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Conservation of Momentum: Euclid, Newton and Noether



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Abstract: The key idea of Euclid's proof that triangles with equal bases and equal heights have the same area was used by Newton to prove the conservation of angular momentum. At a deeper level, both proofs are about symmetry. This talk tells the story of all of this—and more.

All undergrads are invited. Refreshments will be provided.