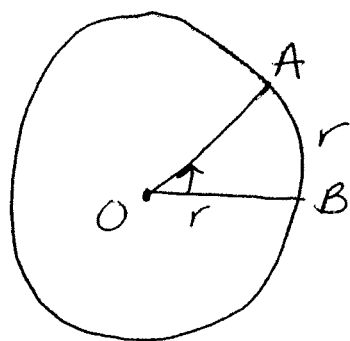


2. Write a description of an angle that measures 1 radian. Illustrate this concept with a sketch. How can this concept be used to show that an angle of  $360^\circ$  is equivalent to an angle that measures  $2\pi$  radians?  $180^\circ$  to  $\pi$  radians? How can these 'benchmark' angles measures be used to convert from degrees to radians and vice versa? Include specific examples.

When an angle measures 1 radian this means that when in a circle it intercepts an arc equal in length to the radius of the circle.



length  $\widehat{AB} = r = \text{radius}$

$m\angle AOB = 1 \text{ radian}$

You know that the circumference of a circle is  $2\pi r$  so divide by  $r$  and  $r$ 's cancel. You get  $360^\circ = 2\pi \text{ radians}$ .

Well you know that the full circle is  $2\pi$  and that  $180^\circ$  is half of  $360^\circ$

so divide  $\frac{2\pi}{2}$  and you get  $\pi \text{ radians} = 180^\circ$

These benchmark angle measures can be used to convert from degrees to radians by

ex.  $150^\circ = ?$  radians

1.  $\frac{150}{360} = .4166 \rightarrow \frac{5}{12}$  of a revolution

The  $\frac{5}{12}$  means that if you were to divide a circle up into 12 equal sections  $150^\circ$  would be at the 5<sup>th</sup> section.

2.  $12 \div 2 = 6 \rightarrow$  because you know that at  $180^\circ$  it equals  $\pi$  radians which is half of 360. So you divide the denominator in half, to get 6.

3.  $\frac{5\pi}{6}$  radians =  $150^\circ$

When you know the radian measure you can multiply the denominator by 2. Then multiply your fraction by 360 to get the degree measure.

ex.  $\frac{7\pi}{6}$        $6 \cdot 2 = 12$        $\frac{7}{12} \times 360 = 210$

$$\frac{7\pi}{6} = 210^\circ$$