

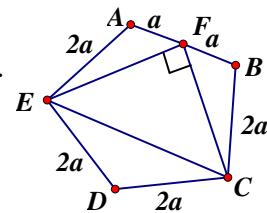
Pentagon problem

Created by Mr. Francis Hung

Last updated: 21 April 2011

Given a convex pentagon $ABCDE$ with each side = $2a$.

F is the mid point of AB . $\angle CFE = 90^\circ$. To prove $\angle AED + \angle BCD = 180^\circ$.



Proof: Produce CF to G so that $CF = FG$. Join EG .

$$\Delta AFG \cong \Delta BFC \quad (\text{S.A.S.})$$

$$\text{Join } CE. \text{ Also, } \Delta EFG \cong \Delta EFC \quad (\text{S.A.S.})$$

$$\text{So } AG = BC = 2a, EG = EC \quad (\text{corr. } \angle \text{s} \cong \Delta \text{s})$$

$$\Delta AEG \cong \Delta DEC \quad (\text{S.S.S.})$$

Let $\angle AGE = x, \angle AGF = y$.

$$\text{Then } \angle AEG = x \quad (\text{base } \angle \text{s. isos. } \Delta)$$

$$\angle DCE = x = \angle DEC \quad (\text{corr. } \angle \text{s} \cong \Delta \text{s})$$

$$\angle ECF = x + y \quad (\text{corr. } \angle \text{s} \cong \Delta \text{s})$$

$$\angle BCF = y \quad (\text{corr. } \angle \text{s} \cong \Delta \text{s})$$

$$\angle AED + \angle BCD = (x + \angle CEG - \angle AEG) + (x + \angle ECF + \angle BCF)$$

$$= (x + \angle CEG - x) + (x + x + y + y)$$

$$= \angle CEG + \angle ECF + \angle EGF$$

$$= 180^\circ \quad (\angle \text{ sum of } \Delta CEG)$$

