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Let ω be the circumcircle of a triangle ABC . Denote by M and N the midpoints of the sides AB and AC , respectively, and denote by T the midpoint of the arc BC of ω not containing A . The circumcircles of the triangles AMT and ANT intersect the perpendicular bisectors of AC and AB at points X and Y , respectively; assume that X and Y lie inside the triangle ABC . The lines MN and XY intersect at K . Prove that $KA = KT$.

We use directed angles $\pmod{180^\circ}$. Let O be the center of ω , P be a point on ω such that $\overline{PT} \parallel \overline{AC}$, and $X' = \overline{PT} \cap \overline{ON}$. We have

$$\angle ABP = \angle ATP = \angle TAC = \angle TAB,$$

so $\overline{PB} \parallel \overline{AT}$. Thus, $APBT$ is an isosceles trapezoid, giving $PT = AB$. Since X' is the midpoint of \overline{PT} (lies on its perpendicular bisector), this gives $PX' = BM$. Thus, since $BP = PB$ and

$$\angle PBM = \angle PBA = \angle PTA = \angle TPB = \angle X'PB$$

we have $PMX'B$ is an isosceles trapezoid. Thus, $\overline{MX'} \parallel \overline{PB} \parallel \overline{AT}$. Hence, $\angle TAM = \angle ATX'$ implies X' lies on (AMT) . This gives $X' = X$, so $\overline{MX} \parallel \overline{AT}$. Analogously, $\overline{NY} \parallel \overline{AT}$.

Now, since $\overline{MX} \parallel \overline{AT} \parallel \overline{NY}$, these three lines have the same perpendicular bisector. This implies that $MNYX$ is an isosceles trapezoid, so $K = \overline{MN} \cap \overline{XY}$ must lie on this common perpendicular bisector. Hence, $KA = KT$ as desired. ■