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A circle is the set of all points in a plane at a an equal distance from a point in the plane.

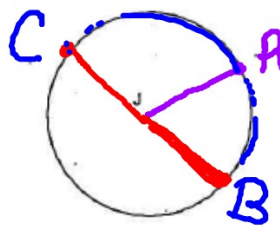
You name a circle by its center. The circle below is circle O.

When you see a point at the center of the circle, you can assume that it represents the center point.

Semicircle: \widehat{CAB}
 \widehat{BAC}

Major Arc:

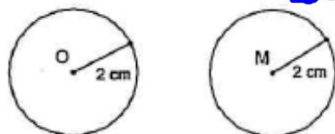
\widehat{ACB}
 \widehat{BCA}



A segment from the center to a point on the edge of the circle is called the radius.

The diameter is a line segment containing the center, with its endpoints on the circle.

If two or more circles have the Same radius, they are congruent circles.



Congruent Circles

An arc of a circle is 2 points on the circle and the continuous (unbroken) part of the circle between those 2 points

The two points are called endpoints of the arc.

You write arc AB as: \widehat{AB} or \widehat{BA}

You classify arcs into three types: Semicircle, minor Arc

Major Arc

A semicircle is an arc of a circle whose endpoints are the endpoints of the diameter

A minor arc is an arc of a circle that is less than 180° (less than semi-circle)

You can name minor arcs with 2 points

A major arc is an arc of a circle that is greater than 180° (more than a semi circle)

For semicircles and major arcs, you need 3 points to make clear which arc you mean—the first and last letters are the endpoints and the middle letter is any other point on the arc.

Use the following circle to name the following parts:

Name two minor arcs:

AP

DR

APD

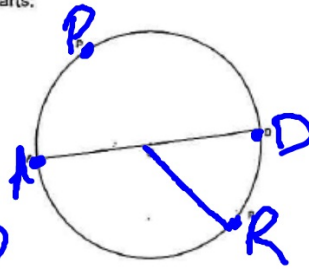
Name two semi circles:

DAP

DRA

Name two major arcs:

PAD

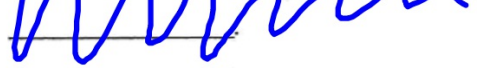


Arcs have a degree measure, just as angles do. A full circle has an arc measure of 360° , and a semicircle has an arc measure of 180° .

You find the arc measure by measuring the central angle, the angle with its

Vertex at the center of the circle and sides passing through the endpoints of the arc.

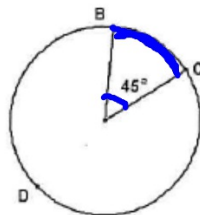
Another definition for a central angle is an angle formed by



Use the following circle to determine the measures:

What is the measure of arc BC? 45°

What is the measure of arc BDC? 315°

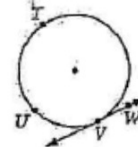
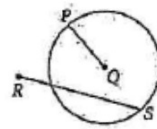
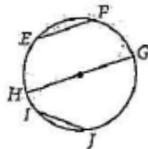
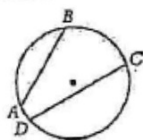


$$\begin{array}{r} 360 \\ - 45 \\ \hline 315^\circ \end{array}$$

Directions: Write a good definition of each boldfaced term. Discuss your definitions with others in your group. Use the word bank to help you write the definitions.

Word bank:	line segment	line	endpoints	circle
	center	intersecting		

Chord



Chords:

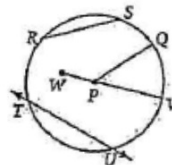
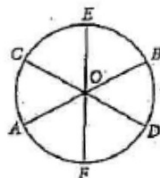
\overline{AB} , \overline{CD} , \overline{EF} , \overline{GH} , and \overline{IJ}

Not chords:

\overline{PQ} , \overline{RS} , \overline{TU} , and \overline{VW}

A chord is a line segment whose endpoints are on the circle

Diameter



Diameters:

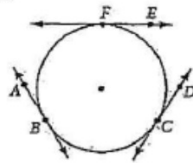
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Not diameters:

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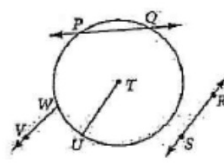
A Diameter is a chord that passes through the center. Always the longest chord

Tangent



Tangents:

\overline{AB} , \overline{CD} , and \overline{EF}

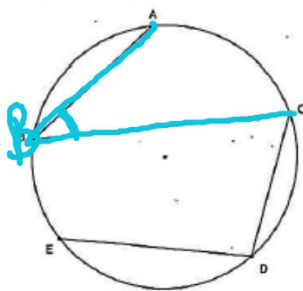


Not tangents:

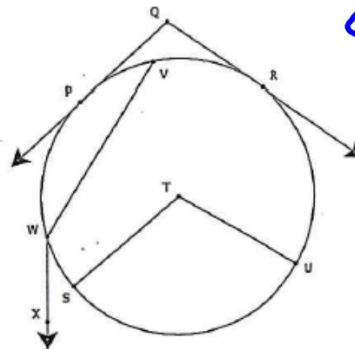
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A Tangent is a Line in the plane of a Circle that intersects the circle in exactly 1 point

Inscribed Angle



$\angle ABC$, $\angle BCD$, and $\angle CDE$ are inscribed angles. $\angle ABC$ is inscribed in \widehat{AC} and intercepts (or determines) \widehat{AC} .



$\angle PQR$, $\angle STU$, and $\angle VWX$ are not inscribed angles.

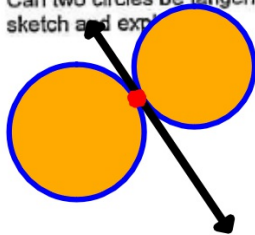
An Inscribed Angle is an angle with a vertex on the circle and side are chords

Answer the following questions with your group.

- a. Can a chord of a circle also be a diameter of the circle? Can it be tangent? Explain why or why not.

A chord can be the diameter as long as it goes thru the center circle.
A chord cannot be a tangent because a tangent has 1 point on a circle and a chord has 2 points.

- b. Can two circles be tangent to the same line at the same point? Draw a sketch and explain.



Two circles can be tangent to the same line at the same point.