

14. CIRCLES ON THE PLANE

Problem 14.1. (HA) Find the center C of the circle passing through points $P = (14, 12)$, $Q = (-11, 7)$ and $R = (22, -2)$.

Hint(s) to 14.1: C is equidistant to all three points.

Answer to 14.1: $(4, -3)$

Problem 14.2. Show that each circle on the plane has equation of the form $z \cdot \bar{z} + a \cdot z + b \cdot \bar{z} + c = 0$, where a is the conjugate of b , $b \neq 0$, c is real, and $|a|^2 > c$.

Problem 14.3. Suppose $z \cdot \bar{z} + a \cdot z + b \cdot \bar{z} + c = 0$ is an equation of a circle on the plane. Prove that a is the conjugate of b , $b \neq 0$, c is real, and $|a|^2 > c$.

Problem 14.4. (A) The circle centered at $1 + 2i$ of radius 3 has equation $z \cdot \bar{z} + a \cdot z + b \cdot \bar{z} + c = 0$, where c is real. Find c .

Answer to 14.4: -4

Problem 14.5. Show that a circle and a line intersect at at most 2 points.

Problem 14.6. Let $f(z) = z + a$, where a is a constant. Show that if C is a circle, then $f(C)$ is a circle, too.

Problem 14.7. Let $f(z) = \bar{z}$. Show that if C is a circle, then $f(C)$ is a circle, too.

Problem 14.8. Let $f(z) = 1/z$. Show that if L is a line not passing through 0, then $f(L)$ is a circle.

Problem 14.9. Let $f(z) = 1/z$. Show that if C is a circle not passing through 0, then $f(C)$ is a circle, too.

Problem 14.10. Let $f(z) = 1/z$. Show that if C is a circle passing through 0, then $f(C)$ is a line.

Problem 14.11. Let $f(z) = a \cdot z + b$, where a and b are constant. Show that if C is a circle, then $f(C)$ is a circle, too.

Problem 14.12. Let $f(z) = (a \cdot z + b)/(c \cdot z + d)$, where a , b , c , and d are constant so that $ad - bc \neq 0$. Show that if X is a line or a circle, then $f(X)$ is a circle or a line.

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