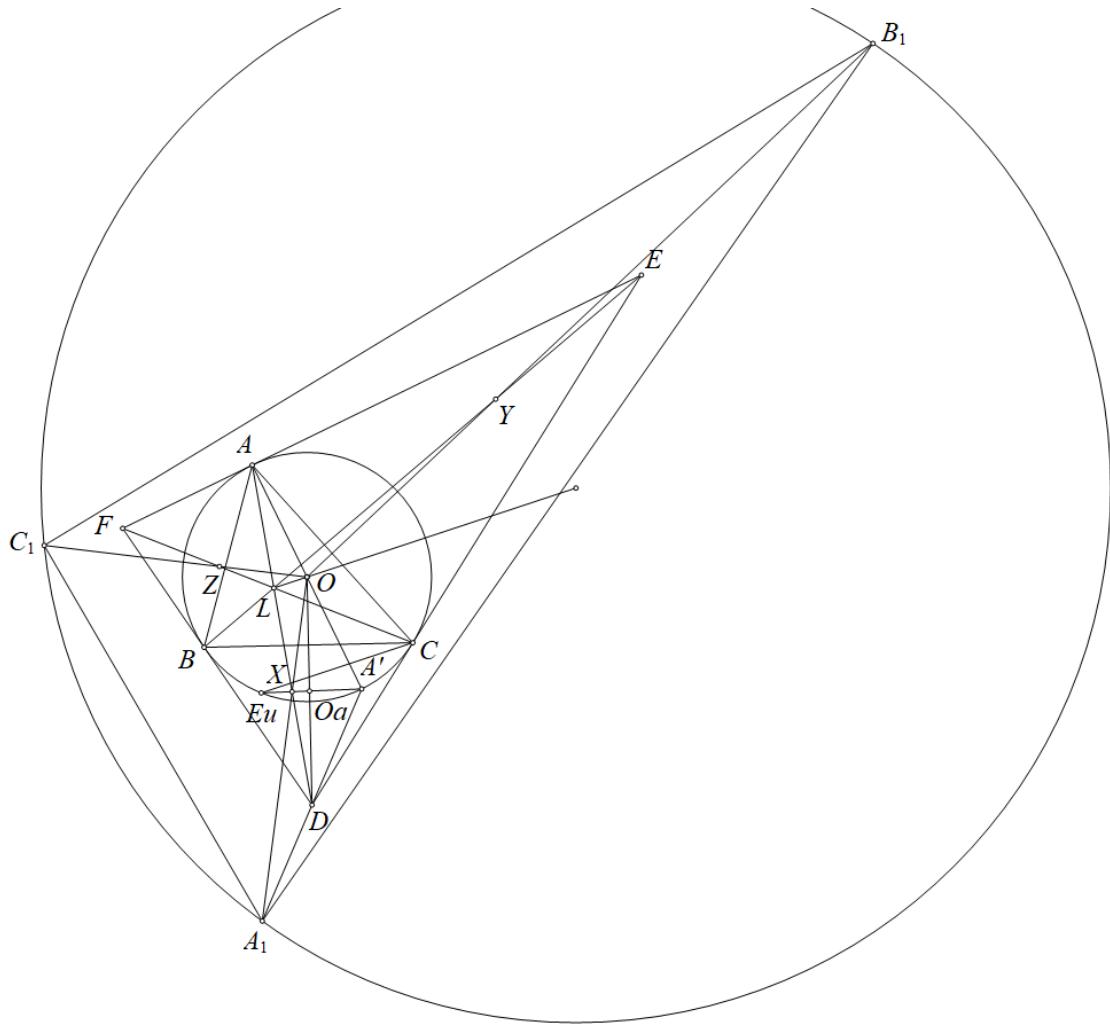


## Problem 13

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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  $ABC$ .

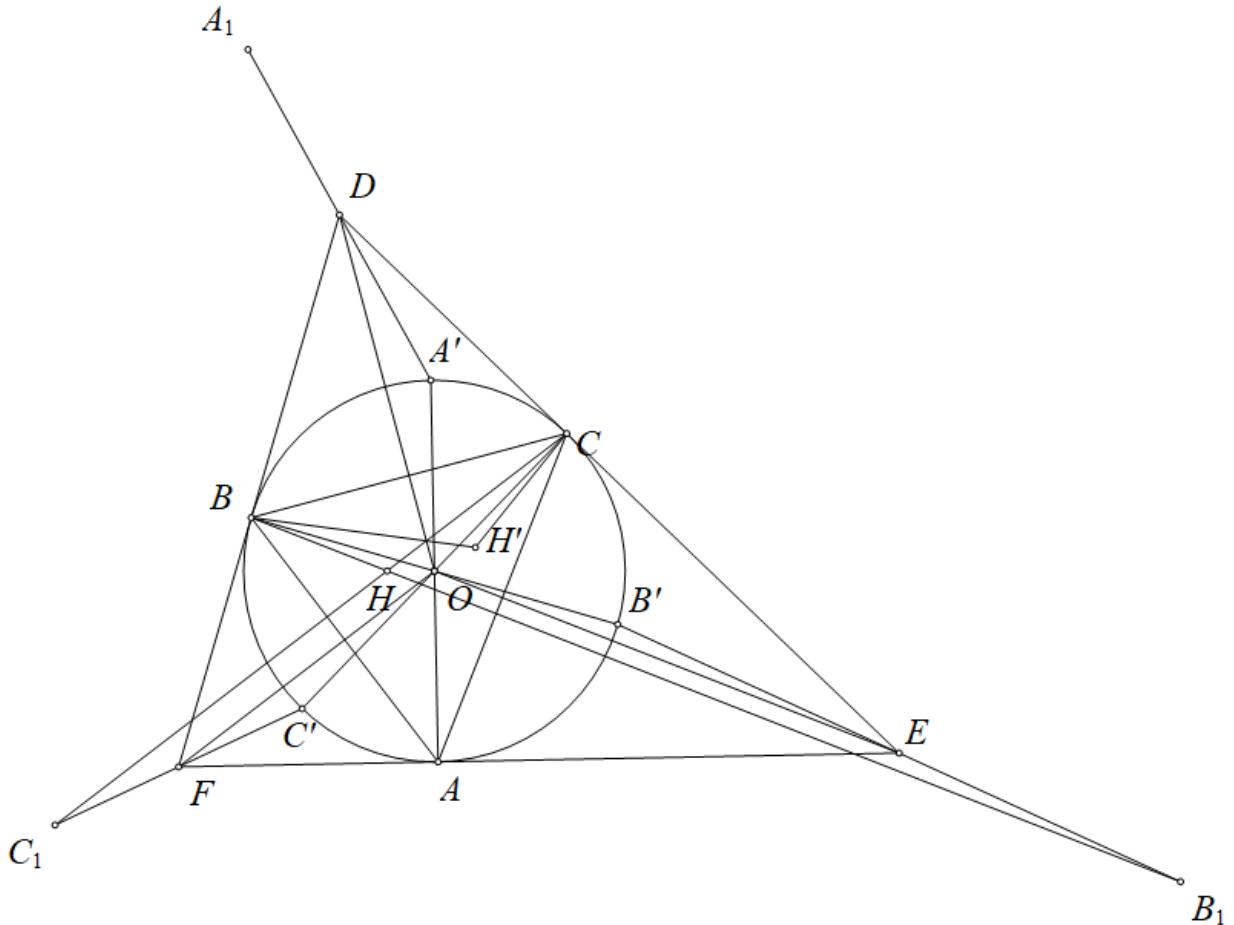


Draw the diameter  $AA'$  of  $(O)$ , then the familiar result  $G, O_a, A'$  and the midpoint of  $DO$  are collinear, giving  $\frac{XD}{XA} = \frac{1}{2}$ .

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  $ABC$ .

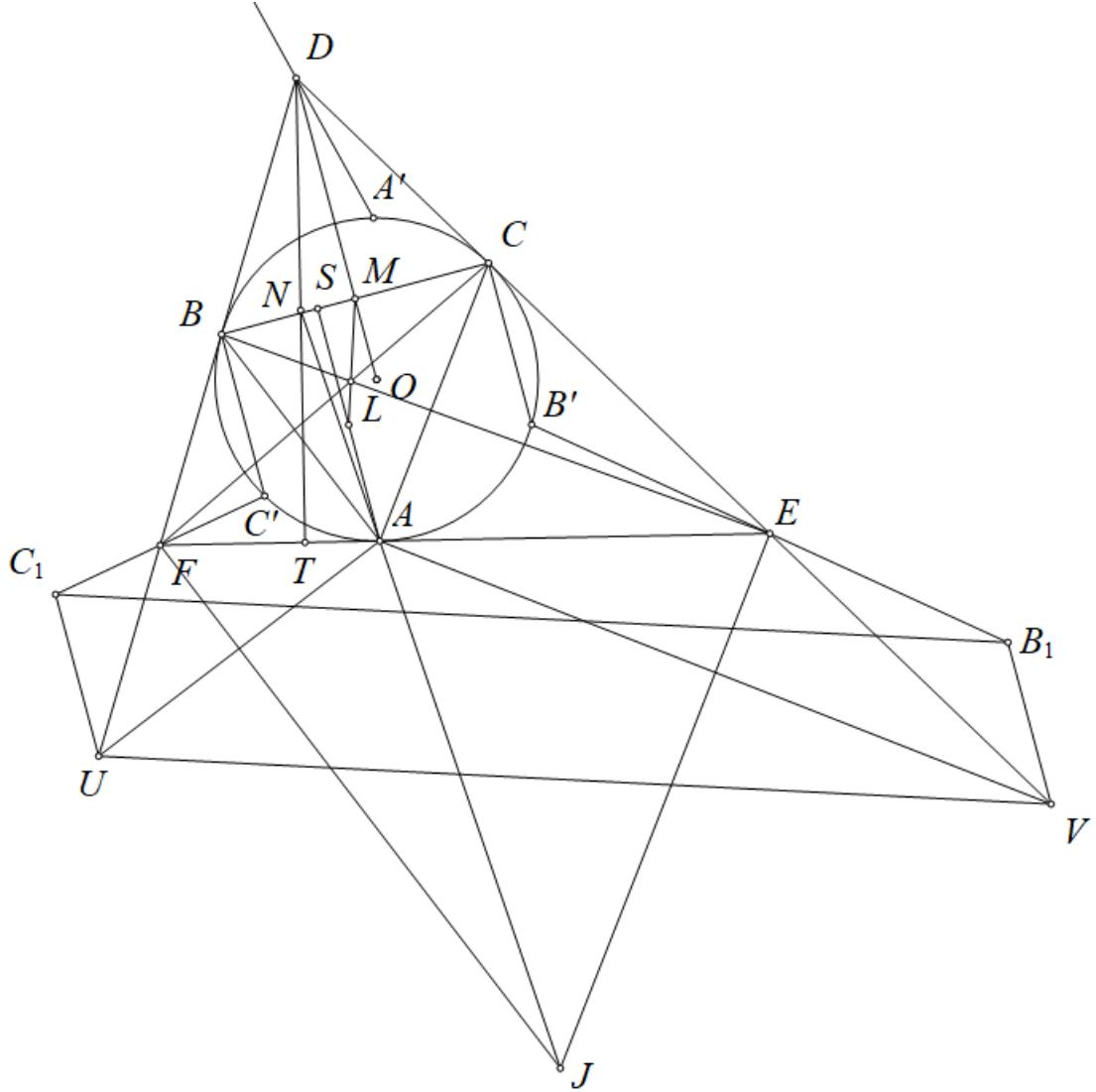


It is clear that  $B, H, B_1$  and  $C, H, C_1$  are collinear because  $OE$  is the midline of triangle  $B'B B_1$ .

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  $A_3$ .

+) Result 2:  $ML \perp B_1C_1$  where  $M$  is the midpoint of  $BC$ .



Let  $V, U$  be reflections of  $C, B$  across  $E, F$ , then  $\overrightarrow{B_1V} = \overrightarrow{CB'} = \overrightarrow{BC'} = \overrightarrow{C_1U}$  therefore  $UV \parallel B_1C_1$ .

Let  $T$  be the projection  $D$  on  $EF$ ,  $J$  the  $D-excircle$  in triangle  $DEF$ , then  $JV = JA = JU$  and  $JA$  bisects  $DT$  at  $N$ .

Let  $S$  be the project of  $A$  on  $BC$ .

We also have  $\angle SAM = \angle OMA = \angle DAO = \angle ADT$ ,

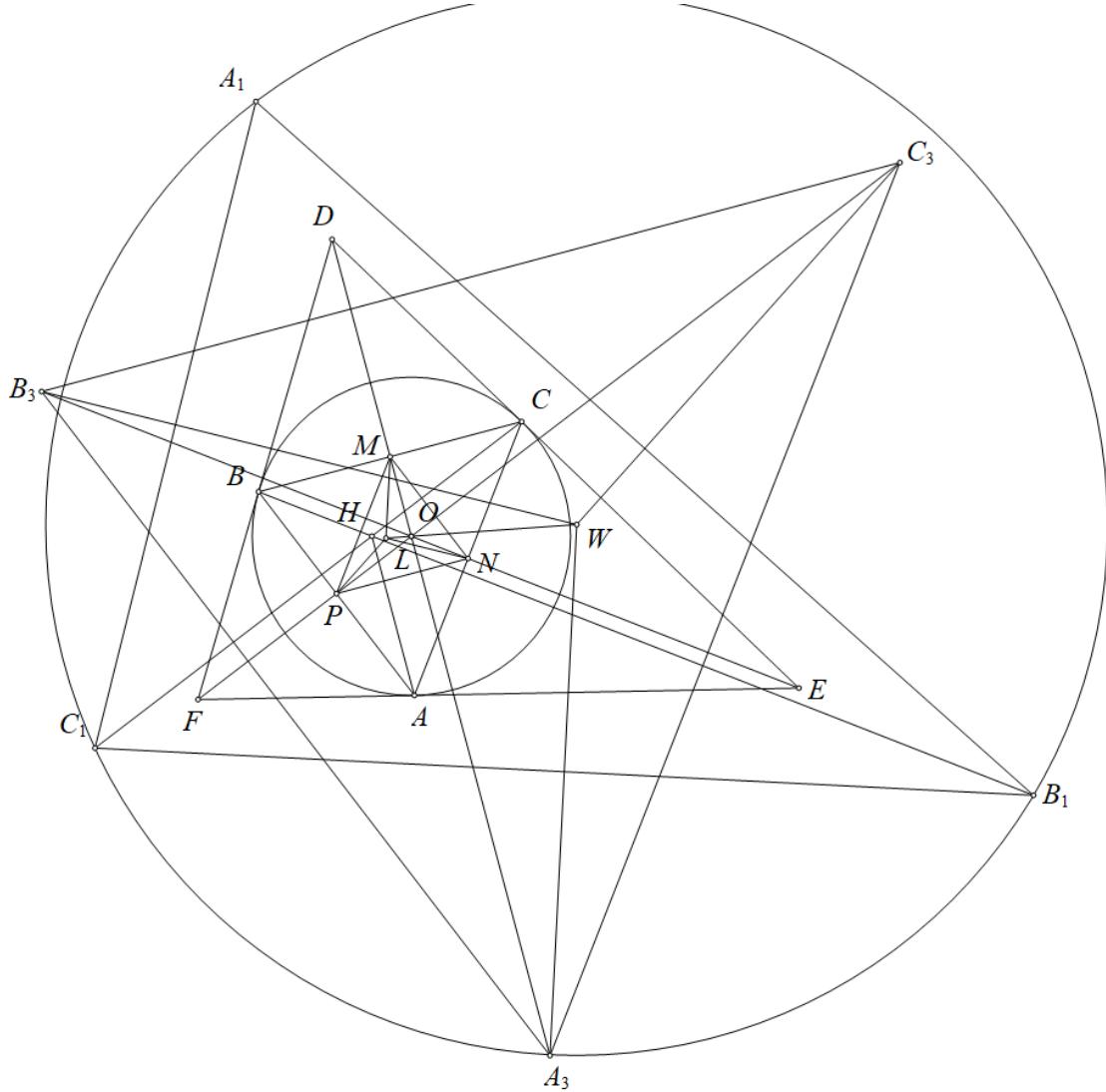
hence  $\triangle DTA \sim \triangle ASM$ , and  $ML$  bisects  $AS$ , so  $\angle LMS = \angle NAT = \angle JAF$ .

Since  $J$  is the center of  $(AVU)$ ,

$\angle AVU = 90^\circ - \angle JAU = \angle NAB$  (because  $\angle BAU = 90^\circ$ )  $= \angle BAE - \angle NAT = 180^\circ - \angle ACB - \angle LMC = \angle(ML, AC)$ ,

and  $AC \perp AV$ , thus  $UV \perp ML$ .

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.