

Circle Assignment

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Problem Statement - XY and EF are two parallel tangents to a circle, x with centre O and another tangent AB with point of contact C intersecting XY at A and EF at B. Prove that $\angle AOB = 90^\circ$.

consider

$$\mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ m \end{pmatrix} \quad (7)$$

From eq6

$$\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{m} \mathbf{m}^\top \mathbf{A} = \|\mathbf{m}\|^2 (\|\mathbf{A}\|^2 - r^2) \quad (8)$$

$$\mathbf{A}^\top \begin{pmatrix} 1 & m \\ m & m^2 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} = (1 + m^2)(\|\mathbf{A}\|^2 - r^2) \quad (9)$$

consider

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{pmatrix} = r_1 \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{pmatrix} \quad (10)$$

sub eq10 in eq9

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & m \\ m & m^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{pmatrix} = (1 + m^2)(\|\mathbf{A}\|^2 - r^2) \quad (11)$$

$$a_1^2 + 2ma_1a_2 + m^2a_2^2 = (1 + m^2)(\|\mathbf{A}\|^2 - r^2) \quad (12)$$

$$m = \frac{-a_1a_2 \pm \sqrt{r^2 \|\mathbf{A}\|^2 - r^4}}{r^2 - a_1^2} \quad (13)$$

Solving eq13, we get two values m_1, m_2 . using λ, m_1, m_2 find two Points intersecting circle at \mathbf{P} and \mathbf{C} from eq2

$$\mathbf{m}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ m_1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (14)$$

$$\mathbf{m}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ m_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (15)$$

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{A} + \lambda \mathbf{m}_1 \quad (16)$$

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A} + \lambda \mathbf{m}_2 \quad (17)$$

here \mathbf{O} is mid point of \mathbf{P} and \mathbf{Q}

$$\mathbf{Q} = 2(\mathbf{O}) - \mathbf{P} \quad (18)$$

assume

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (19)$$

$$\mathbf{j} = \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{A}) \quad (20)$$

$$\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}) \quad (21)$$

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{j}^\top \\ \mathbf{k}^\top \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{Q} & \mathbf{A} \end{pmatrix} \quad (22)$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{j}^\top \\ \mathbf{k}^\top \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \mathbf{C} \quad (23)$$

Using Parallelogram Law Vector Addition

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{O} = (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{O}) + (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{O}) \quad (24)$$

Solution

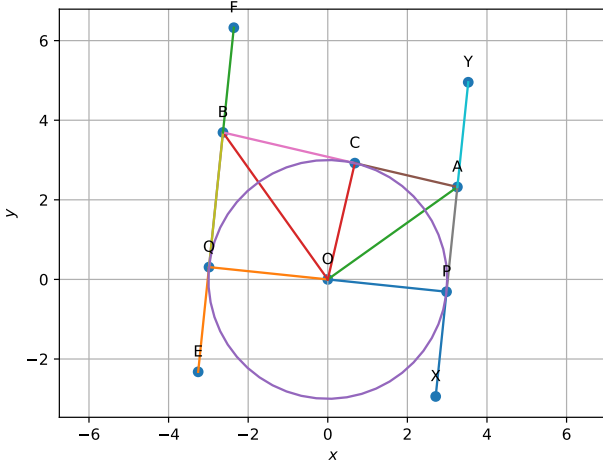


Figure 1: Tangents from A to circle through P, C and Tangent from B to circle through Q

Solution

In order to find the intersection points C and P of tangents from A, the origin is O. The equation of the circle in the new frame is

$$\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{x} = r^2 \quad (1)$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A} + \lambda(\mathbf{m}) \quad (2)$$

Sub eq2 in eq1

$$(\mathbf{A} + \lambda(\mathbf{m}))^\top (\mathbf{A} + \lambda(\mathbf{m})) = r^2 \quad (3)$$

Simplify eq3

$$\lambda^2 \|\mathbf{m}\|^2 + 2\lambda \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{m} + \|\mathbf{A}\|^2 = r^2 \quad (4)$$

Solving eq4

$$\lambda = \frac{-\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{m}}{\|\mathbf{m}\|^2} \quad (5)$$

$$(\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{m})^2 = (\|\mathbf{A}\|^2 - r^2)(\|\mathbf{m}\|^2) \quad (6)$$

$$\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{O} = (\mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{O}) + (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{O}) \quad (25)$$

$$\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{O} = -(\mathbf{O} - \mathbf{Q}) + (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{O}) \quad (26)$$

$$(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{O})^\top (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{O}) = ((\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{O}) + (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{O}))^\top (-(\mathbf{O} - \mathbf{Q}) + (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{O})) \quad (27)$$

We Know

$$\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{O} = \mathbf{O} - \mathbf{Q} \quad (28)$$

From eq27 and eq28

$$(\mathbf{O} - \mathbf{A})^\top (\mathbf{O} - \mathbf{B}) = 0 \quad (29)$$

Finally

Dot Product of two Vectors is Zero

then, Angle between those two Vectors is 90°

$$\angle AOB = 90^\circ \quad (30)$$

Construction

Symbol	Value	Description
r_1	4	OA
θ	120	
r	3	Radius
\mathbf{A}	$r_1 \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta \\ \sin\theta \end{pmatrix}$	Point A
\mathbf{O}	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$	Point O
$\mathbf{A}_\mathbf{O}$	$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{O}$	\mathbf{A} when origin shifted to \mathbf{O}
m_1, m_2	evaluate eq13	solution of eq13
\mathbf{C}	$\mathbf{A} + \lambda \mathbf{m}_2$	Point C
\mathbf{P}	$\mathbf{A} + \lambda \mathbf{m}_1$	Point P
\mathbf{Q}	$2(\mathbf{O}) - \mathbf{P}$	Point Q
\mathbf{B}	$\begin{pmatrix} j^\top \\ k^\top \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{c}$	Point B