

Circumference & Arc Length

title

Circumference—the distance around a circle

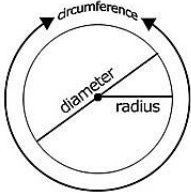
➤ π (pi)—the ratio of the circumference to the diameter

$$\pi = \frac{C}{d}$$

Circumference of a Circle

$$C = \pi d \text{ or } C = 2\pi r$$

d —diameter and r —radius



circumference

Find the indicated measure. $C = \pi d$ or $C = 2\pi r$

Find the circumference of a circle with a radius of 17 cm.

$$C = 2\pi(17) \quad C = 34\pi \approx 106.8 \text{ cm}$$

Find the circumference of a circle with a diameter of 14 in.

$$C = \pi(14) = 14\pi \approx 43.98 \text{ in}$$

Find the radius of a circle with a circumference of 26π yd.

$$\frac{C}{2\pi} = \frac{26\pi}{2\pi} \quad r = 13 \text{ yd}$$

Find the diameter of a circle with a circumference of 12 ft.

$$C = \pi d$$

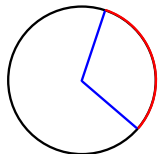
$$\frac{12}{\pi} = \frac{\pi d}{\pi}$$

$$3.82 \text{ ft} = d$$

examples

Arc length—a portion of the circumference of a circle

Arc Length Corollary

$$\frac{\text{Arc Length}}{2\pi r} = \frac{m\widehat{\text{Arc}}}{360^\circ}$$


Note: The length of a **semicircle** is one half the circumference, and the length of a **90° arc** is one quarter the circumference.

arc length

Find the length of \widehat{AB}

$C = 2\pi(r) = 16\pi$

$\frac{\text{Arc Length}}{C} = \frac{m\widehat{Arc}}{360^\circ}$

$C = 2\pi(15)$

$\frac{x}{16\pi} = \frac{120}{360}$

$360x = 16\pi \cdot 120$

$360x = 1920\pi$

$\frac{360x}{360} = \frac{1920\pi}{360}$

$x = 16.76$

$\frac{x}{30\pi} = \frac{20}{360}$

$360x = 600\pi$

$\frac{360x}{360} = \frac{600\pi}{360}$

$x \approx 5.24$

examples

Find the indicated measure.

$\frac{\text{Arc Length}}{C} = \frac{m\widehat{Arc}}{360^\circ}$

Circumference

$\frac{9.82}{x} = \frac{135}{360}$

$135x = 3535.2$

$\frac{135x}{135} = \frac{3535.2}{135}$

$x = 26.19$

example

Find the indicated measure.

$\frac{\text{Arc Length}}{2\pi r} = \frac{m\widehat{Arc}}{360^\circ}$

Radius

$\frac{x}{416} = \frac{90}{360}$

$C = 416 = 2\pi r$

$66.21 = r$

example

Find the indicated measure.

$C = 2\pi r = 10\pi$

$\frac{\text{Arc Length}}{2\pi r} = \frac{m\widehat{Arc}}{360^\circ}$

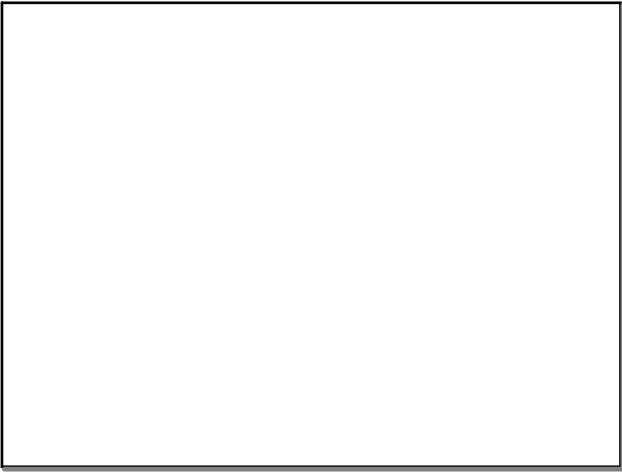
$\frac{9}{10\pi} = \frac{x}{360}$

$10\pi x = 3240$

$\frac{10\pi x}{10\pi} = \frac{3240}{10\pi}$

$x = 103.13^\circ$

example



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