## Circle geometry theorems

http://topdrawer.aamt.edu.au/Geometric-reasoning/Big-ideas/Circle-geometry/Angle-and-chord-properties

|  | Theorem | Suggested abbreviation | Diagram |
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| 1. | When two circles <br> intersect, the line <br> joining their centres <br> bisects their common <br> chord at right angles. | centres of touching <br> circles |  |
| 2. | Equal arcs on circles <br> of equal radii subtend <br> equal angles at the <br> centre, and <br> conversely. | equal arcs, equal <br> angles |  |
| 3. | Equal angles at the <br> centre stand on equal <br> chords, and <br> conversely. | equal chords, equal <br> angles <br> OR <br> angles standing on <br> equal chords <br> OR <br> angles standing on <br> equal arcs |  |


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| The angle at the <br> centre is twice the <br> angle at the <br> circumference <br> subtended by the <br> same arc. | angles at the centre <br> and circumference |  |  |
| 5. | The tangent to a circle <br> is perpendicular to the <br> radius drawn to the <br> point of contact and <br> conversely. | tangent perpendicular <br> to radius |  |
| 6. | The perpendicular <br> from the centre of a <br> circle to a chord <br> bisects the chord. | perpendicular from <br> the centre |  |
| 7. | The line from the <br> centre of a circle to <br> the midpoint of a <br> chord is perpendicular <br> to the chord. | line joining centre to <br> midpoint of chord <br> bisector of a chord <br> passes through the <br> centre of the circle. | perpendicular <br> bisector of <br> chord |


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| 9. | Equal chords in equal circles are equidistant from the centres. | equal chords equidistant from centre |  |
| 10. | Chords in a circle which are equidistant from the centre are equal. | equal chords equidistant from centre |  |
| 11. | Any three noncollinear points lie on a unique circle, whose centre is the point of concurrency of the perpendicular bisectors of the intervals joining the points. | perpendicular bisector of chord passes through the centre |  |
| 12. | Angles in the same segment are equal. | angles in the same segment |  |
| 13. | The angle in a semicircle is a right angle. | angle in a semi-circle |  |


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| Opposite angles of a <br> cyclic quadrilateral <br> are supplementary. | opposite angles in a <br> cyclic quad |  |
| 15. | The exterior angle at a <br> vertex of a cyclic <br> quadrilateral is equal <br> to the interior <br> opposite angle. | quad |


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| The products of the <br> intercepts of two <br> intersecting secants to <br> a circle from an <br> external point. | intersecting secants |

## Supplementary theorems

|  | Theorem | Suggested abbreviation | Diagram |
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| Two circles touch if <br> they have a common <br> tangent at the point of <br> contact. | tangent of touching <br> circles |  |  |
| 2. | If an interval subtends <br> equal angles at two <br> points on the same <br> side of it then the <br> endpoints of the <br> interval and the four <br> points are concyclic. | converse of angles in <br> the same segment |  |

