

7: Polygons

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7.3: Formulas involving polygons

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Objective

- After studying this section, you will be able to
- Use some important formulas that apply to polygons

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Empirical Examples → Analytic General Formula

figure out how formulas made → write our own


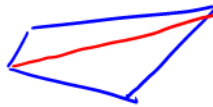
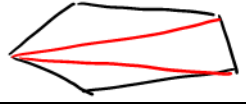
A polygon with three sides can be called a 3-gon. Similarly, a polygon with seven sides can be called a 7-gon. Most of the polygons you will encounter have special names, like those given in the following chart.

No. of Sides (or Vertices)	Polygon	No. of Sides (or Vertices)	Polygon
3	Triangle	8	Octagon
4	Quadrilateral	9	Nonagon
5	Pentagon	10	Decagon
6	Hexagon	12 Duo + 10	Dodecagon
7	Heptagon	15	Pentadecagon
7		n	n-gon

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Yes, you do need to know these names, and how to spell them correctly.

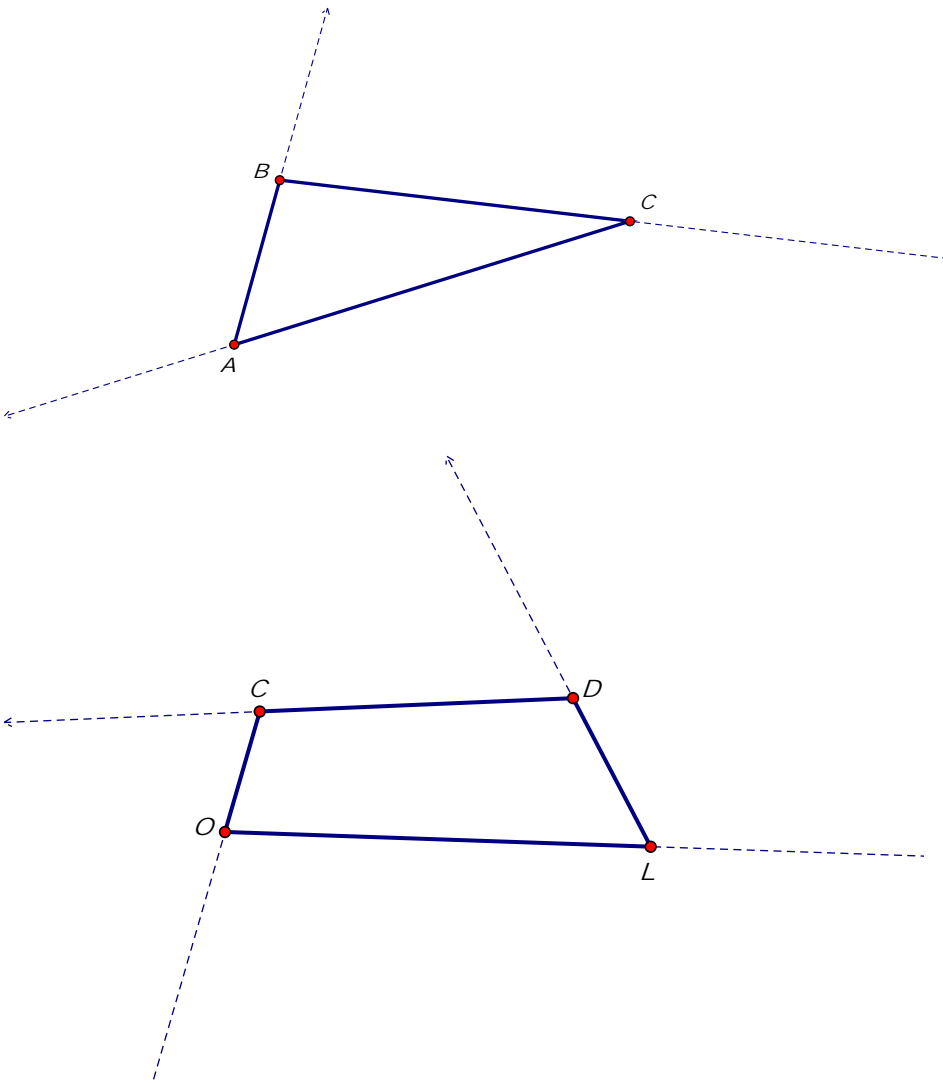
Let's look back at 5.4: 11. Find the sum of the measure of the angles of a polygon.

Polygon Drawing	Number of sides = n	Number of triangles that can be drawn from ONE vertex.	Sum of angles of the polygon
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	4	→ 2	2(180) = 360
	5	→ 3	3(180) = 540
	6	→ 4	4(180) = 720
	7		
	8		
	n	→ n-2	(n-2) 180

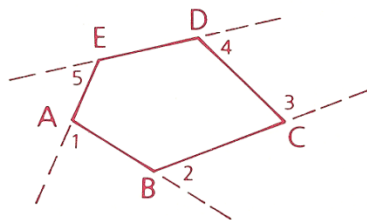
Theorem 55 The sum S_i of the measures of the angles of a polygon with n sides is given by the formula $S_i = (n - 2)180$.

On occasion, we may refer to the angles of a polygon as the **interior angles** of the polygon.

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At vertex A, $m\angle 1 + m\angle EAB = 180$. In a similar manner, we can add each exterior angle to its adjacent interior angle, getting a sum of 180 at each vertex. Since there are five vertices, the total is $5(180)$, or 900.

According to Theorem 55, the sum of the measures of the angles of polygon ABCDE is 540. Since $900 - 540 = 360$, we may conclude that $m\angle 1 + m\angle 2 + m\angle 3 + m\angle 4 + m\angle 5 = 360$.

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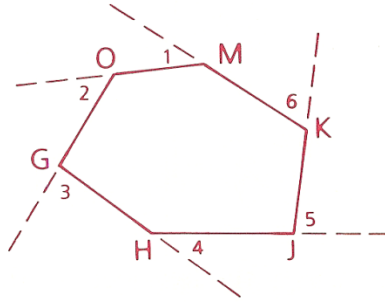
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What is the sum of the measures of exterior angles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 in this figure?

Again, the sum of the interior and the exterior angle is 180 at each of the six vertices, for a total measure of $6(180)$, or 1080. Moreover, according to Theorem 55, the sum of the measures of the angles of polygon GHJKMO is 720.



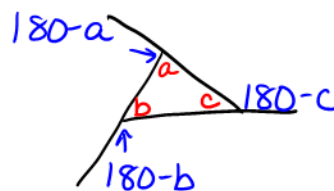
Because $1080 - 720 = 360$, we may conclude that in this figure, too, $m\angle 1 + m\angle 2 + m\angle 3 + m\angle 4 + m\angle 5 + m\angle 6 = 360$.

These examples suggest the next theorem, which we present without formal proof.

Theorem 56 *If one exterior angle is taken at each vertex, the sum S_e of the measures of the exterior angles of a polygon is given by the formula $S_e = 360$.*

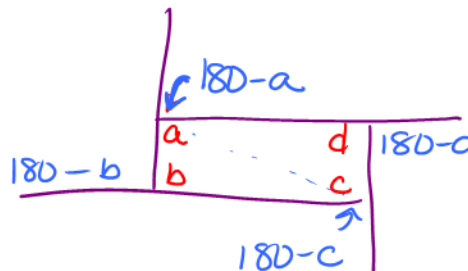
$$\begin{aligned}
 S_{e\Delta} &= 180 - a + 180 - b + 180 - c \\
 &= 3(180) - a - b - c \\
 &= 3(180) - 1(a + b + c) \\
 &= 3(180) - 1(180) \\
 &= 2(180) \\
 &= 360
 \end{aligned}$$

Substitute




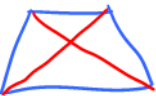
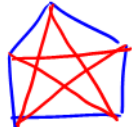
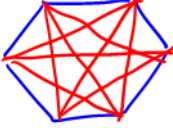
$$a + b + c = 180$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_{e(\text{QUAD})} &= 180 - a + 180 - b + 180 - c + 180 - d \\
 &= 4(180) - 1(a + b + c + d) \\
 &= 4(180) - 1(360) \\
 &= 4(180) - 2(180) \\
 &= 2(180) \\
 &= 360^\circ
 \end{aligned}$$



$$a + b + c + d = 360$$

Looking back at our work in 5.4: How many diagonals does a n-sided polygon have?

Polygon Drawing	Number of sides = n	Number of diagonals	1 st change: Difference in diagonal count	2 nd change: Difference in the difference	Attempted formulas:	How many vertices does the polygon have?	How many diagonals meet at one vertex of the polygon
	3	0	.	.	$n(n-3)=0$		
	4	2	+2	.	$\frac{4(4-3)}{2} = \frac{4}{2} = 2$		
	5	5	+3	+1	$\frac{5(5-3)}{2} = \frac{10}{2} = 5$		
	6	9	+4	+1	$\frac{6(6-3)}{2} = \frac{18}{2} = 9$		
	7	14	+5	+1			
	8						
	n	$d = \frac{n(n-3)}{2}$					

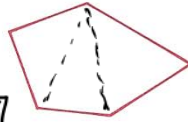
Theorem 57 The number d of diagonals that can be drawn in a polygon of n sides is given by the formula

$$d = \frac{n(n-3)}{2}$$

Class Examples

→ implies S_{interior}

Problem 1 Find the sum of the measures of the angles of the figure to the right.



Solution

$$S_i = (n-2)180, n=5$$

$$3(180)$$

$$3(100 + 80) = 300 + 240 = \boxed{540^\circ}$$

Problem 2 Find the number of diagonals that can be drawn in a pentadecagon.

Solution

$$d = \frac{n(n-3)}{2}, n=15$$

$$d_{15} = \frac{15(12)}{2} = 6(10+5) = 60+30 = \boxed{90}$$

Problem 3 What is the name of a polygon if the sum of the measures of its angles ^{they mean the interior \angle s} is 1080?



Solution

$$S_i = (n-2)180$$

$$1080 = (n-2)(180)$$

$$6 = n-2$$

$$8 = n$$

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	Name	Number of sides	work $S_i = (n-2)180$	Solution
A	Quadrilateral	4	$(4-2)180 = 2(180)$	360
B	Heptagon	7	$5(180) = 500 + 400$	900
C	Octagon	8	$6(180) = 600 + 480$	1080
D	dodecagon	12	$10(180)$	1800
E	93-gon	93	$91(180) = (90+1)(100+80)$	16,380

$$\begin{array}{r} 180 \\ \times 91 \\ \hline 180 \\ 16200 \\ \hline 16380 \end{array}$$

vertical mult

$$\begin{array}{r} 9000 \\ 7200 \\ 100 \\ 80 \\ \hline 16380 \end{array}$$

mental math or distribution by place value

Homework is 7.3: 307: 1-8, 10-14, 16, 17, 19 & 20

* Don't forget to write up the axioms for the next section to hand in as well!