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**Mathematics
Paper 2**

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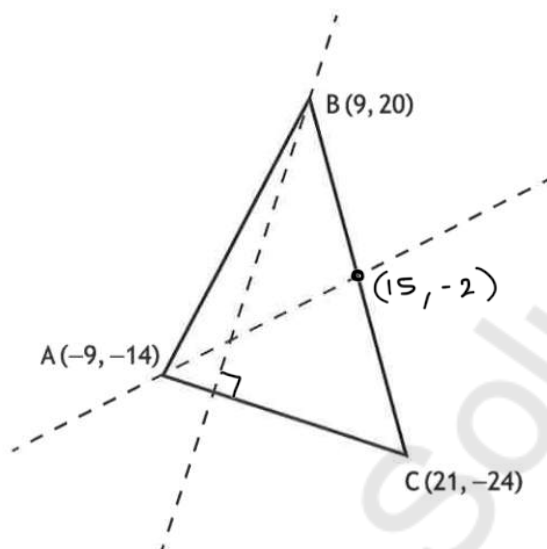
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1. Triangle ABC has vertices A(-9, -14), B(9, 20) and C(21, -24).



- (a) Find the equation of the altitude through B. 3
(b) Find the equation of the median through A. 3
(c) Determine the point of intersection of the altitude through B and the median through A. 2

$$(a) \quad m_{AC} = \frac{-24 - (-14)}{21 - (-9)} = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$m_{\perp B} = 3$$

$$y - 20 = 3(x - 9)$$

$$y - 20 = 3x - 27$$

$$y = 3x - 7 \quad \rightarrow \text{Equation of the altitude through B.}$$

$$(b) \quad \text{Midpoint}_{BC} \left(\frac{9+21}{2}, \frac{20+(-24)}{2} \right)$$

$$\left(\frac{30}{2}, \frac{20-24}{2} \right)$$

$$\left(15, -\frac{4}{2} \right)$$

$$\text{Midpoint}_{BC} (15, -2)$$

Mid (15, -2)

A (-9, -14)

$$m_{\text{bisector}} = \frac{-14 - (-2)}{-9 - 15} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$y - (-14) = \frac{1}{2} (x - (-9))$$

$$y + 14 = \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{9}{2}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{19}{2} \rightarrow \text{Equation of median through A}$$

(c)

$$\frac{1}{2}x - \frac{19}{2} = 3x - 7$$

$$x - 19 = 6x - 14$$

$$-19 + 14 = 6x - x$$

$$-5 = 5x$$

$$x = -1$$

$$y = 3x - 7$$

$$y = 3(-1) - 7$$

$$y = -10$$

Point where the median through A and the altitude through B meet is $(-1, -10)$

2. Express $2x^2 + 16x + 5$ in the form $p(x+q)^2 + r$.

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$$2(x^2 + 8x) + 5$$

$$2[(x+4)^2 - (4)^2] + 5$$

$$2[(x+4)^2 - 16] + 5$$

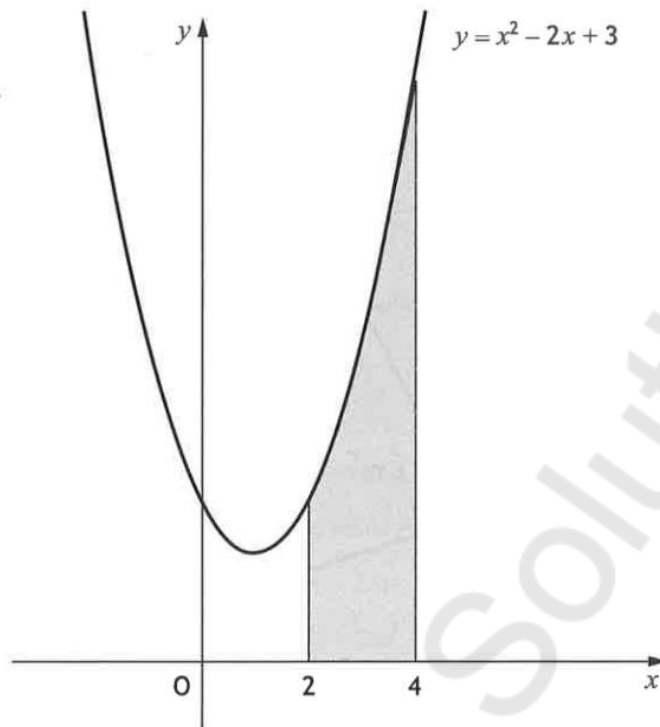
$$2(x+4)^2 - 32 + 5$$

$$2(x+4)^2 - 27$$

$$p = 2, \quad q = 4, \quad r = -27$$

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3. The diagram shows the graph of $y = x^2 - 2x + 3$.



Calculate the shaded area.

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$$\text{Area} = \int_2^4 (x^2 - 2x + 3) dx$$

$$\text{Area} = \left[\frac{x^3}{3} - x^2 + 3x \right]_2^4$$

$$\text{Area} = \left[\frac{(4)^3}{3} - (4)^2 + 3(4) \right] - \left[\frac{(2)^3}{3} - (2)^2 + 3(2) \right]$$

$$\text{Area} = \frac{52}{3} - \frac{14}{3}$$

$$\text{Area} = \frac{38}{3} \text{ square units}$$

4. A function, g , is defined by $g(x) = (x-4)^3$, where $x \in \mathbb{R}$.
Find the inverse function, $g^{-1}(x)$.

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$$x = (y - 4)^3$$

$$x^{1/3} = y - 4$$

$$x^{1/3} + 4 = y$$

$$g^{-1}(x) = x^{1/3} + 4$$

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5. (a) Show that the points A(-3, 2, -1), B(6, -1, 5) and C(12, -3, 9) are collinear. 3

(b) State the ratio in which B divides AC. 1

(a) $\vec{OA} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ $\vec{OB} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$ $\vec{OC} = \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ -3 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix}$

$$k \times \vec{AB} = \vec{BC}$$

$$\vec{AB} = \vec{OB} - \vec{OA}$$

$$\vec{BC} = \vec{OC} - \vec{OB}$$

$$\vec{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 - (-3) \\ -1 - 2 \\ 5 - (-1) \end{pmatrix} = \vec{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ -3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{BC} = \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ -3 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{BC} = \begin{pmatrix} 12 - 6 \\ -3 - (-1) \\ 9 - 5 \end{pmatrix} = \vec{BC} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$k \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ -3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

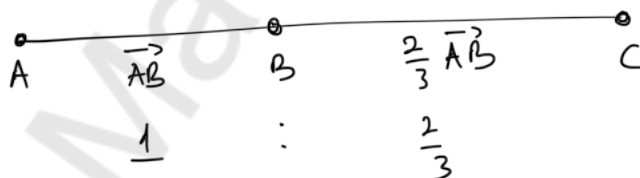
$$\begin{pmatrix} 9k \\ -3k \\ 6k \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$9k = 6 \quad -3k = -2 \quad 6k = 4$$

$$k = \frac{6}{9} = \frac{2}{3} \quad k = \frac{-2}{-3} = \frac{2}{3} \quad k = \frac{4}{6} = \frac{2}{3}$$

Thus AB and BC are parallel.
 AB and BC share a common point B.
 This makes A, B and C collinear.

(b)



$$3 : 2 = AB : BC$$

6. (a) Express $5\cos x - 9\sin x$ in the form $k\cos(x+a)$ where $k > 0$ and $0 < a < 2\pi$.

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(b) Hence solve $5\cos x - 9\sin x = 7$ for $0 \leq x < 2\pi$.

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(a) $5\cos x - 9\sin x$

$$\cos(A \pm B) = \cos A \cos B \mp \sin A \sin B$$

$$k\cos(x+a) = k\cos x \cos a - k\sin x \sin a$$

$$5\cos x - 9\sin x$$

$$k\cos x \cos a = 5\cos x$$

$$k\sin x \sin a = 9\sin x$$

$$k\cos a = 5$$

$$k\sin a = 9$$

$$\frac{k\sin a}{k\cos a} = \frac{9}{5}$$

$$k^2\sin^2 a + k^2\cos^2 a = 9^2 + 5^2$$

$$\tan a = \frac{9}{5}$$

$$k^2(\sin^2 a + \cos^2 a) = 81 + 25$$

$$k^2 \times 1 = 106$$

$$a = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{9}{5}\right)$$

$$k = \sqrt{106}$$

$$a \approx 1.064 \text{ (3 d.p.)}$$

$$k \approx 10.3 \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$

$$5\cos x - 9\sin x = \sqrt{106} \cos(x + 1.064)$$

(b)

$$5\cos x - 9\sin x = 7$$

$$\sqrt{106} \cos(x + 1.064) = 7$$

$$\cos(x + 1.064) = \frac{7}{\sqrt{106}}$$

$$x + 1.064 = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{7}{\sqrt{106}}\right)$$

$$x + 1.064 = 0.823 \text{ , } x + 1.064 = 2\pi - 0.823$$

reject

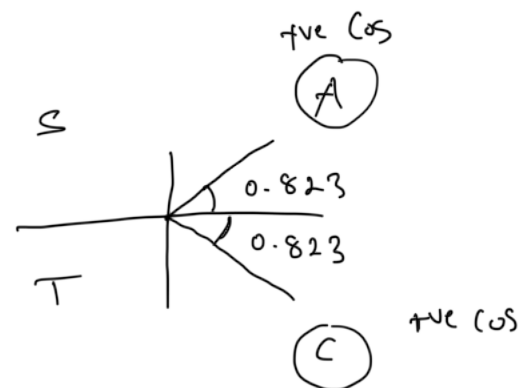
$$x + 1.064 = 5.46$$

$$x = 4.396 \text{ (3 d.p.)}$$

$$x + 1.064 = 2\pi + 0.823$$

$$x = 2\pi + 0.823 - 1.064$$

$$x \approx 6.042 \text{ (3 d.p.)}$$



7. Find $\int (3x+2)^7 dx$.

$$\int (3x+2)^7 dx$$

$$u = 3x+2$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = 3$$

$$dx = \frac{du}{3}$$

$$\int u^7 \times \frac{du}{3}$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \int u^7 du$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{u^8}{8} \right) + C$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{(3x+2)^8}{8} \right) + C$$

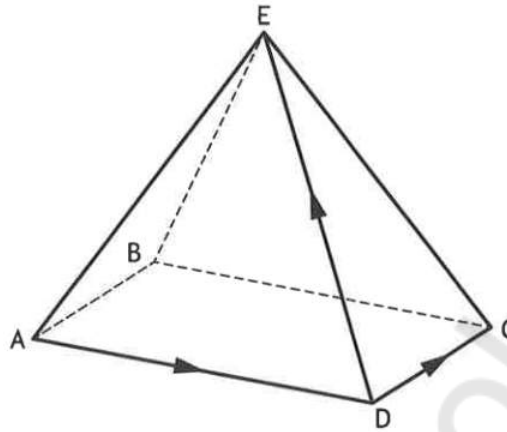
$$\frac{(3x+2)^8}{24} + C$$

8. E,ABCD is a rectangular-based pyramid as shown.

$$\overrightarrow{AD} = 6\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$$

$$\overrightarrow{DC} = 2\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$$

$$\overrightarrow{DE} = -4\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}$$



Express \overrightarrow{BE} in terms of \mathbf{i} , \mathbf{j} and \mathbf{k} .

$$\overrightarrow{AB} = \overrightarrow{DC} \quad \overrightarrow{AD} = \overrightarrow{BC}$$

$$\overrightarrow{BE} = \overrightarrow{BC} + \overrightarrow{CD} + \overrightarrow{DE}$$

$$\overrightarrow{BE} = \overrightarrow{BC} + (-\overrightarrow{DC}) + \overrightarrow{DE}$$

$$\overrightarrow{BE} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ -3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\overrightarrow{BE} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 - 2 - 4 \\ 4 + 4 - 3 \\ 2 - 2 + 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\overrightarrow{BE} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \underline{\underline{5\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}}}$$

9. A sequence satisfies the recurrence relation $u_{n+1} = mu_n + 4$, where m is a constant.

(a) The sequence approaches a limit of 10 as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Determine the value of m .

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(b) Given that $u_1 = 19$, calculate the value of u_0 .

1

$$(a) \quad m(10) + 4 = 10$$

$$10m + 4 = 10$$

$$10m = 6$$

$$m = 0.6$$

0.6

$$(b) \quad 19 = 0.6(u_0) + 4$$

$$15 = 0.6u_0$$

$$u_0 = 25$$

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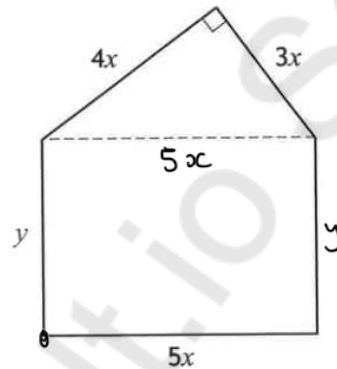
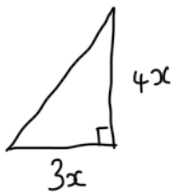
10. A hotel owner is designing signs showing the room numbers.



Each sign is a rectangle with a right-angled triangle above it.

The length and breadth of the rectangle are $5x$ centimetres and y centimetres respectively.

The shorter sides of the triangle are $3x$ centimetres and $4x$ centimetres.



The area of the sign is 150 square centimetres.

- (a) Show that the perimeter, P cm, of the sign is given by

$$P = 9.6x + \frac{60}{x}$$

3

$$A_R = 5x \times y = 5xy$$

$$A_T = \frac{3x \times 4x}{2} = \frac{12x^2}{2} = 6x^2$$

$$\text{Total Area} = 5xy + 6x^2$$

$$150 = 5xy + 6x^2$$

$$150 - 6x^2 = 5xy$$

$$\frac{150}{5x} - \frac{6x^2}{5x} = y$$

$$\frac{30}{x} - \frac{6x}{5} = y$$

$$P = 5x + y + 3x + 4x + y$$

$$P = 12x + 2y$$

$$P = 12x + 2\left(\frac{30}{x} - \frac{6}{5}x\right)$$

$$P = 12x + \frac{60}{x} - \frac{12}{5}x$$

$$P = 9.6x + \frac{60}{x}$$

Showu.

(b) Find the minimum value of P .

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$$P = 9.6x + \frac{60}{x}$$

$$P = 9.6x + 60x^{-1}$$

$$\frac{dP}{dx} = 9.6 - 60x^{-2}$$

$$0 = 9.6 - \frac{60}{x^2}$$

$$\frac{60}{x^2} = 9.6$$

$$x^2 = \frac{60}{9.6}$$

$$x = \sqrt{\frac{60}{9.6}}$$

$$x = \frac{5}{2} \text{ cm} \quad x = -\frac{5}{2} \text{ cm}$$

reject

$$P_{\min} = 9.6\left(\frac{5}{2}\right) + \frac{60}{5/2}$$

$$P_{\min} = 48 \text{ cm}$$

11. Solve $3\sin 2x^\circ + 4\cos x^\circ = 0$ for $0 \leq x < 360$.

$$3(2\sin x \cos x) + 4\cos x = 0$$

$$6\sin x \cos x + 4\cos x = 0$$

$$6\sin x \cos^2 x + 4\cos^2 x = 0$$

$$\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$$

$$\cos^2 x = 1 - \sin^2 x$$

$$6\sin x (1 - \sin^2 x) + 4(1 - \sin^2 x) = 0$$

$$6\sin x - 6\sin^3 x + 4 - 4\sin^2 x = 0$$

$$6\sin^3 x + 4\sin^2 x - 6\sin x - 4 = 0$$

$$3\sin^3 x + 2\sin^2 x - 3\sin x - 2 = 0$$

let $\sin x = y$

$$3y^3 + 2y^2 - 3y - 2 = 0$$

At $y = 1$ $0 = 0$

$\therefore y - 1$ is a factor

$$\begin{array}{r}
 3y^2 + 5y + 2 \\
 y-1 \overline{) 3y^3 + 2y^2 - 3y - 2} \\
 \underline{-(3y^3 - 3y^2)} \quad \downarrow \\
 5y^2 - 3y \quad \downarrow \\
 \underline{-(5y^2 - 5y)} \quad \downarrow \\
 2y - 2 \\
 \underline{-(2y - 2)} \\
 0 \quad 0
 \end{array}$$

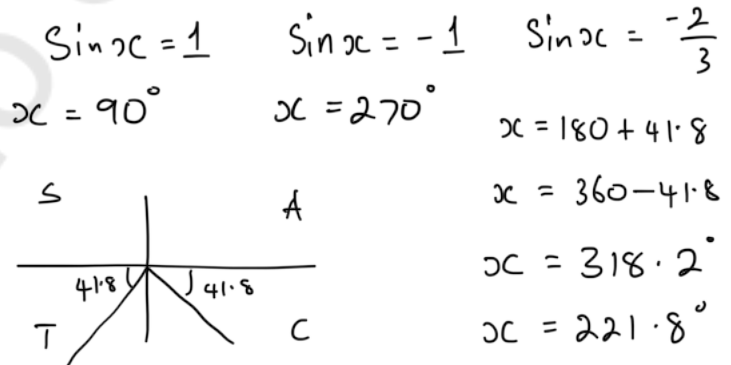
$$(y-1)(3y^2 + 5y + 2) = 0$$

$$(y-1)(3y^2 + 3y + 2y + 2) = 0$$

$$(y-1)(3y(y+1) + 2(y+1)) = 0$$

$$(y-1)(3y+2)(y+1) = 0$$

$$y = 1 \quad y = -\frac{2}{3} \quad y = -1$$



12. Functions f and g are defined on the set of real numbers by:

- $f(x) = x^5 + 3$

- $g(x) = 1 - x^3$.

(a) Find an expression for $h(x)$, where $h(x) = f(g(x))$.

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(b) Find $h'(x)$.

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(a) $h(x) = f(g(x))$

$$h(x) = (1 - x^3)^5 + 3$$

(b)

$$u = 1 - x^3$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = -3x^2$$

$$y = u^5 + 3$$

$$\frac{dy}{du} = 5u^4$$

$$h'(x) = \frac{dy}{dx} = 5u^4 \times -3x^2$$

$$h'(x) = 5(1 - x^3)^4 \times -3x^2$$

$$h'(x) = -15x^2(1 - x^3)^4$$



13. A radioactive substance, which has been collected, decays over time.
The mass of the radioactive substance remaining is modelled by

$$M = 150e^{-0.0054t}$$

where M is the mass, in micrograms, t years after the radioactive substance was collected.

- (a) Determine the initial mass of the radioactive substance. 1
- (b) Calculate the time taken for the mass of the radioactive substance to decay to 120 micrograms. 4

(a) At $t=0$, $M = 150e^{-0.0054 \times 0}$

$$M = 150 \text{ micrograms}$$

(b) $120 = 150e^{-0.0054t}$

$$\frac{4}{5} = e^{-0.0054t}$$

$$\left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^{-1} = e^{-0.0054t}$$

$$\frac{5}{4} = e^{0.0054t}$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{5}{4}\right) = \ln e^{0.0054t}$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{5}{4}\right) = 0.0054t \ln e$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{5}{4}\right) = 0.0054t$$

$$t = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{5}{4}\right)}{0.0054}$$

$$t \approx \underline{\underline{41.3 \text{ years}}} \quad (1 \text{ d.p.})$$

14. Circle C_1 has equation $(x+5)^2 + (y-6)^2 = 9$.

(a) State the centre and radius of C_1 .

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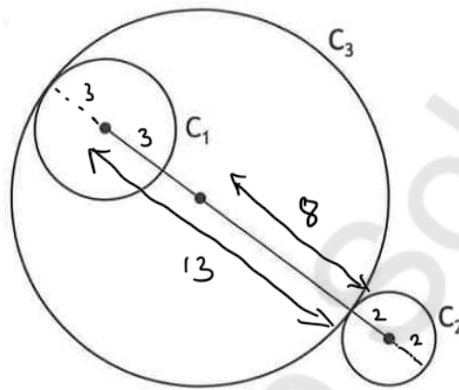
Circle C_2 has equation $x^2 + y^2 - 14x + 6y + 54 = 0$.

(b) State the centre and radius of C_2 .

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Circles C_1 , C_2 and C_3 are touching as shown in the diagram.

The centre of circle C_3 lies on the line joining the centres of C_1 and C_2 .



(c) Determine the equation of C_3 .

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(a) Centre of circle 1 : $(-5, 6)$

$$r^2 = 9, \quad r = 3 \leftarrow \text{radius of circle 1}$$

(b) Centre of circle 2 $x^2 + y^2 - 14x + 6y + 54 = 0$
 $(7, -3)$

$$r^2 = 4, \quad r = 2$$

radius of circle 2

$$x^2 - 14x + y^2 + 6y = -54$$

$$(x-7)^2 - (7)^2 + (y+3)^2 - (3)^2 = -54$$

$$(x-7)^2 + (y+3)^2 = -54 + 49 + 9$$

$$(x-7)^2 + (y+3)^2 = 4$$

(c) $(-5, 6)$ $(7, -3)$

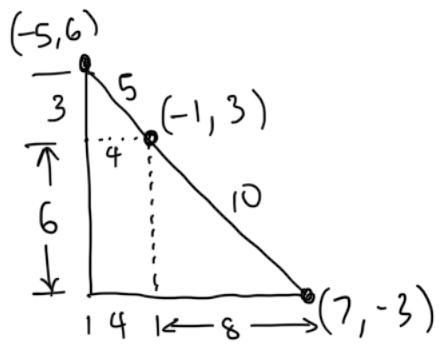
$$D = \sqrt{(7 - (-5))^2 + (-3 - 6)^2}$$

$$D = 15$$

$$15 - 2 = 13$$

$$\text{Diameter of Circle 3} = 13 + 3 = 16$$

$$\text{Radius of Circle 3} = 16 \div 2 = 8 \quad C_3 (x, y)$$



Centre of Circle 3 $(-1, 3)$

$$\underline{\underline{(x+1)^2 + (y-3)^2 = 64}}$$