

Dept - Mathematics

Topic - IIT Problem based on System of Circles, Radical Axis and Co-axial Circles

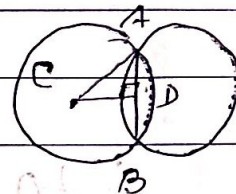
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Problem → Find the Radical axis and the length of Common Chord of two circles

$$x^2 + y^2 + 3x + 5y + 4 = 0$$
$$\text{and } x^2 + y^2 + 5x + 3y + 4 = 0.$$



Sol → The Given Circles are:

$$x^2 + y^2 + 3x + 5y + 4 = 0 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$x^2 + y^2 + 5x + 3y + 4 = 0 \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

The Radical axis of (i) and (ii) is given by

$$S_1 - S_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x^2 + y^2 + 3x + 5y + 4) - (x^2 + y^2 + 5x + 3y + 4) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -2x + 2y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x - y = 0 \quad \text{--- (iii)}$$

Centre C of (i) is

$$(-3/2, -5/2)$$

and radius is

$$\sqrt{9/4 + 25/4 - 4} = \sqrt{9 + 25 - 16 \over 4}$$

$$= \sqrt{18 \over 4} = \sqrt{9/2} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$CD = \frac{-3/2 - (-5/2)}{\sqrt{1^2 + (-1)^2}}$$

Where

CD is perpendicular
Distance of AB from
C

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$AC = \text{radius of } \odot = \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\therefore AC^2 = CD^2 + AD^2$$

$$AD^2 = CD^2 - AC^2$$

$$= \frac{9}{2} - \frac{1}{2} = 4$$

$$\therefore AD = 2$$

Hence the Required length of
Common chord.

$$= AB = 2 \times AD = 2 \times 2 = 4$$

Problem 2.

Find the Equation of
the Circle whose diameter is the
Common chord of the Circles

$$x^2 + y^2 + 2x + 3y + 1 = 0$$

and $x^2 + y^2 + 4x + 3y + 2 = 0$

Solution $\rightarrow$ The Equation of
Common chord of the circles,

$$x^2 + y^2 + 2x + 3y + 1 = 0 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$x^2 + y^2 + 4x + 3y + 2 = 0 \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

is given by $(x^2 + y^2 + 2x + 3y + 1) - (x^2 + y^2 + 4x + 3y + 2) = 0$

(using $S_1 - S_2 = 0$ is

the Equation of common chord)

$$-2x - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$2x + 1 = 0 \quad \text{--- (I)}$$

Now the equation of circle

passing through (I) and (II) is

$$x^2 + y^2 + 2x + 3y + 1 + k(2x + 1) = 0$$

using Equation

[of circle passing through a given Circle S_1 and given st line L]

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 + (k+1)2x + 3y + k+1 = 0 \quad \text{--- (II)}$$

whose Centre is $[-(k+1), -3/2]$

If the common chord is ~~the~~ a diameter then the Centre.

$(-k-1, -3/2)$ lies on

(II)

$$\text{there for } 2(-k-1) + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -2k - 1 = 0$$

$$k = -1/2$$

putting these value of $k = -1/2$ in (II)

the equation of required circle is

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

$$x^2 + y^2 + 2 \times \frac{1}{2} x + 3y + \frac{1}{2} = 0$$

$$2x^2 + 2y^2 + 2x + 6y + 1 = 0$$

Problem 3:

Find the equation to the circle whose diameter is common chord of

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

$$\text{and } x^2 + (y-b)^2 = b^2$$

Also find the length of the common chord.

Solution $\Rightarrow$ The given circles are

$$(x-a)^2 + y^2 = a^2 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$\text{and } x^2 + (y-b)^2 = b^2 \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

$$\text{(i) - (ii)}$$

$$(x-a)^2 + y^2 - x^2 - (y-b)^2 = a^2 - b^2$$

$$\cancel{x^2 - 2ax + a^2 + y^2} - \cancel{x^2 - y^2 + 2by + b^2} = a^2 - b^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \cancel{-2ax + 2by} = -a^2 + b^2$$

$$-ax = -b^2 - by$$

$$\cancel{x - 2ax + a^2 + y^2} - \cancel{x^2 - y^2 + 2by + b^2} = \cancel{a^2 - b^2}$$

$$-2ax + 2by = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{ax}{b} \quad \text{--- (iii)}$$

From (i)

$$(x-a)^2 + \frac{a^2 x^2}{b^2} = a^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 2ax + a^2 + \frac{a^2 x^2}{b^2} = a^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x \left[x - 2a + \frac{a^2 x}{b^2} \right] = 0$$

$\therefore x = 0$ or $x \left(1 + \frac{a^2}{b^2}\right) = 2a$

$\Rightarrow x \left(\frac{a^2 + b^2}{b^2}\right) = 2a$

$\Rightarrow x = \frac{2ab^2}{a^2 + b^2}$

From $y = \frac{ax}{b}$

When $x = 0$ $y = 0$ $x = \frac{2ab^2}{a^2 + b^2}$

$y = \frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{2ab^2}{a^2 + b^2} = \frac{2a^2b}{a^2 + b^2}$

Therefore point of intersection of (i) and (ii) are

$(0, 0)$ and $\left(\frac{2ab^2}{a^2 + b^2}, \frac{2a^2b}{a^2 + b^2}\right)$

Thus the equation of the circle,

the end point of whose diameter is $(0, 0)$ and $\left(\frac{2ab^2}{a^2 + b^2}, \frac{2a^2b}{a^2 + b^2}\right)$ is given

by using

$(x - x_1)(x - x_2) + (y - y_1)(y - y_2) = 0$

$\Rightarrow x \left(x - \frac{2ab^2}{a^2 + b^2}\right) + y \left(y - \frac{2a^2b}{a^2 + b^2}\right) = 0$

$\Rightarrow (x^2 + y^2)(a^2 + b^2) = 2ab(bx + ay)$

Qad- length of common chord.

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

$= \sqrt{\left(0 - \frac{2ab^2}{a^2 + b^2}\right)^2 + \left(0 - \frac{2a^2b}{a^2 + b^2}\right)^2}$

$= \frac{2ab}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}$