

E4.5 Symmetry

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KEY WORDS line of symmetry 对称轴 • rotational symmetry 旋转对称
• order of rotational symmetry 旋转对称阶数 • chord 弦 • bisect 平分

Objective

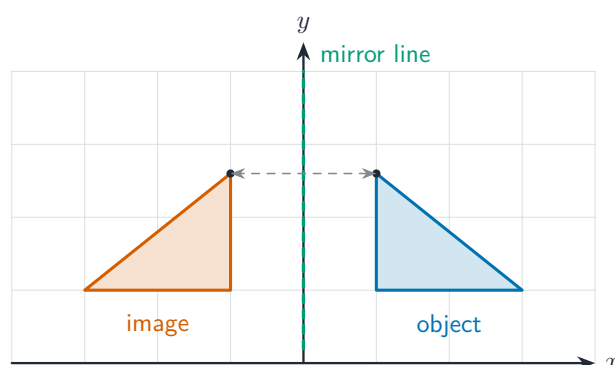
Build the skills to answer Extended exam questions on **symmetry** 对称 — counting **lines of symmetry** 对称轴 and the **order of rotational symmetry** 旋转对称阶数 of a 2D shape, and using the **symmetry properties of a circle** 圆的对称性质.

You must be able to:

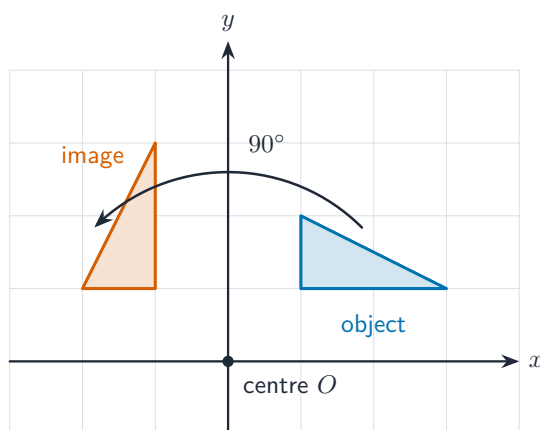
- state the number of lines of symmetry and the order of rotational symmetry of a shape
- name the symmetry properties of a circle: the perpendicular from the centre bisects a chord, and tangents from an external point are equal
- use those properties in a calculation with Pythagoras

1 Worked examples

■ Fold it, then turn it



A line of symmetry is a fold line: the two halves match exactly



The order of rotational symmetry counts how many times it looks the same in one full turn

- **Regular polygons:** a regular n -sided polygon has n lines of symmetry and rotational symmetry of order n .
- **Watch the parallelogram:** it has NO lines of symmetry but rotational symmetry of order 2. A rectangle has 2 and 2; a rhombus has 2 and 2; a square has 4 and 4.
- **Every shape** has rotational symmetry of at least order 1 — order 1 means no rotational symmetry.
- **Circle properties:** the perpendicular from the centre to a chord BISECTS it, and the two tangents from an external point are equal in length.

Answer shapes (marked by **method marks** — M1 for a correct method, A1 for the correct answer): in a circle calculation, naming the property used is a mark on its own — write it down before the arithmetic.

2 Practice

2.1 Write down the number of lines of symmetry and the order of rotational symmetry of a regular hexagon. [2]

2.2 Write down the order of rotational symmetry of a parallelogram. [1]

2.3 Write down the number of lines of symmetry of an isosceles trapezium. [1]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 For each shape, write down the number of lines of symmetry and the order of rotational symmetry.

(a) A rectangle that is not a square. [2]

(b) A regular pentagon. [2]

3.2 A chord AB of length 16 cm is drawn in a circle of centre O and radius 10 cm.

(a) State the symmetry property of a circle that lets you find the distance from O to AB . [1]

(b) Find the distance from O to AB . [3]
