

## Solution 1 (China TSTST 2017/3)

Let  $K$  be the intersection of  $l$  and the radical axis of the corresponding circles for  $XX_1$  and  $YY_1$ . Desargues Involution Theorem on the quadrilateral  $ABCD$  and line  $l$  gives the involutive pairing  $(X, X_1), (Y, Y_1), (Z, Z_1)$ ; the first two imply that it is a negative inversion around  $K$  with radius  $\sqrt{KX \cdot KX_1}$ .

## Solution 2

Invert around  $\omega$  and take a homothety with ratio 2 at  $P$ . Then  $W \rightarrow A, X \rightarrow B, \dots$  as inversion preserves cross ratios, we are done.

## Solution 4 (Shortlist 2006 G5)

We check  $CD^2 - C_1D^2 = CA_1^2 - A_1M^2 + DM^2 - JM^2 = CA_1^2 = CJ^2 - C_1J^2$  where  $M$  is the midpoint of  $A_1B_1$ , so by Carnot's theorem  $CC_1 \perp DJ$  and  $C, E, C_1$  are collinear. So,  $E, A_1, B_1$  lie on the circle with diameter  $CJ$ . So  $EC$  bisects  $\angle A_1EB_1$ .

$$-1 = (A_1, B_1; D, EC \cap A_1B_1) \stackrel{C}{=} (B, A, D, C_1)$$

so  $DE$  bisects  $\angle BEA$  and  $EC$  is the external bisector. As  $CA = CB$ ,  $E$  lies on  $(ABC)$ . So  $E$  is the miquel point of  $ADA_1C$ . From this we get that the angles to be found are right angles.

## Solution 5 (APMO 2013/5)

Note that  $ABCD$  is harmonic. Take a homography that sends  $AC \cap BD$  to the center of  $\omega$  and fixes  $\omega$ .  $\angle DEQ = 135^\circ$  and  $\angle QRD = 45^\circ$ ,  $DEQR$  is cyclic and the conclusion follows.

## Solution 8 (APMO 2008/3)

Take a projective transformation fixing  $\Gamma$  that takes  $BF \cap AC$  to the center of  $\Gamma$ , where  $F = AD \cap CE$ . Then  $LACM$  is a rectangle, so  $LAEH$  and  $MGDC$  are cyclic. This gives  $\angle HKG = 180^\circ - \angle HAG$ .

## Solution 10 (Iran TST 2008/2)

Using Brianchon's theorem on the hexagon  $BCEYZF$ ,  $BY, CZ, EF$  are concurrent. By symmetry,  $AX, BY, CZ$  concur on  $l$ .

### Solution 11 (Sharygin 2013/20)

The angle condition shows that  $C_1$  is the Miquel point of  $A_1CB_1C_2$ . Now by angle chasing  $C_1C_2$  passes through the reflection of  $C$  over  $AB$ .

### Solution 12 (RMM 2013)

Let  $XY$  be the chord of  $\omega$  with midpoint  $R$ . Let  $K' = PY \cap \omega$ ,  $Z = K'K' \cap YY$ ,  $S = XX \cap YY$ ,  $T = XZ \cap PQ$ .  $P$  lies on the polar of  $Z$  so  $Z$  lies on  $RQ$  (we used Brokard theorem). Therefore  $Q$  is the midpoint of  $ST$ , and perspectivity at  $X$  for the harmonic quadrilateral formed by  $K', X, Y, XZ \cap \omega$  gives  $K', X, Q$  collinear, so  $K = K'$  and the homothety at  $K$  shows that  $\omega$  and  $(PKQ)$  are indeed tangent.

### Solution 14 (USAMO 2012/5)

Let  $K = B'C' \cap BC$ . Using DIT on quadrilateral  $ABKB'$ , We see that  $(PB, PB'), (PC, PC'), (PA, PK)$  are involutive pairs; the first two imply it is reflection over  $\gamma$ , and therefore we get  $K = A'$ .

### Solution 15 (Shortlist 2016 G6)

Using the angle condition,  $S = AB \cap CD$  and  $T = BC \cap AD$  lie on  $\omega$ .  $\angle DXM = \angle DSB = \angle DTB = \angle DAN$ , where  $BANC$  is a parallelogram. So  $X$  is a  $HM$  point in  $\triangle BAC$ , and  $X, E, B$  lie on the apollonius circle of this triangle. Now  $\angle XQY = \angle XEA + \angle YFA = 180^\circ - \angle XBP - \angle YDP = \angle XPY$ , so  $Q$  lies on  $\omega$ . Now we calculate  $\angle EPQ = \angle BXE = 90^\circ + \angle PEC$ .

### Solution 16 (Serbia 2017/6)

Let  $\Gamma, \gamma, \omega$  denote the circumcircle,  $A$ -excircle, and  $A$ -mixtilinear incircle. Let the common tangents of  $\Gamma, \gamma$  meet at  $S$ , and  $E$  is the point of contact of  $\gamma$  with  $BC$ . By DDIT on  $AEBC$  with  $\gamma$  and  $S$ , after projecting onto  $BC$  we get the involutive pairs which are isogonal with respect to the  $A$ -bisector. This gives  $\angle PAB = \angle CAQ$ .

### Solution 20 (TSTST 2016, Danielle Wang)

By inversion around the incircle,  $C_1C_2$  and  $B_1B_2$  are medial lines of  $\triangle DEF$ . Let  $P, Q, R$  be the midpoints of  $EF, FD, DE$ . Let  $X = C_1C_2 \cap AB$ ,  $Y = B_1B_2 \cap AC$ ,  $Z = BY \cap CX$ . Then  $X$  is the radical center of  $(ABC), (DEF), (CC_1C_2)$  and similarly for  $Y$ , so  $Z$  is the radical center of  $(ABC), (BB_1B_2), (CC_1C_2)$ , and  $PZ$  is the required radical center. Now, triangles  $BRY$  and  $CQX$  are perspective,

so  $T = BR \cap CQ$  lies on  $PZ$ . Now we can apply barycentric coordinates on  $\triangle DEF$  to get that  $P, T$ , the midpoint of  $DK$ , and  $EB \cap CF$  are collinear.

## Solution 21 (Shortlist 2000 G3)

Given any three points  $P, Q, R$  on an ellipse, and  $X = QQ \cap RR$ ,  $Y = RR \cap PP$ ,  $Z = PP \cap QQ$ , then  $PX, QY, RZ$  are concurrent. To prove this we take a homography preserving the ellipse that sends  $QR$  to the major axis and  $PQ = PR$ .

Now in the problem, reflect  $H$  over the sides and join them with  $O$  to meet the corresponding sides at  $D, E, F$ . Then we take the ellipse passing through  $D, E, F$  with foci  $O, H$ .

## Mini Survey

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It took around 7 hours.

(b)

I enjoyed the lecture notes. Problems 4, 12, 15 stood out.