

# System of Circles

## Theorem: -1

Qn.  $\rightarrow$  To find the angle of intersection of two circles.

Ans.  $\rightarrow$  Let the eqn. of two circles be

$$x^2 + y^2 + 2g_1x + 2f_1y + c_1 = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{and } x^2 + y^2 + 2g_2x + 2f_2y + c_2 = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Let  $O_1(-g_1, -f_1)$  and  $O_2(-g_2, -f_2)$  be the centre of the given circle and their radius

$$r_1 = \sqrt{g_1^2 + f_1^2 - c_1} \quad \text{and} \quad r_2 = \sqrt{g_2^2 + f_2^2 - c_2}$$

Let  $P$  be the point of intersection of two circle from  $P$  draw  $PT_1$  and  $PT_2$  tangents to (1) and (2), we have,

$$\angle T_1 P T_2 = \theta$$

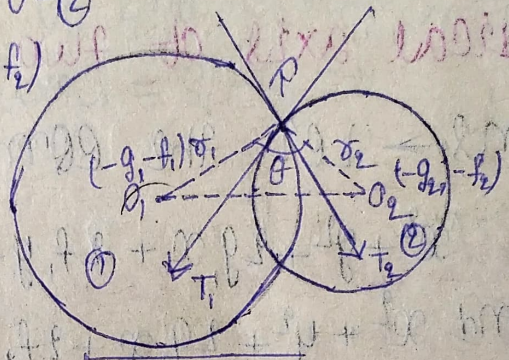
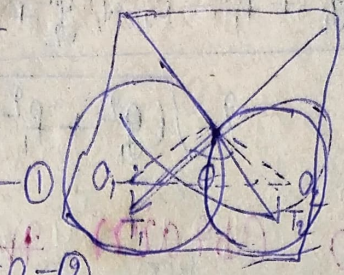
Join  $O_1 P$ ,  $O_2 P$  and  $O_1 O_2$

We know that the angle between two lines is equal of the angle between their normals.

$$\therefore \angle O_1 P O_2 = \theta, \text{ or } \pi - \theta$$

$$O_1 P = r_1 = \sqrt{g_1^2 + f_1^2 - c_1}$$

$$O_2 P = r_2 = \sqrt{g_2^2 + f_2^2 - c_2}$$



$$O_1 O_2 = \sqrt{(g_2 - g_1)^2 + (f_2 - f_1)^2}$$

Now, in  $\Delta PO_1 O_2$

$$\cos \theta \text{ or } \cos(\pi - \theta) = \frac{x_1^2 + x_2^2 - O_1 O_2^2}{2x_1 \cdot x_2}$$

$$\cos \theta = \pm \frac{(g_1^2 + f_1^2 - c_1 + g_2^2 + f_2^2 - c_2 - (g_1 - g_2)^2 + (f_1 - f_2)^2)}{2\sqrt{(g_1^2 + f_1^2 - c_1)} \sqrt{(g_2^2 + f_2^2 - c_2)}}$$

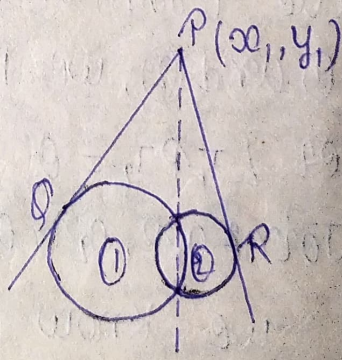
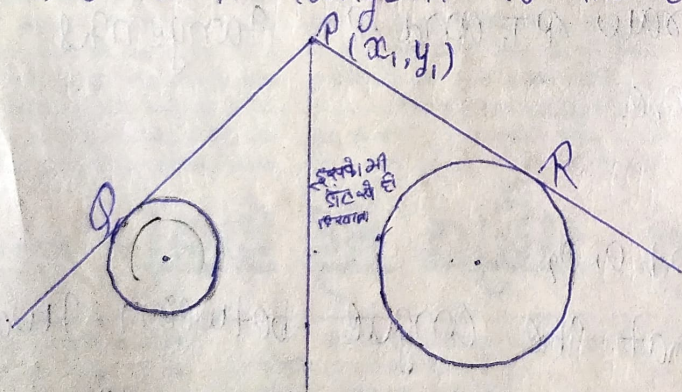
② Qn.  $\Rightarrow$  To obtain the equation of the radical axis of two circles.

Ans.  $\Rightarrow$  Let the eqn. of two circles be

$$x^2 + y^2 + 2g_1x + 2f_1y + c_1 = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{and } x^2 + y^2 + 2g_2x + 2f_2y + c_2 = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Let  $P(x_1, y_1)$  be any point from P draw  $PQ$  and  $PR$  tangent to the circles (1) and (2)



$$PQ = \sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2 + 2g_1x_1 + 2f_1y_1 + c_1}$$

$$\text{and } PR = \sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2 + 2g_2x_1 + 2f_2y_1 + c_2}$$

from the defn of radical axis

$$PQ = PR$$

on squaring

$$PQ^2 = PR^2$$

$$x_1^2 + y_1^2 + 2g_1x_1 + 2f_1y_1 + c_1 = x_1^2 + y_1^2 + 2g_2x_1 + 2f_2y_1 + c_2$$

$$\text{or, } 2x_1(g_1 - g_2) + 2y_1(f_1 - f_2) + c_1 - c_2 = 0$$

Hence, the locus of axis P i.e. radical axis is given,

$$2x(g_1 - g_2) + 2y(f_1 - f_2) + c_1 - c_2 = 0$$

$S_1 = 0$  eqn. of 1st circle

$S_2 = 0$  eqn. of 2nd circle.

$$\text{Eqn. of radical axis} = S_1 - S_2 = 0$$

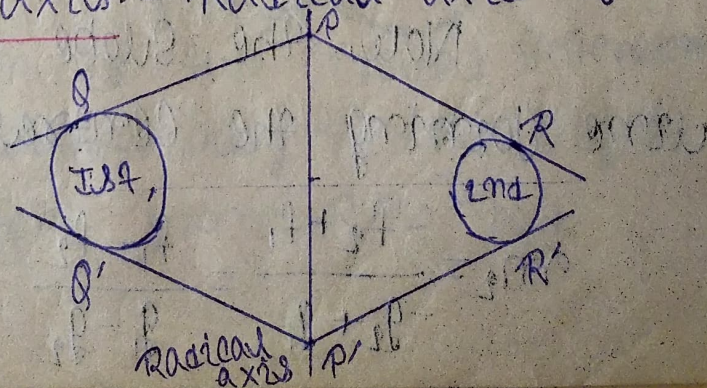
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Qn.  $\rightarrow$  Define radical axis of two circles and prove that radical axis of two circles is a line perpendicular to the line joining the centres of the two circles.

or, Qn.  $\rightarrow$  Define radical axis. Prove that the radical axis of two circles is perpendicular to the line joining the centres of the circles.

Ans.  $\rightarrow$  Radical-axis: - Radical axis of

two circles is the locus of points from which the tangents drawn



to the two circles are of equal length.

Let  $P$  be a point. From  $P$  draw  $PQ$  and  $PR$  tangents to the 1st and 2nd circle which meets the circle at  $Q$  and  $R$ .

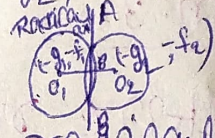
Hence, the locus of  $P$  is the radical axis of circle (1) and (2).

Let the eqn. of two circles be

$$x^2 + y^2 + 2g_1x + 2f_1y + c_1 = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{and } x^2 + y^2 + 2g_2x + 2f_2y + c_2 = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Let  $O_1(-g_1, -f_1)$  and  $O_2(-g_2, -f_2)$  be the centres of <sup>Circle</sup> (1) and (2)



Hence the eqn. of radical axis of (1) and (2) is given by

$$2x(g_1 - g_2) + 2y(f_1 - f_2) + c_1 - c_2 = 0$$

Now,  $m$  i.e. slope for gradient of (3)

$$\text{radical axis, } m_1 = \frac{-2(g_1 - g_2)}{2(f_1 - f_2)}$$

$$m_1 = \frac{-(g_1 - g_2)}{(f_1 - f_2)}$$

Now, the slope of  $O_1O_2$  i.e. the line joining the centres of two circles

$$m_2 = \frac{-f_2 + f_1}{-g_2 + g_1} = \frac{f_1 - f_2}{g_1 - g_2}$$

∴ the slope of radical axis AB and the slope of  $O_1O_2$ ,  $m_1, m_2 = -\frac{(g_1 - g_2)}{(f_1 - f_2)} \times \frac{(f_1 - f_2)}{(g_1 - g_2)}$

$$m_1 \cdot m_2 = -1$$

Hence radical axis is  $\perp$  to the line joining their centres.

### Theorem: 4

The Angle of intersection of two

Circles

QNo. → Define orthogonal circles. Find the necessary and sufficient condition that the two circles may cut one another orthogonally.

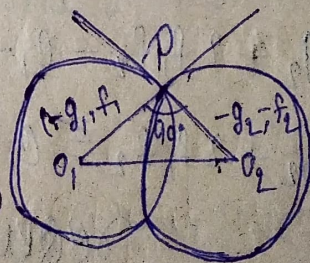
Ans. → Orthogonal-circles: - Two circles

are said to cut orthogonally when the tangents at their common points of intersection include a right angle.

Let,

$$x^2 + y^2 + 2g_1x + 2f_1y + c_1 = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{and } x^2 + y^2 + 2g_2x + 2f_2y + c_2 = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$



be the eqn. of two circles intersecting each other at P orthogonally i.e. the angle between the tangent from P to both circles =  $90^\circ$

Hence, these tangent must pass through the centre  $O_1$  and  $O_2$  of the circle. The co-ordinates of centre  $O_1$  and  $O_2$  we have

$$(-g_1, -f_1) \text{ and } (-g_2, -f_2) \text{ and}$$

$$\text{radius } O_1P = \sqrt{g_1^2 + f_1^2 - c_1} \text{ and } O_2P = \sqrt{g_2^2 + f_2^2 - c_2}$$

$$\text{Now, } O_1P^2 = g_1^2 + f_1^2 - c_1$$

$$O_2P^2 = g_2^2 + f_2^2 - c_2$$

$$O_1O_2^2 = (g_2 - g_1)^2 + (f_2 - f_1)^2$$

As the two circle cut orthogonally

$$\text{at } P \therefore \angle O_1PO_2 = 90^\circ$$

$$\therefore O_1O_2^2 = O_1P^2 + O_2P^2$$

$$\text{or, } (g_2 - g_1)^2 + (f_2 - f_1)^2 = g_1^2 + f_1^2 - c_1 + g_2^2 + f_2^2 - c_2$$

$$\text{or, } g_2^2 + g_1^2 - 2g_1g_2 + f_2^2 + f_1^2 - 2f_1f_2 = g_1^2 + f_1^2 - c_1 + g_2^2 + f_2^2 - c_2$$

$$2g_1g_2 + 2f_1f_2 - c_1 - c_2 = 0$$

$$\text{or, } 2g_1g_2 + 2f_1f_2 = c_1 + c_2$$

required condition this is necessary condition.

## Theorem: 5

To find the general eqn. of <sup>the</sup> circles cutting ~~the~~ two given circles orthogonally.

Ans.  $\rightarrow$  Let the eqn. of two given circles

$$\text{be } x^2 + y^2 + 2g_1x + 2f_1y + c_1 = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{and } x^2 + y^2 + 2g_2x + 2f_2y + c_2 = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\text{Let } x^2 + y^2 + 2gx + 2fy + c = 0$$

or,  $2gx + 2fy + x^2 + y^2 + c = 0$  --- (3), be the eqn. of that circle which cuts both (1) and (2) orthogonally.

As, (1) and (3) are orthogonal

$$2gg_1 + 2ff_1 = c_1 + c$$

$$\text{or, } 2gg_1 + 2ff_1 - c_1 - c = 0 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

As (2) and (3) are orthogonal

$$\therefore 2gg_2 + 2ff_2 - c_2 - c = 0 \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

Now, eliminate  $g$  and  $f$  from (4) and (5)

$$\begin{array}{l} x^2 + y^2 + c \\ -c_1 - c \\ -c_2 - c \end{array} \Bigg| = 0$$

required condition