

# Arc Length, Angular Velocity & Linear Velocity

Name: Key Period:     

Find the length of the arc,  $L$ , of a circle with radius,  $r$ , intercepted by a central angle,  $\theta$ . Express arc length ( $L$ ) in terms of  $\pi$ . (Round your answer to the nearest hundredth.)

	Radius, $r$	Central Angle, $\theta$
1	12 inches	$\theta = 45^\circ$
2	16 inches	$\theta = 75^\circ$
3	8 feet	$\theta = 225^\circ$
4	24 yards	$\theta = 320^\circ$

$$S = r\theta$$

- $S = 12 \text{ in} \cdot \frac{\pi}{4} = 3\pi \text{ in.}$
- $S = 16 \text{ in} \cdot \frac{5\pi}{12} = \frac{80\pi}{12} \text{ in} \approx 6.67\pi \text{ in}$
- $S = 8 \text{ ft} \cdot \frac{5\pi}{4} = 10\pi \text{ ft}$
- $S = 24 \text{ yd} \cdot \frac{16\pi}{9} = \frac{128\pi}{3} \text{ yds} \approx 42.67\pi \text{ yds}$

Find the positive radian measure of the angle that the second hand of a clock moves through in the given time.



$$1 \text{ sec} = 6^\circ$$

5. 55 seconds

$$55 \cdot 6^\circ = 330^\circ$$

$$\frac{11\pi}{6}$$

7. 3 minutes & 40 seconds

$$220 \text{ sec}$$

$$220 \cdot 6^\circ = 1320^\circ$$

$$\frac{22\pi}{3}$$

6. 35 seconds

$$35 \cdot 6^\circ = 210^\circ$$

$$\frac{7\pi}{6}$$

8. 4 minutes & 25 seconds

$$265 \text{ sec}$$

$$265 \cdot 6^\circ = 1590^\circ$$

$$\frac{53\pi}{6}$$

Solve the problems.

9. The minute hand of a clock is 9 inches long and moves from 12 to 2. How far does the tip of the minute hand move? Express your answer in terms of  $\pi$  and then round your answer to the nearest hundredth.

$$1 \text{ min} = 6^\circ$$

$$5 \text{ min} = 30^\circ$$

$$\theta = 60^\circ = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$r = 9 \text{ in}$$

$$S = r\theta = 9 \cdot \frac{\pi}{3} = 3\pi \approx 9.42 \text{ in}$$

10. The minute hand of a clock is 6 inches long and moves from 11 to 4. How far does the tip of the minute hand move? Express your answer in terms of  $\pi$  and then round your answer to the nearest hundredth.

$$\begin{aligned} 1 \text{ min} &= 6^\circ \\ 5 \text{ min} &= 30^\circ \\ r &= 6 \text{ in} \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} \theta &= 150^\circ = \frac{5\pi}{6} \\ S &= r\theta \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} S &= 6 \text{ in} \left( \frac{5\pi}{6} \right) = 5\pi \text{ in} \\ S &\approx 15.71 \text{ in} \end{aligned}$$

Use the fact that the earth is a sphere with a radius approximately equal to 4000 miles to solve problems 11-13.



11. If two points A and B are 8000 miles apart, express  $\theta$  in radians and degrees.

$$\begin{aligned} S &= r\theta \\ 8000 &= 4000\theta \\ \theta &= 2 \text{ radians or } 2 \cdot \frac{180}{\pi} \approx 114.6^\circ \end{aligned}$$

12. If  $\theta = 10^\circ$ , find the distance between A and B to the nearest mile.

$$\begin{aligned} \theta &= 10^\circ = \frac{\pi}{18} \\ S &= \frac{4000}{1} \cdot \frac{\pi}{18} = \frac{4000\pi}{18} = 698.13 \text{ mi} \approx 698 \text{ miles} \end{aligned}$$

13. If the angular speed of the earth is  $\frac{\pi}{12}$  radians per hour. The Equator lies on a circle of the radius approximately 4000 miles. Find the linear velocity of a point on the Equator in miles per hour.

$$\begin{aligned} \omega &= \frac{\pi}{12} \quad r = 4000 \\ v &= r\omega = \frac{4000 \text{ mi}}{1} \cdot \frac{\pi}{12} = \frac{1000\pi}{3} \approx 1047.20 \text{ mph} \end{aligned}$$

14. A water wheel has a radius of 12 feet. The wheel is rotating at 20 revolutions per minute. Find the linear speed, in feet per minute.

$$\begin{aligned} r &= 12 \text{ ft} \\ \omega &= \frac{20 \text{ rev}}{\text{min}} \\ v &= ? \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{min}} \end{aligned} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} r &= 12 \text{ ft} \\ \omega &= \frac{20 \text{ rev}}{\text{min}} \\ v &= ? \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{min}} \end{aligned}} \right\} \begin{aligned} v &= r\omega = \frac{12 \text{ ft}}{1} \cdot \frac{20 \text{ rev}}{\text{min}} \cdot \frac{2\pi}{\text{rev}} \\ v &= 1507.96 \text{ ft/min} \approx 1508 \text{ ft/min} \end{aligned}$$



15. The second hand of a clock is 10.2 centimeters long. Find the linear speed of the tip of the second hand as it passes around clock face.

$$\begin{aligned}
 r &= 10.2 \text{ cm} \\
 1 \text{ rev} &= 60 \text{ sec} \\
 \theta &= 2\pi \\
 \omega &= \frac{2\pi}{60 \text{ sec}}
 \end{aligned}
 \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} r &= 10.2 \text{ cm} \\ 1 \text{ rev} &= 60 \text{ sec} \\ \theta &= 2\pi \\ \omega &= \frac{2\pi}{60 \text{ sec}} \end{aligned}} \right\}
 \begin{aligned}
 v &= r\omega \\
 v &= \frac{10.2 \text{ cm}}{1} \cdot \frac{2\pi}{60} = 1.068 \text{ cm/sec} \\
 &\approx 1.07 \text{ cm/sec}
 \end{aligned}$$

16. A lawn roller with a 10 inch radius rotates 1.2 revolutions per second.

- a. Find the angular speed per of the roller per second.

$$\omega = \frac{\theta}{t} = \frac{1.2 \text{ rev}}{1 \text{ s}} \cdot \frac{2\pi \text{ rad}}{1 \text{ rev}} = \frac{2.4\pi \text{ rad}}{\text{sec}}$$

- b. Find the linear speed of the roller in miles per hour.

$$\begin{aligned}
 v &= r\omega = \frac{10 \text{ in}}{1} \cdot \frac{2.4\pi \text{ rad}}{\text{sec}} \cdot \frac{60 \text{ sec}}{1 \text{ min}} \cdot \frac{60 \text{ min}}{1 \text{ hr}} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ ft}}{12 \text{ in}} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ mi}}{5280 \text{ ft}} \\
 v &= 4.28 \text{ mph}
 \end{aligned}$$