

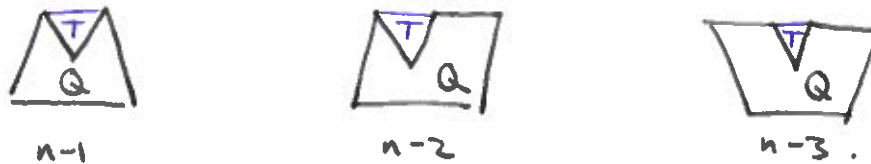
Question: • Let  $Q$  be an  $n$ -gon, not necessarily  $q$ . convex, and suppose you add a triangle  $T$  to  $Q$  by identifying a side of  $T$  with a side of  $Q$ . ①

Depending on whether the two other sides of  $T$  are firm  $180^\circ$  angles with the sides of  $Q$ , one obtains an  $n+1$ -gon,  $n$ -gon or  $(n-1)$ -gon  $P$



Show that in each case, the defect of  $P$  is defect  $(T)$  + defect  $(Q)$ .

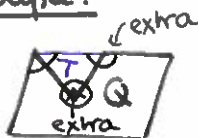
• Now suppose you add a triangle  $T$  to  $Q$  *int.* two of  $T$ 's sides are identified with sides of  $Q$ . The resulting  $n$  polygon  $P$  has  $n-1$ ,  $n-2$  or  $n-3$  sides.



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(you don't need to check them all! just until you feel confident)

Example:

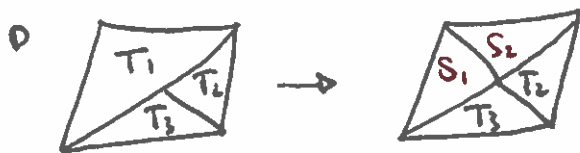


$P$  has  $n-2$  sides.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Defect}(P) &= 180(n-2) - (\text{angle sum of } P) \\
 &= 180(n-2) - [(\text{angle sum of } Q) + (\text{angle sum of } T) - 360 - 180] \\
 &= 180(n-1) - [\text{angle sum of } Q] + \text{angle sum } T \\
 &= (180(n-2) - [\text{angle sum of } Q]) + (180 - [\text{angle sum of } T]) \\
 &= \text{defect } Q + \text{defect } T.
 \end{aligned}$$

Now given any polygon  $P$  which has been divided into triangles  $T_1, \dots, T_n$ . we want to show  $\text{defect}(P) = \sum_{i=1}^n \text{defect}(T_i)$  (2)

WLOG assume that all vertices in the triangulation are common vertices (if not, add more lines)



Then we'll show

$$\text{defect}(T_1) = \text{defect}(S_1) + \text{defect}(S_2)$$

$$\text{and } \text{defect}(P) = \text{defect}(S_1) + \text{defect}(S_2) + \text{defect}(T_2) + \text{defect}(T_3)$$

$$\text{which implies } \text{defect}(P) = \sum_{i=1}^3 \text{defect}(T_i)$$

A triangle in such a triangulation shares exactly 1, 2 or 3 sides with other triangles (i.e. has 0, 1, or 2 sides exposed)

Now by induction on the number of triangles in the triangulation,

$$\text{show that } \text{defect}(P) = \sum_{i=1}^n \text{defect}(T_i).$$

(use results on the previous page)