Segment Relationships on Circles

Now that you know what the parts that interact with a circle are called, it’s time to learn how to evaluate them (determine their value). All of the parts on a circle have a specific relationship. For example, a diameter is always twice as big as a radius. If you know the rules of those relationships, then you can use those rules to solve problems. Today, we’re going to focus on the segments. Here are the three rules that govern tangents, secants, and chords…

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| **Tangent-Tangent**  *Touching Tangents are equal.* | **Secant-Tangent or Secant-Secant**  *If you multiply the outside part of one segment with the whole thing, it will equal the outside of the other multiplied by the whole thing.* | **Chord-Chord**  *If you multiply the two parts of one chord, it will equal the product of the two parts of the chord that crosses it.* |
| EX:    They’re equal, so… | EX:    Secant: out = 4, whole = 4 + *x*  Tangent: out = 6, whole = 6 + 0 = 6 | Ex:    Chord 1: part1A = 5*x*, part1B = 2  Chord 2: part2A = 10, part2B = 1 |

Determine the value of *x*.

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| **EX**    There are two secants, so:  *Secant-secant*  Secant1: out = 3, whole = 3 + 5  Secant2: out = 2, whole = 2 + | 1. | 2. |
| 3. | 4. | 5. |
| 6. | 7. | 8. |
| 9. | 10. | 11. |
| 12. | 13. | 14. |
| 15. | 16. | 17. |
| 18. | 19. | 20. |