

Lesson Vocabulary

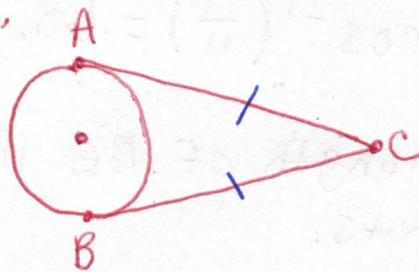
Tangent Line - A line perpendicular (\perp) to the radius at the point of tangency.

Point of Tangency - The point where a circle and a tangent intersect.

- t is the tangent line
- r is the radius



Theorem - Two segments tangent to a circle from a point outside the circle are congruent.

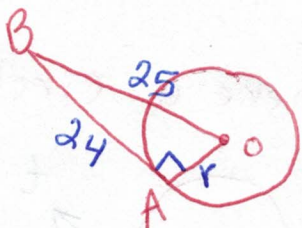


C is the point outside the circle
 So, $CB \cong CA$

★ A circle is named by the center

Example Problem(s)

ex.) Find the radius. \overline{AB} is tangent to circle O. $AB = 24$ and $OB = 25$



Since AB is the tangent, $\angle A$ is 90°

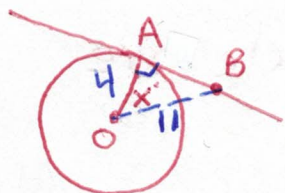
$$r^2 + 24^2 = 25^2$$

$$r^2 + 576 = 625$$

$$r^2 = 49$$

$$r = 7$$

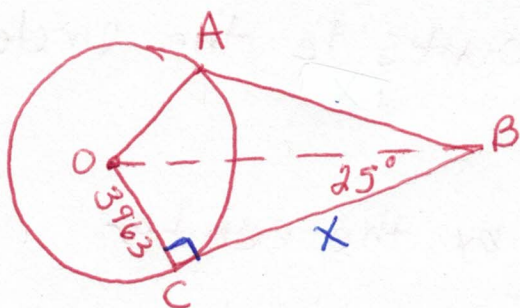
ex.) Find the $m\angle x$. $OA = 4$ and $OB = 11$.



* create a right Δ , Label the right \angle

$$\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{4}{11}\right) = 68.7^\circ$$

ex.) what is the length of AB if \overline{AB} and \overline{BC} are tangents.



$$x \cdot \tan 25^\circ = \frac{3963}{x} \cdot x$$

$$\frac{x(\tan 25^\circ)}{\tan 25} = \frac{3963}{\tan 25}$$

$$x = 8,499$$

$$AB = 8,499$$

* The two Δ 's are the same.
 $AB = BC$, they are tangents