Construction 27: Book IV, Proposition 5





IV.5:5. Let the straight lines AB, AC be bisected at the points D, E [I.10],

GOSUB I.10 two times. First: for AB. We follow C#5B.



Swing AB around A.



Swing BA around B.



Connect the two crossing points to locate D on AB.

Cleanup. Save the construction line.

RETURN to IV.5 at line 5. GOSUB I.10 (C#5B) for AC.



Swing AC around A.



Swing CA around C.



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Connect the two crossing points to locate E on AC.

Cleanup. Save the construction line.

RETURN to IV.5 at line 5.

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IV.5:6. and from the points D, E let DF, EF be drawn at right angles to AB, AC;

But these are the lines constructed in steps 3 and 6, so locate F at their crossing. IV.5:20. Therefore the circle described with centre F and distance one of the straight lines FA, FB, FC will pass also through the remaining points, and the circle will have been circumscribed about the triangle ABC. Let it be circumscribed, as ABC.

Q.E.F.

