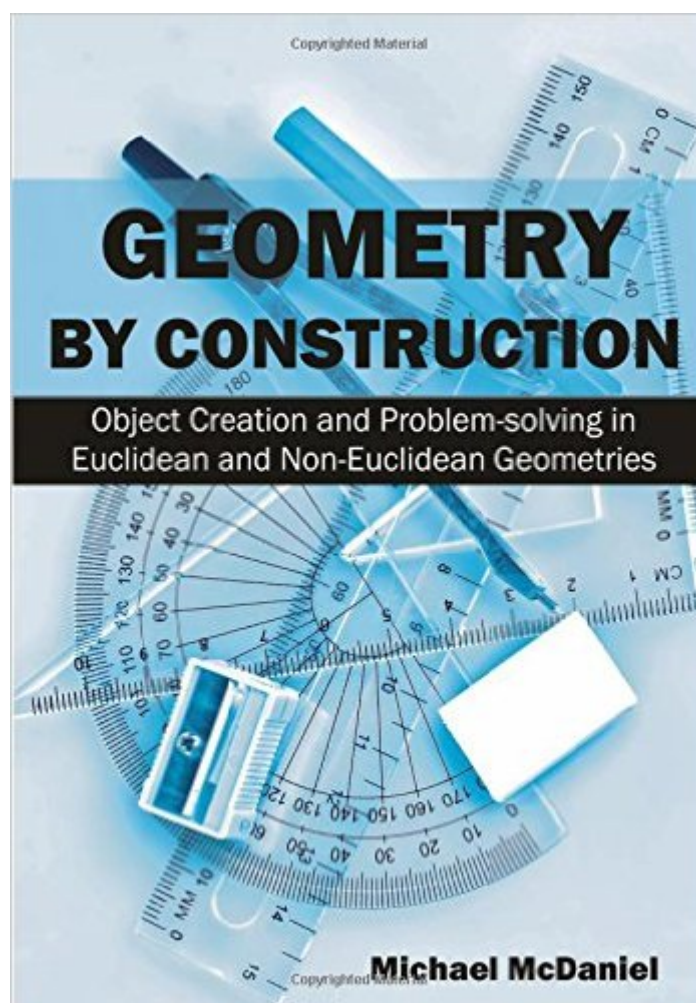


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Geometry By Construction: Object Creation And Problem-solving In Euclidean And Non-Euclidean Geometries



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