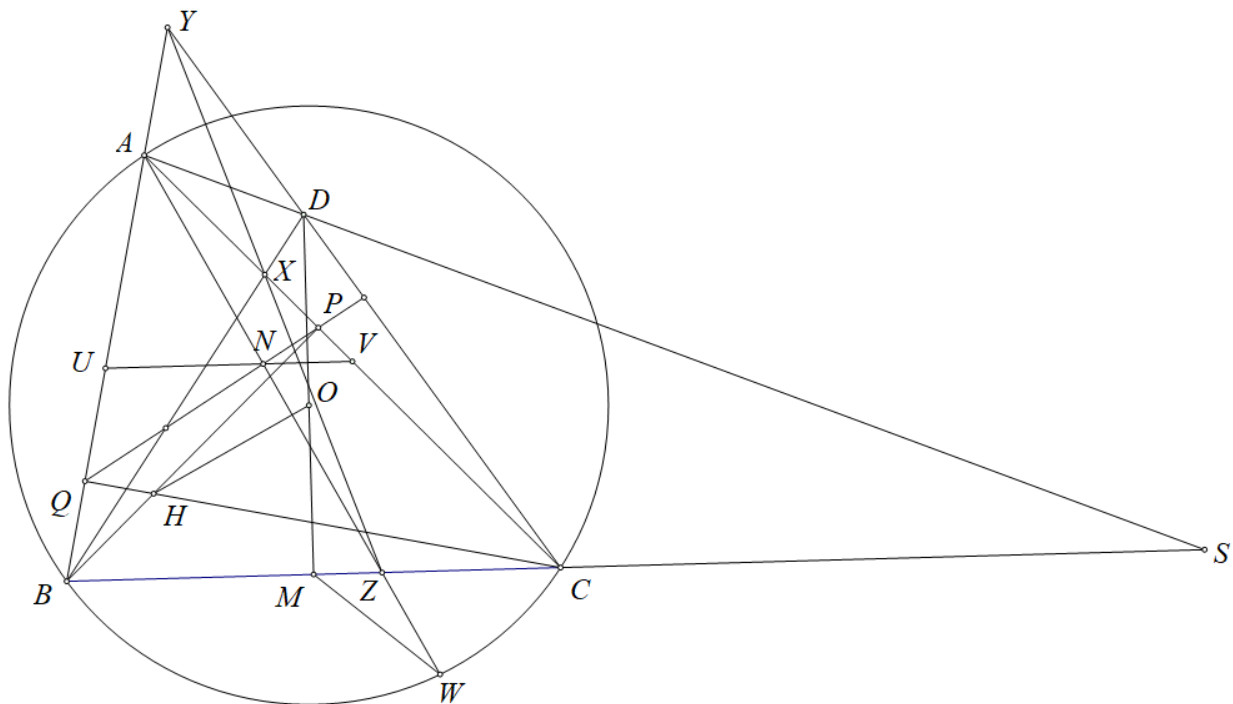


### Problem 9

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Lemma: Given triangle  $ABC$ , Let  $D$  be the point symmetric to the intersection of the two tangents at  $B$  and  $C$  of  $(O)$  across  $BC$ ,  $M$  be the midpoint of  $BC$ , and  $W$  lie on  $(O)$  such that  $AW \perp OH$ . Then:  $\angle AWM + 90^\circ = \angle ADM$



Proof: Let  $BD, CD$  intersect  $AC, AB$  at  $X, Y$ .

The line  $XY$  intersects  $BC$  at  $Z$ ;  $BH, CH$  intersect  $AC, AB$  at  $P, Q$ .

Since  $\angle DBC = \angle BAC$ , we have  $\angle BXC = \angle ABC = \angle APQ$ .

Thus  $PQ$  bisects  $BX$ , similarly  $PQ$  bisects  $CY$ , so  $PQ$  is the Gauss line.

Therefore,  $PQ$  bisects  $AZ$ , so  $N$  is the intersection of  $PQ$  with  $UV$  with  $U, V$  being midpoint of  $AB, AC$ .

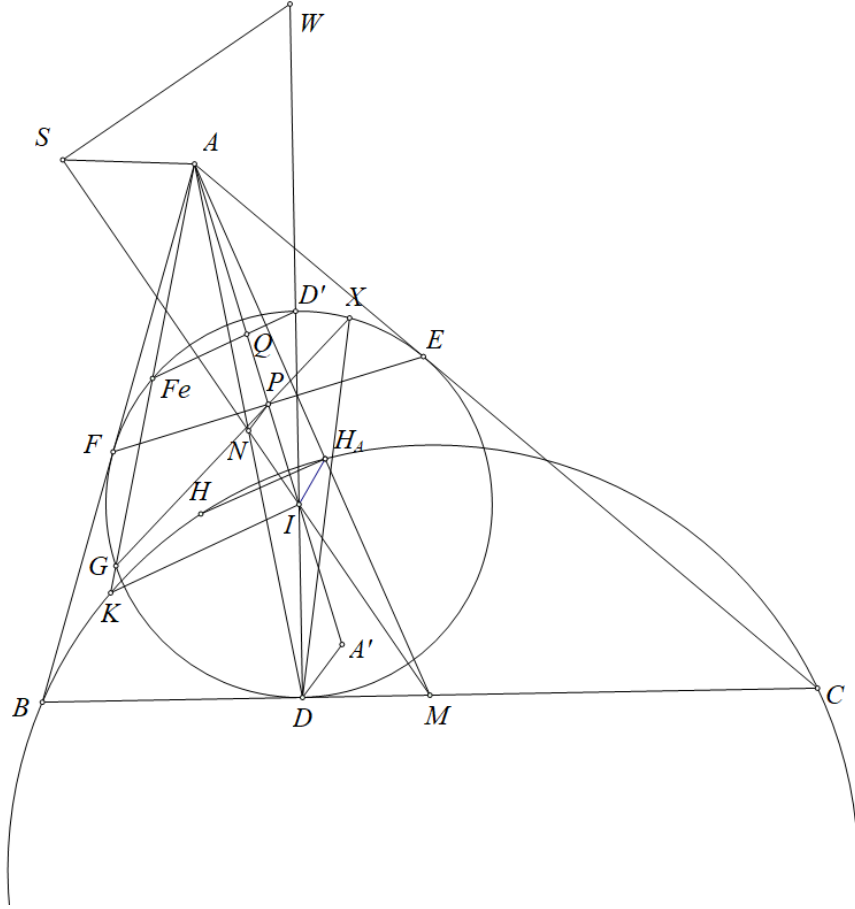
Since  $NU \cdot NV = NP \cdot NQ$ ,  $AN$  is the radical axis of  $(AO)$  and  $(AH)$ , therefore  $AN \perp OH$ , hence  $AZ \perp OH$ , and  $A, Z, W$  are collinear.

Moreover,  $(BC, ZS) = -1$  therefore  $ZM \cdot ZS = ZB \cdot ZC = ZA \cdot ZW$  hence  $AMWS$  is cyclic.

Therefore,  $\angle AWM = \angle ASM = \angle ADM - 90^\circ$ , as desired

Hence the lemma is proved.  $\square$

Back to the main problem,



Redefine  $K$  as the reflection of  $A$  through the Feuerbach point -  $Fe$ , the problem is equivalent to proving that  $K$  is the intersection other than  $H_A$  of  $(AIH_A)$  and  $(BHC)$ .

Consider homothety center  $A$  with ratio 2, it sends  $Fe \mapsto K$ , the Euler circle of triangle  $ABC$  to  $(BHC)$ . Since  $Fe$  lies on the Euler circle of triangle  $ABC$ ,  $K$  lies on  $(BHC)$ .

We will prove  $K$  lies on  $(AIH_A)(*)$ .

Let  $MI$  intersects  $AD$  at  $N$  then it is well known that  $N$  is the midpoint of  $AD$ . Let  $MI$  intersects  $(AIH_A)$  then  $MI \cdot MS = MH_A \cdot MA = MB^2$ .

Let  $W$  be the orthocenter of  $\triangle BIC$ , since  $S$  is the  $I$ -Humpty point of  $\triangle IBC$ , we get  $WS \perp MI$ .

Furthermore, it is well known that  $N$  lies on the polar of  $W$  with respect to  $(I)$ , which is the line connecting the midpoint of  $AB, AC$ .

Therefore, by La Hire Theorem,  $W$  also lies on the polar of  $N$  wrt  $(I)$ , combine this with the fact that  $S$  is the projection of  $W$  on  $MI$ , we get  $IN \cdot IS = ID^2$ .

Let  $P$  be the midpoint of  $EF$ , then  $IN \cdot IS = ID^2 = IP \cdot IA$  therefore  $\angle ASI = \angle IPN$ .

Thus we need to prove  $\angle AKI = \angle ASI = \angle IPN$  (\*\*)

Let  $Fe$  be the Euler reflection of  $\triangle DEF$ , and let  $Q$  be the midpoint of  $AI$ ,  $DD'$  the diameter of  $(I)$ , then  $D', Q, Fe$  are collinear.

$\angle AKI = \angle AFeD'$

Let  $AFe$  intersect  $(I)$  at  $G$ , and  $X$  lie on  $(I)$  such that  $FeX \parallel BC$ , then  $X, P, G$  are collinear,  $DX \perp$  the Euler line of  $\triangle DEF$  hence  $\angle AFeD' = \angle D'XG = 90^\circ - \angle DXP$ .

Let  $A'$  be the reflection of  $A$  across  $P$ . Applying the lemma above for triangle  $DEF$ , we get  $\angle DA'A = 90^\circ + \angle DXP$ .

$$\angle IPN = 180^\circ - \angle DA'A = 90^\circ - \angle DXP = \angle AFeD' = \angle AKI$$

Hence  $(**)$  is true, therefore  $K$  lies on  $(ASI)$ , which is  $(AIH_A)$ .

Hence  $(*)$  is true, therefore  $K$  lies on  $(AIH_A)$  and  $(BHC)$ , as desired.

Hence the problem is proven.