

Module 15d: Arc Length & Radians

Math Practice(s):

- Construct viable arguments & critique the reasoning of others.
- Look for & make use of structure.

Learning Target(s):

- Understand & apply the proportional relationship between an angle & its intercepted arc
- Explore, understand, & apply the relationship between arc angle measure & radian measure.

Homework:

HW#6: 15d #1-4

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Warm-up

1. Circle C has a circumference of 40 feet and $\overline{CK} \perp \overline{HJ}$.

A. $m\angle HCK = \underline{90}^\circ$ and $m\widehat{HK} = \underline{90}^\circ$.

B. \widehat{HK} represents what fraction of the entire circle?

$\frac{90}{360} = \frac{1}{4}$

C. What is the arc LENGTH of \widehat{HK} (measured in feet)?

$40 \div 4 \rightarrow \frac{1}{4}(40)$

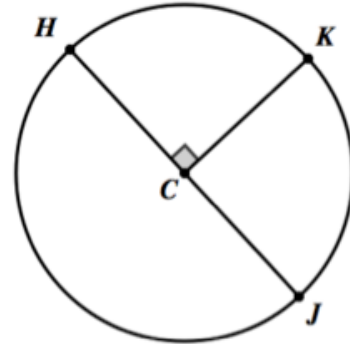
$\underline{10 \text{ ft}}$

D. \widehat{HJ} represents what fraction of the entire circle?

$\frac{180}{360} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$

E. What is the arc LENGTH of \widehat{HJ} (measured in feet)?

$\frac{1}{2}(40) \rightarrow \underline{20 \text{ ft}}$



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A. $m\widehat{LC} = \underline{30}^\circ$ and $m\widehat{SN} = \underline{120}^\circ$.

B. \widehat{LC} represents what fraction of the entire circle?

$\frac{30}{360} \rightarrow \frac{1}{12}$

C. What is the arc LENGTH of \widehat{LC} (measured in meters)?

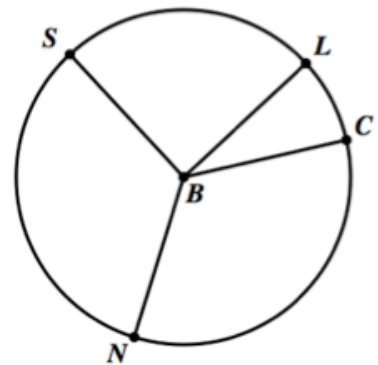
$\frac{1}{12}(12) \rightarrow \underline{1 \text{ m}}$

D. \widehat{SN} represents what fraction of the entire circle?

$\frac{120}{360} \rightarrow \frac{1}{3}$

E. What is the arc LENGTH of \widehat{SN} (measured in meters)?

$\frac{1}{3}(12) \rightarrow \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{12}{1} \rightarrow \underline{4 \text{ m}}$



Circle P has a circumference of C units, $m\angle DPG = 30^\circ$, $m\angle DPH = 45^\circ$, $m\angle DPJ = 60^\circ$,
 $m\angle DPK = 90^\circ$, $m\angle DPL = 120^\circ$, and ~~$m\angle DPG = 180^\circ$~~ .

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• Length of $\widehat{DM} = \frac{1}{2}C$ $m\angle DPM$

$\frac{180}{360} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$

• Length of $\widehat{MLK} = \frac{1}{4}C$

$\frac{90}{360} \rightarrow \frac{1}{4}$

• Length of $\widehat{DGH} = \frac{1}{8}C$

$\frac{45}{360} \rightarrow \frac{1}{8}$

• Length of $\widehat{DGJ} = \frac{1}{6}C$

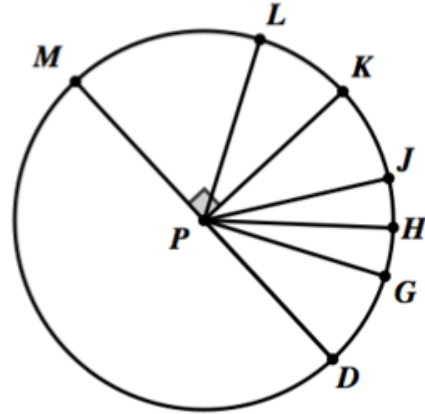
$m\widehat{DGJ} = 60^\circ$ $\frac{60}{360} \rightarrow \frac{1}{6}$

• Length of $\widehat{DJL} = \frac{1}{3}C$

$m\widehat{DJL} = 120^\circ$ $\frac{120}{360} \rightarrow \frac{1}{3}$

• Length of $\widehat{DG} = \frac{1}{12}C$

$m\angle DPG = 30^\circ$ $\frac{30}{360} \rightarrow \frac{1}{12}$



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The Length of an Arc on a Circle (#VOC)

The length of a circular arc is determined by the circles
 _____ circumference _____ and is the _____ proportion _____ of

the circumference the arc represents. $\frac{\text{deg} \cdot C}{360}$

Example 1: Circle M has a radius of 1 unit.

$$C = 2\pi r$$

$$C = 2\pi(1)$$

$$C = 2\pi \text{ units}$$

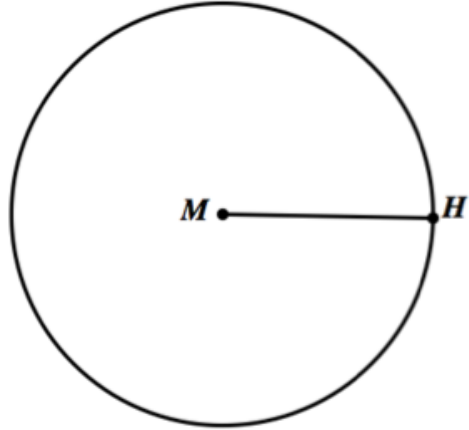
- A. Point V is somewhere on circle M such that \widehat{HV} covers $\frac{1}{4}$ of the circle. What is the length of \widehat{HV} ?

$$\frac{1}{4} C \rightarrow \frac{1}{4} \frac{2\pi}{1} \rightarrow \frac{2\pi}{4}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{2} \pi \text{ units}}$$

- B. Point W is somewhere on circle M such that \widehat{HW} covers $\frac{1}{3}$ of the circle. What is the length of \widehat{HW} ?

$$\frac{2}{3} \pi \text{ units}$$



- C. Point X is somewhere on circle M such that \widehat{HX} covers $\frac{1}{8}$ of the circle. What is the length of \widehat{HX} ?

$$\frac{1}{8} \cdot 2\pi$$

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{4} \pi \text{ units}}$$

- D. Point Y is somewhere on circle M such that \widehat{HY} covers $\frac{1}{2}$ of the circle. What is the length of \widehat{HY} ?

$$\boxed{\pi \text{ units}}$$

- E. Point Z is somewhere on circle M such that \widehat{HZ} covers $\frac{2}{3}$ of the circle. What is the length of \widehat{HZ} ?

$$\frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{2\pi}{1}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{4}{3} \pi \text{ units}}$$

- F. Point A is somewhere on circle M such that \widehat{HA} covers $\frac{1}{12}$ of the circle. What is the length of \widehat{HA} ?

$$\frac{1}{12} \cdot 2\pi$$

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{6} \pi \text{ units}}$$

- G. Point B is somewhere on circle M such that \widehat{HB} covers $\frac{5}{8}$ of the circle. What is the length of \widehat{HB} ?

$$\frac{5}{8} \cdot \frac{2\pi}{1} \rightarrow \frac{10}{8} \pi$$

$$\boxed{\frac{5}{4} \pi \text{ units}}$$

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Radian Measure (#VOC)

The ratio between the length of an arc intercepted by an angle and the radius.

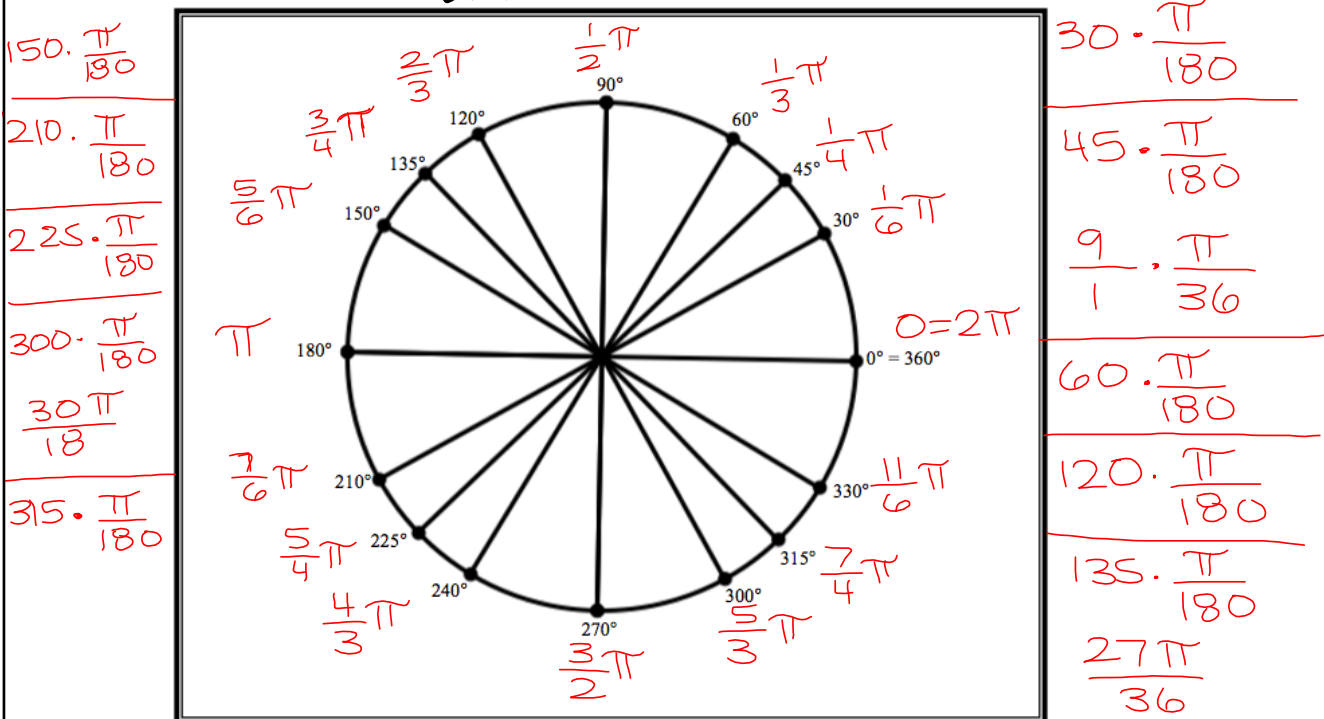
The most basic circle, with a radius of 1 unit, has a circumference of 2π units. So a circle, measured in degrees, has 360° , can be measured in radians, having 2π radians.

This means... $360^\circ = 2\pi$ radians.

Dividing both sides by 2 gives... $180^\circ = \pi$.

Soooo... **1 radian = $\frac{180}{\pi}$ degrees** & **1 degree = $\frac{\pi}{180}$ radians**

Unit Circle



Example 2: Convert the degrees to radians and radians to degrees. Be sure to indicate the units, either degrees or radians. You can use the abbreviation "rad" for radians.

A. $130^\circ = \frac{13}{18}\pi \text{ rad.}$

$$130 \cdot \frac{\pi}{180}$$

B. $\frac{\pi}{18} = 10^\circ$

$$\frac{\pi}{18} \cdot \frac{180}{\pi} \rightarrow \frac{180}{18}$$

C. $\frac{13\pi}{20} = 117^\circ$

$$\frac{13\pi}{20} \cdot \frac{180}{\pi}$$

D. $240^\circ = \frac{4}{3}\pi \text{ rad.}$

E. $555^\circ = \frac{37}{12}\pi \text{ rad.}$

$$555 \cdot \frac{\pi}{180} \rightarrow \frac{111}{36}\pi$$

F. $\frac{16\pi}{3} = 960^\circ$

$$\frac{16\pi}{3} \cdot \frac{180}{\pi}$$

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(S) Formula for determining the Length of an Arc (#THM)

The Length of an Arc on a circle with radius, r , determined by angle θ , in radians, is given by

$$S = r \cdot \theta$$

Example 3: On a circle of radius 6 ft, what is the length of the arc between 2 points that are $\frac{\pi}{3}$ radians apart? Express your answer in exact form and as a decimal rounded to the nearest hundredths place.

$$S = 6 \cdot \frac{\pi}{3} = 2\pi \text{ ft} \approx 6.28 \text{ ft}$$

Example 4: The clock faces of Big Ben in London measure 23 ft in diameter. If a fly was sitting at the tip of the minute hand, how far would it travel in 5 minutes. Express your answer in exact form and as a decimal rounded to the nearest hundredths place.

$$\frac{5 \text{ min}}{60 \text{ min}} \rightarrow \frac{1}{12} \text{ of clock}$$

$$\frac{1}{12} \text{ of clock} \cdot 360^\circ = \frac{360}{12} = 30^\circ$$

$$30^\circ \cdot \frac{\pi}{180} \rightarrow \frac{30}{180}\pi \rightarrow \frac{1}{6}\pi \text{ radians}$$

$$S = r \cdot \theta$$

$$= \frac{23}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{6}\pi$$

$$= \frac{23}{12}\pi \text{ ft}$$

$$\approx 6.02 \text{ ft}$$