

## Math 60 12.2 Circles

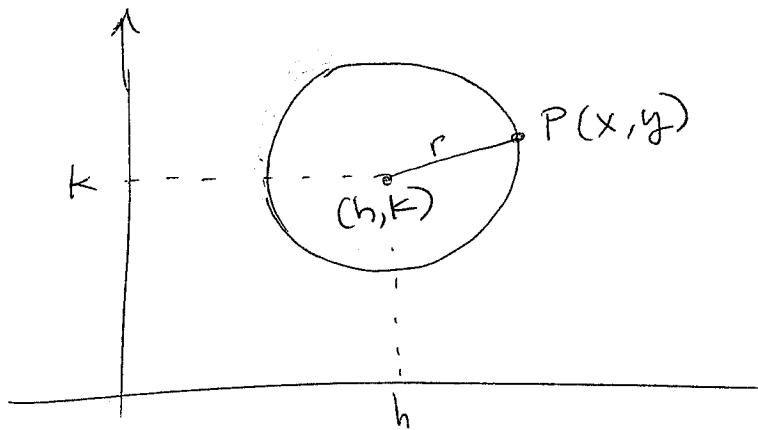
Objectives 1) Write the standard form for the equation of a circle.

2) Graph a circle

3) Find the center and radius of a circle given its equation in general form.

### Definition

A circle is a set of all points that are equally distant from the center of the circle — a fixed point we'll call  $(h, k)$ .



The distance from a point on the circle to the center is called the radius  $r$ .

If  $(h, k)$  is the center and  $(x, y)$  is a point on the circle and the distance between them is  $r$ , then the distance formula gives

$$\sqrt{(x-h)^2 + (y-k)^2} = r$$

Square both sides

$$(x-h)^2 + (y-k)^2 = r^2$$

\* Memorize

Standard form of equation of a circle with center  $(h, k)$  and radius  $r$ .

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- ① Write the standard form of the equation of a circle having center  $(-2, 5)$  and radius 3.

$$(x-h)^2 + (y-k)^2 = r^2$$

$$(x-(-2))^2 + (y-5)^2 = 3^2$$

circle formula.

substitute  
 $(h, k) = \text{center} = (-2, 5)$   
 $r = 3$

$$\boxed{(x+2)^2 + (y-5)^2 = 9}$$

simplify inside () only.

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

Step 1: Identify the center.

\* caution \* The formula has minus,  
 So the coordinates are the opposites of  
 the numbers you see.

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

$\uparrow \quad \uparrow$   
 x coordinate next to x-variable.  
 $-3$                        $2$

$\uparrow \quad \uparrow$   
 y-coordinate next to y-variable  
 $2$

Center  $(-3, 2)$

Step 2: Identify the radius.

\* caution \* The formula has square,  
 So take the square root of the RHS.

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

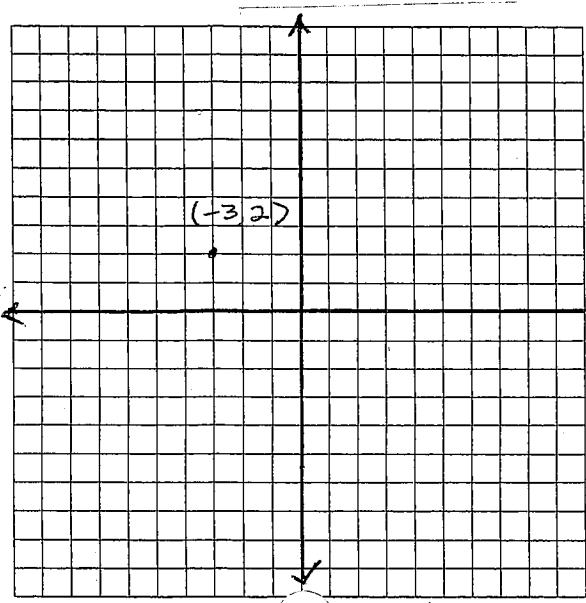
$\uparrow$   
 $r = \sqrt{16} = 4$

$r = 4$

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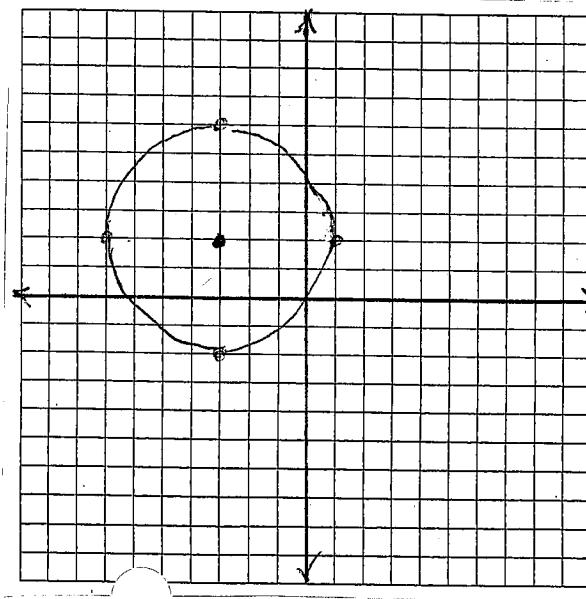
Step 3: Plot the center on graph paper.



Step 4: Use the radius to measure the correct distance to 4 points on the circle

up  
down  
left  
right

Step 5: Free-hand a circle to make a neat, round connection.



③ Find the center and radius of  $x^2 + y^2 = 144$

notice that  $x^2 = (x-0)^2$   
and  $y^2 = (y-0)^2$

$$(x-0)^2 + (y-0)^2 = 12^2$$

center  $(0, 0)$   
radius 12

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- ④ Find the center and radius of  $(x-2)^2 + (y+2)^2 = \frac{1}{4}$

center  $(2, -2)$

$$\text{radius} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}} = \frac{\sqrt{1}}{\sqrt{4}} = \frac{1}{2} = \text{radius}$$

- ⑤ Find the equation of a circle in standard form having endpoints of a diameter at  $(-5, -3)$  and  $(7, 2)$ .

remember: A diameter must pass through the center of the circle.

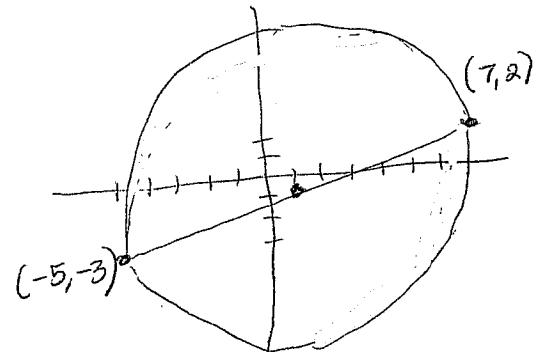
The center is halfway between the endpoints of any diameter.  
= center is midpoint.

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

$$\left( \frac{-5+7}{2}, \frac{-3+2}{2} \right)$$

$$\left( \frac{2}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$(1, -\frac{1}{2}) \text{ center}$$



The radius is the distance from the center to any point on the circle or half the length of a diameter.

option 1: center to point  $(7, 2)$

$$\text{distance formula } d = \sqrt{(x_2-x_1)^2 + (y_2-y_1)^2}$$

$$d = \sqrt{(7-1)^2 + (2-\frac{1}{2})^2}$$

$$d = \sqrt{6^2 + (2+\frac{1}{2})^2}$$

$$d = \sqrt{6^2 + (\frac{5}{2})^2}$$

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$$r = \sqrt{36 + \frac{25}{4}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{144+25}{4}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{169}{4}}$$

$$\boxed{r = \frac{13}{2}}$$

option 2: center to  $(-5, -3)$

$$r = \sqrt{(1 - (-5))^2 + (-\frac{1}{2} - (-3))^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{(1+5)^2 + (-\frac{1}{2}+3)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{6^2 + (\frac{5}{2})^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{36 + \frac{25}{4}} = \sqrt{\frac{169}{4}} = \frac{13}{2}$$

option 3: half of distance from  $(-5, -3)$  to  $(7, 2)$

$$r = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{(7 - (-5))^2 + (2 - (-3))^2}$$

$$r = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{(7+5)^2 + (2+3)^2}$$

$$r = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{12^2 + 5^2}$$

$$r = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sqrt{144+25}$$

$$r = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sqrt{169}$$

$$r = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 13 = \frac{13}{2}$$

Equation of Circle  $(x-h)^2 + (y-k)^2 = r^2$

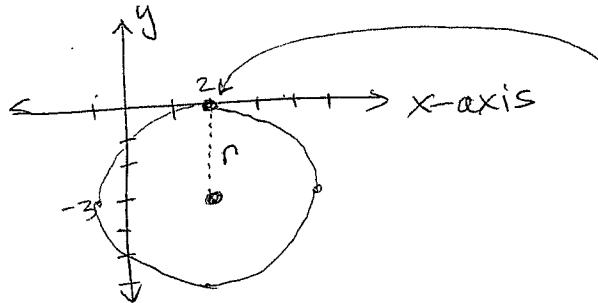
$$(x-1)^2 + (y - (-\frac{1}{2}))^2 = \left(\frac{13}{2}\right)^2$$

$$\boxed{(x-1)^2 + (y + \frac{1}{2})^2 = \frac{169}{4}}$$

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- ⑥ Find the standard form of the equation of a circle with center at  $(2, -3)$  and tangent to the x-axis.

To understand the question, draw a graph.



Circle should touch  
the x-axis here  
 $(2, 0)$ .

distance from  $(2, 0)$  to  $(2, -3)$  is 3. = radius

$$\text{equation of circle } (x-h)^2 + (y-k)^2 = r^2$$

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

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

- ⑦ Find the area and circumference of the circle

$$(x-1)^2 + (y-4)^2 = 49.$$

$$\text{Area of circle } A = \pi r^2$$

only requires radius!  
 $r = \sqrt{49} = 7$

$$A = \pi(7)^2$$

$$A = 49\pi \text{ sq. units}$$

$$\text{Circumference of circle } C = 2\pi r$$

$$C = 2\pi(7)$$

$$C = 14\pi \text{ units}$$

only requires  
radius!  
 $r = 7$

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Objective 3) Find the center and radius of a circle whose equation is given in general form.

Review:

- Ex) ⑧ Find the center and radius of  $x^2 + (y-3)^2 = 64$

center  $(0, 3)$   
radius 8

$\begin{matrix} \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ (x-0)^2 & (y-3)^2 & r^2 \\ x\text{-coord} & y\text{-coord} & \text{radius} \\ 0 & 3 & 8 \end{matrix}$

- ⑨ Simplify  $(x+2)^2 + (y-3)^2 = 25$

A.K.A. Write the equation in general form.

$$ax^2 + by^2 + cx + dy + e = 0.$$

$$(x+2)(x+2) + (y-3)(y-3) = 25$$

$$x^2 + 4x + 4 + y^2 - 6y + 9 = 25$$

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$$x^2 + y^2 + 4x + 6y + 13 - 25 = 0$$

$x^2 + y^2 + 4x + 6y - 12 = 0$

Find the center and radius, then graph.

⑩  $x^2 + y^2 - 4x + 6y - 3 = 0$

Need to complete the square twice

- once for the  $x^2$  and  $x$

- once for the  $y^2$  and  $y$

Step 1: Collect  $x^2$  and  $x$ ,  $y^2$  and  $y$ , constant to RHS

$$x^2 - 4x + y^2 + 6y = 3$$

Step 2: CTS for  $x$ , add to both sides

$$\# = \frac{-4}{2} = -2$$

$$x^2 - 4x + 4 + y^2 + 6y = 3 + 4$$

$$\#^2 = (-2)^2 = 4$$

$$(x-2)^2 + y^2 + 6y = 7$$

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step 3: (may be combined with step 2)  
CTS for  $y$ , add to both sides

$$(x-2)^2 + y^2 + 6y + 9 = 7 + 9$$

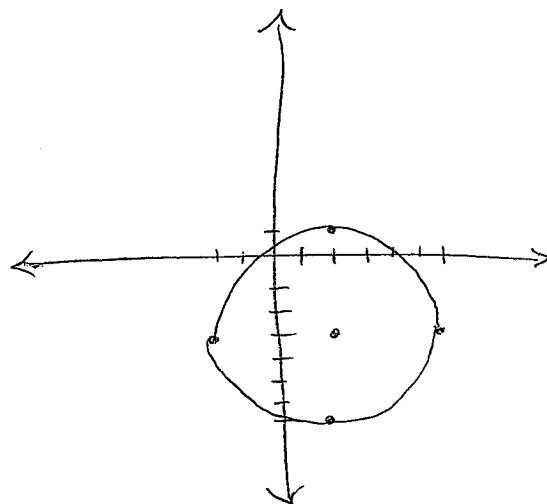
$$\# = \frac{6}{2} = 3$$

$$\#^2 = 3^2 = 9$$

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

center  $(2, -3)$

radius  $\sqrt{16} = 4$  radius



⑪  $x^2 + y^2 + 8x - 2y + 6 = 0$

collect  $x^2 + 8x + 16 + y^2 - 2y + 1 = -6 + 16 + 1$

$$\# = \frac{8}{2} = 4$$

$$\# = \frac{-2}{2} = -1$$

$$\#^2 = 4^2 = 16$$

$$\#^2 = (-1)^2 = 1$$

$$(x+4)^2 + (y-1)^2 = 11$$

center  $(-4, 1)$

radius  $\sqrt{11}$

⑫  $2x^2 + 2y^2 - 12x - 8y - 24 = 0$

Recall: CTS DOES NOT WORK if NOT  $1x^2$  or  $1y^2$ .

Divide entire equation by 2.

$$\frac{2x^2}{2} + \frac{2y^2}{2} - \frac{12x}{2} - \frac{8y}{2} - \frac{24}{2} = \frac{0}{2}$$

$$x^2 + y^2 - 6x - 4y - 12 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 6x + 9 + y^2 - 4y + 4 = 12 + 9 + 4$$

$$\# = \left(\frac{-6}{2}\right) = -3$$

$$\# = \left(\frac{-4}{2}\right) = -2$$

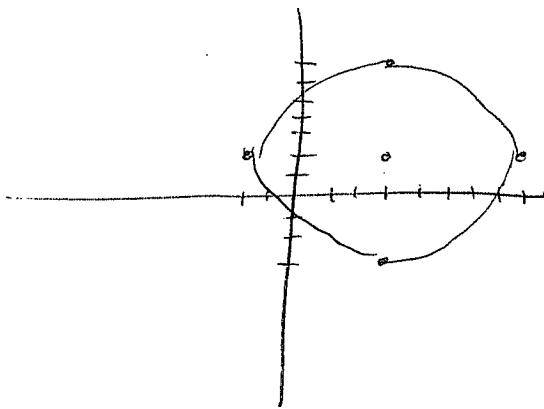
$$\#^2 = (-3)^2 = 9$$

$$\#^2 = (-2)^2 = 4$$

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

center  $(3, 2)$   
radius 5



⑬  $3x^2 + 3y^2 + 6x + 24y + 48 = 0$

Divide all by 3.

$$\frac{3x^2}{3} + \frac{3y^2}{3} + \frac{6x}{3} + \frac{24y}{3} + \frac{48}{3} = \frac{0}{3}$$

$$x^2 + y^2 + 2x + 8y + 16 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 2x + 1 + y^2 + 8y + 16 = -16 + 1 + 16$$

$$\# = \frac{2}{2} = 1$$

$$\# = \frac{8}{2} = 4$$

$$\#^2 = 1^2 = 1$$

$$\#^2 = 4^2 = 16$$

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

center  $(-1, -4)$   
radius 1

