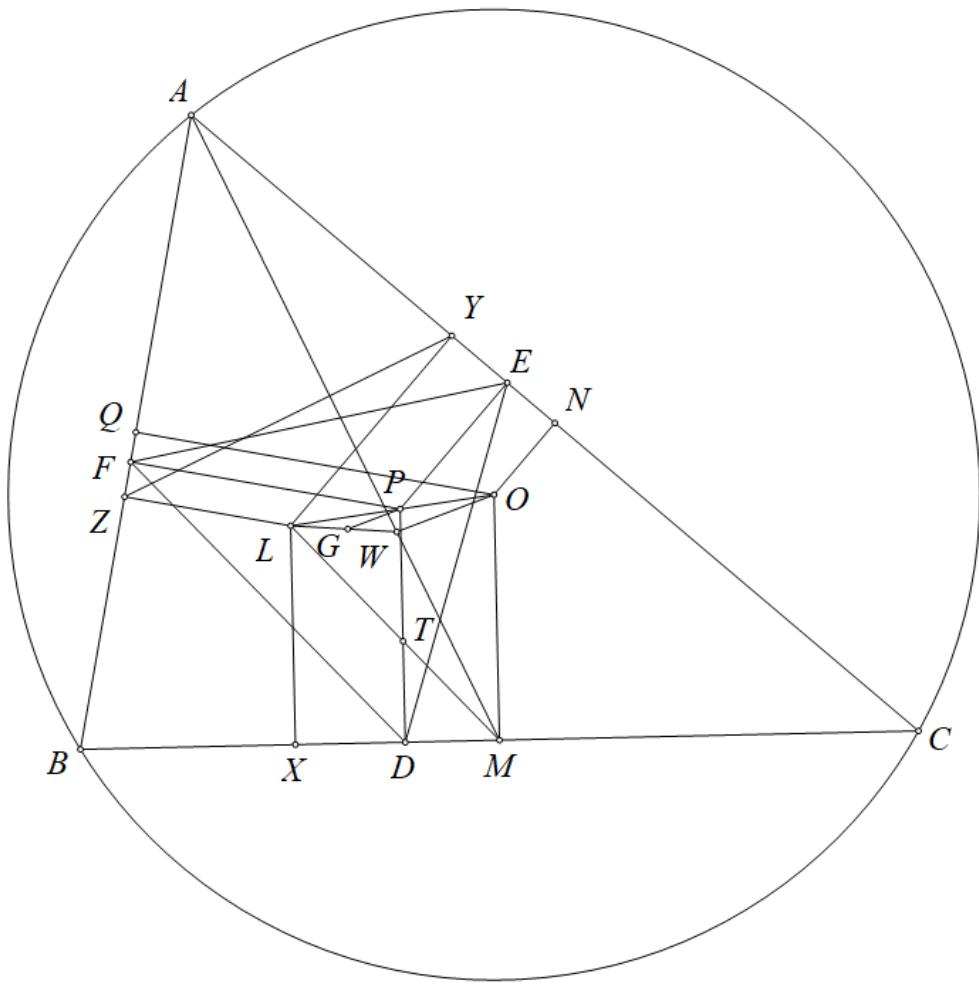


Problem 2

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Let W be the centroid of triangle ABC , XYZ be the pedal triangle of L wrt triangle ABC , MNQ be the pedal triangle of O wrt triangle ABC .

Claim: L is the centroid of triangle XYZ .



Proof: By simple angle chasing, we get $AM \perp YZ$, let Ax be a ray being parallel to BC , Ly be a ray parallel to YZ we get

$(Ly, LX, LY, LZ) = (AM, Ax, AC, AB) = -1$, hence LX bisects YZ . Similarly, we get that L is the centroid of the triangle XYZ , as desired.

Back to the main problem,

From the claim above, $LX + \vec{LY} + \vec{LZ} = \vec{0}$ Let LM cut PD at T , let $\frac{LP}{LO} = k$, we have:

$$\frac{PT}{OM} = \frac{LP}{LO} = k; \frac{DT}{LX} = \frac{MT}{ML} = \frac{OP}{OL} = 1 - k$$

Hence $PD = PT + DT = k \cdot OM + (1 - k) \cdot LX$, and since $LX \parallel PD \parallel OM$:
 $\overrightarrow{PD} = k \cdot \overrightarrow{OM} + (1 - k) \cdot \overrightarrow{LX}$.

Similarly, we get

$$\begin{aligned} 3 \cdot \overrightarrow{PG} &= \overrightarrow{PD} + \overrightarrow{PE} + \overrightarrow{PF} \\ &= k \cdot (\overrightarrow{OM} + \overrightarrow{ON} + \overrightarrow{OQ}) + (1 - k) \cdot (\overrightarrow{LX} + \overrightarrow{LY} + \overrightarrow{LZ}) = 3k \cdot \overrightarrow{OW}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $PG \parallel OW$, which is the Euler line of ABC , or the problem is proven.

Remark: By similar approach, we can prove the generalized problem:

Let X, Y be 2 arbitrary points such that L, X, Y are collinear, then the line connecting X with the centroid of its pedal triangle WRT triangle ABC , and the line connecting Y with the centroid of its pedal triangle WRT triangle ABC , are parallel.