

Regular Polygons

Geometry

Chapter 3

A BowerPoint Presentation

Regular polygon

A regular polygon is

– Equilateral (all sides are \cong)

AND

– Equilateral (all angles are \cong)

Regular polygon

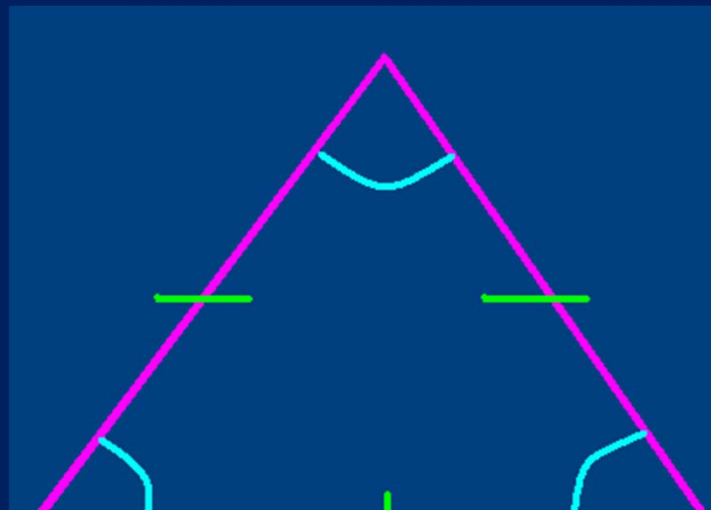
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– Equilateral (all sides are \cong)

AND

– Equiangular (all angles are \cong)

A regular triangle



Regular polygon

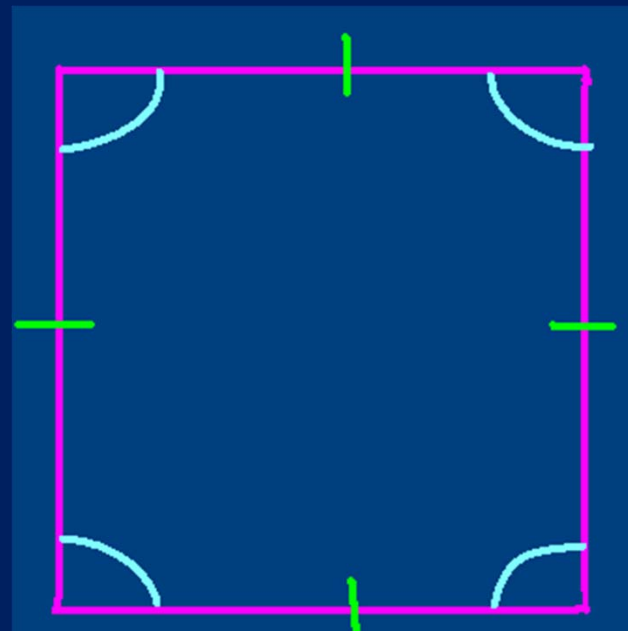
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A regular quadrilateral
(also known as a **square**)



Regular polygon

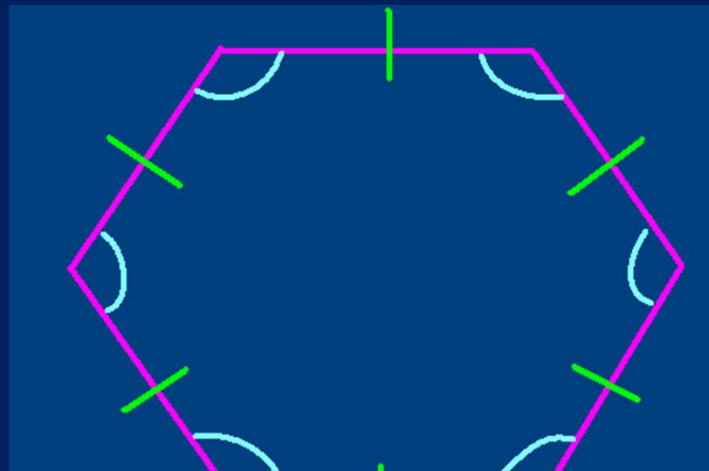
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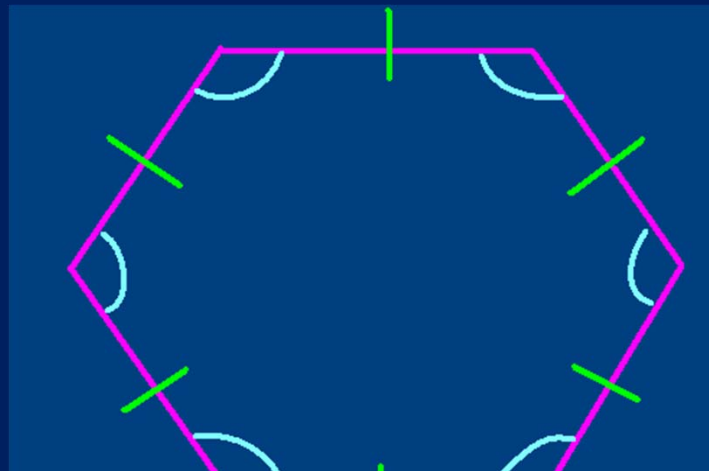
A regular hexagon



Interior angles of regular polygons

What is the measure of each interior angle of this regular hexagon?

There are
six congruent sides &
six congruent angles

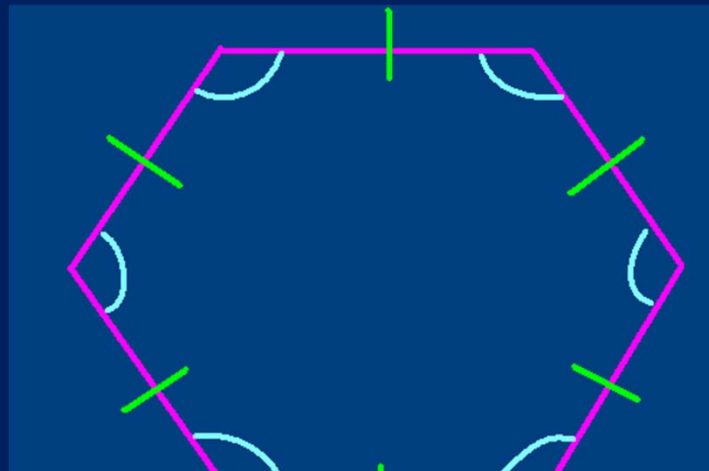


Interior angles of regular polygons

What is the measure of each interior angle of this regular hexagon?

Do you remember
 $(n - 2) 180$?

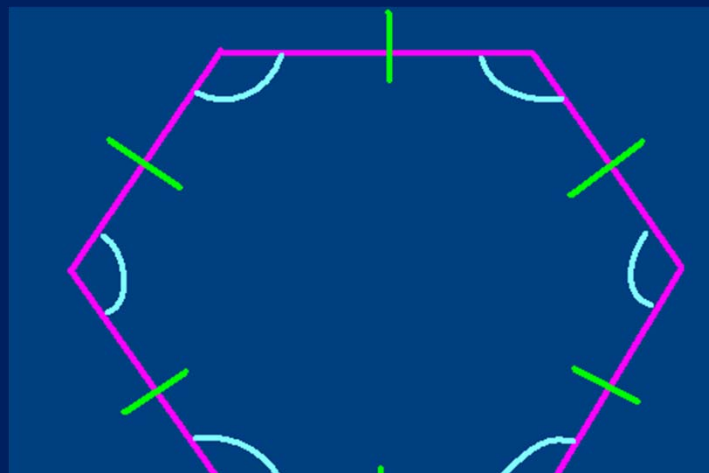
[n is the # of sides]



Interior angles of regular polygons

What is the measure of each interior angle of this regular hexagon?

$$\begin{aligned}(6 - 2) 180 &= \\ (4) 180 &= \\ 720^\circ &\text{ is the sum for int } \angle\text{s}\end{aligned}$$

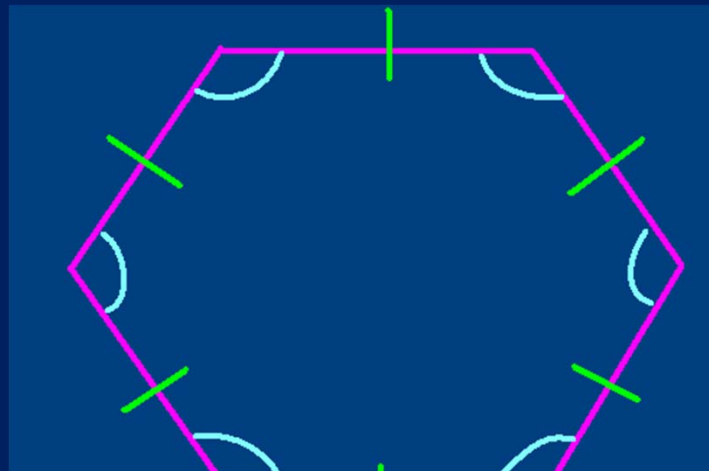


Interior angles of regular polygons

What is the measure of each interior angle of this regular hexagon?

120°

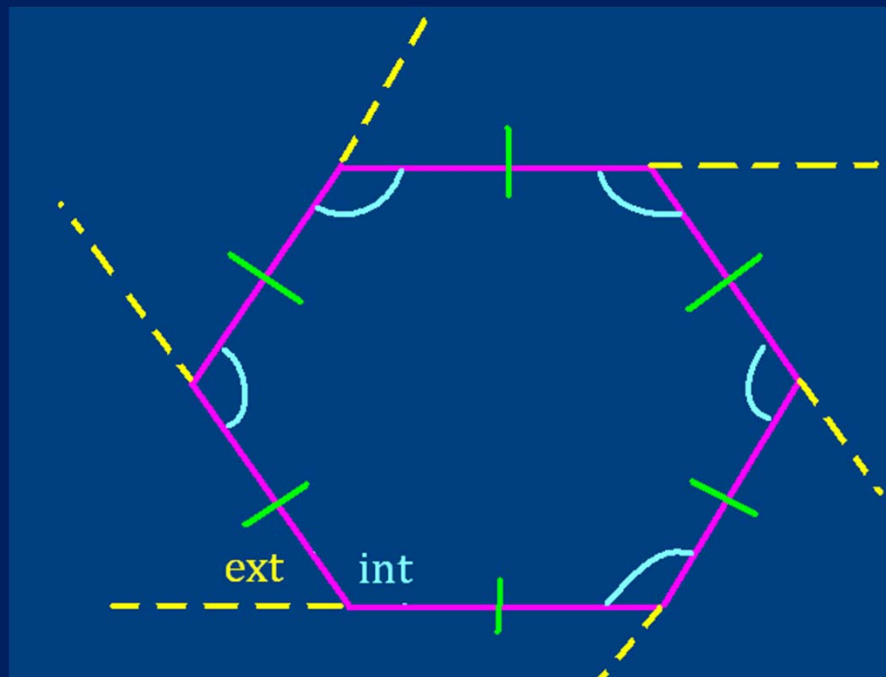
All interior \angle s are equal, so
 $720^\circ / 6 = 120^\circ$



Exterior angles of regular polygons

What is the measure of each exterior angle of this regular hexagon?

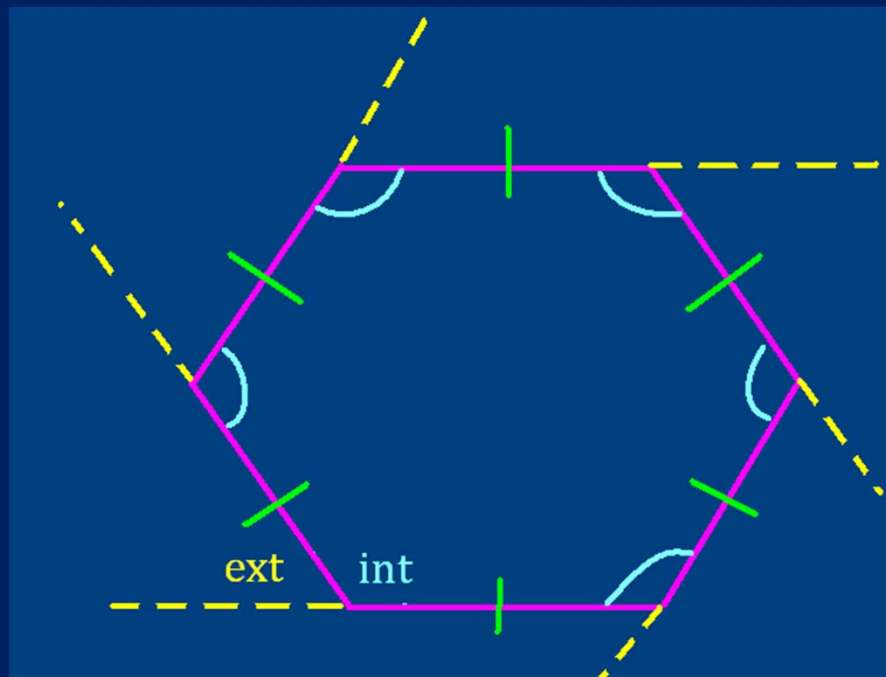
Do you remember what the sum of the exterior \angle s of ANY convex polygon must =
?



Exterior angles of regular polygons

What is the measure of each exterior angle of this regular hexagon?

The sum of the exterior \angle s
of ANY convex polygon
must = 360° !

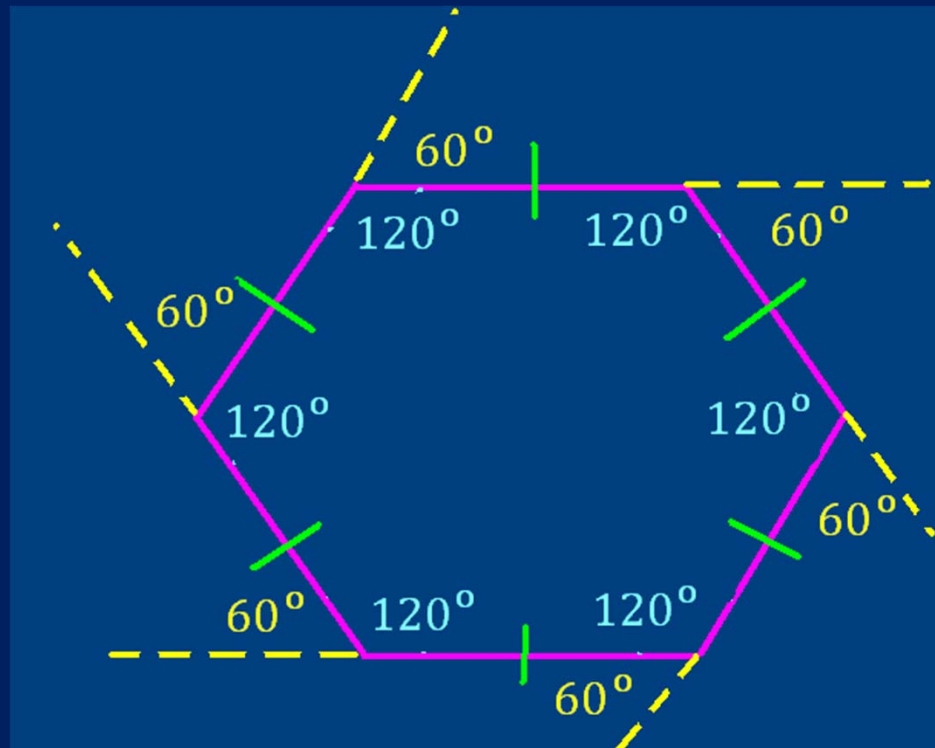


Exterior angles of regular polygons

What is the measure of each exterior angle of this regular hexagon?

60°

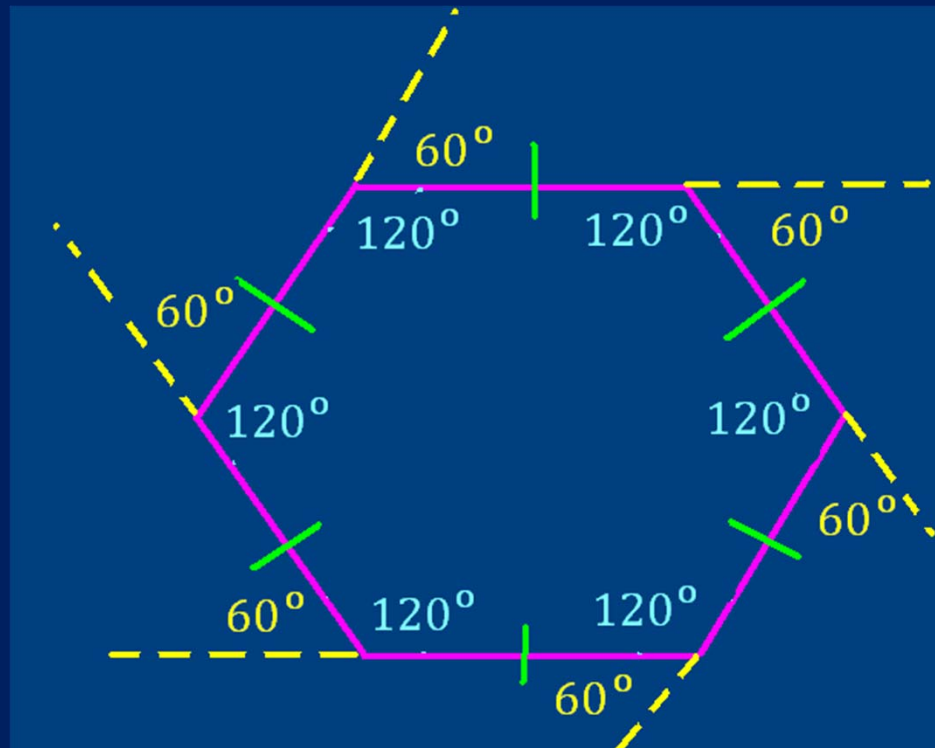
All the exterior \angle s are equal, so
 $360^\circ / 6 = 60^\circ !$



$$\text{Interior } \angle + \text{Exterior } \angle = 180^\circ$$

Notice that at each vertex,

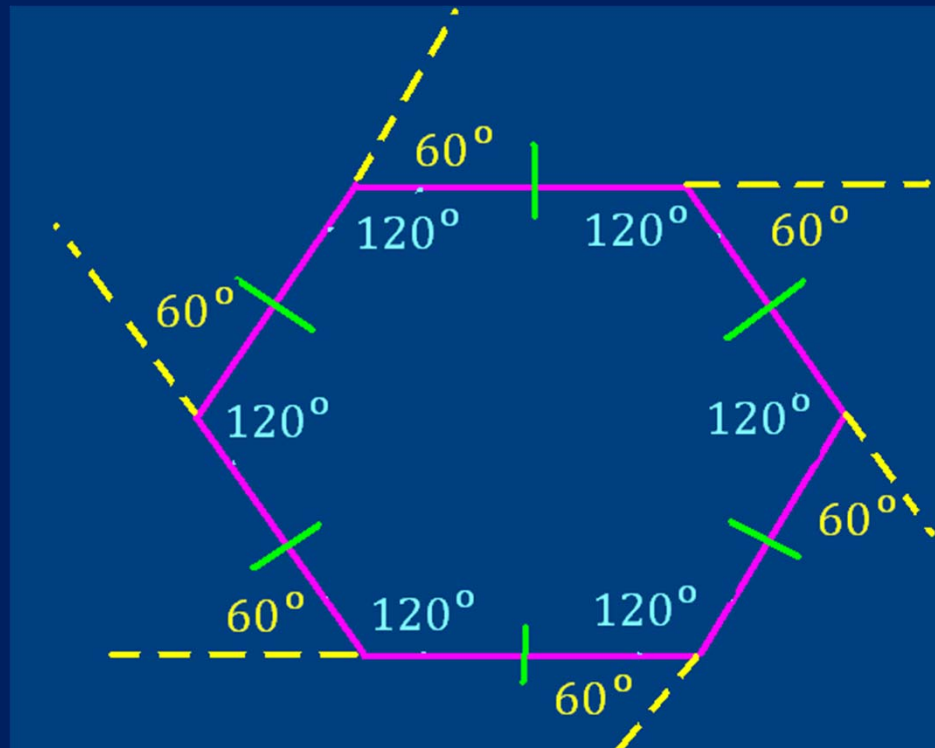
$$\text{the interior } \angle + \text{the exterior } \angle = 180^\circ$$



Interior \angle + Exterior \angle = 180°

Notice that at each vertex,
the interior \angle + the exterior \angle = 180°

For regular polygons...
If you know either the
interior \angle or the
exterior \angle , it is easy
to find the other one!
(How?)



A BowerPowerful TIP

When you are working on regular polygon problems, your BEST FRIEND is the...

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EXTERIOR \sphericalangle

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We know all the exterior angles of a regular polygon are equal

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When you are working on regular polygon problems,
your BEST FRIEND is the...

EXTERIOR \angle

We know all the exterior angles of a regular
polygon are equal, and

We know all the exterior angles of a regular
polygon have a sum of **360°**

Example #1- You know the **exterior \angle**

Each **exterior angle** of a certain regular polygon has a measure of **10°** .

How many **sides** does this regular polygon have?

What is the measure of each **interior \angle** ?

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We are in great shape, because we know each **exterior $\angle = 10^\circ$** !

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each **exterior angle** of a certain regular polygon has a measure of **10°** .

How many **sides** does this regular polygon have?

Let's start with the # of sides (which is the same as the # of angles)

$$360^\circ / 10 = \underline{\text{36 sides}}$$

Example #1- You know the exterior \angle

each exterior angle of a certain regular polygon has a measure of 10° .

What is the measure of each interior \angle ?

We know exterior \angle + interior \angle = 180°

10° + interior \angle = 180°

each interior \angle = 170°

YOU TRY- You know the exterior \angle

each exterior angle of a certain regular polygon has a measure of 20° .

How many sides does this regular polygon have?

What is the measure of each interior \angle ?

YOU TRY- You know the exterior \angle

each exterior angle of a certain regular polygon has a measure of 20° .

How many sides does this regular polygon have? 18 sides

What is the measure of each interior \angle ?

160°

Example #2- You DON'T know the
exterior \angle

Each interior angle of a certain regular
polygon has a measure of 179° .

How many sides does this regular polygon
have?

What is the measure of each exterior \angle ?

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Each interior angle of a certain regular
polygon has a measure of 179° .

How many sides does this regular polygon
have?

What is the measure of each exterior \angle ?

Your best friend is the exterior \angle - let's find it
first!

Example #2- You DON'T know the
exterior \sphericalangle

Each interior angle of a certain regular
polygon has a measure of 179° .

What is the measure of each exterior \sphericalangle ?

$$\text{exterior } \sphericalangle + \text{interior } \sphericalangle = 180^\circ$$

$$\text{exterior } \sphericalangle + 179^\circ = 180^\circ$$

$$\underline{\text{exterior } \sphericalangle = 1^\circ}$$

Example #2- You DON'T know the
exterior \angle

Each interior angle of a certain regular
polygon has a measure of 179° .

How many sides does this regular polygon
have?

We can use exterior $\angle = 1^\circ$ to help us find the
number of sides.

Example #2- You DON'T know the
exterior \angle

Each interior angle of a certain regular
polygon has a measure of 179° .

How many sides does this regular polygon
have?

Since each exterior $\angle = 1^\circ$,

$$360^\circ / 1 = \underline{360 \text{ sides}}$$

YOU TRY- You DON'T know
the exterior \angle

certain regular polygon has 10 sides.

What is the measure of each interior \angle ?

What is the measure of each exterior \angle ?

[Remember which \angle is your best friend!!!]

YOU TRY- You DON'T know
the exterior \angle

certain regular polygon has 10 sides.

What is the measure of each interior \angle ?

144°

What is the measure of each exterior \angle ?

36°

[Did you find the exterior \angle first?]

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