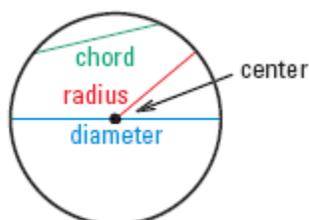


Geometry Notes – Chapter 10: Properties of Circles

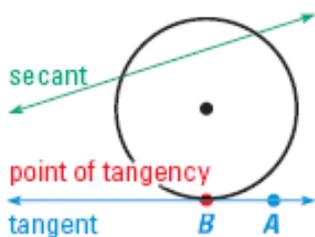
10.1 – Properties of Tangents

A **circle** is the set of all points in a plane equidistant from a given point called the **center** of the circle. A segment whose endpoints are the center and any point on the circle is a **radius**.

A **chord** is a segment whose endpoints are on a circle. A **diameter** is a chord that contains the center of the circle. It is also the longest chord and is equal to twice the length of the radius

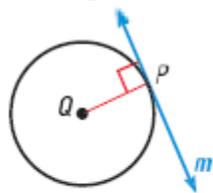


A **secant** is a line that intersects a circle in two points. A **tangent** is a line, ray or segment in the plane of the circle that intersects a circle in exactly one point, the *point of tangency*.



Thm 10.1: Perpendicular Tangent Thm

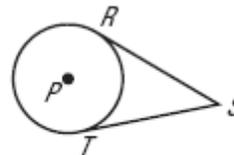
In a plane, a line is tangent to a circle if and only if the line is perpendicular to a radius of the circle at its endpoint on the circle.



Line m is tangent to $\odot Q$
if and only if $m \perp \overline{QP}$.

Thm 10.2: Common Tangents Thm

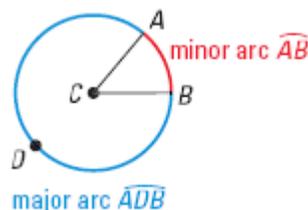
Tangent segments from a common external point are congruent.



If \overline{SR} and \overline{ST} are tangent segments, then $\overline{SR} \cong \overline{ST}$.

10.2 – Arc Measures

A **central angle** of a circle is angle whose vertex is the center of the circle. In the diagram below, angle ACB is a central angle of circle C.



An **arc** is a portion of a circle that can be measured in degrees. The measure of an arc is equal to the measure of its central angle.

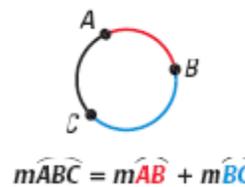
Arcs in the diagram above...

- \widehat{AB} is a minor arc (less than 180°)
- \widehat{ADB} is a major (more than 180°)

An arc that measures exactly 180° is called a **semicircle**.

Arc Addition Postulate

The measure of an arc formed by two adjacent arcs is the sum of the measures of the two arcs.

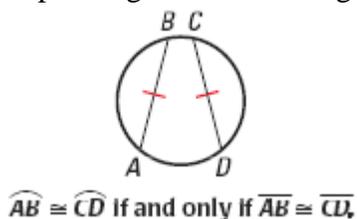


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10.3 – Properties of Chords

Thm 10.3: Congruent Chords Thm

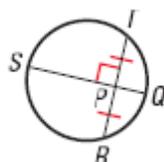
In the same circle, or in congruent circles, two minor arcs are congruent if and only if their corresponding chords are congruent.



Thm 10.4: Perpendicular Chords Thm

If one chord is a perpendicular bisector of another chord, then the first chord is a diameter.

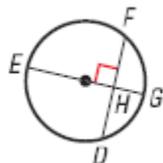
In the diagram below, if \overline{QS} is a \perp bisector of \overline{TR} , then \overline{QS} is a diameter of the circle.



Thm 10.5: Perpendicular Bisector Thm

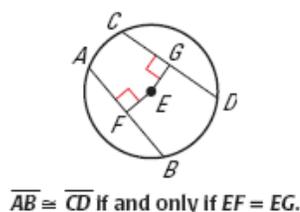
If a diameter is \perp to a chord, then the diameter bisects the chord and its arc.

Below, \overline{EG} is a diameter and $\overline{EG} \perp \overline{DF}$, then $\overline{HD} \cong \overline{HF}$ and $\widehat{GD} \cong \widehat{GF}$.



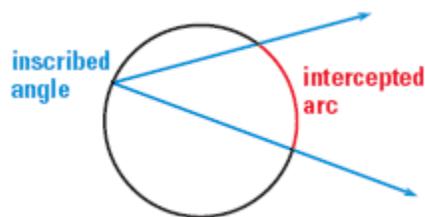
Thm 10.6: Equidistant Chords Thm

In the same circle, or in congruent circles, two chords are congruent if and only if they are equidistant from the center.



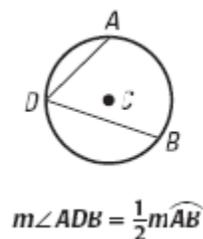
10.4 – Inscribed Angles and Polygons

An **inscribed angle** is an angle whose vertex is on a circle and whose sides contain chords of the circle. The arc that lies in the interior of an inscribed angle and has endpoints on the angle is called the **intercepted arc** of the angle.



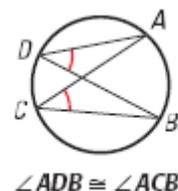
Thm 10.7: Inscribed Angle Thm

The measure of an inscribed angle is equal to one-half the measure of its intercepted arc.

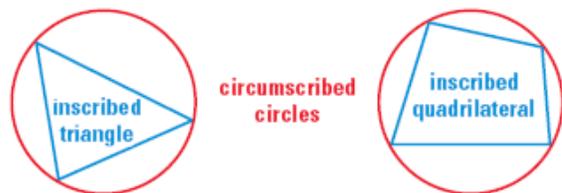


Thm 10.8: Congruent Inscribed Angles

If two inscribed angles of a circle intercept the same arc, then the angles are congruent.

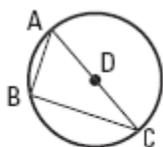


An **inscribed polygon** has all of its vertices on the circle. The circle is **circumscribed** on the polygon.



Thm 10.9: Inscribed Right Triangles

If a right triangle is inscribed in a circle, then the hypotenuse is a diameter.

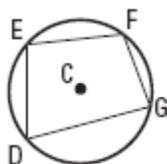


$m\angle ABC = 90^\circ$ if and only if \overline{AC} is a diameter of the circle.

Thm 10.10: Inscribed Quadrilaterals

If a quadrilateral is inscribed in a circle, its opposite angles are supplementary.

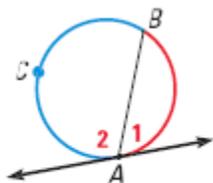
In the diagram below, D, E, F and G lie on the circle. Thus $m\angle D + m\angle F = 180^\circ$ and $m\angle E + m\angle G = 180^\circ$



10.5 – Other Angles in Circles

Thm 10.11: Tangent-Chord Angles

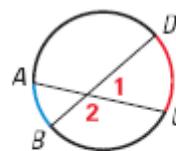
If a tangent and a chord intersect at a point on a circle, then the measure of each angle formed is one-half the measure of its intercepted arc.



$$m\angle 1 = \frac{1}{2}m\widehat{AB} \quad m\angle 2 = \frac{1}{2}m\widehat{BCA}$$

Thm 10.12: Angles Inside the Circle

If two chords intersect *inside* a circle, then the measure of each angle formed is one-half the *sum* of the measures of the arcs intercepted by the angle and its vertical angle (see diagram at top of next column).



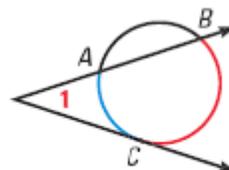
$$m\angle 1 = \frac{1}{2}(m\widehat{DC} + m\widehat{AB}),$$

$$m\angle 2 = \frac{1}{2}(m\widehat{AD} + m\widehat{BC})$$

Thm 10.13: Angles Outside the Circle

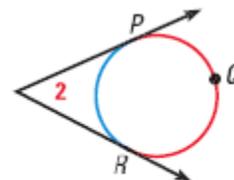
If a tangent and a secant, two tangents or two secants intersect *outside* a circle, then the measure of the angle formed is one-half the *difference* of the measures of the intercepted arcs.

Tangent-Secant



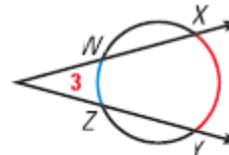
$$m\angle 1 = \frac{1}{2}(m\widehat{BC} - m\widehat{AC})$$

Tangent-Tangent



$$m\angle 2 = \frac{1}{2}(m\widehat{PQR} - m\widehat{PR})$$

Secant-Secant

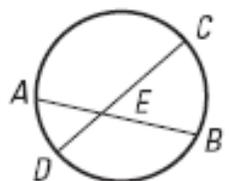


$$m\angle 3 = \frac{1}{2}(m\widehat{XY} - m\widehat{WZ})$$

10.6 – Segment Lengths in Circles

Thm 10.14: Segments of Chords Thm

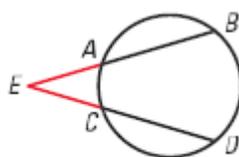
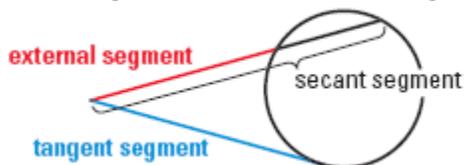
If two chords intersect in the interior of a circle, then the products of the lengths of the segments of one chord is equal to the product of the lengths of the segments of the other chord.



$$EA \cdot EB = EC \cdot ED$$

Thm 10.15: Segments of Secants Thm

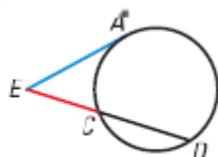
If two secant segments share the same endpoint outside a circle, then the product of one secant segment and its external segment equals the product of the lengths of the other secant segment and its external segment.



$$EA \cdot EB = EC \cdot ED$$

Thm 10.16: Segments of Secants/Tangents

If a secant segment and a tangent segment share an endpoint outside a circle, then the product of the lengths of the secant segment and its external segment equals the square of the tangent segment.

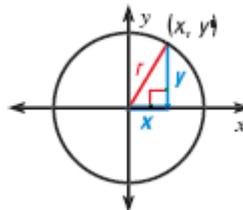


$$EA^2 = EC \cdot ED$$

10.7 – Equations and Graphs of Circles

Circles Centered at the Origin

Let (x, y) represent any point on a circle with center at the origin and radius r .



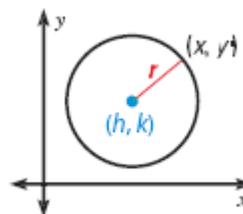
By the Pythagorean Theorem,

$$x^2 + y^2 = r^2$$

This is the equation of a circle with radius r and center at the origin.

Circles Centered at (h, k)

Suppose a circle has radius r and center (h, k) . Let (x, y) be a point on the circle with center at the origin and radius r .



The distance between (x, y) and (h, k) is r , and by the Distance Formula

$$\sqrt{(x-h)^2 + (y-k)^2} = r$$

Square both sides to find the standard equation of a circle

Standard Equation of a Circle

The standard equation of a circle with center (h, k) and radius r is:

$$(x-h)^2 + (y-k)^2 = r^2$$