

Circles Homework - 2 MEI Solutions

13 A circle has equation $(x - 5)^2 + (y - 2)^2 = 20$.

(i) State the coordinates of the centre and the radius of this circle. [2]

(ii) State, with a reason, whether or not this circle intersects the y-axis. [2]

(iii) Find the equation of the line parallel to the line $y = 2x$ that passes through the centre of the circle. [2]

(iv) Show that the line $y = 2x + 2$ is a tangent to the circle. State the coordinates of the point of contact. [5]

i) centre $(5, 2)$ Radius $\sqrt{20}$

ii) No, centre is 5 units to right of y-axis.
Since radius $\sqrt{20} < 5$ the circle will not reach the y-axis.

iii) Line parallel to $y = 2x$ has gradient 2

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

$$y - 2 = 2(x - 5)$$

$$y - 2 = 2x - 10$$

$$\underline{y = 2x - 8}$$

iv) Solve $\begin{cases} (x - 5)^2 + (y - 2)^2 = 20 \\ y = 2x + 2 \end{cases}$

Sub for y in circle

$$(x - 5)^2 + (2x + 2 - 2)^2 = 20$$

$$(x - 5)^2 + (2x)^2 = 20$$

$$x^2 - 10x + 25 + 4x^2 = 20$$

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

$$x^2 - 2x + 1 = 0$$

$$(x-1)(x-1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 1$$

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

Only one point of intersection so

$y = 2x + 2$ is a tangent to circle,
touching circle at $(1, 4)$

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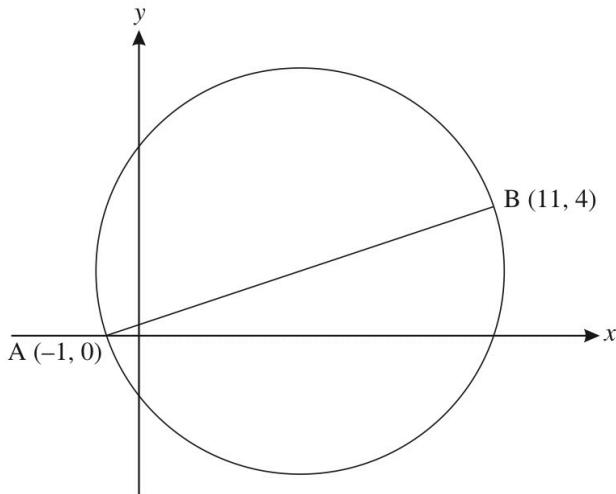


Fig. 11

Fig. 11 shows the points A and B, which have coordinates $(-1, 0)$ and $(11, 4)$ respectively.

- (i) Show that the equation of the circle with AB as diameter may be written as

$$(x - 5)^2 + (y - 2)^2 = 40. \quad [4]$$

- (ii) Find the coordinates of the points of intersection of this circle with the y-axis. Give your answer in the form $a \pm \sqrt{b}$. [4]

- (iii) Find the equation of the tangent to the circle at B. Hence find the coordinates of the points of intersection of this tangent with the axes. [6]

i) Centre is mid-point of AB

$$= \left(\frac{-1+11}{2}, \frac{0+4}{2} \right) = (5, 2)$$

Radius is distance from centre to B

$$= \sqrt{(11-5)^2 + (4-2)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{36 + 4}$$

$$= \sqrt{40}$$

\therefore Eqn of circle is $(x-5)^2 + (y-2)^2 = 40$

ii) Intersects y-axis when $x=0$

$$(0-5)^2 + (y-2)^2 = 40$$

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

$$y-2 = \pm\sqrt{15}$$

$$y = 2 \pm \sqrt{15}$$

Points of intersection

$$(0, 2 + \sqrt{15}) \text{ and } (0, 2 - \sqrt{15})$$

iii) Gradient of diameter $AB = \frac{4-0}{11-1} = \frac{4}{10} = \frac{1}{3}$

Gradient of tangent at B = -3

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

$$y - 4 = -3(x - 11)$$

$$y - 4 = -3x + 33$$

$$y = -3x + 37$$

when $x = 0$, $y = 37$

when $y = 0$, $0 = -3x + 37$

$$3x = 37$$

$$x = \frac{37}{3}$$

Meets axes at

$$(0, 37) \text{ and } \left(\frac{37}{3}, 0\right)$$
