Extra credit problems

Math 427

0. Find a mistake or misprint in the book. (The score depends on the type of mistake.)

1. Describe all the motions of the Manhattan plane.

2. Construct a metric space $\mathcal{X}$ and a distance-preserving map $f\colon \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{X}$ that is not a motion of $\mathcal{X}$.

3. Note that the following quantity

$$\tilde{\measuredangle} ABC = \left[\begin{array}{lll} \pi & \text{if} & \measuredangle ABC = \pi, \\ -\measuredangle ABC & \text{if} & \measuredangle ABC < \pi. \end{array}\right.$$

can serve as the angle measure; that is, the axioms hold if one changes everywhere $\measuredangle$ to $\tilde{\measuredangle}$.
(a) Show that $\measuredangle$ and $\tilde{\measuredangle}$ are the only possible angle measures on the plane.
(b) Show that without Axiom IIIc, this is not longer true.

4. Show that a composition of three reflections in the sides of a nondegenerate triangle does not have a fixed point.

5. Lines ℓ and m are tangent to two circles of radiuses r and R on such a way the circles are on one side of ℓ and on different sides of m. Let A and B be tangential points of ℓ and Q be the point of intersection ℓ and m. Show that

$$QA{\cdot}QB = R{\cdot}r.$$

6. Given a line segment with a marked midpoint, make a ruler-only construction a line thru a given point P parallel to the segment.

7. Let ABC be a nondegenerate triangele and $A' \in (BC)$, $B' \in (CA)$, $C' \in$ $\in (AB)$ be the points such that

$$2{\cdot}\measuredangle AA'B \equiv 2{\cdot}\measuredangle BB'C \equiv 2{\cdot}\measuredangle CC'A \equiv \tfrac{2}{3}{\cdot}\pi.$$

Show that the triangle formed by the lines (BB'), (CC'), and (AA'), is congruent to $\triangle ABC$.

8. Give a ruler-and-compass construction of an inscribed quadrilateral with given sides.

9. A circle Γ, a point $P \in \Gamma$, and a line ℓ are given. Assume ℓ passes thru the center of Γ. Make a ruler-only construction of a line thru P that is perpendicular to ℓ.

10. Let A and C be two different points a circle Γ with the center O. For any third point P of the circle let X and Y be the midpoints of the segments $[AP]$ and $[CP]$. Finally, let H be the orthocenter of the triangle OXY. Prove that the position of the point H does not depend on the choice of P.

11. Two points A and B lie on one side of a line ℓ. Two points M and N are chosen on ℓ such that $AM + BM$ is minimal and $AN = BN$. Show that points A, B, M and N lie on one circle.

12. Suppose D and E lie on the same side from (AC), $(AE) \parallel (CD)$, and $AB = BC$. Let K be the intersection of the bisectors of the angles EAB and BCD. Prove that $(BK) \parallel (AE)$.

13. Give a ruler-and-compass construction of a circle or a line which perpendicular to each of three given circles. (You may assume any two of three given circles do not intersect. Play with the java applet "Perpendicular to 3 circles.html" on anton-petrunin.github.io/birkhoff/car/.)

14. Show that a neutral plane is Euclidean if and only if it has a rectangle.