

# Angle Chasing and Triangle Centers

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## 1 Warm-up problems

**1.1** (MATHCOUNTS 2011) A square  $ABGH$  is located in the interior of a regular hexagon  $ABCDEF$ . What is the degree measure of  $\angle DCG$ ?

**1.2**  $ABC$  is an isosceles triangle such that  $AB = BC$ .  $E$  is a point on side  $AB$  and the foot of perpendicular from  $E$  to  $BC$  is  $D$ . It is given that  $AE = DE$ . Find  $\angle DAC$ .

## 2 Theorems and useful facts

**2.1** (Miquel's Theorem) In triangle  $ABC$ ,  $D, E, F$  are points on sides  $BC, CA, AB$  respectively. Prove that the circumcircles of triangles  $BDF, CDE, AEF$  pass through a common point.

**2.2** (Reim's Theorem) Let  $\omega_1, \omega_2$  be two circles intersecting at  $X, Y$ . A line through  $X$  intersects  $\omega_1, \omega_2$  at  $A, C$  respectively. A line through  $Y$  intersects  $\omega_1, \omega_2$  at  $B, D$  respectively. Prove that  $AB \parallel CD$ .

**2.3** In  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $D, E, F$  are the feet of perpendiculars from

$A, B, C$  to the opposite sides respectively. Let  $H$  be the orthocenter of  $\triangle ABC$ . Prove that  $H$  is the incenter of  $\triangle DEF$ .

**2.4** Use the notations of 2.2. Now let  $M$  be the midpoint of  $BC$ . Let  $H', A'$  be the reflections of  $H$  with respect to  $BC$  and  $M$  respectively. Prove that  $H', A'$  lies on the circle  $ABC$  and  $AA'$  is a diameter of this circle.

**2.5** (Simson Line) Let  $ABC$  be a triangle and  $P$  be any point on circle  $ABC$ . Let  $X, Y, Z$  be the feet of the perpendiculars from  $P$  onto lines  $BC, CA$ , and  $AB$ . Prove that points  $X, Y, Z$  are collinear.

**2.6** (Nine Point Circle) Consider a triangle  $ABC$  with orthocenter  $H$ . Let  $D, E$ , and  $F$  be the feet of the altitudes, let  $L, M, N$  be the midpoints of the sides, and let  $P, Q, R$  be the midpoints of  $AH, BH$ , and  $CH$  respectively. Prove that  $D, E, F, L, M, N, P, Q, R$  are concyclic.

**2.7** Use the same notations as 2.6. If  $O$  is the circumcenter of  $ABC$ , then prove that  $2OL = AH$ .

**2.8** Prove that the center of the nine point circle is the midpoint of  $OH$ .

**2.9** (Euler's Line) Let  $G$  be the centroid of  $\triangle ABC$ . Prove that  $O, G, H$  are collinear.

**2.10** (Alternate Segment Theorem) Suppose  $PA$  is tangent to circle  $ABC$ . Suppose  $P$  and  $C$  are on opposite sides of line  $AB$ .

Prove that  $\angle PAB = \angle ACB$ .

**2.11** (The Incenter/Excenter Lemma). Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with incenter  $I$ . Ray  $AI$  meets  $(ABC)$  again at  $L$ . Let  $I_A$  be the reflection of  $I$  over  $L$ . Then, (a) The points  $I, B, C$ , and  $I_A$  lie on a circle with diameter  $II_A$  and center  $L$ . (b)  $I_A$  is the  $A$ -excenter of  $\triangle ABC$ .

### 3 Problems

**3.1** (Russian Olympiad 1996) Points  $E$  and  $F$  are on side  $BC$  of convex quadrilateral  $ABCD$  (with  $E$  closer than  $F$  to  $B$ ). It is known that  $\angle BAE = \angle CDF$  and  $\angle EAF = \angle FDE$ . Prove that  $\angle FAC = \angle EDB$ .

**3.2** (Canada 1997/4). The point  $O$  is situated inside the parallelogram  $ABCD$  such that  $\angle AOB + \angle COD = 180^\circ$ . Prove that  $\angle OBC = \angle ODC$ .

**3.3** (Iranian Geometry Olympiad 2015) Let  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  two circles such that  $w_1 \cap w_2 = \{A, B\}$ . Let  $X$  a point on  $w_2$  and  $Y$  on  $w_1$  such that  $BY \perp BX$ . Suppose that  $O$  is the center of  $w_1$  and  $X' = w_2 \cap OX$ . Now if  $K = w_2 \cap X'Y$  prove  $X$  is the midpoint of arc  $AK$ .

**3.4** (CGMO 2012/5). Let  $ABC$  be a triangle. The incircle of  $ABC$  is tangent to  $AB$  and  $AC$  at  $D$  and  $E$  respectively. Let  $O$  denote the circumcenter of  $BCI$ . Prove that  $\angle ODB = \angle OEC$ .