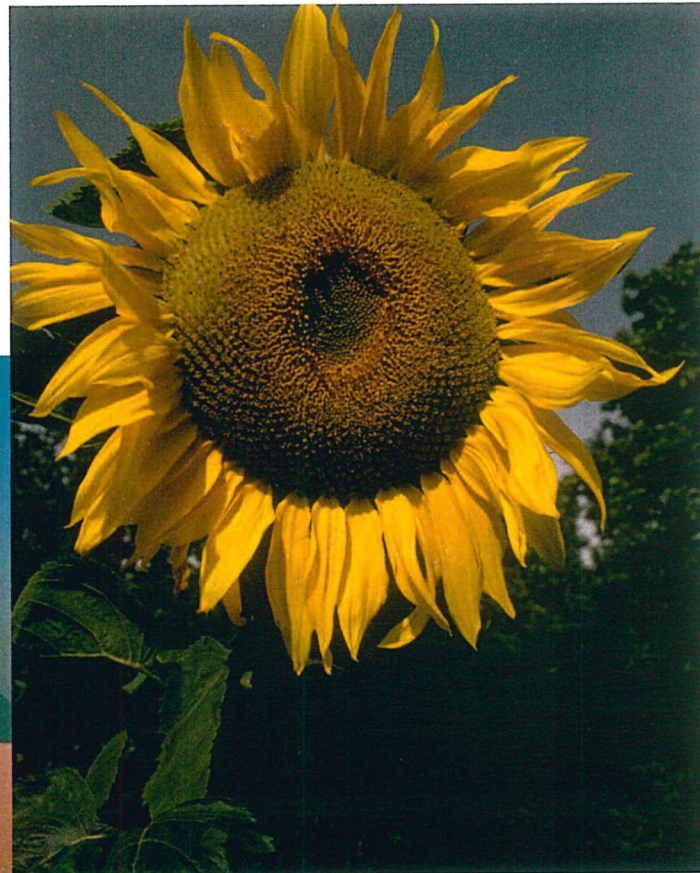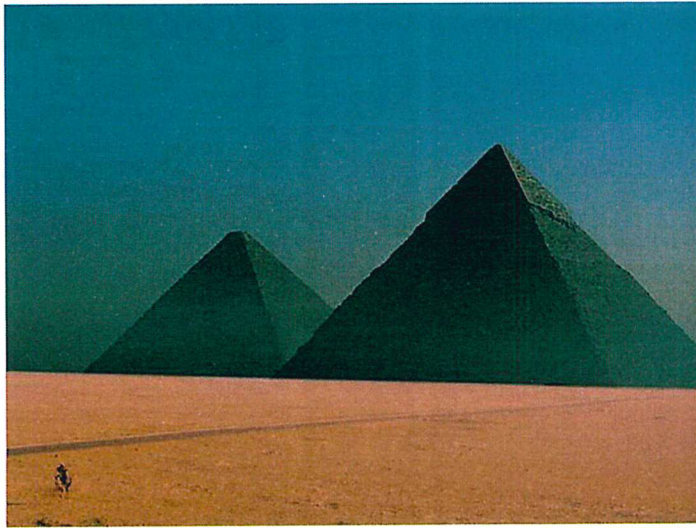# Golden Ratio

The Golden Ratio

Given a line segment AB, the point C on the line such that the ratio of the length of the line AB to the length of the line AC is the same as

A   B

This ratio is known as the *Golden Ratio* and is denoted by the Greek letter ϕ. We have

$$\frac{AB}{AC} = \frac{AC}{CB} = \phi$$

Solutions To Quadratic Equations

An equation of the form:

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

has solutions

The Value Of The Golden Ratio

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Therefore

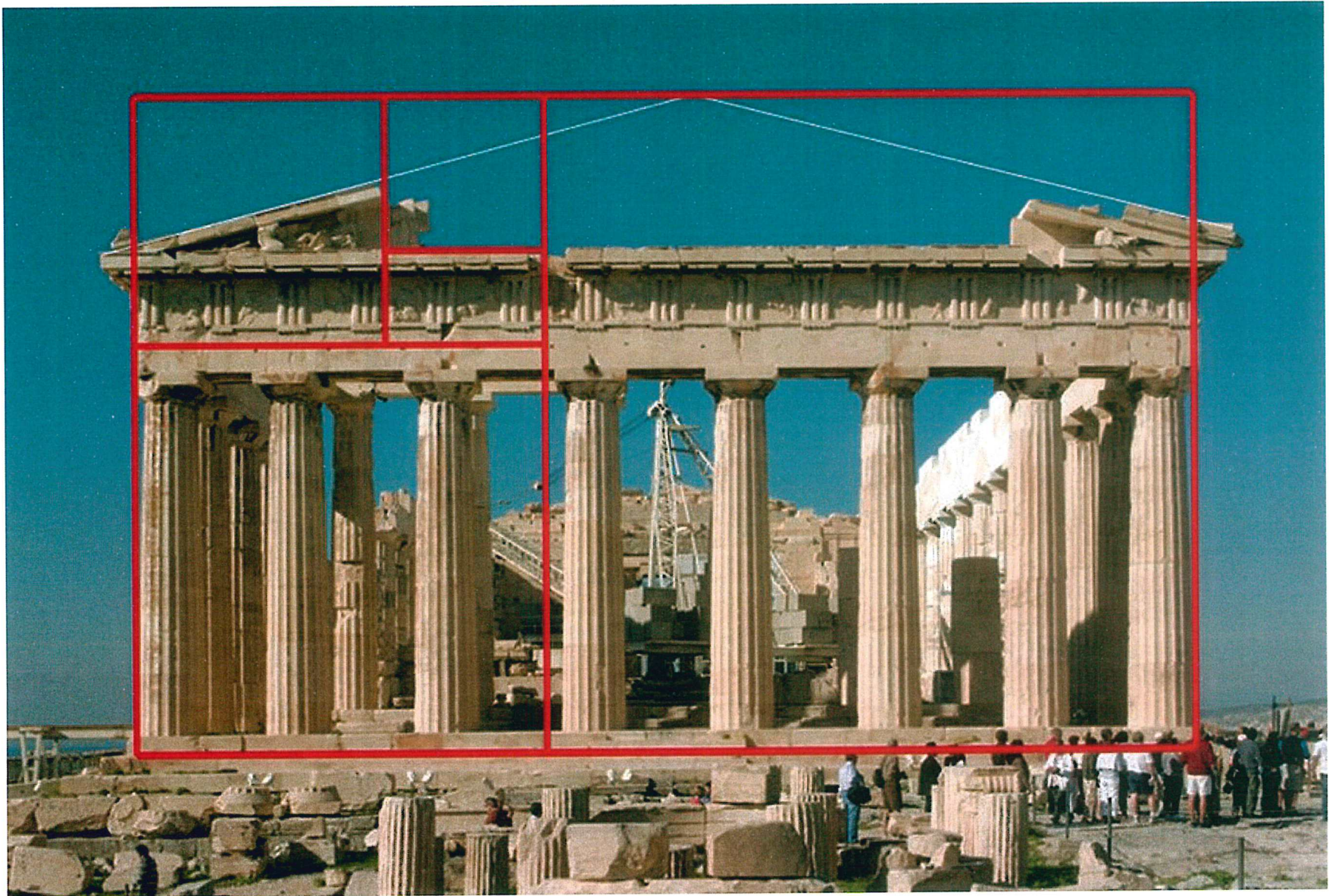$$\phi = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \approx 1.618$$

Note: ϕ is the only positive solution to the equation

$$x^2 - x - 1 = 0.$$

Construction 1: The Golden Cut
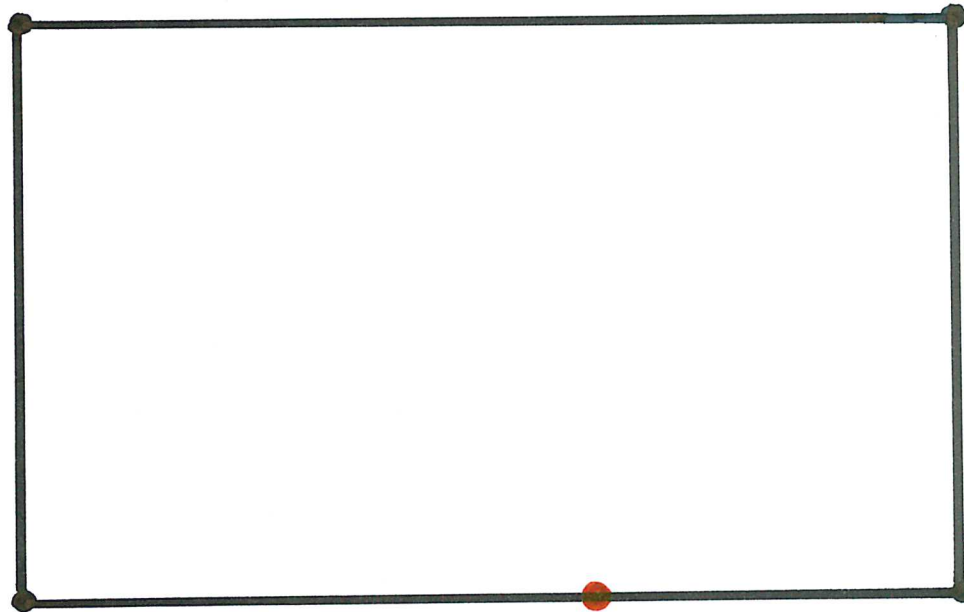
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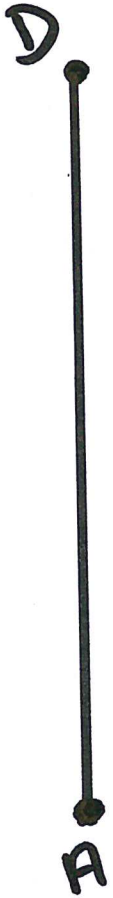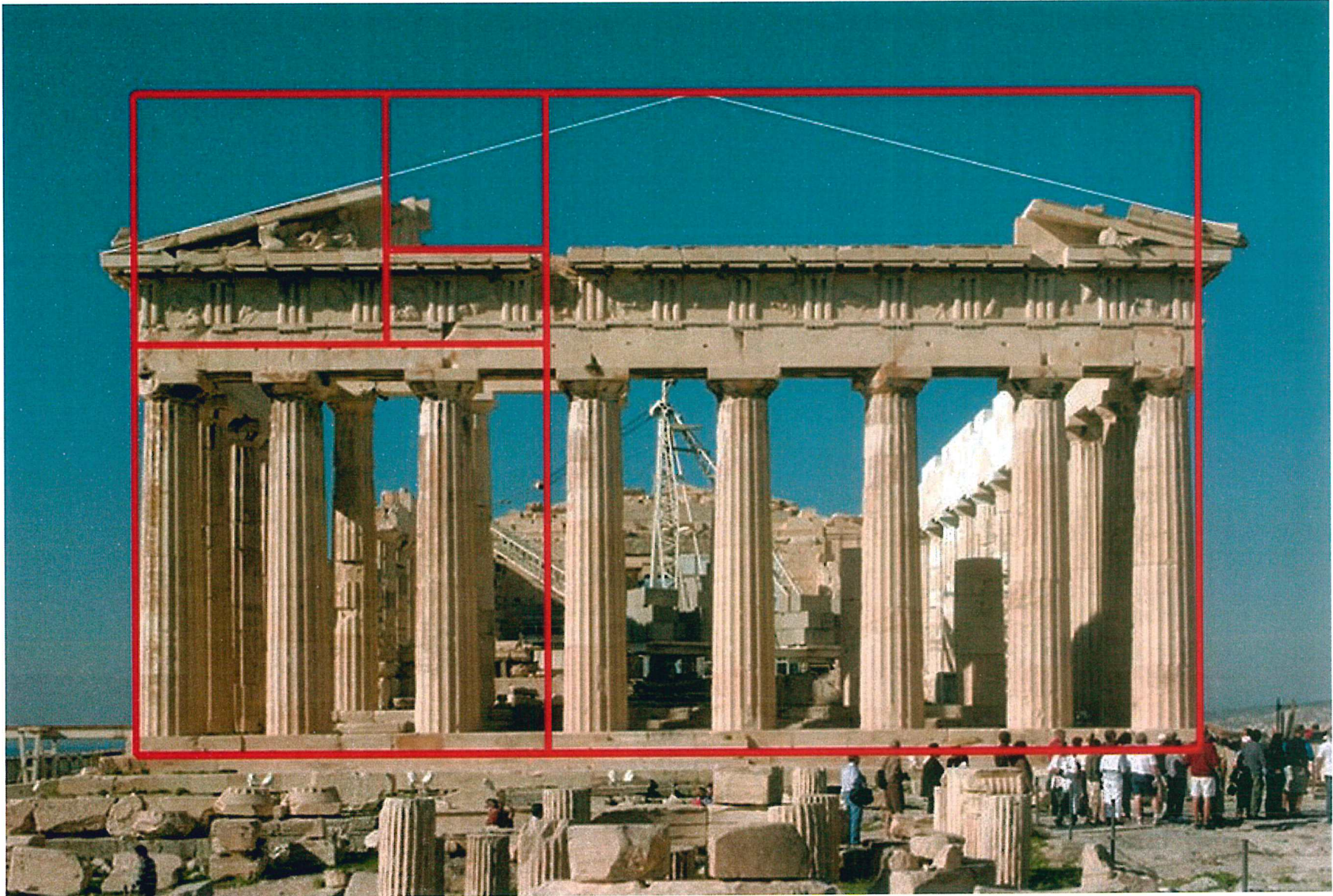# Golden Rectangle: Parthenon, Athens (Built 448-432 BC.)

Golden Rectangle

A *Golden Rectangle* is a rectangle that has side lengths that are in *golden proportion*.
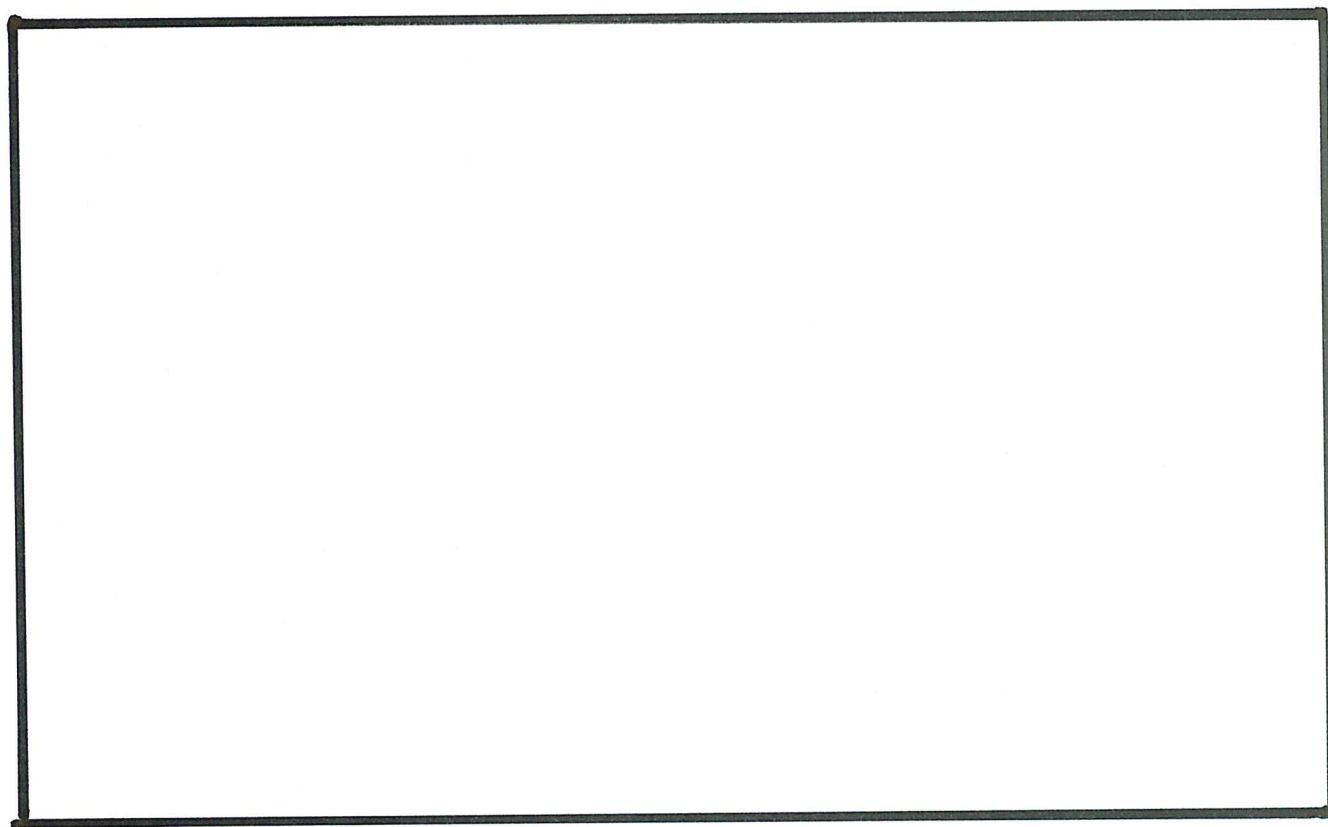
Construction 2: Golden Rectangle Given A Shorter Side

D

A

Golden Spiral: Parthenon, Athens (Built 448-432 BC.)

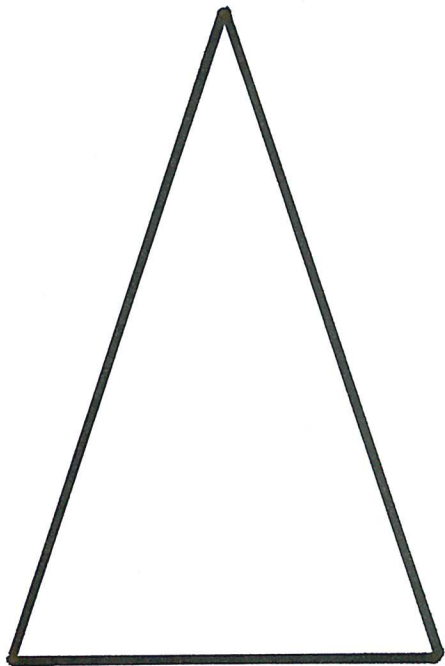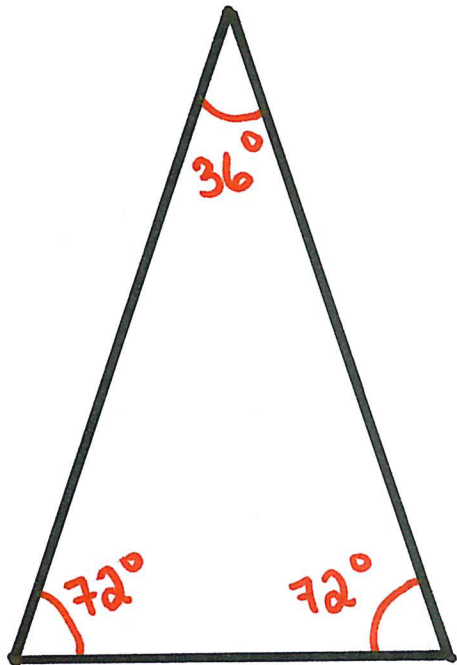# Construction 3: Golden Spiral

Golden Spiral

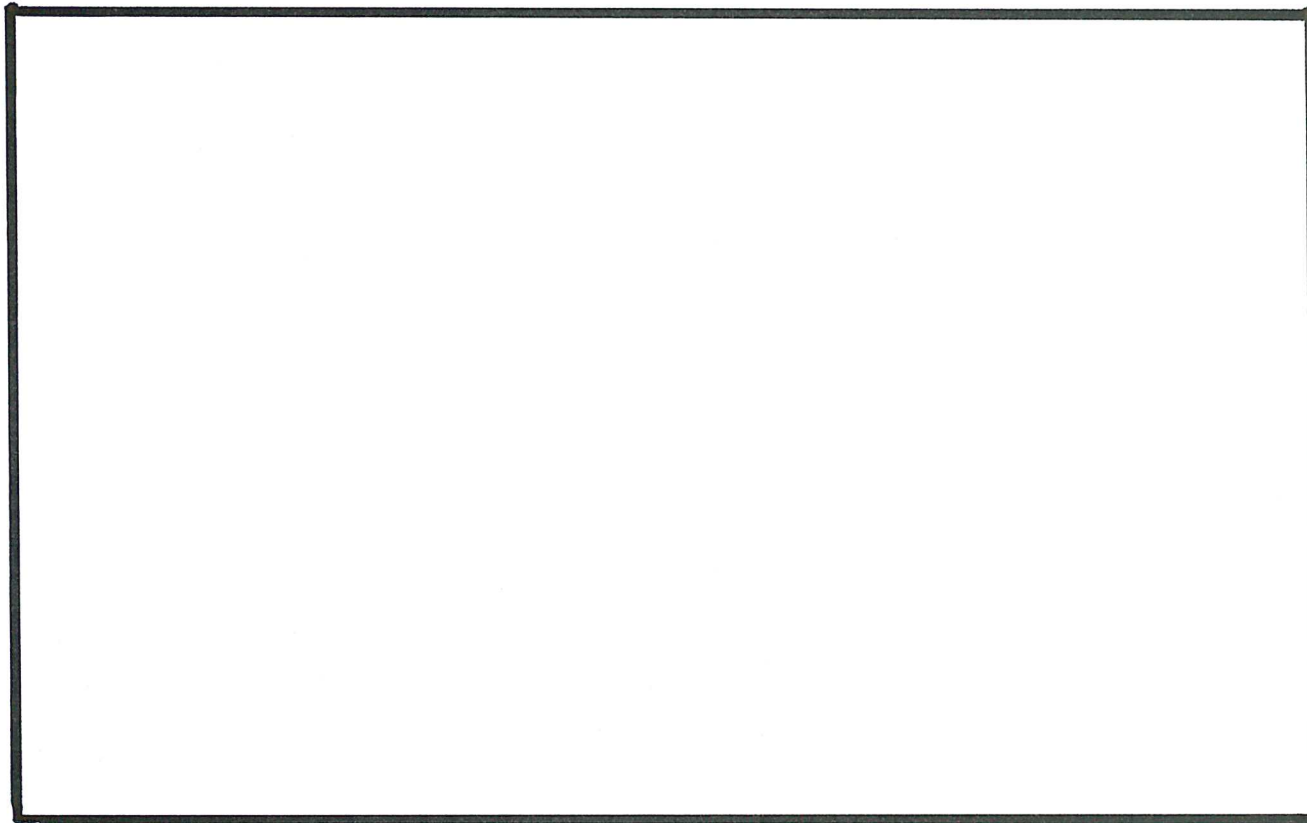Classique IV   © 2005 lmc

Golden Triangles

Is This A Golden Acute Triangle?

Construction 4: Acute Golden Triangle Over A Given Base

A •————————————• B
    C
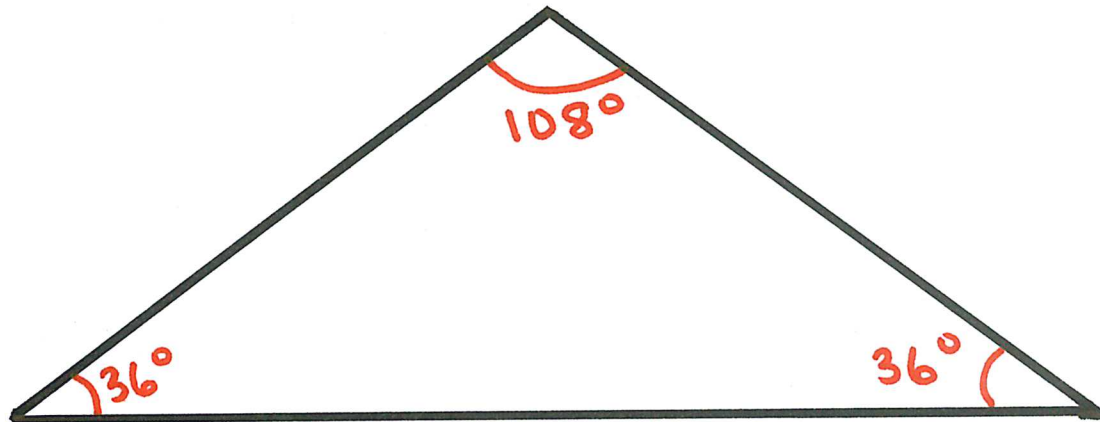
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Given Base

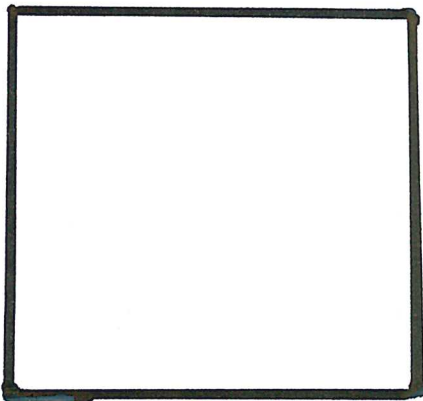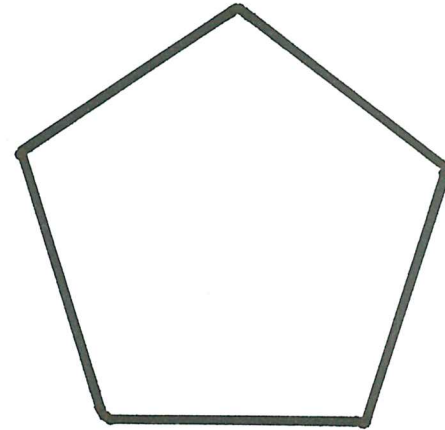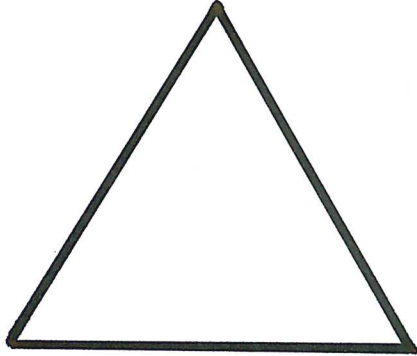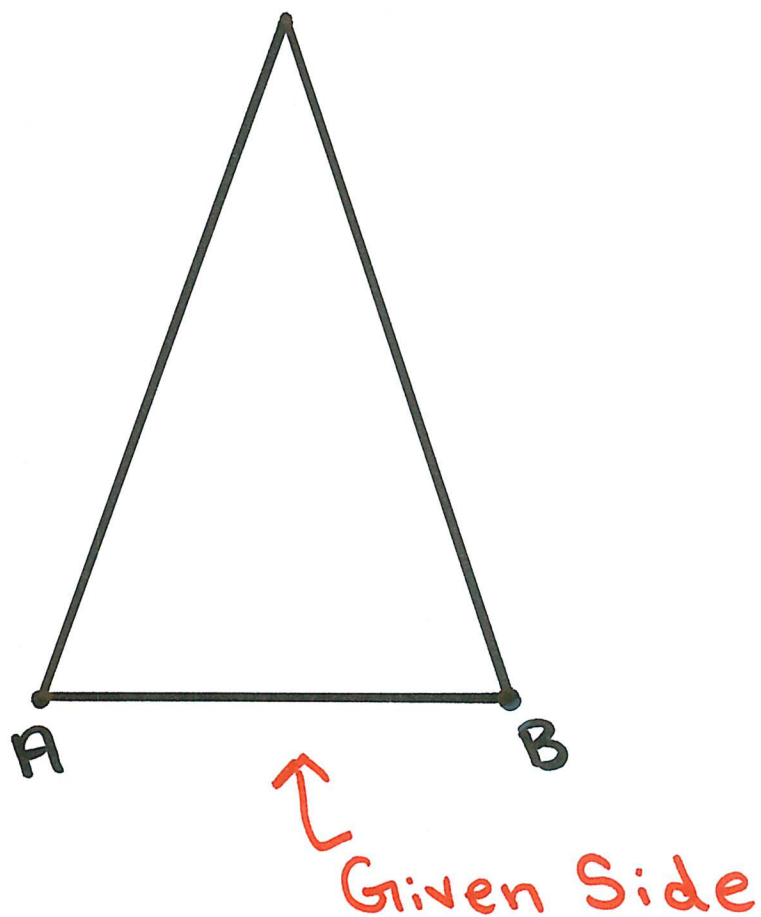# Construction 5: Alternate Construction Of An Acute Golden Triangle Over A Given Base

given
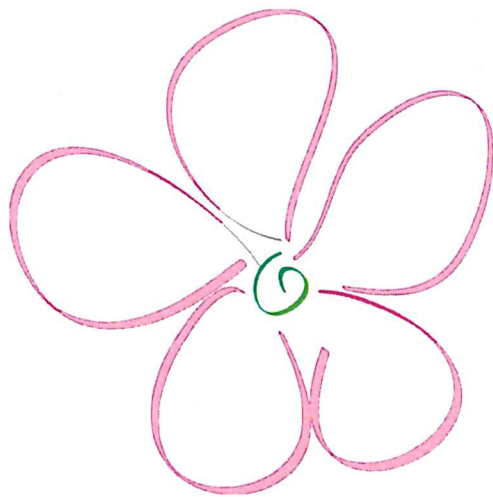base

Construction 6: Subdividing An Obtuse Golden Triangle

Recall: Regular Polygons
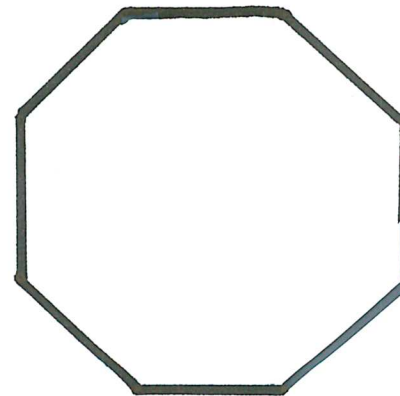
Construction 7: Regular Pentagon Over A Given Side

↑ Given Side

QUESTIONS???