

# ARCS AND CHORDS NOTES (10.3)

**THEOREM 10.2**

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

**Abbreviations:**

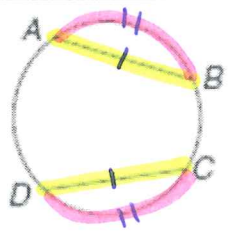
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**Examples:**

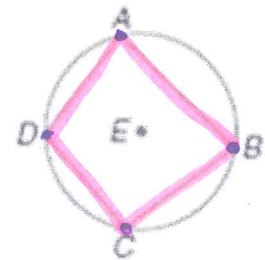
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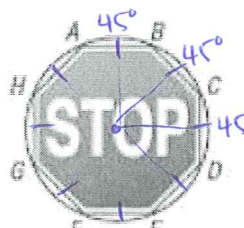
The chords of adjacent arcs can form a polygon.

Quadrilateral ABCD is an inscribed polygon because all of its vertices lie on the circle.



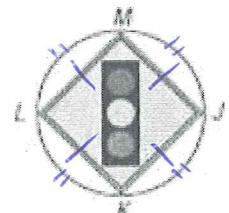
Circle E is circumscribed about the polygon because it contains all the vertices of the polygon.

Let's see some examples:



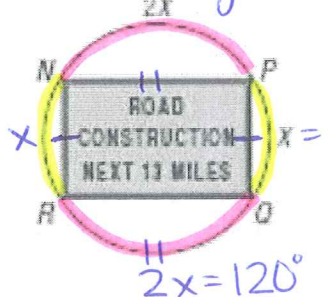
octagon  
 all  $\cong$  sides  
 $\frac{360^\circ}{8} = \underline{45^\circ}$

square



$\frac{360^\circ}{4} = \underline{90^\circ}$

Rectangle



$2x + 2x + x + x = 360^\circ$   
 $6x = 360^\circ$   
 $x = 60^\circ$

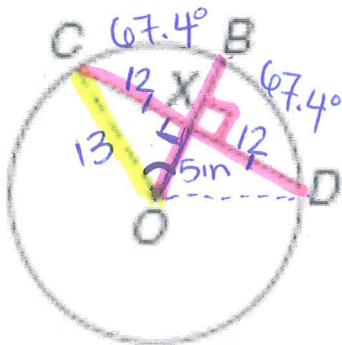
In a circle, if a diameter (or radius) is perpendicular to a chord, then it bisects the chord and its arc.



\* Chord is bisected  
NOT RADIUS

Example 1: Given the information below, find CX, OX, XB, and the  $m\widehat{CD}$ .

Circle O has a radius of 13 inches. Radius  $\overline{OB}$  is perpendicular to chord  $\overline{CD}$ , which is 24 inches long.



$$\cos \theta = \frac{5}{13}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1}(5/13)$$

$$\angle O = 67.4^\circ$$

$$CX = \frac{1}{2}(CD) = \frac{1}{2}(24) = 12 \text{ in}$$

$$OX = 5 \text{ in}$$

$$XB = 8 \text{ in}$$

$$(OX)^2 + 12^2 = 13^2$$

$$(OX)^2 + 144 = 169$$

$$(OX)^2 = 25$$

$$OX + XB = OB$$

$$5 + XB = 13$$

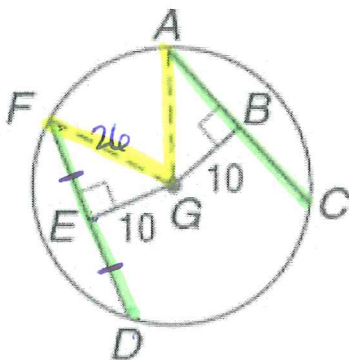
$$m\widehat{CD} = m\widehat{CB} + m\widehat{BD}$$

$$= 67.4^\circ + 67.4^\circ = \boxed{134.8^\circ}$$

In a circle or in congruent circles, two chords are congruent if and only if they are

equidistant from the center.

Example 2: Chords  $\overline{AC}$  and  $\overline{DF}$  are equidistant from the center. If the radius of Circle G is 26, find AC and DE.



$$FE^2 + EG^2 = FG^2$$

$$FE^2 + 10^2 = 26^2$$

$$FE^2 + 100 = 676$$

$$FE^2 = 576$$

$$FE = 24$$

$$FE \cong DE$$

$$\boxed{DE = 24}$$

$$FD = 2(FE)$$

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$$FD = 48$$

$$AC \cong FD$$

$$\boxed{AC = 48}$$