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Summary**

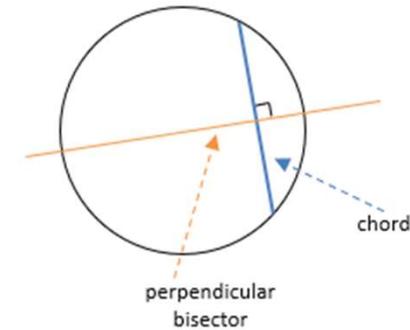
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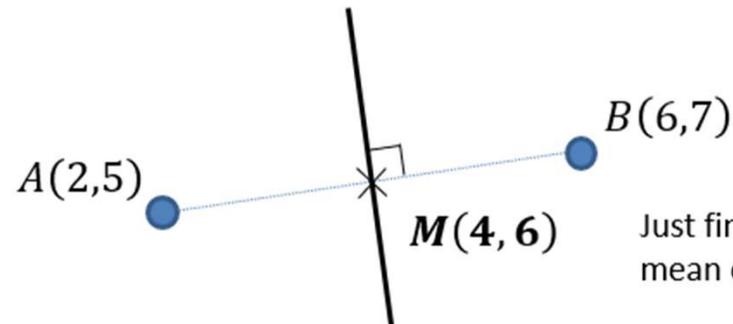
- Write each of the following in the form $(x + p)^2 + q$:
a $x^2 + 10x + 28$ **b** $x^2 - 6x + 1$
c $x^2 - 12x$ **d** $x^2 + 7x$ ← Section 2.1
- Find the equation of the line passing through each of the following pairs of points:
a $A(0, -6)$ and $B(4, 3)$
b $P(7, -5)$ and $Q(-9, 3)$
c $R(-4, -2)$ and $T(5, 10)$ ← Section 5.1
- Use the discriminant to determine whether the following have two real solutions, one real solution or no real solutions.
a $x^2 - 7x + 14 = 0$
b $x^2 + 11x + 8 = 0$
c $4x^2 + 12x + 9 = 0$ ← Section 2.1
- Find the equation of the line that passes through the point $(3, -4)$ and is perpendicular to the line with equation $6x - 5y - 1 = 0$
← Section 5.1

6.1) Midpoints and perpendicular bisectors

Later in the chapter you will need to find the perpendicular bisector of a chord of a circle.



What two properties does a perpendicular bisector of two points A and B have?



Just find the mean of the x values and the mean of the y values.

1. It passes through the midpoint of AB .
2. It is perpendicular to AB .

Equation?

$$m_{AB} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$
$$m_{\perp} = -2$$
$$y - 6 = -2(x - 4)$$

Notes

Worked Example

495e: Determine the perpendicular bisector of a line using

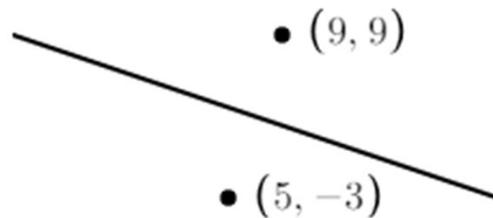
$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

A straight line passes through the points $A(5, -3)$ and $B(9, 9)$.

Find the equation of the perpendicular bisector of AB .

Give your answer in the form $y = mx + c$.

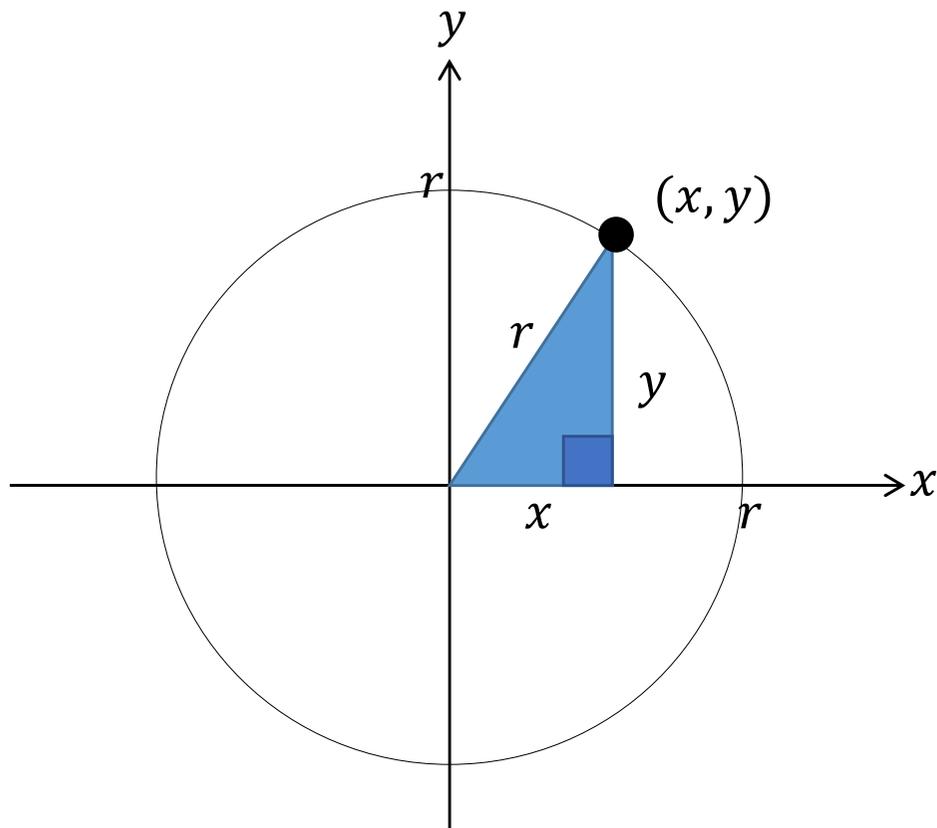
Simplify your answer where possible.



Worked Example

A line segment AB is the diameter of a circle with centre $(4, -5)$. If A has coordinates $(2, -1)$, what are the coordinates of B ?

6.2) Equation of a circle

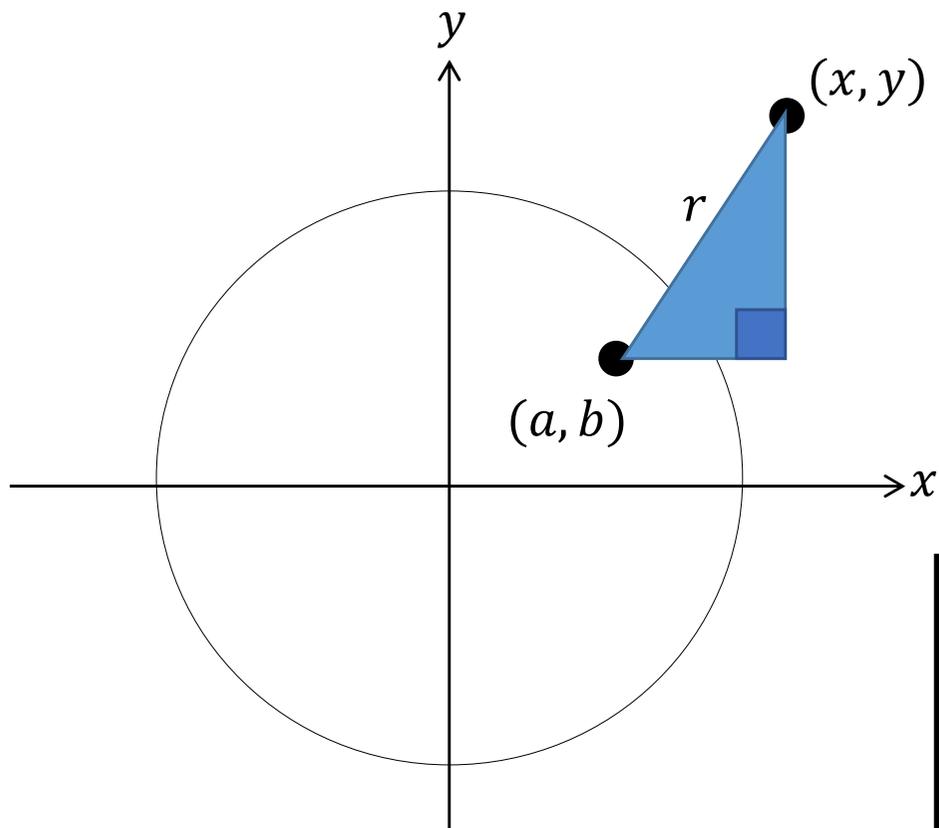


Recall that a line can be a set of points (x, y) that satisfy some equation. Suppose we have a point (x, y) on a circle centred at the origin, with radius r . What equation must (x, y) satisfy?

(Hint: draw a right-angled triangle inside your circle, with one vertex at the origin and another at the circumference)

$$x^2 + y^2 = r^2$$

Notes



Now suppose we shift the circle so it's now centred at (a, b) .

What's the equation now?

(Hint: What would the sides of this right-angled triangle be now?)



The equation of a circle with centre (a, b) and radius r is:

$$(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 = r^2$$

Notes

Quickfire Questions

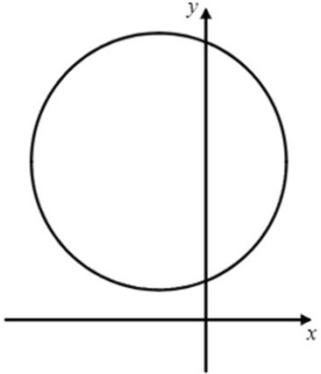
Centre	Radius	Equation
(0,0)	5	
(1,2)	6	
		$(x + 3)^2 + (y - 5)^2 = 1$
		$(x + 5)^2 + (y - 2)^2 = 49$
		$(x + 6)^2 + y^2 = 16$
		$(x - 1)^2 + (y + 1)^2 = 3$
		$(x + 2)^2 + (y - 3)^2 = 8$

Worked Example

Skill involved: 496h: Determine the intercepts of circle given its equation.

The circle C has the equation

$$(x + 3)^2 + (y - 10)^2 = 66$$



Find the exact y coordinates of the points where the circle C intersects the y -axis.

$$y = \dots\dots\dots$$

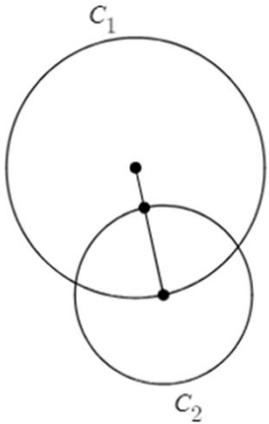
$$\text{or } y = \dots\dots\dots$$

Worked Example

Skill involved: 496i: Determine a constant in the equation of a circle given a point on the circumference.

Circle C_1 has equation $x^2 + y^2 - 4x - ay - 56 = 0$

Circle C_2 has equation $(x - 4)^2 + (y + 4)^2 = 40$



The centre of C_2 lies on the circumference of C_1

Find the value of a , where a is a positive constant.

Worked Example

Skill involved: 496j: Determine the equation of a circle using the endpoints of the diameter.

The line AB is the diameter of a circle where A and B have coordinates $(3,12)$ and $(19,24)$ respectively.

Find the equation of the circle, giving your answer in the form

$$x^2 + y^2 + ax + by + c = 0$$

Worked Example

Skill involved: 496k: Complete the square to determine the centre and radius of a circle.

A circle has equation

$$x^2 + y^2 - 2y - 120 = 0$$

Find the centre and radius of the circle

Worked Example

Skill involved: 496I: Complete the square to determine the centre and radius of a circle, where the equation involves algebraic constants.

A circle C has equation

$$x^2 + y^2 + 2kx - 4ky = -20$$

where k is a constant.

By considering the radius of C , state the range of possible values for k .

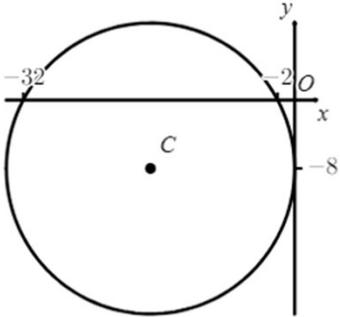
Worked Example

Skill involved: 496m: Determine the equation of a circle using simple reasoning to establish the centre or radius of the circle.

The diagram shows a circle with centre C .

The circle intersects the x -axis at $(-2,0)$ and $(0,-8)$

The circle touches the y -axis at $(-32,0)$



Work out the equation of the circle.

11. (i) A circle C_1 has equation

$$x^2 + y^2 + 18x - 2y + 30 = 0$$

The line l is the tangent to C_1 at the point $P(-5, 7)$.

Find an equation of l in the form $ax + by + c = 0$, where a , b and c are integers to be found.

(5)

(ii) A different circle C_2 has equation

$$x^2 + y^2 - 8x + 12y + k = 0$$

where k is a constant.

Given that C_2 lies entirely in the 4th quadrant, find the range of possible values for k .

(4)

Your Turn

- 11 (i) A circle C_1 has equation

$$x^2 + y^2 + 16x - 4y + 27 = 0$$

The line l is the tangent to C_1 at the point $P(-3, 6)$.

Find an equation of l in the form $ax + by + c = 0$, where a , b and c are integers to be found.

(5)

- (ii) A different circle C_2 has equation

$$x^2 + y^2 - 12x + 14y + k = 0$$

where k is a constant.

Given that C_2 lies entirely in the 4th quadrant, find the range of possible values for k .

(4)

(Total for Question 11 is 9 marks)

6.3) Intersections of straight lines and circles

Notes

Worked Example

The line with equation $y = 5x + 2$ meets the circle with equation $x^2 + kx + y^2 = 6$ at exactly one point.
Find the two possible values of k

Worked Example

The line with equation $y = 4x - 3$ does not intersect the circle with equation $x^2 + 2x + y^2 = k$.
Find the range of possible values of k .

10. A circle C has equation

$$x^2 + y^2 + 6kx - 2ky + 7 = 0$$

where k is a constant.

(a) Find in terms of k ,

- (i) the coordinates of the centre of C
- (ii) the radius of C

(3)

The line with equation $y = 2x - 1$ intersects C at 2 distinct points.

(b) Find the range of possible values of k .

(6)

Your Turn

10. A circle C has equation

$$x^2 + y^2 - 2kx + 4ky + 5 = 0$$

where k is a constant.

(a) Find in terms of k ,

- (i) the coordinates of the centre of C
- (ii) the radius of C

(3)

The line with equation $y = x - 2$ intersects C at 2 distinct points.

(b) Find the range of possible values of k .

(6)

(Total for Question 10 is 9 marks)

6.4) Use tangent and chord properties

Notes

Worked Example

A circle C has equation

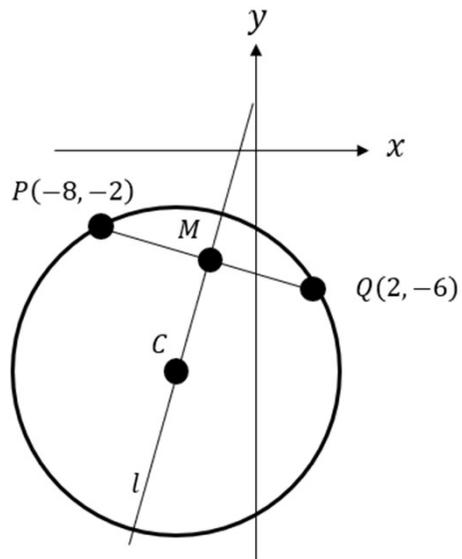
$$(x - 4)^2 + (y + 4)^2 = 10$$

The line l is a tangent to the circle and has gradient -3 . Find two possible equations for l , giving your answers in the form $y = mx + c$.

Worked Example

The point P has coordinates $(-8, -2)$ and the point Q has coordinates $(2, -6)$.
 M is the midpoint of the line segment PQ .

- a) Find an equation for l .
- b) Given that the y -coordinate of C is -9 :
 - i) show that the x -coordinate of C is -5 .
 - ii) find an equation of the circle.



Worked Example

The line with equation $4x + y - 5 = 0$ is a tangent to the circle with equation $(x - 3)^2 + (y - p)^2 = 2$.

Find the two possible values of p

Worked Example

A circle has centre $C(5,3)$, and passes through the point $P(2,6)$.

Find the equation of the tangent of the circle at the point P , giving your equation in the form $ax + by + c = 0$ where a, b, c are integers..

Worked Example

A circle passes through the points $A(0,0)$ and $B(2,8)$.

The centre of the circle has x value -2 . Determine the equation of the circle.

14. A circle C with radius r

- lies only in the 1st quadrant
- touches the x -axis and touches the y -axis

The line l has equation $2x + y = 12$

(a) Show that the x coordinates of the points of intersection of l with C satisfy

$$5x^2 + (2r - 48)x + (r^2 - 24r + 144) = 0$$

(3)

Given also that l is a tangent to C ,

(b) find the two possible values of r , giving your answers as fully simplified surds.

(4)

Your Turn

14. A circle C with radius r

- lies only in the 1st quadrant
- touches the x -axis and touches the y -axis

The line l has equation $y + 2x = 8$

(a) Show that the x coordinates of the points of intersection of l with C satisfy

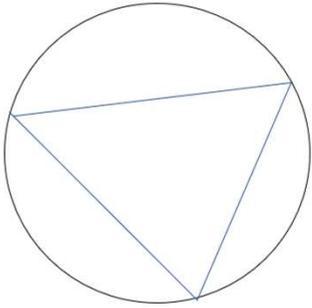
$$5x^2 + (2r - 32)x + (r^2 - 16r + 64) = 0 \quad (3)$$

Given also that l is a tangent to C ,

(b) find the two possible values of r , giving your answers as fully simplified surds. (4)

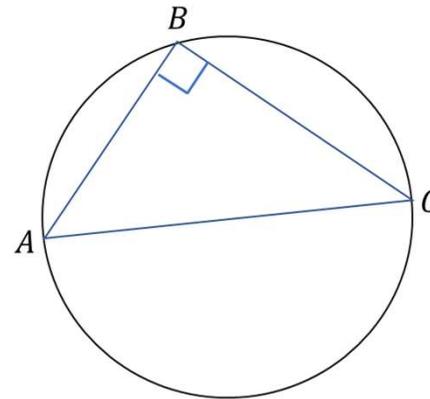
(Total for Question 14 is 7 marks)

6.5) Circles and triangles



We'd say:

- The triangle **inscribes** the circle.
(A shape inscribes another if it is inside and its boundaries touch but do not intersect the outer shape)
- The circle **circumscribes** the triangle.
- If the circumscribing shape is a circle, it is known as the **circumcircle** of the triangle.
- The centre of a circumcircle is known as the **circumcentre**.

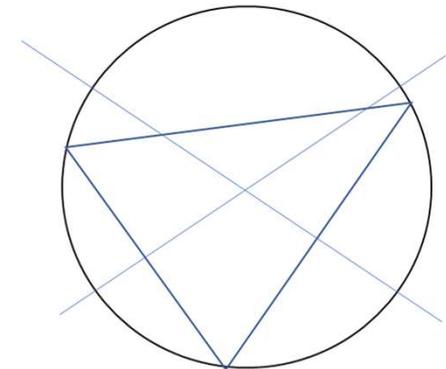


If $\angle ABC = 90^\circ$ then:

- **AC is the diameter of the circumcircle of triangle ABC .**

Similarly if AC is the diameter of a circle:

- **$\angle ABC = 90^\circ$ therefore AB is perpendicular to BC .**
- **$AB^2 + BC^2 = AC^2$**



Given three points/a triangle we can find the centre of the circumcircle by:

- **Finding the equation of the perpendicular bisectors of two different sides.**
- **Find the point of intersection of the two bisectors.**

Notes

Worked Example

Skill involved: 496w: Determine the equation of a circle given the coordinates of 3 points.

The coordinates $(-7,19)$, $(1,15)$ and $(-23,7)$ lie on the circle C .

Find the equation of C .

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Circle C_1 has equation $x^2 + y^2 = 100$

Circle C_2 has equation $(x - 15)^2 + y^2 = 40$

The circles meet at points A and B as shown in Figure 3.

(a) Show that angle $AOB = 0.635$ radians to 3 significant figures, where O is the origin. (4)

The region shown shaded in Figure 3 is bounded by C_1 and C_2

(b) Find the perimeter of the shaded region, giving your answer to one decimal place. (4)

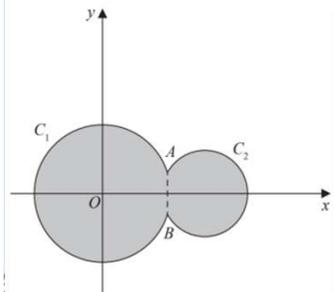


Figure 3

Your Turn

Circle C_1 has equation $x^2 + y^2 = 144$

Circle C_2 has equation $(x - 16)^2 + y^2 = 80$

The circles meet at points A and B as shown in Figure 3.

(a) Show that angle $AOB = 1.171$ radians to 4 significant figures, where O is the origin.

(4)

The region shown shaded in Figure 3 is bounded by C_1 and C_2

(b) Find the perimeter of the shaded region, giving your answer to one decimal place.

(4)

(Total for Question 11 is 8 marks)

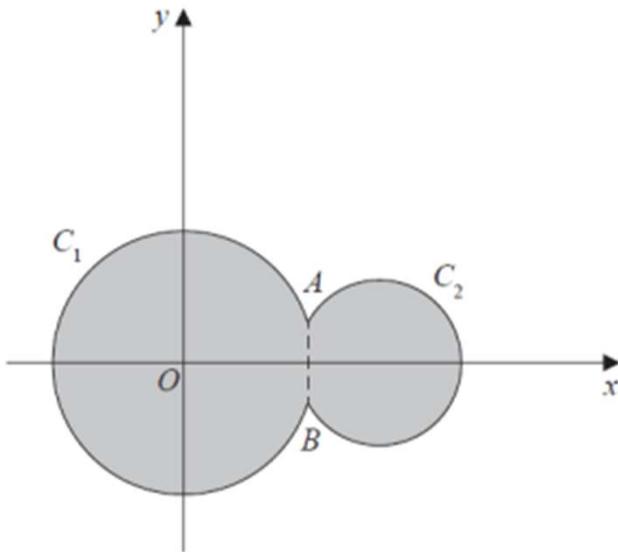


Figure 3

Past Paper Questions

9. A circle with centre $A(3,-1)$ passes through the point $P(-9,8)$ and the point $Q(15,-10)$

(a) Show that PQ is a diameter of the circle.

(2)

(b) Find an equation for the circle.

(3)

A point R also lies on the circle.
Given that the length of the chord PR is 20 units,

(c) find the length of the shortest distance from A to the chord PR .
Give your answer as a surd in its simplest form.

(2)

(d) Find the size of angle ARQ , giving your answer to the nearest 0.1 of a degree.

(2)



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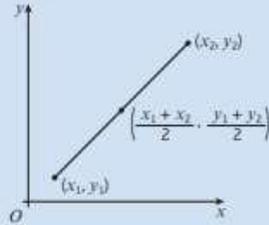
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(a)	$\sin(\angle PQA) = \frac{20}{30} = \frac{2}{3}$ or $\cos(\angle PQA) = \frac{12}{30} = \frac{2}{5}$
(c)	Distance = $\sqrt{(-12)^2 + (-10)^2}$ or $\frac{2}{1}\sqrt{244}$
(d)	$(x-3)^2 + (y+1)^2 = 322$ circle the centre is $A(3,-1)$ line PR is $y = \frac{1}{2}x - 10$ so $\sqrt{322}$ is the distance from A to PR • $\sqrt{322} = \sqrt{(3-12)^2 + (-1-10)^2} = \sqrt{322}$ • $\sqrt{322} = \sqrt{(3-12)^2 + (-1-10)^2} = \sqrt{322}$
(e)	$\sqrt{322} = \sqrt{(-12)^2 + (-10)^2} = \sqrt{322} = 30$
(f)	so $\sqrt{322}$ is the distance from A to PR $\sqrt{322} = \frac{12-3}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$ so $x = 3 \Rightarrow y = -10$
(g)	$\frac{12-3}{-10-8} = \frac{1}{-2} \Rightarrow \sqrt{322} = \frac{1}{-2}(x-3)$
(h)	so $\sqrt{322}$ is the distance from A to PR = $(3-1)^2$ which is the centre of the circle E.g. midpoint $\sqrt{322} = \left(\frac{3}{-8+12}, \frac{3}{8-10}\right)$

Summary of Key Points

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- 1 The midpoint of a line segment with endpoints (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) is $\left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2}\right)$.



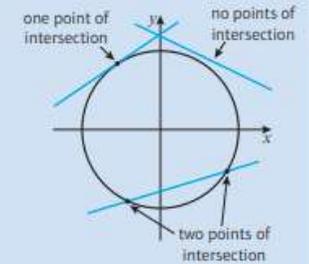
- 2 The perpendicular bisector of a line segment AB is the straight line that is perpendicular to AB and passes through the midpoint of AB .



If the gradient of AB is m then the gradient of its perpendicular bisector, l , will be $-\frac{1}{m}$.

- 3 The equation of a circle with centre $(0, 0)$ and radius r is $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$.
- 4 The equation of the circle with centre (a, b) and radius r is $(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 = r^2$.
- 5 The equation of a circle can be given in the form: $x^2 + y^2 + 2fx + 2gy + c = 0$
This circle has centre $(-f, -g)$ and radius $\sqrt{f^2 + g^2 - c}$.

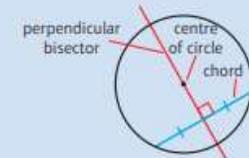
- 6 A straight line can intersect a circle once, by just touching the circle, or twice. Not all straight lines will intersect a given circle.



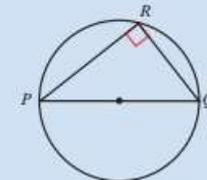
- 7 A tangent to a circle is perpendicular to the radius of the circle at the point of intersection.



- 8 The perpendicular bisector of a chord will go through the centre of a circle.



- 9 • If $\angle PRQ = 90^\circ$ then R lies on the circle with diameter PQ .
• The angle in a semicircle is always a right angle.



- 10 To find the centre of a circle given any three points:
- Find the equations of the perpendicular bisectors of two different chords.
 - Find the coordinates of intersection of the perpendicular bisectors.

