



# 11-4 Circles in the Coordinate Plane

## TEKS FOCUS

**TEKS (12)(E)** Show that the equation of a circle with center at the origin and radius  $r$  is  $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$  and determine the equation for the graph of a circle with radius  $r$  and center  $(h, k)$ ,  $(x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 = r^2$ .

**TEKS (1)(D)** Communicate mathematical ideas, reasoning, and their **implications** using multiple **representations**, including symbols, diagrams, graphs, and language as appropriate.

**Additional TEKS (1)(G), (2)(B)**

## VOCABULARY

- **Standard form of the equation of a circle** – The standard form of an equation of a circle with center  $(h, k)$  and radius  $r$  is  $(x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 = r^2$ .
- **Implication** – a conclusion that follows from previously stated ideas or reasoning without being explicitly stated
- **Representation** – a way to display or describe information. You can use a representation to present mathematical ideas and data.

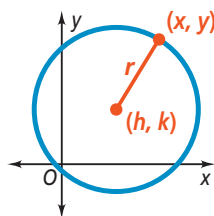
## ESSENTIAL UNDERSTANDING

The information in the equation of a circle allows you to graph the circle. Also, you can write the equation of a circle if you know its center and radius.

Take note

### Key Concept Equation of a Circle

An equation of a circle with center  $(h, k)$  and radius  $r$  is  $(x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 = r^2$ .



This is the **standard form of the equation of a circle**.

## Think

**What do you need to know to write the equation of any circle whose center is (0, 0)?**  
You need to know the length of the radius or the coordinates of any point on the circle.



### Problem 1

#### Deriving the Equation of a Circle Centered at the Origin

What is the standard form of an equation of a circle with center (0, 0)?

Use the Distance Formula to find an equation of a circle with center (0, 0) and radius  $r$ . Let  $(x, y)$  be any point on the circle. Then the radius  $r$  is the distance from (0, 0) to  $(x, y)$ .

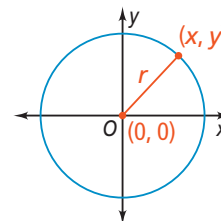
$$d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2} \quad \text{Distance Formula}$$

$$r = \sqrt{(x - 0)^2 + (y - 0)^2} \quad \text{Substitute } r \text{ for } d, (0, 0) \text{ for } (x_1, y_1), \text{ and } (x, y) \text{ for } (x_2, y_2).$$

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \quad \text{Simplify.}$$

$$r^2 = x^2 + y^2 \quad \text{Square both sides.}$$

The equation of a circle with radius  $r$  and center (0, 0) is  $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$ .



## Think

**How is this different from Problem 1?**  
You still find the distance between the center of the circle and a point on the circle. The difference is the center is  $(h, k)$  instead of (0, 0).



### Problem 2

TEKS Process Standard (1)(G)

#### Deriving the Equation of a Circle Centered at $(h, k)$

What is the standard form of an equation of a circle with center  $(h, k)$ ?

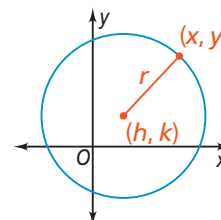
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$$d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2} \quad \text{Distance Formula}$$

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$$r^2 = (x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 \quad \text{Square both sides.}$$

The equation of a circle with radius  $r$  and center  $(h, k)$  is  $(x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 = r^2$ .



## Plan

**What do you need to know to write the equation of a circle?**  
You need to know the values of  $h$ ,  $k$ , and  $r$ ;  $h$  is the  $x$ -coordinate of the center,  $k$  is the  $y$ -coordinate of the center, and  $r$  is the radius.



### Problem 3

#### Writing the Equation of a Circle

What is the standard equation of the circle with center (5, -2) and radius 7?

$$(x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 = r^2 \quad \text{Use the standard form of an equation of a circle.}$$

$$(x - 5)^2 + [y - (-2)]^2 = 7^2 \quad \text{Substitute } (5, -2) \text{ for } (h, k) \text{ and } 7 \text{ for } r.$$

$$(x - 5)^2 + (y + 2)^2 = 49 \quad \text{Simplify.}$$





### Problem 4

#### Think

How is this problem different from Problem 3?

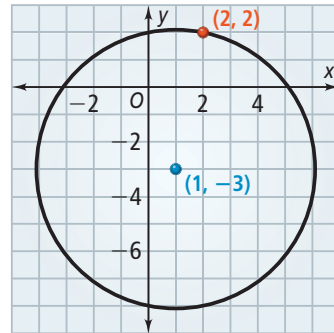
In this problem, you don't know  $r$ . So the first step is to find  $r$ .

#### Using the Center and a Point on a Circle

What is the standard equation of the circle with center  $(1, -3)$  that passes through the point  $(2, 2)$ ?

**Step 1** Use the Distance Formula to find the radius.

$$\begin{aligned}
 r &= \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2} && \text{Use the Distance Formula.} \\
 &= \sqrt{(1 - 2)^2 + (-3 - 2)^2} && \text{Substitute } (1, -3) \text{ for } (x_2, y_2) \text{ and } (2, 2) \text{ for } (x_1, y_1). \\
 &= \sqrt{(-1)^2 + (-5)^2} && \text{Simplify.} \\
 &= \sqrt{26}
 \end{aligned}$$



**Step 2** Use the radius and the center to write an equation.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 &= r^2 && \text{Use the standard form of an equation of a circle.} \\
 (x - 1)^2 + [y - (-3)]^2 &= (\sqrt{26})^2 && \text{Substitute } (1, -3) \text{ for } (h, k) \text{ and } \sqrt{26} \text{ for } r. \\
 (x - 1)^2 + (y + 3)^2 &= 26 && \text{Simplify.}
 \end{aligned}$$



### Problem 5

TEKS Process Standard (1)(D)

#### Graphing a Circle Given Its Equation STEM

**Communications** When you make a call on a cell phone, a tower receives and transmits the call. A way to monitor the range of a cell tower system is to use equations of circles. Suppose the equation  $(x - 7)^2 + (y + 2)^2 = 64$  represents the position and the transmission range of a cell tower. What is the graph that shows the position and range of the tower?

#### Know

The equation representing the cell tower's position and range

#### Need

To draw a graph

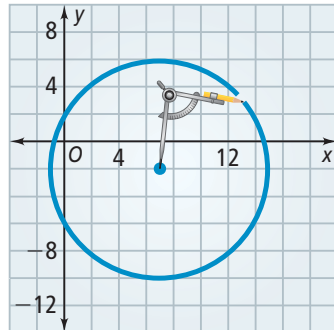
#### Plan

Determine the values of  $(h, k)$  and  $r$  in the equation. Then draw a graph.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (x - 7)^2 + (y + 2)^2 &= 64 && \text{Use the standard equation of a circle.} \\
 (x - 7)^2 + [y - (-2)]^2 &= 8^2 && \text{Rewrite to find } h, k, \text{ and } r. \\
 \uparrow & \quad \quad \quad \uparrow && \\
 h & \quad \quad \quad k && \quad \quad \quad r
 \end{aligned}$$

The center is  $(7, -2)$  and the radius is 8.

To graph the circle, place the compass point at the center  $(7, -2)$  and draw a circle with radius 8.





## PRACTICE and APPLICATION EXERCISES

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Write the standard equation of each circle.

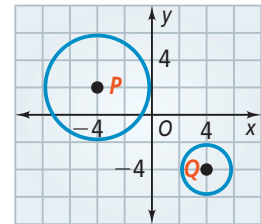
1. center  $(2, -8)$ ;  $r = 9$       2. center  $(0, 3)$ ;  $r = 7$       3. center  $(0.2, 1.1)$ ;  $r = 0.4$   
 4. center  $(0, 0)$ ;  $r = 4$       5. center  $(-6, 3)$ ;  $r = 8$       6. center  $(-9, -4)$ ;  $r = \sqrt{5}$

Find the center and radius of each circle. Then graph the circle.

7.  $(x + 7)^2 + (y - 5)^2 = 16$       8.  $(x - 3)^2 + (y + 8)^2 = 100$

Write a standard equation for each circle in the diagram at the right.

9.  $\odot P$       10.  $\odot Q$



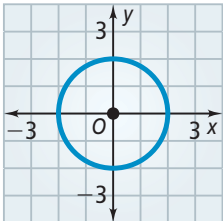
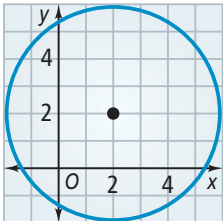
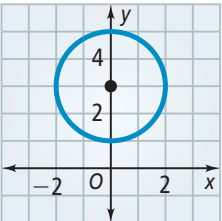
Write the standard equation of the circle with the given center that passes through the given point.

11. center  $(-2, 6)$ ; point  $(-2, 10)$       12. center  $(1, 2)$ ; point  $(0, 6)$   
 13. center  $(7, -2)$ ; point  $(1, -6)$       14. center  $(-10, -5)$ ; point  $(-5, 5)$

**Apply Mathematics (1)(A)** Each equation models the position and range of a tornado alert siren. Describe the position and range of each.

15.  $(x - 5)^2 + (y - 7)^2 = 81$       16.  $(x + 4)^2 + (y - 9)^2 = 144$

Write the standard equation of each circle.

17.       18.       19. 

Write an equation of a circle with diameter  $\overline{AB}$ .

20.  $A(0, 0), B(8, 6)$       21.  $A(3, 0), B(7, 6)$       22.  $A(1, 1), B(5, 5)$

Determine whether each equation is the equation of a circle. Justify your answer.

23.  $x + (y - 3)^2 = 9$       24.  $x + y = 9$       25.  $(x - 1)^2 + (y + 2)^2 = 9$

**26. Analyze Mathematical Relationships (1)(F)** Find the circumference and area of the circle whose equation is  $(x - 9)^2 + (y - 3)^2 = 64$ . Leave your answers in terms of  $\pi$ .

**27. Explain Mathematical Ideas (1)(G)** Describe the graph of  $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$  when  $r = 0$ .

**28.** The equations  $(x + 6)^2 + (y + 5)^2 = 9$  and  $(x + 6)^2 + (y + 5)^2 = 81$  represent two circles. Describe the relationship of the graphs.

**29.** The point  $(2, 3)$  lies on a circle whose center is  $(6, -1)$ . What is the radius of the circle?



Sketch the graphs of each equation. Find all points of intersection of each pair of graphs.

30.  $x^2 + y^2 = 13$   
 $y = -x + 5$

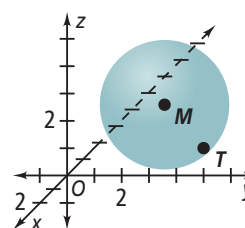
31.  $x^2 + y^2 = 8$   
 $y = 2$

32.  $(x - 2)^2 + (y - 2)^2 = 10$   
 $y = -\frac{1}{3}x + 6$

33. **Justify Mathematical Arguments (1)(G)** Derive the equation of a circle centered at  $(0, 0)$ . Use the Distance Formula.

34. The concentric circles  $(x - 3)^2 + (y - 5)^2 = 64$  and  $(x - 3)^2 + (y - 5)^2 = 25$  form a ring. The lines  $y = \frac{2}{3}x + 3$  and  $y = 5$  intersect the ring, making four sections. Find the area of each section. Round your answers to the nearest tenth of a square unit.

35. **Use Multiple Representations to Communicate Mathematical Ideas (1)(D)** The equation of a sphere is similar to the equation of a circle. The equation of a sphere with center  $(h, j, k)$  and radius  $r$  is  $(x - h)^2 + (y - j)^2 + (z - k)^2 = r^2$ . In the diagram at the right,  $M(-1, 3, 2)$  is the center of a sphere passing through the point  $T$  such that the radius of the sphere is  $\sqrt{6}$ . What is the equation of the sphere?



36. **Apply Mathematics (1)(A)** A close estimate of the radius of Earth's equator is 3960 mi.

- Write the equation of the equator with the center of Earth as the origin.
- Find the length of a  $1^\circ$  arc on the equator to the nearest tenth of a mile.
- Columbus planned his trip to the East by going west. He thought each  $1^\circ$  arc was 45 mi long. He estimated that the trip would take 21 days. Use your answer to part (b) to find a better estimate.

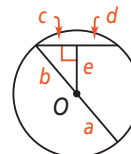
 **TEXAS Test Practice**

37. What is an equation of a circle with radius 16 and center  $(2, -5)$ ?

- A.  $(x - 2)^2 + (y + 5)^2 = 16$       C.  $(x + 2)^2 + (y - 5)^2 = 256$   
B.  $(x + 2)^2 + (y - 5)^2 = 4$       D.  $(x - 2)^2 + (y + 5)^2 = 256$

38. What can you NOT conclude from the diagram at the right?

- F.  $e < a$       H.  $a = b$   
G.  $c^2 + e^2 = b^2$       J.  $e = d$



39. Are the following statements equivalent?

- In a circle, if two central angles are congruent, then they have congruent arcs.
- In a circle, if two arcs are congruent, then they have congruent central angles.