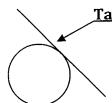
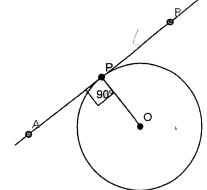
7.1 - Properties of Tangents to a Circle



Tangent: a line that intersects the circle at only **one** point.

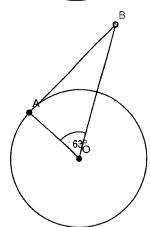
Tangent-Radius Property: a <u>tangent</u> is perpendicular to the <u>radius</u> at the point of connection. (Tangency)

So,
$$\angle APO = 90^{\circ} = \angle BPO$$



Ex. 1 Point O is the centre of the circle and AB is a tangent to the circle. In $\triangle OAB$, $\angle AOB = 63^{\circ}$. Determine the measure of $\angle OBA$.

Answer:
$$\angle A = 90^{\circ}$$
, so all angles must add up to 180° .
 $180 - 63 - 90 = 27^{\circ}$
Therefore $\angle OBA = 27^{\circ}$

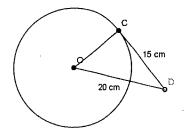


Ex. 2 Point O is the centre of the circle and CD is a tangent to the circle. CD = 15 cm and OD = 20 cm. Determine the length of the radius OC. Give the answer to the nearest tenth.

Answer:
$$\angle C = 90^{\circ}$$
, use Pythagorean's Theorem

$$x^{2} + 15^{2} = 20^{2}$$

 $x^{2} = 400 - 225$
 $x^{2} = 175$
 $x = 13.2$ cm



Ex. 3 An airplane, A, is cruising at an altitude of 9000 m. A cross section of the Earth is a circle with radium approximately 6400 km. A passenger wonders how far she is from a point H on the horizon she sees outside the window.

Calculate the distance to the nearest kilometer.



The tangent AH is perpendicular to the radius HE, therefore \angle AHE = 90°. Use Pythagorean's Theorem to solve.

Convert 9000 m to km: 9000/1000 = 9 km

$$x^2 + 6400^2 = 6409^2$$

 $x^2 = 41\ 075\ 281 - 40\ 960\ 000$
 $x^2 = 115\ 281$

x = 340 km They are about 340 km from the horizon.

9000 m

6400 km

Earth E

Assignment

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