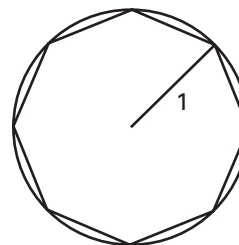
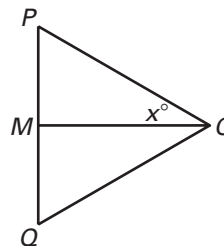


Challenge: Skills and Applications

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In Exercises 1–8, refer to the diagram. O is the center of a regular n -gon, and P and Q are adjacent vertices of the polygon. M is the midpoint of \overline{PQ} .

1. Identify each of OM , OP , and PQ as the side length, the radius, or the apothem of the n -gon.
2. Find a formula for x in terms of n .
3. Find a formula for the apothem length a in terms of n and the radius r . (Hint: Use your answer to Exercise 2.)
4. Find a formula for the side length s in terms of n and the radius r .
5. Find a formula for the apothem a in terms of n and the side length s .
6. Find a formula for the area of a regular n -gon in terms of n and the side length s .
7. Find a formula for the area of a regular n -gon in terms of n and the apothem length a .
8. Find a formula for the area of a regular n -gon in terms of n and the radius r .
9. Consider a regular n -gon inscribed in a circle of radius 1. Use a calculator and the result of Exercise 8 to find the area of the n -gon for $n = 4, 8, 25, 50$, and 100 . What number does the area seem to approach as n increases? Round decimals to the nearest hundredth.



10. Refer to the diagram, which shows an arbitrary point P inside a regular pentagon, along with perpendiculars drawn from P to the sides of the pentagon (or extensions of the sides).

- a. Show that $PV + PW + PX + PY + PZ$ does not depend on how P is chosen inside the pentagon.
- b. If $AB = 5$, find the value of $PV + PW + PX + PY + PZ$. Round to the nearest tenth.

