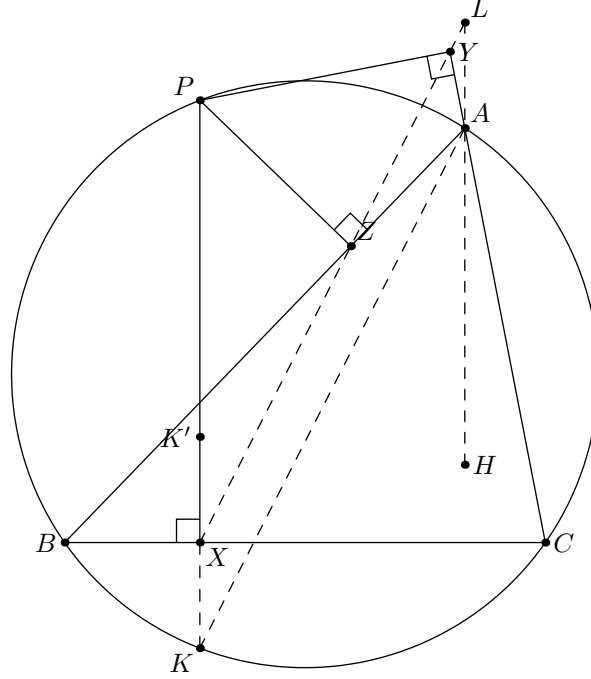


Lemma 4.4 (Simson Line Bisection). *Let ABC be a triangle with orthocenter H . If P is a point on (ABC) then its Simson line bisects \overline{PH} .*

Solution Our solution is based off the following lemma.

Lemma. *In cyclic quadriateral $ABCD$, points X, Y are the orthocenters of $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle BCD$. Then $AXYD$ is a parallelogram.*

Let line PX meet (ABC) again at a point K , and let line AH intersect the Simson line at the point L .



Proof. We first prove AK is parallel to the simson line, then we prove that K' is the orthocenter of $\triangle PBC$, then we prove that $LHXP$ is a parallelogram.

We claim that AK is parallel to the simson line because

$$\angle YZA = \angle YPA = 90^\circ - \angle PAY = 90^\circ - (180^\circ - \angle PBC) = 90^\circ - \angle PBC = \angle BPK = \angle BAK$$

We have $PX \perp BC$ and

$$\angle K'BX = \angle KBX = \angle KPC = 90^\circ - \angle PCB$$

so $BK' \perp PC$. K' is the orthocenter of $\triangle PBC$. According to the lemma, we claim that $AHK'P$ is a parallelogram. Since $AH \parallel PK$, $LAKX$ is a parallelogram. So we have

$$LH = LA + AH = KX + PK' = K'X + PK' = XP$$

So $LHXP$ is a parallelogram. The simson line LX bisects HP .

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