

Assignment 1 Read Unit 1 Chapters 1 thru 4. Ex. 1.3.1-2 and 1.4.2 are due Tuesday Sept. 1

*Exercise 1.3.1a* Plot a  $(V_{\text{SUV-1}}, V_{\text{SUV-2}})=(60,10)$  collision diagram but with an identical mass  $M=4$  SUV replacing the VW. Draw energy ellipses as precisely as possible. Compare to tensor algebraic solutions where you calculate the elastic kinetic energy  $KE$ , the totally inelastic kinetic energy  $IE$ , and ellipse radii  $(a_{KE}, b_{KE}, a_{IE}, b_{IE})$ .

(Try to do geometric construction *before* peeking at answers in Fig. 3.1. Then use tensor bookkeeping to check.)

*Exercise 1.3.1b* Now do the same problem with a **head-on** initial velocity vector  $(V_{\text{SUV-1}}, V_{\text{SUV-2}})=(60,-10)$ .

*Assignment 0 Optional geometry exercises with some later applications*

Learn how to ruler & compass construct  $\arctan(y/x)$  and  $\text{arcsec}(r/x)$  and complimentary  $\text{arccot}(x/y)$  and  $\text{arcsec}(r/y)$  and geometric mean  $\sqrt{a \cdot b}$  in Fig. 1.8 (3<sup>rd</sup> frame). Use this to construct  $\sqrt{5}$  and the *Golden Means*  $G^{\pm} = (1 \pm \sqrt{5})/2$ .

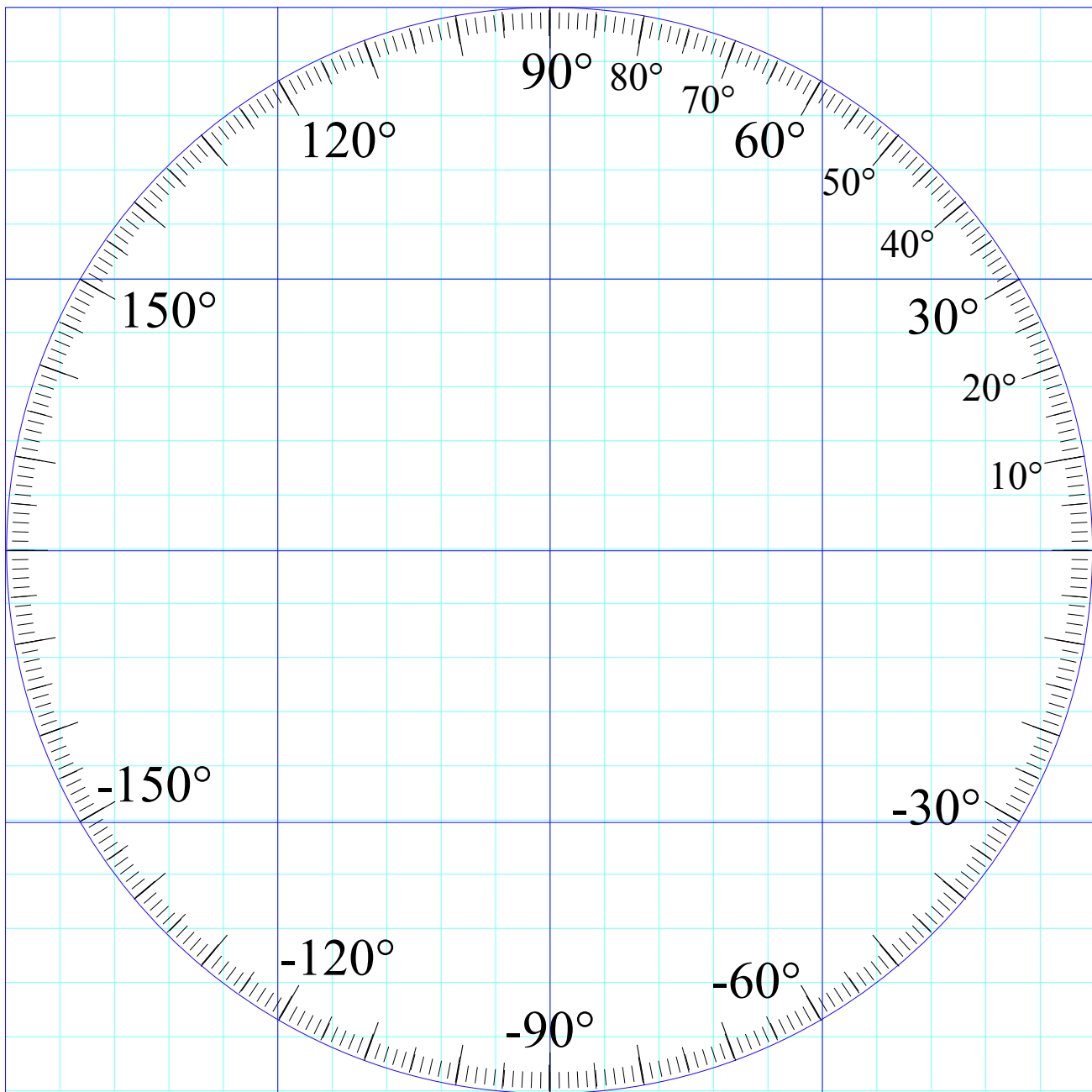
( $G^{\pm}$  satisfy  $G^{+} + G^{-} = 1$  and  $G^{+} \cdot G^{-} = -1$ .  $G^{\pm}$  are important because they are the “most irrational” numbers.)

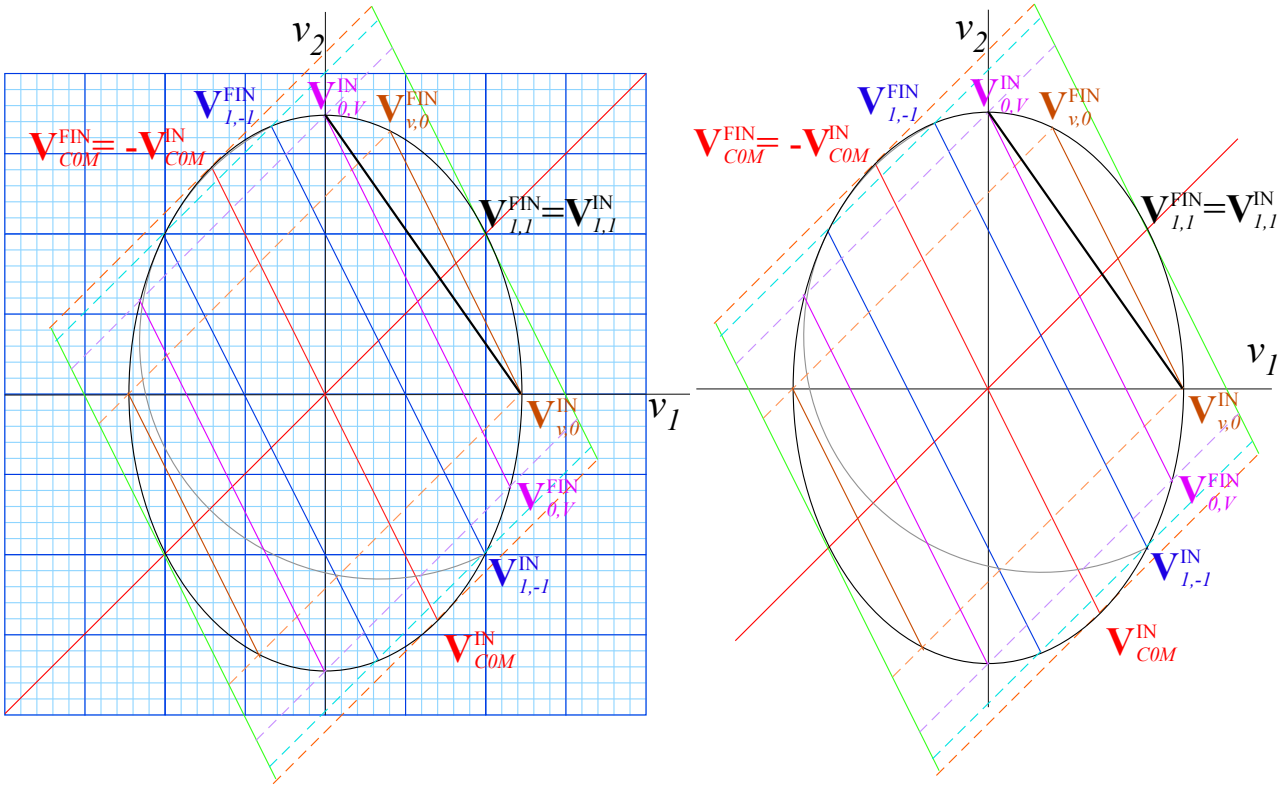
Exercise 1.1.4

Construct both Golden *angles* associated with the *Golden Ratios*  $G_{+}$  and  $G_{-}$  and measure their slopes in degrees on protractor graph paper below. Show a simpler (Pythagorean) construction of  $\sqrt{5}$ ?

Exercise 1.1.5

Construct whirling rectangle diagram like Fig. Fig. 1.5 but for Golden slope angle to give whirling square sketched in Fig. 1.10. Use a protractor graph (Below or in class library) to measure ( $^{\circ}$ ) angles of slopes obtained this way.





Exercise 1.3.2. Ch. 1-5 contain geometric description of 1D-2-body collisions. Most examples originate from initial velocity vectors  $\mathbf{V}_{L,-1}^{IN} = (1,-1)$  for which  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  have equal speeds (in this case  $\pm unit$  speeds).

This exercise is intended to help match algebra and geometry by asking for the simplest formulas (in terms of  $m_1$  and  $m_2$ ) for the various velocities in a figure above that are final elastic results of the following IN-velocity vectors. (Give answers in terms of  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  by evaluating speeds  $v$ ,  $V$ , etc., whichever apply.)

- a.  $\mathbf{V}_{L,-1}^{IN} = (1,-1)$    b.  $\mathbf{V}_{v,0}^{IN} = (v,0)$    c.  $\mathbf{V}_{0,V}^{IN} = (0,V)$    d.  $\mathbf{V}_{COM}^{IN} = (v_x^{COM}, v_y^{COM})$

Derive the IN and FIN vector components of all in terms of masses  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  only assuming the same total KE as  $\mathbf{V}_{L,-1}^{IN} = (1,-1)$  has. (Check results on figure where ratio  $2=m_1/m_2$  holds. Do formulas depend on mass ratio only?)

Indicate where the time reversed vector  $\mathbf{T} \cdot \mathbf{V}^{IN}$  of each  $\mathbf{V}^{IN}$  lies.

Give a formula for the orange (dashed) and green (solid) tangent line slopes in terms of  $m_1$  and  $m_2$ .

...and compare to slope of the black line connecting major and minor radii in terms of  $m_1$  and  $m_2$ .

Exercise 1.4.2: Continue the  $(v_1, v_2)$  and  $(x_1, x_2)$  collision plots begun in class and shown in Fig. 4.7 and Fig. 4.11. Continue until you reach the “gameover” point of last possible  $M_1$ - $M_2$  collision assuming the floor is open after *Bang-1* so both masses can fall thru indefinitely. Indicate where on your graph would be this last last collision.