Geometry Quiz 7

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You have 10 minutes to complete this quiz. If you have a question raise your hand and remain seated. In order to receive full credit your answer must be **complete**, **legible** and **correct**. Show your work, and give adequate explanations.

(1) Let Γ be a circle centered at O with radius \overline{OA} . Show that a line perpendicular to OA at A is tangent to Γ .

Let ℓ be perpendicular to OA at A. Choose any point $B \neq A$ on ℓ . OAB is a triangle with right angle $\angle OAB$, so by the Exterior Angle Theorem $\angle OAB$ is larger than $\angle OBA$. Since the larger angle is subtended by the larger side, this yields $\overline{OA} < \overline{OB}$, which puts B outside Γ . Since this is true for any $B \neq A$ on ℓ , we get that ℓ meets Γ in one point, namely A (which is what it means for ℓ to be tangent to Γ at A).