

Locus Construction 2

In the applet below, A is the *center* of the circle, B is a point *inside* the circle, and C is a point that lies *on* the circle.

- 1) Construct \overline{AC} .
- 2) Construct the perpendicular bisector of \overline{BC} .
- 3) Construct the point of intersection of the segment and line you constructed (1) & (2) above. If necessary, right click on this point and rename it D .
- 4) Right click on this point D . Select **Trace On**.
- 5) Select the **Move** arrow. Now, drag point C around the circle and watch the trace of D . What does this trace look like?
- 6) Move point B to a different location. Clear the trace. Repeat step (5). What does this trace look like?
- 7) Clear the trace once more. What can you conclude about the distances CD and BD ? (If you're totally stumped, feel free to measure these distances.)
- 8) What previous theorem justifies your observation in (7) above? (Don't just "name it". *Write it out in words!*)
- 9) Fill in the blank to make a true statement:
Since the radius of a circle never changes, it is said to be _____.

Thus, we can say that the value $AD + CD$ is _____.

10) Given your results for (7) & (9), what can you conclude about the value $AD + BD$?

11) How would you describe the pink locus (set of points that meet a certain condition) in the applet below? That is, how can you *geometrically* define the term you wrote as a response to (5) and (6) above?