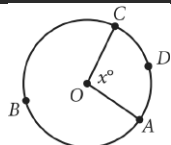


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ID: c8345903



The circle above has center  $O$ , the length of arc  $\widehat{ADC}$  is  $5\pi$ , and

$x = 100$ . What is the length of arc  $\widehat{ABC}$ ?

- A.  $9\pi$
- B.  $13\pi$
- C.  $18\pi$
- D.  $\frac{13}{2}\pi$

ID: c8345903 Answer

Correct Answer: B

Rationale

Choice B is correct. The ratio of the lengths of two arcs of a circle is equal to the ratio of the measures of the central angles that subtend the arcs. It's given that arc  $\widehat{ADC}$  is subtended by a central angle with measure  $100^\circ$ . Since the sum of the measures of the angles about a point is  $360^\circ$ , it follows that arc  $\widehat{ABC}$  is subtended by a central angle with measure  $360^\circ - 100^\circ = 260^\circ$ . If  $s$  is the length of arc  $\widehat{ABC}$ , then  $s$  must satisfy the ratio  $\frac{s}{5\pi} = \frac{260}{100}$ . Reducing the fraction  $\frac{260}{100}$  to its simplest form gives  $\frac{13}{5}$ . Therefore,  $\frac{s}{5\pi} = \frac{13}{5}$ . Multiplying both sides of  $\frac{s}{5\pi} = \frac{13}{5}$  by  $5\pi$  yields  $s = 13\pi$ .

Choice A is incorrect. This is the length of an arc consisting of exactly half of the circle, but arc  $\widehat{ABC}$  is greater than half of the circle. Choice C is incorrect. This is the total circumference of the circle. Choice D is incorrect. This is half the length of arc  $\widehat{ABC}$ , not its full length.

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ID: 2266984b

$$x^2 + 20x + y^2 + 16y = -20$$

The equation above defines a circle in the  $xy$ -plane. What are the coordinates of the center of the circle?

- A.  $(-20, -16)$
- B.  $(-10, -8)$
- C.  $(10, 8)$
- D.  $(20, 16)$

ID: 2266984b Answer

Correct Answer: B

Rationale

Choice B is correct. The standard equation of a circle in the  $xy$ -plane is of the form  $(x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 = r^2$ , where  $(h, k)$  are the coordinates of the center of the circle and  $r$  is the radius. The given equation can be rewritten in standard form by completing the squares. So the sum of the first two terms,  $x^2 + 20x$ , needs a 100 to complete the square, and the sum of the second two terms,  $y^2 + 16y$ , needs a 64 to complete the square.

Adding 100 and 64 to both sides of the given equation yields

$$(x^2 + 20x + 100) + (y^2 + 16y + 64) = -20 + 100 + 64, \text{ which is equivalent to } (x + 10)^2 + (y + 8)^2 = 144.$$

Therefore, the coordinates of the center of the circle are  $(-10, -8)$ .

Choices A, C, and D are incorrect and may result from computational errors made when attempting to complete the squares or when identifying the coordinates of the center.

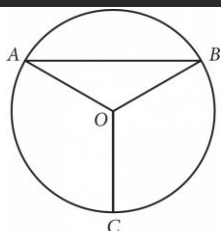
Question Difficulty: Hard

# Question ID 69b0d79d

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ID: 69b0d79d



Point O is the center of the circle above, and the measure of  $\angle OAB$  is  $30^\circ$ .

If the length of  $\overline{OC}$  is 18, what is the length of arc  $\widehat{AB}$ ?

- A.  $9\pi$
- B.  $12\pi$
- C.  $15\pi$
- D.  $18\pi$

ID: 69b0d79d Answer

Correct Answer: B

Rationale

Choice B is correct. Because segments OA and OB are radii of the circle centered at point O, these segments have equal lengths. Therefore, triangle AOB is an isosceles triangle, where angles OAB and OBA are congruent base angles of the triangle. It's given that angle OAB measures  $30^\circ$ . Therefore, angle OBA also measures  $30^\circ$ .

Let  $x^\circ$  represent the measure of angle AOB. Since the sum of the measures of the three angles of any triangle is  $180^\circ$ , it follows that  $30^\circ + 30^\circ + x^\circ = 180^\circ$ , or  $60^\circ + x^\circ = 180^\circ$ . Subtracting  $60^\circ$  from both sides of this

equation yields  $x^\circ = 120^\circ$ , or  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$  radians. Therefore, the measure of angle AOB, and thus the measure of arc

$\widehat{AB}$ , is  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$  radians. Since  $\overline{OC}$  is a radius of the given circle and its length is 18, the length of the radius of the

circle is 18. Therefore, the length of arc  $\widehat{AB}$  can be calculated as  $\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right)(18)$ , or  $12\pi$ .

Choices A, C, and D are incorrect and may result from conceptual or computational errors.

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ID: ab176ad6

The equation  $(x + 6)^2 + (y + 3)^2 = 121$  defines a circle in the  $xy$ -plane. What is the radius of the circle?

ID: ab176ad6 Answer

Rationale

The correct answer is 11. A circle with equation  $(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 = r^2$ , where  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $r$  are constants, has center  $(a,b)$  and radius  $r$ . Therefore, the radius of the given circle is  $\sqrt{121}$ , or 11.

Question Difficulty: Hard

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ID: 3e577e4a

A circle in the  $xy$ -plane has its center at  $(-4, -6)$ . Line  $k$  is tangent to this circle at the point  $(-7, -7)$ . What is the slope of line  $k$ ?

- A.  $-3$
- B.  $-\frac{1}{3}$
- C.  $\frac{1}{3}$
- D.  $3$

ID: 3e577e4a Answer

Correct Answer: A

Rationale

Choice A is correct. A line that's tangent to a circle is perpendicular to the radius of the circle at the point of tangency. It's given that the circle has its center at  $(-4, -6)$  and line  $k$  is tangent to the circle at the point  $(-7, -7)$ . The slope of a radius defined by the points  $(q, r)$  and  $(s, t)$  can be calculated as  $\frac{t-r}{s-q}$ . The points  $(-7, -7)$  and  $(-4, -6)$  define the radius of the circle at the point of tangency. Therefore, the slope of this radius can be calculated as  $\frac{(-6)-(-7)}{(-4)-(-7)}$ , or  $\frac{1}{3}$ . If a line and a radius are perpendicular, the slope of the line must be the negative reciprocal of the slope of the radius. The negative reciprocal of  $\frac{1}{3}$  is  $-3$ . Thus, the slope of line  $k$  is  $-3$ .

Choice B is incorrect and may result from conceptual or calculation errors.

Choice C is incorrect. This is the slope of the radius of the circle at the point of tangency, not the slope of line  $k$ .

Choice D is incorrect and may result from conceptual or calculation errors.

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ID: 9e44284b

In the  $xy$ -plane, the graph of  $2x^2 - 6x + 2y^2 + 2y = 45$  is a circle. What is the radius of the circle?

- A. 5
- B. 6.5
- C.  $\sqrt{40}$
- D.  $\sqrt{50}$

ID: 9e44284b Answer

Correct Answer: A

Rationale

Choice A is correct. One way to find the radius of the circle is to rewrite the given equation in standard form,  $(x-h)^2 + (y-k)^2 = r^2$ , where  $(h,k)$  is the center of the circle and the radius of the circle is  $r$ . To do this, divide the original equation,  $2x^2 - 6x + 2y^2 + 2y = 45$ , by 2 to make the leading coefficients of  $x^2$  and  $y^2$  each equal to 1:  $x^2 - 3x + y^2 + y = 22.5$ . Then complete the square to put the equation in standard form. To do so, first rewrite  $x^2 - 3x + y^2 + y = 22.5$  as  $(x^2 - 3x + 2.25) - 2.25 + (y^2 + y + 0.25) - 0.25 = 22.5$ . Second, add 2.25 and 0.25 to both sides of the equation:  $(x^2 - 3x + 2.25) + (y^2 + y + 0.25) = 25$ . Since  $x^2 - 3x + 2.25 = (x - 1.5)^2$ ,  $y^2 + y + 0.25 = (y + 0.5)^2$ , and  $25 = 5^2$ , it follows that  $(x - 1.5)^2 + (y + 0.5)^2 = 5^2$ . Therefore, the radius of the circle is 5.

Choices B, C, and D are incorrect and may be the result of errors in manipulating the equation or of a misconception about the standard form of the equation of a circle in the  $xy$ -plane.

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ID: ca2235f6

A circle has center  $O$ , and points  $A$  and  $B$  lie on the circle. The measure of arc  $AB$  is  $45^\circ$  and the length of arc  $AB$  is  $3$  inches. What is the circumference, in inches, of the circle?

- A.  $3$
- B.  $6$
- C.  $9$
- D.  $24$

ID: ca2235f6 Answer

Correct Answer: D

Rationale

Choice D is correct. It’s given that the measure of arc  $AB$  is  $45^\circ$  and the length of arc  $AB$  is  $3$  inches. The arc measure of the full circle is  $360^\circ$ . If  $x$  represents the circumference, in inches, of the circle, it follows that  $\frac{45^\circ}{360^\circ} = \frac{3 \text{ inches}}{x \text{ inches}}$ . This equation is equivalent to  $\frac{45}{360} = \frac{3}{x}$ , or  $\frac{1}{8} = \frac{3}{x}$ . Multiplying both sides of this equation by  $8x$  yields  $1(x) = 3(8)$ , or  $x = 24$ . Therefore, the circumference of the circle is  $24$  inches.

Choice A is incorrect. This is the length of arc  $AB$ .

Choice B is incorrect and may result from multiplying the length of arc  $AB$  by  $2$ .

Choice C is incorrect and may result from squaring the length of arc  $AB$ .

Question Difficulty: Hard

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ID: 981275d2

$$(x-6)^2 + (y+5)^2 = 16$$

In the  $xy$ -plane, the graph of the equation above is a circle. Point  $P$  is on the circle and has coordinates  $(10, -5)$ . If  $\overline{PQ}$  is a diameter of the circle, what are the coordinates of point  $Q$ ?

- A.  $(2, -5)$
- B.  $(6, -1)$
- C.  $(6, -5)$
- D.  $(6, -9)$

ID: 981275d2 Answer

Correct Answer: A

Rationale

Choice A is correct. The standard form for the equation of a circle is  $(x-h)^2 + (y-k)^2 = r^2$ , where  $(h,k)$  are the coordinates of the center and  $r$  is the length of the radius. According to the given equation, the center of the circle is  $(6, -5)$ . Let  $(x_1, y_1)$  represent the coordinates of point  $Q$ . Since point  $P(10, -5)$  and point  $Q(x_1, y_1)$  are the endpoints of a diameter of the circle, the center  $(6, -5)$  lies on the diameter, halfway between  $P$  and  $Q$ .

Therefore, the following relationships hold:  $\frac{x_1 + 10}{2} = 6$  and  $\frac{y_1 + (-5)}{2} = -5$ . Solving the equations for  $x_1$  and  $y_1$ , respectively, yields  $x_1 = 2$  and  $y_1 = -5$ . Therefore, the coordinates of point  $Q$  are  $(2, -5)$ .

Alternate approach: Since point  $P(10, -5)$  on the circle and the center of the circle  $(6, -5)$  have the same  $y$ -coordinate, it follows that the radius of the circle is  $10 - 6 = 4$ . In addition, the opposite end of the diameter  $\overline{PQ}$  must have the same  $y$ -coordinate as  $P$  and be 4 units away from the center. Hence, the coordinates of point  $Q$  must be  $(2, -5)$ .

Choices B and D are incorrect because the points given in these choices lie on a diameter that is perpendicular to the diameter  $\overline{PQ}$ . If either of these points were point  $Q$ , then  $\overline{PQ}$  would not be the diameter of the circle.

Choice C is incorrect because  $(6, -5)$  is the center of the circle and does not lie on the circle.



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ID: 89661424

A circle in the  $xy$ -plane has its center at  $(-5, 2)$  and has a radius of  $9$ . An equation of this circle is  $x^2 + y^2 + ax + by + c = 0$ , where  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  are constants. What is the value of  $c$ ?

ID: 89661424 Answer

Correct Answer: -52

Rationale

The correct answer is  $-52$ . The equation of a circle in the  $xy$ -plane with its center at  $(h, k)$  and a radius of  $r$  can be written in the form  $(x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 = r^2$ . It's given that a circle in the  $xy$ -plane has its center at  $(-5, 2)$  and has a radius of  $9$ . Substituting  $-5$  for  $h$ ,  $2$  for  $k$ , and  $9$  for  $r$  in the equation  $(x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 = r^2$  yields  $(x - (-5))^2 + (y - 2)^2 = 9^2$ , or  $(x + 5)^2 + (y - 2)^2 = 81$ . It's also given that an equation of this circle is  $x^2 + y^2 + ax + by + c = 0$ , where  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  are constants. Therefore,  $(x + 5)^2 + (y - 2)^2 = 81$  can be rewritten in the form  $x^2 + y^2 + ax + by + c = 0$ . The equation  $(x + 5)^2 + (y - 2)^2 = 81$ , or  $(x + 5)(x + 5) + (y - 2)(y - 2) = 81$ , can be rewritten as  $x^2 + 5x + 5x + 25 + y^2 - 2y - 2y + 4 = 81$ . Combining like terms on the left-hand side of this equation yields  $x^2 + y^2 + 10x - 4y + 29 = 81$ . Subtracting  $81$  from both sides of this equation yields  $x^2 + y^2 + 10x - 4y - 52 = 0$ , which is equivalent to  $x^2 + y^2 + 10x + (-4)y + (-52) = 0$ . This equation is in the form  $x^2 + y^2 + ax + by + c = 0$ . Therefore, the value of  $c$  is  $-52$ .

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ID: fb58c0db

Points  $A$  and  $B$  lie on a circle with radius 1, and arc  $\overline{AB}$  has length  $\frac{\pi}{3}$ .  
What fraction of the circumference of the circle is the length of arc  $\overline{AB}$ ?

ID: fb58c0db Answer

Rationale

The correct answer is  $\frac{1}{6}$ . The circumference,  $C$ , of a circle is  $C = 2\pi r$ , where  $r$  is the length of the radius of the circle. For the given circle with a radius of 1, the circumference is  $C = 2(\pi)(1)$ , or  $C = 2\pi$ . To find what fraction of the circumference the length of arc  $\overline{AB}$  is, divide the length of the arc by the circumference, which gives  $\frac{\pi}{3} \div 2\pi$ . This division can be represented by  $\frac{\pi}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi} = \frac{1}{6}$ . Note that 1/6, .1666, .1667, 0.166, and 0.167 are examples of ways to enter a correct answer.

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ID: acd30391

A circle in the  $xy$ -plane has equation  $(x+3)^2 + (y-1)^2 = 25$ . Which of the following points does NOT lie in the interior of the circle?

- A.  $(-7, 3)$
- B.  $(-3, 1)$
- C.  $(0, 0)$
- D.  $(3, 2)$

ID: acd30391 Answer

Correct Answer: D

Rationale

Choice D is correct. The circle with equation  $(x+3)^2 + (y-1)^2 = 25$  has center  $(-3, 1)$  and radius 5. For a point to be inside of the circle, the distance from that point to the center must be less than the radius, 5. The distance between  $(3, 2)$  and  $(-3, 1)$  is  $\sqrt{(-3-3)^2 + (1-2)^2} = \sqrt{(-6)^2 + (-1)^2} = \sqrt{37}$ , which is greater than 5. Therefore,  $(3, 2)$  does NOT lie in the interior of the circle.

Choice A is incorrect. The distance between  $(-7, 3)$  and  $(-3, 1)$  is  $\sqrt{(-7+3)^2 + (3-1)^2} = \sqrt{(-4)^2 + (2)^2} = \sqrt{20}$ , which is less than 5, and therefore  $(-7, 3)$  lies in the interior of the circle. Choice B is incorrect because it is the center of the circle. Choice C is incorrect because the distance between  $(0, 0)$  and  $(-3, 1)$  is  $\sqrt{(0+3)^2 + (0-1)^2} = \sqrt{(3)^2 + (1)^2} = \sqrt{8}$ , which is less than 5, and therefore  $(0, 0)$  is in the interior of the circle.

Question Difficulty: Hard