

Introduction: Mensuration is the part of mathematics that deals in measurement of lengths, areas and volumes of regular as well as irregular figures. In this chapter we are going to discuss about the area and volume of some specific two-dimensional and three-dimensional figures.

3.1. Area of Two-Dimensional Figures: Polygons.

A Polygon is a closed figure formed by line segments such that no two line segments intersect or coincides with each other. *A Polygon is called a regular polygon if all of its sides are equal in length.* Polygons are classified according to the number of sides or vertices as follows:

No.	of sides or vertices	Name of the Polygon
Three	Triangle	
Four	Quadrilateral	
Five	Pentagon	
Six	Hexagon	
Seven	Heptagon	
Eight	Octagon	
Nine	Nonagon	
Ten	Decagon	

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- (i) *the polygon can be divided into n number of equal triangles,*
- (ii) *the line joining the central point to any of the vertices of the polygon is R,*
- (iii) *the line drawn perpendicular from the central point to any of the sides is r,*
- (iv) *the perimeter of the polygon is n side length.*

(a) Area of a n-sided regular polygon of side a:

The polygon is divided into n equal triangles, OAB is one of them.
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 $= n \times \frac{1}{2} \times AB \times OG$

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Next, we will obtain the area of a regular polygon of n-sides under different conditions:

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$$= \frac{1}{2} n a r$$

(b) Area of a regular polygon of n-sides with side a and R given:

$$= \frac{1}{2} n a^2 \cot \frac{\pi}{n}$$

(c) Area of a regular polygon of n-sides with side a:

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3.2.2 Curvilinear Figures:

A curvilinear figure is a closed figure, either completely bounded by a closed curve as shown in figure (i) or bounded by a curve on one side only as shown in figure (ii).

figure (i)

figure (ii)

Ex 3 (2009) : Find by Simpsons rule the area of the curvilinear figure whose ordinates are 18, 22, 26, 24, 20, 26, 30, 34, 28, 24, 14 metres and whose base is 150 metres.
Solution : Given ordinates are (in ms): figures.

$y_1 = 18, y_2 = 22, y_3 = 26, y_4 = 24, y_5 = 20, y_6 = 26,$
 $y_7 = 30, y_8 = 34, y_9 = 28, y_{10} = 24, y_{11} = 14;$

The base length = 150 ms, number of ordinates = 11,
 number of divisions = 10 and $d = m = 15$ m.

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by SIMPSON'S ONE THIRD RULE as follows: (According to this rule)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Required Area} &= \left[\frac{1}{3} (y_1 + y_{11}) + 2(y_2 + y_4 + y_6 + y_8 + y_{10}) + 4(y_3 + y_5 + y_7 + y_9) \right] \times d \\ &= \left[\frac{1}{3} (18 + 14) + 2(22 + 24 + 20 + 34 + 24) + 4(26 + 26 + 30 + 28) \right] \times 15 \\ &= [82 + 210 + 4(130)] \text{ sq. m} = 3800 \text{ sq. m} \end{aligned}$$

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