

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

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

$$\implies \theta_1 = n\pi + (-1)^n \theta_2 \quad (6)$$

However, (2) forces $n \in \{1, 3\}$, thus

$$\theta_1 + \theta_2 \in \{\pi, 3\pi\} \quad (7)$$

Similarly,

$$\theta_3 + \theta_4 \in \{\pi, 3\pi\} \quad (8)$$

Since $P_1P_2P_3P_4$ is a parallelogram, its diagonals

bisect each other. Thus, using (7) and (8),

$$\frac{\mathbf{P}_1 + \mathbf{P}_3}{2} = \frac{\mathbf{P}_2 + \mathbf{P}_4}{2} \quad (9)$$

$$\implies \mathbf{P}_1 + \mathbf{P}_3 = \mathbf{P}_2 + \mathbf{P}_4 \quad (10)$$

$$\implies \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_1 + \cos \theta_3 \\ \sin \theta_1 + \sin \theta_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_2 + \cos \theta_4 \\ \sin \theta_2 + \sin \theta_4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (11)$$

$$\implies \cos \theta_1 + \cos \theta_3 = \cos \theta_2 + \cos \theta_4 \quad (12)$$

$$= -(\cos \theta_1 + \cos \theta_3) \quad (13)$$

$$\implies \cos \theta_1 + \cos \theta_3 = \cos \theta_2 + \cos \theta_4 = 0 \quad (14)$$

Using (14), (7) and (8), we have

$$\cos \theta_1 = -\cos \theta_3 = \cos \theta_4 \quad (15)$$

$$\cos \theta_2 = -\cos \theta_4 = \cos \theta_3 \quad (16)$$

Thus,

$$\mathbf{P}_1 - \mathbf{P}_4 = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_1 - \cos \theta_4 \\ \sin \theta_1 - \sin \theta_4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (17)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \sin \theta_1 - \sin \theta_4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (18)$$

Thus, from (18),

$$\begin{aligned} & (\mathbf{P}_1 - \mathbf{P}_2)^\top (\mathbf{P}_1 - \mathbf{P}_4) \\ &= (\cos \theta_1 - \cos \theta_2 \quad 0) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \sin \theta_1 - \sin \theta_4 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

From (19), 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 1.

Parameter	Value
r	1
θ_1	$\frac{\pi}{6}$
θ_2	$\frac{5\pi}{6}$
θ_3	$\frac{7\pi}{6}$
θ_4	$\frac{11\pi}{6}$
\mathbf{O}	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

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

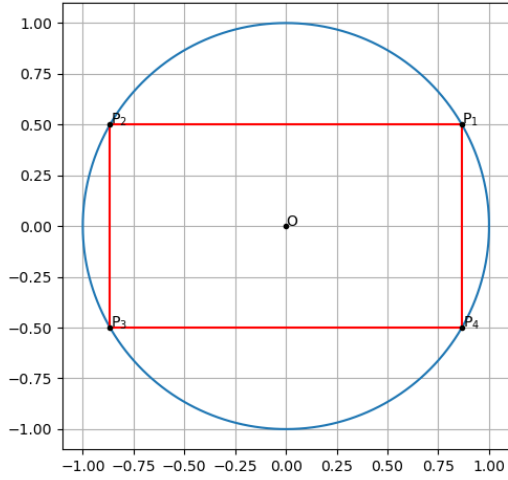


Fig. 1: $P_1P_2P_3P_4$ is a rectangle.