

Proving the Impossibility of Trisecting an Angle and Doubling the Cube

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Abstract

Squaring the circle, doubling the cube and trisecting an angle, using a compass and straightedge alone, are classic unsolved problems first posed by the ancient Greeks. All three problems were proved to be impossible in the 19th century. The following document presents the proof of the impossibility of solving the latter two problems using Isabelle/HOL, following a proof by Carrega [Car81]. The proof uses elementary methods: no Galois theory or field extensions. The set of points constructible using a compass and straightedge is defined inductively. Radical expressions, which involve only square roots and arithmetic of rational numbers, are defined, and we find that all constructive points have radical coordinates. Finally, doubling the cube and trisecting certain angles requires solving certain cubic equations that can be proved to have no rational roots. The Isabelle proofs require a great many detailed calculations.

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1 Proving the impossibility of trisecting an angle and doubling the cube

```
theory Impossible-Geometry
imports Complex-Main
begin
```

2 Formal Proof

2.1 Definition of the set of Points

```
datatype point = Point real real
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```
definition points-def:
```

$$points = \{M. \exists x \in \mathbb{R}. \exists y \in \mathbb{R}. (M = Point x y)\}$$

```
primrec abscissa :: point => real
```

$$\text{where } abscissa: abscissa (Point x y) = x$$

```
primrec ordinate :: point => real
```

$$\text{where } ordinate: ordinate (Point x y) = y$$

```
lemma point-surj [simp]:
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$$Point (abscissa M) (ordinate M) = M$$

```
by (induct M) simp
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lemma point-eqI [intro?]:
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$$[abscissa M = abscissa N; ordinate M = ordinate N] \implies M = N$$

```
by (induct M, induct N) simp
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```
lemma point-eq-iff:
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$$M = N \leftrightarrow abscissa M = abscissa N \wedge ordinate M = ordinate N$$

```
by (induct M, induct N) simp
```

2.2 Subtraction

Datatype point has a structure of abelian group

```
instantiation point :: ab-group-add
begin
```

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definition point-zero-def:
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 $0 = \text{Point } 0 \ 0$ 

definition point-one-def:
 $\text{point-one} = \text{Point } 1 \ 0$ 

definition point-add-def:
 $A + B = \text{Point} (\text{abscissa } A + \text{abscissa } B) (\text{ordinate } A + \text{ordinate } B)$ 

definition point-minus-def:
 $-A = \text{Point} (-\text{abscissa } A) (-\text{ordinate } A)$ 

definition point-diff-def:
 $A - (B::\text{point}) = A + -B$ 

lemma Point-eq-0 [simp]:
 $\text{Point } xA \ yA = 0 \longleftrightarrow (xA = 0 \wedge yA = 0)$ 
by (simp add: point-zero-def)

lemma point-abscissa-zero [simp]:
 $\text{abscissa } 0 = 0$ 
by (simp add: point-zero-def)

lemma point-ordinate-zero [simp]:
 $\text{ordinate } 0 = 0$ 
by (simp add: point-zero-def)

lemma point-add [simp]:
 $\text{Point } xA \ yA + \text{Point } xB \ yB = \text{Point} (xA + xB) (yA + yB)$ 
by (simp add: point-add-def)

lemma point-abscissa-add [simp]:
 $\text{abscissa } (A + B) = \text{abscissa } A + \text{abscissa } B$ 
by (simp add: point-add-def)

lemma point-ordinate-add [simp]:
 $\text{ordinate } (A + B) = \text{ordinate } A + \text{ordinate } B$ 
by (simp add: point-add-def)

lemma point-minus [simp]:
 $-(\text{Point } xA \ yA) = \text{Point} (-xA) (-yA)$ 
by (simp add: point-minus-def)

lemma point-abscissa-minus [simp]:
 $\text{abscissa } (-A) = -\text{abscissa } (A)$ 
by (simp add: point-minus-def)

lemma point-ordinate-minus [simp]:
 $\text{ordinate } (-A) = -\text{ordinate } (A)$ 
by (simp add: point-minus-def)

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lemma point-diff [simp]:
  Point xA yA - Point xB yB = Point (xA - xB) (yA - yB)
  by (simp add: point-diff-def)

lemma point-abscissa-diff [simp]:
  abscissa (A - B) = abscissa (A) - abscissa (B)
  by (simp add: point-diff-def)

lemma point-ordinate-diff [simp]:
  ordinate (A - B) = ordinate (A) - ordinate (B)
  by (simp add: point-diff-def)

instance
  by intro-classes (simp-all add: point-add-def point-diff-def)

end

```

2.3 Metric Space

We can also define a distance, hence point is also a metric space

```

instantiation point :: metric-space
begin

definition point-dist-def:
  dist A B = sqrt ((abscissa (A - B))^2 + (ordinate (A - B))^2)

definition
  (uniformity :: (point × point) filter) = (INF e ∈ {0 <..}. principal {(x, y). dist x
  y < e})

definition
  open (S :: point set) = (∀ x ∈ S. ∀ F (x', y) in uniformity. x' = x → y ∈ S)

lemma point-dist [simp]:
  dist (Point xA yA) (Point xB yB) = sqrt ((xA - xB)^2 + (yA - yB)^2)
  unfolding point-dist-def
  by simp

lemma real-sqrt-diff-squares-triangle-ineq:
  fixes a b c d :: real
  shows sqrt ((a - c)^2 + (b - d)^2) ≤ sqrt (a^2 + b^2) + sqrt (c^2 + d^2)
  proof -
    have sqrt ((a - c)^2 + (b - d)^2) ≤ sqrt (a^2 + b^2) + sqrt ((-c)^2 + (-d)^2)
    by (metis diff-conv-add-uminus real-sqrt-sum-squares-triangle-ineq)
    also have ... = sqrt (a^2 + b^2) + sqrt (c^2 + d^2)
    by simp
  finally show ?thesis .

```

```

qed

instance
proof
fix A B C :: point and S :: point set
show (dist A B = 0) = (A = B)
by (induct A, induct B) (simp add: point-dist-def)
show (dist A B) ≤ (dist A C) + (dist B C)
proof -
have sqrt ((abscissa (A - B)) ^ 2 + (ordinate (A - B)) ^ 2) ≤
sqrt ((abscissa (A - C)) ^ 2 + (ordinate (A - C)) ^ 2) +
sqrt ((abscissa (B - C)) ^ 2 + (ordinate (B - C)) ^ 2)
using real-sqrt-diff-squares-triangle-ineq
[of abscissa (A) - abscissa (C) abscissa (B) - abscissa (C)
ordinate (A) - ordinate (C) ordinate (B) - ordinate (C)]
by (simp only: point-diff-def) (simp add: algebra-simps)
thus ?thesis
by (simp add: point-dist-def)
qed
qed (rule uniformity-point-def open-point-def) +
end

```

2.4 Geometric Definitions

These geometric definitions will later be used to define constructible points

The distance between two points is defined with the distance of the metric space point

definition *distance-def*:

$$\text{distance } A B = \text{dist } A B$$

parallel $A B C D$ is true if the lines AB and CD are parallel. If not it is false.

definition *parallel-def*:

$$\text{parallel } A B C D = ((\text{abscissa } A - \text{abscissa } B) * (\text{ordinate } C - \text{ordinate } D) = (\text{ordinate } A - \text{ordinate } B) * (\text{abscissa } C - \text{abscissa } D))$$

Three points $A B C$ are collinear if and only if the lines AB and AC are parallel

definition *collinear-def*:

$$\text{collinear } A B C = \text{parallel } A B A C$$

The point M is the intersection of two lines AB and CD if and only if the points A, M and B are collinear and the points C, M and D are also collinear

definition *is-intersection-def*:

$$\text{is-intersection } M A B C D = (\text{collinear } A M B \wedge \text{collinear } C M D)$$

2.5 Reals definable with square roots

The inductive set *radical-sqrt* defines the reals that can be defined with square roots. If x is in the following set, then it depends only upon rational expressions and square roots. For example, suppose x is of the form : $x = (\sqrt{a + \sqrt{b}} + \sqrt{c + \sqrt{d * e + f}}) / (\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b}) + (a + \sqrt{b}) / \sqrt{g}$, where a, b, c, d, e, f and g are rationals. Then x is in *radical-sqrt* because it is only defined with rationals and square roots of radicals.

inductive-set *radical-sqrt* :: *real set*

where

```
Rat:  $x \in \mathbb{Q} \implies x \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ 
| Neg:  $x \in \text{radical-sqrt} \implies -x \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ 
| Inverse:  $x \in \text{radical-sqrt} \implies x \neq 0 \implies 1/x \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ 
| Plus:  $x \in \text{radical-sqrt} \implies y \in \text{radical-sqrt} \implies x+y \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ 
| Times:  $x \in \text{radical-sqrt} \implies y \in \text{radical-sqrt} \implies x*y \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ 
| Sqrt:  $x \in \text{radical-sqrt} \implies x \geq 0 \implies \text{sqrt } x \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ 
```

Here, we list some rules that will be used to prove that a given real is in *radical-sqrt*.

Given two reals in *radical-sqrt* x and y , the subtraction $x - y$ is also in *radical-sqrt*.

lemma *radical-sqrt-rule-subtraction*:

```
 $x \in \text{radical-sqrt} \implies y \in \text{radical-sqrt} \implies x-y \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ 
using radical-sqrt.Neg radical-sqrt.Plus by fastforce
```

Given two reals in *radical-sqrt* x and y , and $y \neq 0$, the division x/y is also in *radical-sqrt*.

lemma *radical-sqrt-rule-division*:

```
 $[x \in \text{radical-sqrt}; y \in \text{radical-sqrt}; y \neq 0] \implies x/y \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ 
using divide-real-def radical-sqrt.Inverse radical-sqrt.Times by auto
```

Given a positive real x in *radical-sqrt*, its square x^2 is also in *radical-sqrt*.

lemma *radical-sqrt-rule-power2*:

```
 $x \in \text{radical-sqrt} \implies x \geq 0 \implies x^2 \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ 
by (simp add: power2_eq_square radical-sqrt.Times)
```

Given a positive real x in *radical-sqrt*, its cube x^3 is also in *radical-sqrt*.

lemma *radical-sqrt-rule-power3*:

```
 $x \in \text{radical-sqrt} \implies x \geq 0 \implies x^3 \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ 
by (metis power3_eq_cube radical-sqrt.intros(5))
```

2.6 Introduction of the datatype expr which represents radical expressions

An expression *expr* is either a rational constant: *Const* or the negation of an expression or the inverse of an expression or the addition of two expressions

or the multiplication of two expressions or the square root of an expression.

```
datatype expr = Const rat | Negation expr | Inverse expr | Addition expr expr | Multiplication expr expr | Sqrt expr
```

The function *translation* translates a given expression into its equivalent real.

```
fun translation :: expr => real ((2{-}))  
  where  
    translation (Const x) = of-rat x|  
    translation (Negation e) = - translation e|  
    translation (Inverse e) = (1::real) / translation e|  
    translation (Addition e1 e2) = translation e1 + translation e2|  
    translation (Multiplication e1 e2) = translation e1 * translation e2|  
    translation (Sqrt e) = (if translation e < 0 then 0 else sqrt (translation e))
```

Define the set of all the radicals of a given expression. For example, suppose *expr* is of the form : *expr* = Addition (Sqrt (Addition (Const *a*) Sqrt (Const *b*))) (Sqrt (Addition (Const *c*) (Sqrt (Sqrt (Const *d*))))), where *a*, *b*, *c* and *d* are rationals. This can be translated as follows: $\{\text{expr}\} = \sqrt{a + \sqrt{b}} + \sqrt{c + \sqrt{d}}$. Moreover, the set *radicals* of this expression is : $\{\text{Addition}(\text{Const } a)(\text{Sqrt}(\text{Const } b)), \text{Const } b, \text{Addition}(\text{Const } c)(\text{Sqrt}(\text{Sqrt}(\text{Const } d))), \text{Sqrt}(\text{Const } d), \text{Const } d\}$.

```
fun radicals :: expr => expr set  
  where  
    radicals (Const x) = {}|  
    radicals (Negation e) = (radicals e)|  
    radicals (Inverse e) = (radicals e)|  
    radicals (Addition e1 e2) = ((radicals e1) ∪ (radicals e2))|  
    radicals (Multiplication e1 e2) = ((radicals e1) ∪ (radicals e2))|  
    radicals (Sqrt e) = (if {e} < 0 then radicals e else {e} ∪ (radicals e))
```

If *r* is in *radicals* of *e* then the set *radical-sqrt* of *r* is a subset (strictly speaking) of the set *radicals* of *e*.

```
lemma radicals-expr-subset: r ∈ radicals e ==> radicals r ⊂ radicals e  
  by (induct e, auto simp: if-split-asm)
```

If *x* is in *radical-sqrt* then there exists a radical expression *e* which translation is *x* (it is important to notice that this expression is not necessarily unique).

```
lemma radical-sqrt-correct-expr:  
  x ∈ radical-sqrt ==> ∃ e. {e} = x  
proof (induction rule: radical-sqrt.induct)  
  case (Rat x)  
  then show ?case  
    by (metis Rats-cases translation.simps(1))  
next
```

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case (Sqrt x)
then show ?case
  by (meson linorder-not-le translation.simps(6))
qed (use translation.simps in blast) +

```

The order of an expression is the maximum number of radicals one over another occurring in a given expression. Using the example above, suppose *expr* is of the form : $\text{expr} = \text{Addition}(\text{Sqrt}(\text{Addition}(\text{Const} a)\text{Sqrt}(\text{Const} b)))\text{Sqrt}(\text{Addition}(\text{Const} c)(\text{Sqrt}(\text{Sqrt}(\text{Const} d))))$, where *a*, *b*, *c* and *d* are rationals and which can be translated as follows: $\{\text{expr}\} = \sqrt{a + \sqrt{b}} + \sqrt{c + \sqrt{\sqrt{d}}}$. The order of *expr* is $\max(2, 3) = 3$.

```

fun order :: expr => nat
where
order (Const x) = 0|
order (Negation e) = order e|
order (Inverse e) = order e|
order (Addition e1 e2) =  $\max(\text{order } e1, \text{order } e2)$ |
order (Multiplication e1 e2) =  $\max(\text{order } e1, \text{order } e2)$ |
order (Sqrt e) = 1 + order e

```

If an expression *s* is one of the radicals (or in *radicals*) of the expression *r*, then its order is smaller (strictly speaking) then the order of *r*.

```

lemma in-radicals-smaller-order:
s ∈ radicals r  $\implies$  (order s) < (order r)
by (induction r) (force split: if-splits) +

```

The following theorem is the converse of the previous lemma.

```

lemma in-radicals-smaller-order-contrap:
(order s) ≥ (order r)  $\implies$   $\neg(s \in \text{radicals } r)$ 
by (metis in-radicals-smaller-order leD)

```

An expression *r* cannot be one of its own radicals.

```

lemma not-in-own-radicals:
 $\neg(r \in \text{radicals } r)$ 
by (metis in-radicals-smaller-order order-less-irrefl)

```

If an expression *e* is a radical expression and it has no radicals then its translation is a rational.

```

lemma radicals-empty-rational: radicals e = {}  $\implies$   $\{e\} \in \mathbb{Q}$ 
by (induct e, auto)

```

A finite non-empty set of natural numbers has necessarily a maximum.

```

lemma finite-set-has-max:
finite (s:: nat set)  $\implies$   $s \neq \{\} \implies \exists k \in s. \forall p \in s. p \leq k$ 
by (metis Max-ge Max-in)

```

There is a finite number of radicals in an expression.

lemma *finite-radicals*: *finite (radicals e)*
by (*induct e, auto*)

We define here a new set corresponding to the orders of each element in the set *radicals* of an expression *expr*. Using the example above, suppose *expr* is of the form : $\text{expr} = \text{Addition}(\text{Sqrt}(\text{Addition}(\text{Const } a) \text{ Sqrt}(\text{Const } b))) (\text{Sqrt}(\text{Addition}(\text{Const } c) (\text{Sqrt}(\text{Sqrt}(\text{Const } d)))))$, where a, b, c and d are rationals and which can be translated as follows: $\{\text{expr}\} = \sqrt{a + \sqrt{b}} + \sqrt{c + \sqrt{d}}$. The set *radicals* of *expr* is $\{\text{Addition}(\text{Const } a) \text{ Sqrt}(\text{Const } b), \text{Const } b, \text{Addition}(\text{Const } c) (\text{Sqrt}(\text{Sqrt}(\text{Const } d))), \text{Sqrt}(\text{Const } d), \text{Const } d\}$; therefore, the set *order-radicals* of this set is $\{1, 0, 2, 1, 0\}$.

fun *order-radicals*:: *expr set => nat set*
where *order-radicals s = {y. } x ∈ s. y = order x}*

If the set of radicals of an expression *e* is not empty and is finite then the set *order-radicals* of the set of radicals of *e* is not empty and is also finite.

The following lemma states that given an expression *e*, if the set *order-radicals* of the set *radicals e* is not empty and is finite, then there exists a radical *r* of *e* which is of highest order among the radicals of *e*.

lemma *finite-order-radicals-has-max*:
 $\llbracket \text{order-radicals}(\text{radicals } e) \neq \{\};$
 $\text{finite}(\text{order-radicals}(\text{radicals } e)) \rrbracket$
 $\implies \exists r. r \in \text{radicals } e \wedge (\forall s \in \text{radicals } e. \text{order } s \leq \text{order } r)$
using *finite-set-has-max* [*of order-radicals (radicals e)*]
by *auto*

This important lemma states that in an expression that has at least one radical, we can find an upmost radical *r* which is not radical of any other term of the expression *e*. It is also important to notice that this upmost radical is not necessarily unique and is not the term of highest order of the expression *e*. Using the example above, suppose *e* is of the form : $e = \text{Addition}(\text{Sqrt}(\text{Addition}(\text{Const } a) \text{ Sqrt}(\text{Const } b))) (\text{Sqrt}(\text{Addition}(\text{Const } c) (\text{Sqrt}(\text{Sqrt}(\text{Const } d)))))$, where a, b, c and d are rationals and which can be translated as follows: $\{e\} = \sqrt{a + \sqrt{b}} + \sqrt{c + \sqrt{d}}$. The possible upmost radicals in this expression are $\text{Addition}(\text{Const } a) (\text{Sqrt}(\text{Const } b))$ or $\text{Addition}(\text{Const } c) (\text{Sqrt}(\text{Sqrt}(\text{Const } d)))$.

lemma *finite-order-radicals*:
radicals e ≠ {} \implies *finite (radicals e)* \implies
order-radicals (radicals e) ≠ {} \wedge *finite (order-radicals (radicals e))*
by *auto*

lemma *upmost-radical-sqrt2*:

$\text{radicals } e \neq \{\} \implies$
 $\exists r \in \text{radicals } e. \forall s \in \text{radicals } e. r \notin \text{radicals } s$
by (meson finite-order-radicals finite-order-radicals-has-max finite-radicals in-radicals-smaller-order leD)

The following 7 lemmas are used to prove the main lemma *radical-sqrt-normal-form* which states that if an expression e has at least one radical then it can be written in a normal form. This means that there exist three radical expressions a , b and r such that $\{e\} = \{a\} + \{b\} * \sqrt{\{r\}}$ and the radicals of a are radicals of e but are not r , and the same goes for the radicals of b and r . It is important to notice that a , b and r are not unique and $Sqrt r$ is not necessarily the term of highest order.

lemma eq-sqrt-squared:

$(x::real) \geq 0 \implies (sqrt x) * (sqrt x) = x$
by (metis abs-of-nonneg real-sqrt-abs2 real-sqrt-mult)

lemma radical-sqrt-normal-form-inverse:

assumes $z \geq 0$ $x \neq y * sqrt z$
shows

$$1 / (x + y * sqrt z) = \\ x / (x * x - y * y * z) - (y * sqrt z) / (x * x - y * y * z)$$

proof –

have $1 / (x + y * sqrt z) = ((x - y * sqrt z) / (x + y * sqrt z)) / (x - y * sqrt z)$

by (auto simp: eq-divide-imp assms)

also have $\dots = x / (x * x - y * y * z) - (y * sqrt z) / (x * x - y * y * z)$

by (auto simp: algebra-simps eq-sqrt-squared diff-divide-distrib assms)

finally show ?thesis .

qed

lemma radical-sqrt-normal-form-lemma:

fixes $e::expr$

assumes $\text{radicals } e \neq \{\}$

and $\forall s \in \text{radicals } e. r \notin \text{radicals } s$

and $r \in \text{radicals } e$

shows $\exists a b. 0 \leq \{r\} \wedge \{e\} = \{a\} + \{b\} * sqrt \{r\} \wedge$

$\text{radicals } a \cup \text{radicals } b \cup \text{radicals } r \subseteq \text{radicals } e \wedge$

$r \notin \text{radicals } a \cup \text{radicals } b$

(is $\exists a b. ?concl e a b$)

using assms

proof (induct e)

case (Const rat) **thus** ?case

by auto

next

case (Negation e)

obtain a b

where a2: ?concl e a b

by (metis Negation radicals.simps(2))

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hence {Negation e} = {Negation a} + {Negation b} * sqrt {r}
  by simp
thus ?case using a2
  by (metis radicals.simps(2))
next
  case (Inverse e)
  obtain a b where ab: ?concl e a b
    by (metis Inverse radicals.simps(3))
  show ?case
    proof (cases {b} * sqrt {r} = {a})
      case eq: True
      show ?thesis
      proof (cases {a} = 0)
        case True
        with eq show ?thesis
          by (smt (verit) ab radicals.simps(3) translation.simps(3))
      next
        case False
        let ?a = Multiplication (Const 1) (Inverse (Multiplication (Const 2) a))
        let ?b = Const 0
        show ?thesis
          by (rule exI [where x= ?a], rule exI [where x= ?b], (use ab eq in force))
      qed
    next
    case False
      let ?a = Multiplication a (Inverse (Addition (Multiplication a a) (Negation
        (Multiplication (Multiplication b b) r))))
      let ?b = Negation (Multiplication b (Inverse (Addition (Multiplication a a)
        (Negation (Multiplication (Multiplication b b) r)))))

      show ?thesis
      apply (rule exI [where x= ?a], rule exI [where x= ?b])
      using ab False
      by (simp add: algebra-simps not-in-own-radicals eq-diff-eq' radical-sqrt-normal-form-inverse)
    qed
  next
  case (Addition e1 e2)
  hence d1:  $\forall s \in \text{radicals } e1 \cup \text{radicals } e2. r \notin \text{radicals } s$ 
    by (metis radicals.simps(4))
  show ?case
    proof (cases r ∈ radicals e1 ∧ r ∈ radicals e2)
      case True
      obtain a1 b1 a2 b2
        where ab: ?concl e1 a1 b1
        and bb: ?concl e2 a2 b2
        using Addition.hyps
        by (simp add: d1) (metis True empty-if)
      thus ?thesis
        apply (rule-tac x = Addition a1 a2 in exI)
        apply (rule-tac x = Addition b1 b2 in exI)
    qed
  qed
qed

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    by (auto simp: comm-semiring-class.distrib)
next
  case False
  thus ?thesis
  proof (cases r ∈ radicals e1)
    case True
    obtain a1 b1
    where "0 ≤ {r}" ?concl e1 a1 b1
    using Addition.hyps
    by (auto simp: d1) (metis True empty-iff)
    with False True show ?thesis
      apply (rule-tac x = Addition a1 e2 in exI)
      apply (rule-tac x = b1 in exI)
      by auto
  next
    case False
    obtain a2 b2
    where "0 ≤ {r}" ?concl e2 a2 b2
    using Addition d1
    by (metis False Un-iff empty-iff radicals.simps(4))
    with False show ?thesis
      apply (rule-tac x = Addition a2 e1 in exI)
      apply (rule-tac x = b2 in exI)
      by auto
  qed
qed
next
  case (Multiplication e1 e2)
  show ?case
  proof (cases r ∈ radicals e1 ∧ r ∈ radicals e2)
    case True
    then obtain a1 b1 a2 b2
    where ?concl e1 a1 b1 ?concl e2 a2 b2
    using Multiplication
    by simp (metis True empty-iff)
    thus ?thesis
      apply (rule-tac x = Addition (Multiplication a1 a2) (Multiplication r (Multiplication b1 b2)) in exI)
      apply (rule-tac x = Addition (Multiplication a1 b2) (Multiplication a2 b1) in exI)
      by (auto simp: not-in-own-radicals algebra-simps eq-sqrt-squared)
  next
    case False
    thus ?thesis
    proof (cases r ∈ radicals e1)
      case True
      then obtain a1 b1
      where ?concl e1 a1 b1
      using Multiplication.hyps Multiplication(4)

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by auto (metis True empty-Iff)
with False True show ?thesis
  apply (rule-tac x = Multiplication a1 e2 in exI)
  apply (rule-tac x = Multiplication b1 e2 in exI)
  by (force simp add: algebra-simps)
next
  case False
  then obtain a2 b2
    where ?concl e2 a2 b2
    using Multiplication.hyps Multiplication(4) Multiplication(5)
    by auto blast
  with False show ?thesis
    apply (rule-tac x = Multiplication a2 e1 in exI)
    apply (rule-tac x = Multiplication b2 e1 in exI)
    by (force simp add: algebra-simps)
  qed
qed
next
  case (Sqrt e)
  show ?case
  proof (cases {e} < 0)
    case True with Sqrt show ?thesis
    by (intro exI [where x = Const 0]) auto
  next
    case False
    with Sqrt show ?thesis
      apply (rule-tac x = Const 0 in exI)
      apply (rule-tac x = Const 1 in exI)
      by (auto simp: linorder-not-less)
    qed
  qed

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This main lemma is essential for the remaining part of the proof.

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theorem radical-sqrt-normal-form:
  radicals e ≠ {} ==>
  ∃ r ∈ radicals e.
    ∃ a b. {e} = {Addition a (Multiplication b (Sqrt r))} ∧ {r} ≥ 0 ∧
      radicals a ∪ radicals b ∪ radicals r ⊆ radicals e &
      r ∉ radicals a ∪ radicals b ∪ radicals r
  using upmost-radical-sqrt2 [of e] radical-sqrt-normal-form-lemma
  by auto (metis all-not-in-conv leD)

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2.7 Important properties of the roots of a cubic equation

The following 7 lemmas are used to prove a main result about the properties of the roots of a cubic equation (*cubic-root-radical-sqrt-rational*) which states that assuming that a , b and c are rationals and that x is a radical satisfying $x^3 + ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ then there exists a rational root. This lemma will be

used in the proof of the impossibility of trisection an angle and of duplicating a cube.

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lemma cubic-root-radical-sqrt-steplemma:
  fixes P :: real set
  assumes Nats [THEN subsetD, intro]: Nats ⊆ P
  and Neg: ∀ x ∈ P. −x ∈ P
  and Inv: ∀ x ∈ P. x ≠ 0 → 1/x ∈ P
  and Add: ∀ x ∈ P. ∀ y ∈ P. x+y ∈ P
  and Mult: ∀ x ∈ P. ∀ y ∈ P. x*y ∈ P
  and a: a ∈ P and b: b ∈ P and c: c ∈ P
  and eq0: z^3 + a * z^2 + b * z + c = 0
  and u: u ∈ P
  and v: v ∈ P
  and s: s * s ∈ P
  and z: z = u + v * s
  shows ∃ w ∈ P. w^3 + a * w^2 + b * w + c = 0
  proof (cases v * s = 0)
    case True
    thus ?thesis
      by (metis eq0 u z add-0-iff)
  next
    case False
    hence sl0: v ≠ 0
      by (metis mult-eq-0-iff)
    from Add Neg have Minus: ∀ x ∈ P. ∀ y ∈ P. x − y ∈ P by (simp only: diff-conv-add-uminus) blast
    have l2: (u^3 + 3 * u * v^2 * s^2 + a * u^2 + a * v^2 * s^2 + b * u + c) + (3 * u^2 * v + v^3 * s^2 + 2 * a * u * v + b * v) * s = 0
      using eq0 z by algebra
    show ?thesis
    proof (cases 3 * u^2 * v + v^3 * s^2 + 2 * a * u * v + b * v ≠ 0)
      case True
        hence s * ((3 * u^2 * v + v^3 * s^2 + 2 * a * u * v + b * v) * (1 / (3 * u^2 * v + v^3 * s^2 + 2 * a * u * v + b * v))) = −(u^3 + 3 * u * v^2 * s^2 + a * u^2 + a * v^2 * s^2 + b * u + c) * (1 / (3 * u^2 * v + v^3 * s^2 + 2 * a * u * v + b * v))
        using l2
        by algebra
        hence s * ((3 * u^2 * v + v^3 * s^2 + 2 * a * u * v + b * v) / (3 * u^2 * v + v^3 * s^2 + 2 * a * u * v + b * v)) = −(u^3 + 3 * u * v^2 * s^2 + a * u^2 + a * v^2 * s^2 + b * u + c) *
          (1 / (3 * u^2 * v + v^3 * s^2 + 2 * a * u * v + b * v))
        by auto
        hence s = −(u^3 + 3 * u * v^2 * s^2 + a * u^2 + a * v^2 * s^2 + b * u + c) *
          (1 / (3 * u^2 * v + v^3 * s^2 + 2 * a * u * v + b * v))
        by (metis mult-1-right True divide-self-if)
        hence *: s = −(u * u * u + 3 * u * v * v * (s * s) + a * u * u + a * v * v * (s

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*s) + b * u + c) *
(1 / (3 * u * u * v + v * v * v * (s * s) + 2 * a * u * v + b * v))
by (simp add: algebra-simps power2-eq-square power3-eq-cube)
have (3*u*u * v + v*v*v * (s*s) + 2 * a * u * v + b * v) ∈ P
using a b u v s Nats Mult Add
by auto
hence 1 / (3 * u * u * v + v * v * v * (s * s) + 2 * a * u * v + b * v) ∈ P
using Inv True by auto
moreover
have -(u*u*u + 3 * u * v * v * (s*s) + a * u * u + a * v * v * (s * s) + b * u
+ c) ∈ P
using a b c u v s Mult Add Neg Minus Nats
by simp
ultimately have -(u*u*u + 3 * u * v * v * (s*s) + a * u * u + a * v * v *
(s * s) + b * u + c) * (1 / (3 * u * u * v + v * v * v * (s * s) + 2 * a * u * v + b *
v)) ∈ P
using Mult by metis
hence s ∈ P
using * by auto
hence z ∈ P
using z u v Mult Add by auto
thus ?thesis
using eq0 by auto
next
case False
have (- a - 2 * u) ^ 3 + a * (- a - 2 * u) ^ 2 + b * (- a - 2 * u) + c =
(- a - 2 * u) ^ 3 + a * (- a - 2 * u) ^ 2 + (- (3 * u ^ 2 + v ^ 2 * s ^ 2 +
2 * a * u)) *
(- a - 2 * u) + (- (u ^ 3) - 3 * u * v ^ 2 * s ^ 2 - a * u ^ 2 - a * v ^ 2 *
s ^ 2 + 3 * u ^ 3 + v ^ 2 * s ^ 2 * u + 2 * a * u ^ 2)
using l2 False sl0
by algebra
also have ... = 0
by (simp add: algebra-simps power-def)
finally show ?thesis
by (metis a u Add Neg diff-conv-add-uminus mult-2)
qed
qed

lemma cubic-root-radical-sqrt-step-lemma-sqrt:
assumes Nats [THEN subsetD, intro]: Nats ⊆ P
and ∀ x ∈ P. -x ∈ P
and ∀ x ∈ P. x ≠ 0 → 1/x ∈ P
and ∀ x ∈ P. ∀ y ∈ P. x+y ∈ P
and ∀ x ∈ P. ∀ y ∈ P. x*y ∈ P
and (a ∈ P) and b: (b ∈ P) and c: (c ∈ P)
and z ^ 3 + a * z ^ 2 + b * z + c = 0
and u ∈ P v ∈ P s ∈ P
and s ≥ 0

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and  $z = u + v * \sqrt{s}$ 
shows  $\exists w \in P. w^3 + a * w^2 + b * w + c = 0$ 
proof –
have  $(\sqrt{s}) * (\sqrt{s}) \in P$ 
by (metis eq-sqrt-squared ⟨ $s \in P$ ⟩ ⟨ $s \geq 0$ ⟩)
thus ?thesis
using cubic-root-radical-sqrt-steplemma [of  $P a b c z u v \sqrt{s}$ ] assms
by auto
qed

lemma cubic-root-radical-sqrt-lemma:
fixes  $e::expr$ 
assumes  $a: a \in \mathbb{Q}$  and  $b: b \in \mathbb{Q}$  and  $c: c \in \mathbb{Q}$ 
and notEmpty: radicals  $e \neq \{\}$ 
and eq0:  $\{e\}^3 + a * \{e\}^2 + b * \{e\} + c = 0$ 
shows  $\exists e1. \text{radicals } e1 \subset \text{radicals } e \wedge (\{e1\}^3 + a * \{e1\}^2 + b * \{e1\} + c = 0)$ 
proof –
obtain  $r u v$ 
where hypsruv:  $\{r\} \geq 0 r \in \text{radicals } e$ 
 $\{e\} = \{\text{Addition } u (\text{Multiplication } v (\text{Sqrt } r))\}$ 
radicals  $u \cup \text{radicals } v \cup \text{radicals } r \subseteq \text{radicals } e$ 
 $r \notin \text{radicals } u \cup \text{radicals } v \cup \text{radicals } r$ 
using notEmpty radical-sqrt-normal-form [of  $e$ ]
by blast
let ?E = { $x. \exists ex. (\{ex\} = x) \wedge ((\text{radicals } ex) \subseteq (\text{radicals } e)) \wedge (r \notin (\text{radicals } ex))\}$ 
have NatsE:  $Nats \subseteq ?E$ 
by (force elim: Nats-cases intro: exI[of - Const (rat-of-nat n) for n])
have negE:  $\forall x \in ?E. -x \in ?E$ 
using hypsruv by (force intro: exI[of - Negation ex for ex])
have invE:  $\forall x \in ?E. x \neq 0 \rightarrow 1/x \in ?E$ 
using hypsruv by (force intro: exI[of - Inverse ex for ex])
have addE:  $\forall x \in ?E. \forall y \in ?E. x+y \in ?E$ 
using hypsruv by (force intro: exI[of - Addition ex1 ex2 for ex1 ex2])
have multE:  $\forall x \in ?E. \forall y \in ?E. x*y \in ?E$ 
using hypsruv by (force intro: exI[of - Multiplication ex1 ex2 for ex1 ex2])
obtain ra rb rc
where hypsra:  $a = \text{of-rat } ra$ 
and hypsrb:  $b = \text{of-rat } rb$ 
and hypsrc:  $c = \text{of-rat } rc$ 
unfolding Rats-def
by (metis Rats-cases a b c)
have  $a \in ?E \wedge b \in ?E \wedge c \in ?E \wedge \{u\} \in ?E \wedge \{v\} \in ?E \wedge \{r\} \in ?E \wedge \{r\} \geq 0 \wedge \{e\} = \{u\} + \{v\} * \sqrt{r}$ 
using a b c notEmpty hypsruv hypsra hypsrb hypsrc
by (auto intro: exI[of - Const x for x])
with eq0 hypsruv NatsE negE invE addE multE
cubic-root-radical-sqrt-steplemma-sqrt [of ?E a b c{e} {u} {v} {r}]

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obtain w where  $w \in ?E \wedge (w^3 + a * w^2 + b * w + c = 0)$ 
  by auto
then obtain e2
  where  $\{e2\} = w$  radicals e2  $\subseteq$  radicals e r  $\notin$  radicals e2
     $\{e2\}^3 + a * \{e2\}^2 + b * \{e2\} + c = 0$ 
  by auto
with hypsruv show ?thesis
  by (metis subset-iff-psubset-eq)
qed

lemma cubic-root-radical-sqrt:
assumes abc:  $a \in \mathbb{Q}$   $b \in \mathbb{Q}$   $c \in \mathbb{Q}$ 
shows card (radicals e) = n  $\implies \{e\}^3 + a * \{e\}^2 + b * \{e\} + c = 0 \implies$ 
 $\exists x \in \mathbb{Q}. x^3 + a * x^2 + b * x + c = 0$ 
proof (induct n arbitrary: e rule: less-induct)
  case (less n)
  thus ?case
  proof cases
    assume n: n = 0
    thus ?thesis
      using less.premis radicals-empty-rational [of e] finite-radicals [of e]
      by (auto simp: card-eq-0-iff n)
  next
    assume n  $\neq 0$ 
    hence card (radicals e)  $\neq 0$ 
      using less.premis by auto
    hence radicals e  $\neq \{\}$ 
      by (metis card.empty)
    hence  $\exists e1. \text{radicals } e1 \subset \text{radicals } e \wedge (\{e1\}^3 + a * \{e1\}^2 + b * \{e1\} + c = 0)$ 
      using abc less.premis cubic-root-radical-sqrt-lemma [of a b c e]
      by auto
    then obtain e1
      where hypse1:  $\text{radicals } e1 \subset \text{radicals } e \wedge (\{e1\}^3 + a * \{e1\}^2 + b * \{e1\} + c = 0)$ 
      by auto
      hence card (radicals e1)  $<$  card (radicals e)
        by (metis finite-radicals psubset-card-mono)
      hence card (radicals e1)  $<$  n  $\wedge a : \mathbb{Q} \wedge b : \mathbb{Q} \wedge c : \mathbb{Q} \wedge \{e1\}^3 + a * \{e1\}^2 + b * \{e1\} + c = 0$ 
        using hypse1 less.premis abc
        by auto
      thus ?thesis using less.hyps [of - e1]
        by auto
  qed
qed

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Now we can prove the final result about the properties of the roots of a cubic equation.

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theorem cubic-root-radical-sqrt-rational:
  assumes a:  $a \in \mathbb{Q}$  and b:  $b \in \mathbb{Q}$  and c:  $c \in \mathbb{Q}$ 
  and x:  $x \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ 
  and x-eqn:  $x^3 + a * x^2 + b * x + c = 0$ 
  shows c:  $\exists x \in \mathbb{Q}. x^3 + a * x^2 + b * x + c = 0$ 
proof-
  obtain e n
  where {e} = x  $\wedge$  ({e}^3 + a * {e}^2 + b * {e} + c = 0) n = card (radicals e)
  using x x-eqn radical-sqrt-correct-expr [of x] by auto
  thus ?thesis
  using cubic-root-radical-sqrt [OF a b c] by auto
qed

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2.8 Important properties of radicals

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lemma sqrt-roots:
   $y^2 = x \implies x \geq 0 \wedge (\sqrt{x} = y \mid \sqrt{x} = -y)$ 
  by auto

lemma radical-sqrt-linear-equation:
  assumes a:  $a \in \text{radical-sqrt}$  b:  $b \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ 
  and  $\neg(a = 0 \wedge b = 0)$ 
  and a * x + b = 0
  shows x:  $x \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ 
proof (cases a=0)
  case True
  with assms show ?thesis
  by auto
next
  case False
  hence x = - b / a
  using assms by (simp add: field-simps)
  also have ...:  $\in \text{radical-sqrt}$ 
  by (simp add: False assms radical-sqrt.Neg radical-sqrt-rule-division)
  finally show ?thesis .
qed

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lemma radical-sqrt-simultaneous-linear-equation:
  assumes a:  $a \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ 
  and b:  $b \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ 
  and c:  $c \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ 
  and d:  $d \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ 
  and e:  $e \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ 
  and f:  $f \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ 
  and NotNull:  $\neg(a * e - b * d = 0 \wedge a * f - c * d = 0 \wedge e * c = b * f)$ 
  and eq:  $a * x + b * y = c * d * x + e * y = f$ 
  shows x:  $x \in \text{radical-sqrt} \wedge y \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ 

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proof (cases a*e - b*d =0)
  case False
    hence  $(a*e - b*d) * x = (e*c - b*f)$  using eq
      by algebra
    hence  $x: x = (e*c - b*f) / (a*e - b*d)$ 
      using False by (simp add: field-simps)
    hence  $(a*e - b*d) * y = (a*f - d*c)$  using eq
      by algebra
    hence  $y: y = (a*f - d*c) / (a*e - b*d)$ 
      using False by (simp add: field-simps)
    have  $a\in\text{radical-sqrt}: (a*e - b*d) \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ 
      using assms radical-sqrt.simps
      by (metis radical-sqrt.intros(5) radical-sqrt-rule-subtraction)
    hence  $((e*c - b*f) / (a*e - b*d)) \in \text{radical-sqrt}$   $((a*f - d*c) / (a*e - b*d)) \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ 
      using False assms by (auto intro!: radical-sqrt.intros(5) radical-sqrt-rule-division radical-sqrt-rule-subtraction)
      thus ?thesis
        by (simp add: x y)
  next
    case True
    hence  $(a*e - b*d) * x = (e*c - b*f)$   $(a*e - b*d) * y = (a*f - d*c)$  using eq
      by algebra+
    thus ?thesis using NotNull True
      by simp
  qed

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lemma radical-sqrt-quadratic-equation:
  assumes  $a \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ 
    and  $b \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ 
    and  $c \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ 
    and  $\text{eq0}: a*x^2 + b*x + c = 0$ 
    and  $\text{NotNull}: \neg(a = 0 \wedge b = 0 \wedge c = 0)$ 
  shows  $x \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ 
proof (cases a=0)
  case True
    have  $\neg(b = 0 \wedge c = 0)$ 
      by (metis True NotNull)
    with assms show ?thesis
      by (metis True add-0 mult-zero-left radical-sqrt-linear-equation)
  next
    case False
    hence  $(2*a*x + b)^2 = 4*a*(-c) + b^2$  using eq0
      by algebra
    hence  $(b^2 - 4*a*c) \geq 0 \wedge (\sqrt{(b^2 - 4*a*c)} = (2*a*x + b) \vee \sqrt{(b^2 - 4*a*c)} = -(2*a*x + b))$ 
      using sqrt-roots [of 2*a*x+b b^2 - 4*a*c]
      by auto

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hence quad:  $b^2 - 4*a*c \geq 0 \wedge ((-b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4*a*c}) / (2*a) = x \vee$ 
 $(-b - \sqrt{b^2 - 4*a*c}) / (2*a) = x)$ 
using False
by auto
have  $4*a*c \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ 
using Rats-number-of assms radical-sqrt.simps by blast
hence  $b^2 - 4*a*c \in \text{radical-sqrt}$  using assms
by (simp add: power2-eq-square radical-sqrt.Times radical-sqrt-rule-subtraction)
hence RS1:  $\sqrt{b^2 - 4*a*c} \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ 
using quad
by (metis radical-sqrt.intros(6))
hence RS2:  $(-b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4*a*c}) / (2*a) \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ 
using assms False
by (metis double-zero-sym mult-2 radical-sqrt.Neg radical-sqrt.Plus
      radical-sqrt-rule-division)
have  $(-b - \sqrt{b^2 - 4*a*c}) / (2*a) \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ 
using assms False RS1 by (smt (verit) radical-sqrt.Neg radical-sqrt.Plus radi-
cal-sqrt-rule-division)
thus ?thesis
by (metis quad RS2)
qed

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lemma radical-sqrt-simultaneous-linear-quadratic:
assumes  $a \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ 
and  $b \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ 
and  $c \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ 
and  $d \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ 
and  $e \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ 
and  $f \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ 
and NotNull:  $\neg(d=0 \wedge e=0 \wedge f=0)$ 
and eq:  $(x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2 = cd*x + e*y = f$ 
shows  $x \in \text{radical-sqrt} \wedge y \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ 
proof (cases  $d=0 \wedge e=0$ )
case True
with assms show ?thesis
by (metis add-0 mult-zero-left)
next
case False
hence l10:  $(e^2 + d^2) * x^2 + (2*e*b*d - 2*a*e^2 - 2*d*f)*x + (a^2 *$ 
 $e^2 + f^2 - 2*e*b*f + b^2 * e^2 - e^2 * c) = 0$ 
using eq by algebra
have l12:  $\neg(e^2 + d^2 = 0 \wedge 2*e*b*d - 2*a*e^2 - 2*d*f = 0 \wedge a^2 * e^2$ 
 $+ f^2 - 2*e*b*f + b^2 * e^2 - e^2 * c = 0)$ 
using False power-def
by auto
have l13:  $(e^2 + d^2) \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ 
using assms by (metis power2-eq-square radical-sqrt.Plus radical-sqrt.Times)
have 2:  $2 \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ 

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by (auto intro: radical-sqrt.intros)
have (− 2*d*f) ∈ radical-sqrt using radical-sqrt.intros
  using 2 assms by presburger
with assms have ((2*e*b*d) + (− 2*a*e^2) + (− 2*d*f)) ∈ radical-sqrt
  by (metis Rats-number-of power2-eq-square radical-sqrt.Neg
      radical-sqrt.Plus radical-sqrt.Times radical-sqrt.intros(1))
hence l14: (2*e*b*d − 2*a*e^2 − 2*d*f) ∈ radical-sqrt
  by force
have RS6: (a^2 * e^2 + f^2 + (− 2 * e * b * f) + b^2 * e^2 + (− c * e^2)) ∈
radical-sqrt
  using assms
  by (metis 2 power2-eq-square radical-sqrt.Neg radical-sqrt.Plus radical-sqrt.Times)
have a^2 * e^2 + f^2 − 2 * e * b * f + b^2 * e^2 − e^2 * c = a^2 * e^2 + f^2
+ (− 2 * e * b * f) + b^2 * e^2 + (− c * e^2)
  by auto
hence (a^2 * e^2 + f^2 − 2 * e * b * f + b^2 * e^2 − e^2 * c) ∈ radical-sqrt
  using RS6
  by metis
hence x: x ∈ radical-sqrt
  using radical-sqrt-quadratic-equation [of e^2 + d^2 2*e*b*d − 2*a*e^2 −
2*d*f a^2 * e^2 + f^2 − 2 * e * b * f + b^2 * e^2 − e^2 * c x] l13 l14 l12 l10
  by auto
hence y: y ∈ radical-sqrt
proof (cases e = 0)
  case True
  hence 1 * y^2 + (− 2 * b) * y + (b^2 + (x − a)^2 − c) = 0
    using eq by algebra
  moreover
  have 1 ∈ radical-sqrt
    by (metis Rats-1 radical-sqrt.intros(1))
  moreover
  have (− 2 * b) ∈ radical-sqrt
    using assms
    by (metis minus-mult-commute mult-2 radical-sqrt.intros(2) radical-sqrt.intros(4))
  moreover
  have (b^2 + (x − a)^2 − c) ∈ radical-sqrt
    using assms x
    by (auto intro: radical-sqrt.intros radical-sqrt-rule-subtraction simp add:
power2-eq-square)
  ultimately show ?thesis
    using radical-sqrt-quadratic-equation [of 1::real − 2 * b b^2 + (x − a)^2 −
c y]
    by auto
  next
  case False
  have (d*x − f) ∈ radical-sqrt
    using assms x by (simp add: radical-sqrt.Times radical-sqrt-rule-subtraction)
  thus ?thesis
    using radical-sqrt-linear-equation [of e d*x − f y] assms eq False

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    by auto
qed
show ?thesis
  by (metis x y)
qed

lemma radical-sqrt-simultaneous-quadratic-quadratic:
assumes a ∈ radical-sqrt
  and b ∈ radical-sqrt
  and c ∈ radical-sqrt
  and d ∈ radical-sqrt
  and e ∈ radical-sqrt
  and f ∈ radical-sqrt
  and NotEqual: ¬(a = d ∧ b = e ∧ c = f)
  and eq: (x - a) ^ 2 + (y - b) ^ 2 = c (x - d) ^ 2 + (y - e) ^ 2 = f
shows x ∈ radical-sqrt ∧ y ∈ radical-sqrt
proof -
  have (x ^ 2 - 2 * a * x + a ^ 2 + y ^ 2 - 2 * y * b + b ^ 2) - (x ^ 2 - 2 * d * x + d ^ 2 + y ^ 2 - 2 * y * e + e ^ 2) = (c - f)
    using eq by (simp add: algebra_simps power-def)
  hence l4: (2 * d - 2 * a) * x + (2 * e - 2 * b) * y + (b ^ 2 - e ^ 2) + (a ^ 2 - d ^ 2) + (f - c) = 0
    by algebra
  hence l6: ¬((2 * d - 2 * a) = 0 ∧ (2 * e - 2 * b) = 0 ∧ (b ^ 2 - e ^ 2) + (a ^ 2 - d ^ 2) + (f - c) = 0)
    using NotEqual by algebra
  have l7: (2 * d - 2 * a) ∈ radical-sqrt
    using assms by (metis mult_2 radical_sqrt.intros(4) radical_sqrt_rule_subtraction)
  have l8: (2 * e - 2 * b) ∈ radical-sqrt
    using assms by (metis mult_2 radical_sqrt.intros(4) radical_sqrt_rule_subtraction)
  have be_rad: (b ^ 2 - e ^ 2) ∈ radical-sqrt
    using assms by (metis power2_eq_square radical_sqrt.intros(5) radical_sqrt_rule_subtraction)
  have ad_rad: (a ^ 2 - d ^ 2) ∈ radical-sqrt
    using assms by (metis power2_eq_square radical_sqrt.intros(5) radical_sqrt_rule_subtraction)
  have f_c: (f - c) ∈ radical-sqrt
    using assms by (metis radical_sqrt_rule_subtraction)
  hence -(b ^ 2 - e ^ 2) + (a ^ 2 - d ^ 2) + (f - c) ∈ radical-sqrt
    using radical_sqrt.intros by (metis be_rad ad_rad)
  thus ?thesis
    using radical_sqrt_simultaneous_linear_quadratic [of a b c (2 * d - 2 * a) (2 * e - 2 * b) - ((b ^ 2 - e ^ 2) + (a ^ 2 - d ^ 2) + (f - c)) x y]
      using assms l7 l8 l6 l4 NotEqual eq
      by simp
qed

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2.9 Important properties of geometrical points which coordinates are radicals

lemma radical-sqrt-line-line-intersection:

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assumes absA: (abscissa (A)) ∈ radical-sqrt
  and ordA: (ordinate A) ∈ radical-sqrt
  and absB: (abscissa B) ∈ radical-sqrt
  and ordB: (ordinate B) ∈ radical-sqrt
  and absC: (abscissa C) ∈ radical-sqrt
  and ordC: (ordinate C) ∈ radical-sqrt
  and absD: (abscissa D) ∈ radical-sqrt
  and ordD: (ordinate D) ∈ radical-sqrt
  and notParallel: ¬ (parallel A B C D)
  and isIntersec: is-intersection X A B C D
shows (abscissa X) ∈ radical-sqrt ∧ (ordinate X) ∈ radical-sqrt
proof-
  have l2: (abscissa A - abscissa X) * (ordinate A - ordinate B) = (ordinate A - ordinate X) * (abscissa A - abscissa B) ∧ (abscissa C - abscissa X) * (ordinate C - ordinate D) = (ordinate C - ordinate X) * (abscissa C - abscissa D)
    using isIntersec is-intersection-def collinear-def parallel-def
    by auto
  hence l4: (- (ordinate A - ordinate B)) * abscissa X + (abscissa A - abscissa B) * ordinate X = (- abscissa A * (ordinate A - ordinate B) + ordinate A * (abscissa A - abscissa B))
    by (simp add: algebra-simps)
  have l6: (- (ordinate C - ordinate D)) * abscissa X + (abscissa C - abscissa D) * ordinate X = (- abscissa C * (ordinate C - ordinate D) + ordinate C * (abscissa C - abscissa D))
    using l2 by (simp add: algebra-simps)
  have RS1: (- (ordinate A - ordinate B)) ∈ radical-sqrt
    by (metis ordA ordB minus-diff-eq radical-sqrt-rule-subtraction)
  have RS2: (abscissa A - abscissa B) ∈ radical-sqrt
    by (metis absA absB radical-sqrt-rule-subtraction)
  have RS3: (- abscissa A * (ordinate A - ordinate B) + ordinate A * (abscissa A - abscissa B)) ∈ radical-sqrt
    using absA ordA ordB absB radical-sqrt.Times radical-sqrt-rule-subtraction by
  force
  have RS4: (- (ordinate C - ordinate D)) ∈ radical-sqrt
    by (metis ordC ordD minus-diff-eq radical-sqrt-rule-subtraction)
  have RS5: (abscissa C - abscissa D) ∈ radical-sqrt
    by (metis absC absD radical-sqrt-rule-subtraction)
  have RS6: (- abscissa C * (ordinate C - ordinate D) + ordinate C * (abscissa C - abscissa D)) ∈ radical-sqrt
    using absC ordC absD ordD
    by (simp add: radical-sqrt.Times radical-sqrt-rule-subtraction)
  have (- (ordinate A - ordinate B)) * (abscissa C - abscissa D) ≠ (abscissa A - abscissa B) * (- (ordinate C - ordinate D))
    using notParallel parallel-def
    by (simp add: algebra-simps)
  thus ?thesis
    using radical-sqrt-simultaneous-linear-equation [of - (ordinate A - ordinate B) (abscissa A - abscissa B)
      - abscissa A * (ordinate A - ordinate B) + ordinate A * (abscissa A

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$$\begin{aligned}
& - \text{abscissa } B) - (\text{ordinate } C - \text{ordinate } D) \\
& \quad \text{abscissa } C - \text{abscissa } D - \text{abscissa } C * (\text{ordinate } C - \text{ordinate } D) + \\
& \quad \text{ordinate } C * (\text{abscissa } C - \text{abscissa } D) \\
& \quad \text{abscissa } X \text{ ordinate } X] \\
\text{assms } & l4 RS1 RS2 RS3 RS4 RS5 RS6 l6 \\
\text{by simp} \\
\text{qed}
\end{aligned}$$


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lemma radical-sqrt-line-circle-intersection:

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assumes absA: (abscissa A) ∈ radical-sqrt and ordA: (ordinate A) ∈ radical-sqrt
and absB: (abscissa B) ∈ radical-sqrt and ordB: (ordinate B) ∈ radical-sqrt
and absC: (abscissa C) ∈ radical-sqrt and ordC: (ordinate C) ∈ radical-sqrt
and absD: (abscissa D) ∈ radical-sqrt and ordD: (ordinate D) ∈ radical-sqrt
and absE: (abscissa E) ∈ radical-sqrt and ordE: (ordinate E) ∈ radical-sqrt
and notEqual: A ≠ B
and colin: collinear A X B
and eqDist: (distance C X = distance D E)
shows (abscissa X) ∈ radical-sqrt ∧ (ordinate X) ∈ radical-sqrt
proof-
  have RS1: (-(ordinate A - ordinate B)) ∈ radical-sqrt
    by (metis ordA ordB minus-diff-eq radical-sqrt-rule-subtraction)
  have RS2: (abscissa A - abscissa B) ∈ radical-sqrt
    by (metis absA absB radical-sqrt-rule-subtraction)
  have RS3: (-(abscissa A * (ordinate A - ordinate B)) + ordinate A * (abscissa A - abscissa B)) ∈ radical-sqrt
    by (simp add: absA ordA ordB radical-sqrt.Times radical-sqrt-rule-subtraction RS2)
  have RS4: (abscissa D - abscissa E)^2 + (ordinate D - ordinate E)^2 ∈ radical-sqrt
    by (simp add: absD absE ordD ordE power2-eq-square radical-sqrt.Plus radical-sqrt.Times radical-sqrt-rule-subtraction)
  have (-(ordinate A - ordinate B)) = 0 ∧ (abscissa A - abscissa B) = 0 ∧
    (-(abscissa A * (ordinate A - ordinate B)) + ordinate A * (abscissa A - abscissa B)) = 0
    using notEqual point-eqI by force
  moreover
  have (-(ordinate A - ordinate B)) * abscissa X + (abscissa A - abscissa B) * ordinate X = (-(abscissa A * (ordinate A - ordinate B)) + ordinate A * (abscissa A - abscissa B))
    using colin unfolding collinear-def parallel-def by algebra
  moreover
  have sqrt ((abscissa X - abscissa C)^2 + (ordinate X - ordinate C)^2) =
    sqrt ((abscissa D - abscissa E)^2 + (ordinate D - ordinate E)^2)
    using eqDist distance-def by (metis dist-commute point-dist point-surj)
  hence (abscissa X - abscissa C)^2 + (ordinate X - ordinate C)^2 = (abscissa D - abscissa E)^2 + (ordinate D - ordinate E)^2
    by auto
  ultimately show ?thesis

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using radical-sqrt-simultaneous-linear-quadratic
  [of abscissa C ordinate C
    ( $\text{abscissa } D - \text{abscissa } E)^2 + (\text{ordinate } D - \text{ordinate } E)^2$ )
     $- (\text{ordinate } A - \text{ordinate } B) \text{abscissa } A - \text{abscissa } B$ 
     $- \text{abscissa } A * (\text{ordinate } A - \text{ordinate } B) + \text{ordinate } A * (\text{abscissa } A - \text{abscissa } B)$ 
     $\text{abscissa } X \text{ ordinate } X]$ 
  absC ordC RS1 RS2 RS3 RS4 by fastforce
qed

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lemma radical-sqrt-circle-circle-intersection:

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assumes absA: ( $\text{abscissa } A \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ ) and ordA: ( $\text{ordinate } A \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ )
and absB: ( $\text{abscissa } B \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ ) and ordB: ( $\text{ordinate } B \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ )
and absC: ( $\text{abscissa } C \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ ) and ordC: ( $\text{ordinate } C \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ )
and absD: ( $\text{abscissa } D \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ ) and ordD: ( $\text{ordinate } D \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ )
and absE: ( $\text{abscissa } E \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ ) and ordE: ( $\text{ordinate } E \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ )
and absF: ( $\text{abscissa } F \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ ) and ordF: ( $\text{ordinate } F \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ )
and eqDist0:  $\text{distance } A X = \text{distance } B C$ 
and eqDist1:  $\text{distance } D X = \text{distance } E F$ 
and notEqual:  $\neg (A = D \wedge \text{distance } B C = \text{distance } E F)$ 
shows ( $\text{abscissa } X \in \text{radical-sqrt} \wedge (\text{ordinate } X \in \text{radical-sqrt})$ 
proof-
  have sqrt ( $(\text{abscissa } X - \text{abscissa } A)^2 + (\text{ordinate } X - \text{ordinate } A)^2$ ) = sqrt
    ( $(\text{abscissa } B - \text{abscissa } C)^2 + (\text{ordinate } B - \text{ordinate } C)^2$ )
    by (metis dist-commute distance-def eqDist0 point-dist point-surj)
  hence ( $\sqrt{(\text{abscissa } X - \text{abscissa } A)^2 + (\text{ordinate } X - \text{ordinate } A)^2})^2$ )
    = ( $\sqrt{(\text{abscissa } B - \text{abscissa } C)^2 + (\text{ordinate } B - \text{ordinate } C)^2})^2$ )
    by (auto simp: power-def)
  hence XA: ( $\text{abscissa } X - \text{abscissa } A)^2 + (\text{ordinate } X - \text{ordinate } A)^2$ 
    = ( $\text{abscissa } B - \text{abscissa } C)^2 + (\text{ordinate } B - \text{ordinate } C)^2$ )
    by auto
  have sqrt ( $(\text{abscissa } X - \text{abscissa } D)^2 + (\text{ordinate } X - \text{ordinate } D)^2$ ) =
    sqrt ( $(\text{abscissa } E - \text{abscissa } F)^2 + (\text{ordinate } E - \text{ordinate } F)^2$ )
    by (metis dist-commute distance-def eqDist1 point-dist point-surj)
  hence XD: ( $\text{abscissa } X - \text{abscissa } D)^2 + (\text{ordinate } X - \text{ordinate } D)^2$ 
    = ( $\text{abscissa } E - \text{abscissa } F)^2 + (\text{ordinate } E - \text{ordinate } F)^2$ )
    by auto
  have *:  $\neg (\text{abscissa } A = \text{abscissa } D \wedge \text{ordinate } A = \text{ordinate } D)$ 
    by (metis point-eq-iff notEqual eqDist0 eqDist1)
  have ( $\text{abscissa } B - \text{abscissa } C \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ )
    by (metis absB absC radical-sqrt-rule-subtraction)
  hence RS1: ( $(\text{abscissa } B - \text{abscissa } C)^2 \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ )
    by (auto intro: radical-sqrt.intros simp add: power2-eq-square)
  have ( $\text{ordinate } B - \text{ordinate } C \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ )
    by (metis ordB ordC radical-sqrt-rule-subtraction)
  hence ( $(\text{ordinate } B - \text{ordinate } C)^2 \in \text{radical-sqrt}$ )
    by (auto intro: radical-sqrt.intros simp add: power2-eq-square)
  hence **: ( $(\text{abscissa } B - \text{abscissa } C)^2 + (\text{ordinate } B - \text{ordinate } C)^2 \in$ 

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radical-sqrt
  by (metis radical-sqrt.intro(4) RS1)
  have (abscissa E - abscissa F) ∈ radical-sqrt
    by (metis absE absF radical-sqrt-rule-subtraction)
  hence ((abscissa E - abscissa F)2) ∈ radical-sqrt
    by (auto intro: radical-sqrt.intro simp add: power2-eq-square)
  moreover
    have (ordinate E - ordinate F) ∈ radical-sqrt
      by (metis ordE ordF radical-sqrt-rule-subtraction)
    hence (ordinate E - ordinate F)2 ∈ radical-sqrt
      by (auto intro: radical-sqrt.intro simp add: power2-eq-square)
    ultimately have ((abscissa E - abscissa F)2 + (ordinate E - ordinate F)2)
    ∈ radical-sqrt
      by (metis radical-sqrt.intro(4))
    thus ?thesis
      using radical-sqrt-simultaneous-quadratic-quadratic
        [of abscissa A ordinate A (abscissa B - abscissa C)2 + (ordinate B - ordinate C)2
         abscissa D ordinate D (abscissa E - abscissa F)2 + (ordinate E - ordinate F)2
          abscissa X ordinate X]
        absA ordA absD ordD XA XD ***]
      by auto
  qed

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2.10 Definition of the set of constructible points

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inductive-set constructible :: point set
  where
    ( $M \in \text{points} \wedge (\text{abscissa } M) \in \mathbb{Q} \wedge (\text{ordinate } M) \in \mathbb{Q} \implies M \in \text{constructible}$ )
    ( $A \in \text{constructible} \wedge B \in \text{constructible} \wedge C \in \text{constructible} \wedge D \in \text{constructible}$ 
      $\wedge \neg \text{parallel } A B C D \wedge \text{is-intersection } M A B C D \implies M \in \text{constructible}$ )
    ( $A \in \text{constructible} \wedge B \in \text{constructible} \wedge C \in \text{constructible} \wedge D \in \text{constructible}$ 
      $\wedge E \in \text{constructible} \wedge \neg A = B \wedge \text{collinear } A M B \wedge \text{distance } C M = \text{distance } D E \implies M \in \text{constructible}$ )
    ( $A \in \text{constructible} \wedge B \in \text{constructible} \wedge C \in \text{constructible} \wedge D \in \text{constructible}$ 
      $\wedge E \in \text{constructible} \wedge F \in \text{constructible} \wedge \neg (A = D \wedge \text{distance } B C = \text{distance } E F) \wedge \text{distance } A M = \text{distance } B C \wedge \text{distance } D M = \text{distance } E F \implies M \in \text{constructible}$ )

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2.11 An important property about constructible points: their coordinates are radicals

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lemma constructible-radical-sqrt:
  assumes  $M \in \text{constructible}$ 
  shows (abscissa M) ∈ radical-sqrt ∧ (ordinate M) ∈ radical-sqrt
  using assms
  proof (induction rule: constructible.induct)
    case (1 M)

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then show ?case by (metis radical-sqrt.intro(1))
next
  case (? A B C D M)
    then show ?case by (metis radical-sqrt-line-line-intersection)
next
  case (? A B C D E M)
    then show ?case by (metis radical-sqrt-line-circle-intersection)
next
  case (? A B C D E F M)
    then show ?case by (metis radical-sqrt-circle-circle-intersection)
qed

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2.12 Proving the impossibility of duplicating the cube

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lemma impossibility-of-doubling-the-cube-lemma:
  assumes x: x ∈ radical-sqrt
  and x-eqn: x^3 = 2
  shows False
proof-
  have ∃ y ∈ ℚ. y^3 + 0 * y^2 + 0 * y + (- 2) = (0::real)
    using x x-eqn cubic-root-radical-sqrt-rational [of 0 0 - 2]
    by auto
  then obtain y::real where hypsy: y ∈ ℚ y^3 = 2
    by auto
  then obtain r where hypsr: y = of-rat r
    using Rats-cases by blast
  hence ∃! p. r = Fract (fst p) (snd p) ∧ snd p > 0 ∧ coprime (fst p) (snd p)
    by (metis quotient-of-unique)
  then obtain p q where hypsp: r = Fract p q q > 0 coprime p q
    by auto
  have r^3 = 2
    using hypsr hypsy by (metis of-rat-eq-iff of-rat-numeral-eq of-rat-power)
  moreover have r^3 = Fract (p^3) (q^3)
    using hypsp by (simp add: power3-eq-cube)
  ultimately have Fract (p ^ 3) (q ^ 3) = 2
    by auto
  hence Fract (p ^ 3) (q ^ 3) = Fract 2 1
    by (metis rat-number-expand(3))
  hence l12: p ^ 3 = q ^ 3 * 2 using hypsp
    by (simp add: eq-rat)
  hence even (p ^ 3)
    by (auto intro: dvdI)
  then have even p
    by auto
  then have 8 dvd p ^ 3
    by (auto simp: dvd-def power-def)
  then have 8 dvd q ^ 3 * 2
    using l12 by auto
  then have even (q ^ 3)

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    by (auto simp: dvd-def)
then have even q
    by auto
with ‹even p› have 2 dvd gcd p q
    by (rule gcd-greatest)
with ‹coprime p q› show False by simp
qed

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theorem impossibility-of-doubling-the-cube:
 $x^3 = 2 \implies (\text{Point } x 0) \notin \text{constructible}$
by (metis abscissa.simps constructible-radical-sqrt impossibility-of-doubling-the-cube-lemma)

2.13 Proving the impossibility of trisecting an angle

lemma impossibility-of-trisecting-pi-over-3-lemma:
assumes $x: x \in \text{radical-sqrt}$
and $x\text{-eqn}: x^3 - 3 * x - 1 = 0$
shows False
proof –
have $\exists x \in \mathbb{Q}. x^3 + (-3) * x = (1:\text{real})$
using x-eqn cubic-root-radical-sqrt-rational [of 0 - 3 - 1] x
by force
then obtain $y :: \text{real}$ **where** hypsy: $y \in \mathbb{Q} \wedge y^3 - 3 * y = 1$ **by** auto
then obtain r **where** hypsr: $y = \text{of-rat } r$
by (metis Rats-cases)
then obtain p **where** hypsp: $r = \text{Fract} (\text{fst } p) (\text{snd } p) \wedge \text{snd } p > 0 \wedge \text{coprime} (\text{fst } p) (\text{snd } p)$
using quotient-of-unique hypsy
by blast
have r3eq: $r^3 - 3 * r = 1$
using hypsy hypsr
by (metis (mono-tags, opaque-lifting) of-rat-diff of-rat-eq-1-iff of-rat-mult of-rat-numeral-eq power3-eq-cube)
have *: $(\text{snd } p)^3 > 0 \wedge \text{coprime} ((\text{fst } p)^3) ((\text{snd } p)^3)$
using hypsp **by** simp
have r3 = Fract ((fst p)^3) ((snd p)^3)
by (metis (no-types) mult-rat power3-eq-cube hypsp)
then have Fract ((fst p)^3) ((snd p)^3) - (Fract (3 * (fst p)) (snd p)) = 1
using r3eq hypsp
by (simp add: Fract-of-int-quotient)
then have l10: $\text{Fract} ((\text{fst } p)^3) ((\text{snd } p)^3) - \text{Fract} (3 * (\text{fst } p) * (\text{snd } p)^2) ((\text{snd } p)^3) = 1$
using hypsp
by (simp add: power-def algebra-simps Fract-of-int-quotient)
have Fract ((fst p)^3 - (3 * (fst p) * (snd p)^2)) ((snd p)^3) =
 $\text{Fract} (((\text{fst } p)^3 - (3 * (\text{fst } p) * (\text{snd } p)^2)) * (\text{snd } p)^3) (((\text{snd } p)^3) * (\text{snd } p)^3)$
using * eq-rat **by** auto

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also have ... = Fract 1 1
  using One-rat-def int-distrib(3) l10 * by auto
finally have (fst p) ^3 - 3 * (fst p) * (snd p) ^2 = (snd p) ^3 using hypsp
  by (simp add: eq-rat)
hence (fst p) * ((fst p) ^2 - 3 * (snd p) ^2) = (snd p) ^3
  (snd p) * ((snd p) ^2 + 3 * (fst p) * (snd p)) = (fst p) ^3
  by (auto simp: power-def algebra-simps)
hence fst p ^ 3 = snd p * ((snd p)^2 + 3 * fst p * snd p)
  snd p ^ 3 = fst p * ((fst p)^2 - 3 * (snd p)^2)
  by auto
hence (fst p) dvd ((snd p) ^3) (snd p) dvd ((fst p) ^3)
  by (auto simp: dvd-def)
moreover have coprime (fst p) (snd p ^ 3) coprime (fst p ^ 3) (snd p)
  using hypsp by auto
ultimately have is-unit (fst p) is-unit (snd p)
  using coprime-common-divisor [of fst p snd p ^ 3 fst p]
  coprime-common-divisor [of fst p ^ 3 snd p snd p]
  by auto
with hypsp have fst p = 1 ∨ fst p = - 1 snd p = 1
  by auto
with hypsp have r = 1 | r = - 1
  by (auto simp: rat-number-collapse)
with r3eq show False
  by (auto simp: power-def algebra-simps)
qed

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theorem impossibility-of-trisecting-angle-pi-over-3:
Point (cos (pi / 9)) 0 ∉ constructible
proof-
have cos (3 * (pi/9)) = 4 * (cos (pi/9)) ^3 - 3 * cos (pi/9)
  using cos-treble-cos [of pi / 9]
  by auto
hence 1/2 = 4 * (cos (pi/9)) ^3 - 3 * cos (pi/9)
  by (simp add: cos-60)
hence 8 * (cos (pi/9)) ^3 - 6 * cos (pi/9) - 1 = 0
  by (simp add: algebra-simps)
hence (2 * cos (pi / 9)) ^3 - 3 * (2 * cos (pi / 9)) - 1 = 0
  by (simp add: algebra-simps power-def)
hence ¬ (2 * cos (pi / 9)) ∈ radical-sqrt
  by (metis impossibility-of-trisecting-pi-over-3-lemma)
hence ¬ (cos (pi / 9)) ∈ radical-sqrt
  using radical-sqrt.Plus by fastforce
thus ?thesis
  by (metis abscissa.simps constructible-radical-sqrt)
qed

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end

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