

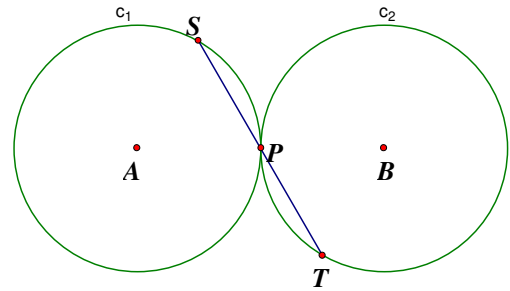
Equal circles equal chords

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In the figure, c_1 and c_2 are two equal circles touching each other at a point P . A chord passing through P cutting the two circles c_1 and c_2 at S and T respectively.

Prove that $PS = PT$.



A , P and B are collinear.

Join AB , AS and BT .

$AS = AP = BP = BT$

(radii of equal circles)

$\angle APS = \angle BPT$

(vert.opp. \angle s)

$\angle ASP = \angle APS$

(base \angle s isos. Δ)

$\angle BTP = \angle BPT$

(base \angle s isos. Δ)

$\therefore \angle ASP = \angle BTP$

$\Delta APS \cong \Delta BPT$

(A.A.S.)

$PS = PT$

(corr. sides $\cong \Delta$ s)

