AQA Level 2 Further Mathematics Coordinate geometry



Section 2: Circles

Exercise

- 1. Write down the equation for each of the following circles.
 - centre (0, 0), radius 6 (i)
 - (ii) centre (3, 1), radius 5
 - (iii) centre (-2, 5), radius 1
 - (iv) centre (0, -4), radius 3
- 2. For each of these circles, write down the coordinates of the centre and the radius.
 - (i) $x^2 + y^2 = 100$
 - (ii) $(x-2)^2 + (y-7)^2 = 16$
 - (iii) $(x+3)^2 + (y-4)^2 = 4$
 - (iv) $(x+4)^2 + (y+5)^2 = 20$

3. Describe the transformations that map

- (i) the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ to the circle $(x-5)^2 + (y+2)^2 = 4$
- (ii) the circle $(x+1)^2 + (y-3)^2 = 16$ to the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 16$.
- 4. The point C is (4, -2) and the point A is (6, 3). Find the equation of the circle centre C and radius CA.
- 5. The points A (2, 0) and B (6, 4) form the diameter of a circle. Find the equation of the circle.
- 6. A circle passes through the points Q(0, 3) and R(0, 9) and touches the x-axis. Work out two possible equations.
- 7. (i) Show that the line y = 4 x is a tangent to the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 8$. (ii) Show that the line 4y = 3x - 25 is a tangent to the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 25$.
- 8. The line 2y + x = 10 meets the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 65$ at P and Q. Calculate the length of PQ.
- 9. The points P (-2, 6), Q (6, 0) and R (5, 7) all lie on a circle.
 - (i) Show that PR is perpendicular to QR.
 - (ii) Explain why the result from (i) shows that PQ is a diameter of the circle.
 - (iii) Hence calculate the equation of the circle.



10. The diagram shows the circle with equation $(x-2)^2 + (y-2)^2 = 16$. C is the centre of the circle.



Find the equation of a circle which has the following properties.

- The circle has the same radius as the given circle.
- The centre of the circle is on the line OC.
- The circle touches the *x*-axis.
- 11. AB is a diameter of a circle. C lies on the circle. The equation of the line AC is 2y x = 4.



Find the coordinates of point C.

- 12. A circle goes through the origin O and the point A = (3, 1). The centre of the circle is on the line y = 2.
 - (i) Find the equation of the perpendicular bisector of OA
 - (ii) Hence find the coordinates of the centre of the circle.



- 13. A circle has equation $(x 4)^2 + (y 1)^2 = 10$. The circle goes through points A = (1,0) and B = (5,4).
 - (i) Find the equations of the tangents to the circle at A and B
 - (ii) Find the point where the tangents at A and B intersect
- 14. The points A = (-2, 2), B = (6, 2) and D = (0, -4) lie on a circle.
 - (i) Find the equation of the perpendicular bisector of A and B
 - (ii) Find the equation of the perpendicular bisector of B and D
 - (iii) Determine the centre of the circle by finding where these two lines intersect
 - (iv) Work out the equation of the circle

