

# **CIRCLES**

## **INTRODUCTION**

**SUBJECT : MATHEMATICS**

**CHAPTER NUMBER: 10**

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**CHANGING YOUR TOMORROW**

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# LEARNING OUTCOME

1. Students will be able to know about tangents.
2. Students will be able to identify whether a given line is a tangent or secant to a circle.
3. Students will be able to prove that the tangent at any point of a circle is perpendicular to the radius through the point of contact.
4. Students will be able to apply the knowledge of above theorem in solving questions. .

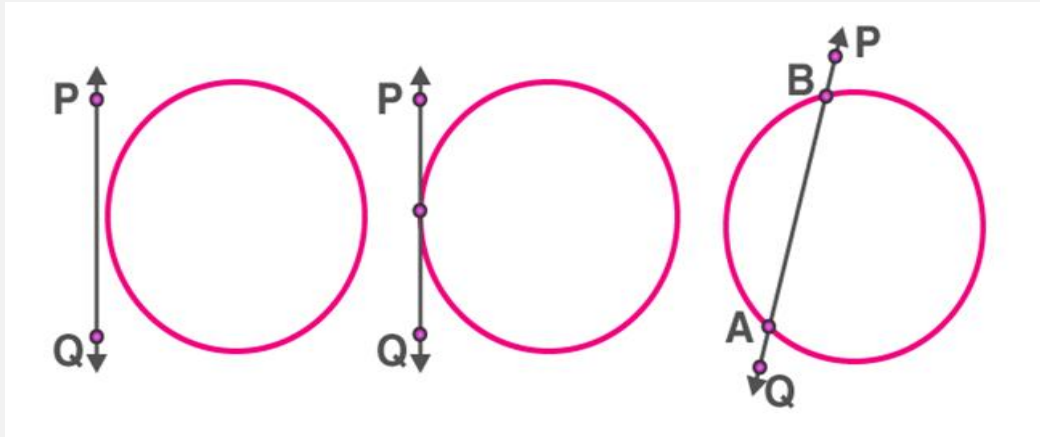
## Circle and line in a plane

For a circle and a line on a plane, there can be **three** possibilities.

i) they can be **non-intersecting**

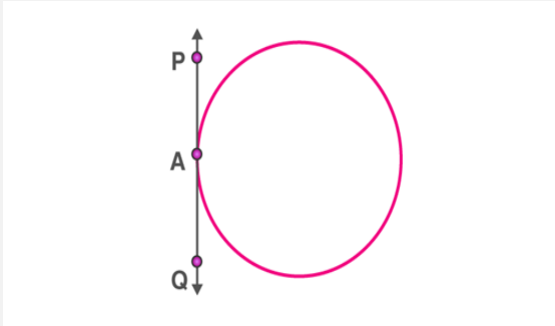
ii) they can have **a single common point**: in this case, the line touches the circle.

ii) they can have **two common points**: in this case, the line cuts the circle.

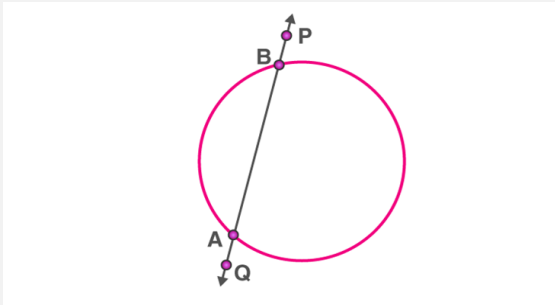


# Tangent

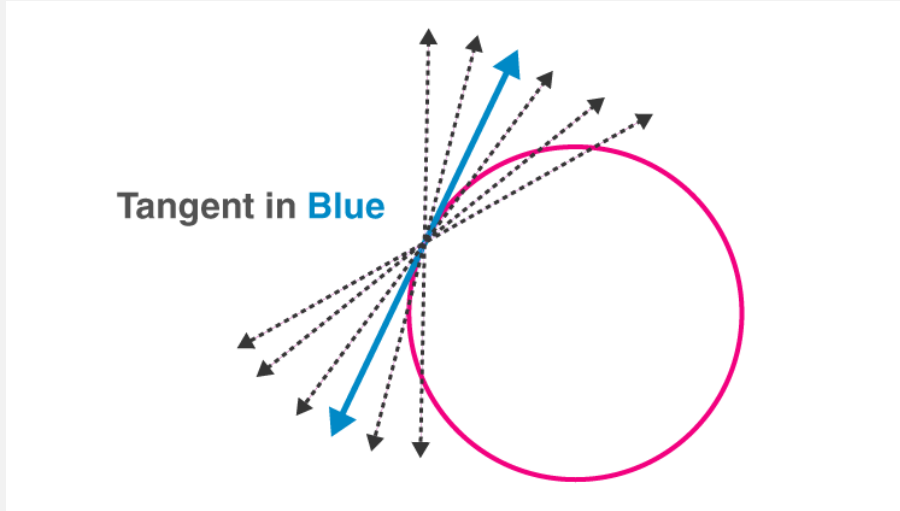
A **tangent to a circle** is a line which touches the circle at exactly one point. For every point on the circle, there is a unique tangent passing through it.



A secant to a circle is a line which has two points in common with the circle. It cuts the circle at two points, forming a chord of the circle.



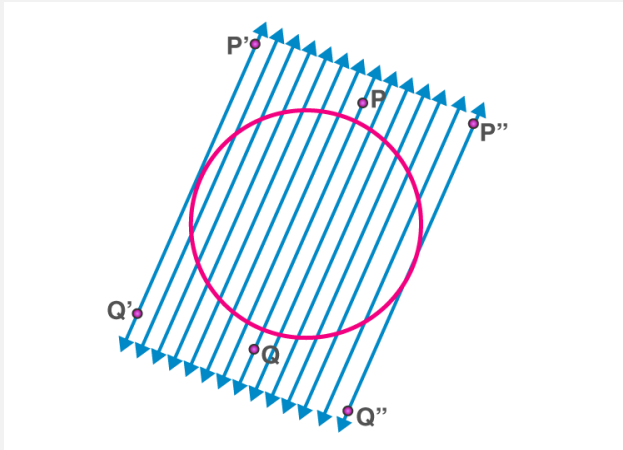
## Tangent as a special case of Secant



The tangent to a circle can be seen as a special case of the secant when the two endpoints of its corresponding chord coincide.

## Two parallel tangents at most for a given secant

For every given **secant** of a circle, there are **exactly two tangents** which are **parallel** to it and touches the circle at two **diametrically opposite points**.



Introduction, Tangents to a circle

<https://youtu.be/gl6p3UynrIQ>(9.25)

## Theorem 10.1 : The tangent at any point of a circle is perpendicular to the radius through the point of contact

*Given.* A circle with centre  $O$  and radius  $OP$ .  $AB$  is line through  $P$  such that  $OP \perp AB$ .

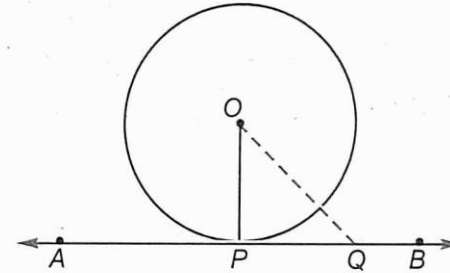
*To Prove.*  $AB$  is a tangent to the circle at the point  $P$ .

*Construction.* Take a point  $Q$  on  $AB$  other than  $P$  and join  $OQ$ .

**Proof.** The perpendicular distance of a point from a line is the shortest distance between them, and

$$OP \perp AB$$

- $\Rightarrow OP$  is the shortest distance among all the line segment joining  $O$  to any point on  $AB$ .
  - $\Rightarrow OP < OQ$
  - $\Rightarrow OQ > \text{radius } OP$
  - $\Rightarrow Q$  lies outside the circle
  - $\Rightarrow$  Every point on  $AB$ , other than  $P$ , lies outside the circle.
- Thus, the line  $AB$  meets the circle at the point  $P$  only.  
 Hence,  $AB$  is a tangent to the circle at the point  $P$ .





1. How many tangents can a circle have?

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..... .

(iii) A circle can have ..... parallel tangents at the most for a given secant.

(iv) The common point of a tangent to a circle and the circle is called.....

. There can be infinitely many tangents to a circle.

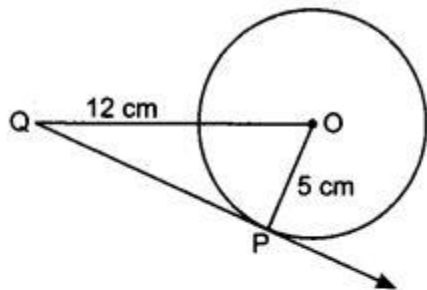
**(i)** One

**(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.



Radius of the circle = 5 cm

OQ = 12 cm

$\angle OPQ = 90^\circ$

[The tangent to a circle is perpendicular to the radius through the point of contact]

$PQ^2 = OQ^2 - OP^2$  [By Pythagoras theorem]

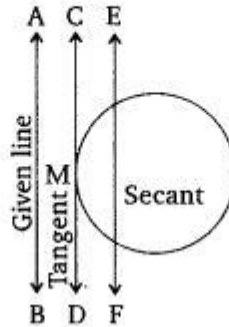
$PQ^2 = 12^2 - 5^2 = 144 - 25 = 119$

$PQ = \sqrt{119}$  cm.

Hence correct option is (d).

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.

Here, AB is the given line. CD is tangent to the given circle at the point M and parallel to AB, and EF is a secant parallel to AB.



## HOME ASSIGNMENT Ex. 10.1 Q. 1 to Q 4

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1. 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.
7. Two concentric circles are of radii.

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