

10.2 IMPORTANT THEOREMS

Theorem-1 : Equal chords of a circle subtend equal angles at the centre.

Given : AB and CD are the two equal chords of a circle with centre O.

To Prove : $\angle AOB = \angle COD$.

Proof : In $\triangle AOB$ and $\triangle COD$,

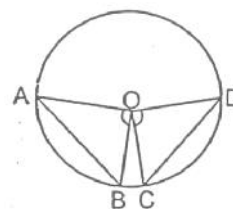
$$OA = OC \quad [\text{Radii of a circle}]$$

$$OB = OD \quad [\text{Radii of a circle}]$$

$$AB = CD \quad [\text{Given}]$$

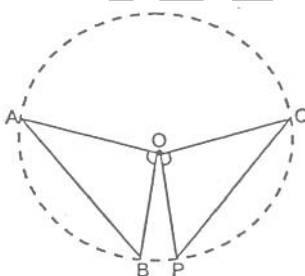
$$\therefore \triangle AOB \cong \triangle COD \quad [\text{By SSS}]$$

$$\therefore \angle AOB = \angle COD. \quad [\text{By cpctc}]$$



Converse of above Theorem :

In the angles subtended by the chords of a circle at the centre are equal, then the chords are equal.



Given : $\angle AOB$ and $\angle POQ$ are two equal angles subtended by chords AB and PQ of a circle at its centre O.

To Prove : $AB = PQ$

Proof : In $\triangle AOB$ and $\triangle POQ$,

$$OA = OP \quad [\text{Radii of a circle}]$$

$$OB = OQ \quad [\text{Radii of a circle}]$$

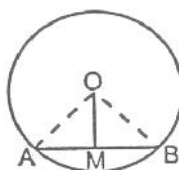
$$\angle AOB = \angle POQ \quad [\text{Given}]$$

$$\therefore \triangle AOB \cong \triangle POQ \quad [\text{By SAS}]$$

$$\therefore AB = PQ \quad [\text{By cpctc}]$$

Hence Proved.

Theorem-2 : The perpendicular from the centre of a circle to a chord bisects the chord.



Given : A circle with centre O. AB is a chord of this circle. $OM \perp AB$.

To Prove : $MA = MB$.

Construction : Join OA and OB.

Proof : In right triangles OMA and OMB,

$OA = OB$	[Radii of a circle]
$OM = OM$	[Common]
$\angle OMA = \angle OMB$	$[90^\circ \text{ each}]$
$\therefore \triangle OMA \cong \triangle OMB$	[By RHS]
$\therefore MA = MB$	[By cpctc]

Hence Proved.

Converse of above Theorem :

The line drawn through the centre of a circle to bisect a chord is perpendicular to the chord.

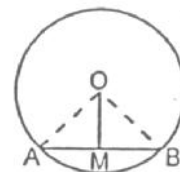
Given : A circle with centre O. AB is a chord of this circle whose mid-point is M.

To Prove : $OM \perp AB$.

Construction : Join OA and OB.

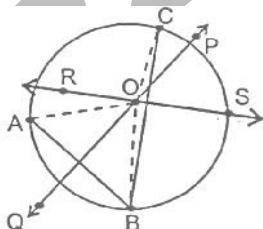
Proof : In $\triangle OMA$ and $\triangle OMB$.

$MA = MB$	[Given]
$OM = OM$	[Common]
$OA = OB$	[Radii of a circle]
$\therefore \triangle OMA \cong \triangle OMB$	[By SSS]
$\therefore \angle AMO = \angle BMO$	[By cpctc]
But $\angle AMO + \angle BMO = 180^\circ$	[Linear pair axiom]
$\therefore \angle AMO = \angle BMO = 90^\circ$	
$\Rightarrow OM \perp AB$.	



Theorem-3 : There is one and only one circle passing through three given non-collinear points.

Proof : Let us take three points A, B and C, which are not on the same line, or in other words, they are not collinear [as in figure]. Draw perpendicular bisectors of AB and BC say, PQ and RS respectively. Let these perpendicular bisectors intersect at one point O. (Note that PQ and RS will intersect because they are not parallel) [as in figure].



\therefore O lies on the perpendicular bisector PQ of AB.

$\therefore OA = OB$

[\because Every point on the perpendicular bisector of a line segment is equidistant from its end points]

Similarly,

\therefore O lies on the perpendicular bisector RS of BC.

$\therefore OB = OC$

[\because Every point on the perpendicular bisector of a line segment is equidistant from its end points]

So, $OA = OB = OC$

i.e., the points A, B and C are at equal distances from the point O.

So, if we draw a circle with centre O and radius OA it will also pass through B and C. This shows that there is a circle passing through the three points A, B and C. We know that two lines (perpendicular bisectors) can intersect at only one point, so we can draw only one circle with radius OA. In other words, there is a unique circle passing through A, B and C.

Hence Proved.

REMARK :

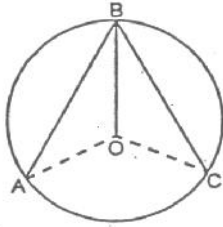
If ABC is a triangle, then by above theorem, there is a unique circle passing through the three vertices A, B and C of the triangle. This circle the circumcircle of the $\triangle ABC$. Its centre and radius are called respectively the circumcentre and the circumradius of the triangle.

Ex.1 In figure, $AB = CB$ and O is the centre of the circle. Prove that BO bisects $\angle ABC$.

Sol. **Given :** In figure, $AB = CB$ and O is the centre of the circle.

To Prove : BO bisects $\angle ABC$.

Construction : Join OA and OC.



Proof : In $\triangle OAB$ and $\triangle OCB$,

$OA = OC$ [Radii of the same circle]

$AB = CB$ [Given]

$OB = OB$ [Common]

$\therefore \triangle OAB \cong \triangle OCB$ [By SSS]

$\therefore \angle ABO = \angle CBO$ [By cpctc]

\Rightarrow BO bisects $\angle ABC$.

Hence Proved.

Ex.2 Two circles with centres A and B intersect at C and D. Prove that $\angle ACB = \angle ADB$.

Sol. **Given :** Two circles with centres A and B intersect at C and D.

To Prove : $\angle ACB = \angle ADB$.

Construction : Join AC, AD, BC, BD and AB.

Proof : In $\triangle ACB$ and $\triangle ADB$,

$AC = AD$ [Radii of the same circle]

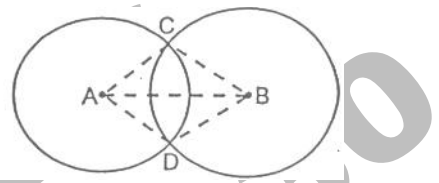
$BC = BD$ [Radii of the same circle]

$AB = AB$ [Common]

$\therefore \triangle ACB \cong \triangle ADB$ [By SSS]

$\therefore \angle ACB = \angle ADB$. [By cpctc]

Hence Proved.



E.3 In figure, $AB \cong AC$ and O is the centre of the circle. Prove that OA is the perpendicular bisector of BC.

Sol. **Given :** In figure, $AB \cong AC$ and O is the centre of the circle.

To Prove : OA is the perpendicular bisector of BC.

Construction : Join OB and OC.

Proof :

$\therefore AB \cong AC$ [Given]

\therefore chord $AB =$ chord AC .

[\because If two arcs of a circle are congruent, then their corresponding chords are equal.]

$\therefore \angle AOB = \angle AOC$ (i) [\because Equal chords of a circle subtend equal angles at the centre]

In $\triangle OBC$ and $\triangle OCD$,

$$\angle DOB = \angle DOC$$

[From (1)]

$$OB = OC$$

[Radii of the same circle]

$$OD = OD$$

[Common]

$$\therefore \triangle OBD \cong \triangle OCD$$

[By SAS]

$$\therefore \angle ODB = \angle ODC$$

....(ii) [By cpctc]

$$\text{And } BD = CD$$

... (ii) [By cpctc]

$$\text{But } \angle BDC = 180^\circ$$

$$\therefore \angle ODB + \angle ODC = 180^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle ODB + \angle ODB = 180^\circ$$

[From equation (ii)]

$$\Rightarrow 2\angle ODB = 180^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle ODB = 90^\circ$$

$$\therefore \angle ODB = \angle ODC = 90^\circ$$

....(iv) [From (ii)]

So, by (iii) and (iv), OA is the perpendicular bisector of BC.

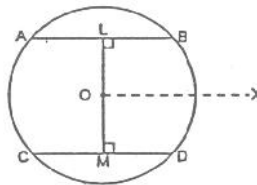
Hence Proved.

Ex.4 Prove that the line joining the mid-points of the two parallel chords of a circle passes through the centre of the circle.

Sol. Let AB and CD be two parallel chords of a circle whose centre is O.

Let L and M be the mid-points of the chords AB and CD respectively. Join OL and OM.

Draw $OX \parallel AB$ or CD .



\therefore L is the mid-point of the chord AB and O is the centre of the circle

$$\therefore \angle OLB = 90^\circ$$

[\because The perpendicular drawn from the centre of a circle to chord bisects the chord]

But, $OX \parallel AB$

$$\therefore \angle LOX = 90^\circ \dots (i)$$

[\because Sum of the consecutive interior angles on the same side of a transversal is 180°]

\therefore M is the mid-point of the chord CD and O is the centre of the circle.

$$\therefore \angle OMD = 90^\circ$$

[\because The perpendicular drawn from the centre of a circle to a chord bisects the chord]

But $OX \parallel CD$ (ii)

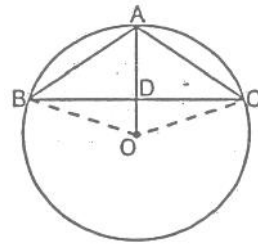
[\because Sum of the consecutive interior angles on the same side of a transversal is 180°]

$$\therefore \angle MOX = 90^\circ$$

From above equations, we get

$$\angle LOX + \angle MOX = 90^\circ + 90^\circ = 180^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle LOM = 180^\circ$$



\Rightarrow LM is a straight line passing through the centre of the circle.

Hence Proved.

Ex.5 ℓ is a line which intersects two concentric circle (i.e., circles with the same centre) with common centre O at A, B, C and D (as in figure). Prove that $AB = CD$.

Sol. **Given :** ℓ is a line which intersects two concentric circles (i.e., circles with the same centre) with common centre O at A, B, C and D.

To Prove : $AB = CD$.

Construction : Draw $OE \perp \ell$

Proof :

\therefore The perpendicular drawn from the centre of a circle to a chord bisects the chord

$$\therefore AE = ED \quad \dots(i)$$

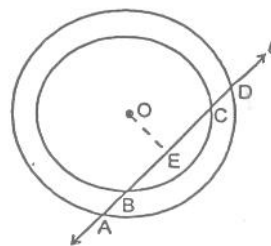
$$\text{And } BE = EC \quad \dots(ii)$$

Subtracting (ii) from (i), we get

$$AE - BE = ED - EC$$

$$\Rightarrow AB = CD.$$

Hence Proved.



Ex.6 PQ and RS are two parallel chords of a circle whose centre is O and radius is 10 cm. If $PQ = 16$ cm and $RS = 12$ cm, find the distance between PQ and RS, if they lie.

(i) on the same side of the centre O.

(ii) on opposite sides of the centre O.

Sol. (i) Draw the perpendicular bisectors OL and OM of PQ and RS respectively.

$$\therefore PQ \parallel RS$$

$$\therefore OL \text{ and } OM \text{ are in the same line.}$$

$$\Rightarrow O, L \text{ and } M \text{ are collinear.}$$

Join OP and OR.

In right triangle OLP,

$$OP^2 = OL^2 + PL^2 \quad [\text{By Pythagoras Theorem}]$$

$$\Rightarrow (10)^2 = OL^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2} \times pq\right)^2$$

[\therefore The perpendicular drawn from the centre of a circle to a chord bisects the chord]

$$\Rightarrow 100 = OL^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2} \times 16\right)^2$$

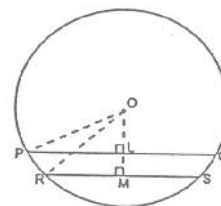
$$\Rightarrow 100 = OL^2 + (8)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 100 = OL^2 + 64$$

$$\Rightarrow OL^2 = 100 - 64$$

$$\Rightarrow OL^2 = 36 = (6)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow OL = 6 \text{ cm}$$



In right triangle OMR,

$$OR^2 = OM^2 + RM^2$$

[By Pythagoras Theorem]

$$\Rightarrow OR^2 = OM^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2} \times RS\right)^2$$

[\because The perpendicular drawn from the centre of a circle to a chord bisects the chord]

$$\Rightarrow (10)^2 = OM^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2} \times 12\right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (10)^2 = OM^2 + (6)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow OM^2 = (10)^2 - (6)^2 = (10 - 6)(10 + 6) = (4)(16) = 64 = (8)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow OM = 8 \text{ cm}$$

$$\therefore LM = OM - OL = 8 - 6 = 2 \text{ cm}$$

Hence, the distance between PQ and RS, if they lie on the same side of the centre O, is 2 cm.

(ii) Draw the perpendicular bisectors OL and OM of PQ and RS respectively.

$$\therefore PQ \parallel RS$$

$$\therefore OL \text{ and } OM \text{ are in the same line}$$

$$\Rightarrow L, O \text{ and } M \text{ are collinear.}$$

Join OP and OR.

In right triangle OLP,

$$OP^2 = OL^2 + PL^2$$

[By Pythagoras Theorem]

$$\Rightarrow OP^2 = OL^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2} \times PQ\right)^2$$

[\because The perpendicular drawn from the centre of a circle to a chord bisects the chord]

$$\Rightarrow (10)^2 = OL^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2} \times 16\right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 100 = OL^2 + (8)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 100 = OL^2 + 64$$

$$\Rightarrow OL^2 = 100 - 64$$

$$\Rightarrow OL^2 = 36 = (6)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow OL = 6 \text{ cm}$$

In right triangle OMR,

$$OR^2 = OM^2 + RM^2$$

[By Pythagoras Theorem]

$$\Rightarrow OR^2 = OM^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2} \times 12\right)^2$$

[\because The perpendicular drawn from the centre of a circle to a chord bisects the chord]

$$\Rightarrow (10)^2 = OM^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2} \times RS\right)^2$$

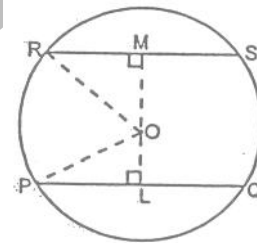
$$\Rightarrow (10)^2 = OM^2 + (6)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow OM^2 = (10)^2 - (6)^2 = (10 - 6)(10 + 6) = (4)(16) = 64 = (8)^2$$

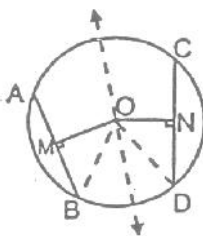
$$\Rightarrow OM = 8 \text{ cm}$$

$$\therefore LM = OL + OM = 6 + 8 = 14 \text{ cm}$$

Hence, the distance between PQ and RS, if they lie on the opposite side of the centre O, is 14 cm.



Theorem-4 : Equal chords of a circle (or of congruent circles) are equidistant from the centre (or centres).



Given : A circle have two equal chords AB & CD. .e. $AB = CD$ and $OM \perp AB$, $ON \perp CD$

To Prove : $OM = ON$

Construction : Join OB & OD

Proof : $AB = CD$ (Given)

[\because The perpendicular drawn from the centre of a circle to bisect the chord.]

$$\therefore \frac{1}{2}AB = \frac{1}{2}CD$$

$$\Rightarrow BM = DN$$

In $\triangle OMB$ & $\triangle OND$

$$\angle OMB = \angle OND = 90^\circ$$

[Given]

$$OB = OD$$

[Radii of same circle]

$$\text{Side } BM = \text{Side } DN$$

[Proved above]

$$\therefore \triangle OMB \cong \triangle OND$$

[By R.H.S.]

$$\therefore OM = ON$$

[By cpctc]

Hence Proved.

REMARK :

Chords equidistant from the centre of a circle are equal in length.

Ex.7 AB and CD are equal chords of a circle whose centre is O. When produced, these chords meet at E. Prove that $EB = ED$.

Sol. **Given :** AB and CD are equal chords of a circle whose centre is O. When produced, these chords meet at E.

To Prove : $EB = ED$.

Construction : From O draw $OP \perp AB$ and $OQ \perp CD$. Join OE.

Proof : $\therefore AB = CD$

[Given]

$$\therefore OP = OQ$$

[\because Equal chords of a circle are equidistant from the centre]

Now in right triangles OPE and OQE,

$$OE = OE$$

[Common]

$$\text{Side } OP = \text{Side } OQ$$

[Proved above]

$$\therefore \triangle OPE \cong \triangle OQE$$

[By RHS]

$$\therefore OE = QE$$

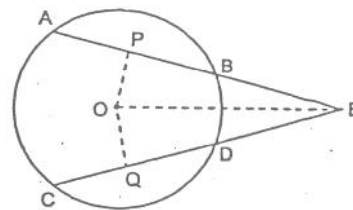
[By cpctc]

$$\Rightarrow PE - \frac{1}{2}AB = QE - \frac{1}{2}CD$$

[$\because AB = CD$ (Given)]

$$\Rightarrow PE - PB = QE - QD$$

$$\Rightarrow EB = ED.$$



Hence Proved.

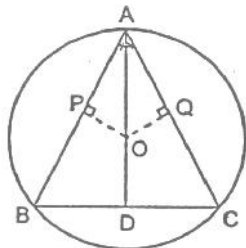
Ex.8 Bisector AD of $\angle BAC$ of $\triangle ABC$ passed through the centre O of the circumcircle of $\triangle ABC$. Prove that $AB = AC$.

Sol. **Given :** Bisector AD of $\angle BAC$ of $\triangle ABC$ passed through the centre O of the circumcircle of $\triangle ABC$,

To Prove : $AB = AC$.

Construction : Draw $OP \perp AB$ and $OQ \perp AC$.

Proof :



In $\triangle APO$ and $\triangle AQO$,

$\angle OPA = \angle OQA$ [Each = 90° (by construction)]

$\angle OAP = \angle OAQ$ [Given]

$OA = OA$ [Common]

$\therefore \triangle APO \cong \triangle AQO$ [By ASS cong. prop.]

$\therefore OP = OQ$ [By cpctc]

$\therefore AB = AC$. [\because Chords equidistant from the centre are equal]

Hence Proved.

Ex.9 AB and CD are the chords of a circle whose centre is O. They intersect each other at P. If PO be the bisector of $\angle APD$, prove that $AB = CD$.

OR

In the given figure, O is the centre of the circle and PO bisect the angle APD. prove that $AB = CD$.

Sol. **Given :** AB and CD are the chords of a circle whose centre is O. They intersect each other at P. PO is the bisector of $\angle APD$.

To Prove : $AB = CD$.

Construction : Draw $OR \perp AB$ and $OQ \perp CD$.

Proof : In $\triangle OPR$ and $\triangle OPQ$,

$\angle OPR = \angle OPQ$ [Given]

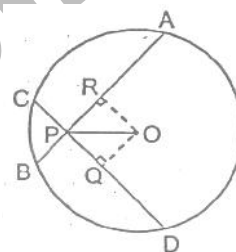
$OP = OP$ [Common]

And $\angle ORP = \angle OQP$ [Each = 90°]

$\therefore \triangle OPR \cong \triangle OPQ$ [By AAS]

$\therefore OR = OQ$ [By cpctc]

$\therefore AB = CD$ [\because Chords of a circle which are equidistant from the centre are equal]



REMARK :

Angle Subtended by an Arc of a Circle :

In figure, the angle subtended by the minor arc PQ at O is $\angle POQ$ and the angle subtended by the major arc PQ at O is reflex angle $\angle POQ$.

