

Question 1:

Find the equation of the circle with centre $(0, 2)$ and radius 2.

Solution:

The equation of a circle with centre (h, k) and radius r is given as

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

It is given that centre $(h, k) = (0, 2)$ and radius $(r) = 2$.

Therefore, the equation of the circle is

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

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

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

Question 2:

Find the equation of the circle with centre $(-2, 3)$ and radius 4.

Solution:

The equation of a circle with centre (h, k) and radius r is given as

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

It is given that centre $(h, k) = (-2, 3)$ and radius $(r) = 4$.

Therefore, the equation of the circle is

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

$$x^2 + 4x + 4 + y^2 - 6y + 9 = 16$$

$$x^2 + y^2 + 4x - 6y - 3 = 0$$

Question 3:

Find the equation of the circle with centre $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}\right)$ and radius $\left(\frac{1}{12}\right)$

Solution:

The equation of a circle with centre (h, k) and radius r is given as

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

It is given that centre $(h, k) = \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}\right)$ and radius $(r) = \frac{1}{12}$.

Therefore, the equation of the circle is

$$\left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(y - \frac{1}{4}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{1}{12}\right)^2$$

$$x^2 - x + \frac{1}{4} + y^2 - \frac{y}{2} + \frac{1}{16} = \frac{1}{144}$$

$$x^2 - x + \frac{1}{4} + y^2 - \frac{y}{2} + \frac{1}{16} - \frac{1}{144} = 0$$

$$144x^2 - 144x + 36 + 144y^2 - 72y + 9 - 1 = 0$$

$$144x^2 - 144x + 144y^2 - 72y + 44 = 0$$

$$36x^2 - 36x + 36y^2 - 18y + 11 = 0$$

$$36x^2 + 36y^2 - 36x - 18y + 11 = 0$$

Question 4:

Find the equation of the circle with centre $(1, 1)$ and radius $\sqrt{2}$

Solution:

The equation of a circle with centre (h, k) and radius r is given as

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

It is given that centre $(h, k) = (1, 1)$ and radius $(r) = \sqrt{2}$.

Therefore, the equation of the circle is

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

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

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

Question 5:

Find the equation of the circle with centre $(-a, -b)$ and radius $\sqrt{a^2 - b^2}$

Solution:

The equation of a circle with centre (h, k) and radius r is given as

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

It is given that centre $(h, k) = (-a, -b)$ and radius $(r) = \sqrt{a^2 - b^2}$

Therefore, the equation of the circle is

$$(x+a)^2 + (y+b)^2 = \left(\sqrt{a^2 - b^2}\right)^2$$

$$x^2 + 2ax + a^2 + y^2 + 2by + b^2 = a^2 - b^2$$

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

Question 6:

Find the centre and radius of the circle $(x+5)^2 + (y-3)^2 = 36$

Solution:

The equation of the given circle is $(x+5)^2 + (y-3)^2 = 36$

$$\Rightarrow (x+5)^2 + (y-3)^2 = 36$$

$$\Rightarrow [x - (-5)]^2 + (y-3)^2 = 6^2$$

which is of the form $(x-h)^2 + (y-k)^2 = r^2$

Therefore, on comparing both equations we get

$$h = -5, k = 3 \text{ and } r = 6$$

Thus, the centre of the given circle is $(-5, 3)$ while its radius is 6.

Question 7:

Find the centre and radius of the circle $x^2 + y^2 - 4x - 8y - 45 = 0$

Solution:

The equation of the given circle is $x^2 + y^2 - 4x - 8y - 45 = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned}
&\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 - 4x - 8y - 45 = 0 \\
&\Rightarrow (x^2 - 4x) + (y^2 - 8y) = 45 \\
&\Rightarrow \{x^2 - 2(x)(2) + 2^2\} + \{y^2 - 2(y)(4) + 4^2\} - 4 - 16 = 45 \\
&\Rightarrow (x-2)^2 + (y-4)^2 = 65 \\
&\Rightarrow (x-2)^2 + (y-4)^2 = (\sqrt{65})^2
\end{aligned}$$

which is of the form $(x-h)^2 + (y-k)^2 = r^2$

Therefore, on comparing both equations we get

$$h = 2, k = 4 \text{ and } r = \sqrt{65}$$

Thus, the centre of the given circle is $(2, 4)$ while its radius is $\sqrt{65}$.

Question 8:

Find the centre and radius of the circle $x^2 + y^2 - 8x + 10y - 12 = 0$

Solution:

The equation of the given circle is $x^2 + y^2 - 8x + 10y - 12 = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned}
&\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 - 8x + 10y - 12 = 0 \\
&\Rightarrow (x^2 - 8x) + (y^2 + 10y) = 12 \\
&\Rightarrow \{x^2 - 2(x)(4) + 4^2\} + \{y^2 + 2(y)(5) + 5^2\} - 16 - 25 = 12 \\
&\Rightarrow (x-4)^2 + (y+5)^2 = 53 \\
&\Rightarrow (x-4)^2 + [y-(-5)]^2 = (\sqrt{53})^2
\end{aligned}$$

which is of the form $(x-h)^2 + (y-k)^2 = r^2$

Therefore, on comparing both equations we get

$$h = 4, k = -5 \text{ and } r = \sqrt{53}$$

Thus, the centre of the given circle is $(4, -5)$ while its radius is $\sqrt{53}$.

Question 9:

Find the centre and radius of the circle $2x^2 + 2y^2 - x = 0$

Solution:

The equation of the given circle is $2x^2 + 2y^2 - x = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 2x^2 + 2y^2 - x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (2x^2 - x) + 2y^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \left[\left(x^2 - \frac{x}{2} \right) + y^2 \right] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left\{ x^2 - 2(x) \left(\frac{1}{4} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{4} \right)^2 \right\} + y^2 - \left(\frac{1}{4} \right)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(x - \frac{1}{4} \right)^2 + (y - 0)^2 = \left(\frac{1}{4} \right)^2$$

which is of the form $(x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 = r^2$

Therefore, on comparing both equations we get

$$h = \frac{1}{4}, k = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad r = \frac{1}{4}$$

Thus, the centre of the given circle is $\left(\frac{1}{4}, 0 \right)$ while its radius is $\frac{1}{4}$.

Question 10:

Find the equation of the circle passing through the points $(4, 1)$ and $(6, 5)$ and whose centre is on the line $4x + y = 16$.

Solution:

Let the equation of the required circle be $(x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 = r^2$.

Since the circle passes through the points $(4, 1)$ and $(6, 5)$

$$(4 - h)^2 + (1 - k)^2 = r^2 \quad \dots(1)$$

$$(6 - h)^2 + (5 - k)^2 = r^2 \quad \dots(2)$$

Since the centre (h, k) of the circle lies on the line $4x + y = 16$

$$4h + k = 16 \quad \dots(3)$$

From equations (1) and (2), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
&\Rightarrow (4-h)^2 + (1-k)^2 = (6-h)^2 + (5-k)^2 \\
&\Rightarrow 16 - 8h + h^2 + 1 - 2k + k^2 = 36 - 12h + h^2 + 25 - 10k + k^2 \\
&\Rightarrow 16 - 8h + 1 - 2k = 36 - 12h + 25 - 10k \\
&\Rightarrow 4h + 8k = 44 \\
&\Rightarrow h + 2k = 11 \quad \dots(4)
\end{aligned}$$

On solving equations (3) and (4), we obtain
 $h = 3$ and $k = 4$

On substituting the values of h and k in equation (1), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
&(4-3)^2 + (1-4)^2 = r^2 \\
&\Rightarrow 1^2 + (-3)^2 = r^2 \\
&\Rightarrow 1 + 9 = r^2 \\
&\Rightarrow r^2 = 10 \\
&\Rightarrow r = \sqrt{10}
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, the equation of the required circle is

$$\begin{aligned}
&(x-3)^2 + (y-4)^2 = (\sqrt{10})^2 \\
&x^2 - 6x + 9 + y^2 - 8y + 16 = 10 \\
&x^2 + y^2 - 6x - 8y + 15 = 0
\end{aligned}$$

Question 11:

Find the equation of the circle passing through the points $(2,3)$ and $(-1,1)$ and whose centre is on the line $x - 3y - 11 = 0$.

Solution:

Let the equation of the required circle be $(x-h)^2 + (y-k)^2 = r^2$.

Since the circle passes through the points $(2,3)$ and $(-1,1)$

$$(2-h)^2 + (3-k)^2 = r^2 \quad \dots(1)$$

$$(-1-h)^2 + (1-k)^2 = r^2 \quad \dots(2)$$

Since the centre (h, k) of the circle passes lies on the line $x-3y-11=0$,

$$h-3k=11 \quad \dots(3)$$

From equations (1) and (2), we obtain

$$(2-h)^2 + (3-k)^2 = (-1-h)^2 + (1-k)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 4 - 4h + h^2 + 9 - 6k + k^2 = 1 + 2h + h^2 + 1 + k^2 - 2k$$

$$\Rightarrow 4 - 4h + 9 - 6k = 1 + 2h + 1 - 2k$$

$$\Rightarrow 6h + 4k = 11 \quad \dots(4)$$

On solving equations (3) and (4), we obtain

$$h = \frac{7}{2} \text{ and } k = \frac{-5}{2}$$

On substituting the values of h and k in equation (1), we obtain

$$\Rightarrow \left(2 - \frac{7}{2}\right)^2 + \left(3 + \frac{5}{2}\right)^2 = r^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{4-7}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{6+5}{2}\right)^2 = r^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{-3}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{11}{2}\right)^2 = r^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{9}{4} + \frac{121}{4} = r^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{130}{4} = r^2$$

Thus, the equation of the required circle is

$$\left(x - \frac{7}{2}\right)^2 + \left(y + \frac{5}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{130}{4}$$

$$\left(\frac{2x-7}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{2y+5}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{130}{4}$$

$$4x^2 - 28x + 49 + 4y^2 + 20y + 25 = 130$$

$$4x^2 + 4y^2 - 28x + 20y - 56 = 0$$

$$4(x^2 + y^2 - 7x + 5y - 14) = 0$$

$$x^2 + y^2 - 7x + 5y - 14 = 0$$

Question 12:

Find the equation of the circle with radius 5 whose centre lies on x -axis and passes through the point $(2, 3)$.

Solution:

Let the equation of the required circle be $(x-h)^2 + (y-k)^2 = r^2$.

Since the radius of the circle is 5 and its centre lies on the x -axis, $k = 0$ and $r = 5$.

Now, the equation of the circle becomes $(x-h)^2 + y^2 = 25$.

It is given that the circle passes through the point $(2, 3)$.

Therefore,

$$\Rightarrow (2-h)^2 + 3^2 = 25$$

$$\Rightarrow (2-h)^2 = 25 - 9$$

$$\Rightarrow (2-h)^2 = 16$$

$$\Rightarrow 2-h = \pm\sqrt{16}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2-h = \pm 4$$

If, $2-h = 4$, then $h = -2$

If $2-h = -4$, then $h = 6$

When $h = -2$, the equation of the circle becomes

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

$$x^2 + 4x + 4 + y^2 = 25$$

$$x^2 + y^2 + 4x - 21 = 0$$

When $h = 6$, the equation of the circle becomes

$$\begin{aligned}(x-6)^2 + y^2 &= 25 \\ x^2 - 12x + 36 + y^2 &= 25 \\ x^2 + y^2 - 12x + 11 &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Question 13:

Find the equation of the circle passing through $(0,0)$ and making intercepts a and b on the coordinate axes.

Solution:

Let the equation of the required circle be $(x-h)^2 + (y-k)^2 = r^2$.

Since the circle passes through $(0,0)$,

$$\begin{aligned}(0-h)^2 + (0-k)^2 &= r^2 \\ \Rightarrow h^2 + k^2 &= r^2\end{aligned}$$

The equation of the circle now becomes $(x-h)^2 + (y-k)^2 = h^2 + k^2$.

It is given that the circle makes intercepts a and b on the coordinate axes. This means that the circle passes through points $(a,0)$ and $(0,b)$.

Therefore,

$$(a-h)^2 + (0-k)^2 = h^2 + k^2 \quad \dots(1)$$

$$(0-h)^2 + (b-k)^2 = h^2 + k^2 \quad \dots(2)$$

From equation (1), we obtain

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + h^2 - 2ah + k^2 = h^2 + k^2$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 - 2ah = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a(a-2h) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 0 \text{ or } (a-2h) = 0$$

However, $a \neq 0$;

Hence,

$$(a-2h) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow h = \frac{a}{2}$$

From equation (2), we obtain

$$h^2 + b^2 - 2bk + k^2 = h^2 + k^2$$

$$\Rightarrow b^2 - 2bk = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow b(b - 2k) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow b = 0 \text{ or } (b - 2k) = 0$$

However, $b \neq 0$;

Hence,

$$(b - 2k) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k = \frac{b}{2}$$

Thus, the equation of the required circle is

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \left(x - \frac{a}{2}\right)^2 + \left(y - \frac{b}{2}\right)^2 &= \left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 \\ \Rightarrow \left(\frac{2x - a}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{2y - b}{2}\right)^2 &= \frac{a^2 + b^2}{4} \\ \Rightarrow 4x^2 - 4ax + a^2 + 4y^2 - 4by + b^2 &= a^2 + b^2 \\ \Rightarrow 4x^2 + 4y^2 - 4ax - 4by &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow 4(x^2 + y^2 - ax - by) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 - ax - by &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Question 14:

Find the equation of a circle with centre $(2, 2)$ and passes through the point $(4, 5)$.

Solution:

The centre of the circle is given as $(h, k) = (2, 2)$

Since the circle passes through the point $(4, 5)$, the radius (r) of the circle is the distance between the points $(2, 2)$ and $(4, 5)$.

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} r &= \sqrt{(2 - 4)^2 + (2 - 5)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(-2)^2 + (-3)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{4 + 9} \\ &= \sqrt{13} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the equation of the circle is

$$\begin{aligned}(x-h)^2 + (y-k)^2 &= r^2 \\(x-2)^2 + (y-2)^2 &= (\sqrt{13})^2 \\x^2 - 4x + 4 + y^2 - 4y + 4 &= 13 \\x^2 + y^2 - 4x - 4y - 5 &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Question 15:

Does the point $(-2.5, 3.5)$ lie inside, outside or on the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 25$?

Solution:

The equation of the given circle is $x^2 + y^2 = 25$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = 25$$

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

which is of the form $(x-h)^2 + (y-k)^2 = r^2$, where $h=0, k=0$ and $r=5$

Therefore, Centre $\Rightarrow (0,0)$ and radius $\Rightarrow 5$

Distance between point $(-2.5, 3.5)$ and centre $(0,0)$

$$\begin{aligned}&= \sqrt{(-2.5-0)^2 + (3.5-0)^2} \\&= \sqrt{6.25 + 12.25} \\&= \sqrt{18.25} \\&= 4.272\end{aligned}$$

Here, $4.272 < 5$, this means less than the radius.

Since the distance between the point $(-2.5, 3.5)$ and centre $(0,0)$ of the circle is less than the radius of the circle, hence, the point $(-2.5, 3.5)$ lies inside the circle.