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The initials in parentheses at the end of an entry indicate the abstractor. In this issue there are abstracts by Francine Abeles (Union, NJ), Joe Albree (Montgomery, AL), Mohammad K. Azarian (Evansville, IN), Timothy B. Carroll (Ypsilanti, MI), Christopher Hammond (New London, CT), Laura Martini (Siena), Fernando Zalamea (Bogotá), Kim Plofker, and Sloan Evans Despeaux.

General (multi-period/multi-cultural works, proceedings, collections, encyclopaedias, etc.)

Arianrhod, Robyn. *Einstein's Heroes: Imagining the World through the Language of Mathematics*, New York: Oxford University Press, 2005, xii + 323 pp. The author analyzes the use of mathematical language for understanding and describing the world. The life and work of Isaac Newton, Michael Faraday, and, most of all, James Clerk Maxwell figure prominently. See the review by Craig W. Roberts of the original edition in *Mathematical Reviews* 2036926 (2005i:01001). (LM) #33.4.1

Cahn, Michael. Opera omnia: The production of cultural authority, in #33.4.4, pp. 81–94. (KP) #33.4.2

Chemla, Karine. Algorithmes et histoire de la démonstration mathématique [Mathematical proofs: Algorithms and history], in #33.4.15, pp. 175–204. #33.4.3

Chemla, Karine, ed. *History of Science, History of Text*, Dordrecht: Springer-Verlag, 2004, xxviii + 254 pp. This book is composed of papers from a workshop held on 30 March–2 April 1995 in Berlin. The papers are abstracted separately as #33.4.2, #33.4.5, #33.4.16, #33.4.19, #33.4.26, #33.4.38, #33.4.39, #33.4.51, #33.4.57, #33.4.82, and #33.4.100. (KP) #33.4.4

Chemla, Karine. What is the content of this book? A plea for developing history of science and history of text conjointly, in #33.4.4, pp. 201–230. (KP) #33.4.5

Derbyshire, John. *Unknown Quantity: A Real and Imaginary History of Algebra*, Washington, DC: Joseph Henry Press, 2006, 376 pp., hardcover. What the author describes as “a history of algebra, written for the curious nonmathematician.” See the review by Luiz Henrique de Figueiredo at *MAA Online* [<http://www.maa.org/reviews/UnknownQuantity.html>]. (SED) #33.4.6

Friberg, Jöran. *Unexpected Links between Egyptian and Babylonian Mathematics*, Hackensack, NJ: World Scientific, 2005, xii + 294 pp. The author compares and sees connections between pre-Greek Egyptian and Babylonian mathematics, contradicting prevailing opinion. See the review by K.-B. Gunlach in *Mathematical Reviews* 2169808 (2006f:01001). (TBC) #33.4.7

Guerrero, A. Berenice, Axiomatization in mathematics [in Spanish], *Boletín de Matemáticas (N.S.)* **11** (1) (2004), 79–94. The author gives an account of the process of axiomatization in mathematics through history. (LM) #33.4.8

Hasnawi, Ahmed. See #33.4.15.

Kaplan, Pierre. L'équation de Pell–Fermat de Fermat à nos jours et un problème de Gauss [The Pell–Fermat equation from Fermat to today, and a problem of Gauss], in #33.4.15, pp. 205–219. #33.4.9

Kenschaft, Patricia Clark. *Change is Possible: Stories of Women and Minorities in Mathematics*, Providence, RI: American Mathematical Society, 2005, ix + 212 pp., paperback. A collection of anecdotes and interviews intended to appeal to anyone interested in the plight of historically underrepresented groups within the mathematical sciences. See the review by Z. Denkowska in *Mathematical Reviews* 2167140 (2006g:01019). (CH) #33.4.10

Koren, Barry. Computational fluid dynamics: Science and tool, *Mathematical Intelligencer* 28 (1) (2006), 5–16. A commentary highlighting the important developments in the history of theoretical fluid dynamics and its computational applications. The story begins with L. Euler's equations of motion for the flow of liquids and gases and includes the fluid-flow equations of C. Navier and G. Stokes. From there, the scene switches to modern computational fluid dynamics (CFD) and the contributions particularly of J. von Neumann, P. Lax, S.K. Godunov, and B. van Leer, whose work has led to available CFD software, particularly for aerodynamics. (FA) #33.4.11

Lenhard, Johannes; and Otte, Michael. Grenzen der Mathematisierung—von der grundlegenden Bedeutung der Anwendungen [Limits of mathematization—on the basic significance of applications], *Philosophia Naturalis* **42** (1) (2005), 15–47. The authors argue for the concept of a “fundamental mode” of mathematics that is oriented toward applications, supporting this argument on historical and philosophical grounds. They use this concept to explain the growth of mathematization from the 17th century onward (and particularly the development of “pure” mathematics in the 19th century) as a consequence of mathematics becoming “reflexive,” i.e., taking itself as an object of its application-oriented approach. This “reflexive mathematization,” the authors conclude, is fundamentally self-limiting. (KP) #33.4.12

Lloyd, G.E.R. New issues in the history of ancient science, *Apeiron* **37** (2004), 9–26. The author makes a case for “ecumenism” in the study of the history of science. He advocates that a comparative program be adopted in the study of different traditions in mathematics and the sciences. See the review by Karine C. Chemla in *Mathematical Reviews* 2138997 (2006f:01003). (TBC) #33.4.13

Mollin, Richard A. *Codes: The Guide to Secrecy from Ancient to Modern Times (Discrete Mathematics and Its Applications 33)*, Boca Raton, FL: Chapman & Hall/CRC, 2005, xx + 679 pp., hardback. An historical overview of the use and development of cryptographic codes. The author discusses numerous applications of cryptography, dating from classical antiquity to the present time. See the review by M.A. Burgin in *Mathematical Reviews* 2147215 (2006g:94027). (CH) #33.4.14

Molnár, Emil. See #33.4.18.

Morelon, Régis; and Hasnawi, Ahmad, eds. *De Zénon d'Élée à Poincaré [From Zeno of Elea to Poincaré]*, Leuven: Éditions Peeters, 2004, xl + 909 pp. This book presents 39 essays in honor of Roshdi Rashed. The book contains sections on mathematics, astronomy, physics, philology, and philosophy. The essays dealing with the history of mathematics are listed separately as #33.4.3; #33.4.9; #33.4.40; #33.4.41; #33.4.42; #33.4.44; #33.4.45; #33.4.49; #33.4.53; #33.4.54; #33.4.58; #33.4.75; #33.4.99; and #33.4.122. (LM/SED) #33.4.15

Olson, David R. Knowledge and its artifacts, in #33.4.4, pp. 231–245. (KP) #33.4.16

Otte, Michael. See #33.4.12.

Parés, Ramon; and Vernet, Joan, eds. Science in the History of Catalan Countries. Vol. I: From the Arabs to the Renaissance [in Catalan], València/Barcelona: Universitat de València/Institut d'Estudis Catalans, 2004, 629 pp., hardbound. The first of a projected three volume series on the history of science in the “Catalan countries” (encompassing the communities around Barcelona, Valencia and the Balearic Islands, extended to the borders of the Pays d’Oc in the Middle Ages), this first volume includes, in a first part, 6 chapters on the interrelations between the Arab scientific heritage and the uprise of science in medieval Catalunya, and, in a second part, 12 chapters on the consolidation of science through scholastic activities in the Universities and through the practical intertwinings between science and technology until the Renaissance (medicine, alchemy, astronomy, cartography, and hydraulics). The book includes many illustrations of scientific instruments, maps, diagrams, and a complete index of names. The imposing extension and comprehensiveness of the book exhibits the cardinal role that Catalunya may have played in the shadowy beginnings of European science. Chapters more specifically related to the history of mathematics are abstracted separately as #33.4.59; #33.4.60; #33.4.61; #33.4.76; #33.4.78; and #33.4.79. (FZ) #33.4.17

Prékopa, András; and Molnár, Emil, eds. *Non-Euclidean Geometries. János Bolyai Memorial Volume*, New York: Springer-Verlag, 2006, xiv + 506 pp. This book is comprised of papers from the International Conference on Hyperbolic Geometry held in Budapest, 6–12 July 2002. Those papers with historical content are listed or abstracted separately here as #33.4.120; #33.4.125; #33.4.128; and #33.4.183. (SED) #33.4.18

Rheinberger, Hans-Jörg. Writing works: A reaction to Michael Cahn’s paper, in #33.4.4, pp. 95–103. (KP) #33.4.19

Sharma, Anita. See #33.4.20.

Sharma, V.K.; and Sharma, Anita. History of development of binomial expansion, *Gaṇita-Bhāratī* 26 (1–4) (2004), 166–172. A brief survey of the evolution of the binomial theorem from its ancient to its modern forms. See the review by James J. Tattersall in *Mathematical Reviews* 2167898 (2006g:01004). (CH) #33.4.20

Vernet, Joan. See #33.4.17.

Więśław, Witold, ed., *European Mathematics in the Last Centuries*, Wrocław: University of Wrocław, Mathematical Institute, 2005. This book contains the proceedings of an April 2004 conference held in Będlewo. Papers in these proceedings are abstracted or listed separately as #33.4.84; #33.4.85; #33.4.91; #33.4.95; #33.4.126; #33.4.129; #33.4.131; #33.4.148; #33.4.154; #33.4.162; and #33.4.170. #33.4.21

Mesopotamia

Melville, Duncan J. The area and the side I added: Some old Babylonian geometry, *Revue d’Histoire des Mathématiques* 11 (1) (2005), 7–21. The author makes a convincing argument that the Babylonian scribes used a method for calculating areas of nonsquares with the algorithm that Jens Høyrup and others describe for solving quadratic problems. See the review by Victor J. Katz in *Mathematical Reviews* 2183027 (2006f:01005). (TBC) #33.4.22

Yuste, Piedad. Algebra and geometry in the Old Babylonian period: Matters concerning reeds, *Centaurus* 47 (4) (2005), 298–315. From the summary: “One of the mathematical topics examined in the Old Babylonian period consisted of calculating the size of a reed which was used to measure either a longitude or the perimeter of a rectangle or trapezium. These subjects were solved, probably, by applying the geometric construction called completing the square.” The author argues against the hypothesis of Neugebauer and Thureau-Dangin that Old Babylonian geometry problems relied on a sort of “numerico-algebraic” symbolism, supporting instead the more recent arguments of Høyrup that the rules employed a more concrete cut-and-paste geometry. (KP) #33.4.23

India

Dutta, Amartya Kumar. Brahmagupta's bhāvanā: Some reflections, in #33.4.27, pp. 77–114. A modern analysis and historical overview of the techniques used by the 7th-century Indian mathematician Brahmagupta to solve so-called “square-nature” problems, or second-degree indeterminate equations. These are based on a principle of binary composition called in Sanskrit “bhāvanā.” The author also argues for the advantages of this principle in the pedagogy of modern algebra. (KP) #33.4.24

Emch, Gérard G.; Sridharan, Ramaiengar; and Srinivas, M.D., eds. *Contributions to the History of Indian Mathematics*, New Delhi: Hindustan Book Agency, 2005, xii + 288 pp. This book consists of papers from the first Joint India–AMS Meeting in Mathematics held on 18 and 20 December 2003 in Bangalore. The papers are abstracted separately as #33.4.24, #33.4.29, #33.4.31, #33.4.32, #33.4.33, #33.4.34, #33.4.35, #33.4.36, #33.4.37, #33.4.135, and #33.4.149. #33.4.25

Filliozat, Pierre-Sylvain. Ancient Sanskrit mathematics: An oral tradition and a written literature in #33.4.4, pp. 137–157. (KP) #33.4.26

Gupta, Radha Charan. Mensuration of circle according to Jaina mathematical Gaṇitānuṃyoga, *Gaṇita-Bhāratī* 26 (1–4) (2004), 131–165. A discussion of classical Jaina methods for mensuration of the circle, along with a presentation of other traditional Indian algorithms. See the review by Doru Ştefănescu in *Mathematical Reviews* 2167897 (2006g:01007). (CH) #33.4.27

Kichenassamy, Satyanad. Baudhāyana's rule for the quadrature of the circle, *Historia Mathematica* 33 (2) (2006), 149–183. This paper reviews reconstructions of the rule for the approximate quadrature of a circle found in the Baudhāyana-Śulva-Sūtra and then gives a new one of its own based on manipulations with cords. (SED) #33.4.28

Linton, F.E.J. Shedding some localic and linguistic light on the tetralemma conundrums, in #33.4.27, pp. 63–73. This article uses modern nonstandard logic to analyze the Buddhist logical paradigm of the *catuṣkoṭi* or tetralemma, which may be represented as including canonical propositions P, not-P, P-and-not-P, and neither-P-nor-not-P. (KP) #33.4.29

Madhukar Mallayya, V. An interesting algorithm for computation of sine tables from the *Golasāra* of Nīlakaṇṭha, *Gaṇita-Bhāratī* 26 (1–4) (2004), 40–55. An explanation of the trigonometric techniques employed in the *Golasāra*, a 15th-century text written by Nīlakaṇṭha Somayāji of Kerala. See the review by George Abraham in *Mathematical Reviews* 2167894 (2006g:01008). (CH) #33.4.30

Patte, François. The karaṇī: How to use integers to make accurate calculations on square roots, in #33.4.27, pp. 115–134. The author examines Indian techniques for manipulating “karaṇīs” or integer surd quantities to avoid unnecessary extraction of square roots. He notes the defense of these techniques in a 17th-century commentary on the grounds that they reduce the inaccuracy involved in approximating irrational square roots. (KP) #33.4.31

Plofker, Kim. Relations between approximations to the sine in Kerala mathematics, in #33.4.27, pp. 135–152. The author discusses two series expansions for trigonometric quantities given by mathematicians of the Mādhava school in late medieval Kerala, known today as South India. The reasoning behind these series and possible links between them are discussed. (SED) #33.4.32

Ramasubramanian, K. Algorithms in Indian astronomy, in #33.4.27, pp. 183–208. An exploration of some representative algorithms in Indian astronomy from the 7th century to the 16th century, including the use of iterative techniques to avoid the problem of interdependency among several variables. (KP) #33.4.33

Sridharan, Ramaiengar. Mathematics in ancient and medieval India, in #33.4.27, pp. 1–29. Surveys highlights of the Indian mathematical tradition from the ancient ritual geometry of the Vedic period to the work on infinite series of the Kerala school in the mid-second millennium CE. (KP) #33.4.34

Sridharan, Ramaiengar. Sanskrit prosody, Piṅgala sūtras and binary arithmetic, in #33.4.27, pp. 33–62. Examines the mathematical aspects of the work on prosody or poetic metrics of the Indian scholar Piṅgala in the late first millennium BCE. The author emphasizes the relation between Sanskrit prosody's algorithms for combining light and

heavy syllables and the structure of binary arithmetic, as well as their influence on the development of early Indian combinatorics. (KP) #33.4.35

Sridharan, Ramaiengar. *See also:* #33.4.27.

Srinivas, M.D. Proofs in Indian mathematics, in #33.4.27, pp. 209–247. This article surveys the concept of proof in Indian mathematical texts, the disputes about it in modern historiography of mathematics, and its relation to epistemological and logical concepts in other Indian disciplines. The author argues for the use of Indian concepts of proof to help shape a broader mathematical epistemology that transcends the limitations of Platonic mathematical concepts of truth and rigor. (KP) #33.4.36

Srinivas, M.D. *See also:* #33.4.27.

Sriram, M.S. Algorithms in Indian mathematics, in #33.4.27, pp. 153–182. This article discusses some representative algorithms in Indian mathematics from the ritual geometry of ancient altar construction to the infinite-series computation of π by the Kerala mathematician Mādhava in the 14th century. (KP) #33.4.37

See also: #33.4.55, #33.4.135, and #33.4.149.

China

Clunas, Craig. Text, representation and technique in early modern China, in #33.4.4, pp. 107–121. (KP) #33.4.38

Dorofeeva-Lichtmann, Vera. Spatial organization of ancient Chinese texts (preliminary remarks), in #33.4.4, pp. 3–47. (KP) #33.4.39

Islamic/Islamicate

Abgrall, Philippe. Al-Qūhī, Archimédien [Al-Qūhī, Archimedean], in #33.4.15, pp. 85–118. #33.4.40

Alkhateeb, Haitham M. *See* #33.4.48.

Bellosta, Héléne. L'émergence du négatif [The emergence of the notion of negative number], in #33.4.15, pp. 65–83. #33.4.41

Ben Miled, Marouane. Les quantités irrationnelles dans l'œuvre d'al-Karajī [Irrational quantities in the works of al-Karajī], in #33.4.15, pp. 27–54. #33.4.42

Berggren, J.L.; and Van Brummelen, Glen. Al-Kūhī's revision of Book I of Euclid's *Elements*, *Historia Mathematica* 32 (4) (2005), 426–452. This version of al-Kūhī's (late 10th century C.E.) work on Book I of Euclid's *Elements* contained 29 propositions, with proofs some of which were quite different from Euclid's, but no definitions nor axioms. Al-Kūhī proved Euclid's fourth postulate as his Proposition 1, he omitted all of Euclid's constructions, and he devised his own sequencing for the theorems. The authors of this paper provide the Arabic text and for their translation into English, they add commentaries. (JA) #33.4.43

Crozet, Pascal. Al-Siğzī et la tradition des problèmes de division des figures [Al-Siğzī and the tradition of problems of the division of figures], in #33.4.15, pp. 119–159. #33.4.44

Freudenthal, Gad; and Lévy, Tony. De Géraise à Bagdad: Ibn Bahrīz, al-Kindī, et leur recension arabe de Introduction arithmétique de Nicomaque, d'après la version hébraïque de Qalonymos ben Qalonymos d'Arles [From Gerasa to Baghdad: Ibn Bahrīz, al-Kindī and their Arabic translation of the *Introduction to Arithmetic* according to the Hebrew version of Qalonymos ben Qalonymos of Arles], in #33.4.15, pp. 479–554. #33.4.45

Goudarzi, Arman Karimi. *See* #33.4.50.

Lévy, Tony. *See* #33.4.47.

Oaks, Jeffrey A.; and Alkhateeb, Haitham M. *Māl*, enunciations, and the prehistory of Arabic algebra, *Historia Mathematica* 32 (4) (2005), 400–425. Variations in the use of the Arabic word *māl* are examined in five manuscripts

and translations of works we now call algebra, produced between the 9th and the 12th centuries. The result of the progression in meanings of *māl* over these centuries was “the uniting of two ideas: The naming of an unknown as ‘thing,’ which allows the creation of equations and the rules for simplifying them, and the procedures for solving simplified quadratic equations.” (JA) #33.4.46

Savadi, Fatema. A criticism on Rosenfeld’s argumentation on the attribution of a mathematical treatise to Ulugh Beg [in Persian], *Majalle-ye Tārīkh-e-‘Elm* 4 (2005–2006), 85–103. In this article the author argues, with some supporting documents, that the author of *Risāla fi istikhrajayb daraja wāhida* (*Treatise on the Determination of the Sine of One Degree*) is Kādizāda [Qādī zāde] al-Rūmī. In a 2002 paper entitled, “A mathematical treatise written in the Samarqand Observatory of Ulugh Beg,” Boris Rosenfeld and Jan P. Hogendijk attributed the above treatise not to Qādī zāde al-Rūmī, but to Ulugh Beg. Pages 27–32 of Rosenfeld and Hogendijk’s paper are reprinted at the end of Savadi’s article. (MKA) #33.4.47

Savoie, Denis. Study of an Arabic–Islamic cylindrical sundial [in French], *Majalle-ye Tārīkh-e-‘Elm* 4 (2005–2006), 7–13 (foreign section). The author presents the mathematics involved in the design and construction of an 18th-century cylindrical sundial located in the Cairo Citadel. Also, the same issue of this journal contains a Persian translation of this article by Arman Karimi Goudarzi (in the Persian section on pp. 71–83). (MKA) #33.4.48

Vahabzadeh, Bijan. Umar al-Khayyām and the concept of irrational number, in #33.4.15, pp. 55–63. #33.4.49

Van Brummelen, Glen. See #33.4.43.

Other Non-Western

Imhausen, Annette. Ancient Egyptian mathematics: A new perspective on old sources, *Mathematical Intelligencer* 28 (1) (2006), 19–27. The author gives an overview of current research on ancient Egyptian mathematics and describes her own approach emphasizing its cultural dependence. Employing a rewriting procedure as a tool to compare the structure of mathematical problems texts, she claims that the analysis of all of these available texts together with additional related material provide a better understanding of the role of mathematics within Egyptian culture than relying exclusively on an internal analysis of a small body of such texts, which until recently has been the basis for assessing the mathematics of ancient Egypt. (FA) #33.4.50

Ritter, Jim. Reading Strasbourg 368: A thrice-told tale, in #33.4.4, pp. 177–200. (KP) #33.4.51

Rossi, Corinna. *Architecture and Mathematics in Ancient Egypt*, Cambridge, UK: Cambridge Univ. Press, 2004, xxii + 280 pp. The author investigates the mathematics behind ancient Egyptian architecture. See the review by Eleanor Robson in *Isis* 96 (2) (2005), 268–270. (SED) #33.4.52

Sasaki, Chikara. How was the terminology of modern Western mathematics translated into Japanese? in #33.4.15, pp. 845–858. #33.4.53

Antiquity

Decorps-Foulquier, Micheline. Sur les rencontres entre sections dans les Coniques Apollonius de Perge: Remarques sur le texte grec de la préface du Livre I [On the intersections of sections in the *Conics* of Apollonius of Perga: Remarks on the Greek text of the Preface of Book I], in #33.4.15, pp. 427–436. #33.4.54

Klintberg, Bo. Hipparchus’s 3600’-based chord table and its place in the history of ancient Greek and Indian trigonometry, *Indian Journal of History of Science* 40 (2) (2005), 169–203. This paper continues the decades-old debate about the trigonometric parameters used by Hipparchus to compute the ratios for planetary models cited by Ptolemy in the *Almagest*. The chief focus of the debate is the question of whether Hipparchus used a trigonometric radius of 3438 arcminutes, a value attested in later Indian texts, and thus of whether this Indian value might have been derived from Greek sources. The author argues that the available evidence about Hipparchus’ calculations is compatible with the hypothesis that he used a radius of 3600 rather than 3438 arcminutes, and shows the calculations as reconstructed in accordance with this hypothesis. (KP) #33.4.55

Mansfeld, Jaap. *Prolegomena Mathematica: From Apollonius of Perga to Late Neoplatonism*, Leiden/Boston: E.J. Brill, 1998, viii + 178 pp. The author looks at the introductions to ancient Greek treatises on mathematics in order to analyze a set of themes found in them. See the review by Karin Tybjerg in *Isis* **94** (4) (2003), 705. (SED) #33.4.56

Netz, Reviel. The limits of text in Greek mathematics, in #33.4.4, pp. 161–176. (KP) #33.4.57

Vuillemin, Jules. Les témoignages aristotéliens sur les arguments de Zénon d'Élée: une version double [Aristotle's presentation of Zeno's arguments: a double version], in #33.4.15, pp. 1–26. #33.4.58

Middle Ages

Badia, Lola. Science in the work of Ramon Llull [in Catalan], in #33.4.17, pp. 403–442. Witness of a strong renewal on Llull's studies in Catalanian Universities (Barcelona, Girona, Illes Balears) in the last decade, the paper provides a careful overview of Llull's amazingly wide scientific interests. From a mathematical perspective, Llull's *Art*, which has been considered as a classification of the sciences oriented toward logical and technical control and has pioneered trends in topological logic and hierarchical recursion, is shown to lie at the heart of Llull's system. Llull's treatises on astronomy and geometry are also reviewed, as well as some more sparse data on mathematics. (FZ) #33.4.59

Chabàs, Josep. Astronomical activity in King Pere's epoch, XIVth century [in Catalan], in #33.4.17, pp. 483–514. The paper reviews some astronomical *Taules* (tables) related to the work of the astronomers/astrologers Dalmau Ses Planes, Jacob ben David Bonjorn and Bartomeu de Tresbéns, active in the Aragon-Catalonian Court under Pere el Cerimonós, as well as the more astrological bend taken later under Pere's successors. (FZ) #33.4.60

Comes, Mercè. Cartography in Mallorca and Barcelona [in Catalan], in #33.4.17, pp. 515–573. The paper provides an overview of Mallorca cartography in the Middle Ages and the Renaissance, including a review of previous nautical and geographical knowledge, a study on the origins of both Mediterranean and Mallorca cartography, lists of cartographers working in the island and in the Continent (France, Italy, Barcelona), and an analysis of the characteristics of Mallorca cartography, as compared to French, Italian, Arab, Turkish, Sevillian, or Portuguese cartography. (FZ) #33.4.61

Folkerts, Menso. Die Altercatio in der *Geometrie I* des Pseudo-Boethius. Ein Beitrag zur Geometrie im mittelalterlichen Quadrivium ["Altercatio" in the *Geometry I* of pseudo-Boethius. A contribution to geometry in the medieval quadrivium], in #33.4.65, pp. VIII-1–VIII-31. #33.4.62

Folkerts, Menso. Die älteste mathematische Aufgabensammlung in lateinischer Sprache: Die Alkuin zugeschriebenen *Propositiones ad acuendos iuvenes*. Überlieferung, Inhalt, kritische Edition [The oldest mathematical collection in Latin: The *Propositiones ad acuendos iuvenes* attributed to Alcuin. Critical edition], in #33.4.65, pp. V-1–V-65. #33.4.63

Folkerts, Menso. *De arithmetiis propositionibus*. A mathematical treatise ascribed to the Venerable Bede, in #33.4.65, pp. III-1–III-30. This essay is an updated and extended English version of ["Pseudo-Beda: *De arithmetiis propositionibus*. Eine mathematische Schrift aus der Karolingerzeit," *Sudhoffs Archiv. Zeitschrift für Wissenschaftsgeschichte* **56** (1972), 22–43]. (SED) #33.4.64

Folkerts, Menso, ed. *Essays on Early Medieval Mathematics. The Latin Tradition*, Aldershot: Ashgate Publishing Limited, Variorum, 2003, xiv + 366 pp., hardcover. These essays by Folkerts concern mathematics during the period between ca. 500 and 1100 in the medieval West. Four of these essays appear for the first time in English. The essays are listed as #33.4.62; #33.4.63; #33.4.64; #33.4.66; #33.4.67; #33.4.68; #33.4.70; #33.4.71; #33.4.72; #33.4.73; and #33.4.74. (SED) #33.4.65

Folkerts, Menso. The *Geometry II* ascribed to Boethius, in #33.4.65, pp. IX-1–IX-9. This essay is an English translation of ["Das Problem der pseudo-boethischen Geometrie," *Sudhoffs Archiv. Zeitschrift für Wissenschaftsgeschichte* **52** (1968), 152–161]. (SED) #33.4.66

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20th century

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