

Past years questions

- 1) Intercept made by the circle $x^2+y^2-5x-13y-14=0$ on the x-axis and y axis is

a) 9,13 b) 5,13 c) 9,15 d) none of these

Sol) length of the x-intercept = $2(g^2-c)^{1/2}$

length of the Y-intercept = $2(f^2-c)^{1/2}$

- 2) The circle $x^2+y^2-4x-8y-5=0$ intersects the line $3x-4y=m$ at two distinct points if

a) $-85 < m < -35$ b) $-35 < m < 15$ c) $15 < m < 65$ d) $35 < m < 85$

Sol) $(x-2)^2 + (y-4)^2 = 5^2$ is the circle equation

Perpendicular distance from (2,4) to $3x-4y-m=0$ is $P \Rightarrow 0 < |p| < 5$

$$(6-16-m)/5 < 5 \Rightarrow |m+10| < 25 \Rightarrow -35 < m < 15.$$

- 3) The circle $x^2+y^2-6x-8y+(25-a^2)=0$ touches the x-axis then the value of x is

a) +4,-4 b) 0 c) +3,-3 d) +2,-2

Sol) Centre of circle is C(3,4)

$$\text{Radius } r = (9+16-25+a^2)^{1/2}$$

It touches the x axis so $r = (a^2)^{1/2} = 4$

On solving we get $a = +4, -4$.

