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1 PROBLEM

The tangent at a point **P** of a circle of radius $r = 5\text{cm}$ meets a line through the center **O** at a point **Q** so that $OQ = 12\text{cm}$. Find length PQ .

2 SOLUTION

Let the circle be

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 = 25 \quad (2.0.1)$$

$$(2.0.2)$$

and the point $\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$

The tangent at **P**, that **Q** lies on, is given by

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} + \mu \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.3)$$

$$i.e. \mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{h} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.4)$$

Let,

$$\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{h} + \mu_i \mathbf{m} \quad (2.0.5)$$

also,

$$OQ = 12 \quad (2.0.6)$$

Hence, Q lies on circle with center **O** and radius d.

Equation of this circle is:

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 - 144 = 0 \quad (2.0.7)$$

$$i.e. \mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, f = -144 \quad (2.0.8)$$

For circle, $\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{I}$

$$\mu_i = \frac{1}{\mathbf{m}^\top \mathbf{V} \mathbf{m}} \left(-\mathbf{m}^\top (\mathbf{V} \mathbf{h} + \mathbf{u}) \pm \sqrt{(\mathbf{m}^\top (\mathbf{V} \mathbf{h} + \mathbf{u}))^2 - g} \right)$$

where,

$$g(\mathbf{h}) = \mathbf{h}^\top \mathbf{V} \mathbf{h} + 2\mathbf{u}^\top \mathbf{h} + f \quad (2.0.10)$$

here,

$$\mu_i = \pm \sqrt{119} \quad (2.0.11)$$

Therefore,

$$\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{h} + \mu_i \mathbf{m} \quad (2.0.12)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{119} \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.13)$$

$$\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{119} \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.14)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -\sqrt{119} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.15)$$

$$PQ = \|\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{Q}\| = \sqrt{119} \quad (2.0.16)$$

Parameter	Value	Description
O	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$	Center of given circle
P	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$	Point on circle where tangent is dr
<i>r</i>	5	radius of given circle
OQ	12	Distance between center and a point on

TABLE 0: Table1

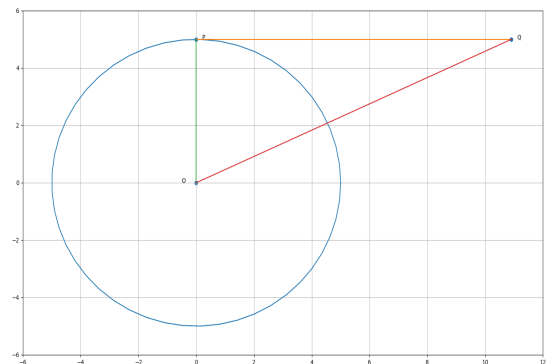


Fig. 0: Figure 1