

Accelerated Geometry
Chapter 10 – Section 4: Secants and Tangents

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After this lesson, you should be able to:

- Identify secant and tangent lines
- Identify secant and tangent segments
- Distinguish between two types of tangent circles
- Recognize common internal and common external tangents

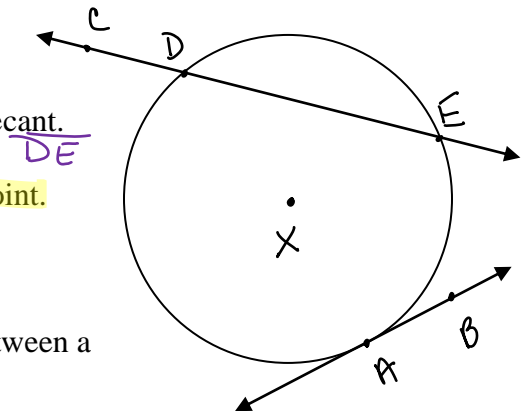
Given: Circle X.

Definitions

1. Secant – a line that intersects a circle at exactly two points.

\overleftrightarrow{CE} or \overleftrightarrow{DE}

- Every secant contains a chord of the circle.
- Name the secant in the diagram.
- Name the chord that is contained in the above secant.



2. Tangent – a line that intersects a circle at exactly one point.

- Name the tangent in the diagram.
- The **point of tangency** is the point of contact between a tangent and a circle.
- Name the point of tangency in the diagram.

\overleftrightarrow{AB}

A

3. Tangent segment – the part of the tangent line between the point of contact and a point outside the circle.

- Name the tangent segment in the diagram.

\overline{AB}

4. Secant segment – the part of a secant line that joins a point outside the circle to the farther intersection point of the secant and the circle.

- Name the secant segment in the diagram.

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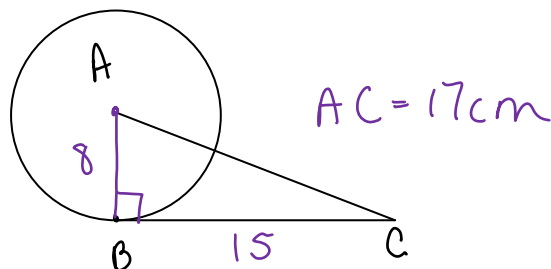
5. External part of a secant segment – the part of a secant line that joins the outside point to the nearer intersection point.

- Name the external part of a secant segment in the diagram.

\overline{CD}

Postulate: A tangent line is perpendicular to the radius drawn to the point of tangency.

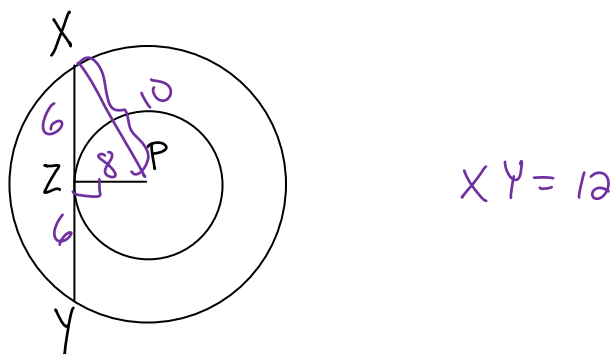
6. The radius of circle A is 8 cm. Tangent segment \overline{BC} is 15 cm long. Find the length of \overline{AC} .



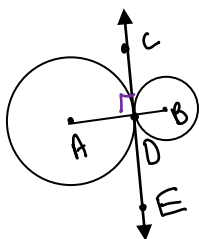
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Postulate: If a line is perpendicular to a radius at its outer endpoint, then it is tangent to the circle.

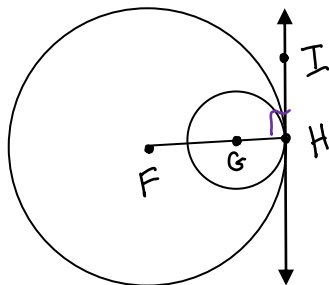
7. Concentric circles with radii 8 and 10 have center P. $\overline{XY} \perp \overline{ZP}$. Find \overline{XY} .



8. Tangent circles - intersect each other at exactly one point.
- Two circles are **externally tangent** if each of the tangent circles lies outside the other.
 - Circle A and circle B are externally tangent. Name their point of tangency. **D**
 - What must be true about \overline{AB} and \overline{CE} ? **\perp**
 - \overline{CE} is a **common internal tangent** because it lies between the circles.



- e. Two circles are **internally tangent** if one of the tangent circles lies inside the other.
- f. Circle F and circle G are internally tangent. Name their point of tangency. *H*
- g. What must be true about \overline{FH} and \overline{IH} ? *\perp*
- h. \overline{IH} is a **common external tangent** because it is not between the circles.



9. Given circle J and circle K, name the following:

In between the circles

- a. common internal tangent

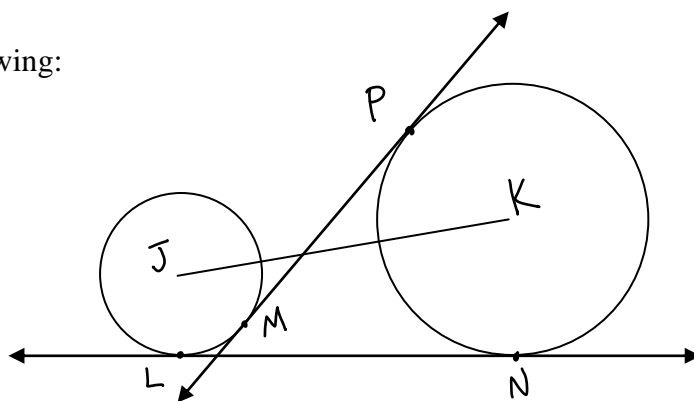
\overleftrightarrow{MP}

- b. common external tangent

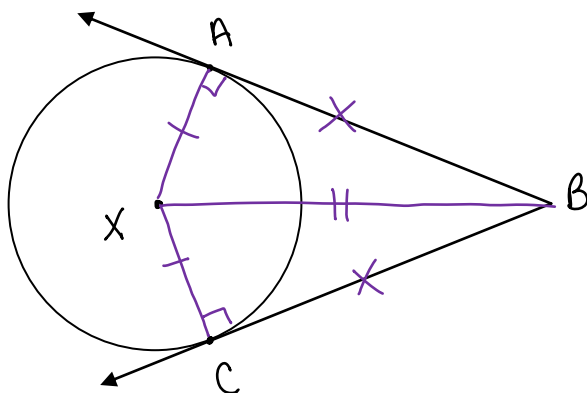
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- c. line of centers

\overline{JK}



10. Given: \overline{BA} and \overline{BC} are tangent to circle X. What can you prove about \overline{BA} and \overline{BC} ?



Draw radii $\rightarrow \overline{XA} \perp \overline{AB}, \overline{XC} \perp \overline{CB}$

Draw \overline{XB}

$\overline{XB} \cong \overline{XB}$

$\triangle XAB \cong \triangle XCB$ by $Rt \Delta HL$

$\overline{AB} \cong \overline{BC}$ If $\Delta s \cong$, corr parts \cong

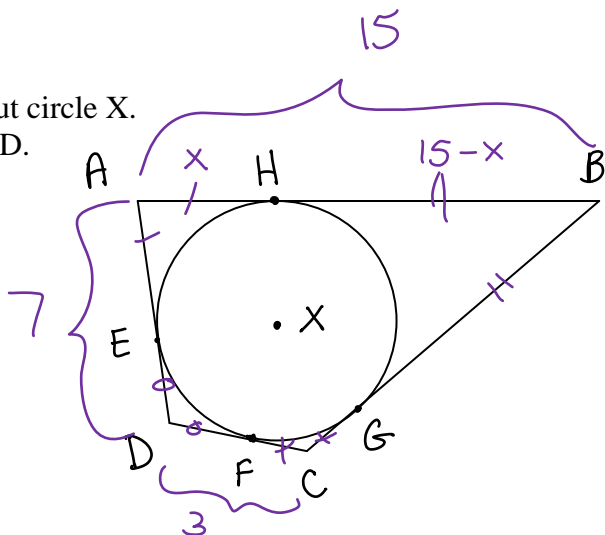
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11. Walk around problem

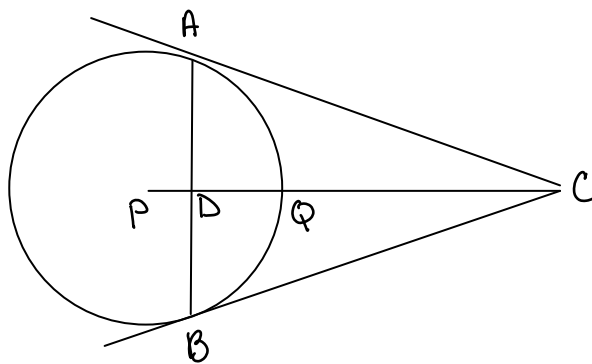
Given: Polygon ABCD is *circumscribed* about circle X.
Circle X is *inscribed* in polygon ABCD.
 $AB = 15$, $AD = 7$, $DC = 3$

Find BC.

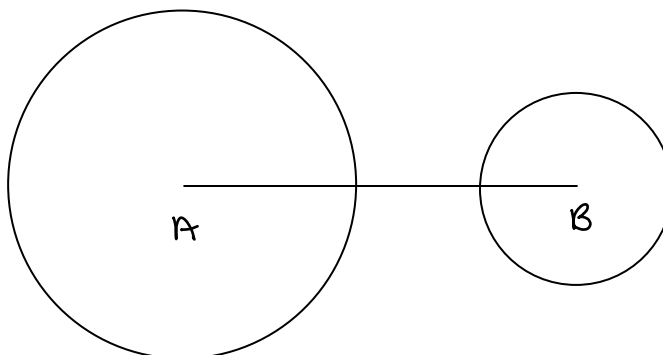


12. Given: Circle P, tangents \overline{AC} and \overline{BC} , points of tangency A and B, $m\angle BQ = 60$, $AB = 24$,
 $\overline{AB} \perp \overline{PC}$.

Find the radius of the circle.



13. The centers of two circles of radii 11 cm and 6 cm are 13 cm apart. Find the length of a common external tangent.



Common-Tangent Procedure

This procedure works for both common internal and common external tangents.

- Draw the segment joining the centers.
- Draw the radii to the points of contact.
- Through the center of the smaller circle, draw a line parallel to the common tangent. This line will intersect the radius of the larger circle (you may need to extend the radius) to form a rectangle and a right triangle.
- Use the Pythagorean Theorem and properties of a rectangle.