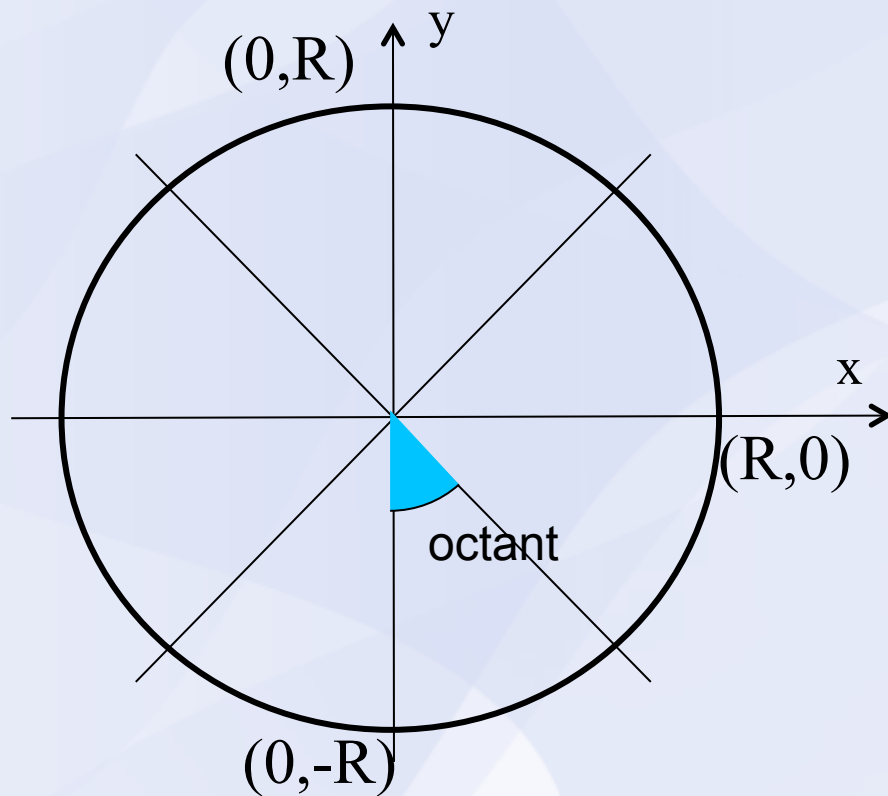


# **Bresenham's Circle Algorithm**



Due to symmetry:  
Consider only one  
octant is enough

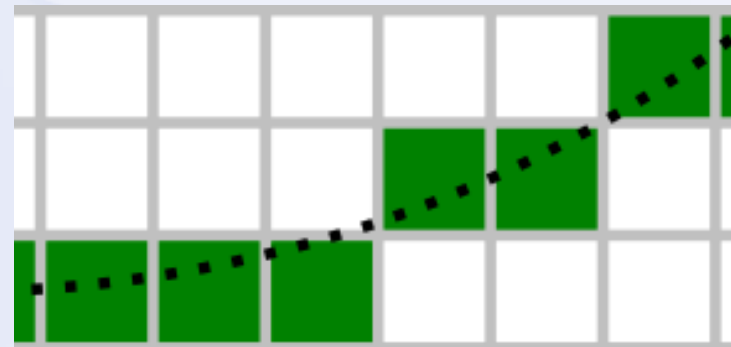


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PowerPoint drawings all  
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**X, Y, R are integers**

$$F(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 - R^2$$

$F(x, y) = 0$  on circle

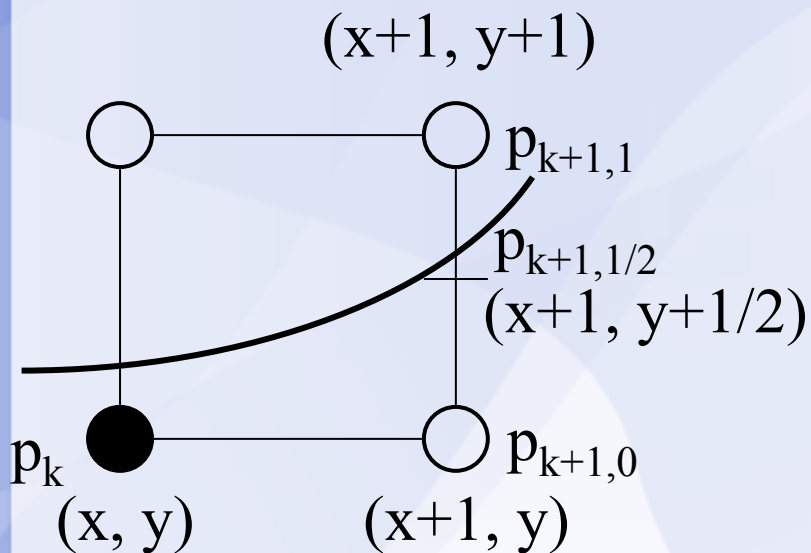
$F(x, y) < 0$  inside circle

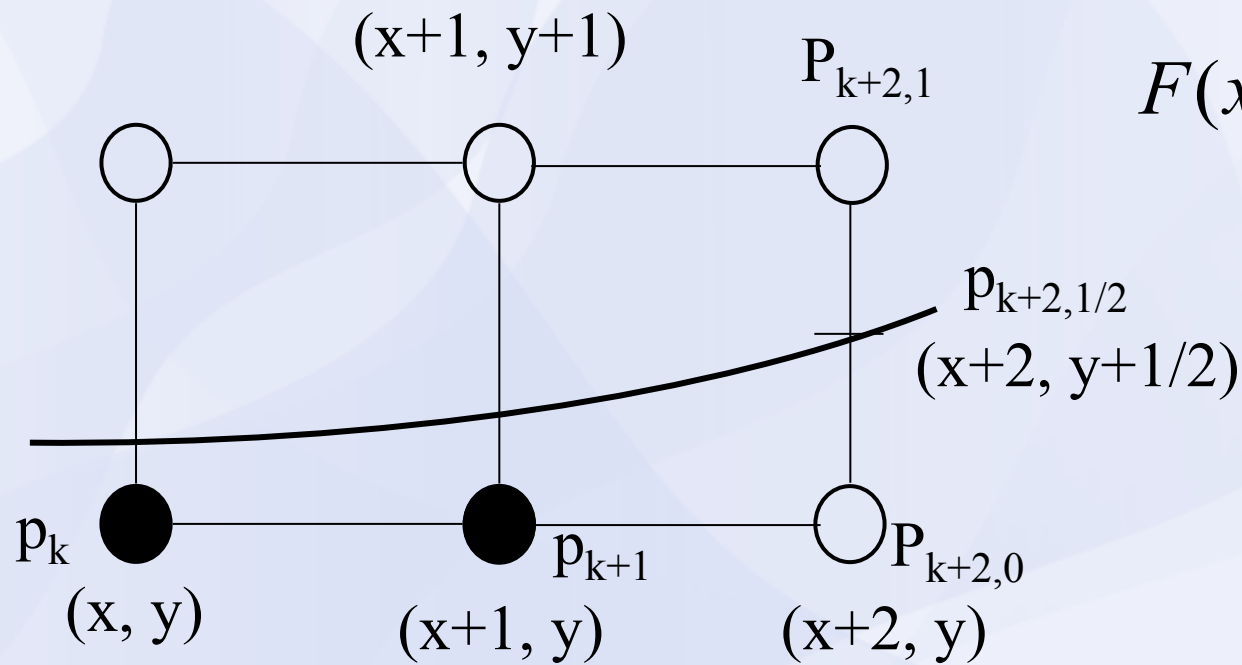
$F(x, y) > 0$  outside circle

$$d_k = F(x + 1, y + \frac{1}{2})$$

$d_k < 0$ :  $p_{k+1,1/2}$  in, draw  $p_{k+1,0}$

$d_k > 0$ :  $p_{k+1,1/2}$  out, draw  $p_{k+1,1}$





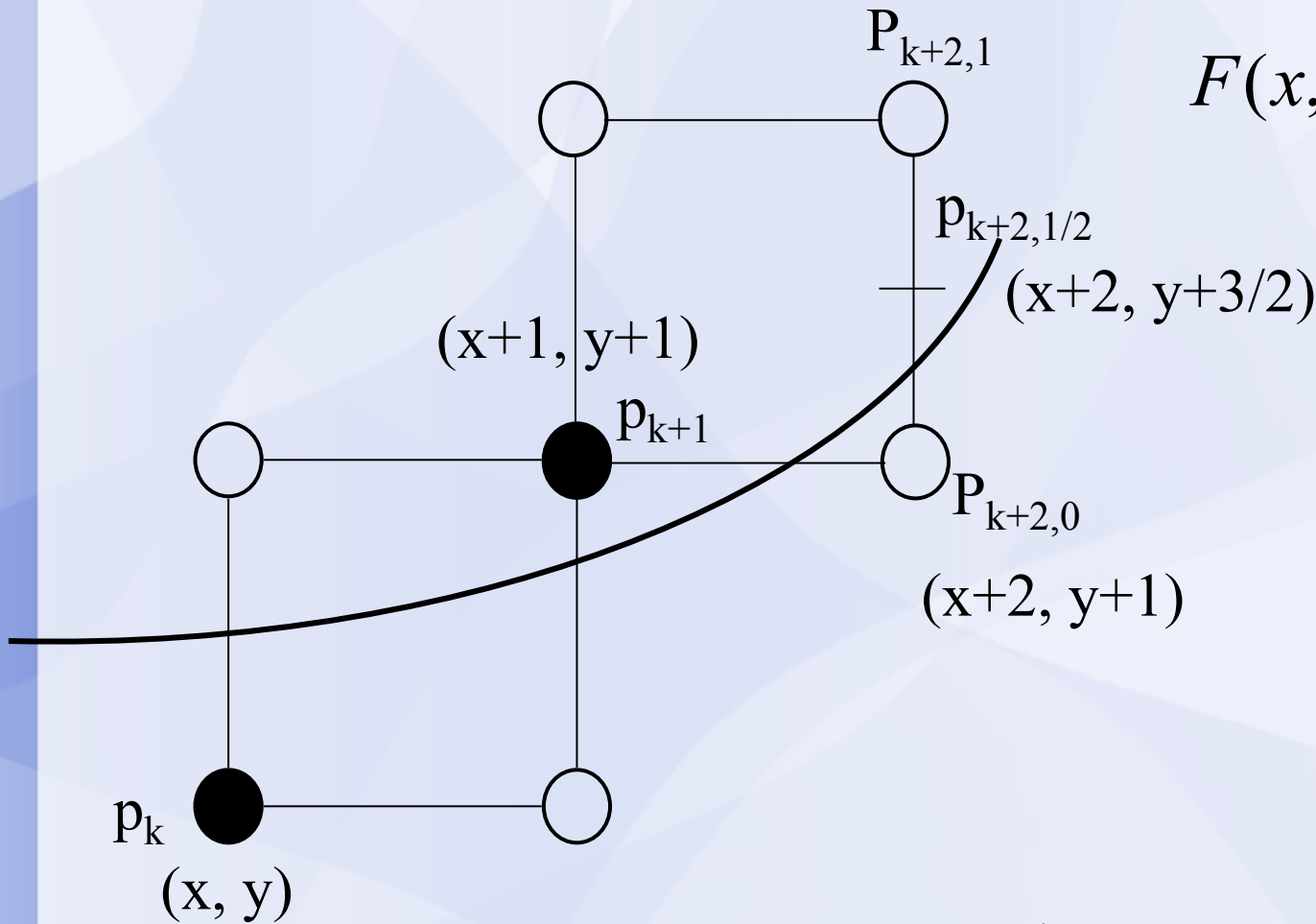
$$F(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 - R^2$$

$d_k < 0$ :

$$d_k = F\left(x + 1, y + \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$d_{k+1} = F\left(x + 2, y + \frac{1}{2}\right) = d_k + 2x + 3$$

$$F(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 - R^2$$



$$d_k > 0: d_k = F(x+1, y + \frac{1}{2})$$

$$d_{k+1} = F(x+2, y + \frac{3}{2}) = d_k + 2(x+y) + 5$$

# Initial d: $d_0$

Initial:  $(0, -R)$

$$d_0 = F(1, -R + 1/2) = 5/4 - R \quad \text{It's real!}$$

$$\Delta d \text{ is always integer} \quad d_{k+1} = F(x + 2, y + \frac{1}{2}) = d_k + 2x + 3$$

$$d_{k+1} = F(x + 2, y + \frac{3}{2}) = d_k + 2(x + y) + 5$$

So  $d_k$  always integer +  $1/4$

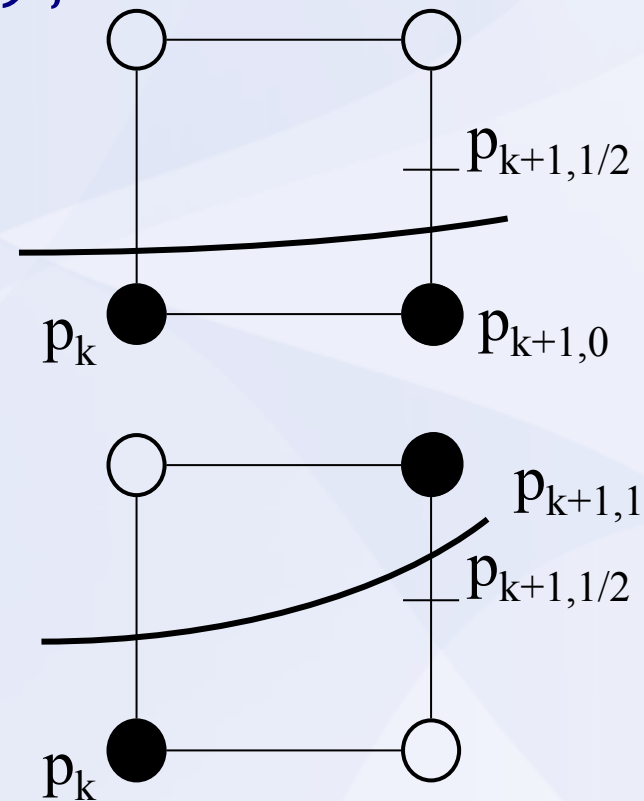
$$\text{We judge } d_k > 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad d_k - 1/4 \geq 0$$

$$\text{We make: } d_0 = 1 - R$$

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x = 0; y = -R;
d = 1 - R; setPixel(x,y);
while (-y > x) {
  if (d >= 0) {
    d += 2x + 3;
    x++;
  } else {
    d += 2(x+y) + 5;
    x++; y++;
  }
  setPixel(x,y);
}

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Multiplication by 2 can be achieved using left-shift

Also known as midpoint Circle algorithm

Another way to define d:

$$d_k = [F(x+1, y+1)]^2 - [F(x+1, y)]^2$$



# Reference

[1]: <http://ezekiel.vancouver.wsu.edu/~cs442/lectures/raster/circrect/circrect.ppt>

[2]: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Midpoint\\_circle\\_algorithm](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Midpoint_circle_algorithm)

**Thanks!**