

**Question #57674****The problem is:**

Write the equation of the circle satisfying the given equations:

1. with center (2, -1) and radius 3.
2. with center (1, 0) and radius square root of 5 over 3
3. with center (0, 0) and diameter 8.
4. with center (3, 4) and passing through (-1, 1).
5. center at (-3, 2) and touching the x-axis
6. center at (4, 1) touching the y-axis.
7. with radius 3, touching both axes and center in 3rd quadrant.
8. with radius 2, tangent to both axes and center in 4th quadrant.
9. with center at (0, 3) and touching the line  $x - y = 0$
10. with center at (-2, -1) and tangent to the line  $4x - 3y = 12$ .
11. with center at (3, 2) and tangent to the line passing through (-1, 3) and (-4, 0)

**Solve:**

The equation of the circle looks like  $(x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2 = R^2$ , (1)

where  $a, b$  - the coordinates of the circle center,  $R$  - the radius.

1. The circle with center (2, -1) and radius 3.

We have  $a = 2, b = -1, R = 3$

Using (1):  $(x-2)^2 + (y-(-1))^2 = 3^2$  or  $(x-2)^2 + (y+1)^2 = 9$

2. The circle with center (1, 0) and radius square root of 5 over 3

$a = 1, b = 0, R = \sqrt{\frac{5}{3}}$

Using (1):  $(x-1)^2 + y^2 = \left(\sqrt{\frac{5}{3}}\right)^2 = \frac{5}{3}$ .

3. The circle with center (0, 0) and diameter 8.

$a = 0, b = 0, R = \frac{\text{diameter}}{2} = \frac{8}{2} = 4$

Using (1):  $x^2 + y^2 = 4^2 = 16$

4. The circle with center (3, 4) and passing through (-1, 1).

$a = 3, b = 4$ , but we don't know  $R$ .

In general the equation of the circle is  $(x-3)^2 + (y-4)^2 = R^2$

But the circle passes through (-1, 1), and then point lies on the circle satisfies the equation

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

So  $((-1)-3)^2 + (1-4)^2 = R^2$

$(-4)^2 + (-3)^2 = R^2$

$25 = R^2$

$R = 5$

And now the equation of the circle is  $(x-3)^2 + (y-4)^2 = 5^2 = 25$

5. The circle with center at (-3, 2) and touching the x-axis.

$$a = -3, b = 2$$

If circle is touching the x-axis it's means, that module of y-coordinate of the center is radius of this circle.

$$R = |b| = 2$$

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

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

6. The circle with center at (4, 1) touching the y-axis.

$$a = 4, b = 1$$

If circle is touching the y-axis it's means, that module of x-coordinate of the center is radius of this circle.

$$R = |a| = 4$$

$$(x - 4)^2 + (y - 1)^2 = 4^2 = 16$$

7. The circle with radius 3, touching both axes and center in 3rd quadrant.

If the circle is touching both axes his center in the point  $(\pm R; \pm R)$ .

Using condition that center in 3rd quadrant:  $a < 0, b < 0$ .

So we have circle with radius 3 with center (-3,-3).

$$\text{Using (1): } (x + 3)^2 + (y + 3)^2 = 3^2 = 9$$

8. The circle with radius 2, tangent to both axes and center in 4th quadrant

If the circle is touching both axes his center in the point  $(\pm R; \pm R)$ .

Using condition that center in 4th quadrant:  $a > 0, b < 0$ .

So we have circle with radius 2 with center (2,-2).

$$\text{Using (1): } (x - 2)^2 + (y + 2)^2 = 2^2 = 4$$

9. The circle with center at (0, 3) and touching the line  $x - y = 0$

The radius of this circle = distance from the center and the line  $x - y = 0$ .

If you specify the equation of the line  $Ax + By + C = 0$ , then the distance from M (a, b) point to line can be found using the following formula

$$d = \frac{|Aa + Bb + C|}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2}}$$

In our case  $A=1, B=-1, C=0, a=0, b=3$

$$d = R = \frac{|1 \cdot 0 - 1 \cdot 3 + 0|}{\sqrt{1^2 + (-1)^2}} = \frac{|-3|}{\sqrt{2}} = \sqrt{2}$$

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

10. The circle with center at (-2, -1) and tangent to the line  $4x - 3y = 12$ .

$A=4, B=-3, C=-12, a=-2, b=-1$

$$d = R = \frac{|4 \cdot (-2) + (-3) \cdot (-1) - 12|}{\sqrt{4^2 + (-3)^2}} = \frac{20}{5} = 4$$

$$\text{Using (1): } (x + 2)^2 + (y + 1)^2 = 4^2 = 16$$

11. The circle with center at (3,2) and tangent to the line passing through (-1, 3) and (-4,0).

Canonical equation of a line passing through two points with coordinates  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2)$  looks

like formula  $\frac{x-x_1}{x_2-x_1} = \frac{y-y_1}{y_2-y_1}$ .

$$(x_1, y_1) = (-1, 3)$$

$$(x_2, y_2) = (-4, 0)$$

The line is:  $\frac{x+1}{-4+1} = \frac{y-3}{0-3}$

$$\frac{x+1}{-3} = \frac{y-3}{-3}$$

$$x+1 = y-3$$

Line is  $x - y + 4 = 0$

$A=1, B=-1, C=4, a=3, b=2$

$$d = R = \frac{|1 \cdot 3 + (-1) \cdot 2 + 4|}{\sqrt{1^2 + (-1)^2}} = \frac{5}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Using (1):  $(x-3)^2 + (y-2)^2 = \left(\frac{5}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 = \frac{25}{2}$

**Answers:**

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

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

3.  $x^2 + y^2 = 16$

4.  $(x-3)^2 + (y-4)^2 = 25$

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

6.  $(x-4)^2 + (y-1)^2 = 16$

7.  $(x+3)^2 + (y+3)^2 = 9$

8.  $(x-2)^2 + (y+2)^2 = 4$

9.  $x^2 + (y-3)^2 = 2$

10.  $(x+2)^2 + (y+1)^2 = 16$

11.  $(x-3)^2 + (y-2)^2 = \frac{25}{2}$