Geometry Unit 1 Line Master 5a

Investigating Circle Properties and Constructions

Exploring Chords in a Circle

- Use a compass to construct a circle on paper or tracing paper. Label the centre C.
- Construct chord \overline{AB} that is not a diameter.
- Fold the circle so that point A coincides with point B.
- What do you notice about the fold?



Application

a) The radius of this circle is 9. The length of chord \overline{AB} is 12. How far is the chord from the centre of the circle?

(i.e., What is the length of \overline{CD} ?) (Answer to the nearest tenth)



b) The radius of this circle is 6. The length of \overline{CD} is 3. What is the length of chord \overline{AB} ? (Answer to the nearest tenth)



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Investigating Circle Properties and Constructions (cont'd)

Exploring Angles and Arcs

- Use a compass to construct a circle. Label the centre C.
- Place points A and B on the circle to create minor arc \widehat{AB} .
- Add points D, E, and F on the circle (not between the minor arc AB) and join segments to create inscribed angles ∠*ADB*, ∠*AEB*, and ∠*AFB*.
- Use a protractor to measure these angles. What do you notice?
- Construct and measure central angle $\angle ACB$. What do you notice?



Application

a) Point C is the centre of the circle. Determine the measure of $\angle ADB$.



b) Point C is the centre of the circle. Determine the measure of $\angle CAB$.



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Exploring Tangents to a Circle

- Use a compass to construct a circle. Label the centre C.
- Construct a radius \overline{AC} .
- Use a protractor to construct 90° angles on both sides of the radius at point A, and extend the line.
- What do you notice about the line in relation to the circle?



Application

