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On the area formulas of inscribed polygons in classical geometry

In Euclidean geometry, Matsumoto et al. proved that there is no area formula of the general cyclic n-gon in terms of its side lengths by using only four arithmetic operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and k-th roots, for n bigger than or equal to 5. This result recalls the Abel-Ruffini theorem that there is no formula of a solution of the general polynomial of degree n in terms of its coefficients, using only arithmetic operations and k-th roots, for n bigger than or equal to 5. In my talk I will show that the similar result also holds for other classical geometry, namely hyperbolic and spherical geometry. This is a joint work with Runa Umezawa and Takuro Yasui.