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- 1. Quadrature Problem: Given a region in the plane, find a root so that the square of this root has the same area.
- a. Quadrature of a Triangle: Given  $\triangle$ ABC,

Find a square  $\square$  DEFG with root = DE and area of  $\square$  DEFG = area of  $\triangle$ ABC

i. Construct a rectangle equal in area to that of  $\triangle$ ABC



ii. Construct a square equal in area to the rectangle.



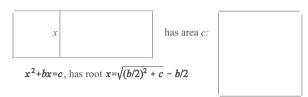
## b. Quadrature for Polygons:

Problem: Find the root of a square that has the same area as a given polygon. Suggest the outline for a procedure to accomplish the solution of the problem.

Hint: Use triangles and the Pythagorean Theorem.

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2. Example for completing the square problem:			
[ al'Khowarizmi ≈820 AD and al'Khayyam≈1100 AD.]			
Find the root of the square which when added to a rectangle with one side			
of the same length as the root gives a rectangle of area $c$ .			
x b			



- 3. Descartes Arithmetic for Segments:
  - a. Multiplication using a unit segment and proportional sides of similar triangles.

b. Square roots using a unit segment and right triangles in a semicircle.

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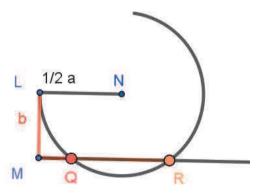
- 4. Descartes Arithmetic for Line Segments;
  - a. Multiplication
  - b. Square Roots
- 5. Descartes solves a quadratic equation for the arithmetic of segments.

$$z^2 = az - b^2$$

NL = 1/2 a, LM = b,  $NL_{\perp}LM$ .  $MQR \mid \mid LN$ 

Circle with center N, through L, meeting MQR at Q and R.

Show that MQ and MR are solutions for z in the equation. [Hint:Use the Pythagorean Theorem]





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- 6. Suppose  $f(x) = x^2 4x + 2$ 
  - a. Draw a sketch of the graph g(x) = f(x) 2 by finding the roots of g.

b. Find the axis of symmetry for g and f.

c. Express f in the vertex form ("completing the square").

d. Solve the equation:  $f(x) = x^2 - 4x + 2 = 0$ .

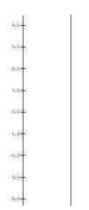
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7.

a. Complete the following tables for m(x) = 2x and s(x) = x + 1

х	m(x) = 2x	s(x) = x + 1
2		
1		
0		
-1		
-2		

b. Using the data from part a), on separate diagrams sketch mapping diagrams for m(x) = 2x and s(x) = x+1





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- 8. Let  $q(x) = x^2$ .
- a. Complete the following table for  $q(x) = x^2$ .

х	$q(x) = x^2$	
2		
1		
0		
-1		
-2		

b. Using the data from part a), sketch a mapping diagram for  $q(x) = x^2$ .



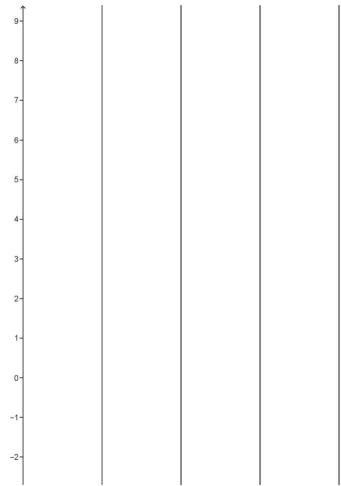
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- 9. Solving  $2(x-3)^2 + 1 = 9$  with a mapping diagram.
  - a. Express  $f(x) = 2(x-3)^2 + 1$  as composition of core linear and quadratic functions. f(x) = h (m (q (z (x)))) where

$$h(x) = \underbrace{m(x) = \underbrace{q(x) = \underbrace{q(x) = \underbrace{z(x) = \underbrace{a \text{ composition}}}_{\text{b. Sketch a mapping diagram for } f \text{ as a composition}}_{\text{b. Sketch a mapping diagram for } f \text{ as a composition}}$$

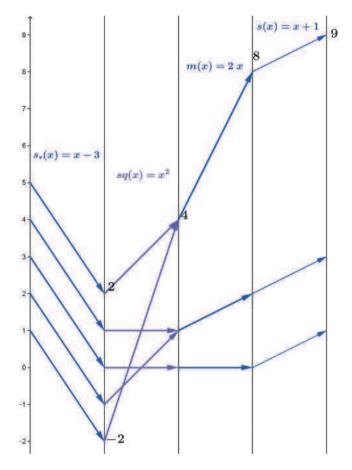


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c. On the mapping diagram below indicate by circling numbers and arrows how the diagram visualizes the solution of  $2(x-3)^2 + 1 = 9$ . Check the solutions.



Check:

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