

Euclidean Geometry in Mathematical Olympiads Solutions

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§1 Angle Chasing

Problem (1.51, IMO 1985/1)

A circle has center on the side \overline{AB} of the cyclic quadrilateral $ABCD$. The other three sides are tangent to the circle. Prove that $AD + BC = AB$.

Proof. **INCOMPLETE** Call the center of the circle point O . Let the point T be where $AD = AT$. \square

§2 Circles

Lemma (2.19)

Prove that the A-exradius has length

$$r_a = \frac{s}{s-a}r,$$

where r is the inradius.

Proof. Drop perpendiculars from I and I_A to AB . Call the feet of these perpendiculars B_1 and B_2 respectively. Notice that $IB_1 = r$ and $I_AB_2 = r_a$ and that $\triangle AB_1I \sim \triangle AB_2I_A$. Therefore

$$\frac{r}{r_a} = \frac{AB_1}{AB_2},$$

but by Lemmas 2.15 and 2.17, we know that $AB_1 = s - a$ and $AB_2 = s$, hence

$$r_a = \frac{s}{s-a}r,$$

and we are done. \square

Lemma (2.20)

Let ABC be a triangle. Suppose its incircle and A -excircle are tangent to BC at D and X , respectively. Show that $BD = CX$ and $BX = CD$.

Proof. We will first show that $BD = CX$. Let the incircle be tangent to side AB at point F and let to side AC at point E . Let the A -excircle be tangent to the extension of line AC at C_1 and to the extension of line AB at B_1 . Then

$$\begin{aligned} BD &= BF \\ &= AB_1 - AF - BB_1 \\ &= (AC_1 - AE) - BX \\ &= (CC_1 + CE) - (BC - CX) \\ &= CX + (CD - BC) + CX \\ &= 2CX - BD \\ 2BD &= 2CX \rightarrow BD = CX. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that $BX = CD$ because

$$\begin{aligned} BD &= CX \\ BD + DX &= DX + CX \\ BX &= CD. \end{aligned}$$

\square

Lemma (2.24)

Let ABC be a triangle with I_A, I_B , and I_C as excenters. Prove that triangle $I_AI_BI_C$ has orthocenter I and that triangle ABC is its orthic triangle.

Proof. By the Incenter-Excenter Lemma, we know that AI_A, BI_B , and CI_C coincide at the incenter I . We also know from the Lemma that II_A is the diameter of circle $BICI_A$. Therefore we have that

$$\angle I_CCI_A = \angle ICI_A = 90^\circ \text{ and } \angle I_BBI_A = \angle IBI_A = 90^\circ.$$

This follows similarly for II_B and II_C . Now we know that AI_A, BI_B, CI_C are in fact the altitudes of triangle $I_AI_BI_C$, therefore I is the orthocenter of triangle $I_AI_BI_C$. Note that since A, B , and C are the feet of the altitudes, ABC is the orthic triangle of triangle $I_AI_BI_C$. \square

Theorem (2.25, The Pitot Theorem)

Let $ABCD$ be a quadrilateral. If a circle can be inscribed in it, prove that $AB + CD = BC + DA$.

Proof. Call the points where AB, BC, CD, DA are tangent to the circle E, F, G, H , respectively. Let $AE = AH = a, BE = BF = b, CF = CG = c, DG = DH = d$. Now note that our condition can be manipulated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} AB + CD &= BC + DA \\ (AE + BE) + (CG + DG) &= (BF + CF) + (AH + DH) \\ a + b + c + d &= b + c + a + d. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we are done. \square

Problem (2.26, USAMO 1990/5)

An acute-angled triangle ABC is given in the plane. The circle with diameter \overline{AB} intersects altitude $\overline{CC'}$ and its extension at points M and N , and the circle with diameter \overline{AC} intersects altitude $\overline{BB'}$ and its extensions at P and Q . Prove that the points M, N, P, Q lie on a common circle.

Proof. Let the circle with diameter \overline{AB} be called ω_1 and the circle with diameter \overline{AC} be called ω_2 . By Theorem 2.9, it suffices to show that the intersection of \overline{MN} and \overline{PQ} lies on the radical axis of ω_1 and ω_2 . Since \overline{MN} and \overline{PQ} are altitudes of $\triangle ABC$, their intersection is the orthocenter of $\triangle ABC$. We will call this point H . Note that \overline{AH} is the third altitude of $\triangle ABC$. Call the foot of this altitude A' . Now note that $\angle AA'B = \angle AA'C = 90^\circ$, and since \overline{AB} and \overline{AC} are diameters of their respective circles, ω_1 and ω_2 must intersect at A' . Hence, $\overline{AA'}$ is the radical axis of ω_1 and ω_2 , and since A, A', H are colinear, H lies on this line. \square

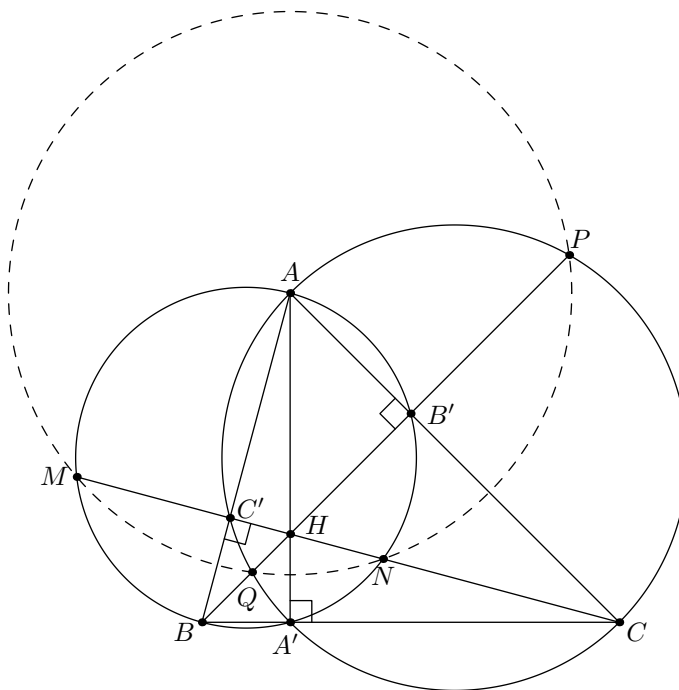


Figure 1: Problem 2.26

Problem (2.27, BAMO 2012/4)

Given a segment \overline{AB} in the plane, choose on it a point M different from A and B . Two equilateral triangles AMC and BMD in the plane are constructed on the same side of segment \overline{AB} . The circumcircles of the two triangles intersect in point M and another point N .

- (a) Prove that \overline{AD} and \overline{BC} pass through point N .
- (b) Prove that no matter where one chooses point M along segment \overline{AB} , all lines MN will pass through some fixed point K in the plane.

Proof. We will prove (a) by angle chasing. Notice that since $ACNM$ and $BDNM$ are cyclic, we have that

$$\angle AMC = \angle ANC = \angle ACM = \angle ANM = \angle MDB = \angle MNB = 60^\circ,$$

and since $\angle ANC + \angle ANM + \angle MNB = 60^\circ + 60^\circ + 60^\circ = 180^\circ$, we have that BC is a straight line passing through N . A very similar argument follows for AD .

We will now prove (b) using radical axes. First, construct an equilateral triangle ABE on the same side as the other two equilateral triangles. Let the circumcircles around triangles AMC , BMD , and ABE be ω_1 , ω_2 , and ω_3 , respectively. Note that MN is the radical axis of circles ω_1 and ω_2 , the line tangent to circles ω_1 and ω_3 at point A is the radical axis of circles ω_1 and ω_3 , and the line tangent to circles ω_2 and ω_3 at point B is the radical axis of circles ω_2 and ω_3 . Since the centers of ω_1 , ω_2 , and ω_3 are not colinear, their radical axes (one of which is MN) must coincide at the radical center K . Since changing the location of M on AB does not change the tangents at A and B , the point K does not move, hence all possible lines MN must pass through K . \square

Problem (2.28, JMO 2012/1)

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.

Proof. Since $\angle BPS = \angle PRS$ by the Tangent Criterion, \overline{AB} is tangent to (PRS) . Likewise we have that \overline{AC} is tangent to (QRS) . Suppose (PRS) and (QRS) are not the same circle. Then since $AP = AQ$ are both tangents to their respective circles, A must lie on the radical axis \overline{BC} , but since ABC is a triangle, this is obviously impossible. Hence P, Q, R, S are concyclic. \square

Problem (2.29, IMO 2008/1)

Let H be the orthocenter of an acute-angled triangle ABC . The circle Γ_A centered at the midpoint of \overline{BC} and passing through H intersects the sideline BC at points A_1 and A_2 . Similarly, define the points B_1, B_2, C_1 , and C_2 . Prove that six points A_1, A_2, B_1, B_2, C_1 , and C_2 are concyclic.

Proof. We will first show that B_1, B_2, C_1, C_2 are concyclic. Since $\Gamma_A, \Gamma_B, \Gamma_C$ all intersect at H , H is the radical center. We claim that \overline{AH} is the radical axis of Γ_B and Γ_C . By similar triangles, $M_B M_C$ is parallel to BC , and since $\overline{AH} \perp BC$, $\overline{AH} \perp M_B M_C$. The centers of circles Γ_B and Γ_C are M_B and M_C , respectively, thus \overline{AH} is the radical axis of circles Γ_B and Γ_C . Since $\overline{B_1 B_2}$ and $\overline{C_1 C_2}$ intersect at A , by Theorem 2.9 we have shown that B_1, B_2, C_1, C_2 are concyclic. Note that the circumcenter of $(B_1 B_2 C_1 C_2)$ is the intersection of the perpendicular bisectors of $B_1 B_2$ and $C_1 C_2$, which is the orthocenter O of triangle ABC . Thus what we have proven is that $OB_1 = OB_2 = OC_1 = OC_2$. A similar argument can be pursued for OA_1 and OA_2 , hence we are done. \square

Problem (2.30, USAMO 1997/2)

Let ABC be a triangle. Take points D, E, F on the perpendicular bisectors of $\overline{BC}, \overline{CA}, \overline{AB}$ respectively. Show that the lines through A, B, C perpendicular to $\overline{EF}, \overline{FD}, \overline{DE}$ respectively are concurrent.

Proof. Consider the circles with centers D, E, F with chords BC, CA, AB , respectively. Note that the radical axes of these three circles are the lines through A, B, C perpendicular to $\overline{EF}, \overline{FD}, \overline{DE}$, and since the centers of these three circles are not colinear, their radical axes must intersect at a point. \square

(These centers can be colinear, but we won't talk about that)

Problem (2.31, IMO 1995/1)

Let A, B, C, D be four distinct points on a line, in that order. The circles with diameters \overline{AC} and \overline{BD} intersect at X and Y . The line XY meets \overline{BC} at Z . Let P be a point on the line XY other than Z . The line CP intersects the circle with diameter AC at C and M , and the line BP intersects the circle with diameter BD at B and N . Prove that the lines AM, DN, XY are concurrent.

Proof. Since P lies on the radical axis of these two circles, and $\overline{BN} \cap \overline{CM} = P$, $MNBC$ is cyclic by Theorem 2.9. (Reminder that the symbol \angle denotes the directed angle.) Note that

$$\angle NMC = \angle NBC = \angle NBD = 90^\circ - \angle BDN = 90^\circ - \angle ADN,$$

so

$$\angle NMA = \angle NMC - 90^\circ = (90^\circ - \angle ADN) - 90^\circ = -\angle ADN = \angle NDA,$$

therefore quadrilateral $DAMN$ is cyclic. The radical axes of the circles $(DAMN)$, (AMC) , and (BND) are \overline{AM} , \overline{DN} , \overline{XY} , and since the centers of these circles are never colinear, they must intersect at the radical center. \square

Problem (2.32, USAMO 1998/2)

Let \mathcal{C}_1 and \mathcal{C}_2 be concentric circles, with \mathcal{C}_2 in the interior of \mathcal{C}_1 . From a point A on \mathcal{C}_1 one draws the tangent \overline{AB} to \mathcal{C}_2 ($B \in \mathcal{C}_2$). Let C be the second point of intersection of ray AB and \mathcal{C}_1 , and let D be the midpoint of \overline{AB} . A line passing through A intersects \mathcal{C}_2 at E and F in such a way that the perpendicular bisectors of DE and CF intersect at a point M on AB . Find, with proof, the ratio AM/MC .

Proof. **INCOMPLETE** Note that $CDEF$ is cyclic (need to prove). M is the center of circle $(CDEF)$. Thus $CM = DM$. \square

§3 Lengths and Ratios

Theorem (3.2, Angle Bisector Theorem)

Let ABC be a triangle and D a point on \overline{BC} so that \overline{AD} is the internal angle bisector of $\angle BAC$. Show that

$$\frac{AB}{AC} = \frac{DB}{DC}.$$

Proof. Let $\angle BAD = \alpha = \angle CAD$ and $\angle ADB = \beta$. Note that $\angle ADC = 180^\circ - \beta$. By Law of Sines, we have

$$\frac{DB}{\sin \alpha} = \frac{AB}{\sin \beta} \text{ and } \frac{DC}{\sin \alpha} = \frac{AC}{\sin(180^\circ - \beta)}.$$

Note that $\sin(180^\circ - \beta) = \sin \beta$. Rearranging terms, we have that

$$\frac{\sin \beta}{\sin \alpha} = \frac{AB}{BD} = \frac{AC}{CD}.$$

It follows that $\frac{AB}{AC} = \frac{DB}{DC}$. □

Problem (3.5)

Show the trigonometric form of Ceva holds.

Proof. Recall that the trigonometric form of Ceva's Theorem is as follows: Let \overline{AX} , \overline{BY} , \overline{CZ} be cevians of a triangle ABC . They concur if and only if

$$\frac{\sin \angle BAX \sin \angle CBY \sin \angle ACZ}{\sin \angle XAC \sin \angle YBA \sin \angle ZCB} = 1.$$

By the Law of Sines, we have that

$$\frac{\sin \angle BAX}{BX} = \frac{\sin B}{AX}$$

and

$$\frac{\sin \angle XAC}{XC} = \frac{\sin C}{AX}.$$

Combining these two equations gives us

$$AX = \frac{BX \sin B}{\sin \angle BAX} = \frac{XC \sin C}{\sin \angle XAC} \Rightarrow \frac{\sin \angle BAX}{\sin \angle XAC} = \frac{BX}{XC} \cdot \frac{\sin C}{\sin B}.$$

Similarly, we have that

$$\frac{\sin \angle CBY}{\sin \angle YBA} = \frac{CY}{YA} \cdot \frac{\sin A}{\sin C}$$

and

$$\frac{\sin \angle ACZ}{\sin \angle ZCB} = \frac{AZ}{ZB} \cdot \frac{\sin B}{\sin A}.$$

Plugging these values into the original equation, we have that

$$\frac{BX}{XC} \cdot \frac{CY}{YA} \cdot \frac{AZ}{ZB} = 1,$$

and we know this is true from the original statement of Ceva's Theorem. \square

Problem (3.6)

Let \overline{AM} , \overline{BE} , and \overline{CF} be concurrent cevians of a triangle ABC . Show that $\overline{EF} \parallel \overline{BC}$ if and only if $BM = MC$.

Proof. Suppose $\overline{EF} \parallel \overline{BC}$. Call the point where \overline{AM} intersects \overline{EF} point Q . Notice that $\triangle BPM \sim \triangle EPQ$ and $\triangle CPM \sim \triangle FPQ$. Thus we have the following relationship:

$$\frac{BM}{EQ} = \frac{MP}{QP} = \frac{CM}{FQ}.$$

Now also notice that $\triangle BAM \sim \triangle FAQ$ and $\triangle CAM \sim \triangle EAQ$. Thus we have the following relationship:

$$\frac{BM}{FQ} = \frac{MA}{QA} = \frac{CM}{EQ}.$$

Putting these two relationships together, it follows that $BM = CM$. We will now prove the other direction. Suppose $BM = MC$. Then by Ceva's Theorem we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{CE}{AE} &= \frac{BF}{AF} \\ \frac{CE}{BF} &= \frac{AE}{AF} = \frac{CE + AE}{BF + AF} = \frac{AC}{AB} \\ \frac{AE}{AC} &= \frac{AF}{AB}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\angle FAE = \angle BAC$, we have that $\triangle FAE \sim \triangle BAC$. Thus $\angle AEF = \angle ACB$, therefore $\overline{EF} \parallel \overline{BC}$. \square

Problem (3.12)

Give an alternative proof of Lemma 3.9 by taking a negative homothety.

Proof. Consider a homothety centered at G with $M = h(A)$, $N = h(B)$, $L = h(C)$. Note that $\triangle ACB \sim \triangle NCM$ by midpoints and that $\triangle ALG \sim \triangle Mh(L)G$ by homothety. Also notice that $h(L)$ is the midpoint of NM . Since $AB/NM = 2/1$,

$$\frac{AB}{NM} = \frac{AL}{Mh(L)} = \frac{AG}{MG} = \frac{2}{1}.$$

\square

Lemma (3.13, Euler Line)

In triangle ABC , prove that O, G, H (with their usual meanings) are collinear and that G divides \overline{OH} in a $2 : 1$ ratio.

Proof. We will first show that O, G, H are collinear. Call the point where the perpendicular from O meets $\overline{BC}, \overline{CA}, \overline{AB}$ points A', B', C' , respectively. Since $\overline{BC}, \overline{CA}, \overline{AB}$ are chords of the circle (ABC) , points A', B', C' are in fact the midpoints of their respective line segments. Thus A' lies on \overline{AG} , B' lies on \overline{BG} , and C' lies on \overline{CG} . Now notice that $\overline{AH} \parallel \overline{OA'}$, $\overline{BH} \parallel \overline{OB'}$, $\overline{CH} \parallel \overline{OC'}$ since they are all perpendicular to some side of the triangle ABC . Thus, a homothety h centered at G exists such that $h(A) = A'$, $h(B) = B'$, $h(C) = C'$. Thus, $h(O) = H$, so O, G, H are collinear.

We will now show that G divides \overline{OH} in a $2 : 1$ ratio. This is equivalent to showing that the homothety h must have a scale factor $k = -2$. From Lemma 3.9 (Centroid Division) we have that $AG/GA' = 2/1$. Since G lies in between A and A' , we have that $k = -2$, as desired. (!!!) \square

Problem (3.16)

Let ABC be a triangle with contact triangle DEF . Prove that $\overline{AD}, \overline{BE}, \overline{CF}$ concur. The point of concurrency is the Gergonne point of triangle ABC .

Proof. Notice by Lemma 2.15 we have that

$$\begin{aligned} AE &= AF = s - a \\ BD &= BF = s - b \\ CD &= CE = s - c. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by Ceva's Theorem, we have that

$$\frac{BD}{DC} \cdot \frac{CE}{EA} \cdot \frac{AF}{FB} = \frac{s-b}{s-c} \cdot \frac{s-c}{s-a} \cdot \frac{s-a}{s-b} = 1.$$

□

Lemma (3.17)

In cyclic quadrilateral $ABCD$, points X and Y are the orthocenters of $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle BCD$. Show that $AXYD$ is a parallelogram.

Proof. Reflect X and Y across \overline{BC} and call these points X' and Y' respectively. Notice that X' and Y' lie on $(ABCD)$. Thus $ADX'Y'$ is a cyclic quadrilateral. Then we have that

$$\angle AXY = \angle X'XY = \angle Y'X'X = \angle Y'X'A = \angle Y'DA = \angle YDA.$$

Similarly, we have that $\angle DAX = \angle XYD$. Hence $AXYD$ is a parallelogram.

□

Problem (3.18)

Let $\overline{AD}, \overline{BE}, \overline{CF}$ be concurrent cevians in a triangle, meeting at P . Prove that

$$\frac{PD}{AD} + \frac{PE}{BE} + \frac{PF}{CF} = 1.$$

Proof. By Area Ratios, we can transform each term in our desired equation as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{PD}{AD} &= \frac{[BPC]}{[BAC]}, \\ \frac{PE}{BE} &= \frac{[CPA]}{[CBA]}, \\ \frac{PF}{CF} &= \frac{[APB]}{[ACB]}.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore our desired equation turns into

$$\frac{[BPC]}{[BAC]} + \frac{[CPA]}{[CBA]} + \frac{[APB]}{[ACB]} = 1.$$

Notice that $[BPC] + [CPA] + [APB] = [ABC]$. Hence we are done. \square

Problem (3.19, Shortlist 2006/G3)

Let $ABCDE$ be a convex pentagon such that

$$\angle BAC = \angle CAD = \angle DAE \text{ and } \angle ABC = \angle ACD = \angle ADE.$$

Diagonals BD and CE meet at P . Prove that ray AP bisects \overline{CD} .

Proof. Let B' be intersection of diagonals AC and BD , and let E' be the intersection of diagonals AD and CE . Also let A' be the intersection of ray AP with CD . Notice that the given angle conditions imply that $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle ACD \sim \triangle ADE$. From this it follows that quadrilaterals $ABCD$ and $ACDE$ are similar. Since B' and E' are the intersections of the diagonals of their respective quadrilaterals, we have that $\frac{CB'}{B'A} = \frac{DE'}{E'A}$. By Ceva's on $\triangle ACD$, we have that

$$\frac{AE'}{E'D} \cdot \frac{DA'}{A'C} \cdot \frac{CB'}{B'A} = 1.$$

Since $\frac{CB'}{B'A} \cdot \frac{AE'}{E'D} = 1$, we have that $DA' = A'C$. \square

Problem (3.20 (BAMO 2013/3))

Let H be the orthocenter of an acute triangle ABC . Consider the circumcenters of triangles ABH , BCH , and CAH . Prove that they are the vertices of a triangle that is congruent to ABC .

Proof. Let A', B', C' be the circumcenters of (BCH) , (CAH) , (ABH) , respectively. Note that H is the radical center of (ABH) , (BCH) , (CAH) . Thus $\overline{AH} \perp \overline{B'C'}$. Also notice by properties of circumcenters, A' is on the perpendicular bisector of \overline{BC} . Let O be where the perpendicular bisectors of $\triangle ABC$ intersect (namely, the circumcenter of $\triangle ABC$). Since $\overline{A'O} \parallel \overline{AH}$, $\overline{A'O} \perp \overline{B'C'}$. This follows similarly for B' and C' , hence O is the orthocenter of $\triangle A'B'C'$. Also notice that, by construction, H is the circumcenter of $\triangle A'B'C'$. Therefore, a homothety of scale factor -1 exists that sends H to O , A to A' , B to B' , and C to C' . Hence, $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle A'B'C'$. \square

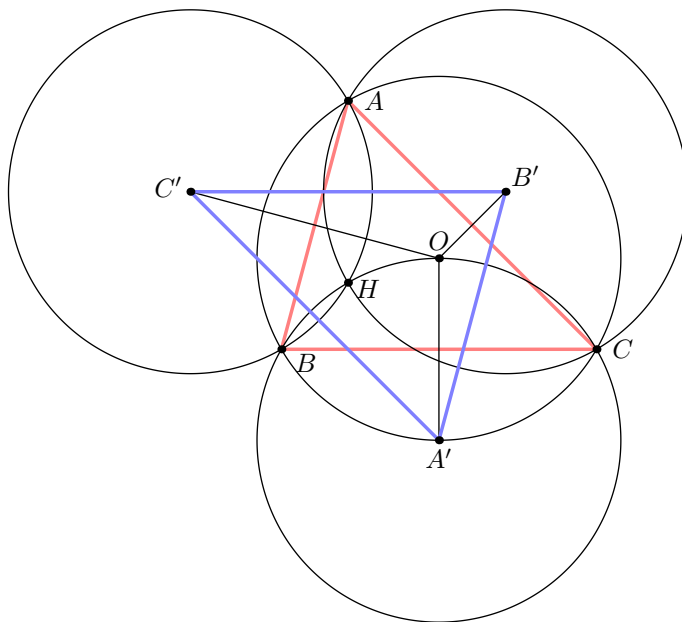


Figure 2: Problem 3.20

Problem (3.21 (USAMO 2003/4))

Let ABC be a triangle. A circle passing through A and B intersects segments AC and BC at D and E , respectively. Lines AB and DE intersect at F , while lines BD and CF intersect at M . Prove that $MF = MC$ if and only if $MB \cdot MD = MC^2$.

Proof. By assuming $MB \cdot MD = MC^2$, we have that $\frac{MB}{MC} = \frac{MC}{MD}$, and since $\angle BMC = \angle CMD$, this implies that $\triangle BMC \sim \triangle CMD$. Since $ABDE$ is a cyclic quadrilateral, $\angle DAE = \angle DBE$. Now we have that

$$\angle CAE = \angle DAE = \angle DBE = \angle MBC = \angle MCD = \angle FCA,$$

hence $\overline{AE} \parallel \overline{CF}$. Therefore $\triangle ABE \sim \triangle FBC$ and $\frac{FB}{AB} = \frac{CB}{EB}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{FB}{AB} &= \frac{CB}{EB} \\ \frac{FA + AB}{AB} &= \frac{CE + EB}{EB} \\ 1 + \frac{FA}{AB} &= 1 + \frac{CE}{EB} \\ \frac{FA}{AB} &= \frac{CE}{EB}. \end{aligned}$$

By Ceva's on $\triangle BCF$, we have that

$$\frac{FA}{AB} \cdot \frac{BE}{EC} \cdot \frac{CM}{MF} = 1.$$

Since $\frac{FA}{AB} = \frac{CE}{EB}$, we have that $MF = MC$.

We will now go in the reverse direction. We assume $MF = MC$. By Ceva's on $\triangle BCF$,

$$\frac{FA}{AB} \cdot \frac{BE}{EC} \cdot \frac{CM}{MF} = 1.$$

and since $MF = MC$, we have that $\frac{FA}{AB} \cdot \frac{BE}{EC} = 1$. It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{FA}{AB} &= \frac{CE}{EB} \\ 1 + \frac{FA}{AB} &= 1 + \frac{CE}{EB} \\ \frac{AB}{AB} + \frac{FA}{AB} &= \frac{EB}{EB} + \frac{CE}{EB} \\ \frac{FB}{AB} &= \frac{CB}{EB}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\triangle ABE \sim \triangle FBC$. This implies that $\overline{AE} \parallel \overline{CF}$. Since $ABDE$ is a cyclic quadrilateral, we have that $\angle FCA = \angle DAE = \angle DBE$, and since $\angle BMC = \angle CMD$, we have that $\triangle BMC \sim \triangle CMD$ by $AA \sim$. Thus $\frac{MB}{MC} = \frac{MC}{MD} \rightarrow MB \cdot MD = MC^2$, as desired. \square

Theorem (3.22, Monge's Theorem)

Consider disjoint circles $\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3$ in the plane, no two congruent. For each pair of circles, we construct the intersection of their common external tangents. Prove that these three intersections are collinear.

Proof. Let the points O_1, O_2, O_3 be the centers of $\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3$, respectively. Let the external tangents of ω_1 and ω_2 meet at X , and define Y and Z analogously. Note that X, Y, Z are each on an extension of a side of $\triangle O_1 O_2 O_3$. Let T_1 and T_2 be points of tangency of ω_1 and ω_2 , respectively, where T_1 and T_2 are on the same side of line $XO_1 O_2$. Note that it is impossible for X to be between O_1 and O_2 , since X is the intersection of external tangents. Since tangents are always perpendicular to their circles, we have that $\triangle T_1 O_1 X \sim \triangle T_2 O_2 X$ by $AA \sim$, thus with directed lengths we have $\frac{O_1 X}{X O_2} = -\frac{r_1}{r_2}$, where r_1 and r_2 are the radii of ω_1 and ω_2 . Similar arguments can be applied to the other two pairs of circles to give $\frac{O_2 Y}{Y O_3} = -\frac{r_2}{r_3}$ and $\frac{O_3 Z}{Z O_1} = -\frac{r_3}{r_1}$. Thus

$$\frac{O_1 X}{X O_2} \cdot \frac{O_2 Y}{Y O_3} \cdot \frac{O_3 Z}{Z O_1} = \left(-\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right) \left(-\frac{r_2}{r_3}\right) \left(-\frac{r_3}{r_1}\right) = -1.$$

By Menelaus's Theorem, this proves that X, Y, Z are collinear. \square

Theorem (3.23, Cevian Nest)

Let $\overline{AX}, \overline{BY}, \overline{CZ}$ be concurrent cevians of ABC . Let $\overline{XD}, \overline{YE}, \overline{ZF}$ be concurrent cevians in triangle XYZ . Prove that rays AD, BE, CF concur.

Proof. By the Ratio Lemma on $\triangle ZAY$, we have that

$$\frac{\sin \angle BAD}{\sin \angle CAD} = \frac{\sin \angle ZAD}{\sin \angle YAD} = \frac{AY}{YC} \cdot \frac{ZD}{DY}.$$

Similarly, for $\triangle XBZ$ and $\triangle YCX$ we have that

$$\frac{\sin \angle CBE}{\sin \angle ABE} = \frac{BZ}{XB} \cdot \frac{XE}{EZ}$$

and

$$\frac{\sin \angle ACF}{\sin \angle BCF} = \frac{CX}{YC} \cdot \frac{YF}{FX}.$$

Multiplying these three equations together gives us

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\sin \angle BAD}{\sin \angle CAD} \cdot \frac{\sin \angle CBE}{\sin \angle ABE} \cdot \frac{\sin \angle ACF}{\sin \angle BCF} &= \left(\frac{AY}{YC} \cdot \frac{CX}{XB} \cdot \frac{BZ}{ZA} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{ZD}{DY} \cdot \frac{YF}{FX} \cdot \frac{XE}{EZ} \right) \\ &= 1 \cdot 1 \\ &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

Note that each of the factors in parentheses on the RHS of the first equation are equal to 1 by Ceva's on $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle XYZ$, respectively. By the trigonometric form of Ceva's, this implies rays AD, BE, CF concur. \square

Problem (3.24)

Let ABC be an acute triangle and suppose X is a point on (ABC) with $\overline{AX} \parallel \overline{BC}$ and $X \neq A$. Denote by G the centroid of triangle ABC , and by K the foot of the altitude from A to BC . Prove that K, G, X are collinear.

Proof. Denote by A', B', C' the midpoints of sides $\overline{BC}, \overline{CA}, \overline{AB}$. Note that A', B', C', K are on the nine-point circle of $\triangle ABC$. Also note that each side of $\triangle A'B'C'$ is parallel to a side of $\triangle ABC$. Therefore there exists a homothety h centered at G such that $h(A) = A', h(B) = B', h(C) = C'$. Since $\overline{AX} \parallel \overline{BC} \parallel \overline{A'K}$, h sends K to X . Therefore K, G, X are collinear. \square

Problem (3.25 (USAMO 1993/2))

Let $ABCD$ be a quadrilateral whose diagonals \overline{AC} and \overline{BD} are perpendicular and intersect at E . Prove that the reflections of E across $\overline{AB}, \overline{BC}, \overline{CD}, \overline{DA}$ are concyclic.

Proof. Denote by P, Q, R, S the projections of E onto $\overline{AB}, \overline{BC}, \overline{CD}, \overline{DA}$, respectively. Note that quadrilaterals $APES, BQEP, CREQ, DSER$ are

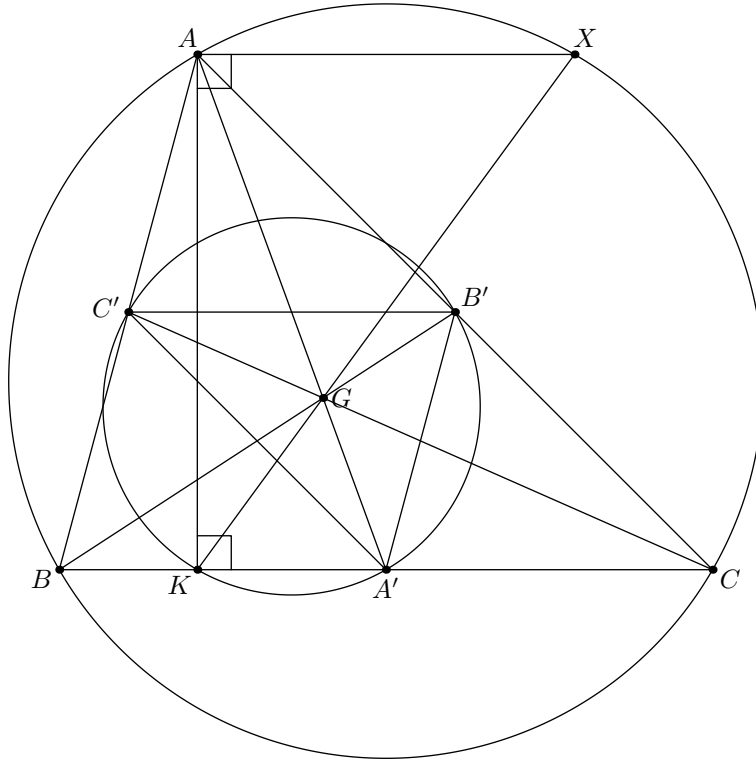


Figure 3: Problem 3.24

cyclic. We will show $PQRS$ is cyclic by angle chase.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \angle SPQ &= \angle SPE + \angle EPQ \\
 &= \angle SAE + \angle EBQ \\
 &= 90^\circ - \angle EDS + 90^\circ - \angle QCE \\
 &= \angle SRE + \angle ERQ \\
 &= \angle SRQ.
 \end{aligned}$$

A homothety centered at E with a scale factor of 2 sends $PQRS$ to the desired quadrialteral. Hence we are done. \square

Problem (3.26 (EGMO 2013/1))

The side BC of the triangle ABC is extended beyond C to D so that $CD = BC$. The side CA is extended beyond A to E so that $AE = 2CA$. Prove that if $AD = BE$ then the triangle ABC is right-angled.

Proof. Let $BC = a, CA = b, AB = c, \angle BAC = \theta$. Thus $CD = a$ and $AE = 2b$. Let F be a point on AB such that $\overline{DF} \parallel \overline{AC}$. By similar triangles, $AF = c, DF = 2b$, and $\angle AFD = \theta$. We also have that $\angle EAC = 180^\circ - \theta$. Thus by the Law of Cosines,

$$BE^2 = (2b)^2 + c^2 - 2 \cdot 2b \cdot c \cdot \cos(180^\circ - \theta)$$

and

$$AD^2 = (2b)^2 + c^2 - 2 \cdot 2b \cdot c \cdot \cos(\theta).$$

Since $AD = BE$, we have that $\cos(180^\circ - \theta) = \cos(\theta)$. Therefore $\theta = 90^\circ$, as desired. \square

Problem (3.27 (APMO 2004/2))

Let O be the circumcenter and H the orthocenter of an acute triangle ABC . Prove that the area of one of the triangles AOH, BOH , and COH is equal to the sum of the areas of the other two.

Proof. (NOT ORIGINAL) WLOG let B and C be on the same side of line \overline{OH} . Let M be the midpoint of BC . Denote by A', B', C', M' the projections onto OH of A, B, C, M , respectively. Notice that a homothety centered at G with a ratio of -2 sends $\triangle MM'G$ to $\triangle AA'G$, so $AA' = 2MM' = BB' + CC'$, which implies the result. \square

Problem (3.28 (Shortlist 2001/G1))

Let A_1 be the center of the square inscribed in acute triangle ABC with two vertices of the square on side BC . Thus one of the two remaining vertices of the square is on side AB and the other is on AC . Points B_1 and C_1 are defined in a similar way for inscribed squares with two vertices on sides AC and AB , respectively. Prove that lines AA_1, BB_1, CC_1 are concurrent.

Proof. (NOT ENTIRELY ORIGINAL) Denote by A_\square the square with center A_1 . Denote by P, Q the vertices of A_\square on sides AB and AC , respectively. Consider a homothety centered at A that sends P to B and Q to C . The center A'_1 of the new square lies on AA_1 . Similar arguments hold for homotheties centered at B and C . Thus we just need to show that AA'_1, BB'_1, CC'_1 are concurrent. By the Law of Sines,

$$\frac{A'_1 B}{\sin \angle A'_1 A B} = \frac{AA'_1}{\sin(B + 45^\circ)} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{A'_1 C}{\sin \angle A'_1 A C} = \frac{AA'_1}{\sin(C + 45^\circ)}.$$

Since $A'_1 B = A'_1 C$, we have that $\frac{\sin(B + 45^\circ)}{\sin(C + 45^\circ)} = \frac{\sin \angle A'_1 A B}{\sin \angle A'_1 A C}$. Doing this for B'_1 and C'_1 then multiplying all three equations together proves the desired conclusion by the Trigonometric form of Ceva's Theorem. \square

§4 Assorted Configurations

Proposition

Proposition [4.1] Prove that the Simson line is parallel to \overline{AK} in the notation of Figure 4.1A.

Proof. Notice that $BXPZ$ is cyclic since $\angle BZP = \angle BXP$. Then

$$\angle YXP = \angle ZXP = \angle ZBP = \angle ABP = \angle AKP.$$

\square

Problem (4.2)

Let K' be the reflection of K across \overline{BC} . Show that K' is the orthocenter of $\triangle PBC$.

Proof. Note that K' is already on the altitude PX . Also note that K is on the circumcircle of $\triangle PBC$. Since K and K' are reflections of each other over BC , by Lemma 1.17 we have that K' is the orthocenter of $\triangle PBC$. \square

Problem (4.3)

Show that $LHXP$ is a parallelogram.

Proof. Note that $\overline{LH} \parallel \overline{XP}$ by construction. Thus it suffices to show that $LH = XP$. By Proposition 4.1 we have that $LA = XK$. Also, by the conclusion made after Problem 4.2 we have that $AH = PK'$. Thus

$$LH = LA + AH = XK + PK' = XK' + PK' = XP.$$

□

Problem (4.5)

Check $\angle IAI_B = 90^\circ$ and $\angle IAI_C = 90^\circ$.

Proof. By the Incenter-Excenter Lemma we know that II_B is the diameter of circle $(AICI_B)$. Therefore $\angle IAI_B = 90^\circ$. A similar argument holds to show $\angle IAI_C = 90^\circ$. □

Problem (4.7)

How are Lemma 1.18, Lemma 3.11, and Lemma 4.6 related?

Let L be the midpoint of II_A . Then in Figure 4.2A, $(ABCL)$ is in fact the nine-point circle of $\triangle I_AI_BI_C$ (Lemma 3.11). Moreover, by Lemma 1.18, I, B, C, I_A all lie on a circle centered at L . Finally, by Lemma 4.6, we know I is the orthocenter of $\triangle I_AI_BI_C$, but we also can derive this from Lemma 3.11. This means that any two lemmas can prove the third.

Problem (4.8)

Prove that A, E , and X are collinear and that \overline{DE} is a diameter of the incircle.