

**CIRCLE (Q 1, PAPER 2)**

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1 (a) The following parametric equations define a circle:

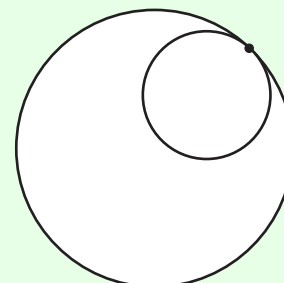
$$x = 5 + 7 \cos \theta, \quad y = 7 \sin \theta, \quad \text{where } \theta \in \mathbf{R}.$$

What is the Cartesian equation of the circle?

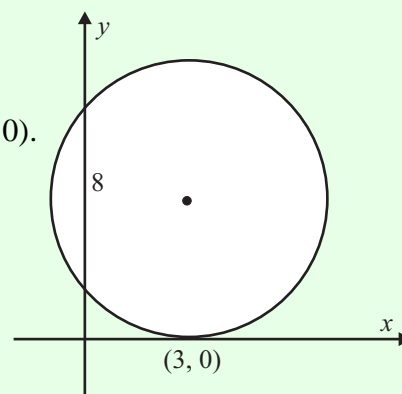
(b)  $x^2 + y^2 - 4x - 6y + 5 = 0$  and  $x^2 + y^2 - 6x - 8y + 23 = 0$  are two circles.

(i) Prove that the circles touch internally.

(ii) Find the coordinates of the point of contact of the two circles.



(c) A circle has its centre in the first quadrant. The  $x$ -axis is a tangent to the circle at the point  $(3, 0)$ . The circle cuts the  $y$ -axis at points that are 8 units apart. Find the equation of the circle.



**1 (a)**

$$x = 5 + 7 \cos \theta \Rightarrow x - 5 = 7 \cos \theta \Rightarrow (x - 5)^2 = 49 \cos^2 \theta$$

$$y = 7 \sin \theta \Rightarrow y^2 = 49 \sin^2 \theta$$

$$\therefore (x - 5)^2 + y^2 = 49(\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta)$$

$$\therefore (x - 5)^2 + y^2 = 49$$

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| <p><b>STEPS</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Isolate the trig functions.</li><li>2. Square both sides.</li><li>3. Add.</li><li>4. Put <math>\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t = 1</math>.</li></ol> |
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**1 (b)**

$C_1: x^2 + y^2 - 4x - 6y + 5 = 0$

Centre  $p_1(2, 3)$ ,  $r_1 = \sqrt{4+9-5} = \sqrt{8} = 2\sqrt{2}$

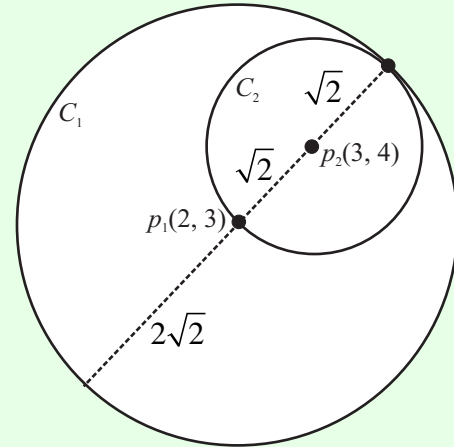
$C_2: x^2 + y^2 - 6x - 8y + 23 = 0$

Centre  $p_2(3, 4)$ ,  $r_2 = \sqrt{9+16-23} = \sqrt{2}$

Circle  $C$  with centre  $(-g, -f)$ , radius  $r$ .

$x^2 + y^2 + 2gx + 2fy + c = 0$  ..... **3**

$r = \sqrt{g^2 + f^2 - c}$  ..... **4**



**1 (b) (i)**

**INTERNAL TOUCH**  $|p_1p_2| = r_1 - r_2$

$|p_1p_2| = \sqrt{(2-3)^2 + (3-4)^2} = \sqrt{2}$

$r_1 - r_2 = 2\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2} = \sqrt{2}$

Therefore, the circles touch internally.

**1 (b) (ii)**

As can be seen from the diagram, the centre of  $C_1$  lies on  $C_2$  because its radius is twice that of  $C_2$ . The point  $(3, 4)$  is the mid-point of  $(2, 3)$  and the point of contact.

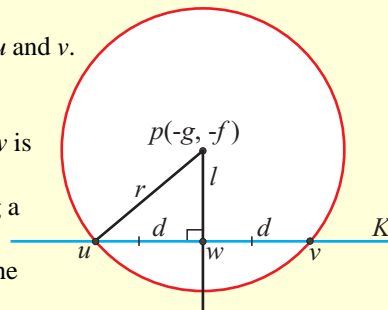
$(2, 3) \rightarrow (3, 4) \rightarrow (4, 5)$

$(4, 5)$  is the point of contact between the two circles.

**1 (c)**

**SOME PROPERTIES OF CHORDS**

1. The line  $K$  intersects the circle at points  $u$  and  $v$ .
2.  $[uv]$  is a chord.
3. The mid-point of the chord  $[uv]$  is  $w$ .
4. The line from the centre of the circle to  $w$  is perpendicular to the chord.
5. You can apply Pythagoras by completing a right-angled triangle.
6. The perpendicular distance of  $p$  to  $K$  is the distance  $l$ . Obviously,  $l < r$ .



Centre  $(3, 5)$ ,  $r = 5$

Circle  $C$  with centre  $(h, k)$ , radius  $r$ .

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

Eqn. of circle:  $(x-3)^2 + (y-5)^2 = 25$

