

Formulas we will need:

$$\text{Midpoint} = \left(\frac{x_1+x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1+y_2}{2} \right)$$

$$\text{Length} = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

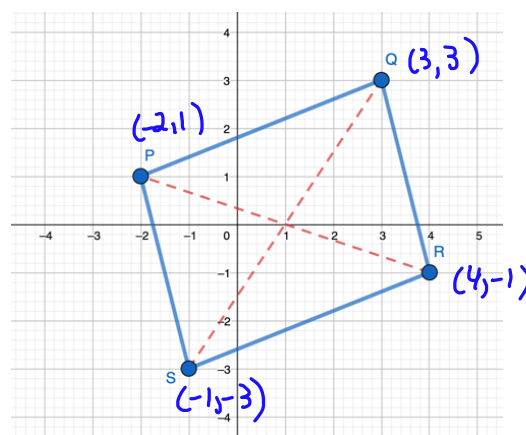
$$\text{Equation of a circle: } x^2 + y^2 = r^2$$

Example 1: Verify that the diagonals of the parallelogram with vertices $P(-2,1)$, $Q(3,3)$, $R(4,-1)$, and $S(-1,-3)$ bisect each other.

We can verify they bisect each other by showing they share the same midpoint.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{midpoint}_{PR} &= \left(\frac{-2+4}{2}, \frac{1+(-1)}{2} \right) \\ &= (1, 0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{midpoint}_{SQ} &= \left(\frac{-1+3}{2}, \frac{-3+3}{2} \right) \\ &= (1, 0) \end{aligned}$$



∴ the diagonals intersect at their midpoints (bisect each other)

Example 2: The vertices of a triangle are $A(-3,6)$, $B(1,-6)$ and $C(5,2)$. If M is the midpoint of AB and N is the midpoint of AC , verify that

a) MN is parallel to BC

$$\text{mid}_{AB} = M = \left(\frac{-3+1}{2}, \frac{6+(-6)}{2} \right) = (-1, 0)$$

$$\text{mid}_{AC} = N = \left(\frac{-3+5}{2}, \frac{6+2}{2} \right) = (1, 4)$$

$$\text{slope}_{MN} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{4 - 0}{1 - (-1)} = \frac{4}{2} = 2$$

$$\text{slope}_{BC} = \frac{2 - (-6)}{5 - 1} = \frac{8}{4} = 2$$

∴ $MN \parallel BC$

b) MN is half the length of BC

$$\begin{aligned} \text{length}_{MN} &= \sqrt{[1 - (-1)]^2 + (4 - 0)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(2)^2 + (4)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{20} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{length}_{BC} &= \sqrt{(5 - 1)^2 + [2 - (-6)]^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(4)^2 + (8)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{80} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\text{length}_{BC}}{\text{length}_{MN}} = \frac{\sqrt{80}}{\sqrt{20}} = 2 \quad \text{∴ } MN \text{ is half the length of } BC$$

Example 3: $\triangle DEF$ has vertices $D(4,2)$, $E(-6,4)$, and $F(-2,-4)$. Determine the coordinates of the circumcentre of $\triangle DEF$. The circumcentre is the point of intersection of the right bisectors of the sides of a triangle.

Right Bisector of EF

$$\text{Midpoint}_{EF} = \left(\frac{-6+(-2)}{2}, \frac{4+(-4)}{2} \right) = (-4, 0)$$

$$\text{slope}_{EF} = \frac{-4-4}{-2-(-6)} = \frac{-8}{4} = -2$$

$$\text{slope perpendicular to EF} = \frac{1}{2}$$

y-int:

$$y = mx + b$$

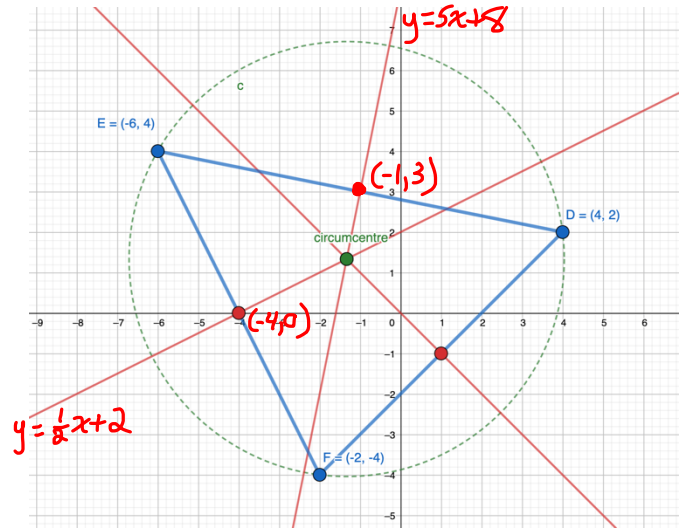
$$0 = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)(-4) + b$$

$$0 = -2 + b$$

$$b = 2$$

$$\text{Eq}^n: y = \frac{1}{2}x + 2$$

<https://www.geogebra.org/calculator/brabwjsq>



Right Bisector of ED

$$\text{midpoint}_{ED} = \left(\frac{-6+4}{2}, \frac{4+2}{2} \right) = (-1, 3)$$

$$\text{slope}_{ED} = \frac{2-4}{4-(-6)} = \frac{-2}{10} = -\frac{1}{5}$$

$$\text{slope perpendicular to ED} = 5$$

y-int: $y = mx + b$

$$3 = 5(-1) + b$$

$$3 = -5 + b$$

$$b = 8$$

$$\text{Eq}^n: y = 5x + 8$$

Intersection of Right Bisectors

$$\textcircled{1} y = \frac{1}{2}x + 2$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2}\left(-\frac{4}{3}\right) + 2$$

$$y = -\frac{4}{6} + 2$$

$$y = -\frac{2}{3} + \frac{6}{3}$$

$$y = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\textcircled{2} y = 5x + 8$$

$$2\left(\frac{1}{2}x + 2\right) = (5x + 8)2$$

$$x + 4 = 10x + 16$$

$$4 - 16 = 10x - x$$

$$-12 = 9x$$

$$x = -\frac{12}{9}$$

$$x = -\frac{4}{3}$$

∴ the circumcentre is at $\left(-\frac{4}{3}, \frac{4}{3}\right)$

Example 4: The equation of a circle with centre $O(0,0)$ is $x^2 + y^2 = 25$. The points $A(-3,4)$ and $B(5,0)$ are the endpoints of chord AB . Verify that the centre of the circle lies on the right bisector of chord AB .

$$\text{midpoint}_{AB} = \left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} \right) = (1, 2)$$

$$\text{slope}_{AB} = \frac{0 - 4}{5 - (-3)} = \frac{-4}{8} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

slope perpendicular to $AB = 2$

$$y\text{-int: } y = mx + b \quad \text{Eq}^n: y = 2x$$

$$2 = 2(1) + b$$

$$2 = 2 + b$$

$$b = 0$$

Verify $(0, 0)$ is on the right bisector $y = 2x$

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$$= y$$

$$= 0$$

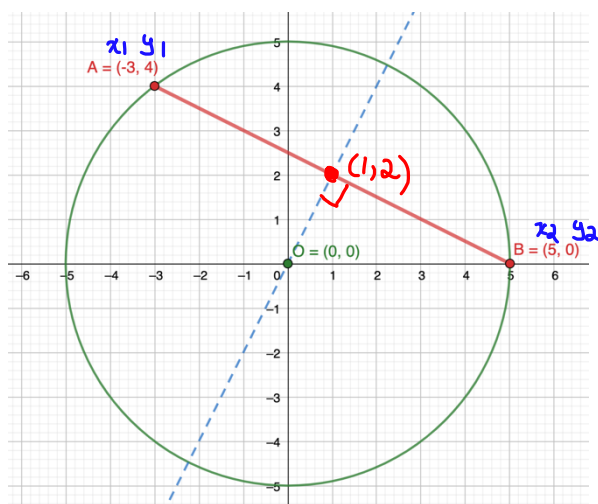
$$\underline{RS}$$

$$= 2x$$

$$= 2(0)$$

$$= 0$$

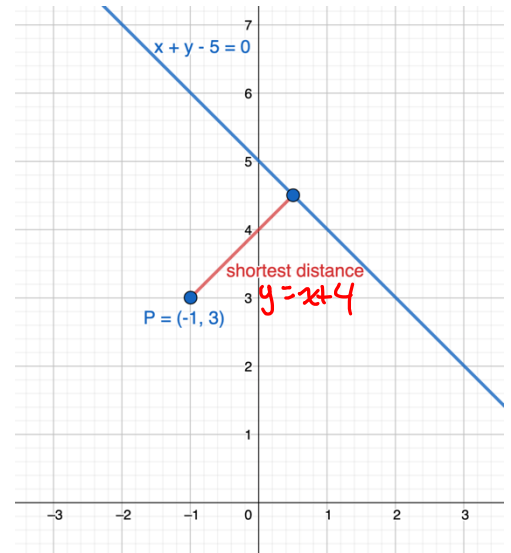
\therefore the center of the circle lies on the right bisector of the chord.



Example 5: Find the distance from the point $P(-1,3)$ to the line $x + y - 5 = 0$, to the nearest tenth of a unit.

Steps to find shortest distance from a point to a line:

- 1) Write an equation for the line that is perpendicular to the given line and intersects the point given
- 2) Find the point of intersection of the perpendicular line with the given line
- 3) Find the distance between the POI and the given point.



1) slope of $x+y-5=0$:

$$\begin{aligned} x+y-5 &= 0 \\ y &= -x+5 \\ \text{slope} &= -1 \\ \perp \text{ slope} &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Eqⁿ of line along path of shortest distance:

$$\begin{aligned} y &= mx+b \\ 3 &= 1(-1)+b \\ 3 &= -1+b \\ b &= 4 \\ \boxed{y} &= \boxed{x+4} \end{aligned}$$

2) POI of lines

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \quad x+y-5 &= 0 \\ x+(x+4)-5 &= 0 \\ 2x-1 &= 0 \\ x &= \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{2} \quad y &= x+4 \\ y &= \frac{1}{2}+4 \\ y &= \frac{1}{2}+\frac{8}{2} \\ y &= \frac{9}{2} \end{aligned}$$

POI is $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{9}{2})$

③ Distance from $(-1,3)$ to $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{9}{2})$

$$D = \sqrt{\left[\frac{1}{2}-(-1)\right]^2 + \left(\frac{9}{2}-3\right)^2}$$

$$D = \sqrt{\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2}$$

$$D = \sqrt{\frac{9}{2}}$$

$$\boxed{D \approx 2.1 \text{ units}}$$