

Q.) Prove that the locus of Centres of circles which intersects two given circles orthogonally is the radical axis of the two circles.

Sol:- Let the two given circles be represented by the equation

$$S_1 = x^2 + y^2 + 2g_1x + 2f_1y + c_1 = 0 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$\text{and } S_2 = x^2 + y^2 + 2f_2x + 2f_2y + c_2 = 0 \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

and let the circle

$$x^2 + y^2 + 2gx + 2fy + c = 0 \quad \text{--- (iii)}$$

Intersect (i) and (ii) orthogonally

$$\text{Hence } 2gg_1 + 2ff_1 - c - c_1 = 0 \quad \text{--- (iv)}$$

$$\text{and } 2gg_2 + 2ff_2 - c - c_2 = 0 \quad \text{--- (v)}$$

are the orthogonally conditions

Eliminating c from (iv) and (v) we get

$$2(g_1 - g_2)g + 2(f_1 - f_2)f + c_2 - c_1 = 0$$

obtaining by subtracting (v) from (iv)

This is the condition satisfied by the Co-ordinates $(-g, -f)$ of the Centre of the circle (iii) Cutting (i) and (ii) orthogonally.

The locus of Centre is then obtained by putting $x = -g$ and $y = -f$ in the condition.

Hence the required locus is

$$2(g_1 - g_2)x + 2(f_1 - f_2)y + c_2 - c_1 = 0$$
 which is the radical axis of (i) and (ii).

Q.) Prove that all circles of a co-axial system are cut orthogonally by every circle passing through the limiting points.

Sol:- Consider a co-axial system of circles given by the equation

$$x^2 + y^2 + 2gx + c = 0 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

where c is the constant and g different for different members of the systems.

The limiting points of the system are $(\sqrt{c}, 0)$ and $(-\sqrt{c}, 0)$. Let the equation of any circle through these limiting points be

$$x^2 + y^2 + 2ux + 2vy + k = 0 \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

Since it passes through $(\sqrt{c}, 0)$ and $(-\sqrt{c}, 0)$ we have

$$c + 0 + 2u\sqrt{c} + k = 0$$

$$\text{and } c + 0 - 2u\sqrt{c} + k = 0$$

$$\therefore 2(c+k) = 0 \quad \therefore k = -c$$

Consequently $u = 0$