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1 Problem

If one of the diameters of the circle, given by the equation, $x^2 + y^2 - 4x + 6y - 12 = 0$, is a chord of a circle S, whose centre is at $(-3, 2)$, Then find the radius of S.

2 Construction

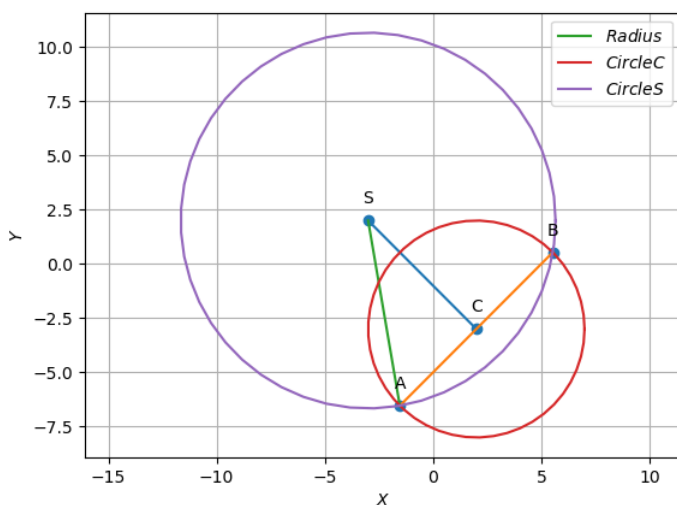


Figure of construction

3 Solution

Given circle equation : $x^2 + y^2 - 4x + 6y - 12 = 0$

The standard equation of the conics is given as :

$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x} + 2\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{x} + f = 0$$

The given circle can be expressed in conics as

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, f = -12 \quad (2)$$

Radius and Centre are

$$r = \sqrt{\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{u} - f}, \mathbf{C} = -\mathbf{u} \quad (3)$$

The steps for constructing above figure are :

1. Generate a circle of radius r with centre \mathbf{C} .
2. Locate center of another circle as \mathbf{S} , Join \mathbf{C} and \mathbf{S} .
3. Find the Directional vector which is orthogonal to $\mathbf{S} - \mathbf{C}$ say \mathbf{m} .
4. Find the points of intersection of a line $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{q} + \mu \mathbf{m}$ with conic passing through \mathbf{C} , say \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} .
5. Generate a circle of radius $\|\mathbf{S} - \mathbf{A}\|$ or $\|\mathbf{S} - \mathbf{B}\|$ with centre \mathbf{S} .

The input parameters for this construction are

| Symbol | Value | Description |
|--------------|---|-------------------------------|
| \mathbf{C} | $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$ | center of circle \mathbf{C} |
| \mathbf{S} | $\begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ | center of circle \mathbf{S} |
| r | 5 | Radius of circle \mathbf{C} |

Theorem: A line drawn from the centre of a circle to bisect a chord is perpendicular to the chord.

Baudhayana Theorem: In a right-angled triangle, the square of the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides.

$$\text{In } \triangle SCA : \angle SCA = 90^\circ \quad (4)$$

By baudhayana theorem,

$$\|\mathbf{S} - \mathbf{A}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{S} - \mathbf{C}\|^2 \quad (5)$$

$\|\mathbf{S} - \mathbf{A}\|$ gives the radius of circle \mathbf{S} .

\therefore Radius of circle $\mathbf{S} = 5\sqrt{3}$

termux commands :

bash circle.sh.....using shell command

Below python code realizes the above construction :

https://github.com/FWC_module1/blob/main/matrices/circle/codes/circle.py