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Exercise: 10.1

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1. How many tangents can a circle have?

Answer

A circle can have infinite tangents.

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

Answer

(i) one

(ii) secant

(iii) two

(iv) point of contact

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

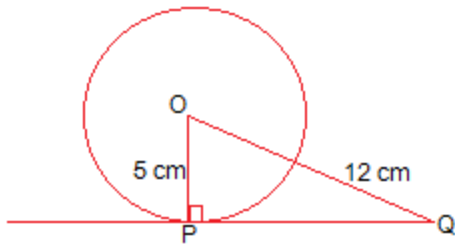
(B) 13 cm

(C) 8.5 cm

(D) $\sqrt{119}$ cm

Answer

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The line drawn from the centre of the circle to the tangent is perpendicular to the tangent.

$$\therefore OP \perp PQ$$

By Pythagoras theorem in ΔOPQ ,

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

$$\Rightarrow (12)^2 = 5^2 + PQ^2$$

$$\Rightarrow PQ^2 = 144 - 25$$

$$\Rightarrow PQ^2 = 119$$

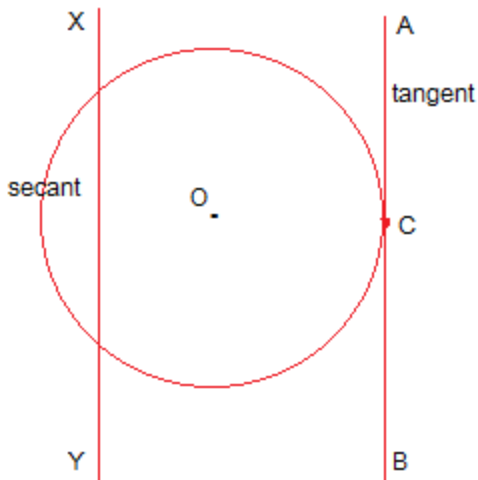
$$\Rightarrow PQ = \sqrt{119} \text{ cm}$$

(D) is the correct option.

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.

Answer



AB and XY are two parallel lines where AB is the tangent to the circle at point C while XY is the secant to the circle.

Exercise: 10.2

In Q.1 to 3, choose the correct option and give justification.

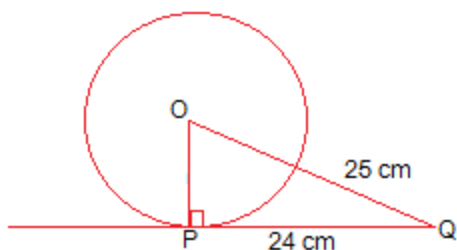
1. From a point Q, the length of the tangent to a circle is 24 cm and the distance of Q from the centre is 25 cm. The radius of the circle is

- (A) 7 cm
- (B) 12 cm
- (C) 15 cm
- (D) 24.5 cm

Answer

The line drawn from the centre of the circle to the tangent is perpendicular to the tangent.

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$\therefore OP \perp PQ$

also, $\triangle OPQ$ is right angled.

$OQ = 25$ cm and $PQ = 24$ cm (Given)

By Pythagoras theorem in $\triangle OPQ$,

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow OP^2 = 49$$

$$\Rightarrow OP = 7$$
 cm

The radius of the circle is option (A) 7 cm.

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2. In Fig. 10.11, if TP and TQ are the two tangents to a circle with centre O so that $\angle POQ = 110^\circ$, then $\angle PTQ$ is equal to

(A) 60°

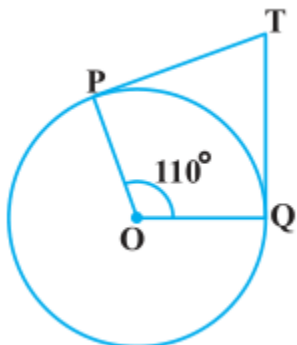
(B) 70°

(C) 80°

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(D) 90°

Answer



OP and OQ are radii of the circle to the tangents TP and TQ respectively.

$\therefore OP \perp TP$ and,

$\therefore OQ \perp TQ$

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

In quadrilateral POQT,

Sum of all interior angles = 360°

$$\angle PTQ + \angle OPT + \angle POQ + \angle OQT = 360^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle PTQ + 90^\circ + 110^\circ + 90^\circ = 360^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle PTQ = 70^\circ$$

$\angle PTQ$ is equal to option (B) 70° .

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

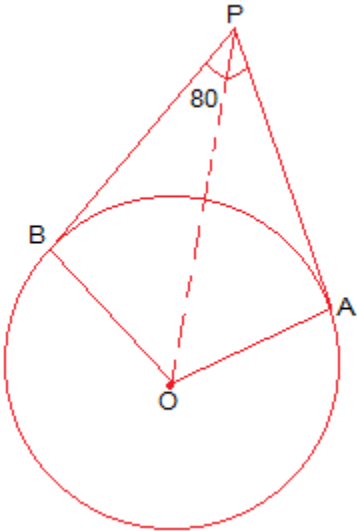
(A) 50°

(B) 60°

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(C) 70°

(D) 80°



OA and OB are radii of the circle to the tangents PA and PB respectively.

\therefore OA \perp PA and,

\therefore OB \perp PB

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

In quadrilateral AOBP,

Sum of all interior angles = 360°

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

$$\Rightarrow \angle AOB + 90^\circ + 90^\circ + 80^\circ = 360^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle AOB = 100^\circ$$

Now,

In $\triangle OPB$ and $\triangle OPA$,

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$AP = BP$ (Tangents from a point are equal)

$OA = OB$ (Radii of the circle)

$OP = OP$ (Common side)

$\therefore \triangle OPB \cong \triangle OPA$ (by SSS congruence condition)

Thus $\angle POB = \angle POA$

$\angle AOB = \angle POB + \angle POA$

$\Rightarrow 2 \angle POA = \angle AOB$

$\Rightarrow \angle POA = 100^\circ / 2 = 50^\circ$

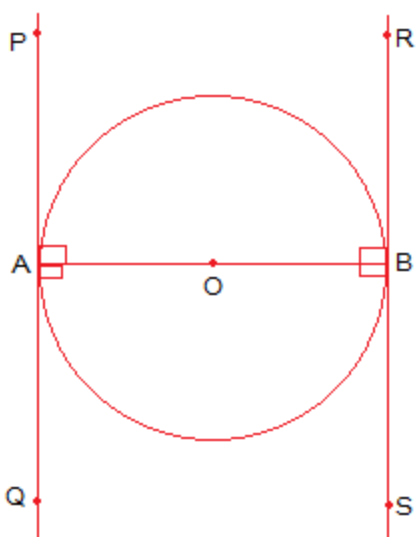
$\angle POA$ is equal to option (A) 50°

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

Answer

Let AB be a diameter of the circle. Two tangents PQ and RS are drawn at points A and B respectively.



Radii of the circle to the tangents will be perpendicular to it.

$\therefore OB \perp RS$ and,

$\therefore OA \perp PQ$

$$\angle OBR = \angle OBS = \angle OAP = \angle OAQ = 90^\circ$$

From the figure,

$$\angle OBR = \angle OAQ \text{ (Alternate interior angles)}$$

$$\angle OBS = \angle OAP \text{ (Alternate interior angles)}$$

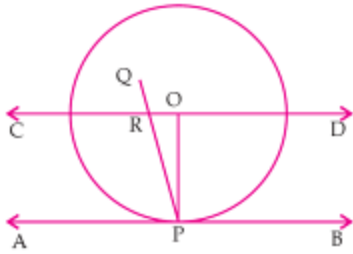
Since alternate interior angles are equal, lines PQ and RS will be parallel.

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

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

Answer

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Let AB be the tangent to the circle at point P with centre O.

We have to prove that PQ passes through the point O.

Suppose that PQ doesn't pass through point O. Join OP.

Through O, draw a straight line CD parallel to the tangent AB.

PQ intersect CD at R and also intersect AB at P.

AS, $CD \parallel AB$ PQ is the line of intersection,

$$\angle ORP = \angle RPA \text{ (Alternate interior angles)}$$

but also,

$$\angle RPA = 90^\circ \text{ (PQ} \perp \text{AB)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle ORP = 90^\circ$$

$$\angle ROP + \angle OPA = 180^\circ \text{ (Co-interior angles)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle ROP + 90^\circ = 180^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle ROP = 90^\circ$$

Thus, the $\triangle ORP$ has 2 right angles i.e. $\angle ORP$ and $\angle ROP$ which is not possible.

Hence, our supposition is wrong.

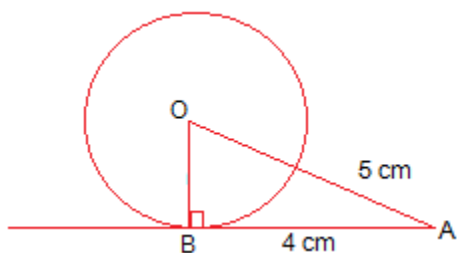
\therefore PQ passes through the point O.

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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.

Answer

AB is a tangent drawn on this circle from point A.



$\therefore OB \perp AB$

OA = 5cm and AB = 4 cm (Given)

In ΔABO ,

By Pythagoras theorem in ΔABO ,

$$OA^2 = AB^2 + BO^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 5^2 = 4^2 + BO^2$$

$$\Rightarrow BO^2 = 25 - 16$$

$$\Rightarrow BO^2 = 9$$

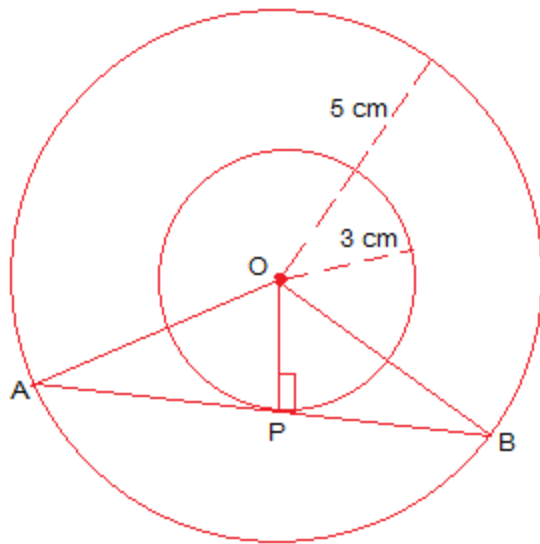
$$\Rightarrow BO = 3$$

\therefore The radius of the circle is 3 cm.

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.

Answer

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Let the two concentric circles with centre O.

AB be the chord of the larger circle which touches the smaller circle at point P.

\therefore AB is tangent to the smaller circle to the point P.

$\Rightarrow OP \perp AB$

By Pythagoras theorem in $\triangle OPA$,

$$OA^2 = AP^2 + OP^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 5^2 = AP^2 + 3^2$$

$$\Rightarrow AP^2 = 25 - 9$$

$$\Rightarrow AP = 4$$

In $\triangle OPB$,

Since $OP \perp AB$,

$AP = PB$ (Perpendicular from the center of the circle bisects the chord)

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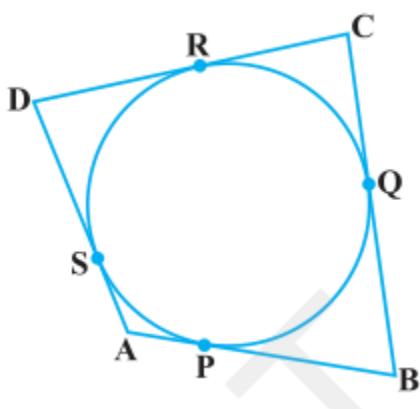
$$AB = 2AP = 2 \times 4 = 8 \text{ cm}$$

\therefore The length of the chord of the larger circle is 8 cm.

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8. A quadrilateral ABCD is drawn to circumscribe a circle (see Fig. 10.12). Prove that $AB + CD = AD + BC$

Answer



From the figure we observe that,

$$DR = DS \text{ (Tangents on the circle from point D) ... (i)}$$

$$AP = AS \text{ (Tangents on the circle from point A) ... (ii)}$$

$$BP = BQ \text{ (Tangents on the circle from point B) ... (iii)}$$

$$CR = CQ \text{ (Tangents on the circle from point C) ... (iv)}$$

Adding all these equations,

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

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

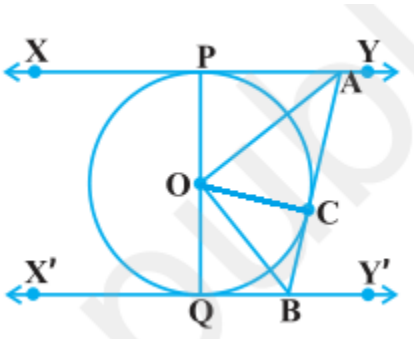
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$$\Rightarrow CD + AB = AD + BC$$

9. In Fig. 10.13, 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 $\angle AOB = 90^\circ$.

Answer

We joined O and C



A/q,

In $\triangle OPA$ and $\triangle OCA$,

$OP = OC$ (Radii of the same circle)

$AP = AC$ (Tangents from point A)

$AO = AO$ (Common side)

$\therefore \triangle OPA \cong \triangle OCA$ (SSS congruence criterion)

$\Rightarrow \angle POA = \angle COA \dots$ (i)

Similarly,

$\triangle OQB \cong \triangle OCB$

$\angle QOB = \angle COB \dots$ (ii)

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Since POQ is a diameter of the circle, it is a straight line.

$$\therefore \angle POA + \angle COA + \angle COB + \angle QOB = 180^\circ$$

From equations (i) and (ii),

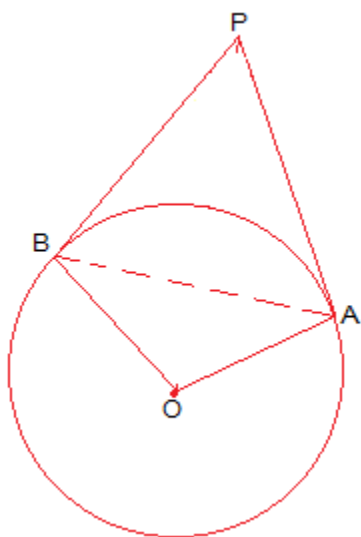
$$2\angle COA + 2\angle COB = 180^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle COA + \angle COB = 90^\circ$$

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

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.

Answer



Consider a circle with centre O. Let P be an external point from which two tangents PA and PB are drawn to the circle which are touching the circle at point A and B respectively and AB is the line segment, joining point of contacts A and B together such that it subtends $\angle AOB$ at center O of the circle.

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It can be observed that

$OA \perp PA$

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

Similarly, $OB \perp PB$

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

In quadrilateral OAPB,

Sum of all interior angles = 360°

$$\angle OAP + \angle APB + \angle PBO + \angle BOA = 360^\circ$$

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

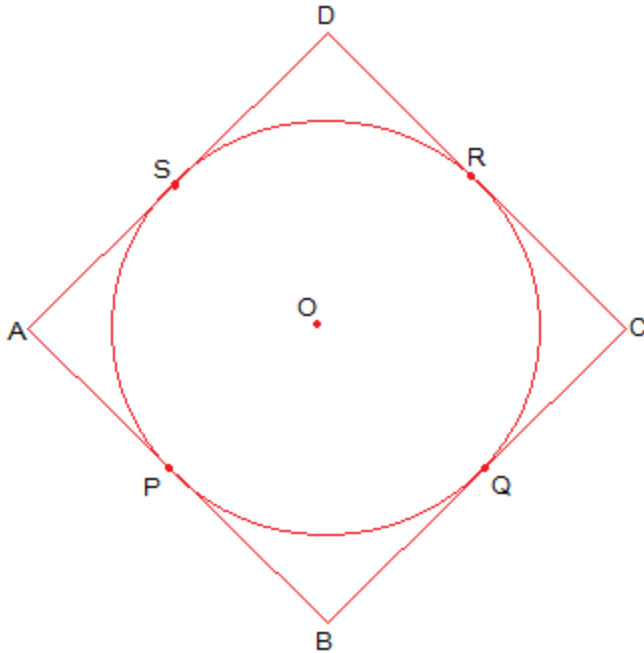
$$\Rightarrow \angle APB + \angle BOA = 180^\circ$$

\therefore 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.

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11. Prove that the parallelogram circumscribing a circle is a rhombus.

Answer



ABCD is a parallelogram,

$$\therefore AB = CD \dots (i)$$

$$\therefore BC = AD \dots (ii)$$

From the figure, we observe that,

$$DR = DS \text{ (Tangents to the circle at D)}$$

$$CR = CQ \text{ (Tangents to the circle at C)}$$

$$BP = BQ \text{ (Tangents to the circle at B)}$$

$$AP = AS \text{ (Tangents to the circle at A)}$$

Adding all these,

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

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

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$$\Rightarrow CD + AB = AD + BC \dots \text{(iii)}$$

Putting the value of (i) and (ii) in equation (iii) we get,

$$2AB = 2BC$$

$$\Rightarrow AB = BC \dots \text{(iv)}$$

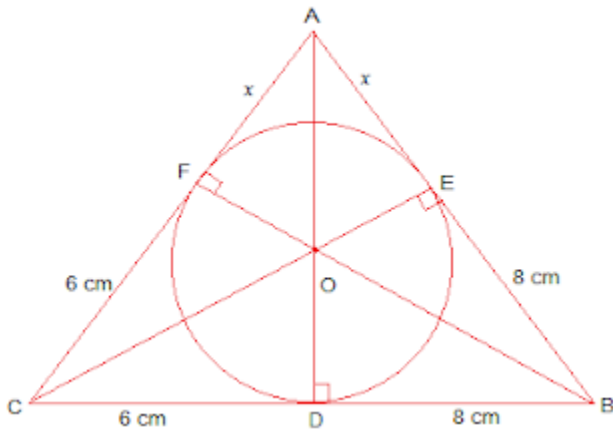
By Comparing equations (i), (ii), and (iv) we get,

$$AB = BC = CD = DA$$

\therefore ABCD is a rhombus.

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 Fig. 10.14). Find the sides AB and AC.

Answer



In ΔABC ,

Length of two tangents drawn from the same point to the circle are equal,

$$\therefore CF = CD = 6\text{cm}$$

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$$\therefore BE = BD = 8\text{cm}$$

$$\therefore AE = AF = x$$

We observed that,

$$AB = AE + EB = x + 8$$

$$BC = BD + DC = 8 + 6 = 14$$

$$CA = CF + FA = 6 + x$$

Now semi perimeter of triangle (s) is,

$$\Rightarrow 2s = AB + BC + CA$$

$$= x + 8 + 14 + 6 + x$$

$$= 28 + 2x$$

$$\Rightarrow s = 14 + x$$

$$\text{Area of } \Delta ABC = \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}$$

$$= \sqrt{(14+x)(14+x-14)(14+x-x-6)(14+x-x-8)}$$

$$= \sqrt{(14+x)(x)(8)(6)}$$

$$= \sqrt{(14+x)48x} \dots (i)$$

$$\text{also, Area of } \Delta ABC = 2 \times \text{area of } (\Delta AOF + \Delta COD + \Delta DOB)$$

$$= 2 \times \left[\left(\frac{1}{2} \times OF \times AF \right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} \times CD \times OD \right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} \times DB \times OD \right) \right]$$

$$= 2 \times \frac{1}{2} (4x + 24 + 32) = 56 + 4x \dots (ii)$$

Equating equation (i) and (ii) we get,

$$\sqrt{(14+x)48x} = 56 + 4x$$

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Squaring both sides,

$$48x(14 + x) = (56 + 4x)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 48x = [4(14 + x)]^2 / (14 + x)$$

$$\Rightarrow 48x = 16(14 + x)$$

$$\Rightarrow 48x = 224 + 16x$$

$$\Rightarrow 32x = 224$$

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

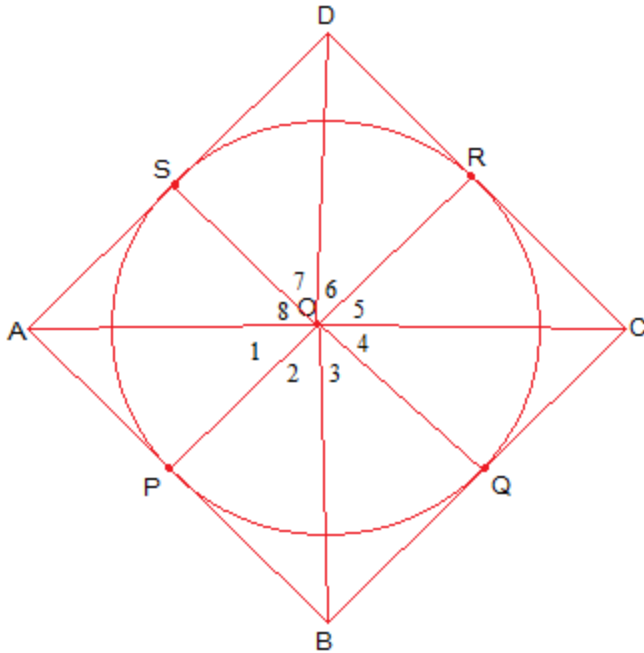
$$\text{Hence, } AB = x + 8 = 7 + 8 = 15 \text{ cm}$$

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

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

Answer



Let ABCD be a quadrilateral circumscribing a circle with O such that it touches the circle at point P, Q, R, S. Join the vertices of the quadrilateral ABCD to the center of the circle.

In $\triangle OAP$ and $\triangle OAS$,

$AP = AS$ (Tangents from the same point)

$OP = OS$ (Radii of the circle)

$OA = OA$ (Common side)

$\triangle OAP \cong \triangle OAS$ (SSS congruence condition)

$\therefore \angle POA = \angle AOS$

$\Rightarrow \angle 1 = \angle 8$

Similarly we get,

$\angle 2 = \angle 3$

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$$\angle 4 = \angle 5$$

$$\angle 6 = \angle 7$$

Adding all these angles,

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

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

$$\Rightarrow 2\angle 1 + 2\angle 2 + 2\angle 5 + 2\angle 6 = 360^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(\angle 1 + \angle 2) + 2(\angle 5 + \angle 6) = 360^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow (\angle 1 + \angle 2) + (\angle 5 + \angle 6) = 180^\circ$$

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

Similarly, we can prove that $\angle BOC + \angle DOA = 180^\circ$

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

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