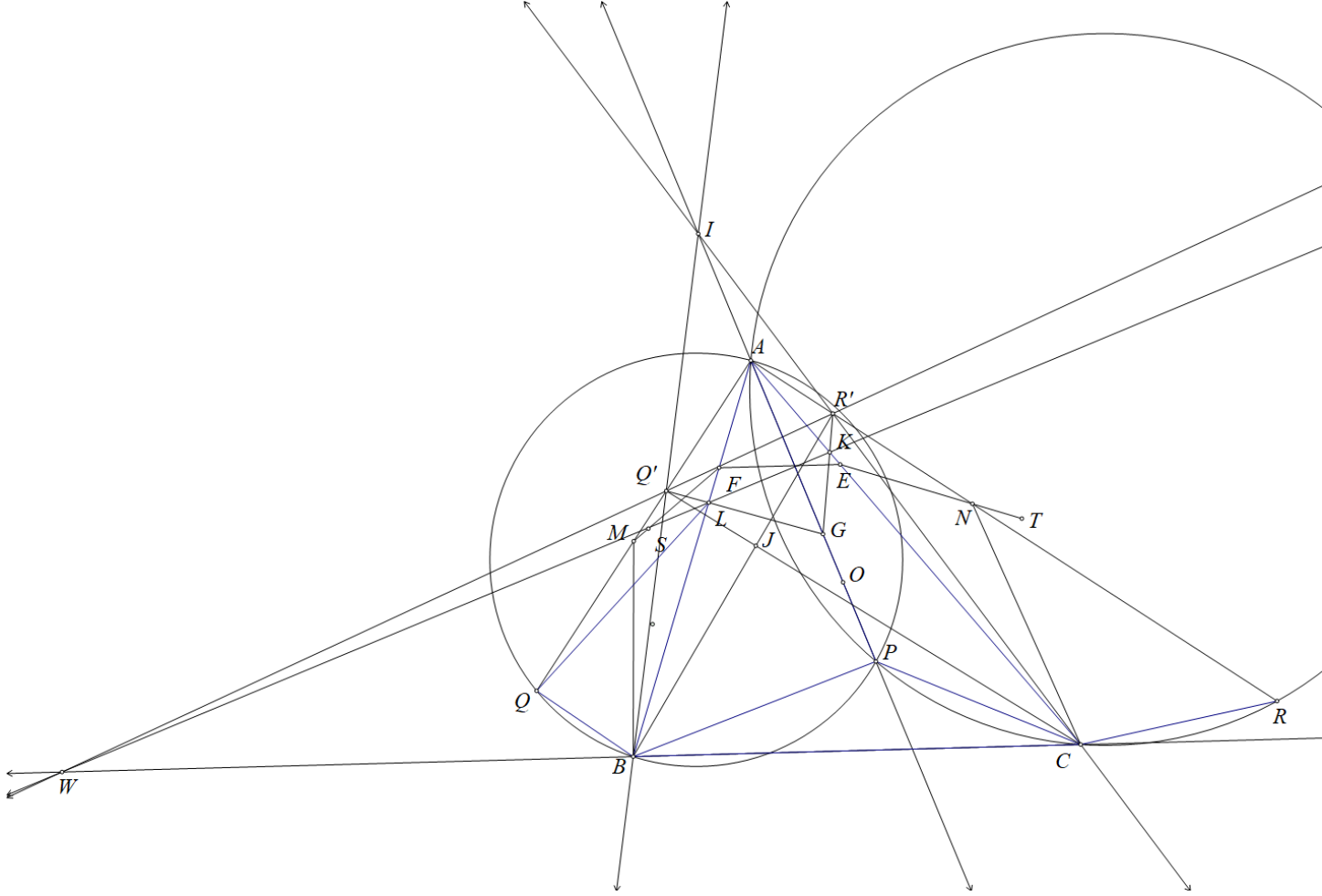


Problem 6

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By simple angle chasing we get $\triangle AMF \sim \triangle ANE$ and $\triangle AMB \sim \triangle ANC$

therefore $\frac{AF}{AB} = \frac{AE}{AC}$ therefore $EF \parallel BC$.

Let K be the reflection of A through SF , L be the reflection of A through TE then K, L lies on AC, AB respectively

and we get S, T are the centers of $(AQK), (ARL)$ respectively and M, N are the centers of $(AKB), (ALC)$ respectively.

Therefore $\angle AKB = 90^\circ + \angle MAB = 90^\circ + \angle NAC = \angle ALC$ therefore $AL \cdot AB = AK \cdot AC$.

Consider an inversion about a circle at A with radius $\sqrt{AL \cdot AB}$. It sends $Q \mapsto Q', R \mapsto R', B \mapsto L, C \mapsto K$ hence it sends P which is the intersection of (AQB) and (ACR) to the intersection of LQ' and KR' which we will denote as G hence A, G, P, O are collinear.

Let J be the intersection of BR' and CQ' then the inversion above sends J to the intersection of (AQK)

and (ARL)

therefore AJ is the radical axis of (AQK) and (ARL) therefore $AJ \perp ST$.

We will prove $Q'R', KL, BC$ concurrent at a point.

$$\text{Let } KL \text{ cut } BC \text{ at } W \text{ we get } \frac{WL}{WK} = \frac{WB}{WK} \cdot \frac{WL}{WB} = \frac{\sin \angle WKB}{\sin \angle KBC} \cdot \frac{LC}{BK} = \frac{\sin \angle LCB}{\sin \angle KBC} \cdot \frac{AL}{AK}. (1)$$

Let $Q'R'$ cut KL at W' , we have $\angle Q'AG = \angle QAB + \angle BAO = 90^\circ - \angle BKC + 90^\circ - \angle ACB = 180^\circ - \angle BKC - \angle ACB = \angle KBC$ and similarly $\angle R'AG = \angle LCB$.

Therefore, applying Menelaus theorem for triangle $GQ'R'$ with 3 collinear points W', L, K we get:

$$\frac{W'L}{W'K} = \frac{Q'L}{Q'G} \cdot \frac{R'G}{R'K} = \frac{\sin \angle Q'AL}{\sin \angle Q'AG} \cdot \frac{AL}{AG} \cdot \frac{\sin \angle R'AG}{\sin \angle R'AK} \cdot \frac{AG}{AK} = \frac{\sin \angle Q'AL}{\sin \angle R'AK} \cdot \frac{AL}{AK} \cdot \frac{\sin \angle R'AG}{\sin \angle Q'AG} = \frac{AL}{AK} \cdot \frac{\sin \angle LCB}{\sin \angle KBC}.$$

Combine this with (1) we get $W' \equiv W$ therefore $Q'R', KL, BC$ concurrent at W .

Applying Desargues theorem for triangle ALK and $IQ'R'$ we get AI, LQ', KR' concurrent at a point therefore AI pass through G therefore A, I, G, P, O are collinear.

Consider triangle ABC have AQ', AR' are isogonal wrt $\angle BAC$, I is the intersection of BQ' and CR' , J is the intersection of BR' and CQ' therefore by the isogonal line lemma we get AI, AJ are isogonal wrt BAC and since AI pass through O we get $AJ \perp BC$.

Since $AJ \perp ST$ we get $ST \parallel BC$. Therefore, the problem is proved.