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In triangle ABC , point A_1 lies on side BC and point B_1 lies on side AC . Let P and Q be points on segments AA_1 and BB_1 , respectively, such that PQ is parallel to AB . Let P_1 be a point on line PB_1 , such that B_1 lies strictly between P and P_1 , and $\angle PP_1C = \angle BAC$. Similarly, let Q_1 be a point on line QA_1 , such that A lies strictly between Q and Q_1 , and $\angle CQ_1Q = \angle CBA$.

Prove that points P , Q , P_1 , and Q_1 are concyclic.

Let AA_1, BB_1 hit (ABC) again at A_2, B_2 , respectively. Then

$$\angle A_2PQ = \angle A_2AB = \angle A_2B_2B = \angle A_2B_2Q$$

so PQA_2B_2 cyclic. And

$$\angle CP_1B_1 = \angle CAB = \angle CB_2B = \angle CB_2B_1$$

so $CB_1B_2P_1$ cyclic. Thus

$$\angle B_2P_1P = \angle B_2P_1B_1 = \angle B_2CB_1 = \angle B_2CA = \angle B_2BA = \angle B_2QP$$

so PQP_1B_2 cyclic. Thus $P_1 \in (PQA_2B_2)$ and similarly $Q_1 \in (PQA_2B_2)$ so PQP_1Q_1 cyclic. ■