

The standard form of the equation of a circle with its center at the origin is

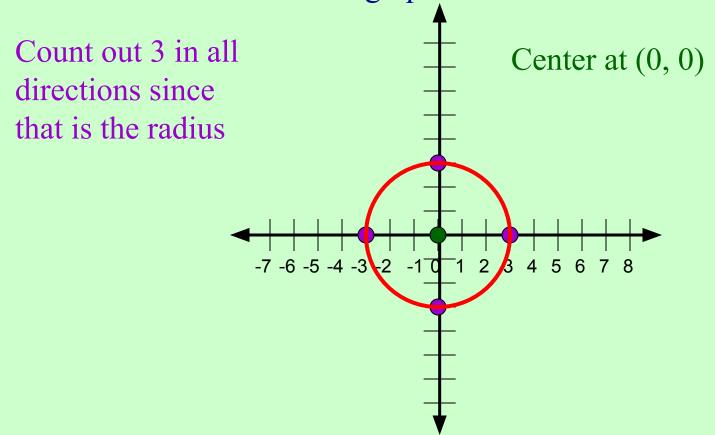
$$x^2 + y^2 = r^2$$

r is the radius of the circle so if we take the square root of the right hand side, we'll know how big the radius is.

Notice that both the *x* and *y* terms are squared. Linear equations don't have either the *x* or *y* terms squared. Parabolas have only the *x* term was squared (or only the *y* term, but NOT both).

Let's look at the equation 
$$x^2 + y^2 = 9$$
This is  $r^2$  so  $r = 3$ 

The center of the circle is at the origin and the radius is 3. Let's graph this circle.



If the center of the circle is NOT at the origin then the equation for the standard form of a circle looks like this:

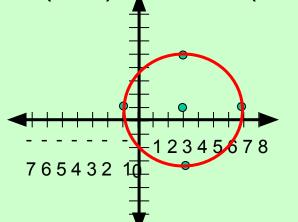
$$(x - h)^{2} + (y - k)^{2} = r^{2}$$
The center of the circle is at  $(h, k)$ . This is  $r^{2}$  so  $r = 4$ 

$$(x - 3)^{2} + (y - 1)^{2} = 16$$

Find the center and radius and graph this circle.

The center of the circle is at (h, k) which is (3,1).

The radius is 4



If you take the equation of a circle in standard form for

$$(x+2)^{2} + (y-4)^{2} = 4$$
 This is  $r^{2}$  so  $r = 2$ 

Remember center is at (h, k) with (x - h) and (y - k) since the x is plus something and not minus, (x + 2) can be written as (x + (-2))

You can find the enter and radius easily.

The center is at (-2, 4) and the radius is 2.

But what if it was not in standard form but multiplied out (FOILED)

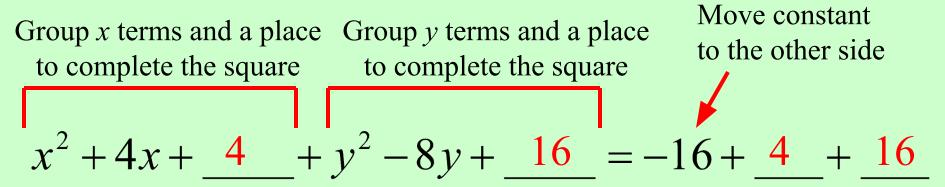
$$x^{2} + 4x + 4 + y^{2} - 8y + 16 = 4$$

Moving everything to one side in descending order and combining like terms we'd have:

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

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If we'd have started with it like this, we'd have to complete the square on both the x's and y's to get in standard form.



## Complete the square

Write factored and wahlah! back in standard form.

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

Now let's work some examples:

Find an equation of the circle with center at (0, 0) and radius 7.

Let's sub in center and radius values in the standard form

$$(x-0)^2 + (y-0)^2 = 7^2$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 49$$

Find an equation of the circle with center at (0, 0) that passes through the point (-1, -4).

Since the center is at (0, 0) we'll have

$$x^2 + y^2 = r^2$$

The point (-1, -4) is on the circle so should work when we plug it in the equation:

$$(-1)^2 + (-4)^2 = r^2 = 1 + 16 = 17$$

Subbing this in for  $r^2$  we have:

$$x^2 + y^2 = 17$$

Find an equation of the circle with center at (-2, 5) and radius 6 Subbing in the values in standard form we have:

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

$$(x+2)^2 + (y-5)^2 = 36$$

Find an equation of the circle with center at (8, 2) and passes through the point (8, 0).

Subbing in the center values in standard form we have:

$$(x-8)^2 + (y-2)^2 = r^2$$

Since it passes through the point (8, 0) we can plug this point in for x and y to find  $r^2$ .

$$(8-8)^{2} + (0-2)^{2} = r^{2} = 4$$
$$(x-8)^{2} + (y-2)^{2} = 4$$

Identify the center and radius and sketch the graph:

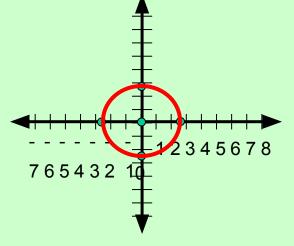
$$\frac{9x^2 + 9y^2 = 64}{9}$$

To get in standard form we don't want coefficients on the squared terms so let's divide everything by 9.

$$x^{2} + y^{2} = \frac{64}{9}$$
Remember to square root this to get the radius.

Remember to square

So the center is at (0, 0) and the radius is 8/3.

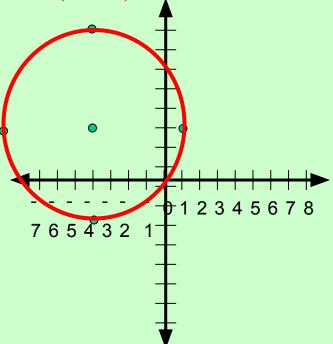


Identify the center and radius and sketch the graph:

$$(x+4)^2 + (y-3)^2 = 25$$

Remember the center values end up being the opposite sign of what is with the *x* and *y* and the right hand side is the radius squared.

So the center is at (-4, 3) and the radius is 5.



Find the center and radius of the circle:

$$x^2 + y^2 + 6x - 4y - 3 = 0$$

We have to complete the square on both the x's and y's to get in standard form.

Group x terms and a place Group y terms and a place to complete the square to complete the square  $x^2 + 6x + 9 + y^2 - 4y + 4 = +3 + 9 + 4$ Move constant to the other side

Write factored for standard form.

$$(x+3)^2 + (y-2)^2 = 16$$

So the center is at (-3, 2) and the radius is 4.

## Thank you for your attention!!!