

AM Topical Question

Further Coordinate Geometry

1) A circle C_1 whose equation is $x^2 + y^2 - 6x - 4y - 12 = 0$, has centre A and radius r .

i) Find the coordinates of A and the value of r .

ii) Show that the point $B(6, -2)$ lies on the circle C_1 .

iii) Find the equation of the perpendicular bisector of AB .

iv) The perpendicular bisector of AB is the tangent to another circle C_2 , with centre B . Find the equation of circle C_2 .

$$(i) \quad x^2 - 6x + y^2 - 4y - 12 = 0$$

$$(x-3)^2 - 9 + (y-2)^2 - 4 - 12 = 0$$

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

$$\therefore A(3, 2) \text{ and } r = 5$$

$$(ii) \quad \text{Dist } AB = \sqrt{(6-3)^2 + (-2-2)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{9+16}$$

$$= 5$$

Since $AB = \text{radius}$, B lies on C_1 .

$$(iii) \quad \text{Grad } AB = \frac{-2-2}{6-3} = -2$$

$$\text{Grad } \perp \text{ bisector} = \frac{1}{2}$$

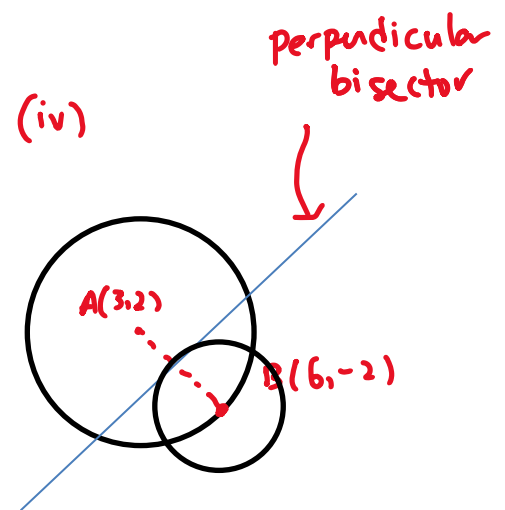
$$\text{mid pt } AB = \left(\frac{6+3}{2}, \frac{-2+2}{2} \right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{9}{2}, 0 \right)$$

$$0 = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{9}{2} \right) + c$$

$$c = -\frac{9}{4}$$

$$\text{Eqn : } y = \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{9}{4}$$



The other circle radius is $\frac{5}{2}$ cm.

$$(x-6)^2 + (y+2)^2 = \frac{25}{4}$$

2) A circle C_1 has equation given by $x^2 + y^2 - 2x + 6y - 15 = 0$ and the point $P(4, -7)$ is on C_1 .

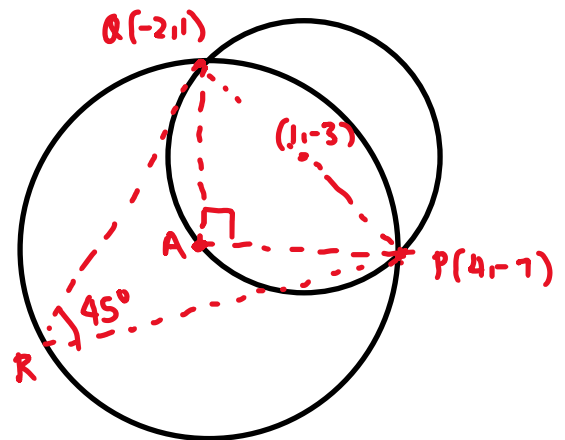
i) Find the radius and the coordinates of the centre of C_1 .

ii) The point Q is such that PQ is the diameter of the circle. Find the coordinates of Q .

iii) A new circle C_2 passes through P , Q and R , where R is a point outside the circle C_1 such that angle $PRQ = 45^\circ$. Explain briefly if it is possible for the centre of C_2 to lie on the circumference of C_1 .

i) $x^2 + y^2 - 2x + 6y - 15 = 0$
 $x^2 - 2x + y^2 + 6y - 15 = 0$
 $(x-1)^2 - 1 + (y+3)^2 - 9 = 15$
 $(x-1)^2 + (y+3)^2 = 25$
 \therefore centre $(1, -3)$ and radius $= 5$

iii)



ii) Let $Q(x, y)$

$$\left(\frac{4+x}{2}, \frac{y-7}{2} \right) = (1, -3)$$

$$\frac{4+x}{2} = 1, \quad \frac{y-7}{2} = -3$$

$$x = -2, \quad y = 1$$

$$\therefore Q(-2, 1)$$

Yes, the centre of circle must lie on C_1 because by the property angle at centre equal twice angle at circumference,
 $\angle QAP = 90^\circ$
 By converse of right \angle in semi-circle property,
 A must be on the circumference of C_1 .

3) The equation of a circle, C_1 with centre A , is $x^2 + y^2 + 6x - 4y - 7 = 0$.

a) Find the coordinates of A and the radius of the circle.

b) Circle C_1 intersects the x -axis at P and Q . Find the coordinates of P and of Q .

c) A second circle, C_2 with centre B , also passes through P and Q . State the x -coordinate of B .

d) Given that the y -coordinate of B is negative and that the radius of C_2 is $\sqrt{41}$, find the y -coordinate of B .

e) Write down the equation of circle C_2 .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } x^2 + 6x + y^2 - 4y - 7 &= 0 \\ (x+3)^2 - 9 + (y-2)^2 - 4 - 7 &= 0 \\ (x+3)^2 + (y-2)^2 &= 20 \end{aligned}$$

$$A(-3, 2) \text{ radius} = \sqrt{20}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } x^2 + y^2 + 6x - 4y - 7 &= 0 \\ \text{Let } y=0, & \\ x^2 + 6x - 7 &= 0 \\ (x+7)(x-1) &= 0 \\ x=-7 \text{ or } x=1 & \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore P(-7, 0) \text{ and } Q(1, 0)$$

d) Let centre of C_2 be $(-3, y)$

$$\sqrt{41} = \sqrt{(-3+7)^2 + (y)^2}$$

$$41 = 16 + y^2$$

$$y^2 = 25$$

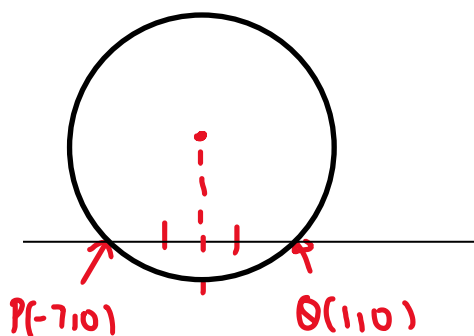
$$y = \pm 5 \text{ (rej } +5)$$

$\therefore y$ -coordinate is -5 .

e) Eqn. of C_2 :

$$(x+3)^2 + (y+5)^2 = 41$$

c)



$$\begin{aligned} \text{x coordinate of centre} &= \frac{-7+1}{2} \\ &= -3 \end{aligned}$$

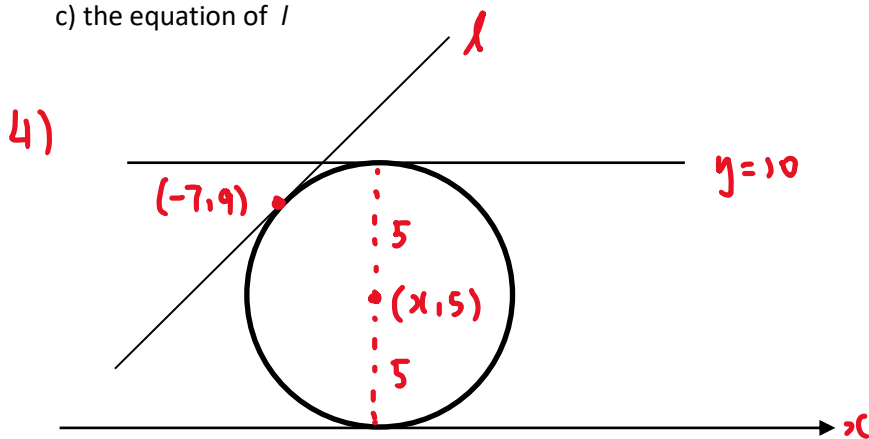
4) The negative x-axis and the line $y = 10$ are tangents to a circle C .

a) What can be deduced about the coordinates of the centre of C and the relationship between the radius of C and the y-coordinate of the centre of C ?

The line l is a tangent to C at the point P . The point P has coordinates $(-7, 9)$. Given that the centre of C lies below and to the right of P , find

b) the equation of C

c) the equation of l



a) The x-coordinate is negative.
The y-coordinate is 5.
The radius is 5

$$\begin{aligned}
 b) \quad 5 &= \sqrt{(x+7)^2 + (5-9)^2} \\
 25 &= (x+7)^2 + 16 \\
 (x+7)^2 &= 9 \\
 x &= -7+3 \text{ or } -7-3 \\
 x &= -4 \text{ or } -10 \\
 &\quad \text{(N/A)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore \text{Eqn. of } C : \\
 (x+4)^2 + (y-5)^2 = 25
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (c) \text{ Gradient of radius} \\
 &= \frac{9-5}{-7+4} \\
 &= \frac{4}{-3}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Grad of } l = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$9 = -7\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) + c$$

$$c = \frac{57}{4}$$

$$\therefore \text{Eqn of } l :$$

$$y = \frac{3}{4}x + \frac{57}{4}$$

5) A circle, centre C , has a diameter PQ where P is the point $(-4, -3)$ and Q is the point $(8, 5)$.

a) Find the coordinates of C and the radius of the circle.

b) Find the equation of the circle.

c) Determine whether the point $R(-3.25, 5.5)$ lies inside, outside or on the circle. Show your working clearly.

$$a) \text{ midpt } PQ = \left(\frac{8-4}{2}, \frac{5-3}{2} \right)$$

$$C = (2, 1)$$

$$\text{Radius} = \sqrt{(2+4)^2 + (1+3)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{50}$$

$$b) (x-2)^2 + (y-1)^2 = 50$$

$$c) \text{ dist } CR = \sqrt{(-3.25-2)^2 + (5.5-1)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{47.8125}$$

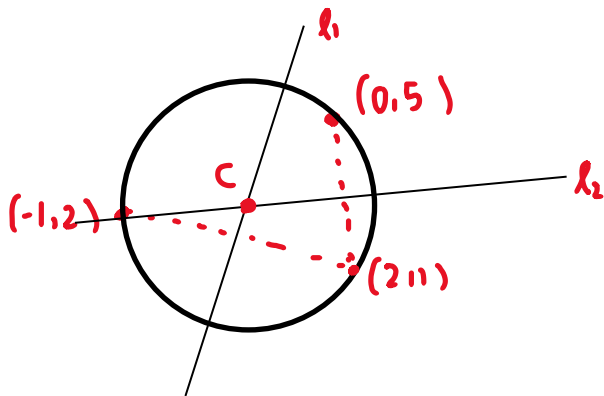
Since $CR < \sqrt{50}$, R is inside the circle.

6) A circle C passes through the points $(-1, 2)$, $(0, 5)$ and $(2, 1)$.

a) Show that the coordinates of the centre of circle C is $(1, 3)$.

b) Hence, find the equation of the circle C .

c) Find the equation of the circle which is a reflection of circle C in the line $x = 3$.



$$\text{grad} = \frac{2-1}{-1-2} = \frac{1}{-3}$$

$$\text{grad of } l_1 = 3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{mid pt} &= \left(\frac{2-1}{2}, \frac{1+2}{2} \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Eqn l_1 :

$$\frac{3}{2} = 3\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + c$$

$$c = 0$$

$$\therefore y = 3x \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{grad} = \frac{5-1}{0-2} = -2$$

$$\text{grad } l_2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{mid pt} &= \left(\frac{0+2}{2}, \frac{5+1}{2} \right) \\ &= (1, 3) \end{aligned}$$

Eqn l_2 :

$$3 = (1)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + c$$

$$c = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\therefore y = \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{5}{2} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Sub (1) into (2),

$$3x = \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{5}{2}$$

$$x = 1$$

$$y = 3$$

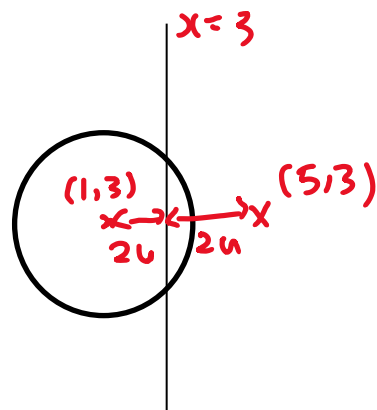
$$C(1, 3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) Radius} &= \sqrt{(1-2)^2 + (3-1)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{5} \end{aligned}$$

\therefore eqn of circle:

$$(x-1)^2 + (y-3)^2 = 5$$

c)



Eqn new circle

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

7) A circle, whose equation $x^2 + y^2 - 4x - 10y - 7 = 0$, has centre C and radius r .

a) Find the coordinates of C and the value of r .

AB is a diameter of the circle and is parallel to the y -axis.

b) Find the coordinates of A and B .

$$a) \quad x^2 - 4x + y^2 - 10y - 7 = 0$$

$$(x-2)^2 - 4 + (y-5)^2 - 25 - 7 = 0$$

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

$C(2, 5)$ and radius = 6

$$b) \quad A(2, -1) \quad , \quad B(2, 11)$$

8) The straight line $y = 5 - 2x$ meets the circle $x^2 + y^2 + 4x - 8y - 5 = 0$ with centre C at two points P and Q .

a) Find the coordinates of C and the radius of the circle.

b) Find the general form of the equation of another circle for which PQ is a diameter.

$$a) \quad x^2 + 4x + y^2 - 8y - 5 = 0$$

$$(x+2)^2 - 4 + (y-4)^2 - 16 - 5 = 0$$

$$(x+2)^2 + (y-4)^2 = 25 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$C(-2, 4)$ and radius = 5

$$b) \quad y = 5 - 2x \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Sub (1) into (2),

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

$$x^2 + 4x + 4 + 4x^2 - 4x + 1 = 25$$

$$5x^2 - 20 = 0$$

$$x^2 = 4$$

$$x = \pm 2$$

$$y = 1 \text{ or } y = 9$$

$$\therefore P(2, 1), \quad Q = (-2, 9)$$

$$\text{midpt } PQ = \left(\frac{2-2}{2}, \frac{1+9}{2} \right)$$

$$= (0, 5)$$

$$\text{Length } PQ = \sqrt{(2+2)^2 + (1-9)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{80}$$

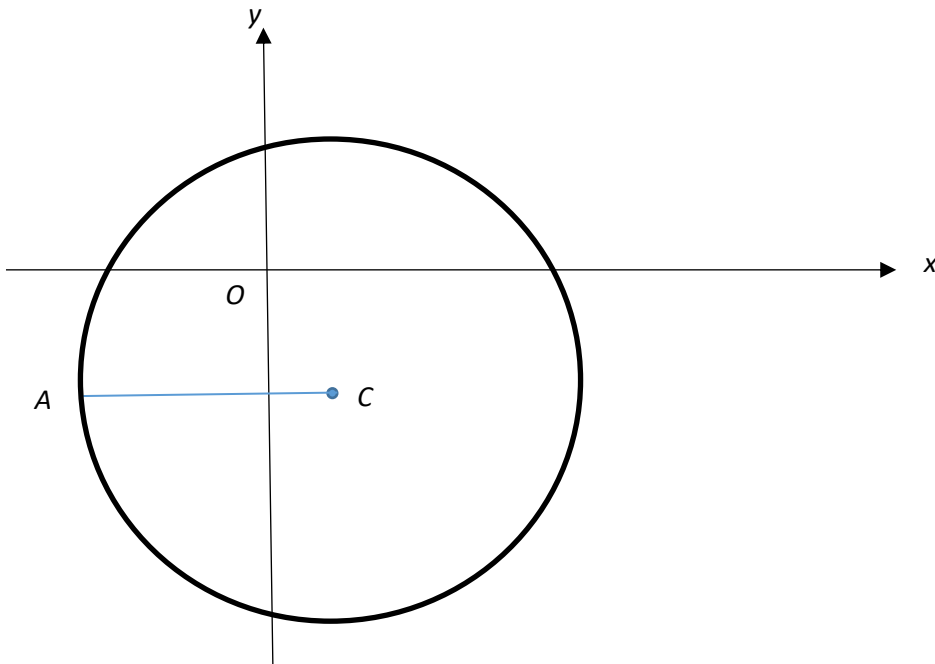
$$\text{Radius} = \frac{\sqrt{80}}{2} = \sqrt{20}$$

$$\text{Eqn: } x^2 + (y-5)^2 = 20$$

$$x^2 + y^2 - 10y + 25 = 20$$

$$x^2 + y^2 - 10y + 5 = 0$$

9) The diagram below shows a circle with center $C(2, -1)$ and radius 5.



- (i) Given that the equation of the circle is $x^2 + y^2 + 2gx + 2fy + c = 0$, find the value of each of the constants g, f and c .
- (ii) The point A lies on the circle such that AC is parallel to the x -axis, write down the coordinates of A .
- (iii) The points B and D lie on the circle and forms the diameter. If the coordinates of B are $(6, 2)$, find the coordinates of D .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad & (x-2)^2 + (y+1)^2 = 25 \\ & x^2 - 4x + 4 + y^2 + 2y + 1 = 25 \\ & x^2 + y^2 - 4x + 2y - 20 = 0 \\ \therefore & g = -2, f = 1, c = -20 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iii)} \quad & \text{Let } D(x, y) \\ & \left(\frac{x+6}{2}, \frac{y+2}{2} \right) = (2, -1) \\ & \frac{x+6}{2} = 2, \quad \frac{y+2}{2} = -1 \\ & x = -2, \quad y = -4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{(ii)} \quad A(-3, -1)$$

$$\therefore D(-2, -4)$$

10) C is a circle with equation $2x^2 + 2y^2 + 2x - y = 5$.

a) Find the centre and radius of C.

b) If a line of equation $y = mx + c$ is parallel to $y + 2x = 1$, what can one conclude about the value of m ?

c) There are two lines parallel to $y + 2x = 1$ which are tangent to C. Find the equation of these two lines.

$$a) \quad 2x^2 + 2y^2 + 2x - y = 5$$

$$x^2 + y^2 + x - \frac{1}{2}y = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$x^2 + x + y^2 - \frac{1}{2}y = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{4} + \left(y - \frac{1}{4}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{16} = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(y - \frac{1}{4}\right)^2 = \frac{45}{16}$$

$$\text{Centre } \left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}\right) \quad \text{radius} = \frac{\sqrt{45}}{\sqrt{16}}$$

$$= \frac{3\sqrt{5}}{4}$$

$$b) \quad y = -2x + 1,$$

$$m = -2.$$

$$c) \quad y = -2x + c \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$2x^2 + 2y^2 + 2x - y = 5 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Sub (1) into (2),

$$2x^2 + 2(-2x + c)^2 + 2x - (-2x + c) = 5$$

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

$$10x^2 - 8xc + 4x + 2c^2 - c - 5 = 0$$

Since (1) is tangent to (2),

$$b^2 - 4ac = 0$$

$$(-8c + 4)^2 - 4(10)(2c^2 - c - 5) = 0$$

$$64c^2 - 64c + 16 - 80c^2 + 40c + 200 = 0$$

$$16c^2 + 24c - 216 = 0$$

$$2c^2 + 3c - 27 = 0$$

$$(2c + 9)(c - 3) = 0$$

$$c = -\frac{9}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad c = 3$$

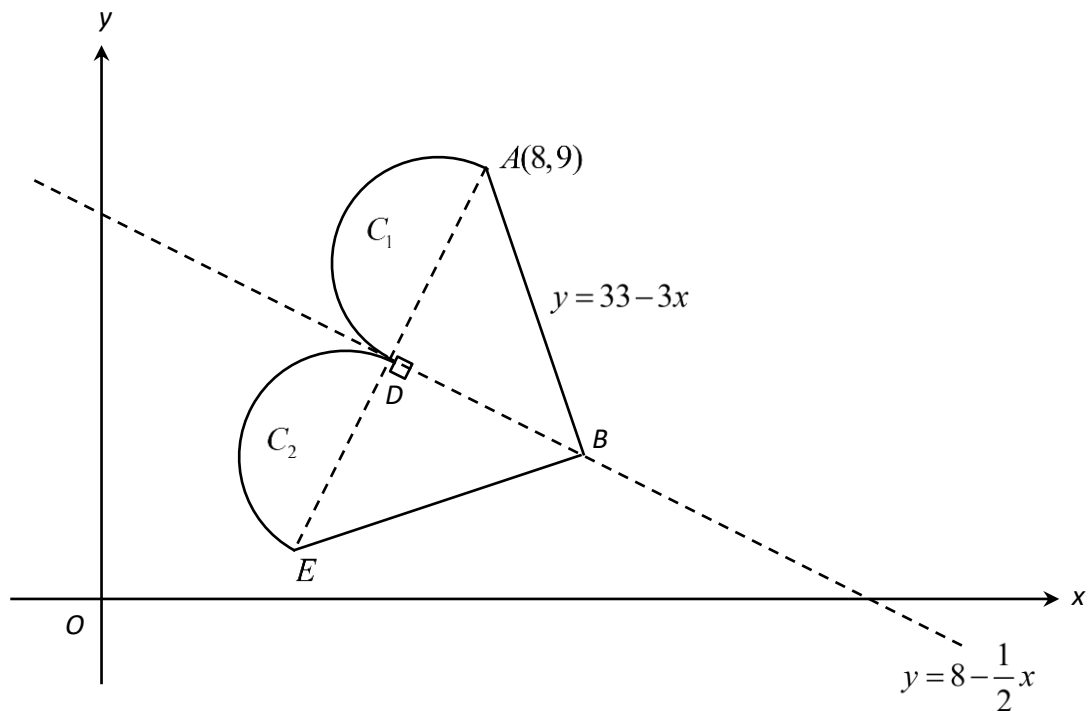
Eqn of lines:

$$y = -2x + 3$$

$$y = -2x - \frac{9}{2}$$

11 Solutions to this question by accurate drawing will not be accepted.

Mandy drew a heart-shaped figure as shown in the diagram below.



She started by drawing the line $y = 33 - 3x$, which passes through points $A(8, 9)$ and B . She then drew the line of symmetry $y = 8 - \frac{1}{2}x$ through B and a dotted line through A which is perpendicular to the line of symmetry. The point of intersection between the two lines is D .

- (i) Find the coordinates of B . [2]
- (ii) Show that the coordinates of D are $(6, 5)$. [4]

She then plotted point E , which is the image of $A(8, 9)$ under reflection about the line of symmetry. Finally, Mandy drew two circles C_1 and C_2 with diameters AD and DE respectively, before erasing half of the circles to form two semicircles.

- (iii) Find the equation of the circle C_1 which Mandy initially drew. [4]
- (iv) Find the equation of the line BE and use this equation to verify that the point $F(7, 2)$ lies on BE . [4]
- (v) To complete her drawing, Mandy drew an arrow through the points $A(8, 9)$ and $F(7, 2)$. Find the area of triangle ABF . [2]

$$\text{11i) } y = 33 - 3x \text{ --- (1)}$$

$$y = 8 - \frac{1}{2}x \text{ --- (2)}$$

Sub (1) into (2),

$$33 - 3x = 8 - \frac{1}{2}x$$

$$25 = \frac{5}{2}x$$

$$x = 10$$

$$y = 3$$

$$\therefore B(10, 3)$$

$$\text{11ii) Grad AD} = 2$$

Eqn AD :

$$9 = 8(2) + c$$

$$c = -7$$

$$\therefore y = 2x - 7 \text{ --- (3)}$$

Sub (3) into (2),

$$2x - 7 = 8 - \frac{1}{2}x$$

$$\frac{5}{2}x = 15$$

$$x = 6$$

$$y = 5$$

$$\therefore D(6, 5)$$

$$\text{11iii) midpoint AD} = \left(\frac{8+6}{2}, \frac{9+5}{2} \right) \\ = (7, 7)$$

$$\text{Length AD} = \sqrt{(8-6)^2 + (9-5)^2} \\ = \sqrt{20}$$

$$\text{radius} = \frac{\sqrt{20}}{2} = \sqrt{5}$$

Eqn C₁ :

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

$$\text{11iv) Let E}(x, y)$$

$$\left(\frac{x+8}{2}, \frac{y+9}{2} \right) = (6, 5)$$

$$\frac{x+8}{2} = 6, \quad \frac{y+9}{2} = 5$$

$$x = 4$$

$$y = 1$$

$$E(4, 1)$$

$$\text{Grad BE} = \frac{3-1}{10-4} = \frac{1}{3}$$

Eqn BE :

$$1 = \frac{1}{3}(4) + c$$

$$c = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$\therefore y = \frac{1}{3}x - \frac{1}{3}$$

Let $x = 7$,

$$y = \frac{7}{3} - \frac{1}{3} = 2$$

$\therefore F(7, 2)$ lies on BE

$$\text{iv) Area ABF} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} 8 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 9 & 5 & 2 & 9 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left| (40 + 12 + 63) - (54 + 35 + 16) \right|$$

$$= 5 \text{ units}^2$$

12) A circle C_1 has equation $x^2 + y^2 - 4x + 6y - 3 = 0$.

a) Find the coordinates of the centre and radius of circle C_1 .

b) Find the coordinates on the circle C_1 where the gradient is equal to zero.

Another circle C_2 is a reflection about the line $y = 1$.

c) Find the equation of circle C_2 .

$$(2a) \quad x^2 - 4x + y^2 + 6y - 3 = 0$$

$$(x-2)^2 - 4 + (y+3)^2 - 9 - 3 = 0$$

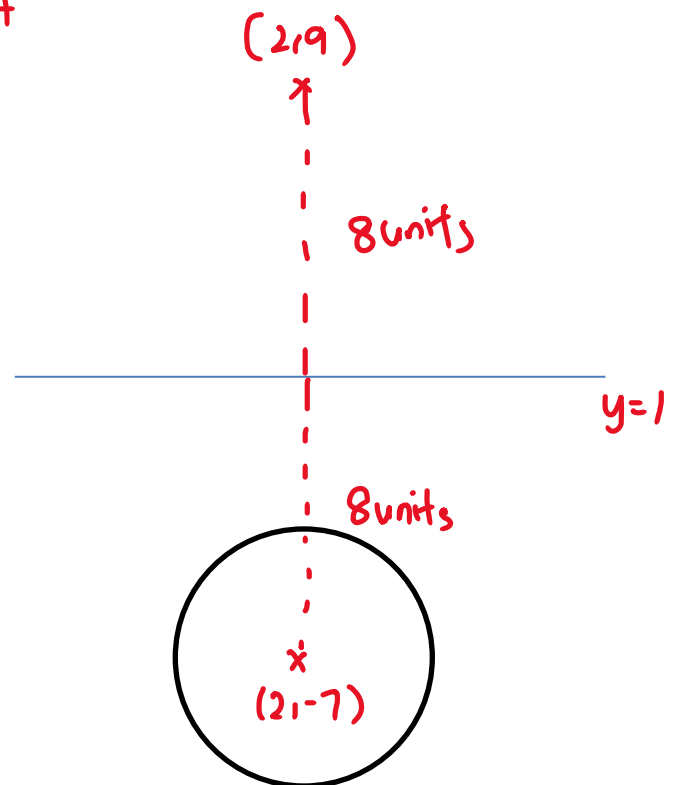
$$(x-2)^2 + (y+3)^2 = 16$$

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

$$(2b) \quad (2, -7) \text{ and } (2, 1)$$

(2c) Eqn of C_2 ,

$$(x-2)^2 + (y-9)^2 = 16$$



13) The equation of a circle C_1 , with radius 5 units, is given by $x^2 + y^2 + 6x - 10y + k = 0$.

a) Find the centre of C_1 and the value of k .

A second circle C_2 lies in the third quadrant of the Cartesian plane ($x < 0, y < 0$) and touches C_1 and the two axes.

b) Find the equation of circle C_2 .

$$13a) \quad x^2 + 6x + y^2 - 10y + k = 0$$

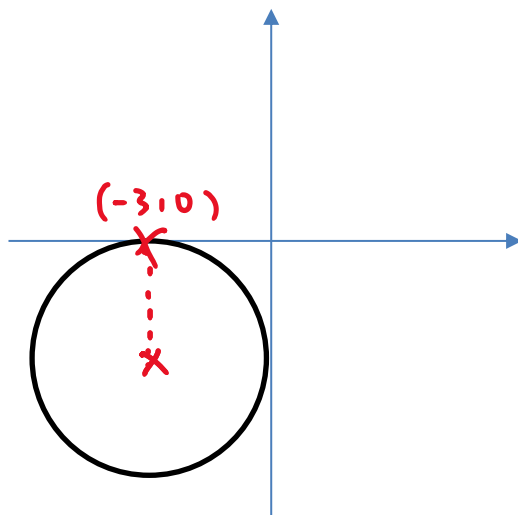
$$(x+3)^2 - 9 + (y-5)^2 - 25 + k = 0$$

$$(x+3)^2 + (y-5)^2 = 34 - k$$

$$\text{centre } (-3, 5) \quad \text{and} \quad 34 - k = 25$$

$$k = 9$$

13b)



C_1 touches C_2 at $(-3, 0)$

The radius of C_2 is 3

The y-coordinate of centre is -3

$$\therefore (x+3)^2 + (y+3)^2 = 9$$

14) The equation of a circle is $x^2 + y^2 - 10x - 4y + 25 = 0$.

a) Find the radius and the coordinates of the centre of the circle.

b) Show that the x -axis is tangent to the circle.

c) Find the equation of the circle which is a reflection of the original circle in the x -axis.

$$a) \quad x^2 - 10x + y^2 - 4y + 25 = 0$$

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

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

radius = 2 , centre (5, 2)

b) Let $y = 0$,

$$x^2 - 10x + 25 = 0$$

$$(x-5)^2 = 0$$

$$x = 5 ,$$

c)

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

The circle cuts x -axis at one pt only . So it is tangent to the x -axis .

15) The equation of a circle C_1 is $x^2 + y^2 + 2x - 6y - 90 = 0$.

a) Find the centre and radius of the circle C_1 .

b) The circle C_1 touches the line $y = a$ where $a > 0$. State the value of a .

c) The circle C_1 is reflected in the line $x = 10$. State the centre of this new circle.

d) A second circle C_2 has centre $(2, 7)$ and a radius of 5 units. Justify with workings that the two circles C_1 and C_2 touch each other at only one point.

$$a) \quad x^2 + 2x + y^2 - 6y - 90 = 0$$

$$(x+1)^2 - 1 + (y-3)^2 - 9 - 90 = 0$$

$$(x+1)^2 + (y-3)^2 = 100$$

centre $(-1, 3)$ radius = 10

$$b) \quad a = 13$$

$$c) \quad (21, 3)$$

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

Since the distance of
the C_1 and C_2 is 5 units

C_2 touches C_1 as illustrated
at one point only.

