

## Fill Ups of Circle

**Q.1. If A and B are points in the plane such that  $PA/PB = k$  (constant) for all P on a given circle, then the value of k cannot be equal to ..... (1982 - 2 Marks)**

**Ans. 1**

**Sol.** As P lies on a circle and A and B two points in the plane

such that  $\frac{PA}{PB} = k$

Then k can be any real number except 1 as otherwise P will lie on perpendicular bisector of AB which is a line.

**Q.2. The points of intersection of the line  $4x - 3y - 10 = 0$  and the circle  $x^2 + y^2 - 2x + 4y - 20 = 0$  are ..... and ..... (1983 - 2 Marks)**

**Ans. (4, 2), (-2, -6)**

**Sol.** For point of intersection of line  $4x - 3y - 10 = 0 \dots (1)$

and circle  $x^2 + y^2 - 2x + 4y - 20 = 0 \dots (2)$

Solving (1) and (2), we get

$$\left(\frac{3y+10}{4}\right)^2 + y^2 - 2\left(\frac{3y+10}{4}\right) + 4y - 20 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 + 4y - 12 = 0 \Rightarrow y = 2, -6$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 4, -2$$

$\therefore$  Points are (4, 2) and (-2, -6)

**Q.3. The lines  $3x - 4y + 4 = 0$  and  $6x - 8y - 7 = 0$  are tangents to the same circle. The radius of this circle is ..... (1984 - 2 Marks)**

**Ans. 3/4**

**Sol.** Let  $3x - 4y + 4 = 0$  be the tangent at point A and  $6x - 8y - 7 = 0$  be the tangent of point B of the circle.

As the two tangents parallel to each other

∴ AB should be the diameter of circle.

∴ AB = distance between parallel lines

$$3x - 4y + 4 = 0 \text{ and}$$

$$6x - 8y - 7 = 0 = \text{distance between}$$

$$6x - 8y + 8 = 0 \text{ and } 6x - 8y - 7 = 0$$

$$= \left| \frac{8+7}{\sqrt{36+64}} \right| = \frac{15}{10} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\therefore \text{radius of circle} = \frac{1}{2}(AB) = \frac{3}{4}$$

**Q.4.** Let  $x^2 + y^2 - 4x - 2y - 11 = 0$  be a circle. A pair of tangents from the point (4, 5) with a pair of radii form a quadrilateral of area ..... (1985 - 2 Marks)

**Ans. 8 sq. units**

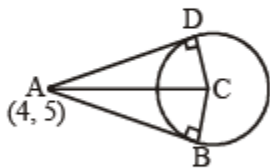
**Sol. KEY CONCEPT :**

Length of tangent from a point  $(x_1, y_1)$  to a circle  $x^2 + y^2 + 2gx + 2fy + c = 0$  is given by

$$\sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2 + 2gx_1 + 2fy_1 + c}$$

The equation of circle is,  $x^2 + y^2 - 4x - 2y - 11 = 0$

It's centre is (2, 1), radius =  $\sqrt{4+1+11} = 4 = BC$



length of tangent from the pt. (4, 5) is

$$= \sqrt{16+25-16-10-11} = \sqrt{4} = 2 = AB$$

∴ Area of quad. ABCD

$$= 2 (\text{Area of } \triangle ABC) = 2 \times \frac{1}{2} \times AB \times BC$$

$$= 2 \times \frac{1}{2} \times 2 \times 4 = 8 \text{ sq. units.}$$

**Q.5. From the origin chords are drawn to the circle  $(x - 1)^2 + y^2 = 1$ . The equation of the locus of the mid-points of these chords is ..... (1985 - 2 Marks)**

**Ans.  $x^2 + y^2 - x = 0$**

**Sol.** The equation of given circle is  $(x - 1)^2 + y^2 = 1$   
or  $x^2 + y^2 - 2x = 0 \dots (1)$

**KEY CONCEPT :** We know that equation of chord of curve  $S = 0$ , whose mid point is  $(x_1, y_1)$  is given by  $T = S_1$  where T is tangent to curve  $S = 0$  at  $(x_1, y_1)$ .

∴ If  $(x_1, y_1)$  is the mid point of chord of given circle (1), then equation of chord is

$$xx_1 + yy_1 - (x + x_1) = x_1^2 + y_1^2 - 2x_1$$

$$\Rightarrow (x_1 - 1)x + y_1y + x_1 - x_1^2 - y_1^2 = 0$$

At it passes through origin, we get

$$x_1 - x_1^2 - y_1^2 = 0 \text{ or } x_1^2 + y_1^2 - x_1 = 0$$

$$\therefore \text{locus of } (x_1, y_1) \text{ is } x^2 + y^2 - x = 0$$

**Q.6. The equation of the 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 ..... (1986 - 2 Marks)**

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

**Sol.** The equation of two circles are

$$x^2 + y^2 - \frac{2}{3}x + 4y - 3 = 0 \dots (1)$$

$$\text{and } x^2 + y^2 + 6x + 2y - 15 = 0 \dots (2)$$

Now we know eq. of common chord of two circles

$$S_1 = 0 \text{ and } S_2 = 0 \text{ is } S_1 - S_2 = 0$$

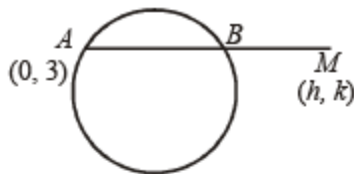
$$\Rightarrow 6x + \frac{2}{3}x + 2y - 4y - 15 + 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{20x}{3} - 2y - 12 = 0 \Rightarrow 10x - 3y - 18 = 0$$

**Q.7. From the point A(0, 3) on the circle  $x^2 + 4x + (y - 3)^2 = 0$ , a chord AB is drawn and extended to a point M such that  $AM = 2AB$ . The equation of the locus of M is ..... (1986 - 2 Marks)**

**Ans.**

**Sol.** The equation of circle is,  $x^2 + y^2 + 4x - 6y + 9 = 0 \dots (1)$



$$AM = 2AB$$

$$\Rightarrow AB = BM$$

Let the co-ordinates of M be (h, k) Then B is mid pt of AM

$$\therefore B\left(\frac{0+h}{2}, \frac{3+k}{2}\right) = \left(\frac{h}{2}, \frac{k+3}{2}\right)$$

As B lies on circle (1),

$$\therefore \left(\frac{h}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{k+3}{2}\right)^2 + 4 \times \frac{h}{2} - 6\left(\frac{k+3}{2}\right) + 9 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow h^2 + k^2 + 8h - 6k + 9 = 0$$

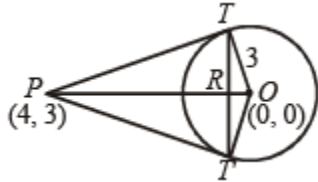
$$\therefore \text{locus of } (h, k) \text{ is, } x^2 + y^2 + 8x - 6y + 9 = 0$$

**Q.8. The area of the triangle formed by the tangents from the point (4, 3) to the the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 9$  and the line joining their points of contact is ..... (1987 - 2 Marks)**

**Ans. 192/25**

**Sol.** From P (4, 3) two tangents PT and PT' are drawn to the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 9$  with O (0, 0) as centre and  $r = 3$ .

To find the area of  $\Delta PTT'$ .



Let R be the point of intersection of OP and TT'.

Then we can prove by simple geometry that OP is perpendicular bisector of TT'.

Equation of chord of contact TT' is  $4x + 3y = 9$  Now, OR = length of the perpendicular from O to TT' is

$$= \left| \frac{4 \times 0 + 3 \times 0 - 9}{\sqrt{4^2 + 3^2}} \right| = \frac{9}{5}$$

OT = radius of circle = 3

$$\therefore TR = \sqrt{OT^2 - OR^2} = \sqrt{9 - \frac{81}{25}} = \frac{12}{5}$$

$$\text{Again } OP = \sqrt{(4-0)^2 + (3-0)^2} = 5$$

$$\therefore PR = OP - OR = 5 - \frac{9}{5} = \frac{16}{5}$$

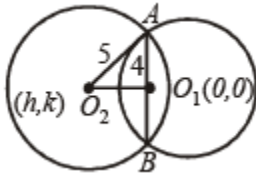
Area of the triangle

$$PTT' = PR \times TR = \frac{16}{5} \times \frac{12}{5} = \frac{192}{25}$$

**Q.9.** If the circle  $C_1 : x^2 + y^2 = 16$  intersects another circle  $C_2$  of radius 5 in such a manner that common chord is of maximum length and has a slope equal to  $3/4$ , then the coordinates of the centre of  $C_2$  are ..... (1988 - 2 Marks)

**Ans.**

**Sol.** We have  $C_1 : x^2 + y^2 = 16$ , Centre  $O_1 (0, 0)$  radius = 4.  $C_2$  is another circle with radius 5, let its centre  $O_2$  be  $(h, k)$ .



Now the common chord of circles  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  is of maximum length when chord is diameter of smaller circle  $C_1$ , and then it passes through centre  $O_1$  of circle  $C_1$ . Given that slope of this chord is  $3/4$ .

$\therefore$  Equation of AB is,

$$y = \frac{3}{4}x \Rightarrow 3x - 4y = 0 \dots (1)$$

In right  $\Delta AO_1O_2$ ,

$$O_1O_2 = \sqrt{5^2 - 4^2} = 3$$

Also  $O_1O_2 \perp AB$  distance from  $(h, k)$  to (1)

$$\Rightarrow 3 = \left| \frac{3h - 4k}{\sqrt{3^2 + 4^2}} \right| \Rightarrow \pm 3 = \frac{3h - 4k}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3h - 4k \pm 15 = 0 \dots (2)$$

$$AB \perp O_1O_2 \Rightarrow m_{AB} \times m_{O_1O_2} = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{k}{h} = -1 \Rightarrow 4h + 3k = 0 \dots (3)$$

Solving,  $3h - 4k + 15 = 0$  and  $4h + 3k = 0$

We get  $h = -9/5$ ,  $k = 12/5$

Again solving  $3h - 4k - 15 = 0$  and  $4h + 3k = 0$

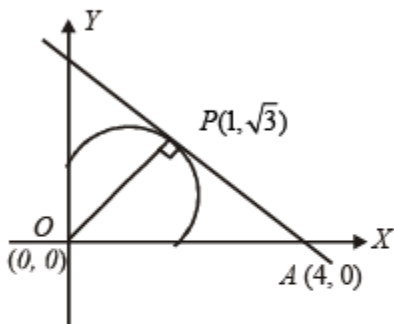
We get  $h = 9/5$ ,  $k = -12/5$

Thus the required centre is  $\left(\frac{-9}{5}, \frac{12}{5}\right)$  or  $\left(\frac{9}{5}, \frac{-12}{5}\right)$

**Q.10.** The area of the triangle formed by the positive x-axis and the normal and the tangent to the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 4$  at  $(1, \sqrt{3})$  is, ..... (1989 - 2 Marks)

**Ans.**

**Sol.** Tangent at  $P(1, \sqrt{3})$  to the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 4$  is  $x \cdot 1 + y \cdot \sqrt{3} = 4$



It meets x-axis at  $A(4, 0)$ ,

$$\therefore OA = 4 \text{ Also } OP = \text{radius of circle} = 2 \therefore PA = \sqrt{4^2 - 2^2} = \sqrt{12}$$

$$\therefore \text{Area of } \triangle OPA = \frac{1}{2} \times OP \times PA = \frac{1}{2} \times 2 \times \sqrt{12}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{3} \text{ sq. units}$$

**Q.11.** If a circle passes through the points of intersection of the coordinate axes with the lines  $\lambda x - y + 1 = 0$  and  $x - 2y + 3 = 0$ , then the value of  $\lambda = \dots\dots\dots$  (1991 - 2 Marks)

**Q.11.** If a circle passes through the points of intersection of the coordinate axes with the lines  $\lambda x - y + 1 = 0$  and  $x - 2y + 3 = 0$ , then the value of  $\lambda = \dots\dots\dots$  (1991 - 2 Marks)

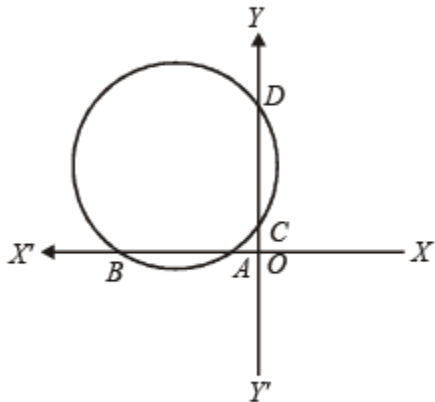
**Ans.** 2

**Sol.** The given lines are  $lx - y + 1 = 0$  and  $x - 2y + 3 = 0$  which meet x-axis at  $A\left(-\frac{1}{\lambda}, 0\right)$  and  $B(-3, 0)$

And

y-axis at  $C(0, 1)$  and  $D\left(0, \frac{3}{2}\right)$  respectively..

Then we must have,  $OA \times OB = OC \times OD$



$$\Rightarrow \left(-\frac{1}{\lambda}\right)(-3) = 1 \times \frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow \lambda = 2$$

**Q.12.** The equation of the locus of the mid-points of the circle  $4x^2 + 4y^2 - 12x + 4y + 1 = 0$  that subtend an angle of  $2\pi/3$  at its centre is ..... (1993 - 2 Marks)

**Ans.**  $16x^2 + 16y^2 - 48x + 16y + 31 = 0$

**Sol.** The given circle is,  $4x^2 + 4y^2 - 12x + 4y + 1 = 0$

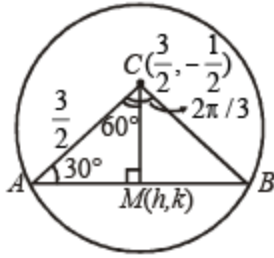
or  $x^2 + y^2 - 3x + y + \frac{1}{4} = 0$  with centre  $\left(\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\right)$

and  $r = \sqrt{\frac{9}{4} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4}} = \frac{3}{2}$

Let  $M(h, k)$  be the mid pt. of the chord  $AB$  of the given circle, then  $CM \perp AB$ .  $\angle ACB = 120^\circ$ .

In  $\triangle ACM$ ,





$$\angle ACM = \frac{1}{2} \angle ACB = 60^\circ$$

and  $\angle A = 30^\circ$

$$\therefore \sin A = \frac{CM}{AC}$$

$$\sin 30^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{(h-3/2)^2 + (k+1/2)^2}}{3/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2 = \left(h - \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 + \left(k + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 16h^2 + 16k^2 - 48h + 16k + 31 = 0$$

$\therefore$  locus of  $(h, k)$  is  $16x^2 + 16y^2 - 48x + 16y + 31 = 0$

**Q.13.** The intercept on the line  $y = x$  by the circle  $x^2 + y^2 - 2x = 0$  is AB. Equation of the circle with AB as a diameter is ..... (1996 - 1 Mark)

**Ans.**  $x^2 + y^2 - x - y = 0$

**Sol.** Equation of any circle passing through the point of intersection of  $x^2 + y^2 - 2x = 0$  and  $y = x$

$$= x^2 + y^2 - 2x + \lambda(y - x) = 0$$

$$\text{or } x^2 + y^2 - (2 + \lambda)x + \lambda y = 0$$

Its centre is  $\left(\frac{2+\lambda}{2}, \frac{-\lambda}{2}\right)$

For AB to be the diameter of the required circle, the centre must lie on AB. That is,

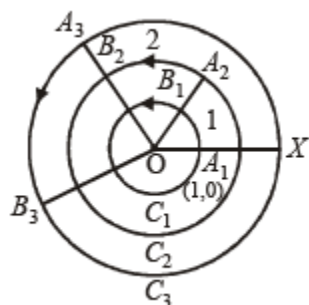
$$\frac{2+\lambda}{2} = -\frac{\lambda}{2} \Rightarrow \lambda = -1$$

Thus, equation of required circle is  $x^2 + y^2 - 2x - y + x = 0$  or  $x^2 + y^2 - x - y = 0$

**Q.14.** For each natural number  $k$ , let  $C_k$  denote the circle with radius  $k$  centimetres and centre at the origin. On the circle  $C_k$ , a particle moves  $k$  centimetres in the counter-clockwise direction. After completing its motion on  $C_k$ , the particle moves to  $C_{k+1}$  in the radial direction. The motion of the particle continues in this manner. The particle starts at  $(1, 0)$ .

If the particle crosses the positive direction of the x-axis for the first time on the circle  $C_n$  then  $n = \dots\dots\dots$  (1997 - 2 Marks)

**Ans. 7**



The radius of circle  $C_1$  is 1 cm,  $C_2$  is 2 cm and soon.

It starts from  $A_1 (1, 0)$  on  $C_1$ , moves a distance of 1 cm on  $C_1$  to come to  $B_1$ . The angle subtended by  $A_1B_1$  at the centre

will be  $\frac{1}{r} = \theta$  radians, i.e. 1 radian.

From  $B_1$  it moves along radius,  $OB_1$  and comes to  $A_2$  on circle  $C_2$  of radius 2. From  $A_2$  it moves on  $C_2$  a distance 2 cm and comes to  $B_2$ . The angle subtended by  $A_2B_2$  is again as before 1 radian. The total angle subtended at the centre is 2 radians. The process continues. In order to cross the x-axis again it must describe  $2\pi$  radians

i.e.  $2 \cdot \frac{22}{7} = 6.7$  radians.

Hence it must be moving on circle  $C_7$

$\therefore n = 7$

**Q.15. The chords of contact of the pair of tangents drawn from each point on the line  $2x+y=4$  to circle  $x^2+y^2=1$  pass through the point ..... (1997 - 2 Marks)**

**Ans.**

**Sol.** Let  $(h, k)$  be any point on the given line

$\therefore 2h + k = 4$  and chord of contact is  $hx + ky = 1$  or  $hx + (4 - 2h)y = 1$

or  $(4y - 1) + h(x - 2y) = 0$

$P + 1Q = 0$ . It passes through the intersection of  $P = 0$  and

$$Q = 0 \text{ i.e. } \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}\right).$$

## True False of Circle

**Q.1.** No tangent can be drawn from the point  $(5/2, 1)$  to the circumcircle of the triangle with vertices  $(1, \sqrt{3})$ ,  $(1, -\sqrt{3})$ ,  $(3, -\sqrt{3})$  (1985 - 1 Mark)

**Ans. T**

**Sol.** The circle passes through the points  $A(1, \sqrt{3})$ ,  $B(1, -\sqrt{3})$  and  $C(3, -\sqrt{3})$

Here line AB is parallel to y-axis and BC is parallel to x-axis, there  $\angle ABC = 90^\circ$

$\therefore$  AC is a diameter of circle.

$\therefore$  Eq. of circle is

$$(x - 1)(x - 3) + (y - \sqrt{3})(y + \sqrt{3}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 - 4x = 0 \dots (1)$$

Let us check the position of pt  $(5/2, 1)$  with respect to the circle (1),

$$\text{we get } S_1 = \frac{25}{4} + 1 - 10 < 0$$

$\therefore$  Point lies inside the circle.

$\therefore$  No tangent can be drawn to the given circle from point  $(5/2, 1)$ .

$\therefore$  Given statement is true.

**Q.2.** The line  $x + 3y = 0$  is a diameter of the circle  $x^2 + y^2 - 6x + 2y = 0$ . (1989 - 1 Mark)

**Ans. T**

**Sol.** The centre of the circle  $x^2 + y^2 - 6x + 2y = 0$  is  $(3, -1)$  which lies on the line  $x + 3y = 0$

$\therefore$  The statement is true.



## Subjective questions of Circle

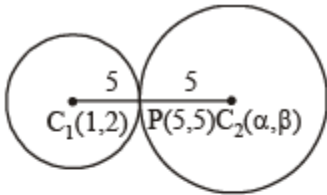
**Q.1. Find the equation of the circle whose radius is 5 and which touches the circle  $x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 4y - 20 = 0$  at the point (5, 5). (1978)**

**Ans.  $x^2 + y^2 - 18x - 16y + 120 = 0$**

**Sol.** The given circle is

$x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 4y - 20 = 0$  whose centre is (1, 2) and radius = 5 Radius of required circle is also 5.

Let its centre be  $C_2 (\alpha, \beta)$ . Both the circles touch each other at P (5, 5).



It is clear from figure that P (5, 5) is the mid-point of  $C_1C_2$ .

Therefore, we should have

$$\frac{1+\alpha}{2} = 5 \text{ and } \frac{2+\beta}{2} = 5 \Rightarrow \alpha = 9 \text{ and } \beta = 8$$

$\therefore$  Centre of required circle is (9, 8) and equation of required circle is

$$(x - 9)^2 + (y - 8)^2 = 5^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 - 18x - 16y + 120 = 0$$

**Q.2. Let A be the centre of the circle  $x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 4y - 20 = 0$ .**

**Suppose that the tangents at the points B(1, 7) and D(4, -2) on the circle meet at the point C. Find the area of the quadrilateral ABCD. (1981 - 4 Marks)**

**Ans. 75 sq. units**

**Sol.** The eq. of circle is

$$x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 4y - 20 = 0$$

Centre (1, 2), radius =  $\sqrt{1+4+20} = 5$

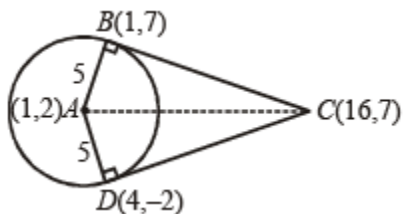
Using eq. of tangent at  $(x_1, y_1)$  of

$$x^2 + y^2 + 2gx_1 + 2fy_1 + c = 0 \text{ is}$$

$$xx_1 + yy_1 + g(x + x_1) + f(y + y_1) + c = 0$$

Eq. of tangent at (1, 7) is  $x \cdot 1 + y \cdot 7 - (x + 1) - 2(y + 7) - 20 = 0$

$\Rightarrow y - 7 = 0 \dots (1)$  Similarly eq. of tangent at (4, -2) is



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

$$\Rightarrow 3x - 4y - 20 = 0 \dots (2)$$

For pt C, solving (1) and (2),

we get  $x = 16, y = 7 \therefore C(16, 7)$ .

Now, clearly ar (quad ABCD) = 2 Ar (rt  $\Delta ABC$ )

$$= 2 \times \frac{1}{2} \times AB \times BC = AB \times BC$$

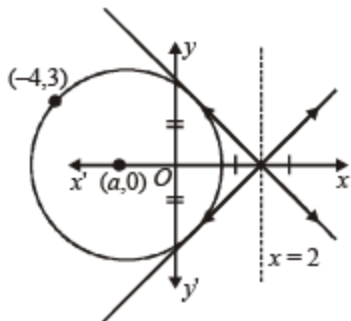
where  $AB =$  radius of circle = 5 and  $BC =$  length of tangent from C to circle

$$= \sqrt{16^2 + 7^2 - 32 - 28 - 20} = \sqrt{225} = 15$$

$$\therefore \text{ar (quad ABCD)} = 5 \times 15 = 75 \text{ sq. units.}$$

**Q.3. Find the equations of the circle passing through  $(-4, 3)$  and touching the lines  $x + y = 2$  and  $x - y = 2$ . (1982 - 3 Marks)**





As centre lies on  $\angle$  bisector of given equations (lines) which are the lines  $y = 0$  and  $x = 2$ .

$\therefore$  Centre lies on x axis or  $x = 2$ .

But as it passes through  $(-4, 3)$ , i.e., II quadrant.

$\therefore$  Centre must lie on x-axis Let it be  $(a, 0)$  then distance between  $(a, 0)$  and  $(-4, 3)$  is = length of  $\perp^{\text{lar}}$  distance from  $(a, 0)$  to  $x + y - 2 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow (a + 4)^2 + (0 - 3)^2 = \left(\frac{a-2}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + 20a + 46 = 0 \Rightarrow a = -10 \pm \sqrt{54}$$

$\therefore$  Equation of circle is

$$\Rightarrow [x + (10 \pm \sqrt{54})]^2 + y^2 = [-(10 \pm \sqrt{54}) + 4]^2 + 3^2$$

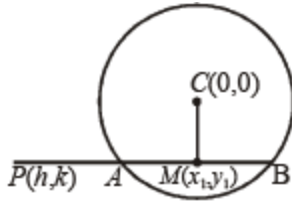
$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 + 2(10 \pm \sqrt{54})x + 8(10 \pm \sqrt{54}) - 25 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 + 2(10 \pm \sqrt{54})x + 55 \pm \sqrt{54} = 0.$$

**Q.4. Through a fixed point  $(h, k)$  secants are drawn to the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$ . Show that the locus of the mid-points of the secants intercepted by the circle is  $x^2 + y^2 = hx + ky$ . (1983 - 5 Marks)**

**Ans. Sol.** Equation of chord whose mid point is given is

$$T = S_1$$



[Consider  $(x_1, y_1)$  be mid pt. of AB]

$$\Rightarrow xx_1 + yy_1 - r^2 = x_1^2 + y_1^2 - r^2$$

As it passes through  $(h, k)$ ,

$$\therefore hx_1 + ky_1 = x_1^2 + y_1^2$$

$\therefore$  locus of  $(x_1, y_1)$  is,  $x^2 + y^2 = hx + ky$

**Q.5. The abscissa of the two points A and B are the roots of the equation  $x^2 + 2ax - b^2 = 0$  and their ordinates are the roots of the equation  $x^2 + 2px - q^2 = 0$ . Find the equation and the radius of the circle with AB as diameter. (1984 - 4 Marks)**

**Ans.**

**Sol.** Let the two points be  $A = (\alpha_1, \beta_1)$  and  $B = (\alpha_2, \beta_2)$

Thus  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  are roots of  $x^2 + 2ax - b^2 = 0$

$$\therefore \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = -2a \dots (1)$$

$$\alpha_1 \alpha_2 = -b^2 \dots (2)$$

$\beta_1, \beta_2$  are roots of  $x^2 + 2px - q^2 = 0$

$$\therefore \beta_1 + \beta_2 = -2p \dots (3)$$

$$\beta_1 \beta_2 = -q^2 \dots (4)$$

Now equation of circle with AB as diameter is  $(x - \alpha_1)(x - \alpha_2) + (y - \beta_1)(y - \beta_2) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)x + \alpha_1 \alpha_2 + y^2 - (\beta_1 + \beta_2)y + \beta_1 \beta_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 2ax - b^2 + y^2 + 2py - q^2 = 0 \text{ [Using eq. (1), (2), (3) and (4)]}$$



$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 + 2ax + 2py - b^2 - q^2 = 0$$

Which is the equation of required circle, with its centre  $(-a, -p)$  and radius  $\sqrt{a^2 + p^2 + b^2 + q^2}$

**Q.6. Lines  $5x + 12y - 10 = 0$  and  $5x - 12y - 40 = 0$  touch a circle  $C_1$  of diameter 6. If the centre of  $C_1$  lies in the first quadrant, find the equation of the circle  $C_2$  which is concentric with  $C_1$  and cuts intercepts of length 8 on these lines. (1986 - 5 Marks)**

**Ans. Sol.** Let equation of tangent PAB be  $5x + 12y - 10 = 0$  and that of

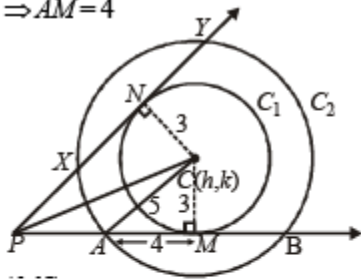
PXY be  $5x - 12y - 40 = 0$

Now let centre of circles  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  be  $C(h, k)$ .

Let  $CM \perp PAB$  then  $CM =$  radius of  $C_1 = 3$

Also  $C_2$  makes an intercept of length 8 units on PAB  $\Rightarrow AM = 4$

$PAB \Rightarrow AM = 4$



Then in  $\triangle AMC$ , we get

$$AC = \sqrt{4^2 + 3^2} = 5$$

$\therefore$  Radius of  $C_2$  is = 5 units

Also, as  $5x + 12y - 10 = 0 \dots (1)$

and  $5x - 12y - 40 = 0 \dots (2)$

are tangents to  $C_1$ , length of perpendicular from  $C$  to  $AB = 3$  units

$$\therefore \text{ We get } \frac{5h+12k-10}{13} = \pm 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 5h + 12k - 49 = 0 \dots \text{(i)}$$

$$\text{or } 5h + 12k + 29 = 0 \dots \text{(ii)}$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \frac{5h-12k-40}{13} = \pm 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 5h - 12k - 79 = 0 \dots \text{(iii)}$$

$$\text{or } 5h - 12k - 1 = 0 \dots \text{(iv)}$$

As C lies in first quadrant

$\therefore$  h, k are + ve

$\therefore$  Eq. (ii) is not possible.

Solving (i) and (iii), we get  $h = 64/5$ ,  $k = -5/4$

This is also not possible.

Now solving (i) and (iv), we get  $h = 5$ ,  $k = 2$ .

Thus centre for  $C_2$  is (5, 2) and radius 5.

Hence, equation of  $C_2$  is  $(x - 5)^2 + (y - 2)^2 = 5^2$

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

**Q.7. Let a given line  $L_1$  intersects the x and y axes at P and Q, respectively. Let another line  $L_2$ , perpendicular to  $L_1$ , cut the x and y axes at R and S, respectively. Show that the locus of the point of intersection of the lines PS and QR is a circle passing through the origin. (1987 - 3 Marks)**

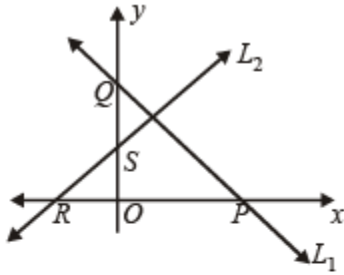
**Ans.**

**Sol.** Let the equation of  $L_1$  be  $x \cos \alpha + y \sin \alpha = p_1$

Then any line perpendicular to  $L_1$  is  $x \sin \alpha - y \cos \alpha = p_2$ , where  $p_2$  is a variable.

Then  $L_1$  meets x-axis at P ( $p_1 \sec\alpha$ , 0) and y-axis at Q (0,  $p_1 \operatorname{cosec}\alpha$ ).

Similarly  $L_2$  meets x-axis at R ( $p_2 \operatorname{cosec}\alpha$ , 0) and y-axis at S (0,  $-p_2 \sec\alpha$ ).



Now equation of PS is,

$$\frac{x}{p_1 \sec\alpha} + \frac{y}{-p_2 \sec\alpha} = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{x}{p_1} - \frac{y}{p_2} = \sec\alpha \dots (1)$$

Similarly, equation of QR is,

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{p_2 \operatorname{cosec}\alpha} + \frac{y}{p_1 \operatorname{cosec}\alpha} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{p_2} + \frac{y}{p_1} = \operatorname{cosec}\alpha \dots (2)$$

Locus of point of intersection of PS and QR can be obtained by eliminating the variable  $p_2$  from (1) and (2)

$$\text{i.e. } \left(\frac{x}{p_1} - \sec\alpha\right) \frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{p_1} = \operatorname{cosec}\alpha$$

[Substituting the value of  $\frac{1}{p_2}$  from (1) in (2)]

$$\Rightarrow (x - p_1 \sec\alpha) \frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{p_1} = \operatorname{cosec}\alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 - p_1 x \sec\alpha - p_1 y \operatorname{cosec}\alpha = 0$$

which is a circle through origin.

**Q.8.** The circle  $x^2 + y^2 - 4x - 4y + 4 = 0$  is inscribed in a triangle which has two of its sides along the co-ordinate axes. The locus of the circumcentre of the triangle is  $x + y - xy + k(x^2 + y^2)^{1/2} = 0$ . Find  $k$ . (1987 - 4 Marks)

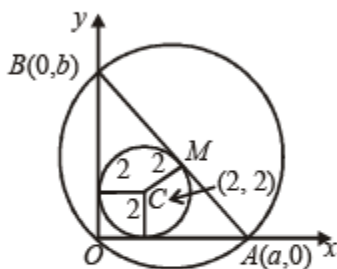
**Ans. Sol.** The given circle is  $x^2 + y^2 - 4x - 4y + 4 = 0$ .

This can be re-written as  $(x - 2)^2 + (y - 2)^2 = 4$

which has centre  $C(2, 2)$  and radius 2.

Let the eq. of third side  $AB$  of  $\Delta OAB$  is  $\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} = 1$  such that

$A(a, 0)$  and  $B(0, b)$



Length of perpendicular from  $(2, 2)$  on  $AB = \text{radius} = CM = 2$

$$\therefore \frac{\left| \frac{2}{a} + \frac{2}{b} - 1 \right|}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2}}} = 2$$

Since  $(2, 2)$  and origin lie on same side of  $AB$

$$\therefore \frac{-\left(\frac{2}{a} + \frac{2}{b} - 1\right)}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2}}} = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2}{a} + \frac{2}{b} - 1 = -2\sqrt{\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2}} \dots (1)$$

Since  $\angle AOB = \pi/2$ .

Hence,  $AB$  is the diameter of the circle passing through  $\Delta OAB$ , mid point of  $AB$  is the centre of the circle i.e.  $(a/2, b/2)$

Let centre be  $(h, k) = \left(\frac{a}{2}, \frac{b}{2}\right)$

then  $a = 2h, b = 2k$ .

Substituting the values of  $a$  and  $b$  in (1), we get

$$\frac{2}{2h} + \frac{2}{2k} - 1 = -2\sqrt{\frac{1}{4h^2} + \frac{1}{4k^2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{h} + \frac{1}{k} - 1 = -\sqrt{\frac{1}{h^2} + \frac{1}{k^2}} \Rightarrow h+k-hk+\sqrt{h^2+k^2} = 0$$

$\therefore$  Locus of  $M(h, k)$  is,

$$x+y-xy+\sqrt{x^2+y^2} = 0 \dots (2)$$

Comparing it with given equation of locus of circumcentre of  $\Delta$  i.e.

$$x+y-xy+k\sqrt{x^2+y^2} = 0 \dots (3)$$

We get,  $k = 1$

**Q. 9.** If  $\left(m_i, \frac{1}{m_i}\right), m_i > 0, i = 1, 2, 3, 4$  are four distinct points on a circle, then show that  $m_1m_2m_3m_4 = 1$  (1989 - 2 Marks)

**Ans. Sol.** Given that  $\left(m_i, \frac{1}{m_i}\right), m_i > 0, i = 1, 2, 3, 4$  are four distinct points on a circle.

Let the equation of circle be  $x^2 + y^2 + 2gx + 2fy + c = 0$

As the point  $\left(m, \frac{1}{m}\right)$  lies on it, therefore, we have

$$m^2 + \frac{1}{m^2} + 2gm + \frac{2f}{m} + c = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m^4 + 2gm^3 + cm^2 + 2fm + 1 = 0$$

Since  $m_1, m_2, m_3, m_4$  are roots of this equation, therefore product of roots = 1

$$\Rightarrow m_1m_2m_3m_4 = 1$$

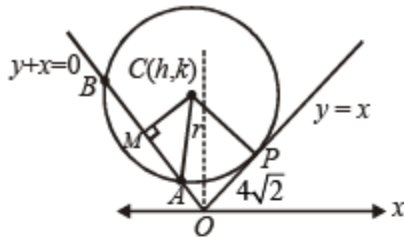


**Q.10.** A circle touches the line  $y = x$  at a point P such that  $OP = 4\sqrt{2}$ , where O is the origin. The circle contains the point  $(-10, 2)$  in its interior and the length of its chord on the line  $x + y = 0$  is  $6\sqrt{2}$ . Determine the equation of the circle. (1990 - 5 Marks)

**Ans.**  $x^2 + y^2 + 18x - 2y + 32 = 0$

**Sol.** Let AB be the length of chord intercepted by circle on  $y + x = 0$

Let CM be perpendicular to AB from centre C (h, k).



Also  $y - x = 0$  and  $y + x = 0$  are perpendicular to each other.

$\therefore$  OPCM is rectangle.

$\therefore$   $CM = OP = 4\sqrt{2}$

Let r be the radius of circle.

Also  $AM = \frac{1}{2}AB = \frac{1}{2} \times 6\sqrt{2} = 3\sqrt{2}$

$\therefore$  In  $\Delta CAM$ ,  $AC^2 = AM^2 + MC^2$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 = (3\sqrt{2})^2 + (4\sqrt{2})^2 \Rightarrow r^2 = (5\sqrt{2})^2$$

$$\Rightarrow r = 5\sqrt{2}$$

Again  $y = x$  is tangent to the circle at P

$\therefore$   $CP = r$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \frac{h-k}{\sqrt{2}} \right| = 5\sqrt{2} \Rightarrow h-k = \pm 10 \quad (1)$$

Also  $CM = 4\sqrt{2}$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \frac{h+k}{\sqrt{2}} \right| = 4\sqrt{2} \Rightarrow h+k = \pm 8 \quad \dots (2)$$

Solving four sets of eq's given by (1) and (2), we get the possible centres as  $(9, -1), (1, -9), (-1, 9), (-9, 1)$

$$\therefore \text{Possible circles are } (x - 9)^2 + (y + 1)^2 - 50$$

$$= 0 \quad (x - 1)^2 + (y + 9)^2 - 50$$

$$= 0 \quad (x + 1)^2 + (y - 9)^2 - 50$$

$$= 0 \quad (x + 9)^2 + (y - 1)^2 - 50 = 0$$

But the pt  $(-10, 2)$  lies inside the circle.

$$\therefore S_1 < 0$$

$$\text{which is satisfied only for } (x + 9)^2 + (y - 1)^2 - 50 = 0$$

$$\therefore \text{The required eq. of circle is } x^2 + y^2 + 18x - 2y + 32 = 0$$

**Q.11. Two circles, each of radius 5 units, touch each other at  $(1, 2)$ .**

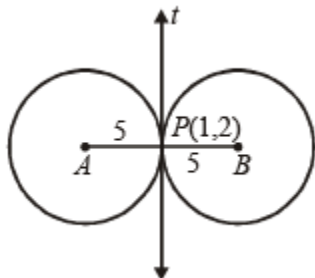
**If the equation of their common tangent is  $4x + 3y = 10$ , find the equation of the circles. (1991 - 4 Marks)**

**Ans. Sol.** Let  $t$  be the common tangent given by  $4x + 3y = 10 \dots (1)$

Common pt of contact being  $P(1, 2)$

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be the centres of the circles, required.

Clearly,  $AB$  is the line perpendicular to  $t$  and passing through  $P(1, 2)$ .



Therefore eq. of AB is

$$\frac{x-1}{4/5} = \frac{y-2}{3/5} = r \begin{cases} \text{As slope of } r \text{ is } -4/3 \\ \therefore \text{ slope of } AB \text{ is } 3/4 = \tan \theta \\ \therefore \cos \theta = 4/5; \sin \theta = 3/5 \end{cases}$$

For pt A,  $r = -5$  and for pt B,  $r = 5$ , we get

$$\frac{x-1}{4/5} = \frac{y-2}{3/5} = -5, 5 \begin{pmatrix} \text{radius of each circle} \\ \text{being } 5, AP = PB = 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow$  For pt A  $x = -4 + 1, y = -3 + 2$

and For pt B  $x = 4 + 1, y = 3 + 2$

$\therefore$  A  $(-3, -1)$  B  $(5, 5)$ .

$\therefore$  Eq.'s of required circles are  $(x + 3)^2 + (y + 1)^2 = 5^2$

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

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x^2 + y^2 + 6x + 2y - 15 = 0 \\ \text{and } x^2 + y^2 - 10x - 10y + 25 = 0 \end{cases}$$

**Q.12.** Let a circle be given by  $2x(x - a) + y(2y - b) = 0$ , ( $a \neq 0, b \neq 0$ ).

Find the condition on a and b if two chords, each bisected by the x-axis, can be

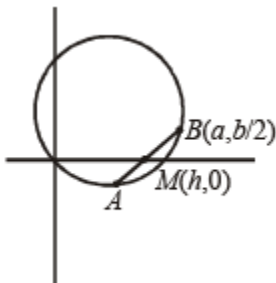
drawn to the circle from  $\left(a, \frac{b}{2}\right)$  (1992 - 6 Marks)

**Ans. Sol.** The given circle is  $2x(x - a) + y(2y - b) = 0$  ( $a, b \neq 0$ )

$$\Rightarrow 2x^2 + 2y^2 - 2ax - by = 0 \dots(1)$$

Let us consider the chord of this circle which passes through

the pt  $\left(a, \frac{b}{2}\right)$  and whose mid pt. lies on x-axis.





Let  $(h, 0)$  be the mid point of the chord, then eq. of chord can be obtained by  $T = S_1$

$$\text{i.e., } 2xh + 2y \cdot 0 - a(x+h) - \frac{b}{2}(y+0) = 2h^2 - 2ah$$

$$\Rightarrow (2h - a)x - \frac{b}{2}y + ah - 2h^2 = 0$$

This chord passes through  $\left(a, \frac{b}{2}\right)$ , therefore

$$(2h - a)a - \frac{b}{2} \cdot \frac{b}{2} + ah - 2h^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 8h^2 - 12ah + (4a^2 + b^2) = 0$$

As given in question, two such chords are there, so we should have two real and distinct values of  $h$  from the above quadratic in  $h$ , for which

$$D > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (12a)^2 - 4 \times 8 \times (4a^2 + b^2) > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 > 2b^2$$

**Q.13. Consider a family of circles passing through two fixed points A (3,7) and B (6, 5). Show that the chords in which the circle  $x^2 + y^2 - 4x - 6y - 3 = 0$  cuts the members of the family are concurrent at a point. Find the coordinate of this point. (1993 - 5 Marks)**

**Sol.** Let the family of circles, passing through A (3, 7) and B (6, 5), be

$$x^2 + y^2 + 2gx + 2fy + c = 0$$

As it passes through (3, 7)

$$\therefore 9 + 49 + 6g + 14f + c = 0 \text{ or, } 6g + 14f + c + 58 = 0 \dots (1)$$

As it passes through (6, 5)

$$\therefore 36 + 25 + 12g + 10f + c = 0$$

$$12g + 10f + c + 61 = 0 \dots (2)$$

(2) – (1) gives,

$$6g - 4f + 3 = 0 \Rightarrow g = \frac{4f-3}{6}$$

Substituting the value of g in equation (1),

$$\text{we get } 4f - 3 + 14f + c + 58 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 18f + 55 + c = 0 \Rightarrow c = -18f - 55$$

Thus the family is

$$x^2 + y^2 + \left(\frac{4f-3}{3}\right)x + 2fy - (18f + 55) = 0$$

Members of this family are cut by the circle  $x^2 + y^2 - 4x - 6y - 3 = 0$

$\therefore$  Equation of family of chords of intersection of above two circles is  $S_1 - S_2 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{4f-3}{3} + 4\right)x + (2f + 6)y - 18f + 52 = 0$$

which can be written as

$$(3x + 6y - 52) + f\left(\frac{4}{3}x + 2y - 18\right) = 0$$

which represents the family of lines passing through the pt. of intersection of the lines

$$3x + 6y - 52 = 0 \text{ and } 4x + 6y - 54 = 0$$

Solving which we get  $x = 2$  and  $y = 23/3$ .

Thus the required pt. of intersection is  $\left(2, \frac{23}{3}\right)$

**Q.14. Find the coordinates of the point at which the circles  $x^2 + y^2 - 4x - 2y = -4$  and  $x^2 + y^2 - 12x - 8y = -36$  touch each other. Also find equations common tangents touching the circles in the distinct points. (1993 - 5 Marks)**

**Ans. Sol.** The given circles are

$$x^2 + y^2 - 4x - 2y = -4 \text{ and}$$

$$x^2 + y^2 - 12x - 8y = -36$$

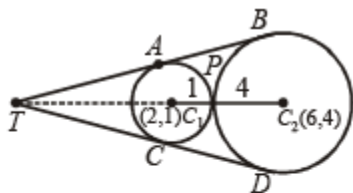
$$\text{i.e., } x^2 + y^2 - 4x - 2y + 4 = 0 \dots (1)$$

$$x^2 + y^2 - 12x - 8y + 36 = 0 \dots (2)$$

with centres  $C_1(2, 1)$  and  $C_2(6, 4)$  and radii 1 and 4 respectively.

Also  $C_1C_2 = 5$  As  $r_1 + r_2 = C_1C_2$

$\Rightarrow$  Two circles touch each other externally, at P.



Clearly, P divides  $C_1C_2$  in the ratio 1 : 4

$\therefore$  Co-ordinates of P are

$$\left( \frac{1 \times 6 + 4 \times 2}{1 + 4}, \frac{1 \times 4 + 4 \times 1}{4 + 1} \right) = \left( \frac{14}{5}, \frac{8}{5} \right)$$

Let AB and CD be two common tangents of given circles, meeting each other at T. Then T divides  $C_1C_2$  externally in the ratio 1 : 4.

**KEY CONCEPT :** [As the direct common tangents of two circles pass through a pt. which divides the line segment joining the centres of two circles externally in the ratio of their radii.]

$$\text{Hence, } T \equiv \left( \frac{1 \times 6 - 4 \times 2}{1 - 4}, \frac{1 \times 4 - 4 \times 1}{1 - 4} \right) = \left( \frac{2}{3}, 0 \right)$$

Let  $m$  be the slope of the tangent, then equation of tangent through  $(\frac{2}{3}, 0)$  is

$$y - 0 = m \left( x - \frac{2}{3} \right) \Rightarrow y - mx + \frac{2}{3}m = 0$$

Now, length of perpendicular from  $(2, 1)$ , to the above tangent is radius of the circle

$$\therefore \left| \frac{1 - 2m + \frac{2}{3}m}{\sqrt{m^2 + 1}} \right| = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow (3 - 4m)^2 = 9(m^2 + 1) \Rightarrow 9 - 24m + 16m^2 = 9m^2 + 9$$

$$\Rightarrow 7m^2 - 24m = 0 \Rightarrow m = 0, \frac{24}{7}$$

Thus the equations of the tangents are  $y = 0$  and  $7y - 24x + 16 = 0$ .

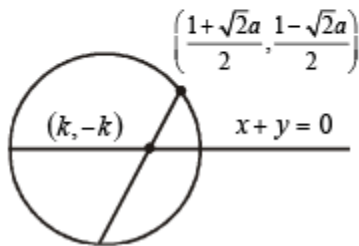
**Q.15. Find the intervals of values of  $a$  for which the line  $y + x = 0$  bisects two chords drawn from a**

**point  $\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{2}a}{2}, \frac{1-\sqrt{2}a}{2}\right)$  to the circle  $2x^2 + 2y^2 - (1+\sqrt{2}a)x - (1-\sqrt{2}a)y = 0$ . (1996 - 5 Marks)**

**Sol.** Let the given point be

$(p, \bar{p}) = \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{2}a}{2}, \frac{1-\sqrt{2}a}{2}\right)$  and the equation of the circle

becomes  $x^2 + y^2 - px - \bar{p}y = 0$



Since the chord is bisected by the line  $x + y = 0$ , its mid-point can be chosen as  $(k, -k)$ . Hence the equation of the chord by  $T = S_1$  is

$$kx - ky - \frac{p}{2}(x+k) - \frac{\bar{p}}{2}(y-k) = k^2 + k^2 - pk + \bar{p}k$$

It passes through  $A(p, \bar{p})$

$$\therefore kp - k\bar{p} - \frac{p}{2}(p+k) - \frac{\bar{p}}{2}(\bar{p}-k) = 2k^2 - pk + \bar{p}k$$

$$\text{or } 3k(p - \bar{p}) = 4k^2 + (p^2 + \bar{p}^2) \dots (1)$$

$$\text{Put } p - \bar{p} = a\sqrt{2}, p^2 - \bar{p}^2 = 2 \cdot \frac{(1+2a^2)}{4} = \frac{1+2a^2}{2} \dots (2)$$

Hence, from (1) by the help of (2), we get

$$4k^2 - 3\sqrt{2}ak + \frac{1}{2}(1+2a^2) = 0 \dots (3)$$

Since, there are two chords which are bisected by  $x + y = 0$ , we must have two real values of  $k$  from (3)

$$\therefore \Delta > 0$$

$$\text{or } 18a^2 - 8(1 + 2a^2) > 0$$

$$\text{or, } a^2 - 4 > 0$$

$$\text{or, } (a + 2)(a - 2) > 0$$

$$\therefore a < -2 \text{ or } > 2$$

$$\therefore a \in (-\infty, -2) \cup (2, \infty)$$

$$\text{or } a \in ]-\infty, -2[ \cup ]2, \infty [$$

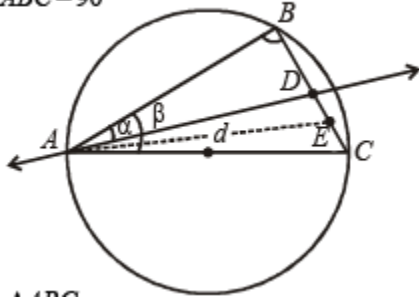
**Q.16.** A circle passes through three points A, B and C with the line segment AC as its diameter. A line passing through A intersects the chord BC at a point D inside the circle. If angles DAB and CAB are  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  respectively and the distance between the point A and the mid point of the line segment DC is  $d$ , prove that the area of the circle is

$$\frac{\pi d^2 \cos^2 \alpha}{\cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \beta + 2 \cos \alpha \cos \beta \cos(\beta - \alpha)}$$

**(1996 - 5 Marks)**

**Sol.** Let  $r$  be the radius of circle, then  $AC = 2r$  Since, AC is the diameter

$$\therefore \angle ABC = 90^\circ$$



$$\therefore \text{In } \triangle ABC \text{ } BC = 2r \sin \beta, AB = 2r \cos \beta$$

$$\text{In rt } \angle \text{ed } \triangle ABC \text{ } BD = AB \tan \alpha = 2r \cos \beta \tan \alpha$$

$$AD = AB \sec \alpha = 2r \cos \beta \sec \alpha$$

$$\therefore DC = BC - BD = 2r \sin \beta - 2r \cos \beta \tan \alpha$$

Now since E is the mid point of DC

$$\therefore DE = \frac{DC}{2} = \frac{2r \sin \beta - 2r \cos \beta \tan \alpha}{2}$$

$\Rightarrow DE = r \sin \beta - r \cos \beta \tan \alpha$  Now in  $\triangle ADC$ , AE is the median

$$\therefore 2(AE^2 + DE^2) = AD^2 + AC^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2[d^2 + r^2(\sin \beta - \cos \beta \tan \alpha)^2]$$

$$= 4r^2 \cos^2 \beta \sec^2 \alpha + 4r^2$$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 = \frac{d^2 \cos^2 \alpha}{\cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \beta + 2 \cos \alpha \cos \beta \cos(\beta - \alpha)}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Area of circle,

$$\pi r^2 = \frac{\pi d^2 \cos^2 \alpha}{\cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \beta + 2 \cos \alpha \cos \beta \cos(\beta - \alpha)}$$

**Q.17.** Let  $C$  be any circle with centre  $(0, \sqrt{2})$ . Prove that at the most two rational points can be there on  $C$ . (A rational point is a point both of whose coordinates are rational numbers.) (1997 - 5 Marks)

**Sol.** Given  $C$  is the circle with centre at  $(0, \sqrt{2})$  and radius  $r$  (say)

then  $C \equiv x^2 + (y - \sqrt{2})^2 = r^2$

$$\Rightarrow (y - \sqrt{2})^2 = (r^2 - x^2) \Rightarrow y - \sqrt{2} = \pm \sqrt{r^2 - x^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \sqrt{2} \pm \sqrt{r^2 - x^2} \quad \dots (1)$$

The only rational value which  $y$  can have is 0.

Suppose the possible value of  $x$  for which  $y$  is 0 is  $x_1$ . Certainly  $-x_1$  will also give the value of  $y$  as 0 (from (1)).

Thus, at the most, there are two rational pts which satisfy the eq<sup>n</sup> of  $C$ .

**Q.18.**  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are two concentric circles, the radius of  $C_2$  being twice that of  $C_1$ . From a point  $P$  on  $C_2$ , tangents  $PA$  and  $PB$  are drawn to  $C_1$ . Prove that the centroid of the triangle  $PAB$  lies on  $C_1$ . (1998 - 8 Marks)

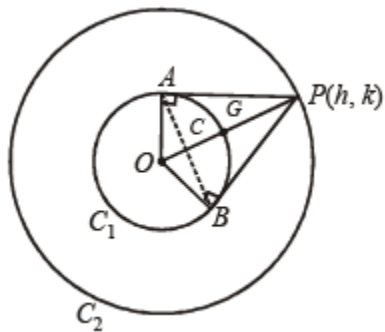
**Ans.**

**Sol.** Let  $P(h, k)$  be on  $C_2$

$$\therefore h^2 + k^2 = 4r^2$$

Chord of contact of  $P$  w.r.t.  $C_1$  is  $hx + ky = r^2$

It intersects  $C_1$ ,  $x^2 + y^2 = a^2$  in  $A$  and  $B$ .



Eliminating  $y$ , we get,

$$x^2 + \left(\frac{r^2 - hx}{k}\right)^2 = r^2$$

$$\text{or, } x^2 (h^2 + k^2) - 2r^2 hx + r^4 - r^2 k^2 = 0$$

$$\text{or, } x^2 \cdot 4r^2 - 2r^2 hx + r^2 (r^2 - k^2) = 0$$

$$\therefore x_1 + x_2 = \frac{2r^2 h}{4r^2} = \frac{h}{2}, y_1 + y_2 = \frac{k}{2}$$

If  $(x, y)$  be the centroid of  $\Delta PAB$ , then

$$3x = x_1 + x_2 + h = \frac{h}{2} + h = \frac{3h}{2}$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{h}{2} \text{ or } h = 2x \text{ and similarly } k = 2y$$

Putting in (1) we get  $4x^2 + 4y^2 = 4r^2$

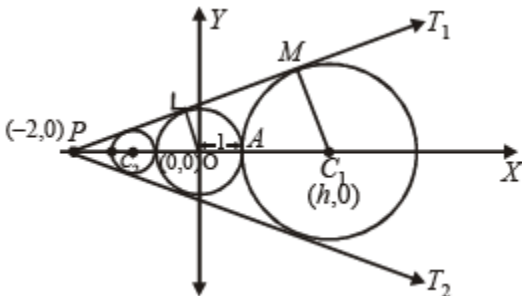
$\therefore$  Locus is  $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$  i.e.,  $C_1$

**Q.19.** Let  $T_1, T_2$  be two tangents drawn from  $(-2, 0)$  onto the circle  $C : x^2 + y^2 = 1$ . Determine the circles touching  $C$  and having  $T_1, T_2$  as their pair of tangents. Further, find the equations of all possible common tangents to these circles, when taken two at a time. (1999 - 10 Marks)

**Sol.** The given circle is  $x^2 + y^2 = 1 \dots (1)$

Centre  $O (0, 0)$  radius = 1

Let  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  be the tangents drawn from  $(-2, 0)$  to the circle (1).



Let  $m$  be the slope of tangent then equations of tangents are



$$y - 0 = m(x + 2) \text{ or, } mx - y + 2m = 0 \dots (2)$$

As it is tangent to circle (1)

length of  $\perp$  lar from  $(0, 0)$  to (2) = radius of (1)

$$\Rightarrow \left| \frac{2m}{\sqrt{m^2 + 1}} \right| = 1 \Rightarrow 4m^2 = m^2 + 1 \Rightarrow m = \pm 1/\sqrt{3}$$

$\therefore$  The two tangents are  $x + \sqrt{3}y + 2 = 0(T_1)$  and

$$x - \sqrt{3}y + 2 = 0(T_2)$$

Now any other circle touching (1)

and  $T_1, T_2$  is such that its centre lies on x-axis.

Let  $(h, 0)$  be the centre of such circle, then from fig.

$$OC_1 = OA + AC_1 \Rightarrow |h| = 1 + |AC_1|$$

But  $AC_1 = \perp$  lar distance of  $(h, 0)$  to tangent

$$\Rightarrow |h| = 1 + \left| \frac{h+2}{2} \right| \Rightarrow |h| - 1 = \left| \frac{h+2}{2} \right|$$

Squaring,

$$h^2 - 2|h| + 1 = \frac{h^2 + 4h + 4}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow 4h^2 \pm 8h + 4 = h^2 + 4h + 4$$

$$\text{'+'} \Rightarrow 3h^2 = -4h \Rightarrow h = -4/3$$

$$\text{'-' } \Rightarrow 3h^2 = 12h \Rightarrow h = 4$$

Thus centres of circles are  $(4, 0), \left(-\frac{4}{3}, 0\right)$

$\therefore$  Radius of circle with centre  $(4, 0)$  is  $4 - 1 = 3$  and radius of circle with centre

$$\left(-\frac{4}{3}, 0\right) \text{ is } = \frac{4}{3} - 1 = \frac{1}{3}$$

∴ The two possible circles are  $(x - 4)^2 + y^2 = 3^2 \dots (3)$

$$\left(x + \frac{4}{3}\right)^2 + y^2 = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 \dots (4)$$

Now, common tangents of (1) and (3). Since (1) and (3) are two touching circles they have three common tangents

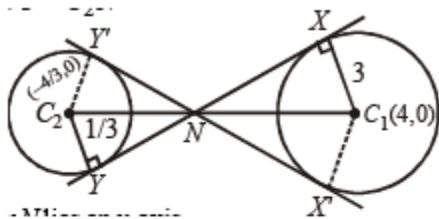
$T_1$ ,  $T_2$  and  $x = 1$  (clear from fig.)

Similarly common tangents of (1) and (4) are  $T_1$ ,  $T_2$  and  $x = -1$ .

For the circles (3) and (4) there will be four common tangents of which two are direct common tangents .

$XY$  and  $x'y'$  and two are indirect common tangents. Let us find two common indirect tangents. We know that In two similar  $\Delta$ 's  $C_1XN$  and  $C_2YN$

$$\frac{3}{1/3} = \frac{C_1N}{C_2N} \Rightarrow N \text{ divides } C_1C_2 \text{ in the ratio } 9 : 1.$$



Clearly  $N$  lies on  $x$ -axis.

$$\therefore N = \left( \frac{9 \times (-4/3) + 1 \times 4}{10}, 0 \right) = \left( -\frac{4}{5}, 0 \right)$$

Any line through  $N$  is

$$y = m \left( x + \frac{4}{5} \right) \text{ or } 5mx - 5y + 4m = 0$$

If it is tangent to (3) then

$$\left| \frac{20m + 4m}{\sqrt{25m^2 + 25}} \right| = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 24m = 15\sqrt{m^2 + 1} \Rightarrow 64m^2 = 25m^2 + 25$$

$$\Rightarrow 39m^2 = 25 \Rightarrow m = \pm 5/\sqrt{39}$$

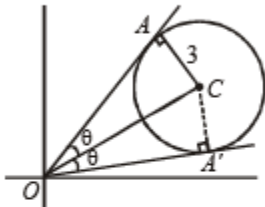
∴ Required tangents are

$$y = \pm \frac{5}{\sqrt{39}} \left( x + \frac{4}{5} \right)$$

**Q.20.** Let  $2x^2 + y^2 - 3xy = 0$  be the equation of a pair of tangents drawn from the origin  $O$  to a circle of radius 3 with centre in the first quadrant. If  $A$  is one of the points of contact, find the length of  $OA$ . (2001 - 5 Marks)

**Ans. Sol.** The equation  $2x^2 - 3xy + y^2 = 0$  represents pair of tangents  $OA$  and  $OA'$ . Let angle between these two tangents be  $2\theta$ .

$$\text{Then, } \tan 2\theta = \frac{2\sqrt{\left(\frac{-3}{2}\right)^2 - 2 \times 1}}{2+1}$$



$$\left[ \text{Using } \tan \theta = \frac{2\sqrt{h^2 - ab}}{a+b} \right]$$

$$\frac{2 \tan \theta}{1 - \tan^2 \theta} = \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow \tan^2 \theta + 6 \tan \theta - 1 = 0$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{36+4}}{2} = -3 \pm \sqrt{10}$$

As  $\theta$  is acute  $\tan \theta = \sqrt{10} - 3$

Now we know that line joining the pt through which tangents are drawn to the centre bisects the angle between the tangents,

$$\therefore \angle AOC = \angle A'OAC = \theta$$

In  $\triangle AOC$ ,

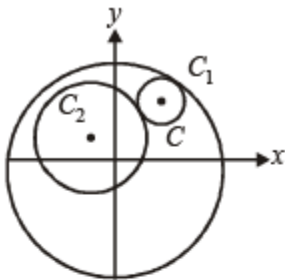
$$\tan \theta = \frac{3}{OA} \Rightarrow OA = \frac{3}{\sqrt{10}-3} \times \frac{\sqrt{10}+3}{\sqrt{10}+3}$$

$$\therefore OA = 3(3 + \sqrt{10}).$$

**Q.21.** Let  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  be two circles with  $C_2$  lying inside  $C_1$ . A circle  $C$  lying inside  $C_1$  touches  $C_1$  internally and  $C_2$  externally.

Identify the locus of the centre of  $C$ . (2001 - 5 Marks)

**Ans. Sol.** Let equation of  $C_1$  be  $x^2 + y^2 = r_1^2$  and of  $C_2$  be  $(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 = r_2^2$



Let centre of  $C$  be  $(h, k)$  and radius be  $r$ , then by the given conditions.

$$\sqrt{(h-a)^2 + (k-b)^2} = r + r_2 \text{ and } \sqrt{h^2 + k^2} = r_1 - r$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{(h-a)^2 + (k-b)^2} + \sqrt{h^2 + k^2} = r_1 + r_2$$

Required locus is

$$\sqrt{(x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2} + \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = r_1 + r_2,$$

which represents an ellipse whose foci are at  $(a, b)$  and  $(0, 0)$ .

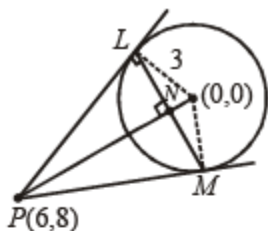
[ $\because PS + PS' = \text{constant} \Rightarrow$  locus of  $P$  is an ellipse with foci at  $S$  and  $S'$ ]

**Q.22.** For the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$ , find the value of  $r$  for which the area enclosed by the tangents drawn from the point  $P(6, 8)$  to the circle and the chord of contact is maximum. (2003 - 2 Marks)

**Ans.**

**Sol.** The given circle is  $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$

From pt. (6, 8) tangents are drawn to this circle.



Then length of tangent

$$PL = \sqrt{6^2 + 8^2 - r^2} = \sqrt{100 - r^2}$$

Also equation of chord of contact LM is

$$6x + 8y - r^2 = 0$$

PN = length of  $\perp$  lar from P to LM

$$= \frac{36 + 64 - r^2}{\sqrt{36 + 64}} = \frac{100 - r^2}{10}$$

Now in rt.  $\Delta$ PLN,  $LN^2 = PL^2 - PN^2$

$$\frac{(100 - r^2)^2}{100} = \frac{(100 - r^2)r^2}{100} \Rightarrow LN = \frac{r\sqrt{100 - r^2}}{10}$$

$$\therefore LM = \frac{r\sqrt{100 - r^2}}{5} \quad (\because LM = 2 LN)$$

$$\therefore \text{Area of } \Delta PLM = \frac{1}{2} \times LM \times PN$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{r\sqrt{100 - r^2}}{5} \times \frac{100 - r^2}{10} = \frac{1}{100} [r(100 - r^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}]$$

For max value of area, we should have

$$\frac{dA}{dr} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{100} \left[ (100 - r^2)^{\frac{3}{2}} + r \cdot \frac{3}{2} (100 - r^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} (-2r) \right] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (100 - r^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} [100 - r^2 - 3r^2] = 0$$

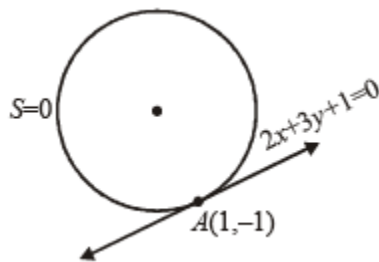
$$\Rightarrow r = 10 \text{ or } r = 5$$

But  $r = 10$  gives length of tangent  $PL = 0$

$\therefore r \neq 10$ . Hence,  $r = 5$

**Q.23. Find the equation of circle touching the line  $2x + 3y + 1 = 0$  at  $(1, -1)$  and cutting orthogonally the circle having line segment joining  $(0, 3)$  and  $(-2, -1)$  as diameter. (2004 - 4 Marks)**

**Ans. Sol.** We are given that line  $2x + 3y + 1 = 0$  touches a circle  $S = 0$  at  $(1, -1)$ .



So, eq<sup>n</sup> of this circle can be given by  $(x - 1)^2 + (y + 1)^2 + \lambda(2x + 3y + 1) = 0$ .

[Note :  $(x - 1)^2 + (y + 1)^2 = 0$  represents a pt. circle with centre at  $(1, -1)$ ].

$$\text{or } x^2 + y^2 + 2x(\lambda - 1) + y(3\lambda + 2) + (\lambda + 2) = 0 \dots(1)$$

But given that this circle is orthogonal to the circle, the extremities of whose diameter are  $(0, 3)$  and  $(-2, -1)$

$$\text{i.e. } x(x + 2) + (y - 3)(y + 1) = 0$$

$$x^2 + y^2 + 2x - 2y - 3 = 0 \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

Applying the condition of orthogonality for (1) and (2), we

$$\text{get } 2(\lambda - 1).1 + 2\left(\frac{3\lambda + 2}{2}\right).(-1) = \lambda + 2 + (-3)$$

$$[2g_1g_2 + 2f_1f_2 = c_1 + c_2]$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\lambda - 2 - 3\lambda - 2 = \lambda - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\lambda = -3 \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{-3}{2}$$

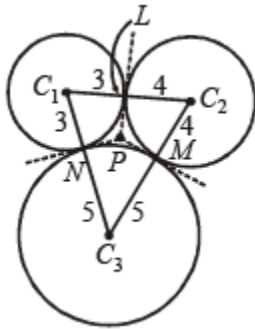
Substituting this value of  $\lambda$  in eq<sup>n</sup> (1) we get the required circle as

$$x^2 + y^2 - 5x - \frac{5}{2}y + \frac{1}{2} = 0$$

$$\text{or, } 2x^2 + 2y^2 - 10x - 5y + 1 = 0$$

**Q.24. Circles with radii 3, 4 and 5 touch each other externally. If P is the point of intersection of tangents to these circles at their points of contact, find the distance of P from the points of contact. (2005 - 2 Marks)**

**Ans. Sol.** Given these circles with centres at  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$  and  $C_3$  and with radii 3, 4 and 5 respectively, The three circles touch each other externally as shown in the figure.



P is the point of intersection of the three tangents drawn at the pts of contacts, L, M and N. Since lengths of tangents to a circle from a point are equal, we get

$$PL = PM = PN$$

Also  $PL \perp C_1C_2$ ,  $PM \perp C_2C_3$ ,  $PN \perp C_1C_3$

(Q tangent is perpendicular to the radius at pt. of contact)

Clearly P is the incentre of  $\Delta C_1C_2C_3$  and its distance from pt. of contact i.e.,

PL is the radius of incircle of  $\Delta C_1C_2C_3$ .

In  $\Delta C_1C_2C_3$  sides are  $a = 3 + 4 = 7$ ,  $b = 4 + 5 = 9$ ,  $c = 5 + 3 = 8$

$PL \perp C_1C_2, PM \perp C_2C_3, PN \perp C_1C_3$

$$\therefore s = \frac{a+b+c}{2} = 12$$

$$\therefore \Delta = \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} = \sqrt{12 \times 5 \times 3 \times 4} = 12\sqrt{5}$$

$$\therefore r = \frac{\Delta}{s} = \frac{12\sqrt{5}}{12} = \sqrt{5}$$



## Integer Type ques of Circle

**Q.1.** The centres of two circles  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  each of unit radius are at a distance of 6 units from each other. Let  $P$  be the mid point of the line segment joining the centres of  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  and  $C$  be a circle touching circles  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  externally. If a common tangent to  $C_1$  and  $C$  passing through  $P$  is also a common tangent to  $C_2$  and  $C$ , then the radius of the circle  $C$  is (2009)

**Ans. (8)**

**Sol.** Let  $r$  be the radius of required circle.

Clearly, in  $\Delta C_1CC_2$ ,  $C_1C = C_2C = r+1$

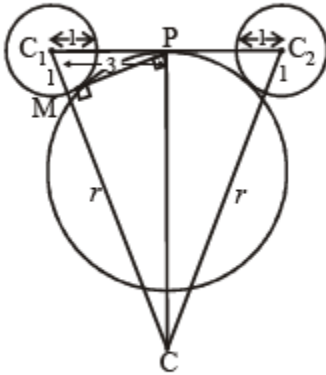
and  $P$  is mid point of  $C_1C_2$

$\therefore CP \perp C_1C_2$

Also  $PM \perp CC_1$

Now  $\Delta PMC_1 \sim \Delta CPC_1$  (by AA similarity)

$$\therefore \frac{MC_1}{PC_1} = \frac{PC_1}{CC_1}$$



$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{3} = \frac{3}{r+1} \Rightarrow r + 1 = 9 \Rightarrow r = 8.$$

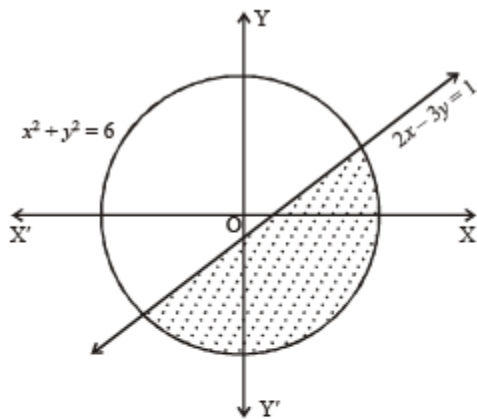
**Q.2.** The straight line  $2x - 3y = 1$  divides the circular region  $x^2 + y^2 \leq 6$  into two parts.

If  $S = \left\{ \left( 2, \frac{3}{4} \right), \left( \frac{5}{2}, \frac{3}{4} \right), \left( \frac{1}{4}, -\frac{1}{4} \right), \left( \frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{4} \right) \right\}$  then the number of points (s) in S lying inside the smaller part is (2011)

Sol.

The smaller region of circle is the region given by  $x^2 + y^2 < 6$  ... (1)

and  $2x - 3y > 1$  ... (2)



We observe that only two points  $\left( 2, \frac{3}{4} \right)$  and  $\left( \frac{1}{4}, -\frac{1}{4} \right)$

satisfy both the inequations (1) and (2)

$\therefore$  2 points in S lie inside the smaller part.