

1. Clyde is making a Pacman sticker to put on his laptop. A Pacman sticker is a circular sticker of radius 3 inches with a sector of  $120^\circ$  cut out. What is the perimeter of the Pacman sticker in inches?

**Answer:**  $4\pi + 6$

**Solution:** The perimeter of a circle with radius 3 in is  $2\pi r = 6\pi$ . The sector cut out decreases the perimeter by  $\frac{120}{360} = \frac{1}{3}$  of its perimeter and adds in two lines of length 3. Thus, the perimeter of the sticker is  $\frac{2}{3}(6\pi) + 2 \cdot 3 = \boxed{4\pi + 6}$ .

2. In a certain right triangle, dropping an altitude to the hypotenuse divides the hypotenuse into two segments of length 2 and 3 respectively. What is the area of the triangle?

**Answer:**  $\frac{5\sqrt{6}}{2}$

**Solution:** Denote the right triangle  $ABC$  with hypotenuse  $BC$ . Let  $D$  be the intersection of the altitude and  $BC$  and let  $CD = 2$  and  $BD = 3$ . Triangle  $ACD$  is similar to triangle  $ABC$  so  $\frac{AC}{CD} = \frac{BC}{AC}$ . Thus,  $AC = \sqrt{BC \cdot CD} = \sqrt{5 \cdot 2} = \sqrt{10}$ . Triangle  $ABD$  is similar to triangle  $ABC$  so  $\frac{AB}{BD} = \frac{BC}{AB}$ . Thus,  $AB = \sqrt{BC \cdot BD} = \sqrt{5 \cdot 3} = \sqrt{15}$ . Therefore, the area of  $ABC$  is  $\frac{1}{2} \cdot \sqrt{10} \cdot \sqrt{15} = \boxed{\frac{5\sqrt{6}}{2}}$ .

3. Consider a triangular pyramid  $ABCD$  with equilateral base  $ABC$  of side length 1.  $AD = BD = CD$  and  $\angle ADB = \angle BDC = \angle ADC = 90^\circ$ . Find the volume of  $ABCD$ .

**Answer:**  $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{24}$

**Solution:** Let  $E$  be the center of equilateral triangle  $ABC$  so that  $DE$  is the height of the pyramid. Then  $AE$  is the distance from a vertex of equilateral triangle  $ABC$  to its centroid, and so is  $\frac{2}{3} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ . Since  $AD = BD$  and  $\angle ADB = 90^\circ$ ,  $ADB$  is a 45-45-90 triangle and hence  $AD = \frac{AB}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ . Thus, by Pythagoras,  $DE = \sqrt{AD^2 - AE^2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$ . Now, the area of the

base  $ABC$  is  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}$  so the volume of  $ABCD$  is  $\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} = \boxed{\frac{\sqrt{2}}{24}}$ .

4. Two circles with centers  $A$  and  $B$  respectively intersect at two points  $C$  and  $D$ . Given that  $A, B, C, D$  lie on a circle of radius 3 and circle  $A$  has radius 2, what is the radius of circle  $B$ ?

**Answer:**  $4\sqrt{2}$

**Solution:** First, note that by symmetry,  $\angle ACB = \angle ADB$ . Next, since  $A, B, C, D$  lie on a circle, the quadrilateral  $ACBD$  is cyclic and hence opposite corners  $\angle ACB$  and  $\angle ADB$  sum to  $180^\circ$ . Therefore, it follows that  $\angle ACB = \angle ADB = 90^\circ$  so  $AB$  must be the diameter of the circle containing points  $A, B, C, D$ . Since this circle has radius 3,  $AB = 6$ . Next,  $AC$  is a radius of circle  $A$  so  $AC = 2$  and  $BC$  is a radius of circle  $B$ . Applying Pythagoras to the triangle  $ABC$ , we have

$$AC^2 + BC^2 = AB^2$$

$$2^2 + BC^2 = 6^2$$

$$BC^2 = 32$$

$$BC = \boxed{4\sqrt{2}}$$

5. Consider two concentric circles of radius 1 and 2. Up to rotation, there are two distinct equilateral triangles with two vertices on the circle of radius 2 and the remaining vertex on the circle of radius 1. The larger of these triangles has sides of length  $a$ , and the smaller has sides of length  $b$ . Compute  $a + b$ .

**Answer:**  $\sqrt{15}$

**Solution 1:** Let an equilateral triangle  $ABC$  have  $A$  lie on the circle of radius 1 and  $B, C$  lie on the circle of radius 2. Since  $ABC$  is equilateral and  $BC$  is a chord of the circle of radius 2, the center of the circles and  $A$  must lie on the perpendicular bisector of  $BC$ . We see that the two configurations correspond to where  $A, B, C$  all lie on the same semicircle and where  $A, B, C$  do not all lie on the same semicircle.

We first solve for the side length when  $A, B, C$  do not all lie on the same semicircle. Let  $O$  denote the center of circle and let  $D$  denote the midpoint of  $BC$ . In addition, let  $s$  denote the side length of  $ABC$ . Since  $A, B, C$  do not all lie on the same semicircle, we must have  $O$  inside  $A$ .

Since  $ABC$  is equilateral, it must have height  $AD = \frac{\sqrt{3}s}{2}$ . In addition, we know that  $BD = \frac{s}{2}$ ,  $AO = 1$ , and  $BO = 2$ . Thus,  $DO = AD - AO = \frac{\sqrt{3}s - 2}{2}$ . Now, applying the Pythagorean theorem to triangle  $BDO$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} BD^2 + DO^2 &= BO^2 \\ \left(\frac{s}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}s - 2}{2}\right)^2 &= 2^2 \\ s^2 + 3s^2 - 4\sqrt{3}s + 4 &= 16 \\ s^2 - \sqrt{3}s - 3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, it follows that  $s = \frac{\sqrt{3} \pm \sqrt{3+4\cdot 3}}{2}$ . The side length of the equilateral triangle is thus the positive value  $s = \frac{\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{15}}{2}$ .

Next, suppose  $A, B, C$  all lie on the same semicircle. Then  $O$  does not lie inside  $ABC$ . Again, let  $s$  denote the side length of  $ABC$ . We still have  $AD = \frac{\sqrt{3}s}{2}$ ,  $AO = 1$ ,  $BO = 2$ ,  $BD = \frac{s}{2}$ , but this time  $DO = AD + AO = \frac{\sqrt{3}s + 2}{2}$ . Applying the Pythagorean theorem to triangle  $BDO$  again, we have

$$\begin{aligned} BD^2 + DO^2 &= BO^2 \\ \left(\frac{s}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}s + 2}{2}\right)^2 &= 2^2 \\ s^2 + 3s^2 + 4\sqrt{3}s + 4 &= 16 \\ s^2 + \sqrt{3}s - 3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

So  $s = \frac{-\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{15}}{2}$ . The sum of the two possible side lengths is therefore  $\frac{\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{15}}{2} + \frac{-\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{15}}{2} = \boxed{\sqrt{15}}$ .

**Solution 2:** Let the smaller triangle be  $ABC$  and the larger triangle be  $A'B'C'$ . Let the center of the circles with  $O$ , and without loss of generality, let  $A$  and  $A'$  be coincident. Finally, let  $B$  and  $B'$  be on opposite sides of the line  $AO$ . Then by symmetry we have that lines  $BB'$  and  $CC'$

form a pair of intersecting chords in the circle of radius 2, intersecting at  $A = A'$ . Let the side length of  $ABC$  be  $a$  and the side length of  $A'B'C'$  be  $b$ . Draw the diameter  $\overline{OA}$ , intersecting the radius 2 circle at points  $X$  and  $Y$ , and use power of a point to see that the power of  $A = A'$  is  $(AX)(AY) = 3 \cdot 1 = 3$ . Thus,  $(AB)(A'B') = (AC)(A'C') = ab = 3$ .

Now consider the point  $E$  where  $A'B'$  intersects the circle of radius 1. Drop a perpendicular from  $O$  to the point  $D$  on  $\overline{A'B'}$ . The triangle  $OA'D$  is then a 30-60-90 triangle with hypotenuse of length 1. Thus,  $A'D = \sqrt{3}/2$ , and  $A'E = \sqrt{3}$ , as  $AOE$  is isosceles. Finally, note that by symmetry,  $BA' = EB' = a$ . But since  $A'B' = b = AE + EB' = \sqrt{3} + a$ , we have that  $b = \sqrt{3} + a$ .

Plugging this in to  $ab = 3$ , we solve for  $a$  and  $b$  and find that  $a + b = \boxed{\sqrt{15}}$

6. In a triangle  $ABC$ , let  $D$  and  $E$  trisect  $BC$ , so  $BD = DE = EC$ . Let  $F$  be the point on  $AB$  such that  $\frac{AF}{FB} = 2$ , and  $G$  on  $AC$  such that  $\frac{AG}{GC} = \frac{1}{2}$ . Let  $P$  be the intersection of  $DG$  and  $EF$ , and extend  $AP$  to intersect  $BC$  at a point  $X$ . Find  $\frac{BX}{XC}$ .

**Answer:**  $\frac{2}{3}$

**Solution:** Note that  $DG$  happens to be parallel to  $AB$  as  $\frac{BD}{DC} = \frac{AG}{GC} = \frac{1}{2}$ . Therefore triangles  $DEP$  and  $BEF$  are similar so we have  $\frac{DP}{BF} = \frac{DE}{BE} = \frac{1}{5}$ . This implies that  $DP = \frac{BF}{5} = \frac{AB}{15}$ . Next, triangles  $DPX$  and  $ABX$  are similar so we have  $\frac{BX}{DX} = \frac{AB}{PD} = 6$ . Hence,  $BX = \frac{6}{5}BD = \frac{2}{5}BC$  and  $XC = BC - BX = \frac{3}{5}BC$ . So we conclude that  $\frac{BX}{XC} = \boxed{\frac{2}{3}}$ .

7. A unit sphere is centered at  $(0, 0, 1)$ . There is a point light source located at  $(1, 0, 4)$  that sends out light uniformly in every direction but is blocked by the sphere. What is the area of the sphere's shadow on the  $x$ - $y$  plane? (A point  $(a, b, c)$  denotes the point in three dimensions with  $x$ -coordinate  $a$ ,  $y$ -coordinate  $b$ , and  $z$ -coordinate  $c$ ).

**Answer:**  $\frac{3\sqrt{2}\pi}{2}$

**Solution:** The region in space that is in shadow due to the sphere is a cone. Therefore, the sphere's shadow on the  $xy$  plane is the intersection of a cone and a plane, which is an ellipse. We proceed to compute the major and minor axes of the ellipse.

First, note that since the  $y$ -coordinate of the sphere's center and the light source both equal 0, one of the axes must lie along the  $x$ -axis. The axes of an ellipse are perpendicular to one another, so the remaining axis must be parallel to the  $y$ -axis.

Now, consider projecting everything onto the  $xz$  plane (that is, simply disregard the  $y$  coordinate). The sphere is projected onto a unit circle centered at  $(0, 1)$ , the light source is projected to the point  $(1, 4)$ , and the ellipse is projected onto its horizontal axis. Let  $ABC$  be the triangle consisting of the light source  $A$  and let  $B, C$  be the two ends of the ellipse's axis. The circle is thus the incircle of  $ABC$ , and we see that  $ABC$  must be a right angle triangle with  $\angle ABC = 90^\circ$ . Let  $D$  be the point where the incircle intersects  $AB$ ,  $E$  be the point where the incircle intersects  $BC$ , and  $F$  be the point where the incircle intersects  $AC$ . Then  $AD = AF = 3$ ,  $BD = BE = 1$  and  $CF = CE$ . By Pythagoras,  $AB^2 + BC^2 = AC^2$  so  $4^2 + (1 + CE)^2 = (3 + CE)^2$ . Solving for  $CE$ , we find  $CE = 2$ , so the horizontal axis of the ellipse  $BC = 3$ .

Next, we project everything onto the  $yz$  plane. This time, the ellipse is projected onto its vertical axis. Again, let  $A$  be the light source and  $B, C$  be the endpoints of the ellipse's axis. Then  $ABC$  is an isosceles triangle with  $AB = BC$  and the unit sphere is projected onto the incircle of  $ABC$ .

If we let  $D$  be the intersection of the incircle and  $AB$ ,  $E$  be the intersection of the incircle and  $AC$ , and  $F$  be the intersection of the incircle and  $BC$ , then we have  $CE = CF = BD = BF$  and  $AD = AE$ . Let  $O$  denote the center of the incircle. Then  $OA = 3$  and  $OD = OE = OF = 1$ . By Pythagoras,  $AE^2 + OD^2 = OA^2$  so  $AE = \sqrt{3^2 - 1^2} = 2\sqrt{2}$ . Applying Pythagoras again, to  $ACF$ , we have  $AF^2 + CF^2 = AC^2$  so  $4^2 + CF^2 = (2\sqrt{2} + CF)^2$ . Solving for  $CF$ , we have  $CF = \sqrt{2}$ . Thus, the vertical axis  $BC$  is equal to  $2 \cdot CF = 2\sqrt{2}$ .

The sphere's shadow on the  $xy$  plane is hence an ellipse with axes 3 and  $2\sqrt{2}$  so the area of the shadow is  $\frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \pi = \boxed{\frac{3\sqrt{2}\pi}{2}}$ .

8. Consider the parallelogram  $ABCD$  such that  $CD = 8$  and  $BC = 14$ . The diagonals  $\overline{AC}$  and  $\overline{BD}$  intersect at  $E$  and  $AC = 16$ . Consider a point  $F$  on the segment  $\overline{ED}$  with  $FD = \frac{\sqrt{66}}{3}$ . Compute  $CF$ .

**Answer:**  $\sqrt{\frac{148}{3}}$

**Solution 1:** First, note that in a parallelogram the diagonals bisect each other so  $AE = CE = \frac{AC}{2} = 8$  and  $BE = DE$ . Thus, triangle  $CDE$  is isosceles with  $CD = CE = 8$ . Drop an altitude  $CG$  from  $C$  onto  $DE$ . Then  $DG = EG$  and  $BG = 3EG$ . Applying Pythagoras to triangles  $CEG$  and  $CBG$ , we have  $CE^2 - EG^2 = CG^2 = CB^2 - BG^2$ . Thus,

$$8^2 - EG^2 = 14^2 - (3EG)^2$$

$$8EG^2 = 132$$

$$EG = \frac{\sqrt{66}}{2}$$

and the altitude is  $CG = \sqrt{CE^2 - EG^2} = \sqrt{64 - \frac{66}{4}} = \frac{\sqrt{190}}{2}$ . Now, since  $FG = DG - FD = EG - FD = \frac{\sqrt{66}}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{66}}{3} = \frac{\sqrt{66}}{6}$ . Applying Pythagoras to triangle  $CFG$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} CF^2 &= FG^2 + CG^2 \\ &= \frac{66}{36} + \frac{190}{4} \\ &= \frac{148}{3} \end{aligned}$$

so  $CF = \boxed{\sqrt{\frac{148}{3}}}$ .

**Solution 2:** By the parallelogram law,

$$(AD)^2 + (BC)^2 + (AB)^2 + (CD)^2 = (AC)^2 + (BD)^2$$

$$14^2 + 14^2 + 8^2 + 8^2 = 16^2 + (BD)^2$$

$$(BD)^2 = 264$$

$$BD = 2\sqrt{66}$$

Thus

$$EF = \frac{2\sqrt{66}}{3}$$

Let  $x = CF$ .

By Stewart's Theorem:

$$\begin{aligned} 8 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{66}}{3} \cdot 8 + 8 \cdot \frac{2\sqrt{66}}{3} \cdot 8 &= x \cdot \sqrt{66} \cdot x + \sqrt{66} \cdot \frac{2\sqrt{66}}{3} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{66}}{3} \\ \frac{64\sqrt{66}}{3} + \frac{128\sqrt{66}}{3} &= x^2\sqrt{66} + \frac{132\sqrt{66}}{9} \\ 64\sqrt{66} &= x^2\sqrt{66} + \frac{44\sqrt{66}}{3} \\ 64 &= x^2 + \frac{44}{3} \\ x^2 &= \frac{192 - 44}{3} \\ x &= \sqrt{\frac{148}{3}} \end{aligned}$$

9. Triangle  $ABC$  is isosceles with  $AB = AC = 2$  and  $BC = 1$ . Point  $D$  lies on  $AB$  such that the inradius of  $ADC$  equals the inradius of  $BDC$ . What is the inradius of  $ADC$ ?

**Answer:**  $\frac{\sqrt{15}-\sqrt{3}}{8}$

**Solution:** Now, let  $y$  denote  $CD$  and let  $x$  denote  $BD$  so  $AD = 2 - x$ . Since the area of a triangle is equal to its semiperimeter times its inradius and triangle  $ADC$  and  $BDC$  have the same inradius, the ratio of their areas is the ratio of their semiperimeters. Thus,  $\frac{\Delta ADC}{\Delta BDC} = \frac{4-x+y}{1+y+x}$ . However, the ratio of their areas is also equal to the ratio  $\frac{AD}{BD}$ . Thus, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{4-x+y}{1+y+x} &= \frac{2-x}{x} \\ 4x - x^2 + xy &= 2 + 2x + 2y - x - x^2 - xy \\ 2y - 2xy &= 3x - 2 \\ y &= \frac{3x-2}{2-2x} \end{aligned}$$

Next, note that  $\cos(\angle ABC) = \frac{1}{4}$  since the altitude from  $A$  bisects  $BC$ . Applying the law of cosines to triangle  $BDC$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} y^2 &= x^2 + 1^2 - 2x \cos(\angle ABC) \\ &= x^2 - \frac{x}{2} + 1 \end{aligned}$$

Combining these two equations, we can solve for  $x$ :

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 - \frac{x}{2} + 1 &= \left(\frac{3x-2}{2-2x}\right)^2 \\ (2-2x)^2(2x^2 - x + 2) &= 2(3x-2)^2 \\ 8x^4 - 20x^3 + 24x^2 - 20x + 8 &= 18x^2 - 24x + 8 \\ 8x^4 - 20x^3 + 6x^2 + 4x &= 0 \\ 4x^4 - 10x^3 + 3x^2 + 2x &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Now, notice that  $x = 0$  and  $x = 2$  are extraneous solutions so we may divide out by  $x$  and  $(x - 2)$  to obtain the quadratic  $4x^2 - 2x - 1$  which has solutions  $x = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{4}$ . One solution is negative so we may discard it and hence we conclude that  $x = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{4}$ . Plugging in  $x$  into the equation  $y = \frac{3x - 2}{2 - 2x}$ , we see that  $y = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}$ .

Now, let  $r$  denote the inradius of  $ADC$ , which is equal to the inradius of  $BDC$ . We have that  $\triangle ADC + \triangle BDC = \triangle ABC$ . The height of triangle  $ABC$  is  $\sqrt{2^2 - (\frac{1}{2})^2} = \frac{\sqrt{15}}{2}$  so the area of  $ABC$  is  $\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{15}}{2} \cdot 1 = \frac{\sqrt{15}}{4}$ . The area of  $ADC$  is its semiperimeter  $\frac{4 - x + y}{2}$  times  $r$  and the area of  $BDC$  is its semiperimeter  $\frac{1 + x + y}{2}$  times  $r$ . Thus, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{4 - x + y}{2}r + \frac{1 + x + y}{2}r &= \frac{\sqrt{15}}{4} \\ (5 + 2y)r &= \frac{\sqrt{15}}{2} \\ (5 + \sqrt{5})r &= \frac{\sqrt{15}}{2} \\ r &= \frac{\sqrt{15}}{2(5 + \sqrt{5})} \\ r &= \boxed{\frac{\sqrt{15} - \sqrt{3}}{8}} \end{aligned}$$

10. For a positive real number  $k$  and an even integer  $n \geq 4$ , the  $k$ -Perfect  $n$ -gon is defined to be the equiangular  $n$ -gon  $P_1P_2 \dots P_n$  with  $P_iP_{i+1} = P_{n/2+i}P_{n/2+i+1} = k^{i-1}$  for all  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n/2\}$ , assuming the convention  $P_{n+1} = P_1$  (i.e. the numbering wraps around). If  $a(k, n)$  denotes the area of the  $k$ -Perfect  $n$ -gon, compute  $\frac{a(2, 24)}{a(4, 12)}$ .

**Answer:**  $5 - \frac{25}{4}\sqrt{2} + \frac{25}{4}\sqrt{6}$

**Solution 1:** We find a general formula for  $\frac{a(k, 4n)}{a(k^2, 2n)}$ .

Let  $P_1P_2 \dots P_{4n}$  be the  $k$ -Perfect  $4n$ -gon. Consider the  $2n$ -gon  $P_1P_3 \dots P_{4n-1}$ , obtained by taking every other vertex starting with  $P_1$ .

For any  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 2n - 2$ ,  $\triangle P_1P_2P_3 \sim \triangle P_iP_{i+1}P_{i+2}$  with a ratio of  $k^{i-1} : 1$ , by SAS similarity. Therefore,  $P_iP_{i+2} = k^i P_1P_3$  for any such  $i$ . Similarly, for  $i$  with  $2n \leq i \leq 4n - 2$ , we have  $P_iP_{i+2} = k^{i-2n+1} P_1P_3$ . So, we conclude that  $P_1P_3 \dots P_{4n-1}$  is similar to the  $k^2$ -Perfect  $2n$ -gon, by a ratio of  $P_1P_3 : 1$ .

By the Law of Cosines,

$$P_1P_3 = \sqrt{1^2 + k^2 - 2 \cdot 1 \cdot k \cos\left(\pi - \frac{2\pi}{4n}\right)} = \sqrt{1 + k^2 + 2k \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2n}\right)}.$$

Therefore, the area of  $P_1P_3 \dots P_{4n-1}$  is

$$\left(1 + k^2 + 2k \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2n}\right)\right) a(k^2, 2n).$$

If we remove this  $2n$ -gon from our larger  $4n$ -gon, we are left with  $2n$  similar triangles. Each has an angle of  $\pi - \frac{\pi}{2n}$  with incident edges in a ratio of  $1 : k$ . For each  $i \in \{0, 2, \dots, n - 1\}$ , there

are two such triangles where the edges incident have lengths  $k^{2i}$  and  $k^{2i+1}$ . We want to relate the sum of the areas of these triangles to  $a(k^2, 2n)$  somehow.

Let  $A$  be a point in the plane, and construct rays  $\overrightarrow{AB_0}, \overrightarrow{AB_1}, \overrightarrow{AB_2}, \dots, \overrightarrow{AB_n}$  all emanating from  $A$  such that  $\overrightarrow{AB_i}$  is  $\frac{\pi}{n}$  radians clockwise with respect to  $\overrightarrow{AB_{i-1}}$ . Note that this makes points  $B_0, B_n,$  and  $A$  collinear. Now, for each  $i \in \{0, \dots, n\}$ , let  $C_i$  be the point on  $\overrightarrow{AB_i}$  that is  $k^{2i}$  units from  $A$ . Consider the  $n+1$ -gon  $C_0C_1 \dots C_n$ . For each  $i \in \{0, \dots, n-1\}$ ,  $\triangle AC_0C_1 \sim \triangle AC_iC_{i+1}$  with ratio  $k^{2i}$ . This implies that  $C_{i-1}C_i = k^{2i}C_0C_1$ . Moreover, the similar triangles also give us that  $\angle C_0C_1C_2 \cong \angle C_{i-1}C_iC_{i+1} = \pi - m\angle C_0AC_1 = \pi - \frac{\pi}{n}$  for any  $i \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}$ . This is sufficient to demonstrate that  $C_0C_1 \dots C_n$  is similar to half of the  $k^2$ -Perfect  $2n$ -gon, with a ratio of  $C_0C_1 : 1$ .

We can compute  $C_0C_1$  also by the law of cosines, getting

$$C_0C_1 = \sqrt{1^2 + k^4 - 2 \cdot 1 \cdot k^2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{n}\right)} = \sqrt{1 + k^4 - 2k^2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{n}\right)}.$$

Hence,  $C_0C_1 \dots C_n$  has area

$$\frac{1 + k^4 - 2k^2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{n}\right)}{2} \cdot a(k^2, 2n).$$

Our construction of  $C_0C_1 \dots C_n$  can be thought of as assembling the polygon from the  $n$  triangles  $C_0AC_1, C_1AC_2, \dots, C_{n-1}AC_n$ . These triangles are related to the ones left over from our  $4n$ -gon. For every triangle with edges  $k^{2i}$  and  $k^{2i+1}$  meeting at an angle  $\pi - \frac{\pi}{2n}$ , there is a triangle with edges  $k^{2i}$  and  $k^{2i+2}$  meeting at an angle  $\frac{\pi}{n}$ . Since any triangle  $ABC$  has area  $\frac{1}{2}ab \sin C$ , the ratio of the sum of areas of the triangles from the  $4n$ -gon to the sum of the areas of the triangles we just created is

$$\frac{2 \sin\left(\pi - \frac{\pi}{2n}\right)}{k \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{n}\right)} = \frac{2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2n}\right)}{k \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{n}\right)}$$

(recall that we had  $2n$  triangles in the first set but  $n$  triangles in the second set, hence the factor of 2). Therefore, the total area in the triangles left over from the  $4n$ -gon is

$$\frac{2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2n}\right)}{k \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{n}\right)} \cdot \frac{1 + k^4 - 2k^2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{n}\right)}{2} \cdot a(k^2, 2n) = \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2n}\right) (1 + k^4 - 2k^2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{n}\right))}{k \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{n}\right)} \cdot a(k^2, 2n).$$

Adding up, we get that

$$\frac{a(k, 4n)}{a(k^2, 2n)} = 1 + k^2 + 2k \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2n}\right) + \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2n}\right) (1 + k^4 - 2k^2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{n}\right))}{k \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{n}\right)}$$

Finally, we can plug in  $k = 2$  and  $n = 6$ . This gives us

$$\begin{aligned} & 5 + 4 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right) + \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right) (17 - 8 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right))}{2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)} \\ &= 5 + 4 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2}}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}}{4} \cdot (17 - 4\sqrt{3}) \\ &= \boxed{5 - \frac{25}{4}\sqrt{2} + \frac{25}{4}\sqrt{6}}. \end{aligned}$$

**Note:** One might expect at first glance that for fixed  $k$  and as  $n$  goes to infinity, this ratio would approach  $(k+1)^2$ . In the limit,  $2n$ -gon formed from taking every other vertex of the  $4n$ -gon will have side lengths that are  $k+1$ -times that of the  $k^2$ -Perfect  $2n$ -gon, and the leftover triangles look like their area will tend towards zero. However, we can see that their total area actually tends to  $\frac{(k^2-1)^2}{2k}$ , which grows faster than  $(k+1)^2$  as  $k$  goes to infinity. As  $k$  goes to 1 i.e. as the polygons become regular, this quantity does approach 0.

**Solution 2:** The first solution gave us a decomposition of the  $k$ -Perfect  $2n$ -gon into  $2n$  similar triangles (renaming  $k^2$  to  $k$ ). We can use this decomposition to write out an explicit formula for the area of the  $k$ -Perfect  $2n$ -gon.

Recall that we used  $n$  similar triangles to construct a polygon of area

$$\frac{1 + k^2 - 2k \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{n}\right)}{2} a(k, 2n).$$

Triangle  $C_0AC_1$  had  $AC_0 = 1$ ,  $AC_1 = k$ , and  $m\angle C_0AC_1 = \frac{\pi}{n}$ , so its area was

$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot 1 \cdot k \cdot \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{n}\right) = \frac{k}{2} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{n}\right).$$

The other triangles were similar, getting bigger in length by a factor of  $k$  each time, so the sum of the areas of the  $n$  triangles is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{k}{2} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{n}\right) (1 + k^2 + \dots + k^{2(n-1)}) &= \frac{k}{2} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{n}\right) \frac{k^{2n} - 1}{k^2 - 1} \\ &= \frac{1 + k^2 - 2k \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{n}\right)}{2} a(k, 2n) \\ \implies a(k, 2n) &= \frac{k \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{n}\right) (k^{2n} - 1)}{(k^2 - 1) (1 + k^2 - 2k \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{n}\right))}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a(k, 4n)}{a(k^2, 2n)} &= \frac{k \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2n}\right) (k^{4n} - 1)(k^4 - 1) (1 + k^4 - 2k^2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{n}\right))}{k^2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{n}\right) (k^{4n} - 1)(k^2 - 1) (1 + k^2 - 2k \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2n}\right))} \\ &= \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2n}\right) (k^4 - 1) (1 + k^4 - 2k^2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{n}\right))}{k \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{n}\right) (k^2 - 1) (1 + k^2 - 2k \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2n}\right))}. \end{aligned}$$

Plugging in  $k = 2$ ,  $n = 6$  yields the same answer as before.

**Note:** This formula recapitulates our earlier finding that this ratio grows as  $O(k^3)$  as  $k$  grows large.

**Aside:** It may not be obvious that  $k$ -Perfect  $2n$ -gons exist for any integer  $n$  and positive real  $k$ . Here we give a constructive proof of their existence. In fact, we prove something stronger: given any positive real numbers  $a_1, \dots, a_n$ , we construct an equiangular  $2n$ -gon  $P_1P_2 \dots P_{2n}$  such that  $P_iP_{i+1} = P_{n+i}P_{n+i+1} = a_i$  for all  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ .

Start with  $P_1P_2 \dots P_{2n}$ , a regular  $2n$ -gon with side length  $a_1$ . Now, translate the points  $P_3$  through  $P_{n+2}$  by  $a_2 - a_1$  units away from the other half of the points, in the direction parallel to  $P_2P_3$  (if  $a_2 - a_1 < 0$ , move them towards the other points). This maintains all angles and all edge lengths, except that  $P_2P_3 = P_{n+2}P_{n+3} = a_2$  now. Now do the same operation on the points  $P_4, P_5, \dots, P_{n+3}$ , and so on. In the end, you will have constructed the desired polygon.