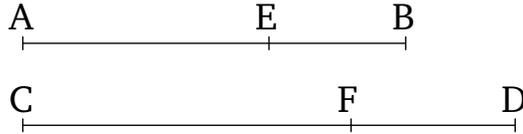


Book 10

Proposition 67

A (straight-line) commensurable in length with a bimedial (straight-line) is itself also bimedial, and the same in order.



Let AB be a bimedial (straight-line), and let CD be commensurable in length with AB . I say that CD is bimedial, and the same in order as AB .

For since AB is a bimedial (straight-line), let it have been divided into its (component) medial (straight-lines) at E . Thus, AE and EB are medial (straight-lines which are) commensurable in square only [Props. 10.37, 10.38]. And let it have been contrived that as AB (is) to CD , (so) AE (is) to CF [Prop. 6.12]. And thus as the remainder EB is to the remainder FD , so AB (is) to CD [Props. 5.19 corr., 6.16]. And AB (is) commensurable in length with CD . Thus, AE and EB are also commensurable (in length) with CF and FD , respectively [Prop. 10.11]. And AE and EB (are) medial. Thus, CF and FD (are) also medial [Prop. 10.23]. And since as AE is to EB , (so) CF (is) to FD , and AE and EB are commensurable in square only, CF and FD are [thus] also commensurable in square only [Prop. 10.11]. And they were also shown (to be) medial. Thus, CD is a bimedial (straight-line). So, I say that it is also the same in order as AB .

For since as AE is to EB , (so) CF (is) to FD , thus also as the (square) on AE (is) to the (rectangle contained) by AEB , so the (square) on CF (is) to the (rectangle contained) by CFD [Prop. 10.21 lem.]. Alternately, as the (square) on AE (is) to the (square) on CF , so the (rectangle contained) by AEB (is) to the (rectangle contained) by CFD [Prop. 5.16]. And the (square) on AE (is) commensurable with the (square) on CF . Thus, the (rectangle contained) by AEB (is) also commensurable with the (rectangle contained) by CFD [Prop. 10.11]. Therefore, either the (rectangle contained) by AEB is rational, and the (rectangle contained) by CFD is rational [and, on account of this, (AE and CD) are first bimedial (straight-lines)], or (the rectangle contained by AEB is) medial, and (the rectangle contained by CFD is) medial, and (AB and CD) are each second (bimedial straight-lines) [Props. 10.23, 10.37, 10.38].

And, on account of this, CD will be the same in order as AB . (Which is) the very thing it was required to show.