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# Inscribed Angles and Polygons

For use with Exploration 7.4

**Essential Question** How are inscribed angles related to their intercepted arcs? How are the angles of an inscribed quadrilateral related to each other?

An **inscribed angle** is an angle whose vertex is on a circle and whose sides contain chords of the circle. An arc that lies between two lines, rays, or segments is called an **intercepted arc**. Recall that a polygon is an inscribed polygon when all its vertices lie on a circle.



## **EXPLORATION:** Inscribed Angles and Central Angles

Go to BigIdeasMath.com for an interactive tool to investigate this exploration.

Work with a partner. Use dynamic geometry software.

- **a.** Construct an inscribed angle in a circle. Then construct the corresponding central angle.
- **b.** Measure both angles. How is the inscribed angle related to its intercepted arc?



**c.** Repeat parts (a) and (b) several times. Record your results in the following table. Write a conjecture about how an inscribed angle is related to its intercepted arc.

Measure of Inscribed Angle	Measure of Central Angle	Relationship	

## 7.4 Inscribed Angles and Polygons (continued)



#### **EXPLORATION:** A Quadrilateral with Inscribed Angles

#### Go to BigIdeasMath.com for an interactive tool to investigate this exploration.

Work with a partner. Use dynamic geometry software.

- **a.** Construct a quadrilateral with each vertex on a circle.
- **b.** Measure all four angles. What relationships do you notice?



**c.** Repeat parts (a) and (b) several times. Record your results in the following table. Then write a conjecture that summarizes the data.

Angle Measure 1	Angle Measure 2	Angle Measure 3	Angle Measure 4

## Communicate Your Answer

- **3.** How are inscribed angles related to their intercepted arcs? How are the angles of an inscribed quadrilateral related to each other?
- 4. Quadrilateral *EFGH* is inscribed in  $\bigcirc C$ , and  $m \angle E = 80^{\circ}$ . What is  $m \angle G$ ? Explain.



# Core Concepts

#### **Inscribed Angle and Intercepted Arc**

An **inscribed angle** is an angle whose vertex is on a circle and whose sides contain chords of the circle. An arc that lies between two lines, rays, or segments is called an **intercepted arc**. If the endpoints of a chord or arc lie on the sides of an inscribed angle, then the chord or arc is said to **subtend** the angle.

#### Notes:



 $\angle B$  intercepts  $\widehat{AC}$ .  $\widehat{AC}$  subtends  $\angle B$ .  $\overline{AC}$  subtends  $\angle B$ .

## Theorems

#### Measure of an Inscribed Angle Theorem

The measure of an inscribed angle is one-half the measure of its intercepted arc.

Notes:

#### **Inscribed Angles of a Circle Theorem**

If two inscribed angles of a circle intercept the same arc, then the angles are congruent.

#### Notes:



$$m \angle ADB = \frac{1}{2}m\widehat{AB}$$



 $\angle ADB \cong \angle ACB$ 

7.4 Practice (continued)

## Theorems

### **Inscribed Right Triangle Theorem**

If a right triangle is inscribed in a circle, then the hypotenuse is a diameter of the circle. Conversely, if one side of an inscribed triangle is a diameter of the circle, then the triangle is a right triangle and the angle opposite the diameter is the right angle.

#### Notes:



 $m \angle ABC = 90^\circ$  if and only if  $\overline{AC}$  is a diameter of the circle.

#### **Inscribed Quadrilateral Theorem**

A quadrilateral can be inscribed in a circle if and only if its opposite angles are supplementary.

Notes:

# Worked-Out Examples

#### Example #1

Find the indicated measure.

mRS

 $m\widehat{RS} = 2 \cdot m \angle RQS$  $m\widehat{RS} = 2 \cdot 67^{\circ}$  $m\widehat{RS} = 134^{\circ}$ 

#### Example #2

#### Find the value of each variable.

By the Inscribed Quadrilateral Theorem:  $m \angle QRS + m \angle STO = 180^{\circ}$ 

 $x^{\circ} + 80^{\circ} = 180^{\circ}$ x = 100 $m \angle RST + m \angle TQR = 180^{\circ}$  $y^{\circ} + 95^{\circ} = 180^{\circ}$ x = 85

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D, E, F, and G lie on  $\bigcirc$ C if and only if  $m \angle D + m \angle F = m \angle E + m \angle G = 180^{\circ}$ .





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## 7.4 Practice (continued)

## **Practice A**

In Exercises 1–5, use the diagram to find the indicated measure.



5.  $m\widehat{AB}$ 

6. Name two pairs of congruent angles.



7. Find the value of each variable.



# **Practice B**



#### In Exercises 9–11, find the value of each variable.



- **13.** Your friend claims that the angles  $\angle ADB$  and  $\angle BCA$  could be used in Step 3 of Exercise 12. Is your friend correct? Explain your reasoning.
- **14.** Determine whether  $\overline{AB}$  is a diameter of the circle. Explain your reasoning.

