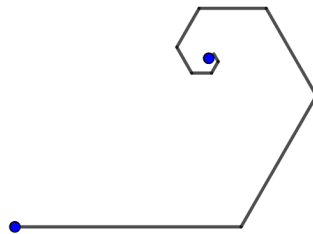




PROBLEM OF THE WEEK #5
(Spring 2024)

When it gets switched on, a wind-up toy moves 3 cm in a straight line, then stops and makes a 60° left turn. Then it moves 2 cm in the new direction, after which it stops and makes another 60° left turn. It continues in the same way: each time it moves, it goes two-thirds as far as the time before, and in between movements it always turns 60° to the left. If this continues forever, the toy will approach a certain point. How far away is that point, in a straight line, from the toy's starting point?



[Please fully explain your answer.]

Email solutions to kwonmi@uwplatt.edu by 2:00pm on Wednesday, February 28, 2024.

Every week, the best solution submitted earns a \$10 Platteville gift certificate; the top scorer each semester also wins a cash award. Good luck!

You can always see the Problem of the Week (and complete rules) online at:

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