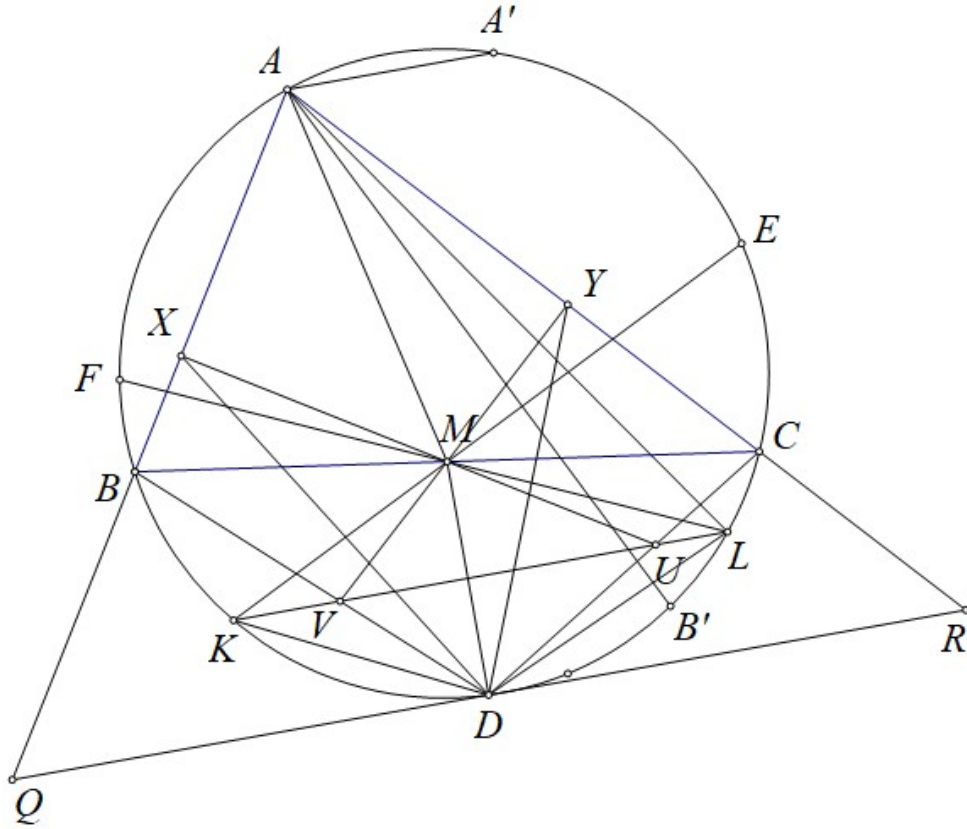


## Problem 8

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Proof: Remark: Each small arc  $BC$ ,  $CA$ ,  $AB$  of  $(O)$  has a unique "balanced" point.

Let  $D$  be the "balanced" point on the small arc  $BC$ ; let  $X, Y$  be the perpendicular foots from  $M$  to  $AB, AC$  respectively.

The line through  $D$  perpendicular to  $DM$  meets  $AB, AC$  at  $Q, R$  respectively, then  $MQ = MR$  so  $\angle MXD = \angle MQD = \angle MRD = \angle MYD$ .

If there existed another "balanced" point  $D'$  on the small arc  $BC$ , similarly we would have  $\angle MXD' = \angle MYD'$ , but  $D'$  must lie outside triangle  $DMX$  while  $D$  lies inside  $DMX$ , contradiction.

The same argument applied to the other small arcs shows the remark is true.

Let  $MX, MY$  meet  $DC, DB$  at  $U, V$  respectively.

The line through  $A$  perpendicular to  $MD$  meets  $(O)$  again at  $A'$ .

Then  $A(A'D, BC) = A(A'D, QR) = -1$  (1),  
hence  $\angle MDB = \angle A'DC = \angle A'AC = \angle VMD$ , so  $VM = VD$  and similarly  $UM = UD$ .  
Therefore  $UV$  is the perpendicular bisector of  $DM$ .

Let  $UV$  meet the small arcs  $DB, DC$  of  $(O)$  at  $L, K$  respectively; let  $(ML, MK)$  meet  $(O)$  again at  $F, E$  respectively.

Then  $M$  is the incenter of triangle  $DEF$ .

The line through  $A$  perpendicular to  $ME$  meets  $(O)$  again at  $B'$ .  
We have  $\angle CEB' = \angle CAB' = \angle YME = \angle KMV = \angle BDK = \angle BEM$ ,  
so  $A(EB', BC) = -1$ .

Thus the line through  $E$  parallel to  $AB'$  meets  $AB, AC$  at two points equidistant from  $E$ , and since  $AB' \perp ME$  those two points are also equidistant from  $M$ .

Therefore  $E$  is a "balanced" point.

By the same argument  $F$  is also a "balanced" point.  
As  $D, E, F$  lie respectively on the small arcs  $BC, CA, AB$ , by the uniqueness remark we conclude these  $D, E, F$  coincide with the  $D, E, F$  of the problem, hence  $M$  is the incenter of triangle  $DEF$ .