## Segments Formed by Chords

In this lesson you will investigate the relationship among the segments formed by intersecting chords in a circle.

Open chord segments.tns on your TI-Nspire handheld and follow along with your teacher, using this worksheet as a reference throughout the lesson.

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Segments Formed by Chords in a Circle
THEOREM: If two chords intersect within a circle, the product of the measures of the segments of one chord equals the product of the measures of the segments of the other.

On page 1.2, you will find circle $O$ with chords $A B \& C D$, all labeled with their lengths. As you drag any of the endpoints of the 2 chords, notice how " $a \cong b$ " and " $\mathrm{c} \cong \mathrm{d}$ " change to reflect the products of each of the chords' 2 segments. The congruent products indicate that the products of the measures of the segments of each chord are consistently equal.

## Applying the Theorem

Now, use the theorem, and the diagrams below, to answer the questions on pages 1.3 to 1.6.

## \#1.3



Angles Formed by Chords

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## Geometric Proof

On page 1.8, you are presented with a 2 -column proof of the theorem. Complete the theorem by filling in the missing items in both the Statements and Reasons columns.


| STATEMENTS | REASONS |
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| 1. Circle O with chords AB and CD , that intersect <br> at E. | 1. Given |
| 2. $\mathrm{m} \angle \mathrm{AEC}=\mathrm{m} \angle \mathrm{BED}$ | 2. |
| 3. $\mathrm{m} \angle \mathrm{BDC}=\mathrm{m} \angle \mathrm{CAB}$ | 3. |
| 4. $\triangle \mathrm{AEC} \sim \Delta \mathrm{BED}$ | 4. |
| 5. | 5. Corresponding sides in similar triangles are |
| proportionate. |  |

