

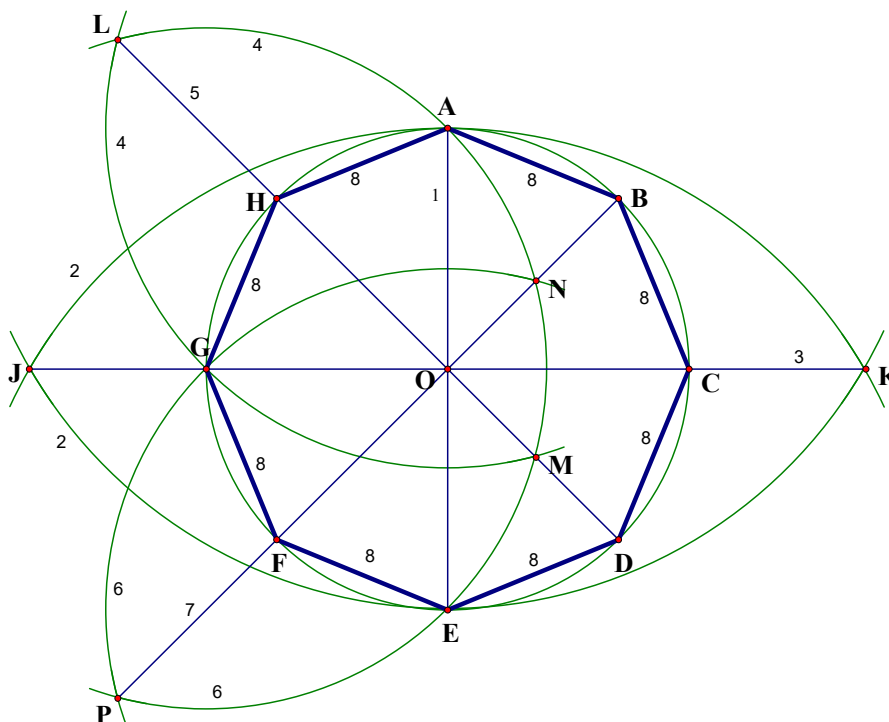
Construct a regular octagon inscribed in a circle.

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3. 作一個以 O 為圓心的圓上的正八邊形 $ABCDEFGH$ 。

Construct a regular octagon $ABCDEFGH$ on a circle with centre O .



作圖方法如下：

- (1) 作直徑 AOE 。
- (2) 以 A 為圓心， AE 為半徑作一弧；以 E 為圓心， EA 為半徑作一弧；兩弧相交於 J 及 K 。
- (3) 連接 JK ，交圓於 G 及 C 。
- (4) 以 A 為圓心， AG 為半徑作一弧；以 G 為圓心， GA 為半徑作一弧；兩弧相交於 L 及 M 。
- (5) 連接並延長 LM ，交圓於 H 及 D 。
- (6) 以 G 為圓心， GE 為半徑作一弧；以 E 為圓心， EG 為半徑作一弧；兩弧相交於 P 及 N 。
- (7) 連接並延長 PN ，交圓於 F 及 B 。
- (8) 連接 AB 、 BC 、 CD 、 DE 、 EF 、 FG 、 GH 及 HA 。

$ABCDEFGH$ 便是所須的正八邊形，證明從略。

利用以上方法，我們可以作圓內接正 16 邊形、圓內接正 32 邊形、...、圓內接正 2^n 邊形 ($n \geq 2$)。

Construction steps:

- (1) Construct a diameter AOE .
- (2) Use A as centre, AE as radius to draw an arc; use E as centre, EA as radius to draw another arc; the two arcs intersect at J and K .
- (3) Join JK , intersecting the circle at G and C .
- (4) Use A as centre, AG as radius to draw an arc; use G as centre, GA as radius to draw another arc; the two arcs intersect at L and M .
- (5) Join and produce LM , intersecting the circle at H and D .
- (6) Use G as centre, GE as radius to draw an arc; use E as centre, EG as radius to draw another arc; the two arcs intersect at P and N .
- (7) Join and produce PN , intersecting the circle at F and B .
- (8) Join AB , BC , CD , DE , EF , FG , GH and HA . $ABCDEFGH$ is the required regular octagon, proof omitted.

Using this method, we can construct a regular 16-sided polygon, regular 32-sided polygon, ..., regular 2^n -gon ($n \geq 2$) inscribed in a circle.