

11-5 Geometric Probability

Probability: $\frac{\text{What you want}}{\text{What is possible}}$

$P(E)$: Probability (chances) of an event happening.

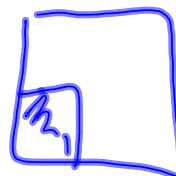
E represents what you want to happen.

Example: $P(Q)$: chances of picking a queen in a deck of cards.

Geometric Probability:

* Used when you want to find the chances of landing in a specific area.

$$P(E) = \frac{\text{Area you want}}{\text{Total Area}}$$

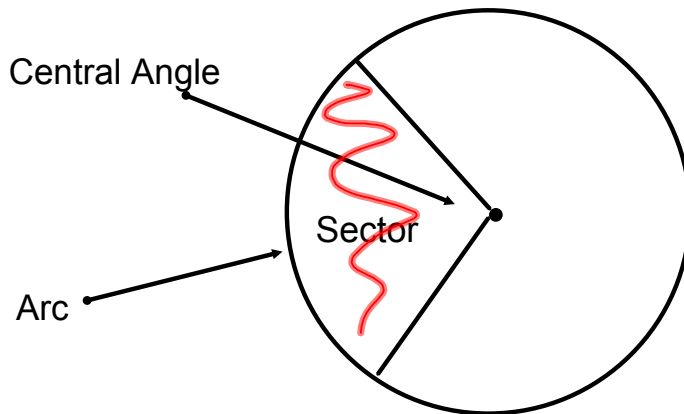


* Assume that it is equally likely that the object will land anywhere in the region.

* Assume that the object lands within the target area.

Sector:

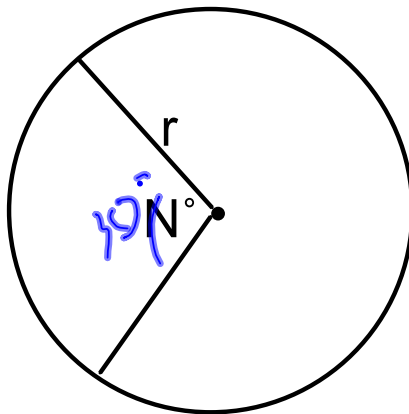
- * A region of the circle that is bounded by central angle and its intercepted arc.
- * Think of it as a slice of pizza or pie.

**Area of Sector:**

$$A = \frac{N}{360^\circ} \pi r^2$$

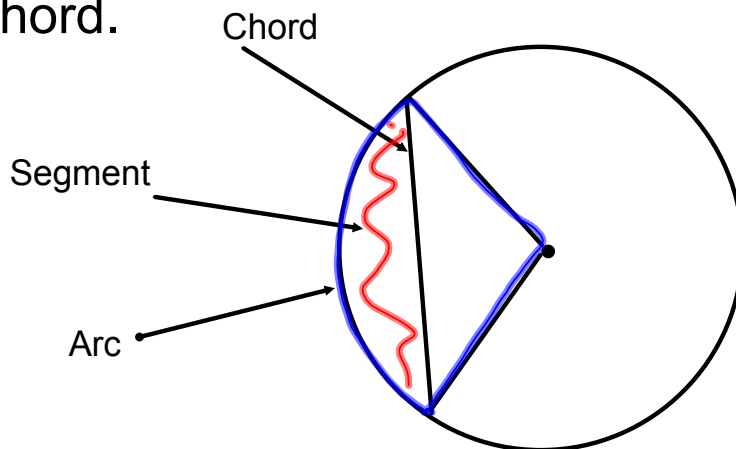
r: radius

N: central angle measure



Segment of a Circle:

- * The region of a circle bounded by an arc and a chord.

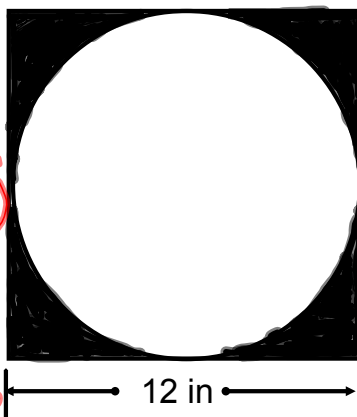


Area of a Segment = area sector - area triangle

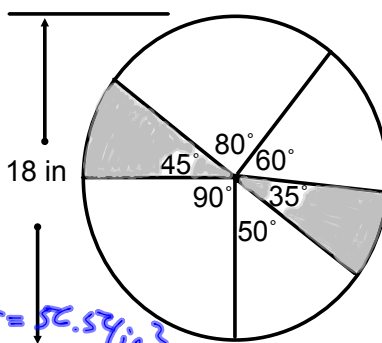
1. A game board consists of a circle inscribed in a square. What is the chance that a dart thrown at the board will land in the shaded region?

$$\begin{array}{r}
 30.9026645 \\
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 144 \\
 427 \pi - 144 \\
 347 \pi - 113.0973355 \\
 \hline
 30.9026645
 \end{array}$$

3146.26
 (21.5%)



2.
a. Find the area of the shaded sectors.



$$A = \frac{N}{360} \cdot \pi r^2$$

$$A = \frac{80}{360} \cdot \pi 9^2 = 18\pi = 56.54 \text{ in}^2$$

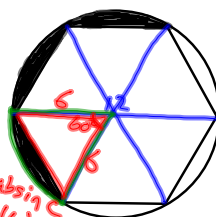
- b. Find the probability that a point chosen at random lies in the shaded region.

$$P(\text{shaded region}) = \frac{18\pi}{\pi r^2} = \frac{18\pi}{9^2 \pi} = \frac{18\pi}{81\pi}$$

$$\approx 0.2$$

$$\approx 22\%$$

3. A regular hexagon is inscribed in a circle with a diameter of 12.



- a. Find the area of the shaded regions.

$$r = 6 \quad 360 \div 6 = 60^\circ$$

$$A_{\text{sector}} = \frac{60}{360} \cdot \pi \cdot 6^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \cdot 36\pi = 6\pi$$

$$6\pi - 18 \sin 60^\circ = 3.26$$

$$\times 3$$

$$A = 9.78$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2} ab \sin C$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2} (6 \times 6) \sin 60^\circ$$

$$A = 18 \sin 60^\circ$$

- b. Find the probability that a point chosen at random lies in the shaded region.

$$P(\text{shaded region}) = \frac{\text{area of shaded region}}{\text{area of circle}}$$

$$P(\text{shaded region}) = \frac{9.78}{36\pi}$$

$$P(\text{shaded region}) = \frac{9.78}{6^2 \pi}$$

$$\approx 9\% \quad 0.09$$