

ICSE 2017 Q8 b

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Question: In the given figure PQ is a tangent to the circle at A. AB and AD are bisectors of $\angle CAQ$ and $\angle PAC$. IF $\angle BAQ = 30^\circ$, prove that:

(i) BD is a diameter of the circle.

(ii) ABC is an isosceles triangle.

Solution:

$$\angle BAQ = 30^\circ \quad (0.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle BAC = 30^\circ \quad (0.2)$$

Also,

$$\angle CAP = 180^\circ - \angle CAQ \quad (0.3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle CAP = 120^\circ \quad (0.4)$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle CAD = \angle PAD = 60^\circ \quad (0.5)$$

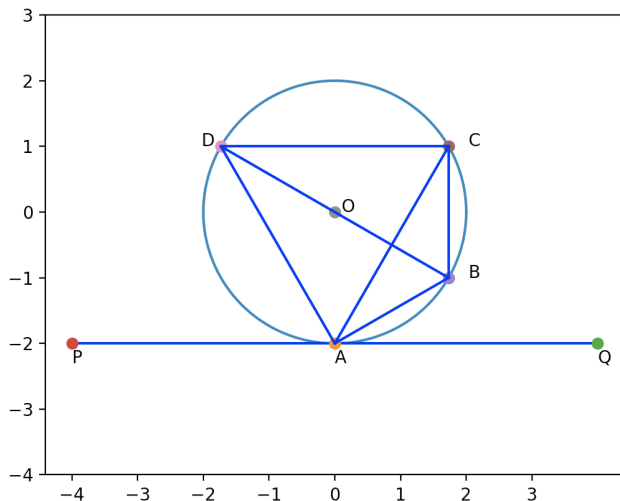
$$\Rightarrow \angle BAD = 90^\circ \quad (0.6)$$

So BD is a diameter.

Since angle made by a chord at two different points is equal,

$$\angle ADB = \angle ACB = 30^\circ \quad (0.7)$$

And since $\angle CAB = 30^\circ$, $\triangle ABC$ is an isosceles triangle.



Steps for drawing the diagram:
Finding the coordinates of the points A.

Symbol	Value	Description
θ	30°	Input, $\angle QAB$
r	2	Radius, Input
O	(0,0)	Center, Input
P	(-4,-2)	Point on the tangent, Input
Q	(4,-2)	Point on the tangent, Input
A	(0,-2)	(0, -r), calculated
B	(1, $-\sqrt{3}$)	($r\sin 2\theta$, $-r\cos 2\theta$), calculated
C	(1, $\sqrt{3}$)	($r\sin 2\theta$, $r\cos 2\theta$), calculated
D	(-1, $\sqrt{3}$)	($-r\sin 2\theta$, $r\cos 2\theta$), calculated

TABLE 0.1

1) A is on the line segment PQ.

2) The point closest to the circle on the segment lies on a line passing through O and perpendicular to PQ $\Rightarrow A(0, -2)$.

Finding the coordinates of the points B.

1) A(0, -2).

2) $\angle BAQ = 30^\circ$

3) $|AB| = 2$

4) $\Rightarrow B(1, -\sqrt{3})$

Finding the coordinates of the points C.

1) A(0, -2).

2) $\angle CAQ = 60^\circ$

3) $|AC| = 2\sqrt{3}$

4) $\Rightarrow C(1, \sqrt{3})$

Finding the coordinates of the points D.

1) A(0, -2).

2) $\angle DAP = 60^\circ$

3) $|AD| = 2\sqrt{3}$

4) $\Rightarrow D(-1, \sqrt{3})$