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3.1 Geometry Toolkit

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3.1.1 Coordinate Geometry

Basic Coordinate Geometry

What are cartesian coordinates?

- **Cartesian** coordinates are basically the *x*-*y* coordinate system
 - They allow us to label where things are in a two-dimensional plane
- In the 2D cartesian system, the horizontal axis is labelled x and the vertical axis is labelled y

What can we do with coordinates?

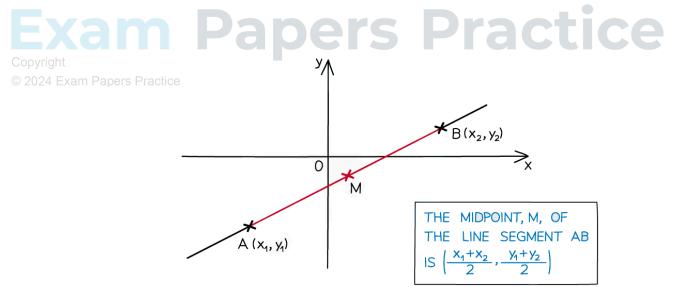
- If we have two points with coordinates (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) then we should be able to find
 - The midpoint of the two points
 - The **distance** between the two points
 - The gradient of the line between them

How do I find the midpoint of two points?

- The midpoint is the average (middle) point
 - It can be found by finding the middle of the x-coordinates and the middle of the ycoordinates
- The coordinates of the midpoint will be

$$\left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2}\right)$$

• This is given in the formula booklet under the prior learning section at the beginning



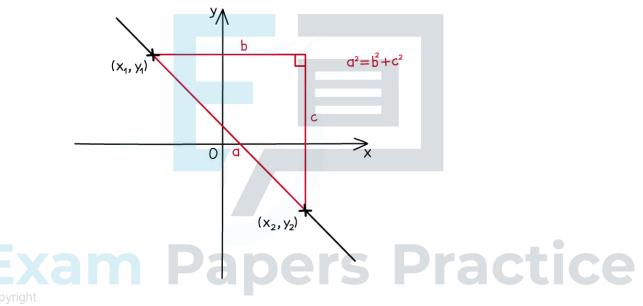
How do I find the distance between two points?



• The distance between two points with coordinates (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) can be found using the formula

$$d = \sqrt{(x_1 - x_2)^2 + (y_1 - y_2)^2}$$

- This is given in the formula booklet in the prior learning section at the beginning
- Pythagoras' Theorem $a^2 = b^2 + c^2$ is used to find the length of a line between two coordinates
- If the coordinates are labelled A and B then the line segment between them is written with the notation [AB]



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How do I find the gradient of the line between two points?

• The gradient of a line between two points with coordinates (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) can be found using the formula

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

• This is given in the formula booklet under section 2.1 Gradient formula

• This is usually known as
$$m = \frac{rise}{run}$$



Worked example

Point A has coordinates (3, -4) and point B has coordinates (-5, 2).

i) Calculate the distance of the line segment AB.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A:(3, -4) & B:(-5, 2) \\ & & & & \\ x_1 & & y_1 & & \\ x_2 & & y_2 \end{array}$$

Formula for distance between two points:

$$d = \int (x_1 - x_2)^2 + (y_1 - y_2)^2$$

sub coordinates for A and B into the formula:

$$d = \sqrt{(3 - (-5))^{2} + (-4 - 2)^{2}}$$
$$= \sqrt{8^{2} + (-6)^{2}} = \sqrt{100}$$
$$d = 10 \text{ units}$$

ii) Find the gradient of the line connecting points A and B

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Formula for gradient of a line segment: $m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$

sub coordinates for A and B into the formula:

$$m = \frac{2 - -4}{-5 - 3} = \frac{-6}{-8} = -\frac{3}{4}$$
$$m = -\frac{3}{4}$$

iii) Find the midpoint of [AB].



$$\begin{array}{ccc} A:(3, -4) & B:(-5, 2) \\ & & & \\ x_1 & & y_1 & \\ x_2 & & y_2 \end{array}$$

Formula for the midpoint of two coordinates:

$$\left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2}\right)$$

 $\mathsf{Midpoint} = (-1, -1)$

Sub values in:

Midpoint =
$$\left(\frac{3 + (-5)}{2}, \frac{-4 + 2}{2}\right) = (-1, -1)$$

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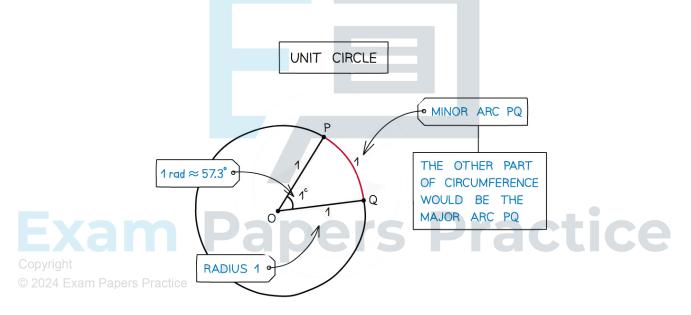


3.1.2 Radian Measure

Radian Measure

What are radians?

- Radians are an alternative to degrees for measuring angles
- Iradian is the angle in a sector of radius land arc length l
 A circle with radius lis called a unit circle
- Radians are normally quoted in terms of π
 - 2π radians = 360°
 - π radians = 180°
- The symbol for radians is ^c but it is more usual to see **rad**
 - Often, when π is involved, no symbol is given as it is obvious it is in radians
 - Whilst it is okay to omit the symbol for radians, you should never omit the symbol for degrees
- In the exam you should use radians unless otherwise indicated



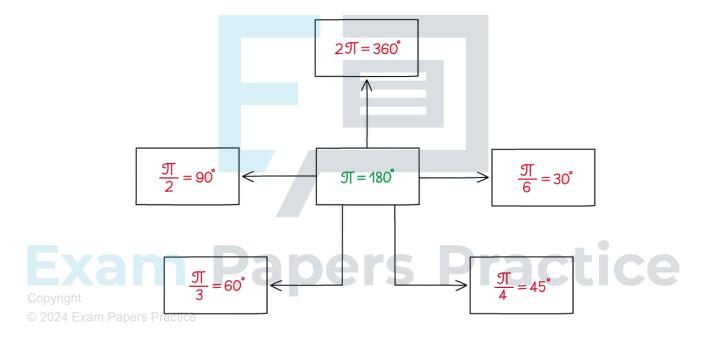
How do I convert between radians and degrees?

- Use π^{c} = 180° to convert between radians and degrees
 - To convert from radians to degrees multiply by $\frac{180}{\pi}$
 - To convert from degrees to radians multiply by $\frac{\pi}{180}$
- Some of the common conversions are:
 - $2\pi c = 360$ °
 - $\pi^{c} = 180^{\circ}$



$$\frac{\pi}{2}^{c} = 90^{\circ}$$
$$\frac{\pi}{3}^{c} = 60^{\circ}$$
$$\frac{\pi}{4}^{c} = 45^{\circ}$$
$$\frac{\pi}{6}^{c} = 30^{\circ}$$

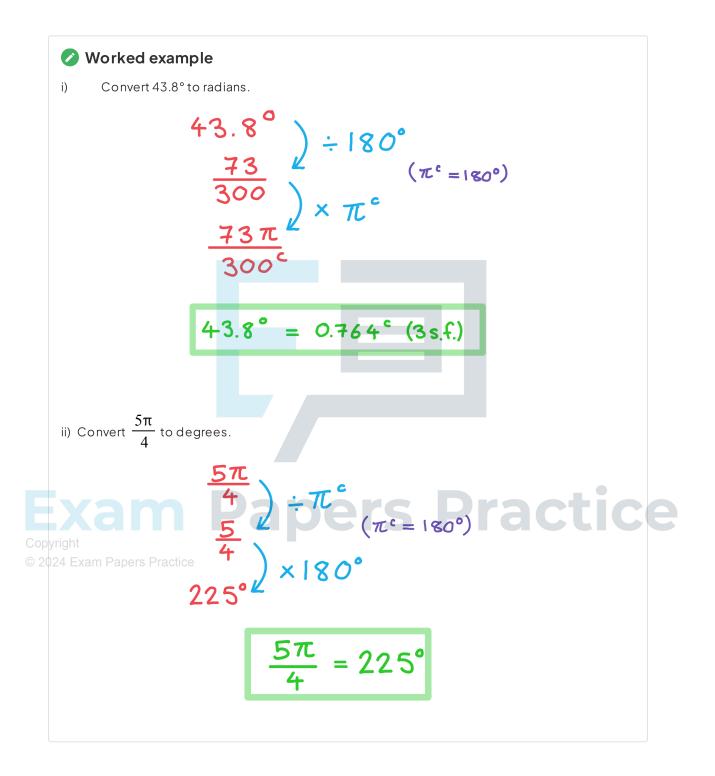
- It is a good idea to remember some of these and use them to work out other conversions
- Your GDC will be able to work with both radians and degrees



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- Sometimes an exam question will specify whether you should be using degrees or radians and sometimes it will not, if it doesn't it is expected that you will work in radians
- If the question involves π then working in radians is useful as there will likely be opportunities where you can cancel out π
- Make sure that your calculator is in the correct mode for the type of angle you are working with







3.1.3 Arcs & Sectors

Length of an Arc

What is an arc?

- An arc is a part of the **circumference** of a circle
 - It is easiest to think of it as the crust of a single slice of pizza
- The length of an arc depends of the size of the angle at the centre of the circle
- If the angle at the centre is less than 180° then the arc is known as a minor arc
 - This could be considered as the crust of a single slice of pizza
- If the angle at the centre is **more than 180°** then the arc is known as a **major arc**
 - This could be considered as the crust of the remaining pizza after a slice has been taken away

How do I find the length of an arc?

- The length of an arc is simply a fraction of the circumference of a circle
 The fraction can be found by dividing the angle at the centre by 360°
- The formula for the length, l, of an arc is

$$l = \frac{\theta}{360} \times 2\pi r$$

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• Where heta is the angle measured in degrees

• *I* is the radius

- This is in the formula booklet for radian measure only
 - Remember 2π radians = 360°

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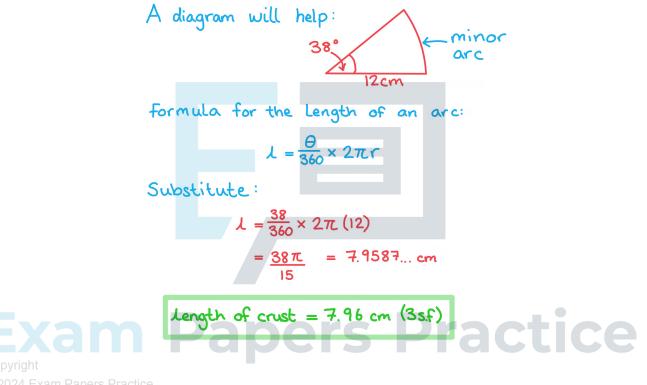
• Make sure that you read the question carefully to determine if you need to calculate the arc length of a sector, the perimeter or something else that incorporates the arc length!



Worked example

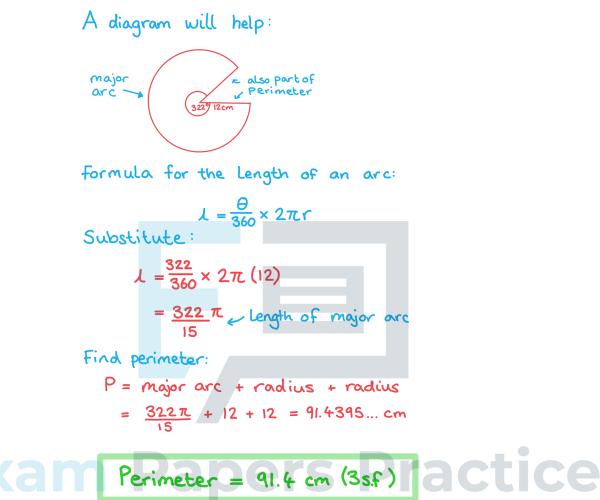
A circular pizza has had a slice cut from it, the angle of the slice that was cut was 38°. The radius of the pizza is 12 cm. Find

i) the length of the outside crust of the slice of pizza (the minor arc),



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Area of a Sector

What is a sector?

- A sector is a part of a circle enclosed by two radii (radiuses) and an arc
 It is easier to think of this as the shape of a single slice of pizza
- The area of a sector depends of the size of the angle at the centre of the sector
- If the angle at the centre is less than 180° then the sector is known as a minor sector
 - This could be considered as the shape of a single slice of pizza
- If the angle at the centre is more than 180° then the sector is known as a major sector
 - This could be considered as the shape of the remaining pizza after a slice has been taken away

How do I find the area of a sector?

- The area of a sector is simply a fraction of the area of the whole circle
 The fraction can be found by dividing the angle at the centre by 360°
- The formula for the area, A, of a sector is

$$A = \frac{\theta}{360} \times \pi r^2$$

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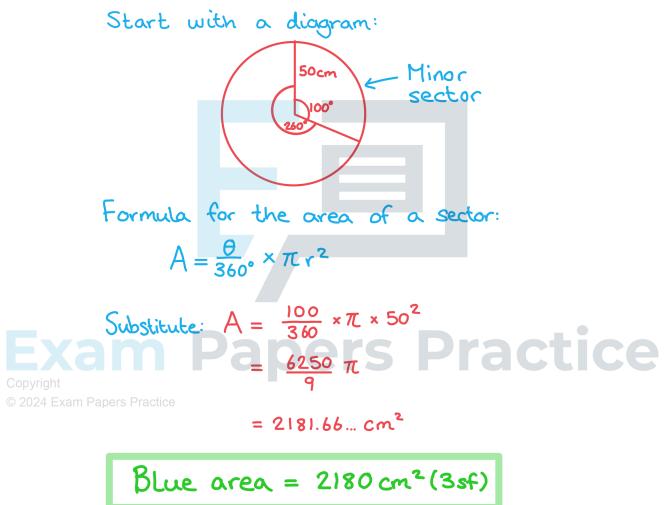
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Worked example

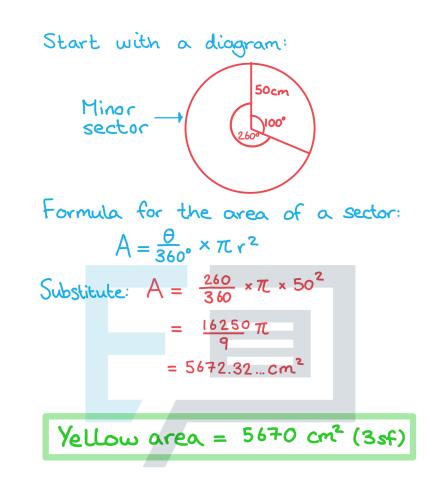
Jamie has divided a circle of radius 50 cm into two sectors; a minor sector of angle 100° and a major sector of angle 260°. He is going to paint the minor sector blue and the major sector yellow. Find

i) the area Jamie will paint blue,



ii) the area Jamie will paint yellow.





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Arcs & Sectors Using Radians

How do luse radians to find the length of an arc?

- As the radian measure for a **full turn** is 2π , the fraction of the circle becomes $\frac{1}{2}$
- Working in radians, the formula for the length of an arc will become

$$l = \frac{\theta}{2\pi} \times 2\pi r$$

• Simplifying, the formula for the length, *1*, of an arc is

$$1 = r\theta$$

- heta is the angle measured in radians
- *I* is the radius
- This is given in the formula booklet, you do not need to remember it

How do luse radians to find the area of a sector?

- As the radian measure for a full turn is 2π , the fraction of the circle becomes $\frac{1}{2\pi}$
- Working in radians, the formula for the area of a sector will become

$$A = \frac{\theta}{2\pi} \times \pi r^2$$

 $A = \frac{1}{2} r^2 \theta$

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• Simplifying, the formula for the area, A , of a sector is

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- heta is the angle measured in **radians**
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