

7: Polygons

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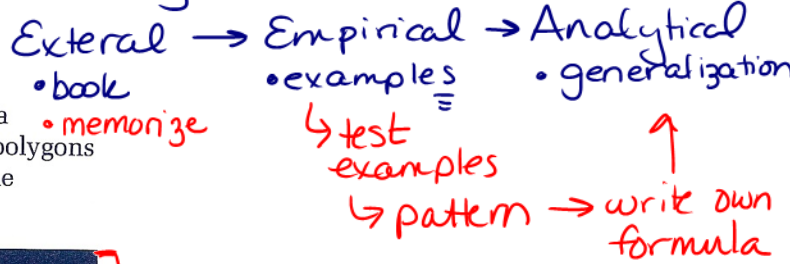
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**Objective**

After studying this section, you will be able to

- Use some important formulas that apply to polygons

Reasoning Schema:



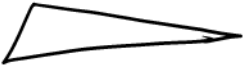
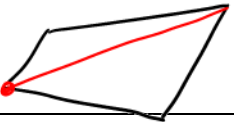

A polygon with three sides can be called a 3-gon. Similarly, a polygon with seven sides can be called a 7-gon. Most of the polygons you will encounter have special names, like those given in the following chart.

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	Dodecagon
7	Heptagon	15	Pentadecagon
		n	n-gon

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

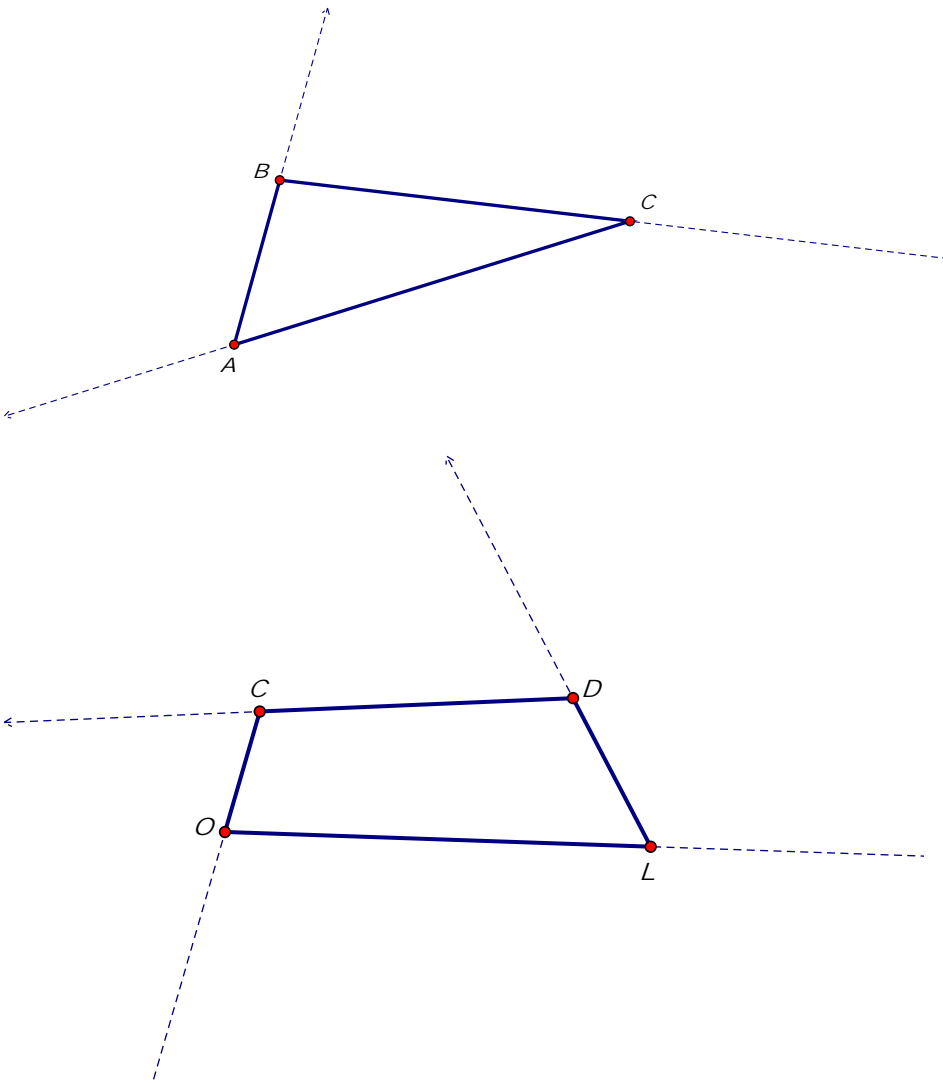
Let's look back at 5.4: 11. Find the sum of the measure of the angles of a polygon.

Polygon Drawing	Number of sides = n	Number of triangles that can be drawn from ONE vertex.	Sum of angles of the polygon
	3	1	1(180) = 180
	4	2	2(180) = 360
	5	3	3(180) = 540
	6		
	7		
	8		
	n	n-2	(n-2)180

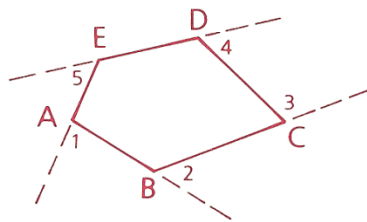
**Theorem 55** The sum  $S_i$  of the measures of the angles of a polygon with  $n$  sides is given by the formula  $S_i = (n - 2)180$ .

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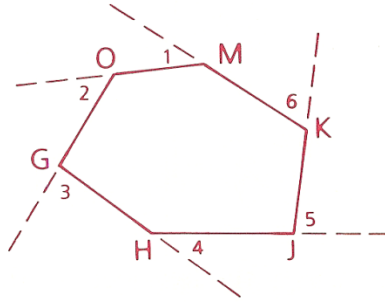
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What is the sum of the measures of exterior angles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 in this figure?

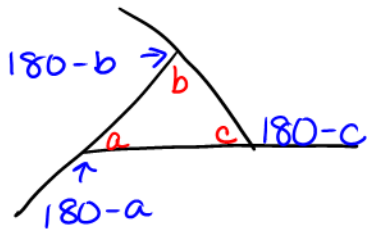
Again, the sum of the interior and the exterior angle is 180 at each of the six vertices, for a total measure of  $6(180)$ , or 1080. Moreover, according to Theorem 55, the sum of the measures of the angles of polygon GHJKMO is 720.



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

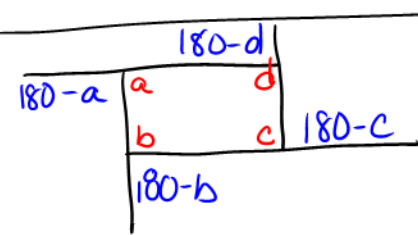
These examples suggest the next theorem, which we present without formal proof.

**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  $S_e = 360$ .*



$$a + b + c = 180$$

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



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

Let  $n = 5$

$$S_i: \underline{a+b+c+d+e} = (5-2)180 \text{ or } \underline{3(180)} \text{ or } 540$$

$$S_e: 180-a + 180-b + 180-c + 180-d + 180-e$$

$$5(180) - 1(\underline{a+b+c+d+e})$$

$$5(180) - 3(180)$$

$$2(180)$$

$$= 360$$


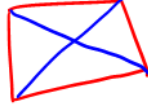
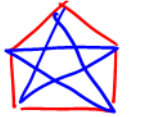

Q: What's the meas of 1 ext  $\angle$  of a reg hexagon?

$$\frac{360}{6} = 60^\circ$$

Then the supp is  $n \angle$  int

$$180 - 60 = 120^\circ$$

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 <sup>st</sup> change: Difference in diagonal count	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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	.	.	$n(n-3)$ $3(0) = 0$		
	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	$\frac{6(3)}{2} = 9$		
	7	14	+5	+1			
	8						
	n				$\frac{n(n-3)}{2} = d$		

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

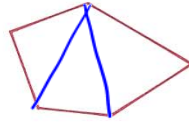
$$d = \frac{n(n-3)}{2}$$

## Class Examples

$$S_i = \sum \angle \text{in count of } \Delta s$$

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

→ implied interior



**Solution**

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

$$= 3(180)$$

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

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

**Solution**

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

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

**Problem 3** What is the name of a polygon if the sum of the measures of its angles (int) is 1080?

**Solution**

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

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

$$6 = n-2$$

$$8 = n \quad \therefore \text{OCTAGON}$$

4	Name	Number of sides	work	Solution
A	Quadrilateral	4	$(4-2)180 = 2(180)$	360
B	Heptagon	7	$5(100+80) = 500 + 400$	900
C	Octagon	8	$6(100+80) + 600 + 480$	1080
D	dodecagon	12	$10(180)$	1800
E	93-gon	93	$91(180) = (90+1)(100+80)$	16380

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

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!