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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

and latex-tikz codes from

https://github.com/ee17btech11034/AI5106/blob/main/Assignment 3/assignment 3.tex

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:

$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x} - 2\mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} + f = 0 \tag{2.0.1}$$

c is the centre. Circle is passing through points P, Q, R, so substituting these in circle equation

$$2(1 \ 2)\mathbf{c} - f = 5$$
 (2.0.2)

$$2(3 -4)\mathbf{c} - f = 25$$
 (2.0.3)

$$2(5 -6)\mathbf{c} - f = 61$$
 (2.0.4)

can be expressed as

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 & -1 \\ 6 & -8 & -1 \\ 10 & -12 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{c} \\ f \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 25 \\ 61 \end{pmatrix}$$
 (2.0.5)

Row reducing the augmented matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix}
2 & 4 & -1 & 5 \\
6 & -8 & -1 & 25 \\
10 & -12 & -1 & 61
\end{pmatrix}$$
(2.0.6)

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
R_2 \to R_2 - 3R_1 & 2 & 4 & -1 & 5 \\
R_3 \to R_3 - 5R_1 & 0 & -20 & 2 & 10 \\
\longleftrightarrow & 0 & -32 & 4 & 36
\end{array} (2.0.7)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
R_1 \to R_1 + \frac{1}{5}R_2 & \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & -\frac{3}{5} & 7 \\ 0 & -20 & 2 & 10 \\ & \longleftrightarrow & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \frac{4}{5} & 20 \end{pmatrix} & (2.0.8)
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
R_1 \to R_1 + \frac{3}{4}R_3 & \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 22 \\ 0 & -20 & 0 & -40 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{4}{5} & 20 \end{pmatrix} & (2.0.9)$$

3 Solution

So, the centre of circle is:

$$\mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{22}{2} \\ \frac{-40}{-20} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 11 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \tag{3.0.1}$$

$$f = \frac{20}{\frac{4}{5}} = 25\tag{3.0.2}$$

Equation of circle is:

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

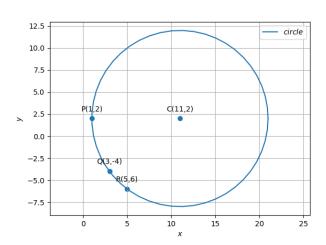


Fig. 0: Circle passing through three points