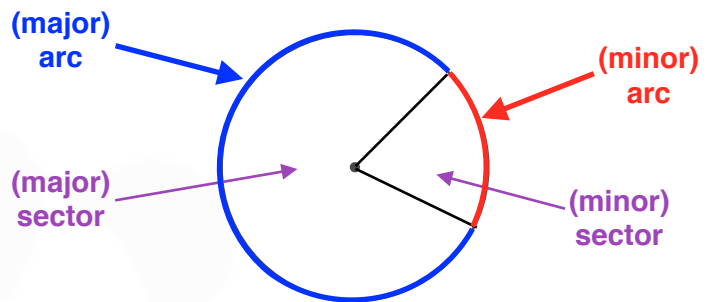


## Area of a Sector

### Starter

*There is no need to draw this diagram again.*

**N.B.** A **sector** is like a **pizza slice**

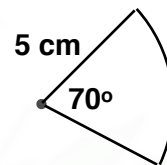


1. Give that:

$$\text{length of arc} = \frac{\theta}{360} \times \text{circumference} \quad \text{or} \quad \text{length of arc} = \frac{\theta}{360} \times 2\pi r,$$

find similar expressions for the area of a sector.

2. Find the area of the sector. Give your answer in terms of  $\pi$ .



### Notes

**Arcs** are connected to **circumferences**  
so  $\times 2\pi r$

$$\text{Length of arc} = \frac{\theta}{360} \times \text{circumference}$$

$$\text{Length of arc} = \frac{\theta}{360} \times 2\pi r$$

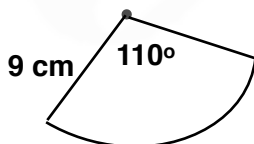
**Sectors** are connected to **areas of a circle**  
so  $\times \pi r^2$

$$\text{Area of sector} = \frac{\theta}{360} \times \text{area of circle}$$

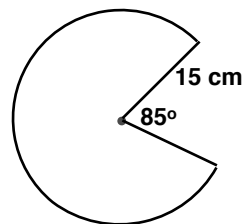
$$\text{Area of sector} = \frac{\theta}{360} \times \pi r^2$$

**E.g. 1** Find the area of the sector, giving your answer in terms of  $\pi$ .

(a)



(b)

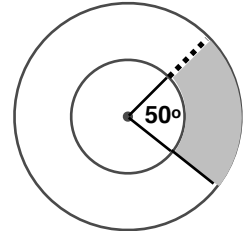


**Working:** (a) Area of sector =  $\frac{\theta}{360} \times \pi r^2 = \frac{110}{360} \times \pi \times 9^2 = \frac{99\pi}{4}$

**E.g. 2** A sector has area  $\frac{3\pi}{8}$  cm<sup>2</sup> and its radius is 3 cm. Find the angle subtended at the centre.

**E.g. 3** The angle subtended at the centre of a sector is  $300^\circ$ . Given that the area of the sector is  $\frac{40\pi}{3}$  cm<sup>2</sup>, find the radius of the sector.

**E.g. 4** Find the value of the shaded area.  
The radius of the outer circle is 7 cm.  
The radius of the inner circle is 3 cm.



Video: [Area of a sector](#)

[Solutions to Starter and E.g.s](#)

### Exercise

9-1 class textbook: p432 M13.3 Qu 1-13  
A\*-G class textbook: p387 E13.3 Qu 1-10  
9-1 homework book: p148 M13.3 Qu 1-6  
A\*-G homework book: p108 E13.3 Qu 1-6

### Summary

**Arcs** are connected to **circumferences**

$$\text{Length of arc} = \frac{\theta}{360} \times \text{circumference}$$

$$\text{Length of arc} = \frac{\theta}{360} \times 2\pi r$$

**Sectors** are connected to **areas of a circle**

$$\text{Area of sector} = \frac{\theta}{360} \times \text{area of circle}$$

$$\text{Area of sector} = \frac{\theta}{360} \times \pi r^2$$

[Homework book answers \(only available during a lockdown\)](#)