

SYSTEM OF CIRCLES

OBJECTIVES

1. A circle passes through $(0, 0)$ and $(1, 0)$ and touches the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 9$, then the centre of circle is

(a) $\left(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$	(b) $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}\right)$
(c) $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$	(d) $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \pm\sqrt{2}\right)$

2. The equation of the circle having its centre on the line $x + 2y - 3 = 0$ and passing through the points of intersection of the circles $x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 4y + 1 = 0$ and $x^2 + y^2 - 4x - 2y + 4 = 0$, is

(a) $x^2 + y^2 - 6x + 7 = 0$	(b) $x^2 + y^2 - 3y + 4 = 0$
(c) $x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 2y + 1 = 0$	(d) $x^2 + y^2 + 2x - 4y + 4 = 0$

3. The point of contact of the given circles $x^2 + y^2 - 6x - 6y + 10 = 0$ and $x^2 + y^2 = 2$, is

(a) $(0, 0)$	(b) $(1, 1)$
(c) $(1, -1)$	(d) $(-1, -1)$

4. Circles $x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 4y = 0$ and $x^2 + y^2 - 8y - 4 = 0$

(a) Touch each other internally	(b) Touch each other externally
(c) Cuts each other at two points	(d) None of these

5. If the circles $x^2 + y^2 = a^2$ and $x^2 + y^2 - 2gx + g^2 - b^2 = 0$ touch each other externally, then

(a) $g = ab$	(b) $g^2 = a^2 + b^2$
(c) $g^2 = ab$	(d) $g = a + b$

6. The radical centre of the circles $x^2 + y^2 + 4x + 6y = 19$, $x^2 + y^2 = 9$ and $x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 2y = 5$ will be

(a) $(1, 1)$	(b) $(-1, 1)$	(c) $(1, -1)$	(d) $(0, 1)$
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7. The equation of a circle passing through points of intersection of the circles $x^2 + y^2 + 13x - 3y = 0$ and $2x^2 + 2y^2 + 4x - 7y - 25 = 0$ and point $(1, 1)$ is

(a) $4x^2 + 4y^2 - 30x - 10y - 25 = 0$	(b) $4x^2 + 4y^2 + 30x - 13y - 25 = 0$
(c) $4x^2 + 4y^2 - 17x - 10y + 25 = 0$	(d) None of these

8. The equation of the circle which intersects circles $x^2 + y^2 + x + 2y + 3 = 0$, $x^2 + y^2 + 2x + 4y + 5 = 0$ and $x^2 + y^2 - 7x - 8y - 9 = 0$ at right angle, will be

- (a) $x^2 + y^2 - 4x - 4y - 3 = 0$ (b) $3(x^2 + y^2) + 4x - 4y - 3 = 0$
 (c) $x^2 + y^2 + 4x + 4y - 3 = 0$ (d) $3(x^2 + y^2) + 4(x + y) - 3 = 0$

9. Two given circles $x^2 + y^2 + ax + by + c = 0$ and $x^2 + y^2 + dx + ey + f = 0$ will intersect each other orthogonally, only when

- (a) $a + b + c = d + e + f$ (b) $ad + be = c + f$
 (c) $ad + be = 2c + 2f$ (d) $2ad + 2be = c + f$

10. The locus of centre of a circle passing through (a, b) and cuts orthogonally to circle $x^2 + y^2 = p^2$, is

- (a) $2ax + 2by - (a^2 + b^2 + p^2) = 0$ (b) $2ax + 2by - (a^2 - b^2 + p^2) = 0$
 (c) $x^2 + y^2 - 3ax - 4by + (a^2 + b^2 - p^2) = 0$ (d) $x^2 + y^2 - 2ax - 3by + (a^2 - b^2 - p^2) = 0$

11. The equation of the circle through the point of intersection of the circles

$x^2 + y^2 - 8x - 2y + 7 = 0$, $x^2 + y^2 - 4x + 10y + 8 = 0$ and (3, -3) is

- (a) $23x^2 + 23y^2 - 156x + 38y + 168 = 0$ (b) $23x^2 + 23y^2 + 156x + 38y + 168 = 0$
 (c) $x^2 + y^2 + 156x + 38y + 168 = 0$ (d) None of these

12. The equation of line passing through the points of intersection of the circles

$3x^2 + 3y^2 - 2x + 12y - 9 = 0$ and $x^2 + y^2 + 6x + 2y - 15 = 0$, is

- (a) $10x - 3y - 18 = 0$ (b) $10x + 3y - 18 = 0$
 (c) $10x + 3y + 18 = 0$ (d) None of these

13. The locus of the centres of the circles which touch externally the circles $x^2 + y^2 = a^2$ and $x^2 + y^2 = 4ax$, will be

- (a) $12x^2 - 4y^2 - 24ax + 9a^2 = 0$ (b) $12x^2 + 4y^2 - 24ax + 9a^2 = 0$
 (c) $12x^2 - 4y^2 + 24ax + 9a^2 = 0$ (d) $12x^2 + 4y^2 + 24ax + 9a^2 = 0$

14. If the circles of same radius a and centers at (2, 3) and (5, 6) cut orthogonally, then a =

- (a) 1 (b) 2
 (c) 3 (d) 4

- 15. Two circles** $S_1 = x^2 + y^2 + 2g_1x + 2f_1y + c_1 = 0$ **and** $S_2 = x^2 + y^2 + 2g_2x + 2f_2y + c_2 = 0$ **cut each other orthogonally, then**
- (a) $2g_1g_2 + 2f_1f_2 = c_1 + c_2$ (b) $2g_1g_2 - 2f_1f_2 = c_1 + c_2$
 (c) $2g_1g_2 + 2f_1f_2 = c_1 - c_2$ (d) $2g_1g_2 - 2f_1f_2 = c_1 - c_2$
- 16. Circles** $x^2 + y^2 + 2gx + 2fy = 0$ **and** $x^2 + y^2 + 2g'x + 2f'y = 0$ **touch externally, if**
- (a) $f'g = g'f$ (b) $fg = f'g'$
 (c) $f'g + fg = 0$ (d) $f'g + g'f = 0$
- 17. Consider the circles** $x^2 + (y-1)^2 = 9$, $(x-1)^2 + y^2 = 25$. **They are such that**
- (a) These circles touch each other
 (b) One of these circles lies entirely inside the other
 (c) Each of these circles lies outside the other
 (d) They intersect in two points
- 18. One of the limit point of the coaxial system of circles containing** $x^2 + y^2 - 6x - 6y + 4 = 0$, $x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 4y + 3 = 0$ **is**
- (a) (-1,1) (b) (-1,2)
 (c) (-2,1) (d) (-2,2)
- 19. The equation of circle which passes through the point (1,1) and intersect the given circles** $x^2 + y^2 + 2x + 4y + 6 = 0$ **and** $x^2 + y^2 + 4x + 6y + 2 = 0$ **orthogonally, is**
- (a) $x^2 + y^2 + 16x + 12y + 2 = 0$ (b) $x^2 + y^2 - 16x - 12y - 2 = 0$
 (c) $x^2 + y^2 - 16x + 12y + 2 = 0$ (d) None of these
- 20. Locus of the point, the difference of the squares of lengths of tangents drawn from which to two given circles is constant, is**
- (a) Circle (b) Parabola
 (c) Straight line (d) None of these
- 21. The locus of centre of the circle which cuts the circles** $x^2 + y^2 + 2g_1x + 2f_1y + c_1 = 0$ **and** $x^2 + y^2 + 2g_2x + 2f_2y + c_2 = 0$ **orthogonally is**
- (a) An ellipse (b) The radical axis of the given circles
 (c) A conic (d) Another circle
- 22. P, Q and R are the centres and** r_1, r_2, r_3 **are the radii respectively of three co-axial circles, then** $QRr_1^2 + RP r_2^2 + PQr_3^2$ **is equal to**
- (a) $PQ \cdot QR \cdot RP$ (b) $-PQ \cdot QR \cdot RP$ (c) $PQ^2 \cdot QR^2 \cdot RP^2$ (d) None of these

23. If the chord $y = mx + 1$ of the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ subtends an angle of measure 45° at the major segment of the circle then value of m is
- (a) 2 (b) -2
(c) -1 (d) None of these
24. The radical axis of two circles and the line joining their centres are
- (a) Parallel (b) Perpendicular
(c) Neither parallel, nor perpendicular (d) Intersecting, but not fully perpendicular
25. Any circle through the point of intersection of the lines $x + \sqrt{3}y = 1$ and $\sqrt{3}x - y = 2$ if intersects these lines at points P and Q, then the angle subtended by the arc PQ at its centre is
- (a) 180° (b) 90°
(c) 120° (d) Depends on centre and radius
26. If the straight line $y = mx$ is outside the circle $x^2 + y^2 - 20y + 90 = 0$, then
- (a) $m > 3$ (b) $m < 3$
(c) $|m| > 3$ (d) $|m| < 3$
27. The points of intersection of circles $x^2 + y^2 = 2ax$ and $x^2 + y^2 = 2by$ are
- (a) (0, 0), (a, b) (b) (0, 0), $\left(\frac{2ab^2}{a^2 + b^2}, \frac{2ba^2}{a^2 + b^2}\right)$
(c) (0, 0), $\left(\frac{a^2 + b^2}{a^2}, \frac{a^2 + b^2}{b^2}\right)$ (d) None of these
28. If circles $x^2 + y^2 + 2ax + c = 0$ and $x^2 + y^2 + 2by + c = 0$ touch each other, then
- (a) $\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} = \frac{1}{c}$ (b) $\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} = \frac{1}{c^2}$
(c) $\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} = c^2$ (d) $\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} = \frac{1}{c}$
29. If two circles $(x - 1)^2 + (y - 3)^2 = r^2$ and $x^2 + y^2 - 8x + 2y + 8 = 0$ intersect in two distinct points, then
- (a) $2 < r < 8$ (b) $r = 2$
(c) $r < 2$ (d) $r > 2$
30. The circle $x^2 + y^2 + 2gx + 2fy + c = 0$ bisects the circumference of the circle $x^2 + y^2 + 2g'x + 2f'y + c' = 0$, if
- (a) $2g'(g - g') + 2f'(f - f') = c - c'$ (b) $g'(g - g') + f'(f - f') = c - c'$
(c) $f(g - g') + g(f - f') = c - c'$ (d) None of these

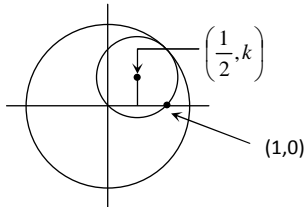
31. The locus of the centre of a circle which cuts orthogonally the circle $x^2 + y^2 - 20x + 4 = 0$ and which touches $x = 2$ is
- (a) $y^2 = 16x + 4$ (b) $x^2 = 16y$
(c) $x^2 = 16y + 4$ (d) $y^2 = 16x$
32. The equation of a circle that intersects the circle $x^2 + y^2 + 14x + 6y + 2 = 0$ orthogonally and whose centre is $(0, 2)$ is
- (a) $x^2 + y^2 - 4y - 6 = 0$ (b) $x^2 + y^2 + 4y - 14 = 0$
(c) $x^2 + y^2 + 4y + 14 = 0$ (d) $x^2 + y^2 - 4y - 14 = 0$
33. The equation of the circle which passes through the intersection of $x^2 + y^2 + 13x - 3y = 0$ and $2x^2 + 2y^2 + 4x - 7y - 25 = 0$ and whose centre lies on $13x + 30y = 0$ is
- (a) $x^2 + y^2 + 30x - 13y - 25 = 0$ (b) $4x^2 + 4y^2 + 30x - 13y - 25 = 0$
(c) $2x^2 + 2y^2 + 30x - 13y - 25 = 0$ (d) $x^2 + y^2 + 30x - 13y + 25 = 0$
34. If the circle $x^2 + y^2 + 6x - 2y + k = 0$ bisects the circumference of the circle $x^2 + y^2 + 2x - 6y - 15 = 0$, then $k =$
- (a) 21 (b) - 21
(c) 23 (d) - 23
35. If P is a point such that the ratio of the squares of the lengths of the tangents from P to the circles $x^2 + y^2 + 2x - 4y - 20 = 0$ and $x^2 + y^2 - 4x + 2y - 44 = 0$ is 2 : 3, then the locus of P is a circle with centre
- (a) $(7, - 8)$ (b) $(- 7, 8)$
(c) $(7, 8)$ (d) $(- 7, - 8)$
36. If d is the distance between the centres of two circles, r_1, r_2 are their radii and $d = r_1 + r_2$, then
- (a) The circles touch each other externally
(b) The circles touch each other internally
(c) The circles cut each other
(d) The circles are disjoint
37. If the circles $x^2 + y^2 = 4, x^2 + y^2 - 10x + \lambda = 0$ touch externally, then λ is equal to
- (a) -16 (b) 9
(c) 16 (d) 25

38. If the circles $x^2 + y^2 + 2ax + cy + a = 0$ and $x^2 + y^2 - 3ax + dy - 1 = 0$ intersect in two distinct points P and Q then the line $5x + by - a = 0$ passes through P and Q for
- (a) Infinitely many values of a
 - (b) Exactly two values of a
 - (c) Exactly one value of a
 - (d) No value of a
39. The radical axis of the pair of circle $x^2 + y^2 = 144$ and $x^2 + y^2 - 15x + 12y = 0$ is
- (a) $15x - 12y = 0$
 - (b) $3x - 2y = 12$
 - (c) $5x - 4y = 48$
 - (d) None of these
40. The equation of radical axis of the circles $x^2 + y^2 + x - y + 2 = 0$ and $3x^2 + 3y^2 - 4x - 12 = 0$, is
- (a) $2x^2 + 2y^2 - 5x + y - 14 = 0$
 - (b) $7x - 3y + 18 = 0$
 - (c) $5x - y + 14 = 0$
 - (d) None of these
41. If the circles $x^2 + y^2 - 2ax + c = 0$ and $x^2 + y^2 + 2by + 2\lambda = 0$ intersect orthogonally, then the value of λ is
- (a) c
 - (b) $-c$
 - (c) 0
 - (d) None of these
42. A circle touches the x-axis and also touches the circle with centre at $(0, 3)$ and radius 2. The locus of the centre of the circle is
- (a) A hyperbola
 - (b) A parabola
 - (c) An ellipse
 - (d) A circle
43. The number of common tangents to the circles $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ and $x^2 + y^2 - 6x - 8y = 24$ is
- (a) 0
 - (b) 1
 - (c) 3
 - (d) 4

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HINTS AND SOLUTIONS

1. (d) Radius of the circle $r = \frac{3}{2}$



$$\frac{1}{4} + k^2 = \frac{9}{4} \Rightarrow k = \pm\sqrt{2}$$

Hence centre is $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \pm\sqrt{2}\right)$

2. (a) Required circle will be $S_1 + \lambda S_2 = 0$, $\lambda \neq -1$

i.e., $x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 4y + 1 + \lambda(x^2 + y^2 - 4x - 2y + 4) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 - 2\frac{(1+2\lambda)}{1+\lambda}x - 2\frac{(2+\lambda)}{1+\lambda}y + \frac{1+4\lambda}{1+\lambda} = 0$$

Its centre $\left(\frac{1+2\lambda}{1+\lambda}, \frac{2+\lambda}{1+\lambda}\right)$ lies on $x + 2y - 3 = 0$

$$\therefore \lambda = -2.$$

\therefore The circle is $x^2 + y^2 - 6x + 7 = 0$

3. (b) $x^2 + y^2 - 6x - 6y + 10 = 0$ (i)

$$x^2 + y^2 = 2 \quad \dots\text{(ii)}$$

By verification ans.(1,1)

4. (a) $C_1(1, 2)$, $C_2(0, 4)$, $R_1 = \sqrt{5}$, $R_2 = 2\sqrt{5}$

$$C_1C_2 = \sqrt{5} \text{ and } C_1C_2 = |R_2 - R_1|$$

Hence circles touch internally.

5. (d) According to the condition,

$$\sqrt{(g-0)^2 + (0-0)^2} = a+b \Rightarrow g = a+b.$$

6. (a) Radical axes are

$$4x + 6y = 10 \text{ Or } 2x + 3y = 5 \quad \dots\text{(i)}$$

$$2x + 2y = 4 \text{ Or } x + y = 2 \quad \dots\text{(ii)}$$

Point of intersection of (i) and (ii) is (1, 1).

7. (b) Required equation is

$$(x^2 + y^2 + 13x - 3y) + \lambda(2x^2 + 2y^2 + 4x - 7y - 25) = 0$$

Which passes through (1, 1), so $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$.

Hence required equation is

$$4x^2 + 4y^2 + 30x - 13y - 25 = 0.$$

8. (d) Verification.

9. (c) From Condition for orthogonal intersection, $\frac{ad}{2} + \frac{be}{2} = c + f$

10. (a) Let equation of circle be $x^2 + y^2 + 2gx + 2fy + c = 0$ with $x^2 + y^2 = p^2$ cutting orthogonally, we get

$$0 + 0 = +c - p^2 \text{ or } c = p^2 \text{ and passes through (a, b), we get}$$

$$a^2 + b^2 + 2ga + 2fb + p^2 = 0 \text{ Or}$$

$$2ax + 2by - (a^2 + b^2 + p^2) = 0$$

Required locus as centre $(-g, -f)$ is changed to (x, y) .

11. (a) Equation of circle is

$$(x^2 + y^2 - 8x - 2y + 7) + \lambda(x^2 + y^2 - 4x + 10y + 8) = 0$$

Also point (3, -3) lies on the above equation.

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{7}{16}$$

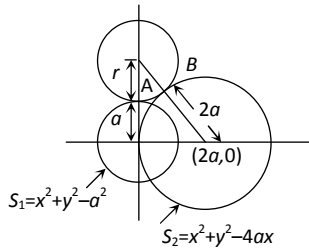
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12. (a) Common chord = $S_1 - S_2$

$$10x - 3y - 18 = 0.$$

13. (a) Let $C \equiv (h, k)$, radius $= r$



Co-ordinates of $A \equiv \left[\frac{ah}{a+r}, \frac{ak}{a+r} \right]$

Co-ordinates of $B \equiv \left[\frac{2ar+2ah}{2a+r}, \frac{2ak}{2a+r} \right]$

Putting co-ordinates of A and B in S_1, S_2 respectively and eliminating r, we get the locus

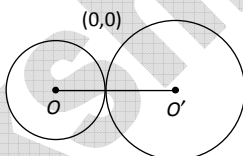
$$12x^2 - 4y^2 - 24ax + 9a^2 = 0 .$$

14. (c) $(C_1 C_2)^2 = r_1^2 + r_2^2 \Rightarrow 2a^2 = 18 \Rightarrow a = 3 .$

15. (a) concept.

16. (a) $OA + O'A = OO'$

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{g^2 + f^2} + \sqrt{f'^2 + g'^2} &= \sqrt{(g'-g)^2 + (f'-f)^2} \\ \Rightarrow g^2 + f^2 + f'^2 + g'^2 + 2\sqrt{g^2 + f^2} \times \sqrt{f'^2 + g'^2} &= (g'-g)^2 + (f'-f)^2 \\ &= (g'-g)^2 + (f'-f)^2 \\ \Rightarrow 2\sqrt{g^2 + f^2} \sqrt{f'^2 + g'^2} &= -2(gg' + ff') \end{aligned}$$



$$\Rightarrow g^2 f'^2 + f^2 g'^2 = 2gg'ff' . \therefore (gf - fg')^2 = 0 \Rightarrow gf = fg' .$$

17. (b) Centres and radii of the given circles are

Centres: $C_1(0, 1), C_2(1, 0)$; Radii : $r_1 = 3, r_2 = 5 .$

Clearly, $C_1 C_2 = \sqrt{2} < (r_2 - r_1)$. Therefore one circle lies entirely inside the other.

18. (a) The equation of radical axis is $S_1 - S_2 = 0$ i.e., $4x + 2y - 1 = 0 .$

\therefore The equation of circle of co-axial system can be taken as $(x^2 + y^2 - 6x - 6y + 4) + \lambda(4x + 2y - 1) = 0$

Or $x^2 + y^2 - (6 - 4\lambda)x - (6 - 2\lambda)y + (4 - \lambda) = 0 \dots(i)$

Whose centre is $C(3 - 2\lambda, 3 - \lambda)$ and radius is

$$r = \sqrt{(3 - 2\lambda)^2 + (3 - \lambda)^2 - (4 - \lambda)}$$

If $r = 0$, then we get $\lambda = 2$ or $7/5$.

Putting the co-ordinates of C, the limit points are $(-1, 1)$ and $(\frac{1}{5}, \frac{8}{5})$. One of these limit points is given in (a).

19. (c) Let equation of circle be $x^2 + y^2 + 2gx + 2fy + c = 0$.

As it intersects orthogonally the given circles, we have $2g + 4f = 6 + c$ and $4g + 6f = 2 + c$.

As it passes through $(1, 1)$, we have $2g + 2f = -2 - c$

From these, we get g, f and c as $-8, 6, 2$ respectively and hence equation of circle as

$$x^2 + y^2 - 16x + 12y + 2 = 0.$$

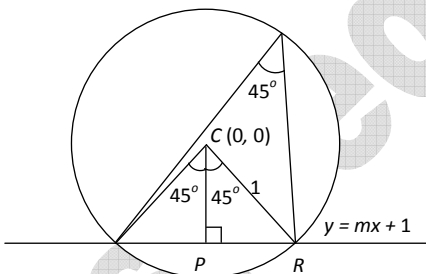
20. (c) $t_1^2 - t_2^2 = k \Rightarrow S_1 - S_2 = k \Rightarrow 1^{\text{st}}$ degree equation which represents a straight line parallel to radical axis $S_1 - S_2 = 0$.

21. (b) Radical axis of the given circles.

22. (b) As $\Sigma g_1^2(g_2 - g_3) = -(g_1 - g_2)(g_2 - g_3)(g_3 - g_1)$.

23. (c) Given circle is $x^2 + y^2 = 1$

$C(0,0)$ and radius = 1 and chord is $y = mx + 1$ $\cos 45^\circ = \frac{CP}{CR}$



$CP =$ Perpendicular distance from $(0,0)$ to chord $y = mx + 1$

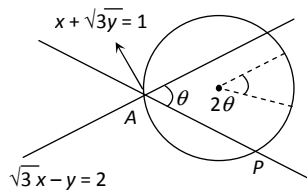
$$CP = \frac{1}{\sqrt{m^2 + 1}} \quad (CR = \text{radius} = 1)$$

$$\cos 45^\circ = \frac{1/\sqrt{m^2 + 1}}{1} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{m^2 + 1}}$$

$$m^2 + 1 = 2 \Rightarrow m = \pm 1.$$

24. (b) We know that the radical axis of two circles is the locus of a point which moves in such a way that the lengths of the tangents drawn from it to the two circles are equal. It is a line perpendicular to the line joining the centres of two circles.

25. (a) Let the point of intersection of two lines is A.



∴ The angle subtended by PQ on centre C
= Two times the angle subtended by PQ on point A.

For $x + \sqrt{3}y = 1$, $m_1 = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}}$ and For $\sqrt{3}x - y = 2$, $m_2 = \sqrt{3}$

$$\because m_1 \times m_2 = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}} \times \sqrt{3} = -1, \therefore \angle A = 90^\circ$$

∴ The angle subtended by arc PQ at its centre = $2 \times 90^\circ = 180^\circ$

26. (d) If the straight line $y = mx$ is outside the given circle then distance from centre of circle > radius of circle $\frac{10}{\sqrt{1+m^2}} > \sqrt{10}$

$$\Rightarrow (1 + m^2) < 10 \Rightarrow m^2 < 9 \Rightarrow |m| < 3.$$

27. (b) Given circles are $x^2 + y^2 = 2ax$ (i)

and $x^2 + y^2 = 2by$ (ii)

$$(i) - (ii) \Rightarrow 0 = 2(ax - by) \Rightarrow y = \frac{a}{b}x$$

$$\text{From (i), } x^2 + \frac{a^2}{b^2}x^2 = 2ax \Rightarrow x \left\{ \left(1 + \frac{a^2}{b^2}\right)x - 2a \right\} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0, \frac{2ab^2}{a^2 + b^2}$$

$$\text{For } x = 0, y = 0 \text{ and for } x = \frac{2ab^2}{a^2 + b^2}, y = \frac{2a^2b}{a^2 + b^2}$$

∴ The points of intersection are $(0, 0)$ and $\left(\frac{2ab^2}{a^2 + b^2}, \frac{2a^2b}{a^2 + b^2}\right)$.

28. (d) $C_1(-a, 0); C_2(0, -b); R_1(\sqrt{a^2 - c});$

$$R_2(\sqrt{b^2 - c})$$

$$C_1C_2 = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

Since they touch each other, therefore

$$\sqrt{a^2 - c} + \sqrt{b^2 - c} = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2b^2 - b^2c - a^2c = 0$$

Multiply by $\frac{1}{a^2b^2c}$, we get $\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} = \frac{1}{c}$.

29. (a) When two circles intersect each other, then

Difference between their radii < Distance between centers $\Rightarrow r - 3 < 5 \Rightarrow r = 8$

.....(i)

Sum of their radii > Distance between centres(ii)

$$\Rightarrow r + 3 > 5 \Rightarrow r > 2$$

Hence by (i) and (ii), $2 < r < 8$.

30. (a) Common chord $S_1 - S_2 = 0$ passes through the centre of $S_2 = 0$.

31. (d) Let the circle be

$$x^2 + y^2 + 2gx + 2fy + c = 0 \quad \text{.....(i)}$$

It cuts the circle $x^2 + y^2 - 20x + 4 = 0$ orthogonally

$$\therefore 2(-10g + 0 \times f) = c + 4 \Rightarrow -20g = c + 4 \quad \text{.....(ii)}$$

Circle (i) touches the line $x = 2$, $\therefore x + 0y - 2 = 0$

$$\therefore \left| \frac{-g + 0 - 2}{\sqrt{1^2 + 0^2}} \right| = \sqrt{g^2 + f^2 - c}$$

$$\Rightarrow (g + 2)^2 = g^2 + f^2 - c \Rightarrow 4g + 4 = f^2 - c \quad \text{.....(iii)}$$

Eliminating c from (ii) and (iii), we get

$$-16g - 4 = f^2 - 4 \Rightarrow f^2 + 16g = 0$$

Hence the locus of $(-g, -f)$ is $y^2 - 16x = 0$.

32. (d) In circle, $x^2 + y^2 + 14x + 6y + 2 = 0$

$$g = 7, f = 3, c = 2$$

Centre of circle $(-g, -f) = (0, 2)$, (Given)

For orthogonally intersection, $2gg' + 2ff' = c + c'$

$$0 - 12 = 2 + c' \Rightarrow c' = -14$$

Put the values, in equation $x^2 + y^2 + 2g'x + 2f'y + c' = 0$.

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 + 0 - 4y - 14 = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 - 4y - 14 = 0 .$$

33. (b) The equation of required circle is $S_1 + \lambda S_2 = 0$.

$$\Rightarrow x^2(1 + \lambda) + y^2(1 + \lambda) + x(2 + 13\lambda) - y\left(\frac{7}{2} + 3\lambda\right) - \frac{25}{2} = 0$$

$$\text{Centre} = \left(\frac{-(2 + 13\lambda)}{2}, \frac{\frac{7}{2} + 3\lambda}{2} \right)$$

\therefore Centre lies on $13x + 30y = 0$

$$\Rightarrow -13\left(\frac{2 + 13\lambda}{2}\right) + 30\left(\frac{\frac{7}{2} + 3\lambda}{2}\right) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 1 .$$

Hence the equation of required circle is $4x^2 + 4y^2 + 30x - 13y - 25 = 0$.

34. (d) $2g_2(g_1 - g_2) + 2f_2(f_1 - f_2) = c_1 - c_2$

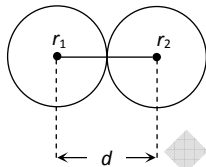
$$2(1)(3 - 1) + 2(-3)(-1 + 3) = k + 15$$

$$4 - 12 = k + 15 \text{ or } -8 = k + 15 \Rightarrow k = -23 .$$

35. (b) $\frac{x^2 + y^2 + 2x - 4y - 20}{x^2 + y^2 - 4x + 2y - 44} = \frac{2}{3}$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 + 14x - 16y + 28 = 0 , \therefore \text{Centre} = (-7, 8) .$$

36. (a)



Clearly, circles touch each other externally.

37. (a) Circles $x^2 + y^2 = 4$, $x^2 + y^2 - 10x + \lambda = 0$ touch externally

$$\therefore C_1 C_2 = r_1 + r_2$$

$$\Rightarrow C_1(0, 0) \text{ and } C_2 = (5, 0)$$

$$r_1 = 2 \text{ and } r_2 = \sqrt{25 + \lambda}$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{(5 - 0)^2 + 0} = 2 + \sqrt{25 + \lambda}$$

$$\Rightarrow 5 - 2 = \sqrt{25 + \lambda} \Rightarrow 3 = \sqrt{25 + \lambda}$$

$$\Rightarrow 9 = 25 + \lambda \Rightarrow \lambda = -16$$

38. (d) Equation of line PQ (i.e., common chord) is $5ax + (c - d)y + a + 1 = 0 \dots(i)$

Also given equation of line PQ is

$$5x + by - a = 0 \quad \dots(\text{ii})$$

Therefore $\frac{5a}{5} = \frac{c-d}{b} = \frac{a+1}{-a}$; As $\frac{a+1}{-a} = a$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + a + 1 = 0$$

Therefore no real value of a exists, (as $D < 0$).

39. (c) The radical axis of the circle $S_1 = 0$ and $S_2 = 0$ is $S_1 - S_2 = 0$

$$\therefore (x^2 + y^2 - 144) - (x^2 + y^2 - 15x + 12y) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 15x - 12y - 144 = 0 \Rightarrow 5x - 4y = 48 .$$

40. (b) Radical axis is $S_1 - S_2$

$$S_1 \equiv x^2 + y^2 + x - y + 2 = 0$$

$$S_2 \equiv x^2 + y^2 - \frac{4}{3}x - 4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow S_1 - S_2 = \frac{7}{3}x - y + 6 = 0$$

Or $7x - 3y + 18 = 0 .$

41. (d) Condition for circle intersects orthogonally,

$$2(g_1g_2 + f_1f_2) = c_1 + c_2 \Rightarrow 0 = c + 2\lambda \Rightarrow \lambda = -\frac{c}{2}$$

42. (b) Let centre $\equiv (h, k)$; As $C_1C_2 = r_1 + r_2$, (Given)

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{(h-0)^2 + (k-3)^2} = k + 2$$

$$\Rightarrow h^2 = 5(2k - 1)$$

Hence locus, $x^2 = 5(2y - 1)$, which is parabola.

43. (b) Circles $S_1 \equiv x^2 + y^2 = 2^2$,

$$S_2 \equiv (x - 3)^2 + (y - 4)^2 = 7^2$$

\therefore Centres $C_1 = (0, 0)$, $C_2 = (3, 4)$

and radii $r_1 = 2$, $r_2 = 7 \therefore C_1C_2 = 5$, $r_2 - r_1 = 5$

i.e., circles touch internally. Hence there is only one common tangent.

SYSTEM OF CIRCLES

PRACTICE EXERCISE

1. The distance from (1, 2) to the R.A. of the circles $x^2 + y^2 + 6x - 16 = 0$,

$$x^2 + y^2 - 2x + 6y - 6 = 0 \text{ is}$$

- 1) 1 2) 2 3) 3 4) 7/5

2. The radical centre of the circles $x^2 + y^2 = 9$, $x^2 + y^2 + 4x + 6y - 19 = 0$,

$$x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 2y - 5 = 0 \text{ is}$$

- 1) (0, 0) 2) (0, 1) 3) (1, 0) 4) (1, 1)

3. The centre of the circle orthogonal to $x^2 + y^2 + 4y + 1 = 0$,

$$x^2 + y^2 + 6x + y - 8 = 0, \quad x^2 + y^2 - 4x - 4y + 37 = 0 \text{ is}$$

- 1) (1, 1) 2) (2, 2) 3) (3, 3) 4) (0, 0)

4. The radius of the circle which cuts orthogonally circles $x^2 + y^2 - 4x - 2y + 6 = 0$,

$$x^2 + y^2 - 2x + 6y = 0, \quad x^2 + y^2 - 12x + 12y + 30 = 0 \text{ is}$$

- 1) $\sqrt{2}$ 2) $\sqrt{3}$ 3) $\sqrt{6}$ 4) 2

5. The equation of the circle passing through (0, 0) and cutting orthogonally the circles

$$x^2 + y^2 + 6x - 15 = 0, \quad x^2 + y^2 - 8y - 10 = 0 \text{ is}$$

1) $x^2 + y^2 - 10x + 5y = 0$ 2) $2x^2 + 2y^2 - 10x + 5y = 0$

3) $x^2 + y^2 + 10x + 5y = 0$ 4) $2x^2 + 2y^2 + 10x + 5y = 0$

6. The equation of the circle passing through the origin and the points of intersection of

$$x^2 + y^2 = 4, \quad x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 4y + 4 = 0 \text{ is}$$

1) $x^2 + y^2 + x + 2y = 0$ 2) $x^2 + y^2 - x - 2y = 0$

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

7. The equation of the circle passing through the origin and the points of intersection of the two circles $x^2 + y^2 - 4x - 6y - 3 = 0$ and $x^2 + y^2 + 4x - 2y - 4 = 0$ is
- 1) $x^2 + y^2 + 28x + 18y = 0$ 2) $x^2 + y^2 - 28x - 18y = 0$
- 3) $x^2 + y^2 - 14x - 9y = 0$ 4) $x^2 + y^2 + 14x + 9y = 0$
8. The equation of the circle passing through the points of intersection of $x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 2 = 0$, $x^2 + y^2 + 5x - 6y + 4 = 0$ and cutting orthogonally the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ is
- 1) $x^2 + y^2 - 5x - 6y + 4 = 0$ 2) $x^2 + y^2 + 5x + 6y + 4 = 0$
- 3) $x^2 + y^2 - 5x + 6y - 4 = 0$ 4) $x^2 + y^2 + 5x - 6y + 4 = 0$
9. The equation of the circle whose diameter is the common chord of the circles $x^2 + y^2 + 2x + 3y + 1 = 0$, $x^2 + y^2 + 4x + 3y + 2 = 0$ is
- 1) $x^2 + y^2 + x + 3y + 1 = 0$ 2) $x^2 + y^2 + 2x + 6y + 1 = 0$
- 3) $2x^2 + 2y^2 + 2x + 6y + 1 = 0$ 4) $2x^2 + 2y^2 + 2x + 6y + 3 = 0$
10. The line $2x + 3y = 1$ cuts the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ in A and B. The equation of the circle on AB as diameter is
- 1) $13x^2 + 13y^2 - 4x - 6y - 50 = 0$ 2) $13x^2 + 13y^2 - 4x - 6y - 52 = 0$
- 3) $13x^2 + 13y^2 + 4x + 6y + 50 = 0$ 4) $13(x^2 + y^2) + 4x + 6y + 52 = 0$
11. 3 circles with centres A, B, C intersect orthogonally the radical centre of the three circles is
- 1) In centre of ΔABC 2) Orthocentre of ΔABC
- 3) Circumcentre of ΔABC 4) Centroid of ΔABC
12. The centres of two circles are (a, c), (b, c) and their common chord is the y - axis. If the radius of one circle is r, the radius of the other circle is
- 1) $2\sqrt{r^2 + b^2 - a^2}$ 2) $\sqrt{r^2 + b^2 - a^2}$ 3) $\sqrt{r^2 + b^2 + a^2}$ 4) $\sqrt{r^2 + a^2 - b^2}$
13. The equations of four circles are $(x \pm a)^2 + (y \pm a)^2 = a^2$. The radius of a circle touching all the four circles externally is
- 1) $2\sqrt{2}a$ 2) $(\sqrt{2} + 1)a$ 3) $(\sqrt{2} - 1)a$ 4) $(2 + \sqrt{2})a$

14. The circle passing through the points of intersection of the circles $x^2+y^2 - 3x-6y+8 = 0$, $x^2+y^2 - 2x - 4y+4=0$ and touching the line $x+2y = 5$ is
- 1) $x^2 + y^2 - x - 2y = 0$ 2) $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ 3) $x^2 + y^2 + 4 = 0$ 4) $x^2 + y^2 + x+2y=0$
15. The locus of the centre of the circle of radius 2 which rolls on the outside the circle $x^2 + y^2 + 3x - 6y - 9=0$ is
- 1) $x^2 + y^2 + 3x - 6y + 5 = 0$ 2) $x^2 + y^2 + 3x - 6y - 31 = 0$
- 3) $x^2 + y^2 + 3x - 6y + 21 = 0$ 4) $4(x^2 + y^2 + 3x - 6y) + 29 = 0$
16. The equation to the circle whose diameter is the common chord of the circles $(x - a)^2 + y^2 = a^2$; $x^2 + (y - b)^2 = b^2$ is
- 1) $x^2 + y^2 - (ax+by) = 0$ 2) $x^2 + y^2 - 2ab(ax+by)=0$
- 3) $x^2 + y^2 + 2ab(ax+by)=0$ 4) $(a^2 + b^2)(x^2 + y^2) - 2ab(bx + ay) = 0$
17. The equation of the circle passing through the points of intersection of $x^2 + y^2 + 12x + 8y - 33 = 0$, $x^2 + y^2 = 5$ and touching the x-axis is
- 1) $x^2 + y^2 + 6x + 4y + 9 = 0$ 2) $x^2 + y^2 - 6x + 4y + 9 = 0$
- 3) $x^2 + y^2 - 6x - 4y + 9 = 0$ 4) None
18. $x = 1$ is the common chord of two circles intersecting orthogonally. If the equation of one of circle is $x^2 + y^2 = 4$, then the equation of the other circle is
- 1) $x^2 + y^2 + 8x + 4 = 0$ 2) $x^2 + y^2 + 8x - 4 = 0$
- 3) $x^2 + y^2 - 8x + 4 = 0$ 4) $x^2 + y^2 + 2x - 6y + 6 = 0$
19. There are two circles whose equations are $x^2 + y^2 = 9$ and $x^2 + y^2 - 8x - 6y + n^2 = 0$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}$. If the two circles have exactly two common tangents, then the number of possible values of n is
- 1) 2 2) 8 3) 9 4) 5

20. A rod PQ of length $2a$ slides with its ends on the axes. The locus of the circumcentre of ΔOPQ is

- 1) $x^2 + y^2 = 2a^2$ 2) $x^2 + y^2 = 4a^2$ 3) $x^2 + y^2 = 3a^2$ 4) $x^2 + y^2 = a^2$

21. The number of common tangents of the circles $x^2 + y^2 + 2gx + 8 = 0$ and $x^2 + y^2 + 2gy - 8 = 0$ is

- 1) 1 2) 2 3) 3 4) 4

22. The intercept on the line $y = x$ by the circle $x^2 + y^2 - 2x = 0$ is AB. Equation of the circle on AB as a diameter is

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

23. $x^2 + y^2 + px + b = 0$ and $x^2 + y^2 + qx + b = 0$ are two circles. If one circle entirely lies in another circle, then

- 1) $pq < 0, b > 0$ 2) $pq < 0, b < 0$ 3) $pq > 0, b > 0$ 4) $pq > 0, b < 0$

SYSTEM OF CIRCLES

PRACTICE TEST KEY

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
4	4	3	2	2	2	2	4	3	1
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
2	2	3	1	2	4	3	3	3	4
21	22	23							
2	3	3							