## Circles and Lengths of Segments

## Main Concepts

a) When two chords intersect inside a circle, the product of the lengths of the segments of one of the chords equals the product of the lengths of the segments of the other chord.


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\begin{aligned}
6 * 8 & =x * 12 \\
48 & =12 x \\
4 & =x
\end{aligned}
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b) When two secant segments are drawn to a circle from an external point, the product of one secant segment and its external segment equals the product of the lengths of the other secant segment and its external segment.



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\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{AB}=15 \\
& 15 * 5=12 * \mathrm{x} \\
& 75=12 \mathrm{x} \\
& 6.25=\mathrm{x}
\end{aligned}
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c) When a secant segment and a tangent segment are drawn to a circle from an external point, the product of the lengths of the secant segment and its external segment is equal to the square of the length of the tangent segment.

$\mathrm{AC} * \mathrm{BC}=\mathrm{DC}^{2}$


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\begin{aligned}
12 * 4 & =x^{2} \\
48 & =x^{2} \\
6.92 & =x
\end{aligned}
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