10.1 Notetaking with Vocabulary (continued)

# **Core Concepts**

## Lines and Segments That Intersect Circles

A segment whose endpoints are the center and any point on a circle is a radius.

A chord is a segment whose endpoints are on a circle. A diameter is a chord that contains the center of the circle.

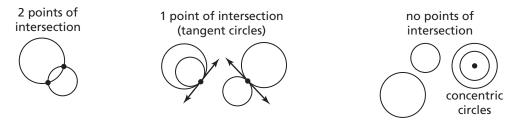
A secant is a line that intersects a circle in two points.

A tangent is a line in the plane of a circle that intersects the circle in exactly one point, the **point of tangency**. The *tangent ray AB* and the *tangent* segment AB are also called tangents.

#### Notes:

### Coplanar Circles and Common Tangents

In a plane, two circles can intersect in two points, one point, or no points. Coplanar circles that intersect in one point are called **tangent circles**. Coplanar circles that have a common center are called **concentric circles**.



A line or segment that is tangent to two coplanar circles is called a **common tangent**. A *common internal tangent* intersects the segment that joins the centers of the two circles. A common external tangent does not intersect the segment that joins the centers of the two circles.

#### Notes:

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