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a poet mathematician
seeing seeing
pine trees tree tree
investigates investigates
puzzle bark questions puzzled by patterns
fingertips, palm in growth, bark, history
live needles fingered he counts, diagrams
like a lover’s beard weighs forces:
dead lodged in bare feet’s earth draws down $9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$
prick of consciousness sun draws up, roots draw in
amber sap, yellow pollen needles burst forth to maximize area
chews pine nut or brews a yellow needle tea pine cones burrow golden spirals in his brain
maybe he has a book, or knows the names oracular names which spell their
feels them roll like rounded river stones meanings in themselves
or thump like hollow wood getotropism, phototropism, morphogenesis, or phyllotaxis
ponderosa, bristlecone, jeffrey, or sugar pine then in equation he feels his life among the trees
then in verse he feels his life among the trees drawing inside out & outside in
he he
begins begins
“a poet “let $\phi$
seeing be the
pine positive root
trees...” of $x^2 - x - 1 = 0...$