## Lesson 9: Arc Length and Areas of Sectors

## Classwork

## Example 1

a. What is the length of the arc of degree measure $60^{\circ}$ in a circle of radius 10 cm ?

b. Given the concentric circles with center $A$ and with $m \angle A=60^{\circ}$, calculate the arc length intercepted by $\angle A$ on each circle. The inner circle has a radius of 10 and each circle has a radius 10 units greater than the previous circle.

c. An arc, again of degree measure $60^{\circ}$, has an arc length of $5 \pi \mathrm{~cm}$. What is the radius of the circle on which the arc sits?
d. Give a general formula for the length of an arc of degree measure $x^{\circ}$ on a circle of radius $r$.
e. Is the length of an arc intercepted by an angle proportional to the radius? Explain.

## Exercise 1

1. The radius of the following circle is 36 cm , and the $m \angle A B C=60^{\circ}$.
a. What is the arc length of $\widehat{A C}$ ?

b. What is the radian measure of the central angle?

Sector: Let $\widehat{A B}$ be an arc of a circle with center $O$ and radius $r$. The union of all segments $\overline{O P}$, where $P$ is any point of $\widehat{A B}$, is called a sector.


## Example 2

a. Circle $O$ has a radius of 10 cm . What is the area of the circle? Write the formula.
b. What is the area of half of the circle? Write and explain the formula.
c. What is the area of a quarter of the circle? Write and explain the formula.
d. Make a conjecture about how to determine the area of a sector defined by an arc measuring 60 degrees.
e. Circle $O$ has a minor arc $\widehat{A B}$ with an angle measure of $60^{\circ}$. Sector $A O B$ has an area of $24 \pi$. What is the radius of circle $O$ ?
f. Give a general formula for the area of a sector defined by arc of angle measure $x^{\circ}$ on a circle of radius $r$ ?

## Exercises 2-3

2. The area of sector $A O B$ in the following image is $28 \pi$. Find the measurement of the central angle labeled $x^{\circ}$.

3. In the following figure, circle $O$ has a radius of $8 \mathrm{~cm}, m \angle A O C=108^{\circ}$ and $\widehat{A B}=\widehat{A C}=10 \mathrm{~cm}$. Find:
a. $\angle O A B$
b. $\widehat{B C}$

c. Area of sector $B O C$

## Lesson Summary

## Relevant Vocabulary

- Arc: An arc is any of the following three figures-a minor arc, a major arc, or a semicircle.
- Length of an arc: The length of an arc is the circular distance around the arc. ${ }^{1}$
- Minor and major arc: In a circle with center $O$, let $A$ and $B$ be different points that lie on the circle but are not the endpoints of a diameter. The minor arc between $A$ and $B$ is the set containing $A, B$, and all points of the circle that are in the interior of $\angle A O B$. The major arc is the set containing $A, B$, and all points of the circle that lie in the exterior of $\angle A O B$.
- RADIAN: A radian is the measure of the central angle of a sector of a circle with arc length of one radius length.
- Sector: Let arc $\widehat{A B}$ be an arc of a circle with center $O$ and radius $r$. The union of the segments $\overline{O P}$, where $P$ is any point on the $\operatorname{arc} \widehat{A B}$, is called a sector. The $\operatorname{arc} \widehat{A B}$ is called the arc of the sector, and $r$ is called its radius.
- Semicircle: In a circle, let $A$ and $B$ be the endpoints of a diameter. A semicircle is the set containing $A, B$, and all points of the circle that lie in a given half-plane of the line determined by the diameter.


## Problem Set

1. $\quad P$ and $Q$ are points on the circle of radius 5 cm and the measure of $\operatorname{arc} \widehat{P Q}$ is $72^{\circ}$. Find, to one decimal place each of the following:
a. The length of arc $\widehat{P Q}$
b. Find the ratio of the arc length to the radius of the circle.

c. The length of chord $P Q$

d. The distance of the chord $P Q$ from the center of the circle.

e. The perimeter of sector $P O Q$.
f. The area of the wedge between the chord $P Q$ and the $\operatorname{arc} \widehat{P Q}$
g. The perimeter of this wedge.
2. What is the radius of a circle if the length of a $45^{\circ}$ arc is $9 \pi$ ?
3. Arcs $\widehat{A B}$ and $\widehat{\mathrm{CD}}$ both have an angle measure of $30^{\circ}$, but their arc lengths are not the same. $\overline{O B}=4$ and $\overline{B D}=2$.
a. What are the arc lengths of arcs $\widehat{A B}$ and $\widehat{C D}$ ?
b. What is the ratio of the arc length to the radius for all of these arcs? Explain.
c. What are the areas of the sectors $A O B$ and $C O D$ ?

4. In the circles shown, find the value of $x$.

The circles shown have central angles that are equal in measure.
a.

b.

C.

d.

5. The concentric circles all have center $A$. The measure of the central angle is $45^{\circ}$. The arc lengths are given.
a. Find the radius of each circle.
b. Determine the ratio of the arc length to the radius of each circle, and interpret its meaning.

6. In the figure, if $\widehat{P Q}=10 \mathrm{~cm}$, find the length of arc $\widehat{Q R}$ ?

7. Find, to one decimal place, the areas of the shaded regions.
a.

b. The following circle has a radius of 2 .

c.


