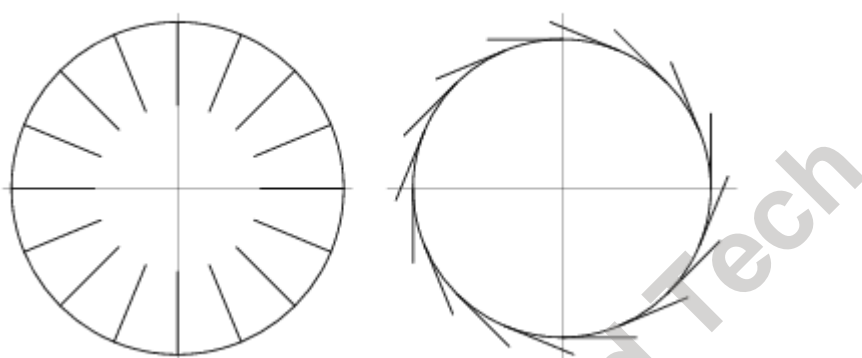


NCERT solutions for class 10 maths chapter 10 Circles Exercise: 10.1

Q1 [How many tangents can a circle have?](#)

Answer:

The lines that intersect the circle exactly at one single point are called tangents. In a circle, there can be infinitely many tangents.



Q2 [Fill in the blanks :](#)

- (1) [A tangent to a circle intersects it in _____ point \(s\).](#)
- (2) [A line intersecting a circle in two points is called a _____.](#)
- (3) [A circle can have _____ parallel tangents at the most.](#)
- (4) [The common point of a tangent to a circle and the circle _____](#)

Answer:

(a) one

A tangent of a circle intersects the circle exactly in one single point.

(b) secant

It is a line that intersects the circle at two points.

(c) Two,

There can be only two parallel tangents to a circle.

(d) point of contact

The common point of a tangent and a circle.

Q3 A tangent PQ at a point P of a circle of radius 5 cm meets a line through the center O at a point Q so that OQ = 12 cm. Length PQ is :

(A) 12 cm

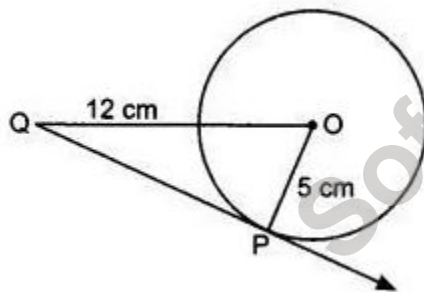
(B) 13 cm

(C) 8.5 cm

(D) $\sqrt{119}$ cm.

Answer:

The correct option is (d) = $\sqrt{119}$ cm



It is given that the radius of the circle is 5 cm. OQ = 12 cm

According to question,

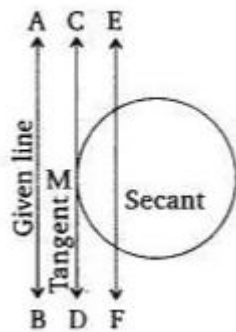
We know that $\angle QPO = 90^\circ$

So, triangle OPQ is a right-angle triangle. By using Pythagoras theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} PQ &= \sqrt{OQ^2 - OP^2} = \sqrt{144 - 25} \\ &= \sqrt{119} \text{ cm} \end{aligned}$$

Q4 Draw a circle and two lines parallel to a given line such that one is a tangent and the other, a secant to the circle.

Answer:



AB is the given line and the line CD is the tangent to a circle at point M and parallels to the line AB. The line EF is a secant parallel to the AB

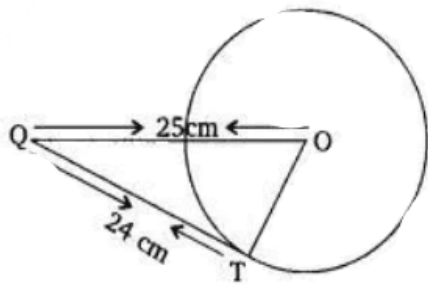
NCERT solutions for class 10 maths chapter 10 Circles Exercise: 10.2

Q1 From a point Q, the length of the tangent to a circle is 24 cm and the distance of Q from the center is 25 cm. The radius of the circle is

- (A) 7 cm
- (B) 12 cm
- (C) 15 cm
- (D) 24.5 cm

Answer:

The correct option is (A) = 7 cm



Given that,

The length of the tangent (QT) is 24 cm and the length of OQ is 25 cm.

Suppose the length of the radius OT be l cm.

We know that $\triangle OTQ$ is a right angle triangle. So, by using Pythagoras theorem-

$$OQ^2 = TQ^2 + OT^2$$

$$l = \sqrt{25^2 - 24^2}$$

$$OT = l = \sqrt{49}$$

$$OT = 7 \text{ cm}$$

Q2 In Fig. 10.11, if TP and TQ are the two tangents to a circle with center O so that $\angle POQ = 110^\circ$, then $\angle PTQ$ is equal to

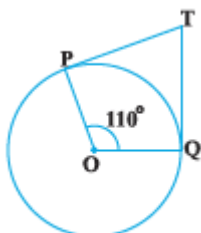


Fig. 10.11

(A) 60°

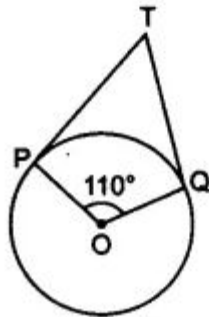
(B) 70°

(C) 80°

(D) 90°

Answer:

The correct option is (b)



In figure, $\angle POQ = 110^\circ$

Since POQT is quadrilateral. Therefore the sum of the opposite angles are 180°

$$\Rightarrow \angle PTQ + \angle POQ = 180^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle PTQ = 180^\circ - \angle POQ$$

$$= 180^\circ - 110^\circ$$

$$= 70^\circ$$

Q3 If tangents PA and PB from a point P to a circle with center O are inclined to each other at an angle of 80° , then $\angle POA$ is equal to

(A) 50°

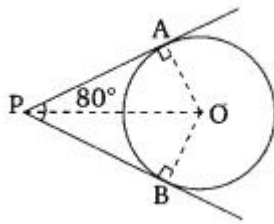
(B) 60°

(C) 70°

(D) 80°

Answer:

The correct option is (A)



It is given that, tangent PA and PB from point P inclined at $\angle APB = 80^\circ$

In triangle $\triangle OAP$ and $\triangle OBP$

$$\angle OAP = \angle OBP = 90^\circ$$

$OA = OB$ (radii of the circle)

$PA = PB$ (tangents of the circle)

Therefore, by SAS congruence

$$\therefore \triangle OAP \cong \triangle OBP$$

By CPCT, $\angle OPA = \angle OPB$

$$\text{Now, } \angle OPA = 80^\circ / 2 = 40^\circ$$

In $\triangle PAO$,

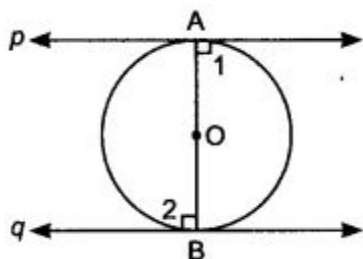
$$\angle P + \angle A + \angle O = 180^\circ$$

$$\angle O = 180^\circ - 130^\circ$$

$$= 50^\circ$$

Q4 [Prove that the tangents drawn at the ends of a diameter of a circle are parallel.](#)

Answer:



Let line p and line q are two tangents of a circle and AB is the diameter of the circle.

OA and OB are perpendicular to the tangents p and q respectively.

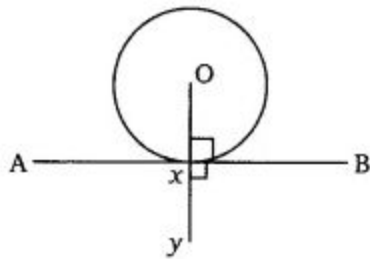
therefore,

$$\angle 1 = \angle 2 = 90^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow P \parallel q \{ \angle 1 \text{ \& } \angle 2 \text{ are alternate angles} \}$$

Q5 Prove that the perpendicular at the point of contact to the tangent to a circle passes through the center.

Answer:



In the above figure, the line AXB is the tangent to a circle with center O. Here, OX is the perpendicular to the tangent AXB ($OX \perp AXB$) at point of contact X.

Therefore, we have,

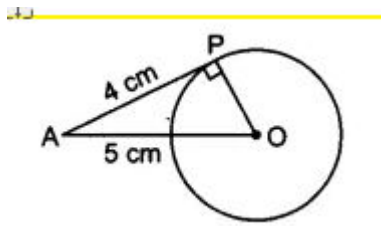
$$\angle BXO + \angle YXB = 90^\circ + 90^\circ = 180^\circ$$

\therefore OXY is a collinear

\Rightarrow OX is passing through the center of the circle.

Q6 The length of a tangent from a point A at distance 5 cm from the center of the circle is 4 cm. Find the radius of the circle.

Answer:



Given that,

the length of the tangent from the point A (AP) is 4 cm and the length of OA is 5 cm.

Since $\angle APO = 90^\circ$

Therefore, $\triangle APO$ is a right-angle triangle. By using Pythagoras theorem;

$$OA^2 = AP^2 + OP^2$$

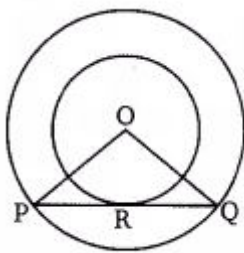
$$5^2 = 4^2 + OP^2$$

$$OP = \sqrt{25 - 16} = \sqrt{9}$$

$$OP = 3\text{ cm}$$

Q7 Two concentric circles are of radii 5 cm and 3 cm. Find the length of the chord of the larger circle which touches the smaller circle.

Answer:



In the above figure, PQ is the chord to the larger circle, which is also tangent to a smaller circle at the point of contact R.

We have,

radius of the larger circle $OP = OQ = 5\text{ cm}$

radius of the small circle $(OR) = 3\text{ cm}$

$OR \perp PQ$ [since PQ is tangent to a smaller circle]

According to question,

In $\triangle OPR$ and $\triangle OQR$

$$\angle PRO = \angle QRO \text{ \{both } 90^0 \text{ \}}$$

$$OR = OR \text{ \{common\}}$$

$$OP = OQ \text{ \{both radii\}}$$

By RHS congruence $\triangle OPR \cong \triangle OQR$

So, by CPCT

$$PR = RQ$$

Now, In $\triangle OPR$,

by using pythagoras theorem,

$$PR = \sqrt{25 - 9} = \sqrt{16}$$

$$PR = 4 \text{ cm}$$

$$\text{Hence, } PQ = 2.PR = 8 \text{ cm}$$

Q8 A quadrilateral ABCD is drawn to circumscribe a circle (see Fig. 10.12). Prove that $AB + CD = AD + BC$

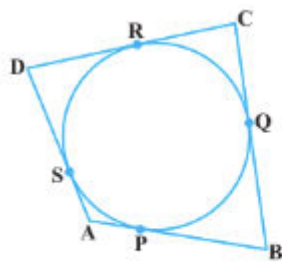


Fig. 10.12

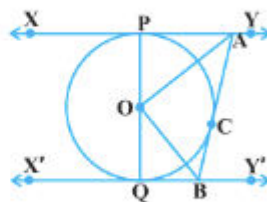
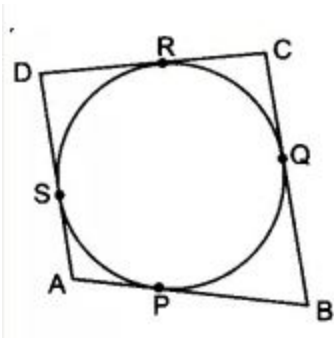


Fig. 10.13

Answer:



To prove- $AB + CD = AD + BC$

Proof-

We have,

Since the length of the tangents drawn from an external point to a circle are equal

$$AP = AS \dots\dots(i)$$

$$BP = BQ \dots\dots(ii)$$

$$AS = AP \dots\dots(iii)$$

$$CR = CQ \dots\dots(iv)$$

By adding all the equations, we get;

$$AP + BP + RD + CR = AS + DS + BQ + CQ$$

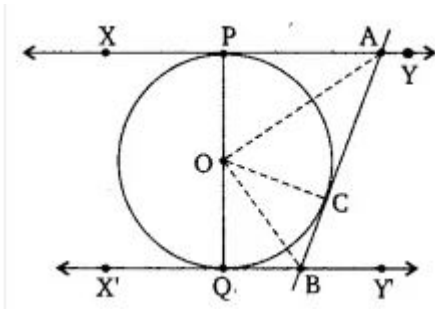
$$\Rightarrow (AP + BP) + (RD + CR) = (AS + DS) + (BQ + CQ)$$

$$\Rightarrow AB + CD = AD + BC$$

Hence proved.

Q9 In Fig. 10.13, XY and X'Y' are two parallel tangents to a circle with center O and another tangent AB with a point of contact C intersecting XY at A and X'Y' at B. Prove that $\angle AOB = 90^\circ$.

Answer:



To prove- $\angle AOB = 90^\circ$

Proof-

In $\triangle AOP$ and $\triangle AOC$,

$OA = OA$ [Common]

$OP = OC$ [Both radii]

$AP = AC$ [tangents from external point A]

Therefore by SSS congruence, $\triangle AOP \cong \triangle AOC$

and by CPCT, $\angle PAO = \angle OAC$

$\Rightarrow \angle PAC = 2\angle OAC$ (i)

Similarly, from $\triangle OBC$ and $\triangle OBQ$, we get;

$\angle QBC = 2\angle OBC$(ii)

Adding eq (1) and eq (2)

$$\angle PAC + \angle QBC = 180$$

$$2(\angle OBC + \angle OAC) = 180$$

$$(\angle OBC + \angle OAC) = 90$$

Now, in $\triangle OAB$,

Sum of interior angle is 180.

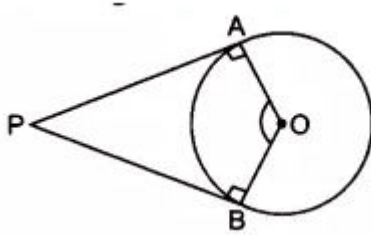
$$\text{So, } \angle OBC + \angle OAC + \angle AOB = 180$$

$$\therefore \angle AOB = 90$$

hence proved.

Q10 [Prove that the angle between the two tangents drawn from an external point to a circle is supplementary to the angle subtended by the line-segment joining the points of contact at the center.](#)

Answer:



To prove - $\angle APB + \angle AOB = 180^\circ$

Proof-

We have, PA and PB are two tangents, B and A are the point of contacts of the tangent to a circle. And $OA \perp PA$, $OB \perp PB$ (since tangents and radius are perpendiculars)

According to question,

In quadrilateral PAOB,

$$\angle OAP + \angle APB + \angle PBO + \angle BOA = 360^\circ$$

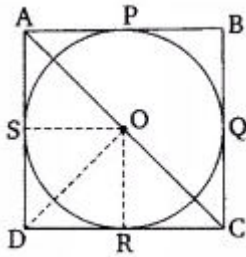
$$90 + \angle APB + 90 + \angle BOA = 360$$

$$\angle APB + \angle AOB = 180^\circ$$

Hence proved .

Q11 [Prove that the parallelogram circumscribing a circle is a rhombus.](#)

Answer:



To prove - the parallelogram circumscribing a circle is a rhombus

Proof-

ABCD is a parallelogram that circumscribes a circle with center O.

P, Q, R, S are the points of contacts on sides AB, BC, CD, and DA respectively

$AB = CD$ and $AD = BC$(i)

It is known that tangents drawn from an external point are equal in length.

$RD = DS$ (ii)

$RC = QC$(iii)

$BP = BQ$(iv)

$AP = AS$ (v)

By adding eq (ii) to eq (v) we get;

$(RD + RC) + (BP + AP) = (DS + AS) + (BQ + QC)$

$CD + AB = AD + BC$

$\Rightarrow 2AB = 2AD$ [from equation (i)]

$\Rightarrow AB = AD$

Now, $AB = AD$ and $AB = CD$

$\therefore AB = AD = CD = BC$

Hence ABCD is a rhombus.

Q12 [A triangle ABC is drawn to circumscribe a circle of radius 4 cm such that the segments BD and DC into which BC is divided by the point of contact D are of lengths 8 cm and 6 cm respectively \(see Fig. 10.14\). Find the sides AB and AC.](#)

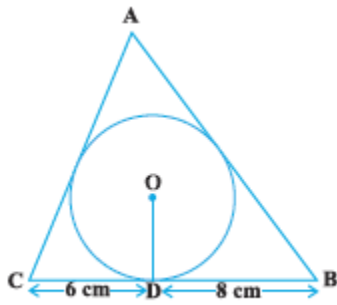
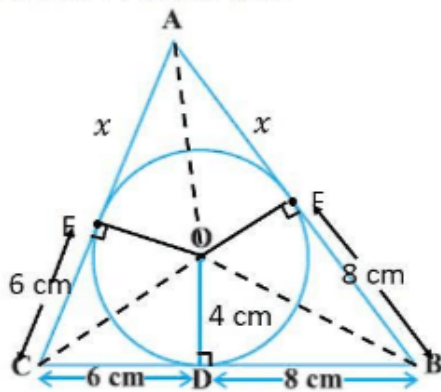


Fig. 10.14

Answer:



Consider the above figure. Assume center O touches the sides AB and AC of the triangle at point E and F respectively.

Let the length of AE is x .

Now in $\triangle ABC$,

$$CF = CD = 6 \text{ (tangents on the circle from point C)}$$

$$BE = BD = 8 \text{ (tangents on the circle from point B)}$$

$$AE = AF = x \text{ (tangents on the circle from point A)}$$

$$\text{Now } AB = AE + EB$$

Now

Area of triangle $\triangle ABC$

Now the area of $\triangle OBC$

$$= (1/2) * OD * BC$$

$$= (1/2) * 4 * 14$$

$$= 56/2 = 28$$

Area of $\triangle OCA$

$$= (1/2) * OF * AC$$

$$= (1/2) * 4 * (6 + x)$$

$$= 2(6 + x)$$

$$= 12 + 2x$$

Area of $\triangle OAB$

$$= (1/2) * OE * AB$$

$$= (1/2) * 4 * (8 + x)$$

$$= 2(8 + x)$$

$$= 16 + 2x$$

Now Area of the $\triangle ABC$ = Area of $\triangle OBC$ + Area of $\triangle OCA$ + Area of $\triangle OAB$

On squaring both the side, we get

Hence

$$AB = x + 8$$

$$\Rightarrow AB = 7 + 8$$

$$\Rightarrow AB = 15$$

$$AC = 6 + x$$

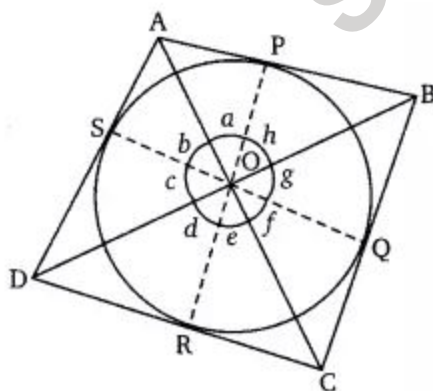
$$\Rightarrow AC = 6 + 7$$

$$\Rightarrow AC = 13$$

Answer- $AB = 15$ and $AC = 13$

Q13 Prove that opposite sides of a quadrilateral circumscribing a circle subtend supplementary angles at the center of the circle.

Answer:



Given- ABCD is a quadrilateral circumscribing a circle. P, Q, R, S are the point of contact on sides AB, BC, CD, and DA respectively.

To prove-

$$\angle AOB + \angle COD = 180^0$$

$$\angle AOD + \angle BOC = 180^0$$

Proof -

Join OP, OQ, OR and OS

In triangle $\triangle DOS$ and $\triangle DOR$,

OD = OD [common]

OS = OR [radii of same circle]

DR = DS [length of tangents drawn from an external point are equal]

By SSS congruency, $\triangle DOS \cong \triangle DOR$,

and by CPCT, $\angle DOS = \angle DOR$

$$\angle c = \angle d \dots\dots\dots(i)$$

Similarly,

$$\angle a = \angle b$$

$$\angle e = \angle f$$

$$\angle g = \angle h \dots\dots\dots(2, 3, 4)$$

$$\therefore 2(\angle a + \angle e + \angle h + \angle d) = 360^0$$

$$(\angle a + \angle e) + (\angle h + \angle d) = 180^0$$

$$\angle AOB + \angle DOC = 180^0$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \angle AOD + \angle BOC = 180^0$$

Hence proved.