

MATH 403 FALL 2021: QUIZ 8 SOLUTION

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(a) (5 points) Write down the statement of Thales Theorem.

**Solution.** Consider a triangle  $\triangle ABC$ . Let  $C'$  be the midpoint of  $A$  and  $B$ . Let  $S$  be the circle with center  $C'$  and radius  $\frac{1}{2}|\overline{AB}|$ . (That is, the line segment  $\overline{AB}$  is the diameter of  $S$ .) Then,  $C \in S$  if and only if  $\overline{AC}$  is perpendicular to  $\overline{BC}$ .

(b) (5 points) Let  $ABCD$  be a rectangle. Show that there exists a circle containing  $ABCD$ .

**Solution.** Consider a circle  $S$  whose diameter is  $\overline{AC}$ . Since  $\ell_{AB} \perp \ell_{BC}$ , Thales theorem yields  $B \in S$ . Similarly,  $\ell_{AD} \perp \ell_{DC}$  implies  $D \in S$ .