

6.8 Chords & Arcs of Circles

SWBAT solve for unknown variables using theorems about chords and arcs of circles.

Any segment with endpoints that are the center and a point on the circle is a radius.

The given point is called the center. This point names the circle.

A chord that passes through the center is a diameter of a circle.

Any segment with endpoints that are on a circle is called a chord.

Example 1: Name the circle, a radius, a chord, and a diameter of the circle.

Circle: $\odot O$
 Radius: \overline{OC}
 Chord: \overline{BA}
 Diameter: \overline{ED}

Circle: $\odot O$
 Radius: \overline{OB}
 Chord: \overline{DE}
 Diameter: \overline{AC}

Since a diameter is composed of two radii, then $d = 2r$ and $r = d/2$

Theorem 1:	Converse Theorem 1:
Within a circle or in congruent circles, chords equidistant from the center or centers are congruent. If $OE = OF$, then $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{CD}$.	Within a circle or in congruent circles, congruent chords are equidistant from the center (or centers). If $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{CD}$, then $OE = OF$.
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Example 2: The following chords are equidistant from the center of the circle.

a) What is the length of RS? b) Solve for x.

$12.5 + 12.5 = 25$

$5 + 5 = 10$

Theorem 5:	Then ...
In a circle, if a <u>diameter</u> is perpendicular to a chord, then it bisects the chord and its arc.	$\overline{CE} \cong \overline{ED}$ and $\overline{CA} \cong \overline{AD}$
Theorem 6:	Then ...
In a circle, if a <u>diameter</u> bisects a chord that is not a diameter, then it is perpendicular to the chord.	$\overline{AB} \perp \overline{CD}$
Theorem 7:	Then ...
In a circle, the perpendicular bisector of a chord contains the center of the circle.	\overline{AB} contains the center of $\odot O$

Example 3: In $\odot O$, $\overline{CD} \perp \overline{OE}$, $OD = 15$, and $CD = 24$. Find x.

$x^2 + 12^2 = 15^2$

$x = 9$

Example 4: Find the value of x to the nearest tenth.

$x = 6$

You Try! Find the value of x to the nearest tenth.

a) b)

$(3.6)^2 + (4)^2 = x^2$

$x = 5.4$

$x = 20.8$