Geometry Segment Lengths in Circles

When two chords intersect in the interior of a circle, each chord is divided into two segments that are called segments of the chord.

Segments of Chords Theorem

If two chords intersect in the interior of a circle, then the product of the lengths of the segments of one chord is equal to the product of the lengths of the segments of the other chord.

Ex1) Find ML and JK.



Ex2) Find RT and SU.



Set up an equation:

A secant segment is a segment that contains a chord of a circle, and has exactly one endpoint outside the circle. The part of a secant segment that is outside the circle is called an external segment.



Segments of Secants Theorem

If two secant segments share the same endpoint outside a circle, then the product of the lengths of one secant segment and its external segment equals the product of the lengths of the other secant segment and its external segment.



Ex4) What is the value of x?



Set up an equation:

Ex3) What is the value of x?





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Segments of Secants and Tangents Theorem

If a secant segment and a tangent segment share an endpoint outside a circle, then the product of the lengths of the secant segment and its external segment equals the square of the length of the tangent segment.

Set up an equation:

Δ

E

Ex6) Find AB 24 D 16

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Solve for x.





















