Answers for Grade 11 Group Assignments - Quarter #3

Notes:



- 3) MN (from Step #4) equals FE (from Step #1). Since ΔABC has sides equal to 2, rectangle DEFG has sides of length 1 and √3/2. FE is then √7/2 ≈ 1.3229. LM (from Step #4) is twice DP (from Step #1).
 ΔDEF ~ ΔDEP (from Step #1) DF: FE = √3: √7 = DP: DE Since DE = 1, DP = √3/√7 then LM = 2√3/√7 ≈ 1.3093. Therefore, the drawing in Step #4 is not a square!
- 4) F needs to move to the right because FE needs to become a bit shorter.
- 5) Since the altitude of the triangle is √3, we can get ⁴√3 by square rooting √3. Following Descartes's instructions (and drawing), we create a horizontal line that has a length of DC plus EC (from the drawing in Step #1), and meets at point G (in Descartes's drawing). Now draw a semi-circle about that line, and then, from point G, construct a vertical line, which gives you ⁴√3.
- 7) From the drawing in Step #1, we can use the Law of Sines with triangle FEC.

 $\sin(\angle EFC)$: $\sin(60^\circ) = 1: \sqrt[4]{3}$. $\angle EFC \approx 41.15$. All other angles then follow.



• Further reading about this interesting puzzle, and others like it: <u>https://www.cutoutfoldup.com/109-turn-an-equilateral-triangle-into-a-square.php</u> <u>https://mathworld.wolfram.com/Dissection.html</u>



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