

Section 2: Circles

Solutions to Exercise

1. (i) $x^2 + y^2 = 36$

(ii) $(x-3)^2 + (y-1)^2 = 25$

(iii) $(x+2)^2 + (y-5)^2 = 1$

(iv) $(x-0)^2 + (y+4)^2 = 9$

$$x^2 + (y+4)^2 = 9$$

2. (i) $x^2 + y^2 = 100 = 10^2$

Centre = $(0, 0)$, radius = 10.

(ii) $(x-2)^2 + (y-7)^2 = 16 = 4^2$

Centre = $(2, 7)$, radius = 4

(iii) $(x+3)^2 + (y-4)^2 = 4 = 2^2$

Centre = $(-3, 4)$, radius = 2

(iv) $(x+4)^2 + (y+5)^2 = 20$

Centre = $(-4, -5)$, radius = $\sqrt{20}$

3. (i) The centre of the circle moves from $(0, 0)$ to $(5, -2)$, so the transformation is a translation through $\begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$.

(ii) The centre of the circle moves from $(-1, 3)$ to $(0, 0)$, so the transformation is a translation through $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$.

4. Radius of circle = $\sqrt{(6-4)^2 + (3-(-2))^2} = \sqrt{4+25} = \sqrt{29}$

Equation of circle is $(x-4)^2 + (y+2)^2 = 29$

5. Centre of circle C is the midpoint of AB.

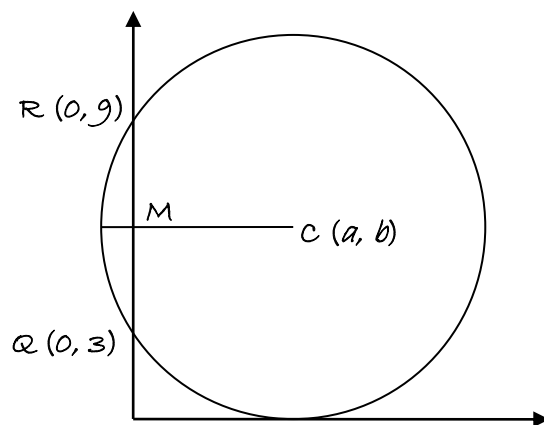
$$C = \left(\frac{2+6}{2}, \frac{0+4}{2} \right) = (4, 2)$$

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Radius of circle is distance $AC = \sqrt{(2-4)^2 + (0-2)^2} = \sqrt{4+4} = \sqrt{8}$

Equation of circle is $(x-4)^2 + (y-2)^2 = 8$

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midpoint M of QR is $(0, 6)$.

Since a diameter which passes through M is perpendicular to QR , then the line CM must be horizontal, and therefore $b = 6$.

Since the circle touches the x -axis, the radius of the circle must be b , i.e. 6 .

The equation of the circle is therefore $(x-a)^2 + (y-6)^2 = 6^2$

The circle passes through $(0, 3)$, so $(0-a)^2 + (3-6)^2 = 6^2$

$$a^2 + 9 = 36$$

$$a^2 = 27$$

$$a = \pm\sqrt{27} = \pm 3\sqrt{3}$$

The equation of the circle is either $(x-3\sqrt{3})^2 + (y-6)^2 = 36$

or $(x+3\sqrt{3})^2 + (y-6)^2 = 36$.

7. (i) $x^2 + y^2 = 8$

Substituting in $y = 4 - x$ gives $x^2 + (4-x)^2 = 8$

$$x^2 + 16 - 8x + x^2 = 8$$

$$2x^2 - 8x + 8 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 4x + 4 = 0$$

$$(x-2)^2 = 0$$

The line meets the circle at just one point, so the line touches the circle and is therefore a tangent.

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(ii) $x^2 + y^2 = 25$

Substituting in $4y = 3x - 25 \Rightarrow y = \frac{3x - 25}{4}$

gives $x^2 + y^2 = 25$

$$x^2 + \left(\frac{3x - 25}{4}\right)^2 = 25$$

$$x^2 + \frac{(3x - 25)^2}{16} = 25$$

$$16x^2 + 9x^2 - 150x + 625 = 400$$

$$25x^2 - 150x + 225 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 6x + 9 = 0$$

$$(x - 3)^2 = 0$$

The line meets the circle at just one point, so the line touches the circle and is therefore a tangent.

8. $x^2 + y^2 = 65$

$$2y + x = 10 \Rightarrow x = 10 - 2y$$

Substituting in: $(10 - 2y)^2 + y^2 = 65$

$$100 - 40y + 4y^2 + y^2 = 65$$

$$5y^2 - 40y + 35 = 0$$

$$y^2 - 8y + 7 = 0$$

$$(y - 1)(y - 7) = 0$$

$$y = 1 \text{ or } y = 7$$

When $y = 1$, $x = 10 - 2 \times 1 = 8$

When $y = 7$, $x = 10 - 2 \times 7 = -4$

so P is (8, 1) and Q is (-4, 7)

$$\text{Length PQ} = \sqrt{(8 - (-4))^2 + (1 - 7)^2} = \sqrt{144 + 36} = \sqrt{180}$$

9. (i) Gradient of PR = $\frac{7 - 6}{5 - (-2)} = \frac{1}{7}$

$$\text{Gradient of QR} = \frac{7 - 0}{5 - 6} = \frac{7}{-1} = -7$$

$$\text{Gradient of PR} \times \text{gradient of QR} = \frac{1}{7} \times -7 = -1$$

so PR and QR are perpendicular.

(ii) The angle in a semicircle is 90° , so PQ must be a diameter.

(iii) Since PQ is a diameter, the centre C of the circle is the midpoint of PQ.

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$$C = \left(\frac{-2+6}{2}, \frac{6+0}{2} \right) = (2, 3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Radius of circle} &= \text{length } CQ = \sqrt{(6-2)^2 + (0-3)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{16+9} = \sqrt{25} = 5 \end{aligned}$$

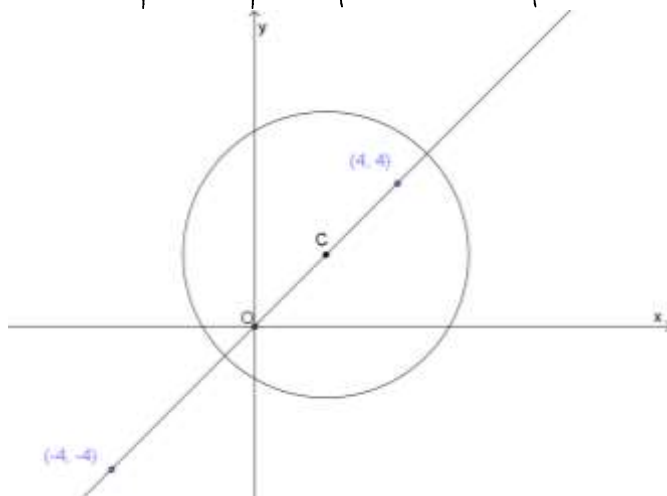
$$\text{Equation of circle is } (x-2)^2 + (y-3)^2 = 25.$$

10. The radius of the original circle, $(x-2)^2 + (y-2)^2 = 16$, is 4.

The new circle touches the x-axis so its centre is a distance 4 from the x-axis.

The centre of the new circle lies on OC. Point C is (2, 2) so OC is $y = x$.

There are two possible places for the centre of the new circle: (4, 4) and (-4, -4)



The equation of the new circle is either $(x-4)^2 + (y-4)^2 = 16$ or $(x+4)^2 + (y+4)^2 = 16$.

11. Method 1

The centre of the circle is at (7, 3). The radius of the circle is 5.

The equation of the circle is $(x-7)^2 + (y-3)^2 = 25$

C is where this circle crosses the line $2y - x = 4$.

On the line, $x = 2y - 4$.

Substituting into the equation of the circle:

$$(2y-11)^2 + (y-3)^2 = 25$$

$$4y^2 - 44y + 121 + y^2 - 6y + 9 = 25$$

$$5y^2 - 50y + 105 = 0$$

$$y^2 - 10y + 21 = 0$$

$$(y-7)(y-3) = 0$$

$$y = 7, \quad y = 3$$

$y = 3$ at point A. At point C, $y = 7$.

$$x = 2y - 4 = 14 - 4 = 10$$

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C has coordinates (10, 7)

Method 2

Angle ABC is an angle in a semicircle so is 90° .

BC is perpendicular to AC.

AC has gradient $\frac{1}{2}$. BC has gradient -2.

The equation of BC is $(y - 3) = -2(x - 12)$

$$y - 3 = -2x + 24$$

$$y = -2x + 27$$

C is where this line crosses $2y - x = 4$.

$$2y - x = 4$$

$$y + 2x = 27$$

Multiplying the first equation by 2:

$$4y - 2x = 8$$

$$y + 2x = 27$$

$$\hline 5y = 35$$

$$y = 7$$

$$x = 2y - 4 = 14 - 4 = 10$$

C has coordinates (7, 10)

$$12. (i) \text{ Mid point of } OA = \left(\frac{0+3}{2}, \frac{0+1}{2} \right) = (1.5, 0.5)$$

$$\text{Gradient of } OA = \frac{1-0}{3-0} = \frac{1}{3}$$

Equation of perpendicular bisector

$$y - 0.5 = -3(x - 1.5)$$

$$y = -3x + 5$$

(ii)

$$2 = -3x + 5$$

$$3x = 3$$

$$x = 1$$

$$\text{Coordinates} = (1, 2)$$

$$13. (i) \text{ Gradient of } AC = \frac{1-0}{4-1} = \frac{1}{3}, \text{ Gradient of } BC = \frac{4-1}{5-4} = 3$$

Equation of tangent at A

$$y - 0 = -3(x - 1)$$

$$y = -3x + 3$$

Equation of tangent at B

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$$y - 4 = -\frac{1}{3}(x - 5)$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{3}x + \frac{17}{3}$$

(ii) Solve Simultaneously:

$$-3x + 3 = -\frac{1}{3}x + \frac{17}{3}$$

$$-9x + 9 = -x + 17$$

$$8x = -8$$

$$x = -1$$

$$y = -3(-1) + 3 = 6$$

Intersection of the tangents $(-1, 6)$

14. (i) Midpoint of AB = $\left(\frac{-2+6}{2}, \frac{2+2}{2}\right) = (2, 2)$

$$\frac{2-2}{6-2} = 0$$

Gradient of AB = $6 - 2$

Perp-bisector of AB = vertical line through $(2, 2)$

so the equation is $x = 2$

(ii) Midpoint of BD = $\left(\frac{0+6}{2}, \frac{-4+2}{2}\right) = (3, -1)$

$$\text{Gradient of BD} = \frac{2 - -4}{6 - 0} = \frac{6}{6} = 1$$

Perp-bisector of BD = line through $(3, -1)$ with grad -1

so the equation is

$$y - -1 = -1(x - 3)$$

$$y = -x + 2$$

(iii) Solving simultaneously: $x = 2$, $y = -(2) + 2 = 0$

Centre of circle = $(2, 0)$

(iv) Radius = distance from D to centre

$$\sqrt{(2-0)^2 + (0- -4)^2}$$

$$\sqrt{(2)^2 + (4)^2}$$

$$\sqrt{4 + 16} = \sqrt{20}$$

$$\text{Equation of circle: } (x - 2)^2 + y^2 = 20$$