

Circles 6C

1 a $(x_1, y_1) = (3, 2), r = 4$

$$\text{So } (x - 3)^2 + (y - 2)^2 = 4^2$$

$$(x - 3)^2 + (y - 2)^2 = 16$$

b $(x_1, y_1) = (-4, 5), r = 6$

$$\text{So } (x - (-4))^2 + (y - 5)^2 = 6^2$$

$$(x + 4)^2 + (y - 5)^2 = 36$$

c $(x_1, y_1) = (5, -6), r = 2\sqrt{3}$

$$\text{So } (x - 5)^2 + (y - (-6))^2 = (2\sqrt{3})^2$$

$$(x - 5)^2 + (y + 6)^2 = 2^2 (\sqrt{3})^2$$

$$(x - 5)^2 + (y + 6)^2 = 4 \times 3$$

$$(x - 5)^2 + (y + 6)^2 = 12$$

d $(x_1, y_1) = (2a, 7a), r = 5a$

$$\text{So } (x - 2a)^2 + (y - 7a)^2 = (5a)^2$$

$$(x - 2a)^2 + (y - 7a)^2 = 25a^2$$

e $(x_1, y_1) = (-2\sqrt{2}, -3\sqrt{2}), r = 1$

$$\text{So } (x - (-2\sqrt{2}))^2 + (y - (-3\sqrt{2}))^2 = 1^2$$

$$(x + 2\sqrt{2})^2 + (y + 3\sqrt{2})^2 = 1$$

2 a $(x + 5)^2 + (y - 4)^2 = 9^2$

$$(x - (-5))^2 + (y - 4)^2 = 9^2$$

The centre of the circle is $(-5, 4)$ and the radius is 9.

b $(x - 7)^2 + (y - 1)^2 = 16$

$$(x - 7)^2 + (y - 1)^2 = 4^2$$

The centre of the circle is $(7, 1)$ and the radius is 4.

2 c $(x+4)^2 + y^2 = 25$

$$(x - (-4))^2 + (y - 0)^2 = 5^2$$

The centre of the circle is $(-4, 0)$ and the radius is 5.

d $(x+4a)^2 + (y+a)^2 = 144a^2$

$$(x - (-4a))^2 + (y - (-a))^2 = (12a)^2$$

The centre of the circle is $(-4a, -a)$ and the radius is $12a$.

e $(x - 3\sqrt{5})^2 + (y + \sqrt{5})^2 = 27$

$$(x - 3\sqrt{5})^2 + (y - (-\sqrt{5}))^2 = (\sqrt{27})^2$$

$$\text{Now } \sqrt{27} = \sqrt{9 \times 3} = \sqrt{9} \times \sqrt{3} = 3\sqrt{3}$$

The centre of the circle is $(3\sqrt{5}, -\sqrt{5})$ and the radius is $3\sqrt{3}$.

- 3 a** Substitute $x = 4$, $y = 8$ into $(x - 2)^2 + (y - 5)^2 = 13$

$$(x - 2)^2 + (y - 5)^2 = (4 - 2)^2 + (8 - 5)^2 = 2^2 + 3^2 = 4 + 9 = 13 \checkmark$$

So the circle passes through $(4, 8)$.

- b** Substitute $x = 0$, $y = -2$ into $(x + 7)^2 + (y - 2)^2 = 65$

$$(x + 7)^2 + (y - 2)^2 = (0 + 7)^2 + (-2 - 2)^2 = 7^2 + (-4)^2 = 49 + 16 = 65 \checkmark$$

So the circle passes through $(0, -2)$.

- c** Substitute $x = 7$, $y = -24$ into $x^2 + y^2 = 25^2$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 7^2 + (-24)^2 = 49 + 576 = 625 = 25^2 \checkmark$$

So the circle passes through $(7, -24)$.

- d** Substitute $x = 6a$, $y = -3a$ into $(x - 2a)^2 + (y + 5a)^2 = 20a^2$

$$(x - 2a)^2 + (y + 5a)^2 = (6a - 2a)^2 + (-3a + 5a)^2 = (4a)^2 + (2a)^2 = 16a^2 + 4a^2 = 20a^2 \checkmark$$

So the circle passes through $(6a, -3a)$.

- e** Substitute $x = \sqrt{5}$, $y = -\sqrt{5}$ into $(x - 3\sqrt{5})^2 + (y - \sqrt{5})^2 = (2\sqrt{10})^2$

$$\begin{aligned} (x - 3\sqrt{5})^2 + (y - \sqrt{5})^2 &= (\sqrt{5} - 3\sqrt{5})^2 + (-\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{5})^2 = (-2\sqrt{5})^2 + (-2\sqrt{5})^2 \\ &= 4 \times 5 + 4 \times 5 = 20 + 20 = 40 = (\sqrt{40})^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now } \sqrt{40} = \sqrt{4 \times 10} = \sqrt{4} \times \sqrt{10} = 2\sqrt{10} \checkmark$$

So the circle passes through $(\sqrt{5}, -\sqrt{5})$.

- 4** The radius of the circle is

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2} &= \sqrt{(4-8)^2 + ((-2)-1)^2} \\&= \sqrt{4^2 + 3^2} \\&= \sqrt{16+9} \\&= \sqrt{25} \\&= 5\end{aligned}$$

The centre of the circle is (8, 1) and the radius is 5.

$$\text{So } (x - 8)^2 + (y - 1)^2 = 5^2$$

$$\text{or } (x - 8)^2 + (y - 1)^2 = 25$$

- 5** $P(5, 6)$ and $Q(-2, 2)$

The centre of the circle is

$$\left(\frac{x_1+x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1+y_2}{2}\right) = \left(\frac{5+(-2)}{2}, \frac{6+2}{2}\right) = \left(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{8}{2}\right) = \left(\frac{3}{2}, 4\right)$$

The radius of the circle is

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2} &= \sqrt{\left(5 - \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 + (6-4)^2} \\&= \sqrt{\left(\frac{7}{2}\right)^2 + (2)^2} \\&= \sqrt{\frac{49}{4} + 4} \\&= \sqrt{\frac{49}{4} + \frac{16}{4}} \\&= \sqrt{\frac{65}{4}}\end{aligned}$$

So the equation of the circle is

$$\left(x - \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 + (y - 4)^2 = \left(\sqrt{\frac{65}{4}}\right)^2 \text{ or } \left(x - \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 + (y - 4)^2 = \frac{65}{4}$$

- 6** Substitute $x = 1$, $y = -3$ into $(x-3)^2 + (y+4)^2 = r^2$

$$(1-3)^2 + (-3+4)^2 = r^2$$

$$(-2)^2 + (1)^2 = r^2$$

$$5 = r^2$$

$$\text{So } r = \sqrt{5}$$

7 a Substitute $(2, 2)$ into $(x-2)^2 + (y-4)^2 = r^2$

$$(2-2)^2 + (2-4)^2 = r^2$$

$$0^2 + (-2)^2 = r^2$$

$$r^2 = 4$$

$$r = 2$$

b The distance between $(2, 2)$ and $(2 + \sqrt{3}, 5)$ is

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2} &= \sqrt{(2 + \sqrt{3} - 2)^2 + (5 - 2)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(\sqrt{3})^2 + 3^2} \\ &= \sqrt{3+9} \\ &= \sqrt{12}\end{aligned}$$

The distance between $(2, 2)$ and $(2 - \sqrt{3}, 5)$ is

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2} &= \sqrt{(2 - \sqrt{3} - 2)^2 + (5 - 2)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(-\sqrt{3})^2 + (3)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{3+9} \\ &= \sqrt{12}\end{aligned}$$

The distance between $(2 + \sqrt{3}, 5)$ and $(2 - \sqrt{3}, 5)$ is

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2} &= \sqrt{((2 - \sqrt{3}) - (2 + \sqrt{3}))^2 + (5 - 5)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(2 - \sqrt{3} - 2 - \sqrt{3})^2 + 0^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(-2\sqrt{3})^2} \\ &= \sqrt{4 \times 3} \\ &= \sqrt{12}\end{aligned}$$

PQ , QR and PR all equal $\sqrt{12}$.

So ΔPQR is equilateral.

8 a Rearrange $x^2 + y^2 - 4x - 11 = 0$ into the form $(x-a)^2 + y^2 = r^2$

$$x^2 - 4x - 11 + y^2 = 0$$

Completing the square gives

$$(x-2)^2 - 4 - 11 + y^2 = 0$$

$$(x-2)^2 + y^2 = 15$$

b Centre of the circle = (2, 0), radius = $\sqrt{15}$

9 a $x^2 + y^2 - 10x + 4y - 20 = 0$

$$x^2 - 10x + y^2 + 4y - 20 = 0$$

Completing the square gives

$$(x-5)^2 - 25 + (y+2)^2 - 4 - 20 = 0$$

$$(x-5)^2 + (y+2)^2 = 49$$

b Centre of the circle = (5, -2), radius = 7

10 a $x^2 + y^2 - 2x + 8y - 8 = 0$

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

Completing the square gives

$$(x-1)^2 - 1 + (y+4)^2 - 16 - 8 = 0$$

$$(x-1)^2 + (y+4)^2 = 25$$

Centre of the circle = (1, -4), radius = 5

b $x^2 + y^2 + 12x - 4y = 9$

$$x^2 + 12x + y^2 - 4y = 9$$

Completing the square gives

$$(x+6)^2 - 36 + (y-2)^2 - 4 = 9$$

$$(x+6)^2 + (y-2)^2 = 49$$

Centre of the circle = (-6, 2), radius = 7

c $x^2 + y^2 - 6y = 22x - 40$

$$x^2 - 22x + y^2 - 6y = -40$$

Completing the square gives

$$(x-11)^2 - 121 + (y-3)^2 - 9 = -40$$

$$(x-11)^2 + (y-3)^2 = 90$$

Centre of the circle = (11, 3), radius = $\sqrt{90} = 3\sqrt{10}$

d $x^2 + y^2 + 5x - y + 4 = 2y + 8$

$$x^2 + 5x + y^2 - 3y = 4$$

Completing the square gives

$$\left(x + \frac{5}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{25}{4} + \left(y - \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{9}{4} = 4$$

10 d $\left(x + \frac{5}{2}\right)^2 + \left(y - \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{25}{2}$

Centre of the circle = $\left(-\frac{5}{2}, \frac{3}{2}\right)$, radius = $\frac{5}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{5\sqrt{2}}{2}$

e $2x^2 + 2y^2 - 6x + 5y = 2x - 3y - 3$

$$2x^2 - 8x + 2y^2 + 8y = -3$$

Completing the square gives

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

$$2(x - 2)^2 - 8 + 2(y + 2)^2 - 8 = -3$$

$$2(x - 2)^2 + 2(y + 2)^2 = 13$$

$$(x - 2)^2 + (y + 2)^2 = \frac{13}{2}$$

Centre of the circle = $(2, -2)$, radius = $\sqrt{\frac{13}{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{26}}{2}$

11 a $x^2 + y^2 + 12x + 2y = k$

$$x^2 + 12x + y^2 + 2y = k$$

$$(x + 6)^2 - 36 + (y + 1)^2 - 1 = k$$

$$(x + 6)^2 + (y + 1)^2 = k + 37$$

Centre of the circle = $(-6, -1)$

b A circle must have a positive radius, so $k + 37 > 0$

$$\text{So } k > -37$$

12 $x^2 + y^2 + 6x - 14y = 483$

$$x^2 + 6x + y^2 - 14y = 483$$

Completing the square gives

$$(x + 3)^2 - 9 + (y - 7)^2 - 49 = 483$$

$$(x + 3)^2 + (y - 7)^2 = 541$$

Centre of the circle = $(-3, 7)$, radius = $\sqrt{541}$

$P(7, -14)$, midpoint of the line = $(-3, 7)$

$$\text{Midpoint} = \left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2}\right)$$

$$(-3, 7) = \left(\frac{7 + x_2}{2}, \frac{-14 + y_2}{2}\right)$$

$$-3 = \frac{7 + x_2}{2} \text{ and } 7 = \frac{-14 + y_2}{2}$$

$$x_1 = -13, x_2 = 28$$

$$Q(-13, 28)$$

13 $(x - k)^2 + y^2 = 41$, $(3, 4)$

Substitute $x = 3$ and $y = 4$ into the equation $(x - k)^2 + y^2 = 41$

$$(3 - k)^2 + 4^2 = 41$$

$$k^2 - 6k + 9 + 16 = 41$$

$$k^2 - 6k - 16 = 0$$

$$(k + 2)(k - 8) = 0$$

$$k = -2 \text{ or } k = 8$$

Challenge

1 $(x - k)^2 + (y - 2)^2 = 50$, $(4, -5)$

Substitute $x = 4$ and $y = -5$ into the equation $(x - k)^2 + (y - 2)^2 = 50$

$$(4 - k)^2 + (-5 - 2)^2 = 50$$

$$k^2 - 8k + 16 + 49 = 50$$

$$k^2 - 8k + 15 = 0$$

$$(k - 3)(k - 5) = 0$$

$$k = 3 \text{ or } k = 5$$

$$(x - 3)^2 + (y - 2)^2 = 50 \text{ or } (x - 5)^2 + (y - 2)^2 = 50$$

2 $x^2 + y^2 + 2fx + 2gy + c = 0$

Rearranging the equation:

$$x^2 + 2fx + y^2 + 2gy + c = 0$$

Completing the square gives

$$(x + f)^2 - f^2 + (y + g)^2 - g^2 + c = 0$$

$$(x + f)^2 + (y + g)^2 = f^2 + g^2 - c$$

The centre of the circle is $(-f, -g)$ and the radius is $\sqrt{f^2 + g^2 - c}$.