4TH CLASS STARTER 9/23/14

If you're allowed to make only a single, planar (flat) cut in order to slice a cube of cheese into two pieces, what shapes can the resulting faces of the cheese-chunks have?



Can you get a pentagon? A hexagon? How about an octagon?

What shapes can result from cutting the cube into three pieces with two sequential planar cuts?

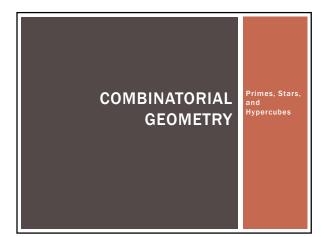
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Part 3: (Spicy) If p is some prime number, how many of the integers from 1 to p-hundred are relatively prime to p-hundred?



PROBLEM SOLVING STRATEGIES

Three important strategies:

- 1) Using an organized approach
- 2) Presenting the solutions AND proving that no others exist
- 3) Testing small cases and reusing work from those cases

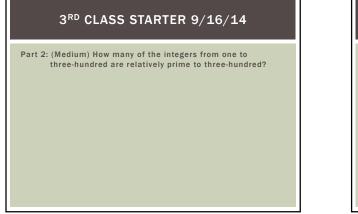
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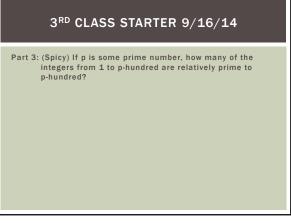
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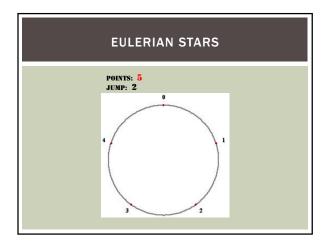
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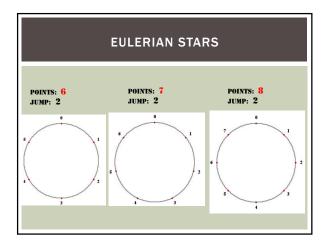
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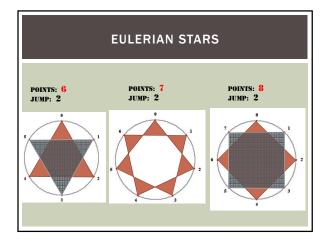
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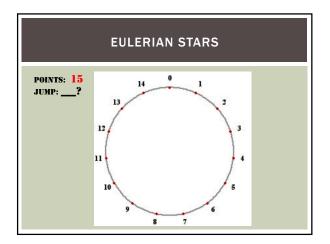


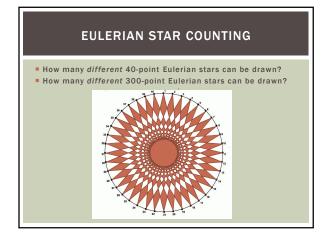


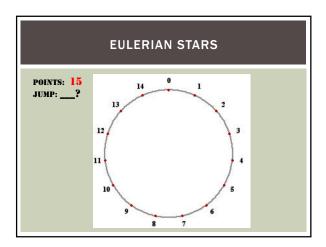


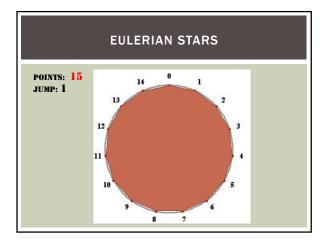


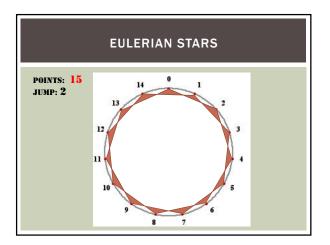


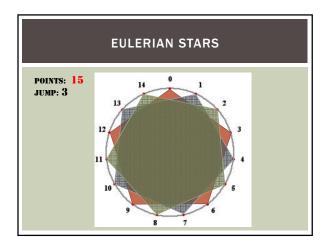


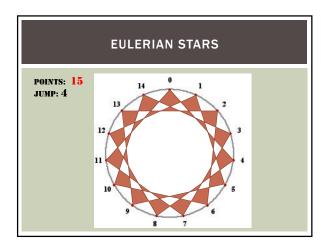


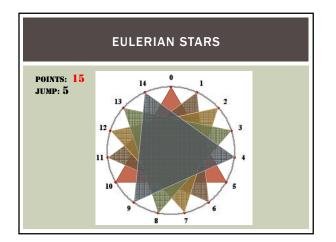


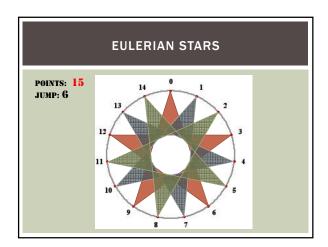


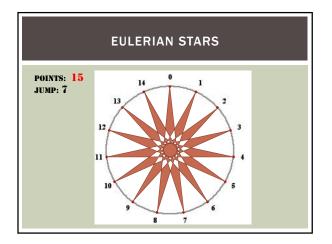


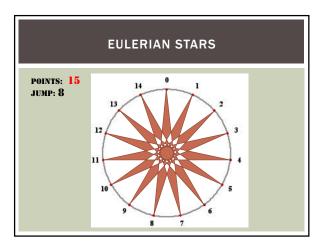


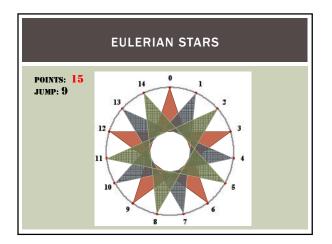


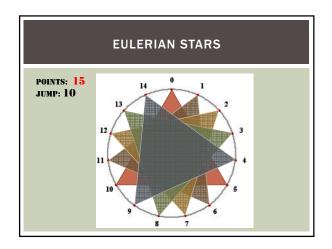


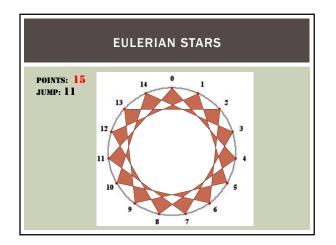


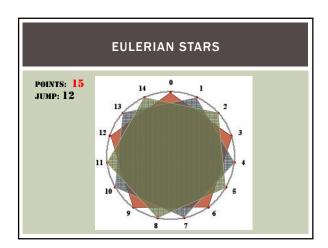


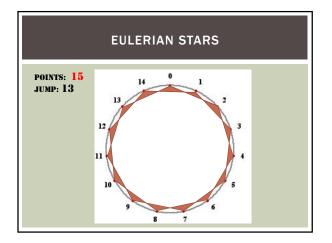


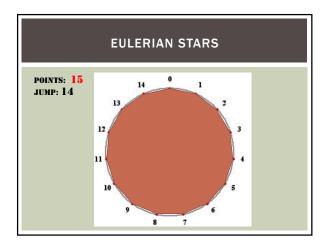


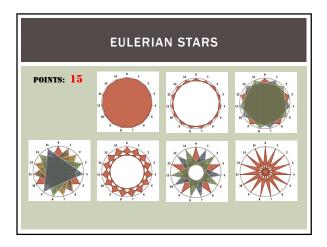


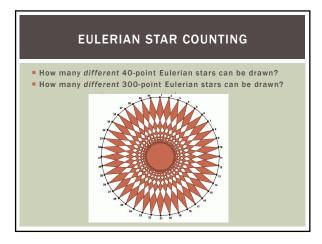


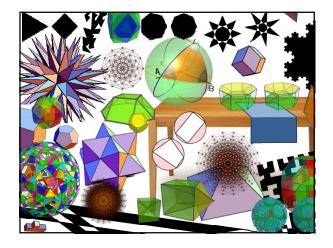


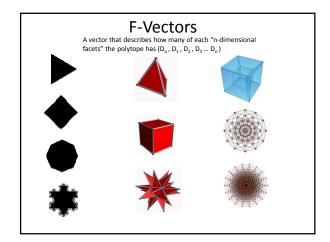


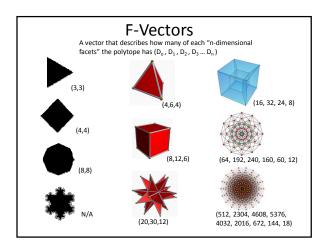


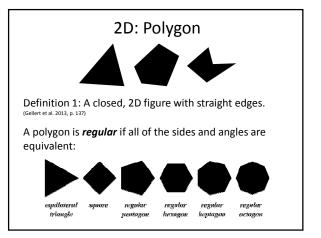


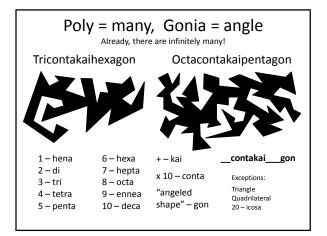


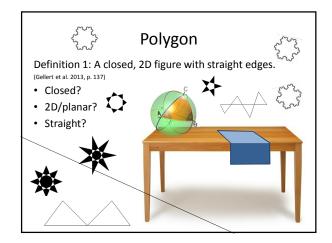


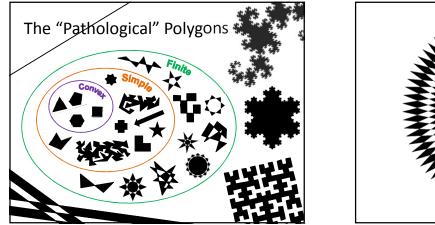


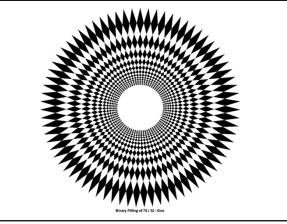


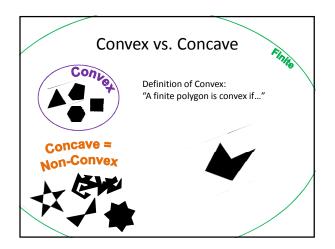


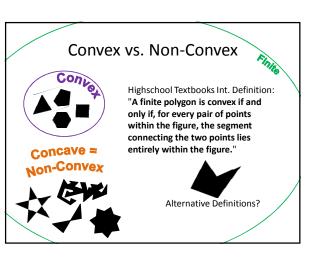












WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING DEFINITIONS ARE EQUIVALENT?

HTbl: "A (finite) polygon is convex if and only if for every pair of points within the polygon, the line segment connecting the two points lies entirely within the polygon."

- Alternatives: A polygon is convex if and only if...
- a. all diagonals lie in the interior of the polygon.
- b. there is no straight line that intersects its edge at four or more points.
- c. the perimeter is larger than the length of the longest diagonal.
- d. everydiagonalislongerthaneveryside.
- e. the perimeter of the polygon is the shortest path that encloses the entire shape.
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- h. every interior angle is less than 180°.
- i. a circle can be inscribed within it which touches every edge.

Solution:

a, b, e, g, and h are all equivalent to:

"A (finite) polygon is convex if and only if for every pair of points within the polygon, the line segment connecting the two points lies entirely within the polygon."

Inequivalent definitions:

- A polygon is convex if and only if
- c. the perimeter is larger than the length of the longest diagonal.
- d. every diagonal is longer than every side.
- f. the largest interior angle is(are) adjacent to the longest side(s).
- i. a circle can be inscribed within it which touches every edge.

"Convex" in 3+ Dimensions

An *n-dimensional polytope* is a finite region of n-dimensional space enclosed by a finite number of n-1 dimensional hyperplanes.

A n-dimensional polytope is *convex* if, for every pair of points within the figure, the segment connecting the two points lies entirely within the figure.

