## CONIC SECTIONS

## Excercise 10.2

Q2. In fig 1, if TP and TQ are two tangents to a circle with centre O so that  $\angle POQ = 110^{\circ}$  then  $\angle PTQ$  is equal to.

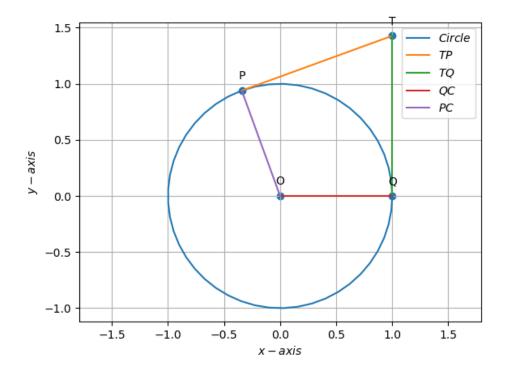


Figure 1:

Solution: Let

$$radius = r \text{ and } \mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1}$$

Now we know any point on circle is given as

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{c} + r \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{pmatrix} \tag{2}$$

So,

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + r \begin{pmatrix} \cos 0^{\circ} \\ \sin 0^{\circ} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} r \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{3}$$

$$\mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + r \begin{pmatrix} \cos 110^{\circ} \\ \sin 110^{\circ} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} r \cos 110^{\circ} \\ r \sin 110^{\circ} \end{pmatrix} \tag{4}$$

For tangent TP

$$\mathbf{n}_1 = \mathbf{P} - \mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} r \cos 110^{\circ} \\ r \sin 110^{\circ} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \tan 110^{\circ} \end{pmatrix}$$
 (5)

$$\mathbf{m}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -\cot 110^{\circ} \end{pmatrix} \tag{6}$$

For tangent TQ

$$\mathbf{n}_2 = \mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} r \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{7}$$

$$\mathbf{m}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0\\1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{8}$$

Now the angle between two lines with slope  $\mathbf{m}_1$  and  $\mathbf{m}_2$  is given as

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{m}_1^{\top} \mathbf{m}_2}{\|\mathbf{m}_1\| \|\mathbf{m}_2\|} \tag{9}$$

Now,

$$\|\mathbf{m}_1\| = \sqrt{1^2 + (-\cot 110^\circ)^2} = \csc 110^\circ$$
 (10)

$$\|\mathbf{m}_2\| = 1 \tag{11}$$

Substituting the values in (9)

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\left(1 - \cot 110^{\circ}\right) \left(0\right)}{\csc 110^{\circ}}$$

$$= -\cos 110^{\circ}$$
(12)

$$= -\cos 110^{\circ} \tag{13}$$

$$= \cos(180 - 110) \tag{14}$$

$$\implies \theta = 70^{\circ} \tag{15}$$

Hence,  $\angle PTQ = 70^{\circ}$