Platonic Solids

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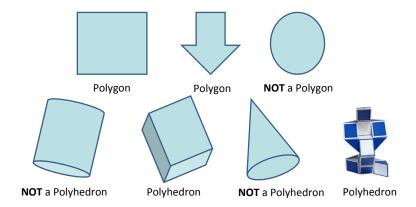
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A Lesson of Greek (cont.)

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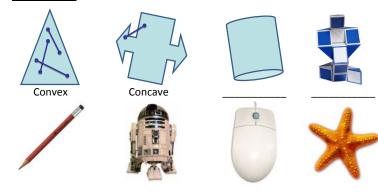
A Lesson of Greek

- **Poly**: Greek πολύς (polus) = "many"
- **Gon**: Greek γωνία (gōnia) = "angle"
- **Hedron**: Greek $\xi\delta\rho\alpha$ (hedra) = "face"



...and a Lesson of Latin

- Convex: Latin convexus = "arched"
 - A figure or a solid is <u>convex</u> if <u>any</u> segment whose endpoints are inside the figure/solid lies <u>entirely</u> in the figure/solid
- Concave = non-convex

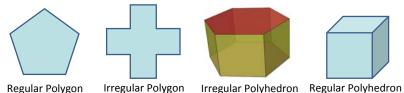


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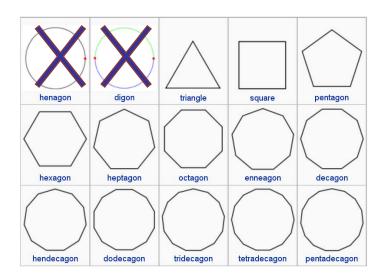
• Congruent: Latin congruere = "to meet together", "agree"



- Regular: Latin regula = "rule"
 - Polygons: congruent angles + congruent sides
 - Polyhedra: congruent regular faces + equal number of faces meet at each vertex

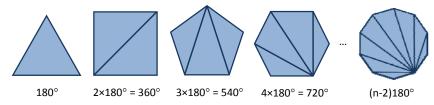


Convex) Regular Polygons

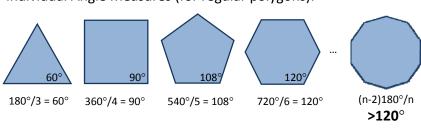


Angle measures of convex polygons

Sum of angle measures:



Individual Angle Measures (for regular polygons):



Convex Regular Polyhedra, a.k.a. Platonic Solids

