

Target to a given circle

We have 2 tangents to a circle

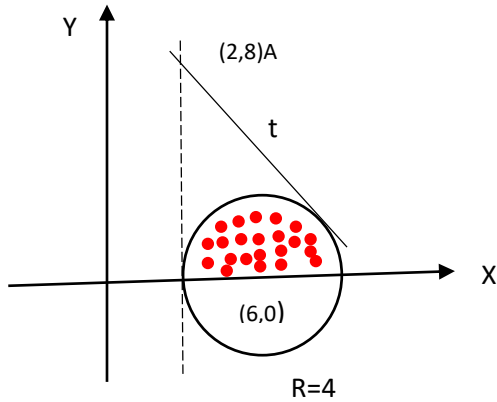
$$(x - 6)^2 + y^2 = 16$$

K(6,0) is the center R = 4

We can write the equation $x^2 + y^2 - 12x + 20 = 0$

$$t^2 = 2^2 + 8^2 - 12 \cdot 2 + 20$$

$$t = 8$$



The tangents meet at A (2,8)

$$y - 8 = a(x - 2) \quad , a = ?$$

$$ax - y - 2a + 8 = 0$$

the center is (6,0) $\frac{ax - y - 2a + 8}{\sqrt{a^2 + 1}} = 0$

$$\frac{6a - 0 - 2a + 8}{\sqrt{a^2 + 1}} = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow 4a + 8 = 4\sqrt{a^2 + 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow a + 2 = \sqrt{a^2 + 1}$$

$$(a + 2)^2 = a^2 + 1$$

$$a^2 + 4a + 4 = a^2 + 1$$

$$4a = -3$$

$$, a = \frac{-3}{4} \quad A(2,8)$$

$$y - 8 = \frac{-3}{4}(x - 2)$$

$$y = \frac{-3}{4}x + 9\frac{1}{2}$$

The second Tangent is $x = 2$