

CLASS- X SUBJECT- MATHEMETICS NAME OF THE CHAPTER- 10, CIRCLE PREPARED BY – HITESH KUMAR RAIKWAR (TGT-MATH/PHYSICS) MODULE-1 Subtopics-Introduction-Secant

Segment, Sector, Chord

Introduction

You have studied in Class IX that a circle is a collection of all points in a plane which are at a constant distance (radius) from a fixed point (centre). You have also studied various terms related to a circle like chord, segment, sector, arc etc. but we will revise all basic term like above.

BASIC TERM USED IN CIRCLE

Secant-In geometry, a **secant** of a curve is a line that intersects the curve at a minimum of two distinct points. The word **secant** comes from the Latin word secare, meaning to cut.



Chord of a Circle

Chord of a circle is a straight line segment whose endpoints both lie on the **circle**. More generally, a **chord** is a line segment joining two points on any curve, for instance, an ellipse.



Segment of a circle

The **segment of a circle** is the region bounded by a chord and the arc subtended by the chord.



Sector of a Circle

A **sector of a circle** is a portion of the circle made of its arc and two radii.



Tangent of a Circle

• A **tangent** to a **circle**, is a line that touches the **circle** at exactly one point, never entering the **circle's** interior.





In Fig. 10.1 (i), the line PQ and the circle have no common point. In this case,

PQ is called a **non-intersecting** line with respect to the circle. In Fig. 10.1 (ii), there

are two common points A and B that the line PQ and the circle have. In this case, we

call the line PQ a **secant** of the circle. In Fig. 10.1 (iii), there is only one point A which

is common to the line PQ and the circle. In this case, the line is called a **tangent** to the

circle.

- Remember the following points about the properties of tangents-
- The tangent line never crosses the circle, it just touches the circle.
- At the point of tangency, it is perpendicular to the radius.
- From the same external point, the tangent segments to a circle are equal.





