

Properties of chords and tangent lines:

Congruent chord properties:

If two chords on a circle are congruent, they determine congruent central angles and congruent arcs.

so, ∠CAB ∠DAE and BC DE

Investigation I:

Step 1: Draw a chord on the coffee filter.

Step 2: Fold the chord in half and make a crease across the coffee filter. Trace the crease.

Step 3: Draw a different chord on the coffee filter.

Step 4: Fold the second chord in half and make another crease across the coffee filter.

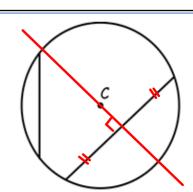
Trace that crease.

Step 5: Label the point of intersection of the two creases, C.

The perpendicular bisector of a chord ALWAYS

goes through the center.

With two chords you can find the center of any circle



Tangent line properties:

- A tangent line to a circle is ALWAY5
 perpendicular to the radius.
 so. m ∠ ABC = 90°
- Tangent segments to a circle from a point outside the circle
 are congruent.
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so, AB AD

