

**Lesson 30.2: Arcs and Chords**

A **central angle** is an angle whose vertex is the center of a circle. An **arc** is an unbroken part of a circle consisting of two points called the endpoints and all the points on the circle between them.

**Arcs and Their Measure**

ARC	MEASURE	DIAGRAM
A <b>MINOR ARC</b> is an arc whose points are all in the interior of a central angle.	The measure of a minor arc is equal to the measure of its central angle. $m\widehat{AC} = m\angle ABC = x^\circ$	
A <b>MAJOR ARC</b> is an arc whose points are all in the exterior of a central angle.	The measure of a major arc is equal to 360° minus the measure of its central angle. $m\widehat{ADC} = 360^\circ - m\angle ABC = 360^\circ - x^\circ$	
If the endpoints of an arc are in a diameter, the arc is a <b>semicircle</b> .	The measure of a semicircle is equal to 180°. $m\widehat{FG} = 180^\circ$	

Minor and major arcs are named by their endpoints. If an arc is a semicircle, it is named by its endpoints.

**[Ex. 1] Data Application**

The circle graph shows the types of music sold during one week at a music store. Find  $m\widehat{C}$ .



**YOUR TURN** Use the graph to find each of the following:

- 1a.  $m\angle PQC$
- 1b.  $m\widehat{QR}$
- 1c.  $m\angle QMR$

**Adjacent arcs** are arcs of the same circle that intersect at exactly one point.  $RS$  and  $ST$  are adjacent arcs.



**Postulate 12-2-1 Arc Addition Postulate**

The measure of an arc formed by two adjacent arcs is the sum of the measures of the two arcs.  
 $m\widehat{AC} = m\widehat{AB} + m\widehat{BC}$



**[Ex. 2] Using the Arc Addition Postulate**

Find  $m\widehat{ED}$ .



**YOUR TURN** Find each measure.

- 2a.  $m\widehat{BE}$
- 2b.  $m\widehat{MN}$



Within a circle or congruent circles, **congruent arcs** are two arcs that have the same measure. In the figure,  $\widehat{ST} \cong \widehat{UV}$ .



**Theorem 12-2-2**

THEOREM	HYPOTHESIS	CONCLUSION
In a circle or congruent circles, (1) Congruent central angles have congruent chords.	 $\angle AOB \cong \angle AOC$	$\widehat{OB} \cong \widehat{OC}$
(2) Congruent chords have congruent arcs.	 $\widehat{OB} \cong \widehat{OC}$	$\angle OAB \cong \angle OAC$
(3) Congruent arcs have congruent central angles.	 $\widehat{OB} \cong \widehat{OC}$	$\angle OAB \cong \angle OAC$

**[Ex. 3] Applying Congruent Angles, Arcs, and Chords**

Find each measure.

- 1.  $\widehat{RS} \cong \widehat{TU}$ . Find  $m\widehat{RS}$ .



- 2.  $\widehat{OB} \cong \widehat{OE}$ , and  $\widehat{OC} \cong \widehat{OF}$ . Find  $m\angle DOP$ .



**YOUR TURN** Find each measure.

- 3a.  $\widehat{PP}$  bisects  $\angle BPN$ . Find  $RT$ .



- 3b.  $\widehat{OA} \cong \widehat{OB}$ , and  $\widehat{OC} \cong \widehat{OF}$ . Find  $m\angle CD$ .



**Theorems**

THEOREM	HYPOTHESIS	CONCLUSION
<b>12-2-3</b> In a circle, if a radius (or diameter) is perpendicular to a chord, then it bisects the chord and its arc.	 $\overline{CD} \perp \overline{EF}$	$\widehat{CE} \cong \widehat{CF}$ bisects $\overline{EF}$ and $\widehat{EF}$ .
<b>12-2-4</b> In a circle, the perpendicular bisector of a chord is a radius (or diameter).	 $\overline{JK} \perp \overline{GH}$ bisector of $\overline{GH}$ .	$\overline{JK}$ is a diameter of $\odot A$ .

**[Ex. 4] Using Radii and Chords**

Find  $BD$ .



**YOUR TURN 4.** Find  $QR$  to the nearest tenth.

