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Equation of a Tangent



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REVISE THIS TOPIC

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS

1 A circle has equation $x^2 + y^2 = 20$

The point P lies on the circle.
The coordinates of P are $(2, 4)$

The line L is tangent to the circle at point P .

Find an equation of L .
Give your answer in the form $y = mx + c$



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(Total for Question 1 is 4 marks)



2 A circle has equation $x^2 + y^2 = 90$

The point P lies on the circle.
The coordinates of P are $(9, 3)$

The line L is tangent to the circle at point P .

Find an equation of L .
Give your answer in the form $y = mx + c$

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(Total for Question 2 is 4 marks)



3 A circle has equation $x^2 + y^2 = 29$

The point P lies on the circle.

The coordinates of P are $(2, 5)$

The line L is tangent to the circle at point P .

Find an equation of L .

Give your answer in the form $y = mx + c$

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(Total for Question 3 is 4 marks)



4 A circle has equation $x^2 + y^2 = 17$

The point P lies on the circle.

The coordinates of P are $(1, -4)$

The line L is tangent to the circle at point P .

Find an equation of L .

Give your answer in the form $y = mx + c$

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(Total for Question 4 is 4 marks)



5 A circle has equation $x^2 + y^2 = 34$

The point P lies on the circle.

The coordinates of P are $(-3, 5)$

The line L is tangent to the circle at point P .

Find an equation of L .

Give your answer in the form $y = mx + c$

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(Total for Question 5 is 4 marks)



6 A circle has equation $x^2 + y^2 = 65$

The point P lies on the circle.

The coordinates of P are $(7, k)$, where $k < 0$

The line L is tangent to the circle at point P .

Find an equation of L .

Give your answer in the form $y = mx + c$

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(Total for Question 6 is 5 marks)



7 A circle has equation $x^2 + y^2 = 117$

The point P lies on the circle.

The coordinates of P are $(9, k)$, where $k > 0$

The line L is tangent to the circle at point P .

Find an equation of L .

Give your answer in the form $y = mx + c$



8 A circle has equation $x^2 + y^2 = 22.25$

The point P lies on the circle.

The coordinates of P are $(-4, k)$, where $k < 0$

The line L is tangent to the circle at point P .

Find an equation of L .

Give your answer in the form $ay + bx + c = 0$ where a , b and c are integers.

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(Total for Question 8 is 6 marks)



9 A circle has equation $x^2 + y^2 = 13$

The point P lies on the circle.
The coordinates of P are $(2, 3)$

The line L is tangent to the circle at point P .
The line L crosses the x -axis at the point Q .

Work out the coordinates of the point Q .

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(Total for Question 9 is 5 marks)



10 A circle has equation $x^2 + y^2 = 212$

The point P lies on the circle.

The coordinates of P are $(14, -4)$

The line L is tangent to the circle at point P .

The line L crosses the y -axis at the point A .

Work out the coordinates of the point A .

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(Total for Question 10 is 5 marks)



11 A circle has equation $x^2 + y^2 = 90$

The point P lies on the circle.
The coordinates of P are $(3, 9)$

The line L is tangent to the circle at point P .
The line L crosses the y -axis at the point A and the x -axis at the point B .

Work out the area of triangle AOB .

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(Total for Question 11 is 6 marks)



12 A circle has equation $x^2 + y^2 = 320$

The point P lies on the circle.

The coordinates of P are $(-8, 16)$

The line L is tangent to the circle at point P .

The line L crosses the x -axis at the point A and the y -axis at the point B .

Work out the length of AB .

Give your answer in the form $a\sqrt{5}$ where a is an integer.

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(Total for Question 12 is 6 marks)



13 A circle has equation $x^2 + y^2 = 29$

The point P lies on the circle.
The coordinates of P are $(5, 2)$

The line L is tangent to the circle at point P .
The line L crosses the y -axis at the point A and the x -axis at the point B .

Work out the length of AB .
Give your answer to 4 significant figures.

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(Total for Question 13 is 6 marks)



14 A circle has equation $x^2 + y^2 = 48$

The point P lies on the circle.

The coordinates of P are $(\sqrt{12}, 6)$

The line L is tangent to the circle at point P .

The line L crosses the y -axis at the point A .

Show that the length of AP is an integer.

(Total for Question 14 is 6 marks)





15 A circle has equation $x^2 + y^2 = 25$

The point P lies on the circle.

The coordinates of P are $(\sqrt{5}, \sqrt{20})$

The line L is tangent to the circle at point P .

The line L crosses the x -axis at the point A .

Work out the area of triangle AOP .

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(Total for Question 15 is 6 marks)

