

Assignment 3

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Abstract—This document explains the concept of the equation of a circle passing through three points.

Download the python code from

https://github.com/ee17btech11034/AI5106/blob/main/Assignment_3/AI_assignment_3.py

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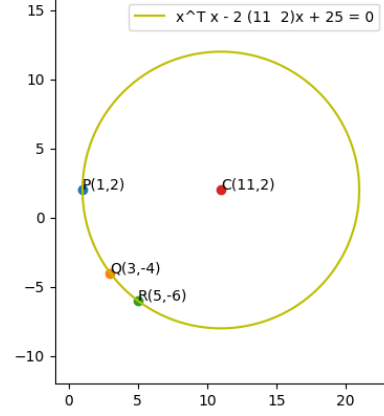


Fig. 0: Circle passing through three points

1 PROBLEM

Find the equation of a circle that passes through the points $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$, $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix}$.

2 EXPLANATION

General equation of circle is given by:

$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x} - 2\mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{x} + c = 0 \quad (2.0.1)$$

Circle is passing through points **P, Q, R**. So, these points will satisfy the circle equation. We can create a determinant :

$$\begin{vmatrix} x^2 + y^2 & x & y & 1 \\ x_1^2 + y_1^2 & x_1 & y_1 & 1 \\ x_2^2 + y_2^2 & x_2 & y_2 & 1 \\ x_3^2 + y_3^2 & x_3 & y_3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \quad (2.0.2)$$

M_{ij} is the minor i^{th} row and j^{th} column of above determinant. **C** is the centre of circle:

$$\mathbf{C} = \frac{1}{2M_{11}} \begin{pmatrix} M_{12} \\ -M_{13} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.3)$$

$$c = \frac{-M_{14}}{M_{11}} \quad (2.0.4)$$

3 SOLUTION

So, the centre of circle is :

$$\mathbf{C} = \frac{1}{2 * 8} \begin{pmatrix} 176 \\ -32 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 11 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.1)$$

$$c = \frac{-1 * (-200)}{8} = 25 \quad (3.0.2)$$

Equation of circle is:

$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x} - 2 \begin{pmatrix} 11 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} + 25 = 0 \quad (3.0.3)$$