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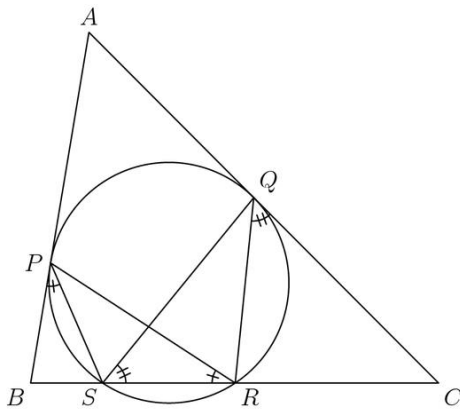
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- 1** Given a triangle  $ABC$ , let  $P$  and  $Q$  be points on segments  $\overline{AB}$  and  $\overline{AC}$ , respectively, such that  $AP = AQ$ . Let  $S$  and  $R$  be distinct points on segment  $\overline{BC}$  such that  $S$  lies between  $B$  and  $R$ ,  $\angle BPS = \angle PRS$ , and  $\angle CQR = \angle QSR$ . Prove that  $P, Q, R, S$  are concyclic (in other words, these four points lie on a circle).

**Example 210 :** As shown in Figure 1 , given  $\triangle ABC$  ,  $P$  and  $Q$  are points on sides  $AB$  and  $AC$  respectively , and  $AP = AQ$  ;  $S$  and  $R$  are two different points on side  $BC$  , and point  $S$  is located between  $B$  and  $R$  ,  $\angle BPS = \angle PRS$  ,  $\angle CQR = \angle QSR$  . \_\_ Proof: The four points  $P$  ,  $Q$  ,  $R$  ,  $S$  share a circle. ( 2012 USA Mathematical Olympiad *USAJMO* test questions )



$$\frac{P-S}{P-B} \frac{S-Q}{B-C} \frac{Q-C}{Q-P} \left( \frac{P-Q}{P-S} / \frac{R-Q}{B-C} \right) \left( \frac{C-B}{R-P} / \frac{Q-S}{Q-P} \right) = 1$$

This question is a bit confusing to understand. It is easy to understand if it is said another way: As shown in the figure, given  $\triangle ABC$  ,  $P$  and  $Q$  are points on sides  $AB$  and  $AC$  respectively ,  $S$  and  $R$  are two different points on side  $BC$  , and point  $S$  is located between  $B$  and  $R$  ,  $\angle BPS = \angle PRS$  ,  $\angle CQR = \angle QSR$  . \_\_ If  $P, Q, R, S$  share a circle , prove that  $AP = AQ$  .