Question:

Two circles, each of radius 5 units, touch each other at (1, 2). If the equation of common tangent is 4x + 3y = 10, find the equations of circles.

Solution:

Let,

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \tag{0.1}$$

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Given Line,

$$\mathbf{n}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{x} = 10 \tag{0.2}$$

Normal Vector $\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$

Unit vector **u** in direction of **n**

$$\mathbf{u} = \frac{\mathbf{n}}{\|\mathbf{n}\|} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{4}{5} \\ \frac{3}{5} \end{pmatrix} \tag{0.3}$$

Let O_i be the center of Circles, then

$$\mathbf{O_i} = \mathbf{P} \pm 5\mathbf{u} \tag{0.4}$$

$$\mathbf{O_i} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \pm 4 \\ 2 \pm 3 \end{pmatrix} \tag{0.5}$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{O_1} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{O_2} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{0.6}$$

Equation of Circles are:

$$O_1: g(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{V} \mathbf{x} + 2 \mathbf{u}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{x} + f \tag{0.7}$$

V		u	f
/1	0)	(5)	25
(0	1)	(5)	23

$$O_2 \colon g(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{V} \mathbf{x} + 2 \mathbf{u}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{x} + f \tag{0.8}$$

V		u	f
$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$	-15

