

# Math 1060 ~ Trigonometry

## 26.5 Circles

### Learning Objectives

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$$\sin^2 u + \cos^2 u = 1$$

$$\sin 2u = 2 \sin u \cos u$$

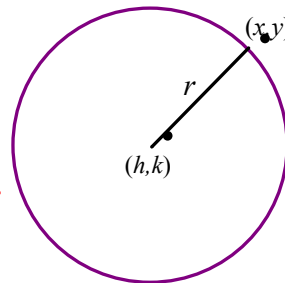
$$\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$$

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos C$$

- > • Define a circle in a plane.
- > • Determine whether an equation represents a circle.
- > • Graph a circle from a given equation.
- > • Determine the center and radius of a circle.
- > • Find the equation of a circle from stated properties.

A **circle** with center  $(h,k)$  and radius  $r > 0$  is the set of all points  $(x,y)$  in the plane whose distance to  $(h,k)$  is  $r$ .

A circle is the set of pts that are equidistant from a fixed pt., called the center.



$$\text{distance}^2 = (x-h)^2 + (y-k)^2$$

$$r^2 = (x-h)^2 + (y-k)^2$$

The **Standard Equation of a Circle** with center at  $(h,k)$  and radius  $r > 0$  is  $(x-h)^2 + (y-k)^2 = r^2$ .

Ex 1: Write an equation of a circle with center at  $(2,-1)$  and radius 5.

$$h=2, k=-1, r=5$$

$$(x-2)^2 + (y+1)^2 = 5^2$$

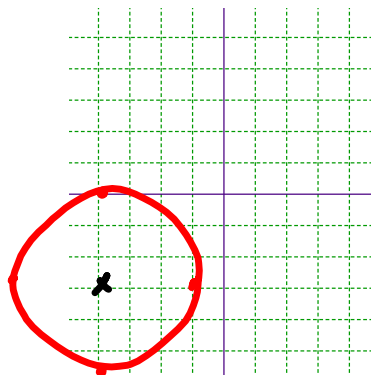
$$(x-2)^2 + (y+1)^2 = 25$$

Ex 2: Find the center and radius of the circle given by the equation

$(x+4)^2 + (y+3)^2 = 9$ . Graph the circle.

$$(x - (-4))^2 + (y - (-3))^2 = 3^2$$

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 $h = -4$                $k = -3$                $r = 3$



Ex 3: Put this equation in standard form and graph the circle.

$$3x^2 + 3y^2 + 6x - 12y - 60 = 0$$

$$3(x^2 + y^2 + 2x - 4y - 20) = 0$$

$$(x^2 + 2x + 1) + (y^2 - 4y + 4) - 20 = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{2}{2}\right)^2 = 1$$

$$\left(\frac{-4}{2}\right)^2 = 4$$

$$\begin{matrix} +1 \\ +4 \end{matrix}$$

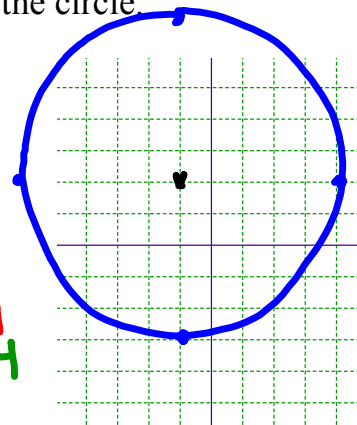
$$(x^2 + 2x + 1) + (y^2 - 4y + 4) = 25$$

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

standard form of circle eqn.

center:  $(-1, 2)$

radius:  $r = 5$



$$(x-h)^2 + (y-k)^2 = r^2$$

Ex 4: Select the equations which might be a circle, put the equation in standard form and determine the center and radius.

a)  $x^2 + y^2 + 3x - 2y - 6 = 0$

↑  
this cannot be a circle

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

cannot be a circle, because it's missing  $y^2$  term.

IS a circle

$$2x^2 + 2y^2 - 4x - 10 = 0$$

$$x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 5 = 0$$

$$(x^2 - 2x + 1) + y^2 = 5 + 1$$

$$(x-1)^2 + y^2 = 6$$

center: (1,0)  $r = \sqrt{6}$

d)  $3x + 2y - 8 = 0$

is line  
not a circle

e)  $x^2 + y^2 + 9 = 0$

$x^2 + y^2 = -9$   
 $\Rightarrow r^2 = -9$   
but that can't happen, so this is not a circle

f)  $3x^2 + 2y^2 + 6x - 12y - 6 = 0$

cannot be circle because coefficients of  $x^2$  and  $y^2$  are not the same

Side note:  
 $x^2 + y^2 = 0$  graphs into one pt (0,0)

Ex 5: Write an equation of a circle with the points (-2,6) and (3,-1) as endpoints of the diameter.

① center:

midpt between (-2,6) and (3,-1)

$$\left( \frac{-2+3}{2}, \frac{6+(-1)}{2} \right)$$

$$= \left( \frac{1}{2}, \frac{5}{2} \right)$$

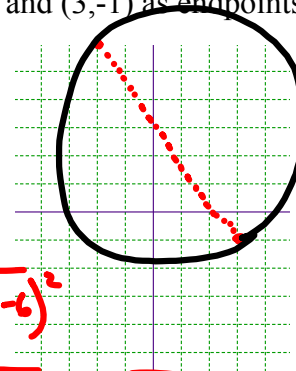
② radius:

$$r = \frac{1}{2}d$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{(3-(-2))^2 + (-1-6)^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{5^2 + 7^2} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{74}$$

$$r^2 = \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 (\sqrt{74})^2 = \frac{74}{4} \quad (\approx 18.5)$$



circle:  $\left( x - \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 + \left( y - \frac{5}{2} \right)^2 = \frac{74}{4}$