

Solution for Question 1.5.16

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Question: Find the coordinates of a point A where AB is a diameter of the circle with center (3, -1) and the point B is (2, 6).

Point	Value	Description
C	(3, -1)	Centre of the circle
B	(2, 6)	Given point B
A	(x, y)	Coordinates of A

TABLE I
VARIABLES USED

Solution: Given,

Center of the circle $\vec{C} = (3, -1)$, and point $\vec{B} = (2, 6)$.

Let the coordinates of point \vec{A} be (x, y). Since AB is the diameter of the circle, the center is the midpoint of \vec{A} and \vec{B} .

$$\vec{C} = \frac{\vec{A} + \vec{B}}{2} \quad (1)$$

$$= \frac{(x, y) + (2, 6)}{2} \quad (2)$$

$$= \left(\frac{x+2}{2}, \frac{y+6}{2} \right). \quad (3)$$

Given the centre of the circle \vec{C} is (3,-1), we can write

$$\left(\frac{x+2}{2}, \frac{y+6}{2} \right) = (3, -1) \quad (4)$$

By solving this two equations we get:

$$x = 4 \quad (5)$$

$$y = -8 \quad (6)$$

Therefore, the coordinates of point \vec{A} are (4, -8).

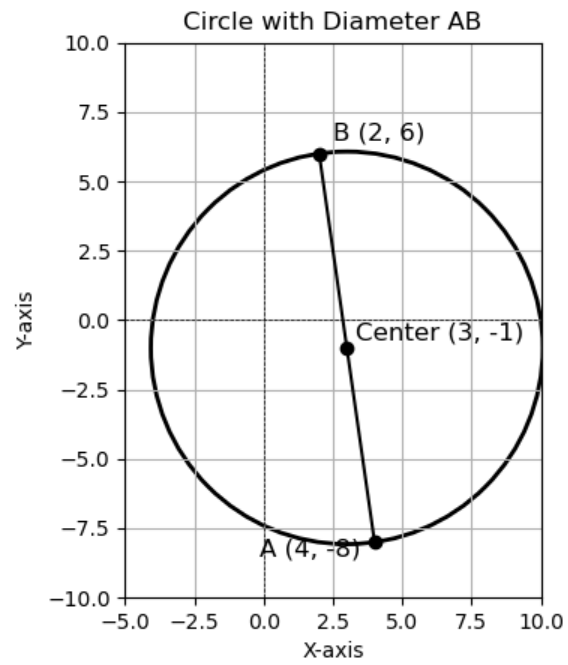


Fig. 1. Graph of the Circle with Diameter AB