

Let  $C_1$  be  $x^2 + y^2 = ax$ , for which  $2x + 2yy' = a$

$$\Rightarrow y'_{C_1} = \frac{a - 2x}{2y} \quad \text{😊}$$



Let  $C_2$  be  $x^2 + y^2 = by$ , for which  $2x + 2yy' = by'$

$$\Rightarrow y'_{C_2} = \frac{-2x}{2y - b} \quad \text{😊}$$

$C_1$  meets  $C_2$  where  $x^2 + y^2 = ax$  AND  $x^2 + y^2 = by$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{ax}{b} \text{ and } x^2 + \left(\frac{ax}{b}\right)^2 = ax$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 \left[1 + \frac{a^2}{b^2}\right] = ax \quad (*)$$

Let's assume that neither  $x$  nor  $y$  is zero, because we already know that these circles  and these circles 

cross orthogonally at the origin (because the coordinate axes are the tangents, and they're orthogonal). Then  $x \neq 0$  in (\*)

yields

$$x \left[1 + \frac{a^2}{b^2}\right] = a \Rightarrow x = \frac{ab^2}{a^2 + b^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{ax}{b} = \frac{a^2b}{a^2 + b^2}$$

So, at the point of intersection (other than the origin) we have

$$y'_{C_1} y'_{C_2} = \frac{a - \frac{2ab^2}{a^2 + b^2}}{\frac{2a^2b}{a^2 + b^2}} \cdot \left\{ \frac{-2ab^2}{a^2 + b^2} \right\} \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{from} \\ \text{😊} \\ \text{and} \\ \text{😊} \end{array} \right)$$

$$= \frac{a(a^2 + b^2) - 2ab^2}{2a^2b} \cdot \frac{\{-2ab^2\}}{2a^2b - b(a^2 + b^2)}$$

$$= \frac{a(a^2 - b^2)}{2a^2b} \cdot \frac{\{-2ab^2\}}{b(a^2 - b^2)} = -1$$