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GENERAL LOCUS AND THE CIRCLE

1. (a) Find the equation of the locus of a point moving so that it is equidistant from the points $A(1, -3)$ and $B(2, 1)$.
(b) Find the midpoint, P , and gradient, m , of AB .
(c) Find the equation of the perpendicular bisector of AB .
2. (a) Find the equation of the locus of a point moving so that PA is perpendicular to PB where $A = (3, 1)$ and $B = (-5, 5)$.
(b) Find the midpoint, C , of AB .
(c) Find the exact length of AC .
(d) Find the equation of the circle with centre C and radius AC .
3. Find the equation of the locus of a point moving so that $PA:PB = 3:2$ where $A = (5, 0)$ and $B = (1, -1)$.
4. Find the equation of the locus of a point moving so that it is always 3 units from the line $3x - 4y - 1 = 0$.
5. Find the equation of the circle with centre $(1, 2)$ and radius 3.
6. Find the equation of the circle with centre $(-2, 5)$ and radius $\sqrt{2}$.
7. Find the coordinates of the centre and the length of the radius of each circle:
 - (a) $x^2 - 4x + y^2 - 8y - 5 = 0$
 - (b) $x^2 - 6x + y^2 + 2y - 6 = 0$
 - (c) $x^2 + 2x + y^2 - 10y + 1 = 0$
 - (d) $x^2 + 12x + y^2 + 4y + 4 = 0$
8. Sketch the graph of $x^2 - 2x + y^2 + 4y - 4 = 0$.

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[a] Let $A(1, -3)$ be (x_1, y_1)

" $B(2, 1)$ be (x_2, y_2)

" Pnt $M(x, y)$ lie on locus:

For M to lie on locus,

$$AM = BM$$

$$\text{ie. } \sqrt{(x-1)^2 + (y+3)^2} = \sqrt{(x-2)^2 + (y-1)^2} \quad \checkmark$$

Squaring:

$$x^2 - 2x + 1 + y^2 + 6y + 9 = x^2 - 4x + 4 + y^2 - 2y + 1$$

$$\text{ie. } 2x + 8y - 5 = 0 \quad (\text{general form}) \quad \checkmark$$

[b] Midpnt of $A(1, -3)$ $B(2, 1)$:

$$P = \left(\frac{1+2}{2}, \frac{-3+1}{2} \right)$$

$$\text{ie. } P = \left(\frac{3}{2}, -1 \right) \quad \checkmark$$

$$\therefore \text{Gradient} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{1+3}{2-1} = 4 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\therefore m = 4 \quad \checkmark$$

[c] $m_{AB} = 4$

$\therefore m$ perp. bisector is $-\frac{1}{4} \quad \checkmark$

\therefore Equ. perp. bisector is

$$y + 1 = -\frac{1}{4}(x - \frac{3}{2}) \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{ie. } 4y + 4 = -x + \frac{3}{2} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{ie. } 2x + 8y + 5 = 0 \quad (\text{gen. form}) \quad \checkmark$$

[2a] A is $(3, 1)$, B is $(-5, 5)$

Let $P(x, y)$ lie on locus where $PA \perp PB$

$$m_{PA} = \frac{y-1}{x-3} = m_1$$

$$m_{PB} = \frac{y-5}{x+5} = m_2$$

$$m_1 m_2 = -1 \quad \text{for } PA \perp PB \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{ie. } \left(\frac{y-1}{x-3} \right) \left(\frac{y-5}{x+5} \right) = -1$$

$$\text{ie. } (y-1)(y-5) = -(x-3)(x+5)$$

$$\text{ie. } y^2 - 6y + 5 = -x^2 - 2x + 15$$

$$\text{ie. } x^2 + 2x + y^2 - 6y = 10 \quad \checkmark$$

Completing the square:

$$\text{ie. } x^2 + 2x + 1 + y^2 - 6y + 9 = 10 + 1 + 9$$

$$\text{ie. } (x+1)^2 + (y-3)^2 = 20 \quad \checkmark$$

[b] Midpnt $A(3, 1)$ $B(-5, 5)$:

$$C = \left(\frac{3-5}{2}, \frac{1+5}{2} \right)$$

$$\text{ie. } C = (-1, 3) \quad \checkmark$$

[c] Distance $A(3, 1)$ $C(-1, 3)$:

$$d = \sqrt{(3+1)^2 + (1-3)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{16 + 4} = \sqrt{20} = 2\sqrt{5} \quad \checkmark \text{ units.}$$

[d] Equ. of circle centre $C(-1, 3)$, radius $AC = 2\sqrt{5}$:

$$(x+1)^2 + (y-3)^2 = (2\sqrt{5})^2$$

$$\text{ie. } (x+1)^2 + (y-3)^2 = 20 \quad \checkmark$$

[3] A is $(5, 0)$ B is $(1, -1)$

$$PA = PB = 3:2$$

$$\text{ie. } \frac{PA}{PB} = \frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{PA^2}{PB^2} = \frac{9}{4}$$

$$\text{ie. } 9[(x-1)^2 + (y+1)^2] = 4[(x-5)^2 + (y-0)^2] \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{ie. } 9(x^2 - 2x + 1 + y^2 + 2y + 1) = 4(x^2 - 10x + 25 + y^2)$$

$$\text{ie. } 9x^2 - 18x + 9 + 9y^2 + 18y + 9 = 4x^2 - 40x + 100 + 4y^2$$

$$\text{ie. } 5x^2 + 22x + 5y^2 + 18y - 82 = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{ie. } x^2 + \frac{22x}{5} + y^2 + \frac{18}{5}y = \frac{82}{5} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{ie. } \left(x^2 + \frac{22}{5}x + \frac{121}{25} \right) + \left(y^2 + \frac{18}{5}y + \frac{81}{25} \right) = \frac{82}{5} + \frac{121}{25} + \frac{81}{25}$$

$$\text{ie. } \left(x + \frac{11}{5} \right)^2 + \left(y + \frac{9}{5} \right)^2 = \frac{612}{25} \quad \checkmark$$

[4] $3x - 4y - 1 = 0$

Let $P(x, y)$ lie on locus.

The condition that P lie on the locus

$$\frac{|ax_1 + by_1 + c|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} = 3 \quad [\text{perp. dist. formula}]$$

$$\text{ie. } \frac{|3x - 4y - 1|}{\sqrt{3^2 + 4^2}} = 3$$

$$\text{ie. } \frac{|3x - 4y - 1|}{5} = 3 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{ie. } |3x - 4y - 1| = 15 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{ie. } 3x - 4y - 1 = 15 \quad \checkmark \quad \text{or} \quad -(3x - 4y - 1) = 15 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{ie. } 3x - 4y - 16 = 0 \quad \text{ie. } 3x - 4y + 14 = 0$$

\therefore Locus is $3x - 4y - 16 = 0$ or

5] Equn of circle centre $(1, 2)$, $r=3$

$$\underline{(x-1)^2 + (y-2)^2 = 9. \checkmark}$$

16] Equn of circ. centre $(-2, 5)$, $r = \sqrt{2}$

$$\underline{(x+2)^2 + (y-5)^2 = 2 \checkmark}$$

7a] $x^2 - 4x + y^2 - 8y - 5 = 0$

ie. $x^2 - 4x + 4 + y^2 - 8y + 16 = 5 + 4 + 16$

ie. $(x-2)^2 + (y-4)^2 = 25 \checkmark$

\therefore centre is $(2, 4)$, radius is 5 units.

b] $x^2 - 6x + y^2 + 2y - 6 = 0$

ie. $x^2 - 6x + 9 + y^2 + 2y + 1 = 6 + 9 + 1$

ie. $(x-3)^2 + (y+1)^2 = 16 \checkmark$

\therefore centre is $(3, -1)$, radius is 4 units.

c] $x^2 + 2x + y^2 - 10y + 1 = 0$

ie. $x^2 + 2x + 1 + y^2 - 10y + 25 = -1 + 1 + 25$

ie. $(x+1)^2 + (y-5)^2 = 25 \checkmark$

\therefore centre is $(-1, 5)$, radius is 5 units.

d] $x^2 + 12x + y^2 + 4y + 4 = 0$

ie. $x^2 + 12x + 36 + y^2 + 4y + 4 = -4 + 36 + 4$

ie. $(x+6)^2 + (y+2)^2 = 36 \checkmark$

\therefore centre is $(-6, -2)$, radius is 6 units.

e] $x^2 - 2x + y^2 + 4y - 4 = 0$

ie. $x^2 - 2x + 1 + y^2 + 4y + 4 = 4 + 1 + 4$

ie. $(x-1)^2 + (y+2)^2 = 9 \checkmark$

\therefore centre of circle is $(1, -2)$,
radius is 3 units. \checkmark

