

2) Find the equation of the tangent at the point $(1,0)$ on the circle $x^2 + y^2 - 12x - 12y + 47 = 0$

Solution

$$x^2 + y^2 - 12x - 12y + 47 = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Equation of a line $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$

$$x^2 - 12x + y^2 - 12y + 47 = 0$$

$$(x - 6)^2 - 36 + (y - 6)^2 - 36 + 47 = 0$$

Collect like terms

$$(x - 6)^2 + (y - 6)^2 - 25 = 0$$

$$(x - 6)^2 + (y - 6)^2 = 25$$

\therefore The centre $c = (6, 6)$ and radius $r = \sqrt{25} = 5$

Let $P =$ Point $(1, 0)$ and $C =$ Centre $(6, 6)$

$$\text{Gradient of } CP = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{0 - 6}{1 - 6} = \frac{-6}{-5} = \frac{6}{5}$$

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$$\text{Equation of tangent} = y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

$$\text{Equation of tangent} = y - 0 = -\frac{5}{6}(x - 1)$$

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Assignment

1) Find the equation of the tangent at the point $(1, 0)$ on the circle $x^2 + y^2 - 5x - y + 4 = 0$

Solution

Given $x^2 + y^2 - 5x - y + 4 = 0$ to be equation (1)

Equation of a line = $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$

Rearranging equation (1)

$$x^2 - 5x + y^2 + y + 4 = 0$$

$$\left(x - \frac{5}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{25}{4} + \left(y - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{4} + 4 = 0$$

Collect like terms

$$\left(x - \frac{5}{2}\right)^2 + \left(y - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{5}{2} = 0$$



LEARNING

3) Centre (C) = (4, -7) and radius = $\sqrt{25} = 5$

Let P Gradient of CP = $\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{0-4}{1+(-7)} = \frac{0-4}{1-7} = \frac{-4}{-6} = \frac{2}{3}$

Gradient of CP = $\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{0-(-7)}{1-4} = \frac{0+7}{-3} = \frac{7}{-3}$

They are perpendicular

The gradient of the tangent = $\frac{3}{7}$

Equation of tangent = $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$

$$= y - 0 = \frac{3}{7}(x - 1)$$

$$y = \frac{3}{7}x - \frac{3}{7}$$