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Rotations

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Goal

Identify rotations and rotational symmetry.

Key Words

- rotation
- center of rotation
- angle of rotation
- rotational symmetry

Geo-Activity Rotating a Figure

- 1 Draw an equilateral triangle. Copy the triangle onto a piece Label as shown. Draw a of tracing paper. line from the center to one of the vertices. B Place a pencil on the center 4 How many degrees did you point and turn the tracing paper turn the triangle? Is there more over the original triangle until it than one way to turn the triangle matches up with itself. so that it matches up with itself?
- **5** Draw a rectangle and a square. Repeat Steps 1 through 4. How many degrees did you turn each figure until it matched up with itself?





Counterclockwise means to go in the opposite direction. A **rotation** is a transformation in which a figure is turned about a fixed point. The fixed point is the **center of rotation**. In the Geo-Activity above, point *C* is the center of rotation. Rays drawn from the center of rotation to a point and its image form an angle called the **angle of rotation**. Rotations can be clockwise or counterclockwise.



11.8 Rotations 633 **Rotational Symmetry** A figure in a plane has **rotational symmetry** if the figure can be mapped onto itself by a rotation of 180° or less. For instance, the figure below has rotational symmetry because it maps onto itself by a rotation of 90°.



EXAMPLE 1 Identify Rotational Symmetry

Does the figure have rotational symmetry? If so, describe the rotations that map the figure onto itself.



Solution

a. Yes. A rectangle can be mapped onto itself by a clockwise or counterclockwise rotation of 180° about its center.





b. Yes. A regular hexagon can be mapped onto itself by a clockwise or counterclockwise rotation of 60° , 120° , or 180° about its center.



c. No. A trapezoid does not have rotational symmetry.



Does the figure have rotational symmetry? If so, describe the rotations that map the figure onto itself.



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MORE EXAMPLES

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EXAMPLE 2 Rotations

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Rotate \triangle *FGH* 50° counterclockwise about point *C*.

Solution

- **1** To find the image of point *F*, draw \overline{CF} and draw a 50° angle. Find *F*' so that CF = CF'.
- **2** To find the image of point *G*, draw \overline{CG} and draw a 50° angle. Find *G*' so that CG = CG'.
- **3** To find the image of point *H*, draw \overline{CH} and draw a 50° angle. Find *H*' so that CH = CH'. Draw $\triangle F'G'H'$.



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EXAMPLE 3 Rotations in a Coordinate Plane

Sketch the quadrilateral with vertices A(2, -2), B(4, 1), C(5, 1), and D(5, -1). Rotate it 90° counterclockwise about the origin and name the coordinates of the new vertices.

Solution

Plot the points, as shown in blue.

Use a protractor and a ruler to find the rotated vertices.

The coordinates of the vertices of the image are A'(2, 2), B'(-1, 4), C'(-1, 5), and D'(1, 5).



Checkpoint **A** Rotations in a Coordinate Plane

4. Sketch the triangle with vertices A(0, 0), B(3, 0), and C(3, 4). Rotate $\triangle ABC 90^{\circ}$ counterclockwise about the origin. Name the coordinates of the new vertices A', B', and C'.

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II.8 Exercises

Guided Practice

Vocabulary Check

- **1.** What is a *center of rotation*?
- **2.** Explain how you know if a figure has *rotational symmetry*.

Skill Check

Does the figure have rotational symmetry? If so, describe the rotations that map the figure onto itself.



The diagonals of the regular hexagon shown form six equilateral triangles. Use the diagram to complete the statement.

- **6.** A clockwise rotation of 60° about *P* maps *R* onto <u>?</u>.
- **7.** A counterclockwise rotation of 60° about <u>?</u> maps *R* onto *Q*.
- **8.** A clockwise rotation of 120° about *Q* maps *R* onto <u>?</u>.
- **9.** A counterclockwise rotation of 180° about *P* maps *V* onto <u>?</u>.



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Practice and Applications

Extra Practice

See p. 696.

Rotational Symmetry Does the figure have rotational symmetry? If so, describe the rotations that map the figure onto itself.





Wheel Hubs Describe the rotational symmetry of the wheel hub.





Rotating a Figure Trace the polygon and point *P* on paper. Use a straightedge and protractor to rotate the polygon clockwise the given number of degrees about *P*.



24. 180° rotation of $\triangle BCJ$ about *P*

25. 180° rotation of \triangle *KEF* about *P*

26. 90° counterclockwise rotation of \overline{CE} about *E*

Finding a Pattern Use the given information to rotate the figure about the origin. Find the coordinates of the vertices of the image and compare them with the vertices of the original figure. Describe any patterns you see.

27. 90° clockwise

Visualize It!

counterclockwise.

Rotating a figure 180°

clockwise is the same as rotating a figure 180°

180° counterclockwise

180° clockwise



29. 90° counterclockwise



28. 90° counterclockwise

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Link to Careers



GRAPHIC DESIGNERS may create symbols to represent a company or organization. These symbols often appear on packaging, stationery, and Web sites.



Graphic Design A music store, Ozone, is running a contest for a store logo. Two of the entries are shown. What do you notice about them?

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Rotations in Art In Exercises 33–36, refer to the image below by M.C. Escher. The piece is called *Circle Limit III* and was completed in 1959.



- **33.** Does the piece have rotational symmetry? If so, describe the rotations that map the image onto itself.
- **34.** Would your answer to Exercise 33 change if you disregard the color of the figures? Explain your reasoning.
- **35.** Describe the center of rotation.
- **36.** Is it possible that this piece could be hung upside down and have the same appearance? Explain.
- **37. Multiple Choice** What are the coordinates of the vertices of the image of $\triangle JKL$ after a 90° clockwise rotation about the origin?

(A) J'(1, 2), K'(4, 2), L'(1, 4)

- **B** J'(2, 1), K'(4, 2), L'(1, 4)
- **C** J'(4, 2), K'(2, 1), L'(4, -1)
- **D** J'(2, 4), K'(1, 2), L'(-1, 4)



38. Multiple Choice Which of the four polygons shown below does not have rotational symmetry?



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Quiz 3

- **1.** What are the center and the radius of the circle whose equation is $(x + 1)^2 + (y - 6)^2 = 25$? (Lesson 11.7)
- **2.** Write the standard equation of the circle with center (0, -4) and radius 3. (Lesson 11.7)

Graph the equation. (Lesson 11.7)

3. $x^2 + (y-1)^2 = 36$	4. $(x+2)^2 + (y-5)^2 = 4$
5. $(x-3)^2 + (y+4)^2 = 9$	6. $(x + 1)^2 + (y + 1)^2 = 16$

Does the figure have rotational symmetry? If so, describe the rotations that map the figure onto itself. (Lesson 11.8)



Use the given information to rotate the figure about the origin. Find the coordinates of the vertices of the image and compare them with the vertices of the original figure. Describe any patterns you see. (Lesson 11.8)

10. 180°

11. 90° counterclockwise







