Tangents and Secants to the Circle

A Line and a circle: let us consider a circle and line say AB. There can be three possibilities given as follows.

a) Non-intersecting line: The line AB and the circle have no common point. In this case,AB is called a "non-intersecting line" with respect to the circle.



b) Tangent: There is only one point P which is common to the line AB and the circle. In this case, AB is called a "tangent" to the circle and the point P is called the point of contact.



c) **Secant:** There are two points P and Q which are common to the line AB and the circle. In this case, AB is said to be a "secant" of the circle.



→ The word tangent comes from the latin word "tangere", which means to touch and was introduced by Danish mathematician "Thomas finke" in 1583. The term secant is derived from latin word secare which means to cut.

→ Tangent of a circle:

- i) A tangent to a circle is a line that intersects the circle at only one point.
- ii) There is only one tangent at a point of the circle.
- iii) We can draw any number of tangents to a circle.
- iv) We can draw only two tangents to a circle from a point away from the circle.
- v) A tangent is said to touch the circle at the common point.
- → Theorem(1): The tangent at any point of a circle is perpendicular to the radius through the point of contact.

→ Theorem(2): If a line in the plane is perpendicular to the radius at its end point on the circle, then the line is tangent to the circle.

→ Number of tangents from a circle:

- a) There is no tangent to a circle through a point which lies inside the circle.
- b) There is only one tangent to a circle passing through the point lying on the circle.
- c) There are exactly two tangents to a circle through a point lying outside the circle.

→ Theorem(3): The lengths of tangents drawn from an external point to a circle are equal.

→ Length of tangent: let P be an external point of a circle centered at 'O' with radius 'r' and OP=d units. If the point of contact is A, then length of the tangent $PA=\sqrt{(d^2-r^2)}$

→ Segment of a circle:

In a circle, segment is a region bounded by an arc and a chord.

→ Area of segment of a circle= area of the corresponding sector-area of the corresponding triangle.

$$= \frac{x^{\circ}}{360^{\circ}} \times \pi r^2 \text{ -area of OAB}$$

- \rightarrow A tangent to a circle intersects it in only one point.
- \rightarrow A line intersecting a circle in two points is called a secant.
- \rightarrow A circle can have two parallel tangents at the most.

- \rightarrow The common point of a tangent to a circle is called point of contact.
- \rightarrow We can draw infinite tangents to a given circle.
- \rightarrow The lengths of tangents drawn from an external point to a circle are equal.
- → In two concentric circles, such that a chord of the bigger circle, that touches the smaller circle is bisected at the point of contact with the smaller circle.
- → IF a circle touches all the four sides of a quadrilateral ABCD at points PQRS, hence
 AB + CD = BC+DA
- → When the degree measure of the angle at the centre is x° , the area of sector is $\frac{x^{\circ}}{360^{\circ}} \times \pi r^2$

➔ Area of segment of a circle = Area of corresponding sector – area of the corresponding triangles

One Mark Questions

1) Define tangent of a circle.

A line which intersects a circle in only one point is called a tangent to the circle.

2) How many tangents can be drawn from a point outside a circle.

We can draw only two tangents from a point outside a circle.

3) How can you mark the centre of a circle if the circle is given without centre?

We draw any two non parallel chords and again draw the perpendicular bisectors of the chords. The intersecting point of the two perpendicular bisectors is the centre of the circle.

4) Calculate the length of a tangent from a point 13cm away from the centre of a circle of radius 5cm.

Here r = 5cm and d = 13cm

Length of tangent= $\sqrt{d^2 - r^2}$

$$= \sqrt{13^2 - 5^2}$$
$$= \sqrt{144}$$
$$= 12$$

5) Write a formula to find area of circle.

$$A = \pi r^2$$

6) Write the formula to find area of regular hexagon.

$$\mathbf{A} = 6 \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \times a^2$$

7) Define normal to the circle at a point.

The line containing the radius through the point of contact is also called the normal to the circle at the point.

8) Write a formula to find area of rectangle.

 $A = l \times b$ sq. units

9) Which is the Longest chord of a circle

Diametre

10) What is meant by secant of a circle?

If a line touches the circle at two points then it is called secant of the circle

11) What is meant by point of contact?

The tangent where it touches the circle, that point is called point of contact.

- 12) How many diameters will be there in a circle? Infinite
- **13)** How many tangents can be drawn through a point inside a circle?

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Short type Questions

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

As shown in the figure

OP = 3 cm, OB = 5 cm

Since AB touches the smaller circle at P,

We have OP is perpendicular to AB

 $|OPB = 90^{\circ}$

By Pythagoras theorem,



PB=4 cm

Since the perpendicular through the center bisects a chord

We have AP=PB = 4cm

AB=AP+PB=4cm+4cm=8cm

Thus, the length of the required chord = 8cm.

2) A chord of a circle of radius 10cm. subtends a right angle at the centre. Find the area of the corresponding.

1. Minor segment 2. Major segment

sol: Radius of the circle = 10cm

∠AOB=90°

Area of the $\Delta OAB = \frac{1}{2} \times OA \times OB$

 $=1/2\times10\times10$ $=50 \text{cm}^2$



Area of sector OAPB = $\frac{x^{\circ}}{360^{\circ}} \times \pi r^{2}$

 $= 1/4 \times 314 \text{cm}^2$ = 78.5cm

i) Area of minor segment=area of the sector OAPB-area of ΔOAB

$$= 78.5 \text{cm}^2 - 50 \text{cm}^2$$

= 28.5 cm²

ii) Area of the circle = πr^2

 $= 3.14 \times 10$ cm $\times 10$ cm -

$$= 314 \text{ cm}^2$$

Area of the major segment=area of the circle-area of the minor segment

$$=314-28.5$$

 $=285.5$ cm²

3) A car has two wipers which do not overlap .Each wiper has a blade of length 25 cm. Sweeping through an angle of 115°. Find the total area cleaned at each sweep of the blades.

Sol: We note that the area cleaned by each sweep of the blade of each wiper is equal.

Area swept by each wiper = Area of the sector.

$$= \frac{x^{\circ}}{360^{\circ}} \times \pi r^2$$



4) Find the area of the shaded region in figure, if ABCD is a square of side 10cm and semi circles are drawn with each side of the square as diameter (use $\pi = 3.14$)

Sol: as in figure, let us name the unshaded regions as 1, 2, 3 and 4 from figure, we observe that area of 1+area of 3

=area of ABCD-areas of two semi circles each of radius 5cm

=10cm×10cm-2×1/2× π r²

=100cm²-3.14 \times 5cm \times 5cm

 $=100 \text{cm}^2 - 78.5 \text{cm}^2$



=21.5 cm²

Similarly, area of $2 + \text{area of } 4=2.5 \text{ cm}^2$

Area of the shaded part=area of ABCD-area of (1+2+3+4)

$$= (100-43) \text{cm}^2$$

=57cm²

5. Find the area of the shaded region in figure, if ABCD is a square of side 7cm and APD and BPC are semicircles.

Sol: side of the square=7cm

Area of the square= $7 \times 7 = 49 \text{ cm}^2$

Radius of each semicircle=7/2cm



Area of APD semicircle= $1/2 \times \pi r^2$

=77/4 cm²

Similarly area of BPC semicircle=77/4cm²

Sum of areas of two semicircles=38.5cm²

Area of the shaded part=area of ABCD-sum of areas of semicircles

$$=49^2 - 38.5^2$$

=10.5cm²

6) Find the area of sector whose radius is 7cm with the given angle:

60°,30°,72°,90°,120°

Sol: If $x^{\circ} = 60^{\circ}$ then area of sector $= \frac{x^{\circ}}{360^{\circ}} \times \pi r^{2}$

$$= 77/3 \text{cm}^2$$

If $x^\circ = 30^\circ$ then area of sector=77/6cm²

If $x^{\circ}=90^{\circ}$ then area of sector=77/2cm²

If $x^{\circ}=72^{\circ}$ then area of sector=154/5cm²

7. Find the length of tangent to a circle with centre 'O' and with its radius 6cm from a point P such that OP = 10cm and the point of contact is A.

Sol: Tangent is perpendicular to the radius at a point of contact

∠OAP=90°

By Pythagoras theorem, $OP^2 = OA^2 + PA^2$



8. If two tangents AP and AQ are drawn to a circle with centre O from an external point A then prove $\angle PAQ=2\angle OPQ$.



 $\angle APQ = \angle AQP$ But $\angle PAQ + \angle APQ + \angle AQP = 180^{\circ}$ $\angle APQ = \angle AQP = 1/2(180^{\circ} - \theta) = 90^{\circ} - 1/2\theta$ Also $\angle OPQ = \angle OPA - \angle APQ = 1/2\theta = \frac{1}{2} \angle PAQ$

$$\angle OPQ = 1/2 \angle PAQ$$

 $\angle PAQ = 2 \angle OPQ$

9. If a circle touches all the four sides of a quadrilateral ABCD at points PQRS, then AB + CD = BC + DA.

Sol: the two tangents drawn from a point outside to a circle are equal



AP=AS, BP=BQ, DR=DS, CR=CQ

By adding

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

AB+CD=BC+DA

Hence proved.

10. If the radius of a circle is 5cm and the angle inclined between the tangents from a point outside is 60°, then what is the distance between the centre and the point outside.

Sol: From the figure, it is given

QA=5cm, ∠APB=60°

Clearly OP is an angular bisector of $\angle P$



 $\angle APO=30^{\circ} \text{ and } \angle OAP=90^{\circ}$ In $\triangle OAP$ we have Sin $30^{\circ}=OA/OP$ ¹/₂=5/OP OP=10cm

Essay type Questions

1) Prove that the parallelogram circumscribing a circle is a rhombus.

Sol. Given: ABCD is a parallelogram

AB = CD and AD = BC(1)

The lengths of tangents to a circle from an external point are equal.



Thus,

$$AS = AP; BQ = BP; CQ = CR; DS = RD$$

By adding, we get

AS + BQ + CQ + DS = AP + BP + CR + RD

AS + DS + BQ + CQ = AP + BP + CR + RD

$$AD+BC = AB + CD$$

From (1) we have

AD + AD = AB + AB

2AD = 2AB

AD = AB(2)

From (1) and (2) we have

AB = BC = CD = AD

ABCD is a rhombus.

Hence proved.

2) Construct a tangent to a circle of radius 4 cm from a point on the concentric circles of radius 6 cm and measure its length. Also verify the measurement by actual calculation.

Steps of construction;

- 1) Draw two concentric circles centred at 0 with radii 4 cm and 6 cm
- 2) Make any point A on the circle with radius 6 cm
- 3) Join OA and draw a perpendicular bisector to meet OA at C



4) Centred at c with radius AC draw an arc to cut the circle with radius 4 cm at P. AP is a tangent to the circle with radius 4 cm.

We have AB as tangent to the circle with radius 4 cm and P be the point of contact.

Clearly OP is perpendicular to AB; $\angle OPA = 90^{\circ}$

By Pythagoras theorem

 $OA^{2} = OP^{2} + AP^{2}$ $AP^{2} = OA^{2} - OP^{2}$ $= 6^{2} - 4^{2} = 36 - 16 = 20$ $AP = \sqrt{20} = 2\sqrt{5} = 2 \times 2.236 = 4.472 \text{ cm (app)}$

We can verify the measurements are both equal.

3) In a right angle triangle ABC, a circle with a side AB as diameter is drawn to intersect the hypotenuse AC in P. Prove that the tangent to the circle at P bisects the side BC.



Sol. Given: in

 ΔABC , we have $\angle B = 90^{\circ}$ and AB is the diameter of the circle with centre O. the circle intersect AC in the circle intersect AC in P and the tangent PT at P meets BC in T.

To prove: TB = TC

Construction: joint BP

Proof: ∠APB=90°



Also $\angle APB + \angle BPC = 180^{\circ}$

 $90^{\circ} + \angle BPC = 180^{\circ}$

 $\angle BPC = 90^{\circ}$

Now $\angle ABC = 90^{\circ}$

 $\angle BAC + \angle ACB = 90^{\circ}$

 $\angle BPC = \angle BAC + \angle ACB$

 $\angle BPC + \angle CPT = \angle BAC + \angle ACB$

But, $\angle BPT = \angle BAC$

 $\angle CPT = \angle ACB$

PT = TC

But PT = TB

TB = TC

Hence the theorem

4) AB and CD are respectively arcs of two concentric circles with radii 21cm and 7cm with centre O. If ∠AOB=30°, find the area of the shaded region.



Area of shaded portion = area of sector OAB – area of sector OCD = 231/2cm² -77/6cm² = 308cm²

 $= 102.67 \text{cm}^2$

Bit -Bank

- 1. The length of the tangents from a point A to a circle of radius 3 cm is 4 cm, then the distance between A and the centre of the circle is _____
- 2. _____ tangents lines can be drawn to a circle from a point outside the circle.
- 3. Angle between the tangent and radius drawn through the point of contact is
- 4. A circle may have ____parallel tangents.
- 5. The common point to a tangent and a circle is called _____
- A line which intersects the given circle at two distinct points is called a ______
 line.
- 7. Sum of the central angles in a circle is_____
- 8. The shaded portion represents _____



- 9. If a circle touches all the four sides of an quadrilateral ABCD at points P, Q, R,
 S then AB + CD = _____
- 10. If AP and AQ are the two tangents a circle with centre O so that $\angle POQ = 110^{\circ}$ then $\angle PAQ$ is equal to _____
- 11. If two concentric circles of radii 5 cm and 3 cm are drawn, then the length of the chord of the larger circle which touches the smaller circle is _____
- 12. If the semi perimeter of given $\triangle ABC = 28$ cm then AF+BD+CE is _____



- 13. The area of a square inscribed in a circle of radius 8 cm is _____ cm².
- 14. Number of circles passing through 3 collinear points in a plane is _____
- 15. In the figure $\angle BAC$ _____



- 16. If the sector of the circle made an at the centre is x° and radius of the circle is r, then the area of sector is _____
- 17. If the length of the minute hand of a clock is 14cm, then the area swept by the minute hand in 10 minutes _____
- 18. If the angle between two radii of a circle is 130°, the angle between the tangents at the ends of the radii is _____
- 19. If PT is tangent drawn from a point P to a circle touching it at T and O is the centre of the circle, then $\angle OPT + \angle POT$ is _____
- 20. Two parallel lines touch the circle at points A and B. If area of the circle is 25π cm², then AB is equal to _____
- 21. A circle have _____ tangents.
- 22. A quadrilateral PQRS is drawn to circumscribe a circle. If PQ, QR, RS (in cm) are 5, 9, 8 respectively, then PS (in cms) equal to _____
- 23. From the figure $\angle ACB =$ _____



Answers:

1) 5cm; 2) 2; 3) 90°; 4) 2; 5) Point of contact; 6) Secant line; 7) 360°; 8) Minor segment; 9) BC + AD; 10) 70°; 11) 8 cm; 12) 28cm; 13) 128;14) 1; 15) 30°; 16) $\frac{x^{\circ}}{360} \times \pi r^{2}$; 17) $102\frac{2}{3}$; 18) 50°; 19) 90°; 20) 10cm; 21) Infinitely many; 22) 4cm; 23) 90°; 24) 65°; 25) $2\sqrt{a^{2}-b^{2}}$; 26) 6cm; 27) 2cm; 28) equal.