

# A hendecagon construction via quintisection

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The construction, as offered, requires angle quintisections. So, assume that we are given the ten vertices of two regular pentagons. The vertices are the fifth roots of the two (complex) numbers  $\zeta_+^5$  and  $\zeta_-^5$ , where

$$\zeta_{\pm}^5 := \frac{\pm 25\sqrt{5} - 89 - 5i\sqrt{410 \pm 178\sqrt{5}}}{44\sqrt{11}}, \quad i := \sqrt{-1}.$$

Note that both numbers  $\zeta_+^5$  and  $\zeta_-^5$  lie in the third quadrant, and let  $\zeta_+$  and  $\zeta_-$  denote their corresponding fifth roots in the first quadrant. Construct a circle centered at  $1/\sqrt{44}$  with radius  $5/\sqrt{11}$ , and place a vertex on it at  $\sqrt{11}/2$ . Then the real part of the sum  $\zeta_- + \zeta_+$  turns out to match the real part of a “next” vertex of a hendecagon thereby inscribed in the just-constructed circle.

