

The first time I found by calculation that the square of a binocular figure was composed of the square of each of its parts, and double the product of one by the other; though convinced that my multiplication was right, I could not be satisfied till I had made and examined the figure: not but I admire algebra when applied to abstract quantities, but when used to demonstrate dimensions, I wished to see the operation, and unless explained by lines, could not rightly comprehend it.

“*The Confessions of Jean Jack Rousseau*” by Jean Jack Rousseau, 1789.

$$(a + b)^2 = a^2 + b^2 + 2ab \quad (1)$$

$$a^2 = (a + 1)(a - 1) + 1 \quad (2)$$

$$(a + b)(a - b) = a^2 - b^2 \quad (3)$$

$$T_n = 1 + 2 + \cdots + n = \frac{n(n + 1)}{2} \quad (4)$$

$$T_{n-1} + T_n = n^2 \quad (5)$$

$$1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \cdots + n^2 = \frac{n(n - 1)(2n - 1)}{6} \quad (6)$$

$$n^2 = 1 + 3 + 5 + \cdots + (2n - 1) \quad (7)$$

$$\frac{a}{b} < \frac{a + c}{b + d} < \frac{c}{d} \quad (8)$$

$$\sqrt{ab} \leq \frac{a + b}{2} \quad (9)$$

$$\sin x + \cos x \leq \sqrt{2} \quad (10)$$

$$F_1 = F_2 = 1, F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}; \quad F_1^2 + F_2^2 + \cdots + F_n^2 = F_n F_{n+1} \quad (11)$$

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