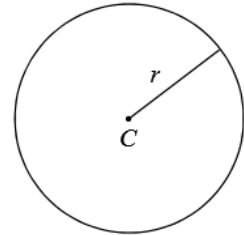


Unit 5 Part A Circles

Unit 5A: Circles

Circles

A circle is the set of points in a plane that are **all a fixed distance (r) from a given point (C)**.



A circle is usually named by its center: OC

Facts:

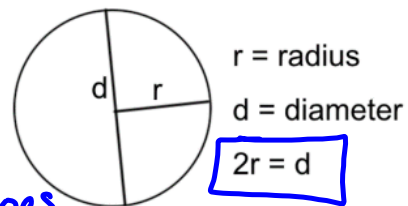
Two circles are congruent if **they have the same radius**

Radius

A line segment that connects the center of the circle to any point on the circle.

Fact:

All radii of a given circle are Congruent



Diameter

A line segment that connects two points of a circle and goes through the center

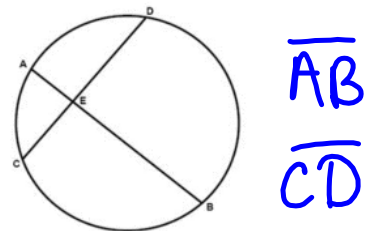
Fact: The diameter is equal to 2 times the radius.

Chord

A line segment that connects any two points on a circle.

Fact:

All diameters are chords, but not all chords are diameters.

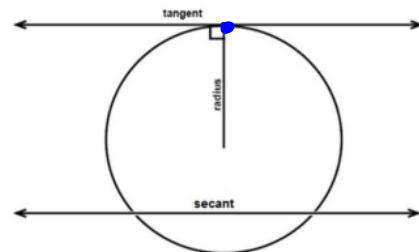


Secant

A line that passes through two points on a circle.

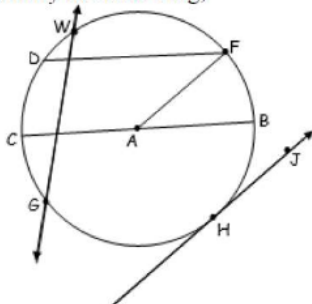
Tangent

A line that intersects a circle only at 1 point.



Examples

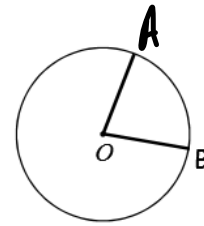
Identify the following:



1. \overline{AB} Radius
2. \overline{DF} Chord
3. \overleftrightarrow{WG} Secant
4. \overleftrightarrow{HJ} tangent
5. point H Point of tangency
6. \overline{CB} diameter
7. point A Center
8. BC diameter/Chord
9. segment WG Chord

Central Angles

A **central angle** of a circle is any angle **with its vertex at the center of the of the circle**



Example: Name the central angle in the given circle.

$\angle AOB, \angle BOA, \angle O$

Arcs

An **arc** of a circle is **the part of the circle between two points** on the circle

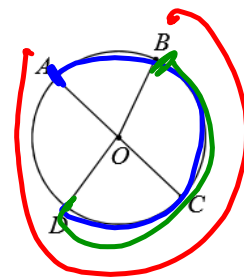
A **minor arc** is any arc that is less than 180°

*Minor arcs use **TWO** letters when naming.

Examples: Name the minor arc in the given circle O.

$\widehat{AB}, \widehat{DC}, \widehat{BC}, \widehat{AD}$

A **major arc** is any arc that is greater than 180°



*Major arcs use **THREE** letters when naming.

Examples: Name the major arc in the given circle O.

$\widehat{ACD}, \widehat{BCD}, \widehat{ADB}$

A **semicircle** is an arc that is exactly 180°

*Semicircles use **THREE** letters when naming.

*A semicircle uses one end of the **DIAMETER** to the other.

$\widehat{ABC}, \widehat{ADC}$

Examples: Name the semicircles in the given circle O.

The **degree measure of an arc** is **the same** as the **measure of the central angle** that forms it.

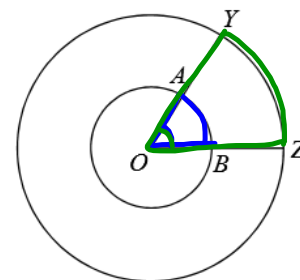
$$m\widehat{AB} = m\angle AOB$$

*Note: **degree measure** is **NOT** the same as **arc length**.

\widehat{AB} and \widehat{YZ} have the same degree measure but they are **NOT** the same length.

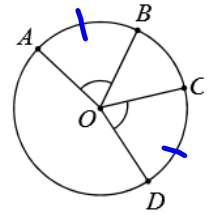
Facts: A full circle is 360°

A semicircle is 180°



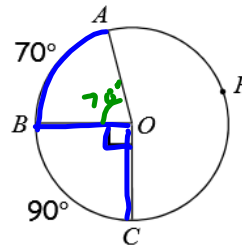
Congruent arcs are two arcs of the same circle (or congruent circles) that have **the same measure**. (\widehat{AB} and \widehat{YZ} above are **NOT** congruent arcs.)

Congruent central angles intercept congruent arcs and vice versa.
 If $\angle AOB \cong \angle COD$, then $\widehat{AB} \cong \widehat{CD}$ and if $\widehat{AB} \cong \widehat{CD}$, then $\angle AOB \cong \angle COD$
 Arcs that share an endpoint but no other points may be added.
 $\widehat{AB} + \widehat{BC} = \widehat{AC}$ but $\widehat{AB} + \widehat{CD} = \text{just a number}$



Ex: In circle O, $m\widehat{AB} = 70^\circ$ and $\overline{OB} \perp \overline{OC}$. Find

- a. $m\widehat{BC} = 90^\circ$
 - b. $m\widehat{AC} = 160^\circ$
 - c. $m\widehat{APC} = 200^\circ$
- $$\begin{array}{r} 70 \\ + 90 \\ \hline 160 \end{array}$$
- $$\begin{array}{r} 360 \\ - 160 \\ \hline \end{array}$$



Ex: In circle O, $m\angle AOB = 70^\circ$, $\widehat{AB} \cong \widehat{CD}$, $m\widehat{BC} = 3x$ and $m\widehat{AD} = 8x$. Find $m\angle BOC$.

$$70 + 3x + 70 + 8x = 360$$

$$140 + 11x = 360$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 140 + 11x = 360 \\ -140 \quad -140 \\ \hline 11x = 220 \\ \frac{11x}{11} = \frac{220}{11} \quad x = 20 \end{array}$$

$$m\widehat{BC} = 3x$$

$$m\widehat{BC} = 3(20)$$

$$m\widehat{BC} = 60^\circ$$

$$m\angle BOC = 60^\circ$$

