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Question: Find the coordinates of a point A where AB is a diameter of the circle with center $(3, -1)$ and the point B is $(2, 6)$.

Solution: let C be the center of circle

Point	vectors
B	$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$
C	$\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$

Circle center is the **midpoint** of diameter AB . So, midpoint formula:

$$\left(\frac{x_A + x_B}{2}, \frac{y_A + y_B}{2} \right) = (3, -1)$$

Solve for x_A :

$$\frac{x_A + 2}{2} = 3 \Rightarrow x_A + 2 = 6 \Rightarrow x_A = 6 - 2 = 4$$

Solve for y_A :

$$\frac{y_A + 6}{2} = -1 \Rightarrow y_A + 6 = -2 \Rightarrow y_A = -2 - 6 = -8$$

Hence,

$$A =$$

$(4, -8)$

Midpoint of $A(4, -8)$ and $B(2, 6)$ is

$$\left(\frac{4 + 2}{2}, \frac{-8 + 6}{2} \right) = (3, -1)$$

