

3. What is the locus of the poles of all straight lines which pass through a given point?

4. If four points form a harmonic range, their polars with respect to any circle form a harmonic pencil. [For the polars all pass through the pole of the line on which the range lies; and the straight lines joining the four points to the centre are inclined at the same angles as the polars of the points.] Prove converse.

5. If  $AB$  be any chord of a circle, and  $P, Q$  be harmonic conjugates with respect to  $A, B$ , then the polar of  $P$  passes through  $Q$ , and the polar of  $Q$  passes through  $P$ . [Follows at once from Prop. 30.]

6.  $A, B, C, D$  are four points taken in order on the circumference of a circle.  $AD, BC$  intersect at  $P$ ;  $AC, BD$  at  $Q$ ; and  $AB, CD$  at  $R$ . Show that the triangle  $PQR$  is such that each vertex is the pole of the opposite side. [Let  $BD$  meet  $PR$  in  $T$ . Then  $B, Q, D, T$  form a harmonic range, and  $RP, RC, RQ, RB$  a harmonic pencil. Hence if  $RQ$  cut  $AD$  in  $X$  and  $BC$  in  $Y$ , then  $P, D, X, A$  form a harmonic range, and also  $P, C, Y, B$ . But the polar of  $P$  cuts  $AD$  and  $BC$  harmonically. Therefore  $QR$  is the polar of  $P$ . Similarly  $QP$  is the polar of  $R$ ; and therefore  $PR$  is the polar of  $Q$ .]

The triangle  $PQR$ , each of whose sides is the polar of the opposite vertex, is said to be **self-conjugate** with respect to the circle.

7. Employ the preceding to draw tangents to a circle from a given point, using a ruler only, the centre of the circle not being known.

8.  $P, Q$  are any two points in the plane of a circle whose centre is  $C$ .  $PX$  is the perpendicular on the polar of  $Q$ , and  $QY$  the perpendicular on the polar of  $P$ . Show that  $PC \cdot QY = QC \cdot PX$ . [If  $PX, QY$  meet in  $R$ , then  $PCQR$  is a parallelogram. Draw perpendiculars  $CA, RB$  on  $PX, PC$ . Then  $PA \cdot PR = PB \cdot PC$ . Also  $CQ \cdot CN = CP \cdot CM$ , if  $CQ$  intersect ( $Q$ ) in  $N$ , and  $CP$  intersect ( $P$ ) in  $M$ ; etc.]

9. If two circles cut orthogonally, and  $AB$  be any diameter of one of them, the polar of  $A$  with respect to the other circle passes through  $B$ .