

SHORT GUIDE TO THE BOOK

What is This Book About?

This book is devoted to timeless bonds between art and mathematics, which are illustrated by artworks from the collection of the Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art. The museum is located on the campus of Kansas State University, in the small and lovely town of Manhattan, Kansas. Each chapter of the book starts with a study of an art object from the collection. The emphasis is placed on a pattern structure, symmetry, some mathematically inspired content, or a mathematically motivated technical solution in the production of the object. The discussion contains facts, proofs, problems, solutions, as well as math-related educational art projects.

Where to See the Art Objects Discussed in the Book?

The reader should not be concerned if he or she never had a chance to visit Manhattan, Kansas: all artworks mentioned in this book from the Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art are displayed online in the digital collection of the museum:

www.beach.k-state.edu/explore/collection/

Moreover, masterpieces discussed in the book are very far from being the only examples of art carrying mathematical features. It is quite possible that the reader's local art museum holds similar examples in its collection; for example, linear perspective and symmetry patterns can be seen in almost any art museum. And moreover, for the reader's convenience, some renown examples *from the collections of the most prominent museums of the world* are listed in almost every chapter. Their reproductions are widely distributed in printed catalogues and online.

Audience

The book is addressed to readership in a broad spectrum of ages and professional interests. We hope that a person interested in relations between art and mathematics will find something curious, new and challenging in the book. Discussions are enhanced with numerous entertain-

ing illustrations. Not all, but certainly many parts of the book can be comprehended by young readers on their own.

One of our goals was to make the book useful to readers who may want to use it to teach other people about art and mathematics. Thus, the specific format of the book was dictated by possible needs of these particular readers: parents, art teachers, math teachers, math circle instructors ... Moreover, materials presented here originate from real math and art workshops. They took place in the framework of a math enrichment program at Kansas State University (for more details see Section 1.4).

Navigation

Each chapter can be read independently. Most chapters are structured as follows.

- An art object from the Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art with a connection to a particular topic in mathematics is introduced.
- A short discussion of the properties of the selected art object is followed by a review of related topics in mathematics.
- Creative projects and problems of different levels of difficulty complement the review. Answers and solutions are provided at the end of the chapter.
- Whenever it is possible, we share information about the artist that created the selected artwork.
- Most chapters contain lists of additional examples of artworks related to the mathematical topic of the chapter. These famous artworks belong to collections of world renown museums. Their reproductions can be found online and in art catalogues.

Problems in the book vary in their levels of difficulty, and for the reader's convenience we mark the levels with symbols:

- ✦ labels easy short questions,
- ✧ is for intermediate level problems, and
- ✨ marks problems of the most challenging level in this book.

Note that many easy short questions can be used as well as a warm-up at lessons for advanced students.

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This book is my second collaborative project with my mother, Tamara Rozhkovskaya. The first book, entitled *Math Circles for Elementary School Students*¹ turned out to be a very successful title, very well accepted by both Russian- and English-speaking readers.

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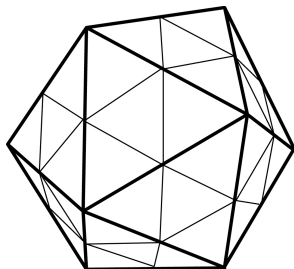
FIGURE 2.1. *Kansas Meatball* by Alan Shields. KSU, Beach Museum of Art.

2.1 About the Artwork [*Kansas Meatball*]

Look at the pair of huge nested geometrical structures floating over the heads of museum visitors. The acclaimed artist Alan Shields gave the playful name *Kansas Meatball* to his creation. Shields' good sense of

humor is traced in many titles of his works. He always considered the evocative titles to be an important part of his art [10, p. 80].

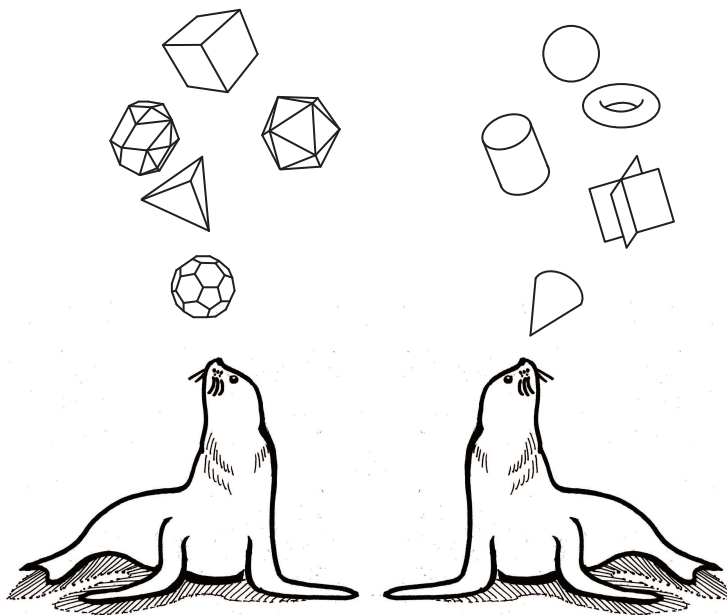
Meanwhile, the symmetries of the structure make an open invitation to study *Kansas Meatball* from the point of view of geometry. Let us accept the invitation and investigate the shape of the outer structure of *Kansas Meatball*. It is made of regular triangles. They can be arranged in groups of four triangles that lie in the same plane. The four triangles of one flat group make a bigger regular triangle, called a *face*. The outer shell of the sculpture consists of equal faces that are regular (flat) triangles. The geometric shape they create is loved by mathematicians since ancient times. It is called an *icosahedron* and is an example of a regular polyhedron.



The outer shell of *Kansas Meatball* is an icosahedron.

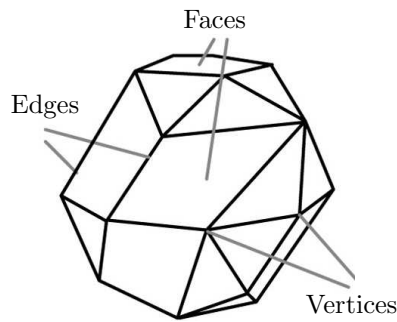
2.2 Polyhedra

Let us discuss in more detail the above-mentioned mathematical notions. A *polyhedron* is a closed three-dimensional solid bounded by polygons.



For example, the solids on the left are polyhedra and the solids on the right are not polyhedra.

The polygons that create the boundary of a polyhedron are called *faces*. Two neighboring faces of a polyhedron are joined along a segment of a line, called an *edge*. If two or more edges have a common point, that point is called a *vertex*. Roughly speaking, vertices are “corners” of a polyhedron.



Some polyhedra (for example, a cube and an icosahedron) are symmetric. Actually, there is a family of polyhedra, called *regular polyhedra* or *Platonic solids*, that are “perfect” from the point of view of symmetry. *Platonic solids* are convex polyhedra satisfying the following two defining conditions.

- All the faces of a Platonic solid are equal *regular polygons*, all of the same shape and size.
- The number of faces meeting at any vertex is the same for all the vertices.

It turns out that these two conditions imply that *there exist only five Platonic solids: A tetrahedron, a cube, an octahedron, a dodecahedron, and an icosahedron* (see the proof of this beautiful fact in Section 2.5).



2.3 About the Artist [Alan Shields]

Alan Shields (1944–2005) was born in Herington, Kansas. He spent his childhood on his family’s farm and later attended school in Salina. In 1963–1966, Shields was enrolled in the civil engineering program at Kansas State University, where at some point he made a decision to change his life and to pursue a career in art. In 1968, Shields left the university without graduating, and headed to New York City. In 1972, the artist moved to a house on Shelter Island situated in the bay at the eastern end of Long Island, where he resided and worked until his death.

Shields worked with a very wide range of materials and media. One of Shields’ signature design elements is application of sewing machine stitches. He learned to sew as a child. In one of the interviews [11], the

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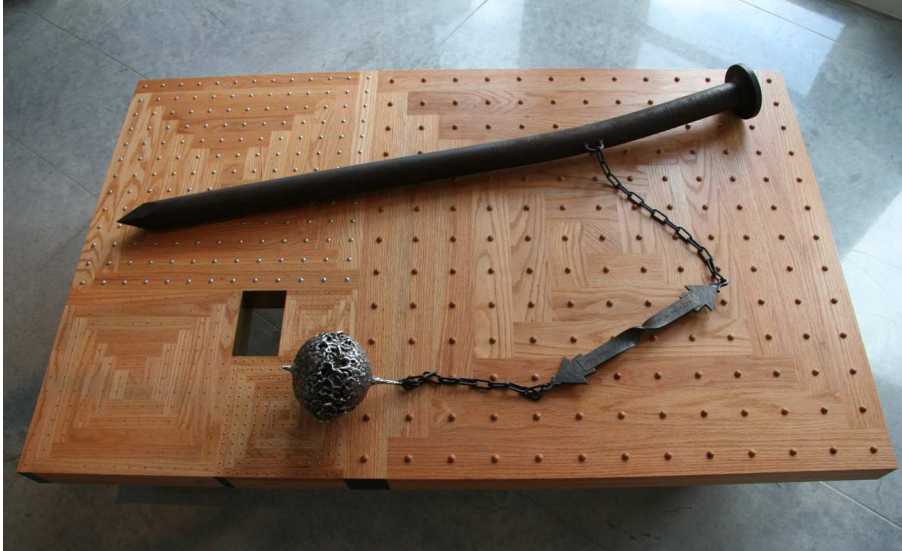


FIGURE 6.1. *Pyrrho Techniko* by John L. Vogt.
KSU, Beach Museum of Art.

6.1 About the Artwork [*Pyrrho Techniko*]

A huge nail, chained with a ball, is placed on the decorated top of a wooden table. One can easily visualize that the objects were dropped by some absent-minded giants who may soon come back for their belongings. The words “Nothing in itself is more this than that” on the arrow-shaped plate attached to the chain add to the mystery of the artwork by John L. Vogt. We quote the words of his former colleague Charles Stroh [46]:¹⁴

“... He made objects in steel and stainless steel that he combined with a variety of materials resulting in humorous or playful juxtapositions. He would work hours and hours creating something that would appear to possibly have a function or maybe had a function, but what that function would be was unclear. He played with ambiguity both in his use of materials and in the objects themselves...”

¹⁴ Charles Stroh was a professor (1980–1997) and the Head of the Department of Art (1980–1989) at Kansas State University.

Among all the mysteries of this beautiful sculpture, there is one that can be a perfect topic for mathematical discussion: the pattern of the decorated tabletop. It is clear that there is a rule of placing squares in the pattern, and the rule is just astonishing.

6.2 Pattern of the Table

To understand the rule, let us reproduce the diagram of the tabletop pattern. In Figure 6.2, the dimensions of the rectangle are proportional to the dimensions of the tabletop and the black rectangle corresponds to the hole.

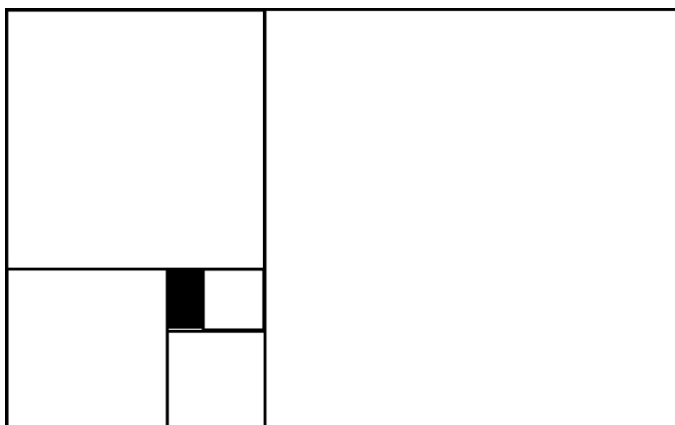


FIGURE 6.2.

The size of the table is $160 \times 99 \text{ cm}^2$. The sizes of the sides of the squares of the pattern form the sequence

$$99 \text{ cm}, \quad 61.1 \text{ cm}, \quad 37.8 \text{ cm}, \quad 23.3 \text{ cm}, \quad 14.3 \text{ cm}, \quad 9 \text{ cm}. \quad (6.1)$$

Consider the golden ratio $\varphi = (1 + \sqrt{5})/2$ which is an irrational number with the approximate decimal value

$$\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \simeq 1.6180339887 + . \quad (6.2)$$

Then the sequence (6.1) can be compared with the sequence

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{160}{\varphi} \text{ cm} &\simeq 98.885 \text{ cm}, & \frac{160}{\varphi^2} \text{ cm} &\simeq 61.115 \text{ cm}, & \frac{160}{\varphi^3} \text{ cm} &\simeq 37.771 \text{ cm}, \\ \frac{160}{\varphi^4} \text{ cm} &\simeq 23.344 \text{ cm}, & \frac{160}{\varphi^5} \text{ cm} &\simeq 14.427 \text{ cm}, & \frac{160}{\varphi^6} \text{ cm} &\simeq 8.916 \text{ cm}. \end{aligned}$$

The placement and the relative sizes of the squares suggest that this artwork intentionally refers to the golden ratio. Thus, the artwork *Pyrrho Techniko* invites us to review properties of this famous number and the related legendary sequence of Fibonacci numbers.

6.3 Fibonacci Numbers


We list the first few elements of the sequence of Fibonacci numbers:

$$1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, \dots$$

The defining rule is the following: *Any number of the sequence is the sum of the preceding two numbers* or, equivalently,

$$F(n) = F(n-1) + F(n-2), \quad n = 3, 4, 5, \dots \quad (6.3)$$

with the initial condition $F(1) = F(2) = 1$. Formula (6.3) is a *recurrence relation*. It allows us to find the next term provided that we know the preceding two.

Problem 6.1. We know that $F(19) = 4181$ and $F(20) = 6765$. Find $F(21)$. 

If we do not know the preceding values, we still can find the value of $F(n)$ with the help of the *closed formula*. This formula depends only on n and has the form

$$F(n) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left(\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n - \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n \right). \quad (6.4)$$

The proof of this formula can be found in many standard textbooks on combinatorics (see, for example, [47] or [48]).

Note the amazing property of formula (6.4). This formula involves complicated expressions with square roots of 5, but the answer is always a positive integer number, without any roots or fractions. For example, check that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left(\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^2 \right) &= 1, \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left(\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^3 - \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^3 \right) &= 3, \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left(\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^6 - \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^6 \right) &= 8. \end{aligned}$$

6.4 Golden Ratio as a Limit of Fibonacci Sequence

The number $\varphi = (1 + \sqrt{5})/2$ in formula (6.4) is the famous *golden ratio*. It is often introduced as the ratio of lengths of sides of a golden rectangle.

Definition 6.1. A *golden rectangle* is a rectangle whose length a and width b satisfy the relation

$$\frac{a+b}{a} = \frac{a}{b}. \quad (6.5)$$

✱ **Problem 6.2.** Prove that if a and b satisfy the relation (6.5), then

$$\frac{a}{b} = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}.$$

Fibonacci numbers are closely related to the golden ratio. Formula (6.4) not only contains this famous number, but also allows one to prove the following statement [48]: *When n grows to infinity, the ratios of two consecutive Fibonacci numbers tend to the golden ratio*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{F(n)}{F(n-1)} = \frac{(1 + \sqrt{5})}{2}, \quad (6.6)$$

which means that for large enough n the values of the ratio $\frac{F(n)}{F(n-1)}$ are very close to the golden ratio value. For example, look at the decimal values of the first few ratios of Fibonacci numbers and compare them with the approximate decimal value of the golden ratio (6.2):

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{F(2)}{F(1)} &= \frac{1}{1} = 1, & \frac{F(3)}{F(2)} &= \frac{2}{1} = 2, & \frac{F(4)}{F(3)} &= \frac{3}{2} = 1.5, \\ \frac{F(5)}{F(4)} &= \frac{5}{3} \simeq 1.667, & \frac{F(6)}{F(5)} &= \frac{8}{5} = 1.6, & \frac{F(7)}{F(6)} &= \frac{13}{8} = 1.625, \\ \frac{F(8)}{F(7)} &= \frac{21}{13} \simeq 1.6154, & \frac{F(9)}{F(8)} &= \frac{34}{21} \simeq 1.6190, \\ \frac{F(10)}{F(9)} &= \frac{55}{34} \simeq 1.6176 \quad \dots \end{aligned}$$

6.5 About the Artist [John L. Vogt]

John L. Vogt (1930–2009) was born in Norbon, Missouri. He grew up in the Kansas City area with two brothers and a sister. In 1950–1953, Vogt

served in the US Army Infantry in Okinawa (Japan). A few years later after honorable discharge from military service, Vogt took his path into an art career. In 1961, he received a Bachelor degree of Fine Arts from the Kansas City Art Institute, where he was recognized as the highest ranking senior. Two years later, Vogt completed the Master of Fine Arts degree at the University of Illinois. The same year, he became a faculty member of the Department of Art at Kansas State University, where he taught sculpture until his retirement in 1991 [49].

Besides dry official information reproduced above, one can find in the university archives some memories about the artist with a human touch that give a clear hint of his generous personality. It seems that, during the first years at Kansas State University, good and bad fortune followed the sculptor. In the first year of employment, Vogt agreed to exhibit his work in the Union Art Lounge at Kansas State University. This was a last-minute substitution made by the organizers of the exhibition: another artist, scheduled to exhibit his work, declined the invitation since the previous year someone smeared wet paint on his paintings and completely damaged the artwork. And bad luck followed this series of exhibitions again: less than 24 hours after the exhibit opened in the Union, one of Vogt's collages was stolen [50]. Other works of Vogt, remaining at that unlucky exhibition, were two bronze sculptures created by the lost-wax casting (*cire perdue*) process. This is a method of casting bronze, in which a mold is formed around a wax model. The wax model is subsequently melted and drained away. And the fate of Vogt's bronze sculptures was far more fortunate: only a year after that unhappy incident at the Union, Vogt's bronze sculpture *A Figuration from Wax* was chosen for the XIVth Annual Mid-America Art Exhibition at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City. The competition was very selective: the jury of that event reviewed 1,160 works and only 80 from those were chosen. The following modest comment made by the artist on that occasion reveals his integrity and impartiality as a judge of art:

“Many of the submitted works were of the exhibition quality and possibly with another set of judges a different 80 would have been chosen. The criteria for judging art are not clear although there are well known standards which judges follow.” [51]

During subsequent years, Vogt participated in numerous exhibitions nationwide. For many years he was also actively involved in the beautifying of the Kansas State University campus. Vogt supervised three summer workshops at the end of the sixties that gathered students in art, architecture, and landscape architecture:

“The students made proposals for several areas of the campus which were, at the time, in pretty poor condition. The better ones and those that were financially feasible were selected and constructed, with the students doing most of the work. Some were sculptures, others involved architecture. The idea was to integrate the three different disciplines of art, architecture and landscape architecture. There were no titles given to any of the works and Vogt said he could not name the emanation of any of the projects.” [52]

Even though the art objects were intended to be placed temporarily, the traces of the project enhanced some campus areas for many years [53].

6.6 Some Words of Caution from M. Gardner, G. Markowsky, C. Falbo, U. Eco, et al.

The pattern of the table indicates that Vogt intentionally referred to the golden ratio in his artwork. The reader may expect that now we will list standard examples: ancient Greek architecture, works of Leonardo Da Vinci, shells, petals of flowers, etc. But no, we will not. And the reason is very simple: in spite of widely repeated citations of these “examples,” most of them are very inadequately justified.

It is in human’s nature to seek for harmony in the universe. We admire beautifully stated laws of physics, magnificent formulas in mathematics, and balanced relations of science. The golden ratio is often cited as an example of a harmonious connection between math, art, and nature. So much is written about the appearance of the golden ratio in art and nature, that it comes as a surprise that from the point of view of rigorous science, unfortunately, significantly many of these “standard examples” are questionable.



George Markowsky describes the general situation as follows.

G. Markowsky: “Generally, its mathematical properties are correctly stated, but much of what is presented about it in art, architecture, literature, and esthetics is false or seriously misleading. Unfortunately, these statements about the golden ratio have achieved the status of common knowledge and are widely repeated.” [54, p. 2]

We invite the reader to develop a critical approach to the subject of appearance of the golden ratio in art and nature and to build his or her own opinion about the true extent of its role. There exist a number of

publications, where the authors separate valid statements from general misconceptions. But it is hard to hear those individual skeptical voices in the chorus of “well known facts” that are repeated in the literature without really looking into these “facts.” We would like to refer the reader to the following papers:

Martin Gardner, “The cult of the golden ratio” [55].

George Markowsky, “Misconceptions about the golden ratio” [54].

Clement Falbo, “The golden ratio – a contrary viewpoint” [56].

Roger Herz-Fischer, “The home of golden numberism” [57].

Let us review some of the questionable statements and outline the reasons for skepticism. For more details we refer to [55]–[57].

- **Fibonacci numbers appear in nature as numbers of petals.**

Flowers with three or five petals are common. But flowers with four and six petals are frequently found too, and these are not Fibonacci numbers. Therefore, it is not clear, why Fibonacci numbers should be recalled in this case – they are no more relevant to the number of petals than any other numbers.

- **Sea shells grow according to the so-called golden spiral, which can be inscribed into a sequence of golden rectangles.**

We refer to [56, p. 127] (below, φ denotes the golden ratio):

C. Falbo: “In 1999, I measured shells of *Nautilus pompilius*, the chambered nautilus, in the collection at the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco. The measurements were taken to the nearest millimeter, which gives them error bars of ± 1 mm. The ratios ranged from 1.24 to 1.43, and the average was 1.33, not φ (which is approximately 1.618). Using Markowsky’s $\pm 2\%$ allowance for φ to be as small as 1.59, we see that 1.33 is quite far from this expanded value of φ . It seems highly unlikely that there exists any nautilus shell that is within 2% of the golden ratio, and even if one were to be found, I think it would be rare rather than typical.”

Probably, this general misconception originates in confusion between a general logarithmic spiral and a particular case of a logarithmic spiral, named a *golden spiral*. Indeed, there are many examples of spirals in nature. The growth of some of them is well modeled by mathematical functions such as logarithmic spirals. Logarithmic spirals are curves of the form $r(t) = r_0 a^t$ in the polar coordinates (t, r) . The golden spiral is a particular case of a logarithmic spiral: it is described by the equation

$r(t) = \varphi^{\frac{2}{\pi}t}$, where φ is the golden ratio. As was explained above, there is no significant evidence that shells have the golden ratio parameter built-into their growth model. The shapes of shells may be well modeled by a logarithmic spiral, but from Falbo's measurements it follows that they are not modeled by a golden spiral.

- **The golden ratio is present everywhere in the proportions of ancient Greek architecture.**

We invite the reader to browse on the web for numerous illustrations serving to check these words of M. Gardner and G. Markowsky:

M. Gardner: “The efforts of phi cultists to find golden rectangles in architecture, painting, and sculpture reached absurd heights. It is easy to see how this happened. Measurements of parts of a building, or work of art, have fuzzy boundaries such that it is easy to find phi when ratios close to phi fit just well.” [55, p. 244].

G. Markowsky: “Many sources (...) claim that the Parthenon embodies the golden ratio in some way. To support this claim authors often include a figure where the large rectangle enclosing the end view of the Parthenon-like temple is a golden rectangle. None of these authors is bothered by the fact that parts of the Parthenon are outside the golden rectangle.” [54, p. 8].

- **Leonardo da Vinci used the golden ratio for his paintings, and this fact adds to the perfect beauty of his artworks.**

The arguments are usually based not on any historical evidence, but on some measurements that are rather idiosyncratic, as in the case of the Parthenon, to be accepted as a serious argument. G. Markowsky mentions the possible source of this common myth:

G. Markowsky: “The claims that Leonardo da Vinci used the golden ratio seem to be based on the fact that he illustrated Luca Pacioli's book *De Divina Proportione*. The biographies of Leonardo da Vinci (...) give no indication that he used the golden ratio in paintings or drawings not intended for Pacioli's book.” [54, p. 11].

We would like to conclude this section with the words of the Italian writer and philosopher Umberto Eco that ingeniously captured the absurdity of numerology. One of the characters of his novel *Foucault's Pendulum* [58] performed the following elegant exercise in numerology based on the measurements of an ordinary lottery-ticket kiosk:

U. Eco: “ ... I invite you to go and measure that kiosk. You will see that the length of the counter is one hundred and forty-nine centimeters - in other words, one hundred-billionth of the distance between the Earth and the Sun. The height at the rear, one hundred and seventy-six centimeters, divided by the width of the window, fifty-six centimeters, is 3.14. The height at the front is nineteen decimeters, equal, in other words, to the number of years of the Greek lunar cycle. The sum of the heights of the two front corners and the two rear corners is one hundred and ninety times two plus one hundred and seventy-six times two, which equals seven hundred and thirty-two, the date of the victory at Poitiers. The thickness of the counter is 3.10 centimeters, and the width of the cornice of the window is 8.8 centimeters. Replacing the numbers before the decimals by the corresponding letters of the alphabet, we obtain C for ten and H for eight, or $C_{10}H_8$, which is the formula for naphthalene.” [58, p. 288]

6.7 Phyllotaxis and Examples of the Golden Ratio and Fibonacci Numbers in Modern Art

Despite the questionable statements discussed above, we would like to reassure the reader that, yet, there are amazing things about the golden ratio that are confirmed to be true. First, the golden ratio remains a very interesting number with remarkable mathematical properties. Second, there are indeed cases in nature and art, where the Fibonacci numbers or the golden ratio play a role.

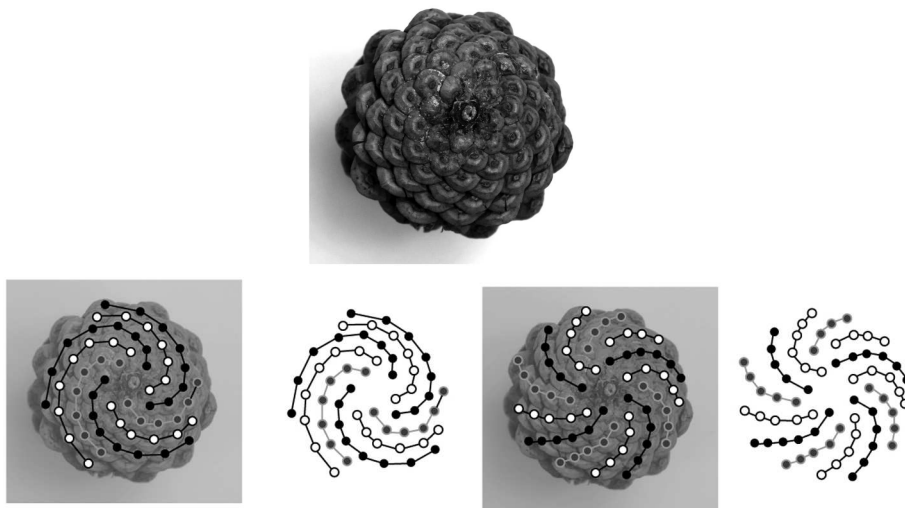


FIGURE 6.3. 8 and 13 spirals can be seen on this pinecone.

6.7.1 Pinecones This is an amazing fact: take an average pinecone and count the number of left and right spirals created by scales. Very likely, the two numbers will be consecutive Fibonacci numbers. The reader can experimentally check this phenomenon by studying a regular pinecone, a sunflower, an artichoke, or a pineapple. The evidence of this tendency is supported by the data collected from different sources in the book [59] by the mathematical biologist Roger V. Jean. From 12,750 observations on more than 650 species, the Fibonacci sequence (1, 2, 3, 5, 8, ...) appeared in 91.3% of the cases. The sequence (2, 4, 6, 10, 16, ...) was observed in 5.2% of the cases, and the sequence (1, 3, 4, 7, ...) was observed in 1.5% of the cases. There were other sequences that appeared in significantly less than 1% of the cases. Note that all three above-mentioned sequences satisfy the same recurrence relation: each next number is the sum of the preceding two. Then it is natural to look for the reasons for this phenomenon. That turns out to be a hard question, and it seems that the answer is not yet understood. Phyllotaxis—the above-described phenomenon—is the subject of research in mathematical biology. We refer to the book [59], which is devoted to understanding the phenomenon of phyllotaxis and is addressed to professional biologists and mathematicians (see also the references therein).

6.7.2 Modulor There are examples of modern architecture and art where the golden ratio and Fibonacci numbers were used intentionally. We know that for sure since it is well documented by the creators of this art. Charles Edouard Jeanneret (1887–1965), widely known to the world as the architect Le Corbusier, was very much fascinated by the so-called regulating lines in composition and architectural design. The idea of the golden ratio describing the perfect proportions occupied the minds of members of Le Corbusier’s architecture bureau, questing to find an instrument, a template of measurements to design effortlessly buildings of harmonious proportions. Le Corbusier and his collaborators attempted to find geometrically, using mathematics, a system of measurements that would have the following properties.



- It would refer to human proportions and would resolve mismatch between the Anglo-Saxon and French metric systems.

- It would offer guidelines to constructors how to build from prefabricated materials buildings of beautiful proportions.
- The system would be based on the so-called right angle rule and the golden ratio proportion.

Le Corbusier proposed a system, called *Modulor*, which is most often represented by a diagram of a man with a raised hand. The reproduction of the Modulor in Figure 6.4 is based on one of the early versions of the diagram.

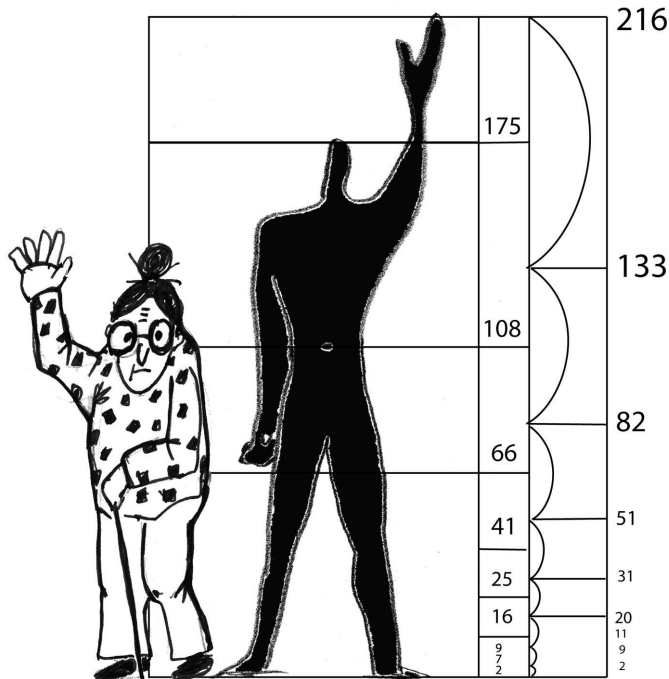


FIGURE 6.4. The diagram of Modulor Man (after Le Corbusier).

Le Corbusier was not a very strong mathematician, and his deductions contain numerous mathematical mistakes. From the point of view of mathematics, Le Corbusier has failed to solve the problem and his geometric constructions were wrong and impossible. However, in the course of experiments with proportions, Le Corbusier, literally measuring his diagrams with a tape, arrived at the following two sequences:

$$2, 7, 9, 16, 25, 41, 66, 108, 175, \quad (6.7)$$

$$2, 9, 11, 20, 31, 51, 82, 133, 216. \quad (6.8)$$

He noticed that both sequences satisfy the same rule as Fibonacci numbers: *Each next number is the sum of the preceding two.* (The dis-

crepancy for 108, 175, and 216 is caused by the fact that Le Corbusier did not really do geometric constructions or proofs, but rather measurements with a special tape. Therefore, the experimental error of his measurements accumulated.)

It is worth mentioning that Le Corbusier was aware of the flaws of his “deductions.” His younger collaborator Gérald Hanning¹⁵ and the mathematician René Taton pointed out early that the whole construction is mathematically wrong. Nevertheless, Le Corbusier did not pay much attention to their criticism and wrote the book *Modulor* [60] to claim that he mathematically deduced new rules of harmony. He advertised his new system of measurements wherever it was possible. The idea of finding mathematical rules for beauty was very appealing to many architects and designers of that time, and there was a lot of interest in Le Corbusier’s concepts. The architect built several buildings based on the Modulor system of proportions, the most famous one is the apartment building *Unité d’Habitation* in Marseille (France).

6.7.3 Other examples

- The Italian artist Mario Merz (1925–2003) used Fibonacci numbers in his art as the signature feature. The artist often introduced neon words and Fibonacci numbers in his installations. Mario Merz was associated to the Italian movement Arte Povera.
- Section d’Or is the name of a group of French cubist painters who worked in Paris in 1912–1914.
- Eden’s educational project in Cornwall (UK) was designed by Nicholas Grimshaw and the engineering firm Anthony Hunt and Associates. The roof of the Core building and the granite Seed sculpture in the center of this building have the scales going in Fibonacci–pattern spirals.
- An interesting story of a mistake contained in the Fibonacci–numbers–based sculpture *Boundaries of Infinity* by Norbert Francis Attard in De Panne (Belgium) can be read in [61].
- There is an obvious example of a famous modern building that has the golden ratio proportions associated to it since that building has the form of a regular pentagon: the building of the United States Department of Defense in Washington. Somehow, nobody

¹⁵ At an earlier stage of the project, Gérald Hanning proposed a mathematically correct version of the diagram, but Le Corbusier favored his own faulty version.

ever mentioned it as a harmonious example of the architecture of the XXth century.

6.8 Geometric Construction of Golden Ratio

We describe the steps of constructing a golden rectangle in a classical way by using a compass and a straightedge. The Pythagorean theorem shows that the sides of the constructed rectangle satisfy the golden ratio relation.

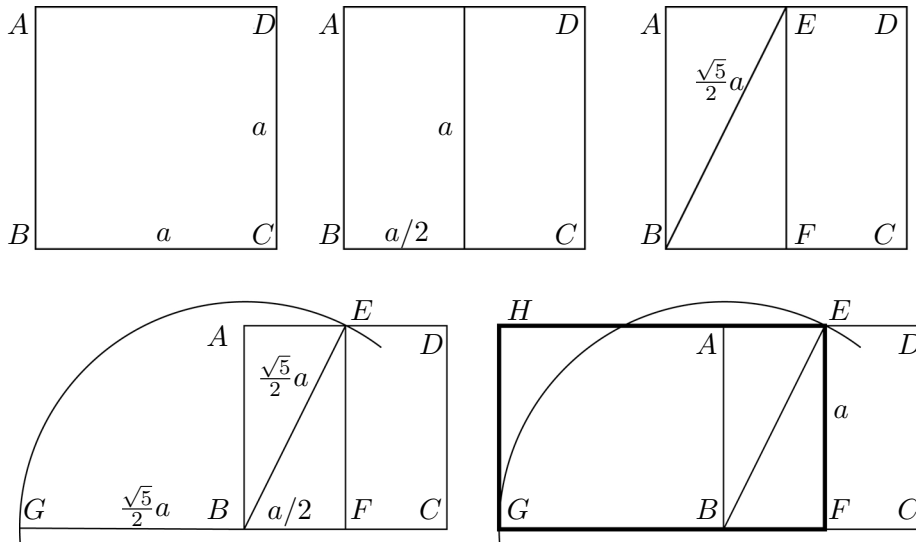


FIGURE 6.5. Construction of a golden rectangle.

Step 1 Draw a square $ABCD$ of side length a .

Step 2 Connect the midpoints of the opposite sides of the square. The square is now divided into two rectangles of size $a/2 \times a$.

Step 3 Draw a diagonal in one of these rectangles (the segment BE in the third diagram). By the Pythagorean theorem, BE has the length

$$\sqrt{a^2 + a^2/4} = a \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} \text{ units.}$$

Step 4 Using a compass, construct the segment BG of length $a\sqrt{5}/2$ as in the fourth diagram.

Step 5 The segment FG has length $a(\sqrt{5} + 1)/2$, and the segment FE has length a . Thus, the ratio of the sides of the rectangle $HEFG$ is $(\sqrt{5} + 1)/2$. It is a golden rectangle.

It is also well known that the diagonals of a regular pentagon are related to its sides in the proportion of the golden ratio. The construction of regular pentagon can be found, for example, in [62]. The following two problems from [55] describe less-known ways to see geometrically the golden ratio.

- ✦ **Problem 6.3.** The triangles in Figure 6.6 are equilateral. The side length of each of the three small white triangles is a , and the side length of each of the four small grey triangles is b . Prove that b/a is the golden ratio.

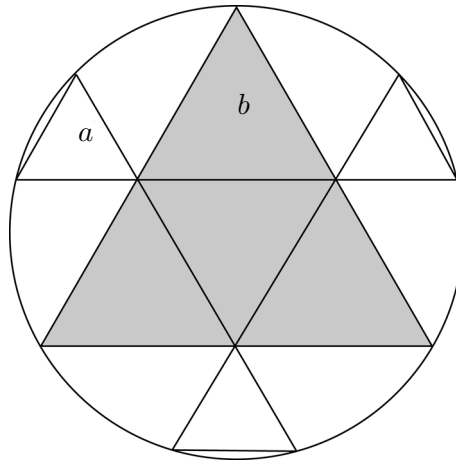


FIGURE 6.6.

- ✦ **Problem 6.4.** Prove that, in Figure 6.7, the radius of the large semi-circle divided by the diameter of one of the three identical grey circles is the golden ratio.

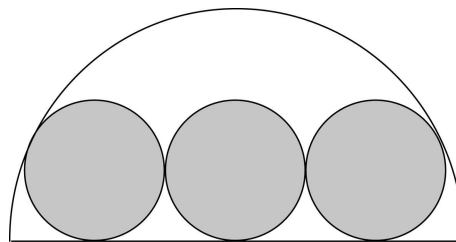


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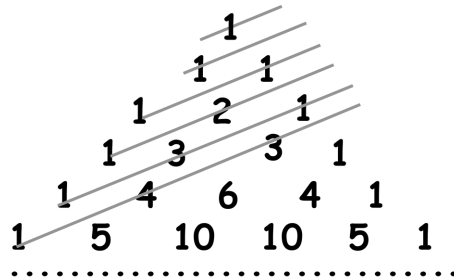
6.9 Problems on Properties of Fibonacci Numbers

- ✦✦ **Problem 6.5.** Mary grows fruits in her garden. Every day she either works in her garden or goes to town to sell her fruits, a two

day round trip. A round trip to town takes exactly two days. A schedule is complete if all the trips are complete. For example, during three consecutive days, Mary's complete schedule may look like (G, G, G) , or $(2T, G)$, or $(G, 2T)$. Here, G stands for gardening and $2T$ means two days for the round trip to town. During four consecutive days, her complete schedule may look like (G, G, G, G) , or $(G, G, 2T)$, or $(G, 2T, G)$, or $(2T, G, G)$, or $(2T, 2T)$. Prove that for n consecutive days $F(n + 1)$ different schedules are possible, where $F(n + 1)$ is the $(n + 1)^{\text{st}}$ Fibonacci number.



Problem 6.6. Add the sums along the shallow diagonals of Pascal's triangle. ✱



Using Problem 6.5, show that each of these sums is a Fibonacci number.

Problem 6.7. Prove that $F(1) + F(2) + \dots + F(n) = F(n + 2) - 1$. ✱

Problem 6.8. Prove that $F(1)^2 + F(2)^2 + \dots + F(n)^2 = F(n)F(n + 1)$. ✱

Problem 6.9. For what values of n are the Fibonacci numbers $F(n)$ even? ✱

Problem 6.10. Prove that $F(n + m) = F(n - 1)F(m) + F(n)F(m + 1)$ for any n and m . ✱

Problem 6.11. Using the result of Problem 6.10, prove that $F(200)$ is divisible by $F(4) = 3$. ✱

✱ **Problem 6.12.** Let

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} F(n)x^n$$

be the generating function for the Fibonacci numbers. Prove that for $|x| < (1 + \sqrt{5})/2$ the series $f(x)$ is convergent and

$$f(x) = \frac{x}{1 - x - x^2}. \quad (6.9)$$

6.10 Playing with Sequences

The pattern of the table unwinds in the form of a spiral. Actually, any sequence of positive real numbers can be used to draw patterns in the plane (though examples below show that they do not always look like spirals). Suppose that we have a sequence of numbers $a(1), a(2), a(3), a(4), \dots$. Take a piece of graph paper. Mark the starting point and draw a straight segment of length $a(1)$. Make the right 90° turn and draw a straight segment of length $a(2)$ in the new direction. Again make the right 90° turn, and draw a straight segment of length $a(3)$, and so on. For example, the Fibonacci sequence $1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, \dots$ gives the spiral D in Figure 6.8.

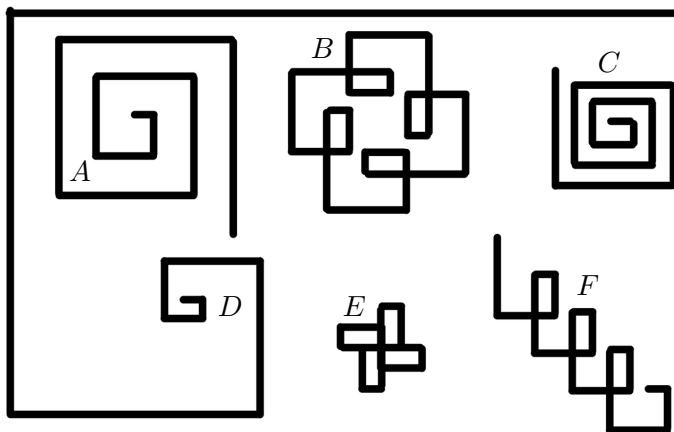


FIGURE 6.8.

✱ ✱ **Problem 6.13.** Match the sequences with the patterns in Figure 6.8.

- $1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, \dots$
- $1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5, \dots$
- $1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3, \dots$
- $1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$
- $1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots$

LINEAR PERSPECTIVE



FIGURE 8.1. *No Masters* by Carol Pylant.
KSU, Beach Museum of Art.

8.1 Space Presentation

Landscapes, interiors, portraits... Artists are frequently challenged by the task of depicting space and relative positions of objects: the world around us has three dimensions, but the canvas is flat. Some artists search for abstract solutions to this problem, and others carefully reproduce space in a realistic manner. How do the latter show the depth of space on a flat surface? One can try to trick the eye by the same clues which help to estimate depth and distance in the real world. In particular, we know that

- objects that are farther away look smaller,

- objects in front can obscure the view of parts of objects that are in the back.

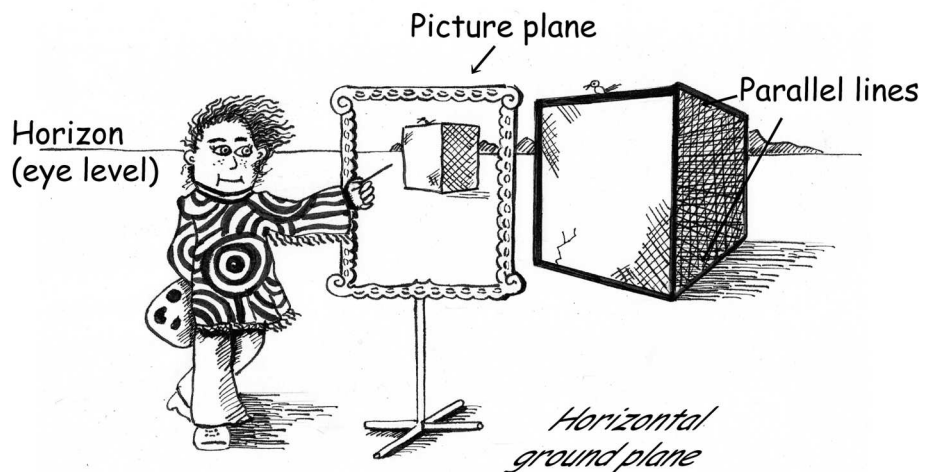
Linear perspective is a geometry based method that allows artists to reproduce such clues in a consistent way. Application of linear perspective helps the viewer to judge from a two-dimensional image about relative proportions of the objects and their relative placement in three-dimensional space.

The method of linear perspective is always at the top of the list of connections between art and geometry. Hundreds of books explain the fundamentals of this method for all types of readers: artists, designers, architects, computer scientists, math educators, historians, young readers, etc. The knowledge of basic principles of the method is handy not only to those who create images, but also to those who view the results of artists' work. Understanding linear perspective leads to better understanding of art. For example, look at the painting *No Masters* by Carol Pylant (see Figure 8.1). Can you answer the following questions:

- Where is a horizon line in the picture?
- Is the viewer of the scene *No Masters* standing or sitting?
- Were the rules of geometric perspective followed rigorously?

Artworks from the collection of the Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art will help us to review the main ideas of linear perspective.

8.2 Main Features of Linear Perspective



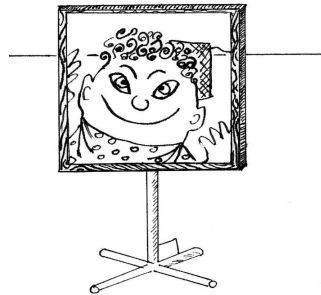
Key components of a linear perspective composition.

A standard linear perspective drawing has the following key components:

- the picture plane
- the horizontal ground plane
- the eye level of the observer or the level of the camera
- groups of parallel lines that define the shapes of the objects in the picture (edges of roads, edges of facades of buildings, etc.)

8.3 Picture Plane and Ground Plane

The picture plane (canvas) is a flat two-dimensional plane, where the image is to be created. We assume that artist's intention is to draw the scene as realistically as possible. Then the composition is determined by positions of objects relative to the picture plane and to the artist.



In what follows, the *ground plane* means a horizontal flat surface where the artist with his canvas or camera is positioned. It can be level ground or a floor of a room. The angle between the picture plane and the ground plane is assumed to be 90° . Of course, there may be a situation where the artist is standing on a slope of a hill, so the angle is not 90° and the ground plane is not horizontal (see Figure 8.2). For the sake of simplicity we do not consider such cases. With appropriate adjustments, the general rules of linear perspective can be applied to such cases too, but we formulate statements below under the assumption that the main ground plane is horizontal.

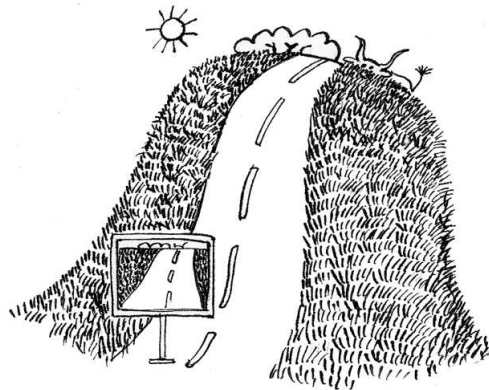


FIGURE 8.2.

summer, starting from 1982, Smith began to return to Kansas, where she stayed with her brother for a few weeks. Upon his death she bought a small trailer that she moved onto a farm not far from Whitewater. She painted the landscapes and farm animals. The paintings were later exhibited at the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters in New York.

The painting *Kansas Gate Posts* was displayed in the office of U.S. Senator Nancy Landon Kassebaum Baker. The Senator donated the work to the Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art in 1998 [89].

8.10 Problems on Linear Perspective

- ✦ **Problem 8.1.** Determine the eye level of the observer of *Abandoned* by Mary Eck Holland Call (see Figure 8.17). Is the observer standing or sitting?



FIGURE 8.17. *Abandoned* by Mary Eck Holland Call.
KSU, Beach Museum of Art.

- ✦ **Problem 8.2.** Find the approximate horizon level of the artwork *Autumn Road* by Norma Bassett Hall (see Figure 8.18).



FIGURE 8.18. *Autumn Road* by Norma Bassett Hall.
KSU, Beach Museum of Art.

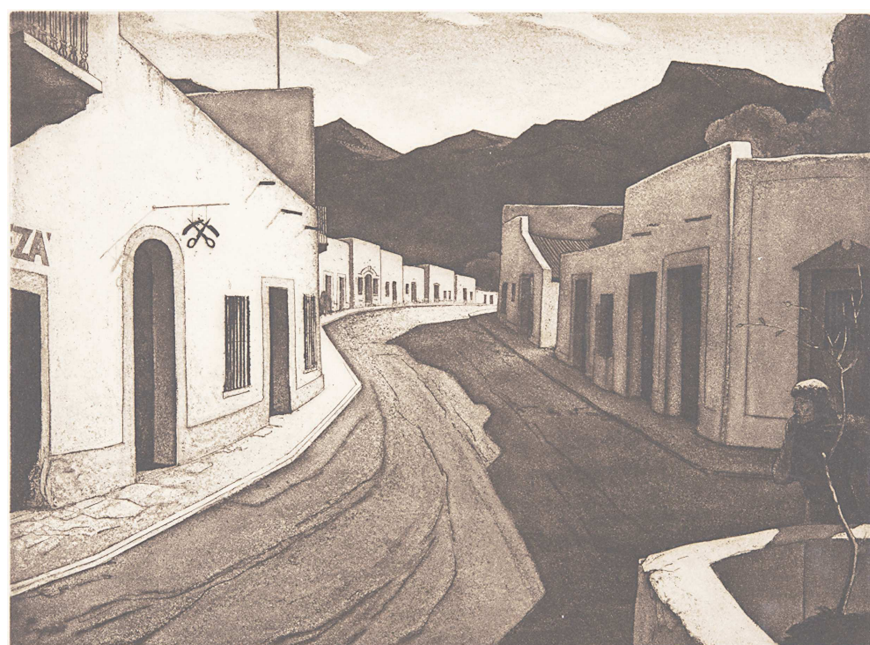


FIGURE 8.19. *Mexican Barber Shop* by Charles Merrick Capps.
KSU, Beach Museum of Art.

✱ ✱ **Problem 8.3.** Questions on *Mexican Barber Shop* by Charles Merrick Capps (see Figure 8.19).

(a) How many vanishing points does the perspective of the artwork use?

(b) Find the horizon level of the composition.

✱ ✱ **Problem 8.4.** Additional questions on the *Anderson Hall* lithograph (see Figure 8.14).

(a) Assume that the level *A* in Figure 8.14 is the true horizon line. What can you say about the group of people walking along the curb?

(b) Figure 8.20 is a photograph of the building taken from approximately the same position as the view of the *Anderson Hall* lithograph. How high above the ground was the camera placed to take this picture?

(c) Compare the photograph with the lithograph. What is the same, and what is different?

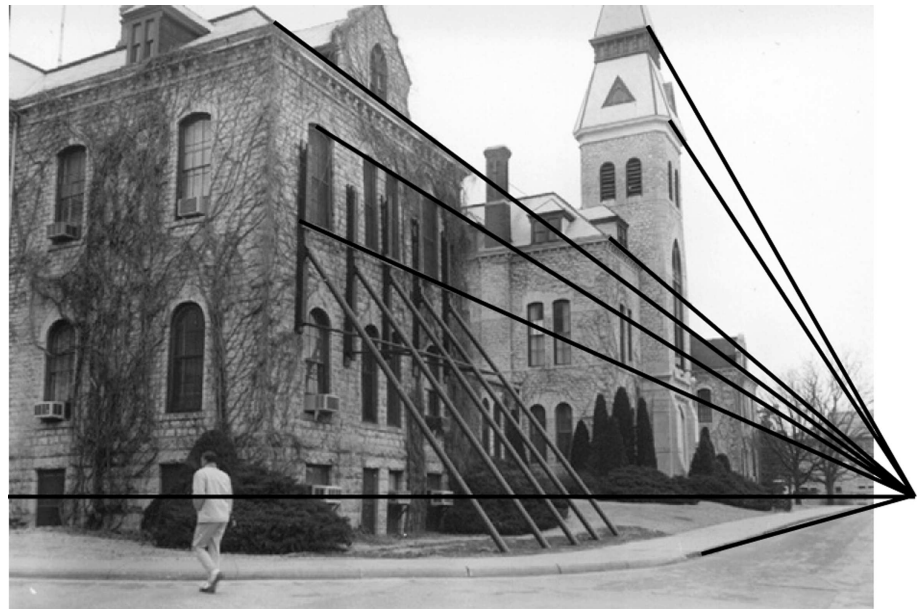


FIGURE 8.20. *Anderson Hall*. Photograph.
KSU, University Archives and Manuscripts, Richard L. D. and
Marjorie J. Morse Department of Special Collections.

✱ **Problem 8.5.** Additional question on *Spring and Mercer* by Carol Pylant (see Figure 8.12). The girl stands farther away than the woman, so she is depicted smaller in the painting. Nevertheless, it is possible to compare the heights of the girl and the woman. How?

Problem 8.6. Questions on the *No Masters* painting by Carol Pylant (see Figure 8.1). ✨ ✨

- (a) How many vanishing points does the composition use?
- (b) Find the horizon line of the composition. Recall that this is an eye level of an observer of the scene. Is the viewer standing or sitting?
- (c) Did you find any deviations from rigorous rules of linear perspective?

Problem 8.7. Look at Figure 8.21. Do you note anything strange? ✨ ✨



FIGURE 8.21. Illustration: Strange Space.

Problem 8.8. Artists not only use linear perspective to create an illusion of a three-dimensional space, but they sometimes play with it. Recall the famous example of the painting *The Ambassadors* by Hans Holbein the Younger in the collection of the London National Gallery (UK). In the foreground of the painting, at the feet of the noblemen there is a distorted shape. One has to look at the painting from the right side under an angle to recognize in that shape a skull. ✨

- (a) Look at Figure 8.22. Can you read what is written there? Is it easier to read it if you place the book horizontally in front of your eyes?
- (b) Make your own distorted image. The distortion should be corrected when the viewer looks at your picture under a certain angle.

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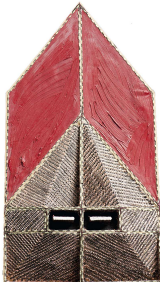
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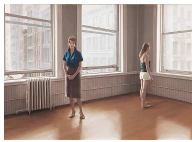
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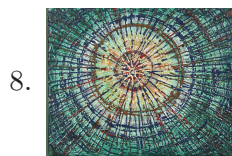
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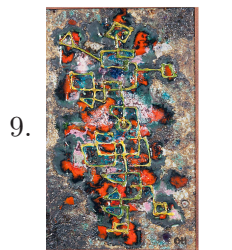
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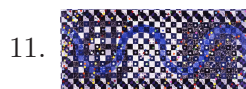
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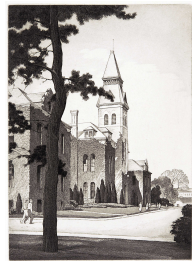



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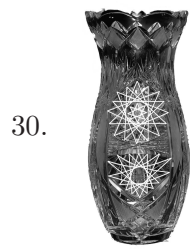
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