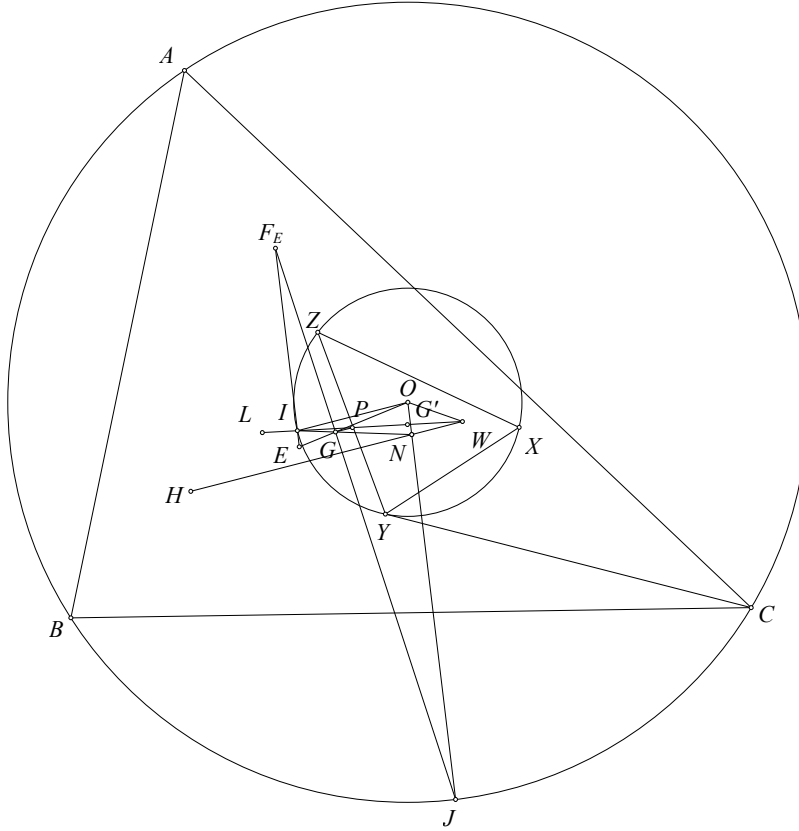


# Problem 1

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Let  $X, Y, Z$  be the reflection of  $I$  through the perpendicular bisector of  $BC, CA, AB$  respectively we get  $X, Y, Z, I$  lies on a circle with center  $O$ . Let  $H, N, E, F_E$  be the orthocenter, Nagel point, Nine-point-center and Feuerbach point of  $ABC$  respectively,  $W, G'$  be the Feuerbach point, centroid of the triangle  $XYZ$ .



**Claim:**  $I, P, W, G'$  are collinear.

Consider homothety center  $G$  with scaling factor  $-2$ , it sends  $E \mapsto O, I \mapsto N, F_E \mapsto J$  then we have  $OJ = 2 \cdot EF_E = R$  therefore  $J$  lies on  $(O)$ . We also have:

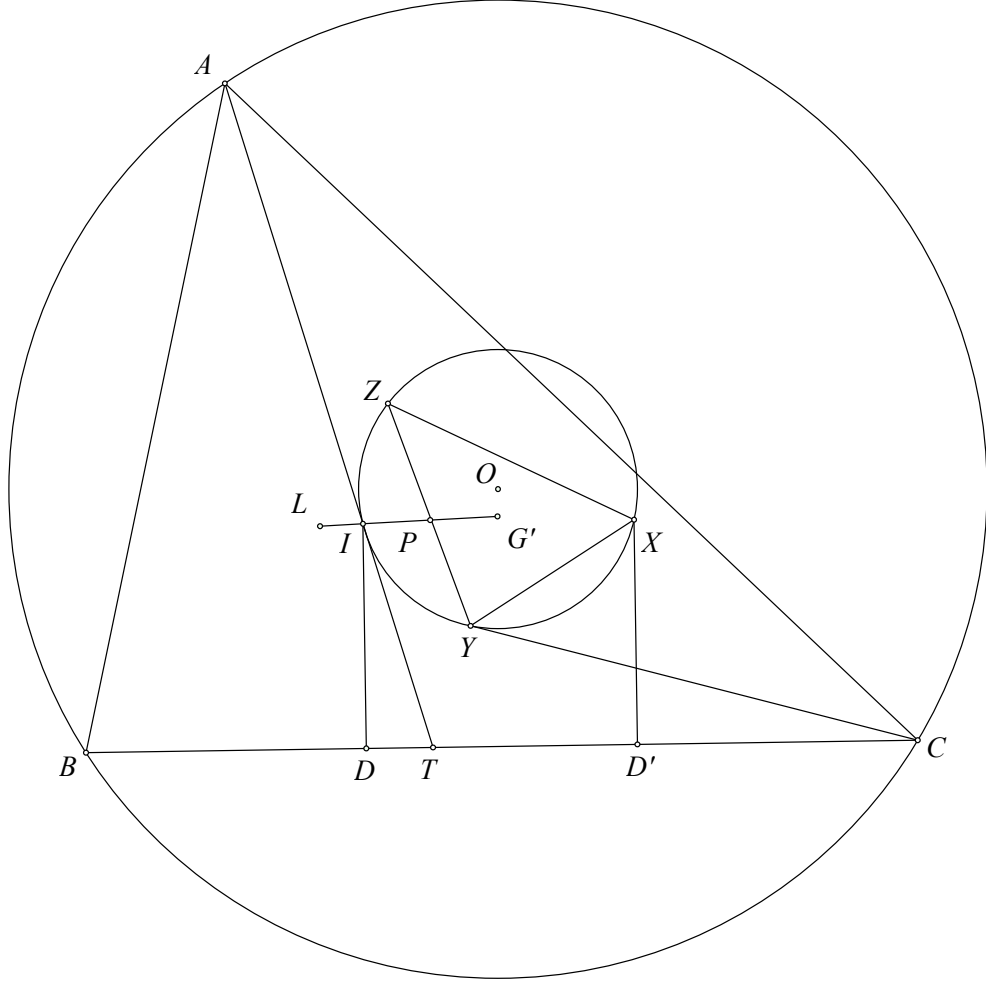
$$ON \cdot OJ = 4 \cdot EI \cdot EF_E = 4 \cdot (EF_E - IF_E) \cdot EF_E = 4 \cdot \left( \frac{R}{2} - r \right) \cdot \frac{R}{2} = R \cdot (R - 2r) = OI^2.$$

It is well known that  $F_E$  is the Anti-Steiner point of medial triangle of  $ABC$  wrt  $OI$  therefore  $J$  is the Anti-Steiner point of  $ABC$  wrt  $HN$ , therefore  $AJ$  and the line through  $A$  perpendicular to  $HN$ , which parallel to  $OI$ , are isogonal wrt  $\angle BAC$ . Simple angle chasing yields

$$\angle JBC = \angle JAC = 90^\circ - \angle OIZ = \angle IYZ \text{ therefore } \triangle IYZ \sim \triangle JBC.$$

We have  $\angle XYZ = \angle XIZ = \angle ABC$ ; similarly, we get  $\triangle XYZ \sim \triangle ABC$ . Denote  $N'$  as the incenter of  $XYZ$  we get  $\triangle XYZ \cup (O, I, N') \sim \triangle ABC \cup (O, J, I)$  therefore  $\triangle OIN' \sim \triangle OJI$  therefore  $N'$  lies on  $OJ$  and  $OI^2 = ON \cdot OJ$  which combine with (1) implies that  $N' \equiv N$  hence  $N$  is the incenter of  $XYZ$ .

Therefore we get  $\triangle XYZ \cup (O, N, W) \sim \triangle ABC \cup (O, I, F_E)$  and so  $\angle ONW = \angle OIF_E$ . Combine this with the fact that  $IF_E \parallel ON$  we get  $NW \parallel OI$ . Also, we have  $\frac{NW}{IF_E} = \frac{OI}{OJ}$  and  $\frac{GP}{OI} = \frac{r}{3R}$  therefore  $\frac{GP}{NW} = \frac{GP}{OI} \cdot \frac{OI}{NW} = \frac{r}{3R} \cdot \frac{R}{r} = \frac{1}{3} = \frac{IG}{IN}$ . Combine this with the fact that  $GP \parallel OI \parallel NW$  we get  $P$  lies on  $IW$ . Also, since  $\triangle XYZ \cup (W, G', I) \sim \triangle ABC \cup (F_E, G, J)$  and  $F_E, G, J$  are collinear we get  $W, G', I$  are collinear therefore  $I, P, G', W$  are collinear.



Back to the main problem, Any case of triangle ABC being isosceles is trivial. Hence, WLOG, assume that  $AB < BC < AC$ .

since we need to prove  $P$  lies on  $IL$ , we will prove  $I, L, G'$  are collinear, which is equivalent to  $\vec{LI} \parallel \vec{IG'}$ . Denote  $a, b, c$  as the length of  $BC, CA, AB$  respectively we get  $c < a < b$  We have:

Let  $D, D'$  be the projection of  $I, X$  on  $BC$  respectively then  $IX = DD' = DB - DC = \frac{b-c}{2}$

$\vec{IG'} = \vec{IX} + \vec{IY} + \vec{IZ} = \frac{b-c}{2a} \vec{BC} + \frac{a-c}{2b} \vec{AC} + \frac{b-a}{2a} \vec{BA}$  therefore

$$2abc \cdot \vec{IG'} = (a^2c - c^2a) \cdot \vec{AC} + (b^2a - a^2b) \cdot \vec{BA} + (b^2c - c^2b) \cdot \vec{BC} \quad (1)$$

$$(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) \cdot \vec{LI} = (a^2 \cdot \vec{LA} + b^2 \cdot \vec{LB} + c^2 \cdot \vec{LC}) + (a^2 \cdot \vec{AI} + b^2 \cdot \vec{BI} + c^2 \cdot \vec{CI}) = a^2 \cdot \vec{AI} + b^2 \cdot \vec{BI} + c^2 \cdot \vec{CI}.$$

Let  $AI$  cut  $BC$  at  $T$ , we have  $\frac{IA}{IT} = \frac{BA}{BT} = \frac{CA}{CT} = \frac{AB+AC}{BC} = \frac{b+c}{a}$  therefore  $\frac{AI}{AT} = \frac{b+c}{a+b+c}$ .

Therefore:  $a^2 \cdot \overrightarrow{AI}$   
 $= \frac{a^2 \cdot (b+c)}{a+b+c} \cdot \overrightarrow{AT}$   
 $= \frac{a^2 \cdot (b+c)}{a+b+c} \cdot \left( \frac{BT}{BC} \cdot \overrightarrow{AC} + \frac{CT}{CB} \cdot \overrightarrow{AB} \right)$   
 $= \frac{a^2 \cdot (b+c)}{a+b+c} \cdot \left( \frac{c}{b+c} \cdot \overrightarrow{AC} + \frac{b}{b+c} \cdot \overrightarrow{AB} \right)$   
 $= \frac{1}{a+b+c} \cdot (a^2c \cdot \overrightarrow{AC} + a^2b \cdot \overrightarrow{AB})$ . Similiarly we get  $(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) \cdot \overrightarrow{LI} = a^2 \cdot \overrightarrow{AI} + b^2 \cdot \overrightarrow{BI} + c^2 \cdot \overrightarrow{CI} =$   
 $\frac{1}{a+b+c} \cdot \left( (a^2c - c^2a) \cdot \overrightarrow{AC} + (b^2a - a^2b) \cdot \overrightarrow{BA} + (b^2c - c^2b) \cdot \overrightarrow{BC} \right) (2)$ .  
 From (1), (2) we get  $(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) \cdot \overrightarrow{LI} = \frac{1}{a+b+c} \cdot 2abc \cdot \overrightarrow{IG'}$  therefore  $\overrightarrow{LI} \parallel \overrightarrow{IG'}$ , which imply  $I, L, G'$  are  
 collinear, as desired.  
 Hence the problem is proved.