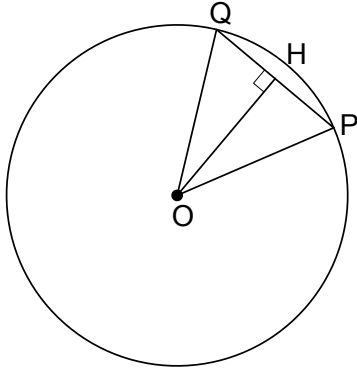


Draw a circle of radius 3.4 cm and centre O. Draw any radius OP. Make an angle POQ = 60 degree with the point Q on the circle. Join PQ. Find the length of chord PQ and also the distance of chord from the centre.

Solution:



In ΔPOQ :

$OQ = OP = 3.4\text{cm}$ as the radiuses of a circle.

If two sides of a triangle are equal, then the angles opposite those sides are equal, so

$$\angle OQP = \angle OPQ$$

The sum of angles of the triangle is 180° :

$$\angle OQP + \angle OPQ + \angle POQ = 180^\circ$$

$$\angle POQ = 60^\circ - \text{given, so}$$

$$2\angle OQP + 60^\circ = 180^\circ$$

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If two angles of a triangle are equal, then the sides opposite those angles are equal, so

$$PQ = OQ = OP = 3.4\text{cm}$$

The distance of chord from the centre is the length of the perpendicular OH to PQ .

Since ΔPOH is the right triangle, then

$$OH = OP \sin \angle OPQ = 3.4 \sin 60^\circ = 1.7\sqrt{3} = 2.94\text{cm}$$

Answer: $PQ = 3.4\text{cm}$, the distance of chord from the centre is 2.94cm .