## **Problem:**

Let \$ABC\$ be a triangle inscribed in circle Let the tangents to  $\$  omega\$ at \$B\$ and \$C\$ intersect at point \$D\$, and let  $\$  intersect  $\$  intersect  $\$  omega\$ at \$P\$. If \$AB=5\$, \$BC=9\$, and \$AC=10\$, \$AP\$ can be written as the form  $\$  of the form  $\$  where \$m\$ and \$n\$ are relatively prime integers. Find \$m + n\$.

## Response:

To solve the problem, we start by noting that  $\(D\)$  is the intersection of the tangents to the circumcircle  $\(\)$  at  $\(B\)$  and  $\(C\)$ . This means that  $\(D\)$  is the excenter of the triangle  $\(ABC\)$  opposite to  $\(A\)$ . By the properties of tangents from a point to a circle,  $\(DB = DC\)$ . [score=0.20]

We use the fact that  $\(AD\)$  is the angle bisector of  $\(AD\)$  when extended to intersect the circumcircle again at  $\(P\)$ . By the Angle Bisector Theorem, we know that the ratio of the segments created by the angle bisector on  $\(BC\)$  is equal to the ratio of the other two sides of the triangle. Therefore, we have: $\(BC\)$  is equal to the ratio of the other two sides of the triangle. Therefore, we have: $\(BD\)$  we can use the  $\(BB\)$  and  $\(BC\)$  is the intersection of the tangents at  $\(BC\)$  and  $\(BC\)$  is the intersection of the tangents at  $\(BC\)$  and  $\(CC\)$ , we have: $\(BC\)$  and  $\(BC\)$  is  $\(BC\)$ . Therefore,  $\(BD\)$  and  $\(BC\)$  is  $\(BC\)$ . [score=0.66]