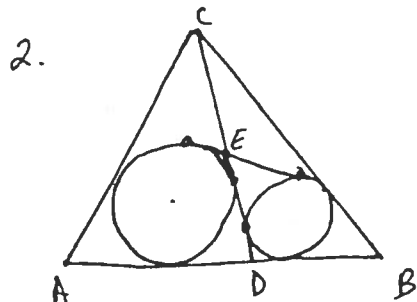


## More Locus Hokus Pokus

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1. Let  $H$  be the orthocenter of  $\triangle ABC$ . Let  $p$  be any line through  $H$ . Let  $q, r, s$  be the reflections of  $p$  in  $BC, CA$  and  $AB$  respectively. Prove that the lines  $q, r, s$  are concurrent, and find the locus of their point of intersection as  $p$  rotates about  $H$ . (Hard!)



Prove that as  $D$  varies along  $AB$ ,  $E$  traces the arc of a circle.

3. A segment  $EF$  of constant length slides along the diameter  $AB$  of a semi-circle. The perpendiculars to  $AB$  at  $E$  and  $F$  meet the semi-circle at  $M$  and  $N$ . Let  $C, D$  be fixed points on  $AB$ . Show that the points of intersection  $P$  and  $Q$  of the circles passing through  $M$  and  $N$  respectively with centres at  $C$  and  $D$  are on a circle concentric with the semi-circle.

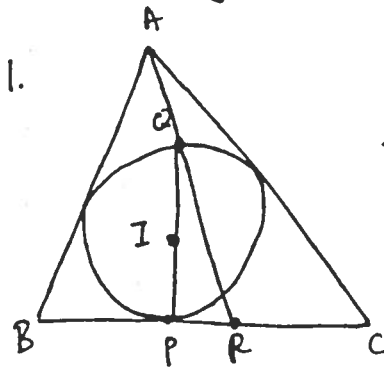
4. An arbitrary point  $M$  is selected in the interior of the segment  $AB$ . The squares  $AMCD$  and  $MBEF$  are constructed on the same side of  $AB$ , with the segments  $AM$  and  $MB$  as their respective bases. The circles circumscribed about these squares, with centers  $P$  and  $Q$ , intersect at  $M$  and also at another point  $N$ . Let  $N'$  denote the point of intersection of the straight lines  $AF$  and  $BC$ .

a) Prove that  $N$  and  $N'$  coincide.

b) Prove that the straight lines  $MN$  pass through a fixed point  $S$  independent of the choice of  $M$ .

- c) Find the locus of the midpoint of  $PQ$  as  $M$  varies between  $A$  and  $B$ .
5. Consider the cube  $ABCD A'B'C'D'$  (with face  $ABCD$  directly above face  $A'B'C'D'$ ).
- Find the locus of the midpoints of segments  $XY$ , where  $X$  is any point of  $AC$  and  $Y$  is any point of  $B'D'$ .
  - Find the locus of points  $Z$  which lie on the segments  $XY$  of part (a) with  $ZY = 2XZ$ .
6. In the same situation as #5, the point  $X$  moves at constant speed along the perimeter of the square  $ABCD$  in the direction  $ABCD A$ , and the point  $Y$  moves at the same rate along the perimeter of the square  $B'C'C B$  in the direction  $B'C'CB B'$ . Points  $X$  and  $Y$  begin their motion at the same instant from the starting positions  $A$  and  $B'$ . Determine the locus of the midpoints of the segments  $XY$ .
7.  $P$  is a given point inside a given sphere. Three mutually perpendicular rays from  $P$  intersect the sphere at points  $U, V, W$ .  $Q$  denotes the vertex diagonally opposite to  $P$  in the parallelepiped determined by  $P U, P V$ , and  $P W$ . Find the locus of  $Q$  for all such triads of rays from  $P$ .

## Homothety and Locus Questions.



1. Given triangle  $ABC$ , incenter  $I$ , incircle  $\mathcal{C}$ .  $I$  is tangent to  $BC$  at  $P$ .  $PI$  intersects  $\mathcal{C}$  again at  $Q$ .  $AQ$  intersects  $BC$  at  $R$ . Prove that the midpoint of  $BC$  is the midpoint of  $PR$ .
2. If  $PQ$  is a variable diameter of a given circle, and  $A, B$  two fixed points collinear with the center  $O$  of the circle, find the locus of the point  $M = AP \cap BQ$ .
3. A variable point  $P$  moves on a fixed circle, center  $C$ , and  $A$  is a fixed point. Find the locus of the point of intersection of the line  $AP$  with the internal bisector of the angle  $ACP$ .
4. Three congruent circles have a common point  $O$  and lie inside a given triangle. Each circle touches a pair of sides of the triangle. Prove that the incenter and the circumcenter of the triangle and the point  $O$  are collinear.
5.  $O_1$  is the circumcenter of the medial triangle, and  $O_2$  is the circumcenter of the original triangle. Prove that
5. Let  $A'$  be the circumcenter of  $BCH$ , and similarly for  $B', C'$ . Prove that  $AA', BB'$  and  $CC'$  are concurrent.
6. If  $A$  and  $B$  are fixed points on a given circle and  $XY$  is a variable diameter of the same circle, determine the locus of the points of intersection of lines  $AX$  and  $BY$ . (You may assume that  $AB$  is not a diameter.)