

# 11.4 Areas of Regular Polygons and Composite Figures

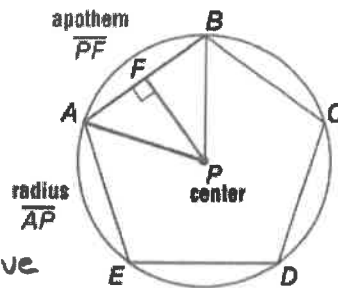
## Geometry CP

**Apothem:** a segment drawn from the center of a regular polygon perpendicular to a side of the polygon

**Central Angle of a Regular Polygon:**

has its vertex at the center of the polygon and its sides pass through consecutive vertices of the polygon

$$\frac{360}{n} \quad n \rightarrow \# \text{ of sides}$$



$\angle APB$  is a central angle of regular pentagon  $ABCDE$ .

1. Identify the following:

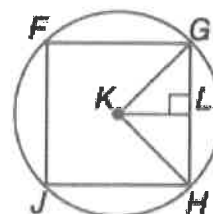
Radius:  $\overline{KG}$  or  $\overline{KH}$

Central Angle:  $\angle GKH$

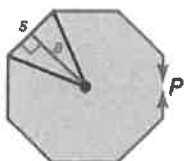
Diameter: none labeled

Measure of the Central Angle =  $\frac{360}{4} = 90^\circ$

Apothem:  $\overline{KL}$



2. Area of a Regular Polygon:



$$\begin{aligned} A &= (\text{area of one } \Delta) \cdot (\text{number of triangles}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(\text{base})(\text{height}) \cdot (\text{number of triangles}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot s \cdot a \cdot n \\ &= \frac{1}{2} a \cdot (sn) = \frac{1}{2} aP \end{aligned}$$

$n \cdot s \cdot n$   
s perimeter \*

**Area of a Regular Polygon:** The area of a regular n-gon with side length s is half the product of the apothem a and the perimeter P, so

$$A = \frac{1}{2}aP \text{ or } A = \frac{1}{2}a * ns$$

a = apothem

P = perimeter

$$= n \cdot s$$

Steps (finding area of a regular polygon):

1. Central Angle
2. Solve the triangle formed with the apothem
  - a. Solve all angles
  - b. Solve apothem
  - c. Solve side
3. Find the perimeter
4. Find area

n = # of sides

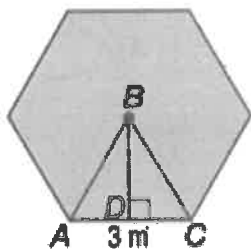
s = side length

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3. Find the area of each regular polygon. Round your answer to the nearest tenth:

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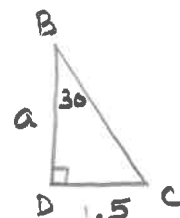
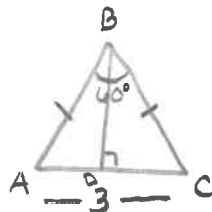
6 sides



① Central Angle

$$\frac{360}{6} = 60^\circ$$

② Triangle



③ Perimeter

$$\begin{aligned} P &= n \cdot s \\ &= 6 \cdot 3 \\ &= 18 \end{aligned}$$

b) apothem  $\rightarrow \tan 30 = \frac{1.5}{a}$

$$a \tan 30 = 1.5$$

$$a = \frac{1.5}{\tan 30}$$

$$a \approx 2.59$$

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} a P$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (2.59)(18)$$

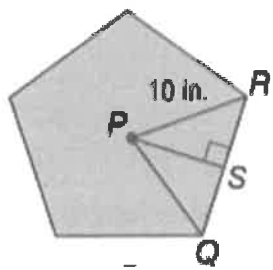
$$\approx 23.3 \text{ m}^2$$

c) side = 3

apothem  $\approx 8.09$

side = 11.74

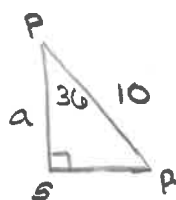
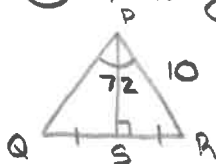
$n = 5$



① Central Angle

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

② Triangle



apothem  $\cos 36 = \frac{a}{10}$

$$10 \cos 36 = a$$

$$8.09 \approx a$$

③ Perimeter

$$\begin{aligned} P &= 5(11.74) \\ &= 58.7 \end{aligned}$$

side

$$\sin 36 = \frac{sR}{10}$$

$$10 \sin 36 = sR$$

$$5.87 \approx sR$$

$$\text{side} = 2(5.87)$$

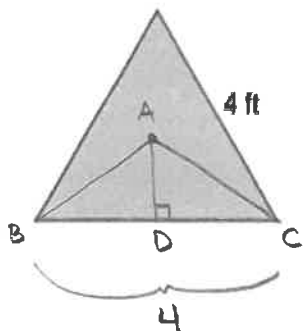
$$\approx 11.74$$

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} (8.09)(58.7)$$

$$= 237.4 \text{ in}^2$$

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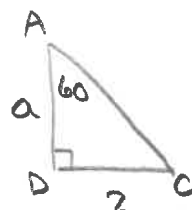
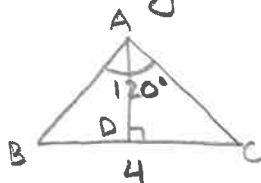
c.



① central angle

$$\frac{360}{3} = 120^\circ$$

② Triangle



apothem  $\approx 1.15$

side = 4

$n = 3$

③ Perimeter

$$P = 3 \cdot 4 = 12$$

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} (1.15)(12)$$

$$= 6.9 \text{ ft}^2$$

apothem

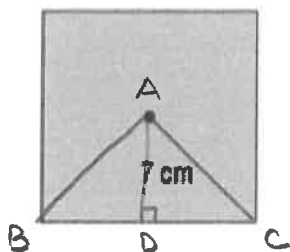
$$\tan 60 = \frac{2}{a}$$

$$a \tan 60 = 2$$

$$a = \frac{2}{\tan 60}$$

$$a \approx 1.15$$

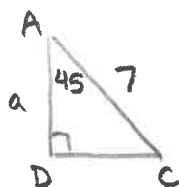
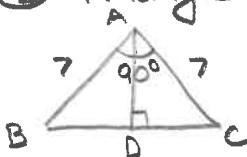
d.



① central Angle

$$\frac{360}{4} = 90^\circ$$

② Triangle



apothem  $\approx 4.94$

side =  $2(4.94) = 9.88$

$n = 4$

③ Perimeter

$$P = 4(9.88)$$

$$= 39.52$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2} (4.94)(39.52)$$

$$= 97.6 \text{ cm}^2$$

apothem

$$\cos 45 = \frac{a}{7}$$

$$7 \cos 45 = a$$

$$4.94 \approx a$$

side

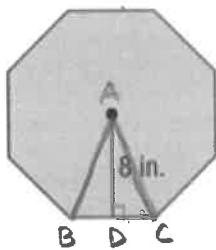
$$\sin 45 = \frac{DC}{7}$$

$$7 \sin 45 = DC$$

$$4.94 \approx DC$$

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e.



apothem = 8

Side =  $2(3.31) = 6.62$

$n = 8$

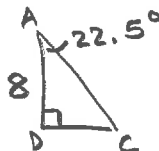
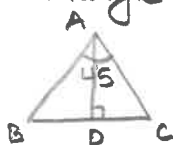
③ Perimeter

$$P = 8(6.62) = 52.96$$

① central Angle

$$\frac{360}{8} = 45^\circ$$

② Triangle



side

$$\tan 22.5 = \frac{DC}{8}$$

$$8 \tan 22.5 = DC$$

$$3.31 \approx DC$$

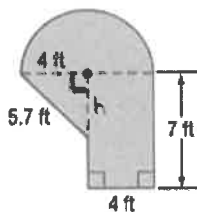
$$A = \frac{1}{2}(8)(52.96) = 211.84 \text{ in}^2$$

Composite Figure:

a figure that can be separated into regions that are basic figures, such as triangles, rectangles, trapezoids, and circles

4. Find the area of each composite figure:

a.

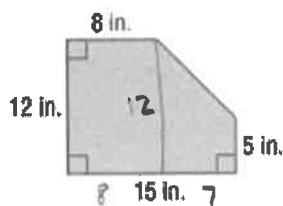


$$4^2 + n^2 = 5.7^2$$

$$n = 4.06$$

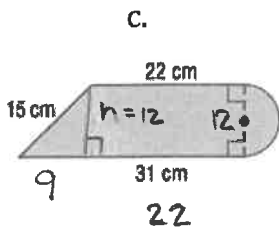
$$\begin{aligned} A &= \text{semi-circle} + \text{triangle} + \text{rectangle} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\pi(4)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \text{base} \cdot \text{height} + 4(7) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\pi(4)^2 + \frac{1}{2}(4)(4.06) + 4(7) \\ &= 61.3 \text{ ft}^2 \end{aligned}$$

b.



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area} &= \text{rectangle} + \text{trapezoid} \\ &= 8(12) + \frac{1}{2}(7)(5+12) \\ &= 155.5 \text{ in}^2 \end{aligned}$$

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Area = trapezoid + semicircle

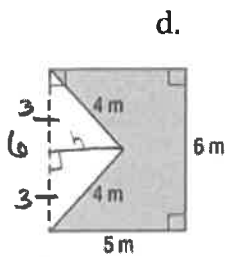
$$= \frac{1}{2} (12)(22 + 31) + \frac{1}{2} \pi (6)^2$$

$$= 374.5 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$15^2 = 9^2 + h^2$$

$$225 = 81 + h^2$$

$$12 = h$$



Area = rectangle - triangle

$$= 5(6) - \frac{1}{2} (6)(\sqrt{7})$$

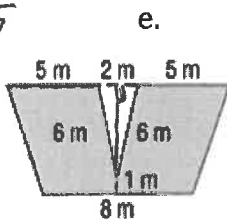
$$= 22.1 \text{ m}^2$$

$$3^2 + h^2 = 4^2$$

$$9 + h^2 = 16$$

$$h^2 = 7$$

$$h = \sqrt{7}$$



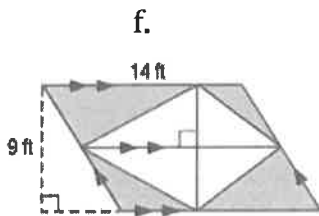
Area = trapezoid - triangle

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\sqrt{35} + 1)(12 + 8) - \frac{1}{2} (2)(\sqrt{35})$$

$$= 63.2 \text{ m}^2$$

$$1^2 + h^2 = 6^2$$

$$h = \sqrt{35}$$



Area = parallelogram - kite

$$= (14)(9) - \frac{1}{2} (14)(9)$$

$$= 63 \text{ ft}^2$$

