

Geometric Transformations

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All of the problems below involve or can be solved using one or more of the four classical geometric transformations: translation, reflection, rotation, and dilation.

1. Let $ABCD$ be a quadrilateral, and let P be the midpoint of AB . Prove that the area of triangle PCD is at least half the area of $ABCD$. When does equality hold?
2. Let ABC be a triangle with medians AD and BE . Prove that if $\angle DAC = \angle CBE = 30^\circ$, then ABC is equilateral.
3. Let $ABCD$ be a quadrilateral, and let K, L, M , and N be the midpoints of AB, BC, CD , and DA , respectively. Given $a = AB$, $b = BC$, $c = CD$, and $d = DA$, what are the maximum possible values of KM and LN ?
4. Let ABC be a triangle with incenter I . The incircle of ABC touches side BC at D . Show that the line connecting the midpoints of AD and BC passes through I .
5. Let ABC be a triangle, and let P, Q , and R lie on sides BC, CA , and AB , respectively. Show that the circumcenters of AQR, BRP , and CPQ form a triangle similar to ABC .
6. Suppose that a parabola is tangent to the three sides of a triangle. Show that its focus lies on the circumcircle of the triangle.
7. (Miquel) Four lines intersect to form four triangles. Show that the circumcircles of these triangles pass through a common point. Furthermore, show that the centers of these circumcircles lie on a circle containing this point.
8. (Monge) Given a tetrahedron, show that the six planes passing through the midpoint of an edge perpendicular to the opposite edge have a common point.
9. Let ABC and PQR be triangles. Construct points P', Q' , and R' on the sides of ABC such that $P'Q'R'$ is congruent to PQR .
10. Given a point A and two circles ω_1 and ω_2 , construct a line through A such that the chords cut out on ω_1 and ω_2 have equal lengths.
11. Let X and Y lie in the interior of acute angle AOB . Construct Z on ray OA such that lines ZX and ZY form two sides of an isosceles triangle with base along OB .
12. Construct a quadrilateral given its angles and a) two opposite sides; b) its diagonals.
13. Given a triangle ABC , construct a line dividing both its perimeter and its area in half.
14. Let ABC be a triangle. Let D, E , and F be the centers of the spiral similarities that take CA to AB , AB to BC , and BC to CA , respectively. Show that the circumcircle of DEF passes through the circumcenter of ABC .
15. (IMO 1999) Two circles ω_1 and ω_2 are contained inside the circle ω and are tangent to ω at distinct points M and N , respectively, such that ω_1 passes through the center of ω_2 . The line passing through the two points of intersection of ω_1 and ω_2 meets ω at A and B . The lines MA and MB meet ω_1 at C and D , respectively. Prove that CD is tangent to ω_2 .
16. (IMO 2000) Let AH_1, BH_2 , and CH_3 be the altitudes of acute triangle ABC . The incircle of ABC touches the sides BC, CA , and AB at T_1, T_2 , and T_3 , respectively. Let the lines ℓ_1, ℓ_2 , and ℓ_3 be the reflections of H_2H_3, H_3H_1 , and H_1H_2 in T_2T_3, T_3T_1 , and T_1T_2 , respectively. Prove that ℓ_1, ℓ_2 , and ℓ_3 determine a triangle with vertices lie on the incircle of ABC .