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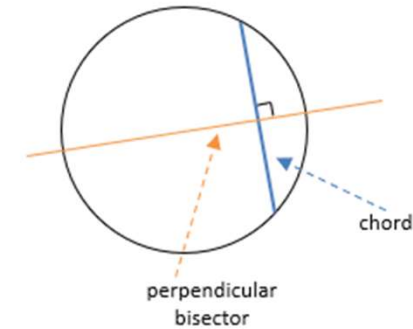
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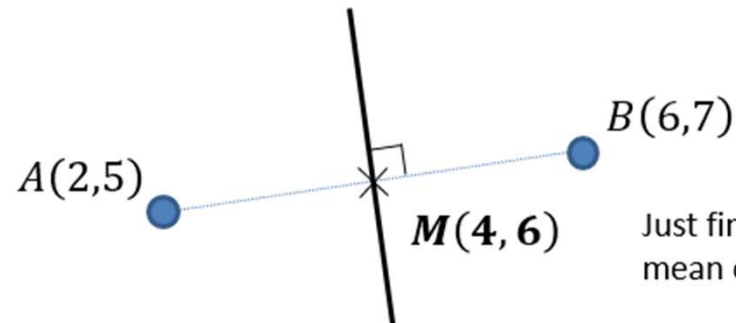
- 1 Write each of the following in the form $(x + p)^2 + q$:
a $x^2 + 10x + 28$ **b** $x^2 - 6x + 1$
c $x^2 - 12x$ **d** $x^2 + 7x$ ← Section 2.1
- 2 Find the equation of the line passing through each of the following pairs of points:
a $A(0, -6)$ and $B(4, 3)$
b $P(7, -5)$ and $Q(-9, 3)$
c $R(-4, -2)$ and $T(5, 10)$ ← Section 5.1
- 3 Use the discriminant to determine whether the following have two real solutions, one real solution or no real solutions.
a $x^2 - 7x + 14 = 0$
b $x^2 + 11x + 8 = 0$
c $4x^2 + 12x + 9 = 0$ ← Section 2.1
- 4 Find the equation of the line that passes through the point $(3, -4)$ and is perpendicular to the line with equation $6x - 5y - 1 = 0$
← Section 5.1

6.1) Midpoints and perpendicular bisectors

Later in the chapter you will need to find the perpendicular bisector of a chord of a circle.



What two properties does a perpendicular bisector of two points A and B have?



Just find the mean of the x values and the mean of the y values.

1. It passes through the midpoint of AB .
2. It is perpendicular to AB .

Equation?

$$m_{AB} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$
$$m_{\perp} = -2$$
$$y - 6 = -2(x - 4)$$

Notes

Worked Example

495e: Determine the perpendicular bisector of a line using

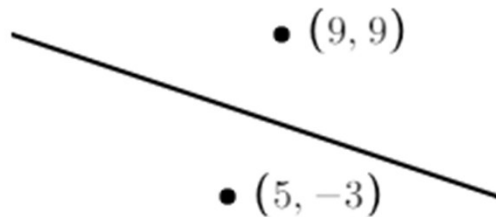
$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

A straight line passes through the points $A(5, -3)$ and $B(9, 9)$.

Find the equation of the perpendicular bisector of AB .

Give your answer in the form $y = mx + c$.

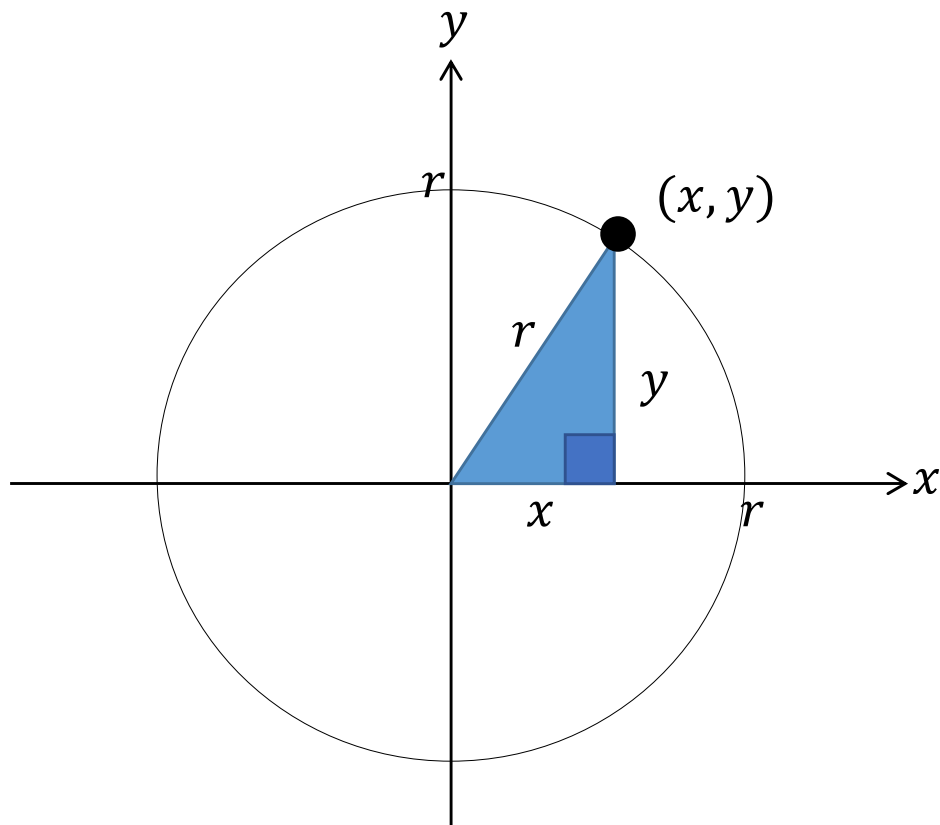
Simplify your answer where possible.



Worked Example

A line segment AB is the diameter of a circle with centre $(4, -5)$. If A has coordinates $(2, -1)$, what are the coordinates of B ?

6.2) Equation of a circle

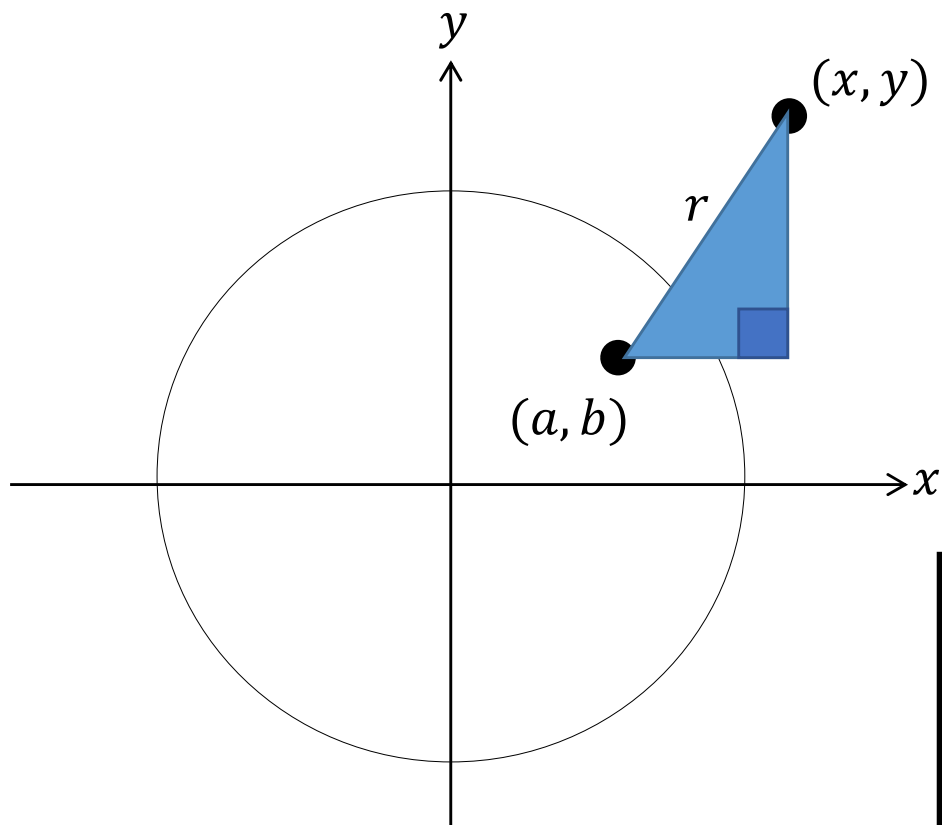


Recall that a line can be a set of points (x, y) that satisfy some equation. Suppose we have a point (x, y) on a circle centred at the origin, with radius r . What equation must (x, y) satisfy?

(Hint: draw a right-angled triangle inside your circle, with one vertex at the origin and another at the circumference)

$$x^2 + y^2 = r^2$$

Notes



Now suppose we shift the circle so it's now centred at (a, b) .

What's the equation now?

(Hint: What would the sides of this right-angled triangle be now?)



The equation of a circle with centre (a, b) and radius r is:

$$(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 = r^2$$

Notes

Quickfire Questions

Centre	Radius	Equation
(0,0)	5	
(1,2)	6	
		$(x + 3)^2 + (y - 5)^2 = 1$
		$(x + 5)^2 + (y - 2)^2 = 49$
		$(x + 6)^2 + y^2 = 16$
		$(x - 1)^2 + (y + 1)^2 = 3$
		$(x + 2)^2 + (y - 3)^2 = 8$

Worked Example

496a: Determine the equation of a circle, not centred at the origin, given its centre and an integer radius.

A circle has centre $(11, 5)$ and radius 7.

Write down the equation of the circle.

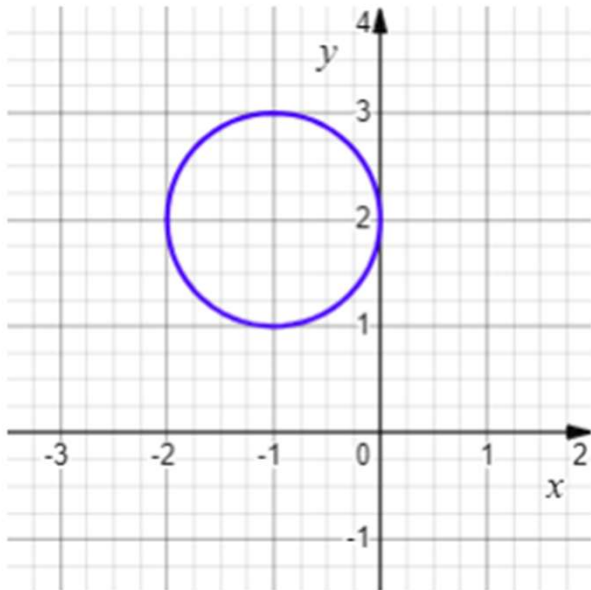
Give your answer in the form

$$(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 = r^2$$

Worked Example

496b: Determine the equation of a circle, not centred at the origin, which is drawn.

Find an equation of the circle drawn below.



Worked Example

Skill involved: 496d: Determine the centre and radius of a circle given in completed square form.

Find the centre and exact value of the radius of the circle with equation

$$(x + 1)^2 + (y + 5)^2 = 19$$

where the centre of the circle is (a, b) .

Worked Example

Skill involved: 496e: Determine the equation of a circle, with given centre and radius/diameter, in expanded form.

Write down the equation of a circle with centre $(0, -1)$ and diameter of $6\sqrt{3}$

Give your answer in the form $x^2 + y^2 + ay + b = 0$, where a and b are constants to be found.

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Worked Example

K328g: Find the equation of a circle using the endpoints of the diameter.

The line CD is the diameter of a circle where C and D have coordinates $(-3, 4)$ and $(9, -12)$ respectively.

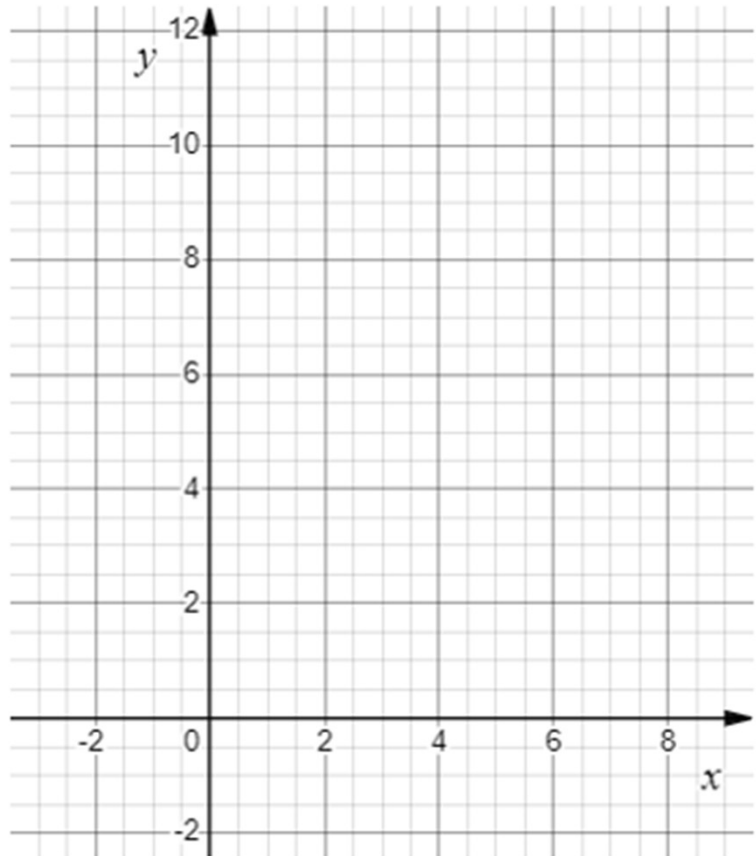
Find the equation of the circle, giving your answer in the form

$$x^2 + y^2 + ax + by + c = 0$$

Worked Example

Skill involved: 496f: Plot the graph of a circle not centred at the origin.

Draw the graph of $(x - 3)^2 + (y - 5)^2 = 9$



Worked Example

Skill involved: 496g: Appreciate that a point on the circumference of a circle, not centred at the origin, satisfies its equation.

Determine whether the point $(-1,7)$ is inside the circle, on the circle, or outside the circle with equation

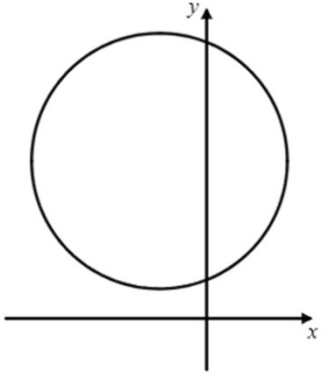
$$(x - 1)^2 + (y - 2)^2 = 30$$

Worked Example

Skill involved: 496h: Determine the intercepts of circle given its equation.

The circle C has the equation

$$(x + 3)^2 + (y - 10)^2 = 66$$



Find the exact y coordinates of the points where the circle C intersects the y -axis.

$$y = \dots\dots\dots$$

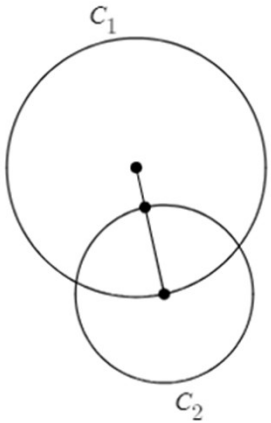
$$\text{or } y = \dots\dots\dots$$

Worked Example

Skill involved: 496i: Determine a constant in the equation of a circle given a point on the circumference.

Circle C_1 has equation $x^2 + y^2 - 4x - ay - 56 = 0$

Circle C_2 has equation $(x - 4)^2 + (y + 4)^2 = 40$



The centre of C_2 lies on the circumference of C_1

Find the value of a , where a is a positive constant.

Worked Example

Skill involved: 496j: Determine the equation of a circle using the endpoints of the diameter.

The line AB is the diameter of a circle where A and B have coordinates $(3,12)$ and $(19,24)$ respectively.

Find the equation of the circle, giving your answer in the form

$$x^2 + y^2 + ax + by + c = 0$$

Worked Example

Skill involved: 496k: Complete the square to determine the centre and radius of a circle.

A circle has equation

$$x^2 + y^2 - 2y - 120 = 0$$

Find the centre and radius of the circle

Worked Example

Skill involved: 496! Complete the square to determine the centre and radius of a circle, where the equation involves algebraic constants.

A circle C has equation

$$x^2 + y^2 + 2kx - 4ky = -20$$

where k is a constant.

By considering the radius of C , state the range of possible values for k .

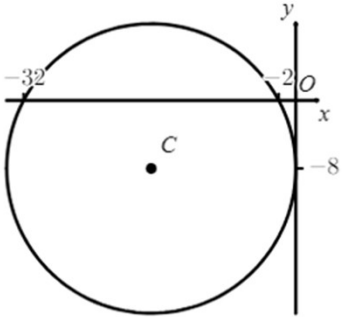
Worked Example

Skill involved: 496m: Determine the equation of a circle using simple reasoning to establish the centre or radius of the circle.

The diagram shows a circle with centre C .

The circle intersects the x -axis at $(-2,0)$ and $(0,-8)$

The circle touches the y -axis at $(-32,0)$



Work out the equation of the circle.

6.3) Intersections of straight lines and circles

Notes

Worked Example

Skill involved: 496u: Determine whether a straight line cuts or is tangent to a circle.

A circle C has equation $(x - 4)^2 + (y - 3)^2 = 20$

Given that $y = -\frac{1}{2}x + k$, where k is a constant does not meet C , find the range of values for k .

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Worked Example

The line with equation $y = 5x + 2$ meets the circle with equation $x^2 + kx + y^2 = 6$ at exactly one point.
Find the two possible values of k

Worked Example

The line with equation $y = 4x - 3$ does not intersect the circle with equation $x^2 + 2x + y^2 = k$.
Find the range of possible values of k .

6.4) Use tangent and chord properties

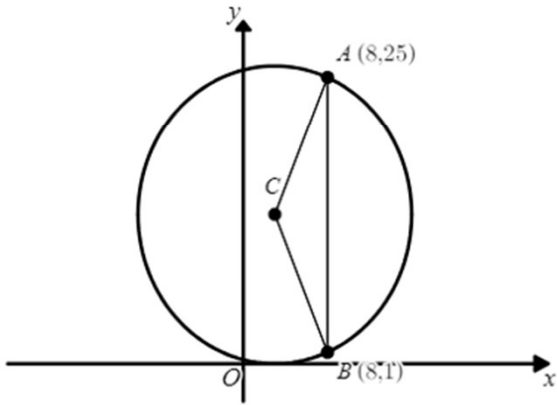
Notes

Worked Example

Skill involved: 496n: Use the coordinates of the endpoint of chord of a circle and the radius to determine the circle's centre.

The diagram shows a circle, centre C with radius 13.

The circle passes through the points $A(8,25)$ and $B(8,1)$.



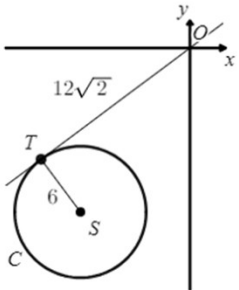
Work out the equation of the circle.

Worked Example

Skill involved: 496o: Determine the coordinate of a centre of a circle given its radius and the length of a tangent.

The diagram shows a circle C with centre S and radius T and the point T which lies on C .

The tangent to C at point T passes through the origin O and $OT = 12\sqrt{2}$



Given that the coordinates of S are $(-10, m)$, find the exact value of m .

Worked Example

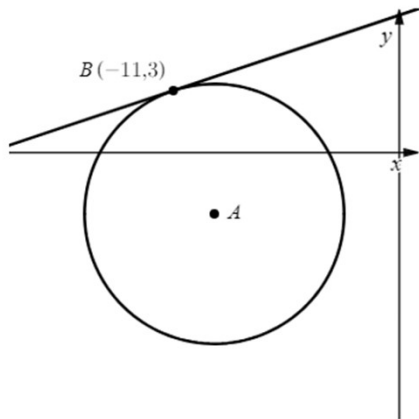
Skill involved: 496p: Determine the tangent to a circle centred at any point.

A circle has equation

$$x^2 + y^2 + 18x + 6y + 50 = 0$$

Find the equation of the tangent to the circle at the point $(-11,3)$.

Give your answer in the form $y = mx + c$, where m and c are constants to be found.



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Worked Example

Skill involved: 496q: Determine the shortest distance between two circles with given equations.

Circle A has equation $x^2 + y^2 + 40x - 42y + 480 = 0$

Circle B has equation $x^2 + y^2 - 24x + 10y - 231 = 0$

Find the exact shortest distance between the two circles.

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Worked Example

Skill involved: 496r: Determine whether circles overlap or touch.

Circle A has equation $(x - 7)^2 + (y + 3)^2 = 32$

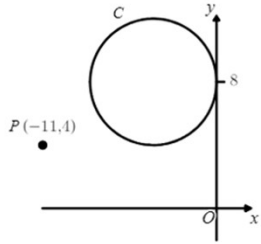
Circle B has equation $(x + 16)^2 + (y + 10)^2 = 338$

Select the correct statement.

Worked Example

Skill involved: 496s: Determine the length of a tangent from a point to a circle with given equation.

A circle C has radius $P(-11,4)$ and touches the y -axis as the point $(0,8)$, as shown in the figure.



A line through the point $P(-11,4)$ is a tangent to the circle C at the point T .

Find the length of PT .

$PT = \dots\dots\dots$ units

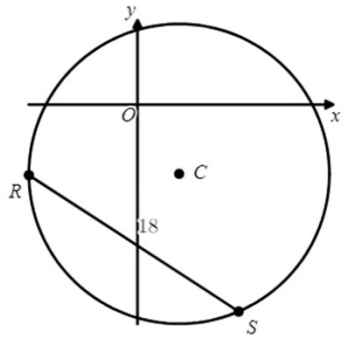
Worked Example

Skill involved: 496t: Determine the shortest distance from a chord of the circle of given length to the centre of the circle.

A circle has centre C and equation $(x - 3)^2 + (y + 5)^2 = 117$.

There are two points R and S which lie on the circle.

Given that the length of the chord RS is 18 units, find the length of the shortest distance from C to the chord RS .



Worked Example

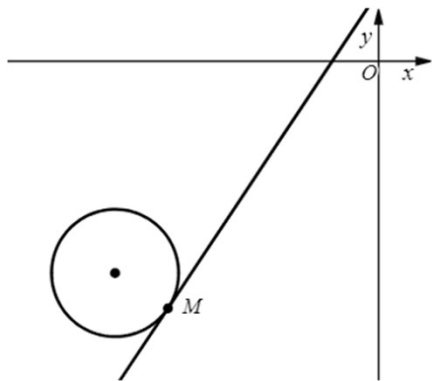
Skill involved: 496v: Determine the equation of a tangent to a circle that is parallel to another given tangent.

Given the equation of a circle $(x + 15)^2 + (y + 12)^2 = 13$, and a tangent line with equation $y = \frac{3}{2}x + 4$.

This tangent meets the circle at point M .

The line with equation, $y = \frac{3}{2}x + k$, where $k \neq 4$ is also a tangent to the circle.

Find the value of k .



Worked Example

Skill involved: 496u: Determine whether a straight line cuts or is tangent to a circle.

A circle C has equation $(x - 4)^2 + (y - 3)^2 = 20$

Given that $y = -\frac{1}{2}x + k$, where k is a constant does not meet C , find the range of values for k .

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Worked Example

A circle C has equation

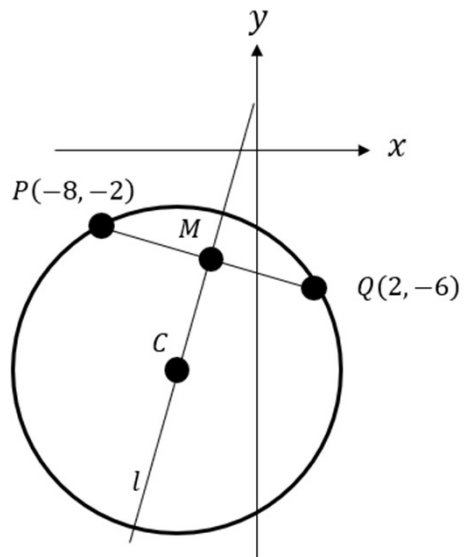
$$(x - 4)^2 + (y + 4)^2 = 10$$

The line l is a tangent to the circle and has gradient -3 . Find two possible equations for l , giving your answers in the form $y = mx + c$.

Worked Example

The point P has coordinates $(-8, -2)$ and the point Q has coordinates $(2, -6)$.
 M is the midpoint of the line segment PQ .

- a) Find an equation for l .
- b) Given that the y -coordinate of C is -9 :
 - i) show that the x -coordinate of C is -5 .
 - ii) find an equation of the circle.



Worked Example

The line with equation $4x + y - 5 = 0$ is a tangent to the circle with equation $(x - 3)^2 + (y - p)^2 = 2$.

Find the two possible values of p

Your Turn

The line with equation $4x + y - 3 = 0$ is a tangent to the circle with equation $(x - 2)^2 + (y - p)^2 = 5$.

Find the two possible values of p

$$p = 3 \pm \sqrt{19}$$

Worked Example

A circle has centre $C(5,3)$, and passes through the point $P(2,6)$.

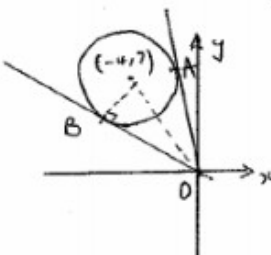
Find the equation of the tangent of the circle at the point P , giving your equation in the form $ax + by + c = 0$ where a, b, c are integers..

Worked Example

A circle passes through the points $A(0,0)$ and $B(2,8)$.

The centre of the circle has x value -2 . Determine the equation of the circle.

Mark Scheme for Extension Question 2

(a)	$(x+4)^2 + (y-7)^2 = 13 \quad \text{and} \quad y = mx$ $\therefore (x^2 + 8x + 16) + (m^2x^2 - 14mx + 49) = 13$ $(1+m^2)x^2 + (8-14m)x + 52 = 0 \quad (3 \text{ b. g. m.})$ <p>Touche, so "$b^2 = 4ac$"</p> $(8-14m)^2 = 4 \times 52 \times (1+m^2)$ $(4-7m)^2 = 52 + 52m^2$ $\therefore \underline{3m^2 + 56m + 36 = 0} \quad *$	<p>M1 A1 M1 ($b^2=4ac$) A1 c.s.o. (4)</p>
(b)	$(3m+2)(m+18) = 0$ $\therefore m = -2/3 \text{ or } -18 \quad (\text{both m})$  <p>Let A or B be (x, y)</p> <p>Then $(x^2 + y^2) + 13 = 4^2 + 7^2 = 65$</p> $x^2 + y^2 = 52$ $y = -\frac{2}{3}x \Rightarrow \frac{13}{9}x^2 = 52 \Rightarrow x = \pm 6$ <p>From the configuration $x_0 = -6 \Rightarrow y_0 = +4 \Rightarrow \underline{B = (-6, 4)}$</p> $y = -18x \Rightarrow 325x^2 = 52 \Rightarrow x^2 = \frac{4}{25}$ <p>Again $x < 0$ for A $\therefore x_A = -\frac{2}{5}; y_A = \frac{36}{5}$</p> $\underline{A = (-\frac{2}{5}, \frac{36}{5})}$	<p>M1 A1 M1, A1 M1, A1 M1, A1 (8)</p>
(c)	<p>Solution is a translation of problem in (b) by $\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix}$</p> <p>So p, d are $\begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{2}{5} \\ \frac{36}{5} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix}$</p> $= \underline{\underline{(-2, -3)}} \quad \text{and} \quad \underline{\underline{(\frac{18}{5}, \frac{1}{5})}}$	<p>M1 A1 (either) (2)</p>

Mark Scheme for Extension Question 3

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad PA = 2PB &\Rightarrow (x - 5)^2 + (y - 16)^2 = 4 \left((x + 4)^2 + (y - 4)^2 \right) \\ &\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 - 10x - 32y + 281 = 4x^2 + 4y^2 + 32x - 32y + 128 \\ &\Rightarrow 3x^2 + 3y^2 + 42x - 153 = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 + 14x - 51 = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow (x + 7)^2 - 49 + y^2 - 51 = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow (x + 7)^2 + y^2 = 100 \end{aligned}$$

which is a circle centre $(-7, 0)$ with radius 10.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(ii)} \quad QC = k \times QD &\Rightarrow (x - a)^2 + y^2 = k^2 (x - b)^2 + k^2 y^2 \\ &\Rightarrow x^2 (k^2 - 1) + y^2 (k^2 - 1) + x (2a - 2k^2 b) + (k^2 b^2 - a^2) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

If this locus is the same as the locus of P , then the ratios of the coefficients must be the same.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2a - 2k^2 b}{k^2 - 1} = 14 \text{ and } \frac{k^2 b^2 - a^2}{k^2 - 1} = -51.$$

Notice that you **cannot** conclude that $k^2 - 1 = 1$.

$$\Rightarrow k^2 = \frac{a + 7}{b + 7} \text{ and } k^2 = \frac{a^2 + 51}{b^2 + 51}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a + 7}{b + 7} = \frac{a^2 + 51}{b^2 + 51}$$

$$\Rightarrow (a + 7)(b^2 + 51) = (b + 7)(a^2 + 51)$$

$$\Rightarrow ab^2 - a^2 b = 7(a^2 - b^2) + 51(b - a)$$

$$\Rightarrow ab(b - a) = 7(a - b)(a + b) + 51(b - a)$$

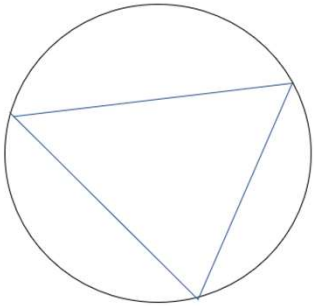
$$\Rightarrow ab = 51 - 7(a + b) \text{ since } a \neq b \Rightarrow a - b \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow ab + 7(a + b) = 51$$

$$\Rightarrow ab + 7(a + b) + 49 = 51 + 49$$

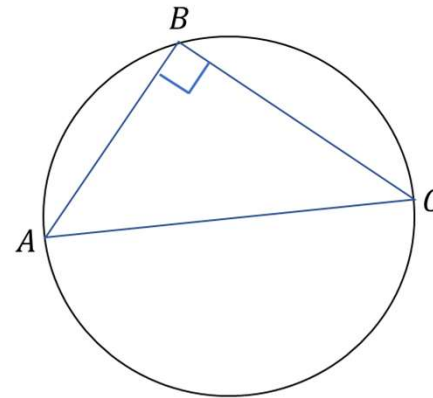
$$\Rightarrow (a + 7)(b + 7) = 100$$

6.5) Circles and triangles



We'd say:

- The triangle **inscribes** the circle.
(A shape inscribes another if it is inside and its boundaries touch but do not intersect the outer shape)
- The circle **circumscribes** the triangle.
- If the circumscribing shape is a circle, it is known as the **circumcircle** of the triangle.
- The centre of a circumcircle is known as the **circumcentre**.

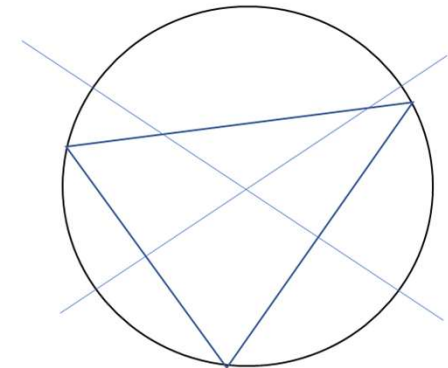


If $\angle ABC = 90^\circ$ then:

- **AC is the diameter of the circumcircle of triangle ABC .**

Similarly if AC is the diameter of a circle:

- **$\angle ABC = 90^\circ$ therefore AB is perpendicular to BC .**
- **$AB^2 + BC^2 = AC^2$**



Given three points/a triangle we can find the centre of the circumcircle by:

- **Finding the equation of the perpendicular bisectors of two different sides.**
- **Find the point of intersection of the two bisectors.**

Notes

Worked Example

Skill involved: 496w: Determine the equation of a circle given the coordinates of 3 points.

The coordinates $(-7,19)$, $(1,15)$ and $(-23,7)$ lie on the circle C .

Find the equation of C .

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Past Paper Questions

9. A circle with centre $A(3,-1)$ passes through the point $P(-9,8)$ and the point $Q(15,-10)$

(a) Show that PQ is a diameter of the circle.

(2)

(b) Find an equation for the circle.

(3)

A point R also lies on the circle.
Given that the length of the chord PR is 20 units,

(c) find the length of the shortest distance from A to the chord PR .
Give your answer as a surd in its simplest form.

(2)

(d) Find the size of angle ARQ , giving your answer to the nearest 0.1 of a degree.

(2)



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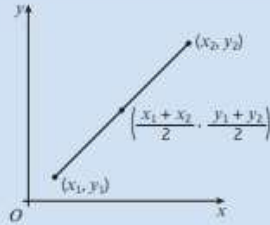
Past paper practice by topic. Both new and old specification can be found via this link on hgsmaths.com

	$\sin(\alpha) = \frac{12}{10} \Rightarrow \alpha = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{12}{10}\right)$
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(c)	Distance = $\sqrt{(-12)^2 + (-10)^2}$ or $\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{(-12)^2 + (-10)^2}$
	$(x-3)^2 + (y+1)^2 = 252$
(d)	Circle: the centre is $A(3,-1)$ Line: PR is the chord
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(a)	$\frac{12}{10} = \frac{12}{10} \Rightarrow \alpha = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{12}{10}\right)$
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(b)	\therefore the distance from A to PR is the perpendicular distance from A to PR

Summary of Key Points

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- 1 The midpoint of a line segment with endpoints (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) is $\left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2}\right)$.



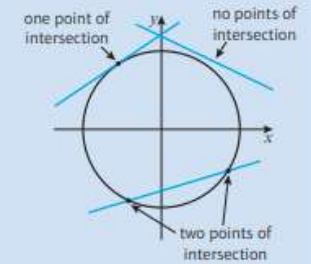
- 2 The perpendicular bisector of a line segment AB is the straight line that is perpendicular to AB and passes through the midpoint of AB .



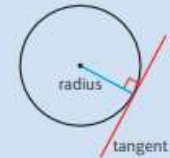
If the gradient of AB is m then the gradient of its perpendicular bisector, l , will be $-\frac{1}{m}$.

- 3 The equation of a circle with centre $(0, 0)$ and radius r is $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$.
- 4 The equation of the circle with centre (a, b) and radius r is $(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 = r^2$.
- 5 The equation of a circle can be given in the form: $x^2 + y^2 + 2fx + 2gy + c = 0$
This circle has centre $(-f, -g)$ and radius $\sqrt{f^2 + g^2 - c}$.

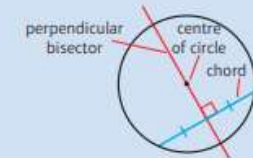
- 6 A straight line can intersect a circle once, by just touching the circle, or twice. Not all straight lines will intersect a given circle.



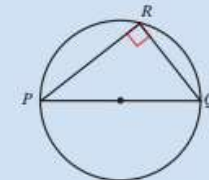
- 7 A tangent to a circle is perpendicular to the radius of the circle at the point of intersection.



- 8 The perpendicular bisector of a chord will go through the centre of a circle.



- 9 • If $\angle PRQ = 90^\circ$ then R lies on the circle with diameter PQ .
• The angle in a semicircle is always a right angle.



- 10 To find the centre of a circle given any three points:
• Find the equations of the perpendicular bisectors of two different chords.
• Find the coordinates of intersection of the perpendicular bisectors.

