

## 7.2 Equations of Circles

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

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

SWBAT graph circles on the coordinate plane and write the equations of circles in standard form.

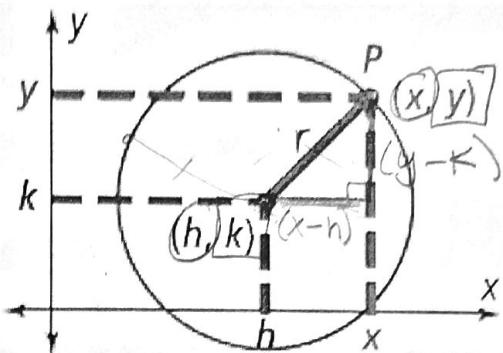
### Standard Form of Circles

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

Center:  $(h, k)$

Radius:  $r$

Point on the circle:  $(x, y)$



**Example 1:** Write the equation of a circle with the given information.

a) Center  $(0, 0)$ , Radius=10

$$h = 0 \quad k = 0 \quad r = 10$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 100$$

b) Center  $(2, 3)$ , Diameter=12

$$h = 2 \quad k = 3 \quad r = 6$$

$$(x - 2)^2 + (y - 3)^2 = 36$$

**Example 2:** Determine the center and radius of a circle the given equation.

a)  $x^2 + y^2 = \frac{9}{4}$

center  $(0, 0)$   
 $r = \frac{3}{2}$

b)  $(x + 3)^2 + (y - 5)^2 = 81$

center  $(-3, 5)$   
 $r = 9$

c)  $(x + 4)^2 + (y + 6)^2 = 1$

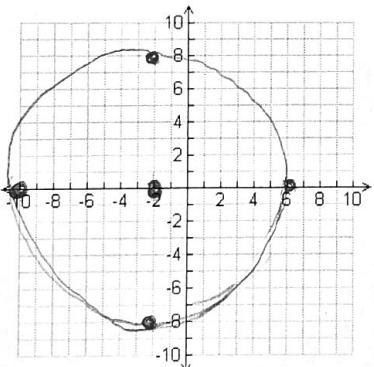
center  $(-4, -6)$   
 $r = 1$

**Example 3:** Use the center and the radius to graph each circle.

a)  $(x + 2)^2 + y^2 = 64$

Center:  $(-2, 0)$

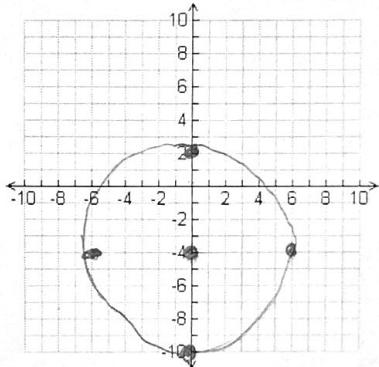
Radius:  $r = 8$



b)  $x^2 + (y + 4)^2 = 36$

Center:  $(0, -4)$

Radius:  $r = 6$



### Writing an Equation with a Pass-Thru Point

**Step 1:** Substitute the center  $(h, k)$  into the equation

**Step 2:** Substitute the "pass through point  $(x, y)$ " into the equation for  $x$  and  $y$ .

**Step 3:** Simplify and solve for  $r^2$ .

**Step 4:** Substitute  $r^2$  back into the equation from Step 1.

**Example 4:** Write the equation of a circle with a given center  $(2, 5)$  that passes through the point  $(5, -1)$ .

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

$$(5 - 2)^2 + (-1 - 5)^2 = r^2$$

$$9 + 36 = r^2$$

$$45 = r^2$$

$$(x - 2)^2 + (y - 5)^2 = 45$$

## Writing an Equation with Two Points on the Circle

Find the midpoint (center) between the two endpoints, and then follow steps 1-4.

### Midpoint Formula

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

**Example 5:** Write the equation of a circle with endpoints of diameter at (-6, 5) and (4, -3).

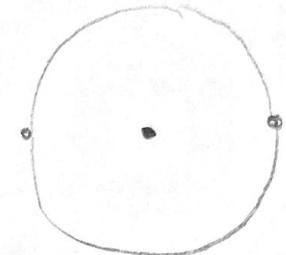
$$(-6+1)^2 + (5-1)^2 = r^2$$

$$25 + 16 = r^2$$

$$41 = r^2$$

$$(x+1)^2 + (y-1)^2 = 41$$

midpoint  
 $\left( \frac{-6+4}{2}, \frac{5+(-3)}{2} \right)$   
 $(-1, 1)$



## Writing the Equation of a Circle in Standard Form

Step 1:	Group x's and group y's together.
Step 2:	Move any constants to the right side of the equation.
Step 3:	Use complete the square to make a perfect square trinomial for the x's and then again for the y's. *Remember, whatever you do to one side of the equation, you must do to the other!
Step 4:	Simplify factors into standard form of a circle!

**Example 5:** Write the equation of a circle in standard form. Then, state the center and the radius.

a)  $x^2 + y^2 + 4x - 8y + 16 = 0$

b)  $x^2 + y^2 + 6x - 4y + 4 = 0$

$$x^2 + 4x + 4 - y^2 - 8y + 16 = -16 + 4 + 16$$

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

$$x^2 + 6x + 9 + y^2 - 4y + 4 = 9 + 4$$

$$(x+3)^2 + (y-2)^2 = 13$$

Center  $(-3, 2)$

$$r = \sqrt{13} \approx 3.6$$

c)  $x^2 + y^2 - 6x - 2y + 4 = 0$

d)  $x^2 + y^2 + 8x - 10y - 4 = 0$

$$x^2 - 6x + 9 + y^2 - 2y + 1 = -4 + 9 + 1$$

$$x^2 + 8x + 16 + y^2 - 10y + 25 = 4 + 16 + 25$$

$$(x-3)^2 + (y-1)^2 = 6$$

$$(x+4)^2 + (y-5)^2 = 45$$

center  $(3, 1)$

center  $(-4, 5)$

$$\text{radius} = \sqrt{6}$$

$$\text{radius} = \sqrt{45}$$

$$= 3\sqrt{5}$$