

HOTS (Higher Order Thinking Skills)

Que 1. Prove that opposite sides of a quadrilateral circumscribing a circle subtend supplementary angles at the centre of the circle.

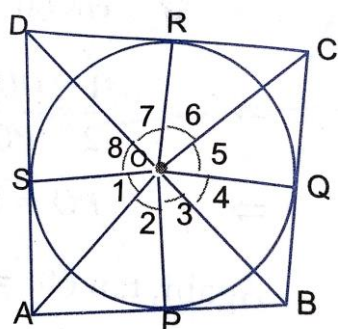


Fig. 8.51

Sol. Let a circle with centre O touches the sides AB, BC, CD and DA of a quadrilateral ABCD

at the points P, Q, R and S respectively. Then, we have to prove that

$$\angle AOB + \angle COD = 180^\circ \text{ and } \angle AOD + \angle BOC = 180^\circ$$

Now, Join OP, OQ, OR and OS.

Since the two tangents drawn from an external point to a circle subtend equal angles at the centre.

$$\therefore \angle 1 = \angle 2, \angle 3 = \angle 4, \angle 5 = \angle 6 \text{ and } \angle 7 = \angle 8 \quad \dots(i)$$

$$\text{Now, } \angle 1 + \angle 2 + \angle 3 + \angle 4 + \angle 5 + \angle 6 + \angle 7 + \angle 8 = 360^\circ \quad \dots(ii)$$

[sum of all the angles subtended at a point is 360°]

$$\Rightarrow 2(\angle 2 + \angle 3 + \angle 6 + \angle 7) = 360^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(\angle 2 + \angle 3 + \angle 6 + \angle 7) = 180^\circ$$

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

$$\text{again } 2(\angle 1 + \angle 8 + \angle 4 + \angle 5) = 360^\circ \quad [\text{from (i) and (ii)}]$$

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

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

Que 2. A triangle ABC [Fig.8.52] 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. Find the sides AB and AC.

Hence, the sides

$$AB = x + 8 = 7 + 8 = 15 \text{ cm}$$

$$AC = x + 6 = 7 + 6 = 13 \text{ cm}.$$

Que 3. In Fig. 8.53, XY and $X'Y'$ are two parallel tangents to a circle with centre O and another tangent AB with point of contact C intersecting XY at A and $X'Y'$ at B . Prove that $\angle AOB = 90^\circ$

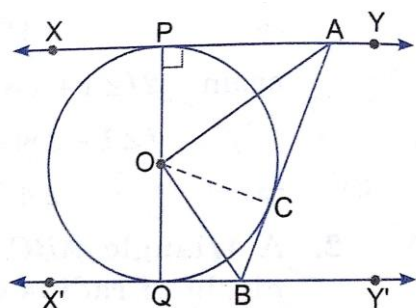


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Sol. Join OC . In $\triangle APO$ and $\triangle ACO$, we have

$$AP = AC$$

(Tangents drawn from external point A)

$$AO = OA \quad (\text{Common})$$

$$PO = OC \quad (\text{Radii of the same circle})$$

$$\therefore \triangle APO \cong \triangle ACO \quad (\text{By SSS criterion of congruence})$$

$$\therefore \angle PAO = \angle CAO \quad (\text{CPCT})$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle PAC = 2 \angle CAO$$

Similarly, we can prove that

$$\triangle OQB \cong \triangle OCB$$

$$\therefore \angle QBO = \angle CBO \Rightarrow \angle CBQ = 2 \angle CBO$$

$$\text{Now, } \angle PAC + \angle CBQ = 180^\circ$$

[Sum of interior angle on the same side of transversal is 180°]

$$\Rightarrow 2 \angle CAO + 2 \angle CBO = 180^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle CAO + \angle CBO = 90^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow 180^\circ - \angle AOB = 90^\circ \quad [\because \angle CAO + \angle CBO + \angle AOB = 180^\circ]$$

$$\Rightarrow 180^\circ - 90^\circ = \angle AOB \Rightarrow \angle AOB = 90^\circ$$

Que 4. Let A be one point of intersection of two intersecting circles with centres O and Q . The tangents at A to the two circles meet the circles again at B and C respectively. Let the point P be located so that $AOPQ$ is a parallelogram. Prove that P is the circumcentre of the triangle ABC .

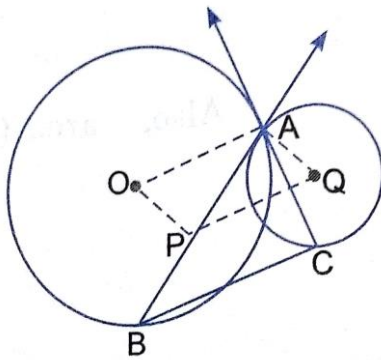


Fig. 8.54

Sol. In order to prove that P is the circumcentre of $\triangle ABC$, it is sufficient to show that P is the point of intersection of perpendicular bisectors of the sides of $\triangle ABC$, i.e., OP and PQ are perpendicular bisectors of sides AB and AC respectively. Now, AC is tangent at A to the circle with centre at O and OA is its radius.

$$\therefore OA \perp AC$$

$$\Rightarrow PQ \perp AC \quad [\because OAQP \text{ is a parallelogram } \therefore OA \parallel PQ]$$

Also, Q is the centre of the circle

$$\therefore QP \text{ bisects } AC$$

[Perpendicular from the centre to the chord bisects the chord]

$$\Rightarrow PQ \text{ is the perpendicular bisector of } AC.$$

Similarly, BA is the tangent to the circle at A and AQ is its radius through A.

$$\therefore BA \perp AQ$$

$$\therefore BA \perp OP \quad \left[\because AQPO \text{ is parallelogram } \right. \\ \left. \therefore OP \parallel AQ \right]$$

Also, OP bisects AB [$\because O$ is the centre of the circle]

$$\Rightarrow OP \text{ is the perpendicular bisector of } AB.$$

Thus, P is the point of intersection of perpendicular bisectors PQ and PO of sides AC and AB respectively. Hence, P is the circumcentre of $\triangle ABC$.