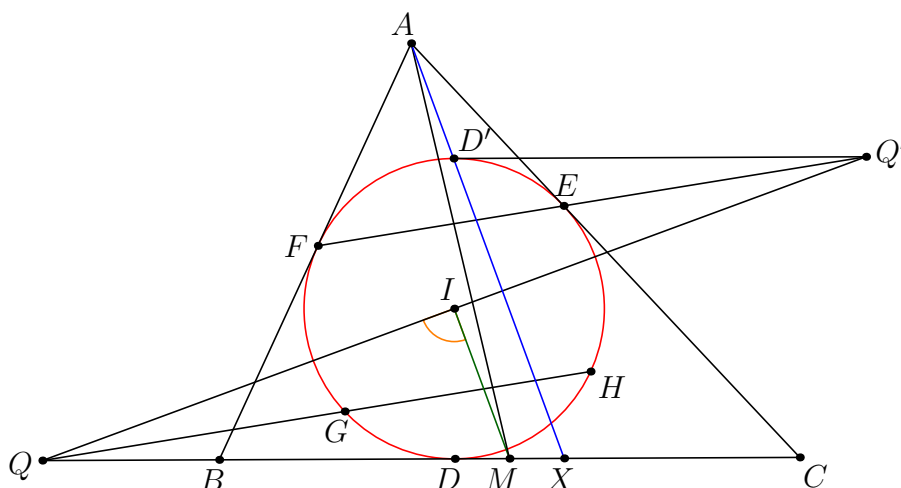


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Problem (Taiwan TST 2014/1J/3). In $\triangle ABC$ with incenter I , the incircle is tangent to \overline{CA} , \overline{AB} at E , F . The reflections of E , F across I are G , H . Let Q be the intersection of \overline{GH} and \overline{BC} , and let M be the midpoint of \overline{BC} . Prove that \overline{IQ} and \overline{IM} are perpendicular.



¶ **Main Idea** Show the perpendicularity using the polar fact, and prove another parallel claim using common incenter configurations.

¶ **Solution** By symmetry, let Q' be the reflection of Q over I . It follows that Q' passes through the tangent to D' .

Claim — AD' is the polar of Q' wrt (I)

Proof. By La-Hire's theorem, A lies on the polar of Q' , as $Q' \in EF$, and EF is in fact the polar of A . Moreover, $Q' \in D'D'$, so AD' is indeed the polar of Q' \square

Note that it suffices to prove that $AD' \parallel IM$, as $AD' \perp Q'I$ by the polar condition.

Claim — $AD' \parallel IM$

Proof. The intersection of AD' and BC , X , is in fact the A -extouch point, so M is the midpoint of DX . This implies that $AD' \parallel IM$ by midline. \square