

After studying this section, you will be able to

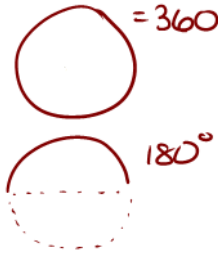
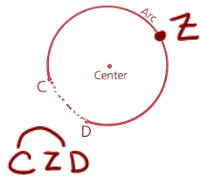
- Identify the different types of arcs
- Determine the measure of an arc
- Recognize congruent arcs
- Apply the relationships between congruent arcs, chords, and central angles

**Types of Arcs**



**Definition**

An **arc** consists of two points on a circle and all points on the circle needed to connect the points by a single path.

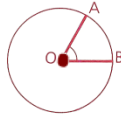


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The center of an arc is the center of the circle of which the arc is a part.

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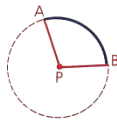
A **central angle** is an angle whose vertex is at the center of a circle.



Radii  $\overline{OA}$  and  $\overline{OB}$  determine central angle AOB.

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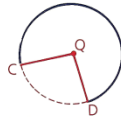
A **minor arc** is an arc whose points are on or between the sides of a central angle.



Central angle APB determines minor arc AB.

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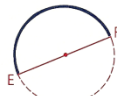
A **major arc** is an arc whose points are on or outside of a central angle.



Central angle CQD determines major arc CD.

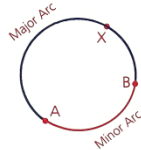
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A **semicircle** is an arc whose endpoints are the endpoints of a diameter.

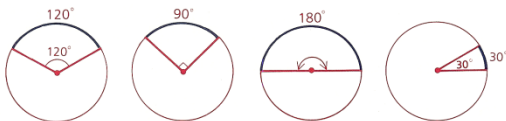


Arc EF is a semicircle.

The symbol  $\widehat{\quad}$  is used to label arcs. The minor arc joining A and B is called  $\widehat{AB}$ . The major arc joining A and B is called  $\widehat{AXB}$ . (The extra point, X, is named to make it clear that we are referring to the arc from A to B by way of point X. This helps to avoid confusion when a major arc or a semicircle is being discussed.)



**The Measure of an Arc = m central  $\angle$**



**Definition**

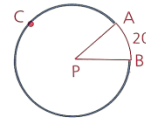
The measure of a minor arc or a semicircle is the same as the measure of the central angle that intercepts the arc.

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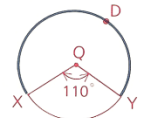
The measure of a major arc is 360 minus the measure of the minor arc with the same endpoints.

**Example**

a Given:  $m\widehat{AB} = 20$   
 Find:  $m\widehat{ACB}$



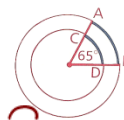
b Given:  $m\angle XQY = 110$   
 Find:  $m\widehat{XDY}$



$m\widehat{CD} = 65^\circ$  &  $m\widehat{AB} = 65^\circ$

**Congruent Arcs**

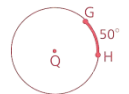
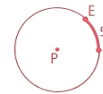
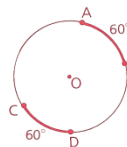
Two arcs that have the same measure are not necessarily congruent arcs. In the concentric circles shown,  $m\widehat{AB} = 65$  and  $m\widehat{CD} = 65$ , but  $\widehat{AB}$  and  $\widehat{CD}$  are **not** congruent. Under what conditions, do you think, will two arcs be congruent?



$\widehat{CD} \neq \widehat{AB}$

**Definition**

Two arcs are congruent whenever they have the same measure and are parts of the same circle or congruent circles.

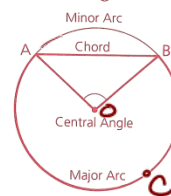


We may conclude that  $\widehat{AB} \cong \widehat{CD}$ .

If  $\odot P \cong \odot Q$ , we may conclude that  $\widehat{EF} \cong \widehat{GH}$ .

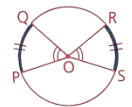
**Relating Congruent Arcs, Chords, and Central Angles**

In the diagram, points A and B determine one central angle, one chord, and two arcs (one major and one minor).



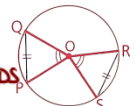
You can readily prove the following theorems.

**Theorem 79** If two central angles of a circle (or of congruent circles) are congruent, then their intercepted arcs are congruent.  $\angle \cong \text{central } \angle s \Rightarrow \widehat{\cong} \text{ ARCS}$



**Theorem 80** If two arcs of a circle (or of congruent circles) are congruent, then the corresponding central angles are congruent.  $\widehat{\cong} \text{ ARCS} \Rightarrow \angle \cong \text{ CENTRAL } \angle s$

**Theorem 81** If two central angles of a circle (or of congruent circles) are congruent, then the corresponding chords are congruent.  $\angle \cong \text{ CENTRAL } \angle s \Rightarrow \widehat{\cong} \text{ CHDS}$



**Theorem 82** If two chords of a circle (or of congruent circles) are congruent, then the corresponding central angles are congruent.  $\widehat{\cong} \text{ CHDS} \Rightarrow \angle \cong \text{ CENTRAL } \angle s$

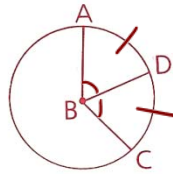
**Theorem 83** If two arcs of a circle (or of congruent circles) are congruent, then the corresponding chords are congruent.  $\widehat{\cong} \text{ ARCS} \Rightarrow \widehat{\cong} \text{ CHDS}$



**Theorem 84** If two chords of a circle (or of congruent circles) are congruent, then the corresponding arcs are congruent.  $\widehat{\cong} \text{ CHDS} \Rightarrow \widehat{\cong} \text{ ARCS}$

**Problem 1**

Given:  $\odot B$ ;  
 D is the midpt. of  $\widehat{AC}$ .  
 Conclusion:  $\overrightarrow{BD}$  bisects  $\angle ABC$ .



**Proof**

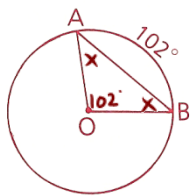
1 $\odot B$ ; D is the midpt. of $\widehat{AC}$ .	1 Given
2 $\widehat{AD} \cong \widehat{DC}$	2 MDPT $\Rightarrow$ $\cong$ ARCS (1)
3 $\angle ABD \cong \angle DBC$	3 $2 \cong$ ARCS $\Rightarrow$ $2 \cong$ CENTRAL $\angle$ s (2)
4 $\overrightarrow{BD}$ bisects $\angle ABC$ .	4 $2 \cong$ $\angle$ s $\Rightarrow$ BISECTION (3)

**Problem 2**

If  $m\widehat{AB} = 102$  in  $\odot O$ , find  $m\angle A$  and  $m\angle B$  in  $\triangle AOB$ .

**Solution**

$\widehat{AB} = 102^\circ$



$m\angle AOB = 102^\circ$  ( $m\cap = m$  central  $\angle$ )  
 $\overline{OA} \cong \overline{OB}$  ( $\odot \Rightarrow \cong$  RADII)  
 $\angle A \cong \angle B$  ( $\sphericalangle \Rightarrow \triangle$ )  
 $102 + 2x = 180$  ( $\Sigma \angle$ s  $\triangle = 180$ )  
 $2x = 78$  (Subtract)  
 $x = 39$  (Divide)

$\Sigma =$  Sigma means sum

$\therefore m\angle A = m\angle B = 39^\circ$

**Problem 3**

- a What fractional part of a circle is an arc of  $36^\circ$ ? Of  $200^\circ$ ?
- b Find the measure of an arc that is  $\frac{7}{12}$  of its circle.

**Solution**

There are  $360^\circ$  in a whole  $\odot$ .

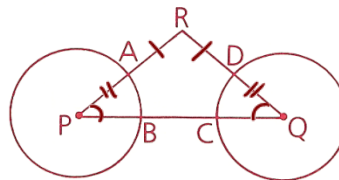
a  $\frac{36}{360} = \frac{1}{10}$ ;  $\frac{200}{360} = \frac{20}{36} = \frac{10}{18} = \frac{5}{9}$

$\frac{7}{12} = \frac{x}{360} = 210^\circ$   
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**Problem 4**

Given:  $\odot P$  and  $Q$ ,  
 $\angle P \cong \angle Q$ ,  $\overline{AR} \cong \overline{RD}$   
 Prove:  $\widehat{AB} \cong \widehat{CD}$  (Hint: First prove that  $\odot P \cong \odot Q$ .)



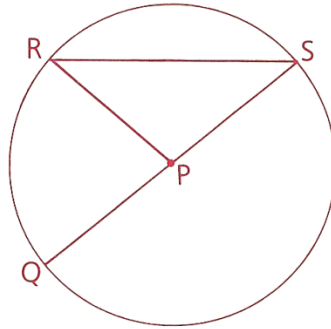
**Proof**

1 $\odot P$ and $Q$	1 Given
2 $\angle P \cong \angle Q$	2 Given
3 $\overline{RP} \cong \overline{RQ}$	3 $\triangle \Rightarrow \sphericalangle$ (2)
4 $\overline{AR} \cong \overline{RD}$	4 Given
5 $\overline{AP} \cong \overline{DQ}$	5 Subtract (3,4)
6 $\odot P \cong \odot Q$	6 $\cong$ RADII $\Rightarrow$ $\cong$ (3) (5)
7 $\widehat{AB} \cong \widehat{CD}$	7 $\cong$ CENTRAL $\angle$ s OF $\cong$ (3) $\Rightarrow$ $\cong$ ARCS (2,6)

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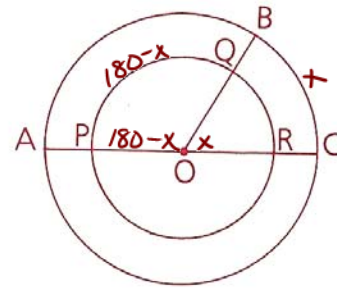
1 Match each item in the left column with the correct term in the right column.

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|-----------------------|-----------------|
| a $\widehat{QRS} = 6$ | 1 Radius        |
| b $\overline{QS} = 2$ | 2 Diameter      |
| c $\widehat{RQS} = 5$ | 3 Chord         |
| d $\widehat{RS} = 4$  | 4 Minor arc     |
| e $\overline{RS} = 3$ | 5 Major arc     |
| f $\angle RPQ = 7$    | 6 Semicircle    |
| g $\overline{PS} = 1$ | 7 Central angle |



2 Given: Two concentric circles with center O;  
 $\angle BOC$  is acute.

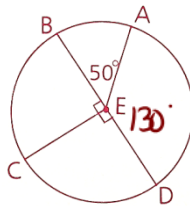
- a Name a major arc of the smaller circle. =  $\widehat{QPR}$
- b Name a minor arc of the larger circle.  $\widehat{BC}$
- c What is  $m\widehat{BC} + m\widehat{PQ}$ ? =  $x + 180 - x = 180$
- d Which is greater,  $m\widehat{BC}$  or  $m\widehat{PQ}$ ?  $\widehat{PQ}$
- e Is  $\widehat{BC}$  congruent to  $\widehat{QR}$ ?



They have same measure but  $\odot \neq \odot \therefore$  No

3 In circle E, find each of the following.

- a  $m\widehat{BC} = 90^\circ$    c  $m\widehat{ACD} = 230^\circ$    e  $m\widehat{ADC} = 220^\circ$   
b  $m\widehat{AD} = 130^\circ$    d  $m\widehat{BAD} = 180^\circ$

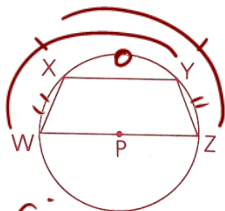


e)  $m\widehat{ADC} = \widehat{AD} + \widehat{DC} = 130^\circ + 90^\circ$

c)  $\widehat{ACD} = \widehat{AB} + \widehat{BC} + \widehat{CD}$   
 $50 + 90 + 90 =$

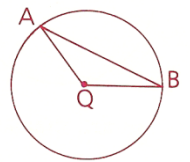
$180$   
 $50$

5 Given:  $\odot P$ ,  
 $\widehat{WY} \cong \widehat{XZ}$   
Conclusion:  $\overline{WX} \cong \overline{YZ}$

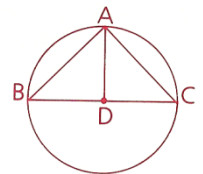


1.  $\odot P$ ,  $\widehat{WY} \cong \widehat{XZ}$
  2.  $\widehat{XY} \cong \widehat{XY}$
  3.  $\widehat{WX} \cong \widehat{YZ}$
  4.  $\overline{WX} \cong \overline{YZ}$
1. Given
  2. Ref
  3. Subtract (1,2)
  4.  $\cong$  ARCS  $\Rightarrow$   $\cong$  CHDS

4 Given:  $\odot Q$ ,  $\angle A = 25^\circ$   
Find:  $m\widehat{AB}$



6 Given:  $\odot D$ ,  $\angle B \cong \angle C$   
Conclusion:  $\widehat{AB} \cong \widehat{AC}$



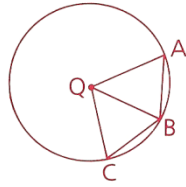


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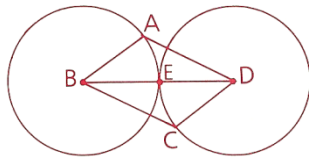
- 13** Find the length of each arc described. (The length is a fractional part of the circumference.)
- a** An arc that is  $\frac{5}{8}$  of the circumference of a circle with radius 12
  - b** An arc that has a measure of 270 and is part of a circle with radius 12

- 14**  $\overline{AB}$  is a chord of circle E, and C is the midpoint of  $\widehat{AB}$ . Prove that  $\overleftrightarrow{EC}$  is the perpendicular bisector of chord  $\overline{AB}$ .

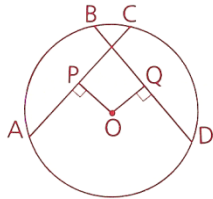
- 15** Given:  $\odot Q$ ;  
B is the midpt. of  $\widehat{AC}$ .  
Conclusion:  $\angle A \cong \angle C$



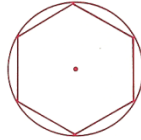
- 16** Given:  $\odot B \cong \odot D$ ,  
 $\widehat{AE} \cong \widehat{CE}$   
Prove: ABCD is a  $\square$ .



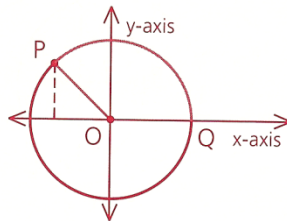
- 17 Given:  $\odot O$ ,  
 $\overline{OP} \perp \overline{AC}$ ,  $\overline{OQ} \perp \overline{BD}$ ,  
 $\overline{OP} \cong \overline{OQ}$   
 Conclusion:  $\widehat{AB} \cong \widehat{CD}$



- 18 A polygon is inscribed in a  $\odot$  if all its vertices lie on the  $\odot$ . Find the measure of the arc cut off by a side of each of the following inscribed polygons.
- a A regular hexagon
  - b A regular pentagon
  - c A regular octagon



- 19 Point P is located at  $(-5, 5)$ .
- a Find the radius of  $\odot O$ .
  - b Find the measure of  $\widehat{PQ}$ .



- 20 Given:  $\odot P \cong \odot Q$ ,  
 $\overline{BC} \cong \overline{CD}$   
 Conclusion:  $\angle A \cong \angle E$

