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Let $ABCD$ be a cyclic quadrangle and let P be a point on the side AB . The diagonal AC crosses the segment DP at Q . The parallel through P to CD crosses the extension of the side BC beyond B at K , and the parallel through Q to BD crosses the extension of the side BC beyond B at L . Prove that the circumcircles of the triangles BKP and CLQ are tangent.

Let $E = PD \cap (ABCD)$. Then

$$\angle PEB = \angle DEB = \angle DCB = \angle PKB,$$

so $EPBK$ is cyclic. Similarly, $EQCL$ is cyclic.

Let ℓ_B, ℓ_C be the tangents to $(EPBK), (EQCL)$ at E . Then

$$\angle(\ell_B, ED) = \angle EBP = \angle EBA = \angle ECA = \angle ECQ = \angle(\ell_C, ED),$$

so $\ell_B = \ell_C$ and hence (BKP) and (CLQ) are tangent. ■