

Example 87 : As shown in Figure 3, $\triangle ABC$, O is the circumcenter, AP is the height, $PM \perp AB$ intersects AB at M , $PN \perp AC$ intersects AC at N , to prove: $AO \perp MN$.

$$\text{Proof: } \frac{M-N}{A-O} = \frac{\frac{A-C}{A-P} \frac{C-B}{C-A} \frac{P-A}{B-C}}{\frac{A-M}{M-N}}.$$

Explanation: According to $AN \cdot AC = AP^2 = AM \cdot AB$ the four points M, B, C and N are in a circle, $\angle BCA = \angle AMN$. Or $\angle BCA = \angle NPA = \angle AMN$.