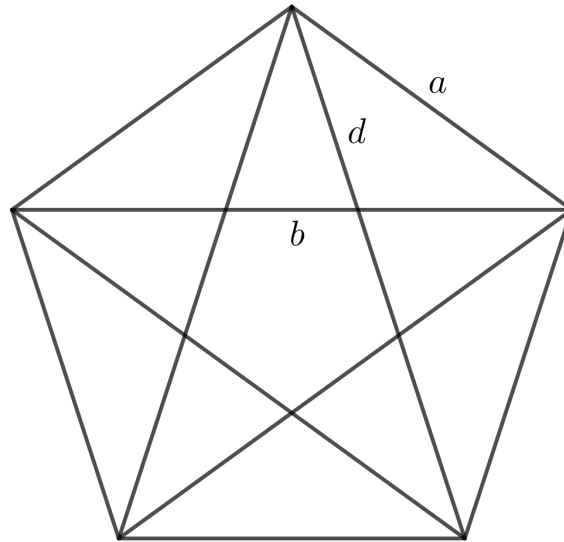




PROBLEM OF THE WEEK #7
(Spring 2018)

When you draw straight line segments joining all vertices of a regular pentagon P , you make a smaller regular pentagon Q inside. If P has sides of length a and Q has sides of length b , show that the distance d from a vertex of P to the nearest vertices of Q is \sqrt{ab} .



[Please fully explain your answer.]

Solutions should be submitted to Cinda Furry, in Gardner Hall 435, by 4:00 P.M. on Wednesday, March 14, 2018.