

Higher Maths
SQA 2023 Paper 2
Question 11



Circle C_1 has equation $(x-4)^2 + (y+2)^2 = 37$.

Circle C_2 has equation $x^2 + y^2 + 2x - 6y - 7 = 0$.

- (a) Calculate the distance between the centres of C_1 and C_2 . 3
- (b) Hence, show that C_1 and C_2 intersect at two distinct points. 3
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Answers:

- (a) $\sqrt{50}$ or $5\sqrt{2}$ or 7.07...
- (b) State that the radius of C_1 is $\sqrt{37}$.
Calculate the radius of C_2 to be $\sqrt{17}$.
Show that the distance between the centres is less than the sum of the radii.