## Algebra 2: Equation of a CIRCLE, via "completing the square"

**Equation of a Circle:**  $(x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 = r^2$ 

Where (h, k) is the center and r is the radius.

## Warm-up

Use the information provided to write the standard form equation of each circle.

1) Center: (-5, 2) Radius: 8

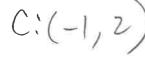
$$(x+5)^2+(y-2)^2=64$$

2) Center: (12, 10) Radius: 2

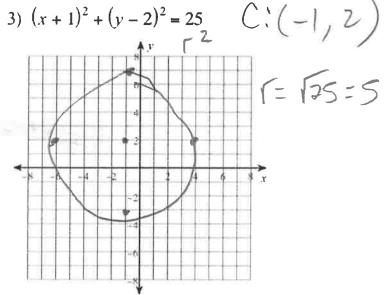
(X-12)2+(y-10)=4

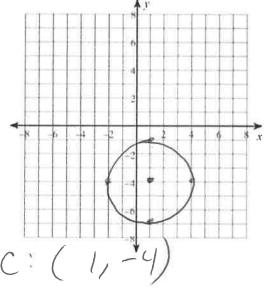
Identify the center and radius of each. Then sketch the graph.

3) 
$$(x+1)^2 + (y-2)^2 = 25$$



4) 
$$(x-1)^2 + (y+4)^2 = 9$$





r: 3

So: We know how to identify the center and a radius of a circle when given the following format:

CIRCLE:  $(x-3)^2 + (y+2)^2 = 25$ 

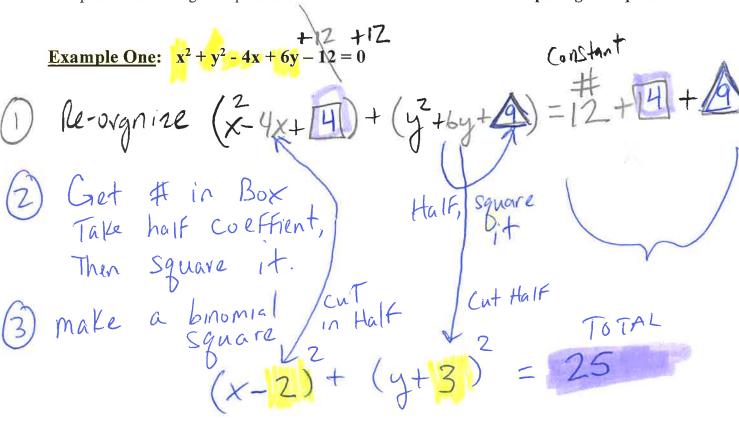
$$c(3-2) r = 5$$

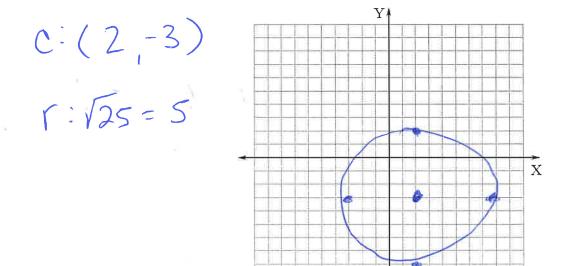
However, sometimes the equation isn't in this standard form!

For Example:  $x^2 + y^2 - 4x + 6y - 12 = 0$  IS the equation of a circle! BUT, it seems impossible to tell what's the center (h, k) and the radius, r, in this particular format. Take a guess.... I dare ya!

So, we have to manipulate this equation to make it look like the standard:  $(x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 = r^2$ 

This process of making the equation look like standard form is called "Completing the Square."





Example Three: 
$$x^2 + y^2 + 6x - 8y + 24 = 0$$

$$(x^{2} + 6x + 9) + (y^{2} - 8y + 16) = -24 + 10 + 16$$

$$(x^{2} + 6x + 9) + (y^{2} - 8y + 16) = -24 + 10 + 16$$

$$(x + 3)^{2} + (y - 4)^{2} = 1$$

Example Four: 
$$(x^2 + y^2 + 2y - 24) = 0$$

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