

Assignment 3

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<https://github.com/cmaspi/EE3900/tree/main/Assignment-3/Code>

latex-tikz codes from

<https://github.com/cmaspi/EE3900/blob/main/Assignment-3/main.tex>

1 PROBLEM

(Construction Q 2.14) Draw a circle of radius 3 units. Take two points \mathbf{P} and \mathbf{Q} on one of its extended diameter each at a distance of 7 units from its centre. Draw tangents to the circle from these two points \mathbf{P} and \mathbf{Q}

2 SOLUTION

Theorem 2.1. *The points of intersection of the line*

$$L: \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{q} + \mu \mathbf{m} \quad \mu \in \mathbb{R} \quad (2.0.1)$$

with a general conic are given by

$$\mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{q} + \mu_i \mathbf{m} \quad (2.0.2)$$

where

$$\mu_i = \frac{1}{\mathbf{m}^T \mathbf{V} \mathbf{m}} \left(-\mathbf{m}^T (\mathbf{V} \mathbf{q} + \mathbf{u}) \pm \sqrt{[\mathbf{m}^T (\mathbf{V} \mathbf{q} + \mathbf{u})]^2 - (\mathbf{q}^T \mathbf{V} \mathbf{q} + 2\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{q} + f)(\mathbf{m}^T \mathbf{V} \mathbf{m})} \right) \quad (2.0.3)$$

The general form of a conic is given by

$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{V} \mathbf{x} + 2\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{x} + f = 0 \quad (2.0.4)$$

for a circle, $\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{I}$ and $\mathbf{u} = -\mathbf{O}$ where \mathbf{O} is the center of the circle.

Let \mathbf{q} be the locus of the point of tangency from point \mathbf{P} , the distance of \mathbf{P} from \mathbf{O} is d

$$\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{O}^T \mathbf{q} - \mathbf{P} = 0 \quad (2.0.5)$$

$$\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{q} - \mathbf{P} = 0 \quad (2.0.6)$$

$$\mathbf{q}^T \mathbf{q} + \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{q} - \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{P} - \mathbf{q}^T \mathbf{P} = 0 \quad (2.0.7)$$

Using (2.0.4)

$$(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{p})^T \mathbf{q} = -f - \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{P} \quad (2.0.8)$$

Let $\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{P}$ and $c = -f - \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{P}$ This is equation of a line, let $\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{a}$ be a point that lies on this line

$$\therefore \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{a} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} -\mathbf{e}_1^T \mathbf{n} \\ \mathbf{e}_2^T \mathbf{n} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.9)$$

We need to find the intersection point of this with the given circle.

Using (2.0.3)

$$\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{a} + \mu_i \mathbf{m} \quad (2.0.10)$$

$$\mu_i = \frac{1}{d^2} \left(-\mathbf{m}^T (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{u}) \pm \sqrt{[\mathbf{m}^T (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{u})]^2 - (\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{a} + 2\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{a} + f)d^2} \right) \quad (2.0.11)$$

Now, we can confirm the solution by checking for $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$, $\mathbf{P} = d\mathbf{e}_1$, $f = -r^2$

$$\implies \mathbf{n} = d\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{m} = d\mathbf{e}_2 \quad (2.0.12)$$

An arbitrary choice of \mathbf{a} could be $\frac{r^2}{d}\mathbf{e}_1$,

$$\mu_i = \pm \frac{1}{d^2} \sqrt{(r^2 d^2 - r^4)} \quad (2.0.13)$$

$$\mathbf{q} = \frac{r^2}{d}\mathbf{e}_1 \pm r \sqrt{1 - \frac{r^2}{d}} \quad (2.0.14)$$

Let \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} be the corresponding points of tangency from $\mathbf{P} = 7\mathbf{e}_1$ and \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{D} be the corresponding points of tangency from $\mathbf{Q} = -7\mathbf{e}_1$.

Using (2.0.14), we obtain all the points of tangency. A plot for tangents is given below

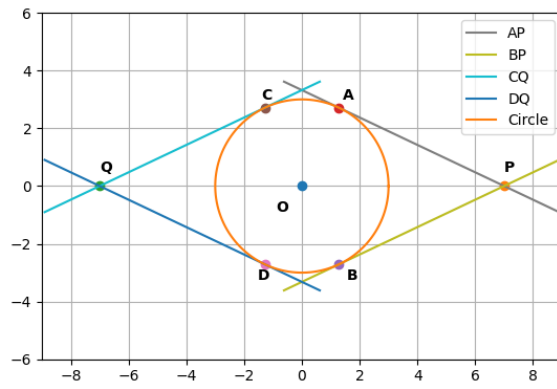


Fig. 0: Plot of the tangents