History of Math, Princeton University, Fall 2024, Prof. Kontorovich Last time: Finished Euclid's elements,

XII.2: Area (disk) = C r^2

XII.18 : Volume (ball) = C' r^3 <

Euclid does not know these constants, if he did, he would SURELY tell us what they are.



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2nd century commentary: this line holds a secret! Thickness of walls!

Archimedes changes the game, giving rigorous estimates for pi, by changes its meaning from 1D objects to 2D!!!

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Archimedes is able to explode our understanding of curvilinear shapes

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What is a parabola? It is the locus of all points equidistant to the focus and directrix $F(0, \frac{1}{4})$ Eg's (x, y) (*, 4) **()** L= directrix. distance to $L : (y \neq \frac{1}{4})^2$. distance to F distance to F: $(x-0)^{2} + (y-\frac{1}{4})^{2}$ $(x-0)^{2} + (y-\frac{1}{4})^{2} = (y+\frac{1}{4})^{2}$ X+yz-2:y-1 + 1/2 2. 4. 4 4 + 24 イシタ 4 - c (medes) (Iwado /2 Sector



quarantines at home. "discovers" infinite series, infinite polynomials, discovers a way of computing pi that's infinitely more efficient than computing areas of inscribed and circumscribed n-gons for HUGE n.

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