

(E1.4) (Kazakhstan MO 2008)

First, $II_b \perp B_1 B_2$.

Thus, $IB_2 \perp B_1 I_b \Leftrightarrow I$ is orthocenter of $\triangle B_1 B_2 I_b$.

Let M and L be the midpoint of AC and the midpoint of arc \widehat{AC} that does not contain B .

It is known that L is the center of a circle Γ that passes through A, C, I, I_b .

$$\text{Also, } \angle LMB_2 = \angle LBB_2 = 90^\circ \Rightarrow O(L, M, B, B_2) \quad \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow B_1 B \cdot B_1 B_2 = B_1 M \cdot B_1 L \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow B_1 B \cdot (B_1 B + BB_2) = B_1 M \cdot B_1 L \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow B_1 B^2 - B_1 M \cdot B_1 L = BB_1 \cdot BB_2 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow BB_1 \cdot BB_2 = (2R \sin(\alpha - \gamma))^2 - (R \sin B \cdot \frac{\cos B}{\sin p})(2R)$$

$$\boxed{BB_1 \cdot BB_2 = 4R^2 (\sin^2(\alpha - \gamma) - \cos^2 p)}$$

$$BI \cdot BI_b = BL^2 - r_\Gamma^2 = (2R \cos(\alpha - \gamma))^2 - (2R \sin p)^2$$

$$= 4R^2 (\cos^2(\alpha - \gamma) - \sin^2 p)$$

$$= 4R^2 (\cos^2 p - \sin^2(\alpha - \gamma))$$

$$= -BB_1 \cdot BB_2$$

$\Rightarrow I$ is the orthocenter of $\triangle B_1 B_2 I_b$.

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