

# Circle Assignment

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**Abstract**—This document contains the solution to Question 12 of Exercise 5 in Chapter 10 of the class 9 NCERT textbook.

1) Prove that a cyclic parallelogram is a rectangle.

**Solution:** Consider the points  $\mathbf{P}_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 4$  in anticlockwise order on the unit circle. Thus, for  $1 \leq i \leq 4$ ,

$$\mathbf{P}_i = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_i \\ \sin \theta_i \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

where

$$\theta_i \in [0, 2\pi), i \neq j \iff \theta_i \neq \theta_j \quad (2)$$

Without loss of generality, suppose that  $P_1P_2$  and  $P_3P_4$  are parallel to the  $x$ -axis. Since

$$\mathbf{P}_1 - \mathbf{P}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_1 - \cos \theta_2 \\ \sin \theta_1 - \sin \theta_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3)$$

$$\mathbf{P}_3 - \mathbf{P}_4 = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_3 - \cos \theta_4 \\ \sin \theta_3 - \sin \theta_4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4)$$

we have

$$\sin \theta_1 - \sin \theta_2 = 0 \quad (5)$$

$$\implies \sin \frac{\theta_1 - \theta_2}{2} \cos \frac{\theta_1 + \theta_2}{2} = 0 \quad (6)$$

However, from (2), we see that

$$\theta_1 - \theta_2 \in (-2\pi, 2\pi) \quad (7)$$

$$\implies \sin \frac{\theta_1 - \theta_2}{2} \neq 0 \quad (8)$$

$$\implies \cos \frac{\theta_1 + \theta_2}{2} = 0 \quad (9)$$

$$\implies \theta_1 + \theta_2 \in (\pi, 3\pi) \quad (10)$$

Similarly,

$$\theta_3 + \theta_4 \in (\pi, 3\pi) \quad (11)$$

Since  $P_1P_2P_3P_4$  is a parallelogram, its diagonals bisect each other. Thus, using (10) and

(11),

$$\frac{\mathbf{P}_1 + \mathbf{P}_3}{2} = \frac{\mathbf{P}_2 + \mathbf{P}_4}{2} \quad (12)$$

$$\implies \mathbf{P}_1 + \mathbf{P}_3 = \mathbf{P}_2 + \mathbf{P}_4 \quad (13)$$

$$\implies \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_1 + \cos \theta_3 \\ \sin \theta_1 + \sin \theta_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_2 + \cos \theta_4 \\ \sin \theta_2 + \sin \theta_4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (14)$$

$$\implies \cos \theta_1 + \cos \theta_3 = \cos \theta_2 + \cos \theta_4 \quad (15)$$

$$= -(\cos \theta_1 + \cos \theta_3) \quad (16)$$

$$\implies \cos \theta_1 + \cos \theta_3 = \cos \theta_2 + \cos \theta_4 = 0 \quad (17)$$

Using (17), (10) and (11), we have

$$\cos \theta_1 = -\cos \theta_3 = \cos \theta_4 \quad (18)$$

$$\cos \theta_2 = -\cos \theta_4 = \cos \theta_3 \quad (19)$$

Thus,

$$\mathbf{P}_1 - \mathbf{P}_4 = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_1 - \cos \theta_4 \\ \sin \theta_1 - \sin \theta_4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (20)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \sin \theta_1 - \sin \theta_4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (21)$$

Thus, from (21),

$$\begin{aligned} &(\mathbf{P}_1 - \mathbf{P}_2)^\top (\mathbf{P}_1 - \mathbf{P}_4) \\ &= (\cos \theta_1 - \cos \theta_2 \quad 0) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \sin \theta_1 - \sin \theta_4 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

From (22), we see that  $P_1P_2 \perp P_1P_4$ . Hence,  $P_1P_2P_3P_4$  is a rectangle.

The situation is demonstrated in Fig. 1, plotted by the Python code `codes/circle.py`. The various input parameters are shown in Table I.

Parameter	Value
$r$	1
$\theta_1$	$\frac{\pi}{6}$
$\theta_2$	$\frac{5\pi}{6}$
$\theta_3$	$\frac{7\pi}{6}$
$\theta_4$	$\frac{11\pi}{6}$

TABLE I: Parameters used in the construction of Fig. 1.

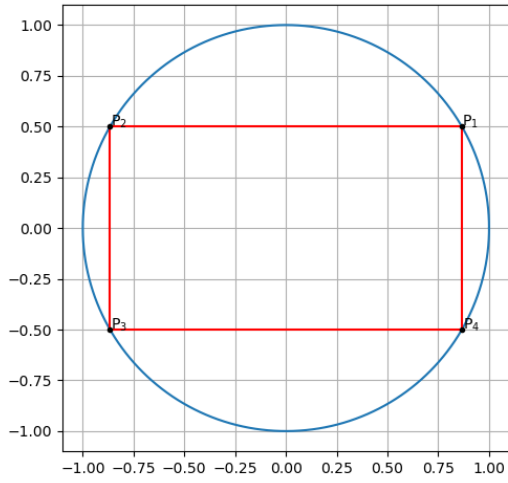


Fig. 1:  $P_1P_2P_3P_4$  is a rectangle.