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Let  $ABCD$  be a cyclic quadrilateral satisfying  $AD^2 + BC^2 = AB^2$ . The diagonals of  $ABCD$  intersect at  $E$ . Let  $P$  be a point on side  $\overline{AB}$  satisfying  $\angle APD = \angle BPC$ . Show that line  $PE$  bisects  $\overline{CD}$ .

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If  $M$  is the midpoint of  $CD$ , let  $Q$  be where  $EM$  and  $AB$  meet. The goal is to show that  $P = Q$ . Note that since  $P$  is unique (try moving  $P$  along segment  $AB$ ), it suffices to show  $\angle AQD = \angle BQC$ .

Observe that since  $M, E, Q$  collinear,  $EQ$  and  $EM$  are corresponding isogonal lines in similar triangles  $ECD$  and  $EAB$ . So  $EQ$  is a symmedian and thus  $\frac{AQ}{QB} = \frac{AE^2}{EB^2}$ . But by the Law of Sines,

$$\frac{AE}{EB} = \frac{\sin \angle ABE}{\sin \angle EAB} = \frac{\sin \angle ABD}{\sin \angle CAB} = \frac{AD}{BC}$$

so  $\frac{AQ}{QB} = \frac{AD^2}{BC^2}$ . Since  $AQ + QB = AB$ , it follows that  $AQ = \frac{AD^2}{AB}$ . Then  $AD$  is tangent to  $(BQD)$  so  $\angle QDA = \angle ABD$ . Then

$$\angle AQD = \pi - \angle QDA - \angle DAQ = \pi - \angle ABD - \angle DAB = \angle BDA.$$

Similarly,  $\angle BQC = \angle ACB$ . But  $\angle BDA = \angle ACB$  by cyclic quad, so  $\angle AQD = \angle BQC$  as desired. ■