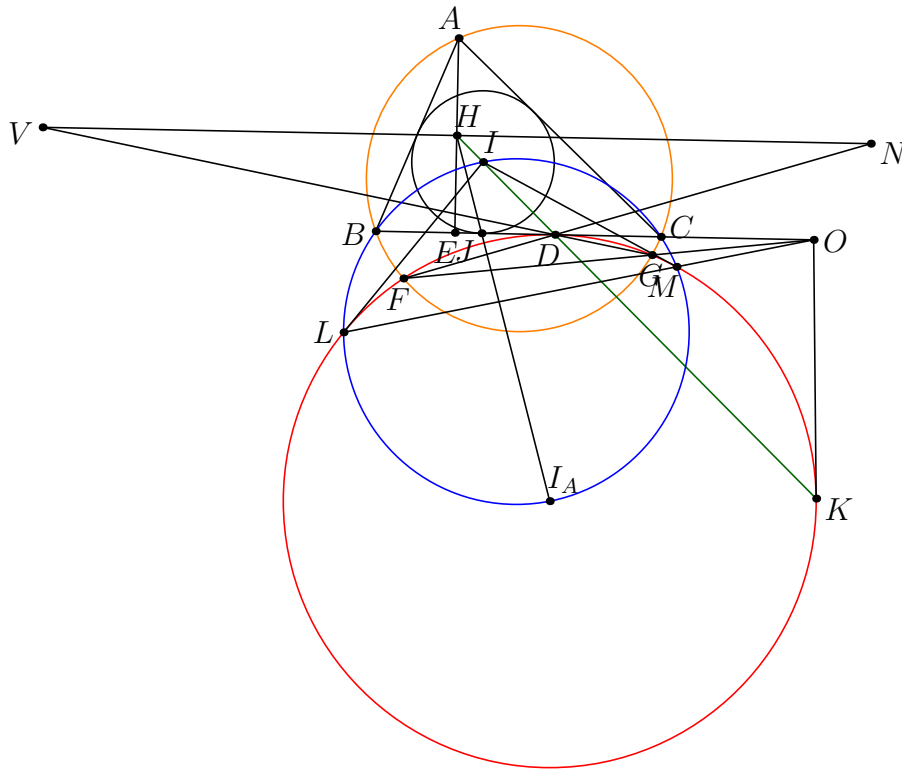


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**Problem** (2017 USA January TST P2). Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with altitude  $AE$ . The  $A$ -excircle touches  $BC$  at  $D$ , and intersects the circumcircle at two points  $F$  and  $G$ . Prove that one can select points  $V$  and  $N$  on lines  $DG$  and  $DF$  such that quadrilateral  $EVAN$  is a rhombus.



¶ **Main Idea** Use midpoint of altitude lemma, and the rest is just standard projective(harmonic) geometry - pole-polar, tangents, harmonics, perspectivity, adding random tangencies, proving concurrency, and (important) using  $(BICI_A)$ !

¶ **Solution** Note that  $BC$ ,  $FG$ , and  $LM$  concur at a point, say  $O$  by radical center theorem. Let  $K$  be the tangent from  $O$ . It follows that  $H, I, D, K$  are collinear as  $IM$  and  $IL$  are in fact tangents. (We can easily pole-polar chase or just symmedians). This also obviously implies that  $DFKG$  is harmonic, and perspectivity at  $D$  finishes as

$$-1 = (G, F, K, D) \stackrel{D}{=} (V, N, H, \infty)$$