

CHAPTER-11  
CIRCLES

### Exercise 11.1

Q10. 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:** The equation of the circle is given by

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 + 2\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{u} + f = 0 \quad (1)$$

where

$$\mathbf{u} = -\mathbf{c} \quad (2)$$

$$f = \|\mathbf{c}\|^2 - r^2 \quad (3)$$

Given points are

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4)$$

And the line passing through the centre

$$(4 \ 1) \mathbf{x} = 16 \quad (5)$$

Substituting points from (4) into (1)

$$(4^2 + 1^2) + 2(4 \ 1) \mathbf{u} + f = 0 \quad (6)$$

$$\implies 2(4 \ 1) \mathbf{u} + f = -17 \quad (7)$$

$$(6^2 + 5^2) + 2(6 \ 5) \mathbf{u} + f = 0 \quad (8)$$

$$\implies 2(6 \ 5) \mathbf{u} + f = -61 \quad (9)$$

And since (5) passes through the centre

$$-\mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{u} = c \quad (10)$$

$$-(4 \ 1) \mathbf{u} = 16 \quad (11)$$

Representing (7), (9) and (11) in matrix form

$$\begin{pmatrix} -4 & -1 & 0 \\ 12 & 10 & 1 \\ 8 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u} \\ f \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 16 \\ -61 \\ -17 \end{pmatrix} \quad (12)$$

The augmented matrix is expressed as

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} -4 & -1 & 0 & 16 \\ 12 & 10 & 1 & -61 \\ 8 & 2 & 1 & -17 \end{array} \right) \quad (13)$$

Performing sequence of row operations to transform into an Echelon form

$$\xleftrightarrow[R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + 3R_1]{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + 2R_1} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} -4 & -1 & 0 & 16 \\ 0 & 7 & 1 & -13 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 15 \end{array} \right) \quad (14)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_3} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} -4 & -1 & 0 & 16 \\ 0 & 7 & 0 & -28 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 15 \end{array} \right) \quad (15)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow \frac{R_2}{7}, R_1 \rightarrow \frac{-R_1}{4}} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & \frac{1}{4} & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 15 \end{array} \right) \quad (16)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - \frac{1}{4}R_2} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 15 \end{array} \right) \quad (17)$$

So, from (17)

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (18)$$

$$f = 15 \quad (19)$$

Since  $\mathbf{u} = -\mathbf{c}$

$$\mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (20)$$

$$r^2 = (3^2 + 4^2) - 15 \quad (21)$$

$$r = \sqrt{10} \quad (22)$$

Hence, the equation of circle is

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 + 2\mathbf{u}^\top \mathbf{x} + 15 = 0 \quad (23)$$

$$\text{where } \mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (24)$$

The corresponding is shown in Figure 1

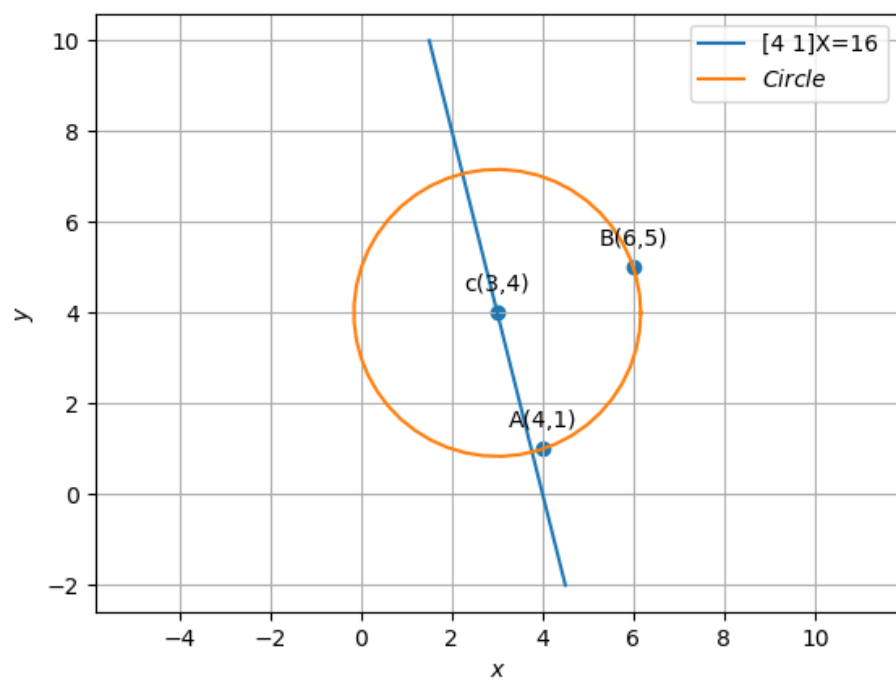


Figure 1: