Matrix Project

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Geometry Question

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A tangent PT is drawn to the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ at point $p(\sqrt{3}, 1)$. A straight line L, perpendicular to PT is a tangent to the circle $(x-3)^2 + y^2 = 1$. Find the possible equations of L.

Matrix Transformation of Question

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A tangent PT is drawn to the circle

$$X^{\mathsf{T}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} X = 4,$$

at a point $P^T = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

A straight line L, perpendicular to PT is a tangent to the circle

$$X^T \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} X + 2 \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} X + 8 = 0.$$

Find the possible Equations of L.

$$C1: X^{T} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} X = 4$$

$$C2: X^{T} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} X + 2 \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} X + 8 = 0$$

Comparing the given circle equations with the general equation of quadratic curve : $X^T V X + 2u^T X + F = 0$, we have -

$$V_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, u_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, F_1 = -4, V_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, u_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, F_2 = 8.$$

The Equation of tangent at $P_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ to the first circle is

$$(P_1^T V_1 + u_1^T)X + P_1^T u_1 + F_1 = 0$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} X + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} X - 4 = 0$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3} & 1 \end{bmatrix} X = 4$$

Let n_1 is normal vector to tangent at P_1

Let n_2 is normal vector to tangent at P_2

Let m_1 is direction vector to tangent at P_1

Let m_2 is direction vector to tangent at P_2

Where P₂ is point of contact of second circle and required tangent



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$$n_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, m_2 = n_1, m_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now,
$$n_2^T m_2 = 0$$

So, $n_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -\sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix}$

Equation of Tangent to the second Circle is

$$(P_2^T V_2 + u_2^T)X + P_2^T u_2 + F_2 = 0, \Longrightarrow (1)$$

Which is same as equation of line passing through

 P_2 with normal vector $n_2 \implies n_2^T(X - P_2) = 0 \implies (2)$

Comparing the equations (1) and (2) with scaling factor k, we get

$$\mathsf{P}_2^\mathsf{T} \mathsf{V}_2 + \mathsf{u}_2^\mathsf{T} = \mathsf{k} \mathsf{n}_2^\mathsf{T} \implies (3)$$

$$P_2^T u_2 + F_2 = -k n_2^T P_2 \implies (4)$$

From equation (3),

$$P_2 = ((kn_2^T - u_2^T)V_2^{-1})^T$$

$$P_2 = \begin{bmatrix} k \\ -k\sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore,
$$P_2 = \begin{bmatrix} k+3\\ -k\sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

Putting the value of P_2 in equation (4), we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} k+3 & -k\sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 8 = -k \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} k+3 \\ -k\sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\implies -3k - 9 + 8 = -k(3 + 4k)$$

$$\implies -3k - 1 = -3k - 4k^2$$

$$\implies 4k^2 = 1$$

$$\implies k = \pm 1/2$$

Putting the two values of k in P_2 , we get two values for P_2 .

Therefore the two solutions of P₂ are $\begin{bmatrix} 7/2 \\ -\sqrt{3}/2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 5/2 \\ \sqrt{3}/2 \end{bmatrix}$

The equation of a line is given by,

 $n^{T}(X - A)$, where A is any point on the line.

We get the two possible equations of L for two values of P_2 ,

Equation 1:
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix}$$
 $(X - \begin{bmatrix} 7/2 \\ -\sqrt{3}/2 \end{bmatrix}) = 0$

Equation 2:
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix} (X - \begin{bmatrix} 5/2 \\ 3/2 \end{bmatrix}) = 0$$

Diagram

