Ptolemy's Theorem

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Abstract

This entry provides an analytic proof to Ptolemy's Theorem using polar form transformation and trigonometric identities. In this formalization, we use ideas from John Harrison's HOL Light formalization [1] and the proof sketch on the Wikipedia entry of Ptolemy's Theorem [3]. This theorem is the 95th theorem of the Top 100 Theorems list [2].

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1 Ptolemy's Theorem

theory *Ptolemys-Theorem*
imports
HOL−Analysis.Multivariate-Analysis
begin

1.1 Preliminaries

1.1.1 Additions to Rat theory

hide-const (**open**) *normalize*

1.1.2 Additions to Transcendental theory

Lemmas about *arcsin* and *arccos* commonly involve to show that their argument is in the domain of those partial functions, i.e., the argument y is between $-\ 1$ and 1. As the argumentation for $-\ 1 \leq y$ and $y \leq 1$ is often very similar, we prefer to prove $|y| \leq 1$ to the two goals above.

The lemma for rewriting the term *cos* (*arccos* y) is already provided in the Isabelle distribution with name *cos-arccos-abs*. Here, we further provide the analogue on *arcsin* for rewriting *sin* (*arcsin* y).

```
lemma sin-arcsin-abs: |y| ≤ 1 ⟹ sin (arcsin y) = y
  by (simp add: abs-le-iff)
```

The further lemmas are the required variants from existing lemmas *arccos-lbound* and *arccos-ubound*.

```
lemma arccos-lbound-abs [simp]:
  |y| ≤ 1 ⟹ 0 ≤ arccos y
by (simp add: arccos-lbound)

lemma arccos-ubound-abs [simp]:
  |y| ≤ 1 ⟹ arccos y ≤ pi
by (simp add: arccos-ubound)
```

As we choose angles to be between 0 between $2 * pi$, we need some lemmas to reason about the sign of *sin* x for angles x.

```
lemma sin-ge-zero-iff:
  assumes 0 ≤ x x < 2 * pi
  shows 0 ≤ sin x ⟷ x ≤ pi
proof
  assume 0 ≤ sin x
  show x ≤ pi
  proof (rule ccontr)
    assume ¬ x ≤ pi
    from this ‹x < 2 * pi› have sin x < 0
      using sin-lt-zero by auto
    from this ‹0 ≤ sin x› show False by auto
  qed
next
  assume x ≤ pi
  from this ‹0 ≤ x› show 0 ≤ sin x by (simp add: sin-ge-zero)
qed

lemma sin-less-zero-iff:
  assumes 0 ≤ x x < 2 * pi
  shows sin x < 0 ⟷ pi < x
using assms sin-ge-zero-iff by fastforce
```

1.1.3 Addition to Finite-Cartesian-Product theory

Here follow generally useful additions and specialised equations for two-dimensional real-valued vectors.

lemma *axis-nth-eq-0* [*simp*]:
  assumes $i \neq j$
  shows *axis i x* \$ *j* = *0*
using *assms* **unfolding** *axis-def* **by** *simp*

lemma *norm-axis*:
  fixes *x* :: *real*
  shows *norm* (*axis i x*) = *abs x*
by (*simp add*: *norm-eq-sqrt-inner inner-axis-axis*)

lemma *norm-eq-on-real-2-vec*:
  fixes *x* :: *real* ^ *2*
  shows *norm x* = *sqrt* ((*x* \$ *1*) ^ *2* + (*x* \$ *2*) ^ *2*)
by (*simp add*: *norm-eq-sqrt-inner inner-vec-def UNIV-2 power2-eq-square*)

lemma *dist-eq-on-real-2-vec*:
  fixes *a b* :: *real* ^ *2*
  shows *dist a b* = *sqrt* ((*a* \$ *1* − *b* \$ *1*) ^ *2* + (*a* \$ *2* − *b* \$ *2*) ^ *2*)
unfolding *dist-norm norm-eq-on-real-2-vec* **by** *simp*

1.2 Polar Form of Two-Dimensional Real-Valued Vectors

1.2.1 Definitions to Transfer to Polar Form and Back

definition *of-radiant* :: *real* ⇒ *real* ^ *2*
where
  of-radiant ω = *axis 1* (*cos* ω) + *axis 2* (*sin* ω)

definition *normalize* :: *real* ^ *2* ⇒ *real* ^ *2*
where
  normalize p = (*if p* = *0 then axis 1 1 else* (*1* / *norm p*) $*_R$ *p*)

definition *radiant-of* :: *real* ^ *2* ⇒ *real*
where
  radiant-of p = (*THE* ω. *0* ≤ ω ∧ ω < *2* ∗ *pi* ∧ *of-radiant* ω = *normalize p*)

The vector *of-radiant* ω is the vector with length *1* and angle ω to the first axis. We normalize vectors to length *1* keeping their orientation with the normalize function. Conversely, *radiant-of p* is the angle of vector *p* to the first axis, where we choose *radiant-of* to return angles between *0* and *2* ∗ *pi*, following the usual high-school convention. With these definitions, we can express the main result *norm p* $*_R$ *of-radiant* (*radiant-of p*) = *p*. Note that the main result holds for any definition of *radiant-of 0*. So, we choose to define *normalize 0* and *radiant-of 0*, such that *radiant-of 0* = *0*.

1.2.2 Lemmas on *of-radiant*

lemma *nth-of-radiant-1* [*simp*]:
  of-radiant ω \$ *1* = *cos* ω
unfolding *of-radiant-def* **by** *simp*

lemma *nth-of-radiant-2* [*simp*]:
  of-radiant ω \$ *2* = *sin* ω
unfolding *of-radiant-def* **by** *simp*

lemma *norm-of-radiant*:
  norm (*of-radiant* ω) = *1*
unfolding *of-radiant-def norm-eq-on-real-2-vec* **by** *simp*

lemma *of-radiant-plus-2pi*:
  of-radiant (ω + *2* ∗ *pi*) = *of-radiant* ω
unfolding *of-radiant-def* **by** *simp*

lemma *of-radiant-minus-2pi*:
  of-radiant (ω − *2* ∗ *pi*) = *of-radiant* ω
proof −
  have *of-radiant* (ω − *2* ∗ *pi*) = *of-radiant* (ω − *2* ∗ *pi* + *2* ∗ *pi*)
    by (*simp only*: *of-radiant-plus-2pi*)
  also have ... = *of-radiant* ω **by** *simp*
  finally show *?thesis* **.**
qed

1.2.3 Lemmas on *normalize*

lemma *normalize-eq*:
  norm p $*_R$ *normalize p* = *p*
unfolding *normalize-def* **by** *simp*

lemma *norm-normalize*:
  norm (*normalize p*) = *1*
unfolding *normalize-def* **by** (*auto simp add*: *norm-axis*)

lemma *nth-normalize* [*simp*]:
  |*normalize p* \$ *i*| ≤ *1*
using *norm-normalize component-le-norm-cart* **by** *metis*

lemma *normalize-square*:
  (*normalize p* \$ *1*)^2 + (*normalize p* \$ *2*)^2 = *1*
using *dot-square-norm*[*of normalize p*]
by (*simp add*: *inner-vec-def UNIV-2 power2-eq-square norm-normalize*)

lemma *nth-normalize-ge-zero-iff*:
  0 ≤ *normalize p* \$ *i* ⟷ *0* ≤ *p* \$ *i*
proof
  assume *0* ≤ *normalize p* \$ *i*

```
  from this show 0 ≤ p $ i
   unfolding normalize-def by (auto split: if-split-asm simp add: zero-le-divide-iff)
next
  assume 0 ≤ p $ i
  have 0 ≤ axis 1 (1 :: real) $ i
    using exhaust-2[of i] by auto
  from this ‹0 ≤ p $ i› show 0 ≤ normalize p $ i
    unfolding normalize-def by auto
qed

lemma nth-normalize-less-zero-iff:
  normalize p $ i < 0 ⟷ p $ i < 0
using nth-normalize-ge-zero-iff leD leI by metis

lemma normalize-boundary-iff:
  |normalize p $ 1| = 1 ⟷ p $ 2 = 0
proof
  assume |normalize p $ 1| = 1
  from this have 1: (p $ 1) ^ 2 = norm p ^ 2
    unfolding normalize-def by (auto split: if-split-asm simp add: power2-eq-iff)
  moreover have (p $ 1) ^ 2 + (p $ 2) ^ 2 = norm p ^ 2
    using norm-eq-on-real-2-vec by auto
  ultimately show p $ 2 = 0 by simp
next
  assume p $ 2 = 0
  from this have |p $ 1| = norm p
    by (auto simp add: norm-eq-on-real-2-vec)
  from this show |normalize p $ 1| = 1
    unfolding normalize-def by simp
qed

lemma between-normalize-if-distant-from-0:
  assumes norm p ≥ 1
  shows between (0, p) (normalize p)
using assms by (auto simp add: between-mem-segment closed-segment-def normal-
ize-def)

lemma between-normalize-if-near-0:
  assumes norm p ≤ 1
  shows between (0, normalize p) p
proof −
  have 0 ≤ norm p by simp
  from assms have p = (norm p / norm p) *R p ∧ 0 ≤ norm p ∧ norm p ≤ 1
by auto
  from this have ∃ u. p = (u / norm p) *R p ∧ 0 ≤ u ∧ u ≤ 1 by blast
  from this show ?thesis
    by (auto simp add: between-mem-segment closed-segment-def normalize-def)
qed
```

1.2.4 Lemmas on *radiant-of*

```
lemma radiant-of:
  0 ≤ radiant-of p ∧ radiant-of p < 2 ∗ pi ∧ of-radiant (radiant-of p) = normalize
p
proof −
 let ?a = if 0 ≤ p $ 2 then arccos (normalize p $ 1) else pi + arccos (− (normalize
p $ 1))
  have 0 ≤ ?a ∧ ?a < 2 ∗ pi ∧ of-radiant ?a = normalize p
  proof −
    have 0 ≤ ?a by auto
    moreover have ?a < 2 ∗ pi
    proof cases
      assume 0 ≤ p $ 2
      from this have ?a ≤ pi by simp
      from this show ?thesis
        using pi-gt-zero by linarith
    next
      assume ¬ 0 ≤ p $ 2
      have arccos (− normalize p $ 1) < pi
      proof −
        have |normalize p $ 1| ≠ 1
          using ‹¬ 0 ≤ p $ 2› by (simp only: normalize-boundary-iff)
        from this have arccos (− normalize p $ 1) ≠ pi
          unfolding arccos-minus-1[symmetric] by (subst arccos-eq-iff) auto
        moreover have arccos (− normalize p $ 1) ≤ pi by simp
        ultimately show arccos (− normalize p $ 1) < pi by linarith
      qed
      from this ‹¬ 0 ≤ p $ 2› show ?thesis by simp
    qed
    moreover have of-radiant ?a = normalize p
    proof −
      have of-radiant ?a $ i = normalize p $ i for i
      proof −
        have of-radiant ?a $ 1 = normalize p $ 1
          unfolding of-radiant-def by (simp add: cos-arccos-abs)
        moreover have of-radiant ?a $ 2 = normalize p $ 2
        proof cases
          assume 0 ≤ p $ 2
          have sin (arccos (normalize p $ 1)) = sqrt (1 − (normalize p $ 1) ^ 2)
            by (simp add: sin-arccos-abs)
          also have ... = normalize p $ 2
          proof −
            have 1 − (normalize p $ 1)² = (normalize p $ 2)²
              using normalize-square[of p] by auto
         from this ‹0 ≤ p $ 2› show ?thesis by (simp add: nth-normalize-ge-zero-iff)
          qed
          finally show ?thesis
            using ‹0 ≤ p $ 2› unfolding of-radiant-def by auto
        next
```

```
        assume ¬ 0 ≤ p $ 2
         have − sin (arccos (− normalize p $ 1)) = − sqrt (1 − (normalize p $
1)²)
          by (simp add: sin-arccos-abs)
        also have ... = normalize p $ 2
        proof −
          have 1 − (normalize p $ 1)² = (normalize p $ 2)²
            using normalize-square[of p] by auto
          from this ‹¬ 0 ≤ p $ 2› show ?thesis
            using nth-normalize-ge-zero-iff by fastforce
        qed
        finally show ?thesis
          using ‹¬ 0 ≤ p $ 2› unfolding of-radiant-def by auto
      qed
      ultimately show ?thesis by (metis exhaust-2[of i])
    qed
    from this show ?thesis by (simp add: vec-eq-iff)
  qed
  ultimately show ?thesis by blast
qed
moreover {
  fix ω
  assume 0 ≤ ω ∧ ω < 2 ∗ pi ∧ of-radiant ω = normalize p
  from this have 0 ≤ ω ω < 2 ∗ pi normalize p = of-radiant ω by auto
  from this have cos ω = normalize p $ 1 sin ω = normalize p $ 2 by auto
  have ω = ?a
  proof cases
    assume 0 ≤ p $ 2
    from this have ω ≤ pi
      using ‹0 ≤ ω› ‹ω < 2 ∗ pi› ‹sin ω = normalize p $ 2›
      by (simp add: sin-ge-zero-iff[symmetric] nth-normalize-ge-zero-iff)
    from ‹0 ≤ ω› this have ω = arccos (cos ω) by (simp add: arccos-cos)
    from ‹cos ω = normalize p $ 1› this have ω = arccos (normalize p $ 1)
      by (simp add: arccos-eq-iff)
    from this show ω = ?a using ‹0 ≤ p $ 2› by auto
  next
    assume ¬ 0 ≤ p $ 2
    from this have ω > pi
      using ‹0 ≤ ω› ‹ω < 2 ∗ pi› ‹sin ω = normalize p $ 2›
      by (simp add: sin-less-zero-iff[symmetric] nth-normalize-less-zero-iff)
    from this ‹ω < 2 ∗ pi› have ω − pi = arccos (cos (ω − pi))
      by (auto simp only: arccos-cos)
    from this ‹cos ω = normalize p $ 1› have ω − pi = arccos (− normalize p
$ 1) by simp
    from this have ω = pi + arccos (− normalize p $ 1) by simp
    from this show ω = ?a using ‹¬ 0 ≤ p $ 2› by auto
  qed
}
ultimately show ?thesis
```

unfolding *radiant-of-def* **by** (*rule theI*)
qed

lemma *radiant-of-bounds* [*simp*]:
$0 \leq$ *radiant-of p radiant-of p* $< 2 * pi$
using *radiant-of* **by** *auto*

lemma *radiant-of-weak-ubound* [*simp*]:
radiant-of p $\leq 2 * pi$
using *radiant-of-bounds*(*2*)[*of p*] **by** *linarith*

1.2.5 Main Equations for Transforming to Polar Form

lemma *polar-form-eq*:
norm p $*_R$ *of-radiant* (*radiant-of p*) = *p*
using *radiant-of normalize-eq* **by** *simp*

lemma *relative-polar-form-eq*:
Q + *dist P Q* $*_R$ *of-radiant* (*radiant-of* ($P - Q$)) = P
proof −
have *norm* ($P - Q$) $*_R$ *of-radiant* (*radiant-of* ($P - Q$)) = $P - Q$
unfolding *polar-form-eq* **..**
moreover have *dist P Q* = *norm* ($P - Q$) **by** (*simp add*: *dist-norm*)
ultimately show *?thesis* **by** (*metis add.commute diff-add-cancel*)
qed

1.3 Ptolemy's Theorem

lemma *dist-circle-segment*:
assumes $0 \leq$ *radius* $0 \leq \alpha$ $\alpha \leq \beta$ $\beta \leq 2 * pi$
shows *dist* (*center* + *radius* $*_R$ *of-radiant* α) (*center* + *radius* $*_R$ *of-radiant* β) = $2 *$ *radius* $*$ *sin* (($\beta - \alpha$) / *2*)
(**is** *?lhs* = *?rhs*)
proof −
have *trigonometry*: $(cos\ \alpha - cos\ \beta)^2 + (sin\ \alpha - sin\ \beta)^2 = (2 * sin\ ((\beta - \alpha) / 2))^2$
proof −
have *sin-diff-minus*: *sin* (($\alpha - \beta$) / *2*) = − *sin* (($\beta - \alpha$) / *2*)
by (*simp only*: *sin-minus*[*symmetric*] *minus-divide-left minus-diff-eq*)
have $(cos\ \alpha - cos\ \beta)^2 + (sin\ \alpha - sin\ \beta)^2 =$
$(2 * sin\ ((\alpha + \beta) / 2) * sin\ ((\beta - \alpha) / 2))^2 + (2 * sin\ ((\alpha - \beta) / 2) * cos\ ((\alpha + \beta) / 2))^2$
by (*simp only*: *cos-diff-cos sin-diff-sin*)
also have ... = $(2 * sin\ ((\beta - \alpha) / 2))^2 * ((sin\ ((\alpha + \beta) / 2))^2 + (cos\ ((\alpha + \beta) / 2))^2)$
unfolding *sin-diff-minus* **by** *algebra*
also have ... = $(2 * sin\ ((\beta - \alpha) / 2))^2$ **by** *simp*
finally show *?thesis* **.**
qed
from *assms* **have** $0 \leq sin\ ((\beta - \alpha) / 2)$ **by** (*simp add*: *sin-ge-zero*)

have *?lhs* = *sqrt* (*radius*^{2} ∗ ((*cos* α − *cos* β)^2 + (*sin* α − *sin* β)^2))
unfolding *dist-eq-on-real-2-vec* **by** *simp algebra*
also have ... = *sqrt* (*radius*^{2} ∗ (*2* ∗ *sin* ((*β* − *α*) / *2*))^2) **by** (*simp add*: *trigonometry*)
also have ... = *?rhs*
using ‹*0* ≤ *radius*› ‹*0* ≤ *sin* ((*β* − *α*) / *2*)› **by** (*simp add*: *real-sqrt-mult*)
finally show *?thesis* **.**
qed

theorem *ptolemy-trigonometric*:
fixes ω_1 ω_2 ω_3 :: *real*
shows *sin* (ω_1 + ω_2) ∗ *sin* (ω_2 + ω_3) = *sin* ω_1 ∗ *sin* ω_3 + *sin* ω_2 ∗ *sin* (ω_1 + ω_2 + ω_3)
proof −
have *sin* (ω_1 + ω_2) ∗ *sin* (ω_2 + ω_3) = ((*sin* ω_2)^2 + (*cos* ω_2)^2) ∗ *sin* ω_1 ∗ *sin* ω_3 + *sin* ω_2 ∗ *sin* (ω_1 + ω_2 + ω_3)
by (*simp only*: *sin-add cos-add*) *algebra*
also have ... = *sin* ω_1 ∗ *sin* ω_3 + *sin* ω_2 ∗ *sin* (ω_1 + ω_2 + ω_3) **by** *simp*
finally show *?thesis* **.**
qed

theorem *ptolemy*:
fixes *A B C D center* :: *real* ^ *2*
assumes *dist center A* = *radius* **and** *dist center B* = *radius*
assumes *dist center C* = *radius* **and** *dist center D* = *radius*
assumes *ordering-of-points*:
radiant-of (*A* − *center*) ≤ *radiant-of* (*B* − *center*)
radiant-of (*B* − *center*) ≤ *radiant-of* (*C* − *center*)
radiant-of (*C* − *center*) ≤ *radiant-of* (*D* − *center*)
shows *dist A C* ∗ *dist B D* = *dist A B* ∗ *dist C D* + *dist A D* ∗ *dist B C*
proof −
from ‹*dist center A* = *radius*› **have** *0* ≤ *radius* **by** *auto*
define α β γ δ
where α = *radiant-of* (*A* − *center*) **and** β = *radiant-of* (*B* − *center*)
and γ = *radiant-of* (*C* − *center*) **and** δ = *radiant-of* (*D* − *center*)
from *ordering-of-points* **have** *angle-basics*:
$\alpha \le \beta$ $\beta \le \gamma$ $\gamma \le \delta$
0 ≤ α α ≤ *2* ∗ *pi* *0* ≤ β β ≤ *2* ∗ *pi*
0 ≤ γ γ ≤ *2* ∗ *pi* *0* ≤ δ δ ≤ *2* ∗ *pi*
unfolding *α-def β-def γ-def δ-def* **by** *auto*
from *assms*(*1*−*4*) **have**
A = *center* + *radius* $*_R$ *of-radiant* α *B* = *center* + *radius* $*_R$ *of-radiant* β
C = *center* + *radius* $*_R$ *of-radiant* γ *D* = *center* + *radius* $*_R$ *of-radiant* δ
unfolding *α-def β-def γ-def δ-def*
using *relative-polar-form-eq dist-commute* **by** *metis*+

from *this* **have** *dist-eqs*:
dist A C = *2* ∗ *radius* ∗ *sin* ((*γ* − *α*) / *2*)
dist B D = *2* ∗ *radius* ∗ *sin* ((*δ* − *β*) / *2*)

```
    dist A B = 2 * radius * sin ((β − α) / 2)
    dist C D = 2 * radius * sin ((δ − γ) / 2)
    dist A D = 2 * radius * sin ((δ − α) / 2)
    dist B C = 2 * radius * sin ((γ − β) / 2)
    using angle-basics ‹radius ≥ 0› dist-circle-segment by (auto)

  have dist A C * dist B D = 4 * radius ^ 2 * sin ((γ − α) / 2) * sin ((δ − β)
/ 2)
    unfolding dist-eqs by (simp add: power2-eq-square)
  also have ... = 4 * radius ^ 2 * (sin ((β − α) / 2) * sin ((δ − γ) / 2) + sin
((γ − β) / 2) * sin ((δ − α) / 2))
  proof −
    define ω1 ω2 ω3 where ω1 = (β − α) / 2 and ω2 = (γ − β) / 2 and ω3 =
(δ − γ) / 2
    have (γ − α) / 2 = ω1 + ω2 and (δ − β) / 2 = ω2 + ω3 and (δ − α) / 2
= ω1 + ω2 + ω3
      unfolding ω1-def ω2-def ω3-def by (auto simp add: field-simps)
    have sin ((γ − α) / 2) * sin ((δ − β) / 2) = sin (ω1 + ω2) * sin (ω2 + ω3)
      using ‹(γ − α) / 2 = ω1 + ω2› ‹(δ − β) / 2 = ω2 + ω3› by (simp only:)
    also have ... = sin ω1 * sin ω3 + sin ω2 * sin (ω1 + ω2 + ω3)
      by (rule ptolemy-trigonometric)
    also have ... = (sin ((β − α) / 2) * sin ((δ − γ) / 2) + sin ((γ − β) / 2) *
sin ((δ − α) / 2))
      using ω1-def ω2-def ω3-def ‹(δ − α) / 2 = ω1 + ω2 + ω3› by (simp only:)
    finally show ?thesis by simp
  qed
  also have ... = dist A B * dist C D + dist A D * dist B C
    unfolding dist-eqs by (simp add: distrib-left power2-eq-square)
  finally show ?thesis .
qed

end
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