

# Unit 1 Lesson 4

## Rotations With Polygons

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Unit 1 – Geometric Transformations

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Part 1 – Regular Polygons and Rotational Symmetry

A **regular polygon** is a **polygon** that is **equiangular** (all angles are equal in measure) and **equilateral** (all sides have the same length). In the case of **regular polygons** the **center** is the point that is equidistant from each vertex.

$$360 / 3 = 120^\circ$$

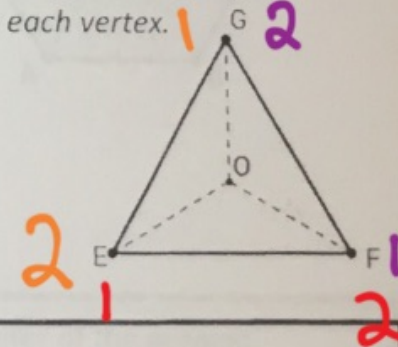
1. Given *Regular Triangle EFG* with center *O*.

a. *F* is rotated about *O*. If the image of *F* is *G*, what is the angle of rotation?

$$1 \text{ turn} \times 120^\circ = 120^\circ$$

b.  $\overline{FG}$  is rotated  $120^\circ$  about *O*. What is the image of  $\overline{FG}$ ?

$\overline{GE}$



General Rule: The regular triangle has rotation symmetry with respect to the center of the polygon

and angles of rotation that measure  $120^\circ$ ,  $240^\circ$  and  $360^\circ$ .

Side note: A regular triangle is also called an \_\_\_\_\_ triangle or an \_\_\_\_\_ triangle

equilateral

equiangular

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2. Given *Regular Quadrilateral EFGH* with center  $O$ .

a.  $F$  is rotated about  $O$ . If the image of  $F$  is  $G$ , what is the angle of rotation?

b.  $F$  is rotated about  $O$ . If the image of  $F$  is  $H$ , what is the angle of rotation?

c.  $\overline{FG}$  is rotated  $270^\circ$  about  $O$ . What is the image of  $\overline{FG}$ ?

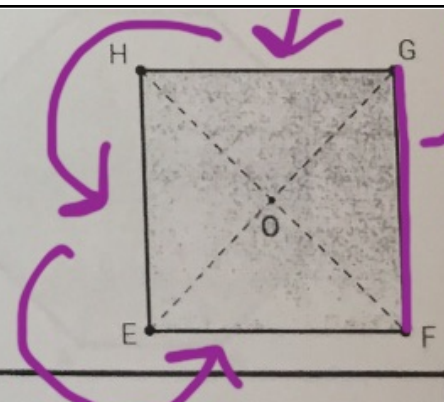
$360/4 = 90$

$90^\circ$

$2 \times 90^\circ = 180^\circ$

$270/90 = 3 \text{ turns}$

$\overline{EF}$



General Rule: The regular quadrilateral has rotation symmetry with respect to the center of the polygon

and angles of rotation that measure  $90^\circ$ ,  $180^\circ$ ,  $270^\circ$  and  $360^\circ$

Side note: A regular quadrilateral is often called a Square.

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3. Given *Regular Pentagon ABCDE* with center  $O$ .

$360/5 = 72$

a.  $C$  is rotated about  $O$ . If the image of  $C$  is  $D$ , what is the angle of rotation?

$1 \text{ turn} \times 72^\circ =$

$72^\circ$

b.  $C$  is rotated about  $O$ . If the image of  $C$  is  $E$ , what is the angle of rotation?

$2 \text{ turns} \times 72^\circ =$

$144^\circ$

c.  $C$  is rotated about  $O$ . If the image of  $C$  is  $A$ , what is the angle of rotation?

$3 \text{ turns} \times 72^\circ =$

$216^\circ$

d.  $\overline{DC}$  is rotated  $288^\circ$  about  $O$ , what is the image of  $\overline{DC}$ ?

$288/72 = 4 \text{ turns}$

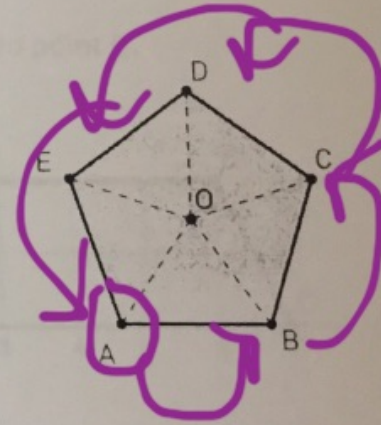
$\overline{CB}$

e. *Pentagon ABCDE* is rotated  $72^\circ$  about  $O$ , what is the image of *pentagon ABCDE* (in terms of the original points' labels – do not use  $A'B'C'D'E'$ )?

$BCDEA$

f. Explain the significance of the multiples of  $72^\circ$ .

# of degrees per turn



General Rule: The regular pentagon has rotation symmetry with respect to the center of the polygon and angles of rotation that measure  $72^\circ$ ,  $144^\circ$ ,  $216^\circ$ ,  $288^\circ$  and  $360^\circ$ .





4. Given Regular Hexagon  $ABCDEF$  with center  $O$ .

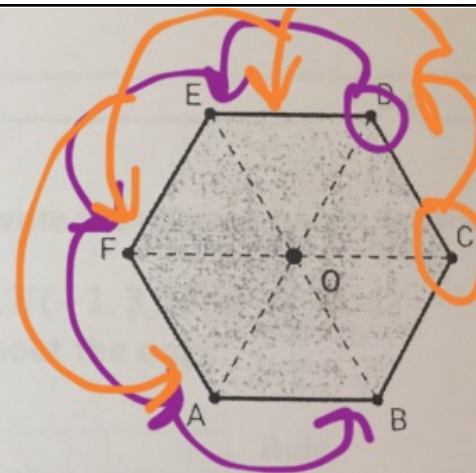
a.  $C$  is rotated  $60^\circ$  about  $O$ , what is the image of  $C$ ?

b.  $C$  is rotated  $120^\circ$  about  $O$ , what is the image of  $C$ ?

c.  $C$  is rotated  $180^\circ$  about  $O$ , what is the image of  $C$ ?

d.  $\overline{DC}$  is rotated  $240^\circ$  about  $O$ , what is the image of  $\overline{DC}$ ?

e. Explain the significance of the multiples of  $60^\circ$ .



$240/60 = 4$

$\overline{BA}$

# degrees per turn

General Rule: The regular hexagon has rotation symmetry with respect to the center of the polygon and angles of rotation that measure  $60^\circ$ ,  $120^\circ$ ,  $180^\circ$ ,  $240^\circ$ ,  $300^\circ$  and  $360^\circ$ .

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5. Given *Regular Octagon ABCDEFGH* with center *O*.

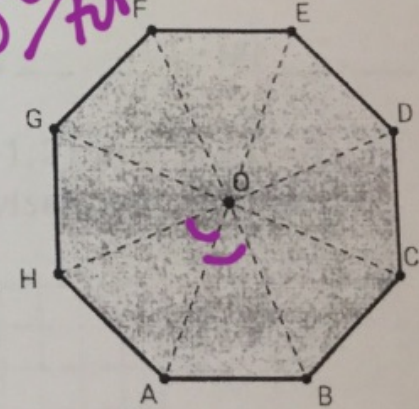
$360/8 = 45^\circ$  turn

- a. When point *C* is rotated about *O*, the image of point *C* is point *D*. Describe the rotation (be sure to include degree).

$45^\circ$  CCW

- b. When point *C* is rotated about *O*, the image of point *C* is point *F*. Describe the rotation (be sure to include degree).

$3 \times 45 = 135^\circ$



A regular polygon can be mapped onto itself if we rotate in multiples of the central angle measure.

The central angle of a regular polygon is found by

$360/n$

$n = \#$  of sides/Angles

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Part 2 – Parallelograms and Rotational Symmetry

6. Given *Parallelogram ABCD*, there is a center of rotation,  $O$ , that will map point  $A$  onto point  $C$ .

a. What are the coordinates of  $O$ ?

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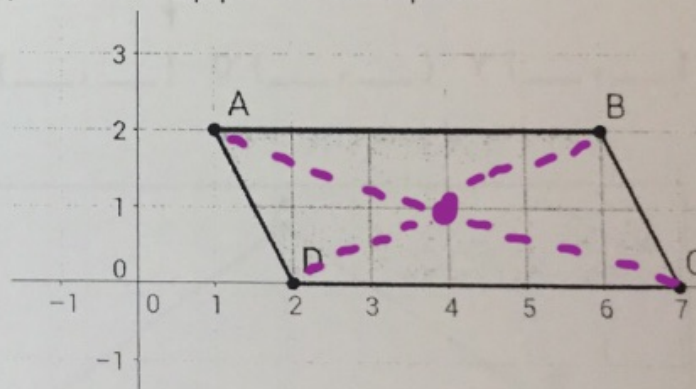
b. What degree of rotation mapped  $C$  onto  $A$  using the center  $O$ ?

180°

c. If we rotate the parallelogram around center  $O$  using the degree measure found in part b,  $\angle D$  maps to  $\angle B$ .

d. If  $\angle A$  maps to  $\angle C$ , then  $\angle A$  and  $\angle C$  are  $\cong$ .

e. If  $\angle D$  maps to  $\angle B$ , then  $\angle D$  and  $\angle B$  are  $\cong$ .



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