

Theorem. Given points P and Q , the set of points equidistant from P and Q is a line, which is the perpendicular bisector of \overline{PQ} .

We proved this in class for the Euclidean plane (see Theorem 3.5 in the textbook).

Your assignment is to prove it for spherical geometry using vectors, as follows:

- (a) Let P and Q be points in \mathbf{R}^3 , which are both distance 1 from the origin O . Show that the set of points in \mathbf{R}^3 equidistant from P and Q is a plane which passes through O .

Hint: Let X be any point in \mathbf{R}^3 equidistant from P and Q . Prove that $\overline{PQ} \perp \overline{OX}$. (This step is similar to #1 from the vector HW, except it's for vectors in \mathbf{R}^3 .) Now, determine the plane in (a) using its vector form.

- (b) Let P and Q be points on S^2 . Deduce from (a) that the set of points in S^2 equidistant from P and Q is a line (great circle) on S^2 . Explain why it's the perpendicular bisector of \overline{PQ} .