Regular \( n \)-gons and Special Polynomials: A Short Note

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Abstract:

This article provides insight into special polynomials of degree \( n \) and their relationship to the regular unit \( n \)-gon (i.e., with a circumscribed circle of radius 1). The specific questions answered involve distances between various vertices.

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