

Spiral Similarity and Miquel Points

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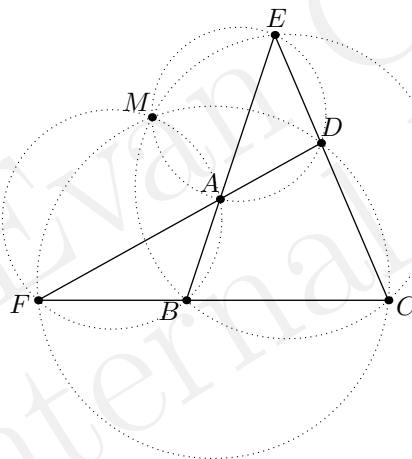
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§1 Lecture Notes

Spiral similarity lemma, and Miquel points.

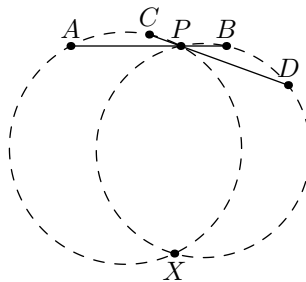
Theorem 1.1 (The Miquel Point)

Let $ABCDEF$ be a complete quadrilateral, with E, F as shown. Then the circumcircles of triangles EAD , EBC , FAB , FCD are concurrent at the Miquel point M .



Theorem 1.2 (The Spiral Similarity Center)

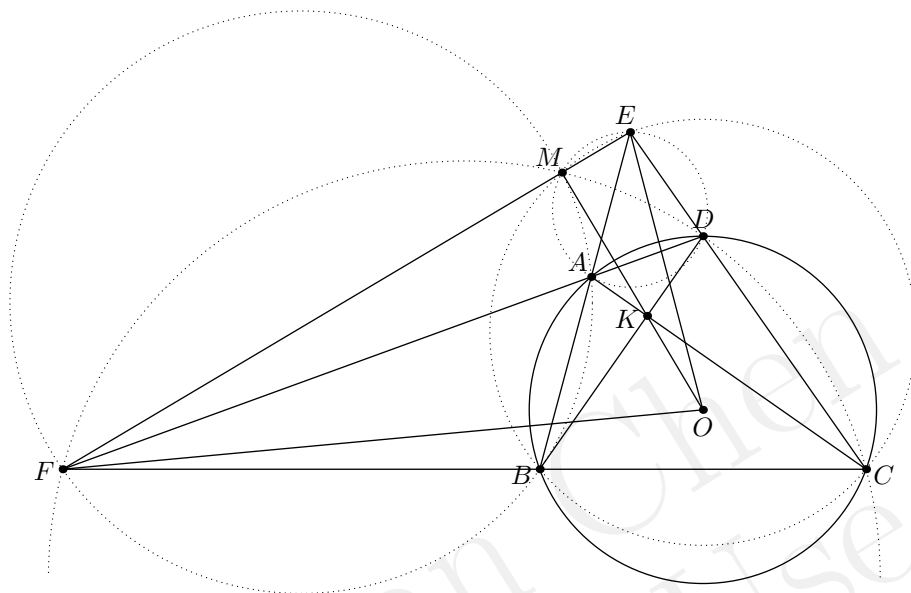
Consider arbitrary AB and CD as shown. X is the center of two spiral similarities ($AB \mapsto CD$ and $AC \mapsto BD$).



The most interesting special case is when $ABCD$ is cyclic. See http://yufeizhao.com/olympiad/cyclic_quad.pdf for the authoritative reference on this situation.

Theorem 1.3 (Miquel Points of Cyclic Quadrilaterals)

Let $ABCDEF$ be a complete quadrilateral as shown and let K be the intersection of the diagonals. If $ABCD$ is cyclic with center O , then K is the orthocenter of triangle DEF and $M = \overline{OK} \cap \overline{EF}$ is the Miquel point. The point M also lies on the circumcircles of triangles AOC and BOD .



Problem 1.4 (Brazil 2011/5). Let ABC be an acute triangle with orthocenter H and altitudes \overline{BD} , \overline{CE} . The circumcircle of ADE cuts the circumcircle of ABC at $F \neq A$. Prove that the angle bisectors of $\angle BFC$ and $\angle BHC$ concur at a point on \overline{BC} .

Problem 1.5 (Shortlist 2015 G3). Let ABC be a triangle with $\angle C = 90^\circ$, and let H be the foot of the altitude from C . A point D is chosen inside the triangle CBH so that CH bisects AD . Let P be the intersection point of the lines BD and CH . Let ω be the semicircle with diameter BD that meets the segment CB at an interior point. A line through P is tangent to ω at Q .

Prove that the lines CQ and AD meet on ω .

§2 Problems

Problem 2.1 (IMO 1985/5). Let $ABCD$ be a cyclic quadrilateral with center O . Lines AB and CD meet at P , while lines AD and BC meet at Q . The circumcircles of triangles PAB and PDC meet at M . Prove that $\angle OMP = 90^\circ$.

Problem 2.2 (USAMO 2013/1). In triangle ABC , points P , Q , R lie on sides BC , CA , AB , respectively. Let ω_A , ω_B , ω_C denote the circumcircles of triangles AQR , BRP , CPQ , respectively. Given the fact that segment AP intersects ω_A , ω_B , ω_C again at X , Y , Z respectively, prove that $YX/XZ = BP/PC$.

Problem 2.3 (Russia 1995 et al). Quadrilateral $ACDB$ is inscribed in a semicircle with diameter AB and point O is the midpoint of AB . Let K be the intersection of the circumcircles of AOC and BOD . Lines AB and CD intersect at M . Prove that $\angle OKM = 90^\circ$.

Problem 2.4 (USAMO 2006/6). Let $ABCD$ be a quadrilateral, and let E and F be points on sides AD and BC , respectively, such that $\frac{AE}{ED} = \frac{BF}{FC}$. Ray FE meets rays BA and CD at S and T , respectively. Prove that the circumcircles of triangles SAE , SBF , TCF , and TDE pass through a common point.

Problem 2.5 (TSTST 2012/7). Triangle ABC is inscribed in circle Ω . The interior angle bisector of angle A intersects side BC and Ω at D and L (other than A), respectively. Let M be the midpoint of side BC . The circumcircle of triangle ADM intersects sides AB and AC again at Q and P (other than A), respectively. Let N be the midpoint of segment PQ , and let H be the foot of the perpendicular from L to line ND . Prove that line ML is tangent to the circumcircle of triangle HMN .

Problem 2.6 (IMO 2005/2). Let a_1, a_2, \dots be a sequence of integers with infinitely many positive and negative terms. Suppose that for every positive integer n the numbers a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n leave n different remainders upon division by n . Prove that every integer occurs exactly once in the sequence a_1, a_2, \dots .