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Let ABC be an acute triangle with incenter I, circumcenter O, and circumcircle  $\Gamma$ . Let M be the midpoint of  $\overline{AB}$ . Ray AI meets  $\overline{BC}$  at D. Denote by  $\omega$  and  $\gamma$  the circumcircles of  $\triangle BIC$  and  $\triangle BAD$ , respectively. Line MO meets  $\omega$  at X and Y, while line CO meets  $\omega$  at C and Q. Assume that Q lies inside  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\angle AQM = \angle ACB$ .

Consider the tangents to  $\omega$  at X and Y and the tangents to  $\gamma$  at A and D. Given that  $\angle BAC \neq 60^{\circ}$ , prove that these four lines are concurrent on  $\Gamma$ .

Let  $M_A$  be the midpoint of minor arc BC on  $\Gamma$  and  $P \in \Gamma$  be such that  $M_AP \parallel AB$ . Then  $M_A$  is the center of  $\omega$  by Fact 5, so

$$AP = BM_A = CM_A$$

and thus  $AM_A \parallel PC$ . Now, line MXOY is the perpendicular bisector of  $M_AP$ , so

$$PX = XM_A = YM_A = PY$$

and thus  $M_A X P Y$  is a rhombus.

Since  $\angle AQM = \angle ACB = \angle AOM$  and  $Q \neq O$ , we have AMQO cyclic. Then

$$\angle AQC = \angle AQO = \angle AMO = \frac{\pi}{2},$$

so Q lies on the circle with diameter AC, call it  $\Omega$  with center N (midpoint of AC). Then the radical axis of  $\omega$  and  $\Omega$  is CQ, while the center line is  $M_AN$ , so  $CO \perp M_AN$ . By the perpendicularity lemma,

$$CM_A^2 - CN^2 = OM_A^2 - ON^2 = OC^2 - ON^2 = CN^2$$

SO

$$PM_A^2 = AC^2 = 4CN^2 = 2CM_A^2 = 2YM_A^2 = YP^2 + YM_A^2$$

and thus  $PY \perp YM_A$ , so  $M_AXPY$  is a square. Then P is the pole of XY with respect to  $\omega$ .

Now, observe that

$$\angle PAD = \angle APC = \angle ABC = \angle ABD$$
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so PA is tangent to  $\gamma$ . Next, observe that

$$AP^2 = BM_A^2 = YM_A^2 = PY^2 = PM_A^2 - YM_A^2$$

so the power of P with respect to  $\gamma$  and  $\omega$  is the same, thus P lies on the radical axis of  $\gamma$  and  $\omega$ . But  $\sqrt{bc}$  inversion sends  $\gamma$  to  $CM_A$  and  $\omega$  to itself, two orthogonal figures since  $CM_A$  passes through the center of  $\omega$ , so  $\gamma$  and  $\omega$  are orthogonal and hence the polar of  $M_A$  with respect to  $\gamma$  is the radical axis of  $\gamma$  and  $\omega$ , so P is on the polar of  $M_A$  with respect to  $\gamma$ . Then by La Hire,  $M_A$  is on the polar of P with respect to  $\gamma$ , so  $AM_A \cap \gamma = D$  is the second point of tangency from P onto  $\gamma$ . Hence, P is the pole of AD with respect to  $\gamma$ .

Thus, the tangents to  $\omega$  at X and Y and the tangents to  $\gamma$  at A and D concur on  $\Gamma$  (specifically at P).