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1. Find the measure of an interior angle of a regular *n*-gon for n = 10, 20, 30, 40, 50. What prediction would you make about the measure of an interior angle of a regular 60-gon?

2. Show that a quadrilateral can have at most three obtuse angles.

3. The manufacturer of stop signs packages them in boxes with padding on the corners. Classify the shape of the triangular piece of padding needed at each corner.

[1] It is almost 180° .

Suppose that it has four. Then the sum of the angles would be greater than 4×90 , or greater than 360° . But the sum of the angles in a quadrilateral is 360° , so we have arrived at a contradiction. Hence, a

[2] quadrilateral can have at most three obtuse angles.

Because each angle of the triangular piece is an exterior angle of the octagon, the angles are equal and [3] the triangular piece is an isosceles right triangle.