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Circle Assignment

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I. PROBLEM

The abscissa of the two points A and B are the roots of the equation x2+2ax-b2=0 and their ordinates are the roots of the equation x2+2px-q=0. Find the equation and the radius of the circle with AB as diameter.

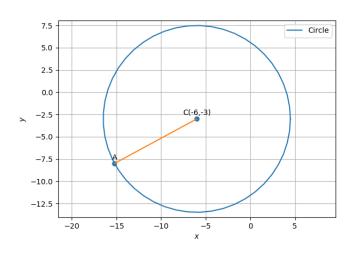


Figure of Construction

II. CONSTRUCTION

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	Symbol	Value	Description
	C	$\begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$	Center of the circle C_1
	r	10.4	Radius of the Circle

III. SOLUTION

The roots of the equation $\mathbf{x^2} + 2\mathbf{a}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b^2} = \mathbf{0}$ are

$$\begin{pmatrix} x1\\y1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -a + \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}\\ -a - \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \end{pmatrix}$$
 (1)

The roots of the equation $x^2 + 2px - q^2 = 0$ are

$$\begin{pmatrix} x2 \\ y2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -p + \sqrt{p^2 + q^2} \\ -p - \sqrt{p^2 + q^2} \end{pmatrix} \tag{2}$$

From question point A and B becomes

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -\mathbf{a} + \sqrt{\mathbf{a}^2 + \mathbf{b}^2} \\ -\mathbf{p} + \sqrt{\mathbf{p}^2 + \mathbf{q}^2} \end{pmatrix} \tag{3}$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} -\mathbf{a} - \sqrt{\mathbf{a}^2 + \mathbf{b}^2} \\ -\mathbf{p} - \sqrt{\mathbf{p}^2 + \mathbf{q}^2} \end{pmatrix} \tag{4}$$

Given AB is diameter so, Center C will be midpoint of A and B

$$\therefore \mathbf{C} = \frac{\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}}{2} \tag{5}$$

We get,

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} -a \\ -p \end{pmatrix} \tag{6}$$

Radius of circle is given by,

$$\mathbf{r} = \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}\| \tag{7}$$

We get,

$$r = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + p^2 + q^2} \tag{8}$$

From

$$\mathbf{r} = \sqrt{\|\mathbf{c}\|^2 - \mathbf{f}} \tag{9}$$

We get,

$$\mathbf{f} = -\mathbf{b}^2 - \mathbf{q}^2 \tag{10}$$

From

$$C = V^{-1}u \tag{11}$$

We get,

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a} \\ \mathbf{p} \end{pmatrix} \tag{12}$$

$$\mathbf{x}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{V}\mathbf{x} + 2\mathbf{u}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{x} + f = 0 \tag{13}$$

Substituiting u and f in standard equation of conics, we get equation of circle.