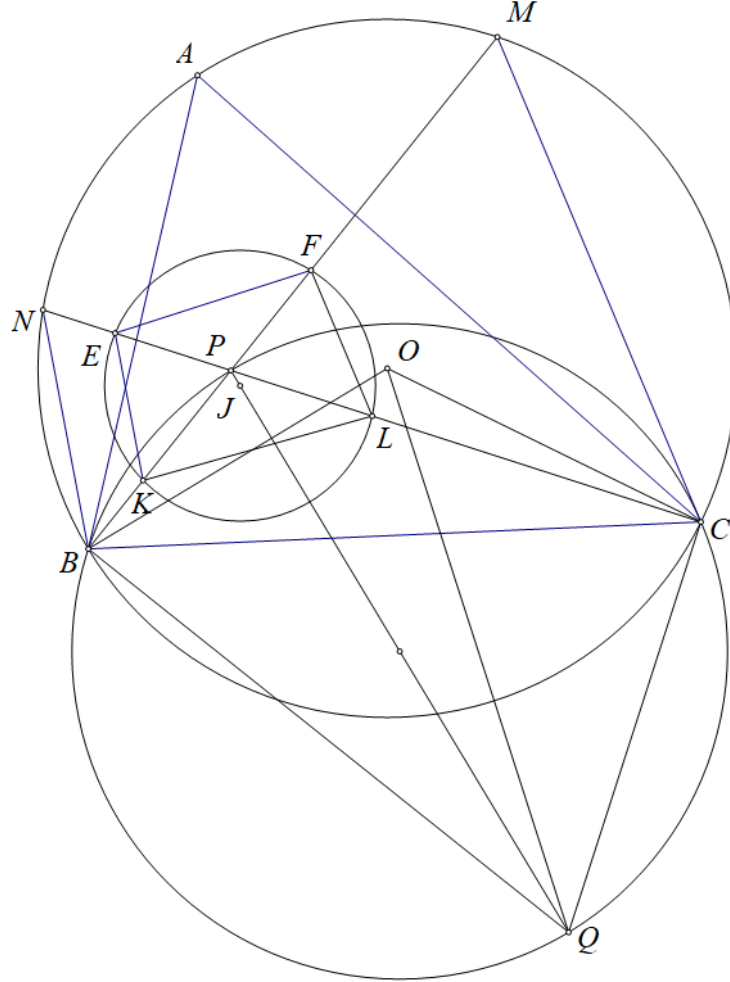


Problem 2

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Claim: $\frac{PE}{PF} = \frac{BM}{CN}$.

Proof: Simple angle chasing yields $\angle PFE = \angle OQB$, $\angle OCQ = \angle NBC$ and similarly $\angle PEF = \angle OQC$, $\angle OBQ = \angle MCB$.

Therefore, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{PE}{PF} &= \frac{\sin \angle PFE}{\sin \angle PEF} = \frac{\sin \angle OQB}{\sin \angle OQC} = \frac{\sin \angle OQB}{\sin \angle OBQ} \cdot \frac{\sin \angle OCQ}{\sin \angle OQC} \cdot \frac{\sin \angle OBQ}{\sin \angle OCQ} \\ &= \frac{OB}{OQ} \cdot \frac{OQ}{OC} \cdot \frac{\sin \angle BCM}{\sin \angle NBC} = \frac{\sin \angle BCM}{\sin \angle NBC} = \frac{BM}{CN} \quad \left(\text{Since } \frac{\sin \angle BCM}{BM} = \frac{\sin \angle NBC}{CN} = \frac{\sin \angle BAC}{BC} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Back to the main problem,
 $\angle PFL = \angle PNB = \angle PMC = \angle PEK$ yields $EFLK$ being cyclic. Since $PQ \perp MN$ the problem is equivalent to $PJ \perp MN$, or
 $PM^2 - PN^2 = MJ^2 - NJ^2 = \overline{MF} \cdot \overline{MK} - \overline{NE} \cdot \overline{NL}$. This is equivalent to $\overline{MF} \cdot \overline{MK} - PM^2 = \overline{NE} \cdot \overline{NL} - PN^2 (*)$.

We have:

$$\begin{aligned} & \overline{MF} \cdot \overline{MK} - PM^2 \\ &= \overline{MF} \cdot (\overline{MP} + \overline{PK}) - \overline{MP} \cdot \overline{MP} \\ &= \overline{MP} \cdot (\overline{MF} - \overline{MP}) + (\overline{MP} - \overline{FP}) \cdot \frac{\overline{PE} \cdot \overline{PC}}{\overline{PM}} \\ &= \overline{MP} \cdot \overline{PF} - \overline{PE} \cdot \overline{PC} - x \\ & \text{with } x = \frac{\overline{FP} \cdot \overline{PE} \cdot \overline{PC}}{\overline{PM}} = \frac{-\overline{PF} \cdot \overline{PE} \cdot P_{P/(O)}}{\overline{PM} \cdot \overline{PN}} \text{ then similarly, we get} \end{aligned}$$

$$\overline{NE} \cdot \overline{NL} - PN^2 = \overline{NP} \cdot \overline{PE} - \overline{PF} \cdot \overline{PB} - x.$$

Hence $(*)$ is equivalent to $\overline{MP} \cdot \overline{PF} - \overline{PE} \cdot \overline{PC} = \overline{NP} \cdot \overline{PE} - \overline{PF} \cdot \overline{PB} \iff \overline{MB} \cdot \overline{PF} = \overline{PE} \cdot \overline{NC}$ (which is true due to the claim above).

So $(*)$ is true hence the problem is proved.