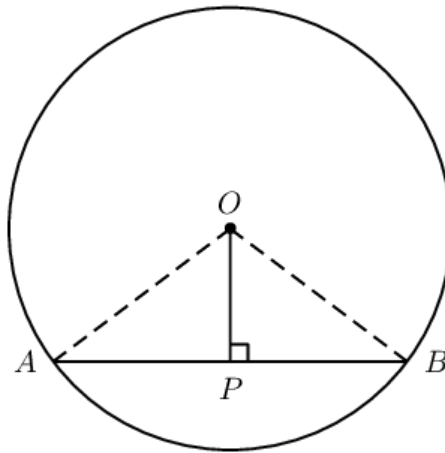


C - Coordinate Geometry

How can we prove that a perpendicular line from the centre to a chord bisects the chord?



Draw OA and OB .

In $\triangle OPA$ and in $\triangle OPB$,

$$OA^2 = OP^2 + AP^2 \quad (\text{Pythagoras})$$

$$OB^2 = OP^2 + BP^2 \quad (\text{Pythagoras})$$

and

$$OA = OB \quad (\text{equal radii})$$

$$\therefore AP^2 = BP^2$$

$$\therefore AP = BP$$

Therefore OP bisects AB .