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Module 11Transformation of ShapesLesson 2Rotations





A regular decagon is rotated about its center. Find all the angles of rotation for which the decagon will look like the original figure.



Use the point (1, 4) to show that a rotation of 180° about the origin is the same as a reflection across the *x*-axis followed by a reflection across the *y*-axis.

Possible Answers

Set 1

1. A decagon has 10 sides and 10 angles, and 360° divided by 10 is 36°. The decagon rotates onto itself every 36° for a total of ten times to get back to its original position. The angles of rotation are 36°, 72°, 108°, 144°, 180°, 216°, 252°, 288°, 324°, and 360°.

Set 2

1. To reflect over the x-axis, take the opposite of the y-coordinate. To reflect over the y-axis, take the opposite of the x-coordinate. Both coordinates are the opposite of what they were originally, which is the motion rule for rotating a figure 180° about the origin.

Reflect over x: $(a, b) \rightarrow (a, -b)$ (1, 4) \rightarrow (1, -4) Reflect over y: $(a, b) \rightarrow$ (-a, b) (1, -4) \rightarrow (-1, -4) Rotate 180°: (1, 4) \rightarrow (-1, -4)