Rigid Motion

Examples & Non-Examples

Example	Example	Non-Example

Definition

A rigid motion is a transformation that preserves the size and shape of a figure.

Key Points:

- Also called a congruence transformation.
- **Distances** between points and **angle measures** stay the same.
- The figure may change position or orientation, but not its shape or size.

The 3 types of rigid motions:

- 1. **Translation** (sliding)
- 2. **Reflection** (flipping)
- 3. Rotation (turning)

Example:

If a square is rotated 90° or reflected over a line, it's been moved — but it's still the **same square**, just in a different position.

