

5. (See Figure 4) Let C be a circle with center O and suppose A is on C . Let P be any point other than O . Prove that the circle K with diameter OP contains the midpoint M of any segment AB such that B is on C and the line AB contains P .
Hint: Use what you know about M to show that $\triangle POM$ is a right triangle. Then use what you know about the center of the circumcenter of a right triangle.

HW 12 #5

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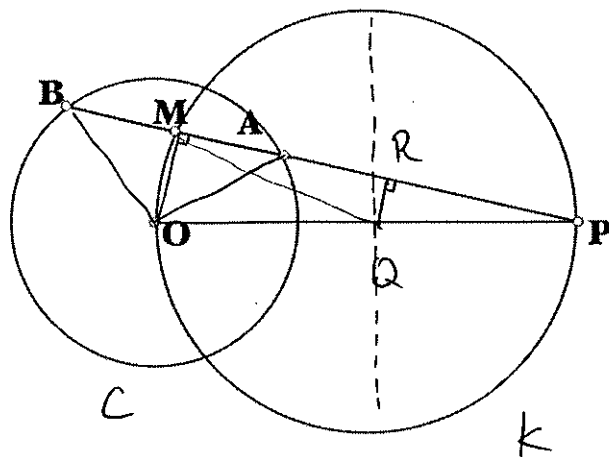


Figure 4

prove: connect AO, BO, MO . Given M is midpoint of AB

By def of midpoint, $MA=MB$, we have $OM=OM$.

By def of circle, $AO=BO$. By BT1; $\triangle AOM \cong \triangle BOM$.

By def of congruence, $\angle OMB = \angle OMA$.

By theorem 1a and algebra, $\angle OMB = \angle OMA = 90^\circ$, right angle.

now, draw point Q be midpoint of OP , draw $QR \perp MP$ at R

By theorem 4, $\angle P = \angle P$, $\angle QRP = \angle OMP \Rightarrow \angle RQP = \angle MOP$

By def of similar \triangle , $\triangle PQR \sim \triangle POM$

By BT4, $PQ = \frac{1}{2} PO \Rightarrow PR = \frac{1}{2} PM$

so that RQ is perpendicular bisector of MP .

since Q is midpoint of OP , we are able to draw perpendicular bisector of OP through Q

We can see that perpendicular bisector of OP intersects RQ . \square

By theorem 24, Q is the intersection of three perpendicular bisectors of $\triangle POM$.

Therefore Q is the circumcenter of $\triangle OMP$.

By theorem 25, $QO = QP = QM$.

By def of circle, Q is the center of circle $\triangle OMP$.

Since $QO = QP$, and OQP collinear, OP is the diameter of circle k . QED

Note: OR we can prove $QO = QP = QM$ by connecting QM and prove $\triangle QMR \cong \triangle QPR$, and use def of circumcenter.