

(IMO 2008 / P4) (Solution with complex numbers)

ω is the unit circle. $|a|=|b|=|c|=1$. $h=a+b+c$. $m=\frac{b+c}{2}$.

$$OA_1^2 = OM^2 + MA_1^2 = OM^2 + MH^2 = |m|^2 + |h-m|^2 = |m|^2 + |a+m|^2$$

$$= m \cdot \bar{m} + (a+m) \cdot \overline{(a+m)} = a \cdot \bar{a} + a \cdot \bar{m} + \bar{a} \cdot m + 2 \cdot m \cdot \bar{m}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot a \cdot (\bar{b} + \bar{c}) + \frac{1}{2} \bar{a} (b+c) + \frac{1}{2} (b+c)(\bar{b} + \bar{c}) =$$

$$= 1 + \frac{1}{2} a \bar{b} + \frac{1}{2} a \bar{c} + \frac{1}{2} \bar{a} b + \frac{1}{2} \bar{a} c + \frac{b \cdot \bar{b}}{2} + \frac{c \cdot \bar{c}}{2} + \frac{1}{2} b \bar{c} + \frac{1}{2} \bar{b} c =$$

$$= 2 + \frac{1}{2} (a \bar{b} + \bar{a} b + a \bar{c} + \bar{a} c + \bar{b} c + b \bar{c}), \text{ which is symmetric!}$$

$$OA_1^2 = \dots = OC_2^2 \Rightarrow A_1, \dots, C_2, \text{ cyclic.}$$

Problem 7 - (Geometry / Régis)

IMO 2008 / Problem 1). (Solution using vectors)

Let $O = \vec{0}$, $\vec{OA} = \vec{a}$, $\vec{OB} = \vec{b}$, $\vec{OC} = \vec{c}$, $\vec{OH} = \vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}$, $\vec{OM} = \frac{\vec{b} + \vec{c}}{2} = \vec{m}$

$$OA_1^2 = OM^2 + MA_1^2 = OM^2 + MH^2 = \vec{OM} \cdot \vec{OM} + \vec{MH} \cdot \vec{MH} =$$

$$= \vec{m} \cdot \vec{m} + (\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} - \vec{m}) \cdot (\vec{c} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} - \vec{m})$$

$$= \vec{m} \cdot \vec{m} + (\vec{0} + \vec{m}) \cdot (\vec{a} + \vec{m})$$

$$= \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a} + 2 \cdot \vec{a} \cdot \vec{m} + 2 \cdot \vec{m} \cdot \vec{m}$$

$$= \vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} + \vec{c} \cdot (\vec{b} + \vec{c}) + \frac{(\vec{b} + \vec{c}) \cdot (\vec{b} + \vec{c})}{2}$$

$$= R^2 + \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} + \frac{\vec{b} \cdot \vec{b}}{2} + \frac{\vec{c} \cdot \vec{c}}{2} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c}$$

$$= 2R^2 + \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} + \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a} \quad (\text{symmetric in } \vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c})$$

$$\text{Thus, } OA_1^2 = OA_2^2 = OB_1^2 = OB_2^2 = OC_1^2 = OC_2^2 \Rightarrow$$

O is the center of a circle that passes through $A_1, A_2, B_1, B_2, C_1, C_2$, as desired. \square