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In-Class Presentation

Construction Problem 16.28

16.28 Let  $\mathscr{C}$  be a circle, and A be a point on the circle.

Draw the line  $\overrightarrow{OA}$ , and take point P on  $\mathscr C$  different from A

Take point G on  $\overline{OP}$  with  $\frac{PO}{PG}$  equal to the golden ratio

Draw circle  $\mathscr{D}$  with center P containing point G.

Then by theorem 14.10,  $\mathscr{D}$  contains an interior point in  $\mathscr{C}$ , so it must intersect at exactly two other points, call them C, D

Draw circle with center C containing point D, call the other point of intersection B

Draw circle with center D containing point E, call the other point of intersection E

Draw pentagon ABCDE

We know  $\overline{PC} \cong \overline{PG} \cong \overline{PD}$ , since both are radii of same circle  $\mathscr{C}$ 

Similary  $\overline{OP} \cong \overline{OC}$ 

We know  $\frac{PO}{PC} = \frac{PO}{PG}$ , then  $\Delta POC$  is a golden triangle.

Then  $\angle POC = 36$ 

Similarly,  $\angle POD = 36$ 

Since D, C on opposite sides of  $\overrightarrow{OP}$ , and by two circles theorem,  $\angle POC, \angle POD$  are adjacent angles, so  $\angle COD = 72$ 

 $\Delta COD \cong \Delta BOC \cong \Delta DOE$  by SSS

Then  $\angle BOC = \angle DOE = 72$ 

Apply linear triple theorem for angles  $\angle AOB, \angle BOC, \angle POC$ 

Then  $\angle AOB$  must be 72

Apply linear triple theorem for  $\angle AOE, \angle EOD, \angle POD$ , then  $\angle AOE = 72$ 

Then by SAS, triangles  $\triangle AOB$ ,  $\triangle AOE$  are congruent to triangles  $\triangle BOC$ ,  $\triangle COD$ ,  $\triangle DOE$ 

Then AB = BC = CD = DE = EA

Then ABCDE is equilateral.