

TANGENTS AND NORMALS

Exercise 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.

Solution: Let the output angle be ϕ . The input parameters are given as

Input Parameters	Value	Description
O	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$	Centre of the circle
r	1cm	radius of the circle
θ	110°	$\angle POQ$

Table 1:

Any point **X** on the circle is given as

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{O} + r \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

So points **P** and **Q** can be calculated as

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{O} + \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$

$$\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{e}_1 \quad (3)$$

For tangent TP

$$\mathbf{n}_1 = \mathbf{P} - \mathbf{O} \quad (4)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \tan \theta \end{pmatrix} \quad (5)$$

$$\mathbf{m}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -\cot \theta \end{pmatrix} \quad (6)$$

For tangent TQ

$$\mathbf{n}_2 = \mathbf{e}_1 - \mathbf{O} \quad (7)$$

$$= \mathbf{e}_1 \quad (8)$$

$$\mathbf{m}_2 = \mathbf{e}_2 \quad (9)$$

The equation of TP is given as

$$\mathbf{n}_1^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{P}) = 0 \quad (10)$$

$$\mathbf{n}_1^\top \left(\mathbf{x} - \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{pmatrix} \right) = 0 \quad (11)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 1 \quad (12)$$

The equation of TQ is given as

$$\mathbf{n}_2^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{e}_1) = 0 \quad (13)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 1 \quad (14)$$

The tangent point can be calculated by solving (31) and (14)

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (15)$$

$$\implies \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \tan \frac{\theta}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad (16)$$

Now, $\mathbf{T}=(16)$, since it is the intersection of TP and TQ . Hence, it is given as

$$\mathbf{T} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \tan 55^\circ \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1.428 \end{pmatrix} \quad (17)$$

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

$$\cos \phi = \frac{\mathbf{m}_1^\top \mathbf{m}_2}{\|\mathbf{m}_1\| \|\mathbf{m}_2\|} \quad (18)$$

$$= \frac{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\cot \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}{(\csc \theta) (1)} \quad (19)$$

$$= -\cos \theta \quad (20)$$

$$\implies \cos \phi = -\cos \theta \quad (21)$$

Hence,

$$\phi = \cos^{-1}(\cos(180^\circ - \theta)) \quad (22)$$

$$= 180^\circ - \theta = 70^\circ \quad (23)$$

Hence, $\angle PTQ = 70^\circ$. See Fig 1

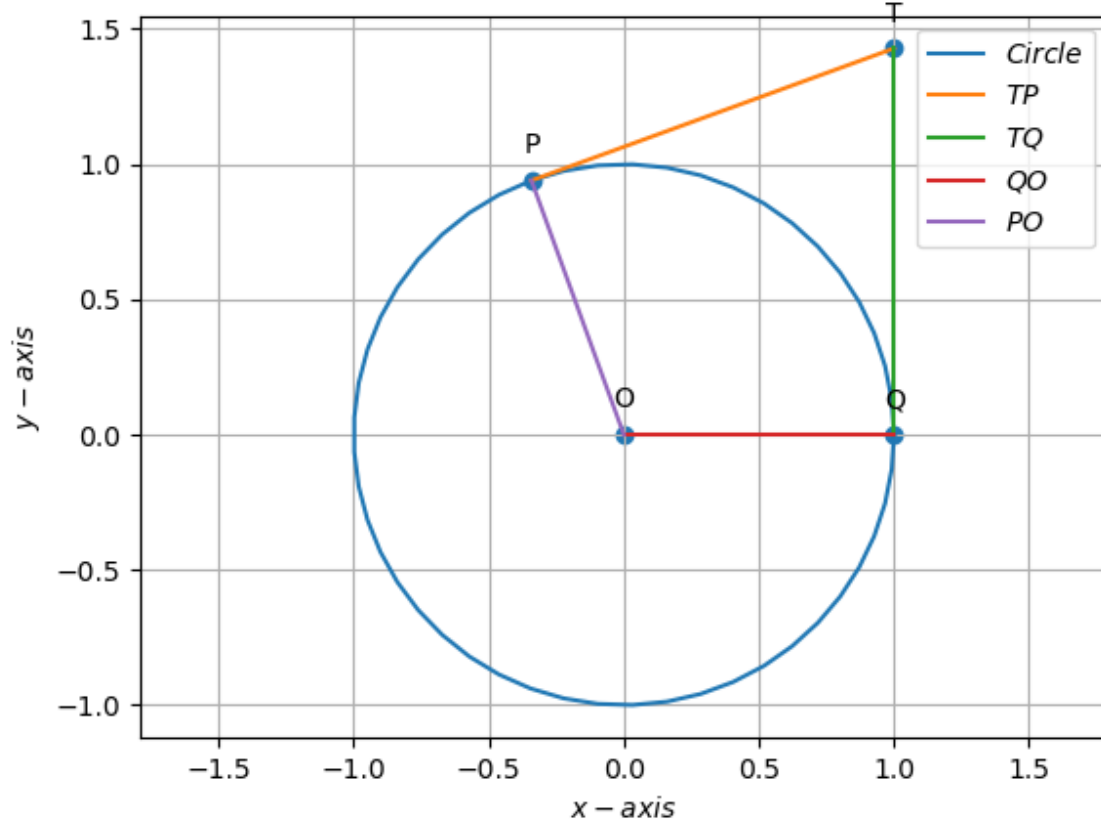


Figure 1:

Now considering the tangent point is known and verifying that the point of contacts are actually **P** and **Q**. Given

$$\mathbf{T} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1.428 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{O} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (24)$$

Transforming (rotating) the tangent point using clockwise rotation matrix by $\theta = 55^\circ$

$$\mathbf{T}' = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1.428 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1.743 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (25)$$

We know that the equation of circle is given as

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 + 2\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{u} + f = 0 \quad (26)$$

where,

$$\mathbf{u} = -\mathbf{O} = -\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (27)$$

$$f = \|\mathbf{O}\|^2 - r^2 = -1 \quad (28)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = (\mathbf{T}' + \mathbf{u})(\mathbf{T}' + \mathbf{u})^\top - \left(\|\mathbf{T}'\|^2 + 2\mathbf{u}^\top \mathbf{T}' + f \right) \mathbf{I} \quad (29)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 3.308 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 2.039 & 0 \\ 0 & 2.039 \end{pmatrix} \quad (30)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2.039 \end{pmatrix} \quad (31)$$

From (31), we can deduce Eigen pairs as follows

$$\lambda_1 = 1, \lambda_2 = -2.039 \quad (32)$$

$$\mathbf{p}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{p}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (33)$$

Then

$$\mathbf{n}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{|\lambda_1|} \\ \sqrt{|\lambda_2|} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1.427 \end{pmatrix} \quad (34)$$

$$\mathbf{n}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{|\lambda_1|} \\ -\sqrt{|\lambda_2|} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1.427 \end{pmatrix} \quad (35)$$

The points of contact of a tangent on a circle from an external point is given by

$$\mathbf{q}_{ij} = \left(\pm r \frac{\mathbf{n}_j}{\|\mathbf{n}_j\|} - \mathbf{u} \right) \quad i, j = 1, 2 \quad (36)$$

$$\mathbf{q}_{i1} = \left(\pm r \frac{\mathbf{n}_1}{\|\mathbf{n}_1\|} - \mathbf{u} \right) \quad (37)$$

$$= \left(\pm \frac{1}{1.742} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1.427 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) \quad (38)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0.574 \\ 0.819 \end{pmatrix} \quad (39)$$

$$\mathbf{q}_{i2} = \left(\pm r \frac{\mathbf{n}_2}{\|\mathbf{n}_2\|} - \mathbf{u} \right) \quad (40)$$

$$= \left(\pm \frac{1}{1.742} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1.427 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) \quad (41)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0.574 \\ -0.8191 \end{pmatrix} \quad (42)$$

Transforming(rotating) the coordinates back to the original using ACW rotation matrix

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0.574 \\ 0.819 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -0.342 \\ 0.939 \end{pmatrix} \quad (43)$$

$$\mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0.574 \\ -0.819 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (44)$$

From (43) and (44) we see that the tangent point of contact are same as given before. Hence, the result is verified.