

**Problem statement** A circle with center on the  $y$ -axis is tangent to the parabola  $y = x^2$  at the points  $(1, 1)$  and  $(-1, 1)$ . Find its center and radius. A diagram is shown to the right.

*Suggestion:* Find the equation of the normal line to  $y = x^2$  at the point  $(1, 1)$ , that is, the line that is perpendicular to the parabola (and circle) at  $(1, 1)$ . How can this be used to find the circle's center?

