

# CSC 240 Computer Graphics

## Video 3: Polygons

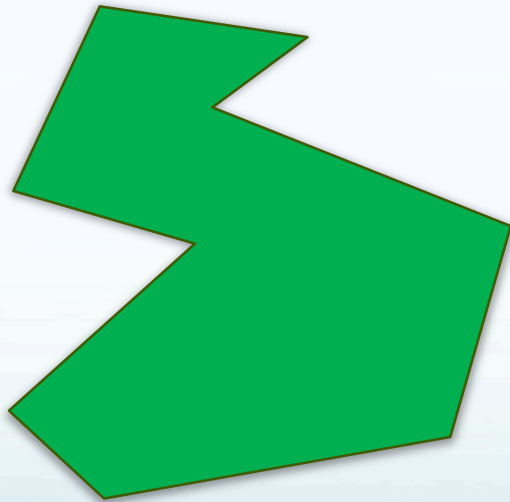
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# Polygon Definition

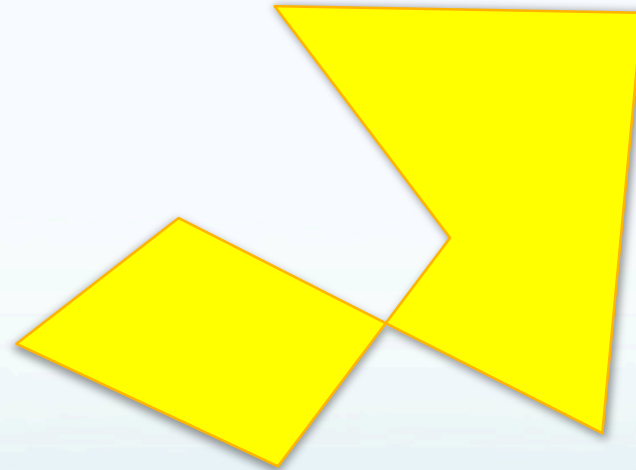
**A chain of line segments that forms a closed loop**

Simple Polygon



- No self-intersections
- No overlapping points

Complex Polygon

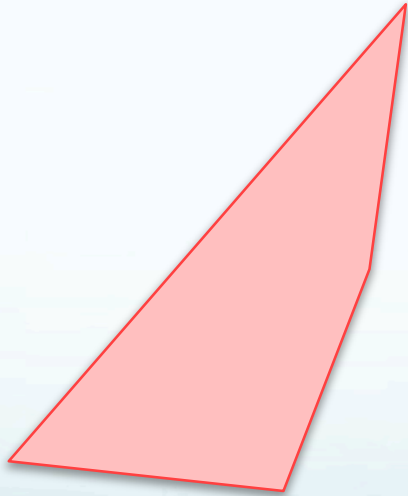


- Self-intersections
- And/or overlapping points

# Polygon Definition

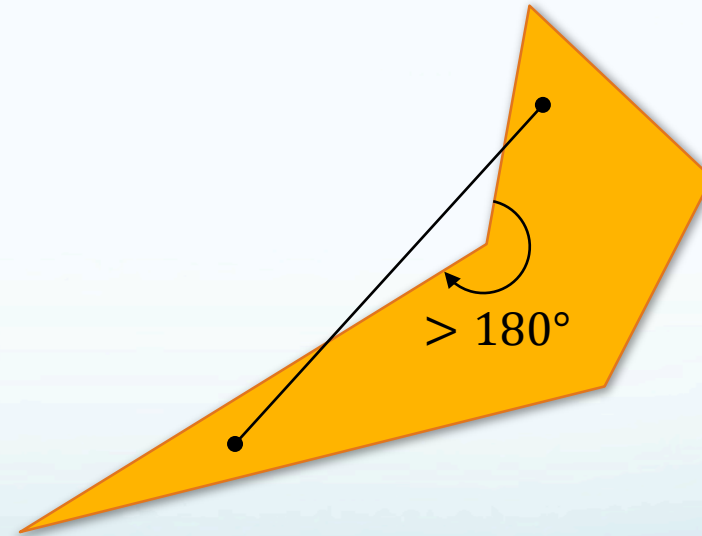
**A chain of line segments that forms a closed loop**

Convex Polygon



- All internal angles less than  $180^\circ$
- Line segments beginning and ending inside remain inside everywhere

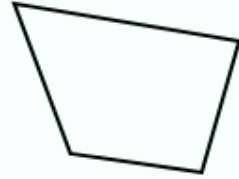
Concave Polygon



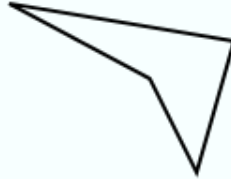
- At least one internal angle greater than  $180^\circ$
- Exists a line segments beginning and ending inside that passes outside the shape

# More polygons

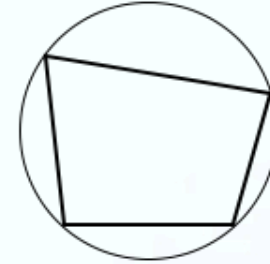
**Simple**



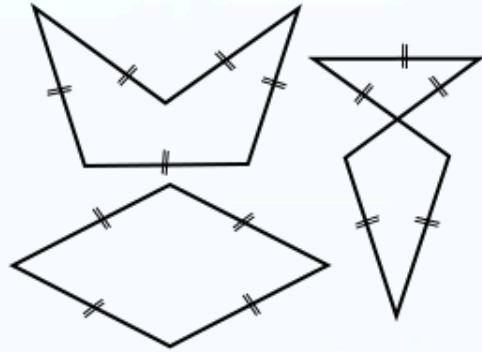
**Convex**



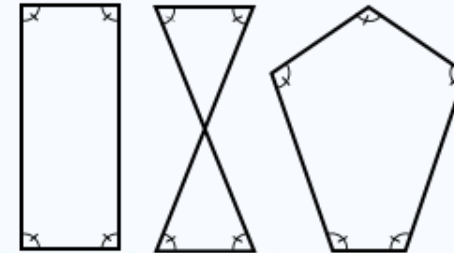
**Concave**



**Cyclic**

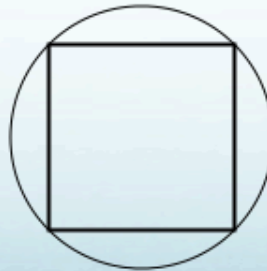


**Equilateral**



**Equiangular**

**TODAY**



**Regular convex**

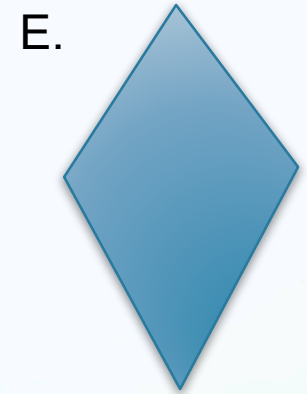
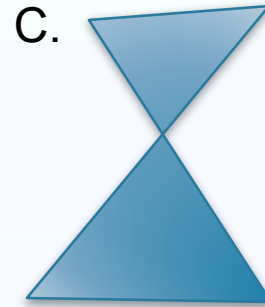
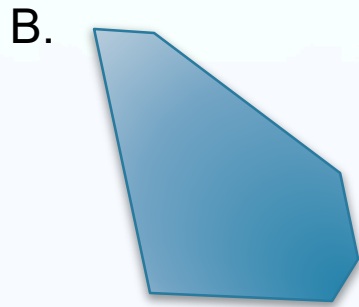
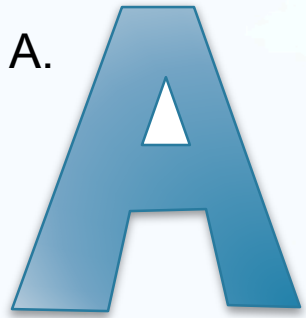


**Regular star**

# Questions

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Consider the shapes shown here.



1. Which are polygons?

*B, C, D, E*

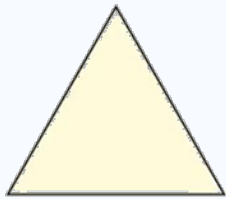
2. Which are complex polygons?

*C*

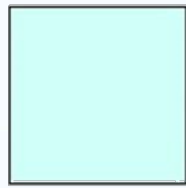
3. Which are concave polygons?

*C, D*

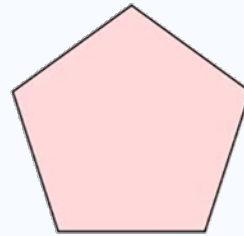
# Regular Polygon Algorithm



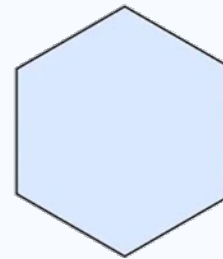
**triangle**



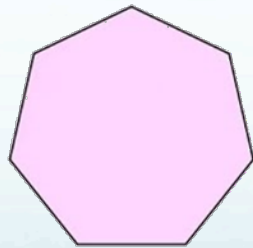
**quadrilateral**



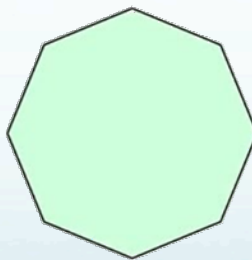
**pentagon**



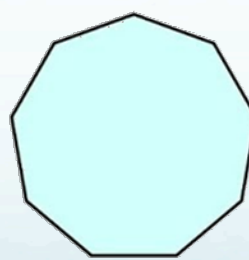
**hexagon**



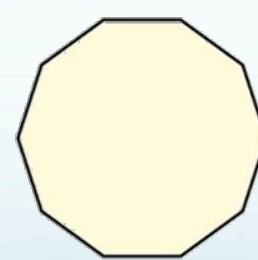
**heptagon**



**octagon**



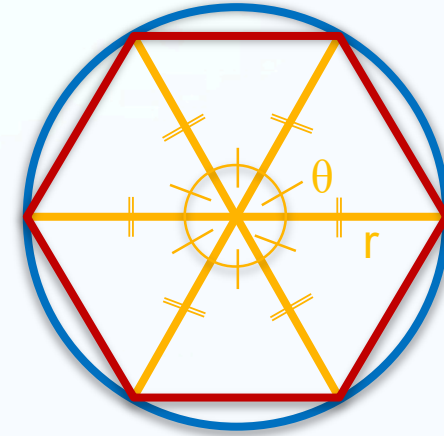
**nonagon**



**decagon**

# Observations

- Regular polygon fits within a circle
  - ➔ All vertices same distance from center
  - ➔ All pizza slices the same
- Let's use this to help us draw polygons.
  - ➔ For a polygon with  $n$  sides, what is  $\theta$ ...
  - In degrees?  
 $360/n$
  - In radians?  
 $2\pi/n$

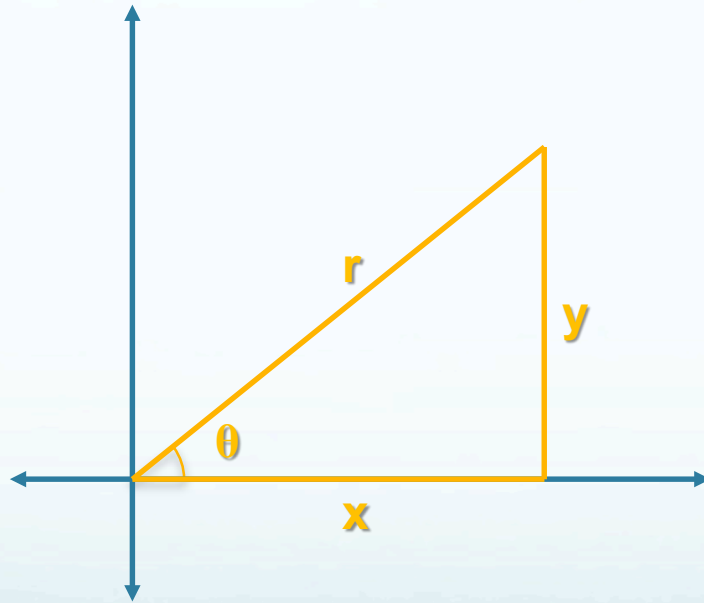


Recall that a full circle is 360 degrees, or  $2\pi$  radians.



# Trigonometry Review

- What is the relationship between  $r$ ,  $\theta$ ,  $x$ , and  $y$ ?



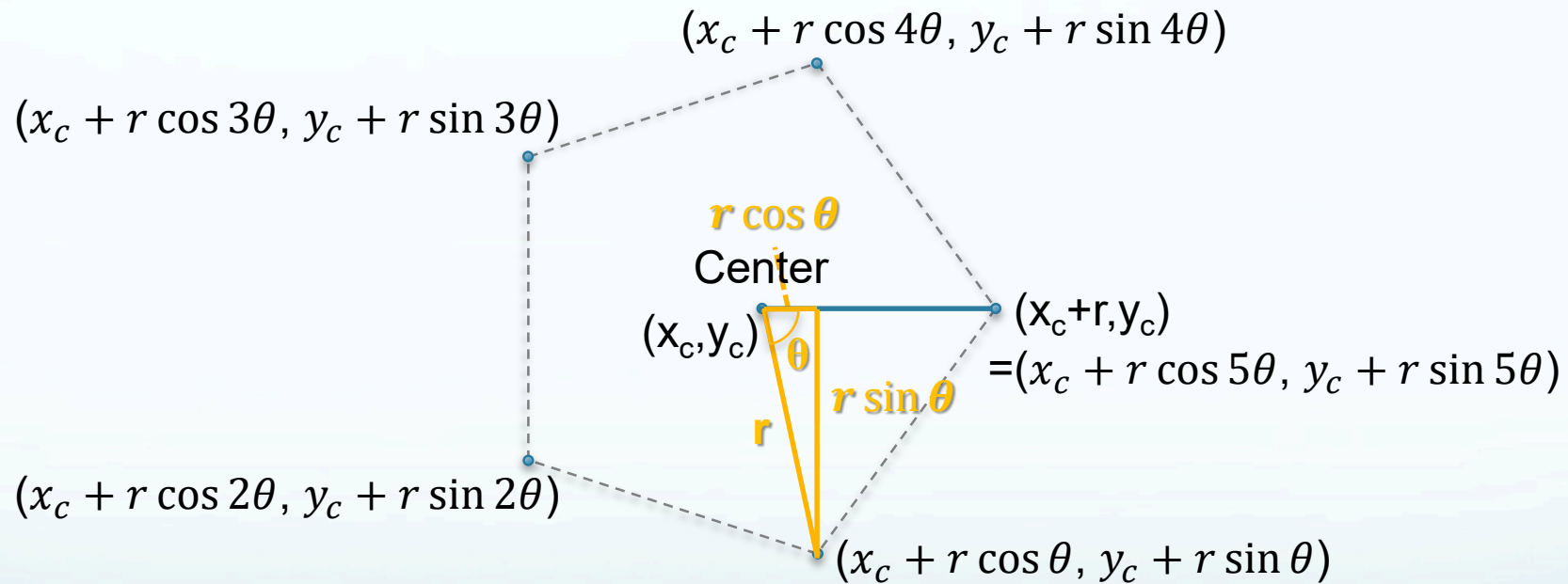
$$\sin \theta = \frac{y}{r}$$
$$\cos \theta = \frac{x}{r}$$
$$\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x}$$

$$y = r \sin \theta$$

$$x = r \cos \theta$$



# Points of a Pentagon



Radius of circle:  $r$

Number of sides:  $n = 5$

Wedge angle:

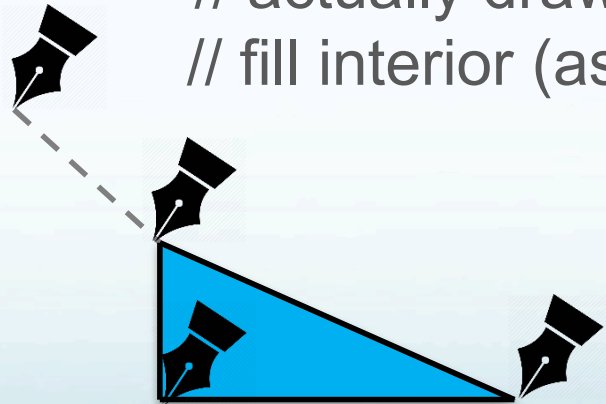
$$\theta = \frac{2\pi}{n}$$

# JavaScript Math

- **Math.round(2.8)** // returns 3
- **Math.floor(2.8)** // returns 2
- **Math.min(70,50)** // returns 50
- **Math.max(70,50)** // returns 70
- **Math.random()** // returns a number between 0 and 1
- **Math.sin(x), Math.cos(x), Math.tan(x)**
- **Math.pow(4,2)** //  $4^2$ , returns 16
- **Math.sqrt(16)** // returns 4

# Polygons in 2D Graphics

```
graphics.beginPath();           // prepare for stroke sequence
graphics.moveTo(10,10);         // change position (pen up)
graphics.lineTo(10,20);         // change position (pen down)
graphics.lineTo(30,20);         // change position (pen down)
graphics.closePath();           // return to start
graphics.stroke();               // actually draw shape
graphics.fill ();                // fill interior (assuming simple closed shape)
```



We're no longer relying on our own line-drawing implementation here. These methods are already built into the graphics object.

# Regular Polygon Pseudocode

Define a function... (What will the arguments be?)

- Compute the wedge angle  $\theta$
- Move to first vertex
- Loop through all adjacent vertices and add sides
- Finish the stroke to draw the shape

```
graphics.strokeStyle = "black";  
graphics.fillStyle = "blue";
```

# Questions

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1. A particular polygon has a central wedge angle of 36 degrees. How many sides does it have?

10 sides

2. What is  $\frac{2\pi}{5}$  radians in degrees?

72 degrees

3. Our formula for the position of the  $k$ th vertex of a regular polygon is  $(x_c + r \cos k\theta, y_c + r \sin k\theta)$ . How would you modify the formula to rotate the polygon by angle  $\alpha$ ?

Add it to the sin and cos arguments:  $(x_c + r \cos(k\theta + \alpha), y_c + r \sin(k\theta + \alpha))$

# Review

After this video, you should know how to:

- Define simple, complex, convex, and concave polygons
- Compute the center “pizza slice” angle of an  $n$ -sided regular polygon
- Compute the coordinates of a vertex given the center point and angle
- Draw a sequence of lines in Javascript
- Write a function to draw a regular polygon