

Let  $O$  be a point in the plane, and  $r > 0$  a fixed number. Call  $\mathcal{C}$  be the circle with center  $O$  and radius  $r$ .

For each point  $A \neq O$  in the plane, define the inverse of  $A$ , denoted by  $A'$ , the unique point on the half line  $OA$  such that  $OA \cdot OA' = r^2$ .

Exercise 1) What is the image of the circle  $\mathcal{C}$  through inversion?

Exercise 2) What is the image of a line passing through  $O$ , through inversion?

Exercise 3) The inverse of a line not passing through  $O$  is a circle passing through  $O$ .

Exercise 4) The inverse of a circle passing through  $O$  is a line not passing through  $O$ . (DEDUCE THIS IMMEDIATELY FROM 3, without any other computations!)

Exercise 5) Suppose we have two circles, tangent at  $O$ . From Exercise 4, we know that the inverses of the two circles are two lines. Prove that these two lines are parallel.

Exercise 6) The inverse of a circle not passing through  $O$  is a circle not passing through  $O$ .

Exercise 7) Where does the inverse of a point outside circle  $\mathcal{C}$  lie?

Exercise 8) Let  $O$  be a point, and  $\mathcal{D}$  a circle that does not contain  $O$ . Prove that there exists an  $r > 0$ , such that inversion of center  $O$  and  $r > 0$  keeps circle  $\mathcal{D}$  invariant.

Exercise 9) (Apollonius' circles - particular case) Suppose we have three circles,  $C_1, C_2, C_3$ , disjoint and none contains the others. Suppose  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are tangent at a point  $O$ . Construct a circle  $D$  that is tangent to all three of them.

Exercise 10) Suppose we have 4 circles,  $C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4$ , such that  $C_1$  is tangent to  $C_2$ ,  $C_2$  to  $C_3$ ,  $C_3$  to  $C_4$  and  $C_4$  to  $C_1$ . Prove that the four tangency points form a cyclic quadrilateral.

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Exercise 11) (AMC 12B, 2013, Prb 22): Let  $m, n > 1$  be integers. Suppose that the product of the solutions for  $x$  of the equation

$$8(\log_n x)(\log_m x) - 7\log_n x - 6\log_m x - 2013 = 0$$

is the smallest possible integer. What is  $m + n$ .