# Breaking a Stick to form a Nonagon with Positive Integers using Programming Language MATLAB 

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#### Abstract

In this paper, using a computer programming language, we determine the number of nonagons that can be formed by using a stick of given length say $n$ units, $n$ being a positive integer greater than 8.


Key Words: Nonagon, Triangle inequality, Polygon, inequality condition, Programming language

## 1.INTRODUCTION


#### Abstract

In $[1,2,3,4,5,6]$ we formed a triangle, quadrilateral, pentagon, hexagon, heptagon, octagon through breaking a stick using programming language. In this paper, by using MATLAB we form all possible nonagons with positive integers through braking stick, for any such $n$. For example, suppose we take a stick of length 12 units and cut this stick at 8 places to form 9 parts of the stick. Let $a, b$, $\mathrm{c}, \mathrm{d}, \mathrm{e}, \mathrm{f}, \mathrm{g}, \mathrm{h}, \mathrm{i}$ be the lengths of the nine parts of the stick and assume that a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i are positive integers. Hence we have the basic relation $a+b+c+d+e+f+g+h+i=n$. Here number n is given but $\mathrm{a}, \mathrm{b}, \mathrm{c}, \mathrm{d}, \mathrm{e}, \mathrm{f}, \mathrm{g}, \mathrm{h}, \mathrm{i}$ are variable numbers. For formation of a nonagon having side lengths $a$, $\mathrm{b}, \mathrm{c}, \mathrm{d}, \mathrm{e}, \mathrm{f}, \mathrm{g}, \mathrm{h}, \mathrm{i}$ we need to see that the condition $\mathrm{a}+\mathrm{b}+\mathrm{c}+$ $d+e+f+g+h>i$ and $h$ is the largest side length compare to others i.e, the sum of the remaining side lengths is greater than the largest side length. Here ( $a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i)=(b, c$, $\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{e}, \mathrm{f}, \mathrm{g}, \mathrm{h}, \mathrm{i}, \mathrm{a})=(\mathrm{c}, \mathrm{d}, \mathrm{e}, \mathrm{f}, \mathrm{g}, \mathrm{h}, \mathrm{i}, \mathrm{a}, \mathrm{b})=(\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{e}, \mathrm{f}, \mathrm{g}, \mathrm{h}, \mathrm{i}, \mathrm{a}, \mathrm{b}, \mathrm{c})=(\mathrm{e}$, f, g, h, i, a, b, c, d) $=(f, g, h, i, a, b, c, d, e)=(g, h, i, a, b, c, d, e, f)$ $=(h, a, b, c, d, e, f, g)=(i, h, a, b, c, d, e, f, g)$.

This is very difficult if the numbers of our selection are considerably large. Now our aim is to form Nonagon with Positive Integers using Python language


## 2. MAIN RESULT

### 2.1 Algorithm

Step 1: start
Step 2: Initialize a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, l all to zero
Step 3: read stick length value as n
Step 4: initialize for loop with $\mathrm{i}<\mathrm{n}$
Step 5 : if step 4 satisfies goto step 6 else goto step 32
Step 6: initialize for loop $\mathrm{h}=1$ with $\mathrm{h}<\mathrm{i}$

Step 7: if step 6 satisfies goto step 8 else goto step 31
Step 8 : initialize for loop $\mathrm{g}=1$ with $\mathrm{g}<\mathrm{h}$
Step 9 : if step 8 satisfies goto step 10 else goto step 30
Step 10 : initialize for loop $\mathrm{f}=1$ with $\mathrm{f}<\mathrm{g}$
Step 11 : if step 10 satisfies goto step 12 else goto step 29
Step 12 : initialize for loop $\mathrm{e}=1$ with $\mathrm{e}<\mathrm{f}$
Step 13 : if step 12 satisfies goto step 14 else goto step 28
Step 14 : initialize for loop $\mathrm{d}=1$ with $\mathrm{d}<\mathrm{e}$
Step 15 : if step 14 satisfies goto step 16 else goto step 27
Step 16 : initialize for loop c=1 with c<d
Step 17 : if step 16 satisfies goto step 18 else goto step 26
Step 18 : initialize for loop $b=1$ with $b<c$
Step 19 : if step 18 satisfies goto step 20 else goto step 25
Step 20 : initialize for loop $a=1$ with $\mathrm{a}<\mathrm{b}$
Step 21 : if step 20 satisfies goto step 22 else goto step 24
Step 22 : if the condition $\mathrm{a}+\mathrm{b}+\mathrm{c}+\mathrm{d}+\mathrm{e}+\mathrm{f}+\mathrm{g}+\mathrm{h}>\mathrm{i}$ and $\mathrm{a}+\mathrm{b}$ $+c+d+e+f+g+h=n$ and $i>a$ and $i>b$ and $i>c$ and $i>d$ and $i>e$ and $i>f$ and $i>g$ and $i>h$ satisfies goto step 23 else goto step 20
Step 23 : print a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i values as output and increment l value
Step 24 : increment a value by 1
Step 25 : increment b value by 1
Step 26 : increment c value by 1
Step 27 : increment d value by 1
Step 28 : increment e value by 1
Step 29 : increment f value by 1
Step 30 : increment g value by 1
Step 31 : increment h value by 1
Step 32: increment i value by 1
Step 33 : print l value as number of nonagons
Step 34 : stop

### 2.2 Result Analysis

We are required to display all the combinations that follow the triangle inequality. This can be achieved with help of the following steps.

Step 1: Write all permutations in form of triads for a given integer.
Step 2: Eliminate equivalent permutations so that only the combinations remain.
Step 3: Display only the combinations that satisfy the triangle inequality.
The above procedure can be explained below :
For example,

- Consider a stick length 12.
- Let the combinations are ( $1,1,1,1,1,1,1,2,3$ ), ( 1 , $1,1,1,1,1,1,1,4)$.
- The total number of hexagons with stick length 12 are 2
We can represent this result in outputs..


### 2.2 Outputs

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Enter stick length=12 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |

Total number of nonagons is 2

Fig. 1 Stick length n=12
Enter stick length=15
$\begin{array}{lllllllll}1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 3\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllllllll}1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 4\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllllllll}1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllllllll}1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 5\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllllllll}1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 & 5\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllllllll}1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 6\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllllllll}1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 7\end{array}$
Total number of nonagons is 7

Enter stick length=17
$\begin{array}{lllllllll}1 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 3\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllllllll}1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 4\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllllllll}1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 3 & 4\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllllllll}1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 3 & 4\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllllllll}1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 5\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllllllll}1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 3 & 5\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllllllll}1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 & 3 & 5\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllllllll}1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 4 & 5\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllllllll}1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 6\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllllllll}1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 6\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllllllll}1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 4 & 6\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllllllll}1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 7\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllllllll}1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 & 7\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllllllll}1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 8\end{array}$

Total number of nonagons is 14

Fig. 2 Stick length $\mathbf{n = 1 7}$

Fig. 2 Stick length n=15


Total number of nonagons is 37

Fig -4: Stick length $\mathbf{n}=20$

## 3. CONCLUSIONS

By using this program, we can easily find the number of nonagons that can be formed through breaking a stick using MATLAB. In future, we are planning to extend this idea to find number of $n$-sided polygons that can be formed through breaking a stick.

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