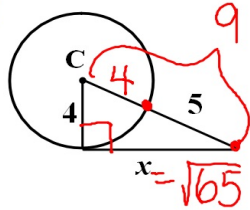


A line that is tangent to a circle is perpendicular to the radius at the point of tangency.

ex. 1



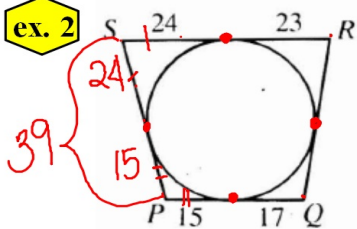
find  $x$

$$9^2 = 4^2 + x^2$$

$$\sqrt{65} = \sqrt{x^2}$$

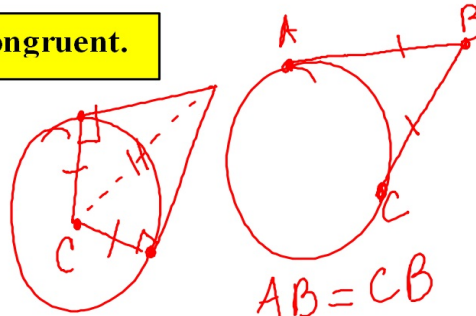


ex. 2



find  $SP$

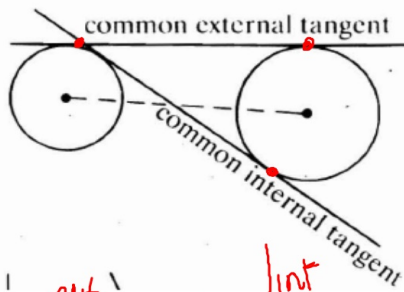
Why?  
 $\Delta S \cong$  by HL  
 & use CPCTC



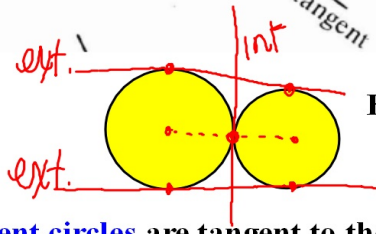
$\overline{SR}, \overline{PA}, \overline{RQ}, \overline{SP}$  are tangents

Quadrilateral  $PQRS$  is **circumscribed** about the circle.  
 The circle is **inscribed** in quadrilateral  $PQRS$ .

A **common tangent** is a line that is tangent to each of 2 coplanar circles.



A **common internal tangent** intersects the segment connecting the centers, but a **common external tangent** does not.



How many common tangents?

3

**Tangent circles** are tangent to the same line at the same point.

