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Symmetry Formulas

- 1. If a line divides a figure into two parts such that when the figure is folded about the line the two parts of the figure coincide, then the line is known as the line of symmetry. The line of symmetry is also known as the axis of symmetry.
- 2. A figure is said to have rotational symmetry if it fits on to itself more than once during a full turn i.e. rotation through 360°.
- 3. The number of times a figure fits onto itself in one full turn is called the order of rotational symmetry.
- 4. Following table provides the details of linear and rotational symmetries of various figures:

Figure	Line	No. of Line	Rational	Centre of	Order of
	symmetry	symmetry	Symmetry	Rotation	Rotational
					Symmetry
Square	Yes	4	Yes	Intersection	4
				of diagonals	
Rectangle	Yes	2	Yes	Intersection	2
				of diagonals	
Equilateral	Yes	3	Yes	Centroid	3
Triangle					
Regular	Yes	6	Yes	Centre of the	6
Hexagon				hexagon	
Circle	Yes	Unlimited	Yes	Centre	Unlimited
Parallelogram	Yes	2	Yes	Intersection	2
				of diagonals	
Rhombus	Yes	2	Yes	Intersection	2
				of diagonals	