

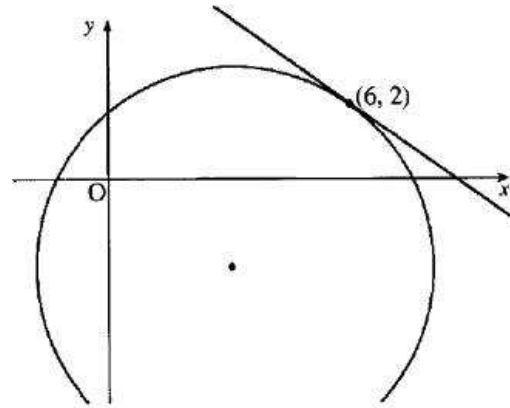
# circle tangents

[SQA]

1. The circle shown has equation

$$(x-3)^2 + (y+2)^2 = 25.$$

Find the equation of the tangent at the point (6, 2).



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Part	Marks	Level	Calc.	Content	Answer	
	4	C	CN	G11		U2 OC4 1998 P1 Q4

•<sup>1</sup> Centre = (3, -2)

•<sup>2</sup>  $m_{rad} = \frac{4}{3}$

•<sup>3</sup>  $m_{tgt} = -\frac{3}{4}$

•<sup>4</sup>  $y - 2 = -\frac{3}{4}(x - 6)$

[SQA] 2. Circle P has equation  $x^2 + y^2 - 8x - 10y + 9 = 0$ . Circle Q has centre  $(-2, -1)$  and radius  $2\sqrt{2}$ .

(a) (i) Show that the radius of circle P is  $4\sqrt{2}$ .

(ii) Hence show that circles P and Q touch. 4

(b) Find the equation of the tangent to the circle Q at the point  $(-4, 1)$ . 3

(c) The tangent in (b) intersects circle P in two points. Find the  $x$ -coordinates of the points of intersection, expressing your answers in the form  $a \pm b\sqrt{3}$ . 3

Part	Marks	Level	Calc.	Content	Answer	U2 OC4
(a)	2	C	CN	G9	proof	2001 P1 Q11
(a)	2	A/B	CN	G14		
(b)	3	C	CN	G11	$y = x + 5$	
(c)	3	C	CN	G12	$x = 2 \pm 2\sqrt{3}$	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<sup>1</sup> ic: interpret centre of circle (P)</li> <li>•<sup>2</sup> ss: find radius of circle (P)</li> <li>•<sup>3</sup> ss: find sum of radii</li> <li>•<sup>4</sup> pd: compare with distance between centres</li> <li>•<sup>5</sup> ss: find gradient of radius</li> <li>•<sup>6</sup> ss: use <math>m_1 m_2 = -1</math></li> <li>•<sup>7</sup> ic: state equation of tangent</li> <li>•<sup>8</sup> ss: substitute linear into circle</li> <li>•<sup>9</sup> pd: express in standard form</li> <li>•<sup>10</sup> pd: solve (quadratic) equation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<sup>1</sup> <math>C_P = (4, 5)</math></li> <li>•<sup>2</sup> <math>r_P = \sqrt{16 + 25 - 9} = \sqrt{32} = 4\sqrt{2}</math></li> <li>•<sup>3</sup> <math>r_P + r_Q = 4\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{2} = 6\sqrt{2}</math></li> <li>•<sup>4</sup> <math>C_P C_Q = \sqrt{6^2 + 6^2} = 6\sqrt{2}</math> and "so touch"</li> <li>•<sup>5</sup> <math>m_r = -1</math></li> <li>•<sup>6</sup> <math>m_{\text{tgt}} = +1</math></li> <li>•<sup>7</sup> <math>y - 1 = 1(x + 4)</math></li> <li>•<sup>8</sup> <math>x^2 + (x + 5)^2 - 8x - 10(x + 5) + 9 = 0</math></li> <li>•<sup>9</sup> <math>2x^2 - 8x - 16 = 0</math></li> <li>•<sup>10</sup> <math>x = 2 \pm 2\sqrt{3}</math></li> </ul>
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[SQA] 3. The point P(2,3) lies on the circle  $(x + 1)^2 + (y - 1)^2 = 13$ . Find the equation of the tangent at P. 4

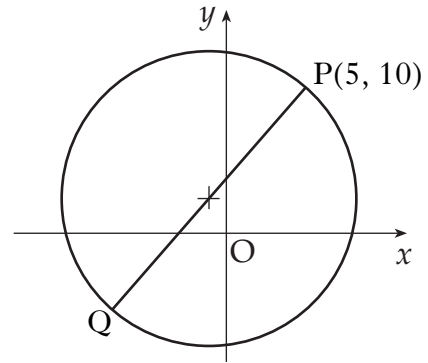
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	4	C	CN	G11	$2y + 3x = 12$	2002 P1 Q1

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<sup>1</sup> ic: interpret centre from equ. of circle</li> <li>•<sup>2</sup> ss: know to find gradient of radius</li> <li>•<sup>3</sup> ss: know to find perp. gradient</li> <li>•<sup>4</sup> ic: state equation of tangent</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<sup>1</sup> <math>C = (-1, 1)</math></li> <li>•<sup>2</sup> <math>m_{\text{rad}} = \frac{2}{3}</math></li> <li>•<sup>3</sup> <math>m_{\text{tgt}} = -\frac{3}{2}</math></li> <li>•<sup>4</sup> <math>y - 3 = -\frac{3}{2}(x - 2)</math></li> </ul>
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(a) Show that the point  $P(5, 10)$  lies on circle  $C_1$  with equation  $(x + 1)^2 + (y - 2)^2 = 100$ .

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(b)  $PQ$  is a diameter of this circle as shown in the diagram. Find the equation of the tangent at  $Q$ .



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(c) Two circles,  $C_2$  and  $C_3$ , touch circle  $C_1$  at  $Q$ .

The radius of each of these circles is twice the radius of circle  $C_1$ .

Find the equations of circles  $C_2$  and  $C_3$ .

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Part	Marks	Level	Calc.	Content	Answer	U2 OC4
(a)	1	C	CN	A6	proof	2009 P2 Q4
(b)	5	C	CN	G11	$3x + 4y + 45 = 0$	
(c)	4	A	NC	G15	$(x - 5)^2 + (y - 10)^2 = 400,$ $(x + 19)^2 + (y + 22)^2 = 400$	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<sup>1</sup> pd: substitute</li> <li>•<sup>2</sup> ic: find centre</li> <li>•<sup>3</sup> ss: use mid-point result for <math>Q</math></li> <li>•<sup>4</sup> ss: know to, and find gradient of radius</li> <li>•<sup>5</sup> ic: find gradient of tangent</li> <li>•<sup>6</sup> ic: state equation of tangent</li> <li>•<sup>7</sup> ic: state radius</li> <li>•<sup>8</sup> ss: know how to find centre</li> <li>•<sup>9</sup> ic: state equation of one circle</li> <li>•<sup>10</sup> ic: state equation of the other circle</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<sup>1</sup> <math>(5 + 1)^2 + (10 - 2)^2 = 100</math></li> <li>•<sup>2</sup> centre = <math>(-1, 2)</math></li> <li>•<sup>3</sup> <math>Q = (-7, -6)</math></li> <li>•<sup>4</sup> <math>m_{\text{rad}} = \frac{8}{6}</math></li> <li>•<sup>5</sup> <math>m_{\text{tgt}} = -\frac{3}{4}</math></li> <li>•<sup>6</sup> <math>y - (-6) = -\frac{3}{4}(x - (-7))</math></li> <li>•<sup>7</sup> radius = 20</li> <li>•<sup>8</sup> centre = <math>(5, 10)</math></li> <li>•<sup>9</sup> <math>(x - 5)^2 + (y - 10)^2 = 400</math></li> <li>•<sup>10</sup> <math>(x + 19)^2 + (y + 22)^2 = 400</math></li> </ul>
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- [SQA] 5. Find the equation of the tangent at the point  $(3,1)$  on the circle  $x^2 + y^2 - 4x + 6y - 4 = 0$ .

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Part	Marks	Level	Calc.	Content	Answer	U2 OC4
	5	C	CN	G11		1991 P1 Q8

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<sup>1</sup> strat: use centre and tgt <math>\perp</math> radius</li> <li>•<sup>2</sup> centre = <math>(2, -3)</math></li> <li>•<sup>3</sup> <math>m_{radius} = 4</math></li> <li>•<sup>4</sup> <math>m_{tgt} = -\frac{1}{4}</math></li> <li>•<sup>5</sup> <math>y - 1 = -\frac{1}{4}(x - 3)</math></li> </ul>
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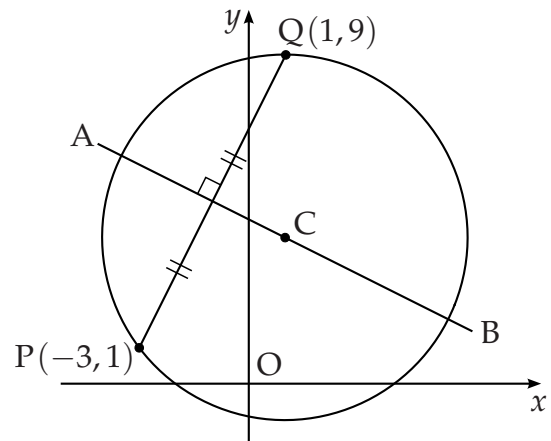
- [SQA] 6. (a) Find the equation of AB, the perpendicular bisector of the line joining the points  $P(-3,1)$  and  $Q(1,9)$ .

- (b) C is the centre of a circle passing through P and Q. Given that QC is parallel to the  $y$ -axis, determine the equation of the circle.

- (c) The tangents at P and Q intersect at T.

Write down

- (i) the equation of the tangent at Q  
(ii) the coordinates of T.



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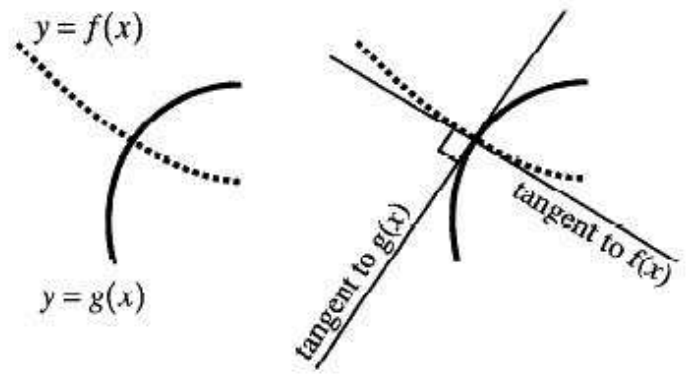
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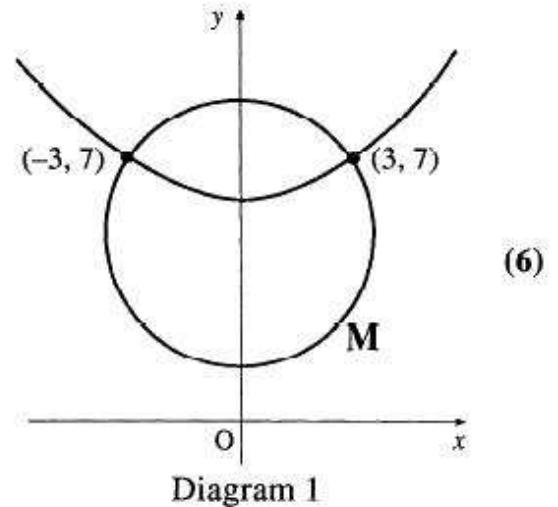
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(a)	4	C	CN	G7	$x + 2y = 9$	2000 P2 Q2
(b)	3	C	CN	G10	$(x - 1)^2 + (y - 4)^2 = 25$	
(c)	2	C	CN	G11, G8	(i) $y = 9$ , (ii) $T(-9, 9)$	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<sup>1</sup> ss: know to use midpoint</li> <li>•<sup>2</sup> pd: process gradient of PQ</li> <li>•<sup>3</sup> ss: know how to find perp. gradient</li> <li>•<sup>4</sup> ic: state equ. of line</li> <li>•<sup>5</sup> ic: interpret "parallel to <math>y</math>-axis"</li> <li>•<sup>6</sup> pd: process radius</li> <li>•<sup>7</sup> ic: state equ. of circle</li> <li>•<sup>8</sup> ic: interpret diagram</li> <li>•<sup>9</sup> ss: know to use equ. of AB</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<sup>1</sup> midpoint = <math>(-1, 5)</math></li> <li>•<sup>2</sup> <math>m_{PQ} = \frac{9-1}{1-(-1)}</math></li> <li>•<sup>3</sup> <math>m_{\perp} = -\frac{1}{2}</math></li> <li>•<sup>4</sup> <math>y - 5 = -\frac{1}{2}(x - (-1))</math></li> <li>•<sup>5</sup> <math>y_C = 4</math> stated or implied by •<sup>7</sup></li> <li>•<sup>6</sup> radius = 5 or equiv. stated or implied by •<sup>7</sup></li> <li>•<sup>7</sup> <math>(x - 1)^2 + (y - 4)^2 = 25</math></li> <li>•<sup>8</sup> <math>y = 9</math></li> <li>•<sup>9</sup> <math>T = (-9, 9)</math></li> </ul>
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Two curves,  $y = f(x)$  and  $y = g(x)$ , are called orthogonal if, at each point of intersection, their tangents are at right angles to each other.



- (a) Diagram 1 shows the parabola with equation  $y = 6 + \frac{1}{9}x^2$  and the circle M with equation  $x^2 + (y - 5)^2 = 13$ . These two curves intersect at  $(3, 7)$  and  $(-3, 7)$ . Prove that these curves are orthogonal.



- (b) Diagram 2 shows the circle M, from (a) above, which is orthogonal to the circle N. The circles intersect at  $(3, 7)$  and  $(-3, 7)$ .
- (i) Write down the equation of the tangent to circle M at the point  $(-3, 7)$ .
  - (ii) Hence find the equation of circle N.

