## Radians

\*Radians are another unit used to measure the magnitude of an angle. You can convert from degrees to radians (or from radians to degrees) using the following relation:

180 degrees =  $\pi$  radians

To convert from degrees to radians, multiply by the conversion factor  $\frac{\pi \, radians}{180 \, degrees}$ 

To convert from radians to degrees, multiply by the conversion factor  $\frac{180 \ dgress}{\pi \ radians}$ 

\*To determine the **length of an arc** intercepted of a central angle of a circle, use the following formula:

$$s = ar$$

where r is the radius of a circle and s is the length of the intercepted arc of the central angle with a measure of a radians.

\*To determine the **area of a sector** of a circle, you must first determine the fraction of the circle that is contained in the sector. You do this by dividing the angle measurement (in radians) by  $2\pi$ . Then you multiply that number by  $2\pi r^2$  (area of a circle) where r is the radius of the circle. The product is the area of that sector.