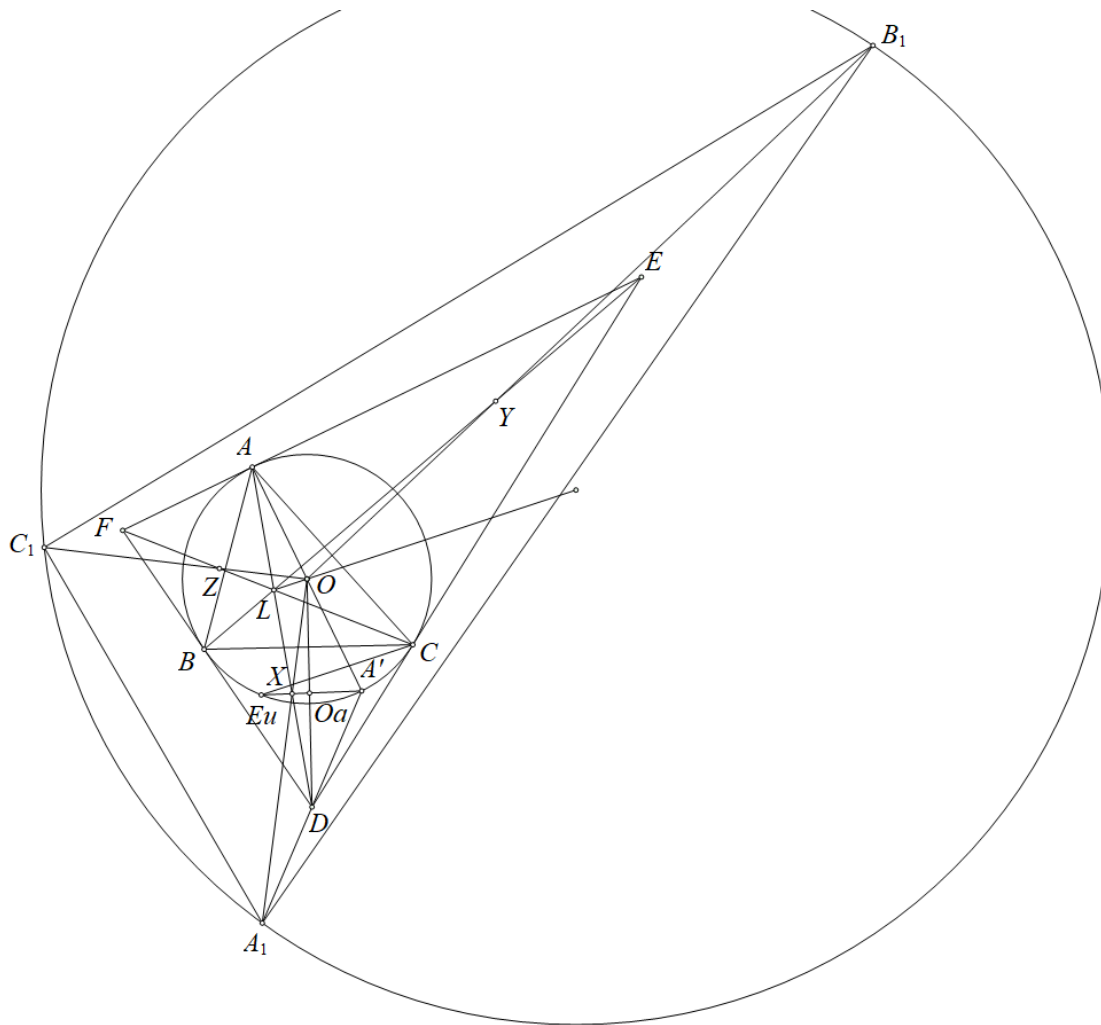


Problem 13

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Let DEF be the triangle formed by the tangents at A, B, C of (O) , and L the Lemoine point of triangle ABC .

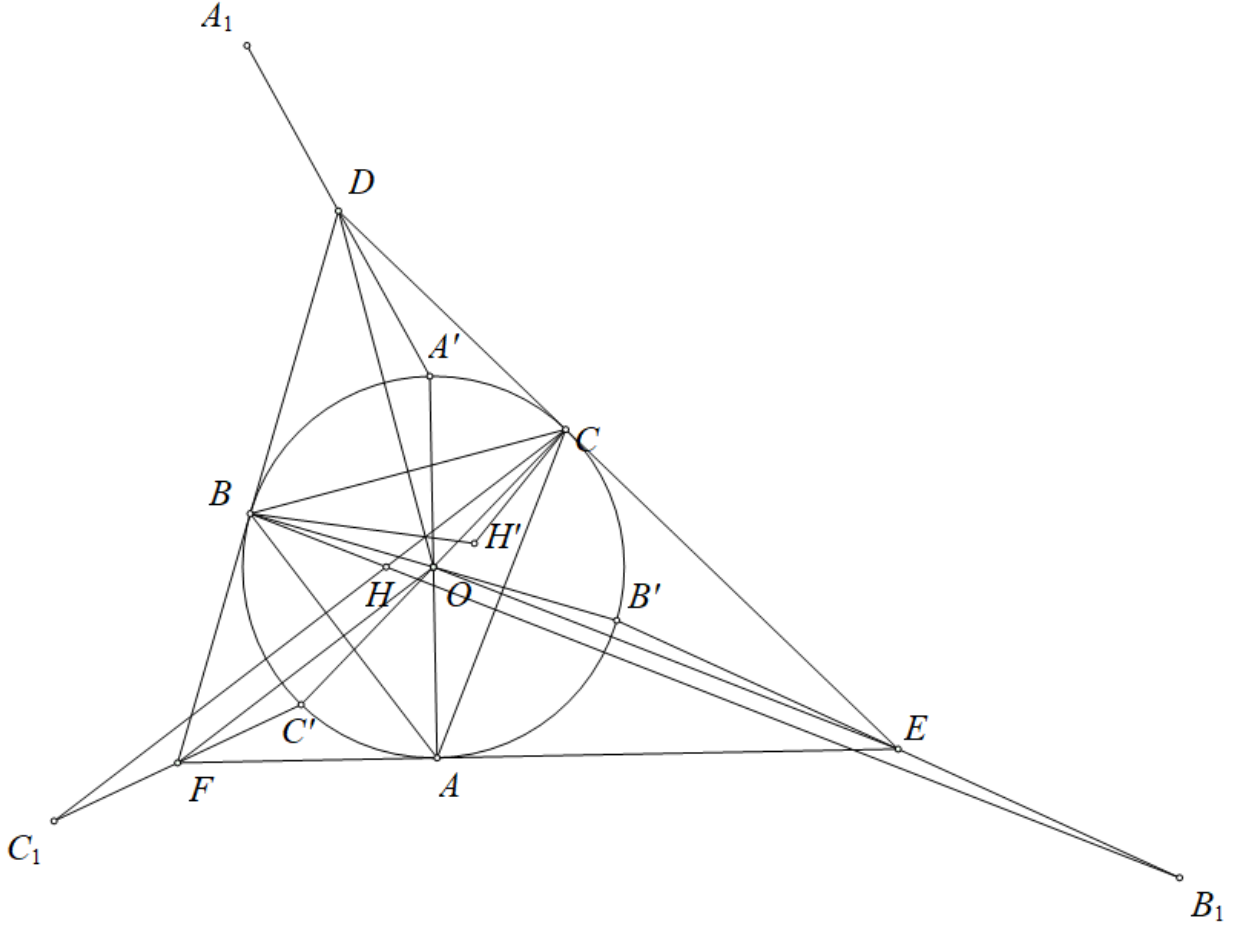


Draw the diameter AA' of (O) , then the familiar result G, O_a, A' and the midpoint of DO are collinear, giving $\frac{XD}{XA} = \frac{1}{2}$.

So, let OX intersect DA' at A_1 , then D is the midpoint of $A'A_1$ and $\frac{OX}{OA_1} = \frac{1}{3}$.

Similarly define B_1, C_1 , we get $A_1B_1C_1$ as the image of XYZ under the homothety with center O and ratio 3, hence we need to prove that that the center of $(A_1B_1C_1)$ lies on OL .

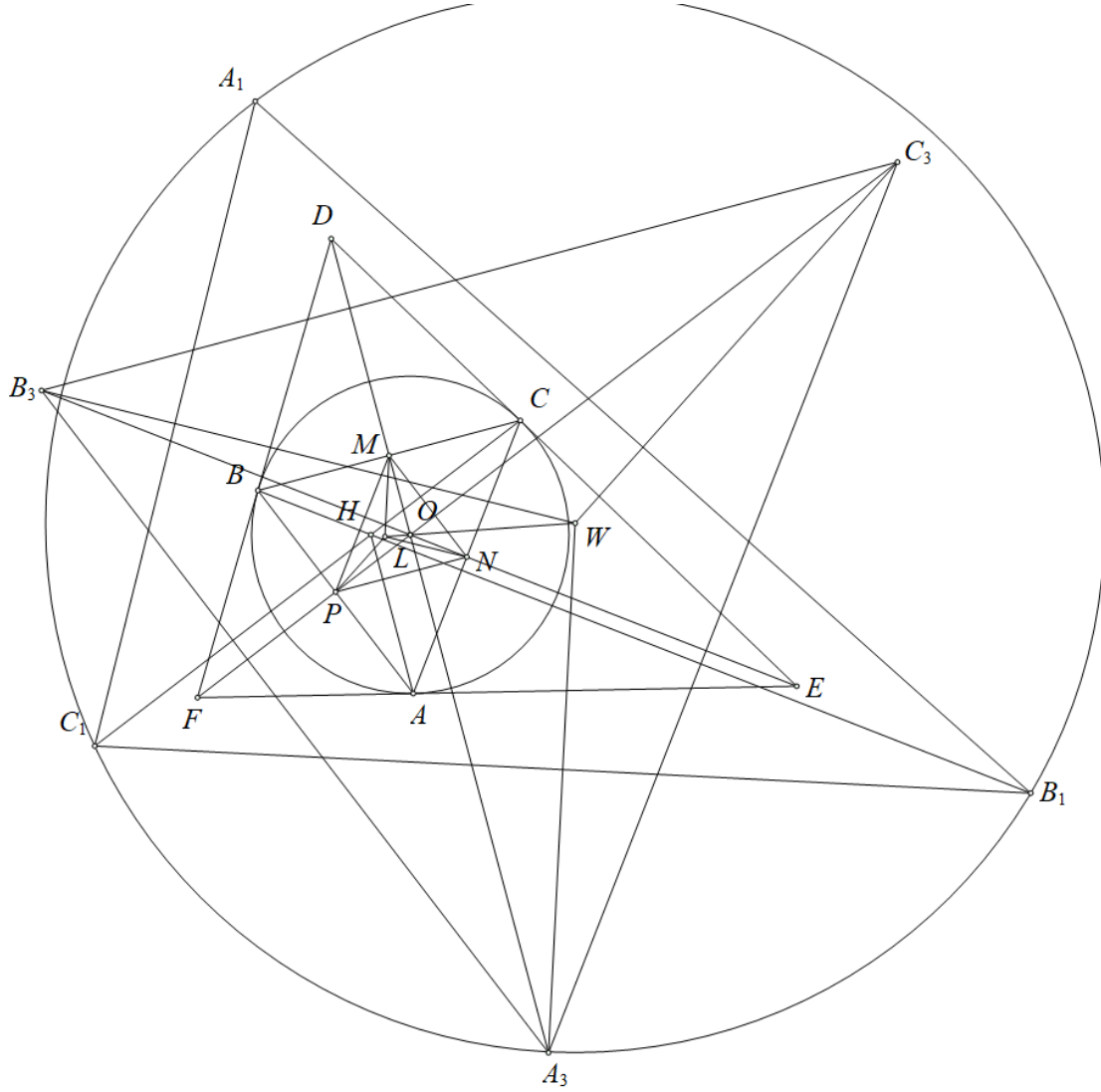
+) Result 1: DO passes through the center of (HB_1C_1) where H is the orthocenter of ABC .



It is clear that B, H, B_1 and C, H, C_1 are collinear because OE is the midline of triangle $B'BB_1$.
Let H' be the reflection of H across DO , then $\frac{H'B}{H'C} = \frac{HB}{HC} = \frac{OE}{OF} = \frac{BB_1}{CC_1}$,
so $\triangle H'BB_1 \sim \triangle H'CC_1$ (SAS), hence $HH'B_1C_1$ is cyclic, and DO passes through the center of (HB_1C_1) , denoted A_3 .

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Back to the main problem,



Let M, N, P be the midpoints of BC, CA, AB , and A_3, B_3, C_3 the centers of $(HB_1C_1), (HA_1C_1), (HA_1B_1)$. By Result 1, we have $O, M, A_3; O, N, B_3; O, P, C_3$ collinear.

Since B_3C_3 is the perpendicular bisector of HB_1 , we get $B_3C_3 \parallel NP$, and similarly O is the homothety center mapping $A_3B_3C_3$ to MNP .

Let W be the center of $(A_1B_1C_1)$, then $A_3W \perp B_1C_1$, and by Result 2, $A_3W \parallel ML$.

Similarly, $B_3W \parallel NL$, $C_3W \parallel PL$, and since O is the homothety center mapping $A_3B_3C_3$ to MNP , we conclude O, W, L are collinear, as desired.

Hence, the problem is proven.