

used by Aristotle in his investigation of formal logic, 1116  
and the concept of area gave rise to a near rigorous theory  
of integration<sup>17</sup> even in ancient times. ills

The first great thinker in Greek history was Thales of  
Miletus.<sup>1119</sup> Thales as a youth went to Egypt to learn the methods  
from the priests. He was soon surpassing their methods, which  
they established by trial and error and held in mystic regard.  
After he had learned all their knowledge, he went back to Greece  
and set up a school. In his school he set up a series of propo-  
sitions (axioms) and derived things with deductive methods. ~ll' rth ~. -l, j, i r  
Thales lived from 567 B. C. to 497 B. C. \..\_21/He was one of /jJp4'fC,  
the seven Wise men of Greece, the only one who didn't become  
one due to politics.<sup>22</sup> /, " // if

The next major Greek mathematician was Pythagoras. Pythagoras  
was a student of Thales, and like Thales he went to Egypt.  
Pythagoras formed a school in Croton and let everyone, even  
women, learn there for free!<sup>23</sup> He soon furthered the work on  
a deductive system started by Thales, building theorems upon  
theorems.

Pythagoras made five propositions which he 'proved; from

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11 Mathematics, History, Encyclopedia Britannica,  
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17 Integration is a function of calculus.

18 Mathematics, History, Encyclopedia Britannica,  
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19 Michal Moffatt, The ages of Mathematics vol 1,  
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