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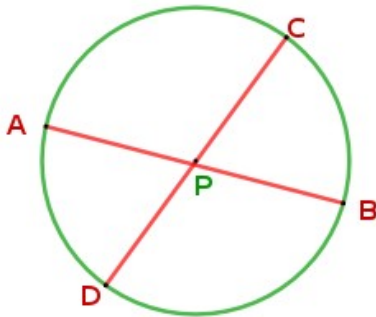
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○ **2 . Circles - Class 11** ○

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**Two chords**

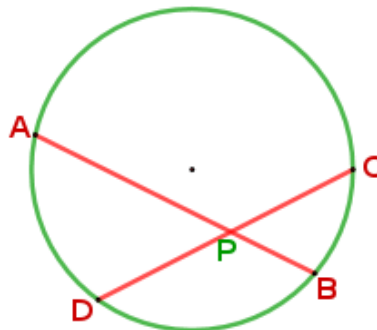
- \* Any two diameters of a circle intersect at the centre, and the length of the four pieces are equal.



$$PA = PB = PC = PD$$

*(Radii of a circle are equal)*

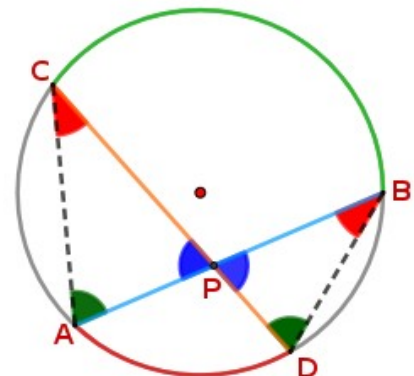
- \* When two chords which are not diameters intersect within the circle we get four pieces which are not equal.



- \* **Finding the relation between the four parts PA, PB, PC & PD, when the chords AB & CD intersect within the circle at P.**

Consider two chords AB & CD which are not diameters of the circle.  
The chords AB & CD intersect at P.

Draw AC & BD



We can see,

$$\angle A = \angle D$$

$$\angle C = \angle B$$

*All angles made by an arc on its alternate arc are equal*

Consider  $\triangle APC$  &  $\triangle DPB$

Since two angles of both triangles are equal, third angles are also equal.

So  $\triangle APC$  &  $\triangle DPB$  are similar triangles.

Since sides opposite to equal angles of similar triangles are in proportion.

$$\frac{PC}{PB} = \frac{PA}{PD}$$

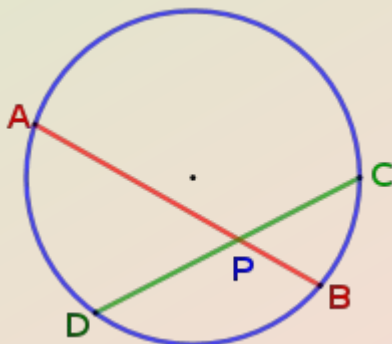
Cross multiplying we get,

$$PA \times PB = PC \times PD$$

Here PA, PB are parts of the chord AB and PC, PD are parts of the chord CD.

So we can say,

If two chords of a circle intersect within the circle, then the products of the parts of the two chords are equal.



$$PA \times PB = PC \times PD$$

**Q ) In the figure two chords AB and CD intersect at a point P .  
PB = 2 cm, PC = 3 cm , PD = 4 cm . Find the length of AB .**

**Ans)**

$$PA \times PB = PC \times PD$$

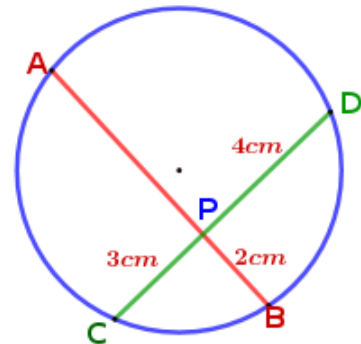
$$PA \times 2 = 3 \times 4$$

$$PA = \frac{12}{2}$$

$$PA = 6 \text{ cm}$$

$$AB = PA + PB$$

$$= 6 + 2 = 8 \text{ cm}$$



### Geometrical interpretation

We can interpret the product of two lengths as an area.

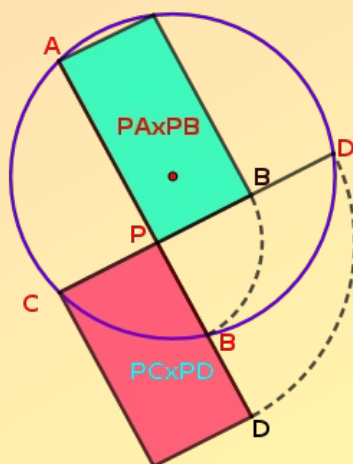
So,

$PA \times PB =$  Area of the rectangle with sides PA and PB

$PC \times PD =$  Area of the rectangle with sides PC and PD

So the relation  $PA \times PB = PC \times PD$  can be put in geometric language as below:

If two chords of a circle intersect within a circle, then the rectangles formed by the parts of the same chord have equal area.



$$PA \times PB = PC \times PD$$

**Assignment**

**The chords AB and CD of a circle intersect at a point P .  
If PA = 9 cm , PD = 12 cm , AB = 13 cm ,  
find the lengths of PB , PC and CD ?**

