

# CIRCLE

Definition: Shape whose points are equidistant from a given point, called the center

Naming:  $O$

$OJ$

# CHORD

Definition: a line segment whose endpoints are on the circle

\* Longest chord will be the diameter

Naming:  $GD$

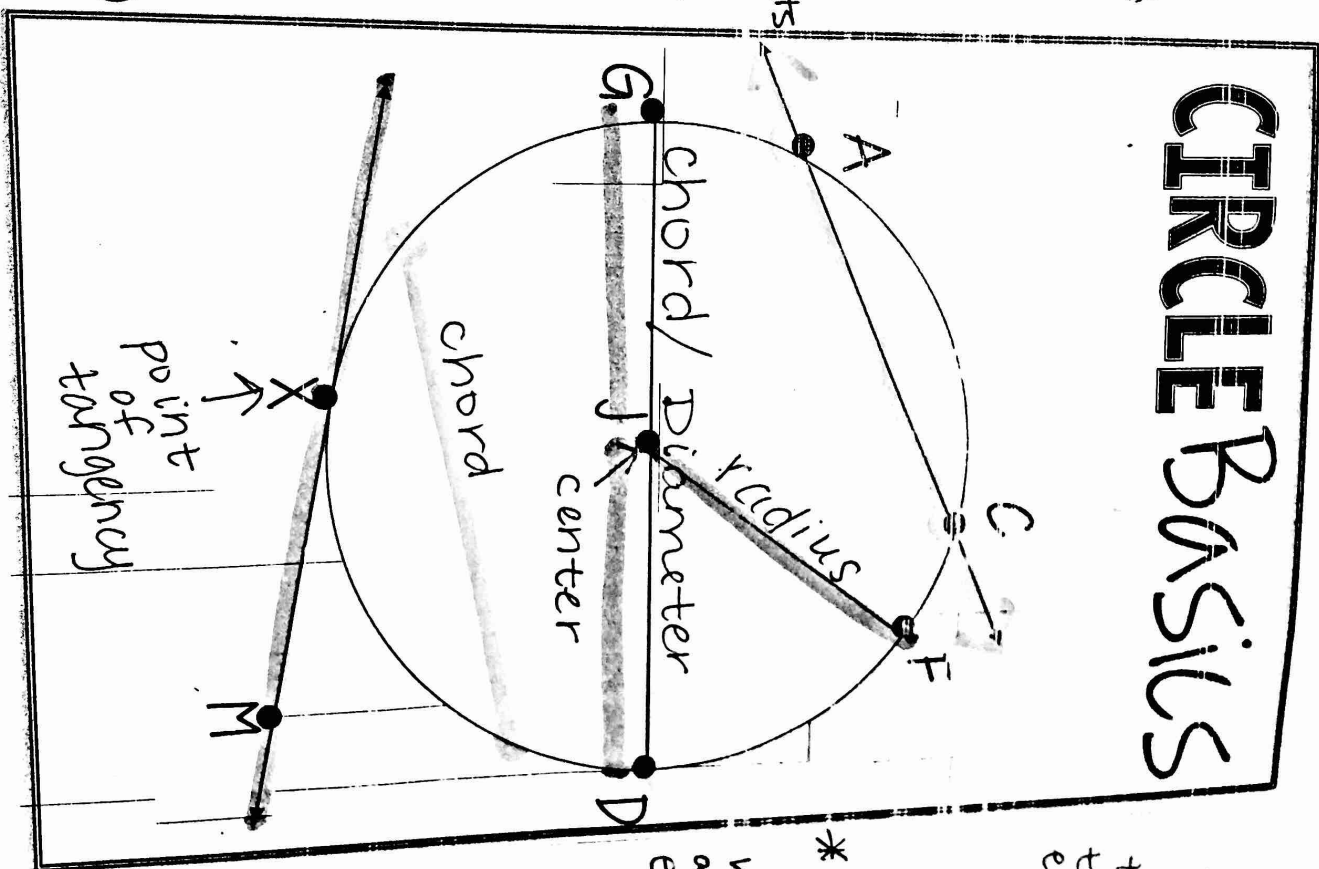
# TANGENT

Definition: a line, segment or a ray that intersects a circle exactly 1 time (point of tangency)

Naming:  $\overline{XM}$

outside the circle

# CIRCLE BASICS



# DIAMETER

Definition: a segment that goes through both the center and the endpoints on the circle

Naming:  $\overline{GD}$

# RADIUS

\* 1/2 of the diameter  
Definition: a segment with one endpoint at the center and one endpoint on the circle

Naming:  $\overline{JF}$   
 $\overline{JD}$

# SECANT

Definition: a line that intersects a circle at 2 points

Naming:  $\overleftrightarrow{AC}$

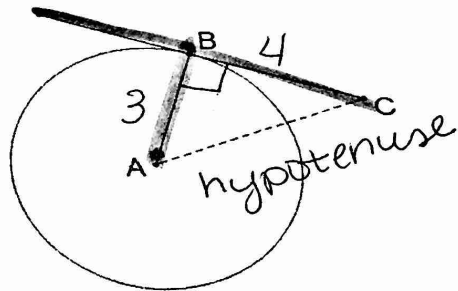
Properties of Tangent Lines

- ① A tangent line is perpendicular to a radius.  
*create a right angle.*  
 We can use the Pythagorean Theorem ( $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ ) to find the missing lengths of a triangle formed using the radius and tangent.

Find  $\overline{AC}$

$\overline{AC} = 5$

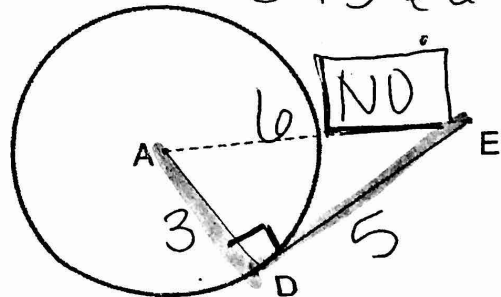
$m \overline{AB} = 3 \text{ cm}$   
 $m \overline{BC} = 4 \text{ cm}$



- ② We can use the converse of the Pythagorean Theorem to prove or disprove that a line is tangent to a circle.  
 "Test"  $3^2 + 5^2 \neq 6^2$

A line is tangent to a circle if the line and the radius make a right angle.

$m \overline{AD} = 3 \text{ cm}$   
 $m \overline{DE} = 5 \text{ cm}$   
 $m \overline{AE} = 6 \text{ cm}$

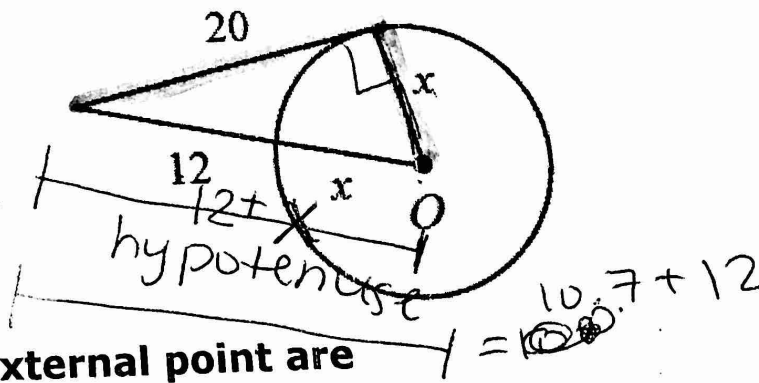


\* if the phy. thm is true \*

We can find the radius of a circle by using the Pythagorean Theorem.

$x^2 + 20^2 = (12 + x)^2$   
 $x^2 + 400 = (12 + x)(12 + x)$   
 $x^2 + 400 = 144 + 12x + 12x + x^2$

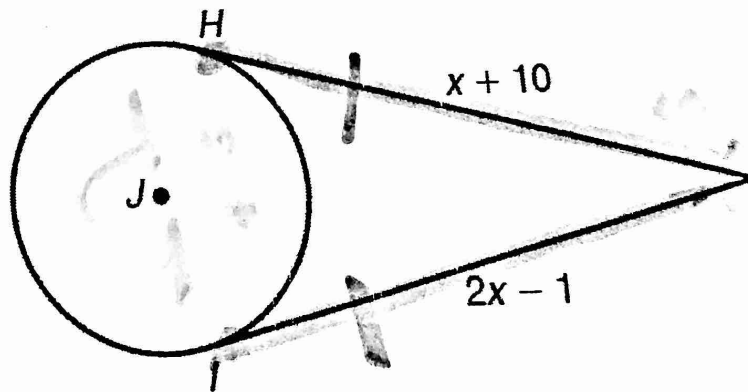
$x = 10.7$



- ③ Two tangents from a common external point are congruent.

$x + 10 = 2x - 1$

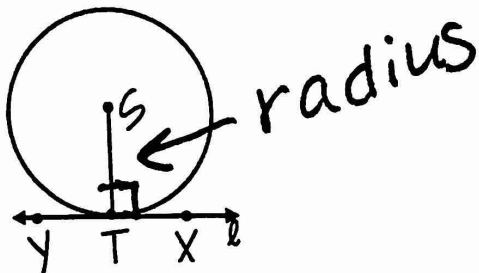
$x = 11$



# Property 1

**WORDS:** In a plane, a line is tangent to a circle if and only if it is perpendicular to a radius drawn to the point of tangency.

**EXAMPLE:** Line  $\overline{YX}$  is tangent to circle S if and only if line  $\overline{YX}$  is perpendicular to  $\overline{ST}$ .



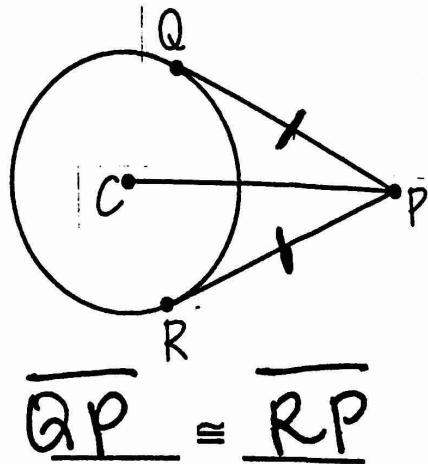
$$m\angle STX = 90^\circ$$

Point of tangency: T

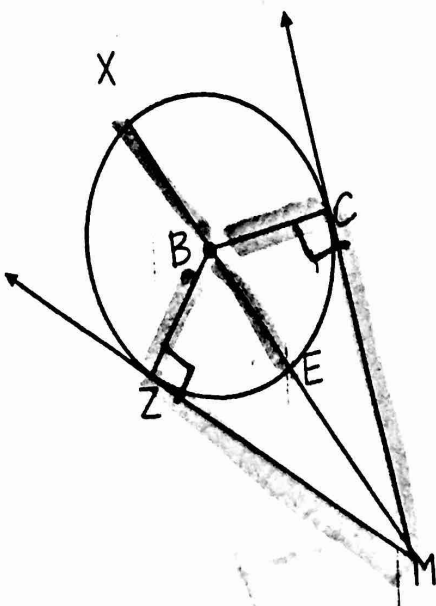
# Property 3

**WORDS:** If two segments from the same exterior point are tangent to a circle, then they are congruent.

**EXAMPLE:** If  $\overline{QP}$  and  $\overline{RP}$  are tangent to circle C, then  $\overline{QP} = \overline{RP}$



Use the diagram below to answer the following questions.  
 $\overline{MC}$  and  $\overline{MZ}$  are tangents to circle B.



1. Find  $m\angle BCM$ .

$$90^\circ$$

2. Find the length of CM if  $CM = 5x - 9$  and  $MZ = x + 7$ .

$$CM = 11$$

3. Find the length of EM if  $CM = 12$  and  $BC = 5$ .

Hint: Find BM first

$$EM = 8$$

4. If  $m\angle CBM = 60^\circ$ ,  $CM = 13\sqrt{3}$ , then find the length of BC.

Hint: Use right  $\Delta$  trig ratios

$$BC = 13$$

5. Find the length of CM if  $BC = 12$  and  $BM = 20$ .

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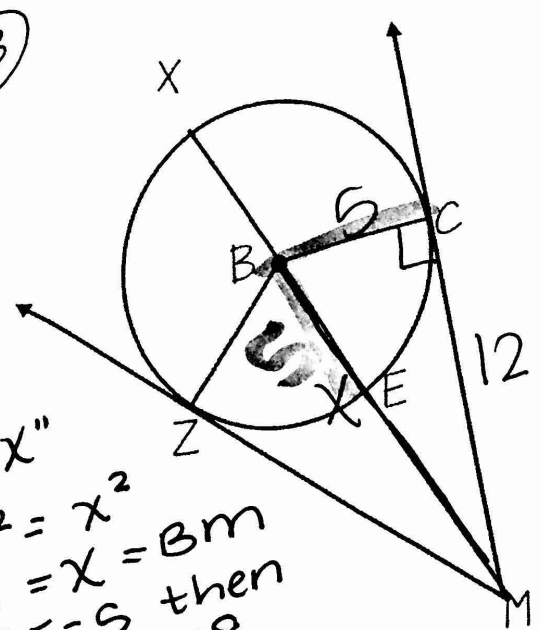
6. Find the length of XE if  $BM = 25$  and  $ZM = 20$ .

Hint: Find BZ first

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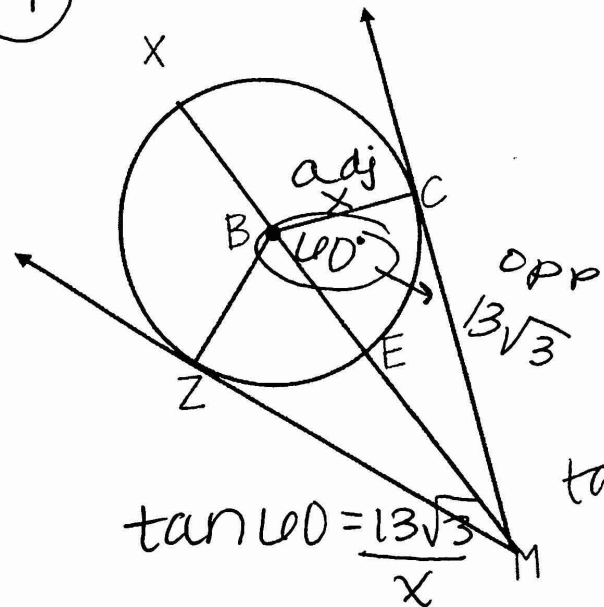
# Tangent to a circle {properties}

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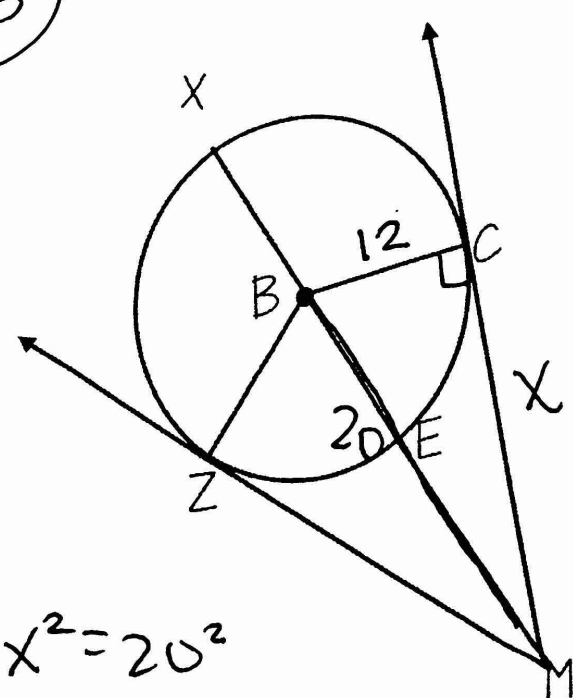
Find "x"  
 $5^2 + 12^2 = x^2$   
 $13 = x = BM$   
 If  $BE = 5$  then  
 $EM = 8$

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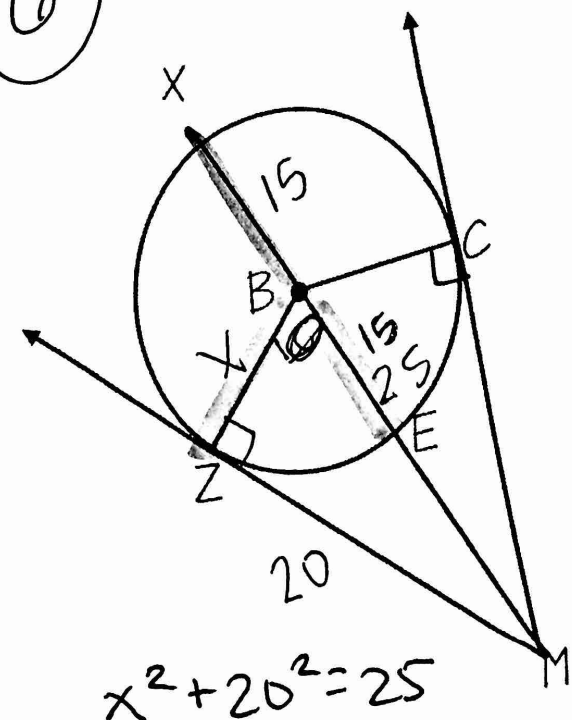
$\tan \theta = \frac{13\sqrt{3}}{x}$   
 $\tan \theta = \frac{22.5}{x}$

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$2^2 + x^2 = 20^2$

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$x^2 + 20^2 = 25^2$   
 $x = 15$   
 So  $XB$  is also 15  
 and so is  $BE$   
 So  $XB + BE = XM$

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