have much difficulty writing
 - (d) I have little if any difficulty expressing myself in writing
13. Do you make notes while reading a book?
- (a) No or almost never
 - (b) Once in a while, depending upon the subject
 - (c) I generally do, but I have no particular notemaking system
 - (d) I almost always make notes while reading, and I have a systematic method for doing so.
14. Did you go to kindergarten?
- (a) Yes.
 - (b) No.
15. Did you go to nursery school before you went to kindergarten?
- (a) Yes.
 - (b) No.
 - (c) I don't remember.
16. When you were in grade school, about how often did you use a public library for reading not required by your school?
- (a) Once a week or more.
 - (b) Two or three times a month.
 - (c) Once a month or less.
 - (d) Never.
17. How many magazines do you and your family get regularly at home?
- (a) None
 - (b) 1 or 2
 - (c) 3 or 4
 - (d) 5 or 6
 - (e) 7 or more.
18. Which of the following magazines do you and your family get regularly?
- (a) Jet
 - (b) Good Housekeeping
 - (c) Ladies Home Journal
 - (d) Family Circle
 - (e) McCall's
 - (f) Reader's Digest
 - (g) Saturday Review
 - (h) Time
 - (i) Look
 - (j) Life
 - (k) Newsweek
 - (l) Astro Science
 - (m) Ramparts
 - (n) Nation
 - (o) Ebony
 - (p) Better Homes and Gardens
 - (q) Scientific American
 - (r) Jack and Jill
 - (s) The Instructor
 - (t) None
 - (u) Other
19. Did anyone at home read to you before you started going to school?
- (a) No.
 - (b) Once in a while.
 - (c) Many times, but not regularly
 - (d) Many times and regularly.
 - (e) I don't remember.
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20. Who is now a father to you?
- (a) My real father, who is living at home.
 - (b) My real father, who is not living at home.
 - (c) My stepfather.
 - (d) My foster father.
 - (e) My grandfather.
 - (f) Another relative (uncle, etc.)
 - (g) Another grownup (not a relative).
 - (h) No one.
21. Who is now acting as your mother?
- Answer "real mother" if you are adopted.
- (a) My real mother, who is living at home.
 - (b) My real mother, who is not living at home.
 - (c) My stepmother.
 - (d) My foster mother.
 - (e) A grandmother.
 - (f) Other relative (aunt, etc.)
 - (g) Other adult.
 - (h) No one.
22. How far in school did your father go?
- (a) None, or some grade school.
 - (b) Completed grade school.
 - (c) Some high school, but did not graduate.
 - (d) Graduated from high school.
 - (e) Technical or business school after high school.
 - (f) Some college but less than 4 years.
 - (g) Graduated from a 4-year college.
 - (h) Attended graduate or professional school.
 - (i) I don't know.
23. How far in school did your mother go?
- (a) None, or some grade school.
 - (b) Completed grade school.
 - (c) Some high school, but did not graduate.
 - (d) Graduated from high school.
 - (e) Technical, nursing, or business school after high school.
 - (f) Some college but less than 4 years.
 - (g) Graduated from a regular 4-year college.
 - (h) Attended graduate or professional school.
 - (i) I don't know.
24. Does your mother have a job outside your home?
- (a) Yes, full-time.
 - (b) Yes, part-time.
 - (c) No.
25. Where does most of the money come from that pays for your family expenses?
- (a) My father's work.
 - (b) My mother's work.
 - (c) Your own work.
 - (d) Welfare Department
 - (e) Relatives
 - (f) Friends
 - (g) Other
26. What work does your father do? 146
- You probably will not find his exact job listed, but check the one that comes closest. If he is now out of work or if he is retired, mark the one that he usually did. Mark only his main job if he works on more than one.
- (a) Draftsman, surveyor, medical or dental technician, etc.
 - (b) Manufacturer, officer in a large company, banker, government official or inspector, etc.
 - (c) Sales manager, store manager, office manager, factory supervisor, etc.
 - (d) Owner of a small business, wholesaler, retailer, contractor, restaurant owner, etc.
 - (e) Factory machine operator, bus or cab driver, meat cutter, etc.
 - (f) Bank teller, bookkeeper, sales clerk, office clerk, mail carrier, messenger, etc.
 - (g) Barber, waiter, etc.
 - (h) Policeman, detective, sheriff, fireman, etc.
 - (i) Real estate or insurance salesman, factory representative, etc.
 - (j) Farm or ranch manager or owner.
 - (k) Farm worker on one or more than one farm.
 - (l) Factory or mine worker, fisherman, filling station attendant, longshoreman, etc.
 - (m) Accountant, artist, clergyman, dentist, doctor, engineer, lawyer, librarian, scientist, college professor, social worker, school teacher.
 - (n) Baker, carpenter, electrician, enlisted man in the armed forces, mechanic, plumber, plasterer, tailor, foreman in a factory or mine.
 - (o) I don't know.
27. How good a student does your mother want you to be in school?
- (a) One of the best in my class.
 - (b) Above the middle of the class.
 - (c) In the middle of my class.
 - (d) Just good enough to get by.
 - (e) I don't know.
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 (a) One of the best in my class.
 (b) Above the middle of the class.
 (c) In the middle of my class.
 (d) Just good enough to get by.
 (e) I don't know.
29. How often do you and your parents talk about your school work?
 (a) Just about every day.
 (b) Once or twice a week.
 (c) Once or twice a month.
 (d) Never or hardly ever.
30. How much education does your father want you to have?
 (a) Doesn't care if I finish high school or not.
 (b) Finish high school only.
 (c) Technical, nursing, or business school after high school.
 (d) Some college but less than 4 years.
 (e) Graduate from a 4-year college.
 (f) Professional or graduate school.
 (g) Father is not at home.
 (h) I don't know.
31. How much education does your mother want you to have?
 (a) Doesn't care if I finish high school or not.
 (b) Finish high school only.
 (c) Technical, nursing, or business school after high school.
 (d) Some college but less than 4 years.
 (e) Graduate from a 4-year college.
 (f) Professional or graduate school.
 (g) Mother is not at home.
 (h) I don't know.
32. How many of your brothers and sisters left high school before finishing?
 (a) Have no older brothers or sisters.
 (b) None.
 (c) 1
 (d) 2
 (e) 3
 (f) 4
 (g) 5
 (h) 6
 (i) 7
 (j) 8 or more
 (k) I don't know.
33. How many of your brothers and sisters attended a year or more of college?
 (a) Have no older brothers or sisters.
 (b) None.
 (c) 1
 (d) 2
 (e) 3
 (f) 4
 (g) 5
 (h) 6
 (i) 7
 (j) 8 or more.
 (k) I don't know.
34. How many of your brothers or sisters graduated from college?
 (a) Have no older brothers or sisters.
 (b) 1
 (c) 2
 (d) 3
 (e) 4
 (f) 5
 (g) 6
 (h) 7
 (i) 8 or more.
 (j) I don't know.
 (k) None.
35. How much education do you want to have?
 (a) I don't care.
 (b) Some college training, but less than 4 years.
 (c) Graduate from a 4-year college.
 (d) A graduate degree such as M. A. or Ph.D.
 (e) A professional degree such as law (LL.B) or medicine (M.D.).
 (f) Undecided.
36. Do you ever find yourself bored in class?
 (a) Almost all of the time.
 (b) Fairly often.
 (c) Occasionally.
 (d) Almost never.
37. During the last school year, did you ever stay away from school just because you didn't want to come?
 (a) No.
 (b) Yes, for 1 or 2 days.
 (c) Yes, for 3 to 6 days.
 (d) Yes, for 7 to 15 days.
 (e) Yes, for 16 or more days.
38. On an average weekday, how much time do you spend studying?
 (a) None or almost none.
 (b) About 1/2 hour a day.
 (c) About 1 hour a day.
 (d) About 1 & 1/2 hours a day.
 (e) About 2 hours a day.
 (f) About 3 hours a day.
 (g) 4 or more hours a day.
39. Compared with your classmates here in school, do you study more or less than they do?
 (a) More than others.
 (b) About the same as others.
 (c) Less than others.
 (d) I don't know.
40. How do you and your friends rate socially in school?
 (a) At the top.
 (b) Near the top.
 (c) About the middle.
 (d) Near the bottom.

41. How bright do you think you are in comparison with the other students in your classes this year?
 (a) Among the brightest.
 (b) Above average.
 (c) Average.
 (d) Below average.
 (e) Among the lowest.
42. I would make any sacrifice to get ahead in the world.
 (a) Agree
 (b) Not sure.
 (c) Disagree.
43. If I could change, I would be someone different from myself.
 (a) Agree.
 (b) Not sure.
 (c) Disagree.
44. I sometimes feel that I just can't learn.
 (a) Agree.
 (b) Not sure.
 (c) Disagree.
45. I would do better in school work if teachers didn't go so fast.
 (a) Agree.
 (b) Not sure.
 (c) Disagree.
46. People like me don't have much of a chance to be successful in life.
 (a) Agree.
 (b) Not sure.
 (c) Disagree.
47. The tougher the job, the harder I work.
 (a) Agree.
 (b) Not sure.
 (c) Disagree.
48. I am able to do many things well.
 (a) Agree.
 (b) Not sure.
 (c) Disagree.
49. About how long does it take you to get from your home in the morning to school?
 (a) 10 minutes or less.
 (b) 20 minutes.
 (c) 30 minutes.
 (d) 45 minutes.
 (e) One hour or more.
50. How do you usually come to school in the morning?
 (a) Automobile.
 (b) Walk.
 (c) School Bus.
 (d) Train, trolley, subway, or bus other than a school bus.
 (e) Bicycle.
 (f) Other.
51. How many people are living in your home at the present time including yourself, brothers, sisters, parents, relatives, and others who lived with you?
 (a) 2 (e) 6 (i) 10
 (b) 3 (f) 7 (j) 11 or more.
 (c) 4 (g) 8
 (d) 5 (h) 9
52. How many rooms are there in your family's house? Count only the rooms your family lives in. Count the kitchen (if separate) but not the bathrooms.
 (a) 1 (e) 5 (i) 9
 (b) 2 (f) 6 (j) 10 or more.
 (c) 3 (g) 7
 (d) 4 (h) 8
53. Does anyone in your home speak a language other than English most of the time? (Spanish, Italian, Polish, German, etc.)
 (a) Yes. (b) No.
54. Do you speak a foreign language other than English outside of school?
 (a) Yes, frequently.
 (b) Yes, occasionally.
 (c) Yes, rarely.
 (d) No.
55. Are you planning to go to high school?
 (a) Definitely yes.
 (b) Probably yes.
 (c) Probably not.
 (d) Definitely not.
56. Are you planning to finish high school?
 (a) Definitely yes.
 (b) Probably yes.
 (c) Probably not.
 (d) Definitely not.
57. When you finish school, what sort of job do you think you will have? Pick the one that is closest.
- BOYS ANSWER FROM SELECTIONS BELOW:
 (a) Draftsman or medical technician.
 (b) Banker, company officer, or government official.
 (c) Store owner or manager, office manager.
 (d) Sales clerk, office clerk, truck driver, waiter, policeman, bookkeeper, mailman, barber.
 (e) Salesman.
 (f) Farm or ranch manager or owner.
 (g) Farm worker on one or more than one farm.

- (h) Factory worker, laborer, or gas station attendant.
- (i) Doctor, lawyer, clergyman, engineer, scientist, teacher, professor, artist, accountant.
- (j) Carpenter, electrician, mechanic, tailor, or foreman in a factory.
- (k) I don't know.

GIRLS ANSWER FROM THE SELECTIONS BELOW:

- (a) Housewife only.
- (b) Doctor, lawyer, scientist.
- (c) Beautician.
- (d) Bookkeeper or secretary.
- (e) Waitress or laundry worker.
- (f) School teacher.
- (g) Nurse.
- (h) Saleslady
- (i) Maid or domestic servant.
- (j) Factory worker.
- (k) I don't know.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

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LESSONS 1-10

Lesson 1

PLANE
SOLID
POINT
LINE
RAY

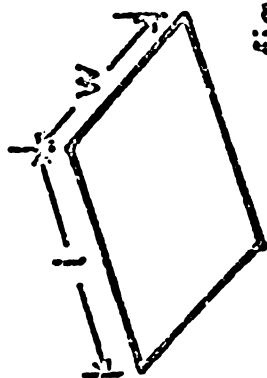


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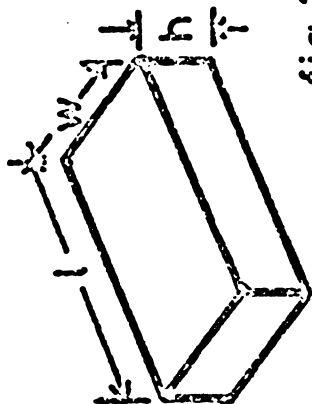


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fig.6



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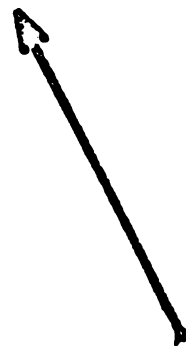


fig.8

1. Can you measure a point? if not, why not? If you can, what are the measurements of this point? $\rightarrow$.

2. Fill in the names of the following:

- a) $\cdot$ = _____
- b) $\leftarrow \rightarrow$ = _____
- c) $\xrightarrow{a}$ = _____
- d) $\xrightarrow{a} \xrightarrow{b}$ = _____

3. What is the name we may use during this course for a straight line?

4. How many points can you locate on a given line segment?

5. Can one point be larger than another?

6. Can one line (not line segment) be longer than another?

7. What determines how long a (regular) curved line may be?

8. Is ray (a) longer than ray (b)? If not, why not?



9. If AB is a line segment and BC is a line segment, what is AC?



10. Give a short but good reason why Geometry will help you in your future life.

Lesson 2

RADIUS - RADIUS
DIAMETER
CIRCUMFERENCE

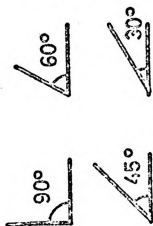


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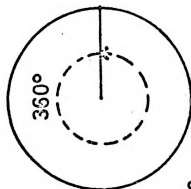
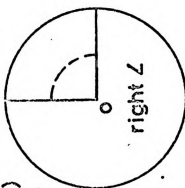
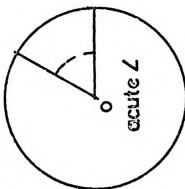


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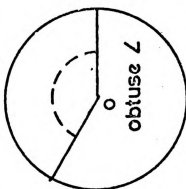
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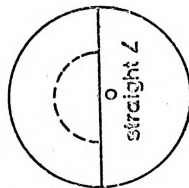


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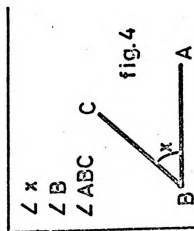
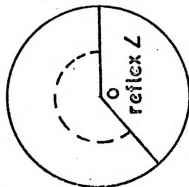
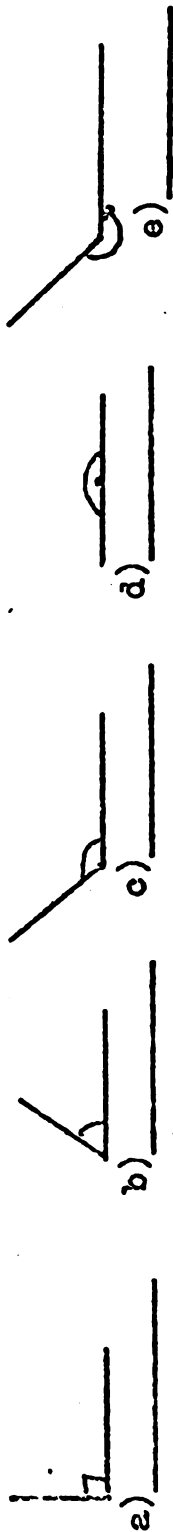


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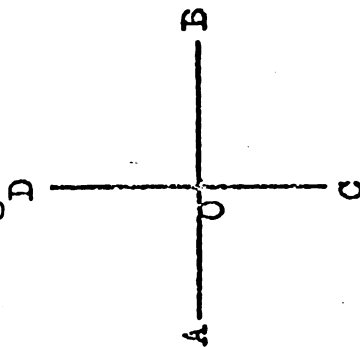
1. Name the following angles:



2. Name this angle three different ways.

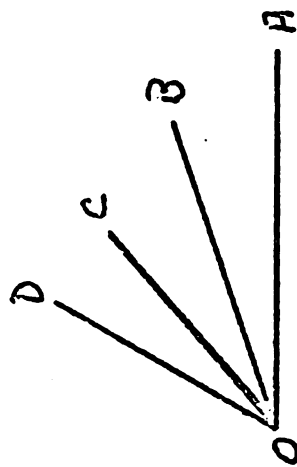


3. List all the angles you can name in the drawing below. Do not include reflex angles. Do not name the same angle in more than one way.

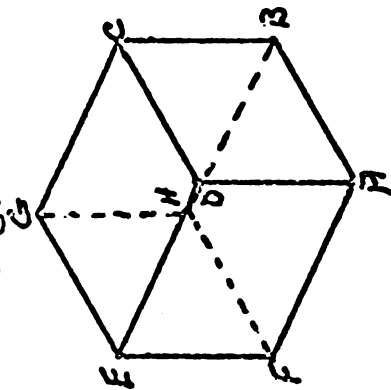


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|----------|----------|------------------|
| a) _____ | e) _____ | above _____ |
| b) _____ | f) _____ | below _____ |
| c) _____ | g) _____ | right side _____ |
| d) _____ | h) _____ | left side _____ |

4. How many different angles can you name in this drawing?



5. Name all the angles you can find in this drawing.



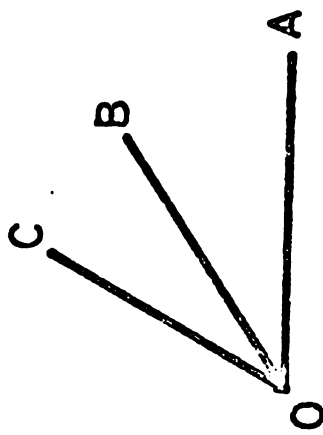


fig. 1

$$\frac{\angle AOB + \angle BOC}{\angle AOC}$$

$$\frac{\angle AOC - \angle AOB}{\angle BOC}$$

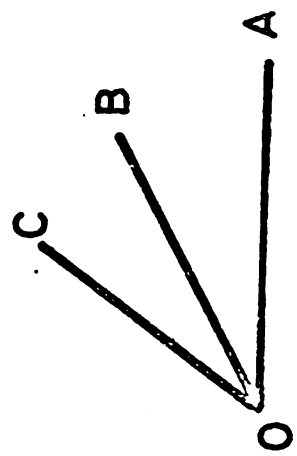
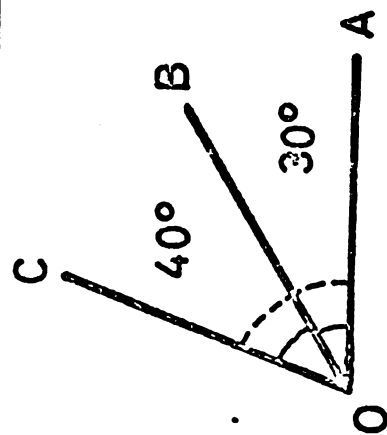


fig. 2



$$\begin{array}{l} \angle AOB = 30^\circ \\ \angle BOC = 40^\circ \\ \hline \angle AOC = 70^\circ \end{array}$$

fig. 3

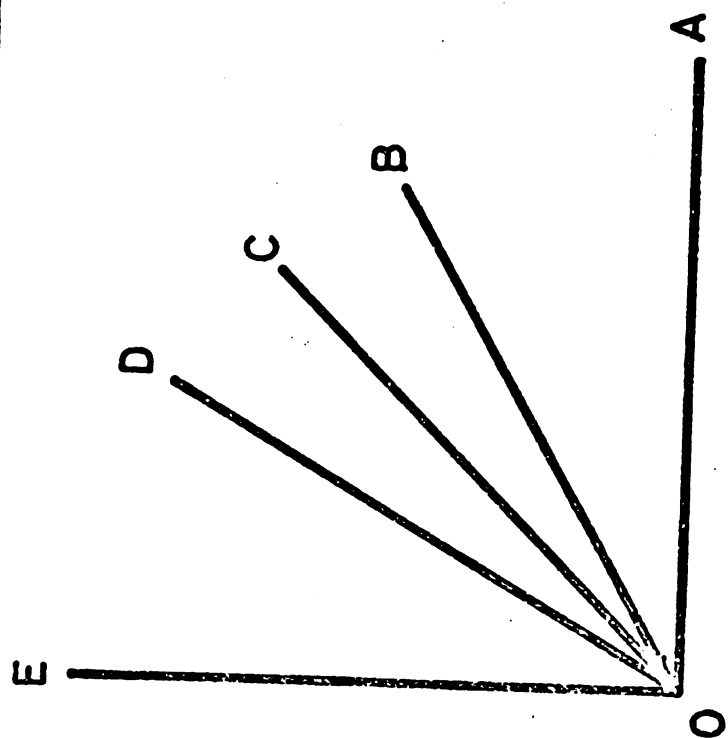
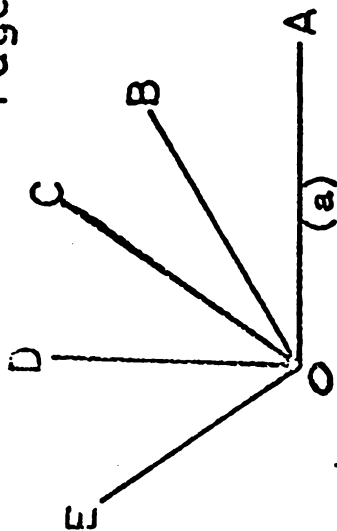


fig. 4

1. Name all of the pairs of adjacent angles. (a)



2. Draw two sets of angles having a common side or vertex which cannot be classified as adjacent angles.

$$\begin{array}{r} \angle BOD \\ \angle BOC \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \angle AOC \\ \angle BOC \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \angle AOB \\ \angle BOC \\ \angle COD \\ \angle DOE \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \angle AOE \\ \angle DOE \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \angle BOC \\ \angle COD \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \angle AOE \\ \angle AOB \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \angle DOE \\ \angle COD \end{array}$$

3. Subtract

4. Add

5. Name an angle smaller than $\angle AOC$. Why?

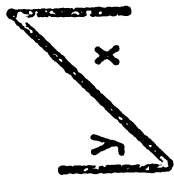
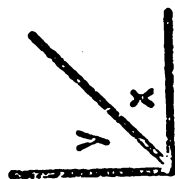
6. Name an angle larger than $\angle AOC$. Why?

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8. Is $\angle BOC$ adjacent to $\angle DOE$? Why or why not?
9. Name the instrument used to measure angles.
(ruler, protractor, compass, scale, straight edge, other)

SUPPLEMENTARY L5

COMPLEMENTARY 7s



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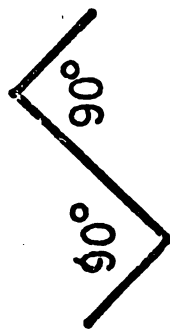
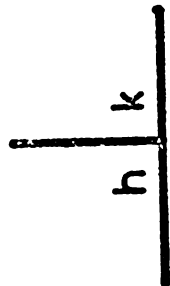
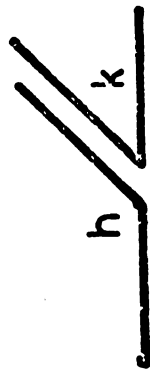
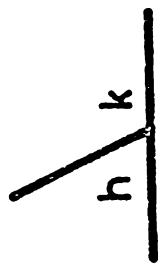


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VERTICAL Ls

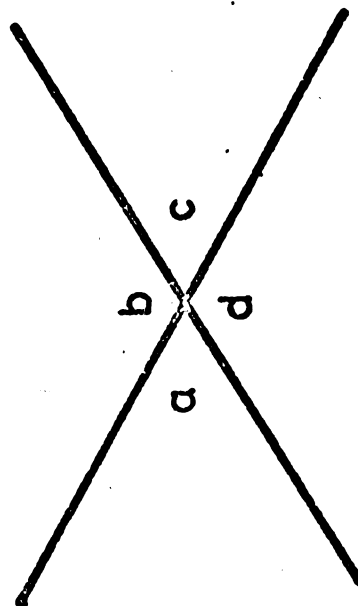
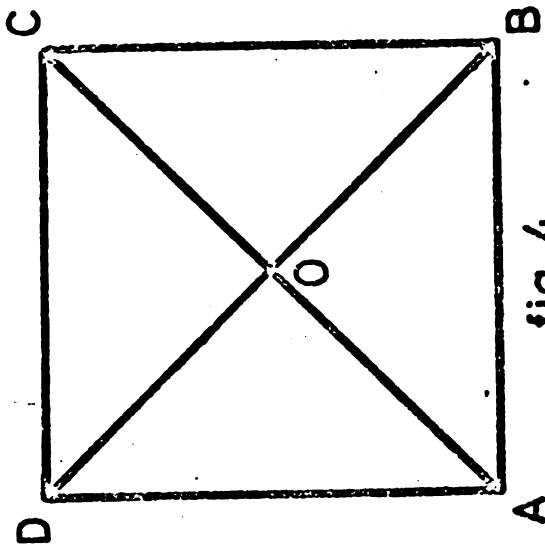


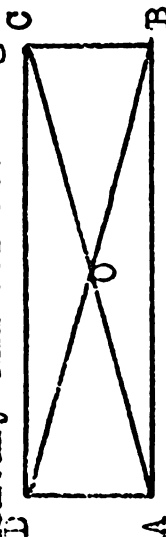
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4. **Fig.**

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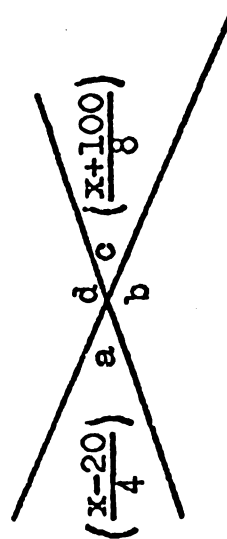
1. Define complementary angles.
2. Define supplementary angles.
3. Define vertical angles.
4. In the figure below list the pairs of supplementary angles and the pairs of vertical angles.
5. In the figure below - list all of the pairs of complementary, supplementary and vertical angles.



Comp.	Supp.	Vert.
& _	& _	& _
& _	& _	& _
& _	& _	
& _	& _	
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& _	& _	
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6. Extra work (if you can)

Find the number of degrees in each of the four angles



Lesson 5

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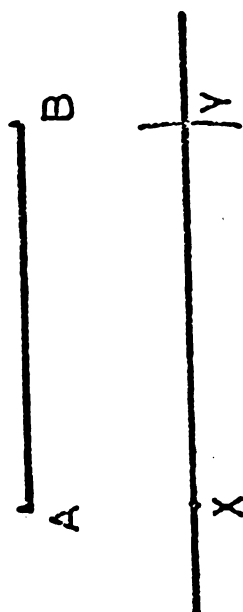
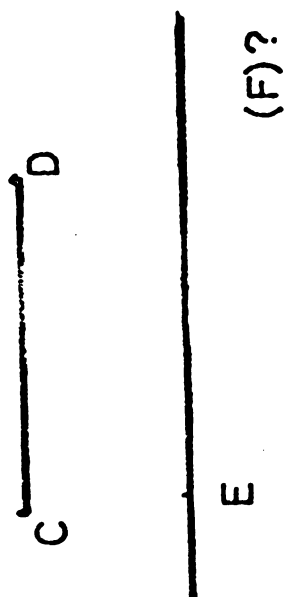


fig. 1



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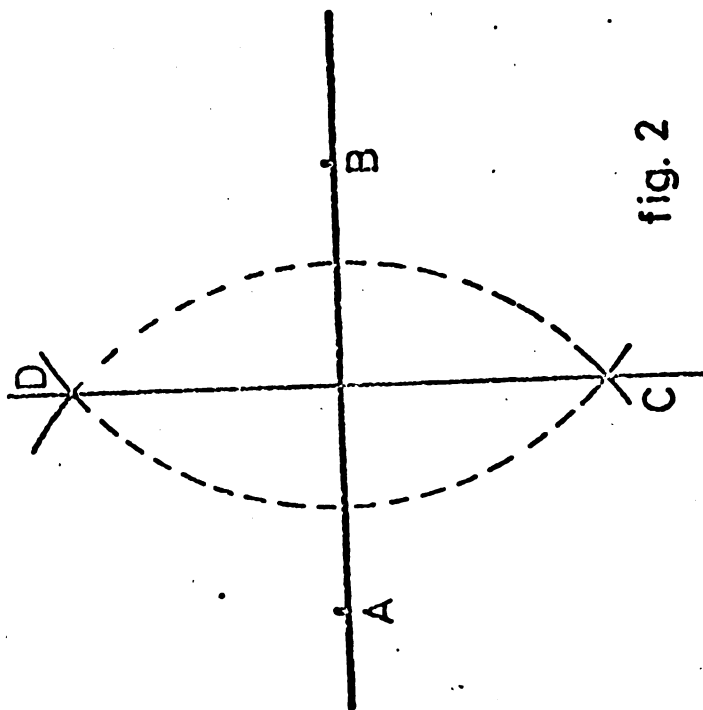


fig. 2

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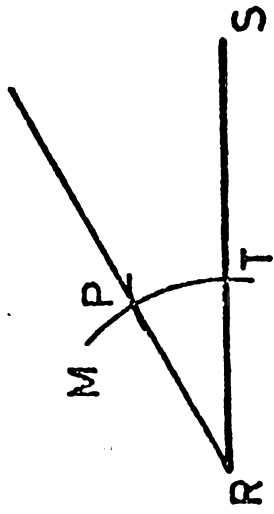
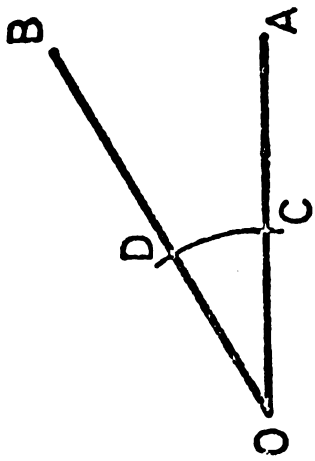
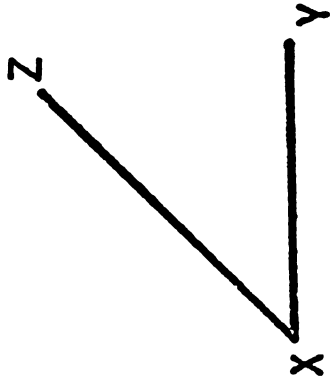


fig. 3

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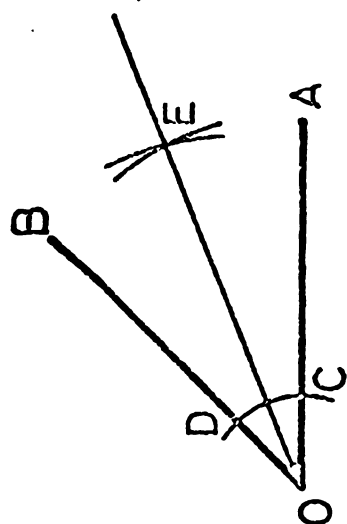


fig. 4a

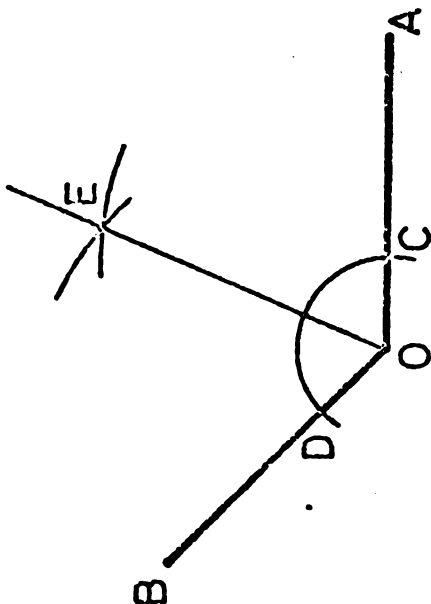


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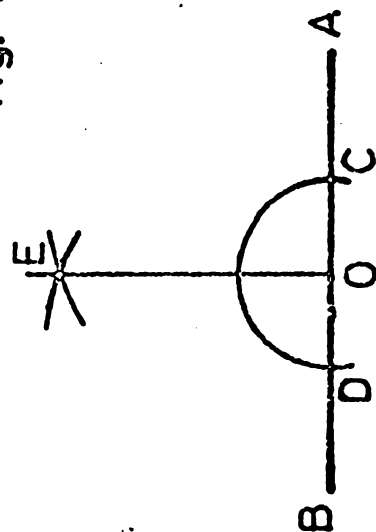


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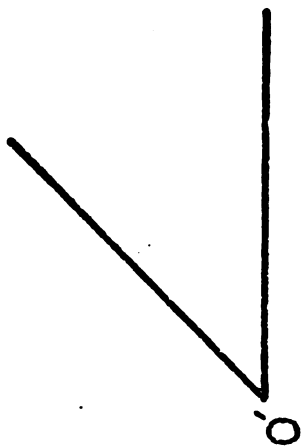


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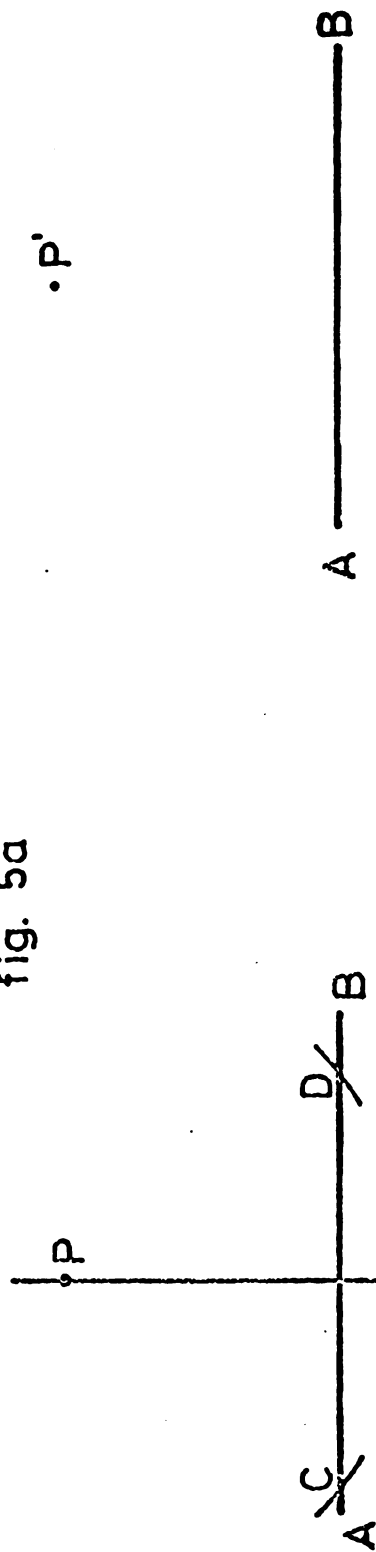
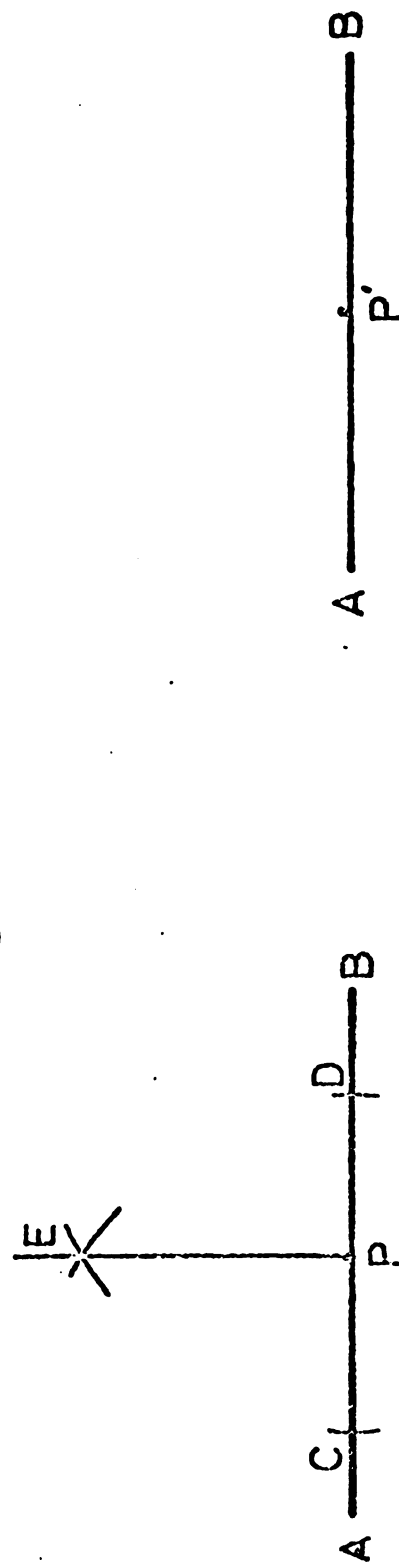


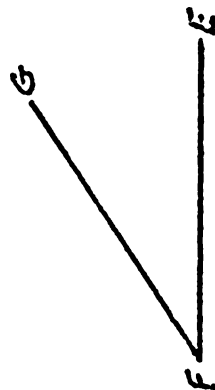
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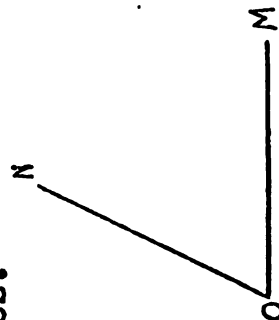
1. Divide a given line segment A B into four equal parts.



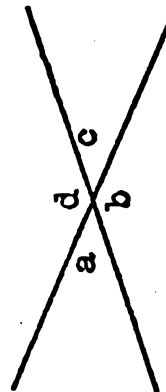
2. Bisect a given angle E F G.



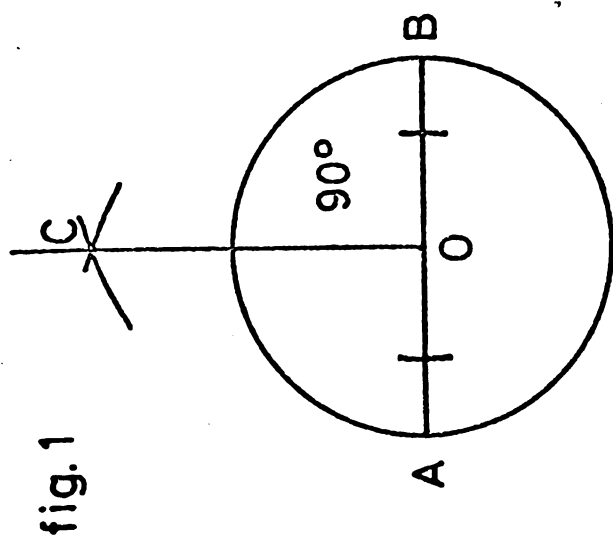
3. Divide a given angle M O N into four equal angles.
5. Extra work (if you can). Draw a circle and divide it into six equal parts.



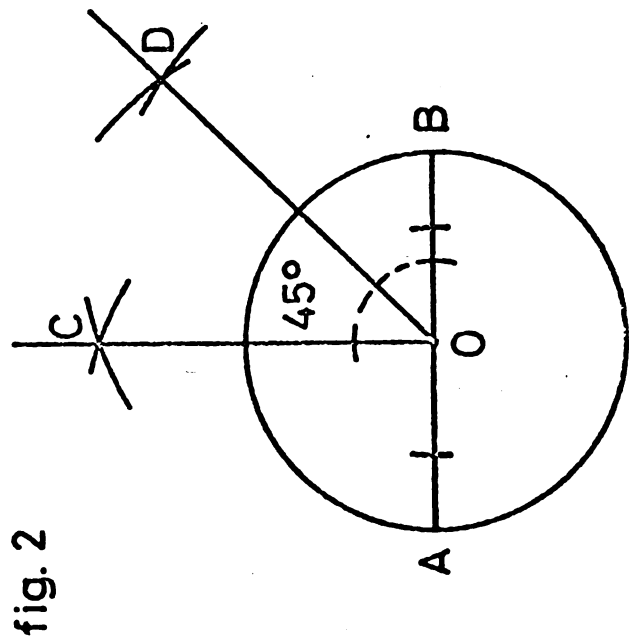
1. What determines the size of an angle?
2. How does a line segment differ from a line?
3. Under what circumstances can you draw a straight line through three points?
4. Two straight lines can intersect at how many points?
5. Are the two sides of a right triangle always perpendicular?
6. Name the angle that is equal to its supplement; that is larger than its supplement; that is smaller than its supplement.
7. If two angles have a common vertex and a common side between them they are called _____.
8. If two angles added together equal a right angle they are said to be what kind of angles? If two angles added together equal a straight angle they are said to be what kind of angles?
9. Name the tools necessary to make geometric constructions.
10. What do you call the meeting place of the two rays of an angle?
11. What is the meaning of the word bisect? (geometric terms)
12. Are all radii of the same circle equal? Why?
13. Give the number of dimensions of a point? a line? a plane, a solid?
14. What is the name of an angle equal to 90° ?
15. Are perpendiculars always vertical lines?
16. If $\angle x = 36^\circ$ and $\angle y = 54^\circ$, then $\angle x$ and $\angle y$ are _____.
17. If $\angle a = 98^\circ$ and $\angle b = 82^\circ$, then $\angle a$ and $\angle b$ are _____.
18. $\angle a$ and $\angle c$ are _____ angles.
19. $\angle d$ and $\angle c$ are _____ angles.
20. $\angle d$ and $\angle c$ are also _____ angles.



Lesson 6



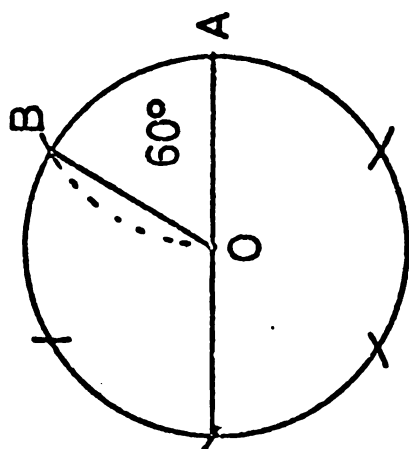
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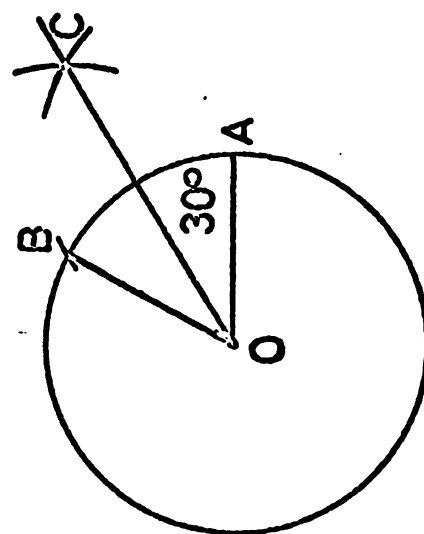
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1. Divide a line segment into four equal parts.
 2. Construct a right angle.
 3. Construct a 15° angle.
 4. Construct a 135° angle.
 5. Divide a circle into eight equal parts.
 6. Divide a circle into twelve equal parts.

7. Construct a $67\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ angle.

Extra Work (if you can)

A. Construct a triangle with three equal sides.

8. Divide a circle into three equal parts.

B. Construct a triangle with sides equal to $1\frac{1}{2}$ ", 1", 2".

9. How many degrees are there in each part of the circle in question 5?

C. Construct a regular hexagon.

How many degrees are there in each part of the circle in question 6?

How many degrees are there in each part of the circle in question 8?

Lesson 7

fig. 1

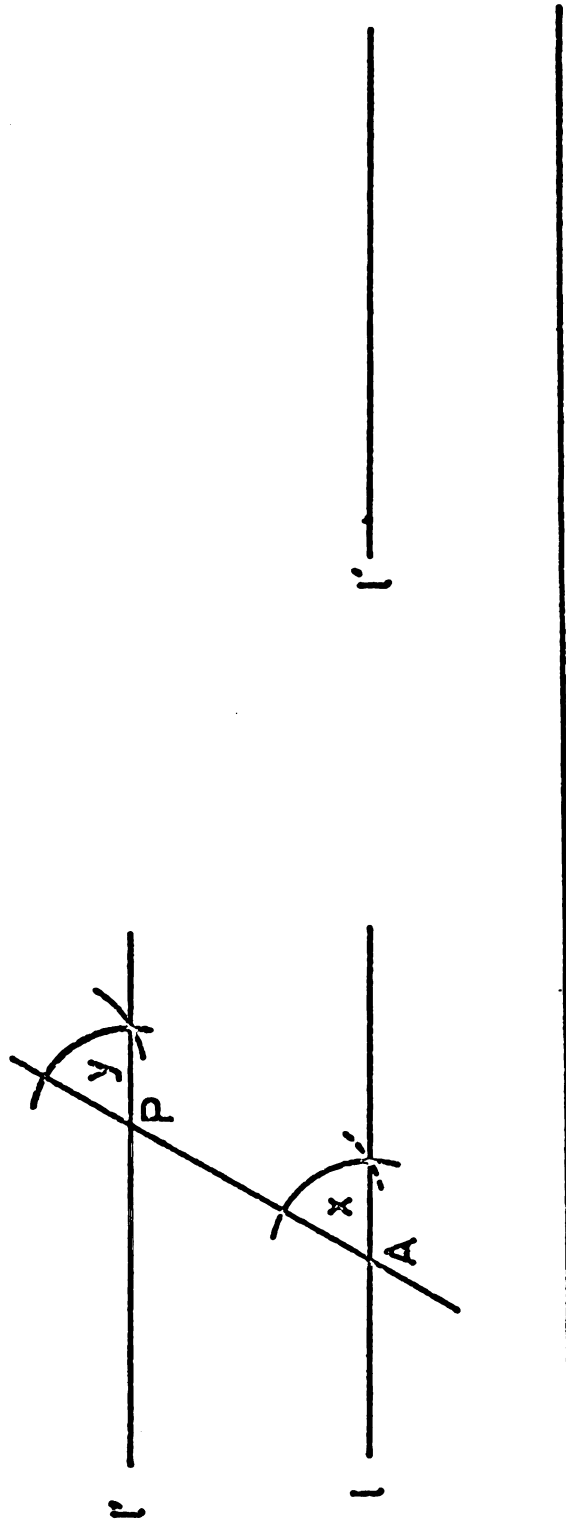
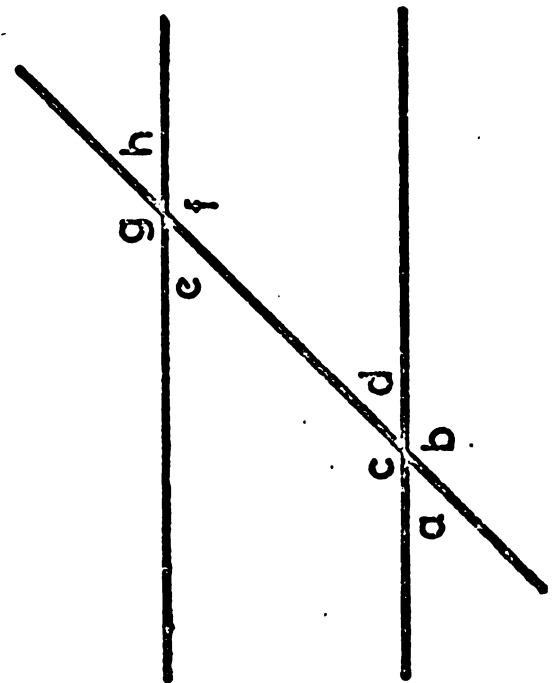


fig. 2
(QUIZ)



1. In figure 2 list pairs of angles under the following headings.

Vertical Angles **Supplementary Angles** **Alternate-Interior Angles**

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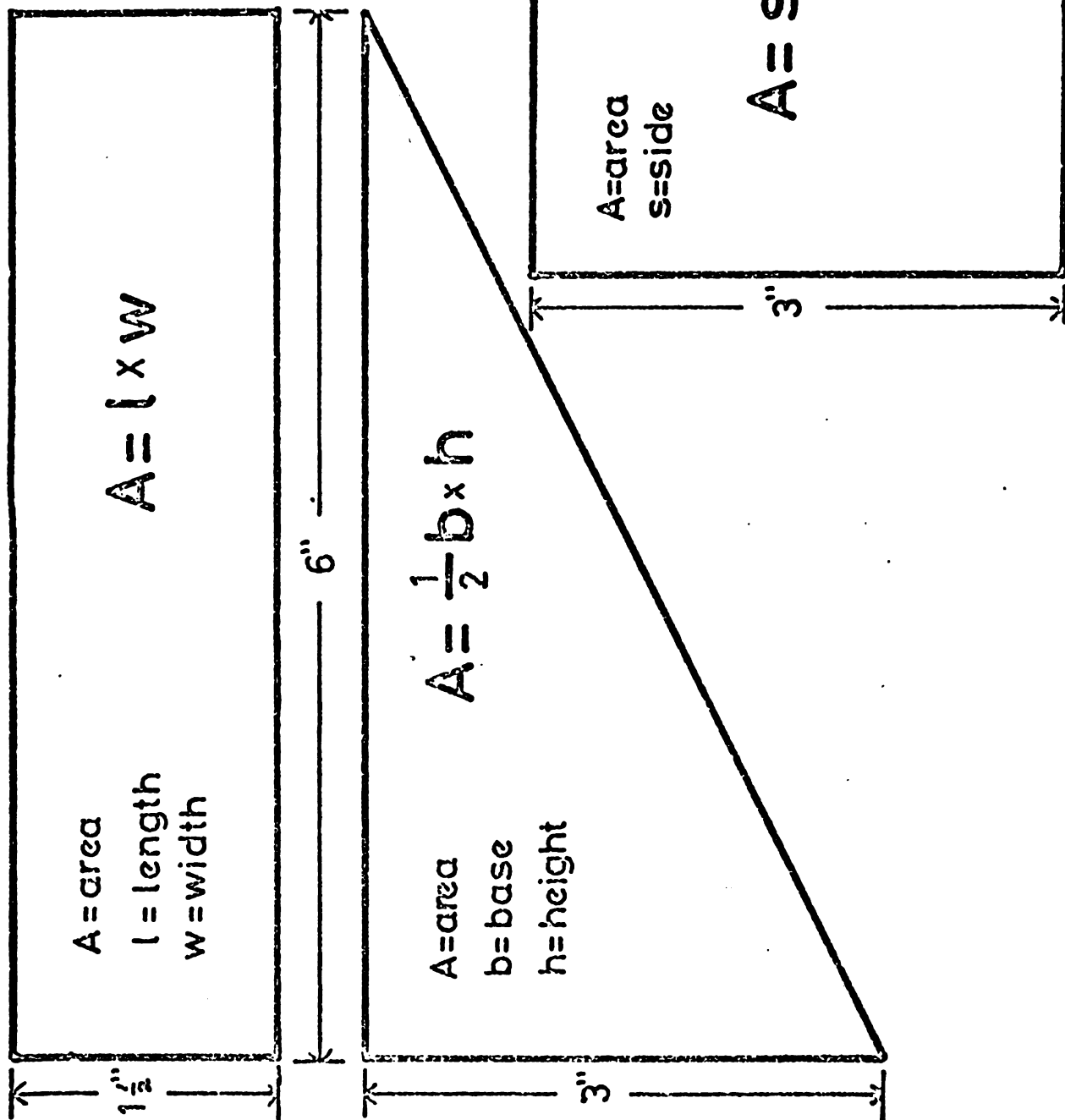
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2. Construct two lines parallel to a given line - each one inch apart.

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fig. 1



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$s =$ _____
 $s' =$ _____

fig. 2

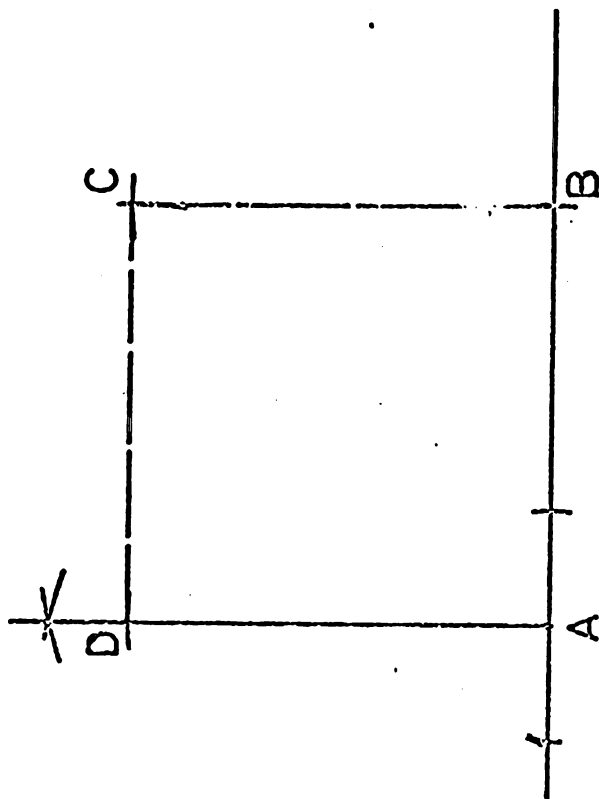
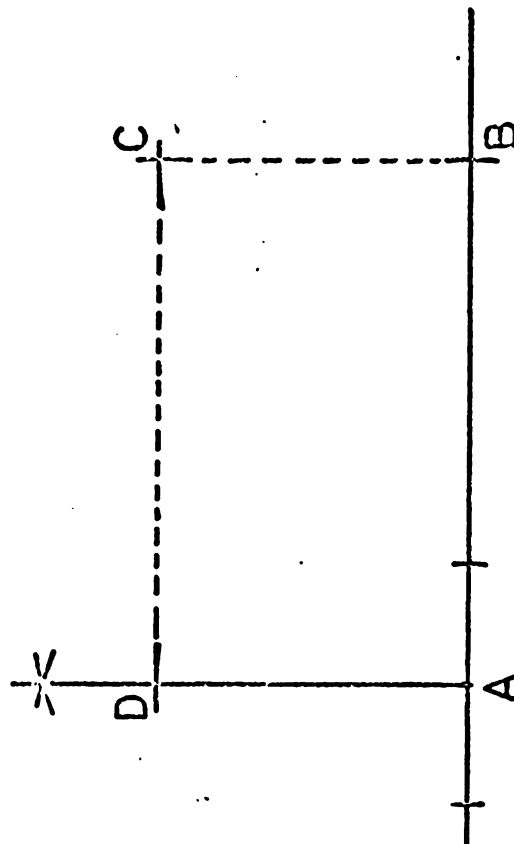


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$l =$ _____
 $w =$ _____

$l' =$ _____
 $w' =$ _____



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fig. 4
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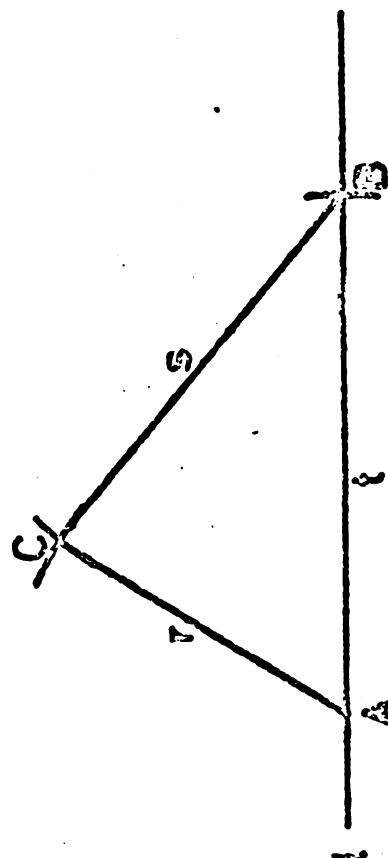
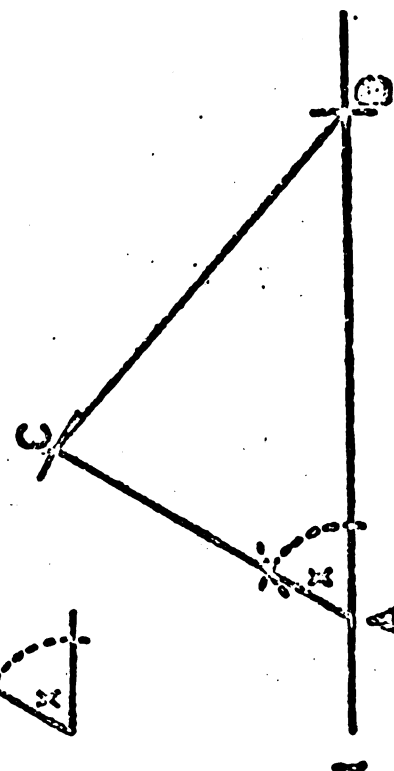
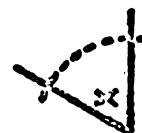


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fig. 6

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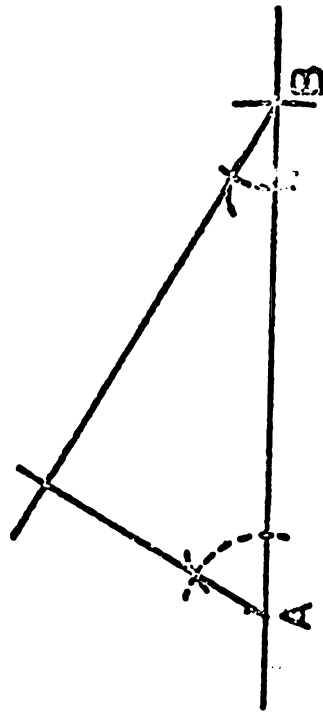
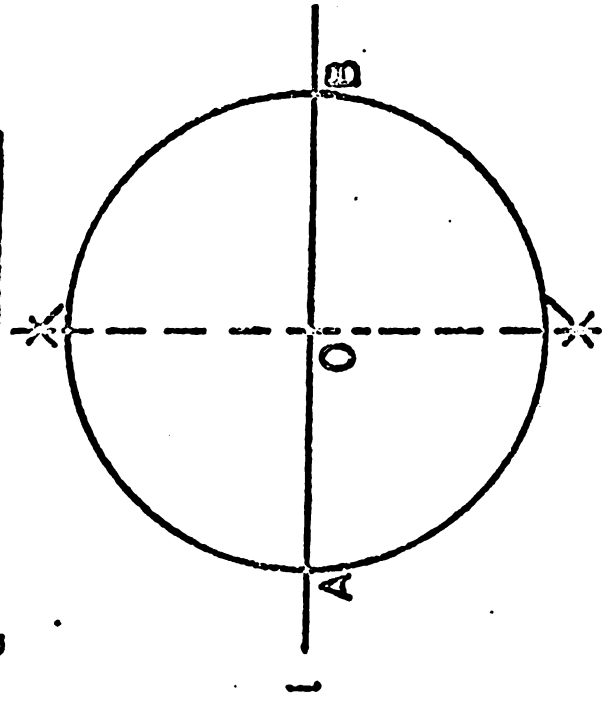


fig. 7



1. Can you find the area of a square using the formula $A = l \times w$?
2. If you double the length of the side of a square ($s \times s$) what does this do to the area of the square?
3. If you double the width (only) of a rectangle, will this double the area?
4. How many dimensions must be given to construct a square equal to a given square?
5. What dimensions must you have to construct a right triangle to a given size?
6. What do we mean in Geometry when we say S.S.S. ?
7. What do we mean in Geometry when we say S.A.S. ?
8. What do we mean in Geometry when we say A.S.A. ?
9. What determines the size of a circle?
10. Construct a triangle with sides of $1\frac{1}{2}$ ", 2", and $2\frac{1}{2}$ ". What kind of a triangle is this?

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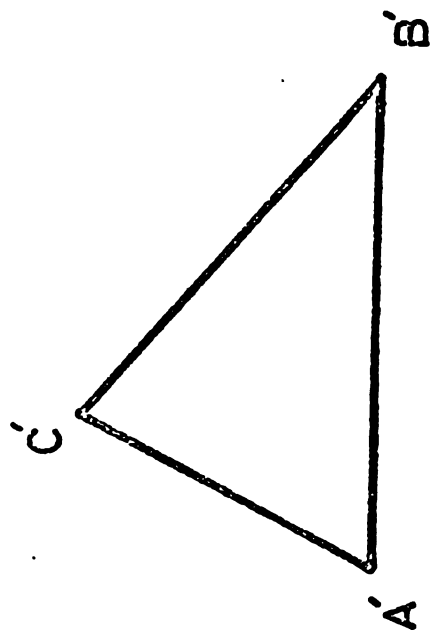
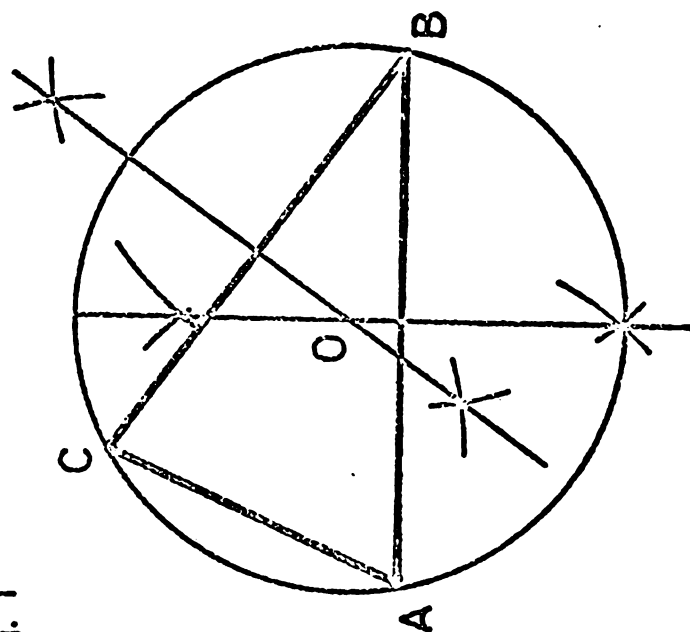
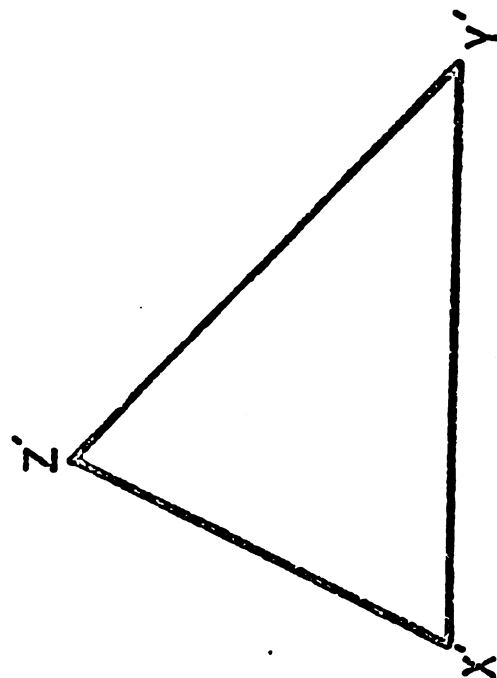
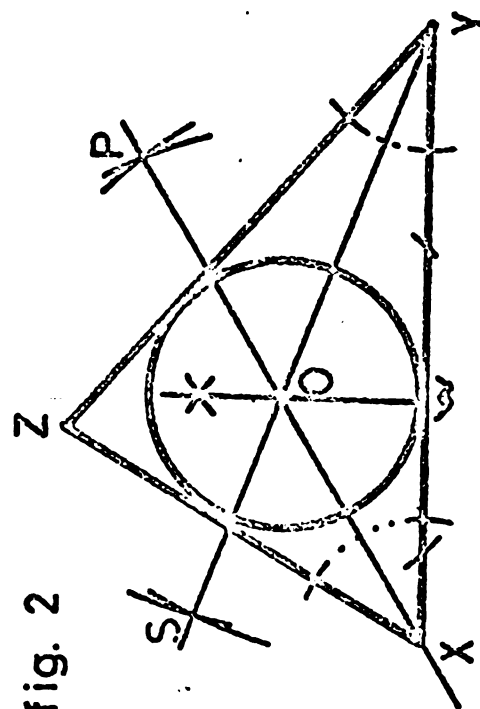
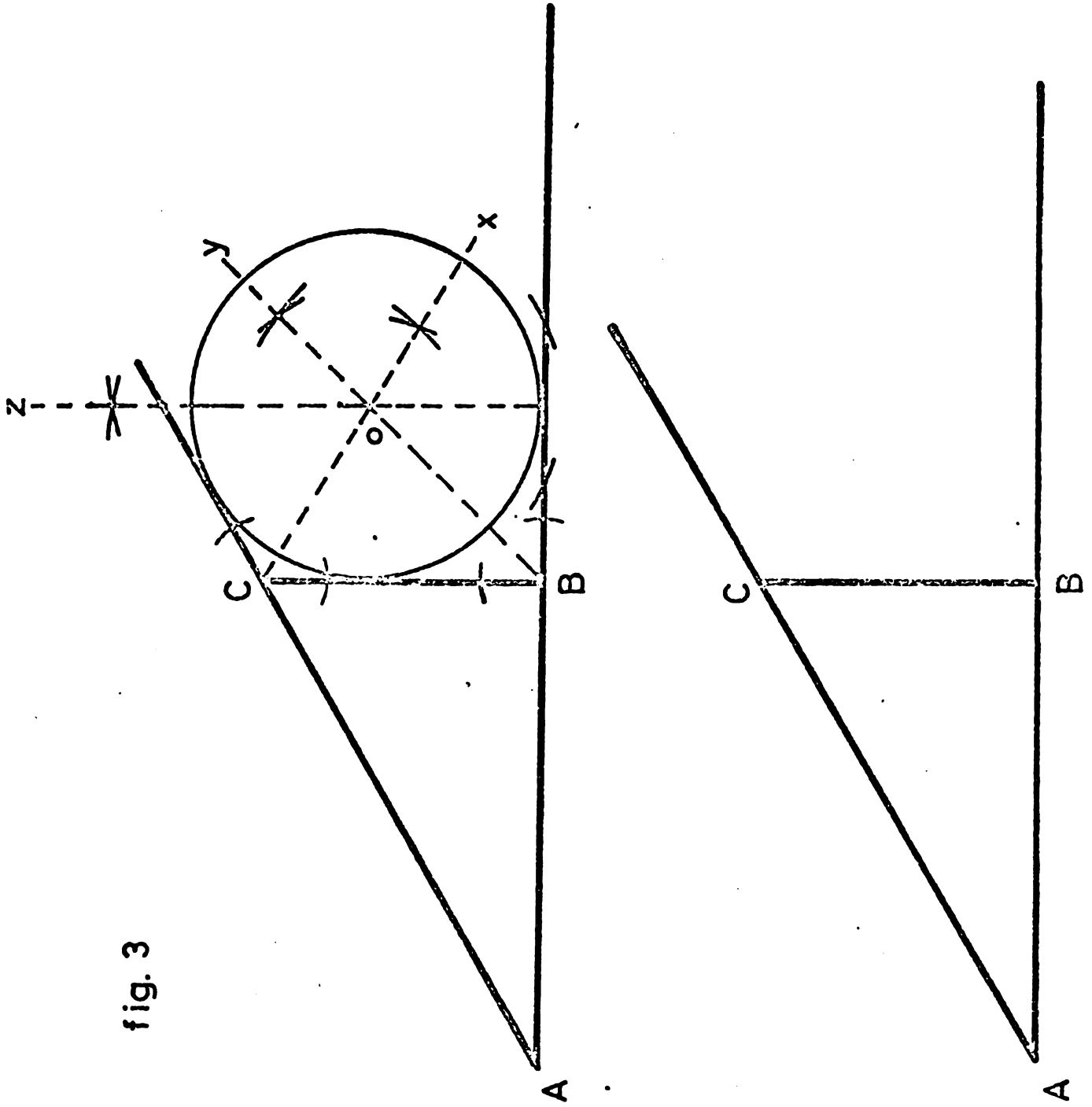


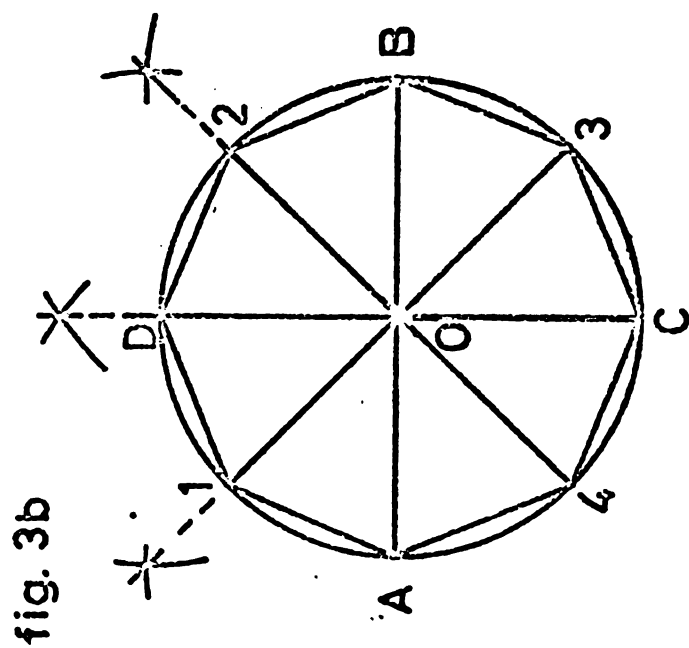
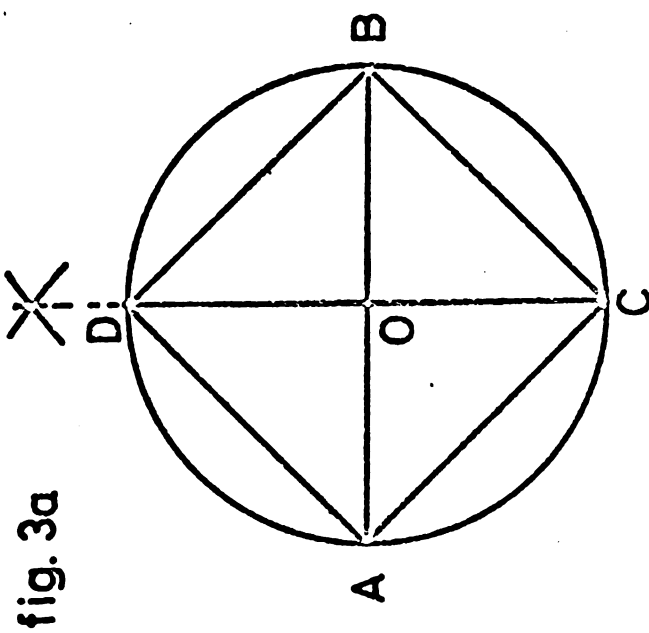
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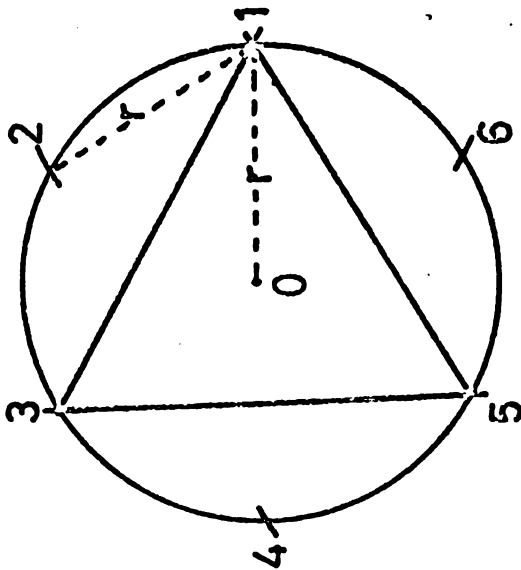
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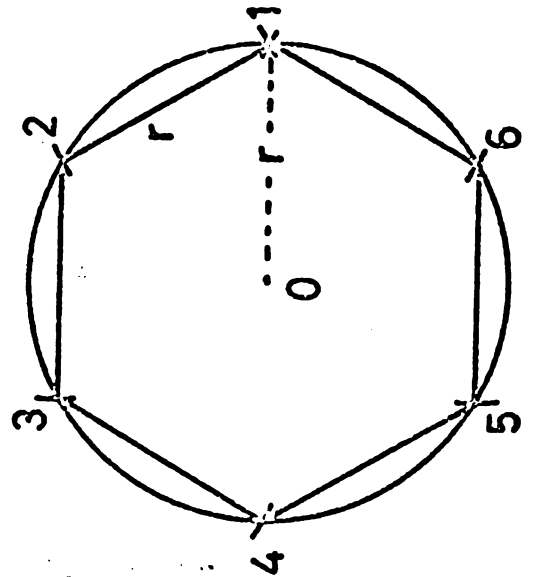
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fig. 4a



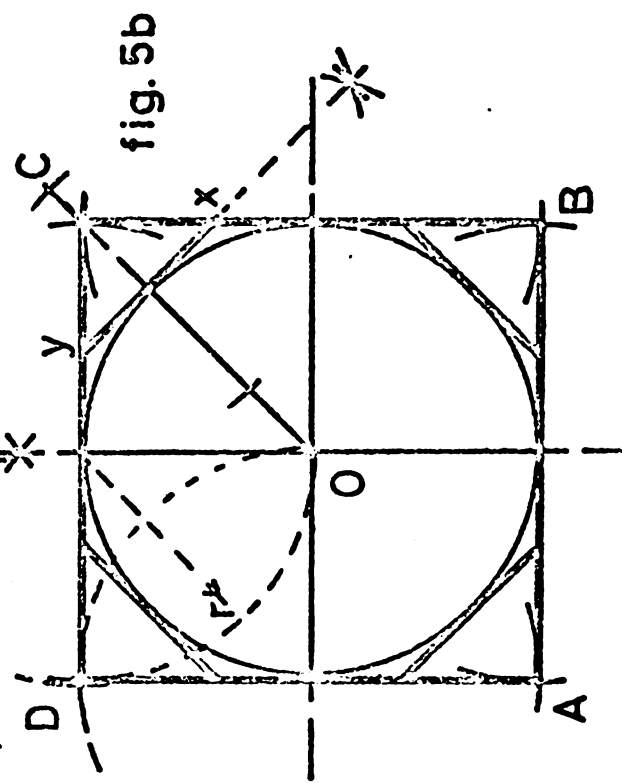
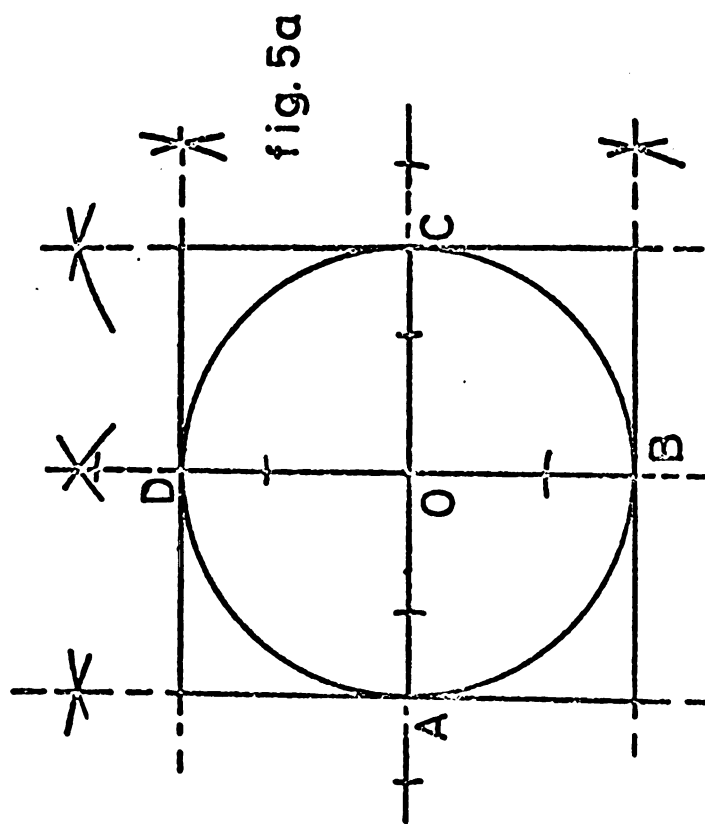
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fig. 6a

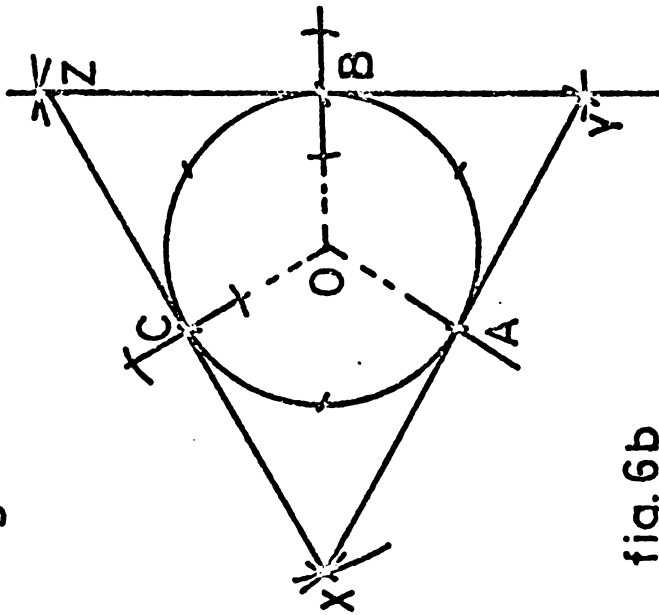
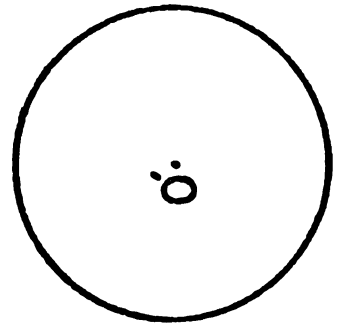
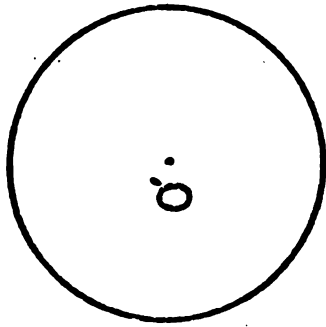
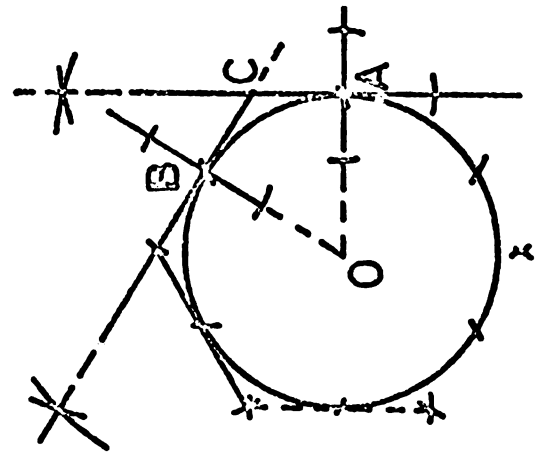
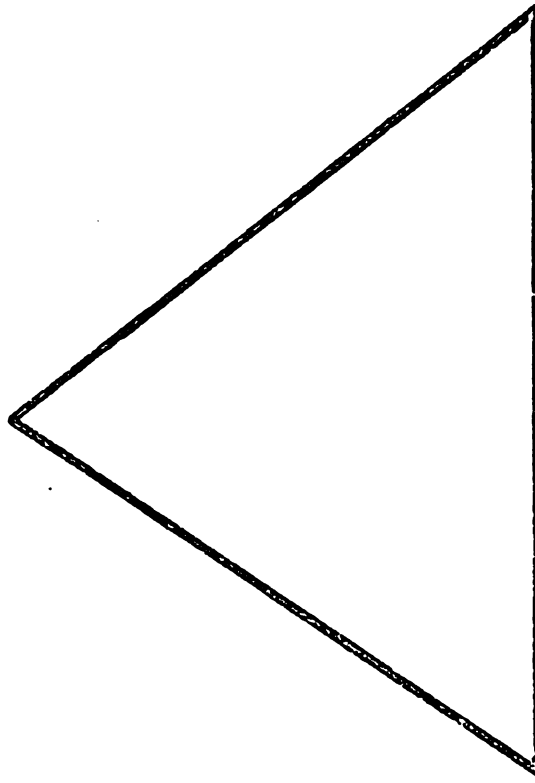


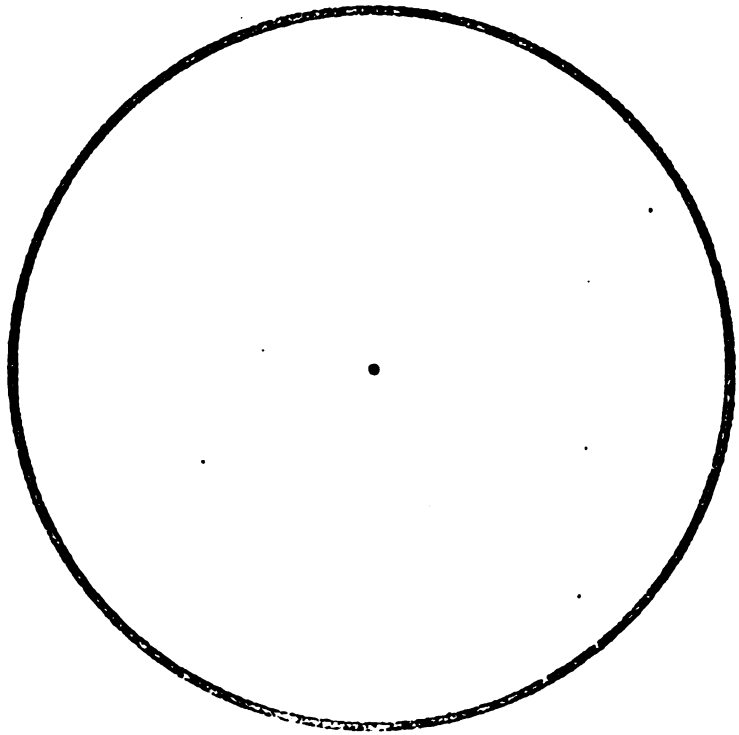
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1. Inscribe a circle
&
2. Circumscribe a circle

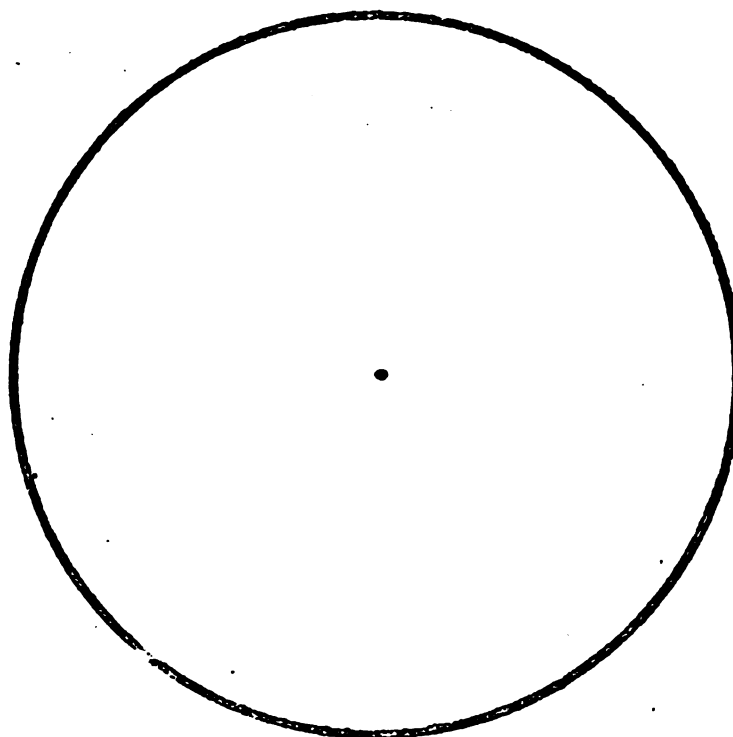


1. Inscribe an octagon
to
2. Circumscribe a square



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1. Inscribe a triangle
&
2. Circumscribe a hexagon



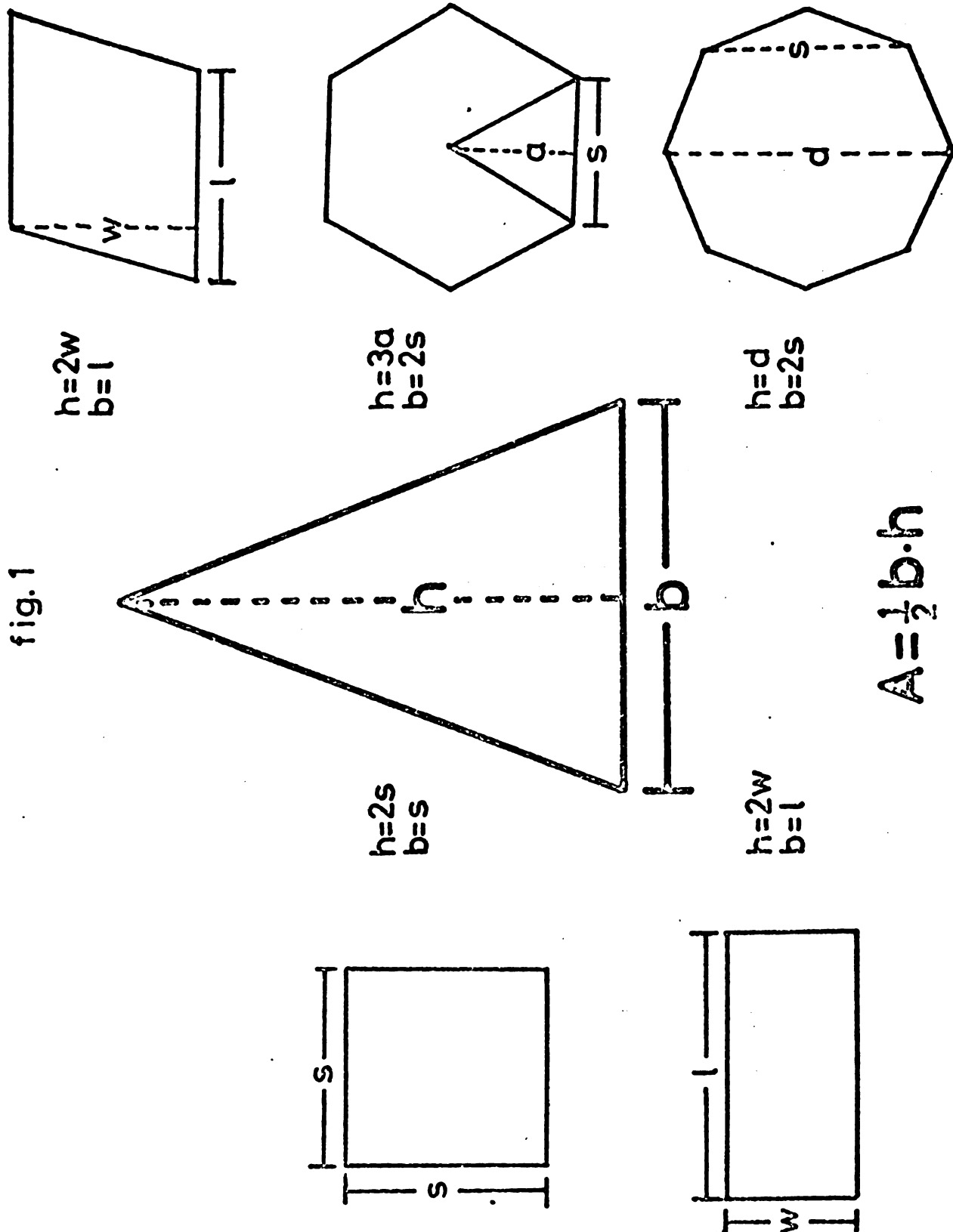
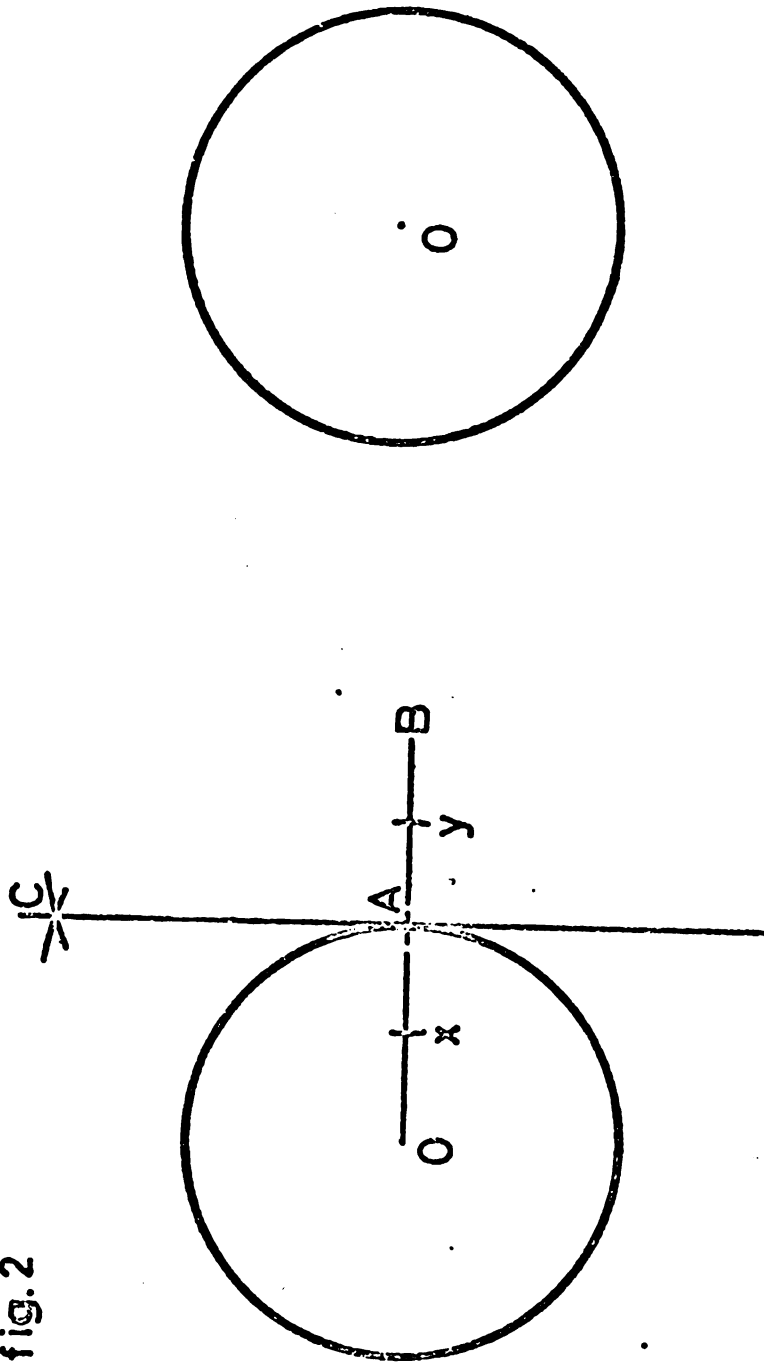


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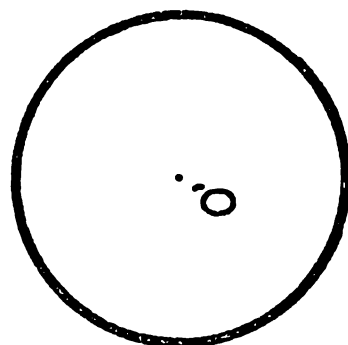
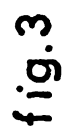
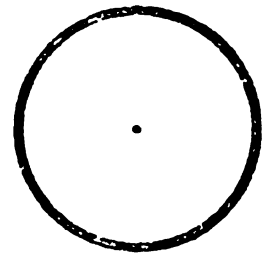
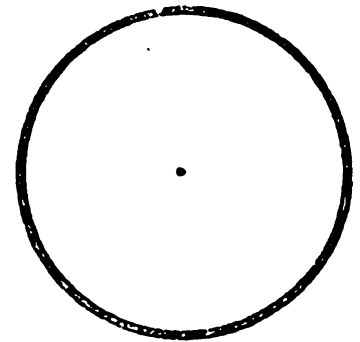
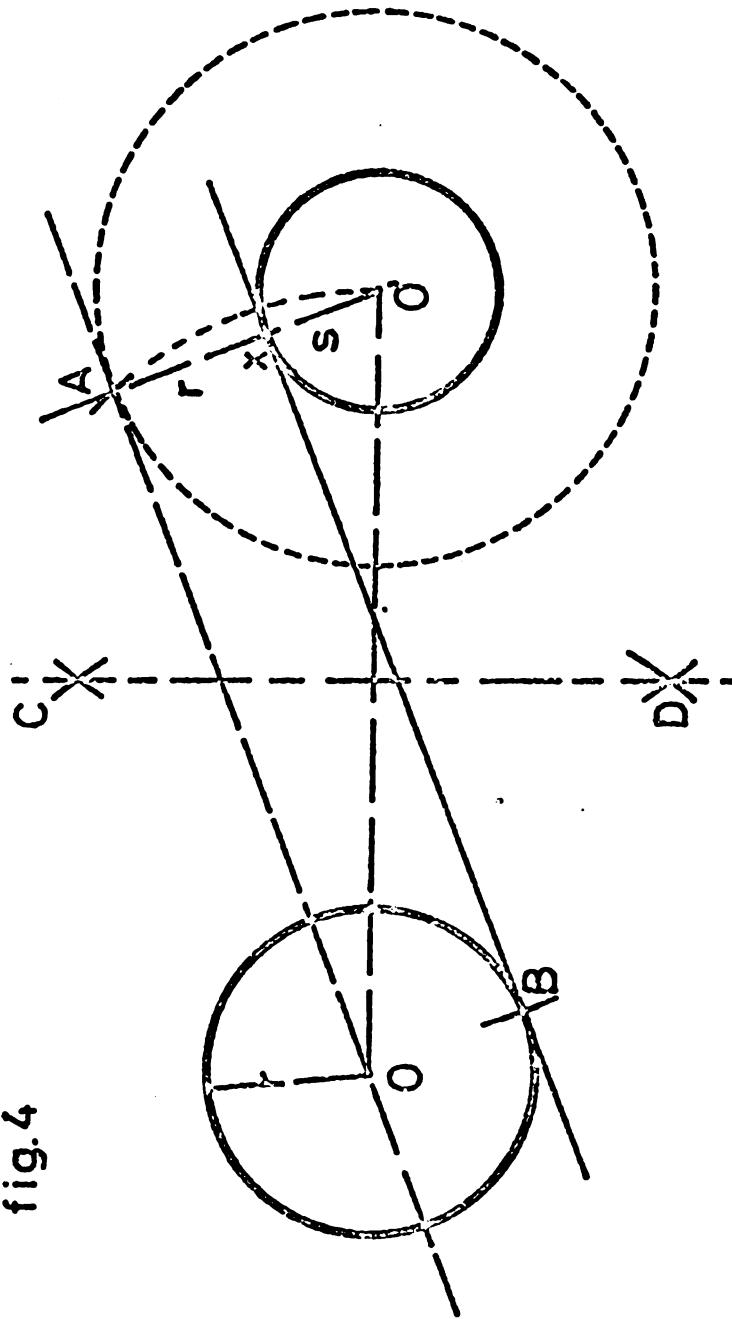


fig.4



VOCABULARY

Geometry (Plane) -- A system of mathematics which deals with properties of two dimensional figures and is concerned with points, lines and planes. In plane geometry, two dimensions (numbers) are required to determine (locate) a point, as compared to 'line' geometry which requires one (a graduated ruler is an example) or solid geometry which requires three dimensions to locate a point.

Point -- A geometric point has no length, width or thickness. A point is a geometric element of zero dimension and has only position.

Line -- A one dimensional geometric figure.

Angle -- Two rays each extended from the same point.

Ray -- The side of an angle extending from the vertex.

Vertex -- The point where the two rays of an angle meet.

Right angle -- An angle having 90° .

Degree ($^{\circ}$) -- A measurement defined as $1/360^{\text{th}}$ of a circle.

Acute angle -- An angle having less than 90° but more than 0° .

Obtuse angle -- An angle having more than 90° but less than 180° .

Straight angle -- An angle having exactly 180° .

Reflex angle -- An angle having more than 180° but less than 360° .

Adjacent angles -- Two angles having a common vertex and a common side between them.

Complementary angles -- Two angles are said to be complementary when their sum is a right angle. (90°)

Supplementary angles -- Two angles are said to be supplementary when their sum is a straight angle. (180°)

Vertical Angles -- Two non-adjacent angles which are formed by two intersecting straight lines.

Congruent Figures -- Any two geometric figures are said to be congruent if they can be made to coincide (fit exactly on each other and conversely).

Bisectors -- A line segment is bisected when it is separated into two equal parts. The bisector of an angle is a line which meets the vertex and separates the angle into two equal parts.

Circle -- A circle is a plane closed curve, all points which are equal distance from a point called the centre.

Radius -- A line joining the centre of the circle with any point on the circumference of the circle.

Circumference -- A closed curved line on which all points are equidistant from the centre.

Diameter -- A diameter is a line drawn from one side of a circle to the other side, through the centre.

(Refer to figure)

Alternate-Interior
/angles

- angles c and f, d and o.

Alternate-Exterior
/angles

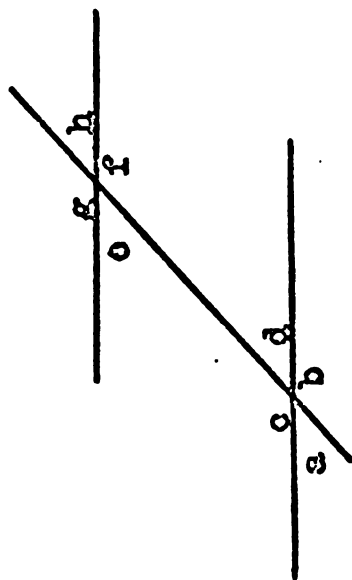
- angles a and h, b and g.

Corresponding Angles
(Interior-Exterior)

- angles e and o, o and g,
b and f, d and h.

Converse

- Reversed in order. Example, If $A = B$, then conversely
 $B = A$.



$\angle$ angle $\parallel$ (is) parallel to; parallel $\frown$ arc $\perp$ (is) perpendicular to $\odot$ circle $\overset{\circ}{=}$ is equal in degrees to $=$ (is) equal to; equals; equal $\sim$ (is) similar to; similar $\neq$ is not equal to $\square$ parallelogram $>$ is greater than $\therefore$ therefore $<$ is less than $\triangle$ triangle $\cong$ (is) congruent to; congruent

The plural of any symbol representing a noun is formed by adding the letter s. Thus $\odot$ means circles.

S.A.S.- If two triangles have two sides and the included angle of one equal respectively to two sides and the included angle of the other, the triangles are congruent.

A.S.A.- If two triangles have two angles and the included side of one equal respectively to two angles and the included side of the other, the triangles are congruent.

S.S.S.- If two triangles have the three sides of one equal respectively to the three sides of the other, the triangles are congruent.

ABBREVIATIONS

adj. - adjacent	ext. - external	rect. - rectangle
alt. - alternate	Fig. - figure	rt. - right
Ax. - axiom	int. - interior	st. - straight
comp. - complementary	isos. - isosceles	supp. - supplementary
corr. - corresponding	opp. - opposite	Prop. - proposition
Def. - definition	quad. - quadrilateral	Post. - postulate
Ex. - exercise		

Additional abbreviations (record as needed)

AXIOMS

1. If equals are added to equals, the sums are equal.
2. If equals are subtracted from equals, the remainders are equal.
3. If equals are multiplied by equals, the products are equal.
4. If equals are divided by equals, the quotients are equal. (0 may not be used)
5. A quantity may be substituted for its equal.
6. Quantities which are equal to the same quantity or to equal quantities are equal to each other.
7. Like powers or like roots of equals are equal.
8. The whole is equal to the sum of its parts and is greater than any one of them.
9. Of two quantities of the same kind, the first is greater than, equal to, or less than the second.

POSTULATES

(Geometric statements accepted as true without proof)

1. One straight line, and only one, can be drawn through two points.
2. Two straight lines cannot intersect in more than one point.
3. A straight line can be extended indefinitely in two directions.
4. A straight line is the shortest line that can be drawn between two points.
5. One circle, and only one, can be drawn with any given point as a center and any given line segment as a radius.
6. Any geometric figure can be moved without changing its size or shape.
7. A straight line segment has one midpoint, and only one.
8. An angle can be bisected by one line, and only one.
9. All right angles are equal, and all straight angles are equal.
10. At any point on a straight line one perpendicular, and only one, can be drawn to the line
11. The perpendicular is the shortest line segment that can be drawn from a given point to a given line.
12. The sum of all the angles about a point is two straight angles.
13. The sum of all the angles about a point on one side of a straight angle is a straight angle.

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14. If two adjacent angles have their exterior sides in a straight line, they are supplementary.
15. If two adjacent angles are supplementary, their exterior sides lie in a straight line.
16. All radii of a circle or of equal circles are equal.
17. A straight line cannot intersect a circle in more than two points.

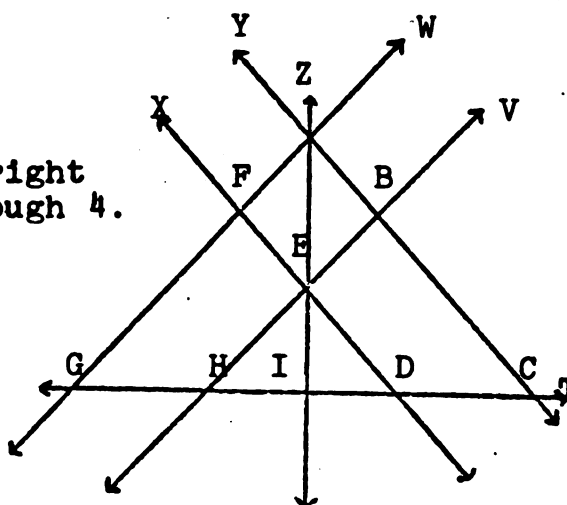
PRE-AND POSTTEST

APPENDIX D

Pre-and Posttest

Booklet Number _____

Refer to the diagram at the right in answering questions 1 through 4.



1. Name two lines containing point G. _____
2. Name three lines containing point B. _____
3. How many lines are shown that contain point I? _____
4. How many lines are shown that contain point E? _____
5. If two angles have a common vertex and a common side between them they are called _____
6. The meeting place of two rays of an angle is called _____
7. If you double the length of the side of a square what does this do to the area of the square? _____
8. What dimensions must you have to construct a right triangle to a given size? _____
9. What determines the size of a circle? _____
10. What is the name of an angle equal to ninety degrees (90°)? _____

1. The first of these is the

second of these is the

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