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Question 1

Find the point of intersection of the following line on the circle

$$x - y - 14 = 0 \text{ and } x^2 + y^2 - 6x + 8y = 0$$

SOLUTION

Equation of line: $y = x - 14$ (i)

Equation of circle: $x^2 + y^2 - 6x + 8y = 0$ (ii)

Substituting equation (i) in equation (ii) gives;

$$= x^2 + (x - 14)^2 - 6x + 8(x - 14) = 0$$

$$= x^2 + (x - 14)(x - 14) - 6x + 8x - 112 = 0$$

$$= x^2 + x^2 - 14x - 14x + 196 - 6x + 8x - 112 = 2x^2 - 28x + 196 + 2x - 112 = 0$$

$$= 2x^2 - 26x + 84 = 0$$

$$= x^2 - 13x + 42 = 0$$

$$(x - 6)(x - 7) = 0$$

$$x = 7, 6$$

Substituting the values of x in equation (i) gives;

$$y = x - 14$$

$$y = -7, -8$$

\therefore The points of intersection are $(7, -7)$ and $(6, -8)$

Question 2

Find the point of intersection of the following line on the circle

$$2x + y - 10 = 0 \text{ and } x^2 + y^2 + 4x - 6y = 0$$

SOLUTION

Equation of line: $y = -2x + 10$ (i)

Equation of circle: $x^2 + y^2 + 4x - 6y = 0$ (ii)

Substituting equation (i) in equation (ii) gives;

$$= x^2 + (-2x + 10)^2 + 4x - 6(-2x + 10) = 0$$

$$= x^2 + (-2x + 10)(-2x + 10) - 6x + 8x - 112 = 0$$

$$= x^2 + 4x^2 - 20x - 20x + 100 + 4x + 12x - 60 = 0$$

$$= 5x^2 - 40x + 100 + 16x - 60 = 0$$

$$= 5x^2 - 24x + 40 = 0$$

Using formula:

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$x = \frac{-(-24) \pm \sqrt{(-24)^2 - 4(5)(40)}}{2(5)}$$

$$x = \frac{24 \pm \sqrt{576-800}}{2(5)}$$

$$x = \frac{24 \pm \sqrt{-224}}{2(5)}$$

It cannot factorize fully.

The discriminant $b^2 - 4ac = -224$, which is a negative. This means that there are no real roots.

\therefore The line and circle do not intersect. The line $y = -2x + 10$ misses the circle.

Question 3

Find the point of intersection of the following line on the circle

$$x - 5y - 2 = 0 \text{ and } x^2 + 25y^2 - 6xy - 16 = 0$$

SOLUTION

$$\text{Equation of line: } x - 5y - 2 = 0$$

$$5y = x - 2$$

$$y = \frac{x-2}{5} \quad \dots\dots(i)$$

$$\text{Equation of circle: } x^2 + 25y^2 - 6xy - 16 = 0 \quad \dots\dots(ii)$$

$$= x^2 + 25\left(\frac{x-2}{5}\right)^2 - 6x\left(\frac{x-2}{5}\right) - 16 = 0$$

$$= x^2 + 25\left(\frac{x-2}{5}\right)\left(\frac{x-2}{5}\right) - \left(\frac{6x^2-12x}{5}\right) - 16 = 0$$

$$= x^2 + 25\left(\frac{x^2-4x+4}{25}\right) - \left(\frac{6x^2-12x}{5}\right) - 16 = 0$$

$$= x^2 + x^2 - 4x + 4 - \left(\frac{6x^2-12x}{5}\right) - 16 = 0$$

$$= x^2 + x^2 - 4x + 4 - \frac{6x^2}{5} + \frac{12x}{5} - 16 = 0$$

$$= 2x^2 - \frac{6x^2}{5} - 4x + \frac{12x}{5} + 4 - 16 = 0$$

$$= \frac{10x^2-6x^2}{5} - \frac{20x+12x}{5} - 12 = 0$$

$$= \frac{4x^2}{5} - \frac{32x}{5} - 12 = 0 \times 5$$

$$= 4x^2 - 32x - 60 = 0 \div 4$$

$$= x^2 - 8x - 15 = 0$$

$$(x-3)(x-5) = 0$$

$$x = 3, 5$$

Substituting the values of x in equation (i) gives;

$$y = \frac{x-2}{5}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{5}, \frac{3}{5}$$

\therefore The points of intersection are $(3, \frac{1}{5})$ and $(5, \frac{3}{5})$