Bronisław Jerzy PABICH Stowarzyszenie Nauczycieli Matematyki

A SMALL STUDY OF PLANE GEOMETRY LEADING TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE GOLDEN ELLIPSE

It all started with the usual geometry lesson in secondary Technical School of in 2005. Students were asked to construct a square enclosed in a triangle so that two of its vertices lie on two adjacent sides of a triangle and two from it.

This is a very easy task and does not require any comment. It turns out that the analogy of this task in a different situation leads to the discovery of the entire family of solutions of this task and also to the discovery of the golden ellipse