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ASSIGNMENT 3

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1 Question No 2.58

Draw a pair of tangents to a circle of radius 5 units which are inclined to each other at an angle of 60°

2 Solution

Data from the given question:

	Symbols	Circle
Centre	0	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$
Radius	r	5

The angle between the tangents from P given by $\theta = 60^{\circ}$

Lemma 2.1. Given a circle of radius r and angle between the tangents, the intersection of the tangents and points of contact are:

$$P = de_1$$

$$where, e_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, e_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

to the circle given by

$$x = \frac{r^2}{d}e_1 \pm r\sqrt{1 - \frac{r^2}{d^2}}e_2 \tag{2.0.1}$$

If x be a point of contact for tangents

$$PA \perp PB$$
 (2.0.2)

$$\implies (O - x)^T (x - P) = 0 \tag{2.0.3}$$

$$or, P^T x \implies ||x||^2 = r^2$$
 (2.0.4)

$$\implies e_1^T x = \frac{r^2}{d} \tag{2.0.5}$$

where,
$$d = \frac{r}{\sin\frac{\theta}{2}}$$
 (2.0.6)

Proof: From (2.0.6)

$$\sin\frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{r}{d} \tag{2.0.7}$$

Now substitute the values, we get

$$d = \frac{r}{\sin\frac{\theta}{2}} \tag{2.0.8}$$

$$\implies d = \frac{5}{\sin 30^{\circ}} \tag{2.0.9}$$

$$\implies d = 10 \tag{2.0.10}$$

and from (2.0.1)

$$x = \frac{r^2}{d} \binom{1}{0} \pm r \sqrt{1 - \frac{r^2}{d^2}} \binom{0}{1}$$
 (2.0.11)

$$= \frac{25}{10} \binom{1}{0} \pm 5\sqrt{1 - \frac{25}{100}} \binom{0}{1} \tag{2.0.12}$$

$$x = 2.5 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \pm 4.33 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
 (2.0.13)

$$\implies \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2.5 \\ 4.33 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.0.14}$$

$$\implies \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 2.5 \\ -4.33 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.0.15}$$

from (2.1)

$$P = 10 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.0.16}$$

$$\implies P = \begin{pmatrix} 10\\0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.0.17}$$

The coordinates are:

$$\mathbf{O} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2.5 \\ 4.33 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 2.5 \\ -4.33 \end{pmatrix}.$$
(2.0.18)

Plot Tangents PA and PB:

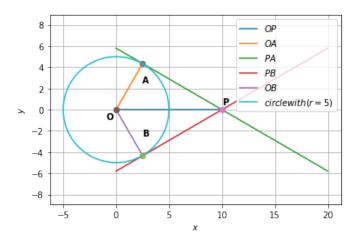


Fig. 2.1: Tangent lines to circle of radius 5 units.