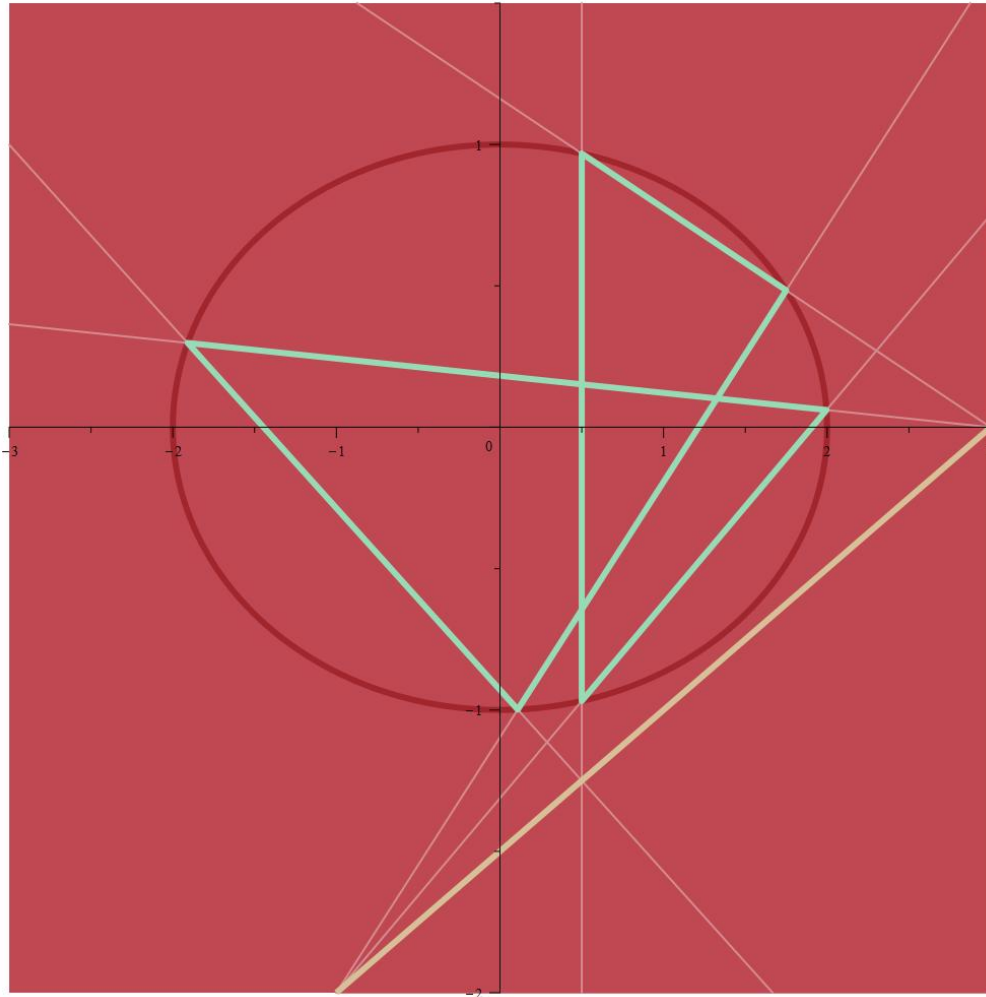


Hexagrammum mysticum



Blaise Pascal (1623-1662) was a French mathematician, physicist, inventor, philosopher, writer, theologian, and child prodigy. He was only 16 years old when he discovered and wrote about the Hexagrammum Mysticum.

Whenever a hexagon (green) inscribes a conic section (dark red) the intersection points of the lines through its opposite sides are on a straight line (yellow). This line still bears his name: The Pascal line.