





#### Math 1330 – Conic Sections

In this chapter, we will study conic sections (or conics). It is helpful to know exactly what a conic section is. This topic is covered in Chapter 8 of the online text.

We start by looking at a double cone. Think of this as two "pointy" ice cream cones that are connected at the small tips:



To form a conic section, we'll take this double cone and slice it with a plane. When we do this, we'll get one of several different results.

- horizontal cut = Greles Section 8.2A Parabola Circle Hyperbola Ellipse
- 1. Parabola

# 2. Ellipse



# 3. Circle



## 4. Hyperbola



5. Degenerate conic sections

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As we study conic sections, we will be looking at special cases of the general second-degree equation:  $Ax^2 + Bxy + Cy^2 + Dx + Ey + F = 0$ .

#### Section 8.2a: The Circle

**Definition:** A circle is the set of all points that are equidistant from a fixed point. The fixed point is called the center and the distance from the center to any point on the circle is called the radius.  $\Gamma = \sqrt{(x-h)^2 + (y-k)^2}$ 

\_\_ (x-h) <sup>z</sup>+ (y -k)<sup>2</sup> = r<sup>2</sup>

An equation of a circle whose center is at the origin will be  $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$ , where r is the radius of the circle. (0,0)  $(x-0)^2 + (y-0)^2 = r^2$ 

So  $x^2 + y^2 = 25$  is an equation of a circle with center (0, 0) and radius 5. Here's the graph of this circle:



circle: x<sup>2</sup>+y<sup>2</sup>=25 center (0,0) radius = 125 = 5

 $L \Rightarrow x^{2} + y^{2} = r^{2}$ 

(k'd)

(h,k)\_\_\_

Center-

**Example 1:** State the center and the radius of the circle and then graph it:  $x^2 + y^2 - 16 = 0$ .





# standard form -> (h, k) = center

The standard form of the equation of a circle is  $(x-h)^2 + (y-k)^2 = r^2$ , where the center of the circle is the point (h, k) and the radius is r. Notice that if the center of the circle is (0, 0) you'll get the equation we saw earlier.



Sometimes the equation will be given in the general form, and your first step will be to rewrite the equation in the standard form. You'll need to **complete the square** to do this.

or The above circle equation (x-2)<sup>2</sup> + (y+3)<sup>2</sup>=4 could look as : we like it  $+y^2 - 2x + 6y + 9 = 0$  general form They are equivalent.

To be continued on Wednesday, <u>02/10</u>

**Example 3:** Write the equation in standard form, find the center and the radius and then graph the circle:  $x^2 + y^2 + 6x - 10y + 44 = 26$ 



**Example 4**: Write the equation in standard form, find the center and the radius and then graph the circle:



We can also write the equation of a circle, given appropriate information.

**Example 5**: Write the equation of a circle with center (2, 5) and radius  $2\sqrt{5}$ .



**Example 6:** Write an equation of a circle with center (-1, 3) which passes through the point (4, -7).



**Example 7:** Write an equation of a circle if the endpoints of the diameter of the circle are (6, -3) and (-4, 7).





**Example 8:** What is the equation of the given circle?



$$= 2 \int (x-4)^{2} + (y-4)^{2} = 25$$

## exercise

Sometimes, you'll need to be able to manipulate an equation of a circle:

(Extra) Example 9: Suppose  $(x-2)^2 + (y+1)^2 = 9$ . Solve the equation for x. Then solve the equation for y.

• Solve for 
$$y: (y_{+1})^2 = 9 - (x_{-2})^2$$
  
 $\Rightarrow y_{+1} = \pm \sqrt{9 - (x_{-2})^2}$   
 $\Rightarrow y = \pm \sqrt{9 - (x_{-2})^2} - 1$   
 $\pm wo$  solutions - all time.

• Solve for 
$$x: (x-2)^2 = 9 - (y+1)^2$$
  
=>  $x-2=\pm \sqrt{9} - (y+1)^2$   
 $X=2 \pm \sqrt{9} - (y+1)^2$   
two solutions - all time.