

# Fundamentals of Computer Graphics and Image Processing

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## 3. LECTURE – CIRCLE AND ELLIPSE LINE DRAWING ALGORITHMS

# Lecture plan

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# Information about the test

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You will have the test in two weeks (October 27th)

The test includes:

- 5 quiz questions on the course evaluation system (0.25 points)
- 3 open questions on theory (0.75 points)
- 1 mathematical calculation task on straight line or circle line algorithms (1 point). **A photo of the handwritten solution is required to pass, typed versions will not be accepted!**

The test is taken only ONCE and CANNOT be retaken! It is only available online for 1 hour during the time of the lecture (13:00-14:00). If you are unable to attend it due to some serious circumstances, please inform me **at least 3 days before the test** using the ortus message system or e-mail ([Katrina.Bolocko@rtu.lv](mailto:Katrina.Bolocko@rtu.lv)). You will have to support your circumstances with an authoritative document! We will then negotiate a date and time when you can take the test.

# Circle line drawing algorithm

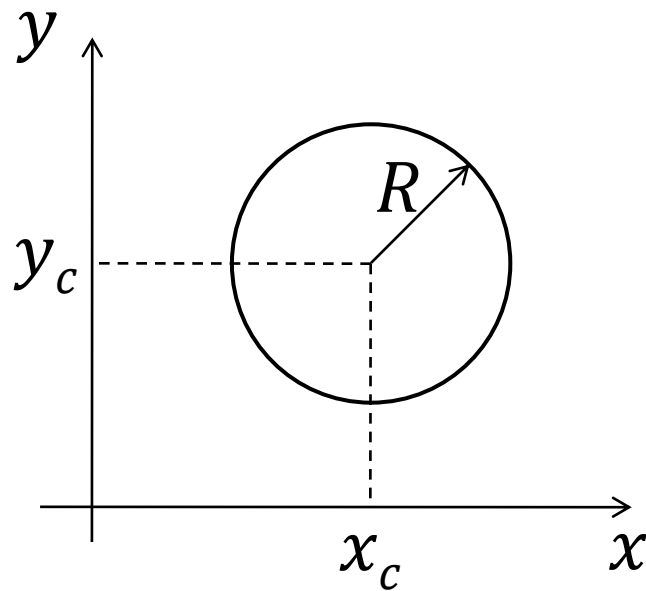
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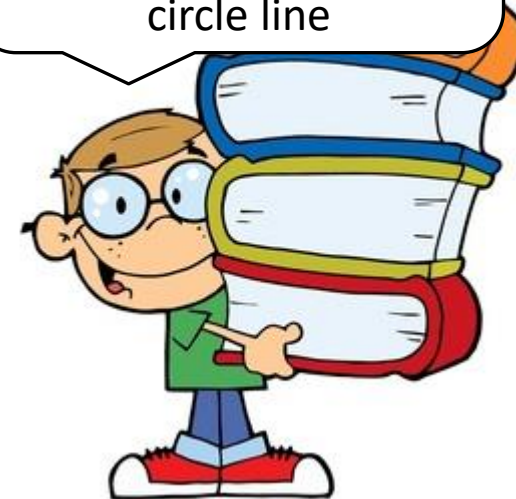
# Circle line mathematical description

In mathematical coordinates system, the circle is described:

$$(x - x_c)^2 + (y - y_c)^2 = R^2 \quad (1)$$



$x_c, y_c$  – center,  
 $R$  – radius  
 $x, y$  – point on the  
circle line



# Circle line mathematical description

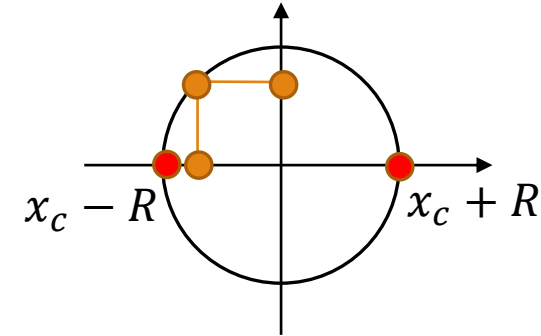
$$(x - x_c)^2 + (y - y_c)^2 = R^2$$

From this can be deduced that in the interval

$$x_c - R \leq x \leq x_c + R$$

value  $y$  can be found:

$$y = y_c \pm \sqrt{R^2 - (x_c - x)^2}$$



We can use this formula to calculate the points of the circle.



# Direct approach to circle drawing

Direct approach:

The mathematical formula may be used to calculate circle line points.

$$y = y_c \pm \sqrt{R^2 - (x_c - x)^2}$$

**Input:**  $x_c, y_c, R$

Algorithm begins from  $x = 0$

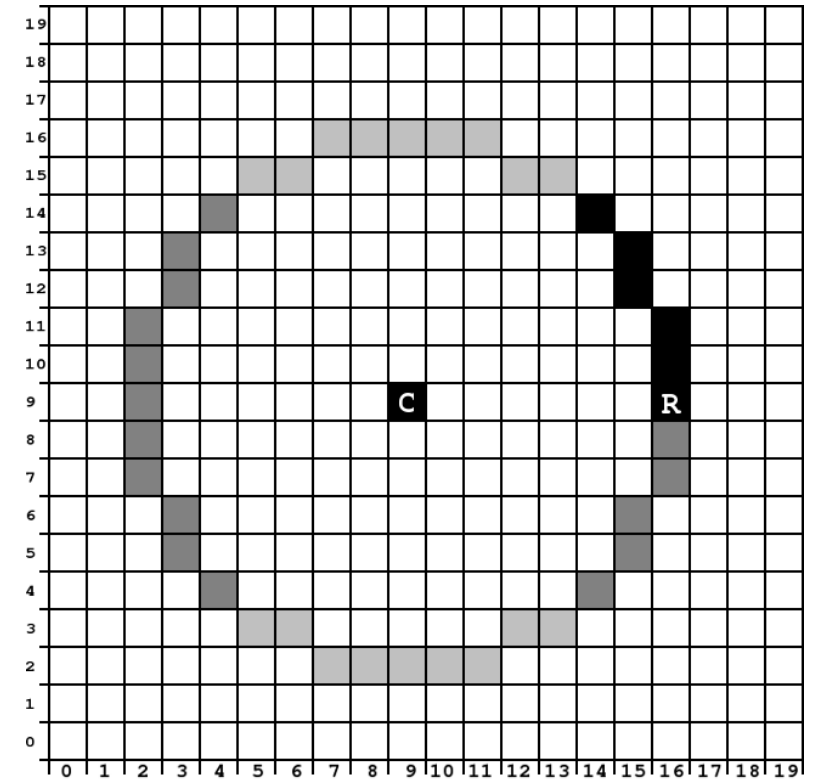
Until  $x$  reaches point  $x = R$ , repeat:

For each  $x$  calculate the value  $y$  using the mathematical formula:

$$y = \text{round}(\sqrt{R^2 - x^2})$$

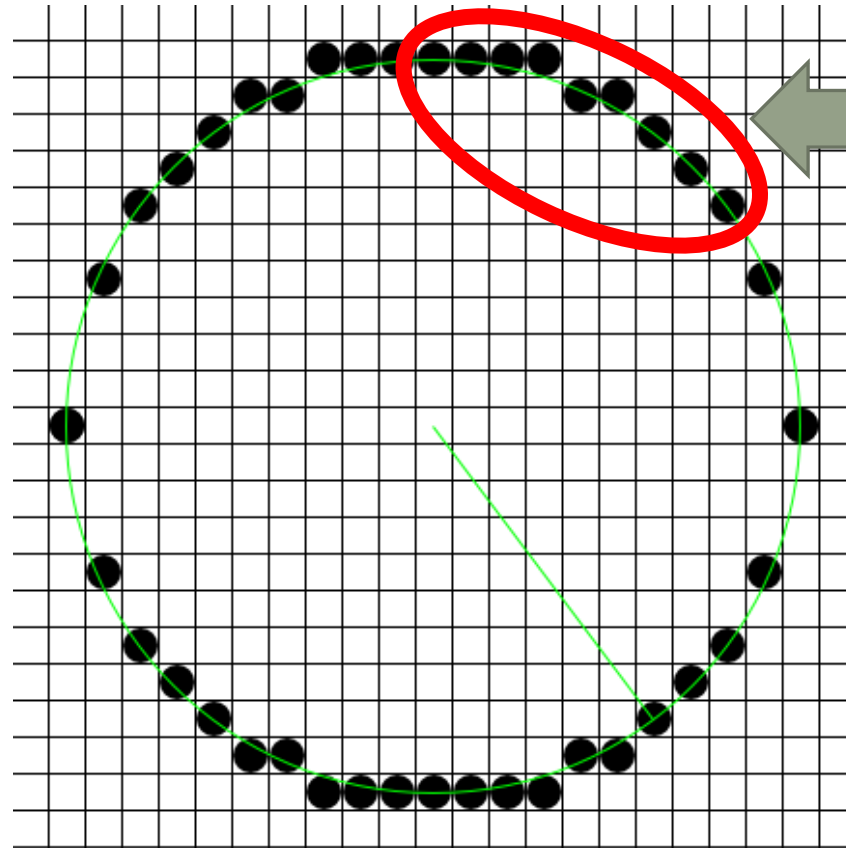
Draw pixels with coordinates:

$$(x_c + x, y_c + y) \quad (x_c + x, y_c - y)$$

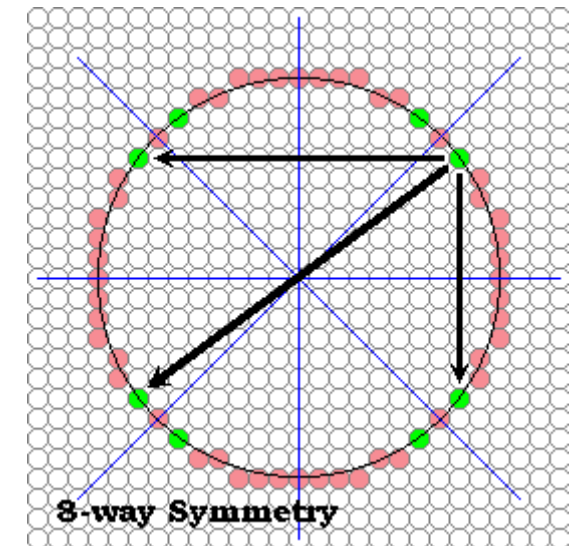


# Direct approach to circle drawing

Unfortunately, the resulting circle has holes!

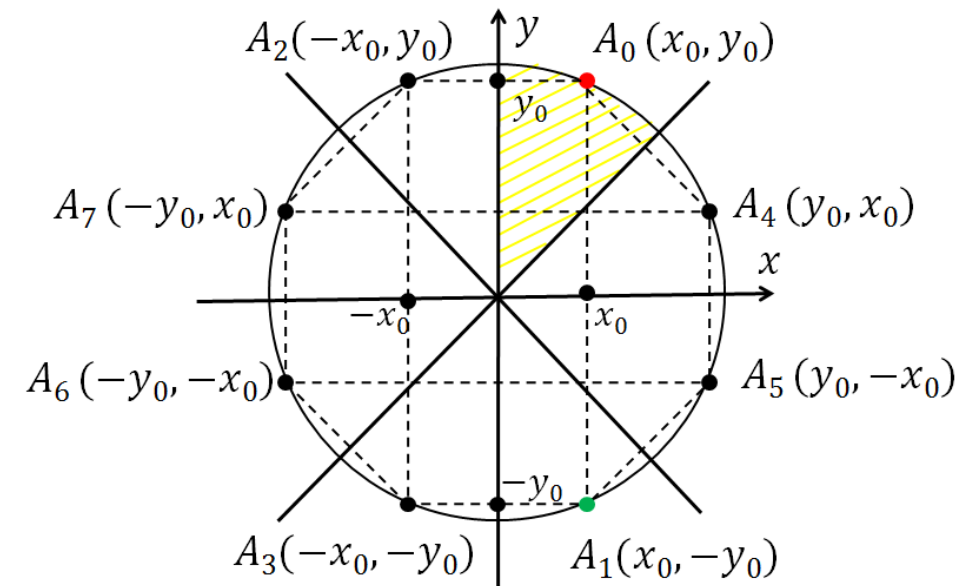
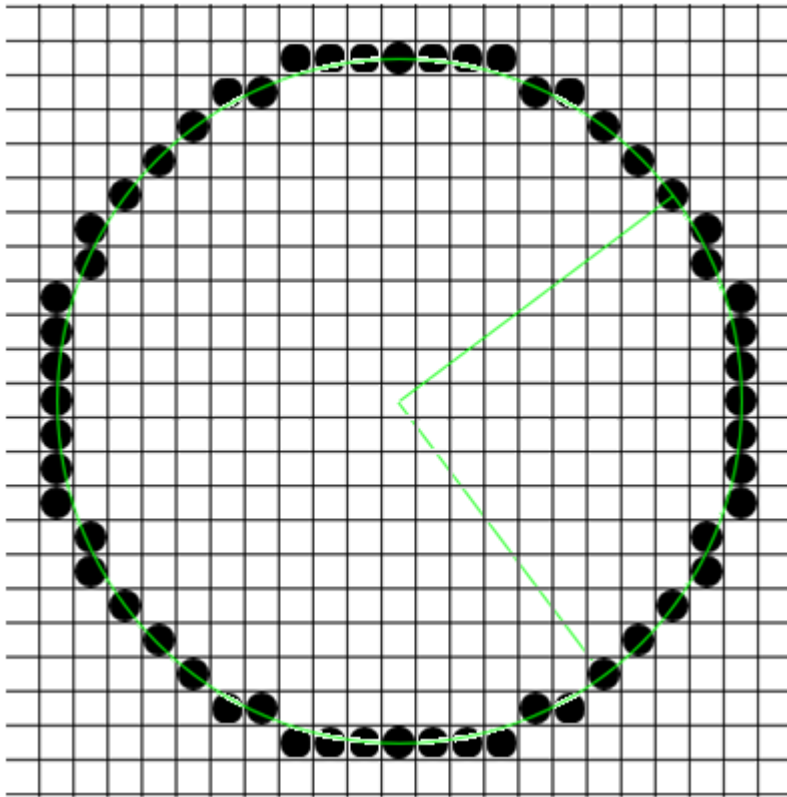


We can use symmetry to remedy this!

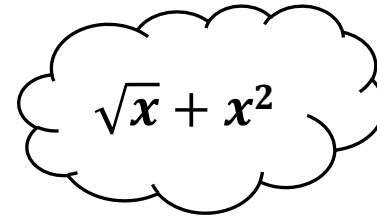
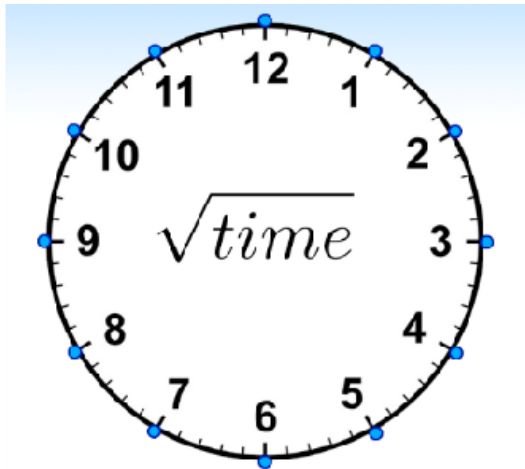




# Symmetry of the circle

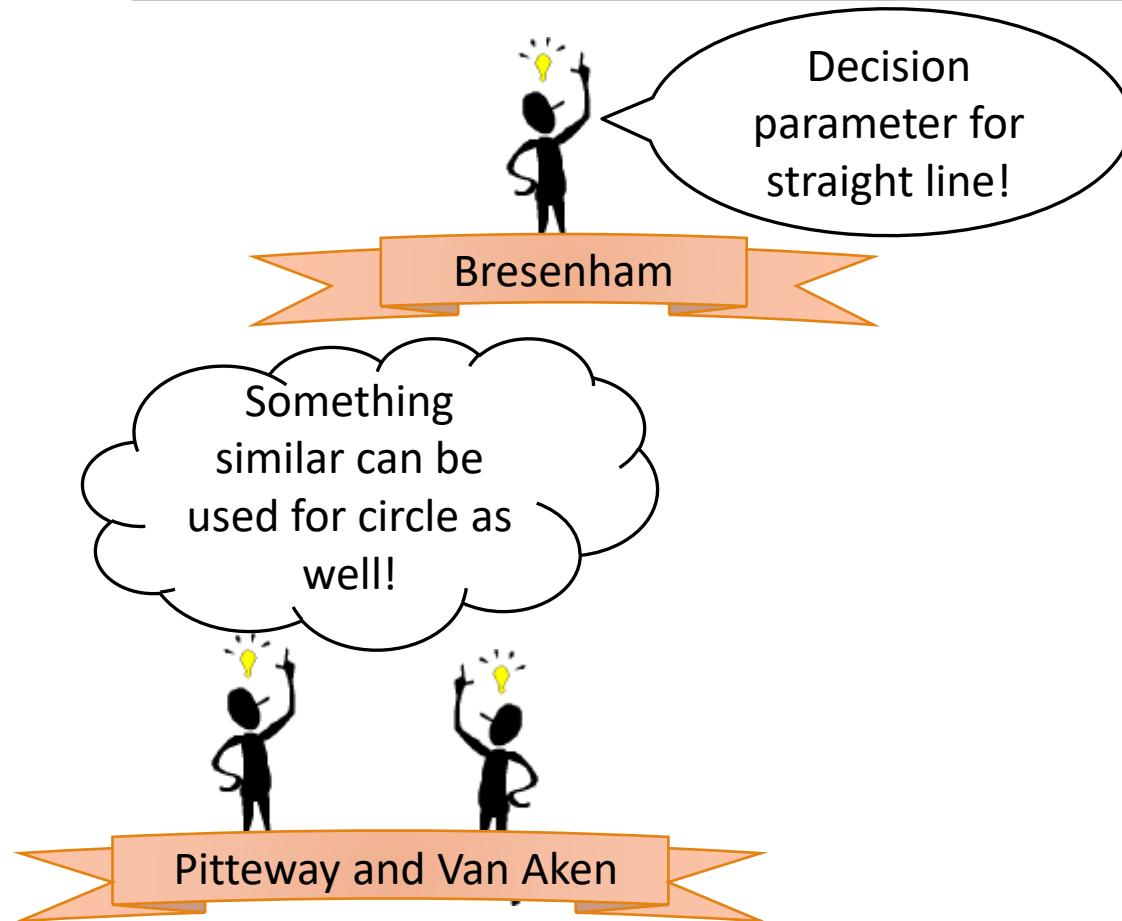


# Midpoint circle line drawing algorithm



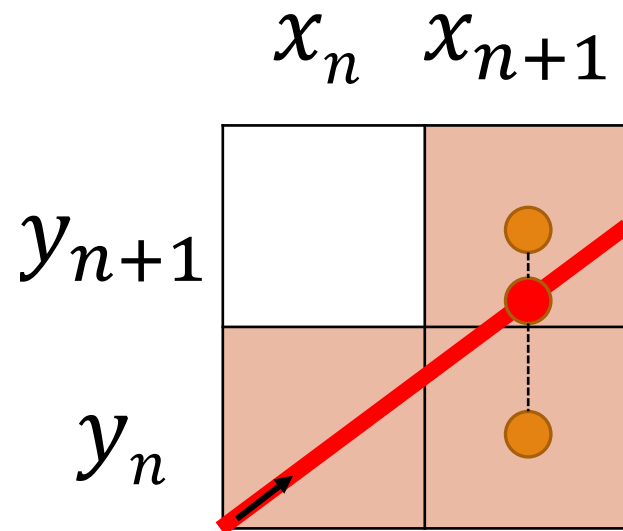
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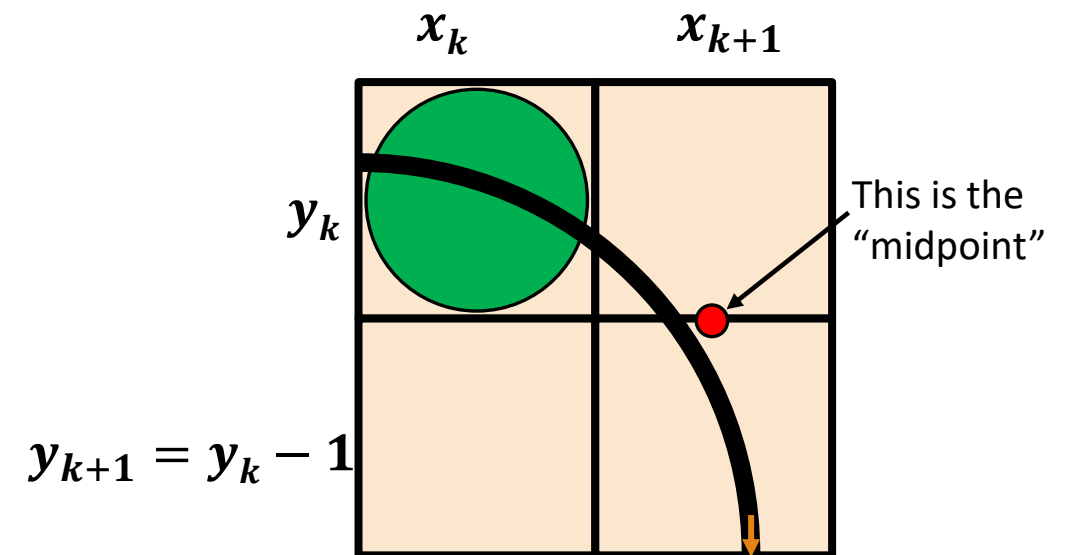


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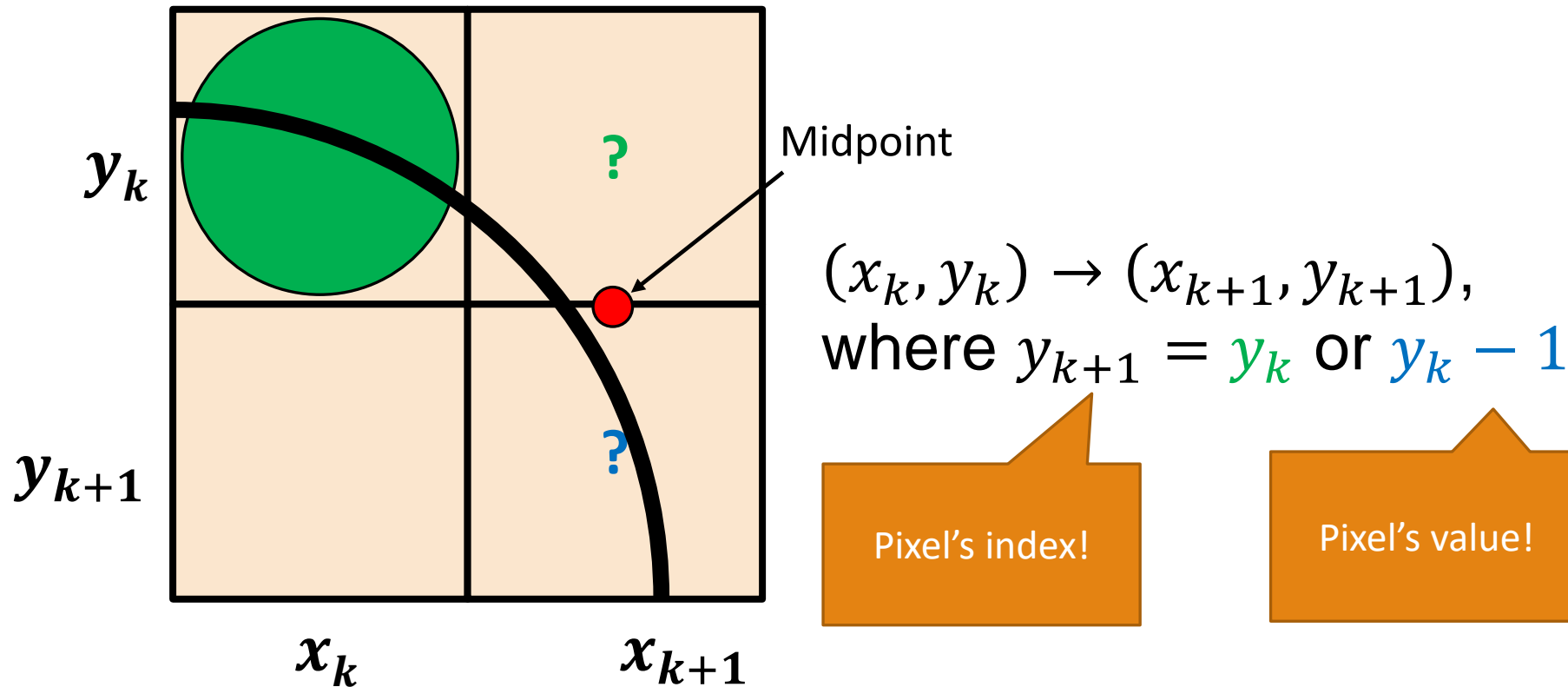
Bresenham's straight line drawing algorithm



Midpoint circle line drawing algorithm



# Midpoint circle line drawing algorithm



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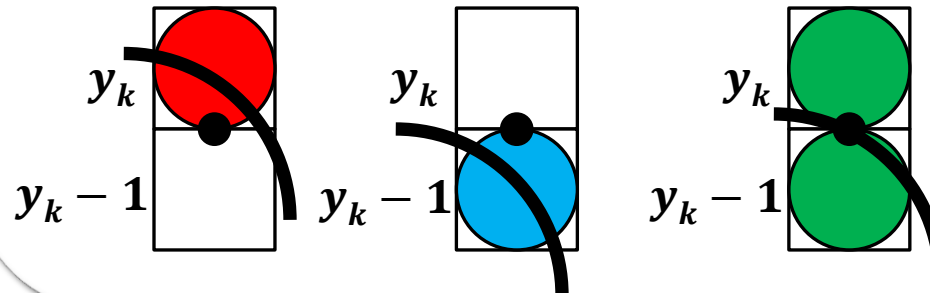


**A decision parameter  $p_k$  must work like this:**

If  $p_k < 0$ , then the midpoint is inside the circle  
and the pixel  $y_k$  is closer to the circle line

If  $p_k > 0$ , then the midpoint is outside the circle  
and the pixel  $y_k - 1$  is closer to the circle line

If  $p_k = 0$ , then the midpoint is on the circle line



# Midpoint circle line drawing algorithm

How to find such a parameter? Well, actually, we can use the circle function  $f_r(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 - R^2$ . Check out this neat property of the circle function:

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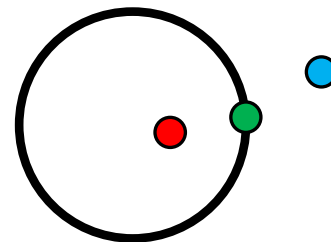


**Property of the circle line function:**

$f_r(x, y) < 0$ , if point  $(x, y)$  is inside circle line

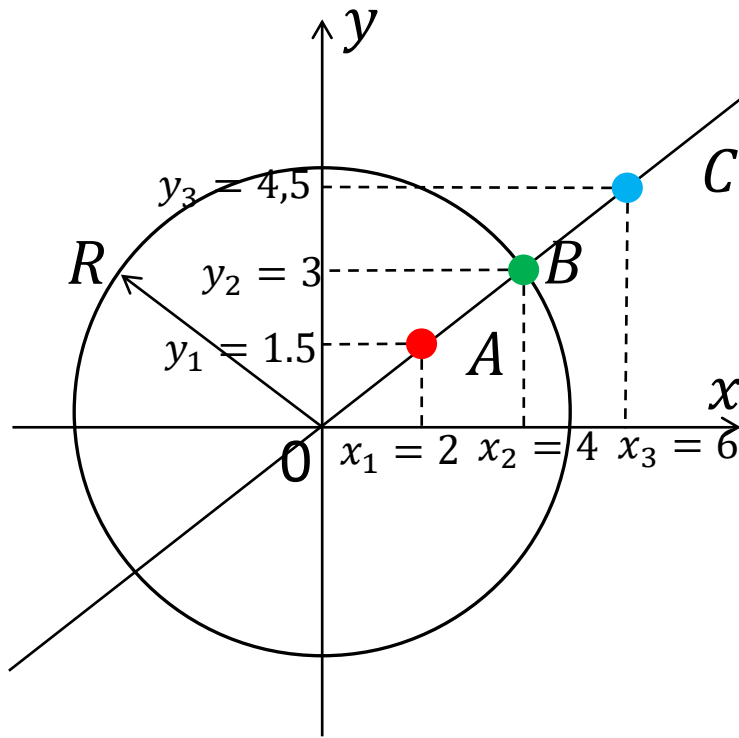
$f_r(x, y) = 0$ , if point  $(x, y)$  is on the circle line

$f_r(x, y) > 0$ , if point  $(x, y)$  is outside circle line



# Circle function property:

Let's see if it's true, OK? Let's consider the circle function  $x^2 + y^2 = R^2$ , and  $R = 5$ , then:



$$A: x_1^2 + y_1^2 - R^2 = 4 + 2.25 - 25 = -18.75 < 0$$

$$B: x_2^2 + y_2^2 - R^2 = 9 + 16 - 25 = 0$$

$$C: x_3^2 + y_3^2 - R^2 = 36 + 20.25 - 25 = 31.25 > 0$$



# Midpoint circle line drawing algorithm

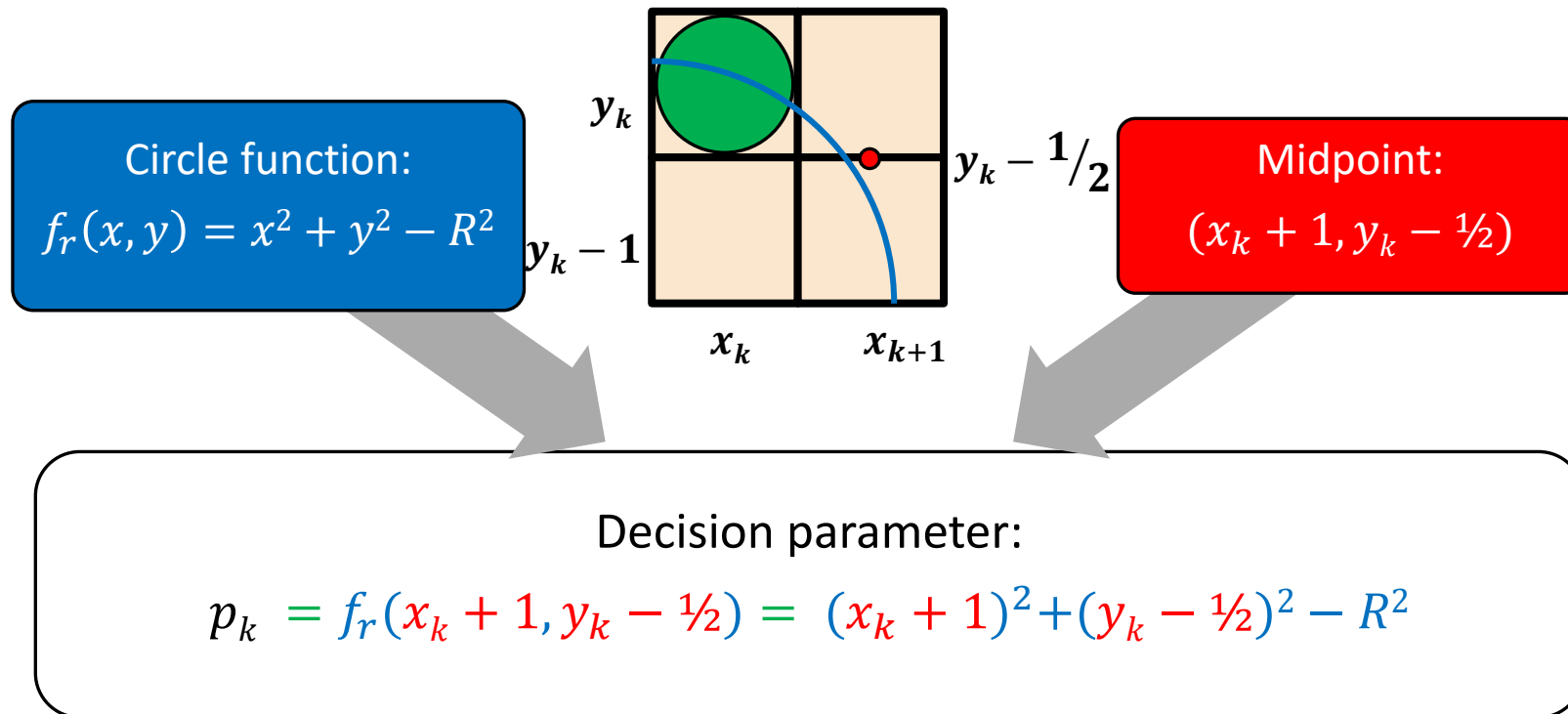
So the positive or negative sign of the **circle function** may show where the point  $(x, y)$  is!  
Just like Bresenham's decision parameter!

This means that the function itself may be used  
as the decision parameter to see where the  
**midpoint** is!



So, the decision parameter is the **circle function**, into which we inserted  
the **middle point** coordinates! It tells us the midpoint's position to  
relation with the circle line!

# Midpoint circle line drawing algorithm



# Midpoint circle line drawing algorithm

It's easy for the initial point: When at point  $(0, R)$ , we get

$$p_0 = f_r(0 + 1, R - \frac{1}{2}) = 1^2 + (R - \frac{1}{2})^2 - R^2 = \frac{5}{4} - R$$

But since computers use integers, we use this formula:

$$p_0 = 1 - R$$

But how do we calculate the rest of the decision parameters? Let's look at these two formulas:

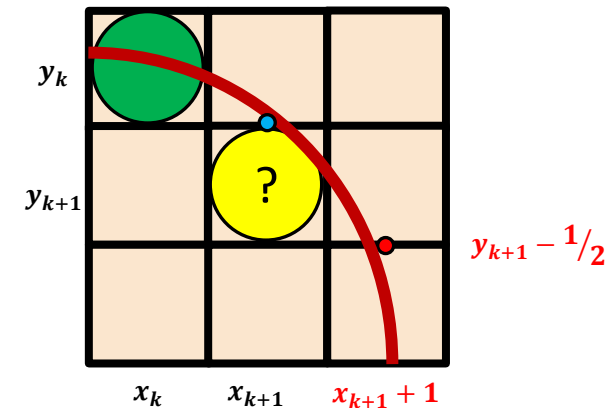
- $p_k = f_r(x_k + 1, y_k - \frac{1}{2})$
- $p_{k+1} = f_r(x_{k+1} + 1, y_{k+1} - \frac{1}{2})$

Now just like with Bresenham, let's subtract the  $p_k$  from  $p_{k+1}$ , and check the result:

$$\begin{aligned} p_{k+1} - p_k &= (x_{k+1} + 1)^2 + (y_{k+1} - \frac{1}{2})^2 - R^2 - (x_k + 1)^2 - (y_k - \frac{1}{2})^2 + R^2 \\ &= p_k + 2x_{k+1} + (y_{k+1}^2 - y_k^2) - (y_{k+1} - y_k) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

Depending on the chosen pixel, the coordinate  $y_{k+1}$ , can take value of  $y_k$  or  $y_k - 1$ , this means that the equation above can take only two forms, depending on  $p_k$  sign:

$$p_{k+1} = p_k + 2x_{k+1} + 1 \quad \text{OR} \quad p_{k+1} = p_k + 2x_{k+1} - 2y_{k+1} + 1$$



## Midpoint circle line drawing algorithm

Input:  $x_c, y_c, R$

1. Initial values for the 0<sup>th</sup> step:

- $x_k, y_k = (0, R)$
- $p_k = 1 - R$

2. While  $x_k < y_k$ , {WHILE} repeat:

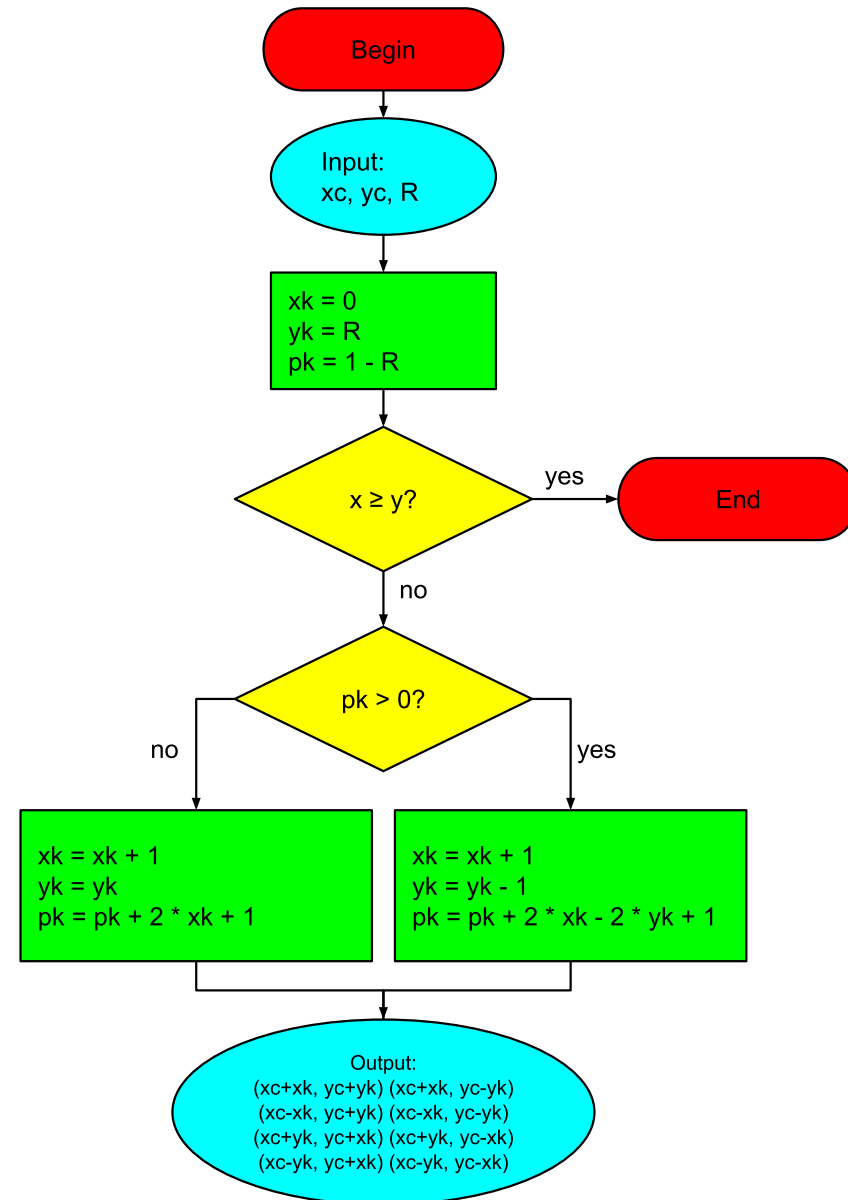
1. If  $p_k < 0$  then: {IF}

$$x_{k+1} = x_k + 1 \text{ and} \\ p_{k+1} = p_k + 2x_{k+1} + 1$$

2. If  $p_k \geq 0$  then: {ELSE}

$$x_{k+1} = x_k + 1, \\ y_{k+1} = y_k - 1 \text{ and} \\ p_{k+1} = p_k + 2x_{k+1} - 2y_{k+1} + 1$$

3. Draw pixel  $x_k, y_k$  symmetrically in 8 parts, taking the circle's central point into account.



# Ellipse midpoint algorithm

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# Mathematical description of the ellipse line

In canonical form, the points that are aligned on ellipse line are described as follows:

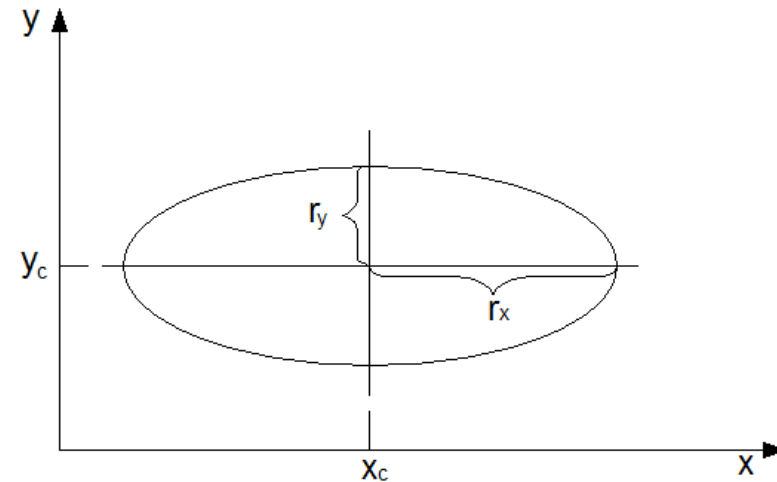
$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$$

If the ellipse center  $(x_c, y_c)$  does not match the coordinates system starting point, then:

$$\frac{(x-x_c)^2}{r_x^2} + \frac{(y-y_c)^2}{r_y^2} = 1,$$

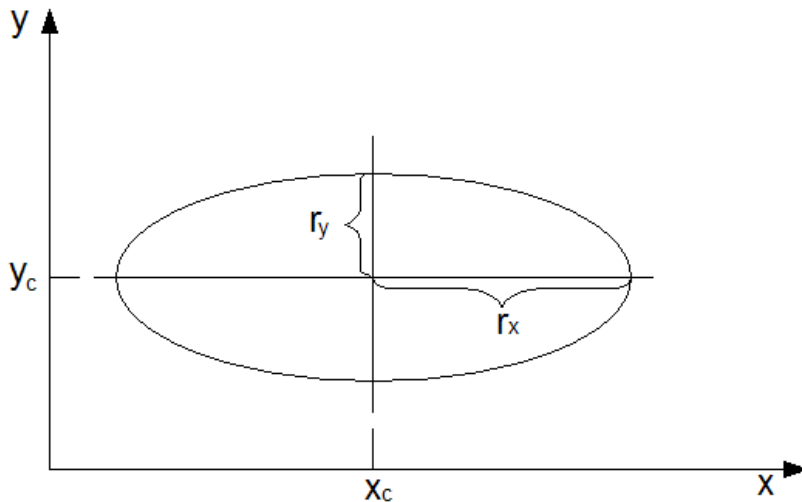
where  $r_x = a$  – horizontal half-axis

$r_y = b$  – vertical half-axis



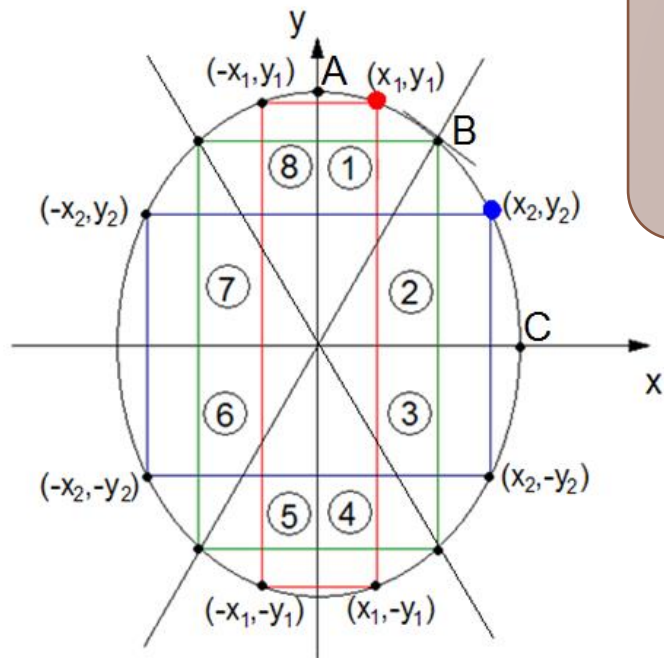
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$$\frac{(x-x_c)^2}{r_x^2} + \frac{(y-y_c)^2}{r_y^2} = 1 \text{ OR } r_y^2(x-x_c)^2 + r_x^2(y-y_c)^2 = r_x^2 r_y^2$$



We can use this equation to determine the next point on ellipse line

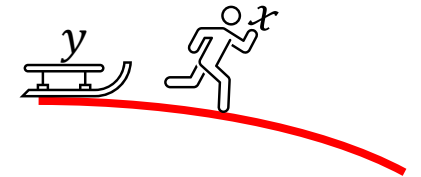
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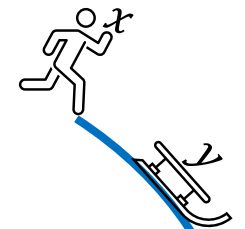
We can use 4-way symmetry with the ellipse. But first, the ellipse points should be calculated in 2 parts: from A to B we follow x coordinate and from B to C we use y.



WHY? This is due to the slope of the ellipse. Depending on the slope, it's either the x or the y coordinate that changes more rapidly



$slope > -1$



$slope < -1$



# Mathematical description of the ellipse line

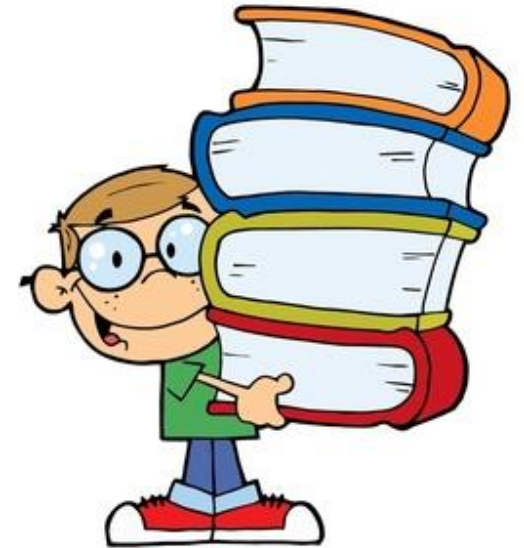
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So now we know that regions are defined by slopes. For the ellipse to calculate the slope, we can use the formula:

$$\text{slope} = -\frac{2r_y^2 x}{2r_x^2 y}$$

At point B the slope's value is -1, so it means that:

$$r_y^2 x = r_x^2 y$$



# Ellipse line drawing algorithm (Part I, before point B)

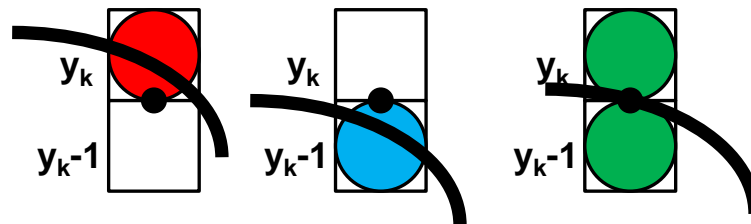


The decision parameter  $p_k$  must meet the following conditions:

If  $p_k < 0$ , then midpoint is inside ellipse and pixel  $y_k$  is closer to the line

If  $p_k > 0$ , then midpoint is outside ellipse and the closest pixel is  $y_k - 1$

If  $p_k = 0$ , then midpoint is on the ellipse line



# Ellipse line drawing algorithm (Part II, after point B)

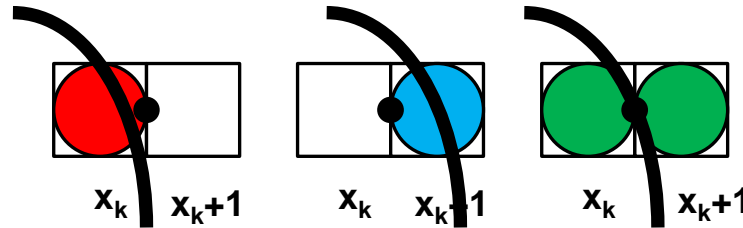


The decision parameter  $p_k$  must meet the following conditions:

If  $p_k < 0$  then midpoint is inside ellipse and pixel  $x_k$  is closer to the line

If  $p_k > 0$ , then midpoint is outside ellipse and the closest pixel is  $x_k + 1$

If  $p_k = 0$ , then midpoint is on the ellipse line



# Ellipse line drawing algorithm

So just as the circle line, the ellipse line drawing algorithm uses the ellipse function as the decisional parameter:

$$f_{el}(x, y) = r_y^2 x^2 + r_x^2 y^2 - r_x^2 r_y^2$$

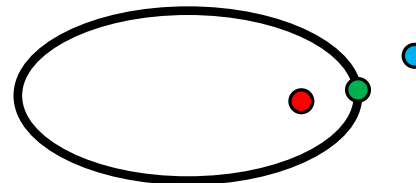


**In this case:**

$f_r(x, y) < 0$ , if point  $(x, y)$  is inside ellipse

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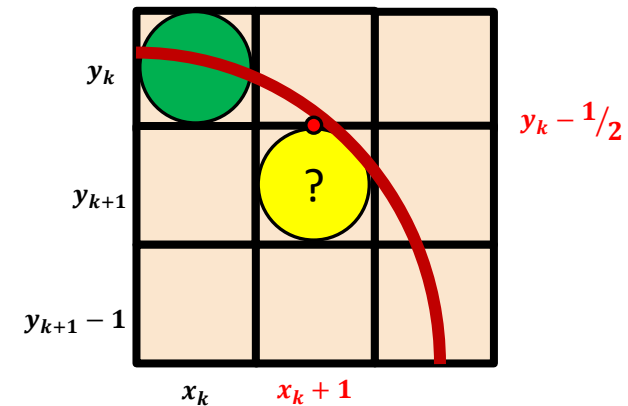
# Ellipse line drawing algorithm (Part I)

At part I, the algorithm uses  $x$  coordinate as the main variable, each time increasing the  $x$  (and does this until  $r_x^2 y = r_y^2 x$ , when it reaches point B)

The decision parameter depends on the midpoint, at the first part the midpoint coordinates are:  
 $(x_k + 1, y_k - \frac{1}{2})$

So the decision parameter in Part I is:

$$p_k = f_{el}(x_k + 1, y_k - \frac{1}{2}) = r_y^2 (x_k + 1)^2 + r_x^2 (y_k - \frac{1}{2})^2 - r_x^2 r_y^2$$



# Ellipse line drawing algorithm (Part I)

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Just like with the circle, the next decision parameter  $p_{k+1}$  can be described through the previous one  $p_k$ :

$$p_{k+1} = p_k + 2r_y^2(x_k + 1) + r_y^2 + r_x^2[(y_{k+1} - \frac{1}{2})^2 - (y_k - \frac{1}{2})^2],$$

where  $y_{k+1}$  may be  $y_k$ , or  $y_k - 1$ , depending on the sign of  $p_k$ .

At Part I, in the initial point  $(0, r_y)$  we get

$$p_0 = f_{el}(0 + 1, r_y - \frac{1}{2}) = r_y^2 - r_x^2 r_y + \frac{1}{4} r_x^2$$

Then, at the beginning of each step it is necessary to assess the formula  $r_x^2 y \geq r_y^2 x$  and if it is true, go to Part II.

# Ellipse line drawing algorithm (Part II)

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At the second part the algorithm uses  $y$  coordinate as the main variable, decreasing  $y$  at each iterative step until it reaches 0.

The decision parameter is calculated using the midpoint and in the second part it is  $(x_k + \frac{1}{2}, y_k - 1)$

Then the initial decision parameter for the second part is:

$$p_k = f_{el}(x_k + \frac{1}{2}, y_k - 1) = r_y^2(x_k + \frac{1}{2})^2 + r_x^2(y_k - 1)^2 - r_x^2 r_y^2$$

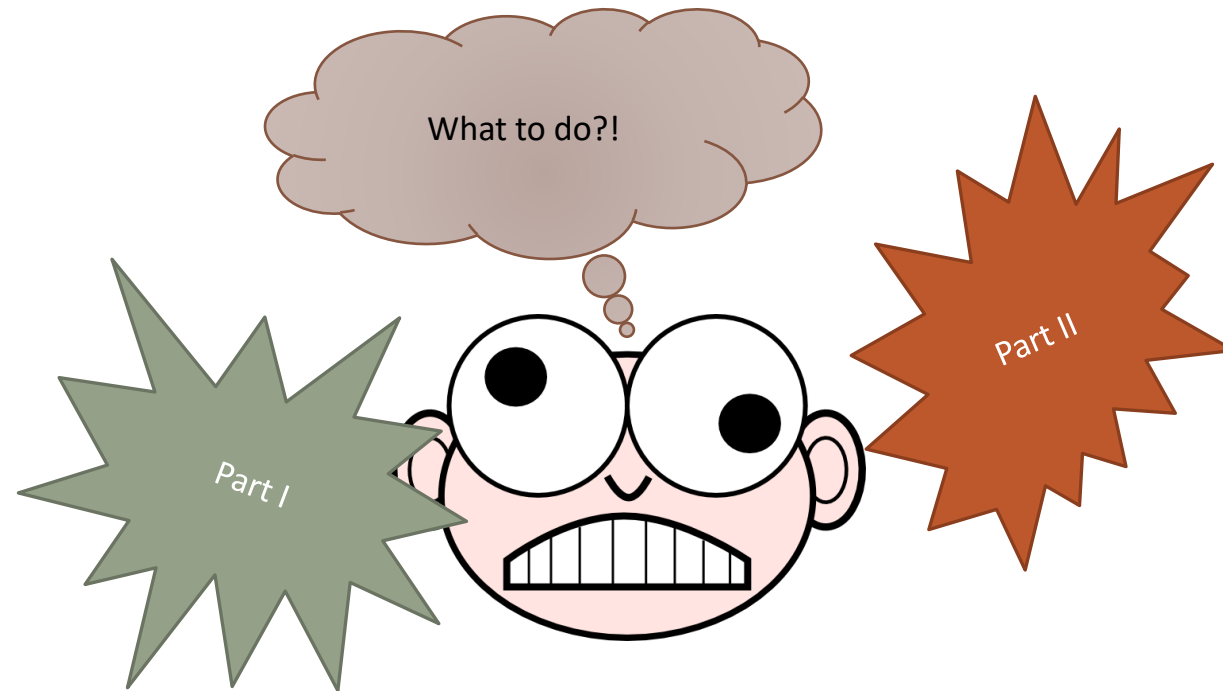
At the next step, the decision parameter, just like in the first part, will be calculated as follows:

$$p_{k+1} = p_k + 2r_x^2(y_k - 1) + r_x^2 + r_y^2[(x_{k+1} + \frac{1}{2})^2 - (x_k + \frac{1}{2})^2],$$

where  $x_{k+1}$  is  $x_k$ , or  $x_k + 1$ , depending on the sign of  $p_k$ .

# Ellipse line drawing algorithm

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# Ellipse line drawing algorithm (1)

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Input data:  $r_x, r_y, (x_c, y_c) = (0, 0)$

1. Define the starting point and initial decision parameter:

$$(x_0, y_0) = (0, r_y) \text{ and } p_0 = r_y^2 - r_x^2 r_y + \frac{1}{4} r_x^2$$

2. While  $r_y^2 x < r_x^2 y$ , for each  $x_k$ , starting with  $k = 0$ :

- if  $p_k < 0$ , then the next pixel  $(x_{k+1}, y_{k+1})$  is  $(x_k + 1, y_k)$  and
$$p_{k+1} = p_k + 2r_y^2 x_{k+1} + r_y^2$$
- Else the next pixel  $(x_{k+1}, y_{k+1})$  is  $(x_k + 1, y_k - 1)$  and
$$p_{k+1} = p_k + 2r_y^2 x_{k+1} + r_y^2 - 2r_x^2 y_{k+1}$$
- Draw all the points, including symmetrical points from other quadrants

# Ellipse line drawing algorithm (2)

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3. If  $r_y^2 x \geq r_x^2 y$ , then we must define starting point and initial value of decision parameter for the second part. Remember, we continue from previous part:

- Starting point is the last calculated  $(x_k, y_k)$ , because we continue from previous pixel!
- So we only recalculate the initial parameter for the second part:

$$p_k = r_y^2 \left(x_k + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + r_x^2 (y_k - 1)^2 - r_x^2 r_y^2$$

4. While  $y > 0$ , for each  $y_k$ , starting with  $k = 0$ :

- if  $p_k > 0$ , then the next pixel  $(x_{k+1}, y_{k+1})$  is  $(x_k, y_k - 1)$  and

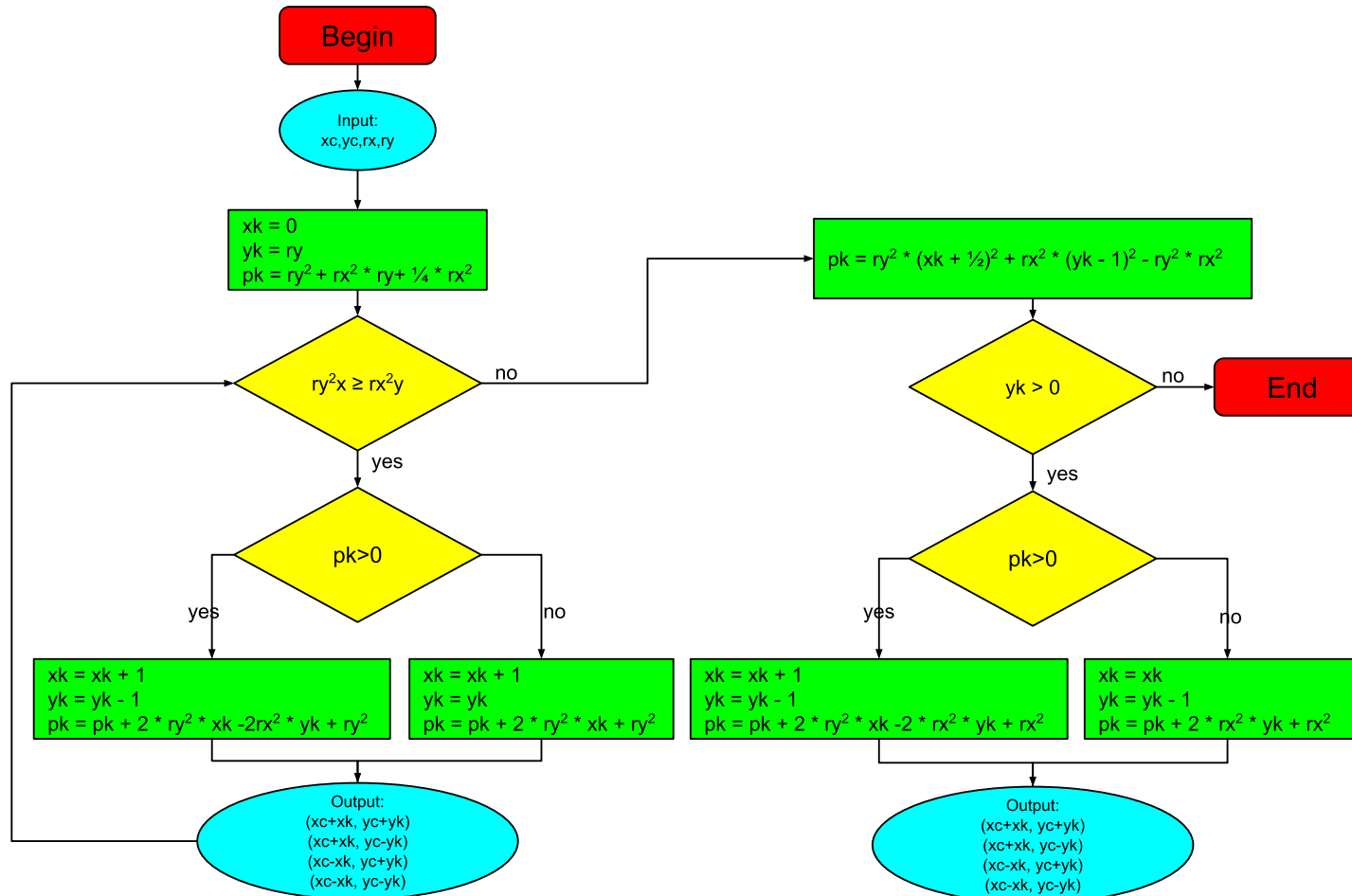
$$p_{k+1} = p_k - 2r_x^2 y_{k+1} + r_x^2$$

- else the next pixel  $(x_{k+1}, y_{k+1})$  is  $(x_k + 1, y_k - 1)$  and

$$p_{k+1} = p_k - 2r_x^2 y_{k+1} + r_x^2 + 2r_y^2 x_{k+1}$$

- Draw all the points, including symmetrical points from other quadrants

# Ellipse line drawing algorithm



# Math calculation of the circle line: example

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$$x_c = 2, y_c = 3, R = 8$$

Initial values:

- $x_0 = 0$
- $y_0 = R = 8$
- $P_0 = 1 - R = 1 - 8 = -7$

While  $x < y$ , we calculate:

1.  $P_0 = -7 < 0 \Rightarrow (x_1, y_1) = (x_0 + 1, y_0) = (0 + 1, 8) = (1, 8)$ ,  
with central point  $x_c, y_c$ :  $(x_c + x_1, y_c + y_1) = (2 + 1, 3 + 8) = (3, 11)$   
*is  $x < y$ ?  $1 < 8$  – yes, continue*  
 $P_1 = P_0 + 2x_1 + 1 = -7 + 2 \cdot 1 + 1 = -4$
2.  $P_1 = -4 < 0 \Rightarrow (x_2, y_2) = (x_1 + 1, y_1) = (1 + 1, 8) = (2, 8)$ ,  
with central point  $x_c, y_c$ :  $(x_c + x_2, y_c + y_2) = (2 + 2, 3 + 8) = (4, 11)$   
*is  $x < y$ ?  $2 < 8$  – yes, continue*  
 $P_2 = P_1 + 2x_2 + 1 = -4 + 2 \cdot 2 + 1 = 1$
3.  $P_2 = 1 > 0 \Rightarrow (x_3, y_3) = (x_2 + 1, y_2 - 1) = (2 + 1, 8 - 1) = (3, 7)$   
with central point  $x_c, y_c$ :  $(x_c + x_3, y_c + y_3) = (2 + 3, 3 + 7) = (5, 10)$   
*is  $x < y$ ?  $3 < 7$  – yes, continue*  
 $P_3 = P_2 + 2x_3 - 2y_3 + 1 = 1 + 2 \cdot 3 - 2 \cdot 7 + 1 = -6$

# Math calculation of the circle line: example

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4.  $P_3 = -6 < 0 \Rightarrow (x_4, y_4) = (x_3 + 1, y_3) = (3 + 1, 7) = (4, 7)$

with central point  $x_c, y_c$ :  $(x_c + x_4, y_c + y_4) = (2 + 4, 3 + 7) = (6, 10)$

is  $x < y$ ?  $4 < 7$  – yes, continue

$$P_4 = P_3 + 2x_4 + 1 = -6 + 2 \cdot 4 + 1 = 3$$

5.  $P_4 = 3 > 0 \Rightarrow (x_5, y_5) = (x_4 + 1, y_4 - 1) = (4 + 1, 7 - 1) = (5, 6)$

with central point  $x_c, y_c$ :  $(x_c + x_5, y_c + y_5) = (2 + 5, 3 + 6) = (7, 9)$

is  $x < y$ ?  $5 < 6$  – yes, continue

$$P_5 = P_4 + 2x_5 - 2y_5 + 1 = 3 + 2 \cdot 5 - 2 \cdot 6 + 1 = 2$$

6.  $P_5 = 2 > 0 \Rightarrow (x_6, y_6) = (x_5 + 1, y_5 - 1) = (5 + 1, 6 - 1) = (6, 5)$

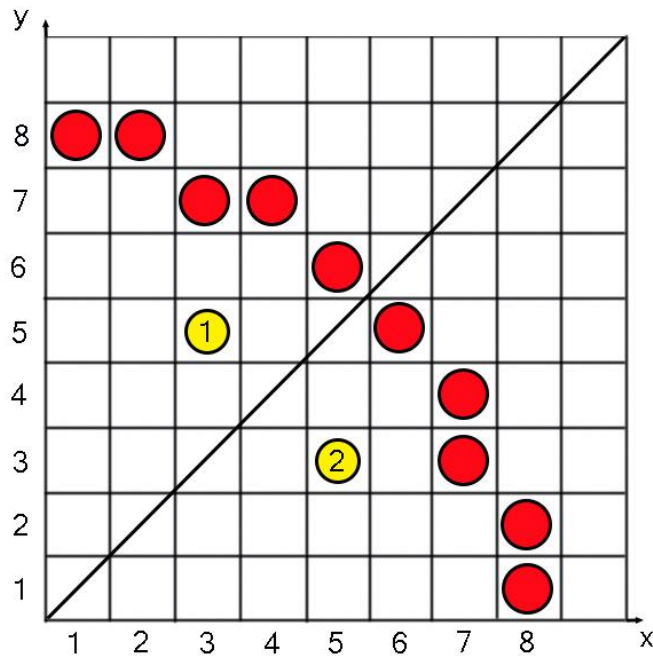
with central point  $x_c, y_c$ :  $(x_c + x_6, y_c + y_6) = (2 + 6, 3 + 5) = (8, 8)$

is  $x < y$ ?  $6 > 5$  – no, stop!

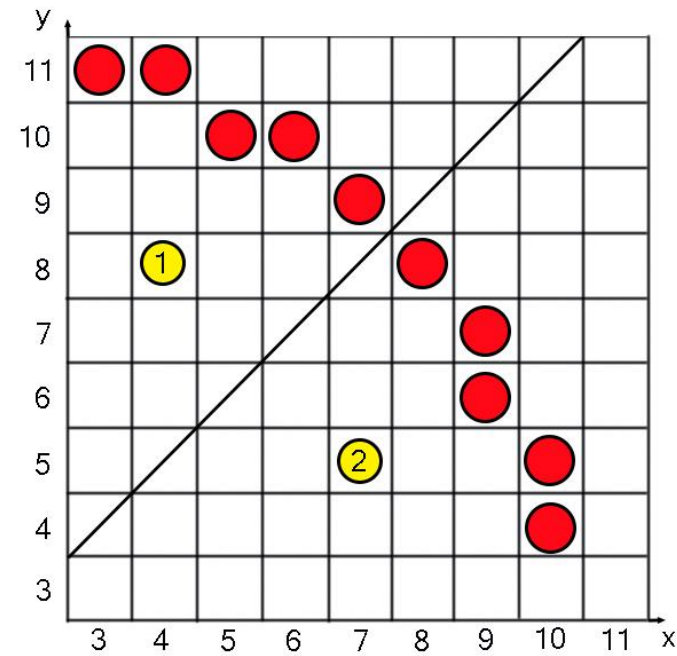
Remember, when  $x \geq y$  – we STOP!

# Math calculation of the circle line: example

THIS IS HOW THE CALCULATED POINTS LOOK  
LIKE



AND THIS TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE  
CENTRAL POINT COORDINATES



**Input:**  $x_c, y_c, R$

1. Initial values for the 0<sup>th</sup> step:

- $x_k, y_k = (0, R)$
- $p_k = 1 - R$

2. While  $x_k < y_k$ , {WHILE} repeat:

1. If  $p_k < 0$  then: {IF}

$$x_{k+1} = x_k + 1 \text{ and} \\ p_{k+1} = p_k + 2x_{k+1} + 1$$

2. If  $p_k \geq 0$  then: {ELSE}

$$x_{k+1} = x_k + 1, \\ y_{k+1} = y_k - 1 \text{ and} \\ p_{k+1} = p_k + 2x_{k+1} - 2y_{k+1} + 1$$

3. Draw pixel  $x_k, y_k$  symmetrically in 8 parts, taking the circle's central point into account.