

Area of Regular Polygons Investigation and Notes

Warm Up- REGULAR Nonagon

1. What does it mean to be a regular polygon?

all ≈ sides and all ≈ angles

2. Proof

Given: all sides of the inscribed nonagon are congruent

Prove: the nonagon is a regular polygon.

Paragraph Proof

All radii are ≈

∴ all Δs are ≈ by SSS

and the central angles are

≈ by CPCTC, resulting in

The same sum for the pairs of

base LS to be. Remembering,

base LS of ISOSC. Δs are ≈, all int LS are the same sum of ≈ base LS ∴

3. How many little triangles is the polygon broken into?

9

4. What is the degree measure of each central angle?

$$9 \approx \text{LS} \quad \frac{360}{9} = 40^\circ$$

5. Measure in centimeters the length of the radii.

$$r = 3.5 \text{ cm}$$

6. Find the area of ONE of the triangles. (Show all work)

$$A = \frac{1}{2} ab \sin \theta$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2} 3.5 \times 3.5 \sin 40^\circ$$

$$A = 6.125 \sin 40^\circ$$

$$A = 3.94 \text{ cm}^2$$

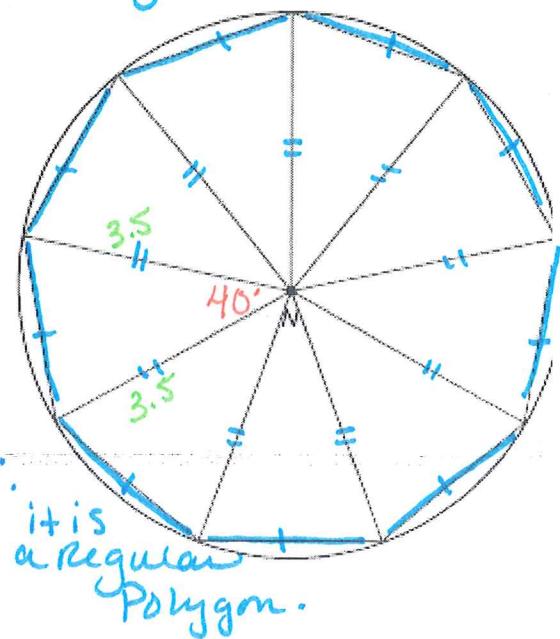
7. Find the area of the regular nonagon. (Show all work)

Area of the nonagon

$$A = 9(\Delta)$$

$$A = 9\left(\frac{1}{2} 3.5 \times 3.5 \sin 40^\circ\right)$$

$$A \approx 35.43 \text{ cm}^2$$



An Inscribed Regular Pentagon

1. Use a protractor to inscribe a regular pentagon in circle P by constructing the central angles first.

$$\frac{360}{5} = 72^\circ$$

2. Measure the length of the radii.

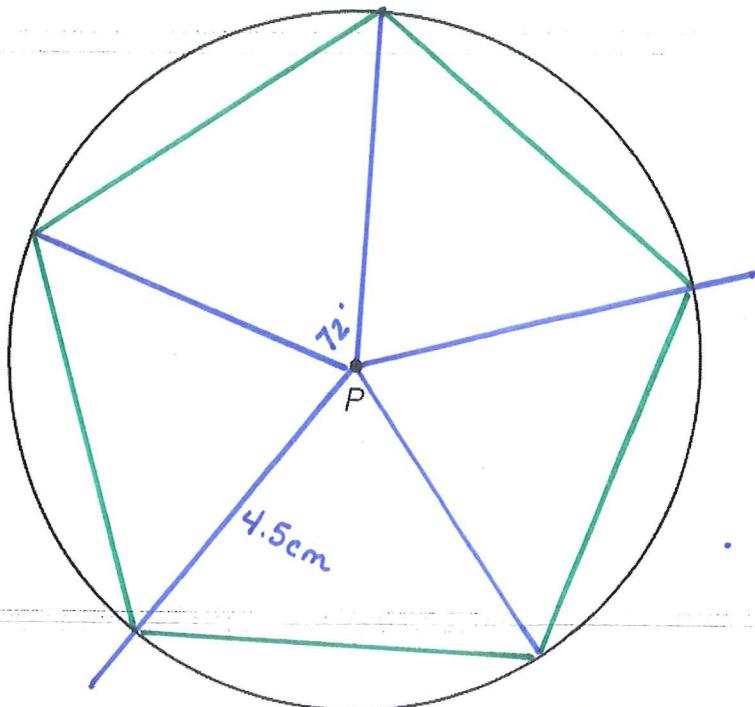
4.5cm

3. Find the area of the inscribed regular pentagon.
(Show all work)

$$A = 5 \Delta$$

$$A = 5 \left(\frac{1}{2} \cdot 4.5 \times 4.5 \sin 72^\circ \right)$$

$$A \approx 48.15 \text{ cm}^2$$



Finding the area of regular polygons Notes

A. If you are given the radius (r) of a regular polygon you find the area by:

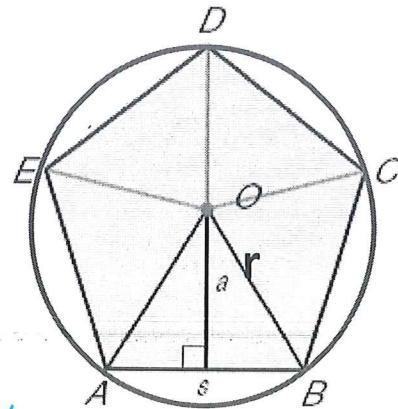
~~area = $\frac{1}{2} n r^2 \sin \theta$~~

$$A = n \frac{1}{2} r \cdot r \sin \theta$$

B. If given the apothem(a) and the side length(s) you find the area by:

$$A = n \frac{1}{2} b \cdot h \text{ which would be}$$

$$A = n \frac{1}{2} s \cdot a$$



Examples:

Find the area of the octagon, given the following information.

1. QG = 6 in ^{radius}

$$A = 8 \frac{1}{2} \cdot 6 \cdot 6 \sin 45^\circ$$

$$A \approx 101.82 \text{ in}^2$$

2. CQ = 21.3cm

$$A = 8 \frac{1}{2} (21.3)^2 \sin 45^\circ$$

$$A \approx 1283.23 \text{ cm}^2$$

3. Perimeter = 124in

$$\frac{124}{8} = 15.5$$

$$\frac{\sin 67.5}{r} = \frac{\sin 45}{15.5}$$

$$r = 20.25 \text{ in}$$

$$A = 8 \left(\frac{1}{2} (20.25)^2 \sin 45^\circ \right)$$

4. QJ = $4\sqrt{5}$ m

$$\frac{\sin 67.5}{r} = \frac{4\sqrt{5}}{r}$$

$$r = 9.68 \quad A = 8 \frac{1}{2} (9.68)(9.68) \sin 45^\circ$$

$$A = 265.03 \text{ m}^2$$

