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Let ABC be a triangle. A circle passing through A and B intersects segments AC and BC at D and E , respectively. Lines AB and DE intersect at F , while lines BD and CF intersect at M . Prove that $MF = MC$ if and only if $MB \cdot MD = MC^2$.

Reflect D over M to get D' . Then

$$\angle FBC = \angle ABE = \angle ADE = \angle CDF = \angle FD'C$$

so $FBCD'$ is cyclic. By Power of a Point,

$$MB \cdot MD' = MC \cdot MF \quad \implies \quad MB \cdot MD = MC \cdot MF.$$

The conclusion follows. ■