

Exercise 10.6

Q1. Prove that the line of centres of two intersecting circles subtends equal angles at the two points of intersection.

Solution

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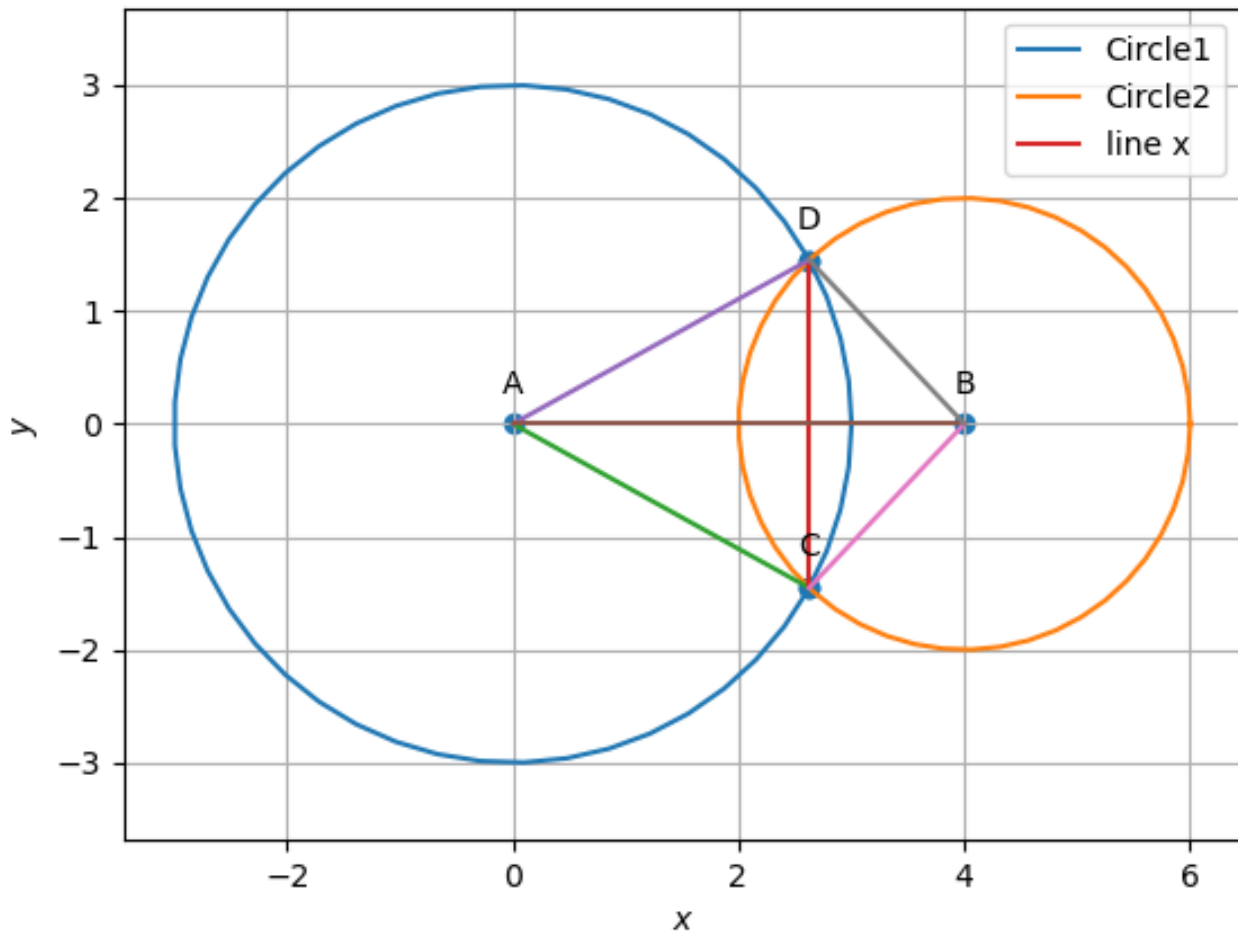


Figure 1:

Construction

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Symbol	Values	Description
A	0	Center of circle 1
r_1	3 units	Radius of the circle 1
B	$\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$	Center of circle 2
r_2	2 units	Radius of circle 2
\mathbf{e}_1	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$	Standard basis vector 1
\mathbf{e}_2	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$	Standard basis vector 2

Verification:

The two circle equations are given by:

$$\|x\|^2 - 9 = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\|x\|^2 - 8\mathbf{e}_1 + 12 = 0 \quad (2)$$

Equation of two conics is given by:

$$\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{V}_i \mathbf{x} + 2\mathbf{u}_i^\top \mathbf{x} + f_i = 0, \quad i = 1, 2 \quad (3)$$

Represent the two circles in conic form:

$$\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{x} - 9 = 0 \quad (4)$$

$$\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{x} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} + 12 = 0 \quad (5)$$

On comparing above two equations with (3), we get:

$$\mathbf{V}_1 = \mathbf{I}, \mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, f_1 = -9 \quad (6)$$

$$\mathbf{V}_2 = \mathbf{I}, \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, f_2 = 12 \quad (7)$$

The intersection of the given conics is obtained as

$$\mathbf{V}_1 + \mu \mathbf{V}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \mu + 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \mu + 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (8)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_1 + \mu \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (9)$$

$$f_1 + \mu f_2 = -21 \quad (10)$$

This conic is a single straight line if and only if,

$$\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{V}_1 + \mu \mathbf{V}_2 & \mathbf{u}_1 + \mu \mathbf{u}_2 \\ (\mathbf{u}_1 + \mu \mathbf{u}_2)^\top & f_1 + \mu f_2 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (11)$$

Substituting equation (8),(9) and (10) in equation (11):

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 1 + \mu & 0 & -4\mu \\ 0 & 1 + \mu & 0 \\ -4\mu & 0 & -9 + 12\mu \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (12)$$

Solving the above equation we get,

$$\mu = -1 \quad (13)$$

Thus, the parameters for a straight line can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{V}_1 + \mu \mathbf{V}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (14)$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}_1 + \mu \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (15)$$

$$f = f_1 + \mu f_2 = -21 \quad (16)$$

The conic equation is given by:

$$\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{V} \mathbf{x} + 2\mathbf{u}^\top \mathbf{x} + f = 0, \quad (17)$$

By substituting (14),(15) and (16) in conic equation (17), we get straight line between the intersection of two circles:

$$(1 \ 0) \mathbf{x} = \frac{21}{8} \quad (18)$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{21}{8} \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix} \quad (19)$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{21}{8} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (20)$$

Equation (20) can be expressed in the form of parametric equation

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{q} + \lambda \mathbf{m} \quad (21)$$

The distance from origin to point \mathbf{x} is given by

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 = d^2 \quad (22)$$

Then substituting (21) in (22) yeilds,

$$\implies (\mathbf{q} + \lambda \mathbf{m})^\top (\mathbf{q} + \lambda \mathbf{m}) = d^2 \quad (23)$$

$$\implies \mathbf{q}^\top \mathbf{q} + (\lambda \mathbf{m})^\top \lambda \mathbf{m} + \mathbf{q}^\top \lambda \mathbf{m} + (\lambda \mathbf{m})^\top \mathbf{q} = d^2 \quad (24)$$

$$\implies \|\mathbf{q}\|^2 + \lambda^2 \|\mathbf{m}\|^2 + 2\lambda \mathbf{q}^\top \mathbf{m} = d^2 \quad (25)$$

$$\implies \lambda^2 \|\mathbf{m}\|^2 + 2\lambda \mathbf{q}^\top \mathbf{m} + \|\mathbf{q}\|^2 = d^2 \quad (26)$$

where

$$\mathbf{q} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{21}{8} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } d = r_1 = 3 \quad (27)$$

substituting the values of (27) in (26) gives

$$\implies \lambda^2(1) + 2\lambda \left(\frac{21}{8} \ 0\right) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{441}{64} = 9 \quad (28)$$

$$\implies \lambda^2 = \frac{135}{64} \quad (29)$$

$$\implies \lambda_i = \pm \frac{3\sqrt{5}}{8} \quad (30)$$

The intersecting points \mathbf{C} and \mathbf{D} are given by:

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{q} + \lambda_1 \mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{21}{8} \\ -\frac{3\sqrt{5}}{8} \end{pmatrix} \quad (31)$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{q} + \lambda_2 \mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{21}{8} \\ \frac{3\sqrt{5}}{8} \end{pmatrix} \quad (32)$$

Check whether the intersection angles $\angle ADB$ and $\angle ACB$ are equal or not:

1. Finding $\angle ADB$:

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{21}{8} \\ -\frac{3\sqrt{5}}{8} \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{11}{8} \\ -\frac{3\sqrt{5}}{8} \end{pmatrix} \quad (33)$$

$$(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D})^\top (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{D}) = -\frac{3}{2} \quad (34)$$

$$\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D}\| \|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{D}\| = 6 \quad (35)$$

$$\cos(\angle ADB) = \frac{(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D})^\top (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{D})}{\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D}\| \|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{D}\|} \quad (36)$$

$$\angle ADB = 104^\circ \quad (37)$$

2. Finding $\angle ACB$:

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{21}{8} \\ \frac{3\sqrt{5}}{8} \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{11}{8} \\ \frac{3\sqrt{5}}{8} \end{pmatrix} \quad (38)$$

$$(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C})^\top (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}) = -\frac{3}{2} \quad (39)$$

$$\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}\| \|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}\| = 6 \quad (40)$$

$$\cos(\angle ACB) = \frac{(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C})^\top (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C})}{\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}\| \|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}\|} \quad (41)$$

$$\angle ACB = 104^\circ \quad (42)$$

Hence, both the intersecting angles are equal to each other, which satisfies the above condition.