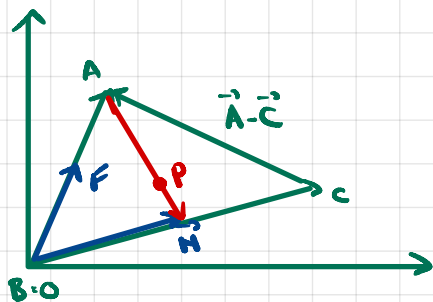
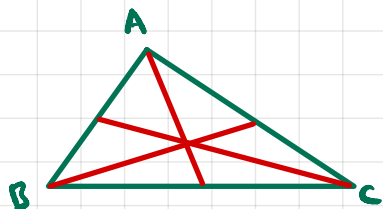


## Recitation 1

Show that the three medians of a triangle intersect at a point  $2/3$  of the way from each vertex.

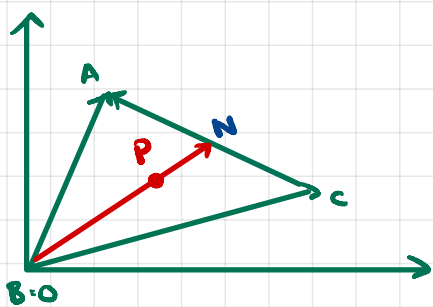


$$\vec{OH} = \frac{1}{2} \vec{OC}$$

$$\vec{OP} = \vec{OA} + \frac{2}{3} \vec{AH}$$

$$\vec{AH} = \vec{OH} - \vec{OA} = \frac{1}{2} \vec{OC} - \vec{OA}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{OP} &= \vec{OA} + \frac{2}{3} \left( \frac{1}{2} \vec{OC} - \vec{OA} \right) = \vec{OA} + \frac{1}{3} \vec{OC} - \frac{2}{3} \vec{OA} \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \vec{OA} + \frac{1}{3} \vec{OC} \end{aligned}$$



$$\vec{ON} = \vec{OA} + \vec{AN}$$

$$\vec{OP} = \frac{2}{3} \vec{ON}$$

$$\vec{AN} = \frac{\vec{AC}}{2} = \frac{1}{2} (\vec{OC} - \vec{OA})$$

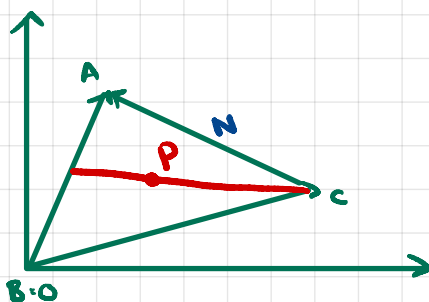
$$\Rightarrow \vec{ON} = \vec{OA} + \frac{1}{2} \vec{OC} - \frac{1}{2} \vec{OA} = \frac{1}{2} \vec{OA} + \frac{1}{2} \vec{OC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{OP} = \frac{2}{3} \left( \frac{1}{2} \vec{OA} + \frac{1}{2} \vec{OC} \right) = \frac{1}{3} \vec{OA} + \frac{1}{3} \vec{OC}$$

We can do the same thing to show

$$P = \frac{1}{3} \vec{OA} + \frac{1}{3} \vec{OC} \text{ also in the 1st}$$

median.



Note the strategy to solve this problem:

We want position vector  $\vec{OP}$  in terms of known position vectors  $\vec{OA}$  and  $\vec{OC}$ .

Each vector should be written in terms of these known vectors.