

Dependence of Axioms for Weak Geometries Proved Syntactically

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- ▶ In a proof of the Euclidean parallel postulate, in a paper read on 3 February 1806 at the *Institut de France*, Lagrange introduces an axiom which states that “If a and b are two parallels from P to g , then the reflection of a in b is parallel to g as well.”

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- ▶ Pambuccian (1994), the universal statement: "In an isosceles triangle with base angles of 45° , the altitude to the base is smaller than the base."

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