

Circles

- A circle is a set of points that are equidistant from the center.
- The segment that goes from the center to a point on the circle is called the radius.
- The segment that goes from one point on the circle to another point on the circle and crosses over the center is called the diameter.

Distance formula:

$$\sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

Example of when you might use this:

Find the distance between $(x_1, y_1) = (3, -4)$ and $(x_2, y_2) = (-2, -6)$

$$\sqrt{(-6 + 4)^2 + (-2 - 3)^2} = \sqrt{(-2)^2 + (-5)^2} = \sqrt{29}$$

Midpoint formula:

$$\left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} \right)$$

Example of when you might use this:

Find the midpoint of the segment with endpoints at

$$(3, -4) \text{ and } (-2, -6) \quad \left(\frac{3 + (-2)}{2}, \frac{-4 + (-6)}{2} \right) = \left(\frac{1}{2}, -5 \right)$$

Standard form of a circle:

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

Center: (h, k)

Radius: $\sqrt{r^2} = r$

Example:

$$(x - 2)^2 + (y + 5)^2 = 25$$

What is the center of the graph? $(2, -5)$

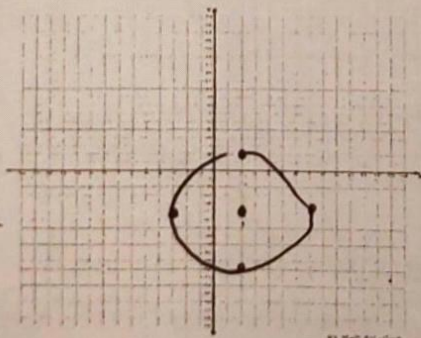
What is the radius of the graph? $\sqrt{25} = 5$

Graphing:

$$(x - 2)^2 + (y + 5)^2 = 25$$

Center: $(2, -5)$

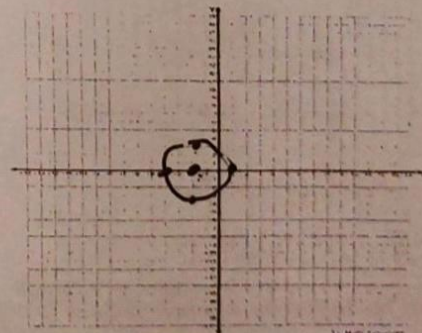
Radius: $\sqrt{25} = 5$



$$(x + 2)^2 + y^2 = 9$$

Center: $(-2, 0)$

Radius: $\sqrt{9} = 3$



Write the equation of a circle that has a center at $(2, 4)$ and a point on the circle is $(3, -5)$.

h, k

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

$$(3 - 2)^2 + (-5 - 4)^2 = r^2$$

$$(1)^2 + (-9)^2 = r^2$$

$$82 = r^2$$

$$(x - 2)^2 + (y - 4)^2 = 82$$

Write the equation of a circle that has endpoints of the diameter of $(-2, 5)$ and $(1, 3)$.

$r = \frac{1}{2} \text{ diameter}$

$$\left(\frac{-2 + 1}{2}, \frac{5 + 3}{2} \right) = (-.5, 4) \text{ center}$$

$$(-.5 - 2)^2 + (5 - 4)^2 = 3.25$$

$$(x + .5)^2 + (y - 4)^2 = 3.25$$

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