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The Equation of a Circle in Standard Position

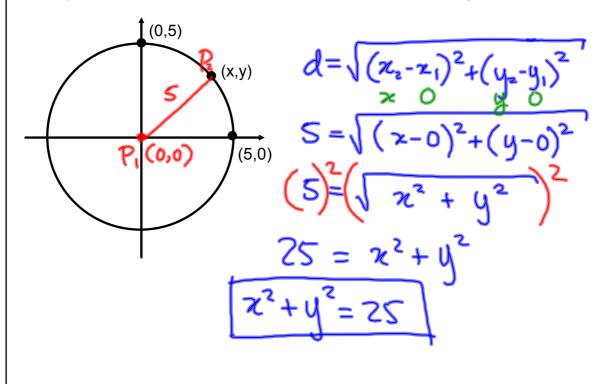
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Circle: The set of all points that are equidistant from a reference point (the centre).

Standard Position: The centre of the circle is at the origin (0, 0).

We can use this definition, along with the <u>distance</u> <u>formula</u>, to determine the equation of a circle.

Suppose we have a circle with a radius of 5, so every point on the circle is 5 units from the origin.



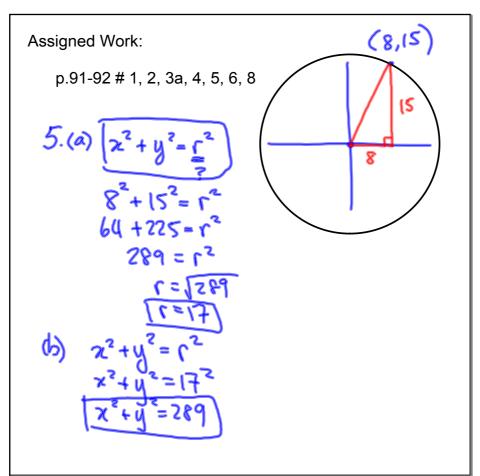
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In general, a circle has a radius, r, and the equation of a circle in standard position is:

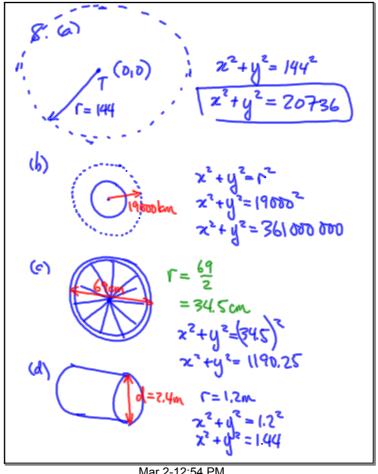
$$x^2 + y^2 = r^2$$

Ex.1. Write the equation of a circle in standard position with:

(a)
$$r = 2$$
 (b) $r = 3\frac{1}{5}$ 3×5 $x^2 + y^2 = (z)^2$ $x^2 + y^2 = (16)^2$ $x^2 + y^2 = 256$



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