



NCERT Solutions Of Chapter 10 - Circles

Ex 10.1

Question 1.

How many tangents can a circle have?

Solution:

There can be infinitely many tangents to a circle.

Question 2.

Fill in the blanks:

- (i) A tangent to a circle intersects it in point(s).
- (ii) A line intersecting a circle in two points is called a
- (iii) A circle can have parallel tangents at the most
- (iv) The common point of a tangent to a circle and the circle is called

Solution:

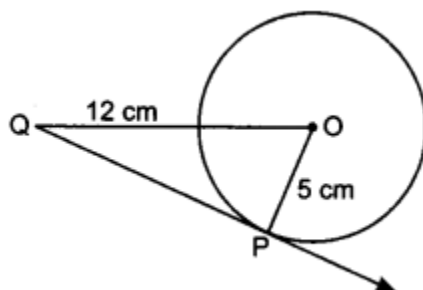
- (i) One
- (ii) Secant
- (iii) Two
- (iv) Point of contact.

Question 3.

A tangent PQ at a point P of a circle of radius 5 cm meets a line through the centre O at a point Q so that OQ = 12 cm. Length PQ is

- (a) 12 cm
- (b) 13 cm
- (c) 8.5 cm
- (d) $199\text{---}\sqrt{\text{cm}}$

Solution:



Radius of the circle = 5 cm

OQ = 12 cm

$\angle OPQ = 90^\circ$

[The tangent to a circle is perpendicular to the radius through the point of contact]



$PQ^2 = OQ^2 - OP^2$ [By Pythagoras theorem]

$$PQ^2 = 12^2 - 5^2 = 144 - 25 = 119$$

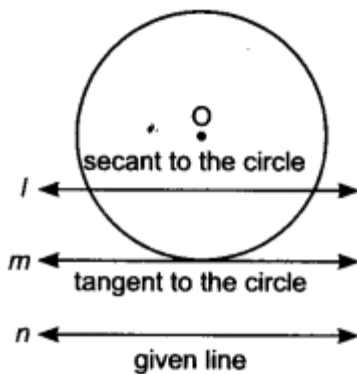
$$PQ = \sqrt{119} \text{ cm.}$$

Hence correct option is (d).

Question 4.

Draw a circle and two lines parallel to a given line such that one is a tangent and the other, a secant to the circle.

Solution:



A line m is parallel to the line n and a line l which is secant is parallel to the given line.

Ex 10.2

Question 1.

From a point Q , the length of the tangent to a circle is 24 cm and the distance of Q from the centre is 25 cm. The radius of the circle is

- (a) 7 cm Sol.
- (b) 12 cm
- (c) 15 cm
- (d) 24.5 cm

Solution:

From figure

$$OQ^2 = OP^2 + PQ^2$$

$$(25)^2 = OP^2 + (24)^2$$

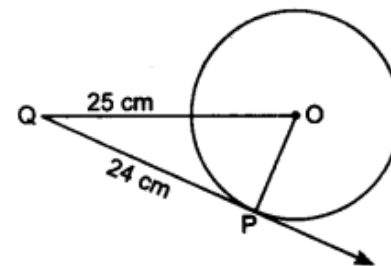
$$\Rightarrow 625 - 576 = OP^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 49 = OP^2 \Rightarrow OP = \sqrt{49}$$

$$\Rightarrow OP = 7 \text{ cm}$$

Radius of the circle = 7 cm

Hence, correct option is (a).



Question 2.

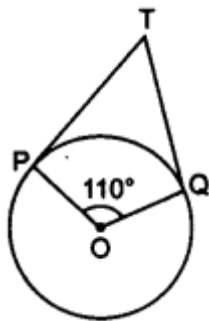
In figure, if TP and TQ are the two tangents to a circle with centre O so that $\angle POQ$



= 110° , then $\angle PTQ$ is equal to

- (a) 60°
- (b) 70°
- (c) 80°
- (d) 90°

Solution:



$$\angle OPT = 90^\circ$$

$$\angle OQT = 90^\circ$$

$$\angle POQ = 110^\circ$$

TPOQ is a quadrilateral,

$$\therefore \angle PTQ + \angle POQ = 180^\circ \Rightarrow \angle PTQ + 110^\circ = 180^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle PTQ = 180^\circ - 110^\circ = 70^\circ$$

Hence, correct option is (b).

Question 3.

If tangents PA and PB from a point P to a circle with centre O are inclined to each other at angle of 80° , then $\angle POA$ is equal to

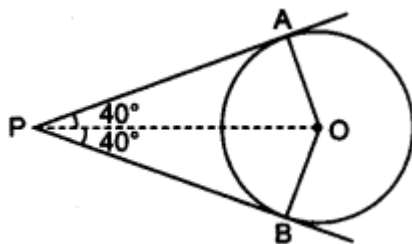
- (a) 50°
- (b) 60°
- (c) 70°
- (d) 80°

Solution:

In AOAP and AOBP

$$OA = OB \text{ [Radii]}$$

$$PA = PB$$



[Lengths of tangents from an external point are equal]



$OP = OP$ [Common]
 $\therefore \triangle OAP \cong \triangle OBP$ [SSS congruence rule]
 $\angle AOB + \angle APB = 180^\circ \Rightarrow \angle AOB + 80^\circ = 180^\circ$
 $\Rightarrow \angle AOB = 180^\circ - 80^\circ = 100^\circ$
 From eqn. (i), we get
 $\Rightarrow \angle POA = \frac{1}{2} \times 100^\circ = 50^\circ$
 Hence, correct option is (a)

Question 4.

Prove that the tangents drawn at the ends of a diameter of a circle are parallel.

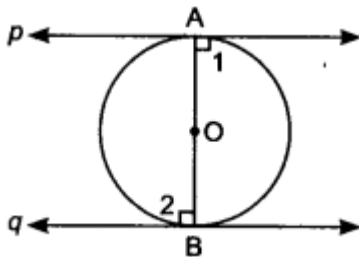
Solution:

AB is a diameter of the circle, p and q are two tangents.

$OA \perp p$ and $OB \perp q$

$\angle 1 = \angle 2 = 90^\circ$

$\Rightarrow p \parallel q$ [$\angle 1$ and $\angle 2$ are alternate angles]



Question 5.

Prove that the perpendicular at the point of contact to the tangent to a circle passes through the centre.

Solution:

XY tangent to the circle C(O, r) at B and $AB \perp XY$. Join OB.

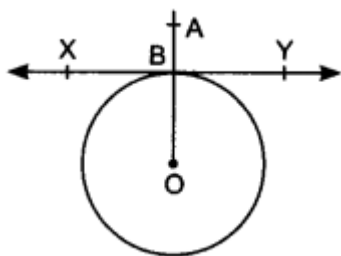
$\angle ABY = 90^\circ$ [Given]

$\angle OBY = 90^\circ$

[Radius through point of contact is perpendicular to the tangent]

$\therefore \angle ABY + \angle OBY = 180^\circ \Rightarrow A, B, O$ is collinear

$\therefore AB$ passes through centre of the circle.



Question 6.

The length of a tangent from a point A at distance 5 cm from the centre of the

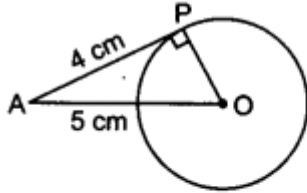


circle is 4 cm. Find the radius of the circle.

Solution:

OA = 5 cm, AP = 4 cm OP = Radius of the circle

$\angle OPA = 90^\circ$ [Radius and tangent are perpendicular]



$$\begin{aligned} 5^2 &= 4^2 + OP^2 \Rightarrow 25 = 16 + OP^2 \\ \Rightarrow 25 - 16 &= OP^2 \Rightarrow 9 = OP^2 \Rightarrow \sqrt{9} = OP \\ \Rightarrow OP &= 3 \text{ cm} \\ \therefore \text{Radius} &= 3 \text{ cm} \end{aligned}$$

Question 7.

Two concentric circles are of radii 5 cm and 3 cm. Find the length of the chord of the larger circle which touches the smaller circle.

Solution:

Radius of larger circle = 5 cm Radius of smaller circle = 3 cm

$OP \perp AB$

[Radius of circle is perpendicular to the tangent]

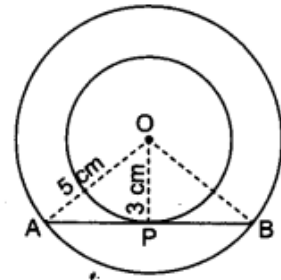
AB is a chord of the larger circle

$\therefore OP$ bisects AB

$\therefore AP = BP$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{In } \triangle OAP \quad OA^2 &= AP^2 + OP^2 \Rightarrow (5)^2 = AP^2 + (3)^2 \\ \Rightarrow 25 - 9 &= AP^2 \Rightarrow 16 = AP^2 \\ \Rightarrow \sqrt{16} &= AP \Rightarrow AP = 4 \text{ cm} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, length of the chord, $AB = 2AP = 2 \times 4 = 8 \text{ cm}$



Question 8.

A quadrilateral ABCD is drawn to circumscribe a circle (see figure). Prove that $AB + CD = AD + BC$.



Solution:

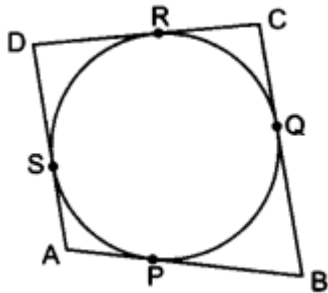
$AP = AS \dots (i)$

[Lengths of tangents from an external point are equal]

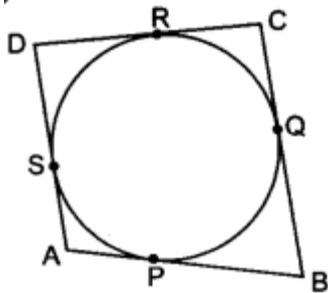
$BP = BQ \dots (ii)$

$CR = CQ \dots (iii)$

$DR = DS \dots (iv)$



Adding equations (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv), we get



$AP + BP + CR + DR = AS + BQ + CQ + DS$

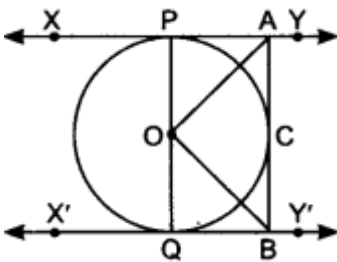
$\Rightarrow (AP + BP) + (CR + DR) = (AS + DS) + (BQ + CQ)$

$\Rightarrow AB + CD = AD + BC$

Hence proved.

Question 9.

In figure, XY and $X'Y'$ are two parallel tangents to a circle, O with centre O and another tangent AB with point of contact C intersecting XY at A and $X'Y'$ at B . Prove that $\angle AOB = 90^\circ$.

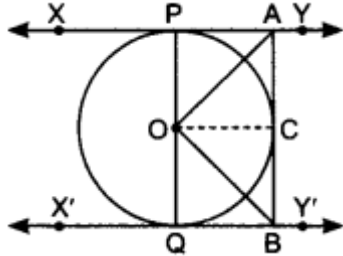


Solution:

Given: Two parallel tangents to a circle with centre O . Tangent AB with point of contact C intersects XY at A and $X'Y'$ at B . To Prove: $\angle AOB = 90^\circ$ with point of



contact C intersects XY at A and X'Y' at B



To Prove: $\angle AOB = 90^\circ$

Construction: Join OA, OB and OC

Proof: In $\triangle AOP$ and $\triangle AOC$

	$AP = AC$ [Lengths of tangents]	
	$OP = OC$	[Radii]
	$OA = OA$	[Common]
\Rightarrow	$\triangle AOP \cong \triangle AOC$	[SSS congruence rule]
\Rightarrow	$\angle PAO = \angle CAO$	[C.P.C.T]
\therefore	$\angle PAC = 2 \angle OAC$	(i)
Similarly	$\angle QBC = 2 \angle OBC$	(ii)

Adding (i) and (ii), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \angle PAC + \angle QBC &= 2[\angle OAC + \angle OBC] \\ \therefore \angle PAC + \angle QBC &= 180^\circ \\ &\text{[interior consecutive angle on same side of transversal]} \\ \therefore 180^\circ &= 2[\angle OAC + \angle OBC] \\ \Rightarrow \angle OAC + \angle OBC &= 90^\circ \end{aligned}$$

In $\triangle AOB$,

$$\begin{aligned} \angle AOB + [\angle OAC + \angle OBC] &= 180^\circ \Rightarrow \angle AOB + 90^\circ = 180^\circ \\ \Rightarrow \angle AOB &= 180^\circ - 90^\circ = 90^\circ \end{aligned}$$

Question 10.

Prove that the angle between the two tangents drawn from an external point to a circle is supplementary to the angle subtended by the line segment joining the points of contact at the centre.

Solution:

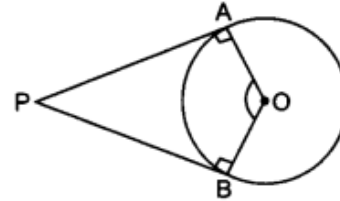


PA and PB are two tangents, A and B are the points of contact of the tangents.

$$OA \perp AP \text{ and } OB \perp BP$$

$$\angle OAP = \angle OBP = 90^\circ$$

[Radius and tangent are perpendicular to each other]



In quadrilateral OAPB

$$\angle OAP + \angle OBP + \angle APB + \angle AOB = 360^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow 90^\circ + 90^\circ + \angle APB + \angle AOB = 360^\circ$$

$$\angle APB + \angle AOB = 360^\circ - 180^\circ = 180^\circ$$

Hence, $\angle APB$ and $\angle AOB$ are supplementary angles.

Question 11.

Prove that the parallelogram circumscribing a circle is a rhombus.

Solution:

Parallelogram ABCD circumscribing a circle with centre O.

$OP \perp AB$ and $OS \perp AD$

In $\triangle OPB$ and $\triangle OSD$

$$\angle OPB = \angle OSD$$

$$OB = OD$$

[Diagonals of a parallelogram bisect each other]

$$OP = OS$$

$$\Rightarrow \triangle OPB \cong \triangle OSD$$

$$PB = SD$$

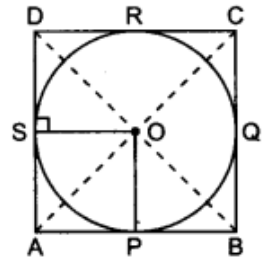
$$AP = AS$$

Adding (i) and (ii), $AP + PB = AS + DS$

$$AB = AD$$

Similarly $AB = BC = CD = DA$

[Each 90°]



[Radii]

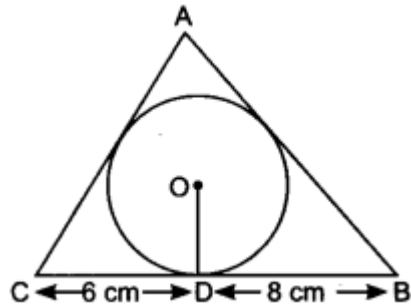
[RHS congruence rule]

...(i) [C.P.C.T]

...(ii) [Lengths of tangent]

Question 12.

A triangle ABC is drawn to circumscribe a circle of radius 4 cm such that the segments BD and DC into which BC is divided by the point of contact D are of lengths 8 cm and 6 cm respectively (see figure). Find the sides AB and AC.

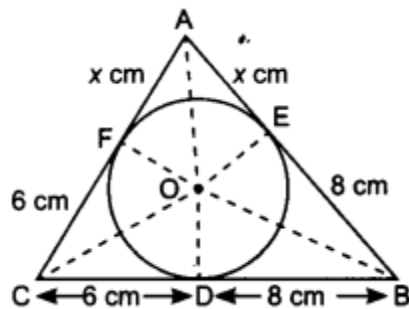


Solution:

BD = 8 cm and DC = 6 cm

BE = BD = 8 cm

CD = CF = 6 cm



Let $AE = AF = x$ cm

In $\triangle ABC$, $a = 6 + 8 = 14$ cm

$b = (x + 6)$ cm

$c = (x + 8)$ cm

$$s = \frac{a+b+c}{2} = \frac{14+x+6+x+8}{2} = \frac{2x+28}{2} = (x+14) \text{ cm}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ar}(\triangle ABC) &= \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} \\ &= \sqrt{(x+14) \times x \times 8 \times 6} = \sqrt{48x \times (x+14)} \text{ cm}^2 \end{aligned} \quad \dots(i)$$

Again,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ar}(\triangle ABC) &= \text{ar}(\triangle OBC) + \text{ar}(\triangle OCA) + \text{ar}(\triangle OAB) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \times 4 \times a + \frac{1}{2} \times 4 \times b + \frac{1}{2} \times 4 \times c \\ &= 2a + 2b + 2c = 2(a+b+c) = 2 \times 2(x+14) \end{aligned} \quad \dots(ii)$$

From (i) and (ii), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \quad \sqrt{48x(x+14)} &= 4(x+14) \quad \Rightarrow \quad 48x(x+14) = 4^2(x+14)^2 \\ \Rightarrow \quad 48x(x+14) &= 16(x+14)^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 3x(x+14) = (x+14)^2 \\ \Rightarrow \quad 3x &= x+14 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 2x = 14 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x = 7 \\ \text{AB} &= x + 8 = 7 + 8 = 15 \text{ cm} \\ \text{AC} &= x + 6 = 7 + 6 = 13 \text{ cm} \end{aligned}$$



Question 13.

Prove that opposite sides of a quadrilateral circumscribing a circle subtend supplementary angles at the centre of the circle.

Solution:

AB touches at P.

BC, CD and DA touch the circle at Q, R and S.

Construction: Join OA, OB, OC, OD and OP, OQ, OR, OS.

OA bisects $\angle POS$

\therefore

$$\angle 1 = \angle 2$$

Similarly

$$\angle 3 = \angle 4$$

$$\angle 5 = \angle 6$$

$$\angle 7 = \angle 8$$

$$\angle 1 + \angle 2 + \angle 3 + \angle 4 + \angle 5 + \angle 6 + \angle 7 + \angle 8 = 360^\circ$$

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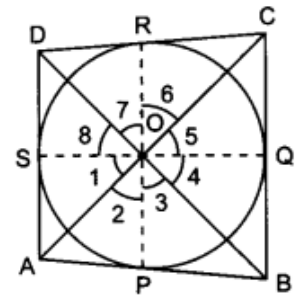
$$2[\angle 1 + \angle 4 + \angle 5 + \angle 8] = 360^\circ$$

$$(\angle 1 + \angle 8 + \angle 4 + \angle 5) = 180^\circ$$

$$\angle AOD + \angle BOC = 180^\circ$$

Similarly,

$$\angle AOB + \angle COD = 180^\circ$$



Hence, opposite sides of quadrilateral circumscribing a circle subtend supplementary angles at the centre of a circle.

