

Circle Angle Chase

Use arcs to find central, inscribed, interior, and exterior angles.

HIGH SCHOOL • MA.912.GR.6.2

MA.912.GR.6.2 "Solve mathematical and real-world problems involving the measures of arcs and related angles."

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ARC AND ANGLE RULES

A central angle has the same measure as its intercepted arc. An inscribed angle, or an angle formed by a tangent and a chord, measures half its intercepted arc. For angles formed inside a circle, use half the sum of the intercepted arcs. For angles formed outside a circle, use half the difference of the intercepted arcs.

WORKED EXAMPLE

In a circle, $m \text{ arc JK} = 116$ degrees. Point L lies on the circle, and angle JLK intercepts arc JK. Find $m \text{ angle JLK}$.

1. An inscribed angle equals half its intercepted arc.
2. $m \text{ angle JLK} = 1/2(116 \text{ degrees})$.
3. $m \text{ angle JLK} = 58$ degrees.

Answer: 58 degrees

PRACTICE 6 problems

- 1** A central angle AOB measures 86 degrees. Find $m \text{ arc AB}$.

ANSWER _____

- 2** An inscribed angle CED intercepts arc CD, and $m \text{ arc CD} = 154$ degrees. Find $m \text{ angle CED}$.

ANSWER _____

- 3** A tangent at P and chord PQ form an angle measuring 41 degrees. Find the measure of minor arc PQ.

ANSWER _____

- 4** Chords AB and CD intersect at X inside a circle. $m \text{ arc AC} = 110$ degrees and $m \text{ arc BD} = 70$ degrees. Find $m \text{ angle AXC}$.

ANSWER _____

- 5** A tangent ET and a secant EAB are drawn from external point E, with A between E and B. $m \text{ arc TB} = 210$ degrees and $m \text{ arc TA} = 130$ degrees. Find $m \text{ angle TEB}$.

ANSWER _____

- 6** Points R, S, T, and U lie on a circle in that order. $m \text{ arc RS} = 96$ degrees and $m \text{ arc ST} = 138$ degrees. Find $m \text{ angle RUT}$.

ANSWER _____

APPLY IT Show your work

- 1** At an esports tournament, a circular scoreboard has markers A, B, and C on its rim. The viewing angle ACB is an inscribed angle measuring 68 degrees and intercepts minor arc AB. What is the measure of major arc AB?

WORK SPACE

ANSWER _____

- 2** A student stands at point E outside a circular music festival stage. Two sight lines form secants EAB and ECD, where A and C are the nearer points on the stage. If $m \text{ arc } BD = 220$ degrees and $m \text{ arc } AC = 100$ degrees, find $m \text{ angle } E$.

WORK SPACE

ANSWER _____

CHALLENGE One step up

CHALLENGE

Chords AB and CD intersect at X inside a circle. $m \text{ arc } AC = 4x + 40$ degrees, $m \text{ arc } BD = 2x + 20$ degrees, and $m \text{ angle } AXC = 4x + 10$ degrees. Find x and $m \text{ angle } AXC$.

PART 1 • PRACTICE

#	PROBLEM	ANSWER
1	A central angle AOB measures 86 degrees. Find m arc AB.	86 degrees
2	An inscribed angle CED intercepts arc CD, and m arc CD = 154 degrees. Find m angle CED.	77 degrees
3	A tangent at P and chord PQ form an angle measuring 41 degrees. Find the measure of minor arc PQ.	82 degrees
4	Chords AB and CD intersect at X inside a circle. m arc AC = 110 degrees and m arc BD = 70 degrees. Find m angle AXC.	90 degrees
5	A tangent ET and a secant EAB are drawn from external point E, with A between E and B. m arc TB = 210 degrees and m arc TA = 130 degrees. Find m angle TEB.	40 degrees
6	Points R, S, T, and U lie on a circle in that order. m arc RS = 96 degrees and m arc ST = 138 degrees. Find m angle RUT.	117 degrees

PART 2 • APPLY IT

- 224 degrees** The intercepted minor arc AB measures $2(68) = 136$ degrees. The major arc AB measures $360 - 136 = 224$ degrees.
- 60 degrees** An exterior secant angle equals half the difference of the far arc and near arc. $m \angle E = \frac{1}{2}(220 - 100) = 60$ degrees.

CHALLENGE

$x = 20$; m angle AXC = 90 degrees

Accept equivalent notation such as 86° or 86 degrees. For the challenge, students must give both $x = 20$ and the angle measure of 90 degrees.