

Problem on Centres of triangle example

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4. The coordinates of points P and Q are $(35, -50)$ and $(59, -32)$.
A circle C passes through points P , Q and R .
The tangent of C at P cuts the straight line which passes through Q and R at S .
It is found that the coordinates of S are $(65, -40)$.

- (a) (i) Find the coordinates of R .
(ii) Find the equation of C .
(b) T is a point in quadrant I and lying on C such that the area of $\triangle TPS$ is half of the area of $\triangle RPS$.
(i) Find the coordinates of T .
(ii) Someone claimns that the orthocentre of $\triangle TPS$ lies inside $\triangle TPS$.
Do you agree? Explain your answer.
(c) Denote the centroid of $\triangle TPS$ by I .
(i) Describe the geometrical relationship among points I , Q and S .
(ii) Find the ratio of area of $\triangle RPS$ to that of $\triangle QPS$.

- (a) (i) Denote m as the symbol for slopes.

$$m_{PQ} = \frac{-32 - (-50)}{59 - 35} = \frac{18}{24} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$m_{QS} = \frac{-32 - (-40)}{59 - 65} = \frac{8}{-6} = -\frac{4}{3}$$

$$m_{PQ} \times m_{QS} = -1$$

$$\therefore PQ \perp QS \dots\dots (*)$$

PR is the diameter of the circle

$\therefore RP \perp PS$ (tangent \perp radius)

Equation of PS :

$$\frac{y - (-50)}{x - 35} \times \frac{-40 - (-50)}{65 - 35} = -1$$

$$3x + y - 55 = 0 \dots\dots (1)$$

Equation of QS :

$$\frac{y - (-40)}{x - 65} = \frac{-32 - (-40)}{59 - 65}$$

$$4x + 3y - 140 = 0 \dots\dots (2)$$

$$3(1) - (2): 5x - 25 = 0$$

$$x = 5$$

$$\text{Sub. } x = 5 \text{ into (1): } 15 + y - 55 = 0$$

$$y = 40$$

The coordinates of R are $(5, 40)$.

- (ii) Let the centre be G . G is the mid-point of PR .

$$G = \left(\frac{5 + 35}{2}, \frac{40 + (-50)}{2} \right) = (20, -5)$$

$$\text{Radius} = GR = \sqrt{(20 - 5)^2 + (-5 - 40)^2} = \sqrt{2250}$$

$$\text{Equation of } C: (x - 20)^2 + (y + 5)^2 = 2250 \dots\dots (3) \text{ (equivalently } x^2 + y^2 - 40x + 10y - 1825 = 0)$$

- (b) (i) Through G , draw $GT \parallel PS$, cutting the circle C at T in the first quadrant.

$\triangle RPS$, $\triangle GPS$ and $\triangle TPS$ have the same base (PS) but different heights.

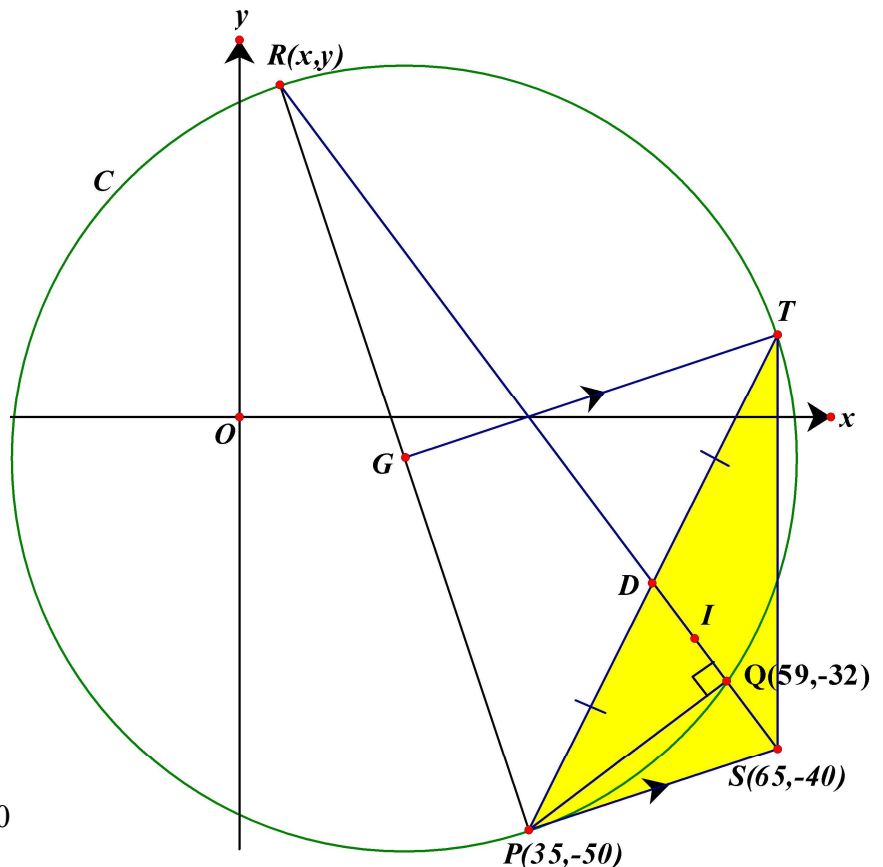
$\therefore G$ (centre of circle) is the mid-point of RP and $\angle GPS = 90^\circ$ (proved in (a)(i) (*))

Area of $\triangle GPS$ = half of the area of $\triangle RPS$ = area of $\triangle TPS$

\therefore Height of $\triangle TPS$ = height of $\triangle GPS$ = GP

$$\text{Equation of } GT: y - (-5) = \frac{-40 - (-50)}{65 - 35} (x - 20)$$

$$3y + 15 = x - 20 \Rightarrow x = 3y + 35 \dots\dots (4)$$



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Sub. (4) into (3): $(3y + 35 - 20)^2 + (y + 5)^2 = 2250$

$$9(y + 5)^2 + (y + 5)^2 = 2250$$

$$(y + 5)^2 = 225 = 15^2$$

$$y = 10 \text{ or } -20 \text{ (rejected)}$$

Sub. $y = 10$ into (4): $x = 30 + 35 = 65$

The coordinates of T are $(65, 10)$.

(ii) $PS = \sqrt{(65 - 35)^2 + [-40 - (-50)]^2} = \sqrt{1000}$

$$TP = \sqrt{(65 - 35)^2 + [10 - (-50)]^2} = \sqrt{4500}$$

$$TS = 10 - (-40) = 50 \text{ (} \because x\text{-coordinate of } T = x\text{-coordinate of } S\text{)}$$

$$\cos \angle PST = \frac{PS^2 + ST^2 - PT^2}{2PS \cdot ST} = \frac{1000 + 2500 - 4500}{2\sqrt{1000} \cdot 50} < 0$$

$$\therefore \angle PST > 90^\circ$$

The orthocentre of $\triangle TPS$ lies outside $\triangle TPS$

The claim is disagreed.

(c) (i) Let D be the mid-point of TP . $D = \left(\frac{35 + 65}{2}, \frac{10 + (-50)}{2} \right) = (50, -20)$

The incentre of $\triangle TPS$ divides SD in the ratio $2 : 1$.

$$I = \left(\frac{50 \times 2 + 65}{1 + 2}, \frac{-20 \times 2 + (-40)}{1 + 2} \right) = \left(55, -\frac{80}{3} \right)$$

$$m_{IS} = \frac{-\frac{80}{3} - (-40)}{55 - 65} = -\frac{4}{3}$$

$$m_{QS} = \frac{-32 - (-40)}{59 - 65} = -\frac{4}{3}$$

$$\therefore m_{IS} = m_{QS}$$

$\therefore I, Q$ and S are collinear

(ii) Denote S as the symbol for areas

$$S_{\triangle RPS} : S_{\triangle QPS} = \frac{1}{2} RS \cdot PQ : \frac{1}{2} QS \cdot PQ$$

$$= RS : QS$$

$$= \sqrt{(65 - 5)^2 + [-40 - (-40)]^2} : \sqrt{(65 - 59)^2 + [-40 - (-32)]^2}$$

$$= 100 : 10$$

$$= 10 : 1$$