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CAPVT VI.

Quod inter Iouem & Martem Pyramis.

PA M cur Cubum excipiat Pyramis , nemo admodum mirabitur , cum i. illa ferè de principatu ausit cum cubo contendere . 2. Insuper vel ipsa vel οὐδεὶς irregularia faciunt ad cæterorum compositionem . Nam Icosaedron componunt 20. Pyramides , paulò breuiores Tetraedris: Octaedrum octo adhuc breuiores . Dodecaedron et si quadrato occulto constat , tamen in pyramidas resolui necesse est . 3. Neq; contemnendum hoc , quod Tetraedrum in quatuor perfectas pyramidas & unum Octaedron laterum dimidio minorum resolui potest . 4. Sicut in planis omnia multangula in triangula resoluuntur , ita reliqua solida mensurandi causa in Pyramidas , quas deinde cubis , ut triangula quadratis , metimur . Est igitur reliquorum mensura , & omnium facilimè à cubo mensilis . 5. Hinc plæraque eius lineæ , vt & cubicæ tam facile quantitatem ex ratione diagonij accipiunt , non tamen aliter quam quadratis numeris . 6. pyramidis etiam regularitas ex solis lateribus pendet : cubi etiam ex angulis . Atque sic Pyramidum inter æquilatera non plus una est , at in εξαέδρων , quamvis æqualibus lateribus , tamen infinita varietas est Angulorum . Quon nomine , si nullæ aliæ essent rationes , sitne præferendā cubo , an postponenda , in dubio relinquo .

7. Hanc naturæ soleritiam imitati homines primūm materiam ad perpendiculum erigunt , rectisque angulis contignant , deinde triangulis firmant & stabiliunt .

8. Insuper acutum angulum cum habeat pyramis , prior est obtusangulis . Nam id semper primum est in ordine , quod iustum habet quantitatem : hoc sequi videtur minus iusto , quia & longius abesse videtur ab infinite , quam plus iusto , & simplicius etiam est . Nam obtusangulum videtur quodammodo multiplex ex recto & acuto . Quo minus mirandum , cur paucitas angulorum in basi , & ipsarum etiam basium non deroget cubo . Nam angulorum & basium numerus ad susceptam anguli speciem necessario sequitur . Vnde si rectus prior est acuto , prius etiam εξαέδρων , quam Tetraedron ,