

Mathematical proofs

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1 The inner angle of an $n - sided$ convex regular polygon

Suppose an $n - sided$ convex regular polygon. Its 4 consecutive vertices are shown in the figures, $N_1, N_2, N_3, \dots, N_i$ respectively. Thus $\Delta_{N_1, N_2, S} \cong \Delta_{N_2, N_3, S}$, i.e. such $n - sided$ polygon consists of n congruent isosceles triangles. That is, $|\angle N_2 N_1 S| = |\angle N_1 N_2 S| \implies |\angle N_1 N_2 S| = |\angle S N_2 N_3|$, denoted as β, β' respectively.

An angle $\alpha = |\angle N_1 S N_2| = \frac{360}{n}$, since such an angle multiplied by n makes for a perfect circle of 360° . Likewise $\alpha = 180^\circ - 2\beta$.

Let Φ be an inner angle of the polygon, such that $\phi = 2\beta$ (shown in the figure at the vertex N_2).

$$\text{Express in terms of } \beta: \alpha = 180 - 2\beta \iff \beta = \frac{-\alpha + 180}{2}$$

$$\text{Substitute } \alpha \text{ for } \alpha = \frac{360}{n}: \beta = \frac{-\frac{360}{n} + 180}{2} \iff \beta = \frac{180n - 360}{2n}$$

$$\text{Express in terms of } \Phi: \Phi = 2\beta = 2\left(\frac{180n - 360}{2n}\right) = \frac{180n - 360}{n}$$

The expression can be further simplified to the following form:

$$\Phi = \frac{(n - 2)\pi}{n}$$

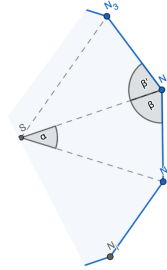


Figure 1: $n - sided$ polygon with its 4 vertices in a plane