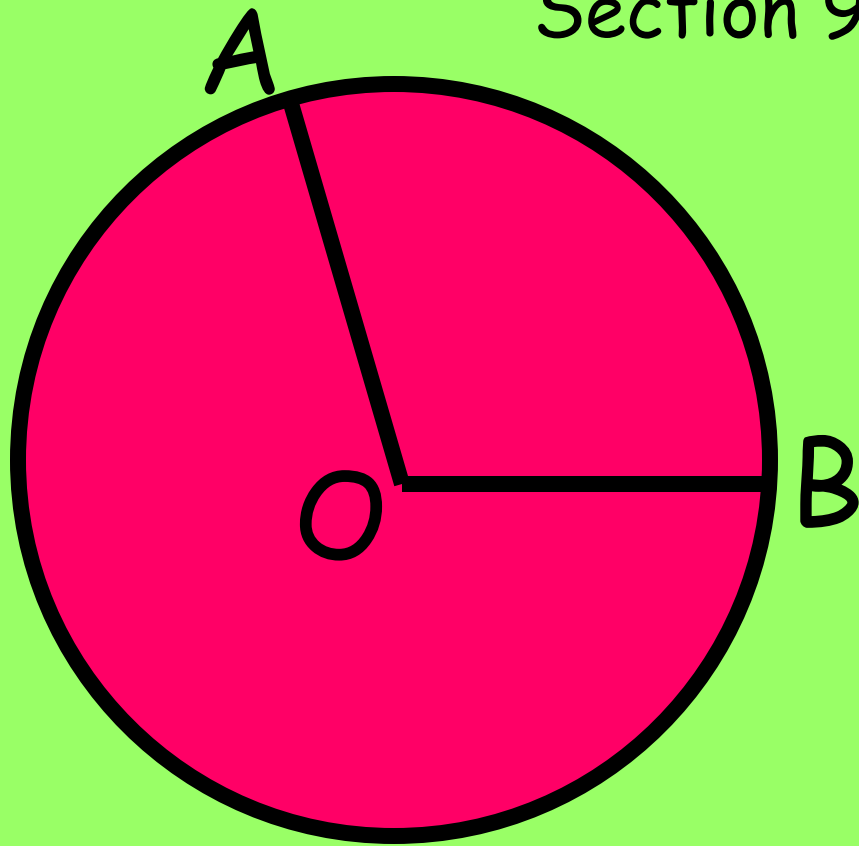
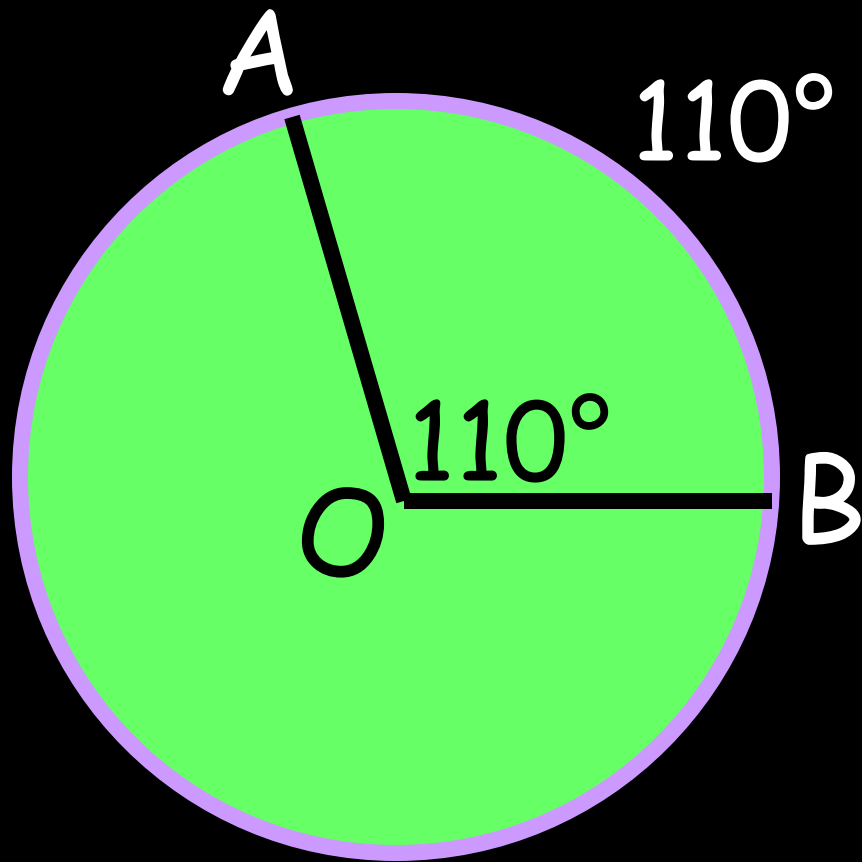


## Section 9-3: Arcs & Central Angles



$\angle AOB$  is a central angle of circle  $O$ .

**Central Angle:** an angle with its vertex at the center of the circle.



Arcs are measured in degrees, like angles. The measure of the intercepted arc of a central angle is equal to the measure of the central angle.

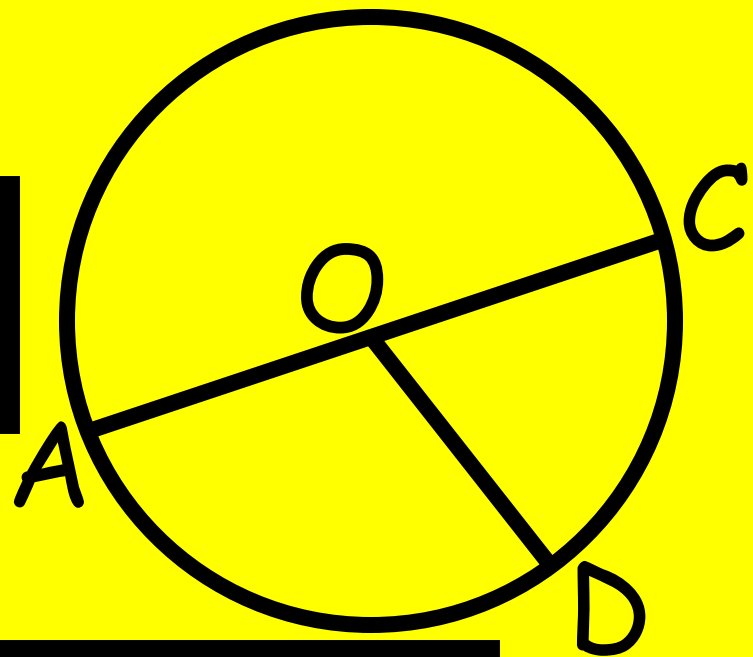
This central angle intercepts an arc of circle  $O$ .

Arc:  $\widehat{AB}$  is an unbroken part of a circle.

# Types of arcs:

Minor Arc - measures less than  $180^\circ$

Example:  $\widehat{AD}$



Major Arc - measures more than  $180^\circ$

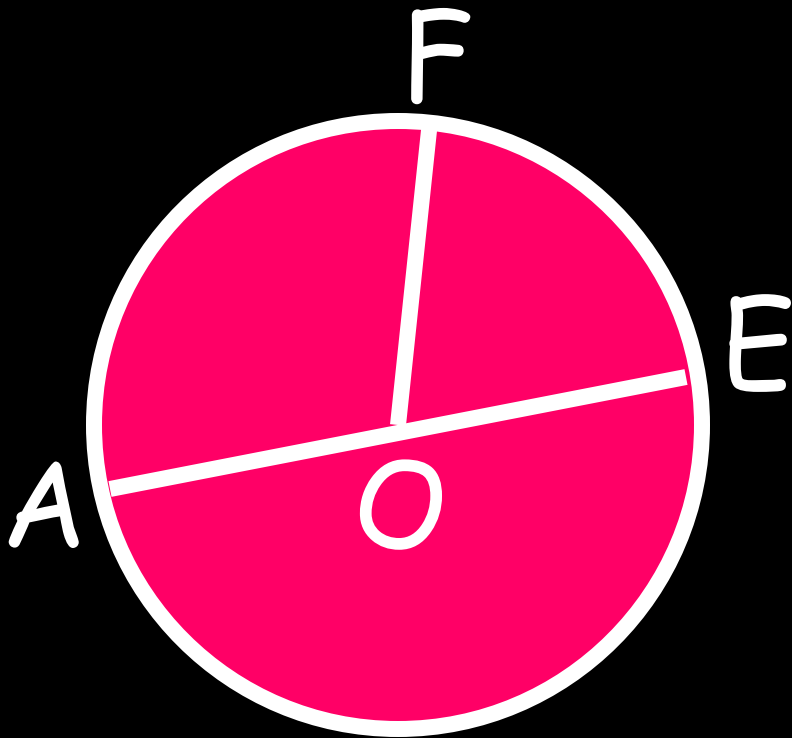
Example:  $\widehat{ACD}$

Semicircle - measures exactly  $180^\circ$

Example:  $\widehat{ADC}$

**\*\*Major Arcs and Semicircles are ALWAYS named with 3 letters.\*\***

**Adjacent Arcs:** Two arcs that share a common endpoint, but do not overlap.



$\widehat{AF}$  and  $\widehat{FE}$  are adjacent arcs.

$\widehat{EF}$  and  $\widehat{FAE}$  are adjacent arcs.

Name...

1. Two minor arcs

$\widehat{VW}$ ,  $\widehat{WY}$

2. Two major arcs

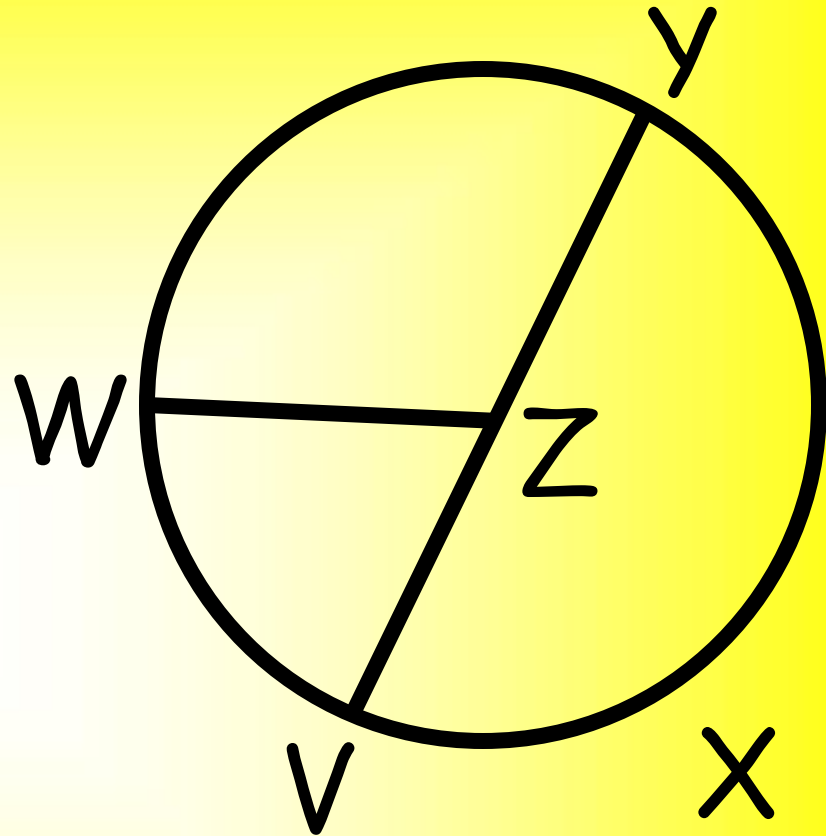
$\widehat{VYW}$ ,  $\widehat{XYV}$ ,  $\widehat{WVY}$

3. Two semicircles

$\widehat{VWY}$ ,  $\widehat{VXY}$

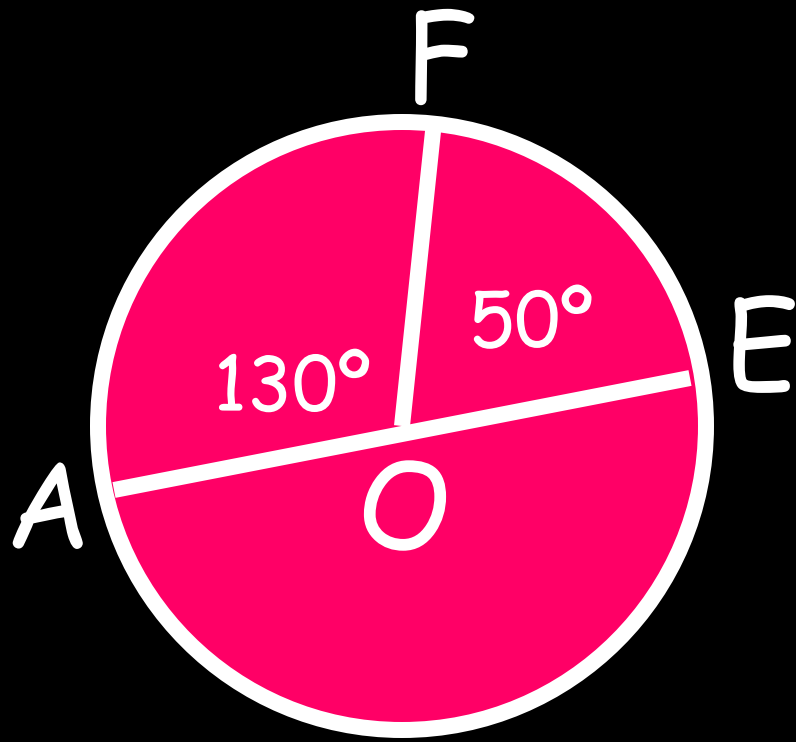
4. Two adjacent arcs

$\widehat{VW}$  &  $\widehat{WY}$  or  $\widehat{YXV}$  &  $\widehat{VW}$



Circle Z

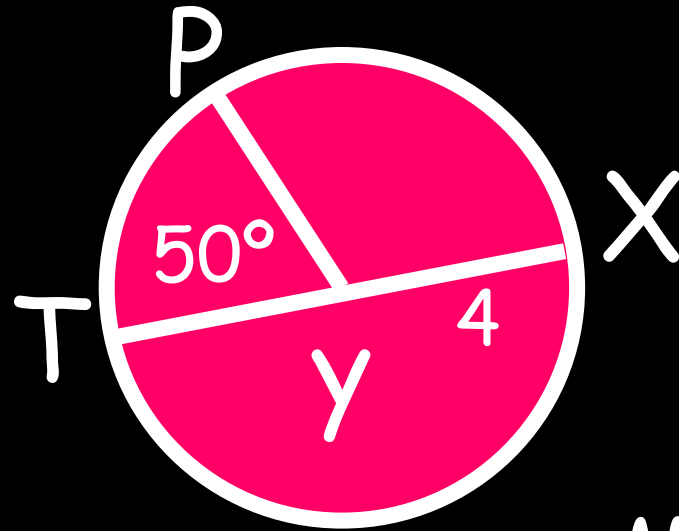
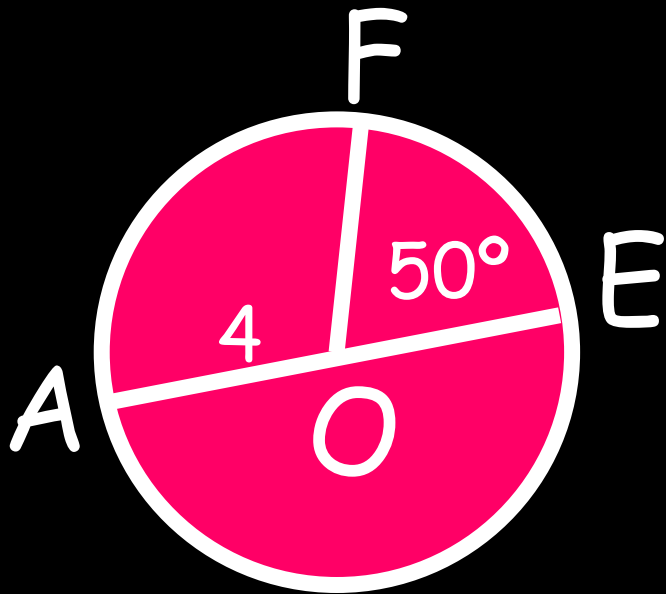
Arc Addition Postulate- The measures of the arc formed by two adjacent arcs is the sum of the measure of these two arcs.



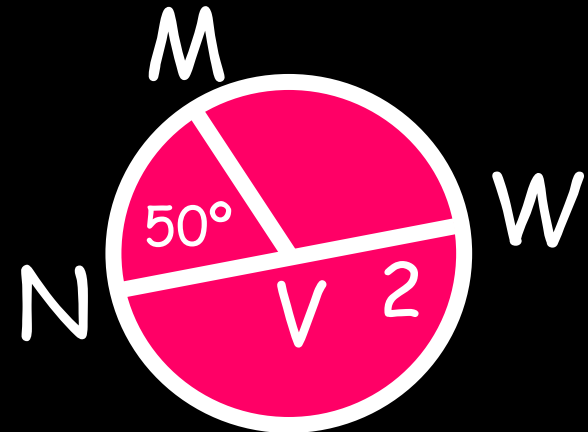
$$\widehat{AF} + \widehat{FE} = \widehat{AFE}$$

$$50^\circ + 130^\circ = 180^\circ$$

Congruent Arcs: Arcs, in the same circle  
or in congruent circles, that have the  
same measure.



Not  
Congruent!!!!



Give the measure of each angle or arc.

1.  $\angle WOT = 50^\circ$

2.  $\widehat{WX} = 100^\circ$

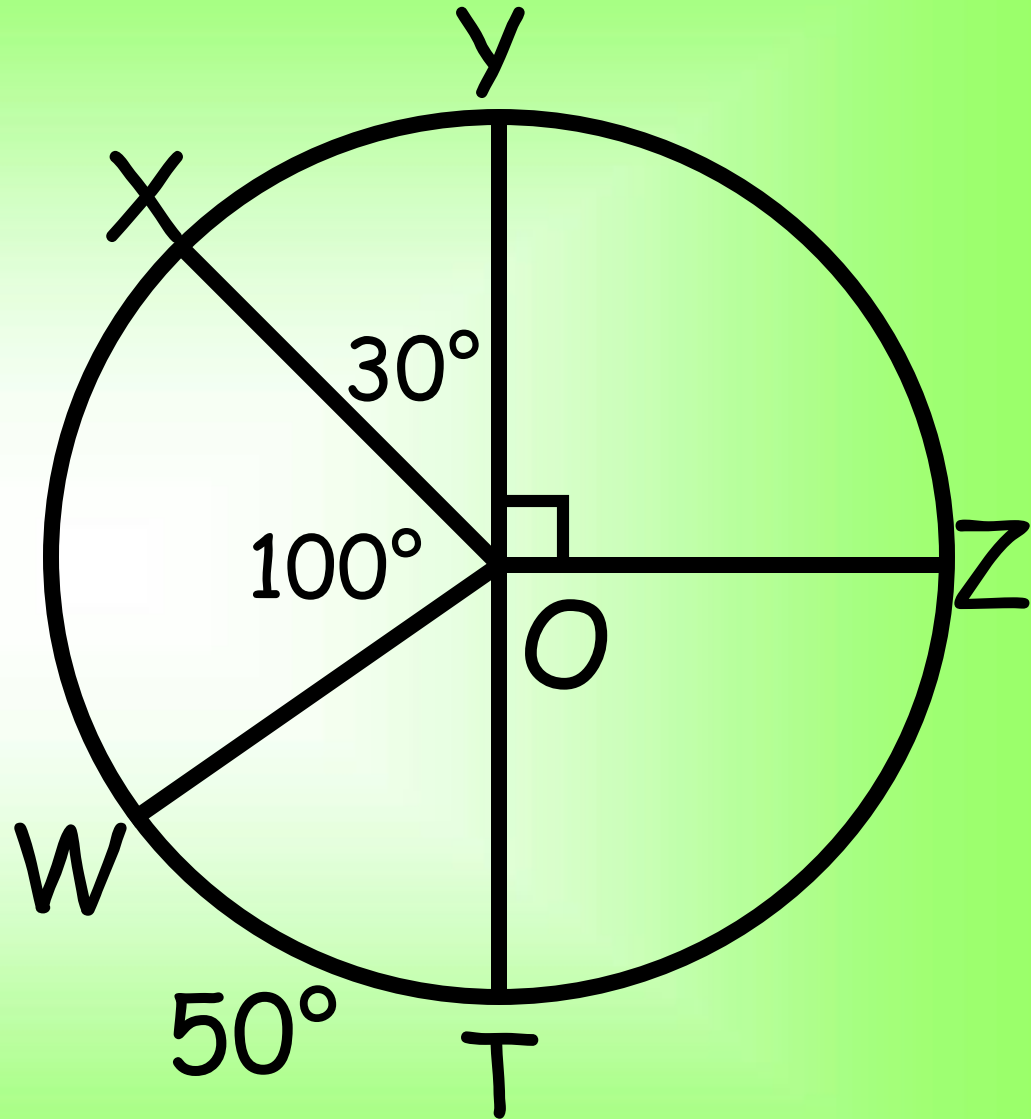
3.  $\widehat{YZ} = 90^\circ$

4.  $\widehat{YZX} = 330^\circ$

5.  $\widehat{XYT} = 210^\circ$

6.  $\widehat{WYZ} = 220^\circ$

7.  $\widehat{WZ} = 140^\circ$







Find the measure of the angle between the hands of a clock that reads 8:00.

There are 12 sections on the clock. You must divide the 360 evenly between the 12 sections. How many degrees are between each two numbers?

$$360/12 = 30^\circ.$$

If the hands are on the 8 and the 12, you must count that  $30^\circ$  4 times.

Answer:  $120^\circ$

