
SL Paper 1

The vertices A, B, C of an acute angled triangle have position vectors \mathbf{a} , \mathbf{b} , \mathbf{c} with respect to an origin O.

The mid-point of [BC] is denoted by D. The point E lies on [AD] such that $AE = 2DE$.

The perpendiculars from B to [AC] and C to [AB] meet at the point F.

a.i. Show that the position vector of E is

[4]

$$\frac{1}{3}(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c}).$$

a.ii. Explain briefly why this result shows that the three medians of a triangle are concurrent.

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b.i. Show that the position vector \mathbf{f} of F satisfies the equations

[3]

$$(\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{f}) \bullet (\mathbf{c} - \mathbf{a}) = 0$$

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b.ii. Show, by expanding these equations, that

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$$(\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{f}) \bullet (\mathbf{c} - \mathbf{b}) = 0.$$

b.iii. Explain briefly why this result shows that the three altitudes of a triangle are concurrent.

[1]

a. The point $T(at^2, 2at)$ lies on the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$. Show that the tangent to the parabola at T has equation $y = \frac{x}{t} + at$. [3]

b. The distinct points $P(ap^2, 2ap)$ and $Q(aq^2, 2aq)$, where $p, q \neq 0$, also lie on the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$. Given that the line (PQ) passes through the focus, show that [8]

(i) $pq = -1$;

(ii) the tangents to the parabola at P and Q, intersect on the directrix.

The normal at the point $T(at^2, 2at)$, $t \neq 0$, on the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ meets the parabola again at the point $S(as^2, 2as)$.

a. Show that $t^2 + st + 2 = 0$. [7]

b. Given that \hat{SOT} is a right-angle, where O is the origin, determine the possible values of t . [5]

The triangle ABC is isosceles and $AB = BC = 5$. D is the midpoint of AC and $BD = 4$.

Find the lengths of the tangents from A, B and D to the circle inscribed in the triangle ABD.

Given that the tangents at the points P and Q on the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ are perpendicular, find the locus of the midpoint of PQ.

ABCDEF is a hexagon. A circle lies inside the hexagon and touches each of the six sides.

Show that $AB + CD + EF = BC + DE + FA$.

Consider the curve C given by $y = x^3$.

The tangent at a point P on C meets the curve again at Q. The tangent at Q meets the curve again at R. Denote the x -coordinates of P, Q and R, by x_1 , x_2 and x_3 respectively where $x_1 \neq 0$. Show that, x_1 , x_2 , x_3 form the first three elements of a divergent geometric sequence.

The points P, Q and R, lie on the sides [AB], [AC] and [BC], respectively, of the triangle ABC. The lines (AR), (BQ) and (CP) are concurrent.

Use Ceva's theorem to prove that [PQ] is parallel to [BC] if and only if R is the midpoint of [BC].

The points A, B have coordinates $(-3, 0)$, $(5, 0)$ respectively. Consider the Apollonius circle C which is the locus of point P where

$$\frac{AP}{BP} = k \text{ for } k \neq 1.$$

Given that the centre of C has coordinates $(13, 0)$, find

- a. (i) the value of k ; [11]
(ii) the radius of C;
(iii) the x -intercepts of C.

- b. Let M be any point on C and N be the x -intercept of C between A and B. [3]

Prove that $\widehat{AMN} = \widehat{NMB}$.

The point $P(x, y)$ moves in such a way that its distance from the point $(1, 0)$ is three times its distance from the point $(-1, 0)$.

- a. Find the equation of the locus of P . [4]
- b. Show that this equation represents a circle and state its radius and the coordinates of its centre. [4]
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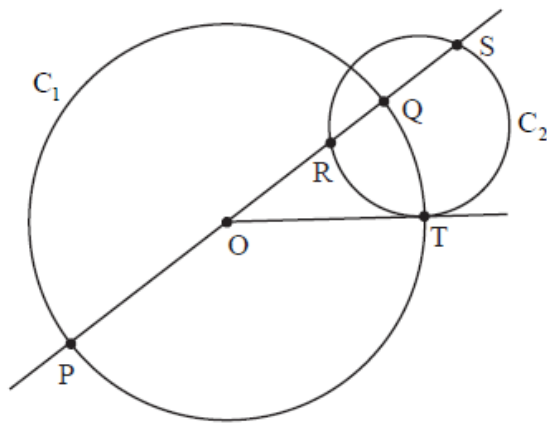
The parabola P has equation $y^2 = 4ax$. The distinct points $U(au^2, 2au)$ and $V(av^2, 2av)$ lie on P , where $u, v \neq 0$. Given that \widehat{UOV} is a right angle, where O denotes the origin,

- (a) show that $v = -\frac{4}{u}$;
- (b) find expressions for the coordinates of W , the midpoint of $[UV]$, in terms of a and u ;
- (c) show that the locus of W , as u varies, is the parabola P' with equation $y^2 = 2ax - 8a^2$;
- (d) determine the coordinates of the vertex of P' .
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- a. Prove the internal angle bisector theorem, namely that the internal bisector of an angle of a triangle divides the side opposite the angle into segments proportional to the sides adjacent to the angle. [6]
- b. The bisector of the exterior angle \widehat{A} of the triangle ABC meets (BC) at P . The bisector of the interior angle \widehat{B} meets $[AC]$ at Q . Given that (PQ) meets $[AB]$ at R , use Menelaus' theorem to prove that (CR) bisects the angle \widehat{ACB} . [8]
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Triangle ABC has points D, E and F on sides $[BC], [CA]$ and $[AB]$ respectively; $[AD], [BE]$ and $[CF]$ intersect at the point P . If $3BD = 2DC$ and $CE = 4EA$, calculate the ratios

- a. $AF : FB$. [4]
- b. $AP : PD$ [4]
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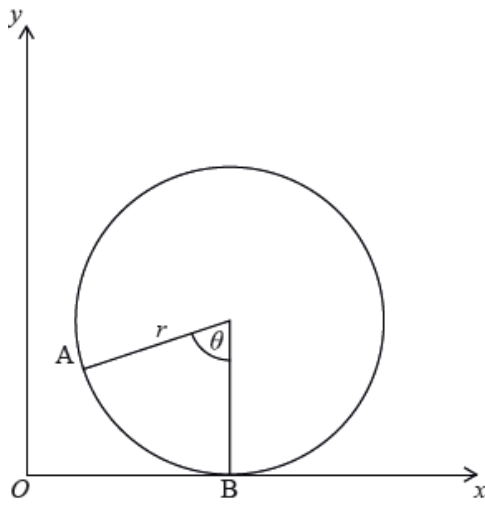


The figure shows a circle C_1 with centre O and diameter $[PQ]$ and a circle C_2 which intersects (PQ) at the points R and S . T is one point of intersection of the two circles and (OT) is a tangent to C_2 .

- a. Show that $\frac{OR}{OT} = \frac{OT}{OS}$. [2]
- b. (i) Show that $PR - RQ = 2OR$. [6]
- (ii) Show that $\frac{PR - RQ}{PR + RQ} = \frac{PS - SQ}{PS + SQ}$.
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- a. A triangle T has sides of length 3, 4 and 5. [6]
- (i) Find the radius of the circumscribed circle of T .
- (ii) Find the radius of the inscribed circle of T .
- b. A triangle U has sides of length 4, 5 and 7. [6]
- (i) Show that the orthocentre, H , of U lies outside the triangle.
- (ii) Show that the foot of the perpendicular from H to the longest side divides it in the ratio 29 : 20.
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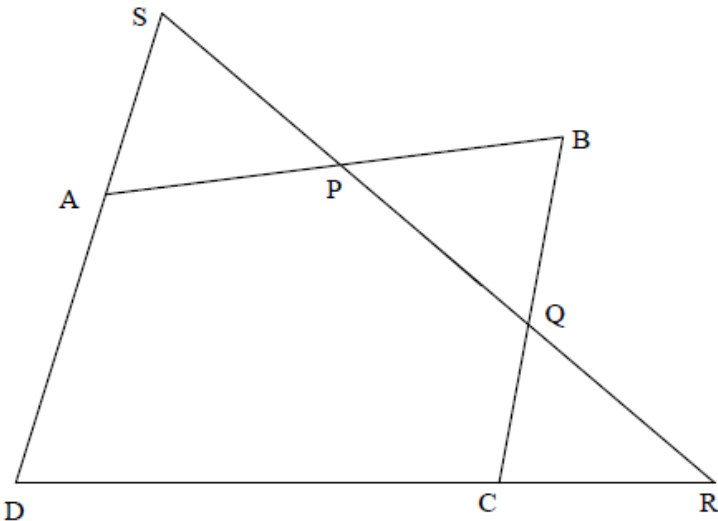
A wheel of radius r rolls, without slipping, along a straight path with the plane of the wheel remaining vertical. A point A on the circumference of the wheel is initially at O . When the wheel is rolled, the radius rotates through an angle of θ and the point of contact is now at B , where the length of the arc AB is equal to the distance OB . This is shown in the following diagram.



- a. Find the coordinates of A in terms of r and θ . [3]
- b. As the wheel rolls, the point A traces out a curve. Show that the gradient of this curve is $\cot\left(\frac{1}{2}\theta\right)$. [6]
- c. Find the equation of the tangent to the curve when $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$. [3]

- (a) The function g is defined by $g(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 + dx + ey + f$ and the circle C_1 has equation $g(x, y) = 0$.
- (i) Show that the centre of C_1 has coordinates $\left(-\frac{d}{2}, -\frac{e}{2}\right)$ and the radius of C_1 is $\sqrt{\frac{d^2}{4} + \frac{e^2}{4} - f}$.
- (ii) The point $P(a, b)$ lies outside C_1 . Show that the length of the tangents from P to C_1 is equal to $\sqrt{g(a, b)}$.
- (b) The circle C_2 has equation $x^2 + y^2 - 6x - 2y + 6 = 0$.
The line $y = mx$ meets C_2 at the points R and S .
- (i) Determine the quadratic equation whose roots are the x -coordinates of R and S .
- (ii) **Hence**, given that L denotes the length of the tangents from the origin O to C_2 , show that $OR \times OS = L^2$.

The diagram below shows a quadrilateral $ABCD$ and a straight line which intersects (AB) , (BC) , (CD) , (DA) at the points P , Q , R , S respectively.



Using Menelaus' theorem, show that $\frac{AP}{PB} \times \frac{BQ}{QC} \times \frac{CR}{RD} \times \frac{DS}{SA} = 1$.

A circle $x^2 + y^2 + dx + ey + c = 0$ and a straight line $lx + my + n = 0$ intersect. Find the general equation of a circle which passes through the points of intersection, justifying your answer.

a. Two line segments [AB] and [CD] meet internally at the point Y. Given that [6]

$YA \times YB = YC \times YD$ show that A, B, C and D all lie on the circumference of a circle.

b. Explain why the result also holds if the line segments meet externally at Y. [3]

The rectangle ABCD is inscribed in a circle. Sides [AD] and [AB] have lengths 3 cm and (9) cm respectively. E is a point on side [AB] such that AE is 3 cm. Side [DE] is produced to meet the circumcircle of ABCD at point P. Use Ptolemy's theorem to calculate the length of chord [AP].
