

Area of rectangle inside a circle

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In the figure, O is the centre of a circle. D is a point on the radius OE such that $OD = 15$, $DE = 5$. $ABCD$ is a rectangle with B and C lying on the figure.

Find the area of the rectangle.

Suppose OB intersects AD at G . Join BD .

Extend CD to cut the circle again at F . Join OF .

Let $\angle ODA = \theta$

$$\angle OGD = 90^\circ - \theta \quad (\angle \text{sum of } \Delta)$$

$$\angle AGB = 90^\circ - \theta \quad (\text{vert. opp. } \angle\text{s})$$

$$\angle BAD = 90^\circ = \angle BCD \text{ (property of rectangle)}$$

$$\angle ABG = \theta \quad (\angle \text{ sum of } \Delta)$$

BF is the diameter (converse, \angle in semi-circle)

$$OE = 15 + 5 = 20 = OB = OF \quad (\text{radii})$$

$$BD^2 = OB^2 + OD^2 \quad (\text{Pythagoras' theorem})$$

$BD = 25$

$\therefore B, O, F$ are collinear

$$AB \parallel DC \quad (\text{Property of rectangle})$$

$$\angle DFO = \angle ABG = \theta \quad (\text{alt. } \angle\text{s, } AB \parallel DC)$$

$$DF^2 = OD^2 + OF^2 \quad (\text{Pythagoras' theorem})$$

$$DF = 25 = BD$$

$\therefore \triangle BDF$ is isosceles

$$\angle DBO = \angle DFO = \theta \quad (\text{base } \angle\text{s isos. } \Delta)$$

$$\text{In } \triangle ODF, \sin \theta = \frac{15}{25} = \frac{3}{5}, \cos \theta = \frac{20}{25} = \frac{4}{5}, \tan \theta = \frac{15}{20} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\tan 2\theta = \frac{2 \tan \theta}{1 - \tan^2 \theta} = \frac{2 \times \frac{3}{4}}{1 - \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2} = \frac{24}{7}, \sin 2\theta = \frac{24}{25}, \cos 2\theta = \frac{7}{25}$$

In $\triangle ABD$, $AB = 25 \cos 2\theta = 7$, $AD = 25 \sin 2\theta = 24$

$$\text{Area of } ABCD = 24 \times 7 = 168$$

Method 2

Extend CD to cut the circle again at F . Join OF .

Extend EO to cut the circle again at H .

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$$CD \times DF = DE \times DH \quad (\text{intersecting chords theorem})$$

$$CD \times 25 = 5 \times (15 + 20)$$

$CD = 7$

$$BC^2 + CD^2 = BD^2 \quad (\text{Pythagoras' theorem})$$

$$BC = 24$$

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