

## A Challenge Question based on an Image from Elsewhere in *Playing with Polygons*

The image below is the vertex frame of this string art Sequence Player mode [image sequence](#) given  $n = 16$ . It is not at all part of the “*three sets of parallel lines*” types of problems in Part II of PwP because now there are four sets of parallel lines. Clearly, it looks like a blend between the [Horizontal](#) and [Slanted](#) versions of the [Sharpest Right Triangles on Even Polygons](#) portion of Part II.

The question, of course, is simple: *How many triangles of various sizes are included in this image?*

Here is a more general question. Suppose  $n = 2k+2$ . Draw lines in four directions, 0 (horizontal), 1 (parallel to 0-1), Vertical (parallel to 0 to  $n/2 = k+1$ ) and steep positive 0 to  $k+2$ . *How many triangles of various sizes are included in this image?*

**Hint:** Count peaks at vertices of the 16-gon as before, but look at those vertices at least twice, and perhaps four times depending on how you want to count.

