Maths–Pro

Brahmagupta's theorem

- 1 Use Maths–Pro or Geo–Pro to draw a large circle.
- 2 Draw any point (P) inside the circle (preferably not at the centre).
- 2 Draw two perpendicular lines through P until each intersects the circumference of the circle. Call these intersections A, B, C and D.
- 3 Join A, B, C and D to form a cyclic quadrilateral whose diagonals are perpendicular.
- 4 Draw any line segment through P that is perpendicular to one of the sides of the quadrilateral (e.g. DC in the diagram below).
- 5 Does this last segment bisect the opposite side of the quadrilateral (AB in the diagram below)?
- 6 Try this procedure starting with a different point and perpendicular segments. You may wish to use the circles below.





