

### **III GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF I.F.SHARYGIN THE CORRESPONDENCE ROUND**

1. (8) A triangle is cut into several (not less than two) triangles. One of them is isosceles (not equilateral), and all others are equilateral. Determine the angles of the original triangle.
2. (8) Each diagonal of a quadrangle divides it into two isosceles triangles. Is it true that the quadrangle is a diamond?
3. (8-9) Segments connecting an inner point of a convex non-equilateral  $n$ -gon to its vertices divide the  $n$ -gon into  $n$  equal triangles. What is the least possible  $n$ ?
4. (8) Does a parallelogram exist such that all pairwise meets of bisectors of its angles are situated outside it?
5. A non-convex  $n$ -gon is cut into three parts by a straight line, and two parts are put together so that the resulting polygon is equal to the third part. Can  $n$  be equal to:
  - a) (8) five?
  - b) (8-10) four?
6. a) (8-9) What can be the number of symmetry axes of a checked polygon, that is, of a polygon whose sides lie on lines of a list of checked paper? (Indicate all possible values.)  
b) (10-11) What can be the number of symmetry axes of a checked polyhedron, that is, of a polyhedron consisting of equal cubes which border one to another by plane facets?
7. (8-9) A convex polygon is circumscribed around a circle. Points of contact of its sides with the circle form a polygon with the same set of angles (the order of angles may differ). Is it true that the polygon is regular?
8. (8-9) Three circles pass through a point  $P$ , and the second points of their intersection  $A, B, C$  lie on a straight line. Let  $A_1, B_1, C_1$  be the second meets of lines  $AP, BP, CP$  with the corresponding circles. Let  $C_2$  be the meet of lines  $AB_1$  and  $BA_1$ . Let  $A_2, B_2$  be defined similarly. Prove that the triangles  $A_1B_1C_1$  and  $A_2B_2C_2$  are equal.
9. (8-9) Suppose two convex quadrangles are such that the sides of each of them lie on the middle perpendiculars to the sides of the other one. Determine their angles.
10. (8-9) Find the locus of centers of regular triangles such that three given points  $A, B, C$  lie respectively on three lines containing sides of the triangle.
11. (8-10) A boy and his father are standing on a seashore. If the boy stands on his tiptoes, his eyes are at a height of 1 m above sea-level, and if he seats on father's shoulders, they are at a height of 2 m. What is the ratio of distances visible for him in two cases? (Find the answer to 0.1, assuming that the radius of Earth equals 6000 km.)

12. (9-10) A rectangle  $ABCD$  and a point  $P$  are given. Lines passing through  $A$  and  $B$  and perpendicular to  $PC$  and  $PD$  respectively, meet at a point  $Q$ . Prove that  $PQ \perp AB$ .
13. (9-10) On the side  $AB$  of a triangle  $ABC$ , two points  $X, Y$  are chosen so that  $AX = BY$ . Lines  $CX$  and  $CY$  meet the circumcircle of the triangle, for the second time, at points  $U$  and  $V$ . Prove that all lines  $UV$  (for all  $X, Y$ , given  $A, B, C$ ) have a common point.
14. (9-11) In a trapezium with bases  $AD$  and  $BC$ , let  $P$  and  $Q$  be the middles of diagonals  $AC$  and  $BD$  respectively. Prove that if  $\angle DAQ = \angle CAB$  then  $\angle PBA = \angle DBC$ .
15. (9-11) In a triangle  $ABC$ , let  $AA'$ ,  $BB'$  and  $CC'$  be the bisectors. Suppose  $A'B' \cap CC' = P$  and  $A'C' \cap BB' = Q$ . Prove that  $\angle PAC = \angle QAB$ .
16. (9-11) On two sides of an angle, points  $A, B$  are chosen. The middle  $M$  of the segment  $AB$  belongs to two lines such that one of them meets the sides of the angle at points  $A_1, B_1$ , and the other at points  $A_2, B_2$ . The lines  $A_1B_2$  and  $A_2B_1$  meet  $AB$  at points  $P$  and  $Q$ . Prove that  $M$  is the middle of  $PQ$ .
17. (9-11) What triangles can be cut into three triangles having equal radii of circumcircles?
18. (9-11) Determine the locus of vertices of triangles which have prescribed orthocenter and center of circumcircle.
19. (10-11) Into an angle  $A$  of size  $\alpha$ , a circle is inscribed tangent to its sides at points  $B$  and  $C$ . A line tangent to this circle at a point  $M$  meets the segments  $AB$  and  $AC$  at points  $P$  and  $Q$  respectively. What is the minimum  $\alpha$  such that the inequality  $S_{PAQ} < S_{BMC}$  is possible?
20. (11) The base of a pyramid is a regular triangle having side of size 1. Two of three angles at the vertex of the pyramid are right. Find the maximum value of the volume of the pyramid.
21. (11) There are two pipes on the plane (the pipes are circular cylinders of equal size, 4 m around). Two of them are parallel and, being tangent one to another in the common generatrix, form a tunnel over the plane. The third pipe is perpendicular to two others and cuts out a chamber in the tunnel. Determine the area of the surface of this chamber.

## IV GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF I.F.SHARYGIN THE CORRESPONDENCE ROUND

Below are the conditions of tasks constituting the correspondence round of the IV geometrical olympiad in honour of I.F.Sharygin.

Participation in the olympiad is possible for pupils of 8–11 forms (these are four elder forms in Russian school). In the list of tasks presented below, each task is indicated by the numbers of forms for which it is intended. However the participants may solve the tasks for elder forms as well.

Your work in a school copy-book containing the solutions for the tasks must be sent, at the latest, April 1, 2008 to the following address: Russia, 119002, Moscow, Bolshoy Vlasyevsky per., 11. Olympiad in honour of I.F.Sharygin.

The work must be written in Russian or in English. On the cover of the copy-book, the following information is obedient: all names (underline the surname); post address including post index, phone number and/or E-mail; the number of your present form; the number and address of your school; full names of your teachers in maths and/or of instructors of your math circle.

Please write down each task from a new page: first write down the condition, and then the solution. Present your solution in detail, including all essential arguments and calculations, with exact figures. The solution of a computational task must be completed by a distinctly presented answer. Please be accurate: you are interested in good understanding and true estimating of your work!

If your solution depends on some well-known theorem or a fact from a standard textbook, you may simply refer to it (explaining which theorem or fact is used). But if you use a fact not contained in the curriculum, you have to prove it (or to indicate the source).

Your work will be thoroughly examined, and you will receive the answer, at the latest, in the middle of May 2008. The winners of the correspondence round will be invited to the final round which will be held in summer 2008 in Dubna (near Moscow).

1. (8) Does a regular polygon exist such that just half of its diagonals are parallel to its sides?
2. (8) For a given pair of circles, construct two concentric circles such that both are tangent to the given two. What is the number of solutions, depending on location of the circles?
3. (8) A triangle can be dissected into three equal triangles. Prove that some its angle is equal to  $60^\circ$ .
4. (8–9) The bisectors of two angles in an inscribed quadrangle are parallel. Prove that the sum of squares of some two sides in the quadrangle equals the sum of squares of two remaining sides.
5. (8–9) Reconstruct the square  $ABCD$ , given its vertex  $A$  and distances of vertices  $B$  and  $D$  from a fixed point  $O$  in the plane.
6. (8–9) In the plane, given two concentric circles with the center  $A$ . Let  $B$  be an arbitrary point on some of these circles, and  $C$  on the other one. For every triangle  $ABC$ , consider two equal circles mutually tangent at the point  $K$ , such that one of these circles is tangent to the line  $AB$  at point  $B$  and the other one is tangent to the line  $AC$  at point  $C$ . Determine the locus of points  $K$ .

7. (8–9) Given a circle and a point  $O$  on it. Another circle with center  $O$  meets the first one at points  $P$  and  $Q$ . The point  $C$  lies on the first circle, and the lines  $CP$ ,  $CQ$  meet the second circle for the second time at points  $A$  and  $B$ . Prove that  $AB = PQ$ .
8. (8–11) a) Prove that for  $n > 4$ , any convex  $n$ -gon can be dissected into  $n$  obtuse triangles.  
 b) Prove that for any  $n$ , there exists a convex  $n$ -gon which cannot be dissected into less than  $n$  obtuse triangles.  
 c) In a dissection of a rectangle into obtuse triangles, what is the least possible number of triangles?
9. (9–10) The lines symmetrical to diagonal  $BD$  of a rectangle  $ABCD$  relative to bisectors of angles  $B$  and  $D$  pass through the midpoint of diagonal  $AC$ . Prove that the lines symmetrical to diagonal  $AC$  relative to bisectors of angles  $A$  and  $C$  pass through the midpoint of diagonal  $BD$ .
10. (9–10) Quadrangle  $ABCD$  is circumscribed around a circle with center  $I$ . Prove that the projections of points  $B$  and  $D$  to the lines  $IA$  and  $IC$  lie on a single circle.
11. (9–10) Given four points  $A, B, C, D$ . Any two circles such that one of them contains  $A$  and  $B$ , and the other one contains  $C$  and  $D$ , meet. Prove that common chords of all these pairs of circles pass through a common point.
12. (9–10) Given a triangle  $ABC$ . Point  $A_1$  is chosen on the ray  $BA$  so that segments  $BA_1$  and  $BC$  are equal. Point  $A_2$  is chosen on the ray  $CA$  so that segments  $CA_2$  and  $BC$  are equal. Points  $B_1, B_2$  and  $C_1, C_2$  are chosen similarly. Prove that lines  $A_1A_2, B_1B_2, C_1C_2$  are parallel.
13. (9–10) Given triangle  $ABC$ . One of its excircles is tangent to the side  $BC$  at point  $A_1$  and to the extensions of two other sides. Another excircle is tangent to side  $AC$  at point  $B_1$ . Segments  $AA_1$  and  $BB_1$  meet at point  $N$ . Point  $P$  is chosen on the ray  $AA_1$  so that  $AP = NA_1$ . Prove that  $P$  lies on the incircle.
14. (9–10) The line connecting the incenter and the orthocenter of a non-isosceles triangle is parallel to the bisector of one of its angles. Determine this angle.
15. (9–11) Given two circles and point  $P$  not lying on them. Draw a line through  $P$  which cuts chords of equal length from these circles.
16. (9–11) Given two circles. Their common external tangent is tangent to them at points  $A$  and  $B$ . Points  $X, Y$  on these circles are such that some circle is tangent to the given two circles at these points, and in similar way (external or internal). Determine the locus of intersections of lines  $AX$  and  $BY$ .
17. (9–11) Given triangle  $ABC$  and a ruler with two marked intervals equal to  $AC$  and  $BC$ . By this ruler only, find the incenter of the triangle formed by midlines of triangle  $ABC$ .
18. (9–11) Prove that the triangle having sides  $a, b, c$  and area  $S$  satisfies the inequality

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - \frac{1}{2}(|a - b| + |b - c| + |c - a|)^2 \geq 4\sqrt{3}S.$$

19. (10–11) Given parallelogram  $ABCD$  such that  $AB = a$ ,  $AD = b$ . The first circle has its center at vertex  $A$  and passes through  $D$ , and the second circle has its center at  $C$  and passes through  $D$ . A circle with center  $B$  meets the first circle at points  $M_1, N_1$ , and the second circle at points  $M_2, N_2$ . Determine the ratio  $M_1N_1/M_2N_2$ .
20. (10–11) a) Some polygon has the following property: if a line passes through any two points which bisect its perimeter then this line bisects the area of the polygon. Is it true that the polygon is central symmetrical?  
 b) Is it true that any figure with the property from part a) is central symmetrical?
21. (10–11) In a triangle, one has drawn middle perpendiculars to its sides and has measured their segments lying inside the triangle.  
 a) All three segments are equal. Is it true that the triangle is equilateral?  
 b) Two segments are equal. Is it true that the triangle is isosceles?  
 c) Can the segments have length 4, 4 and 3?
22. (10–11) a) All vertices of a pyramid lie on the facets of a cube but not on its edges, and each facet contains at least one vertex. What is the maximum possible number of the vertices of the pyramid?  
 b) All vertices of a pyramid lie in the facet planes of a cube but not on the lines including its edges, and each facet plane contains at least one vertex. What is the maximum possible number of the vertices of the pyramid?
23. (10–11) In the space, given two intersecting spheres of different radii and a point  $A$  belonging to both spheres. Prove that there is a point  $B$  in the space with the following property: if an arbitrary circle passes through points  $A$  and  $B$  then the second points of its meet with the given spheres are equidistant from  $B$ .
24. (11) Let  $h$  be the least altitude of a tetrahedron, and  $d$  the least distance between its opposite edges. For what values of  $t$  the inequality  $d > th$  is possible?

Feel free to ask any questions via Organizing committee official e-mail [geomolymp@mccme.ru](mailto:geomolymp@mccme.ru)

## V GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF I.F.SHARYGIN THE CORRESPONDENCE ROUND

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Your work containing the solutions for the tasks (in Russian or English) must be sent, at the latest, April 1, 2009. We recommend to send the work by e-mail to [geomolyp@mccme.ru](mailto:geomolyp@mccme.ru) in pdf, doc or jpg files. To avoid the loss of your work, please maintain the following rules.

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- post address, phone number, E-mail;
- the current number of your form;
- the number and the address of your school;
- full names of your teachers in maths and/or of instructors of your math circle.

If you can't send your work by e-mail, please send it through the post to the following address: *Russia, 119002, Moscow, Bolshoy Vlashevsky per., 11. Olympiad in honour of I.F.Sharygin.* In the title page present the information indicated in the item 3 above.

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1. (8) Points  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  lie on ray  $AM$ , and points  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  lie on ray  $AK$ . The circle with center  $O$  is inscribed into triangles  $AB_1C_1$  and  $AB_2C_2$ . Prove that the angles  $B_1OB_2$  and  $C_1OC_2$  are equal.
2. (8) Given nonisosceles triangle  $ABC$ . Consider three segments passing through different vertices of this triangle and bisecting its perimeter. Are the lengths of these segments certainly different?
3. (8) The bisectors of trapezoid's angles form a quadrilateral with perpendicular diagonals. Prove that this trapezoid is isosceles.

4. (8–9) Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be the common points of two circles. The ray with origin  $Q$  reflects from the first circle in points  $A_1, A_2, \dots$  according to the rule “the angle of incidence is equal to the angle of reflection”. Another ray with origin  $Q$  reflects from the second circle in the points  $B_1, B_2, \dots$  in the same manner. Points  $A_1, B_1$  and  $P$  occurred to be collinear. Prove that all lines  $A_iB_i$  pass through  $P$ .
5. (8–9) Given triangle  $ABC$ . Point  $O$  is the center of the excircle touching the side  $BC$ . Point  $O_1$  is the reflection of  $O$  in  $BC$ . Determine angle  $A$  if  $O_1$  lies on the circumcircle of  $ABC$ .
6. (8–9) Find the locus of excenters of right triangles with given hypotenuse.
7. (8–9) Given triangle  $ABC$ . Points  $M, N$  are the projections of  $B$  and  $C$  to the bisectors of angles  $C$  and  $B$  respectively. Prove that line  $MN$  intersects sides  $AC$  and  $AB$  in their points of contact with the incircle of  $ABC$ .
8. (8–10) Some polygon can be divided into two equal parts by three different ways. Is it certainly valid that this polygon has an axis or a center of symmetry?
9. (8–11) Given  $n$  points on the plane, which are the vertices of a convex polygon,  $n > 3$ . There exists  $k$  regular triangles with the side equal to 1 and the vertices at the given points.
- Prove that  $k < \frac{2}{3}n$ .
  - Construct the configuration with  $k > 0, 666n$ .
10. (9) Let  $ABC$  be an acute triangle,  $CC_1$  its bisector,  $O$  its circumcenter. The perpendicular from  $C$  to  $AB$  meets line  $OC_1$  in a point lying on the circumcircle of  $AOB$ . Determine angle  $C$ .
11. (9) Given quadrilateral  $ABCD$ . The circumcircle of  $ABC$  is tangent to side  $CD$ , and the circumcircle of  $ACD$  is tangent to side  $AB$ . Prove that the length of diagonal  $AC$  is less than the distance between the midpoints of  $AB$  and  $CD$ .
12. (9–10) Let  $CL$  be a bisector of triangle  $ABC$ . Points  $A_1$  and  $B_1$  are the reflections of  $A$  and  $B$  in  $CL$ ; points  $A_2$  and  $B_2$  are the reflections of  $A$  and  $B$  in  $L$ . Let  $O_1$  and  $O_2$  be the circumcenters of triangles  $AB_1B_2$  and  $BA_1A_2$  respectively. Prove that angles  $O_1CA$  and  $O_2CB$  are equal.
13. (9–10) In triangle  $ABC$ , one has marked the incenter, the foot of altitude from vertex  $C$  and the center of the excircle tangent to side  $AB$ . After this, the triangle was erased. Restore it.
14. (9–10) Given triangle  $ABC$  of area 1. Let  $BM$  be the perpendicular from  $B$  to the bisector of angle  $C$ . Determine the area of triangle  $AMC$ .
15. (9–10) Given a circle and a point  $C$  not lying on this circle. Consider all triangles  $ABC$  such that points  $A$  and  $B$  lie on the given circle. Prove that the triangle of maximal area is isosceles.

16. (9–11) Three lines passing through point  $O$  form equal angles by pairs. Points  $A_1, A_2$  on the first line and  $B_1, B_2$  on the second line are such that the common point  $C_1$  of  $A_1B_1$  and  $A_2B_2$  lies on the third line. Let  $C_2$  be the common point of  $A_1B_2$  and  $A_2B_1$ . Prove that angle  $C_1OC_2$  is right.
17. (9–11) Given triangle  $ABC$  and two points  $X, Y$  not lying on its circumcircle. Let  $A_1, B_1, C_1$  be the projections of  $X$  to  $BC, CA, AB$ , and  $A_2, B_2, C_2$  be the projections of  $Y$ . Prove that the perpendiculars from  $A_1, B_1, C_1$  to  $B_2C_2, C_2A_2, A_2B_2$ , respectively, concur iff line  $XY$  passes through the circumcenter of  $ABC$ .
18. (9–11) Given three parallel lines on the plane. Find the locus of incenters of triangles with vertices lying on these lines (a single vertex on each line).
19. (10–11) Given convex  $n$ -gon  $A_1 \dots A_n$ . Let  $P_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ) be such points on its boundary that  $A_iP_i$  bisects the area of polygon. All points  $P_i$  don't coincide with any vertex and lie on  $k$  sides of  $n$ -gon. What is the maximal and the minimal value of  $k$  for each given  $n$ ?
20. (10–11) Suppose  $H$  and  $O$  are the orthocenter and the circumcenter of acute triangle  $ABC$ ;  $AA_1, BB_1$  and  $CC_1$  are the altitudes of the triangle. Point  $C_2$  is the reflection of  $C$  in  $A_1B_1$ . Prove that  $H, O, C_1$  and  $C_2$  are concyclic.
21. (10–11) The opposite sidelines of quadrilateral  $ABCD$  intersect at points  $P$  and  $Q$ . Two lines passing through these points meet the side of  $ABCD$  in four points which are the vertices of a parallelogram. Prove that the center of this parallelogram lies on the line passing through the midpoints of diagonals of  $ABCD$ .
22. (10–11) Construct a quadrilateral which is inscribed and circumscribed, given the radii of the respective circles and the angle between the diagonals of quadrilateral.
23. (10–11) Is it true that for each  $n$ , the regular  $2n$ -gon is a projection of some polyhedron having not greater than  $n + 2$  faces?
24. (11) A sphere is inscribed into a quadrangular pyramid. The point of contact of the sphere with the base of the pyramid is projected to the edges of the base. Prove that these projections are concyclic.

# V GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF I.F.SHARYGIN

## THE CORRESPONDENCE ROUND. SOLUTIONS

1. (D.Prokopenko) (8) Points  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  lie on ray  $AM$ , and points  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  lie on ray  $AK$ . The circle with center  $O$  is inscribed into triangles  $AB_1C_1$  and  $AB_2C_2$ . Prove that the angles  $B_1OB_2$  and  $C_1OC_2$  are equal.

**Solution.** Let  $D$  be the common point of segments  $B_1C_1$  and  $B_2C_2$  (Fig.1). Then by theorem on exterior angles of a triangle, we have  $\angle B_1OB_2 = \angle AOB_2 - \angle AOB_1 = \angle AB_1O - \angle AB_2O = (\angle AB_1C_1 - \angle AB_2C_2)/2 = \angle B_1DB_2/2$ . Similarly  $\angle C_1OC_2 = \angle C_1DC_2/2$ , thus these angles are equal.

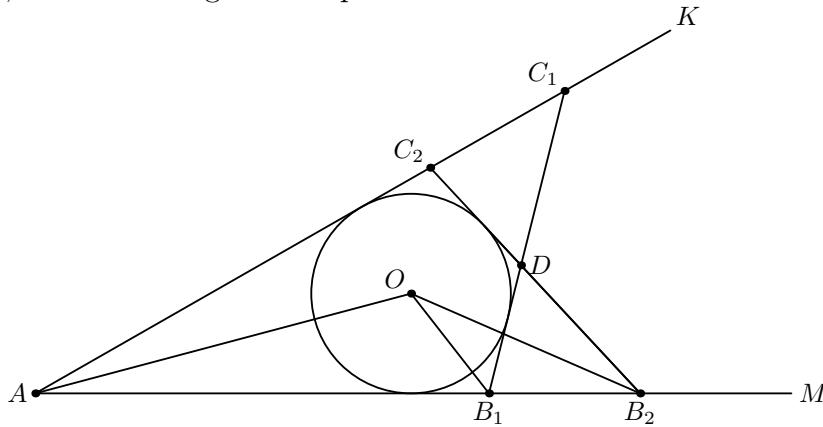


Fig.1

2. (B.Frenkin) (8) Given non-isosceles triangle  $ABC$ . Consider three segments passing through different vertices of this triangle and bisecting its perimeter. Are the lengths of these segments certainly different?

**Answer.** Yes.

**Solution.** Suppose for example that segments  $AA'$  and  $BB'$  are equal. Since the perimeters of triangles  $AA'B$  and  $AA'C$  are equal, we have  $BA' = (AB + BC + CA)/2 - AB$ . Similarly  $AB' = (AB + BC + CA)/2 - AB$ , and so triangles  $ABA'$  и  $BAB'$  are equal. Thus  $\angle A = \angle B$ , but this is impossible because triangle  $ABC$  is non-isosceles.

3. (D.Shnol) (8) The bisectors of trapezoid's angles form a quadrilateral with perpendicular diagonals. Prove that this trapezoid is isosceles.

**Solution.** Let  $KLMN$  be the quadrilateral formed by the bisectors (Fig. 3). Since  $AK$ ,  $BK$  are the bisectors of adjacent trapezoid's angles, we have  $\angle LKN = 90^\circ$ . Similarly  $\angle LMN = 90^\circ$ . So  $LK^2 + KN^2 = LM^2 + MN^2$ . But by perpendicularity of the diagonals,  $KL^2 + MN^2 = KN^2 + LM^2$ . These two equalities yield that  $KL = LM$  and  $MN = NK$ , thus  $\angle NKM = \angle NMK$ . But points  $K$ ,  $M$  as common points of bisectors of adjacent angles, lie on the midline of the trapezoid, i.e.  $KM \parallel AD$ . So  $\angle CAD = \angle BDA$  and the trapezoid is isosceles.

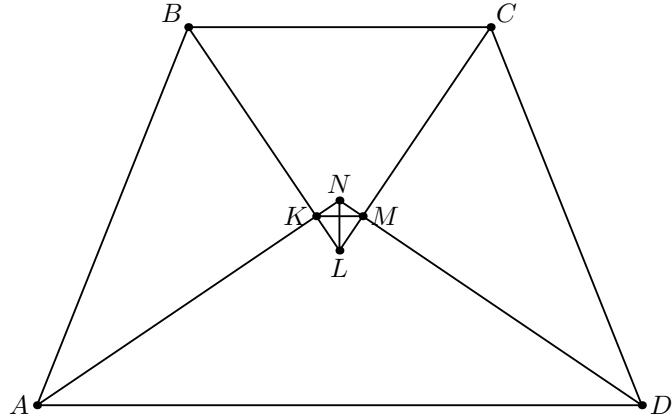


Fig.3

4. (D.Prokopenko) (8–9) Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be the common points of two circles. The ray with origin  $Q$  reflects from the first circle in points  $A_1, A_2, \dots$  according to the rule “the angle of incidence is equal to the angle of reflection”. Another ray with origin  $Q$  reflects from the second circle in the points  $B_1, B_2, \dots$  in the same manner. Points  $A_1, B_1$  and  $P$  occurred to be collinear. Prove that all lines  $A_i B_i$  pass through  $P$ .

**Solution.** When the rays reflect from the circles, we have  $QA_1 = A_1A_2 = A_2A_3 = \dots$  and  $QB_1 = B_1B_2 = B_2B_3 = \dots$ . So  $\angle(PQ, PA_1) = \angle(PA_1, PA_2) = \angle(PA_2, PA_3) = \dots$  and  $\angle(PQ, PB_1) = \angle(PB_1, PB_2) = \angle(PB_2, PB_3) = \dots$  (for oriented angles). Also, since points  $A_1, B_1, P$  are collinear, we have  $\angle(PQ, PA_1) = \angle(PQ, PB_1)$ . Thus for any  $i$  we have  $\angle(PA_{i-1}, PA_i) = \angle(PB_{i-1}, PB_i)$ , and by induction  $A_i, B_i, P$  are collinear.

5. (D.Shnol) (8–9) Given triangle  $ABC$ . Point  $O$  is the center of the excircle touching the side  $BC$ . Point  $O_1$  is the reflection of  $O$  in  $BC$ . Determine angle  $A$  if  $O_1$  lies on the circumcircle of  $ABC$ .

**Solution.** The condition yields that  $\angle BOC = \angle BO_1C = \angle A$ . On the other hand,  $\angle BOC = 180^\circ - (180^\circ - \angle B)/2 - (180^\circ - \angle C)/2 = (180^\circ - \angle A)/2$ . So  $\angle A = 60^\circ$ .

6. (B.Frenkin) (8–9) Find the locus of excenters of right triangles with given hypotenuse.

**Solution.** Let  $ABC$  be a right triangle with hypotenuse  $AB$ , and  $I_a, I_b, I_c$  be its excenters (Fig. 6). Then  $\angle AI_c B = \angle AI_a B = \angle AI_b B = 45^\circ$ , and points  $I_a, I_b$  lie on the same side from line  $AB$ ,  $I_c$  on the other side. So these three points lie on two circles  $c_1, c_2$  passing through  $A, B$ , such that their arc  $AB$  is equal to  $90^\circ$ . When  $C$  runs a semicircle with diameter  $AB$  then each excenter runs a quarter of the circle.

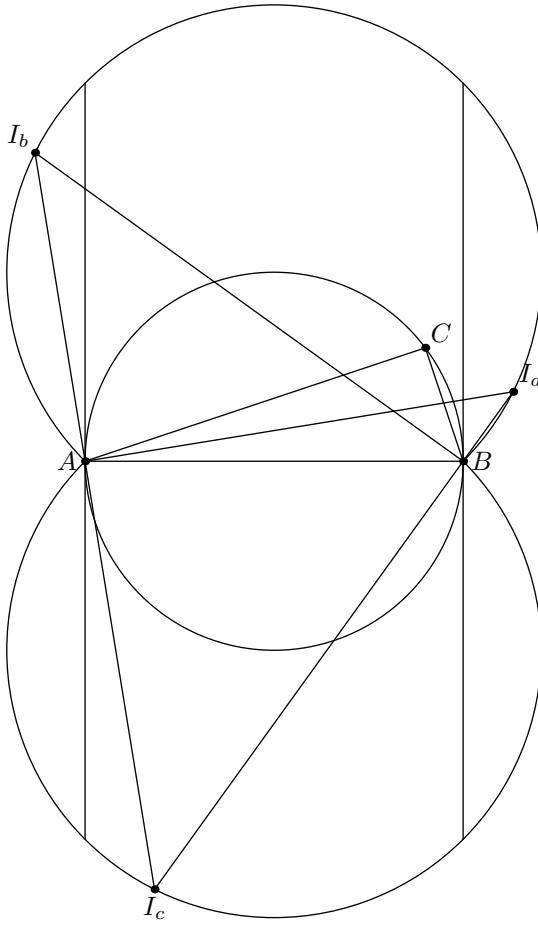


Fig.6

Namely,  $I_a$  runs the arc between  $B$  and the meet of the circle with  $l$ ;  $I_b$  runs the arc between  $A$  and the meet of the circle with  $k$ ;  $I_c$  runs the arc between the meets of the circle with  $k$  and  $l$ . When  $C$  runs the whole circle with diameter  $AB$  except points  $A, B$ , the excentres run the required locus, namely the arcs of  $c_1, c_2$ , lying outside the circle with diameter  $AB$ , except their ends  $A, B$  and their meets with  $k, l$ .

7. (V.Protasov) (8–9) Given triangle  $ABC$ . Points  $M, N$  are the projections of  $B$  and  $C$  to the bisectors of angles  $C$  and  $B$  respectively. Prove that line  $MN$  intersects sides  $AC$  and  $AB$  in their points of contact with the incircle of  $ABC$ .

**Solution.** Let  $I$  be the incenter of  $ABC$ ,  $P$  be the common point of  $MN$  and  $AC$  (Fig. 7). Points  $M, N$  lie on the circle with diameter  $BC$ , so  $\angle MNB = \angle MCB = \angle ACI$ . Hence  $C, I, P, N$  are concyclic and  $\angle CPI = \angle CNI = 90^\circ$ . Thus,  $P$  is the touching point of  $AC$  with the incircle. For side  $AB$  the proof is similar.

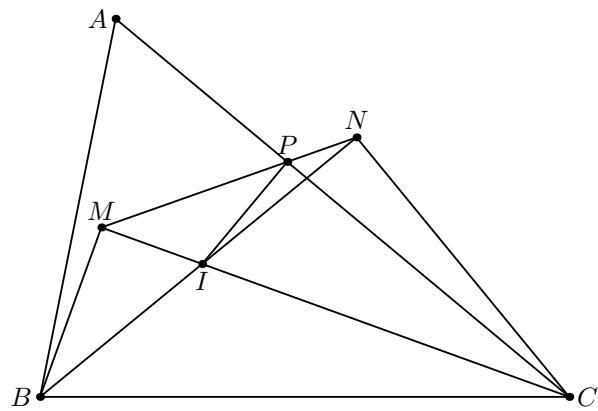


Fig.7

8. (S.Markelov) (8–10) Some polygon can be divided into two equal parts by three different ways. Is it certainly valid that this polygon has an axis or a center of symmetry?

**Answer.** No, see Fig.8.

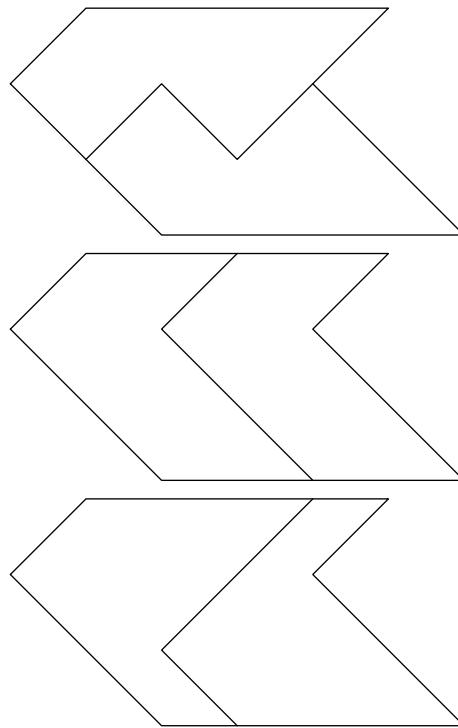


Fig.8

9. (V.A.Yasinsky) (8–11) Given  $n$  points on the plane, which are the vertices of a convex polygon,  $n > 3$ . There exist  $k$  regular triangles with the side equal to 1 and the vertices at the given points.

- a) Prove that  $k < \frac{2}{3}n$ .  
 b) Construct the configuration with  $k > 0,666n$ .

**Solution.** a) For any given point there exists a line passing through this point, such that all other given points lie on the same side from this line. This enables us to choose among all triangles having this point as a vertex, two "extreme" triangles (maybe coinciding), "left" and "right". We will call these two triangles "attached" to the given vertex.

**Lemma.** Each triangle is attached at least three times.

**Proof.** Suppose that triangle  $ABC$  isn't "extremely left" for vertex  $C$  and isn't "extremely right" for vertex  $B$  (Fig.9).

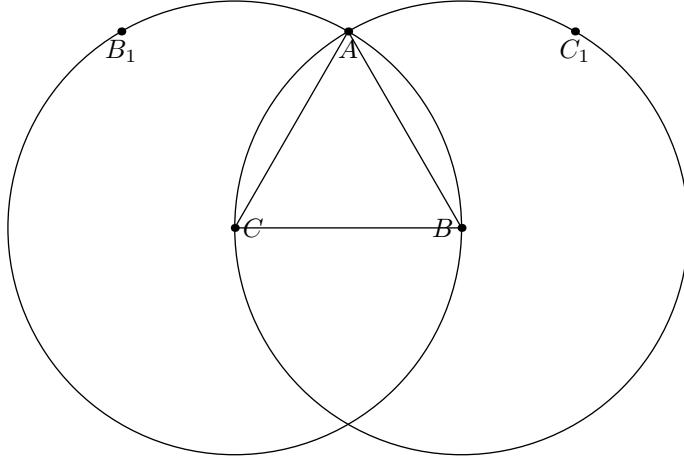


Fig.9

Then arcs  $AB_1$  and  $AC_1$  contain some of given points. But these points and  $A, B, C$  can't be vertices of a convex polygon. So  $ABC$  is attached by one of two indicated ways, i.e., it is "extremely left" for  $C$  or "extremely right" for  $B$ . Similarly it is "extremely left" for  $A$  or "extremely right" for  $C$ . Also it is "extremely left" for  $B$  or "extremely right" for  $A$ . Hence  $ABC$  is attached at least three times as required.

Suppose now that for  $n$  given points there exist  $k$  unit triangles. Since for any point there exist at most two attached triangles,  $2n$  is the maximum number of attachments. Since each unit triangle is attached at least three times,  $3k$  is the minimum number of attachments. Thus  $3k \leq 2n$  and  $k \leq \frac{2}{3}n$ .

b) Consider the rhombus formed by two triangles. Rotating it around its obtuse-angled vertex we obtain  $m$  rhombuses.

If all rotation angles are less than  $\pi/3$ , then all vertices of obtained rhombuses form a convex polygon. Also we have  $n = 3m + 1$ ,  $k = 2m$ , and for  $m$  sufficiently great we have  $k > 0, 666n$ .

10. (F.Ivlev) (9) Let  $ABC$  be an acute triangle,  $CC_1$  its bisector,  $O$  its circumcenter. The perpendicular from  $C$  to  $AB$  meets line  $OC_1$  in a point lying on the circumcircle of  $AOB$ . Determine angle  $C$ .

**Solution.** Let  $D$  be the common point of  $OC_1$  and the perpendicular from  $C$  to  $AB$ . Since  $D$  lies on circle  $AOB$  and  $AO = OB$ , we have  $\angle ADC_1 = \angle BDC_1$ . So  $AD/BD = AC_1/BC_1 = AC/BC$ . On the other hand,  $CD \perp AB$  implies  $AC^2 + BD^2 = AD^2 + BC^2$ . From these two relations  $AC = AD$ , i.e.,  $D$  is the reflection of  $C$  in  $AB$ . But then  $CC_1$  intersects the medial perpendicular of  $AB$  in the point symmetric to  $O$  (Fig.10). Since the medial perpendicular and the bisector meet on the circumcircle,  $AB$  bisects perpendicular radius. So  $\angle C = 60^\circ$ .

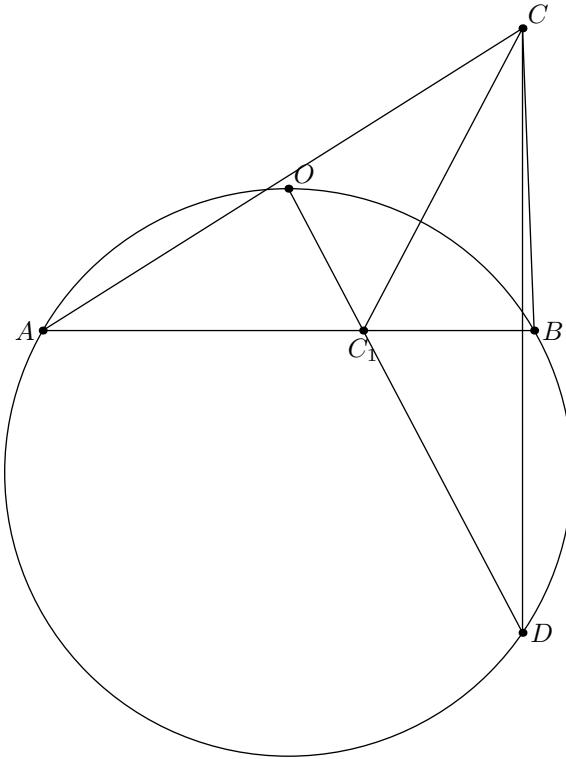


Fig.10

11. (A.Blinkov) (9) Given quadrilateral  $ABCD$ . The circumcircle of  $ABC$  is tangent to side  $CD$ , and the circumcircle of  $ACD$  is tangent to side  $AB$ . Prove that the length of diagonal  $AC$  is less than the distance between the midpoints of  $AB$  and  $CD$ .

**Solution.** The condition implies  $\angle BAC + \angle BCD = \angle ACD + \angle BAD = 180^\circ$ . Thus  $\angle BCA = \angle CAD$ , i.e.  $AD \parallel BC$  and the segment between the midpoints of  $AB$  and  $CD$  is the medial line of the trapezoid and equals  $(AD + BC)/2$ . Also  $\angle ACD = \angle ABC$  and  $\angle BAC = \angle CDA$ , so that triangles  $ABC$  and  $DCA$  are similar. Thus  $AC^2 = AD \cdot BC$  and the assertion of the problem follows from Cauchi inequality.

12. (D.Prokopenko) (9–10) Let  $CL$  be a bisector of triangle  $ABC$ . Points  $A_1$  and  $B_1$  are the reflections of  $A$  and  $B$  in  $CL$ ; points  $A_2$  and  $B_2$  are the reflections of  $A$  and  $B$  in  $L$ . Let  $O_1$  and  $O_2$  be the circumcenters of triangles  $AB_1B_2$  and  $BA_1A_2$  respectively. Prove that angles  $O_1CA$  and  $O_2CB$  are equal.

**Solution.** The condition implies  $CB_1/CA = CB/CA = BL/LA = B_2L/AL$ , i.e.,  $B_1B_2 \parallel CL$ . Similarly  $A_1A_2 \parallel CL$ . So  $\angle AB_1B_2 = \angle BA_1A_2 = \angle C/2$ . The reflection in  $CL$  transforms points  $B$  and  $A_1$  to  $B_1$  and  $A$ . Also it transforms  $A_2$  to some point  $A'$ . We obtain  $\angle A'AB_2 + \angle A'B_1B_2 = \angle A + \angle B + 2\angle C/2 = 180^\circ$ . Thus quadrilateral  $AA'B_1B_2$  is cyclic and points  $O_1, O_2$  are symmetric wrt  $CL$  (Fig.12).

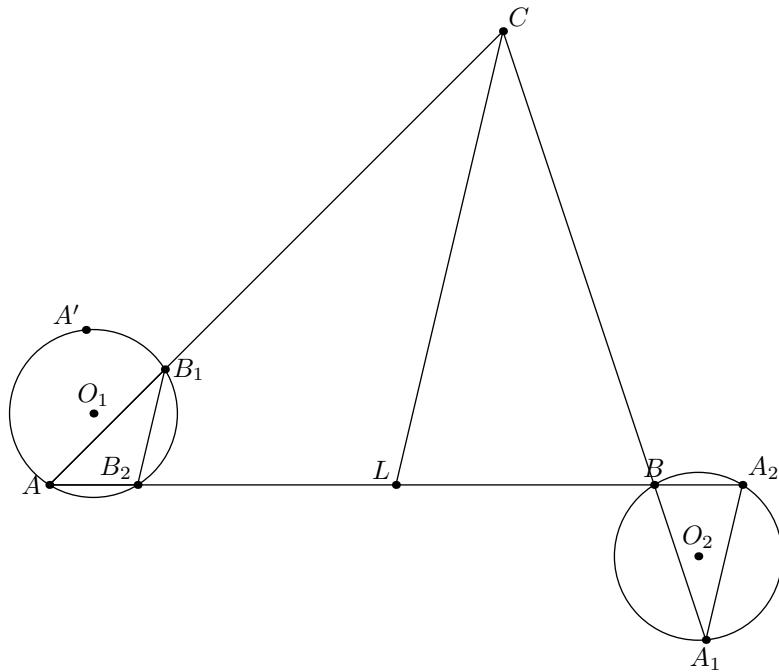


Fig.12

13. (A.Zaslavsky) (9–10) In triangle  $ABC$ , one has marked the incenter, the foot of altitude from vertex  $C$  and the center of the excircle tangent to side  $AB$ . After this, the triangle was erased. Restore it.

**Solution.** Incenter  $I$  and excenter  $I_c$  lie on the bisector  $CC'$  of angle  $C$ . If  $r$  and  $r_c$  are the inradius and the exradius then  $CI/CI_c = C'I/C'I_c = r/r_c$ . So for any point  $X$  lying on the circle with diameter  $CC'$ , the ratio  $XI/XI_c$  is the same. As the foot  $H$  of altitude to  $AB$  lies on this circle, we have  $HI/HI_c = CI/C/I_c = C'I/C'I_c$ , i.e.,  $HC'$  and  $HC$  are the bisectors of angle  $IHI_c$  (Fig.13). Constructing these bisectors, we restore point  $C$  and line  $AB$ . As  $\angle IAI_c = \angle IBI_c = 90^\circ$ , points  $A, B$  lie on the circle with diameter  $II_c$ . Constructing this circle and its common points with line  $AB$ , we restore the triangle.

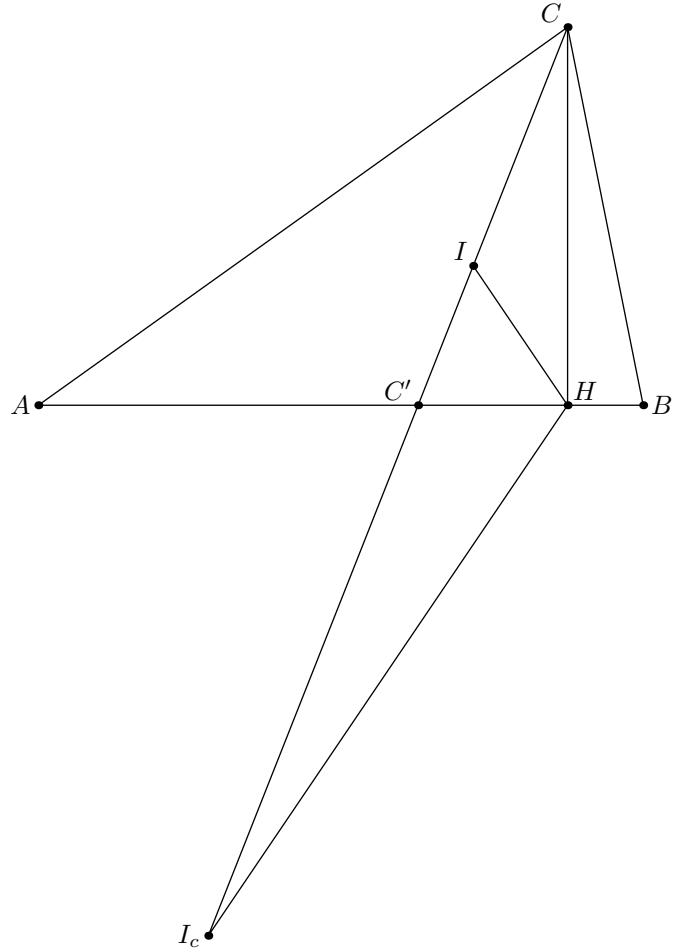


Fig.13

14. (V.Protasov) (9–10) Given triangle  $ABC$  of area 1. Let  $BM$  be the perpendicular from  $B$  to the bisector of angle  $C$ . Determine the area of triangle  $AMC$ .

**First solution.** Let the line passing through  $B$  and parallel to  $AC$  meet the bisector of angle  $C$  in point  $N$  (Fig.14). Since  $\angle BNC = \angle ACN = \angle BCN$ , triangle  $BCN$  is isosceles and  $BM$  is its median. Thus  $S_{AMC} = \frac{1}{2}S_{ANC} = \frac{1}{2}S_{ABC} = \frac{1}{2}$ .

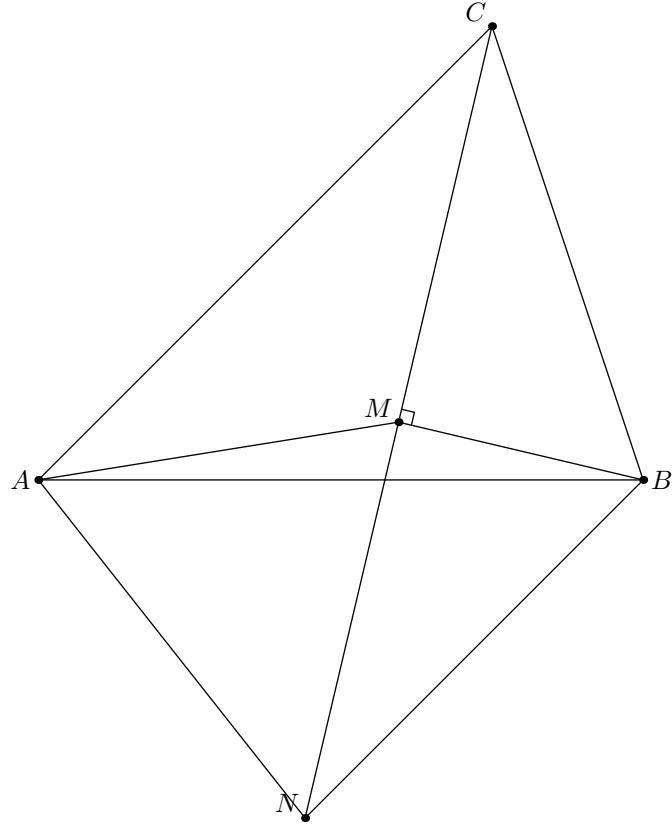


Fig.14

**Second solution.** Since  $S_{AMC} = \frac{1}{2}AC \cdot CM \sin \frac{C}{2}$  and  $CM = BC \cos \frac{C}{2}$ , we have  $S_{AMC} = \frac{1}{4}AC \cdot BC \sin C = \frac{S_{ABC}}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$ .

15. (B.Frenkin) (9–10) Given a circle and a point  $C$  not lying on this circle. Consider all triangles  $ABC$  such that points  $A$  and  $B$  lie on the given circle. Prove that the triangle of maximal area is isosceles.

**Solution.** Let  $C$  be the given point and  $A, B$  lie on the circle. If the tangent to the circle in  $A$  isn't parallel to  $CB$ , then moving point  $A$ , we can increase the distance from  $A$  to  $BC$  and the area of the triangle. Similarly the tangent at  $B$  is parallel to  $CA$ . So lines  $AC$  and  $BC$  are symmetric wrt the medial perpendicular to  $AB$ , and  $AC = BC$  (Fig.15).

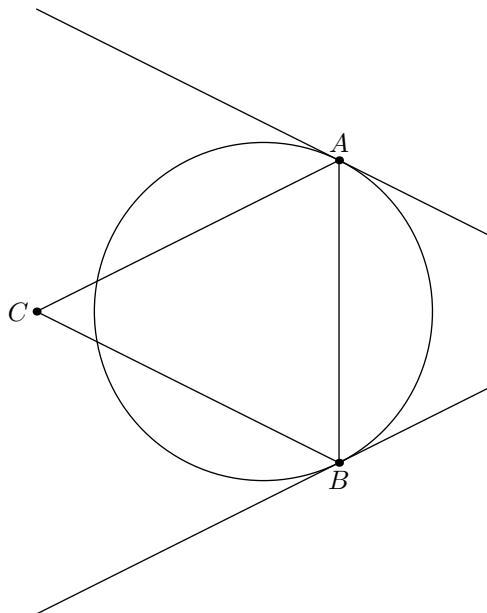


Fig.15

Note that the above argument does not depend on the location of the given point inside or outside the circle.

16. (A.Zaslavsky) (9–11) Three lines passing through point  $O$  form equal angles by pairs. Points  $A_1, A_2$  on the first line and  $B_1, B_2$  on the second line are such that the common point  $C_1$  of  $A_1B_1$  and  $A_2B_2$  lies on the third line. Let  $C_2$  be the common point of  $A_1B_2$  and  $A_2B_1$ . Prove that angle  $C_1OC_2$  is right.

**Solution.** Let  $C_3$  be the common point of lines  $OC_1$  and  $A_2B_1$  (Fig.16). Applying the Ceva and Menelaes theorems to triangle  $OA_2B_1$  we obtain  $C_2A_2/C_2B_1 = C_3A_2/C_3B_1 = OA_2OB_1$ . So  $OC_2$  is the external bisector of angle  $A_2OB_1$ , and  $OC_2 \perp OC_1$ .

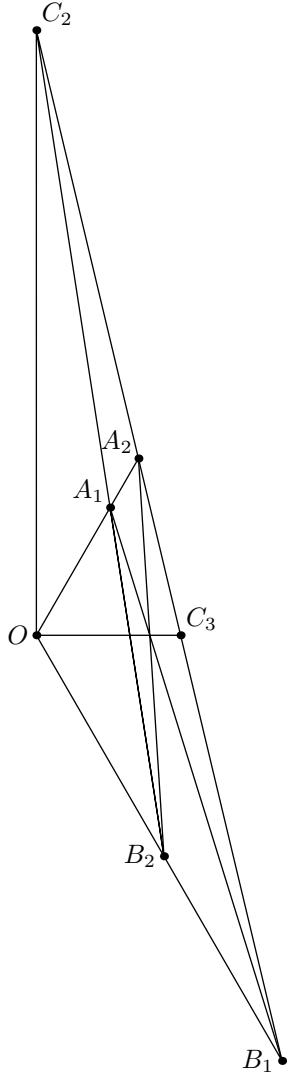


Fig.16

17. (A.Zaslavsky) (9–11) Given triangle  $ABC$  and two points  $X, Y$  not lying on its circumcircle. Let  $A_1, B_1, C_1$  be the projections of  $X$  to  $BC, CA, AB$ , and  $A_2, B_2, C_2$  be the projections of  $Y$ . Prove that the perpendiculars from  $A_1, B_1, C_1$  to  $B_2C_2, C_2A_2, A_2B_2$ , respectively, concur iff line  $XY$  passes through the circumcenter of  $ABC$ .

**Solution.** Let line  $XY$  pass through the circumcenter  $O$ . Fix point  $Y$  and move  $X$  along this line. The perpendiculars from  $A_1, B_1, C_1$  to sidelines of  $A_2B_2C_2$  move uniformly and remain self-parallel, so their common points move along some lines. When  $X$  coincides with  $O$  or  $Y$ , the three perpendiculars concur. Hence this is correct for all  $X$ .

The above argument yields that for point  $Y$  fixed, the locus of points  $X$  such that the perpendiculars concur is line  $OY$  or the whole plane. Supposing the second case, take point  $C$  for  $X$ . Then  $A_1, B_1$  coincide with  $C$ , and  $C_1$  is the foot of the altitude from  $C$ . Since the three perpendiculars concur, we have  $A_2B_2 \parallel AB$ , and so  $Y$  lies on  $OC$ . Taking now another vertex for  $X$ , we obtain that  $Y$  coincides with  $O$ .

18. (B.Frenkin) (9–11) Given three parallel lines on the plane. Find the locus of incenters of triangles with vertices lying on these lines (a single vertex on each line).

**Answer.** The stripe whose bounds do not belong to the locus, are parallel to the given lines and are equidistant from the medium line and one of the extreme lines.

**Solution.** If we shift an arbitrary triangle whose vertices lie on the given lines by a vector parallel to these lines, its incenter is shifted by the same vector. So the desired locus is a stripe. Let us find its bounds.

Let  $b$  be the medium line and  $a, c$  the extreme lines. Let the vertex  $A, B, C$  lie on  $a, b, c$  respectively. Consider the diameter of the incircle, perpendicular to the given lines (Fig.18), and its endpoint nearest to  $a$ . This point lies nearer to  $a$  than the touching point of the incircle with  $AB$ , and thus it is nearer to  $a$  than  $b$ . Since another extreme point of the diameter lies nearer to  $a$  than  $c$ , the midpoint  $I$  of the diameter lies nearer to  $a$  than the line equidistant from  $b$  and  $c$ . Interchanging  $a$  and  $c$  in this argument, we obtain that  $I$  lies inside the stripe indicated in the answer.

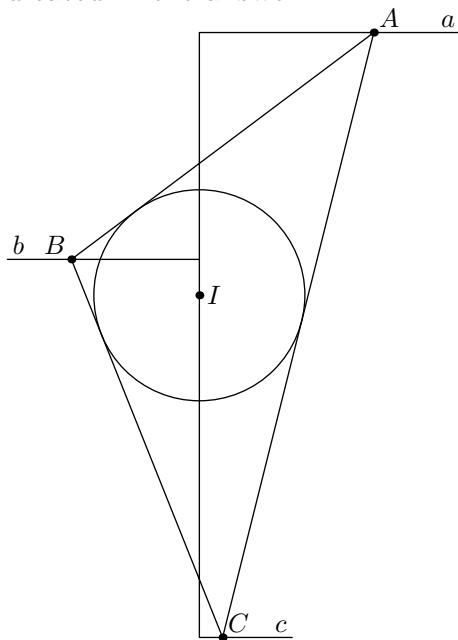


Fig.18

Now consider some triangle  $ABC$  with vertices on given lines. Move vertex  $B$  to make side  $AB$  perpendicular to the given lines. Now let point  $C$  tend to infinity. Then angles  $A$  and  $B$  of the triangle tend to right angles and point  $I$  tends to a vertex of the right isosceles triangle with hypotenuse  $AB$ . So  $I$  tends to the line equidistant from  $a$  and  $b$ . Similarly, starting from the same triangle, we can tend  $I$  to the line equidistant from  $b$  and  $c$ . Thus the locus of points  $I$  is the whole indicated stripe.

19. (B.Frenkin) (10–11) Given convex  $n$ -gon  $A_1 \dots A_n$ . Let  $P_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ) be points on its boundary such that  $A_i P_i$  bisects the area of the polygon. All points  $P_i$  don't coincide with any vertex and lie on  $k$  sides of the  $n$ -gon. What is the maximal and the minimal value of  $k$  for each given  $n$ ?

**Answer.** The minimal value is 3, the maximal value is equal to  $n - 1$  for  $n$  even and equal to  $n$  for  $n$  odd.

**Solution.** Since segments  $A_i P_i$  bisect the area of the polygon, any two of them intersect. Let point  $P_i$  lie on side  $A_j A_{j+1}$ . Then points  $P_j$  and  $P_{j+1}$  lie on the boundary of the polygon in opposite directions from  $A_i$ , i.e., some of given points lie on three distinct

sides of the polygon. Now let two vertices of the polygon be the vertices of a regular triangle and all other vertices lie near the third vertex of this triangle. Then all points  $P_i$  lie on three sides of the polygon.

If  $n$  is odd then it is evident that for a regular  $n$ -gon all  $P_i$  lie on different sides. Let  $n = 2m$ . Since segments  $A_mP_m$  and  $A_{2m}P_{2m}$  intersect, points  $P_m$  and  $P_{2m}$  lie on the same side from diagonal  $A_mA_{2m}$ . There exist  $m$  sides of polygon lying on the other side from this diagonal, and point  $P_i$  can lie on one of these sides only if the corresponding vertex  $A_i$  lies between  $P_m$  and  $P_{2m}$ . But there exist at most  $m - 1$  such vertices, and so some side doesn't contain points  $P_i$ .

Consider now the  $n$ -gon such that vertices  $A_1, \dots, A_{n-2}$  coincide with the vertices of a regular  $(n-1)$ -gon, and vertices  $A_{n-1}, A_n$  lie near the remaining vertex of this  $(n-1)$ -gon. Points  $P_i$  lie on all sides of this polygon except  $A_{n-1}A_n$ .

20. (D.Prokopenko) (10–11) Suppose  $H$  and  $O$  are the orthocenter and the circumcenter of acute triangle  $ABC$ ;  $AA_1, BB_1$  and  $CC_1$  are the altitudes of the triangle. Point  $C_2$  is the reflection of  $C$  in  $A_1B_1$ . Prove that  $H, O, C_1$  and  $C_2$  are concyclic.

**Solution.** As  $CA_1/CA = CB_1/CB = \cos C$ , triangles  $ABC$  and  $A_1B_1C$  are similar. So, since  $\angle ACO = \angle BCC_1 = 90^\circ - \angle B$ , line  $CO$  contains an altitude of  $A_1B_1C$ , thus points  $C, O, C_2$  are collinear (Fig.20). From similarity of  $ABC$  and  $A_1B_1C$  it follows as well that  $CC_2/CC_1 = 2 \cos C$ . But it is known that  $CH = 2CO \cos C$ . Thus  $CO \cdot CC_2 = CH \cdot CC_1$ , which is equivalent to the assertion of the problem.

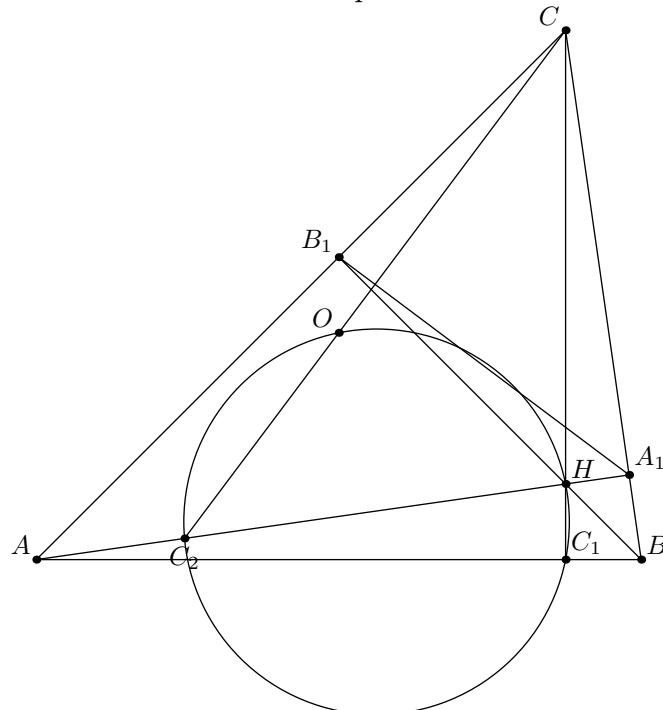


Fig.20

21. (F.Nilov) (10–11) The opposite sidelines of quadrilateral  $ABCD$  intersect at points  $P$  and  $Q$ . Two lines passing through these points meet sides of  $ABCD$  in four points which are vertices of a parallelogram. Prove that the center of this parallelogram lies on the line passing through the midpoints of diagonals of  $ABCD$ .

**Solution.** Using affine map, transform the parallelogram to a square and consider the coordinate system having the diagonals of this square for axes. Let the sides of the given quadrilateral intersect the coordinate axes in points  $(\pm 1, 0)$ ,  $(0, \pm 1)$ , and the coordinates of  $P, Q$  be  $(p, 0)$  and  $(0, q)$  respectively. Then the equations of sidelines are  $\frac{x}{p} \pm y = 1$ ,  $\pm x + \frac{y}{q} = 1$ ; the vertices have coordinates  $(\frac{p(q-1)}{pq-1}, \frac{q(p-1)}{pq-1})$ ,  $(-\frac{p(q-1)}{pq+1}, \frac{q(p+1)}{pq+1})$ ,  $(-\frac{p(q+1)}{pq-1}, -\frac{q(p+1)}{pq-1})$ ,  $(\frac{p(q+1)}{pq+1}, -\frac{q(p-1)}{pq+1})$ , and the midpoints of diagonals are collinear with the origin of the coordinate system.

22. (A.Zaslavsky) (10–11) Construct a quadrilateral which is inscribed and circumscribed, given the radii of the respective circles and the angle between the diagonals of the quadrilateral.

**Solution.** If  $R, r$  are the radii of the circumcircle and the incircle and  $d$  is the distance between their centers  $O$  and  $I$ , then it is known that

$$\frac{1}{r^2} = \frac{1}{(R+d)^2} + \frac{1}{(R-d)^2}.$$

So we can define  $d$  and construct these circles. The diagonals of all quadrilaterals with the given circumcircle and incircle intersect at the same point  $L$  lying on line  $OI$ , and their midpoints lie on the circle with diameter  $OL$ . Furthermore the segment between midpoints of the diagonals passes through  $I$ , and its length is equal to  $OL \sin \phi$ , where  $\phi$  is the given angle. Constructing the chord of this length passing through  $I$ , we find the midpoints of the diagonals and so the vertices of the quadrilateral.

23. (V.Protasov) (10–11) Is it true that for each  $n$ , the regular  $2n$ -gon is a projection of some polyhedron having not greater than  $n+2$  faces?

**Answer.** Yes.

**Solution.** Apply to regular  $2n$ -gon  $A_1 \dots A_{2n}$  the dilation wrt  $A_n A_{2n}$  with coefficient  $k > 1$  (Fig.23). Now bend the obtained polygon along line  $A_n A_{2n}$  to project its vertices  $B_1, \dots, B_{n-1}, B_{n+1}, \dots, B_{2n-1}$  to the vertices of the original regular polygon. Then all lines  $B_i B_{2n-i}$  are parallel, and the polyhedron bounded by triangles  $B_{n-1} B_n B_{n+1}$ ,  $B_{2n-1} B_{2n} B_1$ , trapezoids  $B_i B_{i+1} B_{2n-i-1} B_{2n-i}$  and two halves of the  $2n$ -gon is the desired one.

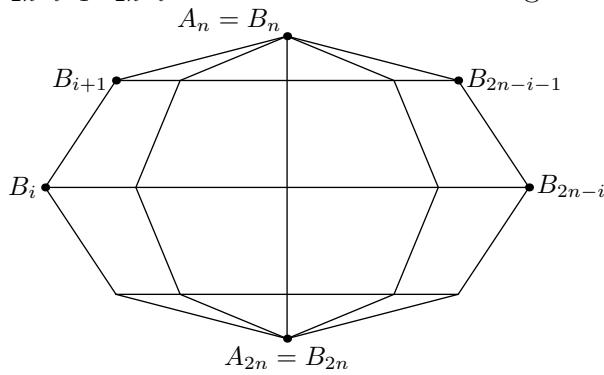


Fig.23

24. (F.Nilov) (11) A sphere is inscribed into a quadrangular pyramid. The point of contact of the sphere with the base of the pyramid is projected to the edges of the base. Prove that these projections are concyclic.

**Solution.** Let  $ABCD$  be the base of the pyramid,  $P$  its touching point with the insphere,  $P'$  its touching point with the exsphere touching the base and the extensions of lateral faces. Then the ratio of distances from  $P$  to sidelines of the base is the same as for cotangents of halves of dihedral angles at the corresponding edges, and the ratio of distances from  $P'$  to sidelines is the same as for tangents of these half angles. Thus the lines joining each vertex of  $ABCD$  with  $P$  and  $P'$  are symmetric wrt the bisector of the respective angle.

Now let  $K, L, M, N$  be the reflections of  $P$  wrt  $AB, BC, CD, DA$ . Since, for example,  $BK = BP = BL$ , the medial perpendicular to  $KL$  coincides with the bisector of angle  $KBL$ , i.e., line  $BP'$  (Fig.24). So  $P'$  is the circumcenter of  $KLMN$ . Using the homothety with center  $P$  and coefficient  $1/2$  we obtain that the midpoint of  $PP'$  is the center of the circle passing through the projections of  $P$  to the edges of the base.

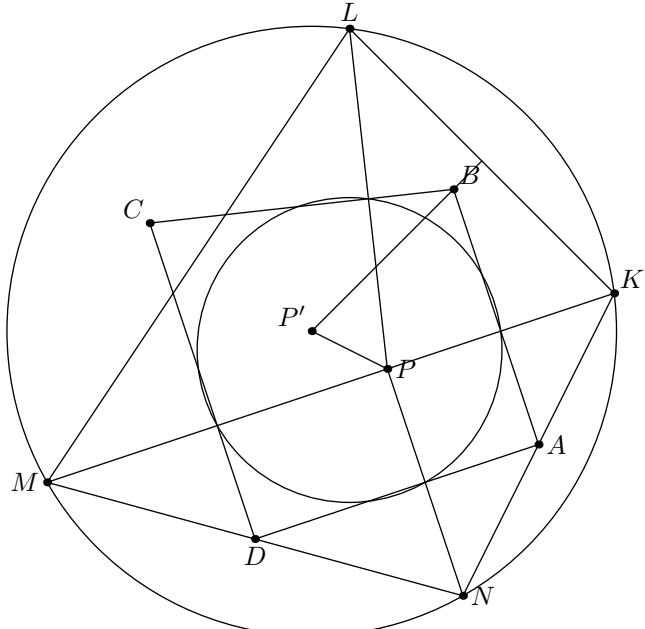


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## VI GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF I.F.SHARYGIN THE CORRESPONDENCE ROUND

Below is the list of problems for the first (correspondence) round of the VI Sharygin Geometrical Olympiad.

The olympiad is for high-school students of 8–11 grades (these are four elder grades in Russian school). In the list below each problem is indicated by the numbers of school grades, for which it is intended. However, the participants may solve problems for elder grades as well (solutions for younger forms will not be considered).

Your work containing the solutions for the problems (in Russian or in English) should be sent not later than April 1, 2010, by e-mail to [geomolyp@mccme.ru](mailto:geomolyp@mccme.ru) in pdf, doc or jpg files. Please, follow several simple rules:

1. *Each student sends his work in a separate message.*
2. *If your work consists of several files, send it as an archive.*
3. *In the subject of the message write “The work for Sharygin olympiad”, and present the following personal information in the letter:*

- last name, first name;
- post address, phone number, E-mail;
- the current number of your grade at school;
- the number and the mail address of your school;
- full names of your teachers in mathematics at school and/or of instructors of your extra math classes (if you attend additional math classes after school).

If you do not have an e-mail access, please, send your work by regular mail to the following address: *Russia, 119002, Moscow, Bolshoy Vlasyevsky per., 11. Olympiad in honour of Sharygin.* In the title page write your personal information indicated in the item 3 above.

In your work you should start writing the solution to each problem in a new page: first write down the statement of the problem, and then the solution. Present your solutions in detail, including all significant arguments and calculations. Provide all necessary figures. Solutions of computational problems have to be completed with a sharp answer. Please, be accurate to get a good understanding and correct estimating of your work !

If your solution depends on some well-known theorems from standard textbooks, you may simply refer to them instead of providing their proofs. However, any fact not from the standard curriculum should be either proved or properly referred (with an indication of the source).

Your work will be examined thoroughly, and your marks will be sent to you by the middle of May 2010. Winners of the correspondence round will be invited to take part in the final round in Summer 2010 in Dubna town (near Moscow).

1. (8) Does there exist a triangle, whose side is equal to some of its altitudes, another side is equal to some of its bisectrices, and the third side is equal to some of its medians ?
2. (8) Bisectors  $AA_1$  and  $BB_1$  of a right triangle  $ABC$  ( $\angle C = 90^\circ$ ) meet at a point  $I$ . Let  $O$  be the circumcenter of the triangle  $CA_1B_1$ . Prove that  $OI \perp AB$ .
3. (8) Points  $A'$ ,  $B'$ ,  $C'$  lie on sides  $BC$ ,  $CA$ ,  $AB$  of a triangle  $ABC$ . For a point  $X$  one has  $\angle AXB = \angle A'C'B' + \angle ACB$  and  $\angle BXC = \angle B'A'C' + \angle BAC$ . Prove that the quadrilateral  $X A' B' C'$  is cyclic.

4. (8) The diagonals of a cyclic quadrilateral  $ABCD$  meet in a point  $N$ . The circumcircles of the triangles  $ANB$  and  $CND$  intersect the sidelines  $BC$  and  $AD$  for the second time in points  $A_1, B_1, C_1, D_1$ . Prove that the quadrilateral  $A_1B_1C_1D_1$  is inscribed into a circle centered at  $N$ .
5. (8–9) A point  $E$  lies on the altitude  $BD$  of a triangle  $ABC$ , and  $\angle AEC = 90^\circ$ . Points  $O_1$  and  $O_2$  are the circumcenters of the triangles  $AEB$  and  $CEB$ ; points  $F, L$  are the midpoints of the segments  $AC$  and  $O_1O_2$ . Prove that the points  $L, E, F$  are collinear.
6. (8–9) Points  $M$  and  $N$  lie on the side  $BC$  of a regular triangle  $ABC$  ( $M$  is between  $B$  and  $N$ ), and  $\angle MAN = 30^\circ$ . The circumcircles of the triangles  $AMC$  and  $ANB$  meet at a point  $K$ . Prove that the line  $AK$  passes through the circumcenter of the triangle  $AMN$ .
7. (8–9) The line passing through the vertex  $B$  of a triangle  $ABC$  and perpendicular to its median  $BM$  intersects the altitudes dropped from  $A$  and  $C$  (or their extensions) in points  $K$  and  $N$ . Points  $O_1$  and  $O_2$  are the circumcenters of the triangles  $ABK$  and  $CBN$  respectively. Prove that  $O_1M = O_2M$ .
8. (8–10) Let  $AH$  be the altitude of a given triangle  $ABC$ . Points  $I_b$  and  $I_c$  are the incenters of the triangles  $ABH$  and  $ACH$  respectively;  $BC$  touches the incircle of  $ABC$  at a point  $L$ . Find  $\angle LI_bI_c$ .
9. (8–10) A point inside a triangle is called "good" if three cevians passing through it are equal. Assume for a isosceles triangle  $ABC$  ( $AB = BC$ ) the total number of good points is odd. Find all possible values of this number.
10. (8–11) Let three lines forming a triangle  $ABC$  be given. Using a two-sided ruler and drawing at most eight lines construct a point  $D$  on the side  $AB$  such that  $AD/BD = BC/AC$ .
11. (8–11) A convex  $n$ -gon is split into three convex polygons. One of them has  $n$  sides, the second one has more than  $n$  sides, the third one has less than  $n$  sides. Find all possible values of  $n$ .
12. (9) Let  $AC$  be the greatest leg of a right triangle  $ABC$ , and  $CH$  be the altitude to its hypotenuse. The circle of radius  $CH$  centered at  $H$  intersects  $AC$  in point  $M$ . Let a point  $B'$  be the reflection of  $B$  with respect to the point  $H$ . The perpendicular to  $AB$  erected at  $B'$  meets the circle in a point  $K$ . Prove that:
- $B'M \parallel BC$ ;
  - $AK$  is tangent to the circle.
13. (9) Let us have a convex quadrilateral  $ABCD$  such that  $AB = BC$ . A point  $K$  lies on the diagonal  $BD$ , and  $\angle AKB + \angle BKC = \angle A + \angle C$ . Prove that  $AK \cdot CD = KC \cdot AD$ .
14. (9–10) We have a convex quadrilateral  $ABCD$  and a point  $M$  on its side  $AD$  such that  $CM$  and  $BM$  are parallel to  $AB$  and  $CD$  respectively. Prove that  $S_{ABCD} \geq 3S_{BCM}$ .
15. (9–11) Let  $AA_1, BB_1$  and  $CC_1$  be the altitudes of an acute-angled triangle  $ABC$ ,  $AA_1$  meets  $B_1C_1$  in a point  $K$ . The circumcircles of the triangles  $A_1KC_1$  and  $A_1KB_1$  intersect the lines  $AB$  and  $AC$  for the second time at points  $N$  and  $L$  respectively. Prove that

- a) the sum of diameters of these two circles is equal to  $BC$ ;  
b)  $A_1N/BB_1 + A_1L/CC_1 = 1$ .
16. (9–11) A circle touches the sides of an angle with vertex  $A$  at points  $B$  and  $C$ . A line passing through  $A$  intersects this circle in points  $D$  and  $E$ . A chord  $BX$  is parallel to  $DE$ . Prove that  $XC$  passes through the midpoint of the segment  $DE$ .
17. (9–11) Construct a triangle, if the lengths of the bisectrix and of the altitude from one vertex, and of the median from another vertex are given.
18. (9–11) A point  $B$  lies on a chord  $AC$  of a circle  $\omega$ . Segments  $AB$  and  $BC$  are diameters of circles  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  centered at  $O_1$  and  $O_2$  respectively. These circles intersect  $\omega$  for the second time in points  $D$  and  $E$  respectively. The rays  $O_1D$  and  $O_2E$  meet in a point  $F$ , and the rays  $AD$  and  $CE$  do in a point  $G$ . Prove that the line  $FG$  passes through the midpoint of the segment  $AC$ .
19. (9–11) A quadrilateral  $ABCD$  is inscribed into a circle with center  $O$ . Points  $P$  and  $Q$  are opposite to  $C$  and  $D$  respectively. Two tangents drawn to that circle at these points meet the line  $AB$  in points  $E$  and  $F$  ( $A$  is between  $E$  and  $B$ ,  $B$  is between  $A$  and  $F$ ). The line  $EO$  meets  $AC$  and  $BC$  in points  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively, and the line  $FO$  meets  $AD$  and  $BD$  in points  $U$  and  $V$ . Prove that  $XV = YU$ .
20. (10) The incircle of an acute-angled triangle  $ABC$  touches  $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $CA$  at points  $C_1$ ,  $A_1$ ,  $B_1$  respectively. Points  $A_2$ ,  $B_2$  are the midpoints of the segments  $B_1C_1$ ,  $A_1C_1$  respectively. Let  $P$  be a common point of the incircle and the line  $CO$ , where  $O$  is the circumcenter of  $ABC$ . Let also  $A'$  and  $B'$  be the second common points of  $PA_2$  and  $PB_2$  with the incircle. Prove that a common point of  $AA'$  and  $BB'$  lies on the altitude of the triangle dropped from the vertex  $C$ .
21. (10–11) A given convex quadrilateral  $ABCD$  is such that  $\angle ABD + \angle ACD > \angle BAC + \angle BDC$ . Prove that  $S_{ABD} + S_{ACD} > S_{BAC} + S_{BDC}$ .
22. (10–11) A circle centered at a point  $F$  and a parabola with focus  $F$  have two common points. Prove that there exist four points  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ ,  $D$  on the circle such that the lines  $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $CD$  and  $DA$  touch the parabola.
23. (10–11) A cyclic hexagon  $ABCDEF$  is such that  $AB \cdot CF = 2BC \cdot FA$ ,  $CD \cdot EB = 2DE \cdot BC$ , and  $EF \cdot AD = 2FA \cdot DE$ . Prove that the lines  $AD$ ,  $BE$  and  $CF$  concur.
24. (10–11) Let us have a line  $l$  in the space and a point  $A$  not lying on  $l$ . For an arbitrary line  $l'$  passing through  $A$ ,  $XY$  ( $Y$  is on  $l'$ ) is a common perpendicular to the lines  $l$  and  $l'$ . Find the locus of points  $Y$ .
25. (11) For two different regular icosahedrons it is known that some six of their vertices are vertices of a regular octahedron. Find the ratio of the edges of these icosahedrons.

## VI GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF I.F.SHARYGIN THE CORRESPONDENCE ROUND. SOLUTIONS

1. (B.Frenkin) (8) Does there exist a triangle, whose side is equal to some its altitude, another side is equal to some its bisectrix, and the third side is equal to some its median?

**Solution.** No, because the greatest side of a triangle is longer than any its median, bisector or altitude. Indeed, a segment joining a vertex of a triangle with an arbitrary point of the opposite side is shorter than one of two remaining sides. Thus each median or bisector is shorter than one of sides and so is shorter than the greatest side. This is correct also for the altitudes.

2. (D.Shvetsov) (8) Bisectors  $AA_1$  and  $BB_1$  of a right triangle  $ABC$  ( $\angle C = 90^\circ$ ) meet at a point  $I$ . Let  $O$  be the circumcenter of the triangle  $CA_1B_1$ . Prove that  $OI \perp AB$ .

**Solution.** Let  $A_2, B_2, C_2$  be the projections of  $A_1, B_1, I$  to  $AB$  (fig.2). Since  $AA_1$  is a bisector, we have  $AA_2 = AC$ . On the other hand,  $AC_2$  touches the incircle, thus the segment  $A_2C_2 = AA_2 - AC_2$  is equal to the tangent to this circle from  $C$ . Similarly  $B_2C_2$  is equal to the same tangent, i.e.  $C_2$  is the midpoint of  $A_2B_2$ . By Phales theorem,  $C_2I$  meets segment  $A_1B_1$  in its midpoint, which coincides with the circumcenter of triangle  $CA_1B_1$  because this triangle is right-angled.

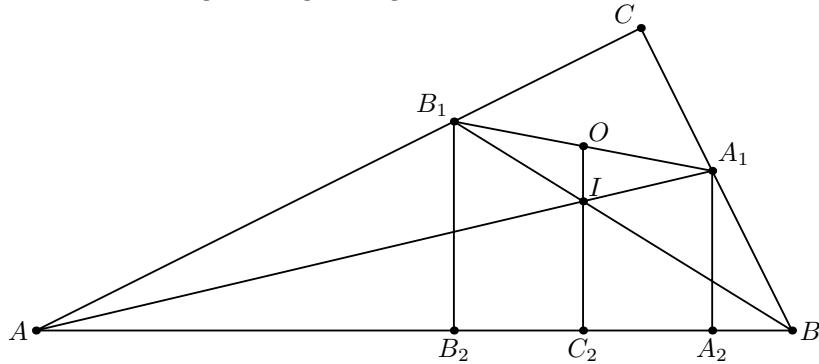


Fig. 2

3. (F.Nilov) (8) Points  $A', B', C'$  lie on sides  $BC, CA, AB$  of a triangle  $ABC$ . For a point  $X$  one has  $\angle AXB = \angle A'C'B' + \angle ACB$  and  $\angle BXC = \angle B'A'C' + \angle BAC$ . Prove that the quadrilateral  $XA'BC'$  is cyclic.

**Solution.** Let  $Y$  be the common point of circles  $AB'C'$  и  $BC'A'$  distinct from  $C'$ . Then since  $\angle B'YC' = \pi - \angle BAC$  and  $\angle C'YA' = \pi - \angle CBA$ , we obtain that  $\angle A'YB' = \pi - \angle ACB$ , i.e.  $Y$  lies also on circle  $CA'B'$ . Now note that  $\angle AYB = \angle AYC' + \angle C'YB = \angle LAB'C' + \angle C'A'B = 2\pi - \angle C'B'C - \angle CA'C' = \angle ACB + \angle A'C'B' = \angle AXB$  (fig.3). Similarly  $\angle BYC = \angle BXC$ , i.e.  $X$  and  $Y$  coincide.

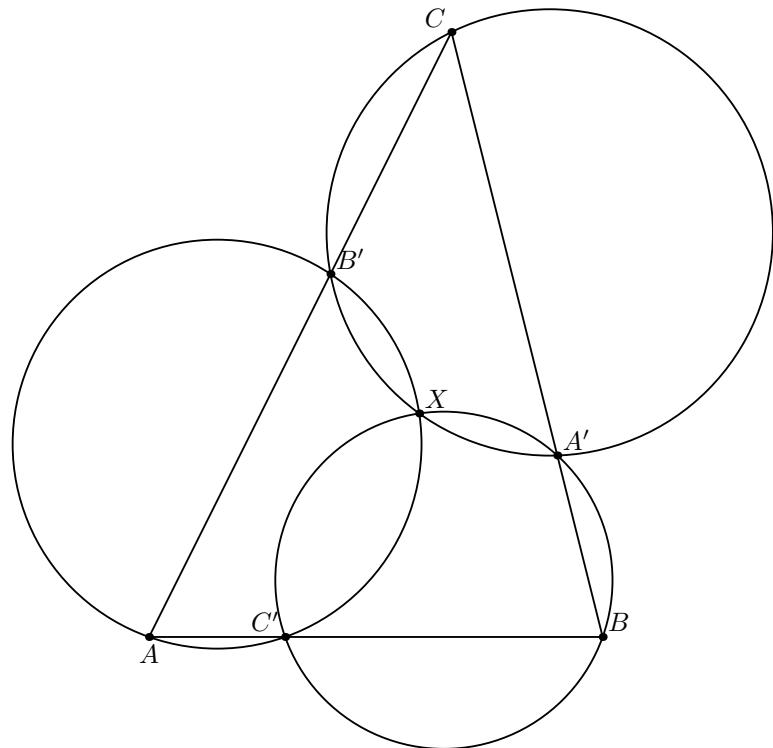


Fig. 3

4. (D.Shvetsov) (8) The diagonals of a cyclic quadrilateral  $ABCD$  meet in a point  $N$ . The circumcircles of the triangles  $ANB$  and  $CND$  intersect the sidelines  $BC$  and  $AD$  for the second time in points  $A_1, B_1, C_1, D_1$ . Prove that the quadrilateral  $A_1B_1C_1D_1$  is inscribed into a circle centered at  $N$ .

**Solution.** Since pentagon  $A_1NB_1CD$  is cyclic, we obtain that  $A_1N = B_1N$ , because respective angles  $BDA$  and  $BCA$  are equal. Similarly  $NC_1 = ND_1$ . Also  $\angle NA_1A = \angle ACD = \angle ABD = \angle DD_1N$  (fig.4). Thus  $ND_1 = NA_1$ , q.e.d.

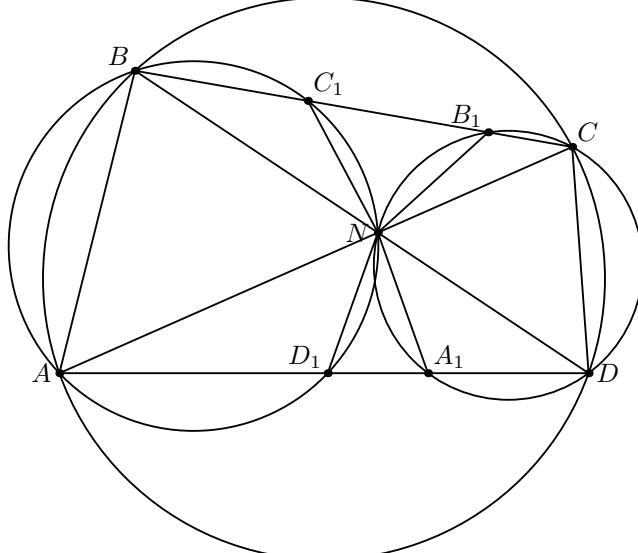


Fig. 4

5. (D.Shvetsov) (8–9) A point  $E$  lies on altitude  $BD$  of triangle  $ABC$ , and  $\angle AEC = 90^\circ$ . Points  $O_1$  and  $O_2$  are the circumcenters of triangles  $AEB$  and  $CEB$ ; points  $F, L$  are the

midpoints of segments  $AC$  and  $O_1O_2$ . Prove that points  $L, E, F$  are collinear.

**Solution.** Note that the medial perpendiculars to segments  $AE$  and  $EC$  are the medial lines of triangle  $AEC$ , thus they pass through  $F$ . So we must prove that  $FE$  is the median of triangle  $FO_1O_2$ . But  $O_1O_2 \parallel AC$  because these two segments are perpendicular to  $BD$ . Let the line passing through  $E$  and parallel to  $AC$  meet  $FO_1$  and  $FO_2$  in points  $X$  and  $Y$  (fig.5). Since  $FCEX$  and  $FAEY$  are parallelograms, then  $XE = FC = FA = EY$ . Thus  $FE$  is the median of triangles  $XYF$  and  $FO_1O_2$ .

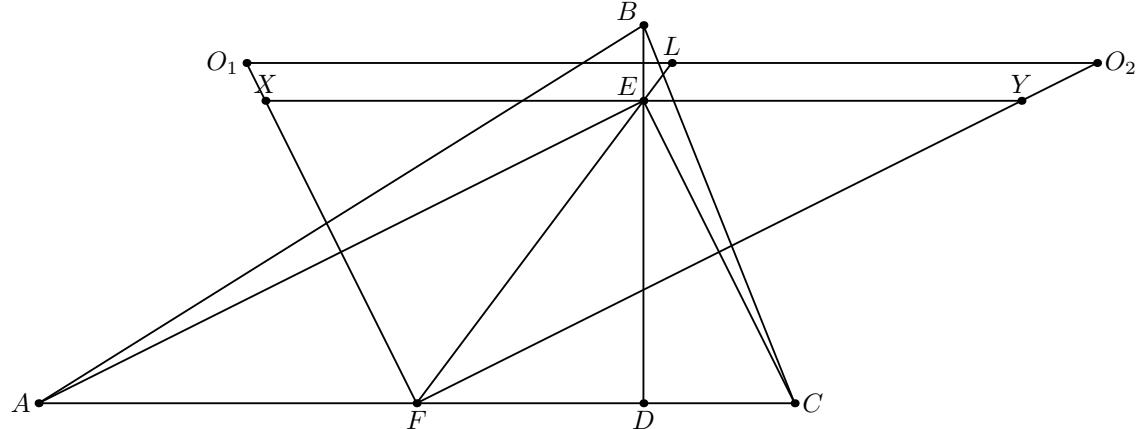


Fig. 5

6. (D.Shvetsov) (8–9) Points  $M$  and  $N$  lie on side  $BC$  of a regular triangle  $ABC$  ( $M$  is between  $B$  and  $N$ ), and  $\angle MAN = 30^\circ$ . The circumcircles of triangles  $AMC$  and  $ANB$  meet at a point  $K$ . Prove that line  $AK$  passes through the circumcenter of triangle  $AMN$ .

**Solution.** Since  $\angle BAM + \angle NAC = \angle MAN$  and  $AB = AC$ , the reflection of  $B$  in  $AM$  coincides with the reflection of  $C$  in  $AN$ . Mark this point by  $L$ . Now  $\angle ALM = \angle ABM = \angle ACM$ , i.e.  $L$  lies on circle  $ACM$ . Similarly  $L$  lies on circle  $ABN$  and thus coincdes with  $K$  (fig.6). So  $\angle KAN = \angle NAC = 30^\circ - \angle BAM = 90^\circ - \angle NMA$ . But the theorem on inscribed angle implies that we have the same angle between line  $AN$  and the line connecting  $A$  with the circumcenter of triangle  $AMN$ .

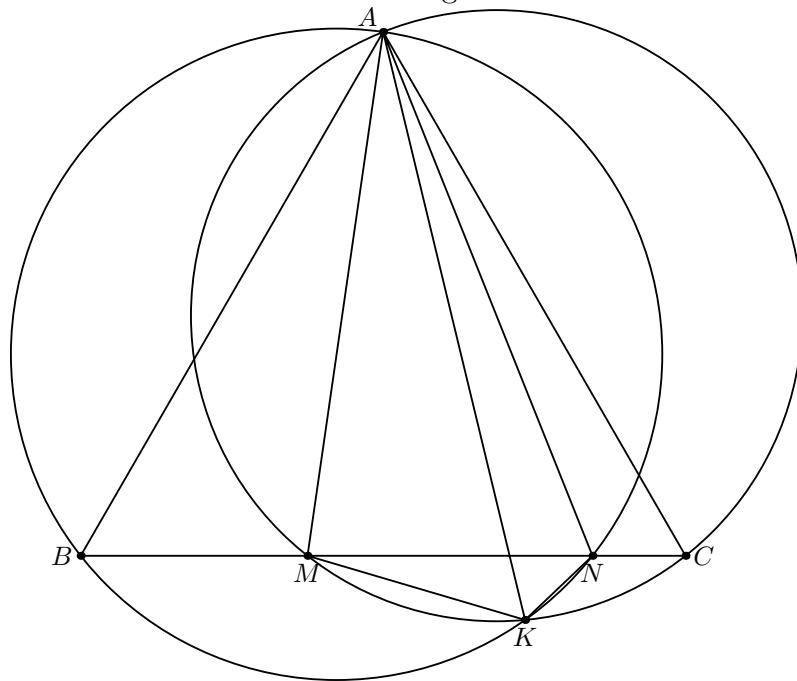


Fig. 6

7. (D.Shvetsov) (8–9) The line passing through vertex  $B$  of triangle  $ABC$  and perpendicular to its median  $BM$  intersects the altitudes dropped from  $A$  and  $C$  (or their extensions) in points  $K$  and  $N$ . Points  $O_1$  and  $O_2$  are the circumcenters of triangles  $ABK$  and  $CBN$  respectively. Prove that  $O_1M = O_2M$ .

**Solution.** Consider parallelogram  $ABCD$  (fig.7). Since  $\angle BKA = \angle DKC = \angle BDA$ , points  $A, B, K, D$  lie on a same circle and  $O_1M \perp BD$ . Similarly  $O_2M \perp BD$ . Also since triangles  $ABD$  and  $BCD$  are equal, the distances from their circumcenters to point  $M$  also are equal.

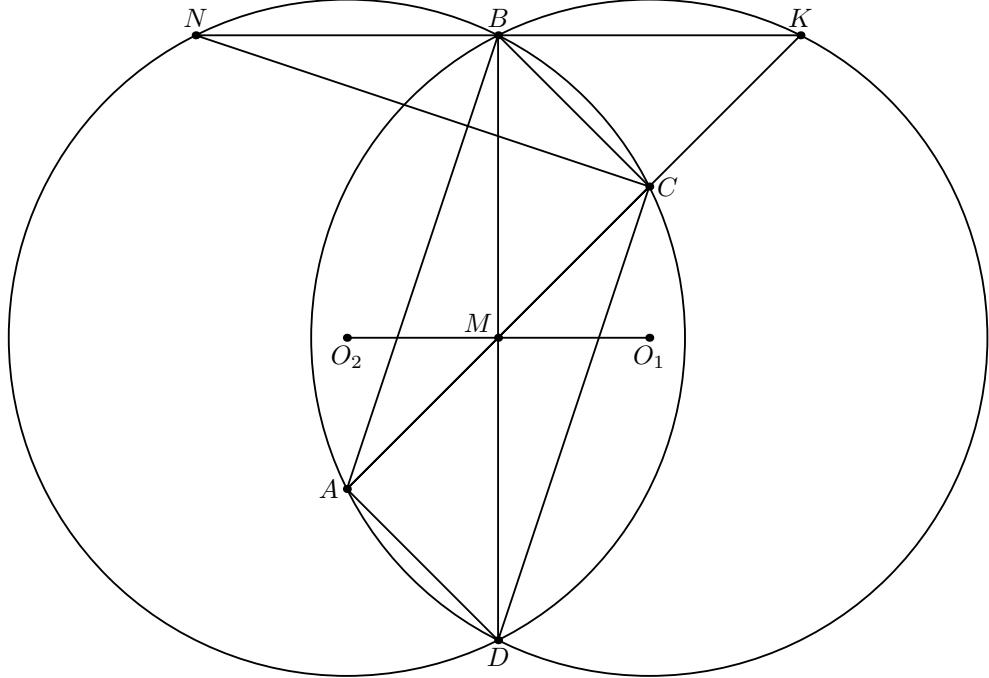


Fig. 7

8. (D.Shvetsov) (8–10) Let  $AH$  be an altitude of a given triangle  $ABC$ . Points  $I_b$  and  $I_c$  are the incenters of triangles  $ABH$  and  $CAH$  respectively;  $BC$  touches the incircle of triangle  $ABC$  at a point  $L$ . Find  $\angle LI_b I_c$ .

**Solution.** We will prove that triangle  $LI_b I_c$  is right-angled and isosceles. Let  $L_b, L_c$  be the projections of  $I_b, I_c$  to  $BC$ , and  $r_b, r_c$  be the inradii of triangles  $AHB, AHC$  (fig.8). Since these triangles are right-angled, we have  $r_b = (AH+BH-AB)/2$ ,  $r_c = (AH+CH-AC)/2$  and  $r_b - r_c = (BH-CH)/2 - (AB-AC)/2 = (BH-CH)/2 - (BL-CL)/2 = LH$ . Thus  $I_b L_b = LI_c = r_b$ ,  $I_c L_c = LI_b = r_c$ , i.e. triangles  $LI_b L_b$  and  $I_c L_c L$  are equal,  $LI_b = LI_c$  and  $\angle I_b L I_c = 90^\circ$ . So  $\angle LI_b I_c = 45^\circ$ .

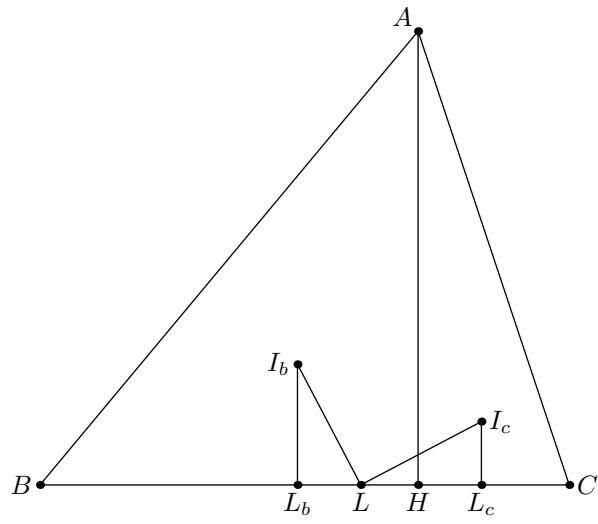


Fig. 8

9. (B.Frenkin) (8–10) A point inside a triangle is called "good" if three cevians passing through it are equal. Suppose the total number of good points is odd for an isosceles triangle  $ABC$  ( $AB = BC$ ). Find all possible values of this number.

**Solution.** Since the reflection of any good point in the altitude from  $B$  also is a good point and the total number of good points is odd, there exists a good point lying on this altitude. The cevian through this point from  $A$  is not shorter than the altitude from  $A$ . Hence the altitude from  $A$  is not shorter than the altitude from  $B$  and  $AC \leq AB$ . Also  $AC$  can't be longer than the altitude from  $B$  because in that case there exist two good points on this altitude. Suppose now that some good point doesn't lie on this altitude. Let  $AA'$ ,  $BB'$ ,  $CC'$  be respective cevians, and  $AA_1$ ,  $CC_1$  be the altitudes. Then  $A_1A' = C_1C'$  and exactly one of points  $A'$ ,  $C'$  lies between the foot of respective altitude and vertex  $B$ . But this implies that respective cevians are shorter than  $AC$ . So they are shorter than  $BB_1$  and we obtain a contradiction. Thus there exists exactly one good point.

10. (I.Bogdanov) (8–11) Let three lines forming a triangle  $ABC$  be given. Using a two-sided ruler and drawing at most eight lines, construct a point  $D$  on the side  $AB$  such that  $AD/BD = BC/AC$ .

**Solution.** Construct lines  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , parallel to  $BC$ ,  $CA$ ,  $AB$  and lying at the distance from them equal to the width of the ruler. Lines  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $BC$ ,  $AC$  form a rhombus, and its diagonal is the bisector of angle  $C$ . Let  $E$  be the common point of this bisector with  $c$ , and  $F$  be the common point of diagonals of trapezoid formed by lines  $c$ ,  $AB$ ,  $AC$  and  $BC$  (fig.10). Then  $EF$  meets  $AB$  in the sought point  $D$ .

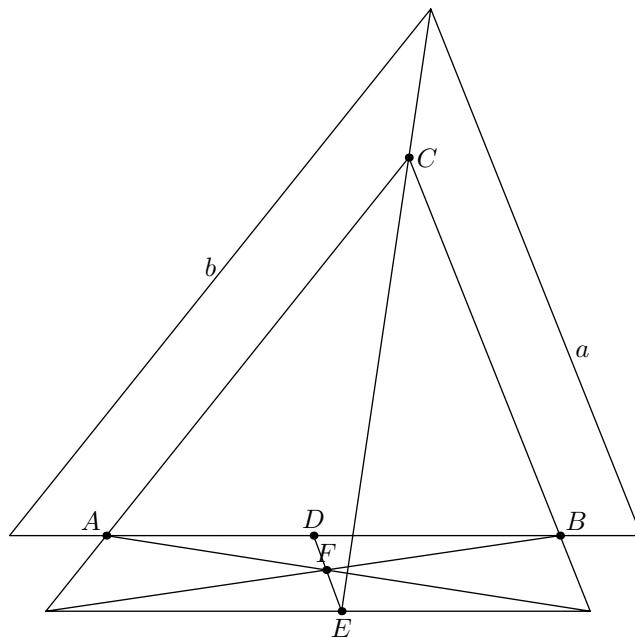


Fig. 10

11. (B.Frenkin) (8–11) A convex  $n$ -gon is split into three convex polygons. One of them has  $n$  sides, the second one has more than  $n$  sides, the third one has less than  $n$  sides. Find all possible values of  $n$ .

**Answer.**  $n = 4$  или  $n = 5$ .

**Solution.** It is clear that  $n > 3$ . Suppose that  $n > 5$ . Then one of three parts of  $n$ -gon has at least  $n + 1$  sides, the second parts has at least  $n$  sides, the third part has at least three sides. If three pairs of the sides of these parts join inside the given polygon then at most three pairs can form its sides. If two pairs of sides join inside the polygon then at most four pairs can form its sides. In all cases the total number of sides of parts is not greater than  $n + 9$ . If  $n > 5$  this isn't possible. The examples for  $n = 4, 5$  are given on fig. 11.

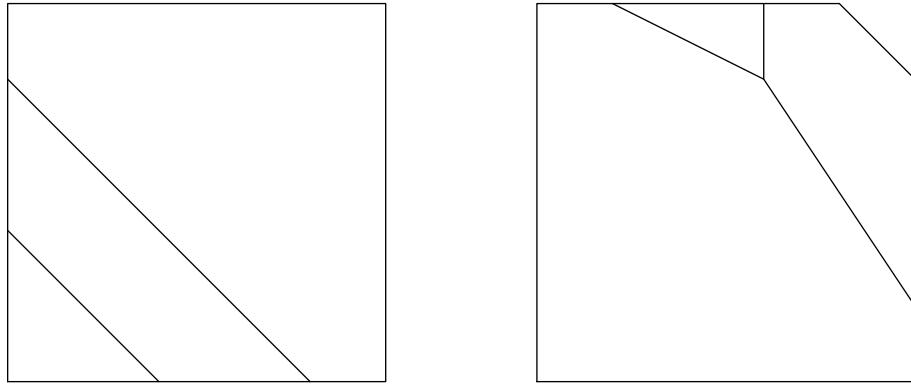


Fig. 11

12. (A.Blinkov, Y.Blinkov, M.Sandrikova) (9) Let  $AC$  be the greatest leg of a right triangle  $ABC$ , and  $CH$  be the altitude to its hypotenuse. The circle of radius  $CH$  centered at  $H$  intersects  $AC$  in point  $M$ . Let a point  $B'$  be the reflection of  $B$  with respect to the point  $H$ . The perpendicular to  $AB$  erected at  $B'$  meets the circle in a point  $K$ . Prove that:

a)  $B'M \parallel BC$ ;

b)  $AK$  is tangent to the circle.

**Solution.** a) Let  $N$  be an altitude of isosceles triangle  $CHM$ . Then  $CN = NM$ . Since  $BH = B'H$  and  $NH \parallel BC$ , thus the line passing through  $B'$  and parallel to  $HN$  meets  $AC$  in point  $M$  (Phales theorem).

**Second solution.** Since  $\angle CMH = \angle MCH = \angle CBB' = \angle CB'B = a$ , points  $C, H, B'$  and  $M$  are concyclic. Thus  $\angle CB'M = \angle CHM = 180^\circ - 2a$  and  $\angle AB'M = a$  q.e.d.

b) From the right-angled triangle  $ABC$  we have:  $CH^2 = AH \cdot BH$ . Since  $B'H = BH$  and  $KH = CH$  then  $KH^2 = AH \cdot B'H$ , i.e. triangles  $AHK$  and  $KHB'$  are similar. This yields the assertion of the problem..

13. (S.Berlov) (9) Given a convex quadrilateral  $ABCD$  such that  $AB = BC$ . A point  $K$  lies on the diagonal  $BD$ , and  $\angle AKB + \angle BKC = \angle A + \angle C$ . Prove that  $AK \cdot CD = KC \cdot AD$ .

**Solution.** Let  $L$  be a point on  $BD$  such that  $\angle ALB = \angle A$ . Since triangles  $ABL$  and  $DBA$  are similar we have  $BL \cdot BD = AB^2 = BC^2$ . Thus triangles  $CBL$  and  $DBC$  are also similar, i.e.  $\angle BLC = \angle C$  and  $L$  coincides with  $K$ . The sought equality clearly follows from these two similarities.

14. (S.Berlov) (9–10) Given a convex quadrilateral  $ABCD$  and a point  $M$  on its side  $AD$  such that  $CM$  and  $BM$  are parallel to  $AB$  and  $CD$  respectively. Prove that  $S_{ABCD} \geq 3S_{BCM}$ .

**Solution.** Since  $\angle ABM = \angle BMC = \angle MCD$  we have  $S_{ABM}/S_{BMC} = AB/MC$  and  $S_{BMC}/S_{CMD} = BM/CD$ . But triangles  $ABM$  and  $MCD$  are similar, so these two ratios are equal and  $S_{BMC}^2 = S_{ABM} \cdot S_{MCD}$ . By Cauchi inequality  $S_{BMC} \leq (S_{ABM} + S_{MCD})/2$  which is equivalent to the assertion of the problem.

15. (D.Prokopenko, A.Blinkov) (9–11) Suppose  $AA_1$ ,  $BB_1$  and  $CC_1$  are the altitudes of an acute-angled triangle  $ABC$ ,  $AA_1$  meets  $B_1C_1$  in a point  $K$ . The circumcircles of triangles  $A_1KC_1$  and  $A_1KB_1$  intersect the lines  $AB$  and  $AC$  for the second time at points  $N$  and  $L$  respectively. Prove that

- a) the sum of diameters of these two circles is equal to  $BC$ ;  
b)  $A_1N/BB_1 + A_1L/CC_1 = 1$ .

**Solution.** a) Triangles  $AB_1C_1$ ,  $A_1BC_1$  and  $A_1B_1C$  are similar to triangle  $ABC$  with coefficients  $\cos A$ ,  $\cos B$ ,  $\cos C$  respectively. Thus  $\angle KA_1C_1 = \angle KA_1B_1 = 90^\circ - \angle A$ , and by sinuses theorem the diameters of circumcircles of triangles  $A_1KB_1$  and  $A_1KC_1$  are equal to  $B_1K/\cos A$  and  $C_1K/\cos A$  respectively. So their sum is  $B_1C_1/\cos A = BC$ .

- b) An equality proved in p.a) can be written as

$$\frac{A_1N}{\sin B} + \frac{A_1L}{\sin C} = BC.$$

Dividing by  $BC$  we obtain sought relation.

16. (F.Nilov) (9–11) A circle touches the sides of an angle with vertex  $A$  at points  $B$  and  $C$ . A line passing through  $A$  intersects this circle in points  $D$  and  $E$ . A chord  $BX$  is parallel to  $DE$ . Prove that  $XC$  passes through the midpoint of segment  $DE$ .

**Solution.** Note that  $\angle BCD = \angle ECX$  because the respective arcs lie between parallel chords. Furthermore since  $\angle ABD = \angle AEB$ , triangles  $ABD$  and  $AEB$  are similar and so

$BD/BE = AD/AB$ . Similarly  $CD/CE = AD/AB$ , i.e.  $BD \cdot CE = CD \cdot BE = BC \cdot DE/2$  (the last equality follows from Ptolomeus theorem).

Now let  $CX$  meet  $DE$  at point  $M$  (fig. 16). Then triangles  $CBD$  and  $CME$  are similar, thus  $BD \cdot CE = CB \cdot EM$ . From this and previous equalities we obtain  $EM = ED/2$ .

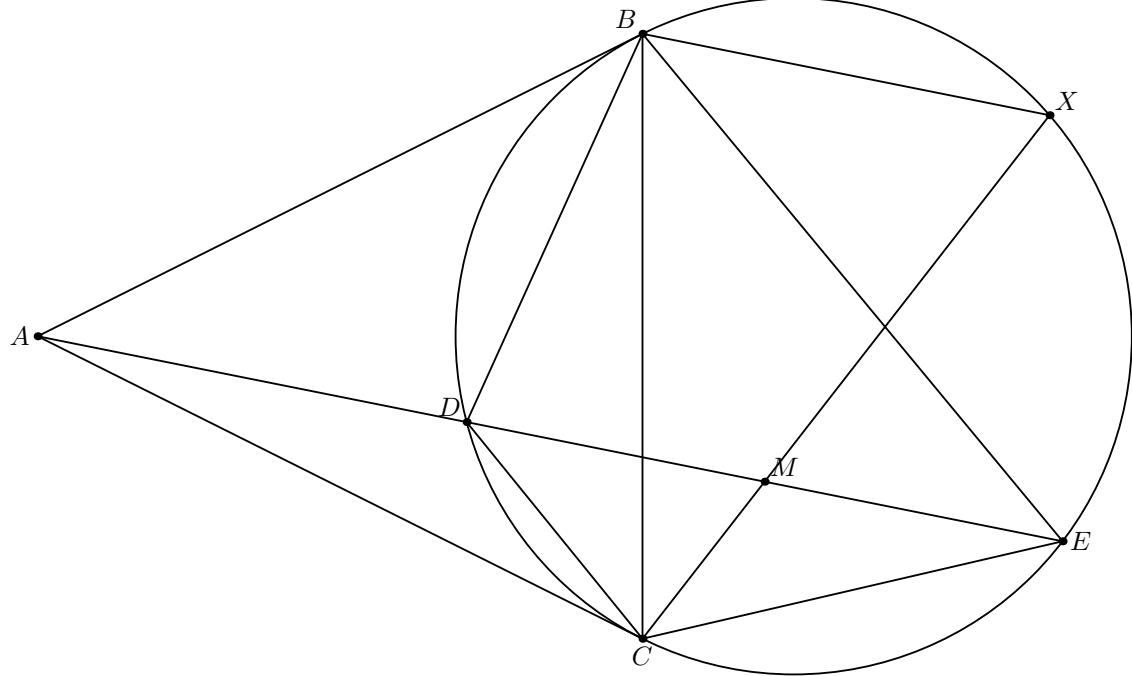


Fig. 16

17. (S.Tokarev) (9–11) Construct a triangle, if the lengths of the bisectrix and of the altitude from one vertex, and of the median from another vertex are given.

**First solution.** Let  $l = CL$ ,  $h = CH$  be the bisector and the altitude from vertex  $C$ ,  $m = BM$  be the median from vertex  $B$  and  $\phi$  be the angle of right-angled triangle with hypotenuse  $l$  opposite to cathetus with length  $h$ . Let  $p$  be the line passing through  $C$  and parallel to  $AB$ , and  $B'$  be the reflection of point  $B$  in  $p$ .

Suppose that triangle  $ABC$  is constructed. Then  $\angle CLB = \phi$  or  $\angle CLB = 180^\circ - \phi$ , and in both cases  $\angle B'CM = 2\phi$ . In fact, if  $\angle CLB = \phi$ , then  $\angle B'CM = 360^\circ - 2\angle CBA - \angle BCA = 2(180^\circ - \angle CBA - \angle BCL) = 2\phi$  (Fig.17.1). The second case is similar.

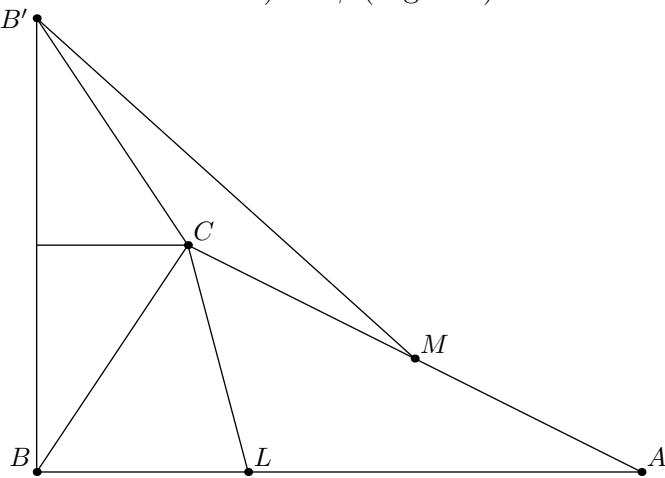


Fig. 17.1

Since  $\angle B'CM = 2\phi$  we obtain the following construction.

Construct two parallel lines with distance  $h$  between them. Let  $B$  be a point lying on one of these lines and  $p$  be the second line. Now construct point  $B'$  and point  $M$  equidistant from two lines and such that  $BM = m$ . Construct angle  $\phi$  and two arcs with endpoints  $B'$  and  $M$  equal to  $360^\circ - 4\phi$ .

If  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are the common points of these arcs with line  $p$ , and  $A_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) is the reflection of  $C_i$  in  $M$ , then each of triangles  $A_1BC_1$  and  $A_2BC_2$  is sought.

Indeed, the altitudes of these triangles from  $C_1, C_2$  are equal to  $h$ , and segment  $BM = m$  is their common median. Furthermore if  $L_1, L_2$  are the feet of respective bisectors then our construction yields that one of angles  $C_1L_1B$  and  $C_2L_2B$  is equal to  $\phi$ , and the second one is equal to  $180^\circ - \phi$ . Thus by definition of  $\phi$  we obtain  $C_1L_1 = C_2L_2 = l$ .

**Note.** It is evident that if  $l < h$  or  $m < h/2$ , then the solution doesn't exist. If  $l = h$  and  $m \geq h/2$ , then the sought triangle is unique and isosceles (if  $m = h/2$  it degenerates to a segment). When  $l > h$  and  $m = h/2$ , we obtain two equal triangles symmetric wrt line  $BB'$ .

If  $l > h$  and  $m = l/2$  then one of two triangles is degenerated. In all other cases the problem has two solutions.

**Second solution.** Having an altitude and a bisector from vertex  $C$ , we can construct this vertex and line  $AB$ . Consider now the following map of this line to itself. For an arbitrary point  $X$  find a point  $Y$  such that its distances from  $X$  and  $AB$  are equal to the given median from  $B$  and to the half of the given altitude (fig. 17.2). Now find a common point  $X'$  for  $AB$  and for the reflection of  $CY$  in the bisector. Obviously this map is projective and  $B$  is its fixed point. So we obtain the well-known problem of constructing the fixed point of a projective map.

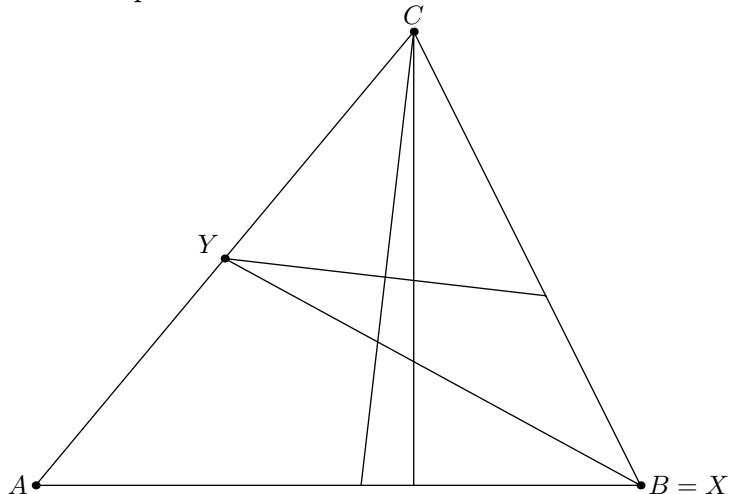


Fig. 17.2

18. (D.Prokopenko) (9–11) A point  $B$  lies on a chord  $AC$  of a circle  $\omega$ . Segments  $AB$  and  $BC$  are diameters of circles  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  centered at  $O_1$  and  $O_2$  respectively. These circles intersect  $\omega$  for the second time in points  $D$  and  $E$  respectively. The rays  $O_1D$  and  $O_2E$  meet in a point  $F$ , and the rays  $AD$  and  $CE$  meet in a point  $G$ . Prove that line  $FG$  passes through the midpoint of segment  $AC$ .

**Solution.** Since  $\angle ADB = \angle BEC = 90^\circ$ , points  $D$  and  $E$  lie on the circle with diameter  $BG$ . Also  $\angle FDG = \angle ADO_1 = \angle DAC = \angle GED$ . Thus  $FD$  (and similarly  $FE$ ) touches this circle (fig. 18). So  $GF$  is the symmedian of triangle  $GED$ . Since triangle  $GDE$  is similar to triangle  $GCA$ , this line is the median of the last triangle.

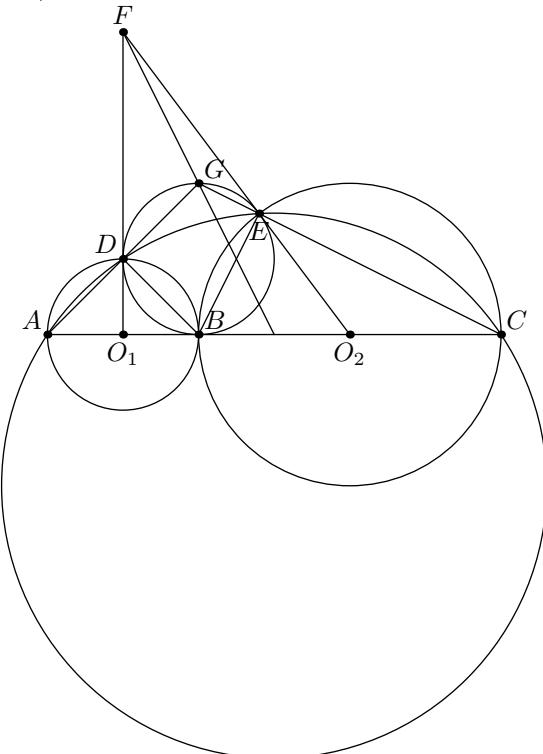


Fig. 18

19. (V.Yasinsky, Ukraine) (9–11) A quadrilateral  $ABCD$  is inscribed into a circle with center  $O$ . Points  $P$  and  $Q$  are opposite to  $C$  and  $D$  respectively. Two tangents drawn to that circle at these points meet the line  $AB$  in points  $E$  and  $F$  ( $A$  is between  $E$  and  $B$ ,  $B$  is between  $A$  and  $F$ ). Line  $EO$  meets  $AC$  and  $BC$  in points  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively, and line  $FO$  meets  $AD$  and  $BD$  in points  $U$  and  $V$ . Prove that  $XV = YU$ .

**Solution.** It is sufficient to prove that  $XO = OY$ . Indeed, we then similarly have  $UO = OV$  and so  $XUYV$  is a parallelogram.

Let  $EO$  meet the circle in points  $P$  and  $Q$  (Fig. 19). The sought equality is equivalent to  $(PX; OY) = (QY; OX)$ . Projecting line  $EO$  to the circle from point  $C$  we obtain an equivalent equality  $(PA; C'B) = (QB; C'A)$ . It is correct because  $PQ$ ,  $AB$  and the tangent in  $C'$  concur.

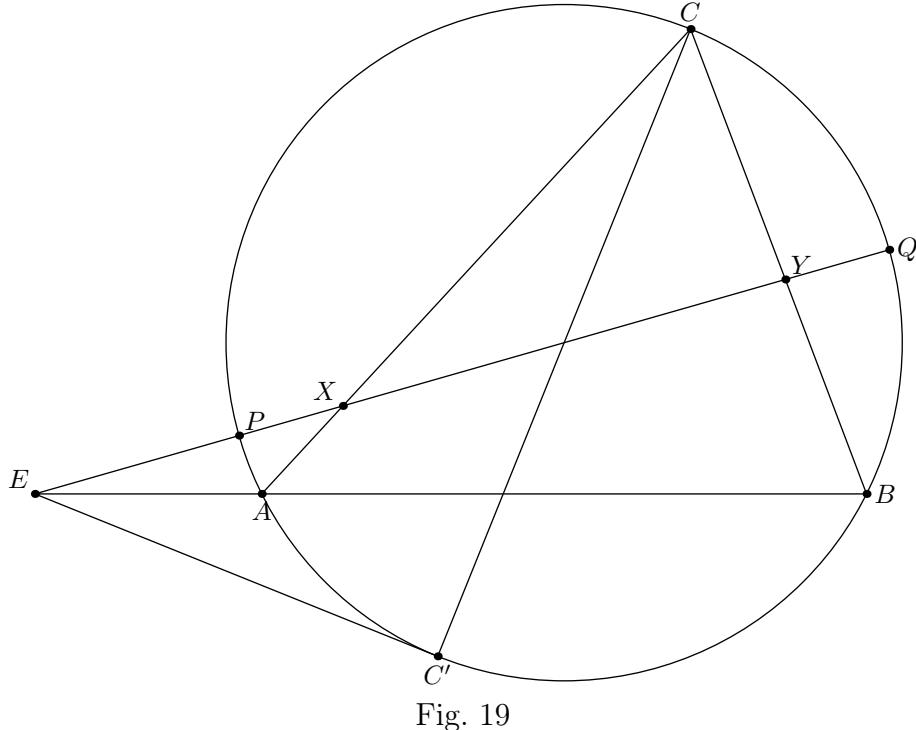


Fig. 19

20. (F.Ivlev) (10) The incircle of an acute-angled triangle  $ABC$  touches  $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $CA$  at points  $C_1$ ,  $A_1$ ,  $B_1$  respectively. Points  $A_2$ ,  $B_2$  are the midpoints of segments  $B_1C_1$ ,  $A_1C_1$  respectively. Let  $P$  be a common point of the incircle and the line  $CO$ , where  $O$  is the circumcenter of  $ABC$ . Let also  $A'$  and  $B'$  be the second common points of  $PA_2$  and  $PB_2$  with the incircle. Prove that a common point of  $AA'$  and  $BB'$  lies on the altitude of the triangle dropped from the vertex  $C$ .

**Solution.** It is sufficient to prove that  $\angle CAP = \angle A'AB$ . Indeed, from this we obtain that line  $AA'$  is the reflection of  $AP$  in the bisector of angle  $A$ . Similarly line  $BB'$  is the reflection of  $BP$  in the bisector of angle  $B$ , and so the common point of these two lines lies on the reflection of line  $CP$  in the bisector of angle  $C$ , i.e. on the altitude.

Let  $Q$  be the common point of line  $AP$  with the incircle and  $S$  be the midpoint of arc  $B_1C_1$  (fig. 20). Consider the composition  $f$  of the projections of incircle to itself from  $A$  and  $A_2$ . We have  $f(B_1) = C_1$ ,  $f(C_1) = B_1$ ,  $f(Q) = A'$  and  $f(S) = S$ . Thus  $(B_1Q; SC_1) = (C_1A'; SB_1)$ , i.e.  $A'$  is the reflection of  $Q$  in  $AA_2$ , which proves the sought equality.

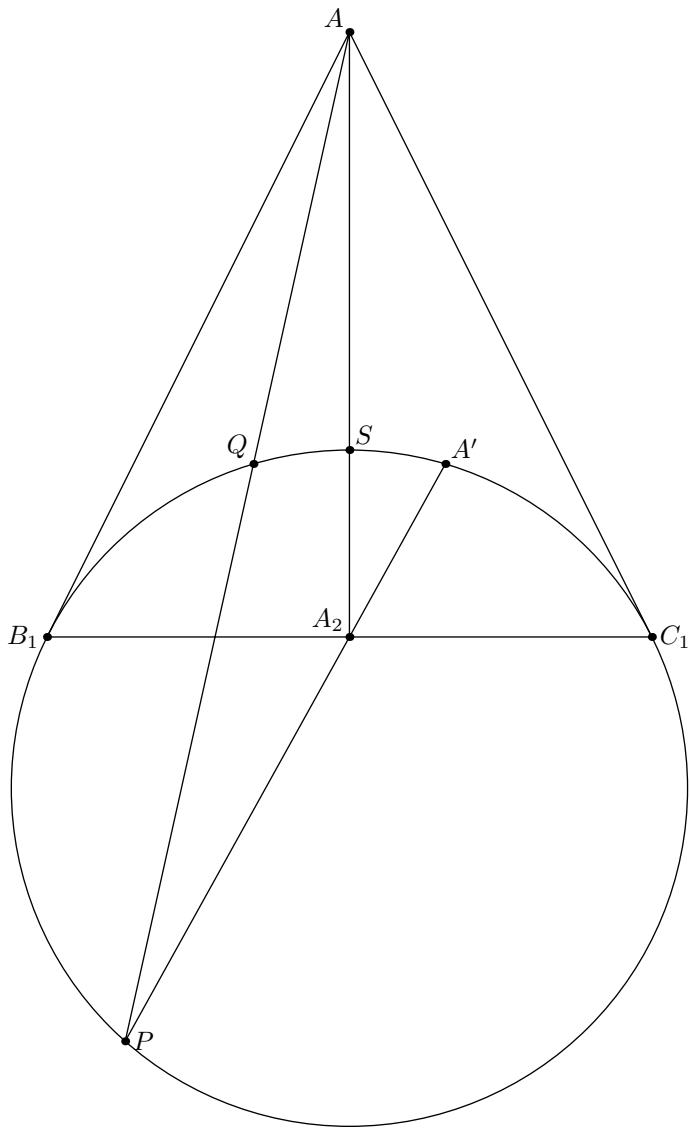


Fig. 20

21. (A.Akopjan) (10–11) A given convex quadrilateral  $ABCD$  is such that  $\angle ABD + \angle ACD > \angle BAC + \angle BDC$ . Prove that  $S_{ABD} + S_{ACD} > S_{BAC} + S_{BDC}$ .

**Solution.** If  $AB \parallel CD$  then  $\angle ABD = \angle BDC$  and  $\angle ACD = \angle BAC$ . Thus the given equality is equivalent to the fact that rays  $AB$  and  $DC$  intersect, i.e. the distance from  $C$  to line  $AB$  is less than the distance from  $D$ , and the distance from  $B$  to line  $CD$  is less than the distance from  $A$ . So  $S_{ABD} > S_{ABC}$  and  $S_{ACD} > S_{BCD}$ .

22. (A.Zaslavsky) (10–11) A circle centered at a point  $F$  and a parabola with focus  $F$  have two common points. Prove that there exist four points  $A, B, C, D$  on the circle such that lines  $AB, BC, CD$  and  $DA$  touch the parabola.

**Solution.** Take an arbitrary point  $A$  lying on the circle and outside the parabola. Line  $AF$  and the line passing through  $A$  and parallel to the axis of parabola intersect the circle in points symmetric wrt the axis. Thus the tangents from  $A$  to the parabola also intersect the circle in symmetric points  $B$  and  $D$ . Similarly the second tangents from  $B$  and  $D$  intersect the circle in point  $C$  symmetric to  $A$ . Thus  $A, B, C, D$  are the sought points.

23. (N.Beluhov, Bulgaria) (10–11) A cyclic hexagon  $ABCDEF$  is such that  $AB \cdot CF = 2BC \cdot FA$ ,  $CD \cdot EB = 2DE \cdot BC$ , and  $EF \cdot AD = 2FA \cdot DE$ . Prove that lines  $AD$ ,  $BE$  and  $CF$  concur.

**Solution.** Let  $P$  be the common point of  $FC$  and  $AD$  and  $G$  be the second common point of  $BP$  with the circumcircle of the hexagon. Then  $2 = (AC; BF) = (DF; GB) = (DF; EB)$ , and so points  $G$  and  $F$  coincide.

24. (A.Akopjan) (10–11) Given a line  $l$  in the space and a point  $A$  not lying on  $l$ . For an arbitrary line  $l'$  passing through  $A$ ,  $XY$  ( $Y$  is on  $l'$ ) is the common perpendicular to the lines  $l$  and  $l'$ . Find the locus of points  $Y$ .

**Solution.** Let the plane passing through  $A$  and perpendicular to  $l$  intersect  $l$  in point  $B$ . Let  $C$  be the projection of  $Y$  to this plane. Hence  $BC \parallel XY$ , thus  $BC \perp AY$  and by three perpendiculars theorem  $BC \perp AC$ . So  $C$  lies on the circle with diameter  $AB$ , and  $Y$  lies on the cylinder constructed over this circle. It is clear that all points of the cylinder are on the sought locus.

25. (N.Beluhov, Bulgaria) (11) It is known for two different regular icosahedrons that some six of their vertices are vertices of a regular octahedron. Find the ratio of the edges of these icosahedrons.

**Solution.** Note that no icosahedron can contain four vertices of octahedron. Indeed, between four vertices of octahedron there exist two opposite vertices that together with each of remaining vertices form an isosceles right-angled triangle. But no three vertices of icosahedron form such triangle.

Thus one of given icosahedrons contains three vertices lying on one face of octahedron, and the other icosahedron contains three vertices lying on the opposite face. Now note that there exist only three different distances between the vertices of icosahedron: one is equal to the edge, the second is equal to the diagonal of a regular pentagon with the side equal to the edge, and the third is the distance between two opposite vertices. If three vertices form a regular triangle then the distance between them is one of two first types. Since two icosahedrons aren't equal, then some face of the octahedron is a face for one of them and a triangle formed by diagonals for the other. Thus the ratio of edges is the ratio of the diagonal and the side of a regular pentagon, i.e.  $\frac{\sqrt{5} + 1}{2}$ .

# VII GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF I.F.SHARYGIN THE CORRESPONDENCE ROUND

Below is the list of problems for the first (correspondence) round of the VII Sharygin Geometrical Olympiad.

The olympiad is intended for high-school students of 8–11 grades (these are four elder grades in Russian school). In the list below each problem is indicated by the numbers of school grades, for which it is intended. However, the participants may solve problems for elder grades as well (solutions for younger grades will not be considered).

Your work containing the solutions for the problems (in Russian or in English) should be sent not later than April 1, 2011, by e-mail to [geomolypm@mccme.ru](mailto:geomolypm@mccme.ru) in pdf, doc or jpg files. Please, follow several simple rules:

1. *Each student sends his work in a separate message (with delivery notification). The size of the message must not exceed 10 Mb.*

2. *If your work consists of several files, send it as an archive. If the size of your work exceeds 10 Mb cut it to several archives and send each of them by a separate message.*

3. *In the subject of the message write “The work for Sharygin olympiad”, and present the following personal information in the body of your message:*

- last name, first name;
- E-mail, post address, phone number;
- the current number of your grade at school;
- the number and the mail address of your school;
- full names of your teachers in mathematics at school and/or of instructors of your extra math classes (if you attend additional math classes after school).

If you have no e-mail access, please, send your work by regular mail to the following address:  
*Russia, 119002, Moscow, Bolshoy Vlasyevsky per., 11. Olympiad in honour of Sharygin.* In the title page write your personal information indicated in the item 3 above.

In your work you should start writing the solution to each problem in a new page. First write down the statement of the problem, and then the solution. Present your solutions in detail, including all significant arguments and calculations. Provide all necessary figures. Solutions of computational problems have to be completed with a distinctly presented answer. Please, be accurate to provide good understanding and correct estimating of your work !

If your solution depends on some well-known theorems from standard textbooks, you may simply refer to them instead of providing their proofs. However, any fact not from the standard curriculum should be either proved or properly referred (with an indication of the source).

You may (this isn't necessary) note the problems which you liked. Your opinion is interesting for the Jury.

Your work will be examined thoroughly, and your marks will be sent to you by the end of May 2011. Winners of the correspondence round will be invited to take part in the final round in Summer 2011 in Dubna town (near Moscow).

1. (8) Does a convex heptagon exist which can be divided into 2011 equal triangles?
2. (8) Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with sides  $AB = 4$ ,  $AC = 6$ . Point  $H$  is the projection of vertex  $B$  to the bisector of angle  $A$ . Find  $MH$ , where  $M$  is the midpoint of  $BC$ .

3. (8) Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with  $\angle A = 60^\circ$ . The midperpendicular of segment  $AB$  meets line  $AC$  at point  $C_1$ . The midperpendicular of segment  $AC$  meets line  $AB$  at point  $B_1$ . Prove that line  $B_1C_1$  touches the incircle of triangle  $ABC$ .
4. (8) Segments  $AA'$ ,  $BB'$ ,  $CC'$  are the bisectrices of triangle  $ABC$ . It is known that these lines are also the bisectrices of triangle  $A'B'C'$ . Is it true that triangle  $ABC$  is regular?
5. (8) Given triangle  $ABC$ . The midperpendicular of side  $AB$  meets one of the remaining sides at point  $C'$ . Points  $A'$  and  $B'$  are defined similarly. For which original triangles triangle  $A'B'C'$  is regular?
6. (8) Two unit circles  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  intersect at points  $A$  and  $B$ .  $M$  is an arbitrary point of  $\omega_1$ ,  $N$  is an arbitrary point of  $\omega_2$ . Two unit circles  $\omega_3$  and  $\omega_4$  pass through both points  $M$  and  $N$ . Let  $C$  be the second common point of  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_3$ , and  $D$  be the second common point of  $\omega_2$  and  $\omega_4$ . Prove that  $ACBD$  is a parallelogram.
7. (8–9) Points  $P$  and  $Q$  on sides  $AB$  and  $AC$  of triangle  $ABC$  are such that  $PB = QC$ . Prove that  $PQ < BC$ .
8. (8–9) The incircle of right-angled triangle  $ABC$  ( $\angle B = 90^\circ$ ) touches  $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $CA$  at points  $C_1$ ,  $A_1$ ,  $B_1$  respectively. Points  $A_2$ ,  $C_2$  are the reflections of  $B_1$  in lines  $BC$ ,  $AB$  respectively. Prove that lines  $A_1A_2$  and  $C_1C_2$  meet on the median of triangle  $ABC$ .
9. (8–9) Let  $H$  be the orthocenter of triangle  $ABC$ . The tangents to the circumcircles of triangles  $CHB$  and  $AHB$  at point  $H$  meet  $AC$  at points  $A_1$  and  $C_1$  respectively. Prove that  $A_1H = C_1H$ .
10. (8–9) The diagonals of trapezoid  $ABCD$  meet at point  $O$ . Point  $M$  of lateral side  $CD$  and points  $P$ ,  $Q$  of bases  $BC$  and  $AD$  are such that segments  $MP$  and  $MQ$  are parallel to the diagonals of the trapezoid. Prove that line  $PQ$  passes through point  $O$ .
11. (8–10) The excircle of right-angled triangle  $ABC$  ( $\angle B = 90^\circ$ ) touches side  $BC$  at point  $A_1$  and touches line  $AC$  in point  $A_2$ . Line  $A_1A_2$  meets the incircle of  $ABC$  for the first time at point  $A'$ ; point  $C'$  is defined similarly. Prove that  $AC \parallel A'C'$ .
12. (8–10) Let  $AP$  and  $BQ$  be the altitudes of acute-angled triangle  $ABC$ . Using a compass and a ruler, construct a point  $M$  on side  $AB$  such that  $\angle AQM = \angle BPM$ .
13. a) (8–10) Find the locus of centroids for triangles whose vertices lie on the sides of a given triangle (each side contains a single vertex).  
 b) (11) Find the locus of centroids for tetrahedrons whose vertices lie on the faces of a given tetrahedron (each face contains a single vertex).
14. (9) In triangle  $ABC$ , the altitude and the median from vertex  $A$  form (together with line  $BC$ ) a triangle such that the bisectrix of angle  $A$  is the median; the altitude and the median from vertex  $B$  form (together with line  $AC$ ) a triangle such that the bisectrix of angle  $B$  is the bisectrix. Find the ratio of sides for triangle  $ABC$ .
15. (9–10) Given a circle with center  $O$  and radius equal to 1.  $AB$  and  $AC$  are the tangents to this circle from point  $A$ . Point  $M$  on the circle is such that the areas of quadrilaterals  $OBMC$  and  $ABMC$  are equal. Find  $MA$ .

16. (9–10) Given are triangle  $ABC$  and line  $l$ . The reflections of  $l$  in  $AB$  and  $AC$  meet at point  $A_1$ . Points  $B_1, C_1$  are defined similarly. Prove that
- lines  $AA_1, BB_1, CC_1$  concur;
  - their common point lies on the circumcircle of  $ABC$ ;
  - two points constructed in this way for two perpendicular lines are opposite.
17. (9–11) a) Does there exist a triangle in which the shortest median is longer than the longest bisectrix?
- b) Does there exist a triangle in which the shortest bisectrix is longer than the longest altitude?
18. (9–11) On the plane, given are  $n$  lines in general position, i.e. any two of them aren't parallel and any three of them don't concur. These lines divide the plane into several parts. What is
- the minimal;
  - the maximal
- number of these parts that can be angles?
19. (9–11) Does there exist a nonisosceles triangle such that the altitude from one vertex, the bisectrix from the second one and the median from the third one are equal?
20. (9–11) Quadrilateral  $ABCD$  is circumscribed around a circle with center  $I$ . Points  $M$  and  $N$  are the midpoints of diagonals  $AC$  and  $BD$ . Prove that  $ABCD$  is cyclic quadrilateral if and only if  $IM : AC = IN : BD$ .
21. (10–11) On a circle with diameter  $AC$ , let  $B$  be an arbitrary point distinct from  $A$  and  $C$ . Points  $M, N$  are the midpoints of chords  $AB, BC$ , and points  $P, Q$  are the midpoints of smaller arcs restricted by these chords. Lines  $AQ$  and  $BC$  meet at point  $K$ , and lines  $CP$  and  $AB$  meet at point  $L$ . Prove that lines  $MQ, NP$  and  $KL$  concur.
22. (10–11) Let  $CX, CY$  be the tangents from vertex  $C$  of triangle  $ABC$  to the circle passing through the midpoints of its sides. Prove that lines  $XY, AB$  and the tangent to the circumcircle of  $ABC$  at point  $C$  concur.
23. (10–11) Given are triangle  $ABC$  and line  $l$  intersecting  $BC, CA$  and  $AB$  at points  $A_1, B_1$  and  $C_1$  respectively. Point  $A'$  is the midpoint of the segment between the projections of  $A_1$  to  $AB$  and  $AC$ . Points  $B'$  and  $C'$  are defined similarly.
- Prove that  $A', B'$  and  $C'$  lie on some line  $l'$ .
  - Suppose  $l$  passes through the circumcenter of  $\triangle ABC$ . Prove that in this case  $l'$  passes through the center of its nine-points circle.
24. (10–11) Given is an acute-angled triangle  $ABC$ . On sides  $BC, CA, AB$ , find points  $A', B', C'$  such that the longest side of triangle  $A'B'C'$  is minimal.
25. (10–11) Three equal regular tetrahedrons have the common center. Is it possible that all faces of the polyhedron that forms their intersection are equal?

## VII GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF I.F.SHARYGIN THE CORRESPONDENCE ROUND. SOLUTIONS

1. (A.Zaslavsky) (8) Does a convex heptagon exist which can be divided into 2011 equal triangles?

**Solution.** Yes, it does. For example, let  $T$  be a right-angled triangle such that its hypotenuse is equal to 1003 and one of its legs is equal to 1. Consider rectangles formed by two such triangles and compose a rectangle with side equal to 1003 from such rectangles. To one of these sides, attach an isosceles triangle composed from two triangles equal to  $T$ , and to the second side attach a quadrilateral composed from three such triangles (fig.1).

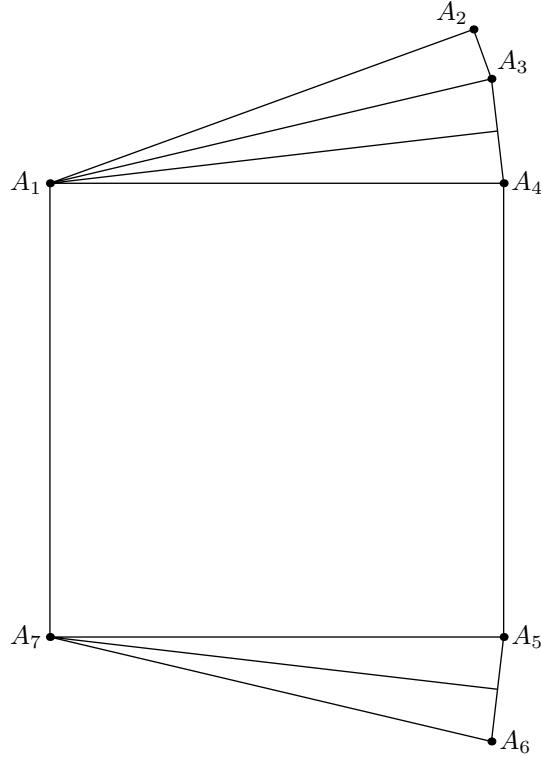


Fig. 1

**Second solution.** Take a square with side equal to 34 and from three its angles cut isosceles right-angled triangles with legs equal to 3, 6 and 16. The obtained heptagon can be divided into isosceles right-angled triangles with legs equal to 1, and the number of these triangles is equal to  $2 \cdot 34^2 - 9 - 36 - 256 = 2011$ .

Also we can take a rectangle  $m \times n$  and cut from it isosceles right-angled triangles with legs  $x, y, z$  such that  $2mn - x^2 - y^2 - z^2 = 2011$ . The participants of olympiad found several such solutions.

**Third solution.** (M.Amanzholov, Kazakhstan) Let  $T$  be an isosceles triangle with the base equal to 1 and with the angle at the opposite vertex equal to  $120^\circ$ . Then the regular triangle with side equal to 1 can be divided into three such triangles. On the other hand, from 335 regular triangles we can compose an isosceles trapezoid with bases equal to 168 and 167 and lateral sides equal to 1. Two such trapezoids with common greatest base form a convex hexagon which can be divided into 2010 triangles equal to  $T$ . Joining such triangle to its smallest side, we construct the sought heptagon.

2. (From Singapore olympiads) (8) Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with sides  $AB = 4$ ,  $AC = 6$ . Point  $H$

is the projection of vertex  $B$  to the bisector of angle  $A$ . Find  $MH$ , where  $M$  is the midpoint of  $BC$ .

**Solution.** Let  $D$  be the common point of  $BH$  and  $AC$  (fig.2). Then  $AH$  is the bisector and the altitude of triangle  $ABD$ . Thus this triangle is isosceles, i.e.  $AD = BD$  and  $BH = HD$ . So  $MH$  is the medial line of triangle  $BCD$  and  $MH = CD/2 = (AC - AB)/2 = 1$ .

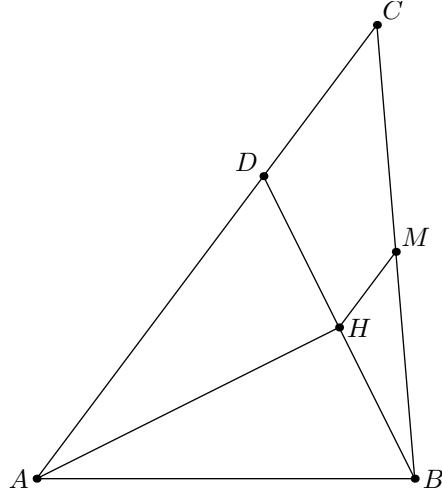


Fig. 2

3. (D.Shvetsov) (8) Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with  $\angle A = 60^\circ$ . The midperpendicular of segment  $AB$  meets line  $AC$  at point  $C_1$ . The midperpendicular of segment  $AC$  meets line  $AB$  at point  $B_1$ . Prove that line  $B_1C_1$  touches the incircle of triangle  $ABC$ .

**Solution.** Let  $B_0, C_0$  be the midpoints of  $AC, AB$  respectively. Since triangles  $AB_0B_1, AC_0C_1$  are right-angled with  $\angle A = 60^\circ$ , we have  $AB_1 = 2AB_0 = AC$  and  $AC_1 = 2AC_0 = AB$ . Thus line  $B_1C_1$  is the reflection of  $BC$  in the bisector of angle  $A$ . Since this bisector passes through the incenter and  $BC$  touches the incircle,  $B_1C_1$  also touches the incircle.

4. (B.Frenkin) (8) Segments  $AA'$ ,  $BB'$ ,  $CC'$  are the bisectrices of triangle  $ABC$ . It is known that these lines are also the bisectrices of triangle  $A'B'C'$ . Is it true that triangle  $ABC$  is regular?

**Solution.** Yes, the diagonal  $CC'$  of quadrilateral  $A'C'B'C$  is the bisector of its angles  $C$  and  $C'$ , thus it is the symmetry axis. Then  $A'C = B'C$ ,  $A'C' = B'C'$ ,  $\angle CB'A' = \angle CA'B'$  and  $\angle AB'C' = \angle BA'C'$ . Similarly  $\angle BC'A' = \angle BA'C' = \angle AB'C' = \angle AC'B'$ . Thus triangles  $AB'C'$  and  $BA'C'$  are equal, i.e.  $AB' = BA'$  and  $AC = BC$ . Similarly we obtain that  $AB = BC$ .

5. (B.Frenkin) (8) Given triangle  $ABC$ . The midperpendicular of side  $AB$  meets one of the remaining sides at point  $C'$ . Points  $A'$  and  $B'$  are defined similarly. For which original triangles triangle  $A'B'C'$  is regular?

**Answer.** For regular triangles and triangles with angles equal to 30, 30 and 120 degrees.

**Solution.** Consider a non-regular triangle  $ABC$ . Let  $AB$  be its greatest side. Then points  $A', B'$  lie on segment  $AB$ . From the condition of the problem we obtain that  $C'C_0$ , where  $C_0$  is the midpoint of  $AB$ , is the bisector of segment  $A'B'$ , thus  $CA' = A'B = AB' = CB'$ , i.e.  $C'$  coincides with  $C$  and triangle  $ABC$  is isosceles. Also we have  $2\angle A = \angle A + \angle CAB' = \angle CB'B = 60^\circ$ , so  $\angle A = \angle B = 30^\circ$ .

6. (A.Akopjan) (8) Two unit circles  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  intersect at points  $A$  and  $B$ .  $M$  is an arbitrary point of  $\omega_1$ ,  $N$  is an arbitrary point of  $\omega_2$ . Two unit circles  $\omega_3$  and  $\omega_4$  pass through both points  $M$  and  $N$ . Let  $C$  be the second common point of  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_3$ , and  $D$  be the second common point of  $\omega_2$  and  $\omega_4$ . Prove that  $ACBD$  is a parallelogram.

**Solution.** Let  $O_i$  be the center of circle  $\omega_i$ . From the condition of the problem we obtain that  $O_1AO_2B$ ,  $O_1CO_3M$ ,  $O_3MO_4N$ ,  $O_4NO_2D$  are rhombuses with sides equal to 1. Then  $\overrightarrow{O_1C} = \overrightarrow{MO_3} = \overrightarrow{O_4N} = \overrightarrow{DO_2}$  and  $\overrightarrow{O_1A} = \overrightarrow{BO_2}$ . Thus  $\overrightarrow{AC} = \overrightarrow{DB}$ , q.e.d.

7. (A.Akopjan) (8–9) Points  $P$  and  $Q$  on sides  $AB$  and  $AC$  of triangle  $ABC$  are such that  $PB = QC$ . Prove that  $PQ < BC$ .

**Solution.** Let  $T$  be the fourth vertex of parallelogram  $CBPT$ . Then  $PT = BC$  and  $CT = BP = CQ$  (fig.7). Hence  $\angle PQT > \angle TQC = \angle QTC > \angle QTP$ , i.e.  $PT > PQ$ .

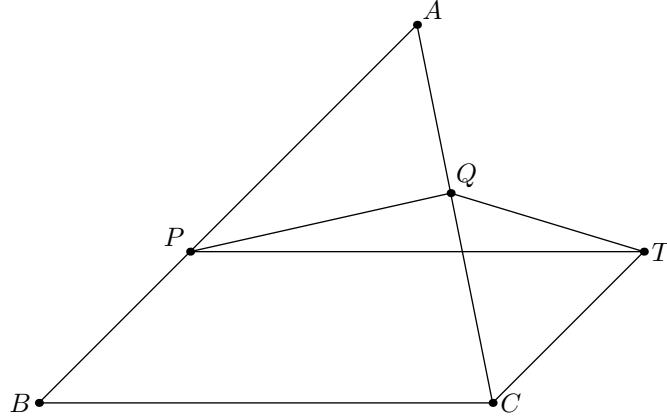


Рис. 7

8. (D.Shvetsov) (8–9) The incircle of right-angled triangle  $ABC$  ( $\angle B = 90^\circ$ ) touches  $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $CA$  at points  $C_1$ ,  $A_1$ ,  $B_1$  respectively. Points  $A_2$ ,  $C_2$  are the reflections of  $B_1$  in lines  $BC$ ,  $AB$  respectively. Prove that lines  $A_1A_2$  and  $C_1C_2$  meet on the median of triangle  $ABC$ .

**Solution.** Let  $I$  be the incenter and  $P$  be the common point of line  $A_1A_2$  with median  $BB_0$  (fig.8). Since  $\angle IA_1P = \angle IA_1B_1 = \angle C/2 = \angle PBA_1/2$ , then  $\angle BA_1P = \angle BPA_1$ , i.e.  $BP = BA_1$ . Since  $BA_1 = BC_1$ , line  $C_1C_2$  also passes through  $P$ .

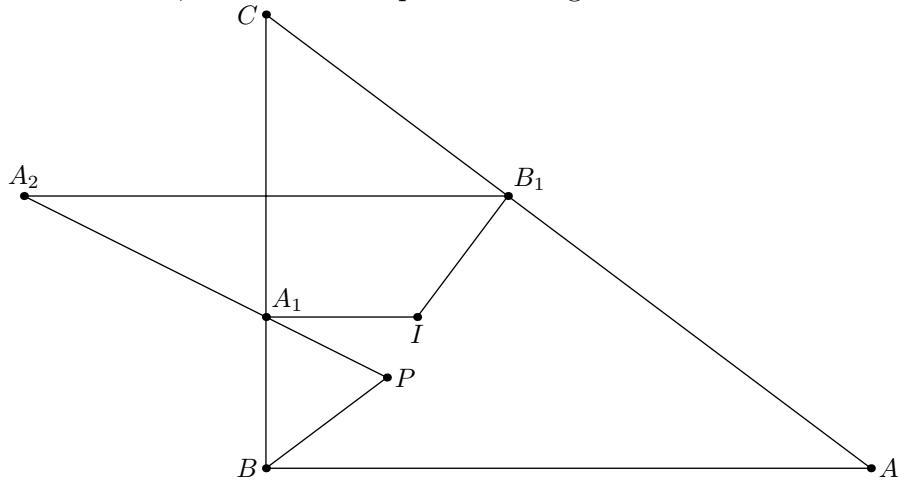


Fig. 8

9. (D.Shvetsov) (8–9) Let  $H$  be the orthocenter of triangle  $ABC$ . The tangents to the circumcircles

of triangles  $CHB$  and  $AHB$  at point  $H$  meet  $AC$  at points  $A_1$  and  $C_1$  respectively. Prove that  $A_1H = C_1H$ .

**Solution.** We have from the condition of the problem that  $\angle AHC_1 = \angle ABH$ . Thus  $\angle C_1HB' = \angle AHB' - \angle ABH = \angle HAB = \pi/2 - \angle ABC$  ( $B'$  is the base of the altitude). Similarly  $\angle B'HA_1 = \pi/2 - \angle ABC$ , i.e triangle  $A_1HC_1$  is isosceles.

10. (M.Volchkevich) (8–9) The diagonals of trapezoid  $ABCD$  meet at point  $O$ . Point  $M$  of lateral side  $CD$  and points  $P, Q$  of bases  $BC$  and  $AD$  are such that segments  $MP$  and  $MQ$  are parallel to the diagonals of the trapezoid. Prove that line  $PQ$  passes through point  $O$ .

**Solution.** By Thales theorem  $AQ/QD = AM/MB = CP/PB$ . Thus  $AQ/PC = AD/BC = AO/CO$ . Then triangles  $AOQ$  and  $COP$  are similar and  $\angle AOQ = \angle COP$ .

11. (D.Shvetsov) (8–10) The excircle of right-angled triangle  $ABC$  ( $\angle B = 90^\circ$ ) touches side  $BC$  at point  $A_1$  and touches line  $AC$  at point  $A_2$ . Line  $A_1A_2$  meets the incircle of  $ABC$  for the first time at point  $A'$ ; point  $C'$  is defined similarly. Prove that  $AC \parallel A'C'$ .

**Solution.** Let  $I$  be the incenter and  $PQ$  be the diameter of the incircle parallel to  $AC$  (fig.11). Since  $\angle PIC = \angle ACI = \angle BCI$  and  $CA_1 = (AB + BC - AC)/2 = r = IP$ , quadrilateral  $IPA_1C$  is an isosceles trapezoid. Then line  $A_1P$  is parallel to  $IC$ , i.e it coincides with  $A_1A_2$ . So  $P$  coincides with  $A'$ , and similarly  $Q$  coincides with  $C'$ .

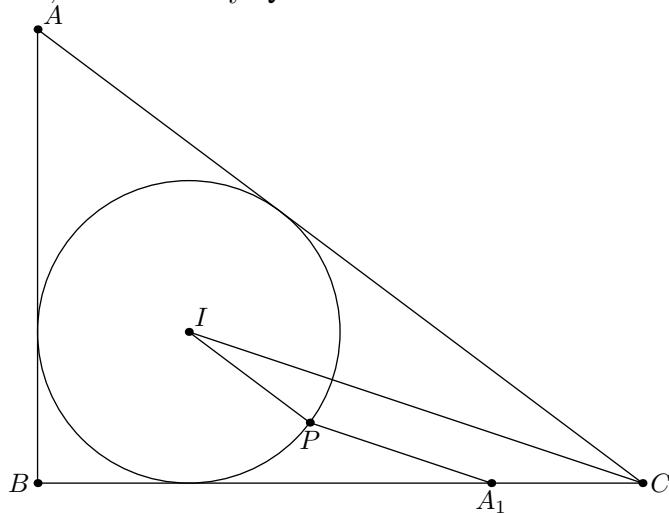


Fig.11

12. (V.Yasinsky) (8–10) Let  $AP$  and  $BQ$  be altitudes of acute-angled triangle  $ABC$ . Using a compass and a ruler, construct a point  $M$  on side  $AB$  such that  $\angle AQM = \angle BPM$ .

**Solution.** Since points  $P, Q$  lie on the circle with diameter  $AB$ ,  $\angle BPQ = 180^\circ - \angle A$ . Then  $\angle MPQ = \angle BPQ - \angle BPM = 180^\circ - \angle A - \angle AQM = \angle AMQ$ . Thus the circle passing through points  $P, Q, M$  touches  $AB$  (fig.12).

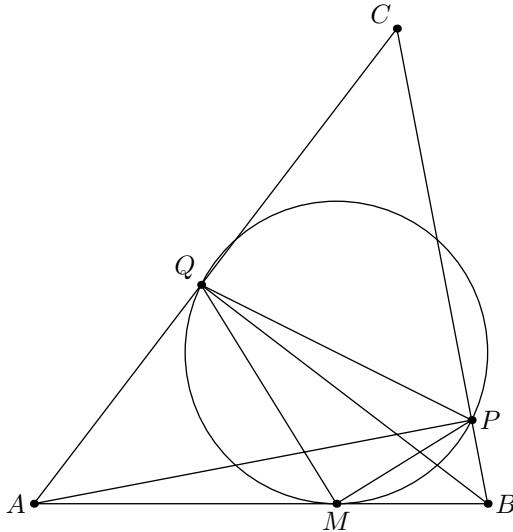


Fig.12

13. (B.Frenkin) a) (8–10) Find the locus of centroids for triangles whose vertices lie on the sides of a given triangle (each side contains a single vertex).

b) (11) Find the locus of centroids for tetrahedrons whose vertices lie on the faces of a given tetrahedron (each face contains a single vertex).

**Solution.** a) Let points  $A'$ ,  $B'$ ,  $C'$  lie on sides  $BC$ ,  $CA$ ,  $AB$  of triangle  $ABC$ . Since the midpoint  $C_0$  of segment  $A'B'$  lies inside triangle  $ABC$ , the distance from  $C_0$  to  $AB$  is shorter than the respective altitude of  $ABC$ . Since the centroid  $M$  of  $A'B'C'$  divides segment  $C'C_0$  as  $2 : 1$ , the distance from  $M$  to  $AB$  is less than  $2/3$  of this altitude. Similarly the distances from  $M$  to two remaining sidelines are less than  $2/3$  of respective altitudes, i.e.  $M$  lies inside a hexagon formed by the sides of triangle and its reflections in the centroid of  $ABC$ . When two vertices of  $A'B'C'$  tend to the same vertex of  $ABC$ ,  $M$  tends to the boundary of this hexagon. Thus all its inner points belong to the sought locus.

b) Similarly to a) we obtain that the sought locus is the polyhedron bounded by the faces of the given tetrahedron and by the planes parallel to the faces and dividing the respective altitudes in ratio  $1 : 3$  starting from the vertex. Four of eight faces of this polyhedron are triangles, and four remaining faces are hexagons.

14. (B.Frenkin) (9) In triangle  $ABC$ , the altitude and the median from vertex  $A$  form (together with line  $BC$ ) a triangle such that the bisectrix of angle  $A$  is the median; the altitude and the median from vertex  $B$  form (together with line  $AC$ ) a triangle such that the bisectrix of angle  $B$  is the bisectrix. Find the ratio of sides for triangle  $ABC$ .

**Solution.** Since the bisector of angle  $B$  bisects the angle between the altitude and the median, angle  $B$  is right. Thus the altitude from  $A$  coincides with  $AB$ , i.e. the bisector of angle  $A$  divides  $BC$  in ratio  $1 : 3$ . Then ratio  $AB : AC$  also is equal to  $1 : 3$  and by Pythagoras theorem  $BC : AB = 2\sqrt{2}$ .

15. (V.Protasov) (9–10) Given a circle with center  $O$  and radius equal to 1.  $AB$  and  $AC$  are the tangents to this circle from point  $A$ . Point  $M$  on the circle is such that the areas of quadrilaterals  $OBMC$  and  $ABMC$  are equal. Find  $MA$ .

**Solution.** Since  $S_{OBMC} - S_{ABMC} = S_{ABC} - S_{OBC} + 2S_{MBC}$ , the locus of points for which  $S_{OBMC} = S_{AMBC}$ , is the bisector of segment  $OA$ . Thus  $AM = OM = 1$ .

16. (P.Dolgirev) (9–10) Given are triangle  $ABC$  and line  $l$ . The reflections of  $l$  in  $AB$  and  $AC$  meet at point  $A_1$ . Points  $B_1, C_1$  are defined similarly. Prove that
- lines  $AA_1, BB_1, CC_1$  concur;
  - their common point lies on the circumcircle of  $ABC$ ;
  - two points constructed in this way for two perpendicular lines are opposite.

**Solution.** Firstly note that when  $l$  moves remaining parallel to itself with constant velocity, the reflections of  $l$  in  $AC$  and  $BC$  also move with constant velocities. Then  $C_1$  moves along the line passing through  $C$ , i.e. the common point of  $CC_1$  with the circumcircle depends only on the direction of  $l$ . Now let  $A', B'$  be the common points of  $l$  with  $BC$  and  $AC$  (fig.16). Then  $\angle C_1 B' C = \angle C B' A'$ ,  $\angle C' A C = \angle B A' C_1$ . Thus  $C$  is the incenter or the excenter of triangle  $A' B' C_1$ , i.e.  $C_1 C$  bisects angle  $A' C_1 B'$  or the adjacent angle. But the angle between lines  $A' C_1$  and  $B' C_1$  doesn't depend on  $l$ , thus the angle between  $CC_1$  and  $C_1 A'$  also doesn't depend on  $l$ . So when  $l$  rotates, lines  $AA_1, BB_1, CC_1$  rotate with the same velocity. This yields all assertions of the problem.

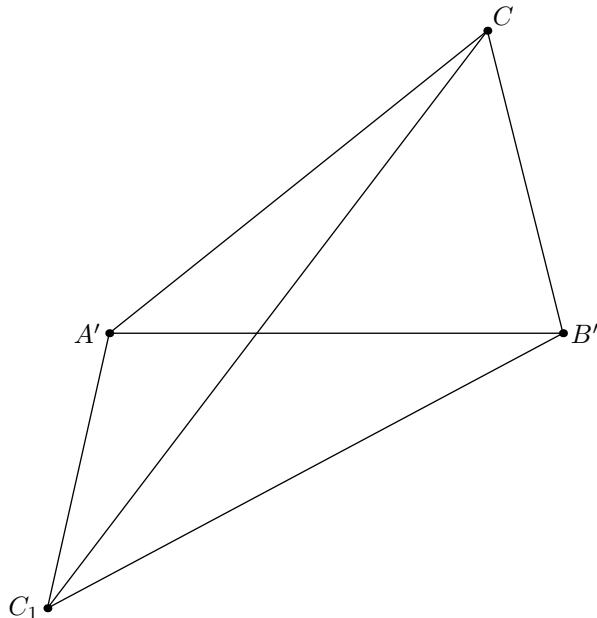


Fig.16

17. (B.Frenkin) (9–11) a) Does there exist a triangle in which the shortest median is longer than the longest bisectrix?

b) Does there exist a triangle in which the shortest bisectrix is longer than the longest altitude?

**Solution.** a) No, it doesn't. Let the lengths of sides  $BC, AC, AB$  be equal to  $a, b, c$  respectively and  $a \leq b \leq c$ . Now let  $CM$  be the median,  $AL$  be the bisector. If angle  $C$  isn't acute then  $AL > AC$ . Since  $BC \leq AC$ ,  $\angle CMA$  isn't acute, thus  $CM \leq AC$  and  $CM < AL$ .

Now let  $\angle C$  be acute. Since  $AB$  is the greatest side,  $\angle C \geq 60^\circ$  and angles  $A, B$  are acute. Then the base  $H$  of altitude  $AH$  lies on segment  $BC$ . Thus  $AH$  (and  $AL$ ) isn't less than  $AC \cos 60^\circ = b\sqrt{3}/2$ . But the square of  $CM$  is equal to  $\frac{2a^2+2b^2-c^2}{4} \leq \frac{2a^2+b^2}{4} \leq \frac{3b^2}{4}$ . So  $CM$  isn't greater than  $b\sqrt{3}/2$  and can't exceed the bisector of angle  $A$ .

b) No, it doesn't. Let  $a \leq b \leq c$  and  $l$  be the bisector of angle  $C$ . Then  $(al + bl) \sin \frac{C}{2} = 2S_{ABC} = ab \sin C$ , i.e.  $l = \frac{2ab \cos \frac{C}{2}}{a+b}$ . On the other hand, the altitude from  $A$  is equal to  $h = b \sin C$ . Since

$$a + b \geq 2a \text{ and } C \geq 60^\circ, h/l = (a + b) \sin \frac{C}{2} / a \geq 1.$$

**Note.** It is easy to construct a triangle such that its shortest median is longer than its longest altitude.

18. (A.Zaslavsky) (9–11) On the plane, given are  $n$  lines in general position, i.e. any two of them aren't parallel and any three of them don't concur. These lines divide the plane into several parts. What is

- a) the minimal;
- b) the maximal

number of these parts that can be angles?

**Solution.** a) **Answer.** 3. Consider the convex envelope of all common points of given lines. Two lines passing through some vertex of this envelope divide the plane into four angles, and one of them contains all the remaining points. Thus the remaining lines don't intersect the vertical angle and the number of angles can't be less than three. The example with three angles can be constructed by induction: the line in turn must intersect all previous lines inside the triangle which is the convex envelope of common points.

b) **Answer.**  $n$  if  $n$  is odd,  $n - 1$  if  $n > 2$  is even. Construct a circle containing all common points. The given lines divide it into  $2n$  arcs. Let  $AB, BC$  be two adjacent arcs,  $X, Y$  be the common points of the line passing through  $B$ , with the lines passing through  $A$  and  $C$  respectively. If  $X$  lies on segment  $BY$  then the part containing arc  $BC$  can't be an angle. Thus only one of two parts containing adjacent arcs can be an angle. Thus the number of angles isn't greater than  $n$ , and an equality is possible only when the part containing each second arc is an angle. But if  $n$  is even, this yields that there exist two angles containing the opposite arcs. Since these two angles are formed by the same lines, this isn't possible if  $n > 2$ . If  $n$  is odd then  $n$  parts formed by the sidelines of a regular  $n$ -gon are angles. It is evident that we can add one line without reduction of the number of angles.

**Second solution of a).** (A.Goncharuk, Kharkov) Let polygon  $T$  be the union of all bounded parts. Then all angles are vertical to the angles of  $T$ , which are less than  $180^\circ$ . From the formula for the sum of angles we obtain that there exist three such angles. The polygon with three angles can be constructed in the following way. Take point  $D$  inside triangle  $ABC$ , inscribe a circle with sufficiently small radius in angle  $ADB$  and take  $n - 4$  points on the smaller arc formed by touching points. The tangents in these points and lines  $AC, BC, AD, BD$  form the sought polygon.

19. (A.Zaslavsky) (9–11) Does there exist a nonisosceles triangle such that the altitude from one vertex, the bisectrix from the second one and the median from the third one are equal?

**Solution.** Yes, it does. Fix vertices  $A, B$ , construct point  $D$  which is the reflection of  $A$  in  $B$ , and consider an arbitrary point  $C$  such that  $\angle BCD = 150^\circ$ . The altitude of triangle  $ABC$  from  $A$  is equal to the distance  $DH$  from  $D$  to  $BC$ , i.e.  $CD/2$ . The median  $BM$  from  $B$  as the medial line in triangle  $ACD$  also is equal to  $CD/2$  (fig.19). Now move point  $C$  along arc  $BD$ , containing angle  $150^\circ$ . When  $C$  tends to  $B$ , the bisector from  $C$  tends to zero and the median from  $B$  tends to  $AB/2$ . When  $C$  tends to  $D$ , the median from  $B$  tends to zero and the bisector isn't less than  $BC$ . Thus there exists a point  $C$  for which the bisector is equal to two remaining segments.

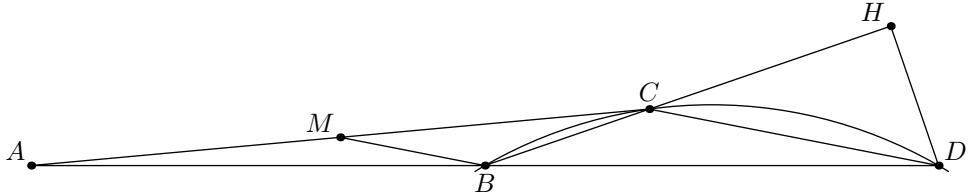


Fig.19

**Note.** When  $C$  moves from  $B$  to  $D$ , the bisector increases and the altitude decreases. Thus the angles of the sought triangle can be determined uniquely.

20. (N.Beluhov, A.Zaslavsky) (9–11) Quadrilateral  $ABCD$  is circumscribed around a circle with center  $I$ . Points  $M$  and  $N$  are the midpoints of diagonals  $AC$  and  $BD$ . Prove that  $ABCD$  is a cyclic quadrilateral if and only if  $IM : AC = IN : BD$ .

**Solution.** Consider the case when  $ABCD$  isn't a trapezoid. The other case needs no essential changes.

By Newton theorem  $I$  lies on  $MN$ . Let  $\lambda = MI : IN$ . On the sides, construct points  $P, Q, R$  and  $S$  such that  $AP : PB = CQ : QB = CR : RD = DS : SA = \lambda$ . Let us prove that  $I$  is the midpoint of segments  $PR$  and  $QS$ .

Use the masses method: place the unit masses in points  $A, C$ , and the masses equal to  $\lambda$  in points  $B, D$ . Replacing two first masses by the mass 2 in point  $M$ , and two remaining masses by the mass  $2\lambda$  in point  $N$ , we obtain that  $I$  is the masscenter of four masses. On the other hand, we can replace the masses in  $A$  and  $B$  by the mass  $1 + \lambda$  in point  $P$  and two remaining masses by the same mass in point  $R$ .

Now since  $I$  is the midpoint of  $PR$ , and lines  $AB$  and  $CD$  are non-parallel tangents to the circle with center  $I$ , the angles formed by these lines with  $PR$  are equal i.e.  $PR$  is parallel to the bisector of some angle formed by these lines. Similarly  $QS$  is parallel to the bisector of some angle formed by  $AD$  and  $BC$ . Thus  $ABCD$  is cyclic iff  $PR \perp QS$ . Since  $PQRS$  is a parallelogram (with side parallel to  $AC$  and  $BD$ ), this yields that  $PQRS$  is a rhombus. But  $PQ = QR \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{1+\lambda}AC = \frac{\lambda}{1+\lambda}BD \Leftrightarrow \lambda = AC : BD$ , q.e.d.

21. (V.Yasinsky) (10–11) On a circle with diameter  $AC$ , let  $B$  be an arbitrary point distinct from  $A$  and  $C$ . Points  $M, N$  are the midpoints of chords  $AB, BC$ , and points  $P, Q$  are the midpoints of smaller arcs related to these chords. Lines  $AQ$  and  $BC$  meet at point  $K$ , and lines  $CP$  and  $AB$  meet at point  $L$ . Prove that lines  $MQ, NP$  and  $KL$  concur.

**Solution.** Lines  $PM$  and  $QN$  meet in the center  $O$  of the circle. Thus it suffices to apply the Desargues theorem to triangles  $PML$  and  $NQK$ .

22. (G.Feldman) (10–11) Let  $CX, CY$  be the tangents from vertex  $C$  of triangle  $ABC$  to the circle passing through the midpoints of its sides. Prove that lines  $XY, AB$  and the tangent at point  $C$  to the circumcircle of  $ABC$  concur.

**Solution.** The homothety with center  $C$  and factor  $1/2$  transforms line  $XY$  to the radical axis of point  $C$  and the circle passing through the midpoints  $A', B', C'$  of  $BC, CA, AB$ . On the other hand, the tangent at  $C$  to the circumcircle touches also the circle  $A'B'C'$ , i.e. it is the radical axis of this circle and point  $C$ . The common point of these radical axes lies on  $A'B'$ . Using the inverse homothety we obtain the assertion of the problem.

23. (N.Beluhov, M.Marinov) (10–11) Given are triangle  $ABC$  and line  $l$  intersecting  $BC$ ,  $CA$  and  $AB$  at points  $A_1$ ,  $B_1$  and  $C_1$  respectively. Point  $A'$  is the midpoint of the segment between the projections of  $A_1$  to  $AB$  and  $AC$ . Points  $B'$  and  $C'$  are defined similarly.

(a) Prove that  $A'$ ,  $B'$  and  $C'$  lie on some line  $l'$ .

(b) Suppose  $l$  passes through the circumcenter of  $\triangle ABC$ . Prove that in this case  $l'$  passes through the center of its nine-points circle.

**Solution.** Let  $P_a$ ,  $P_b$ ,  $P_c$  be the midpoints of altitudes  $AH_a$ ,  $BH_b$ ,  $CH_c$ . It is evident that  $A'$ ,  $B'$ ,  $C'$  lie on the sidelines of triangle  $P_aP_bP_c$  and divide its sides in the same ratios as points  $A_1$ ,  $B_1$ ,  $C_1$  divide the sides of  $ABC$ . Thus a) immediately follows from Menelaos theorem. In addition, if  $l$  passes through some fixed point, then  $l'$  passes also through some fixed point, so it suffices to prove b) for two lines passing through the circumcenter  $O$ . Let us consider for example the lines passing through a vertex of  $ABC$ .

Let  $C_1$  be the common point of  $CO$  and  $AB$ ;  $X$ ,  $Y$  be the projections of  $C_1$  to  $AC$  and  $BC$ ;  $A_0$ ,  $B_0$ ,  $C_0$  be the midpoints of  $BC$ ,  $CA$ ,  $AB$ ;  $U$ ,  $V$  be the midpoints of  $XY$  and  $A_0B_0$ ;  $Q$  be the common point of the bisector to segment  $A_0B_0$  and of line  $UP_c$  (fig.23). Since  $XY \parallel AB$ , points  $C$ ,  $V$ ,  $U$  are collinear. Then  $VQ/CP_c = UV/UC = C_1O/CC_1$ , i.e.  $VQ = OC_0/2$  and  $Q$  is the circumcenter of  $A_0B_0C_0$ .

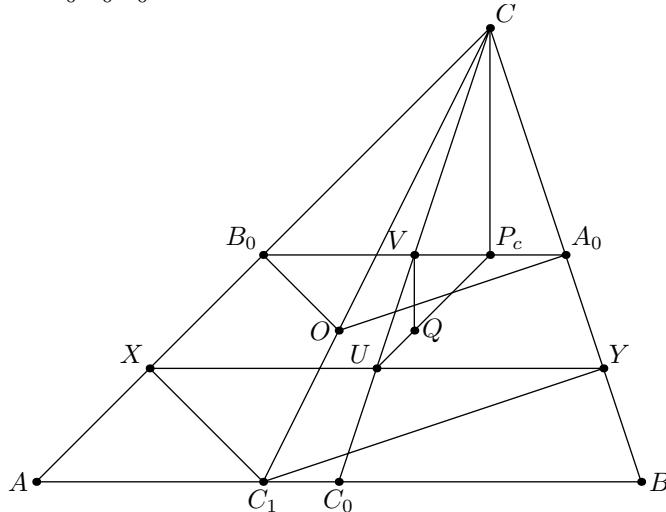


Fig.23

24. (A.Zaslavsky) (10–11) Given is an acute-angled triangle  $ABC$ . On sides  $BC$ ,  $CA$ ,  $AB$ , find points  $A'$ ,  $B'$ ,  $C'$  such that the longest side of triangle  $A'B'C'$  is minimal.

**Solution.** Firstly let us prove that the sought triangle is pedal, i.e three perpendiculars from its vertices to respective sides of  $ABC$  concur. Indeed for an arbitrary triangle  $A'B'C'$  circles  $AB'C'$ ,  $BC'A'$  and  $CA'B'$  have some common point  $P$ . Let  $A''$ ,  $B''$ ,  $C''$  be the projections of  $P$  to  $BC$ ,  $CA$ ,  $AB$ . Since  $\angle A'PB' = \angle A''PB'' = \pi - \angle C$  etc.,  $\angle A''PA' = \angle B''PB' = \angle C''PC'$ , and triangle  $A''B''C''$  can be obtained from  $A'B'C'$  by spiral similarity with center  $P$  and the factor less than 1.

Consider now point  $T$  with regular pedal triangle and prove that the pedal triangle of any point  $P$  has at least one greater side. Let  $A'$ ,  $B'$  be the projections of  $P$  to  $BC$  and  $AC$ . Then  $A'B' = PC \sin C$ , i.e.  $A'B'$  isn't greater than the side of pedal triangle of  $T$  iff  $PC \leq TC$ . Similarly we obtain  $PB \leq TB$ ,  $PA \leq TA$ . It is clear that these three inequalities can be correct only for point  $T$ .

Finally construct point  $T$ . From its definition we have  $TA \cdot BC = TB \cdot AC = TC \cdot AB$ . First equality defines the Apollonius circle passing through  $C$  and the bases of internal and external bisectors of angle  $C$ . Similarly the second equality defines the second circle.  $T$  is the common point of these circles lying inside triangle  $ABC$ .

25. (N.Beluhov) (10–11) Three equal regular tetrahedrons have the common center. Is it possible that all faces of the polyhedron that forms their intersection are equal?

**Solution.** Yes, it is possible. Let the first tetrahedron touch their common inscribed sphere at points  $A, B, C, D$ . Rotate these points around the common perpendicular (and bisector) of the segments  $AB$  and  $CD$  by  $120^\circ$  to obtain  $A', B', C', D'$  and by  $240^\circ$  to obtain  $A'', B'', C'', D''$  (the twelve points form two regular hexagons). The tangential planes to the sphere in these twelve points form the three tetrahedrons needed. Indeed, for any two of these points there exists an isometry that maps this set of twelve points onto itself and maps one of these two points to another one. These isometries enable us to map any facet of the obtained polygon onto any other one.

# VIII GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF I.F.SHARYGIN THE CORRESPONDENCE ROUND

Below is the list of problems for the first (correspondence) round of the VIII Sharygin Geometrical Olympiad.

The olympiad is intended for high-school students of 8–11 grades (these are four elder grades in Russian school). In the list below each problem is indicated by the numbers of school grades, for which it is intended. However, the participants may solve problems for elder grades as well (solutions for younger grades will not be considered).

Your work containing the solutions for the problems (in Russian or in English) should be sent not later than April 1, 2012, by e-mail to [geomolymp@mccme.ru](mailto:geomolymp@mccme.ru) in pdf, doc or jpg files. Please, follow several simple rules:

1. *Each student sends his work in a separate message (with delivery notification). The size of the message must not exceed 10 Mb.*

2. *If your work consists of several files, send it as an archive.*

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4. *In the subject of the message write "The work for Sharygin olympiad", and present the following personal information in the body of your message:*

- last name;

- all other names;

- E-mail, post address, phone number;

- the current number of your grade at school;

- the number and/or the name and the mail address of your school;

- full names of your teachers in mathematics at school and/or of instructors of your extra math classes (if you attend additional math classes after school).

If you have no e-mail access, please, send your work by regular mail to the following address:  
*Russia, 119002, Moscow, Bolshoy Vlasyevsky per., 11. Olympiad in honour of Sharygin.* In the title page write your personal information indicated in the item 4 above.

In your work you should start writing the solution to each problem in a new page. First write down the statement of the problem, and then the solution. Present your solutions in detail, including all significant arguments and calculations. Provide all necessary figures. Solutions of computational problems have to be completed with a distinctly presented answer. Please, be accurate to provide good understanding and correct estimating of your work !

If your solution depends on some well-known theorems from standard textbooks, you may simply refer to them instead of providing their proofs. However, any fact not from the standard curriculum should be either proved or properly referred (with an indication of the source).

You may (this isn't necessary) note the problems which you liked. Your opinion is interesting for the Jury.

Winners of the correspondence round will be invited to take part in the final round in Summer 2012 in Dubna town (near Moscow). The list of the winners will be published on [www.geometry.ru](http://www.geometry.ru) by the end of May 2012. If you want to know your detailed results, please use e-mail.

1. (8) In triangle  $ABC$  point  $M$  is the midpoint of side  $AB$ , and point  $D$  is the foot of altitude  $CD$ . Prove that  $\angle A = 2\angle B$  if and only if  $AC = 2MD$ .

2. (8) A cyclic  $n$ -gon is divided by non-intersecting (inside the  $n$ -gon) diagonals to  $n - 2$  triangles. Each of these triangles is similar to at least one of the remaining ones.  
 For what  $n$  this is possible?
3. (8) A circle with center  $I$  touches sides  $AB, BC, CA$  of triangle  $ABC$  in points  $C_1, A_1, B_1$ . Lines  $AI, CI, B_1I$  meet  $A_1C_1$  in points  $X, Y, Z$  respectively. Prove that  $\angle YB_1Z = \angle XB_1Z$
4. (8) Given triangle  $ABC$ . Point  $M$  is the midpoint of side  $BC$ , and point  $P$  is the projection of  $B$  to the perpendicular bisector of segment  $AC$ . Line  $PM$  meets  $AB$  in point  $Q$ . Prove that triangle  $QPB$  is isosceles.
5. (8) On side  $AC$  of triangle  $ABC$  an arbitrary point is selected  $D$ . The tangent in  $D$  to the circumcircle of triangle  $BDC$  meets  $AB$  in point  $C_1$ ; point  $A_1$  is defined similarly. Prove that  $A_1C_1 \parallel AC$ .
6. (8–9) Point  $C_1$  of hypotenuse  $AC$  of a right-angled triangle  $ABC$  is such that  $BC = CC_1$ . Point  $C_2$  on cathetus  $AB$  is such that  $AC_2 = AC_1$ ; point  $A_2$  is defined similarly. Find angle  $AMC$ , where  $M$  is the midpoint of  $A_2C_2$ .
7. (8–9) In a non-isosceles triangle  $ABC$  the bisectors of angles  $A$  and  $B$  are inversely proportional to the respective sidelengths. Find angle  $C$ .
8. (8–9) Let  $BM$  be the median of right-angled triangle  $ABC$  ( $\angle B = 90^\circ$ ). The incircle of triangle  $ABM$  touches sides  $AB, AM$  in points  $A_1, A_2$ ; points  $C_1, C_2$  are defined similarly. Prove that lines  $A_1A_2$  and  $C_1C_2$  meet on the bisector of angle  $ABC$ .
9. (8–9) In triangle  $ABC$ , given lines  $l_b$  and  $l_c$  containing the bisectors of angles  $B$  and  $C$ , and the foot  $L_1$  of the bisector of angle  $A$ . Restore triangle  $ABC$ .
10. In a convex quadrilateral all sidelengths and all angles are pairwise different.
  - a)(8–9) Can the greatest angle be adjacent to the greatest side and at the same time the smallest angle be adjacent to the smallest side?
  - b)(9–11) Can the greatest angle be non-adjacent to the smallest side and at the same time the smallest angle be non-adjacent to the greatest side?
11. Given triangle  $ABC$  and point  $P$ . Points  $A', B', C'$  are the projections of  $P$  to  $BC, CA, AB$ . A line passing through  $P$  and parallel to  $AB$  meets the circumcircle of triangle  $PA'B'$  for the second time in point  $C_1$ . Points  $A_1, B_1$  are defined similarly. Prove that
  - a) (8–10) lines  $AA_1, BB_1, CC_1$  concur;
  - b) (9–11) triangles  $ABC$  and  $A_1B_1C_1$  are similar.
12. (9–10) Let  $O$  be the circumcenter of an acute-angled triangle  $ABC$ . A line passing through  $O$  and parallel to  $BC$  meets  $AB$  and  $AC$  in points  $P$  and  $Q$  respectively. The sum of distances from  $O$  to  $AB$  and  $AC$  is equal to  $OA$ . Prove that  $PB + QC = PQ$ .
13. (9–10) Points  $A, B$  are given. Find the locus of points  $C$  such that  $C$ , the midpoints of  $AC, BC$  and the centroid of triangle  $ABC$  are concyclic.

14. (9–10) In a convex quadrilateral  $ABCD$  suppose  $AC \cap BD = O$  and  $M$  is the midpoint of  $BC$ . Let  $MO \cap AD = E$ . Prove that  $\frac{AE}{ED} = \frac{S_{\triangle ABO}}{S_{\triangle CDO}}$ .
15. (9–11) Given triangle  $ABC$ . Consider lines  $l$  with the next property: the reflections of  $l$  in the sidelines of the triangle concur. Prove that all these lines have a common point.
16. (9–11) Given right-angled triangle  $ABC$  with hypotenuse  $AB$ . Let  $M$  be the midpoint of  $AB$  and  $O$  be the center of circumcircle  $\omega$  of triangle  $CMB$ . Line  $AC$  meets  $\omega$  for the second time in point  $K$ . Segment  $KO$  meets the circumcircle of triangle  $ABC$  in point  $L$ . Prove that segments  $AL$  and  $KM$  meet on the circumcircle of triangle  $ACM$ .
17. (9–11) A square  $ABCD$  is inscribed into a circle. Point  $M$  lies on arc  $BC$ ,  $AM$  meets  $BD$  in point  $P$ ,  $DM$  meets  $AC$  in point  $Q$ . Prove that the area of quadrilateral  $APQD$  is equal to the half of the area of the square.
18. (9–11) A triangle and two points inside it are marked. It is known that one of the triangle's angles is equal to  $58^\circ$ , one of two remaining angles is equal to  $59^\circ$ , one of two given points is the incenter of the triangle and the second one is its circumcenter. Using only the ruler without partitions determine where is each of the angles and where is each of the centers.
19. (10–11) Two circles with radii 1 meet in points  $X, Y$ , and the distance between these points also is equal to 1. Point  $C$  lies on the first circle, and lines  $CA, CB$  are tangents to the second one. These tangents meet the first circle for the second time in points  $B', A'$ . Lines  $AA'$  and  $BB'$  meet in point  $Z$ . Find angle  $XZY$ .
20. (10–11) Point  $D$  lies on side  $AB$  of triangle  $ABC$ . Let  $\omega_1$  and  $\Omega_1$ ,  $\omega_2$  and  $\Omega_2$  be the incircles and the excircles (touching segment  $AB$ ) of triangles  $ACD$  and  $BCD$ . Prove that the common external tangents to  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$ ,  $\Omega_1$  and  $\Omega_2$  meet on  $AB$ .
21. (10–11) Two perpendicular lines pass through the orthocenter of an acute-angled triangle. The sidelines of the triangle cut on each of these lines two segments: one lying inside the triangle and another one lying outside it. Prove that the product of two internal segments is equal to the product of two external segments.
22. (10–11) A circle  $\omega$  with center  $I$  is inscribed into a segment of the disk, formed by an arc and a chord  $AB$ . Point  $M$  is the midpoint of this arc  $AB$ , and point  $N$  is the midpoint of the complementary arc. The tangents from  $N$  touch  $\omega$  in points  $C$  and  $D$ . The opposite sidelines  $AC$  and  $BD$  of quadrilateral  $ABCD$  meet in point  $X$ , and the diagonals of  $ABCD$  meet in point  $Y$ . Prove that points  $X, Y, I$  and  $M$  are collinear.
23. (10–11) An arbitrary point is selected on each of twelve diagonals of the faces of a cube. The centroid of these twelve points is determined. Find the locus of all these centroids.
24. (10–11) Given are  $n$  ( $n > 2$ ) points on the plane such that no three of them aren't collinear. In how many ways this set of points can be divided into two non-empty subsets with non-intersecting convex envelops?

## VIII GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF I.F.SHARYGIN THE CORRESPONDENCE ROUND. SOLUTIONS

1. (M.Rozhkova) (8) In triangle  $ABC$  point  $M$  is the midpoint of side  $AB$ , and point  $D$  is the foot of altitude  $CD$ . Prove that  $\angle A = 2\angle B$  if and only if  $AC = 2MD$ .

**Solution.** Let  $K$  be the midpoint of  $AC$  (fig.1). Since  $DK$  is the median of a right-angled triangle  $ADC$ , we obtain that  $AK = KD$  and  $\angle ADK = \angle A$ . On the other hand,  $MK$  is a medial line of  $ABC$ , therefore,  $\angle DMK = \angle B$ . Applying the external angle theorem to triangle  $DMK$  we obtain that the equalities  $KD = DM$  and  $\angle KDA = 2\angle KMD$  are equivalent.

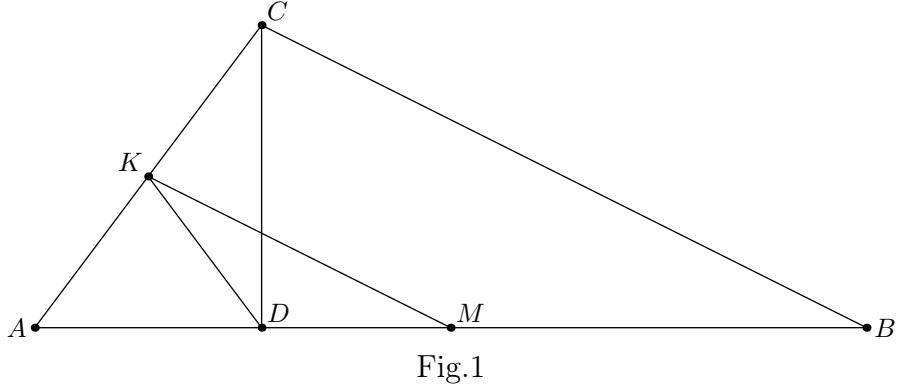


Fig.1

2. B.Frenkin) (8) A cyclic  $n$ -gon is divided by non-intersecting (inside the  $n$ -gon) diagonals to  $n - 2$  triangles. Each of these triangles is similar to at least one of the remaining ones.

For what  $n$  this is possible?

**Answer.** For  $n = 4$  and for  $n > 5$ .

**Solution.** It is clear that  $n > 3$ . Now if  $n$  is even then we can bisect a regular  $n$ -gon to two equal polygons by a diagonal passing through its center and divide these two polygons by the same way. Also we can construct on three sides of a regular  $2k$ -gon equal triangles with vertices on the circumcircle. Thus for odd  $n > 5$  such situation is also possible. Prove that it isn't possible for  $n = 5$ .

If the circumcenter of a pentagon doesn't lie on dividing diagonals then the triangle containing it is acute-angled and two remaining triangles are obtuse-angled, i.e. the condition of the problem can't be true. If the circumcenter lies on the diagonal then two triangles adjacent with this diagonal are right-angled and the third triangle is obtuse-angled. Thus the condition also isn't true.

3. (D.Shvetsov) (8) A circle with center  $I$  touches sides  $AB, BC, CA$  of triangle  $ABC$  in points  $C_1, A_1, B_1$ . Lines  $AI, CI, B_1I$  meet  $A_1C_1$  in points  $X, Y, Z$  respectively. Prove that  $\angle YB_1Z = \angle XB_1Z$

**Solution.** Since  $B_1I \perp AC$ , it is sufficient to prove that  $\angle YB_1A = \angle XB_1C$ . Since  $CI$  is the medial bisector to  $A_1B_1$ , therefore  $\angle YB_1A_1 = \angle C_1A_1B_1$ , and since  $\angle A_1B_1C = \angle B_1A_1C$ , therefore  $\angle YB_1A = \angle C_1A_1B$  (fig.3). Similarly  $\angle XB_1C = \angle A_1C_1B = \angle C_1A_1B$ .

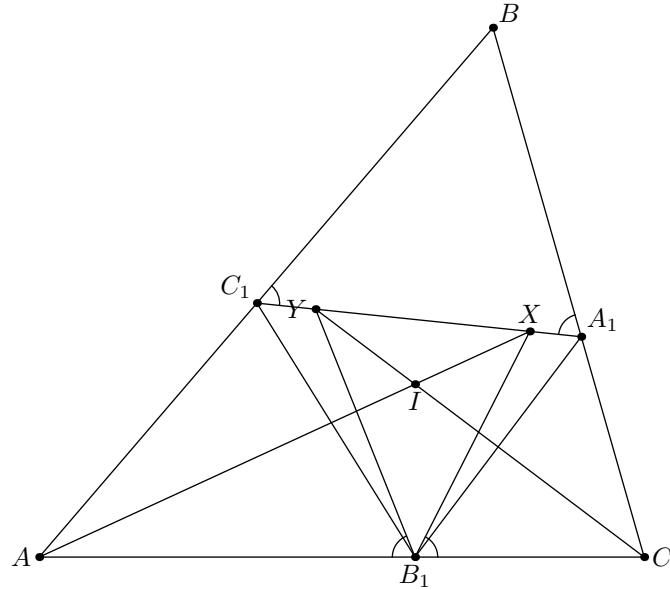


Fig.3

4. (A.Akopyan) (8) Given triangle  $ABC$ . Point  $M$  is the midpoint of side  $BC$ , and point  $P$  is the projection of  $B$  to the perpendicular bisector of segment  $AC$ . Line  $PM$  meets  $AB$  in point  $Q$ . Prove that triangle  $QPB$  is isosceles.

**Solution.** Let  $D$  be the reflection of  $B$  in the medial bisector to  $AC$ , and  $T$  be the common point of  $AB$  and  $CD$ . Then  $ACBD$  is an isosceles trapezoid, thus  $BDT$  is an isosceles triangle (fig.4). The line  $PM$  contains the medial line of this triangle, Therefore triangle  $QPB$  is also isosceles.

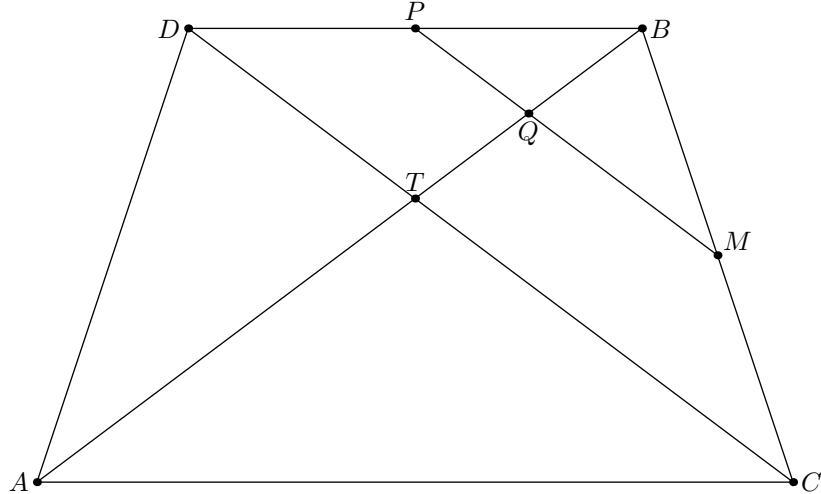


Fig.4

5. (D.Shvetsov) (8) On side  $AC$  of triangle  $ABC$  an arbitrary point is selected  $D$ . The tangent in  $D$  to the circumcircle of triangle  $BDC$  meets  $AB$  in point  $C_1$ ; point  $A_1$  is defined similarly. Prove that  $A_1C_1 \parallel AC$ .

**Solution.** The condition yields that  $\angle C_1DA = \angle DBC$  and  $\angle A_1DC = \angle DBA$  (fig.5). Therefore  $A_1BC_1D$  is a cyclic quadrilateral, i.e.  $\angle C_1A_1D = \angle C_1BD = \angle CDA_1$ .

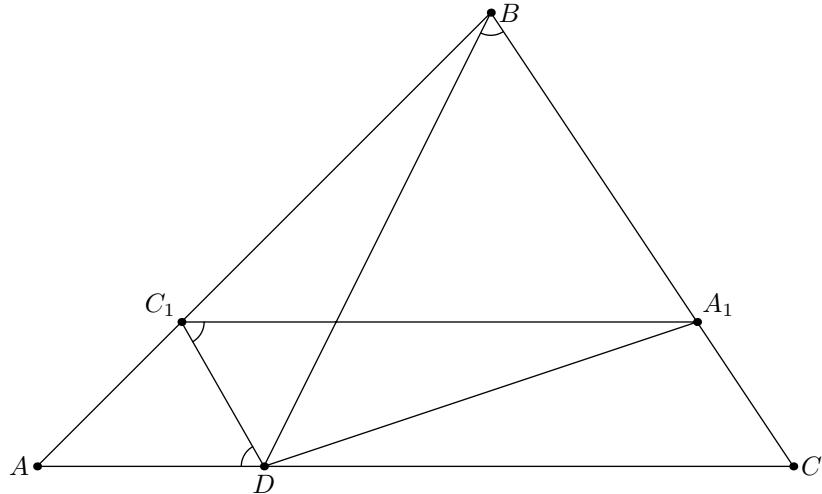


Fig.5

6. (D.Shvetsov) (8–9) Point  $C_1$  of hypotenuse  $AC$  of a right-angled triangle  $ABC$  is such that  $BC = CC_1$ . Point  $C_2$  on cathetus  $AB$  is such that  $AC_2 = AC_1$ ; point  $A_2$  is defined similarly. Find angle  $AMC$ , where  $M$  is the midpoint of  $A_2C_2$ .

**Answer.**  $135^\circ$ .

**Solution.** Let  $I$  be the incenter of  $ABC$ . Since  $C_1$  is the reflection of  $B$  in  $CI$ , and  $C_2$  is the reflection of  $C_1$  in  $AI$ , we obtain that  $BI = IC_2$  and  $\angle BIC_2 = 90^\circ$ . Similarly  $BI = IA_2$  and  $\angle BIA_2 = 90^\circ$  (fig.6). Therefore,  $I$  is the midpoint of  $A_2C_2$ , and  $\angle AIC = 135^\circ$ .

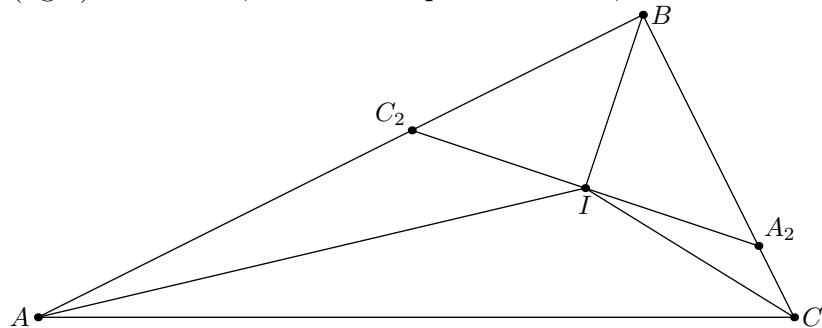


Fig.6

7. (B.Frenkin) (8–9) In a non-isosceles triangle  $ABC$  the bisectors of angles  $A$  and  $B$  are inversely proportional to the respective sidelengths. Find angle  $C$ .

**Answer.**  $60^\circ$ .

**Solution.** Let  $AA_1, BB_1$  be the bisectors of the given triangle, and  $AA_2, BB_2$  be its altitudes. The condition yields that  $AA_1/AA_2 = BB_1/BB_2$ , therefore,  $\angle A_1AA_2 = \angle B_1BB_2$ . But  $\angle A_1AA_2 = |\angle B - \angle C|$ ,  $\angle B_1BB_2 = |\angle A - \angle C|$ . Since the triangle isn't isosceles, an equality  $\angle A - \angle C = \angle B - \angle C$  is impossible. Therefore,  $\angle C = (\angle A + \angle B)/2 = 60^\circ$ .

8. (D.Shvecov) (8–9) Let  $BM$  be the median of right-angled triangle  $ABC$  ( $\angle B = 90^\circ$ ). The incircle of triangle  $ABM$  touches sides  $AB, AM$  in points  $A_1, A_2$ ; points  $C_1, C_2$  are defined similarly. Prove that lines  $A_1A_2$  and  $C_1C_2$  meet on the bisector of angle  $ABC$ .

**Solution.** Since  $ABM, CBM$  are isosceles triangles, points  $A_1, C_1$  are the midpoints of correspondent cathetus. Also the line  $A_1A_2$  is perpendicular to the bisector of angle  $A$ , therefore

it is the bisector of angle  $AA_1C_1$  (fig.8). Similarly  $C_1C_2$  is the bisector of angle  $CC_1A_1$ . Thus its common point is the excenter of triangle  $A_1BC_1$  and lies on the bisector of angle  $B$ .

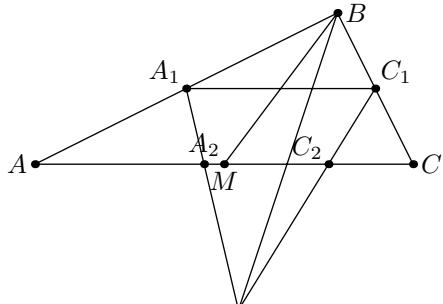


Fig.8

9. (A.Karluchenko) (8–9) In triangle  $ABC$ , given lines  $l_b$  and  $l_c$  containing the bisectors of angles  $B$  and  $C$ , and the foot  $L_1$  of the bisector of angle  $A$ . Restore triangle  $ABC$ .

**Solution.** Let  $I$  be the common point of  $l_b$  and  $l_c$ . Then  $IL_1$  is the bisector of angle  $A$ . Thus we know the angles between the bisectors of the triangle and therefore we know the angles of the triangle. Construct an arbitrary triangle  $A'B'C'$  with the same angles, find its incenter  $I'$ , construct on the lines  $l_b$ ,  $l_c$  the segments  $IB'' = I'B'$ ,  $IC'' = I'C'$  and pass the line through  $L_1$  parallel to  $B''C''$ . This line meets  $l_b$ ,  $l_c$  at the vertices  $B$ ,  $C$  of the sought triangle. The construction of the vertex  $A$  is now evident.

10. (B.Frenkin, A.Zaslavsky) In a convex quadrilateral all sidelengths and all angles are pairwise different.

a)(8–9) Can the greatest angle be adjacent to the greatest side and at the same time the smallest angle be adjacent to the smallest side?

b)(9–11) Can the greatest angle be non-adjacent to the smallest side and at the same time the smallest angle be non-adjacent to the greatest side?

**Answer.** a) Yes. b) No.

**Solution.** a) Consider a triangle  $ABC$  with  $AC > BC > AB$ . Take on the segment  $AC$  a point  $P$ , such that  $AP = BC$ , construct the perpendicular from  $P$  to  $AC$  and take on this perpendicular a point  $D$ , lying outside the triangle and sufficiently near to  $P$ . Then  $AD$  is the greatest side of quadrilateral  $ABCD$ ,  $CD$  is its smallest side,  $D$  is the greatest angle, and  $C$  is the smallest angle (fig.10).

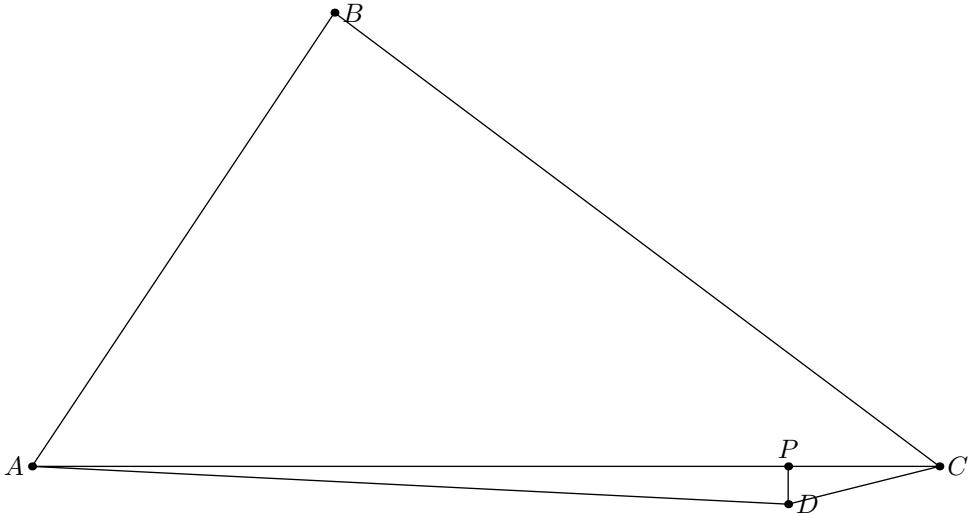


Fig.10

- b) Suppose, that  $ABCD$  is a quadrilateral satisfying to the condition. We can think that  $B$  is the greatest angle, and  $CD$  is the smallest side. Then the equality  $AC^2 = AB^2 + BC^2 - 2AB \cdot BC \cos B = AD^2 + CD^2 - 2AD \cdot CD \cos D$  yields that  $AD$  is the greatest side, therefore,  $C$  is the smallest angle. Since  $\angle C + \angle D < \pi$ , the rays  $CB$  and  $DA$  meet at some point  $P$ . Since angle  $C$  is acute and  $\angle C + \angle A < \pi$ , we obtain that  $\sin A > \sin C$ . Since  $PB / \sin A = AB / \sin P > CD / \sin C = PD / \sin C$ , this yields that  $PB > PD$ . But  $PB = PC - BC < PC - CD < PD$  — contradiction.
11. (Tran Q.H.) Given triangle  $ABC$  and point  $P$ . Points  $A'$ ,  $B'$ ,  $C'$  are the projections of  $P$  to  $BC$ ,  $CA$ ,  $AB$ . A line passing through  $P$  and parallel to  $AB$  meets the circumcircle of triangle  $PA'B'$  for the second time in point  $C_1$ . Points  $A_1$ ,  $B_1$  are defined similarly. Prove that
- (8–10) lines  $AA_1$ ,  $BB_1$ ,  $CC_1$  concur;
  - (9–11) triangles  $ABC$  and  $A_1B_1C_1$  are similar.
- Solution.** Since  $PC$  is the diameter of the circumcircle of  $PA'B'$ , therefore the angle  $PC_1C$  is right, i.e.  $C_1$  lies on the altitude of  $ABC$ . Similarly  $A_1$ ,  $B_1$  lie on the two remaining altitudes. Thus the lines  $AA_1$ ,  $BB_1$ ,  $CC_1$  meet on the orthocenter  $H$  and the assertion a) is proved. Also  $A_1$ ,  $B_1$ ,  $C_1$  lie on the circle with diameter  $PH$ , because the angles  $PA_1H$ ,  $PB_1H$ ,  $PC_1H$  are right. Therefore, the angle between the lines  $A_1C_1$  and  $B_1C_1$  is equal to the angle between the lines  $HA_1$  and  $HB_1$ , which as the angle between two altitude of the triangle  $ABC$  is equal two the angle between its sidelines  $AC$  and  $BC$ . Thus the angles of the triangles  $ABC$  and  $A_1B_1C_1$  are equal, i.e. these triangles are similar.
12. (M.Zhanbulatuly) (9–10) Let  $O$  be the circumcenter of an acute-angled triangle  $ABC$ . A line passing through  $O$  and parallel to  $BC$  meets  $AB$  and  $AC$  in points  $P$  and  $Q$  respectively. The sum of distances from  $O$  to  $AB$  and  $AC$  is equal to  $OA$ . Prove that  $PB + QC = PQ$ .
- Solution.** An equality  $\cos A + \cos B + \cos C = 1 + r/R$  yields, that in an acute-angled triangle the sum of distances from  $O$  to the sides is equal to the sum of the circumradius and the inradius. Thus we obtain that  $PQ$  passes through the incenter  $I$ . Then  $\angle PIB = \angle IBA = \angle IBP$  and  $PB = IP$ . Similarly  $QC = IQ$ .
13. (A.Zaslavsky) (9–10) Points  $A$ ,  $B$  are given. Find the locus of points  $C$  such that  $C$ , the midpoints of  $AC$ ,  $BC$  and the centroid of triangle  $ABC$  are concyclic.

**Answer.** A circle having the center at the midpoint of  $AB$  and the radius equal to  $AB\sqrt{3}/2$  without its common points with line  $AB$ .

**Solution.** Let the medians  $AA_0$  and  $BB_0$  of the triangle meet at the point  $M$ . From the condition we have that  $AM \cdot AA_0 = AB_0 \cdot AC$ , i.e.  $AA_0^2 = \frac{3}{4}AC^2$ . Similarly,  $BB_0^2 = \frac{3}{4}BC^2$ . Since for an arbitrary triangle the ratio of the sums of the squares of its medians and its sides is equal to  $3/4$ , these equalities yield that the median from  $C$  is equal to  $AB\sqrt{3}/2$ . It is clear that all points of the circle distinct from its common points with line  $AB$  lie on the sought locus.

14. (M.Volchkevich) (9–10) In a convex quadrilateral  $ABCD$  suppose  $AC \cap BD = O$  and  $M$  is the midpoint of  $BC$ . Let  $MO \cap AD = E$ . Prove that  $\frac{AE}{ED} = \frac{S_{\triangle ABO}}{S_{\triangle CDO}}$ .

**Solution.** Let  $P$  be the common point of  $AB$  and  $MO$ . Applying the Menelaos theorem to triangles  $ABC$  and  $ABD$ , we obtain that  $\frac{AP}{PB} \cdot \frac{BO}{OD} \cdot \frac{DE}{AE} = \frac{AP}{PB} \cdot \frac{BM}{MC} \cdot \frac{CO}{OA} = 1$ . Therefore,  $\frac{AE}{ED} = \frac{OA \cdot OB}{OC \cdot OD} = \frac{S_{\triangle ABO}}{S_{\triangle CDO}}$ .

15. (A.Zaslavsky) (9–11) Given triangle  $ABC$ . Consider lines  $l$  with the next property: the reflections of  $l$  in the sidelines of the triangle concur. Prove that all these lines have a common point.

**Solution.** Let the reflections of  $l$  concur at the point  $P$ . Then the reflections of  $P$  lie on  $l$ , therefore, the projections of  $P$  to the sidelines are collinear. By Simson theorem  $P$  lies on the circumcircle of  $ABC$ . Since the Simson's line of  $P$  bisects the segment between  $P$  and the orthocenter  $H$  of  $ABC$ , we obtain that  $l$  passes through  $H$ .

16. (F.Ivlev) (9–11) Given right-angled triangle  $ABC$  with hypotenuse  $AB$ . Let  $M$  be the midpoint of  $AB$  and  $O$  be the center of circumcircle  $\omega$  of triangle  $CMB$ . Line  $AC$  meets  $\omega$  for the second time in point  $K$ . Segment  $KO$  meets the circumcircle of triangle  $ABC$  in point  $L$ . Prove that segments  $AL$  and  $KM$  meet on the circumcircle of triangle  $ACM$ .

**First solution.** Since  $BMKC$  is a cyclic quadrilateral, therefore  $\angle BMK = 90^\circ$  and  $O$  lies on  $BK$ . Thus  $\angle ABL = \angle MBK = \angle MCK = \angle A$ . Therefore,  $\angle MAL = \angle B$ , and the angles between  $AL$  and  $KM$  is equal to angle  $A$ , i.e. angle  $ACM$  (fig.16).

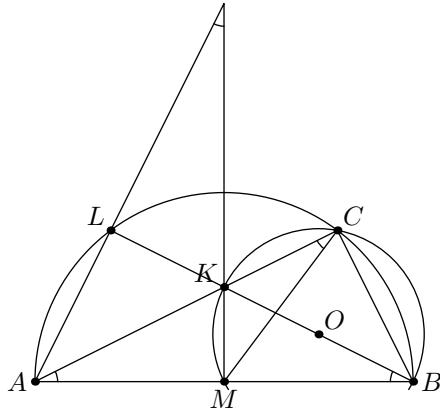


Fig.16

**Second solution.** Since  $KCB$  is a right angle, therefore  $O$  lies on  $KB$ . Since  $AB$  is a diameter of the circumcircle of  $ABC$ , therefore  $ALB$  is also a right angle. The angle  $KMB$  is right, because  $KCB$  is a right angle. Thus  $K$  is the orthocenter of the triangle formed by  $A$ ,  $B$  and the common point of  $AL$  and  $MK$ . Then two right angles with vertices  $C$  and  $M$  leans on the same diameter.

17. (M.Rozhkova) (9–11) A square  $ABCD$  is inscribed into a circle. Point  $M$  lies on arc  $BC$ ,  $AM$  meets  $BD$  in point  $P$ ,  $DM$  meets  $AC$  in point  $Q$ . Prove that the area of quadrilateral  $APQD$  is equal to the half of the area of the square.

**Solution.** Since  $\angle AMD = 45^\circ = \angle OAD = \angle ODA$ , therefore  $\angle AQD = \angle AMD + \angle MAQ = \angle PAD$ . Similarly,  $\angle APD = \angle ADQ$  (fig.17). Thus the triangles  $APD$  and  $QDA$  are similar, i.e.  $AQ \cdot PD = AD^2$ , which yields the assertion of the problem.

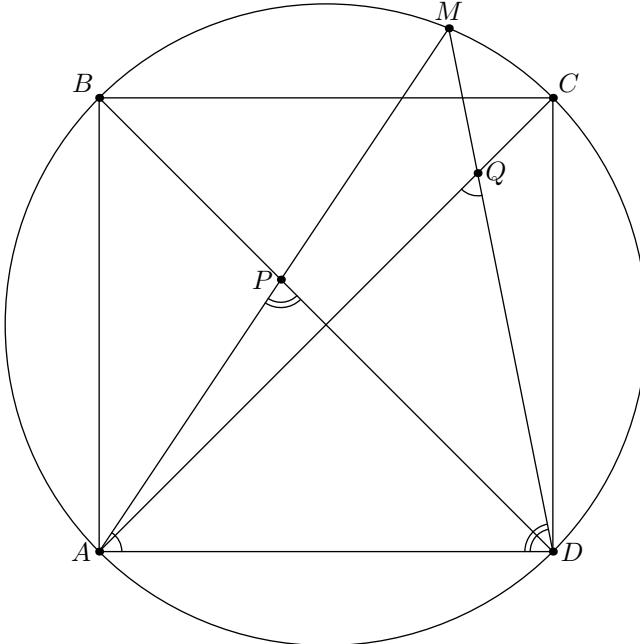


Fig.17

18. (B.Frenkin) (9–11) A triangle and two points inside it are marked. It is known that one of the triangle's angles is equal to  $58^\circ$ , one of two remaining angles is equal to  $59^\circ$ , one of two given points is the incenter of the triangle and the second one is its circumcenter. Using only the ruler without partitions determine where is each of the angles and where is each of the centers.

**Solution.** Construct the line passing through the marked points. It meets two sides of the triangle (for example  $AB$  and  $AC$ ) and the prolongation of the third side (for example beyond the vertex  $C$ ). Then  $AB$  is the greatest side of the triangle,  $BC$  is the smallest side and the marked point nearest to  $BC$  is the incenter.

Prove these assertions. Let  $I$  be the incenter of given triangle and  $O$  be its circumcenter. Joining them with the vertices of the triangle and calculating the angles we obtain that  $O$  lies inside the triangle formed by  $I$  and the greatest side, and  $I$  lies inside the triangle formed by the smallest side and  $O$ . Thus the line  $OI$  meets the greatest and the smallest sides, therefore this line meet the prolongation of the third side. Also we obtain that  $O$  lies nearer to the greatest side, and  $I$  lies nearer to the smallest side.

Now we have to examine which prolongation of side  $AC$  does  $OI$  meet. For this compare the lengths of the perpendiculars from  $O$  and  $I$  to  $AC$ . If  $r$  is the inradius, and  $R$  is the circumradius, then the distance from  $I$  to  $AC$  is equal to  $r$ , and the distance from  $O$  to  $AC$  is equal to  $R \cos 59^\circ > R/2 > r$ , which yields the answer.

19. (A.Zaslavsky) (10–11) Two circles with radii 1 meet in points  $X, Y$ , and the distance between these points also is equal to 1. Point  $C$  lies on the first circle, and lines  $CA, CB$  are tangents

to the second one. These tangents meet the first circle for the second time in points  $B'$ ,  $A'$ . Lines  $AA'$  and  $BB'$  meet in point  $Z$ . Find angle  $XZY$ .

**Answer.**  $150^\circ$ .

**Solution.** The condition yields that the distance between the centers of the circles is equal to  $\sqrt{3}$ , therefore by Euler formula these circles are the circumcircle and the excircle of the triangle  $A'B'C$ , i.e.  $A'B'$  touches the second circle in a point  $C'$ , lying on the line  $CZ$  (fig.19).

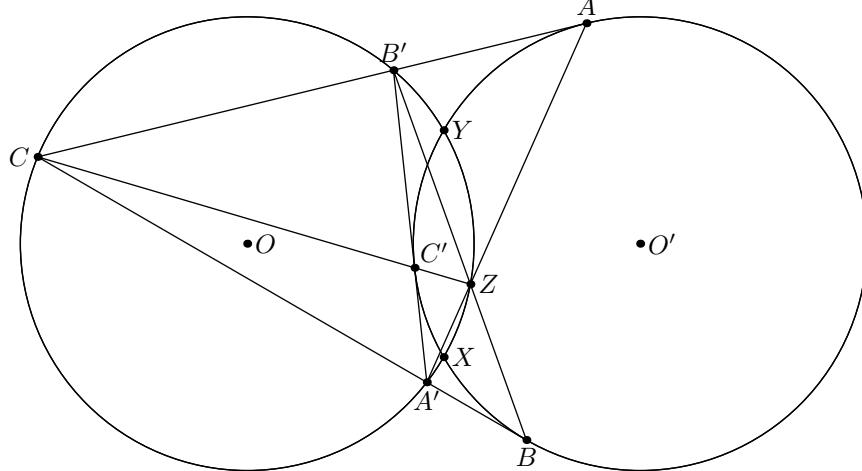


Fig.19

Let  $O$  and  $O'$  be the centers of the circles. Then  $\angle A'O'A = \angle AO'C' + \frac{1}{2}\angle C'O'B = 2\angle ABC' + \angle C'AB = \angle CB'A' + \frac{1}{2}\angle CA'B'$ ,  $\angle O'A'O = \angle O'A'B' + \angle B'A'O = \frac{\pi}{2} - \angle C'O'A' + \frac{\pi}{2} - \angle BCA = \pi - \angle BCA - \frac{1}{2}\angle CA'B' = \angle CB'A' + \frac{1}{2}\angle CA'B'$ , and, since  $O'A = OA'$ , therefore  $AO'A'O$  is an isosceles trapezoid. Thus  $\angle O'AA' = \angle A'OO'$  and, similarly,  $\angle O'BB' = \angle B'OO'$ . Therefore,  $\angle A'ZB' = 2\pi - \angle AO'B - \angle A'OB' = \pi - \angle C$ , i.e.  $Z$  lies on the circumcircle and  $\angle XZY = 150^\circ$ .

**Note.** We can prove that  $Z$  lies on the circumcircle on the other way. The point isogonally conjugated to  $Z$  wrt  $A'B'C$  is the homothety center of the circles, which is an infinite point because the radii are equal.

20. (G.Feldman) (10–11) Point  $D$  lies on side  $AB$  of triangle  $ABC$ . Let  $\omega_1$  and  $\Omega_1$ ,  $\omega_2$  and  $\Omega_2$  be the incircles and the excircles (touching segment  $AB$ ) of triangles  $ACD$  and  $BCD$ . Prove that the common external tangents to  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$ ,  $\Omega_1$  and  $\Omega_2$  meet on  $AB$ .

**First solution.** Let  $I_1, J_1, I_2, J_2$  be the centers of  $\omega_1, \Omega_1, \omega_2, \Omega_2$ , and  $K_1, K_2$  be the intersection points of  $I_1J_1, I_2J_2$  with  $AB$  (fig.20). Then  $I_1K_1/I_1C = J_1K_1/J_1C, I_2K_2/I_2C = J_2K_2/J_2C$  and, applying the Menelaos theorem to the triangle  $CK_1K_2$ , we obtain that  $I_1I_2$  and  $J_1J_2$  meet  $AB$  at the same point. The common external tangents also pass through this point.

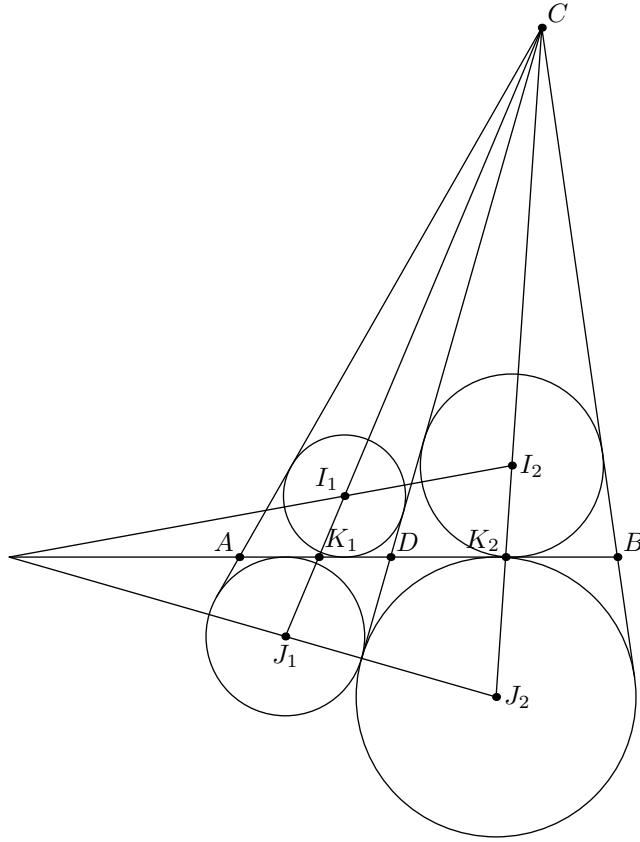


Fig.20

**Second solution.** Let the common external tangents to  $\omega_1$  and  $\Omega_2$  meet at a point P. Then applying the three caps theorem to  $\omega_1, \Omega_1, \Omega_2$  and to  $\omega_1, \omega_2, \Omega_2$ , we obtain, that the intersection points of the common external tangents to  $\Omega_1, \Omega_2$  and to  $\omega_1, \omega_2$  coincide with the common point of the lines  $PC$  and  $AB$ . Thus these point coincide and lie on  $AB$ .

21. (N.Beluhov, E.Colev) (10–11) Two perpendicular lines pass through the orthocenter of an acute-angled triangle. The sidelines of the triangle cut on each of these lines two segments: one lying inside the triangle and another one lying outside it. Prove that the product of two internal segments is equal to the product of two external segments.

**Solution.** Let one of two lines meets  $BC, CA, AB$  at the points  $X_a, X_b, X_c$ , and the remaining line meets them at the points  $Y_a, Y_b, Y_c$  (fig.21). Then  $\angle HY_aB = \angle X_b HA$  and  $\angle HX_bA = \angle Y_a HB$ , because the sidelines of these angles are perpendicular. Thus the triangles  $HBY_a$  and  $X_bAH$  are similar. The triangles  $HX_aB$  and  $Y_bAH$  are also similar. Therefore,  $AX_b \cdot BY_a = AH \cdot BH = AY_b \cdot BX_a$ . On the other hand applying the Menelaos theorem to the triangles  $CX_aX_b, CY_aY_b$  and the line  $AB$ , we obtain that  $\frac{CA}{AX_b} \cdot \frac{X_bX_c}{X_cX_a} \cdot \frac{X_aB}{BC} = \frac{CA}{AY_b} \cdot \frac{Y_bY_c}{Y_cY_a} \cdot \frac{Y_aB}{BC} = 1$ . These three equalities yield the assertion of the problem.

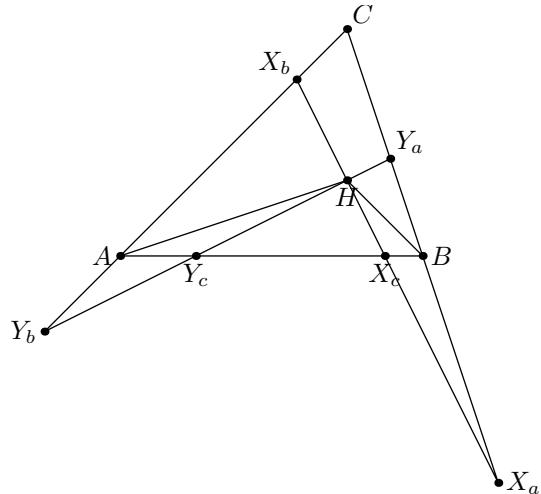


Fig.21

22. (F.Nilov) (10–11) A circle  $\omega$  with center  $I$  is inscribed into a segment of the disk, formed by an arc and a chord  $AB$ . Point  $M$  is the midpoint of this arc  $AB$ , and point  $N$  is the midpoint of the complementary arc. The tangents from  $N$  touch  $\omega$  in points  $C$  and  $D$ . The opposite sidelines  $AC$  and  $BD$  of quadrilateral  $ABCD$  meet in point  $X$ , and the diagonals of  $ABCD$  meet in point  $Y$ . Prove that points  $X$ ,  $Y$ ,  $I$  and  $M$  are collinear.

**Solution.** Let  $K, L$  — be the touching points of  $\omega$  with  $AB$  and the great circle. Since  $L$  is the homothety center of the circles, and the tangents at the points  $K$  and  $N$  are parallel, therefore the points  $L, K, N$  are collinear. Also we have  $\angle KAN = \angle NLA$ , because the correspondent arcs are equal. Thus the triangles  $KAN$  and  $ALN$  are similar and  $AN^2 = NK \cdot NL = NC^2$ , i.e. quadrilateral  $ABCD$  is inscribed into a circle with center  $N$  (fig.22). The line  $XY$  is the polar of the common point of  $AB$  and  $CD$  wrt this circle. And since  $\angle NAM = \angle NBM = \angle NCI = \angle NDI = 90^\circ$ , therefore the points  $M$  and  $I$  are the poles of  $AB$  and  $CD$ . Thus they lie on  $XY$ .

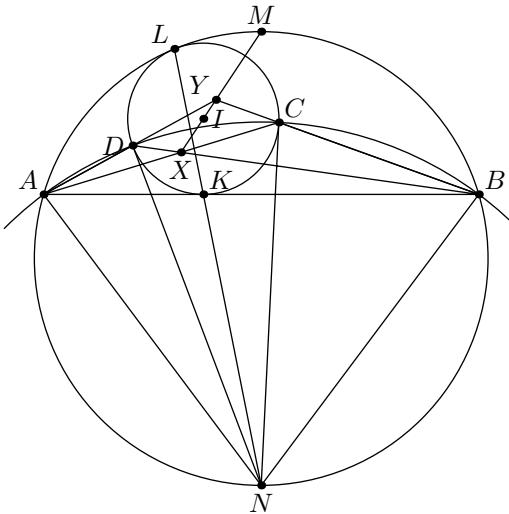


Fig.22

23. (A.Kanel) (10–11) An arbitrary point is selected on each of twelve diagonals of a cube. The centroid of these twelve points is determined. Find the locus of all these centroids.

**Solution.** Firstly note, that the locus of the midpoints of the segments with endpoints lying on two diagonals of a square is the square with the vertices coinciding with the midpoints of

the sides of the original square. Thus the locus of the centroids of four points lying on the diagonals of two opposite faces of a cube is the square with the vertices coinciding with the centers of four remaining faces. Therefore we have to find the locus of centroids of three points each of them lies inside one of three such squares. It is clear that all such centroids lie inside an octahedron formed by the centers of the faces of the cube. Also, if one of three points lies on the central plane of the octahedron, and the distances from two remaining points to this plane don't exceed a half of the edge of the cube, then the distance from the centroid to this plane isn't greater than one third of the edge. Therefore all centroids lie inside the polyhedron obtained by the cutting off the octahedron six pyramids with the edges equal to one third of the edge of the octahedron. On the other hand all vertices of this polyhedron and therefore all its points lie on the sought locus.

24. (V.Yassinsky) (10–11) Given are  $n$  ( $n > 2$ ) points on the plane such that no three of them aren't collinear. In how many ways this set of points can be divided into two non-empty subsets with non-intersecting convex envelops?

**Answer.**  $n(n - 1)/2$ .

**Solution.** Since the convex envelops don't intersect, the two subsets lie on different sides from some line. Thus we have to examine in how many ways the given set of the points can be divided into two subsets by a line. Take a point  $O$  of the plane, which don't lie on any line joining the given points, and consider the polar correspondence with center  $O$ . The given points correspond to  $n$  lines, such that no two of them aren't parallel and no three don't concur. It is easy to prove by induction that these lines divide the plane into  $n(n + 1)/2 + 1$  parts, and  $2n$  from these parts aren't limited.

**Lemma.** Let the polars  $a, b$  of the points  $A, B$  divide the plane into 4 angles. Then the poles of the lines, intersecting the segment  $AB$ , lie inside two vertical angles, and the poles of the lines which don't intersecting the segment  $AB$  lie inside two remaining angles.

In fact let the lines  $l$  and  $AB$  meet at the point  $X$ . Then the polar of  $X$  passes through the common point of  $a$  and  $b$ . When  $l$  rotates around  $X$ , its pole moves on this line, i.e. inside some pair of vertical angles formed by  $a$  and  $b$ . When  $X$  moves on  $AB$  its polar rotates around the common point of  $a$  and  $b$ , passing from one pair of vertical angles into the other when  $X$  passes through  $A, B$ . Lemma is proved.

Return to the problem. The lemma yields that two lines divide the given set of the points by the same way iff their poles lie inside the same part formed by the polars of the given points, or these poles lie on the different sides from all  $n$  polars. But the second case is possible iff the two points lie inside the not limited parts. In fact if two points  $P, Q$  lie on the different sides from all lines, then each of these lines intersect the segment  $PQ$ . Thus each of two rays prolongating this segment lies entirely inside one of the parts. Inversely, if the part containing the point  $P$  isn't limited, then there exists a ray with endpoint in  $P$ , lying entirely inside this part and not parallel to any of  $n$  lines. The opposite ray intersect all lines and therefore contains a points lying on the different sides than  $P$  from these lines.

Thus,  $2n$  not limited parts forms  $n$  pairs, each of them correspond to one way of dividing of the given set of the points. Each of limited parts also correspond to one way of dividing. Therefore we have  $n(n - 1)/2 + 1$  ways, but for one of them all  $n$  points belong to the same subset.

# IX GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF I.F.SHARYGIN THE CORRESPONDENCE ROUND

Below is the list of problems for the first (correspondence) round of the IX Sharygin Geometrical Olympiad.

The olympiad is intended for high-school students of 8–11 grades (these are four elder grades in Russian school). In the list below, each problem is indicated by the numbers of school grades, for which it is intended. However, the participants may solve problems for elder grades as well (solutions of problems for younger grades will not be considered).

The solutions for the problems (in Russian or in English) must be contained in pdf, doc or jpg files. Your work must be sent not later than on April 1, 2013, by e-mail to [geomolyp@mccme.ru](mailto:geomolyp@mccme.ru). Please, follow a few simple rules:

1. *Each student sends his work in a separate message (with delivery notification). The size of the message must not exceed 10 Mb.*
2. *If your work consists of several files, send it as an archive.*
3. *If the size of your message exceeds 10 Mb divide it into several messages.*
4. *In the subject of the message write "The work for Sharygin olympiad", and present the following personal data in the body of your message:*

- last name;
- all other names;
- E-mail, phone number, post address;
- the current number of your grade at school;
- the number of the last grade at your school;
- the number and/or the name and the mail address of your school;
- full names of your teachers in mathematics at school and/or of instructors of your extra math classes (if you attend additional math classes after school).

If you have no e-mail access, please send your work by ordinary mail to the following address: *Russia, 119002, Moscow, Bolshoy Vlashevsky per., 11. Olympiad in honour of Sharygin.* In the title page, write down your personal information indicated in the item 4 above.

We recommend you to write your work on the special blanks that can be found on [www.blank.geomolyp.mccme.ru](http://www.blank.geomolyp.mccme.ru). This will provide quick and qualitative examination of your work. If you type the work using a computer then please receive a blank on the site above and copy its bar code (a square with a pattern in the right upper corner of the blank) into your work as a picture. If your work consists of several files, copy this bar code into all files, this enables to identify the author of the work.

In your work, please start the solution for each problem in a new page. First write down the statement of the problem, and then the solution. Present your solutions in detail, including all significant arguments and calculations. Provide all necessary figures of sufficient size. If a problem has an explicit answer, this answer must be presented distinctly. Please, be accurate to provide good understanding and correct estimating of your work !

If your solution depends on some well-known theorems from standard textbooks, you may simply refer to them instead of providing their proofs. However, any fact not from the standard curriculum should be either proved or properly referred (with an indication of the source).

You may note the problems which you liked most (this is not obligatory). Your opinion is interesting for the Jury.

Winners of the correspondence round, the students of three grades before the last grade, will be invited to the final round in Summer 2013 in the city of Dubna, in Moscow region. (

For instance, if the last grade is 12, then we invite winners from 9, 10, and 11 grade.) Winners of the correspondence round, the students of the last grade, will be awarded by diplomas of the Olympiad. The list of the winners will be published on [www.geometry.ru](http://www.geometry.ru) at the end of May 2013. If you want to know your detailed results, please use e-mail.

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11. (8–9) a) Let  $ABCD$  be a convex quadrilateral and  $r_1 \leq r_2 \leq r_3 \leq r_4$  be the radii of the incircles of triangles  $ABC$ ,  $BCD$ ,  $CDA$ ,  $DAB$ . Can the inequality  $r_4 > 2r_3$  hold?  
b) The diagonals of a convex quadrilateral  $ABCD$  meet in point  $E$ . Let  $r_1 \leq r_2 \leq r_3 \leq r_4$  be the radii of the incircles of triangles  $ABE$ ,  $BCE$ ,  $CDE$ ,  $DAE$ . Can the inequality  $r_2 > 2r_1$  hold?

12. (8–11) On each side of a triangle  $ABC$ , two distinct points are marked. It is known that these points are the feet of the altitudes and of the bisectors.
- Using only a ruler determine which points are the feet of the altitudes and which points are the feet of the bisectors.
  - Solve p.a) drawing only three lines.
13. (9–10) Let  $A_1$  and  $C_1$  be the tangency points of the incircle of triangle  $ABC$  with  $BC$  and  $AB$  respectively,  $A'$  and  $C'$  be the tangency points of the excircle inscribed into the angle  $B$  with the extensions of  $BC$  and  $AB$  respectively. Prove that the orthocenter  $H$  of triangle  $ABC$  lies on  $A_1C_1$  if and only if the lines  $A'C_1$  and  $BA$  are orthogonal.
14. (9–11) Let  $M$ ,  $N$  be the midpoints of diagonals  $AC$ ,  $BD$  of a right-angled trapezoid  $ABCD$  ( $\angle A = \angle D = 90^\circ$ ). The circumcircles of triangles  $ABN$ ,  $CDM$  meet the line  $BC$  in points  $Q$ ,  $R$ . Prove that the distances from  $Q$ ,  $R$  to the midpoint of  $MN$  are equal.
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b) Points  $A_1, B_1, C_1, A_2, B_2, C_2$  lie inside a triangle  $ABC$  so that  $A_1$  is on segment  $AB_1$ ,  $B_1$  is on segment  $BC_1$ ,  $C_1$  is on segment  $CA_1$ ,  $A_2$  is on segment  $AC_2$ ,  $B_2$  is on segment  $BA_2$ ,  $C_2$  is on segment  $CB_2$ , and the angles  $BAA_1, CBB_1, ACC_1, CAA_2, ABB_2, BCC_2$  are equal. Prove that the triangles  $A_1B_1C_1$  and  $A_2B_2C_2$  are equal.
16. (9–11) The incircle of triangle  $ABC$  touches  $BC$ ,  $CA$ ,  $AB$  at points  $A'$ ,  $B'$ ,  $C'$  respectively. The perpendicular from the incenter  $I$  to the median from vertex  $C$  meets the line  $A'B'$  in point  $K$ . Prove that  $CK \parallel AB$ .
17. (9–11) An acute angle between the diagonals of a cyclic quadrilateral is equal to  $\phi$ . Prove that an acute angle between the diagonals of any other quadrilateral having the same sidelengths is smaller than  $\phi$ .
18. (9–11) Let  $AD$  be a bisector of triangle  $ABC$ . Points  $M$  and  $N$  are the projections of  $B$  and  $C$  respectively to  $AD$ . The circle with diameter  $MN$  intersects  $BC$  at points  $X$  and  $Y$ . Prove that  $\angle BAX = \angle CAY$ .
19. (10–11) a) The incircle of a triangle  $ABC$  touches  $AC$  and  $AB$  at points  $B_0$  and  $C_0$  respectively. The bisectors of angles  $B$  and  $C$  meet the perpendicular bisector to the bisector  $AL$  in points  $Q$  and  $P$  respectively. Prove that the lines  $PC_0$ ,  $QB_0$ , and  $BC$  concur.  
b) Let  $AL$  be the bisector of a triangle  $ABC$ . Points  $O_1$  and  $O_2$  are the circumcenters of triangles  $ABL$  and  $ACL$  respectively. Points  $B_1$  and  $C_1$  are the projections of  $C$  and  $B$  to the bisectors of angles  $B$  and  $C$  respectively. Prove that the lines  $O_1C_1$ ,  $O_2B_1$ , and  $BC$  concur.  
c) Prove that two points obtained in pp. a) and b) coincide.
20. (10–11) Let  $C_1$  be an arbitrary point on the side  $AB$  of triangle  $ABC$ . Points  $A_1$  and  $B_1$  on the rays  $BC$  and  $AC$  are such that  $\angle AC_1B_1 = \angle BC_1A_1 = \angle ACB$ . The lines  $AA_1$  and  $BB_1$  meet in point  $C_2$ . Prove that all the lines  $C_1C_2$  have a common point.

21. (10–11) Let  $A$  be a point inside a circle  $\omega$ . One of two lines drawn through  $A$  intersects  $\omega$  at points  $B$  and  $C$ , the second one intersects it at points  $D$  and  $E$  ( $D$  lies between  $A$  and  $E$ ). The line passing through  $D$  and parallel to  $BC$  meets  $\omega$  for the second time at point  $F$ , and the line  $AF$  meets  $\omega$  at point  $T$ . Let  $M$  be the common point of the lines  $ET$  and  $BC$ , and  $N$  be the reflection of  $A$  across  $M$ . Prove that the circumcircle of triangle  $DEN$  passes through the midpoint of segment  $BC$ .
22. (10–11) The common perpendiculars to the opposite sidelines of a nonplanar quadrilateral are mutually orthogonal. Prove that they intersect.
23. (10–11) Two convex polytopes  $A$  and  $B$  do not intersect. The polytope  $A$  has exactly 2012 planes of symmetry. What is the maximal number of symmetry planes of the union of  $A$  and  $B$ , if  $B$  has a) 2012, b) 2013 symmetry planes?  
c) What is the answer to the question of p.b), if the symmetry planes are replaced by the symmetry axes?

# IX GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF I.F.SHARYGIN. THE CORRESPONDENCE ROUND. SOLUTIONS.

1. (N.Moskvitin) Let  $ABC$  be an isosceles triangle with  $AB = BC$ . Point  $E$  lies on side  $AB$ , and  $ED$  is the perpendicular from  $E$  to  $BC$ . It is known that  $AE = DE$ . Find  $\angle DAC$ .

**Answer.**  $45^\circ$ .

**Solution.** By the external angle theorem  $\angle AED = 90^\circ + \angle B = 270^\circ - 2\angle A$  (fig.1). Therefore,  $\angle EAD = (180^\circ - \angle AED)/2 = \angle A - 45^\circ$ .

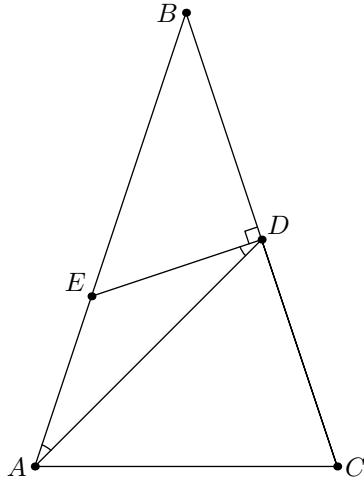


Fig.1

2. (L.Steingarts) Let  $ABC$  be an isosceles triangle ( $AC = BC$ ) with  $\angle C = 20^\circ$ . The bisectors of angles  $A$  and  $B$  meet the opposite sides in points  $A_1$  and  $B_1$  respectively. Prove that triangle  $A_1OB_1$  (where  $O$  is the circumcenter of  $ABC$ ) is regular.

**Solution.** On sides  $BC$  and  $AC$  take points  $A'$  and  $B'$  such that  $AB' = B'O = OA' = A'B$ . It is clear that  $A'B' \parallel AB$ , i.e.  $\angle CA'B' = \angle CBA = 80^\circ$ . Also  $\angle A'OB = \angle A'BO = \angle BCO = 10^\circ$ . Thus  $\angle CA'O = 20^\circ$  and  $\angle OA'B' = 60^\circ$ , i.e. triangle  $OA'B'$  is regular. Then  $A'B' = A'B$  and  $\angle A'BB' = \angle A'B'B = \angle ABB'$  (fig.2). Therefore  $B'$  coincides with  $B_1$ . Similarly  $A'$  coincides with  $A_1$ , q.e.d.

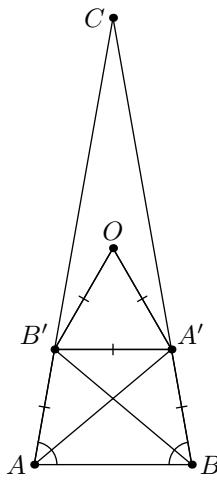


Fig.2

3. (D.Shvetsov) Let  $ABC$  be a right-angled triangle ( $\angle B = 90^\circ$ ). The excircle inscribed into the angle  $A$  touches the extensions of the sides  $AB$ ,  $AC$  at points  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$  respectively; points  $C_1$ ,

$C_2$  are defined similarly. Prove that the perpendiculars from  $A, B, C$  to  $C_1C_2, A_1C_1, A_1A_2$  respectively, concur.

**Solution.**

Let  $I$  be the incenter of  $ABC$ , and  $D$  be the fourth vertex of rectangle  $ABCD$ . Since  $AI \perp A_1A_2$ ,  $CI \perp C_1C_2$ , the perpendiculars from  $A$  to  $CC_1$  and from  $C$  to  $AA_1$  meet in the incenter  $J$  of triangle  $ACD$ . Then it is sufficient to prove that  $DI \perp A_1C_1$ . Let  $X, Y, Z$  be the projections of  $I$  to  $AB, BC, CD$  respectively. Then  $BC_1 = XC_2 = ZD$  and  $A_1B = CY = IZ$ , thus triangles  $A_1BC_1$  and  $IZD$  are equal, i.e.  $\angle IDZ = \angle A_1C_1B$  (fig.3), that proves the required assertion.

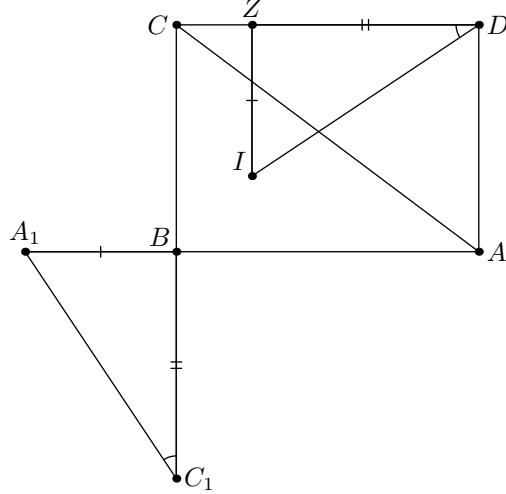


Fig.3

4. (F.Ivlev) Let  $ABC$  be a nonisosceles triangle. Point  $O$  is its circumcenter, and point  $K$  is the center of the circumcircle  $w$  of triangle  $BCO$ . The altitude of  $ABC$  from  $A$  meets  $w$  at a point  $P$ . The line  $PK$  intersects the circumcircle of  $ABC$  at points  $E$  and  $F$ . Prove that one of the segments  $EP$  and  $FP$  is equal to the segment  $PA$ .

**Solution.** Points  $O$  and  $K$  lie on the bisector of segment  $BC$ , thus  $OK \parallel AP$  and  $\angle OPK = \angle POK = \angle OPA$ . Therefore the reflection  $A'$  of  $A$  in  $OP$  lies on  $PK$ . Also  $OA' = OA$ , i.e.  $A'$  lies on the circumcircle of  $ABC$  (fig.4). Thus  $A'$  coincides with one of points  $E, F$ .

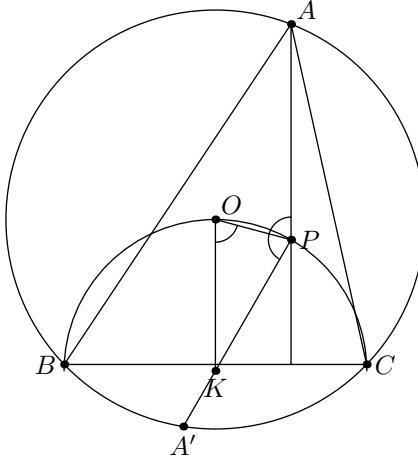


Fig.4

5. (B.Frenkin) Four segments drawn from a given point inside a convex quadrilateral to its vertices, split the quadrilateral into four equal triangles. Can we assert that this quadrilateral is a rhombus?

**Answer.** Yes.

**Solution.** Let  $ABCD$  and  $O$  be the given quadrilateral and point. In equal triangles the angles opposite to equal sides are equal. Since  $\triangle ABO = \triangle CBO$ , angles  $BAO$  and  $BCO$  opposite to  $BO$  are equal. Similarly  $\angle DAO = \angle DCO$ , thus  $\angle BAD = \angle BCD$ . Two remaining angles of the quadrilateral are similarly equal, therefore  $ABCD$  is a parallelogram.

There exist two adjacent angles with vertex  $O$  such that their sum is not less than  $\pi$ , suppose that these angles are  $\angle AOB$  and  $\angle COB$ . The second angle is equal to some angle of triangle  $AOB$ . This can be only  $\angle AOB$ , because its sum with any of two remaining angles of  $AOB$  is less than  $\pi$ . The sides of equal triangles  $AOB$  and  $COB$  opposite to these angles are equal. Then  $AB = BC$  and  $ABCD$  is a rhombus.

6. (D.Shvetsov) Diagonals  $AC$  and  $BD$  of a trapezoid  $ABCD$  meet at point  $P$ . The circumcircles of triangles  $ABP$  and  $CDP$  intersect the line  $AD$  for the second time at points  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively. Let  $M$  be the midpoint of segment  $XY$ . Prove that  $BM = CM$ .

**Solution.**

By condition,  $\angle BXA = \angle BPA = \angle CPD = \angle CYD$  (fig.6). Thus  $BXYC$  is an isosceles trapezoid, which proves the required assertion.

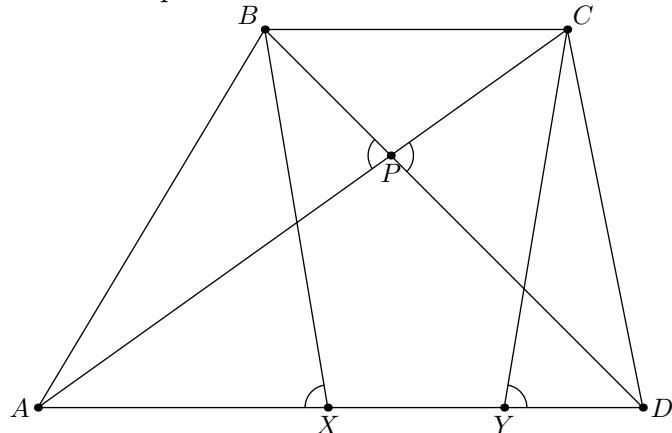


Fig.6

7. (D.Shvetsov) Let  $BD$  be a bisector of triangle  $ABC$ . Points  $I_a$ ,  $I_c$  are the incenters of triangles  $ABD$ ,  $CBD$  respectively. The line  $I_aI_c$  meets  $AC$  in point  $Q$ . Prove that  $\angle DBQ = 90^\circ$ .

**Solution.**

Lines  $AI_a$  and  $CI_c$  meet in the incenter  $I$  of  $ABC$ . By the bisectrix theorem  $AI_a/I_aI = AD/ID$ ,  $CI_c/I_cI = CD/ID$ . By the Menelaos theorem  $QA/QC = AD/CD = AB/BC$ . Therefore  $BQ$  is the external bisectrix of angle  $B$ , q.e.d.

8. (M.Plotnikov) Let  $X$  be an arbitrary point inside the circumcircle of a triangle  $ABC$ . The lines  $BX$  and  $CX$  meet the circumcircle for the second time at points  $K$  and  $L$  respectively. The line  $LK$  intersects  $BA$  and  $AC$  at points  $E$  and  $F$  respectively. Find the locus of points  $X$  such that the circumcircles of triangles  $AFK$  and  $AEL$  touch.

**Answer.** The arc of the circle passing through  $B$ ,  $C$  and the circumcenter  $O$  of  $ABC$ .

**Solution.** Let the circles touche. Then the angles between their common tangent and lines  $AC$  and  $AB$  are equal to angles  $ALE$  and  $AKF$  respectively. Since these two angles are equal to

angles  $ABX$  and  $ACX$ , their sum is equal to angle  $A$  and  $\angle BXC = 2\angle A = \angle BOC$ . Similarly we obtain that for any point of the arc the correspondent circles touche.

9. (M.Plotnikov) Let  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  be the points of tangency of the excircles of a triangle  $ABC$  with its sides  $BC$  and  $AC$  respectively. It is known that the reflection of the incenter of  $ABC$  across the midpoint of  $AB$  lies on the circumcircle of triangle  $CT_1T_2$ . Find  $\angle BCA$ .

**Answer.**  $90^\circ$ .

**Solution.** Let  $D$  be the fourth vertex of parallelogram  $ACBD$ ,  $J$  be the incenter of  $ABD$ ,  $S_1, S_2$  be the points of tangency of the incircle of  $ABC$  with  $AD$  and  $BD$ . Then  $S_1T_1 \parallel AC$ ,  $S_2T_2 \parallel BC$  and  $\angle T_1JT_2 = \angle S_1JS_2 = \pi - \angle C$ . Also  $DS_1 = DS_2$ , i.e. lines  $S_1T_1$ ,  $S_2T_2$  and  $DJ$  concur. Therefore  $J$  coincides with the common point of lines  $S_1T_1$  and  $S_2T_2$ , i.e.  $\angle C = 90^\circ$  (fig.9).

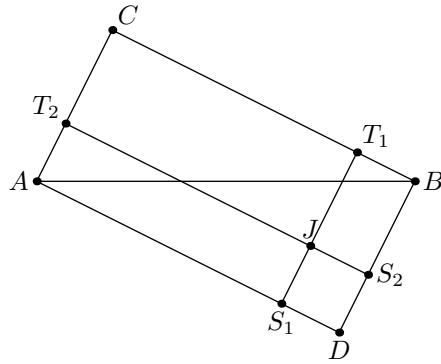


Fig.9

10. (D.Shvetsov) The incircle of triangle  $ABC$  touches the side  $AB$  at point  $C'$ ; the incircle of triangle  $ACC'$  touches the sides  $AB$  and  $AC$  at points  $C_1, B_1$ ; the incircle of triangle  $BCC'$  touches the sides  $AB$  and  $BC$  at points  $C_2, A_2$ . Prove that the lines  $B_1C_1, A_2C_2$ , and  $CC'$  concur.

**Solution.**

Since  $AC' - BC' = AC - BC$ , the incircles of triangles  $ACC'$  and  $BCC'$  touche  $CC'$  at the same point. Therefore  $CB_1 = CA_2$ . Also  $AB_1 = AC_1$ ,  $BA_2 = BC_2$ , and if we find the angles of quadrilateral  $A_2B_1C_1C_2$ , we obtain that it is cyclic. Thus  $B_1C_1, A_2C_2$  and  $CC'$  concur in the radical center of three circles: the circumcircle of  $A_2B_1C_1C_2$  and the incircles of triangles  $ACC'$ ,  $BCC'$  (fig.10).

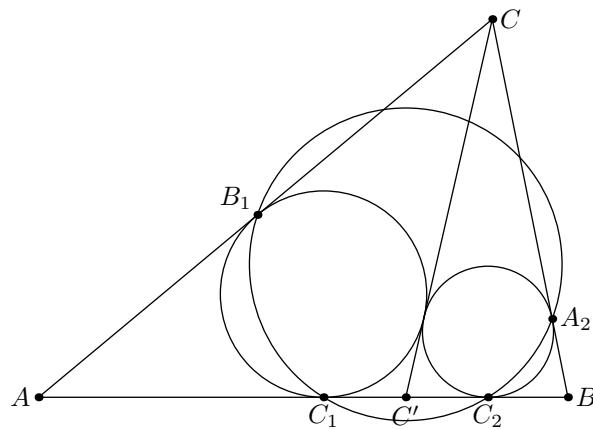


Fig.10

11. (P.Kozhevnikov) a) Let  $ABCD$  be a convex quadrilateral and  $r_1 \leq r_2 \leq r_3 \leq r_4$  be the radii of the incircles of triangles  $ABC$ ,  $BCD$ ,  $CDA$ ,  $DAB$ . Can the inequality  $r_4 > 2r_3$  hold?  
 b) The diagonals of a convex quadrilateral  $ABCD$  meet in point  $E$ . Let  $r_1 \leq r_2 \leq r_3 \leq r_4$  be the radii of the incircles of triangles  $ABE$ ,  $BCE$ ,  $CDE$ ,  $DAE$ . Can the inequality  $r_2 > 2r_1$  hold?

**Answer.** a) No. b) No.

**Solution.** a) Suppose that  $r_4 = r(ABC)$ . It is sufficient to prove that  $r(ABC)/2 < \max\{r(ABD), r(CBD)\}$ . The midpoint  $K$  of  $AC$  lies inside one of triangles  $ABD$ ,  $CBD$ , for example inside  $ABD$ . Then triangle  $AKL$ , where  $L$  is the midpoint of  $AB$ , lies inside triangle  $ABD$ , therefore  $r(ABC)/2 = r(AKL) < r(ABD)$ .

b) Let  $r = r_1$  be the inradius of triangle  $ABE$ . The diameters of the incircles of triangles  $BCE$ ,  $ADE$ , are less than the altitudes of these triangles coinciding with altitudes  $h_a$ ,  $h_b$  of  $ABE$ . Thus it is sufficient to prove that one of these altitudes is less than  $4r$ . Suppose that  $AE \geq BE$ . Then the semiperimeter  $p < AE + BE \leq 2AE$  and  $h_b = 2S/AE = 2pr/AE < 4r$ .

**Comment.** Note that the answer to both questions will be positive if we replace 2 to any smaller number.

12. (B.Frenkin) (8–11) On each side of triangle  $ABC$ , two distinct points are marked. It is known that these points are the feet of the altitudes and the bisectors.

- a) Using only a ruler determine which points are the feet of the altitudes and which points are the feet of the bisectors.  
 b) Solve p.a) drawing only three lines.

**Solution. Preliminary hints.** Since all points are distinct the triangle isn't isosceles. For each side, the foot of the altitude lies between the foot of the bisector and the smaller of two remaining sides. Thus it is sufficient to define the smallest and the greatest of the sides. We will denote the feet of the bisector and the altitude from vertex  $X$  as  $L_X$  and  $H_X$  respectively.

**Lemma.** If  $|AC| > |BC|$  then lines  $L_BL_A$  and  $H_BH_A$  meet the extension of side  $AB$  beyond  $B$ .

**Proof.** Let  $L_BD$  be the perpendicular from  $L_B$  to  $AB$ , and  $CH$  be the altitude. By the bisector theorem  $|L_BD| : |CH| = |AB| : (|BC| + |AB|)$ . Similarly if  $L_AE$  is the perpendicular from  $L_A$  to  $AB$ , then  $|L_AE| : |CH| = |AB| : (|AC| + |AB|)$ . Furthermore  $|AC| > |BC|$ ,  $|L_BD| > |L_AE|$ , thus  $L_BL_A$  meets the extension of  $AB$  beyond  $B$ .

Points  $H_B$ ,  $H_A$  lie on the semicircle with diameter  $AB$ . Since  $\angle H_AAB < \angle H_BBA$ , the distance from  $H_A$  to  $AB$  is less than the distance from  $H_B$  to  $AB$ . The lemma is proved.

**Simple solution of p.a).** Joining the given points with the opposite vertices we obtain two families of concurrent lines. Take two points of the same family on two sides and draw the line through them. By the lemma this line meets the extension of the third side beyond the vertex lying on the smaller of two sides. Therefore we can define the smaller of any two sides.

**Solution of p.b).** Take for each vertex the nearest marked points on two adjacent sides and join these points. We will prove that *these lines meet the prolongation of the greatest side beyond the vertex of the medial angle and the extensions of two remaining sides beyond the vertex of the greatest angle*. From this we can define the greatest and the smallest side.

Let us prove the above assertion. Suppose that  $|AB| > |AC| > |BC|$ . The marked points nearest to the vertex of the smallest angle are the feet of the bisectors, and the points nearest to the vertex of the greatest angle are the feet of the altitudes. By the lemma, the lines joining these points meet the extension of  $BC$  beyond  $C$  and the extension of  $AB$  beyond  $B$ . The marked points nearest to  $B$  are  $H_C$  and  $L_A$ . By the lemma, line  $L_CL_A$  meets the extension of  $AC$  beyond  $C$  in some point  $P$ . Ray  $H_CL_A$  passes inside triangle  $H_CCP$  and thus intersects segment  $CP$ , q.e.d.

13. (F.Ivlev) Let  $A_1$  and  $C_1$  be the tangency points of the incircle of triangle  $ABC$  with  $BC$  and  $AB$  respectively,  $A'$  and  $C'$  be the tangency points of the excircle inscribed into the angle  $B$  with the extensions of  $BC$  and  $AB$  respectively. Prove that the orthocenter  $H$  of triangle  $ABC$  lies on  $A_1C_1$  if and only if the lines  $A'C_1$  and  $BA$  are orthogonal.

**Solution.** Suppose that  $A'C_1 \perp BA$ . Then by Thales theorem the altitude from  $C$  divides segment  $A_1C_1$  in ratio  $A_1C : CA' = p - c : p - a$ . The altitude from  $A$  passes through the same point. The inverse assertion is obtained similarly.

14. (D.Shvetsov) Let  $M, N$  be the midpoints of diagonals  $AC, BD$  of right-angled trapezoid  $ABCD$  ( $\angle A = \angle D = 90^\circ$ ). The circumcircles of triangles  $ABN, CDM$  meet line  $BC$  in points  $Q, R$ . Prove that the distances from  $Q, R$  to the midpoint of  $MN$  are equal.

**Solution.** Let  $X, Y$  be the projections of  $N$  and  $M$  to  $BC$ . Then we have to prove that  $RY = XQ$ . Since  $\angle NQX = \angle NAB = \angle DBA$ , triangles  $XQN$  and  $ABD$  are similar (fig.14). Thus  $XQ = AB \cdot NX/AD$ . But  $NX = CD \sin \angle BCD/2 = CD \cdot AD/2BC$ , therefore  $XQ = AB \cdot CD/2BC = RY$ .

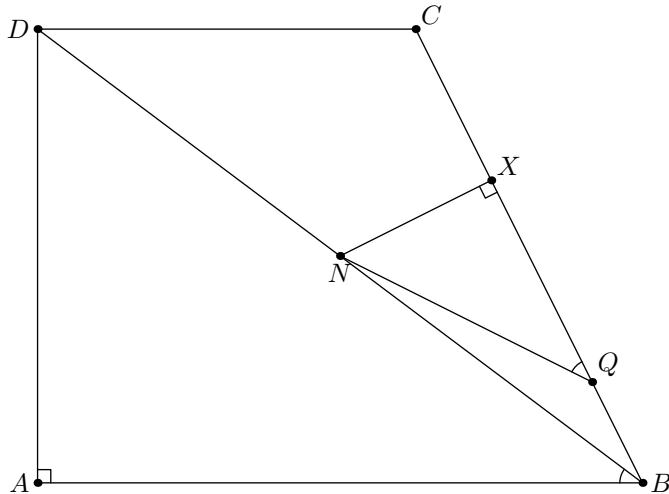


Fig.14

15. a) (V.Rastorguev) Triangles  $A_1B_1C_1$  and  $A_2B_2C_2$  are inscribed into triangle  $ABC$  so that  $C_1A_1 \perp BC$ ,  $A_1B_1 \perp CA$ ,  $B_1C_1 \perp AB$ ,  $B_2A_2 \perp BC$ ,  $C_2B_2 \perp CA$ ,  $A_2C_2 \perp AB$ . Prove that these triangles are equal.

- b) (P.Kozhevnikov) Points  $A_1, B_1, C_1, A_2, B_2, C_2$  lie inside triangle  $ABC$  so that  $A_1$  is on segment  $AB_1$ ,  $B_1$  is on segment  $BC_1$ ,  $C_1$  is on segment  $CA_1$ ,  $A_2$  is on segment  $AC_2$ ,  $B_2$  is on segment  $BA_2$ ,  $C_2$  is on segment  $CB_2$  and angles  $BAA_1, CBB_1, ACC_1, CAA_2, ABB_2, BCC_2$  are equal. Prove that triangles  $A_1B_1C_1$  and  $A_2B_2C_2$  are equal.

**Solution.** a) Inscribe triangle  $A_2B_2C_2$  into triangle  $A'B'C'$  in such a way that  $C_2A_2 \perp B'C'$ ,  $A_2B_2 \perp C'A'$ ,  $B_2C_2 \perp A'B'$ . It is clear that the corresponding sidelines of triangles  $ABC$

and  $B'C'A'$  are symmetric wrt the circumcenter of  $A_2B_2C_2$ . This symmetry maps  $A_2B_2C_2$  to  $B_1C_1A_1$ . Therefore these triangles are equal and their circumcenters coincide.

b) Consider the chords  $AA'$ ,  $BB'$ ,  $CC'$ ,  $AA''$ ,  $BB''$ ,  $CC''$  of the circumcircle of  $ABC$  lying on the lines  $A_1B_1$ ,  $B_1C_1$ ,  $C_1A_1$ ,  $A_2C_2$ ,  $B_2A_2$ ,  $C_2B_2$ . By condition, arcs  $AC'$ ,  $BA'$ ,  $CB'$ ,  $AB''$ ,  $CA''$ ,  $BC''$  are equal. Let their size be  $\varphi$ . The rotation around the circumcenter to  $\varphi$  maps  $AA'$ ,  $BB'$ ,  $CC'$  to  $BB''$ ,  $CC''$ ,  $AA''$  respectively, thus it maps  $A_1B_1C_1$  to  $A_2B_2C_2$  (fig.15).

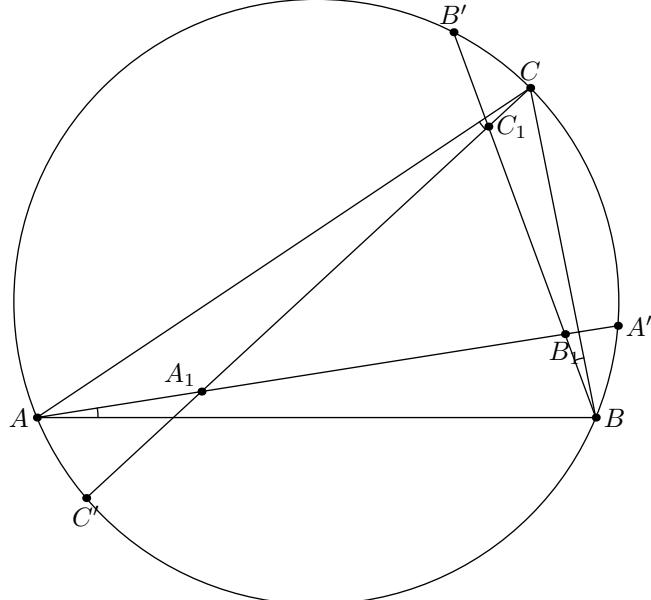


Fig.15

**Comment.** In a special case when triangle  $A_1B_1C_1$  degenerates to a point,  $A_2B_2C_2$  also degenerates to a point, and the distances from these two points to the circumcenter are equal. These points are *the Brockard points* of the triangle.

16. (F.Ivlev) The incircle of triangle  $ABC$  touches  $BC$ ,  $CA$ ,  $AB$  at points  $A'$ ,  $B'$ ,  $C'$  respectively. The perpendicular from the incenter  $I$  to the median from vertex  $C$  meets the line  $A'B'$  in point  $K$ . Prove that  $CK \parallel AB$ .

**Solution.** The polar transformation wrt the incircle maps the perpendicular from  $I$  to the median into the infinite point of this median, the image of line  $A'B'$  is point  $C$ , and the image of the line passing through  $C$  and parallel to  $AB$  is the common point  $P$  of  $A'B'$  and  $IC'$ . Thus we have to prove that  $P$  lies on the median.

Since  $IA' = IB'$ ,  $\angle PIB' = \angle A$ ,  $\angle PIA' = \angle B$ , we have  $B'P : A'P = BC : AC$ . Since  $CA' = CB'$ , we have  $\sin \angle ACP : \sin \angle BCP = BC : AC$ , i.e.  $CP$  bisects  $AB$  (fig.16).

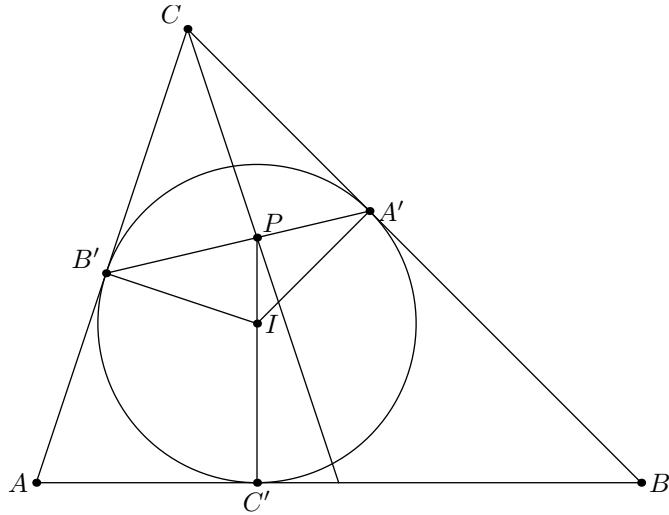


Fig.16

17. (A.Zaslavsky) An acute angle between the diagonals of a cyclic quadrilateral is equal to  $\phi$ . Prove that an acute angle between the diagonals of any other quadrilateral having the same sidelengths is smaller than  $\phi$ .

**Solution.** Let the diagonals of quadrilateral  $ABCD$  meet in point  $P$ . Put  $PA = a$ ,  $PB = b$ ,  $PC = c$ ,  $PD = d$  and express the sidelengths of  $ABCD$  through  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ ,  $d$  and  $\cos \phi$ . Then

$$|AB^2 - BC^2 + CD^2 - CA^2| = 2 \cos \phi(ab + bc + cd + da) = 2AC \cdot BD \cos \phi.$$

By Ptolemy's theorem  $AC \cdot BD \leq AB \cdot CD + BC \cdot AD$ , and the equality holds only for a cyclic quadrilateral.

18. (A.Ivanov) Let  $AD$  be a bisector of triangle  $ABC$ . Points  $M$  and  $N$  are the projections of  $B$  and  $C$  to  $AD$ . The circle with diameter  $MN$  intersects  $BC$  in points  $X$  and  $Y$ . Prove that  $\angle BAX = \angle CAY$ .

**Solution.** Let  $B'$ ,  $C'$ ,  $X'$ ,  $Y'$  be the reflections of  $B$ ,  $C$ ,  $X$ ,  $Y$  in  $MN$ . Then the diagonals of isosceles trapezoid  $BB'CC'$  meet at point  $L$ , which is the reflection of  $A$  in the circle with diameter  $MN$ . The diagonals of isosceles trapezoid  $XX'YY'$  inscribed into this circle also meet at  $L$ . The lateral sidelines of this trapezoid meet on the polar of  $L$ , passing through  $A$  and parallel to the bases of the trapezoid. By symmetry  $A$  is the common point of the sidelines, which implies the assertion of the problem (fig.18).

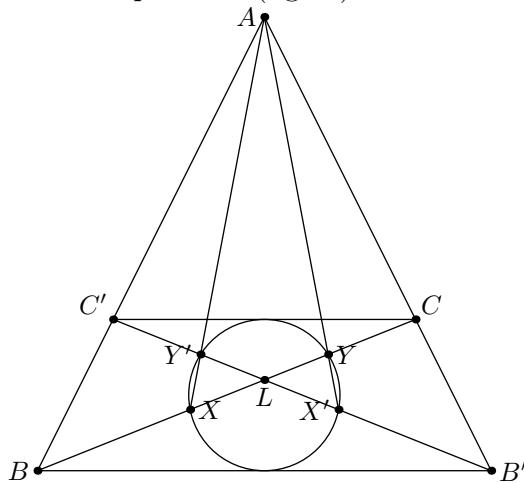


Fig.18

19. (D.Prokopenko) a) The incircle of a triangle  $ABC$  touches  $AC$  and  $AB$  at points  $B_0$  and  $C_0$  respectively. The bisectors of angles  $B$  and  $C$  meet the perpendicular bisector to the bisector  $AL$  in points  $Q$  and  $P$  respectively. Prove that the lines  $PC_0$ ,  $QB_0$ , and  $BC$  concur.  
 b) Let  $AL$  be the bisector of a triangle  $ABC$ . Points  $O_1$  and  $O_2$  are the circumcenters of triangles  $ABL$  and  $ACL$  respectively. Points  $B_1$  and  $C_1$  are the projections of  $C$  and  $B$  to the bisectors of angles  $B$  and  $C$  respectively. Prove that the lines  $O_1C_1$ ,  $O_1B_1$ , and  $BC$  concur.  
 c) Prove that two points obtained in pp. a) and b) coincide.

**Solution.** a) It is clear that  $PQ \parallel B_0C_0$ . Also  $P$  lies on the circumcircle of  $ACL$ . Thus  $\angle PLA = \angle C/2$  and  $\angle PLB = 90^\circ - \angle B/2 = \angle C_0A_0B$ , where  $A_0$  is the touching point of the incircle with  $BC$ . Therefore the corresponding sidelines of triangles  $PQL$  and  $C_0B_0A_0$  are parallel i.e., these triangles are homothetic (fig.19a). The homothety center  $S$  lies on line  $LA_0$ . Thus lines  $P_0$  and  $QB_0$  meet in  $S$ , i.e. on line  $BC$ .

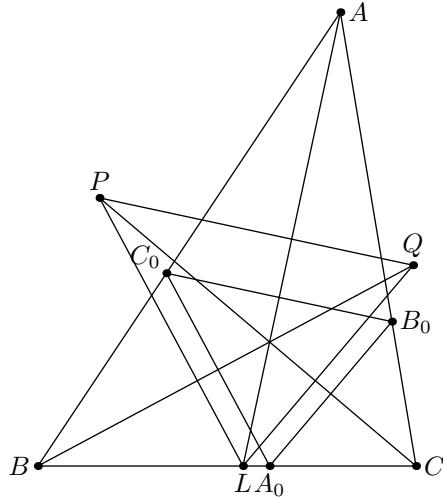


Fig.19a

- b) First prove that points  $C_0$ ,  $B_0$ ,  $C_1$  and  $B_1$  are collinear. In fact, since the reflection of  $B$  in the bisector of angle  $C$  lies on  $AC$ , point  $C_1$  lies on the medial line  $A'C'$ . Also we have  $A'C_1 = BC/2$ , and therefore  $C'C_1 = |AC - BC|/2 = C'B_0$ . This property defines the common point of  $A'C'$  and  $B_0C_0$ . Thus lines  $O_1O_2$  and  $C_1B_1$  are parallel. Now quadrilateral  $BC_1IA_0$  is cyclic, therefore  $\angle C_1A_0B = 90^\circ - \angle A/2 = \angle O_1LB$  and  $A_0C_1 \parallel LO_1$ . Similarly  $A_0B_1 \parallel LO_2$  (fig.19b). Thus triangles  $O_1O_2L$  and  $C_1B_1A_0$  are homothetic.

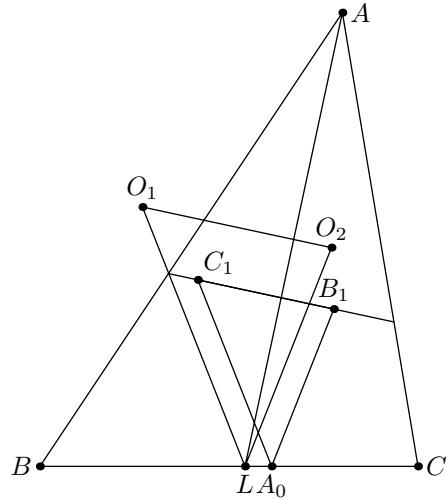


Fig.19b

- c) Both homotheties of pp. a) and b) transform  $A_0$  to  $L$ , and line  $B_0C_0$  to the medial perpendicular to  $AL$ . Therefore their centers coincide.
20. (V.Yassinsky) Let  $C_1$  be an arbitrary point on the side  $AB$  of triangle  $ABC$ . Points  $A_1$  and  $B_1$  on the rays  $BC$  and  $AC$  are such that  $\angle AC_1B_1 = \angle BC_1A_1 = \angle ACB$ . The lines  $AA_1$  and  $BB_1$  meet in point  $C_2$ . Prove that all the lines  $C_1C_2$  have a common point.

**Solution.** By condition, quadrilaterals  $ACA_1C_1$  and  $BCB_1C_1$  are cyclic. Thus  $\angle B_1BC_1 = \angle ACC_1$ ,  $\angle A_1AC_1 = \angle BCC_1$ , and therefore  $\angle AC_2B = \pi - \angle C$ , i.e.  $C_2$  lies on the circle passing through  $A$ ,  $B$  and the reflection  $C'$  of  $C$  wrt  $AB$ . Also  $\angle BC'C_1 = \angle BAC_2$ , thus  $C'C_1$  passes through  $C_2$  (fig.20).

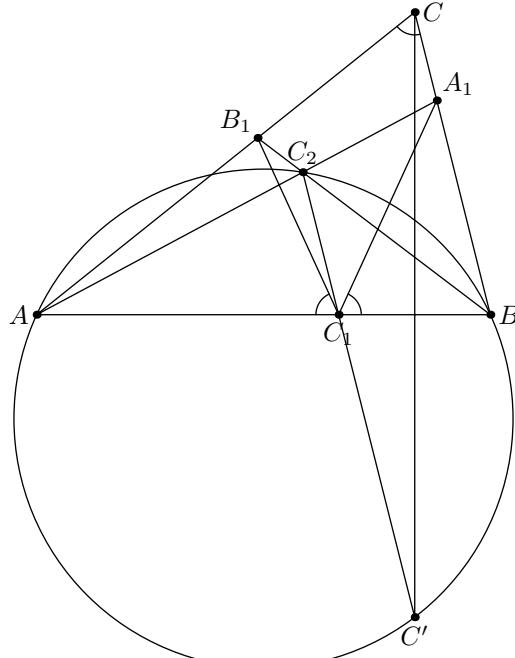


Fig.20

21. (D.Yassinsky) Let  $A$  be a point inside a circle  $\omega$ . One of two lines drawn through  $A$  intersects  $\omega$  at points  $B$  and  $C$ , the second one intersects it at points  $D$  and  $E$  ( $D$  lies between  $A$  and  $E$ ). The line passing through  $D$  and parallel to  $BC$  meets  $\omega$  for the second time at point  $F$ , and

the line  $AF$  meets  $\omega$  at point  $T$ . Let  $M$  be the common point of the lines  $ET$  and  $BC$ , and  $N$  be the reflection of  $A$  across  $M$ . Prove that the circumcircle of triangle  $DEN$  passes through the midpoint of segment  $BC$ .

**Solution.** Firstly, project line  $AB$  to the circle from point  $D$ , and then project the circle to  $AB$  from point  $T$ . As a result we obtain that the image of  $A$  is  $M$ , the image of infinite point is  $A$ , and points  $B$  and  $C$  are fixed. From the equality of cross-ratios we obtain that  $MB/MC = (AB/AC)^2$ . Hence  $AM = AB \cdot AC/(AB + AC)$ . Now let  $K$  be the midpoint of  $BC$ . Then  $AN \cdot AK = 2AM(AB + AC)/2 = AB \cdot AC = AD \cdot AE$ , i.e. points  $D, E, K, N$  are concyclic.

22. (A.Zaslavsky) The common perpendiculars to the opposite sidelines of a nonplanar quadrilateral are mutually orthogonal. Prove that they intersect.

**Solution.** Let  $K, L, M, N$  be the feet of common perpendiculars lying on the sides  $AB, BC, CD, DA$  of quadrilateral  $ABCD$ . The projection to the plane parallel to  $KM$  and  $LN$  transforms these lines to perpendicular lines  $K'M'$  and  $L'N'$ . By three perpendiculars theorem the projections of  $AB$  and  $CD$  are perpendicular to  $K'M'$ , and the projections of  $BC$  and  $AD$  are perpendicular to  $L'N'$ . Therefore the projection of  $ABCD$  is a rectangle  $A'B'C'D'$ , and  $A'K' = D'M', B'L' = A'N'$ . Thus  $AK/KB = DM/MC, BL/LC = AN/ND$  and by Menelaos theorem  $K, L, M, N$  are coplanar.

23. (B.Frenkin) Two convex polytopes  $A$  and  $B$  do not intersect. The polytope  $A$  has exactly 2012 planes of symmetry. What is the maximal number of symmetry planes of the union of  $A$  and  $B$ , if  $B$  has a) 2012, b) 2013 symmetry planes?

c) What is the answer to the question of p.b), if the symmetry planes are replaced by the symmetry axes?

**Answer.** a) 2013. b) 2012. c) 1.

**Solution.** a) *Estimation.* The symmetry transposes polyhedrons  $A$  and  $B$  or fixes each of them. In the first case it transposes the centroids of polyhedrons, thus the symmetry plane is the perpendicular bisector of the segment between the centroids. In the second case this plane is a symmetry plane of both polyhedrons  $A$  and  $B$ . Thus we have at most  $1+2012=2013$  planes. *Example.* Let  $A$  be regular 2012-gonal pyramid. Take a point outside  $A$  on its axis and construct a plane  $P$  passing through this point and perpendicular to the axis. Let  $B$  be the reflection of  $A$  in  $P$ . Then all conditions are valid, and  $P$  and 2012 symmetry planes of  $A$  are the symmetry planes of the union.

b) *Estimation.* Since  $A$  and  $B$  have a distinct number of symmetry planes, they aren't equal and can't be transposed by a symmetry. Thus each symmetry is a symmetry of polyhedron  $A$ , which has only 2012 symmetry planes. *Example.* Let  $A$  be a regular 2012-gonal pyramid. Take a point outside  $A$  on its axis, a plane passing through this point and perpendicular to the axis, and construct the reflection of the pyramid's base in this plane. Let  $B$  be a prism with this reflection as the base, disjoint from  $A$ . It is clear that  $B$  has 2013 symmetry planes: one of them is parallel to the bases of the prism and equidistant from them and 2012 remaining planes coincide with the symmetry planes of  $A$ .

c) *Estimation.* Since  $A$  and  $B$  have a distinct number of symmetry axes they can't be transposed. Thus the sought symmetry fixes the centroid of each polyhedron. These centroids don't coincide because the polyhedrons are convex. Therefore the symmetry axis coincides with the line joining

two centroids. *Example.* Let  $A$  be a regular 2011-gonal prism with horizontal bases. Then  $A$  has one vertical and 2011 horizontal symmetry axes. Now let  $B$  be a regular 2012-gonal prism with the same axis, disjoint from  $A$ . Then  $B$  has 2013 symmetry axes and the union of  $A$  and  $B$  has a vertical symmetry axis.

## X GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF I.F.SHARYGIN THE CORRESPONDENCE ROUND

Below is the list of problems for the first (correspondence) round of the X Sharygin Geometrical Olympiad.

The olympiad is intended for high-school students of four elder grades. In Russian school, these are 8-11. In the list below, each problem is indicated by the numbers of Russian school grades, for which it is intended. Foreign students of the last grade have to solve the problems for 11th grade, students of the preceding grade solve the problems for 10th grade etc. However, the participants may solve problems for elder grades as well (solutions of problems for younger grades will not be considered).

A complete solution of each problem or of each its item if there are any, costs 7 points. An incomplete solution costs from 1 to 6 points according to the extent of advancement. If no significant advancement was achieved, the mark is 0. The result of a participant is the total sum of marks for all problems.

**In your work, please start the solution for each problem in a new page.** First write down the statement of the problem, and then the solution. Present your solutions in detail, including all significant arguments and calculations. Provide all necessary figures of sufficient size. If a problem has an explicit answer, this answer must be presented distinctly. Please, be accurate to provide good understanding and correct estimating of your work !

If your solution depends on some well-known theorems from standard textbooks, you may simply refer to them instead of providing their proofs. However, any fact not from the standard curriculum should be either proved or properly referred (with an indication of the source).

You may note the problems which you liked most (this is not obligatory). Your opinion is interesting for the Jury.

**The solutions for the problems (in Russian or in English) must be delivered up to April 1, 2014.** For this, please apply since January 2, 2014 to <http://olimpsharygin.olimpiada.ru> and follow the instructions given there. **Attention:** the solution of each problem must be contained in a separate pdf, doc or jpg file. We recommend to prepare the paper using a computer or to scan it rather than to photograph it. In the last two cases, please check readability of the file obtained.

If you have some technical problem, please contact us by e-mail [geomolymp@mccme.ru](mailto:geomolymp@mccme.ru).

It is also possible to send the solutions by e-mail to [geompapers@yandex.ru](mailto:geompapers@yandex.ru). In this case, please follow a few simple rules:

1. *Each student sends his work in a separate message (with delivery notification). The size of the message must not exceed 10 Mb.*
2. *If your work consists of several files, send it as an archive.*
3. *If the size of your message exceeds 10 Mb, divide it into several messages.*
4. *In the subject of the message write "The work for Sharygin olympiad", and present the following personal data in the body of your message:*

- last name;
- all other names;
- E-mail, phone number, post address;
- the current number of your grade at school;
- the last grade at your high school;
- the number of the last grade in your school system;
- the number and/or the name and the mail address of your school;

- full names of your teachers in mathematics at school and/or of instructors of your extra math classes (if you attend additional math classes after school).

If you have no possibility to deliver the work in electronic form, please apply to the Organizing Committee to find a specific solution for this case.

Winners of the correspondence round, the students of three grades before the last grade, will be invited to the final round in Summer 2014 in the city of Dubna, in Moscow region. (For instance, if the last grade is 12, then we invite winners from 9, 10, and 11 grade.) Winners of the correspondence round, the students of the last grade, will be awarded with diplomas of the Olympiad. The list of the winners will be published on [www.geometry.ru](http://www.geometry.ru) at the end of May 2014. If you want to know your detailed results, please contact us by e-mail [geomolymp@mccme.ru](mailto:geomolymp@mccme.ru).

1. (8) A right-angled triangle  $ABC$  is given. Its cathetus  $AB$  is the base of a regular triangle  $ADB$  lying in the exterior of  $ABC$ , and its hypotenuse  $AC$  is the base of a regular triangle  $AEC$  lying in the interior of  $ABC$ . Lines  $DE$  and  $AB$  meet at point  $M$ . The whole configuration except points  $A$  and  $B$  was erased. Restore the point  $M$ .
2. (8) A paper square with sidelength 2 is given. From this square, can we cut out a 12-gon having all sidelengths equal to 1, and all angles divisible by  $45^\circ$ ?
3. (8) Let  $ABC$  be an isosceles triangle with base  $AB$ . Line  $\ell$  touches its circumcircle at point  $B$ . Let  $CD$  be a perpendicular from  $C$  to  $\ell$ , and  $AE, BF$  be the altitudes of  $ABC$ . Prove that  $D, E, F$  are collinear.
4. (8) A square is inscribed into a triangle (one side of the triangle contains two vertices and each of two remaining sides contains one vertex). Prove that the incenter of the triangle lies inside the square.
5. (8) In an acute-angled triangle  $ABC$ ,  $AM$  is a median,  $AL$  is a bisector and  $AH$  is an altitude ( $H$  lies between  $L$  and  $B$ ). It is known that  $ML = LH = HB$ . Find the ratios of the sidelengths of  $ABC$ .
6. (8–9) Given a circle with center  $O$  and a point  $P$  not lying on it. Let  $X$  be an arbitrary point of this circle, and  $Y$  be a common point of the bisector of angle  $POX$  and the perpendicular bisector to segment  $PX$ . Find the locus of points  $Y$ .
7. (8–9) A parallelogram  $ABCD$  is given. The perpendicular from  $C$  to  $CD$  meets the perpendicular from  $A$  to  $BD$  at point  $F$ , and the perpendicular from  $B$  to  $AB$  meets the perpendicular bisector to  $AC$  at point  $E$ . Find the ratio in which side  $BC$  divides segment  $EF$ .
8. (8–9) Given a rectangle  $ABCD$ . Two perpendicular lines pass through point  $B$ . One of them meets segment  $AD$  at point  $K$ , and the second one meets the extension of side  $CD$  at point  $L$ . Let  $F$  be the common point of  $KL$  and  $AC$ . Prove that  $BF \perp KL$ .
9. (8–9) Two circles  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  touching externally at point  $L$  are inscribed into angle  $BAC$ . Circle  $\omega_1$  touches ray  $AB$  at point  $E$ , and circle  $\omega_2$  touches ray  $AC$  at point  $M$ . Line  $EL$  meets  $\omega_2$  for the second time at point  $Q$ . Prove that  $MQ \parallel AL$ .

10. (8–9) Two disjoint circles  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  are inscribed into an angle. Consider all pairs of parallel lines  $l_1$  and  $l_2$  such that  $l_1$  touches  $\omega_1$ , and  $l_2$  touches  $\omega_2$  ( $\omega_1, \omega_2$  lie between  $l_1$  and  $l_2$ ). Prove that the medial lines of all trapezoids formed by  $l_1, l_2$  and the sides of the angle touch some fixed circle.
11. (8–9) Points  $K, L, M$  and  $N$  lying on the sides  $AB, BC, CD$  and  $DA$  of a square  $ABCD$  are vertices of another square. Lines  $DK$  and  $NM$  meet at point  $E$ , and lines  $KC$  and  $LM$  meet at point  $F$ . Prove that  $EF \parallel AB$ .
12. (9–10) Circles  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  meet at points  $A$  and  $B$ . Let points  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  of  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  respectively be such that  $K_1A$  touches  $\omega_2$ , and  $K_2A$  touches  $\omega_1$ . The circumcircle of triangle  $K_1BK_2$  meets lines  $AK_1$  and  $AK_2$  for the second time at points  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  respectively. Prove that  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are equidistant from line  $AB$ .
13. (9–10) Let  $AC$  be a fixed chord of a circle  $\omega$  with center  $O$ . Point  $B$  moves along the arc  $AC$ . A fixed point  $P$  lies on  $AC$ . The line passing through  $P$  and parallel to  $AO$  meets  $BA$  at point  $A_1$ ; the line passing through  $P$  and parallel to  $CO$  meets  $BC$  at point  $C_1$ . Prove that the circumcenter of triangle  $A_1BC_1$  moves along a straight line.
14. (9–11) In a given disc, construct a subset such that its area equals the half of the disc area and its intersection with its reflection over an arbitrary diameter has the area equal to the quarter of the disc area.
15. (9–11) Let  $ABC$  be a non-isosceles triangle. The altitude from  $A$ , the bisector from  $B$  and the median from  $C$  concur at point  $K$ .
  - a) Which of the sidelengths of the triangle is medial (intermediate in length)?
  - b) Which of the lengths of segments  $AK, BK, CK$  is medial (intermediate in length)?
16. (9–11) Given a triangle  $ABC$  and an arbitrary point  $D$ . The lines passing through  $D$  and perpendicular to segments  $DA, DB, DC$  meet lines  $BC, AC, AB$  at points  $A_1, B_1, C_1$  respectively. Prove that the midpoints of segments  $AA_1, BB_1, CC_1$  are collinear.
17. (10–11) Let  $AC$  be the hypotenuse of a right-angled triangle  $ABC$ . The bisector  $BD$  is given, and the midpoints  $E$  and  $F$  of the arcs  $BD$  of the circumcircles of triangles  $ADB$  and  $CDB$  respectively are marked (the circles are erased). Construct the centers of these circles using only a ruler.
18. (10–11) Let  $I$  be the incenter of a circumscribed quadrilateral  $ABCD$ . The tangents to circle  $AIC$  at points  $A, C$  meet at point  $X$ . The tangents to circle  $BID$  at points  $B, D$  meet at point  $Y$ . Prove that  $X, I, Y$  are collinear.
19. (10–11) Two circles  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  touch externally at point  $P$ . Let  $A$  be a point of  $\omega_2$  not lying on the line through the centers of the circles, and  $AB, AC$  be the tangents to  $\omega_1$ . Lines  $BP, CP$  meet  $\omega_2$  for the second time at points  $E$  and  $F$ . Prove that line  $EF$ , the tangent to  $\omega_2$  at point  $A$  and the common tangent at  $P$  concur.
20. (10–11) A quadrilateral  $KLMN$  is given. A circle with center  $O$  meets its side  $KL$  at points  $A$  and  $A_1$ , side  $LM$  at points  $B$  and  $B_1$ , etc. Prove that if the circumcircles of triangles  $KDA, LAB, MBC$  and  $NCD$  concur at point  $P$ , then

- a) the circumcircles of triangles  $KD_1A_1$ ,  $LA_1B_1$ ,  $MB_1C_1$  and  $NC_1D_1$  also concur at some point  $Q$ ;
- b) point  $O$  lies on the perpendicular bisector to  $PQ$ .
21. (10–11) Let  $ABCD$  be a circumscribed quadrilateral. Its incircle  $\omega$  touches sides  $BC$  and  $DA$  at points  $E$  and  $F$  respectively. It is known that lines  $AB$ ,  $FE$  and  $CD$  concur. The circumcircles of triangles  $AED$  and  $BFC$  meet  $\omega$  for the second time at points  $E_1$  and  $F_1$ . Prove that  $EF \parallel E_1F_1$ .
22. (10–11) Does there exist a convex polyhedron such that it has diagonals and each of them is shorter than each of its edges?
23. (11) Let  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$  and  $D$  be a triharmonic quadruple of points, i.e
- $$AB \cdot CD = AC \cdot BD = AD \cdot BC.$$
- Let  $A_1$  be a point distinct from  $A$  such that the quadruple  $A_1$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$  and  $D$  is triharmonic. Points  $B_1$ ,  $C_1$  and  $D_1$  are defined similarly. Prove that
- a)  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C_1$ ,  $D_1$  are concyclic;
- b) the quadruple  $A_1$ ,  $B_1$ ,  $C_1$ ,  $D_1$  is triharmonic.
24. (11) A circumscribed pyramid  $ABCDS$  is given. The opposite sidelines of its base meet at points  $P$  and  $Q$  in such a way that  $A$  and  $B$  lie on segments  $PD$  and  $PC$  respectively. The inscribed sphere touches faces  $ABS$  and  $BCS$  at points  $K$  and  $L$ . Prove that if  $PK$  and  $QL$  are coplanar then the touching point of the sphere with the base lies on  $BD$ .

# X GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF I.F.SHARYGIN THE CORRESPONDENCE ROUND. SOLUTIONS

1. (N.Moskvitin, V.Protasov) (8) A right-angled triangle  $ABC$  is given. Its cathetus  $AB$  is the base of a regular triangle  $ADB$  lying in the exterior of  $ABC$ , and its hypotenuse  $AC$  is the base of a regular triangle  $AEC$  lying in the interior of  $ABC$ . Lines  $DE$  and  $AB$  meet at point  $M$ . The whole configuration except points  $A$  and  $B$  was erased. Restore the point  $M$ .

**Solution.** Since  $\angle DAB = \angle EAC = 60^\circ$ , we have  $\angle DAE = \angle BAC$ , therefore triangles  $ADE$  and  $ABC$  are equal and  $\angle ADE = 90^\circ$ . Thus triangle  $ADM$  is right-angled with  $\angle A = 60^\circ$ . Hence  $AD = AB = AM/2$  (fig.1), i.e.  $M$  is the reflection of  $A$  with respect to  $B$ .

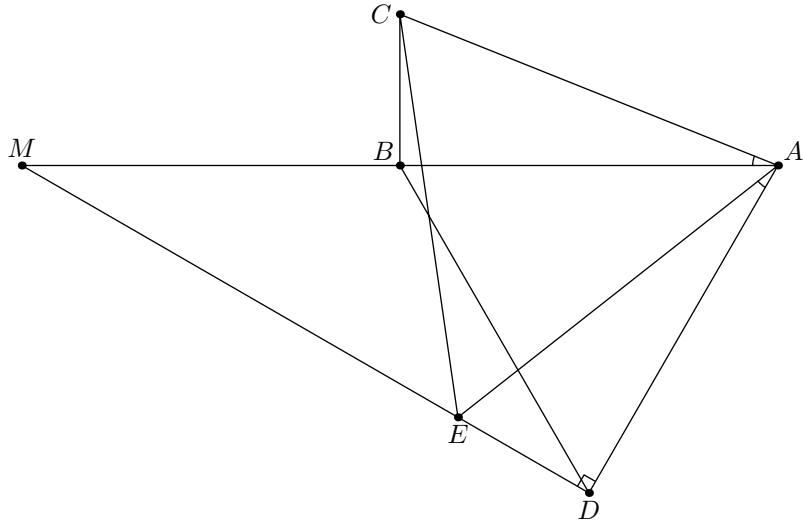


Fig.1

2. (K.Knop) (8) A paper square with sidelength 2 is given. From this square, can we cut out a 12-gon having all sidelengths equal to 1, and all angles divisible by  $45^\circ$ ?

**Solution.** Yes, see. fig.2. Points  $A, B, C, D$  lying on the medial lines of the given square are the vertices of the square with the side equal to  $\sqrt{2} - 1$ .

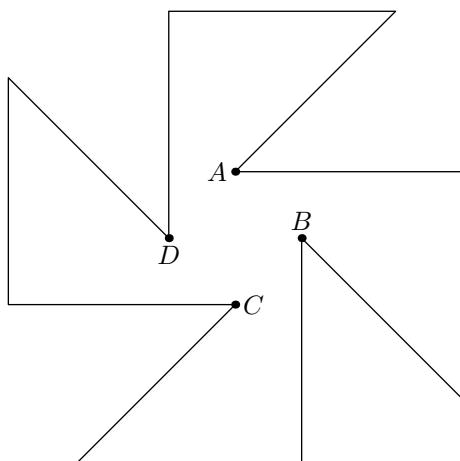


Fig.2

3. (N.Moskvitin) (8) Let  $ABC$  be an isosceles triangle with base  $AB$ . Line  $\ell$  touches its

circumcircle at point  $B$ . Let  $CD$  be a perpendicular from  $C$  to  $\ell$ , and  $AE, BF$  be the altitudes of  $ABC$ . Prove that  $D, E, F$  are collinear.

**Solution.** Let  $CH$  be the third altitude of the triangle. Since  $\angle CBD = \angle CAB = \angle CBH$ , the triangles  $CBD$  and  $CBH$  are equal, i.e.  $BD = BH$ . Also  $EH$  is the median of right-angled triangle  $AEB$ , thus  $EH = HB = BD$  and  $\angle BEH = \angle EBH = \angle EBD$ . Therefore  $EDBH$  is a parallelogram (fig.3) and  $DE \parallel AB$ . Since  $EF$  also is parallel to  $AB$ , lines  $DE$  and  $EF$  coincide.

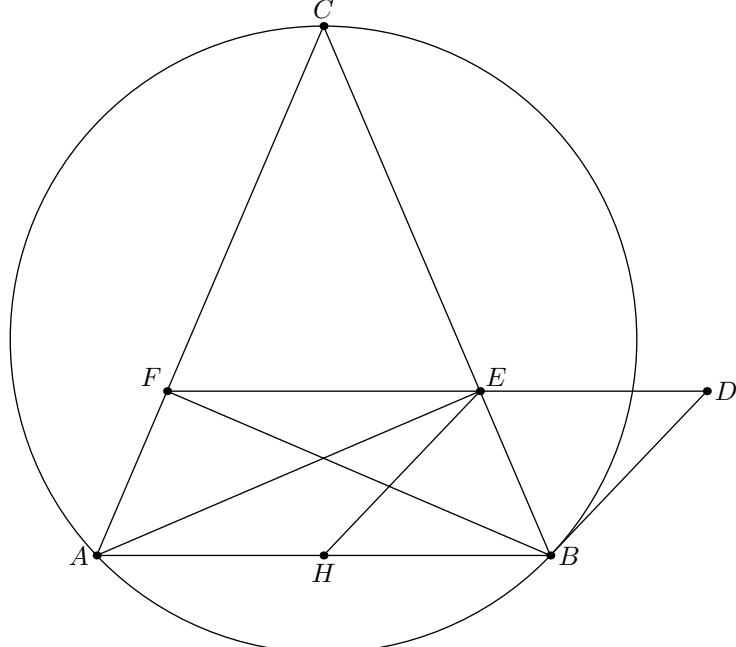


Fig.3

4. (B.Frenkin) (8) A square is inscribed into a triangle (one side of the triangle contains two vertices and each of two remaining sides contains one vertex). Prove that the incenter of the triangle lies inside the square.

**Solution.** Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with incenter  $I$ , let vertices  $K$  and  $L$  of inscribed square lie on side  $AB$ , vertex  $M$  lie on  $AC$  and vertex  $N$  lie on  $BC$  (obviously angles  $A$  and  $B$  are equal). Take a perpendicular  $IH$  from  $I$  to  $AB$  and a segment  $DE$  passing through  $I$  parallel to  $AB$  with endpoints  $D$  and  $E$  lying on  $AC$  and  $BC$  respectively. We have to prove that  $DE > IH$  and  $H \in KL$ . The first assertion is true because  $IH = r$  and  $DE > 2r$ , where  $r$  is the radius of the incircle. Now let the extension of  $IH$  beyond  $I$  meet one of the sides of  $ABC$  at point  $F$ . We can suppose that  $F \in AC$ . Then  $H$  and  $K$  lie on the same side of  $L$ . Take a line passing through  $F$ , parallel to  $AB$  and intersecting  $BC$  at point  $G$ . It is sufficient to prove that  $FG < FH$ : then  $I$  and  $L$  lie on the same side of  $K$  and  $I \in KL$ .

Note that  $FH$  contains a diameter of the incircle, thus  $F$  lies outside the incircle and  $FH > 2r$ . The perpendicular through  $F$  doesn't intersect the incircle. Therefore the touching points of  $AC$  and  $BC$  with the incircle lie between  $FG$  and  $AB$ . Hence the corresponding chord is greater than  $FG$ . Since it is less than  $2r$ , we have  $FG < 2r < FH$ , q.e.d.

**Comment.** We see from the solution that a square can be replaced by a rectangle such that its greater side lies on the base of the triangle and is not greater than doubled smaller

side.

5. (B.Frenkin) (8) In an acute-angled triangle  $ABC$ ,  $AM$  is a median,  $AL$  is a bisector and  $AH$  is an altitude ( $H$  lies between  $L$  and  $B$ ). It is known that  $ML = LH = HB$ . Find the ratios of the sidelengths of  $ABC$ .

**Answer.**  $AB : AC : BC = 1 : 2 : \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2}$ .

**Solution.** By the property of the bisector  $AC : AB = LA : LB = 2 : 1$ . This follows also from the property of the median: take on the extension of  $AB$  beyond  $B$  segment  $BD = AB$ . Then  $BC$  is a median of the triangle  $ADC$ , and since  $AL : LB = 2 : 1$ , we obtain that  $AL$  also lies on a median. But  $AL$  is the bisector, therefore  $AC = AD = 2AB$ . Now by the Pythagor theorem we have:  $AC^2 - AH^2 = AB^2 - BH^2$ , or  $4AB^2 - 25BH^2 = AB^2 - BH^2$ , thus  $AB = 2\sqrt{2}BH$  and  $BC : AB = 6BH : AB = \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2}$ .

6. (A.Zaslavsky) (8–9) Given a circle with center  $O$  and a point  $P$  not lying on it. Let  $X$  be an arbitrary point of this circle, and  $Y$  be a common point of the bisector of angle  $POX$  and the perpendicular bisector to segment  $PX$ . Find the locus of points  $Y$ .

**Answer.** The line perpendicular to ray  $OP$  and meeting it at the point on the distance from  $O$  equal to  $(OP + OX)/2$ .

**Solution.** Let  $K, L$  be the projections of  $Y$  to  $OP$  and  $OX$ . By the definition of  $Y$  we have  $YP = YX$  and  $YK =YL$ . Thus triangles  $YKP$  and  $YLX$  are equal i.e.  $XL = PK$ . Also  $OL = OK$ . Since the lengths of segments  $OP$  and  $OX$  are not equal, one of them is equal to the sum of  $OK$  and  $KP$ , and the second one is equal to their difference. Therefore  $OK = (OP + OX)/2$  (fig.6). It is evident that the sought locus contains all points of the line.

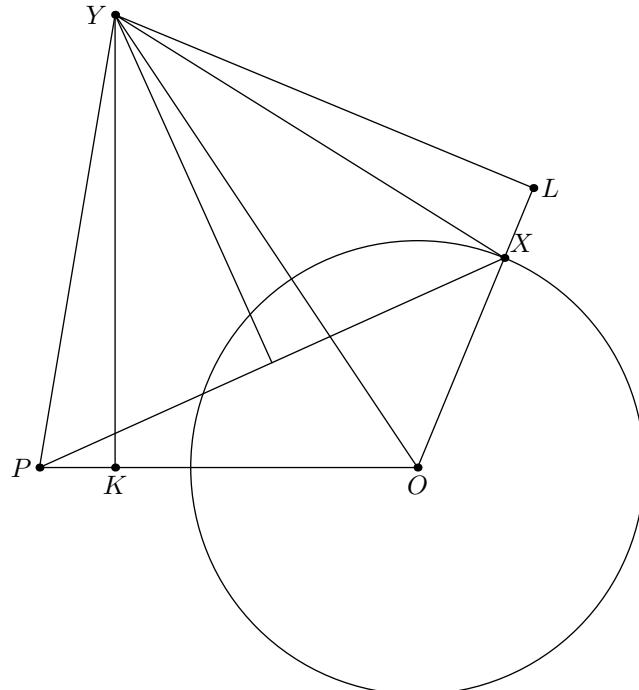


Fig.6

7. (V.Rumyantsev) (8–9) A parallelogram  $ABCD$  is given. The perpendicular from  $C$  to  $CD$  meets the perpendicular from  $A$  to  $BD$  at point  $F$ , and the perpendicular from  $B$

to  $AB$  meets the perpendicular bisector to  $AC$  at point  $E$ . Find the ratio in which side  $BC$  divides segment  $EF$ .

**Answer.** 1:2.

**Solution.** Let  $K$  be the reflection of  $A$  wrt  $B$ . Then  $E$  is the circumcenter of triangle  $ACK$ . On the other hand, since  $BKCD$  is a parallelogram, we have  $AF \perp CK$  and  $F$  is the orthocenter of triangle  $ACK$ . Therefore the median  $CB$  divides  $EF$  in ratio 1:2 (fig.7).

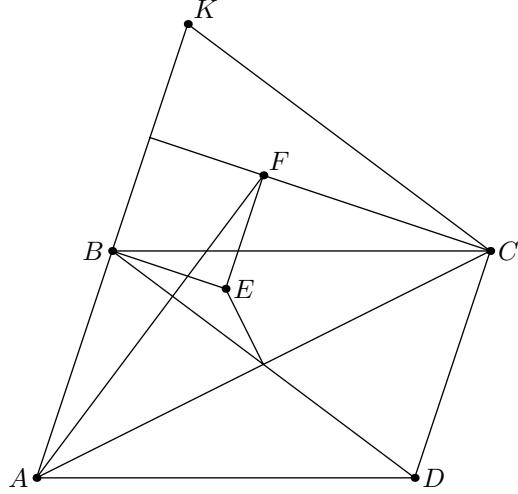


Fig.7

8. (R.Sadykov) (8–9) Given a rectangle  $ABCD$ . Two perpendicular lines pass through point  $B$ . One of them meets segment  $AD$  at point  $K$ , and the second one meets the extension of side  $CD$  at point  $L$ . Let  $F$  be the common point of  $KL$  and  $AC$ . Prove that  $BF \perp KL$ .

**First solution.** Since  $\angle ABK = \angle CBL$ , triangles  $ABK$  and  $CBL$  are similar. Thus triangles  $ABC$  and  $KBL$  are also similar and  $\angle BKF = \angle BAF$ . Therefore quadrilateral  $ABFK$  is cyclic and  $\angle BFK = 90^\circ$  (fig.8).

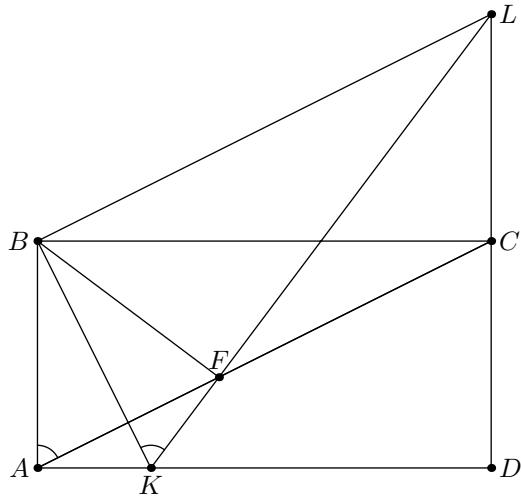


Fig.8

**Second solution.** Note that point  $B$  lies on the circumcircle of triangle  $KLD$ . Points  $A$  and  $C$  are the projections of  $B$  to lines  $KD$  and  $DL$ . Thus by the Simson theorem the projection of  $B$  to  $KL$  lies on  $AC$ , i.e, coincide with  $F$  q.e.d.

9. (D.Shvetsov) (8–9) Two circles  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  touching externally at point  $L$  are inscribed into angle  $BAC$ . Circle  $\omega_1$  touches ray  $AB$  at point  $E$ , and circle  $\omega_2$  touches ray  $AC$  at point  $M$ . Line  $EL$  meets  $\omega_2$  for the second time at point  $Q$ . Prove that  $MQ \parallel AL$ .

**Solution.** Let  $N$  be the second common point of  $\omega_1$  and  $AL$  (fig.9). Then the composition of the reflection in  $AL$  and the homothety with center  $A$  transforms arc  $NE$  to arc  $LM$ . Therefore angles  $ALE$  and  $MQE$  are equal, which yields the assertion of the problem.

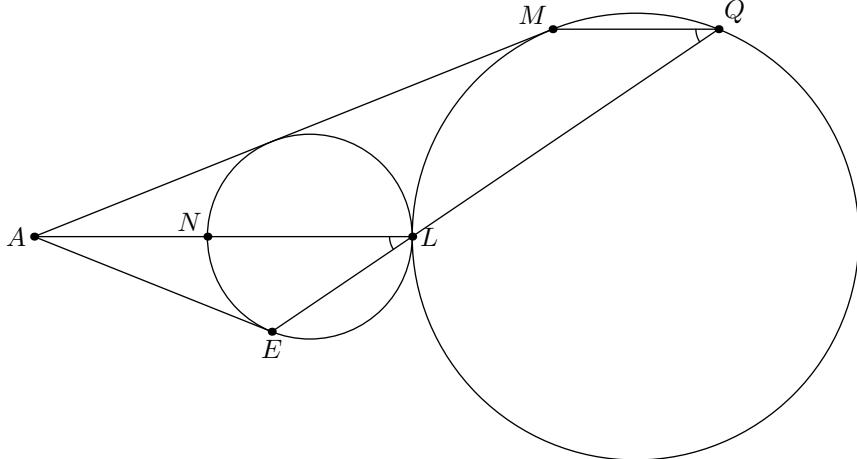


Fig.9

10. (M.Kungozhin) (8–9) Two disjoint circles  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  are inscribed into an angle. Consider all pairs of parallel lines  $l_1$  and  $l_2$  such that  $l_1$  touches  $\omega_1$ , and  $l_2$  touches  $\omega_2$  ( $\omega_1, \omega_2$  lie between  $l_1$  and  $l_2$ ). Prove that the medial lines of all trapezoids formed by  $l_1, l_2$  and the sides of the angle touch some fixed circle.

**Solution.** Let  $O_1, O_2$  be the centers of the given circles,  $r_1, r_2$  be their radii,  $O$  be the midpoint of  $O_1O_2$ ,  $l'_1$  be the line parallel to  $l_1$  and passing through  $O_1$ ,  $l'_2$  be the reflection of  $l'_1$  in the medial line (fig.10). Then the distance from  $O_2$  to  $l'_2$  is equal to  $|r_2 - r_1|$ . Using the homothety with center  $O_1$  and coefficient  $1/2$ , we obtain that the distance  $d$  from  $O$  to the medial line is equal to  $|r_2 - r_1|/2$ , i.e. all medial lines touch the circle with center  $O$  and radius  $d$ .

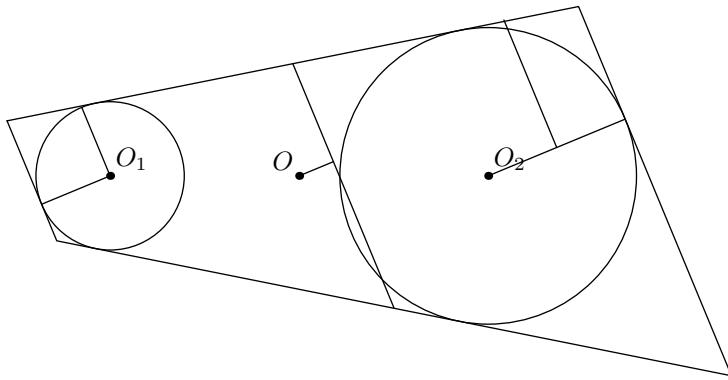


Fig.10

11. (M.Plotnikov) (8–9) Points  $K, L, M$  and  $N$  lying on the sides  $AB, BC, CD$  and  $DA$  of a square  $ABCD$  are vertices of another square. Lines  $DK$  and  $NM$  meet at point  $E$ , and lines  $KC$  and  $LM$  meet at point  $F$ . Prove that  $EF \parallel AB$ .

**Solution.** Denote the common points of lines  $MN$  and  $LM$  with  $AB$  as  $P$  and  $Q$  respectively. Triangles  $AKN, BLK, CML$  and  $DMN$  are equal by the hypotenuse

and the acute angle. Let  $AK = a$  and  $BK = b$ , then  $BL = CM = DN = a$ ,  $CL = MD = NA = b$ . Since triangles  $PKN$  and  $QLK$  are right-angled, we have  $PA \cdot a = b^2$  and  $BK \cdot b = a^2$ . The similarity of triangles  $PEK$  and  $DEM$  implies that  $KE/DE = (a + b^2/a)/b = (a^2 + b^2)/ab$ , but the similarity of  $QFK$  и  $CFM$  implies that  $FK/CF = (b + a^2/b)/a = (a^2 + b^2)/ab$ . Thus  $KE/DE = FK/CF$  and  $EF \parallel AB$ , q.e.d.

12. (I.Makarov) (9–10) Circles  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  meet at points  $A$  and  $B$ . Let points  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  of  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  respectively be such that  $K_1A$  touches  $\omega_2$ , and  $K_2A$  touches  $\omega_1$ . The circumcircle of triangle  $K_1BK_2$  meets lines  $AK_1$  and  $AK_2$  for the second time at points  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  respectively. Prove that  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are equidistant from line  $AB$ .

**Solution.** Since  $\angle K_1AB = \angle AK_2B$ ,  $\angle K_2AB = \angle AK_1B$ , triangles  $AK_1B$  and  $K_2AB$  are similar (fig.12). Using the sinus theorem we obtain:

$$\frac{\sin \angle K_1AB}{\sin \angle K_2AB} = \frac{AK_1}{AK_2} = \frac{AL_2}{AL_1},$$

which is equivalent to the assertion of the problem.

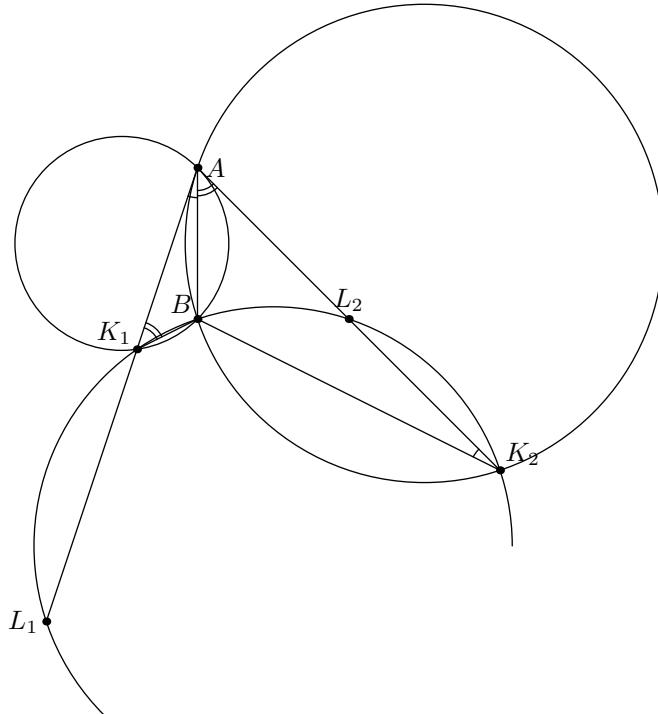


Fig.12

13. (D.Prokopenko, D.Shvetsov) (9–10) Let  $AC$  be a fixed chord of a circle  $\omega$  with center  $O$ . Point  $B$  moves along the arc  $AC$ . A fixed point  $P$  lies on  $AC$ . The line passing through  $P$  and parallel to  $AO$  meets  $BA$  at point  $A_1$ ; the line passing through  $P$  and parallel to  $CO$  meets  $BC$  at point  $C_1$ . Prove that the circumcenter of triangle  $A_1BC_1$  moves along a straight line.

**Solution.** Let  $Q$  be the second common point of line  $AC$  and circle  $A_1PC_1$ . Then  $\angle Q A_1 C_1 = \angle Q P C_1 = \angle Q C O = \angle Q A O = \angle A P A_1 = \angle Q C A_1$ . Therefore  $Q A_1 = Q C_1$  and  $\angle A_1 Q C_1 = \angle A O C = 2 \angle A_1 B C_1$ , i.e.  $Q$  is the circumcenter of triangle  $A_1 B C_1$  (fig.13). Thus this circumcenter moves along line  $AC$ .

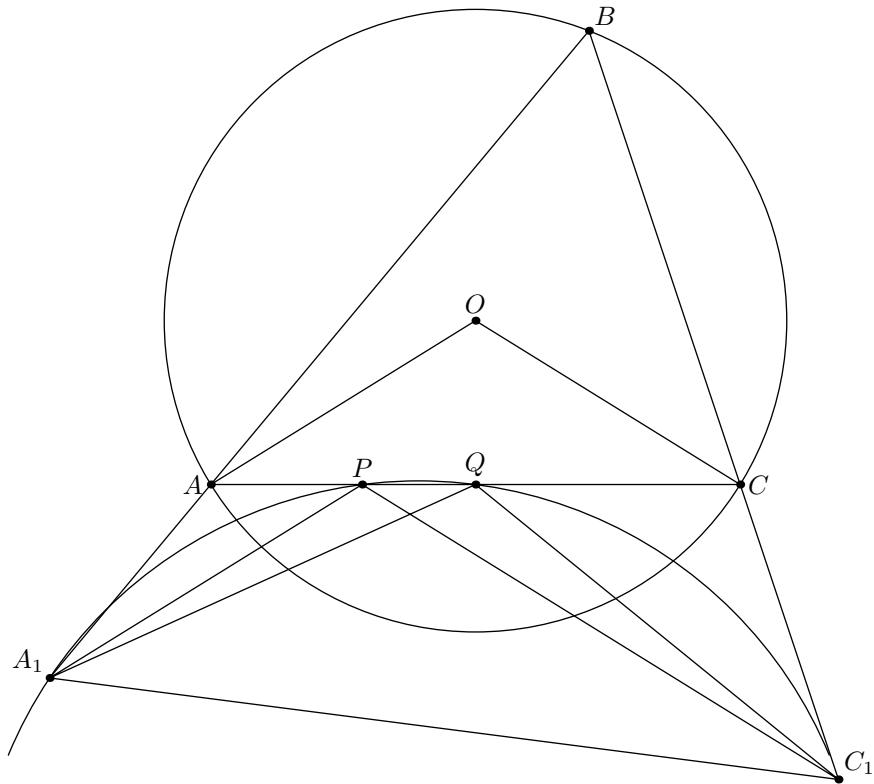


Fig.13

14. (Folklore) (9–11) In a given disc, construct a subset such that its area equals the half of the disc area and its intersection with its reflection over an arbitrary diameter has the area equal to the quarter of the disc area.

**Solution.** Construct a disc, concentric to the given disc with the area equal to the half of the area of the given disc. Bisect the inner disc by an arbitrary diameter and bisect the external ring by the perpendicular diameter. Joining the half of the inner disc with the half of the ring we obtain the sought subset.

15. (9–11) Let  $ABC$  be a non-isosceles triangle. The altitude from  $A$ , the bisector from  $B$  and the median from  $C$  concur at point  $K$ .

- a) (B.Frenkin) Which of the sidelengths of the triangle is medial?  
 b) (A.Zaslavsky) Which of the lengths of segments  $AK$ ,  $BK$ ,  $CK$  is medial?

**Answer.** a)  $AC$ . b)  $BK$ .

**Solution.** a) A bisector of a non-isosceles triangle lies between the corresponding altitude and median, and its altitude lies between the bisector and the smaller of two adjacent sides. Suppose that  $AB < AC$ . Then the bisector of angle  $A$  meets the bisector of angle  $B$  at a point, lying between  $K$  and  $AC$ . The bisector of angle  $C$  also passes through this point. Since it lies between the median and the smaller of two adjacent sides, we obtain that  $AC < BC$ . Thus  $AC$  is the medial side.

Let now  $AB > AC$ . Then similarly the incenter lies between  $AK$  and  $AB$ , the bisector of angle  $C$  lies between  $CK$  and  $BC$ , thus  $AC > BC$ . Again  $AC$  is the medial side.

- b) By the condition the altitude from  $A$  lies inside the triangle, i.e. angles  $B$  and  $C$  are acute. Using the Ceva theorem we obtain that  $\sin A = \cos C \operatorname{tg} B$  or  $\operatorname{tg} C = \operatorname{tg} B \frac{1 - \cos B}{\cos B}$ .

Thus if  $B < 60^\circ$  then  $C < B < 60^\circ < A$ , and if  $B > 60^\circ$  then  $C > B > 60^\circ > A$ .

In the first case  $\angle KBA < 30^\circ < \angle CAB$  and  $\angle KCB < C/2 < B/2 = \angle KBC$ , therefore  $KA < KB < KC$ . Similarly in the second case we have  $KA > KB > KC$ .

**Comment.** Using the condition of the problem we can't define which of the sides is the greatest (the smallest), and which of segments  $KA$ ,  $KC$  is the greatest (the smallest).

16. (D.Prokopenko) (9–11) Given a triangle  $ABC$  and an arbitrary point  $D$ . The lines passing through  $D$  and perpendicular to segments  $DA$ ,  $DB$ ,  $DC$  meet lines  $BC$ ,  $AC$ ,  $AB$  at points  $A_1$ ,  $B_1$ ,  $C_1$  respectively. Prove that the midpoints of segments  $AA_1$ ,  $BB_1$ ,  $CC_1$  are collinear.

**Solution.** The circles with diameters  $AA_1$ ,  $BB_1$ ,  $CC_1$  pass through the bases of the correspondent altitudes, thus the degrees of orthocenter  $H$  wrt these three circles are equal. Therefore line  $DH$  is their common radical axis and their centers are collinear.

**Comment.** Applying the Menelaos theorem to triangle  $ABC$  and its medial triangle we can obtain that  $A_1$ ,  $B_1$ ,  $C_1$  are also collinear.

17. (N.Moskvitin) (10–11) Let  $AC$  be the hypotenuse of a right-angled triangle  $ABC$ . The bisector  $BD$  is given, and the midpoints  $E$  and  $F$  of the arcs  $BD$  of the circumcircles of triangles  $ADB$  and  $CDB$  respectively are marked (the circles are erased). Construct the centers of these circles using only a ruler.

**Solution.** We will use following well-known facts.

- 1.) If two parallel lines are given then we can bisect a segment lying on one of them, using only a ruler.
- 2.) If two parallel lines are given then we can construct a line parallel to them and passing through a fixed point not lying on these lines, using only a ruler.

Note now that  $EF$  is the perpendicular bisector to  $BD$ . Thus its common points  $K$ ,  $L$  with  $AB$  and  $BC$  are the vertices of a square  $BKDL$ . Using parallel lines  $BC$  and  $KD$  bisect segment  $BC$ . Using parallel lines  $AB$  and  $DL$  construct the line parallel to them through the midpoint of  $BC$ . This line is the perpendicular bisector of  $BC$ , therefore it meets  $EF$  at the circumcenter of triangle  $BCD$ . The circumcenter of triangle  $ABD$  can be constructed similarly.

18. (A.Zaslavsky) (10–11) Let  $I$  be the incenter of a circumscribed quadrilateral  $ABCD$ . The tangents to circle  $AIC$  at points  $A$ ,  $C$  meet at point  $X$ . The tangents to circle  $BID$  at points  $B$ ,  $D$  meet at point  $Y$ . Prove that  $X$ ,  $I$ ,  $Y$  are collinear.

**Solution.** Let  $J$  be the second common point of circles  $AIC$  and  $BID$ . The inversion wrt the incircle of  $ABCD$  transforms  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ ,  $D$  to the vertices of a parallelogram, also it transforms  $J$  to the center of this parallelogram. Therefore  $AJ/CJ = AI/CI$ , i.e line  $IJ$  is the symedian of triangle  $AIC$ , thus this line passes through  $X$ . Similarly it passes through  $Y$ .

19. (V.Yassinsky) (10–11) Two circles  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  touch externally at point  $P$ . Let  $A$  be a point of  $\omega_2$  not lying on the line through the centers of the circles, and  $AB$ ,  $AC$  be the tangents to  $\omega_1$ . Lines  $BP$ ,  $CP$  meet  $\omega_2$  for the second time at points  $E$  and  $F$ . Prove that line  $EF$ , the tangent to  $\omega_2$  at point  $A$  and the common tangent at  $P$  concur.

- Solution.** The homothety with center  $P$  transforms  $B, C$  to  $E, F$ . Thus it transforms  $A$  to the pole of line  $EF$  wrt  $\omega_2$ , i.e. the pole of  $EF$  lies on  $AP$ , which is equivalent to the assertion of the problem.
20. (N.Beluhov) (10–11) A quadrilateral  $KLMN$  is given. A circle with center  $O$  meets its side  $KL$  at points  $A$  and  $A_1$ , side  $LM$  at points  $B$  and  $B_1$ , etc. Prove that if the circumcircles of triangles  $KDA, LAB, MBC$  and  $NCD$  concur at point  $P$ , then
- the circumcircles of triangles  $KD_1A_1, LA_1B_1, MB_1C_1$  and  $NC_1D_1$  also concur at some point  $Q$ ;
  - point  $O$  lies on the perpendicular bisector to  $PQ$ .

**Solution.** Let  $A'_1B'_1$  be a variable chord in the circle, equal to  $A_1B_1$ , i.e. obtained from  $A_1B_1$  by rotation with center  $O$ . Easy computation of angles shows that the circle  $(LAB)$  is in fact the locus of the intersection  $K' = AA'_1 \cap BB'_1$  as  $A'_1B'_1$  moves around the circle. Thus, since  $P$  is the intersection of four such loci, the lines  $AP, BP, CP$  and  $DP$  must intersect the circle in four points  $A', B', C', D'$ , forming a quadrilateral equal to  $A_1B_1C_1D_1$ . Consider the rotation with center  $O$ , sending  $A'B'C'D'$  to  $A_1B_1C_1D_1$ , and let it send  $P$  to some point  $Q$ . Then the lines  $A_1Q, B_1Q, C_1Q$  and  $D_1Q$  will intersect the circle in four points, forming a quadrilateral, equal to  $ABCD$ . The same loci argument, applied to the circumcircles of  $\triangle KD_1A_1, \triangle LA_1B_1, \triangle MB_1C_1$  and  $\triangle NC_1D_1$ , shows that they are concurrent in  $Q$ . Also, since  $OQ$  is the image of  $OP$  under the rotation, we have  $OP = OQ$ , and (b) also follows.

21. (N.Poljansky, D.Skrobot) (10–11) Let  $ABCD$  be a circumscribed quadrilateral. Its incircle  $\omega$  touches sides  $BC$  and  $DA$  at points  $E$  and  $F$  respectively. It is known that lines  $AB, FE$  and  $CD$  concur. The circumcircles of triangles  $AED$  and  $BFC$  meet  $\omega$  for the second time at points  $E_1$  and  $F_1$ . Prove that  $EF \parallel E_1F_1$ .

**Solution.** Let  $R$  be the common point of  $BC$  and  $AD$ . Then  $R$  and the touching points  $P$  и  $Q$  of the incircle with two remaining sides are collinear.

Let  $EE_1$  meet  $AD$  at point  $M$ . Consider three circles: the incircle of  $ABCD$ ,  $AED$  and  $AID$ , where  $I$  is the incenter of  $ABCD$ . It is clear that the radical axis of  $AID$  and the incircle is the medial line of triangle  $FPQ$ . Since two remaining radical axes meet at  $M$  we obtain that  $RM = MF$  (fig.21).

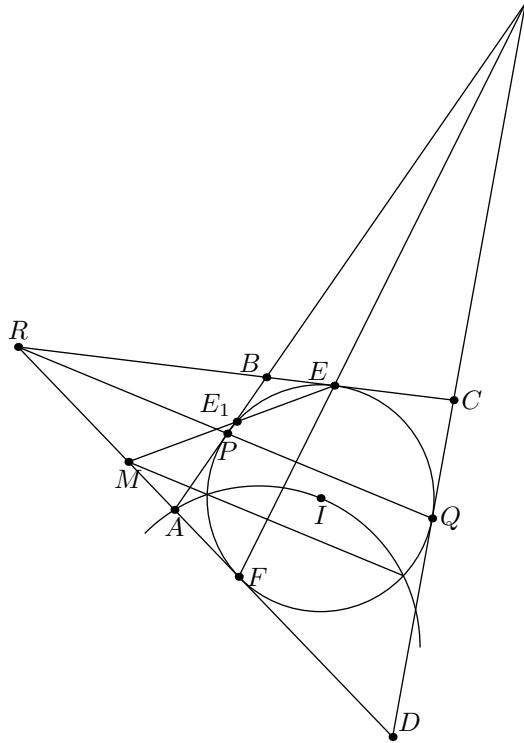


Fig.21

Similarly,  $FF_1$  meets  $BC$  at point  $N$ , such that  $RN = NE$ . Therefore lines  $EE_1$  and  $FF_1$  are symmetric wrt the bisector of angle  $ERF$ . Thus points  $E_1$  and  $F_1$  are also symmetric and  $EFF_1E_1$  is an isosceles trapezoid.

22. (A.Blinkov) (10–11) Does there exist a convex polyhedron such that it has diagonals and each of them is shorter than each of its edges?

**Solution.** Yes, take a regular triangle  $ABC$  with side equal to 1 and two points  $S_1, S_2$ , symmetric wrt its plane and such that  $S_1S_2 < S_1A = S_1B = S_1C < 1$ . It is evident that the unique diagonal  $S_1S_2$  of the obtained polyhedron is shorter than each of its edges.

23. (A.Akopyan) (11) Let  $A, B, C$  and  $D$  be a triharmonic quadruple of points, i.e.

$$AB \cdot CD \equiv AC \cdot BD \equiv AD \cdot BC.$$

Let  $A_1$  be a point distinct from  $A$  such that the quadruple  $A_1, B, C$  and  $D$  is triharmonic. Points  $B_1, C_1$  and  $D_1$  are defined similarly. Prove that

- a)  $A, B, C_1, D_1$  are concyclic;
  - b) the quadruple  $A_1, B_1, C_1, D_1$  is triharmonic.

**Solution.** a) Consider three spheres touching the given plane at points  $A, B, C$  and externally touching each other. If the radii of these spheres are equal to  $x, y, z$ , then  $AB = 2\sqrt{xy}$  etc. Thus there exist two spheres touching the plane at points  $D$  and  $D_1$  and touching three given spheres. Therefore we can construct eight spheres  $a, b, c, d, a_1, b_1, c_1, d_1$ , touching the plane at  $A, B, C, D, A_1, B_1, C_1, D_1$ , and such that  $a$  and  $a_1$  touch  $b, c, d$  etc.

Take an inversion of the space with the center at the touching point of  $c$  and  $d$ . It transforms these two spheres to two parallel planes, and the given plane,  $a$  and  $b$  will

be transformed to three equal mutually touching spheres lying between these two planes. The images of  $c_1$  and  $d_1$  have to touch these three spheres, also each of these two spheres touches one of the planes, therefore they are symmetric wrt the plane containing the centers of three remaining spheres. Thus the images of  $A, B, C_1, D_1$  are coplanar and these points are concyclic.

b) Consider now an inversion with center  $D$ . It transforms  $d$  to the plane parallel to  $ABC$ , and the images of  $a, b, c$  are three equal mutually touching spheres. Therefore their touching points with the plane are the vertices of a regular triangle, and the image of  $D_1$  is the center of this triangle. The images of  $A_1, B_1, C_1$  are the vertices of a regular triangle with the same center, i.e. quadruple  $A_1, B_1, C_1, D_1$  is triharmonic.

24. (F.Nilov) (11) A circumscribed pyramid  $ABCDS$  is given. The opposite sidelines of its base meet at points  $P$  and  $Q$  in such a way that  $A$  and  $B$  lie on segments  $PD$  and  $PC$  respectively. The inscribed sphere touches faces  $ABS$  and  $BCS$  at points  $K$  and  $L$ . Prove that if  $PK$  and  $QL$  are coplanar then the touching point of the sphere with the base lies on  $BD$ .

**First solution.** Since  $P, Q, K$  and  $L$  are coplanar, segments  $PL$  and  $QP$  meet at point  $R$  lying on  $BS$ . Let  $T$  be the touching point of the insphere with the base of the pyramid. Note that triangles  $QBK$  and  $QB$  are equal and triangles  $PBL$  and  $PBT$  are equal (by the equality of the correspondent tangents). Similarly triangles  $RKB$  and  $RLB$  are equal. Thus  $\angle QTB = \angle QKB = \angle PLB = \angle PTB$ . But in the circumscribed pyramid  $\angle CTQ = \angle PTA$  and  $\angle CTD + \angle ATB = 180^{\circ}$ , therefore  $\angle PTB = 180^{\circ}$ .

**Second solution.** Consider a projective map saving the insphere and transforming  $PQS$  to the infinite plane. It transforms the pyramid to the infinite prism, and by the coplanarity of  $PK$  and  $QL$  we obtain that the facets of this prism passing through  $AB$  and  $BC$  form equal angles with plane  $ABCD$ . Thus the prism is symmetric wrt the plane passing through  $BD$  and perpendicular to  $ABCD$ . It is clear that the touching point of the insphere with the base lies on the plane of symmetry.

# XI GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF I.F.SHARYGIN THE CORRESPONDENCE ROUND

Below is the list of problems for the first (correspondence) round of the X Sharygin Geometrical Olympiad.

The olympiad is intended for high-school students of four elder grades. In Russian school, these are 8-11. In the list below, each problem is indicated by the numbers of Russian school grades, for which it is intended. Foreign students of the last grade have to solve the problems for 11th grade, students of the preceding grade solve the problems for 10th grade etc. However, the participants may solve problems for elder grades as well (solutions of problems for younger grades will not be considered).

The full solution of each problem costs 7 points. The partial solution costs from 1 to 6 points. The solution without significant advancement costs 0 points. The result of the participant is the sum of all obtained marks.

In your work, please start the solution for each problem in a new page. First write down the statement of the problem, and then the solution. Present your solutions in detail, including all necessary arguments and calculations. Provide all necessary figures of sufficient size. If a problem has an explicit answer, this answer must be presented distinctly. Please, be accurate to provide good understanding and correct estimating of your work !

If your solution depends on some well-known theorems from standard textbooks, you may simply refer to them instead of providing their proofs. However, any fact not from the standard curriculum should be either proved or properly referred (with an indication of the source).

You may note the problems which you liked most (this is not obligatory). Your opinion is interesting for the Jury.

The solutions for the problems (in Russian or in English) must be sent not earlier than on January 8, 2015 and not later than on April 1, 2015. For sending your work, enter the site <http://geom.informatics.msk.ru> and follow the instructions.

**Attention:** The solutions must be contained in pdf, doc or jpg files. We recommend to prepare the paper using computer or to scan it rather than to photograph it. *In the last two cases, please check readability of the file before sending.*

If you have any technical problems with uploading of the work, write to [geomolymp@mccme.ru](mailto:geomolymp@mccme.ru).

The solutions can also be sent by e-mail to the special address [geompapers@yandex.ru](mailto:geompapers@yandex.ru) (*If you send the work to another address the Organizing Committee can't guarantee that it will be received*). In this case the work also will be loaded to the server. We recommend the authors to do this themselves. If you send your work by e-mail, please follow a few simple rules:

1. *Each student sends his work in a separate message (with delivery notification).*
2. *If your work consists of several files, send it as an archive.*
3. *In the subject of the message write "The work for Sharygin olympiad", and present the following personal data in the body of your message:*

- *last name;*
- *all other names;*
- *E-mail, phone number, post address;*
- *the current number of your grade at school;*
- *the number of the last grade at your school;*
- *the number and/or the name and the mail address of your school;*
- *full names of your teachers in mathematics at school and/or of instructors of your extra math classes (if you attend additional math classes after school).*

If you have no possibility to send the work by e-mail, please inform the Organizing Committee to find a specific solution for this case.

Winners of the correspondence round, the students of three grades before the last grade, will be invited to the final round in Summer 2015 in Moscow region. (For instance, if the last grade is 12, then we invite winners from 9, 10, and 11 grade.) The students of the last grade, winners of the correspondence round, will be awarded by diplomas of the Olympiad. The list of the winners will be published on [www.geometry.ru](http://www.geometry.ru) at the end of May 2015. If you want to know your detailed results, please use e-mail.

1. (8) Tanya cut out a convex polygon from the paper, fold it several times and obtained a two-layers quadrilateral. Can the cutted polygon be a heptagon?
2. (8) Let  $O$  and  $H$  be the circumcenter and the orthocenter of a triangle  $ABC$ . The line passing through the midpoint of  $OH$  and parallel to  $BC$  meets  $AB$  and  $AC$  at points  $D$  and  $E$ . It is known that  $O$  is the incenter of triangle  $ADE$ . Find the angles of  $ABC$ .
3. (8) The side  $AD$  of a square  $ABCD$  is the base of an obtuse-angled isosceles triangle  $AED$  with vertex  $E$  lying inside the square. Let  $AF$  be a diameter of the circumcircle of this triangle, and  $G$  be a point on  $CD$  such that  $CG = DF$ . Prove that angle  $BGE$  is less than half of angle  $AED$ .
4. (8) In a parallelogram  $ABCD$  the trisectors of angles  $A$  and  $B$  are drawn. Let  $O$  be the common points of the trisectors nearest to  $AB$ . Let  $AO$  meet the second trisector of angle  $B$  at point  $A_1$ , and let  $BO$  meet the second trisector of angle  $A$  at point  $B_1$ . Let  $M$  be the midpoint of  $A_1B_1$ . Line  $MO$  meets  $AB$  at point  $N$ . Prove that triangle  $A_1B_1N$  is equilateral.
5. (8–9) Let a triangle  $ABC$  be given. Two circles passing through  $A$  touch  $BC$  at points  $B$  and  $C$  respectively. Let  $D$  be the second common point of these circles ( $A$  is closer to  $BC$  than  $D$ ). It is known that  $BC = 2BD$ . Prove that  $\angle DAB = 2\angle ADB$ .
6. (8–9) Let  $AA'$ ,  $BB'$  and  $CC'$  be the altitudes of an acute-angled triangle  $ABC$ . Points  $C_a$ ,  $C_b$  are symmetric to  $C'$  wrt  $AA'$  and  $BB'$ . Points  $A_b$ ,  $A_c$ ,  $B_c$ ,  $B_a$  are defined similarly. Prove that lines  $A_bB_a$ ,  $B_cC_b$  and  $C_aA_c$  are parallel.
7. (8–9) The altitudes  $AA_1$  and  $CC_1$  of a triangle  $ABC$  meet at point  $H$ . Point  $H_A$  is symmetric to  $H$  about  $A$ . Line  $H_AC_1$  meets  $BC$  at point  $C'$ ; point  $A'$  is defined similarly. Prove that  $A'C' \parallel AC$ .
8. (8–9) Diagonals of an isosceles trapezoid  $ABCD$  with bases  $BC$  and  $AD$  are perpendicular. Let  $DE$  be the perpendicular from  $D$  to  $AB$ , and let  $CF$  be the perpendicular from  $C$  to  $DE$ . Prove that angle  $DBF$  is equal to half of angle  $FCD$ .
9. (8–9) Let  $ABC$  be an acute-angled triangle. Construct points  $A'$ ,  $B'$ ,  $C'$  on its sides  $BC$ ,  $CA$ ,  $AB$  such that:
  - $A'B' \parallel AB$ ;
  - $C'C$  is the bisector of angle  $A'C'B'$ ;
  - $A'C' + B'C' = AB$ .
10. (8–9) The diagonals of a convex quadrilateral divide it into four similar triangles. Prove that is possible to inscribe a circle into this quadrilateral.

11. (8–10) Let  $H$  be the orthocenter of an acute-angled triangle  $ABC$ . The perpendicular bisector to segment  $BH$  meets  $BA$  and  $BC$  at points  $A_0, C_0$  respectively. Prove that the perimeter of triangle  $A_0OC_0$  ( $O$  is the circumcenter of  $\triangle ABC$ ) is equal to  $AC$ .
12. (8–11) Find the maximal number of discs which can be disposed on the plane so that each two of them have a common point and no three have it.
13. (9–10) Let  $AH_1, BH_2$  and  $CH_3$  be the altitudes of a triangle  $ABC$ . Point  $M$  is the midpoint of  $H_2H_3$ . Line  $AM$  meets  $H_2H_1$  at point  $K$ . Prove that  $K$  lies on the medial line of  $ABC$  parallel to  $AC$ .
14. (9–11) Let  $ABC$  be an acute-angled, nonisosceles triangle. Point  $A_1, A_2$  are symmetric to the feet of the internal and the external bisectors of angle  $A$  wrt the midpoint of  $BC$ . Segment  $A_1A_2$  is a diameter of a circle  $\alpha$ . Circles  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  are defined similarly. Prove that these three circles have two common points.
15. (9–11) The sidelengths of a triangle  $ABC$  are not greater than 1. Prove that  $p(1 - 2Rr)$  is not greater than 1, where  $p$  is the semiperimeter,  $R$  and  $r$  are the circumradius and the inradius of  $ABC$ .
16. (9–11) The diagonals of a convex quadrilateral divide it into four triangles. Restore the quadrilateral by the circumcenters of two adjacent triangles and the incenters of two mutually opposite triangles.
17. (10–11) Let  $O$  be the circumcenter of a triangle  $ABC$ . The projections of points  $D$  and  $X$  to the sidelines of the triangle lie on lines  $l$  and  $L$  such that  $l \parallel XO$ . Prove that the angles formed by  $L$  and by the diagonals of quadrilateral  $ABCD$  are equal.
18. (10–11) Let  $ABCDEF$  be a cyclic hexagon, points  $K, L, M, N$  be the common points of lines  $AB$  and  $CD$ ,  $AC$  and  $BD$ ,  $AF$  and  $DE$ ,  $AE$  and  $DF$  respectively. Prove that if three of these points are collinear then the fourth point lies on the same line.
19. (10–11) Let  $L$  and  $K$  be the feet of the internal and the external bisector of angle  $A$  of a triangle  $ABC$ . Let  $P$  be the common point of the tangents to the circumcircle of the triangle at  $B$  and  $C$ . The perpendicular from  $L$  to  $BC$  meets  $AP$  at point  $Q$ . Prove that  $Q$  lies on the medial line of triangle  $LKP$ .
20. (10–11) Given are a circle and an ellipse lying inside it with focus  $C$ . Find the locus of the circumcenters of triangles  $ABC$ , where  $AB$  is a chord of the circle touching the ellipse.
21. (10–11) A quadrilateral  $ABCD$  is inscribed into a circle  $\omega$  with center  $O$ . Let  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  be the midpoints of segments  $AB$  and  $CD$  respectively. Let  $\Omega$  be the circumcircle of triangle  $OM_1M_2$ . Let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  be the common points of  $\omega$  and  $\Omega$ , and  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  the second common points of  $\Omega$  with the circumcircles of triangles  $CDM_1$  and  $ABM_2$ . Prove that  $X_1X_2 \parallel Y_1Y_2$ .
22. (10–11) The faces of an icosahedron are painted into 5 colors in such a way that two faces painted into the same color have no common points, even a vertices. Prove that for any point lying inside the icosahedron the sums of the distances from this point to the red faces and the blue faces are equal.

23. (11) A tetrahedron  $ABCD$  is given. The incircles of triangles  $ABC$  and  $ABD$  with centers  $O_1, O_2$ , touch  $AB$  at points  $T_1, T_2$ . The plane  $\pi_{AB}$  passing through the midpoint of  $T_1T_2$  is perpendicular to  $O_1O_2$ . The planes  $\pi_{AC}, \pi_{BC}, \pi_{AD}, \pi_{BD}, \pi_{CD}$  are defined similarly. Prove that these six planes have a common point.
24. (11) The insphere of a tetrahedron  $ABCD$  with center  $O$  touches its faces at points  $A_1, B_1, C_1$  и  $D_1$ .
- a) Let  $P_a$  be a point such that its reflections in lines  $OB, OC$  and  $OD$  lie on plane  $BCD$ . Points  $P_b, P_c$  and  $P_d$  are defined similarly. Prove that lines  $A_1P_a, B_1P_b, C_1P_c$  and  $D_1P_d$  concur at some point  $P$ .
- b) Let  $I$  be the incenter of  $A_1B_1C_1D_1$  and  $A_2$  the common point of line  $A_1I$  with plane  $B_1C_1D_1$ . Points  $B_2, C_2, D_2$  are defined similarly. Prove that  $P$  lies inside  $A_2B_2C_2D_2$ .

# XI GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF I.F.SHARYGIN THE CORRESPONDENCE ROUND. SOLUTIONS

1. (T.Kazitzyna) Tanya cut out a convex polygon from the paper, folded it several times and obtained a two-layers quadrilateral. Can the cut polygon be a heptagon?

**Solution.** Yes, for example let angle  $B$  of a quadrilateral  $ABCD$  be obtuse, and three remaining angles be acute. Take a point  $K$  on side  $CD$  such that  $\angle CBK < 180^\circ - \angle B$ . Let points  $B_1, K_1$  be symmetric to  $B, K$  about  $AD$ , and point  $K_2$  be symmetric to  $K$  about  $BC$ . Then a heptagon  $ABK_2CDK_1B_1$  is convex, and folding it by lines  $BC$  and  $AD$ , we obtain two-layers quadrilateral  $ABCD$  (fig.1).

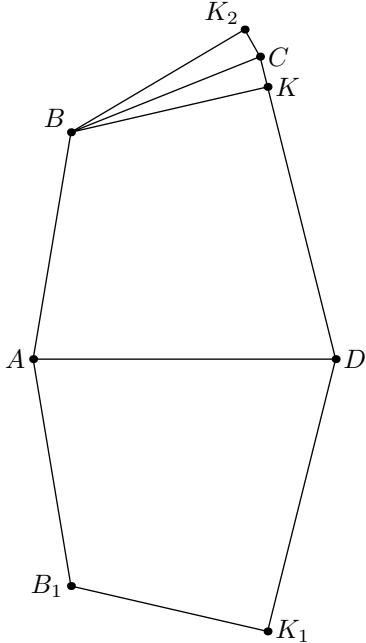


Fig.1

2. (M.Rozhkova) Let  $O$  and  $H$  be the circumcenter and the orthocenter of a triangle  $ABC$  respectively. The line passing through the midpoint of  $OH$  and parallel to  $BC$  meets  $AB$  and  $AC$  at points  $D$  and  $E$  respectively. It is known that  $O$  is the incenter of triangle  $ADE$ . Find the angles of  $ABC$ .

**Answer.**  $\angle A = 36^\circ$ ,  $\angle B = \angle C = 72^\circ$ .

**Solution.** By the condition we obtain that  $AO$  is the bisector of angle  $A$ , i.e.  $AB = AC$ . Then  $ODHE$  is a rhombus,  $\angle ODH = 2\angle ODE = \angle B$ ,  $\angle DOH = \angle DHO = 90^\circ - \frac{\angle B}{2} = \angle BHD$ .

Let the line passing through  $H$  and parallel to  $AC$  meet  $AB$  at point  $K$ . Since  $\angle HKB = \angle A = \angle HOB$ , points  $H, O, K, B$  are concyclic. Since angle  $KHB$  is right, the center of the corresponding circle lies on  $AB$ , thus it coincides with  $D$  (fig.2). Therefore,  $\angle HBD = \angle BHD = 90^\circ - \frac{\angle B}{2}$ . On the other hand this angle is equal to  $\angle B - \frac{\angle A}{2}$ , from this we obtain the answer.

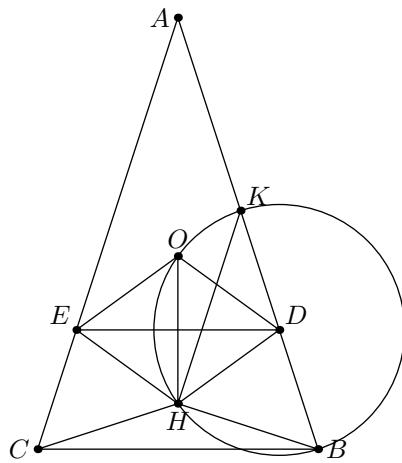


Fig.2

3. (N.Moskvitin) The side  $AD$  of a square  $ABCD$  is the base of an obtuse-angled isosceles triangle  $AED$  with vertex  $E$  lying inside the square. Let  $AF$  be a diameter of the circumcircle of this triangle, and  $G$  be a point on  $CD$  such that  $CG = DF$ . Prove that angle  $BGE$  is less than half of angle  $AED$ .

**Solution.** It is clear that  $F$  lies on sideline  $CD$ . Since  $CG = DF$ , we have  $FG = CD = AB$ , i.e.  $ABGF$  is a parallelogram, and  $\angle BGD = 180^\circ - \angle AFD = \angle AED$ . Thus we have to prove that  $\angle BGE < \angle EGD$  or the distance from  $E$  to  $BG$  is less than its distance to  $CD$ . But the distances from  $E$  to  $CD$  and  $AF$  are equal, because  $FE$  bisects angle  $DFA$ , thus it is sufficient to prove that  $E$  is closer to  $BG$ , than to  $AF$ .

A line through  $E$  parallel to  $AB$  meets  $AF$  at the center  $O$  of circle  $AED$  (fig.3). Therefore,  $EO > AD/2 = AB/2$ , which is equivalent to the desired inequality.

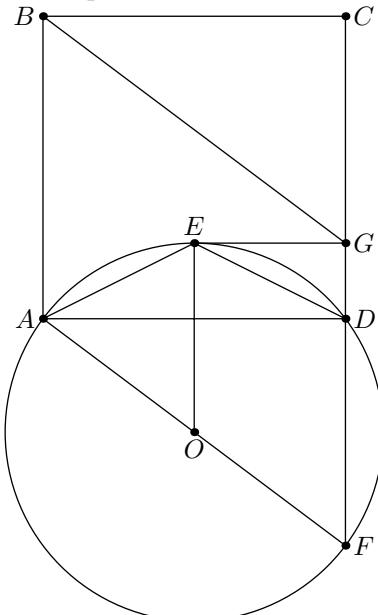


Fig.3

4. (L.Shteyngarts) In a parallelogram  $ABCD$  the trisectors of angles  $A$  and  $B$  are drawn. Let  $O$  be the common points of the trisectors nearest to  $AB$ . Let  $AO$  meet the second trisector of angle  $B$  at point  $A_1$ , and let  $BO$  meet the second trisector of angle  $A$  at point

$B_1$ . Let  $M$  be the midpoint of  $A_1B_1$ . Line  $MO$  meets  $AB$  at point  $N$ . Prove that triangle  $A_1B_1N$  is equilateral.

**Solution.** Let  $K$  be a common point of two remote trisectors. Then in triangle  $ABK$   $\angle K = 60^\circ$ , and  $AA_1$  and  $BB_1$  are its bisectors. Since  $\angle A_1OB_1 = 120^\circ$ , quadrilateral  $A_1KB_1O$  is cyclic, and since  $KO$  bisects angle  $K$ , we obtain that  $OA_1 = OB_1$ . Therefore,  $\angle MOA_1 = 60^\circ = \angle A_1OB = \angle BON$ . This yields that  $ON = OA_1$  and  $A_1N = A_1B_1 = B_1N$  (fig.4).

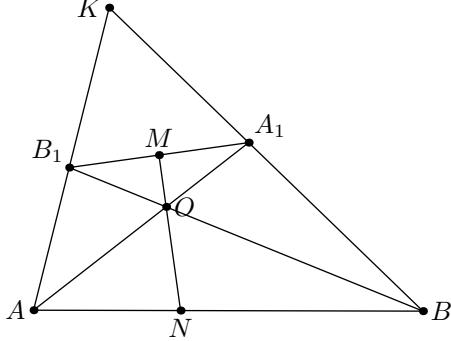


Fig.4

5. (V.Yassinsky) Let a triangle  $ABC$  be given. Two circles passing through  $A$  touch  $BC$  at points  $B$  and  $C$  respectively. Let  $D$  be the second common point of these circles ( $A$  is closer to  $BC$  than  $D$ ). It is known that  $BC = 2BD$ . Prove that  $\angle DAB = 2\angle ADB$ .

**Solution.** Since  $AD$  is a radical axis of two circles it meets segment  $BC$  at its midpoint  $M$ . Then  $BM = BD$  and  $\angle ADB = \angle DMB$ . But  $\angle ABM = \angle ADB$  as the angle between the chord and the tangent. By the exterior angle theorem  $\angle DAB = \angle ABM + \angle AMB = 2\angle ADB$  (fig.5).

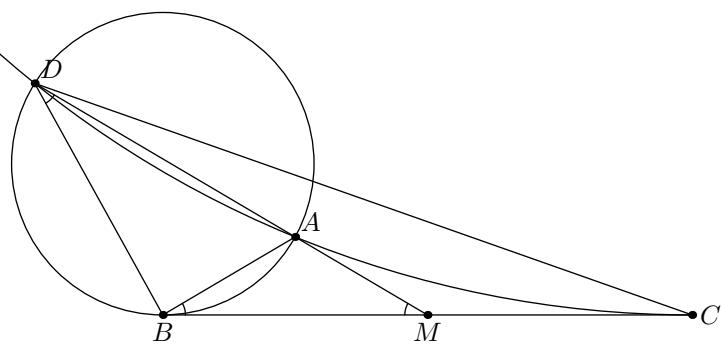


Fig.5

6. (A.Zaslavsky) Let  $AA'$ ,  $BB'$  and  $CC'$  be the altitudes of an acute-angled triangle  $ABC$ . Points  $C_a$ ,  $C_b$  are symmetric to  $C'$  about  $AA'$  and  $BB'$  respectively. Points  $A_b$ ,  $A_c$ ,  $B_c$ ,  $B_a$  are defined similarly. Prove that lines  $A_bB_a$ ,  $B_cC_b$  and  $C_aA_c$  are parallel.

**First solution.** Firstly prove next lemma.

Let points  $Y'$ ,  $X'$  on sides  $XZ$ ,  $YZ$  of triangle  $XYZ$  be such that  $XY' = XY = X'Y$ . Then  $X'Y' \perp OI$ , where  $O$  and  $I$  are the circumcenter and the incenter of the triangle.

To prove the lemma it is sufficient to see that  $X'O^2 - Y'O^2 = X'I^2 - Y'I^2$ . Let  $x, y, z$  be the sidelengths of  $YZ$ ,  $ZX$ ,  $XY$ ;  $X_0$  be the midpoint of  $YZ$ . Then  $X'O^2 - OY^2 = X'X_0^2 - YX_0^2 = (z - x/2)^2 - (x/2)^2 = z(z - x)$ . Similarly  $Y'O^2 - OX^2 = z(z - y)$ .

Also,  $X'I^2 = r^2 + (z - (p - y))^2 = r^2 + (p - x)^2$ ,  $Y'I^2 = r^2 + (p - y)^2$ . Therefore,  $X'O^2 - Y'O^2 = X'I^2 - Y'I^2 = z(y - x)$ .

Now note that  $A'A$ ,  $B'B$ ,  $C'C$  are the bisectors of triangle  $A'B'C'$ . Thus, for example, points  $A_b$ ,  $B_a$  lie on  $B'C'$ ,  $A'C'$  respectively and  $B'A_b = A'B_a = A'B'$ . By the lemma  $A_bB_a$  is perpendicular to the line passing through the circumcenter and the incenter of triangle  $A'B'C'$ . Lines  $B_cC_b$  and  $A_cC_a$  are also perpendicular to this line, therefore these three lines are parallel.

**Second solution.** By previous solution  $B_a$  lies on  $A'C'$ ,  $C_a$  lies on  $A'B'$ ,  $A_b$  and  $A_c$  lie on  $B'C'$ . Since  $A'B_a = A'B'$  and  $A'C_a = A'C'$ , we obtain that  $B'B_a \parallel C'C_a$ , thus  $B'B_a/C'C_a = A'B'/A'C' = B'A_b/C'A_c$ . Therefore triangles  $B'A_bB_a$  and  $A_cC_aC'$  are similar,  $\angle B_aA_bB' = \angle C_aA_cC'$  and  $A_bB_a \parallel A_cC_a$ . Similarly we prove that  $B_cC_b$  is parallel to these lines.

7. (D.Shvetsov) The altitudes  $AA_1$  and  $CC_1$  of a triangle  $ABC$  meet at point  $H$ . Point  $H_A$  is symmetric to  $H$  about  $A$ . Line  $H_AC_1$  meets  $BC$  at point  $C'$ ; point  $A'$  is defined similarly. Prove that  $A'C' \parallel AC$ .

**Solution.** Since triangles  $AHC_1$  and  $CHA_1$  are similar, triangles  $AH_AC_1$  and  $CH_C A_1$  are also similar i.e.  $\angle A'C_1B = \angle C'A_1B$ . Therefore points  $A_1$ ,  $C_1$ ,  $A'$ ,  $C'$  are concyclic and lines  $A_1C_1$  and  $A'C'$  are antiparallel wrt angle  $B$ . Since  $A_1C_1$  and  $AC$  are also antiparallel,  $A'C' \parallel AC$  (fig.7).

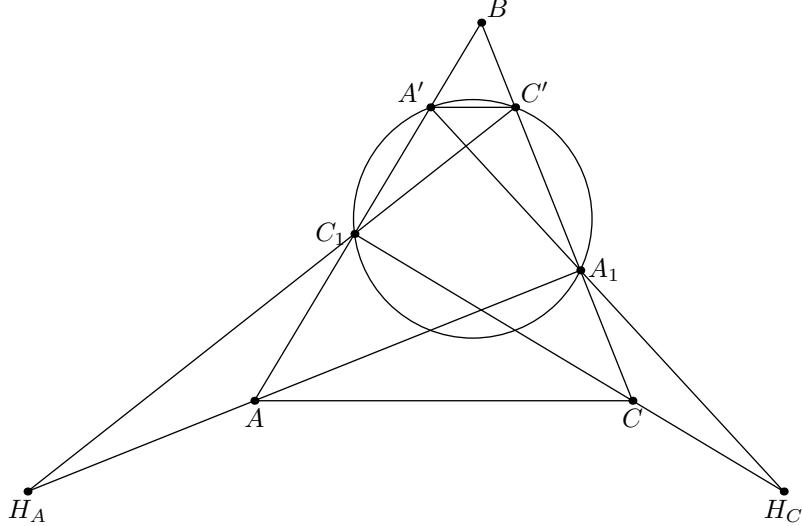


Fig.7

8. (N.Moskvitin) Diagonals of an isosceles trapezoid  $ABCD$  with bases  $BC$  and  $AD$  are perpendicular. Let  $DE$  be the perpendicular from  $D$  to  $AB$ , and let  $CF$  be the perpendicular from  $C$  to  $DE$ . Prove that angle  $DBF$  is equal to half of angle  $FCD$ .

**Solution.** By condition  $\angle EDB = 45^\circ - (90^\circ - \angle A) = \angle A - 45^\circ = \angle BDC$ . Thus the distances from  $B$  to lines  $DE$  and  $DC$  are equal. Since the trapezoid is isosceles, the distance from  $B$  to  $DC$  is equal to the distance from  $C$  to  $AB$ , which is equal to the distance from  $B$  to line  $AB$  parallel to  $CF$ . Therefore,  $BF$  bisects angle  $CFE$  and  $\angle BFC = 45^\circ$ . Let the perpendicular to  $BF$  from  $F$  meet  $BD$  at point  $K$ . Then  $\angle CFK = \angle CBK = 45^\circ$ , thus  $BFKC$  is a cyclic quadrilateral and  $CK \perp BC$ . Since  $CF \parallel AB$ , altitude  $CK$  bisects angle  $FCD$ , and from cyclic quadrilateral  $BFKC$  we obtain that  $\angle DBF = \angle KCF = \angle FCD/2$  (fig.8).

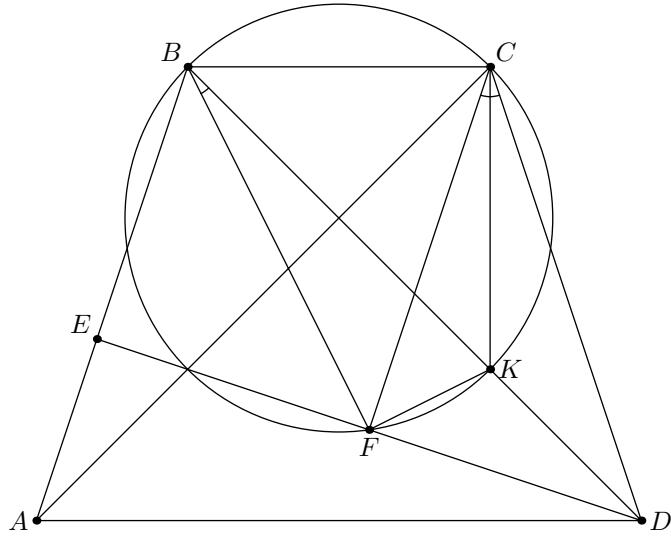


Fig.8

9. (a.Zaslavsky) Let  $ABC$  be an acute-angled triangle. Construct points  $A'$ ,  $B'$ ,  $C'$  on its sides  $BC$ ,  $CA$ ,  $AB$  such that:

- $A'B' \parallel AB$ ;
- $C'C$  is the bisector of angle  $A'C'B'$ ;
- $A'C' + B'C' = AB$ .

**Solution.** Let  $L$  be a common point of  $CC'$  and  $A'B'$ . Then  $BC'/AC' = A'L/B'L = A'C'/B'C'$  and since  $A'C' + B'C' = AB$  we obtain that  $BC' = C'A'$ ,  $AC' = C'B'$ . Thus the reflections of  $C'$  in  $AC$  and  $BC$  lie on  $A'B'$  and line  $CC'$  is symmetric to the altitude from  $C$  about the correspondent bisector i.e.  $CC'$  passes through the orthocenter of the given triangle (fig.9). The further construction is evident.

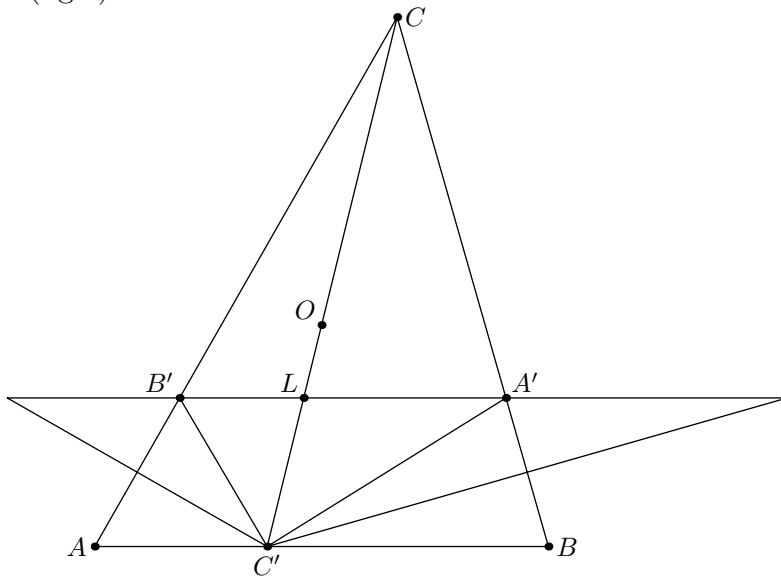


Fig.9

10. (B.Frenkin) The diagonals of a convex quadrilateral divide it into four similar triangles. Prove that it is possible to inscribe a circle into this quadrilateral.

**Solution.** Let the diagonals of a quadrilateral  $ABCD$  meet at point  $L$ . If for example angle  $ALB$  is obtuse, then it is greater than any angle of triangle  $BLC$  and two adjacent

triangles can not be similar. Therefore the diagonals are perpendicular. Now if  $\angle ABL = \angle CBL$  then  $BL$  is an altitude and a bisector of triangle  $ABC$ , thus it is also a median and  $AB = BC$ . Then  $DL$  is an altitude and a median of triangle  $ADC$ , therefore  $AD = DC$  and the quadrilateral is circumscribed.

If angles  $ABL$  and  $CBL$  are not equal then their sum is equal to  $90^\circ$ . If  $\angle BCL = \angle DCL$  then reason as above. Else  $ABCD$  is a rectangle with perpendicular diagonals, i.e. a square. Therefore a circle can be inscribed into it.

11. (A.Sokolov) Let  $H$  be the orthocenter of an acute-angled triangle  $ABC$ . The perpendicular bisector to segment  $BH$  meets  $BA$  and  $BC$  at points  $A_0, C_0$  respectively. Prove that the perimeter of triangle  $A_0OC_0$  ( $O$  is the circumcenter of  $\triangle ABC$ ) is equal to  $AC$ .

**Solution.** It is known that the reflections of  $H$  in the sidelines of a triangle lie on its circumcircle, i.e. the distances from them to  $O$  are equal to the circumradius  $R$ . Therefore the distances from  $H$  to points  $O_a, O_c$ , symmetric to  $O$  about  $BC$  and  $BA$ , are also equal to  $R$ . Since  $BO_a = BO_c = R$ , points  $O_a, O_c$  lie on  $A_0C_0$ . Also  $BOCO_a$  and  $BOAO_c$  are rhombus, thus  $CO_a \parallel OB \parallel AO_c$ , i.e.  $ACO_aO_c$  is a parallelogram and  $O_aO_c = AC$ . But by construction  $O_aO_c$  is equal to the perimeter of  $A_0OC_0$  (fig.11).

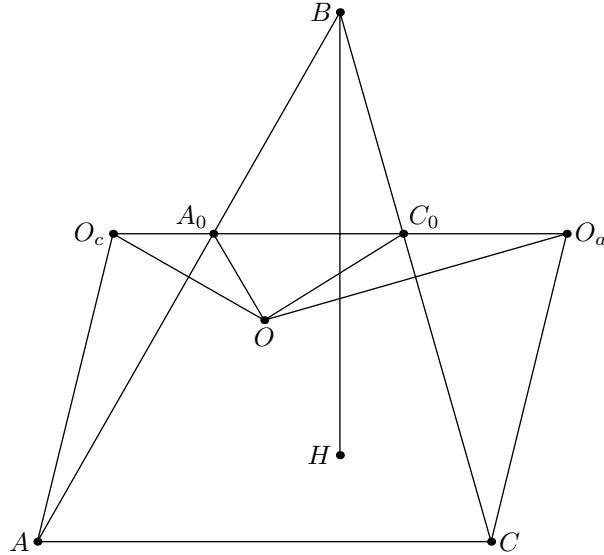


Fig.11

12. (A.Zaslavsky) Find the maximal number of discs which can be disposed on the plane so that each two of them have a common point and no three have it.

**Answer.** 4.

**Solution.** Consider one from  $n$  discs. Let  $A_iB_i$  be its common chords with the remaining discs. Since three discs do not intersect we obtain that for all  $i$  one of arcs  $A_iB_i$  does not contain the endpoints of the remaining chords. Cutting from each disc the segments limited by such arcs, we obtain  $n$  convex figures, each two of them have a common boundary. It is known that at most four such figures can exist on the plane. It is clear that four discs can satisfy the condition.

13. (A.Rudenko, D.Khilko) Let  $AH_1, BH_2$  and  $CH_3$  be the altitudes of a triangle  $ABC$ . Point  $M$  is the midpoint of  $H_2H_3$ . Line  $AM$  meets  $H_2H_3$  at point  $K$ . Prove that  $K$  lies on the medial line of  $ABC$  parallel to  $AC$ .

**Solution.** Let  $P$  be the projection of  $H_3$  to  $AC$ . Triangle  $H_3PH_2$  is right-angled, and  $M$  is the midpoint of its hypotenuse, thus  $MP = MH_2$  and  $\angle MPH_2 = \angle MH_2A$ . It is known that  $\angle ABC = \angle H_1H_2P = \angle H_3H_2A$ , therefore  $MP \parallel KH_2$ . From this we obtain that  $\frac{AM}{AK} = \frac{AP}{AH_2}$ . Triangles  $AH_2H_3$  and  $ABC$  are similar, thus  $\frac{AP}{AH_2} = \frac{AH_3}{AB}$ . Then  $\frac{AM}{AK} = \frac{AP}{AH_2} = \frac{AH_3}{AB}$ , and  $H_3M \parallel BK$  (fig.13). Also  $\angle H_3H_2B = 90^\circ - H_3H_2A = 90^\circ - H_1H_2C = \angle BH_2K$ . Therefore  $\angle H_2BK = \angle H_3H_2B = \angle BH_2K$ , and triangle  $BH_2K$  is isosceles. It is clear that the medial line parallel to  $AC$  is the perpendicular bisector to  $BH_2$ . Thus it passes through  $K$ .

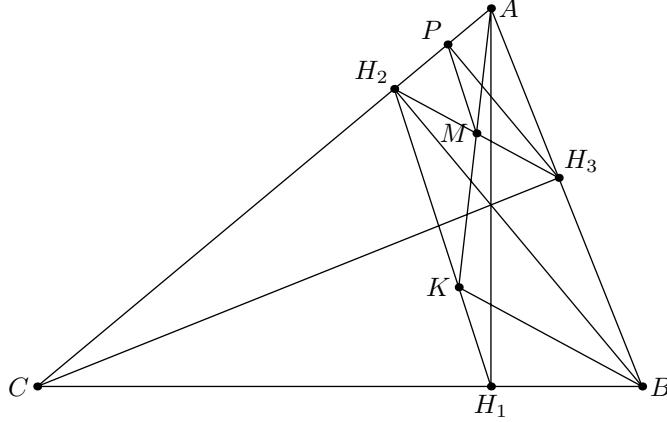


Fig.13

14. (A.Myakishev) Let  $ABC$  be an acute-angled, nonisosceles triangle. Point  $A_1, A_2$  are symmetric to the feet of the internal and the external bisectors of angle  $A$  wrt the midpoint of  $BC$ . Segment  $A_1A_2$  is a diameter of a circle  $\alpha$ . Circles  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  are defined similarly. Prove that these three circles have two common points.

**Solution.** It is known that the circles having the feet of internal and external bisectors as opposite points are perpendicular to the circumcircle. Thus circles  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  symmetric to them about the diameters of the circumcircles are also perpendicular to it, i.e. the degrees of the circumcenter  $O$  wrt these three circles are equal. Since the midpoints of the segments between the feet of the bisectors are concurrent, the centers of three circles are also concurrent by the Menelaos theorem. The perpendicular from  $O$  to the correspondent line is the common radical axis of three circles, therefore they have two common points.

15. (V.Yassinsky) The sidelengths of a triangle  $ABC$  are not greater than 1. Prove that  $p(1-2Rr)$  is not greater than 1, where  $p$  is the semiperimeter,  $R$  and  $r$  are the circumradius and the inradius of  $ABC$ .

**Solution.** Since the area of a triangle with sidelengths  $a, b, c$  is equal to  $abc/4R = pr$ , the desired inequality is equivalent to  $a + b + c - abc \leq 2$ . But

$$a + b + c - abc = a + b + c(1 - ab) \leq a + b + 1 - ab = 1 + a + b(1 - a) \leq 1 + a + 1 - a = 2.$$

16. (B.Frenkin) The diagonals of a convex quadrilateral divide it into four triangles. Restore the quadrilateral by the circumcenters of two adjacent triangles and the incenters of two mutually opposite triangles.

**First solution.** Let  $L$  be a common point of the diagonals of quadrilateral  $ABCD$ ;  $O, I$  be the circumcenter and the incenter of triangle  $LAB$ ;  $O', I'$  be the circumcenter of triangle  $LAD$ ;  $I'$  be the incenter of triangle  $LCD$ . Then  $OO'$  is the perpendicular bisector to  $LA$ ,

and  $II'$  contains the bisector of angle  $LAB$ . Thus we can define the directions of lines  $LA$ ,  $LB$  and construct the perpendicular bisector to  $LB$ .

Let  $X, Y, Z$  be the midpoints of arcs  $LA, LB, AB$  of circle  $LAB$ . Then  $I$  is the orthocenter of triangle  $XYZ$  and since we know angle  $ALB$  we can find angle  $XIY$ . Denote this angle as  $\varphi$ . Now we have to solve next problem.

An angle with vertex  $O$  and a point  $I$  are given. Construct on the sides of the angle such points  $X, Y$  that  $OX = OY$  and  $\angle XIY = \varphi$ .

Take on the sides of the angles two arbitrary points  $X_1, Y_1$  such that  $OX_1 = OY_1$  and find such point  $I_1$  on ray  $OI$  that  $\angle X_1 I_1 Y_1 = \varphi$ . The homothety with center  $O$ , transforming  $I_1$  to  $I$ , transforms  $X_1, Y_1$  to the desired points. The further construction is evident.

**Second solution.** In the notations of previous solution it is sufficient to find point  $L$ . In fact  $OO'$  is the perpendicular bisector to  $AL$ , and  $II'$  is the bisector of angle  $ALB$ . Constructing the perpendicular from  $L$  to  $OO'$  we find line  $AL$ . Reflecting it about  $II'$  we obtain line  $BL$ . Constructing a circle passing through  $L$  with center  $O$  we find  $A$  and  $B$  as its common points with  $AL$  and  $BL$ . The circle through  $L$  with center  $O'$  meets  $BL$  at  $D$ . Now construct the circle with center  $I'$ , touching  $AL$  and  $BL$ , the tangent to this circle from  $D$  meets  $AL$  at  $C$ .

To find  $L$  use the trident theorem: a common point of the perpendicular bisector to a side of a triangle with its circumcircle lies on equal distances from the incenter and the endpoints of the side. Take an arbitrary circle  $\omega_1$  with center  $O$ . Let it meet  $OO'$  at point  $K$ . Constructing the perpendicular from  $K$  to  $II'$  and reflecting  $\omega_1$  about it, we obtain circle  $\omega_2$ . Let  $OI$  meet  $\omega_2$  at point  $I_1$ . Reflecting  $I_1$  about this perpendicular, we obtain point  $L'$  on  $\omega_1$ . The homothety with center  $O$ , transforming  $I_1$  to  $I$ , transforms  $L'$  to  $L$ .

17. (F.Nilov) Let  $O$  be the circumcenter of a triangle  $ABC$ . The projections of points  $D$  and  $X$  to the sidelines of the triangle lie on lines  $l$  and  $L$  such that  $l \parallel XO$ . Prove that the angles formed by  $L$  and by the diagonals of quadrilateral  $ABCD$  are equal.

**Solution.** By condition  $D$  and  $X$  lie on the circumcircle of  $ABC$ , and  $l$  and  $L$  are its Simson lines. Let chords  $CC'$ ,  $DD'$  and  $XX'$  be parallel to  $AB$ . By Simson lines properties  $l$  and  $OX$  are perpendicular to  $CD'$ , and  $L \perp CX'$ . Thus we have to prove that arcs  $X'D$  and  $X'C'$  are equal. But these arcs are equal to  $D'X$  and  $CX$  respectively, and the equality of these two arcs is evident (fig.17).

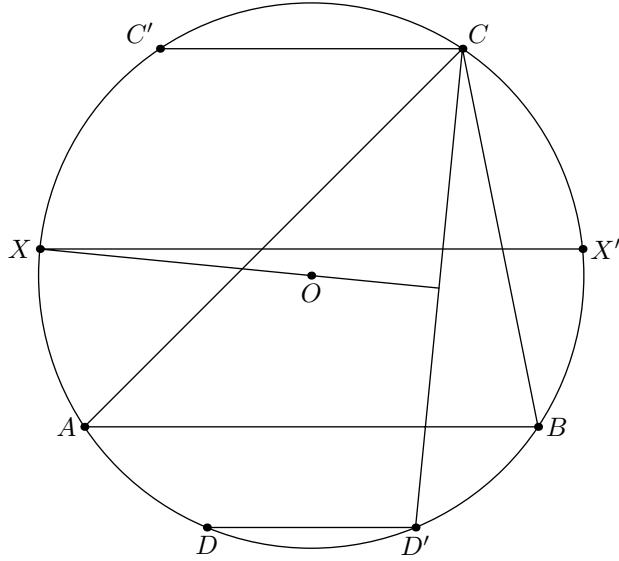


Fig.17

18. (V.Yassinsky) Let  $ABCDEF$  be a cyclic hexagon, points  $K, L, M, N$  be the common points of lines  $AB$  and  $CD$ ,  $AC$  and  $BD$ ,  $AF$  and  $DE$ ,  $AE$  and  $DF$  respectively. Prove that if three of these points are collinear then the fourth point lies on the same line.

**Solution.** Consider a projective map saving the circumcircle and transforming  $L$  to its center. It transforms  $ABCD$  and  $KL$  to a rectangle and its symmetry axis respectively. If one of points  $M, N$  lies on this axis then  $E$  and  $F$  are symmetric about it, therefore the remaining point also lies on  $KL$ .

19. (F.Ivlev) Let  $L$  and  $K$  be the feet of the internal and the external bisector of angle  $A$  of a triangle  $ABC$ . Let  $P$  be the common point of the tangents to the circumcircle of the triangle at  $B$  and  $C$ . The perpendicular from  $L$  to  $BC$  meets  $AP$  at point  $Q$ . Prove that  $Q$  lies on the medial line of triangle  $LKP$ .

**Solution.** Since  $BC$  is the polar of  $P$  wrt the circumcircle  $\omega$  of triangle  $ABC$  we obtain that  $P$  lies on the polar of  $L$ . Since the quadruple  $B, C, L, K$  is harmonic,  $K$  also lies on the polar of  $L$ . Therefore  $KP$  is the polar of  $L$  wrt  $\omega$ , and the medial line of triangle  $KLP$  is the radical axis of  $\omega$  and  $L$ . Prove that  $Q$  also lies on this axis.

Let  $M$  be the midpoint of  $KL$ . Since  $M$  is the center of circle  $AKL$  perpendicular to  $\omega$ ,  $M$  lies on the polar of  $A$ . But  $M$  also lies on the polar of  $P$ , thus  $AP$  is the polar of  $M$  wrt  $\omega$  and the common chord of  $\omega$  and circle  $AKL$ . But  $LQ$  is the radical axis of circle  $AKL$  and  $L$ , therefore,  $Q$  is the common point of three radical axes.

20. (A.Zaslavsky) A circle and an ellipse lying inside it with a focus  $C$  are given. Find the locus of the circumcenters of triangles  $ABC$ , where  $AB$  is a chord of the circle touching the ellipse.

**Solution.** Let  $CH$  be an altitude of triangle  $ABC$ . Then  $H$  lies on the circle having the greatest axis of the ellipse as diameter. Let  $O$  and  $R$  be the center and the radius of the given circle, and  $O'$  be the circumcenter of  $ABC$ . Using the cosine law to triangles  $AO'O$  and  $AO'C$ , we have  $R^2 = O'A^2 + O'O^2 - 2O'A \cdot O'O \cos \angle AO'O$ ,  $OC^2 = O'C^2 + O'O^2 - 2O'C \cdot O'O \cos \angle CO'O$ . Since  $O'O \parallel CH$  and  $O'A = O'C$ , we obtain subtracting the second equality from the first one that  $R^2 - OC^2 = 2O'O \cdot CH$ .

Let the translation to vector  $CO$  transform  $H$  to  $H'$ . Then  $O, H'$  and  $O'$  are collinear and  $OH' \cdot OO' = (R^2 - OC^2)/2$  do not depend on  $AB$ . Therefore  $O'$  and  $H'$  are symmetric about some circle concentric with the given one. Since the locus of points  $H'$  is a circle, The desired locus is also a circle.

21. (A.Yakubov) A quadrilateral  $ABCD$  is inscribed into a circle  $\omega$  with center  $O$ . Let  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  be the midpoints of segments  $AB$  and  $CD$  respectively. Let  $\Omega$  be the circumcircle of triangle  $OM_1M_2$ . Let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  be the common points of  $\omega$  and  $\Omega$ , and  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  the second common points of  $\Omega$  with the circumcircles of triangles  $CDM_1$  and  $ABM_2$ . Prove that  $X_1X_2 \parallel Y_1Y_2$ .

**Solution.** Let  $K$  be a common point of  $AB$  and  $CD$ . Since angles  $OM_1K$  and  $OM_2K$  are right,  $OK$  is a diameter of  $\Omega$ . Since arcs  $OX_1$  and  $OX_2$  of this circle are equal it is sufficient to prove that arcs  $KY_1$  and  $KY_2$  are also equal, or  $\angle KM_1Y_1 = \angle KM_2Y_2$ .

Let  $N_1, N_2$  be the second common points of circles  $CDM_1$  and  $ABM_2$  with  $AB$  and  $CD$  respectively. Then  $KM_1 \cdot KN_1 = KC \cdot KD = KA \cdot KB$ , therefore,  $N_1K \cdot N_1M_1 = N_1A \cdot N_1B$ . Thus the powers of  $N_1$  wrt circles  $\Omega$  and  $ABM_2$  are equal, i.e.  $N_1$  lies on  $M_2Y_2$ . Similarly  $N_2$  lies on  $M_1Y_1$  (fig.21). But it is clear that quadrilateral  $M_1M_2N_2N_1$  is cyclic, which yields the desired equality.

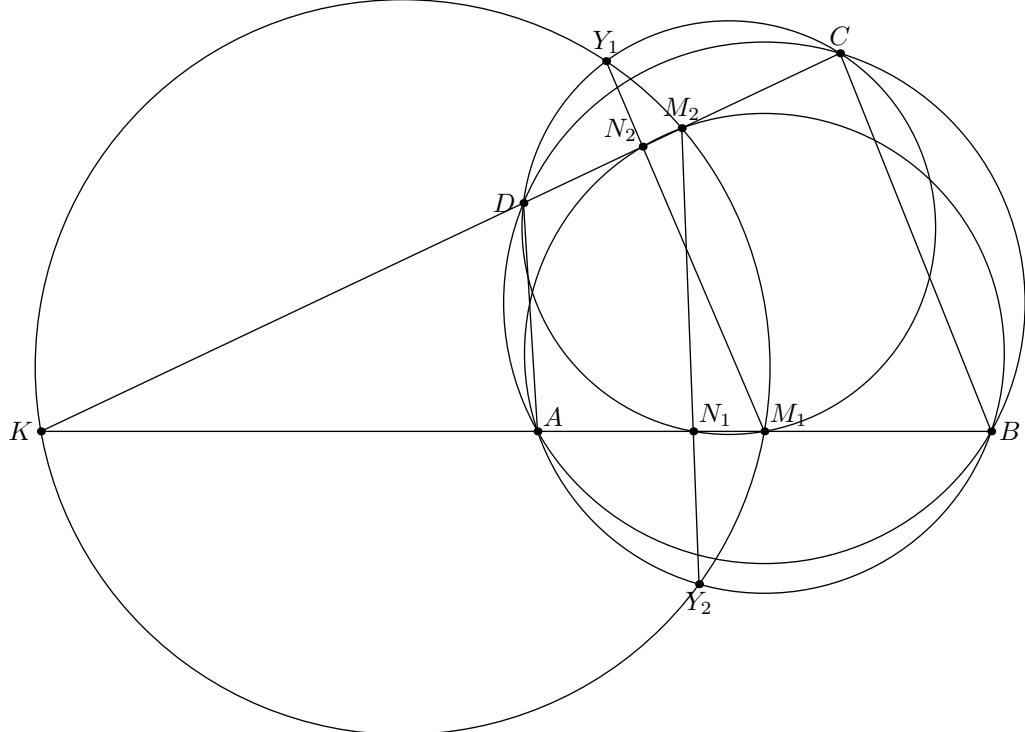


Fig.21

22. (A.Belov-Kanel) The faces of an icosahedron are painted into 5 colors in such a way that two faces painted into the same color have no common points, even vertices. Prove that for any point lying inside the icosahedron the sums of the distances from this point to the red faces and to the blue faces are equal.

**Solution.** Prove that there exists a unique coloring satisfying the condition. Call the distance between two faces the minimal number of edges intersecting in the path from one face to the second one. Then the distance between two opposite faces is equal to

5. Also there exist 3 faces with distances 1 and 4 from any fixed face, and 6 faces with distances 2 and 3 from it.

Consider one of red faces. The faces with distances 1 or 2 from it can not be red. If the opposite face is red, then all remaining faces can not be red. If there exists a red face with distance 4 from the initial one, then there are only two faces without common vertices with two red faces. Since these two faces are adjacent only one from them can be red. Finally only three faces with distance 3 from the considered one can be red simultaneously. Thus there exists at most four red faces. This is also correct for all remaining colors, therefore there are exactly four faces of each color. The planes of four monochromatic faces form a regular tetrahedron. But for any point inside a tetrahedron the sum of the distances from it to the faces is equal to the altitude of the tetrahedron. This evidently yields the assertion of the problem.

23. (M.Yagudin) A tetrahedron  $ABCD$  is given. The incircles of triangles  $ABC$  and  $ABD$  with centers  $O_1, O_2$ , touch  $AB$  at points  $T_1, T_2$ . The plane  $\pi_{AB}$  passing through the midpoint of  $T_1T_2$  is perpendicular to  $O_1O_2$ . The planes  $\pi_{AC}, \pi_{BC}, \pi_{AD}, \pi_{BD}, \pi_{CD}$  are defined similarly. Prove that these six planes have a common point.

**Solution.** Consider four spheres having those circles as diametral sections. Then for example  $\pi_{AB}$  is the radical plane of two spheres touching  $AB$ , therefore it contains the radical center of four spheres. The remaining planes also pass through this point.

24. (N.Beluhov) The insphere of a tetrahedron  $ABCD$  with center  $O$  touches its faces at points  $A_1, B_1, C_1$  and  $D_1$ .

a) Let  $P_a$  be a point such that its reflections in lines  $OB, OC$  and  $OD$  lie on plane  $BCD$ . Points  $P_b, P_c$  and  $P_d$  are defined similarly. Prove that lines  $A_1P_a, B_1P_b, C_1P_c$  and  $D_1P_d$  concur at some point  $P$ .

b) Let  $I$  be the incenter of  $A_1B_1C_1D_1$  and  $A_2$  the common point of line  $A_1I$  with plane  $B_1C_1D_1$ . Points  $B_2, C_2, D_2$  are defined similarly. Prove that  $P$  lies inside  $A_2B_2C_2D_2$ .

**Solution.** a) Let  $B_a$  be such a point that  $A_1B_a$  is a diameter in the circumcircle of  $\triangle A_1C_1D_1$  with center  $O_b$  and radius  $R_B$ . Define  $C_a, D_a, O_b, \dots$  and so on similarly. Let also the inscribed sphere of  $ABCD$  be  $\omega$ , and its inradius be  $r$ . Finally, denote by  $d_a(X)$  the distance from a point  $X$  to the plane  $(B_1C_1D_1)$ , and similarly for  $d_b(X)$  and so on.

By symmetry,  $B_a$  is the reflection of  $A_1$  in  $BO$ . So, since the plane  $(BCD)$  touches  $\omega$ ,  $P_aB_a$  also touches  $\omega$ . Let  $Q$  be the projection of  $P_a$  in the plane  $(A_1C_1D_1)$ . We see that  $\angle P_aB_aO = 90^\circ \Rightarrow \triangle P_aQB_a \sim \triangle B_aO_aO \Rightarrow d_b(P_a) : R_B = P_aB_a : r$ . Analogously,  $d_c(P_a) : R_C = P_aC_a : r$  and  $d_d(P_a) : R_D = P_aD_a : r$ . Since  $P_aB_a = P_aC_a = P_aD_a$  (as tangents to a sphere), this means that the distances from  $P_a$  to the faces of the tetrahedron  $A_1B_1C_1D_1$  are in ratios  $d_b(P_a) : d_c(P_a) : d_d(P_a) = R_B : R_C : R_D$ . Analogous reasoning shows that the distances from  $P_b$  to the corresponding faces of the same tetrahedron are in ratios  $R_A : R_C : R_D$ , and so on for  $P_c$  and  $P_d$ .

But the locus of the points whose distances to three given planes are in given ratios is a line through the intersection of these planes, and the locus of the points whose distances to two given planes are in given ratio is a plane through the intersection of these planes. Thus, the lines  $A_1P_a$  and  $B_1P_b$  lie in the same plane and intersect in some point  $P$ . By the loci argument, this point also lies in the lines  $C_1P_c$  and  $D_1P_d$ .

b) Notice that the interior of the tetrahedron  $A_2B_2C_2D_2$  is the locus of the points  $X$  such that the four inequalities hold:  $d_a(X) + d_b(X) + d_c(X) \geq 2d_d(X)$ ,  $d_b(X) + d_c(X) + d_d(X) \geq 2d_a(X)$ , and so on. This is easy to see using barycentric coordinates with respect to  $A_1B_1C_1D_1$ . Indeed, if  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  and  $\delta$  are the coordinates of some point  $X$ , and  $d_A$  and so on denote the equal distances from  $A_2$  to the three corresponding faces of  $A_1B_1C_1D_1$ , then  $d_a(X) = \beta d_B + \gamma d_C + \delta d_D$  and so on, yielding  $3\alpha d_A = d_b(X) + d_c(X) + d_d(X) - 2d_a(X)$  and so on. Thus, the inequalities hold exactly when  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  and  $\delta$  are positive, and this happens exactly when  $X$  lies inside  $A_2B_2C_2D_2$  (more elementary, but not as simple arguments can also be applied).

Thus, it suffices to show that  $R_A + R_B + R_C > 2R_D$  (and so on, symmetrically).

Notice that all faces of the tetrahedron  $A_1B_1C_1D_1$  are acute-angled triangles, and the points  $O_a, O_b$  and so on are interior to them (this follows easily from the fact that its vertices are the tangency points of the insphere with the faces of  $ABCD$ ). Obviously,  $2R_A + 2R_B + 2R_C \geq B_1C_1 + C_1A_1 + A_1B_1$  (as diameters are greater than chords). Let  $K, L$  and  $M$  be the midpoints of the sides of  $\triangle A_1B_1C_1$ . The point  $O_d$  lies inside the quadrilateral, say,  $A_1LKB_1$  (as it lies inside  $\triangle KLM$ ), thus  $A_1L + LK + KB_1 > A_1O_d + O_dB_1$ . But  $A_1L + LK + KB_1 = \frac{1}{2}B_1C_1 + \frac{1}{2}C_1A_1 + \frac{1}{2}A_1B_1$ , and the inequality desired follows.

## XII GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF I.F.SHARYGIN THE CORRESPONDENCE ROUND

Below is the list of problems for the first (correspondence) round of the XII Sharygin Geometrical Olympiad.

The olympiad is intended for high-school students of four elder grades. In Russian school, these are 8-11. In the list below, each problem is indicated by the numbers of Russian school grades, for which it is intended. Foreign students of the last grade have to solve the problems for 11th grade, students of the preceding grade solve the problems for 10th grade etc. However, the participants may solve problems for elder grades as well (solutions of problems for younger grades will not be considered).

A complete solution of each problem costs 7 points. A partial solution costs from 1 to 6 points. A solution without significant advancement costs 0 points. The result of a participant is the sum of all obtained marks.

In your work, please start the solution for each problem in a new page. First write down the statement of the problem, and then the solution. Present your solutions in detail, including all necessary arguments and calculations. Provide all necessary figures of sufficient size. If a problem has an explicit answer, this answer must be presented distinctly. Please, be accurate to provide good understanding and correct estimating of your work !

If your solution depends on some well-known theorems from standard textbooks, you may simply refer to them instead of providing their proofs. However, any fact not from the standard curriculum should be either proved or properly referred (with an indication of the source).

You may note the problems which you liked most (this is not obligatory). Your opinion is interesting for the Jury.

The solutions for the problems (in Russian or in English) must be delivered not earlier than on January 8, 2016 and not later than on April 1, 2016. To upload your work, enter the site <http://geom.informatics.msk.ru> and follow the instructions.

**Attention:** The solutions must be contained in pdf, doc or jpg files. We recommend to prepare the paper using computer or to scan it rather than to photograph it. *In the last two cases, please check readability of the file before uploading.*

If you have any technical problems with uploading of the work, apply to [geomolymp@mccme.ru](mailto:geomolymp@mccme.ru).

The solutions can also be sent by e-mail to the special address [geompapers@yandex.ru](mailto:geompapers@yandex.ru). (*If you send the work to another address the Organizing Committee can't guarantee that it will be received*). In this case the work also will be uploaded to the server. We recommend the authors to do this by their own. If you send your work by e-mail, please follow a few simple rules:

1. *Each student sends his work in a separate message (with delivery notification).*
2. *If your work consists of several files, send it as an archive.*
3. *In the subject of the message write "The work for Sharygin olympiad", and present the following personal data in the body of your message:*

- last name;
- all other names;
- E-mail, phone number, post address;
- the current number of your grade at school;
- the number of the last grade at your school;
- the number and/or the name and the mail address of your school;

- full names of your teachers in mathematics at school and/or of instructors of your extra math classes (if you attend additional math classes after school).

If you have no possibility to deliver the work by Internet, please inform the Organizing Committee to find a specific solution for this case.

Winners of the correspondence round, the students of three grades before the last grade, will be invited to the final round held in Summer 2016 in Moscow region. (For instance, if the last grade is 12 then we invite winners from 9, 10, and 11 grade.) The students of the last grade, winners of the correspondence round, will be awarded by diplomas of the Olympiad. The list of the winners will be published on [www.geometry.ru](http://www.geometry.ru) at the end of May 2016 at latest. If you want to know your detailed results, please use e-mail [geomolyp@mccme.ru](mailto:geomolyp@mccme.ru).

1. (8) A trapezoid  $ABCD$  with bases  $AD$  and  $BC$  is such that  $AB = BD$ . Let  $M$  be the midpoint of  $DC$ . Prove that  $\angle MBC = \angle BCA$ .
2. (8) Mark three nodes on a cellular paper so that the semiperimeter of the obtained triangle would be equal to the sum of its two smallest medians.
3. (8) Let  $AH_1, BH_2$  be two altitudes of an acute-angled triangle  $ABC$ ,  $D$  be the projection of  $H_1$  to  $AC$ ,  $E$  be the projection of  $D$  to  $AB$ ,  $F$  be the common point of  $ED$  and  $AH_1$ . Prove that  $H_2F \parallel BC$ .
4. (8) In quadrilateral  $ABCD$   $\angle B = \angle D = 90^\circ$  and  $AC = BC + DC$ . Point  $P$  of ray  $BD$  is such that  $BP = AD$ . Prove that line  $CP$  is parallel to the bisector of angle  $ABD$ .
5. (8) In quadrilateral  $ABCD$   $AB = CD$ ,  $M$  and  $K$  are the midpoints of  $BC$  and  $AD$ . Prove that the angle between  $MK$  and  $AC$  is equal to the half-sum of angles  $BAC$  and  $DCA$ .
6. (8) Let  $M$  be the midpoint of side  $AC$  of triangle  $ABC$ ,  $MD$  and  $ME$  be the perpendiculars from  $M$  to  $AB$  and  $BC$  respectively. Prove that the distance between the circumcenters of triangles  $ABE$  and  $BCD$  is equal to  $AC/4$ .
7. (8–9) Let all distances between the vertices of a convex  $n$ -gon ( $n > 3$ ) be different.
  - a) A vertex is called uninteresting if the closest vertex is adjacent to it. What is the minimal possible number of uninteresting vertices (for a given  $n$ )?
  - b) A vertex is called unusual if the farthest vertex is adjacent to it. What is the maximal possible number of unusual vertices (for a given  $n$ )?
8. (8–9) Let  $ABCDE$  be an inscribed pentagon such that  $\angle B + \angle E = \angle C + \angle D$ . Prove that  $\angle CAD < \pi/3 < \angle A$ .
9. (8–9) Let  $ABC$  be a right-angled triangle and  $CH$  be the altitude from its right angle  $C$ . Points  $O_1$  and  $O_2$  are the incenters of triangles  $ACH$  and  $BCH$  respectively;  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are the touching points of their incircles with  $AC$  and  $BC$ . Prove that lines  $O_1P_1$  and  $O_2P_2$  meet on  $AB$ .
10. (8–9) Point  $X$  moves along side  $AB$  of triangle  $ABC$ , and point  $Y$  moves along its circumcircle in such a way that line  $XY$  passes through the midpoint of arc  $AB$ . Find the locus of the circumcenters of triangles  $IXY$ , where  $I$  is the incenter of  $ABC$ .

11. (8–10) Restore a triangle  $ABC$  by vertex  $B$ , the centroid and the common point of the symmedian from  $B$  with the circumcircle.
12. (9–10) Let  $BB_1$  be the symmedian of a nonisosceles acute-angled triangle  $ABC$ . Ray  $BB_1$  meets the circumcircle of  $ABC$  for the second time at point  $L$ . Let  $AH_A, BH_B, CH_C$  be the altitudes of triangle  $ABC$ . Ray  $BH_B$  meets the circumcircle of  $ABC$  for the second time at point  $T$ . Prove that  $H_A, H_C, T, L$  are concyclic.
13. (9–10) Given are a triangle  $ABC$  and a line  $\ell$  meeting  $BC, AC, AB$  at points  $L_a, L_b, L_c$  respectively. The perpendicular from  $L_a$  to  $BC$  meets  $AB$  and  $AC$  at points  $A_B$  and  $A_C$  respectively. Point  $O_a$  is the circumcenter of triangle  $AA_bA_c$ . Points  $O_b$  and  $O_c$  are defined similarly. Prove that  $O_a, O_b$  and  $O_c$  are collinear.
14. Let a triangle  $ABC$  be given. Consider the circle touching its circumcircle at  $A$  and touching externally its incircle at some point  $A_1$ . Points  $B_1$  and  $C_1$  are defined similarly.
- (9–10) Prove that lines  $AA_1, BB_1 \parallel CC_1$  concur.
  - (10–11) Let  $A_2$  be the touching point of the incircle with  $BC$ . Prove that lines  $AA_1$  and  $AA_2$  are symmetric about the bisector of angle  $A$ .
15. (9–11) Let  $O, M, N$  be the circumcenter, the centroid and the Nagel point of a triangle. Prove that angle  $MON$  is right if and only if one of the triangle's angles is equal to  $60^\circ$ .
16. (9–11) Let  $BB_1$  and  $CC_1$  be altitudes of triangle  $ABC$ . The tangents to the circumcircle of  $AB_1C_1$  at  $B_1$  and  $C_1$  meet  $AB$  and  $AC$  at points  $M$  and  $N$  respectively. Prove that the common point of circles  $AMN$  and  $AB_1C_1$  distinct from  $A$  lies on the Euler line of  $ABC$ .
17. (9–11) Let  $D$  be an arbitrary point on side  $BC$  of triangle  $ABC$ . Circles  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  pass through  $A$  and  $D$  in such a way that  $BA$  touches  $\omega_1$  and  $CA$  touches  $\omega_2$ . Let  $BX$  be the second tangent from  $B$  to  $\omega_1$ , and  $CY$  be the second tangent from  $C$  to  $\omega_2$ . Prove that the circumcircle of triangle  $XDY$  touches  $BC$ .
18. (9–11) Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with  $\angle C = 90^\circ$ , and  $K, L$  be the midpoints of the minor arcs  $AC$  and  $BC$  of its circumcircle. Segment  $KL$  meets  $AC$  at point  $N$ . Find angle  $NIC$  where  $I$  is the incenter of  $ABC$ .
19. (9–11) Let  $ABCDEF$  be a regular hexagon. Points  $P$  and  $Q$  on tangents to its circumcircle at  $A$  and  $D$  respectively are such that  $PQ$  touches the minor arc  $EF$  of this circle. Find the angle between  $PB$  and  $QC$ .
20. (10–11) The incircle  $\omega$  of a triangle  $ABC$  touches  $BC, AC$  and  $AB$  at points  $A_0, B_0$  and  $C_0$  respectively. The bisectors of angles  $B$  and  $C$  meet the perpendicular bisector to segment  $AA_0$  at points  $Q$  and  $P$  respectively. Prove that  $PC_0$  and  $QB_0$  meet on  $\omega$ .
21. (10–11) The areas of rectangles  $P$  and  $Q$  are equal, but the diagonal of  $P$  is greater. Rectangle  $Q$  can be covered by two copies of  $P$ . Prove that  $P$  can be covered by two copies of  $Q$ .

22. (10–11) Let  $M_A, M_B, M_C$  be the midpoints of the sides of a nonisosceles triangle  $ABC$ . Points  $H_A, H_B, H_C$  lying on the correspondent sides and distinct from  $M_A, M_B, M_C$  are such that  $M_AH_B = M_AH_C, M_BH_A = M_BH_C, M_CH_A = M_CH_B$ . Prove that  $H_A, H_B, H_C$  are the bases of the altitudes of  $ABC$ .
23. (10–11) A sphere touches all edges of a tetrahedron. Let  $a, b, c$  and  $d$  be the segments of the tangents to the sphere from the vertices of the tetrahedron. Is it true that some of these segments necessarily form a triangle? (It is not obligatory to use all segments. The side of the triangle can be formed by two segments)
24. (11) A sphere is inscribed into a prism  $ABCA'B'C'$  and touches its lateral faces  $BCC'B'$ ,  $CAA'C'$ ,  $ABB'A'$  at points  $A_0, B_0, C_0$  respectively. It is known that  $\angle A_0BB' = \angle B_0CC' = \angle C_0AA'$ .
- Find all possible values of these angles.
  - Prove that segments  $AA_0, BB_0, CC_0$  concur.
  - Prove that the projections of the incenter to  $A'B', B'C', C'A'$  are the vertices of a regular triangle.

## XII Geometrical Olympiad in honour of I.F.Sharygin The correspondence round. Solutions

1. (A.Trigub, 8) A trapezoid  $ABCD$  with bases  $AD$  and  $BC$  is such that  $AB = BD$ . Let  $M$  be the midpoint of  $DC$ . Prove that  $\angle MBC = \angle BCA$ .

**Solution.** Let the line  $BM$  meet  $AD$  at point  $K$ . Then  $BCKD$  is a parallelogram, therefore  $CK = BD = AB$ . Thus we obtain, since  $ABCK$  is an equilateral trapezoid, that  $\angle BCA = \angle CBK = \angle MBC$  (fig.1).

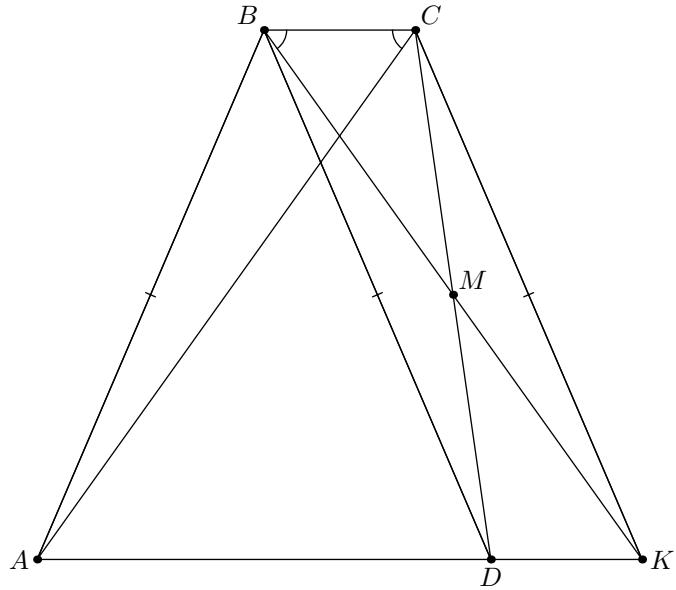


Fig.1

2. (L.Emelyanov, 8) Mark three nodes on a cellular paper so that the semiperimeter of the obtained triangle would be equal to the sum of its two smallest medians.

**Solution.** Mark three vertices  $A, B, C$  of a right-angled triangle with legs  $AC = 6, BC = 4$ . Its median from  $C$  is equal to a half of hypotenuse  $AB$ , and its median from  $B$  by the Pythagorean theorem is equal to  $\sqrt{BC^2 + (AC/2)^2} = \sqrt{4^2 + 3^2} = 5 = (AC + BC)/2$ , hence  $ABC$  is the required triangle.

3. (E.Diomidov, 8) Let  $AH_1, BH_2$  be two altitudes of an acute-angled triangle  $ABC$ ,  $D$  be the projection of  $H_1$  to  $AC$ ,  $E$  be the projection of  $D$  to  $AB$ ,  $F$  be a common point of  $ED$  and  $AH_1$ . Prove that  $H_2F \parallel BC$ .

**Solution.** Let  $H$  be the orthocenter of triangle  $ABC$ . Using the Thales theorem we obtain (fig.3)

$$\frac{AF}{AH_1} = \frac{AF}{AH} \cdot \frac{AH}{AH_1} = \frac{AD}{AC} \cdot \frac{AH_2}{AD} = \frac{AH_2}{AC}.$$

From this, also by the Thales theorem we obtain the required assertion.

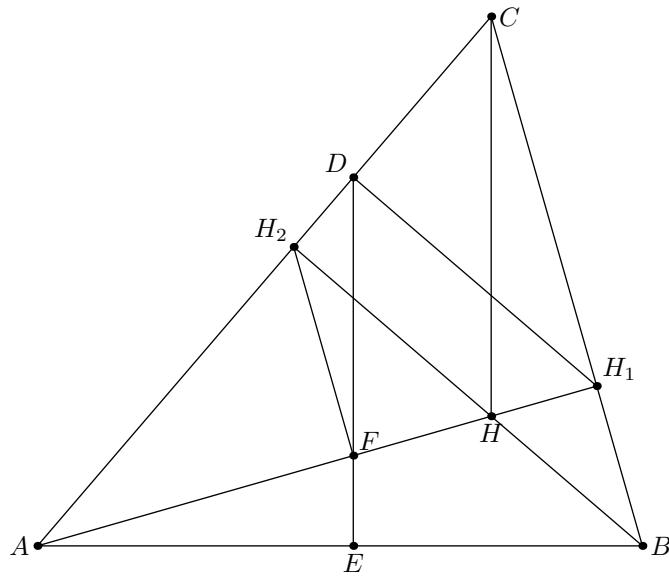


Fig.3

4. (A.Trigub, 8) In a quadrilateral  $ABCD$   $\angle B = \angle D = 90^\circ$  and  $AC = BC + DC$ . The point  $P$  of ray  $BD$  is such that  $BP = AD$ . Prove that the line  $CP$  is parallel to the bisector of angle  $ABD$ .

**Solution.** The assumption yields that the quadrilateral  $ABCD$  is inscribed into the circle with diameter  $AC$ . Let  $K$  be a point of segment  $AC$  such that  $AK = BC$  (fig.4). Then  $CK = CD$ , i.e.  $\angle CKD = \angle CDK$ . Now the triangles  $BCP$  and  $AKD$  are congruent because  $AK = BC$ ,  $AC = BP$  and  $\angle KAD = \angle CAD = \angle CBD = \angle CBP$ . Therefore  $\angle BCP = \angle AKP = 180^\circ - \angle CKD = 90^\circ + \frac{\angle ACD}{2} = 90^\circ + \frac{\angle ABD}{2}$ . On the other hand,  $\angle CBP = 90^\circ - \angle ABD$ , thus  $\angle CPB = 180^\circ - \angle BCP - \angle CBP = \frac{\angle ABD}{2}$ , and this yields the required assertion.

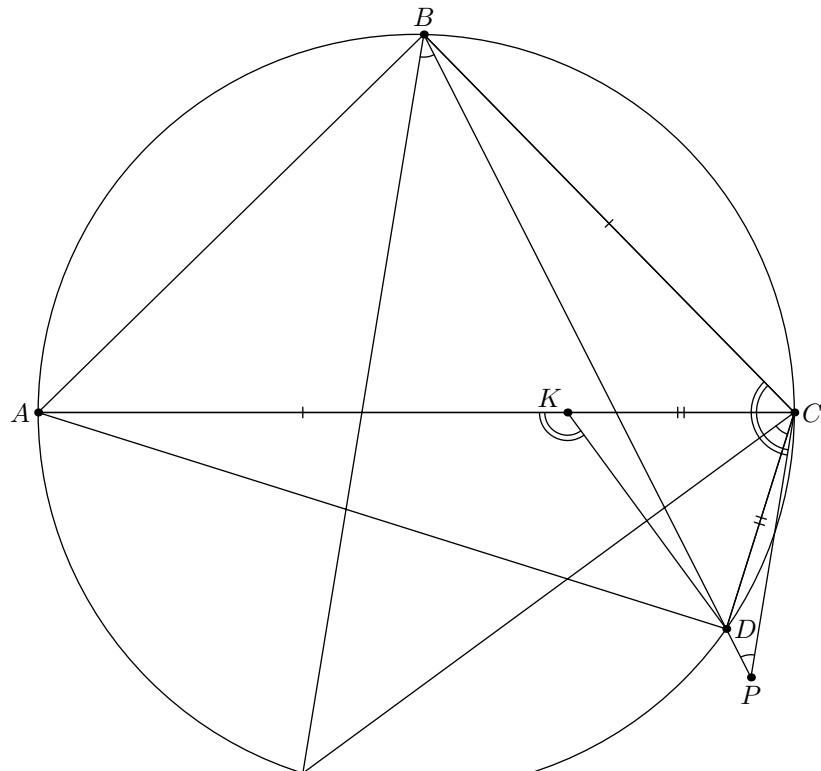


Fig.4

5. (M.Volchkevich, 8) In quadrilateral  $ABCD$   $AB = CD$ ,  $M$  and  $K$  are the midpoints of  $BC$  and  $AD$ . Prove that the angle between  $MK$  and  $AC$  is equal to the half-sum of angles  $BAC$  and  $DCA$ .

**Solution.** Construct parallelograms  $ABMX$  and  $DCMY$  (fig.5). Since  $AX = BM = MC = DY$  and  $AX \parallel BC \parallel DY$ , triangles  $AXK$  and  $DYK$  are congruent. Hence  $XK = KY$  and  $\angle AKX = \angle DKY$ , i.e.  $K$  is the midpoint of segment  $XY$ . Also we have  $MX = AB = CD = MY$ , therefore  $MK$  is the bisector of angle  $XMY$ , and this is equivalent to the required assertion.

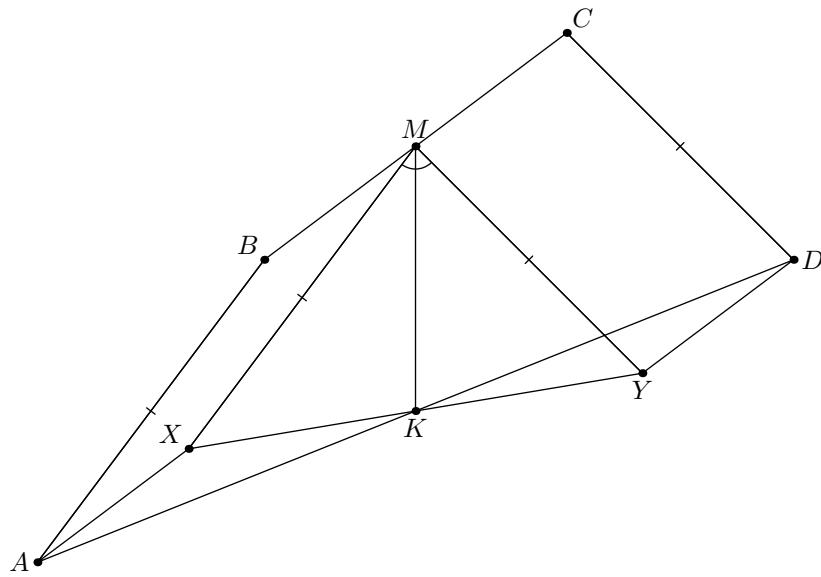


Fig.5

6. (M.Volchkevich, 8) Let  $M$  be the midpoint of side  $AC$  of triangle  $ABC$ ,  $MD$  and  $ME$  be the perpendiculars from  $M$  to  $AB$  and to  $BC$  respectively. Prove that the distance between the circumcenters of triangles  $ABE$  and  $BCD$  is equal to  $AC/4$ .

**Solution.** The segment between two circumcenters is a diagonal of the parallelogram formed by the perpendicular bisectors to segments  $AB$ ,  $BD$ ,  $BE$  and  $BC$ . Hence the projections of this segment to the lines  $AB$  and  $BC$  are equal to  $AD/2$  and  $CE/2$  respectively, i.e. they are equal to halves of the projections of segment  $AM = MC$ . Therefore the segment between the circumcenters is also equal to  $AM/2 = AC/4$ .

**Remark.** From the solution we also obtain that this segment is parallel to  $AC$ .

7. (B.Frenkin, 8–9) Let all distances between the vertices of a convex  $n$ -gon ( $n > 3$ ) be different.

- a) A vertex is called uninteresting if the closest vertex is adjacent to it. What is the minimal possible number of uninteresting vertices (for a given  $n$ )?
- b) A vertex is called unusual if the farthest vertex is adjacent to it. What is the maximal possible number of unusual vertices (for a given  $n$ )?

**Solution. a) Answer.** 2.

*Example.* Take a segment  $AB$  and a convex broken line  $\ell$  close to it and having the same endpoints and the edges of equal length. Then  $\ell$  and its reflection about  $AB$  form a convex polygon such that only vertices  $A$  and  $B$  are uninteresting in it. In such a way we obtain the desired  $n$ -gon for an arbitrary even  $n > 2$ . Now replace one of two copies of  $\ell$  in the  $n$ -gon by an analogous broken line with the number of edges greater by 1. In this way we obtain a convex  $n$ -gon with an arbitrary odd  $n > 3$ , such that only the vertices  $A$  and  $B$  are uninteresting. In both cases a small shift of the vertices makes all distances between them different.

*Estimation.* Let  $A$  be an interesting vertex of a convex  $n$ -gon, and  $B$  be the vertex closest to  $A$ . The diagonal  $AB$  divides the polygon into "right" and "left" parts. Let  $C$  be some vertex or right part distinct from  $A$  and  $B$ . Suppose that  $C$  is interesting and let  $D$  be the closest vertex. If  $D$  lies on the left part then in convex quadrilateral  $ACBD$  we have  $AB + CD < AD + CB$ , i.e. the sum of the diagonals is less than the sum of two opposite sides, a contradiction. Thus  $D$  lies on the right part or on the boundary of two parts. Replacing vertices  $A, B$  to  $C, D$  we decrease the number of vertices in the right part. Since this process can not be infinite there exists an uninteresting vertex in the right part. Similarly there exists an uninteresting vertex in the left part therefore the number of uninteresting vertices is not less than two.

b) **Answer.** 3.

*Example.* Take a triangle  $ABC$  with  $AB > BC > AC$ . "Break" side  $AC$  a little to obtain a convex  $n$ -gon. Its unusual vertices are  $A, B, C$  only.

*Estimation.* Let  $X$  be an unusual vertex,  $Y$  be the farthest vertex and  $Z$  be the vertex adjacent to  $Y$  and distinct from  $X$ . Then  $XZ < XY$ , hence angle  $XYZ$  is not the maximal angle of triangle  $XYZ$  and hence is acute.

Suppose that there exist more than three unusual vertices. A convex polygon has at most three acute angles. Thus there are two unusual vertices  $A$  and  $C$  for which the same vertex  $B$  is the farthest (and adjacent). Let  $D$  be an unusual vertex distinct from  $A, B, C$  and  $E$  be the farthest from it (and adjacent) vertex. Without loss of generality we can suppose that  $ABED$  is a convex quadrilateral. In this quadrilateral  $AB > AE, DE > BD$ , i.e. the sum of the diagonals is less than the sum of two opposite sides, a contradiction.

8. (B.Frenkin, 8–9) Let  $ABCDE$  be an inscribed pentagon such that  $\angle B + \angle E = \angle C + \angle D$ . Prove that  $\angle CAD < \pi/3 < \angle A$ .

**Solution.** From the assumption we have  $\text{arc } AEDC + \text{arc } ABCD = \text{arc } BAED + \text{arc } CBAE$ , i.e.  $\text{arc } BAE = 2 \text{arc } CD$ . Since the sum of these two arcs is less than  $2\pi$ , we obtain that  $\text{arc } CD < 2\pi/3$  and  $\angle CAD > \pi/3$ . On the other hand, since  $\text{arc } BAE < 4\pi/3$  we obtain  $\text{arc } BCDE > 2\pi/3$  and  $\angle A > \pi/3$ .

9. (M.Panov, 8–9) Let  $ABC$  be a right-angled triangle and  $CH$  be the altitude from its right angle  $C$ . The points  $O_1$  and  $O_2$  are the incenters of triangles  $ACH$  and  $BCH$  respectively;  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are the touching points of their incircles with  $AC$  and  $BC$ . Prove that the lines  $O_1P_1$  and  $O_2P_2$  meet on  $AB$ .

**Solution.** Let  $O_1P_1$  and  $O_2P_2$  meet  $AB$  at points  $K_1$  and  $K_2$ . Then by Thales theorem  $AK_1/K_1B = AP_1/P_1C, AK_2/K_2B = CP_2/P_2B$ . But these ratios are equal because triangles  $AHC$  and  $CHB$  are similar.

**Remark.** From the solution we also obtain that the common point coincides with the touching point of the incircle of  $ABC$  with  $AB$  (fig.9).

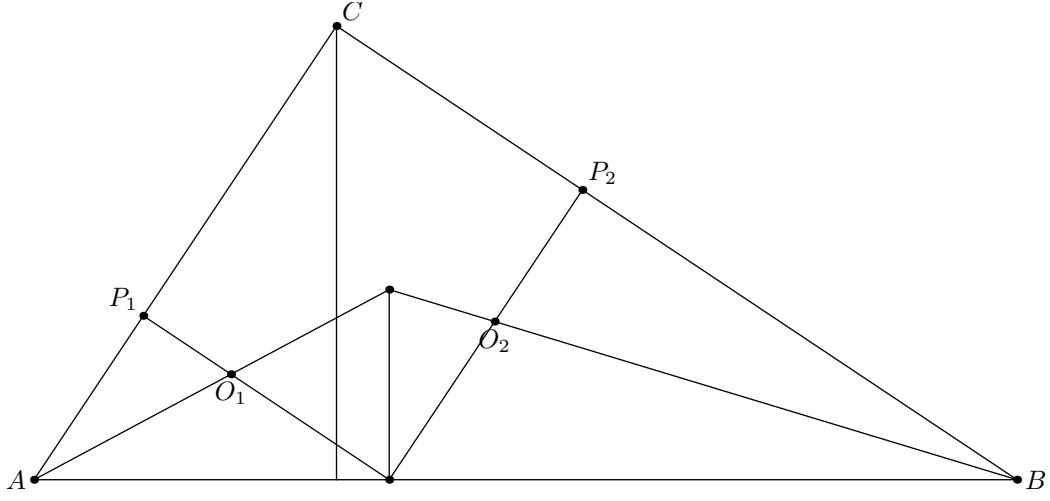


Fig.9

10. (D.Shvetsov, 8–9) The point  $X$  moves along the side  $AB$  of triangle  $ABC$ , and the point  $Y$  moves along its circumcircle in such a way that line  $XY$  passes through the midpoint of arc  $AB$ . Find the locus of the circumcenters of triangles  $IXY$ , where  $I$  is the incenter of  $ABC$ .

**Solution.** Let  $U$  be the midpoint of arc  $AB$ . Since  $\angle AYU = \angle ABU = \angle UAB$ , triangles  $AUX$  and  $YUA$  are similar, i.e.  $UX \cdot UY = UA^2$ . It is known that  $U$  is the circumcenter

of triangle  $IAB$ , therefore  $UI$  is a tangent to circle  $IXY$  (fig.10). Hence the center of this circle lies on the perpendicular from  $I$  to  $CI$ . Since the circle  $IXY$  cannot lie inside the circle  $ABC$ , the desired locus consists of two rays. The origins of these rays are the centers of two circles touching circle  $ABC$  internally and touching the side  $AB$ , i.e. the common points of the indicated line and the bisectors of the angles between  $AB$  and  $CU$ .

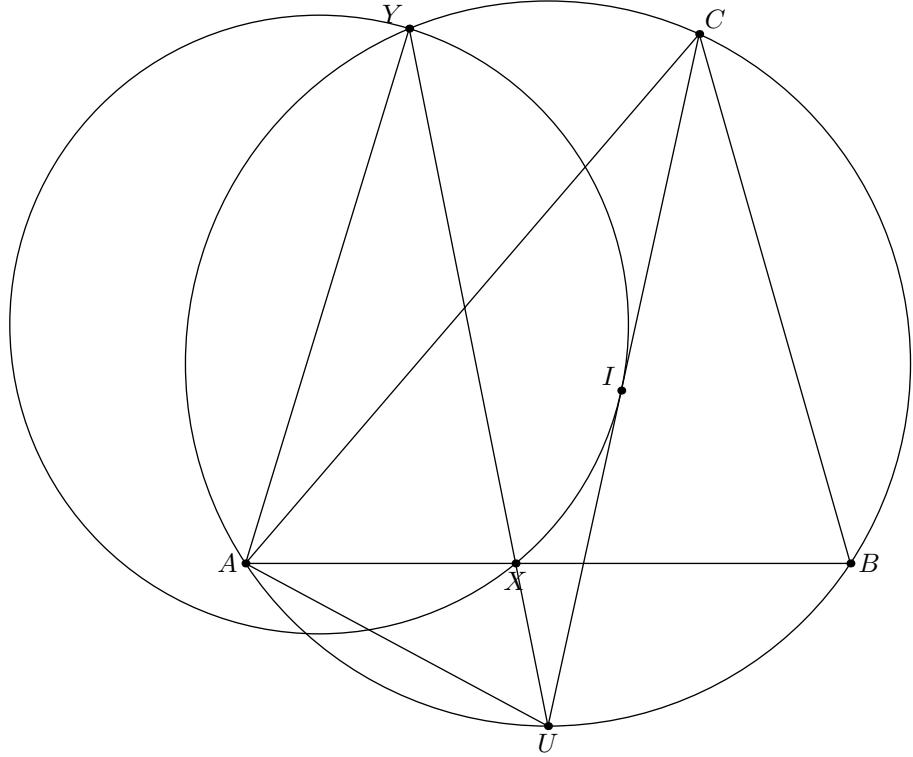


Fig.10

11. (A.Blinkov, 8–10) Restore a triangle  $ABC$  by vertex  $B$ , the centroid and the common point of the circumcircle and the symmedian going from  $B$ .

**Solution.** Let the median and the symmedian from  $B$  meet the circumcircle at points  $K$  and  $L$  respectively. Since  $\angle ABK = \angle CBL$ , the points  $K$  and  $L$  are equidistant from the midpoint  $M$  of  $AC$  (fig.11). From this we obtain the following construction.

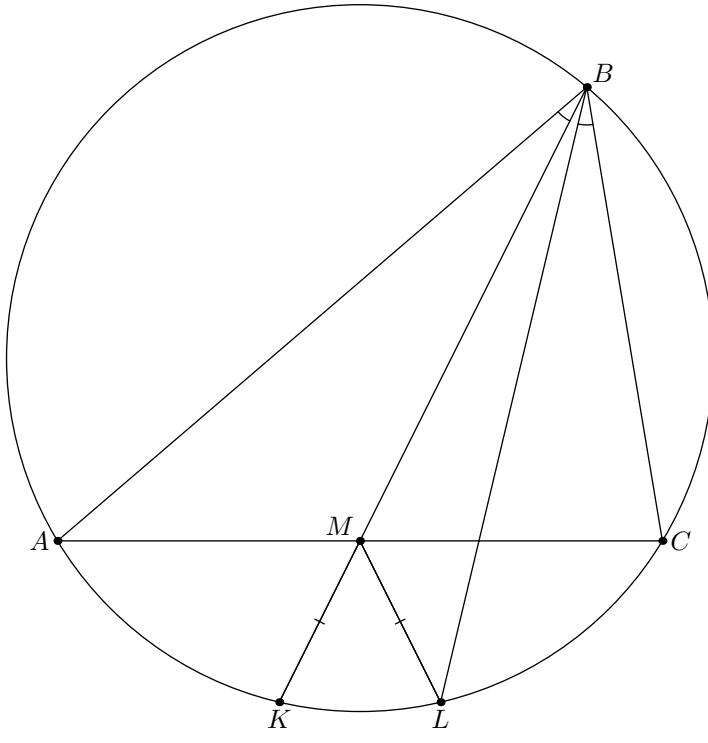


Fig.11

Extending the segment between  $B$  and the centroid by the half of its length we obtain point  $M$ . Construct the circle through  $L$  centered at  $M$  and find its common point  $K$  with  $BM$ , lying outside ray  $MB$ . Construct the circle  $BKL$  and find its common points  $A, C$  with the line passing through  $M$  and parallel to  $KL$ . The triangle  $ABC$  is the required one.

12. (S.Novikov, 9–10) Let  $BB_1$  be the symmedian of a nonisosceles acute-angled triangle  $ABC$ . The ray  $BB_1$  meets the circumcircle of  $ABC$  for the second time at point  $L$ . Let  $AH_A, BH_B, CH_C$  be the altitudes of triangle  $ABC$ . The ray  $BH_B$  meets the circumcircle of  $ABC$  for the second time at point  $T$ . Prove that  $H_A, H_C, T, L$  are concyclic.

**First solution.** Since the points  $A, C, H_A, H_C$  are concyclic it is sufficient to prove that the lines  $AC, H_AH_C$  and  $TL$  concur. Projecting the vertices of the harmonic quadrilateral  $ABCL$  from  $T$  to the line  $AC$  we obtain that the common point of  $TL$  and  $AC$  forms a harmonic quadruple with  $A, C, H_B$ . The line  $H_AH_C$  meets  $AC$  at the same point.

**Second solution.** Let  $M$  be the midpoint of  $AC$ . Denote the circumcircles of triangles  $ABC, AHC, BH_AH_C$  and the circumcircle of quadrilateral  $AH_CH_AC$  by  $\omega, \omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3$  respectively. By the orthocenter's property the points  $H$  and  $T$  are symmetric about  $AC$ . Therefore the circles  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega$  are also symmetric. Let  $\omega_2$  and  $\omega$  meet for the second time at a point  $P$ , and let  $\omega_2$  and  $\omega_1$  meet for the second time at a point  $N$ .

It is known (see. for example the paper of Y.Blinkov "The orthocenter, the midpoint of the side, the common point of the tangents and one point more", *Kvant*, №1, 2014) that the points  $M, H$  and  $P$  are collinear, and  $\angle BPH = 90^\circ$ .

Let the lines  $BP$  and  $AC$  meet at point  $S$ . Note that  $H$  is the orthocenter of triangle  $BMS$ . Therefore  $SH \perp BM$ . Since  $SH \perp BN$  (because  $\angle BNH = 90^\circ$ ), we obtain that  $N$  lies on  $BM$ .

Let  $BM$  meet  $\omega$  at a point  $D$ , and let the points  $N$  and  $N'$  be symmetric about  $AC$ . Since  $M$  is the midpoint of  $AC$ , and the arcs  $ANC$  and  $AN'C$  are symmetric we obtain that the arcs  $AD$  and  $CN'$  of  $\omega$  are equal. Line  $BD$  contains the median from  $B$ . Therefore  $BN'$  the symmedian of triangle  $ABC$ , i.e. the points  $N'$  and  $L$  coincide.

The lines  $NH$  and  $LT$  are symmetric about  $AC$  therefore they meet at  $S$ . Since  $S$  is the radical center of  $\omega$ ,  $\omega_1$ ,  $\omega_2$ ,  $\omega_3$  we obtain that  $S$  lies on  $H_C H_A$  (fig.12). The degrees of  $S$  wrt  $\omega$  and  $\omega_2$  are equal, i.e.  $SH_A \cdot SH_C = ST \cdot SL$ . Therefore  $H_A$ ,  $H_C$ ,  $T$ ,  $L$  are concyclic.

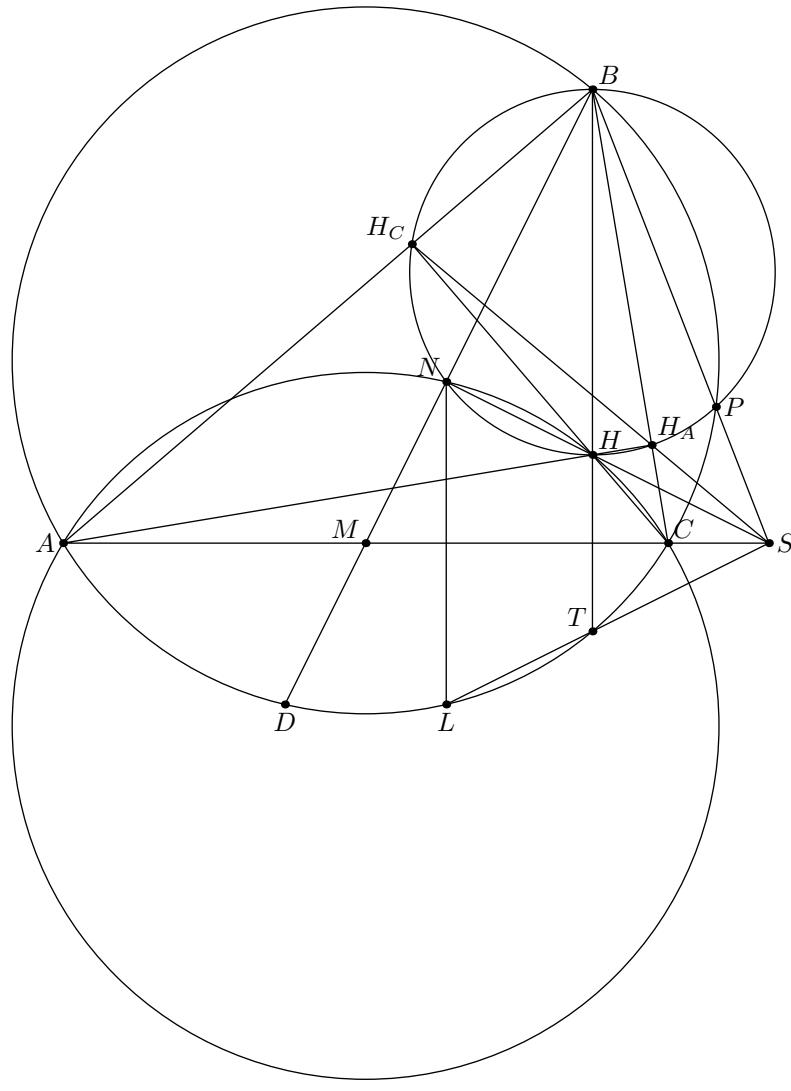


Fig.12

13. (R.Krytovsky, I.Frolov, 9–10) Given are a triangle  $ABC$  and a line  $\ell$  meeting  $BC$ ,  $AC$ ,  $AB$  at points  $L_a$ ,  $L_b$ ,  $L_c$  respectively. The perpendicular from  $L_a$  to  $BC$  meets  $AB$  and  $AC$  at points  $A_B$  and  $A_C$  respectively. Point  $O_a$  is the circumcenter of triangle  $AA_bA_c$ . Points  $O_b$  and  $O_c$  are defined similarly. Prove that  $O_a$ ,  $O_b$  and  $O_c$  are collinear.

**Solution.** Let  $Z$  be an arbitrary point of line  $AB$ ;  $X$ ,  $Y$  be the common points of the perpendicular from  $Z$  to  $AB$  with  $BC$  and  $CA$  respectively; and  $Z'$  be the circumcenter of triangle  $CXY$ . Then  $\angle Z'CA = \pi/2 - \angle CXY = \angle B$ , i.e.  $Z'C$  touches the circumcircle

of triangle  $ABC$ . If  $Z$  moves uniformly along  $AB$  then  $Z'$  also moves uniformly, and when  $Z$  coincides with  $A$  or  $B$  then  $Z'$  lies on the tangent to the circumcircle at this point. Thus if  $A'B'C'$  is the triangle formed by three tangents then  $Z'$  divides segment  $A'B'$  in the same ratio as  $Z$  divides  $AB$ . Applying this to points  $O_a, O_b, O_c$  and using the Menelaus theorem we obtain the required assertion.

14. (A.Myakishev) Let a triangle  $ABC$  be given. Consider the circle touching its circumcircle at  $A$  and touching externally its incircle at some point  $A_1$ . Points  $B_1$  and  $C_1$  are defined similarly.

a) (9–10) Prove that lines  $AA_1, BB_1$  и  $CC_1$  concur.

b) (10–11) Let  $A_2$  be the touching point of the incircle with  $BC$ . Prove that the lines  $AA_1$  and  $AA_2$  are symmetric about the bisector of angle  $A$ .

**Solution.** a) Denote the first of the indicated circles by  $\alpha$ . The point  $A$  is the center of the positive homothety of  $\alpha$  and the circumcircle of triangle  $ABC$ , and the point  $A_1$  is the center of the negative homothety of  $\alpha$  and this incircle. Therefore the line  $AA_1$  passes through the center of the negative homothety between the incircle and the circumcircle. Two remaining lines also pass through this point.

b) It is known that the center of the negative homothety between the incircle and the circumcircle is isogonally conjugated to the Gergonne point lying on the lines  $AA_2, BB_2$  and  $CC_2$ . The desired assertion immediately follows from this.

15. (L.Emelyanov, 9–11) Let  $O, M, N$  be the circumcenter, the centroid and the Nagel point of a triangle. Prove that angle  $MON$  is right if and only if one of the triangle's angles is equal to  $60^\circ$ .

**Solution.** Let  $I, H$  be the incenter and the orthocenter respectively of the triangle. The homothety with center  $M$  and coefficient  $-1/2$  maps  $N$  and  $H$  to  $I$  and  $O$  respectively. Thus  $\angle MON = \pi/2$  if and only if  $IO = IH$ . Let the line  $OH$  intersect the segments  $AC$  and  $BC$ . Then since  $AI$  and  $BI$  are the bisectors of angles  $HAO$  and  $HBO$ , we obtain that the points  $A, B, O, I, H$  are concyclic. Therefore  $\angle AOB = 2\angle C = \angle AHB = \pi - \angle C$  and  $\angle C = 60^\circ$ . The inverse assertion can be proved similarly.

16. (A.Doledenok, 9–11) Let  $BB_1$  and  $CC_1$  be the altitudes of triangle  $ABC$ . The tangents to the circumcircle of  $AB_1C_1$  at  $B_1$  and  $C_1$  meet  $AB$  and  $AC$  at points  $M$  and  $N$  respectively. Prove that the common point of circles  $AMN$  and  $AB_1C_1$  distinct from  $A$  lies on the Euler line of  $ABC$ .

**Solution.** Let  $A_0, B_0, C_0$  be the midpoints of  $BC, CA, AB$ ;  $O, H$  be the circumcenter and the orthocenter of triangle  $ABC$ . The projection  $Z$  of  $A$  to line  $OH$  lies on circles  $AB_1HC_1$  and  $AB_0OC_0$ , i.e.,  $Z$  is the center of the spiral similarity mapping  $C_0$  to  $B_0$ , and  $C_1$  to  $B_1$ . Thus if we prove that this similarity maps  $M$  to  $N$  we obtain that circle  $AMN$  passes through  $Z$ .

Note that point  $A_0$  and the center of circle  $AB_1HC_1$  are opposite on the nine points circle of triangle  $ABC$ . Hence lines  $A_0B_1$  and  $A_0C_1$  are tangents to circle  $AB_1HC_1$ , i.e. they coincide with lines  $B_1M$  and  $C_1N$  (fig.16). Projecting line  $AC$  to  $AB$  from point  $A_0$  we obtain that  $(N, B_1, B_0, \infty) = (C_1, M, \infty, C_0)$  or  $NB_0/NB_1 = MC_0/MC_1$ , q.e.d.

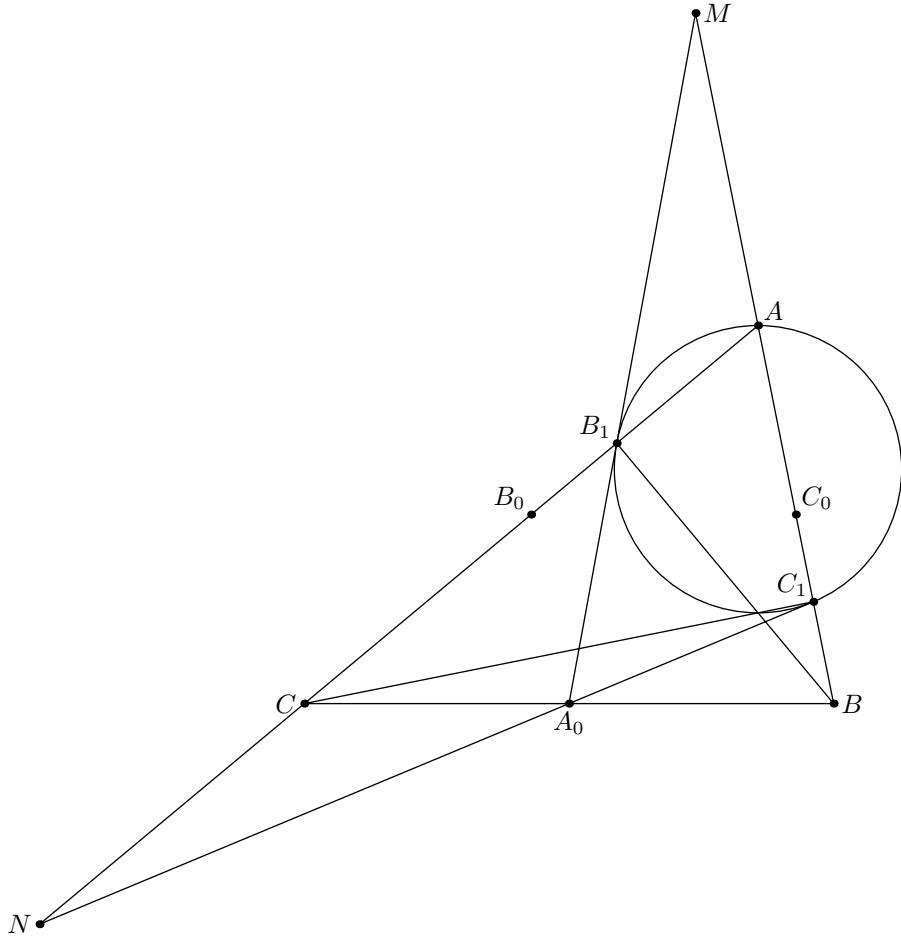


Fig.16

17. (D.Hilko, 9–11) Let  $D$  be an arbitrary point on the side  $BC$  of triangle  $ABC$ . The circles  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  pass through  $A$  and  $D$  in such a way that  $BA$  touches  $\omega_1$  and  $CA$  touches  $\omega_2$ . Let  $BX$  be the second tangent from  $B$  to  $\omega_1$ , and  $CY$  be the second tangent from  $C$  to  $\omega_2$ . Prove that the circumcircle of triangle  $XDY$  touches  $BC$ .

**Solution.** Take an inversion with center  $D$  and an arbitrary radius. Denote the images of all points by primes (fig.17).

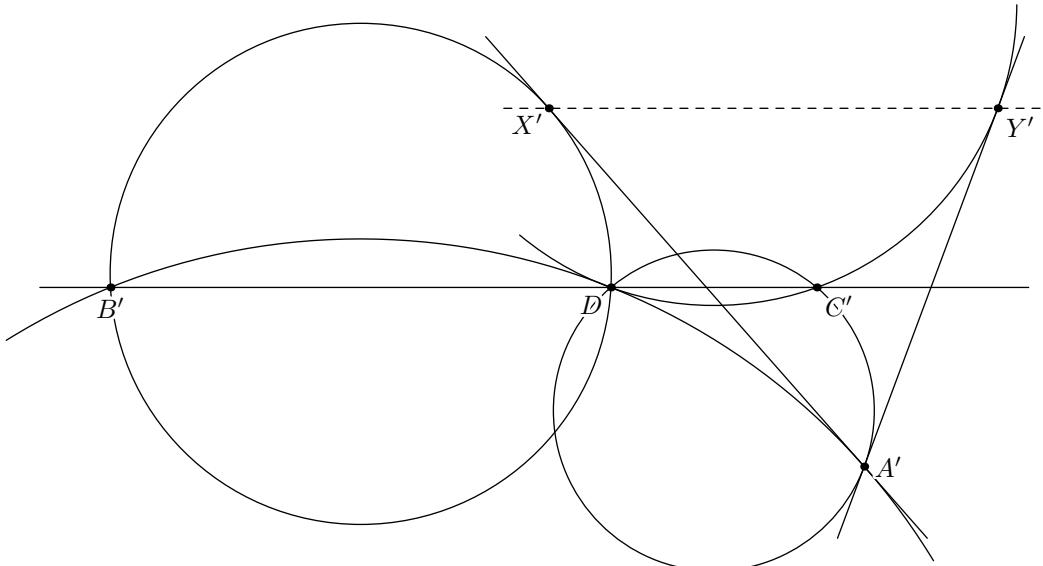


Fig.17

The circumcircle of triangle  $XDA$  touches  $BA$  and  $BX$ . Therefore the circumcircles of triangles  $B'DA'$  and  $B'DX'$  touch line  $X'A'$ . Then the radical axis  $B'D$  of these circles bisects segment  $X'A'$ . Similarly circles  $DC'Y'$  and  $DC'A'$  touch line  $Y'A'$ . Then their radical axis  $DC'$  bisects segment  $A'Y'$ . Hence  $B'C'$  is the medial line of triangle  $X'A'Y'$  and  $X'Y' \parallel B'D$ . Observe now that  $X'Y'$  is the image of the circle passing through  $X, Y, D$ . Since  $X'Y' \parallel B'C'$  this circle touches  $BC$  at point  $E$ .

18. (N.Moskovitin, 9–11) Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with  $\angle C = 90^\circ$ , and  $K, L$  be the midpoints of the minor arcs  $AC$  and  $BC$  of its circumcircle. The segment  $KL$  meets  $AC$  at point  $N$ . Find angle  $NIC$  where  $I$  is the incenter of  $ABC$ .

**Answer.**  $45^\circ$ .

**Solution.** It is known that points  $K$  and  $P$  are the circumcenters of triangles  $IAC$  and  $IBC$  respectively. Thus  $KP$  is the perpendicular bisector for segment  $CI$ . Then  $N$  is the touching point of  $AC$  with the incircle and  $\angle NIC = 45^\circ$  (fig.18).

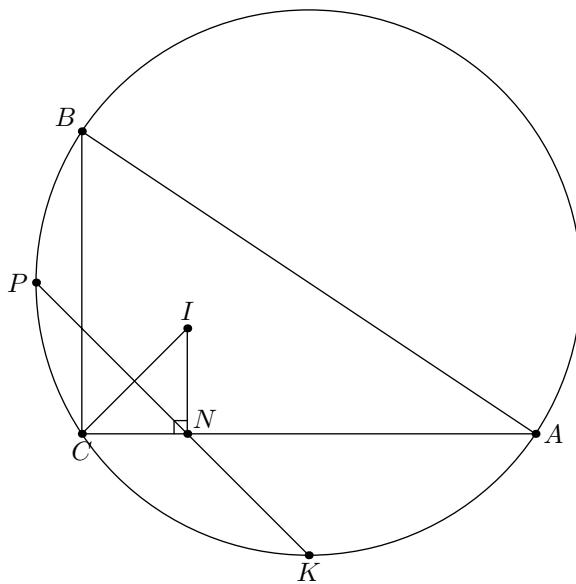


Fig.18

19. (A.Skutin, 9–11) Let  $ABCDEF$  be a regular hexagon. The points  $P$  and  $Q$  on tangents to its circumcircle at  $A$  and  $D$  respectively are such that  $PQ$  touches the minor arc  $EF$  of this circle. Find the angle between  $PB$  and  $QC$ .

**Answer.**  $30^\circ$ .

**Solution.** Let  $T$  be the touching point of  $PQ$  with the circle and  $M, N$  be the midpoints of segments  $AT, DT$ . Since  $PB$  and  $CQ$  are the symmedians of the triangles  $ABT, CDT$  respectively, we have  $\angle ABP = \angle MBT, \angle DCQ = \angle NCT$ . Since  $MN$  is the medial line of triangle  $ADT$ , we have  $MN = AD/2 = BC$  and  $MN \parallel BC$  (fig.19). Thus the angle between  $PB$  and  $QC$  is equal to  $\angle PBM + \angle NCQ = \angle ABM + \angle NCD - \angle MBT - \angle TCN = 30^\circ$ .

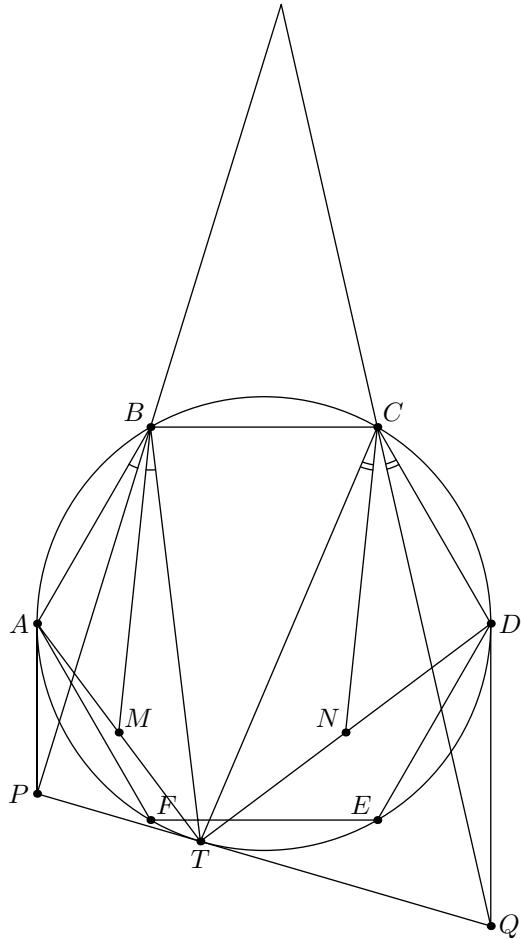


Fig.19

20. (D.Prokopenko, 10–11) The incircle  $\omega$  of a triangle  $ABC$  touches  $BC$ ,  $AC$  and  $AB$  at points  $A_0$ ,  $B_0$  and  $C_0$  respectively. The bisectors of angles  $B$  and  $C$  meet the perpendicular bisector to segment  $AA_0$  at points  $Q$  and  $P$  respectively. Prove that  $PC_0$  and  $QB_0$  meet on  $\omega$ .

**Solution.** The definition of points  $P$ ,  $Q$  implies that they lie on the circumcircles of triangles  $ABA_0$  and  $ACA_0$  respectively. Therefore triangle  $AA_0Q$  is similar to triangle  $B_0A_0I$ , and triangle  $AA_0P$  is similar to triangle  $C_0A_0I$  (by three angles). Thus  $A_0Q \cdot A_0B_0 = A_0I \cdot A_0A = A_0P \cdot A_0C_0$ . Furthermore  $\angle PA_0Q = (\angle B + \angle C)/2 = \angle B_0A_0C_0$ , hence triangles  $A_0PQ$  and  $A_0B_0C_0$  are similar (fig.20). Then triangles  $A_0B_0P$  and  $A_0C_0Q$  also are similar, i.e. the angle between  $B_0P$  and  $C_0Q$  is equal to angle  $B_0A_0C_0$ , and this yields the required assertion.

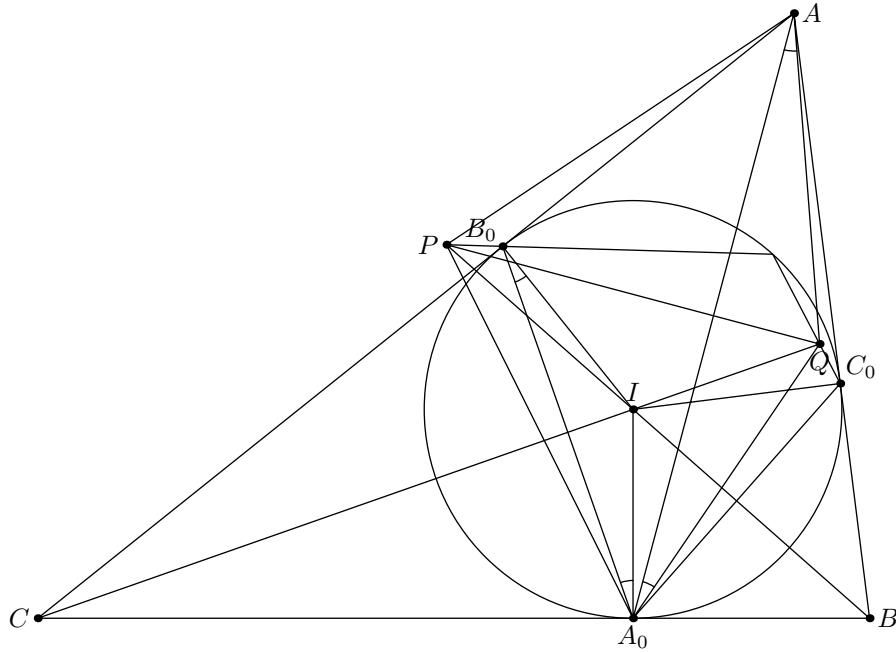


Fig.20

21. (A.Shapovalov, 10–11) The areas of rectangles  $P$  and  $Q$  are equal, but the diagonal of  $P$  is greater. Rectangle  $Q$  can be covered by two copies of  $P$ . Prove that  $P$  can be covered by two copies of  $Q$ .

**Solution.** Let the width and the length of a rectangle mean its smaller and greater side respectively. From the assumption we have that the width of  $P$  is less than the width of  $Q$ , and the length of  $P$  is greater than the length of  $Q$ . If two copies of  $P$  cover  $Q$ , then they cover the disc with the diameter equal to the width of  $Q$ , therefore this disc can be covered by two bars with the width equal to the width of  $P$ . But the disc cannot be covered by bars if the sum of their widths is less than the diameter. Thus the width of  $P$  is at least the half of the width of  $Q$ . Then the length of  $Q$  is at least the half of the length of  $P$ , and clearly  $P$  can be covered by two copies of  $Q$ .

22. (A.Yakubov, 10–11) Let  $M_A$ ,  $M_B$ ,  $M_C$  be the midpoints of the sides of a nonisosceles triangle  $ABC$ . The points  $H_A$ ,  $H_B$ ,  $H_C$  lying on the corresponding sides and distinct from  $M_A$ ,  $M_B$ ,  $M_C$  are such that  $M_AH_B = M_AH_C$ ,  $M_BH_A = M_BH_C$ ,  $M_CH_A = M_CH_B$ . Prove that  $H_A$ ,  $H_B$ ,  $H_C$  are the bases of the altitudes of  $ABC$ .

**Solution.** Consider a point  $X$  in the space such that  $XM_A = M_AH_B$ ,  $XM_B = M_BH_A$ ,  $XM_C = M_CH_A$ . Consider tetrahedron  $XM_AM_BM_C$ . The areas of all its faces are equal because triangles  $XM_AM_B$  and  $H_CM_AM_B$  are congruent. Hence all faces are congruent and points  $H_C$ ,  $M_A$ ,  $M_B$ ,  $M_C$  are concyclic. Therefore  $H_C$  is the base of the altitude.

23. (F.Ivlev, 10–11) A sphere touches all edges of a tetrahedron. Let  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$  and  $d$  be the segments of the tangents to the sphere from the vertices of the tetrahedron. Is it true that some of these segments necessarily form a triangle? (Not all those segments must be used. Two segments may form one side of the triangle.)

**Answer.** No.

**Solution.** Let  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  be circles of radii 2 and 1 respectively that lie in the plane and touch externally. Construct their common external tangent and inscribe circle  $\delta$  into the curvilinear triangle formed by two circles and this tangent. Clearly the radius of  $\delta$  is less than 1, so the radii of three circles do not form a triangle. Now replace the common tangent of  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  by circle  $\alpha$  touching them externally with radius greater than 4. Construct three spheres with the same centers and radii as  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ . Finally construct the sphere having the same radius as  $\delta$  and touching three remaining spheres. The centers of these four spheres form a tetrahedron, and their touching points lie on the sphere touching all edges of this tetrahedron. The segments  $a, b, c, d$  are equal to the radii of  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$ , therefore they don't form a triangle.

24. (I.I.Bogdanov, 11) A sphere is inscribed into a prism  $ABCA'B'C'$  and touches its lateral faces  $BCC'B'$ ,  $CAA'C'$ ,  $ABB'A'$  at points  $A_0, B_0, C_0$  respectively. It is known that  $\angle A_0BB' = \angle B_0CC' = \angle C_0AA'$ .

- a) Find all possible values of these angles.
- b) Prove that segments  $AA_0, BB_0, CC_0$  concur.
- c) Prove that the projections of the incenter to  $A'B', B'C', C'A'$  are the vertices of a regular triangle.

**Solution.** a) **Answer.**  $60^\circ$ .

Denote the value of these angles by  $\theta$ . Since the triangles  $CC'A_0$  and  $CC'B_0$  are congruent we obtain that the angle  $A_0CC'$  is also equal to  $\theta$ . Similarly  $\angle B_0AA' = \angle C_0BB' = \theta$ . Then  $6\theta = 3\pi - (\angle C_0AB + \angle C_0AC + \angle A_0BC + \angle A_0CB + \angle B_0CA + \angle B_0AC)$ . But for example  $\angle C_0AB = \angle TAB$ , where  $T$  is the touching point of the sphere with face  $ABC$ . From this and five similar equalities we obtain that the sum in the parentheses is equal to the sum of the angles of triangle  $ABC$ , i.e.  $\theta = 60^\circ$ .

b) By the previous part,  $\angle AB_0C = \angle BA_0C = 2\pi/3$ . Thus the lines  $AB_0$  and  $BA_0$  meet  $CC'$  at the same point  $K$  such that  $CK = CB_0 = CA_0$  (the triangles  $CB_0K$  and  $CA_0K$  are regular because each of them has two angles equal to  $\pi/3$ ). Therefore the points  $A, B, A_0, B_0$  are coplanar, i.e. the lines  $AA_0$  and  $BB_0$  intersect. Similarly each of these lines intersects  $CC_0$ . Since these three lines are not coplanar the points of intersection coincide.

c) By the previous part,  $\angle ATB = \angle BTC = \angle CTA = 2\pi/3$ , i.e.  $T$  is the Torricelli point of triangle  $ABC$ . Consider another sphere touching the plane  $ABC$  from the opposite side at point  $T'$  and touching the planes of lateral faces. The ratios of distances from  $T$  and  $T'$  to the sidelines of  $ABC$  are equal to the ratios of the cotangents and tangents of the halves of the corresponding dihedral angles, therefore these points are isogonally conjugate in triangle  $ABC$ . Hence the insphere touches the face  $A'B'C'$  at its Apollonius point. The projections of this point to  $A'B', B'C', C'A'$  coincide with the projection of the center of the sphere and form a regular triangle.

# XIII GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF I.F.SHARYGIN

## The correspondence round

Below is the list of problems for the first (correspondence) round of the XIII Sharygin Geometrical Olympiad.

The olympiad is intended for high-school students of four eldest grades. In Russian school, these are 8-11. In the list below, each problem is indicated by the numbers of Russian school grades, for which it is intended. Foreign students of the last grade have to solve the problems for 11th grade, students of the preceding grade solve the problems for 10th grade etc. However, the participants may solve problems for elder grades as well (solutions of problems for younger grades will not be considered).

A complete solution of each problem costs 7 points. A partial solution costs from 1 to 6 points. A text without significant advancement costs 0 points. The result of a participant is the sum of all obtained marks.

In your work, please start the solution for each problem in a new page. First write down the statement of the problem, and then the solution. Present your solutions in detail, including all necessary arguments and calculations. Provide all necessary figures of sufficient size. If a problem has an explicit answer, this answer must be presented distinctly. Please, be accurate to provide good understanding and correct estimating of your work !

If your solution depends on some well-known theorems from standard textbooks, you may simply refer to them instead of providing their proofs. However, any fact not from the standard curriculum should be either proved or properly referred (with an indication of the source).

You may note the problems which you liked most (this is not obligatory). Your opinion is interesting for the Jury.

The solutions for the problems (in Russian or in English) must be delivered not earlier than on January 8, 2017 and not later than on April 1, 2017. To upload your work, enter the site <http://geometry.ru/olimp/olimpsharygin.php> and follow the instructions.

**Attention:** The solutions must be contained in pdf, doc or jpg files. We recommend to prepare the paper using computer or to scan it rather than to photograph it. *In the last two cases, please check readability of the file before uploading.*

If you have any technical problems with uploading of the work, apply to **geomolymp@mccme.ru** (**DON'T SEND your work to this address**).

Winners of the correspondence round, the students of three grades before the last grade, will be invited to the final round held in Summer 2017 in Moscow region. (For instance, if the last grade is 12 then we invite winners from 9, 10, and 11 grade.) The students of the last grade, winners of the correspondence round, will be awarded by diplomas of the Olympiad. The list of the winners will be published on [www.geometry.ru](http://www.geometry.ru) at the end of May 2017 at latest. If you want to know your detailed results, please use e-mail **geomolymp@mccme.ru**.

1. (8) Mark on a cellular paper four nodes forming a convex quadrilateral with the sidelengths equal to four different primes.
2. (8) A circle cuts off four right-angled triangles from rectangle  $ABCD$ . Let  $A_0, B_0, C_0$  and  $D_0$  be the midpoints of the correspondent hypotenuses. Prove that  $A_0C_0 = B_0D_0$ .
3. (8) Let  $I$  be the incenter of triangle  $ABC$ ;  $H_B, H_C$  the orthocenters of triangles  $ACI$  and  $ABI$  respectively;  $K$  the touching point of the incircle with the side  $BC$ . Prove that  $H_B, H_C$  and  $K$  are collinear.

4. (8) A triangle  $ABC$  is given. Let  $C'$  be the vertex of an isosceles triangle  $ABC'$  with  $\angle C' = 120^\circ$  constructed on the other side of  $AB$  than  $C$ , and  $B'$  be the vertex of an equilateral triangle  $ACB'$  constructed on the same side of  $AC$  as  $ABC$ . Let  $K$  be the midpoint of  $BB'$ . Find the angles of triangle  $KCC'$ .
5. A segment  $AB$  is fixed on the plane. Consider all acute-angled triangles with side  $AB$ . Find the locus of
  - (8) the vertices of their greatest angles;
  - (8–9) their incenters.
6. (8–9) Let  $ABCD$  be a convex quadrilateral with  $AC = BD = AD$ ;  $E$  and  $F$  the midpoints of  $AB$  and  $CD$  respectively;  $O$  the common point of the diagonals. Prove that  $EF$  passes through the touching points of the incircle of triangle  $AOD$  with  $AO$  and  $OD$ .
7. (8–9) The circumcenter of a triangle lies on its incircle. Prove that the ratio of its greatest and smallest sides is less than two.
8. (8–9) Let  $AD$  be the base of trapezoid  $ABCD$ . It is known that the circumcenter of triangle  $ABC$  lies on  $BD$ . Prove that the circumcenter of triangle  $ABD$  lies on  $AC$ .
9. (8–9) Let  $C_0$  be the midpoint of hypotenuse  $AB$  of triangle  $ABC$ ;  $AA_1, BB_1$  the bisectors of this triangle;  $I$  its incenter. Prove that the lines  $C_0I$  and  $A_1B_1$  meet on the altitude from  $C$ .
10. (8–10) Points  $K$  and  $L$  on the sides  $AB$  and  $BC$  of parallelogram  $ABCD$  are such that  $\angle AKD = \angle CLD$ . Prove that the circumcenter of triangle  $BKL$  is equidistant from  $A$  and  $C$ .
11. (8–11) A finite number of points is marked on the plane. Each three of them are not collinear. A circle is circumscribed around each triangle with marked vertices. Is it possible that all centers of these circles are also marked?
12. (9–10) Let  $AA_1, CC_1$  be the altitudes of triangle  $ABC$ ,  $B_0$  the common point of the altitude from  $B$  and the circumcircle of  $ABC$ ; and  $Q$  the common point of the circumcircles of  $ABC$  and  $A_1C_1B_0$ , distinct from  $B_0$ . Prove that  $BQ$  is the symmedian of  $ABC$ .
13. (9–11) Two circles pass through points  $A$  and  $B$ . A third circle touches both these circles and meets  $AB$  at points  $C$  and  $D$ . Prove that the tangents to this circle at these points are parallel to the common tangents of two given circles.
14. (9–11) Let points  $B$  and  $C$  lie on the circle with diameter  $AD$  and center  $O$  on the same side of  $AD$ . The circumcircles of triangles  $ABO$  and  $CDO$  meet  $BC$  at points  $F$  and  $E$  respectively. Prove that  $R^2 = AF \cdot DE$ , where  $R$  is the radius of the given circle.
15. (9–11) Let  $ABC$  be an acute-angled triangle with incircle  $\omega$  and incenter  $I$ . Let  $\omega$  touch  $AB, BC$  and  $CA$  at points  $D, E, F$  respectively. The circles  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  centered at  $J_1$  and  $J_2$  respectively are inscribed into  $ADIF$  and  $BDIE$ . Let  $J_1J_2$  intersect  $AB$  at point  $M$ . Prove that  $CD$  is perpendicular to  $IM$ .

16. (9–11) The tangents to the circumcircle of triangle  $ABC$  at  $A$  and  $B$  meet at point  $D$ . The circle passing through the projections of  $D$  to  $BC$ ,  $CA$ ,  $AB$ , meet  $AB$  for the second time at point  $C'$ . Points  $A'$ ,  $B'$  are defined similarly. Prove that  $AA'$ ,  $BB'$ ,  $CC'$  concur.
17. (9–11) Using a compass and a ruler, construct a point  $K$  inside an acute-angled triangle  $ABC$  so that  $\angle KBA = 2\angle KAB$  and  $\angle KBC = 2\angle KCB$ .
18. (9–11) Let  $L$  be the common point of the symmedians of triangle  $ABC$ , and  $BH$  be its altitude. It is known that  $\angle ALH = 180^\circ - 2\angle A$ . Prove that  $\angle CLH = 180^\circ - 2\angle C$ .
19. (10–11) Let cevians  $AA'$ ,  $BB'$  and  $CC'$  of triangle  $ABC$  concur at point  $P$ . The circumcircle of triangle  $PA'B'$  meets  $AC$  and  $BC$  at points  $M$  and  $N$  respectively, and the circumcircles of triangles  $PC'B'$  and  $PA'C'$  meet  $AC$  and  $BC$  for the second time respectively at points  $K$  and  $L$ . The line  $c$  passes through the midpoints of segments  $MN$  and  $KL$ . The lines  $a$  and  $b$  are defined similarly. Prove that  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  concur.
20. (10–11) Given a right-angled triangle  $ABC$  and two perpendicular lines  $x$  and  $y$  passing through the vertex  $A$  of its right angle. For an arbitrary point  $X$  on  $x$  define  $y_B$  and  $y_C$  as the reflections of  $y$  about  $XB$  and  $XC$  respectively. Let  $Y$  be the common point of  $y_B$  and  $y_C$ . Find the locus of  $Y$  (when  $y_B$  and  $y_C$  do not coincide).
21. (10–11) A convex hexagon is circumscribed about a circle of radius 1. Consider the three segments joining the midpoints of its opposite sides. Find the greatest real number  $r$  such that the length of at least one segment is at least  $r$ .
22. (10–11) Let  $P$  be an arbitrary point on the diagonal  $AC$  of cyclic quadrilateral  $ABCD$ , and  $PK$ ,  $PL$ ,  $PM$ ,  $PN$ ,  $PO$  be the perpendiculars from  $P$  to  $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $CD$ ,  $DA$ ,  $BD$  respectively. Prove that the distance from  $P$  to  $KN$  is equal to the distance from  $O$  to  $ML$ .
23. (10–11) Let a line  $m$  touch the incircle of triangle  $ABC$ . The lines passing through the incenter  $I$  and perpendicular to  $AI$ ,  $BI$ ,  $CI$  meet  $m$  at points  $A'$ ,  $B'$ ,  $C'$  respectively. Prove that  $AA'$ ,  $BB'$  and  $CC'$  concur.
24. (11) Two tetrahedrons are given. Each two faces of the same tetrahedron are not similar, but each face of the first tetrahedron is similar to some face of the second one. Does this yield that these tetrahedrons are similar?

**XIII GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF  
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**The correspondence round. Solutions**

1. (A.Zaslavsky) (8) Mark on a cellular paper four nodes forming a convex quadrilateral with the sidelengths equal to four different primes.

**Solution.** Take for example a quadrilateral with vertices  $A(-3, 0)$ ,  $B(0, 4)$ ,  $C(12, -1)$ ,  $D(12, -8)$ . Its sidelengths are  $AB = 5$ ,  $BC = 13$ ,  $CD = 7$ ,  $DA = 17$ .

2. (L.Shteingarts) (8) A circle cuts off four right-angled triangles from rectangle  $ABCD$ . Let  $A_0$ ,  $B_0$ ,  $C_0$  and  $D_0$  be the midpoints of the correspondent hypotenuses. Prove that  $A_0C_0 = B_0D_0$ .

**Solution.** Let the circle meet  $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $CD$ ,  $DA$  at points  $K_1$ ,  $K_2$ ,  $L_1$ ,  $L_2$ ,  $M_1$ ,  $M_2$ ,  $N_1$ ,  $N_2$ . Then  $K_1K_2M_2M_1$  is an isosceles trapezoid, i.e.  $AK_1 - DM_1 = BK_2 - CM_2$ , or  $AK_1 + CM_2 = BK_2 + DM_1$ . Hence the projections of segments  $A_0C_0$  and  $B_0D_0$  to  $AB$ , equal to  $AB - (AK_1 + CM_2)/2$  and  $AB - (BK_2 + DM_1)/2$  respectively, are congruent. Similarly their projections to  $BC$  are congruent, therefore the lengths of these segments are equal.

3. (M.Plotnikov) (8) Let  $I$  be the incenter of triangle  $ABC$ ;  $H_B$ ,  $H_C$  the orthocenters of triangles  $ACI$  and  $ABI$  respectively;  $K$  the touching point of the incircle with the side  $BC$ . Prove that  $H_B$ ,  $H_C$  and  $K$  are collinear.

**Solution.** Since  $BH_B$  and  $CH_C$  are perpendicular to  $AI$ , the quadrilateral  $BH_BCH_C$  is a trapezoid and its diagonals divide each other as  $BH_B : CH_C$ . Since the projections  $M$ ,  $N$  of  $H_B$ ,  $H_C$  to  $AB$  and  $AC$  respectively coincide with the projections of  $I$  to these lines, we obtain that  $BM = BK$  and  $CN = CK$ . Also since  $\angle H_BBM = \angle H_CCN = 90^\circ - \angle A/2$ , the right-angled triangles  $H_BBM$  and  $H_CCN$  are similar. Therefore  $BH_B : CH_C = BK : CK$ , and the diagonals of the trapezoid meet at  $K$  (fig. 3).

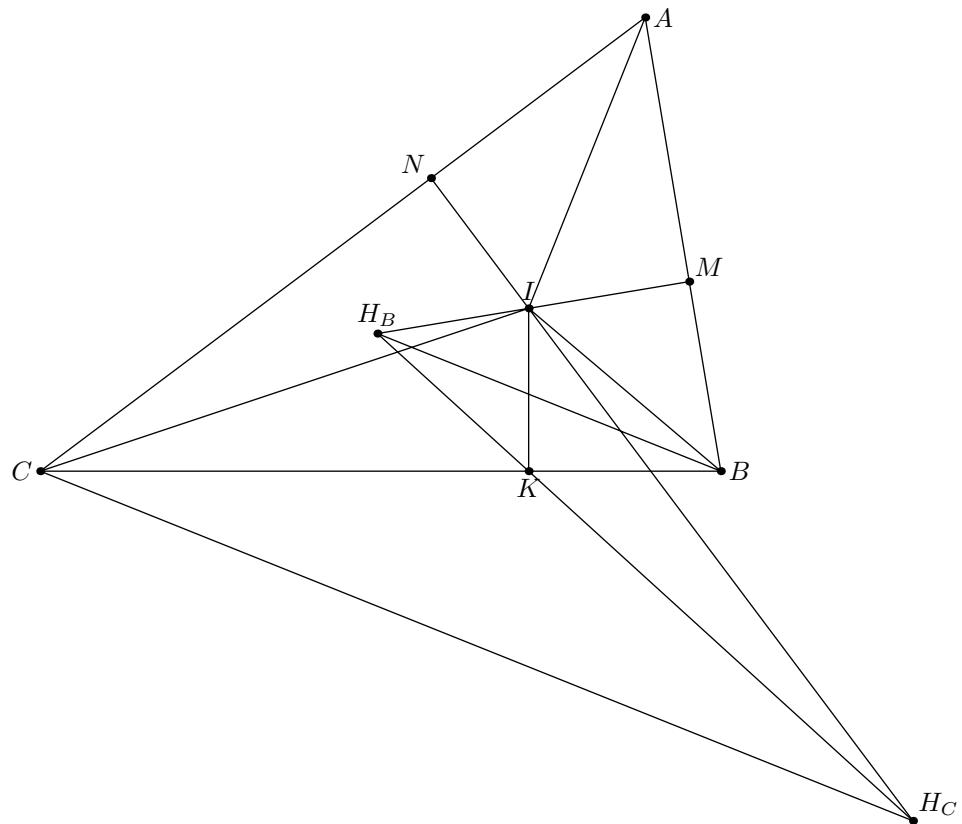


Fig. 3

4. (A.Zaslavsky) (8) A triangle  $ABC$  is given. Let  $C'$  be the vertex of an isosceles triangle  $ABC'$  with  $\angle C' = 120^\circ$  constructed on the other side of  $AB$  than  $C$ , and  $B'$  be the vertex of an equilateral triangle  $ACB'$  constructed on the same side of  $AC$  as  $ABC$ . Let  $K$  be the midpoint of  $BB'$ . Find the angles of triangle  $KCC'$ .

**Answer.**  $90^\circ, 30^\circ, 60^\circ$ .

**Solution.** Let  $C''$  be a vertex of parallelogram  $B'C'BC''$ . Then  $B'C'' = BC' = AC'$ ,  $B'C = AC$  and  $\angle CB'C'' = \angle CAB$  because the angle between  $C''B'$  and  $AC'$  is equal to  $\angle B'CA = 60^\circ$ . Therefore the triangles  $C''B'C$  and  $C'AC$  are congruent, and the angle between their corresponding sidelines  $C''C$  and  $C'C$  is equal to  $60^\circ$  (fig. 4). Thus the triangle  $CC'C''$  is regular, and since  $K$  is the midpoint of  $C'C''$ , we obtain that  $CK \perp C'K$  and  $\angle C'CK = 30^\circ$ .

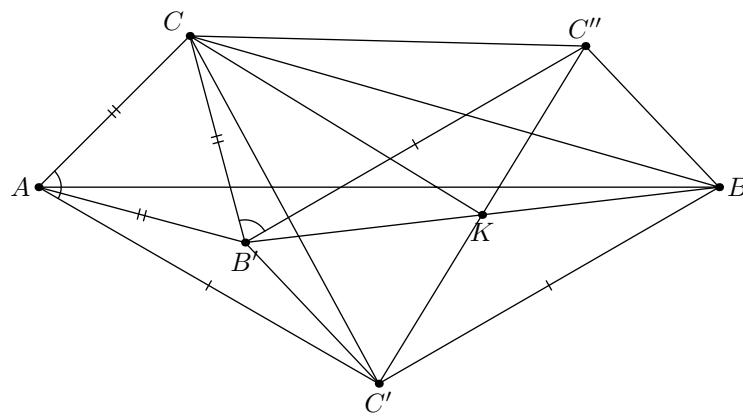


Fig. 4

This reasoning can be also formulated in the following way. Consider the rotations around  $C'$  by  $120^\circ$  and around  $C$  by  $60^\circ$ . Their composition maps  $B$  to  $B'$ , hence it is the reflection about  $K$ . Since it maps  $C$  to  $C''$ , we obtain the indicated answer.

5. (B.Frenkin) A segment  $AB$  is fixed on the plane. Consider all acute-angled triangles with side  $AB$ . Find the locus of
- (8) the vertices of their greatest angles;
  - (8–9) their incenters.

**Answer.** a) The points  $A$ ,  $B$  and the set of points lying inside or on the boundary of the intersection of two discs centered at  $A$  and  $B$  with radii  $AB$ , but outside the disc with diameter  $AB$ . b) The set of points lying inside the square  $AKBL$ , but outside the intersection of two discs centered at  $K$  and  $L$  with radii  $KA$ .

**Solution.** a) If the vertex of the greatest angle does not coincide with  $A$  or  $B$  then  $AB$  is the greatest side of triangle  $ABC$ , i.e.  $CA \leq AB$  and  $CB \leq AB$ . On the other hand, since angle  $C$  is acute, we obtain that  $C$  lies outside the circle with diameter  $AB$ .

b) Let  $I$  be the incenter of  $ABC$ . Since angles  $A$  and  $B$  are acute, we have  $\angle IAB < 45^\circ$  and  $\angle IBA < 45^\circ$ , i.e.  $I$  lies inside the square  $AKBL$ . On the other hand, since angle  $C$  is acute, we obtain that  $\angle AIB < 135^\circ$  and  $I$  lies outside the intersection of the discs centered at  $K$ ,  $L$  with radii  $KA$ .

6. (N.Moskvitin) (8–9) Let  $ABCD$  be a convex quadrilateral with  $AC = BD = AD$ ;  $E$  and  $F$  the midpoints of  $AB$  and  $CD$  respectively;  $O$  the common point of the diagonals. Prove that  $EF$  passes through the touching points of the incircle of triangle  $AOD$  with  $AO$  and  $OD$ .

**Solution.** Let  $X$ ,  $Y$ ,  $Z$  be the touching points of the incircle with  $AO$ ,  $OD$ ,  $AD$  respectively. Then  $DY = DZ$  and therefore  $BY = AZ = AX$ . Furthermore  $OX = OY$ . Applying the Menelaus theorem to the triangle  $AOB$  and the line  $XY$ , we obtain that this line passes through  $E$ . Similarly it passes through  $F$  (fig. 6).

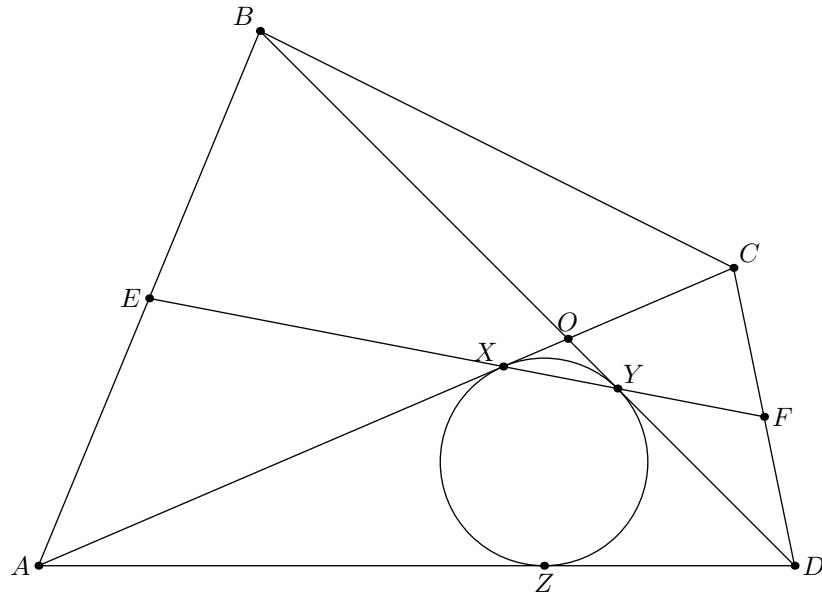


Fig. 6

7. (B.Frenkin) (8–9) The circumcenter of a triangle lies on its incircle. Prove that the ratio of its greatest and smallest sides is less than two.

**First solution.** Since the circumcenter belongs to the given triangle  $ABC$ , this triangle is not obtuse-angled. If it is right-angled then the circumcenter  $O$  is the midpoint of its hypotenuse and coincides with the touching point of the incircle. Therefore the triangle is isosceles and right-angled and the assertion of the problem is valid. Suppose that the triangle is acute-angled and  $O$  lies on one of three arcs between the touching points. Let this arc be faced to the vertex  $A$ . Construct the perpendiculars from  $O$  to  $AB$  and  $AC$ . The foot of each of them (the midpoint of the corresponding side) lies between  $A$  and the touching point of the incircle  $\omega$  with the side. Therefore,  $AB > BC$  and  $AC > BC$ .

Now we have to prove that the ratio of each of sides  $AB, AC$  to  $BC$  is less than 2. For example let  $D$  be the midpoint of  $AB$ . Let us prove that  $AD < BC$ . Let  $K$  and  $L$  be the touching points of  $\omega$  with  $AB$  and  $BC$ . Then  $BK = BL$ , and we have to prove that  $DK < CL$ . But the perpendicular from  $D$  to  $AB$  passes through the point  $O$  on  $\omega$ , hence  $DK$  is not greater than its radius. On the other hand  $CL$  is greater than the radius, because the perpendicular from  $C$  to  $BC$  does not intersect  $\omega$  (the angle between  $BC$  and the tangent  $CA$  is acute). Q.e.d.

**Second solution.** Use the Euler formula:  $OI^2 = R^2 - 2Rr$ , where  $I$  is the incenter,  $R, r$  are the radii of the circumcircle and the incircle. Since  $OI = r$  we obtain that  $r/R = \sqrt{2} - 1$ . Each side of the triangle is a chord of the circumcircle tangent to the incircle. The greatest of these chords is equal to  $2R$ , and the shortest one touching the incircle at the point opposite to  $O$  is  $2\sqrt{R^2 - 4r^2} > R$ .

8. (Ye.Bakayev) (8–9) Let  $AD$  be the base of trapezoid  $ABCD$ . It is known that the circumcenter of triangle  $ABC$  lies on  $BD$ . Prove that the circumcenter of triangle  $ABD$  lies on  $AC$ .

**Solution.** Let the perpendicular bisector to  $AB$  meet  $BD$  and  $AC$  at points  $K$  and  $L$  respectively. Then by the assumption  $\angle BLK = \angle ACB = \angle CAD$ . Hence  $\angle CKL = \angle BDA$  which yields the required assertion (fig. 8).

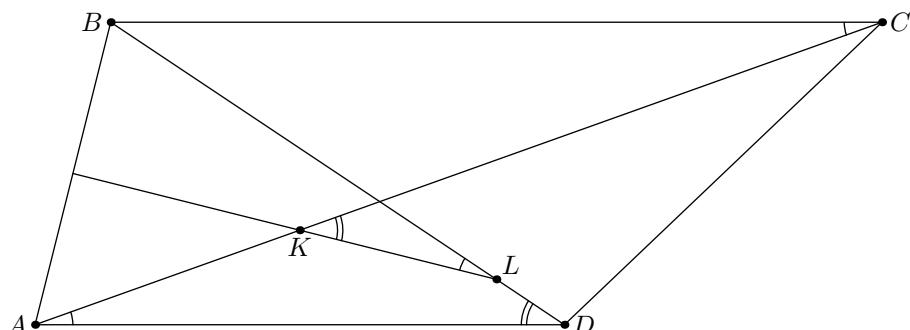


Fig. 8

9. (A.Zaslavsky) (8–9) Let  $C_0$  be the midpoint of hypotenuse  $AB$  of triangle  $ABC$ ;  $AA_1, BB_1$  the bisectors of this triangle;  $I$  its incenter. Prove that the lines  $C_0I$  and  $A_1B_1$  meet on the altitude from  $C$ .

**Solution.** Use the following property of an arbitrary triangle.

**Lemma.** The line  $C_0I$  meets the altitude  $CH$  at the point lying at the distance  $r$  from  $C$ .

In fact, let  $C'$ ,  $C''$  be the touching points of side  $AB$  with the incircle and the excircle respectively, and  $C_2$  the point of the incircle opposite to  $C'$ . Point  $C$  is the homothety center of the incircle and the excircle, and  $C_2$  and  $C''$  are the corresponding points of these circles, therefore  $C, C_2, C''$  are collinear. Furthermore  $C''C_0 = C''C_0$ , i.e.  $C_0I$  is the medial line of triangle  $C'C''C_2$ , and  $C_0I \parallel CC_2$ . Hence the lines  $CC_2$ ,  $C_2I$ ,  $C_0I$  and  $CH$  are the sidelines of a parallelogram, and we obtain the assertion of the lemma (fig. 9.1).

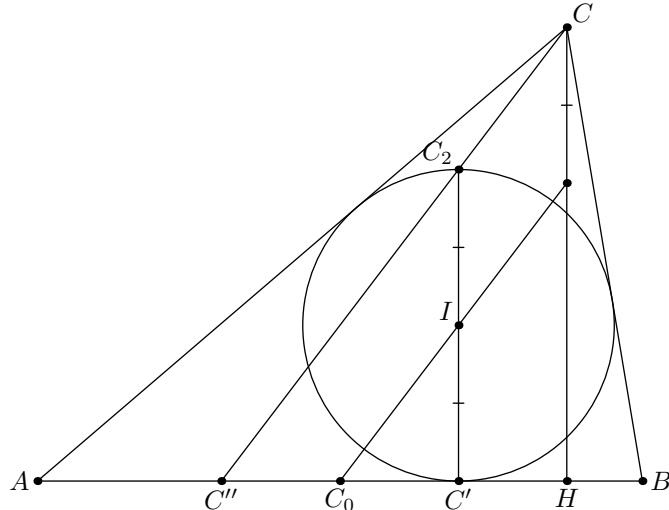


Fig. 9.1

Return to the problem. Denote the common point of  $C_0I$  and  $CH$  by  $H'$  (fig. 9.2). Since  $CH' = r$ , the distances from  $H'$  to  $CA$ ,  $BC$  and  $AB$  are  $d_b = r \cos \angle HCB = r \cos \angle BAC = r \cdot AC/AB$ ,  $d_a = r \cdot BC/AB$  and  $d_c = CH - r$  respectively. Since  $(AB + BC + CA)r = AB \cdot CH = 2S_{ABC}$ , we obtain that  $d_c = d_a + d_b$ . It is clear that the distances from  $A_1$ ,  $B_1$  to  $BC$ ,  $CA$  and  $AB$  also have the similar property. By the Thales theorem all such points are collinear.

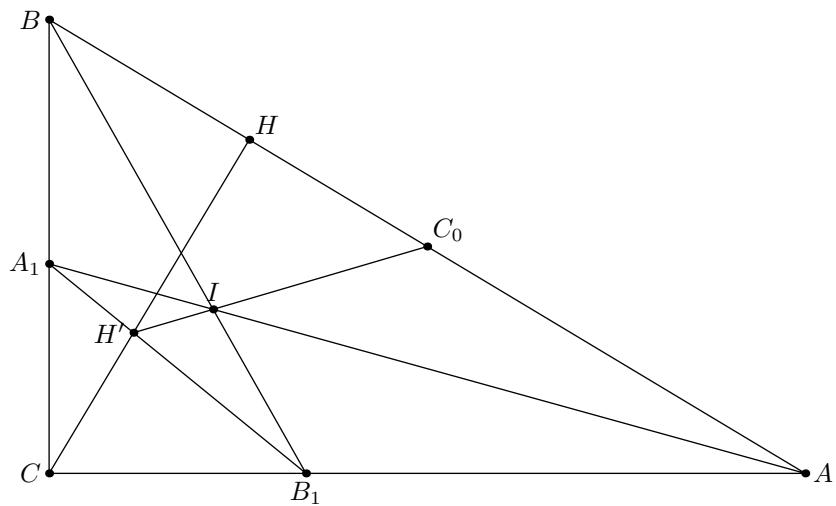


Fig. 9.2

10. (I.I.Bogdanov) (8–10) Points  $K$  and  $L$  on the sides  $AB$  and  $BC$  of parallelogram  $ABCD$  are such that  $\angle AKD = \angle CLD$ . Prove that the circumcenter of triangle  $BKL$  is equidistant from  $A$  and  $C$ .

**Solution.** The triangles  $AKD$  and  $CLD$  are similar by two angles, therefore  $AK : CL = AD : CD$ . Hence, when  $K$  moves along  $AB$  with constant velocity,  $L$  also moves along  $BC$  uniformly, and therefore the circumcenter of  $BKL$  moves along some line. If  $K, L$  are the projections of  $D$  to  $AB$  and  $BC$  respectively, the circumcenter of  $BKL$  coincides with the center of the parallelogram, and when  $K$  and  $L$  coincide with  $A$  and  $C$  respectively, the circumcenter lies on the perpendicular bisector to  $AC$ . Thus this perpendicular bisector is the locus of circumcenters.

11. (A.Tolesnikov) (8–11) A finite number of points is marked on the plane. Each three of them are not collinear. A circle is circumscribed around each triangle with marked vertices. Is it possible that all centers of these circles are also marked?

**Answer.** No.

**Solution.** Consider the circle having the minimal radius. Let it be the circumcircle of triangle  $ABC$ , and  $O$  be its center. If  $ABC$  is not a regular triangle, then some of its angles, for example  $C$ , is less than  $60^\circ$ . But in this case  $60^\circ < \angle AOB < 120^\circ$ , i.e.  $\sin \angle AOB > \sin \angle ACB$ , and by the sinus theorem the circumradius of  $AOB$  is less than the radius of circle  $ABC$ , which contradicts to the definition of this circle. If  $ABC$  is regular then the centers  $A', B', C'$  of circles  $BOC, COA, AOB$  are also marked. But for example the triangle  $AOB'$  is regular, and its circumradius is less than the radius of circle  $ABC$ .

12. (D.Shvetsov) (9–10) Let  $AA_1, CC_1$  be the altitudes of triangle  $ABC$ ,  $B_0$  the common point of the altitude from  $B$  and the circumcircle of  $ABC$ ; and  $Q$  the common point of the circumcircles of  $ABC$  and  $A_1C_1B_0$ , distinct from  $B_0$ . Prove that  $BQ$  is the symmedian of  $ABC$ .

**Solution.** Since  $A, C, A_1, C_1$  are concyclic we obtain that the lines  $AC, A_1C_1$  and  $B_0Q$  concur at the radical center  $N$  of circles  $ACA_1C_1, ABC$  and  $A_1C_1B_0$ . Let  $BQ$  meet  $AC$  and  $A_1C_1$  at points  $P$  and  $M$  respectively (fig. 12). Projecting the circumcircle of triangle  $ABC$  from  $Q$  to  $AC$ , and projecting this line from  $B$  to  $A_1C_1$  we obtain the equality of cross-ratios  $(A_1C_1MN) = (CAPN) = (CABB_0) = \frac{BC}{BA} : \frac{B_0C}{B_0A}$ . Since  $B_0$  is the reflection of the orthocenter  $H$  of triangle  $ABC$  about  $AC$ , the second fraction is equal to  $HC/HA = CA_1/AC_1$ . Now applying the Menelaus theorem to the triangle  $A_1BC_1$  and the line  $ACN$  we obtain that  $A_1C_1MN = C_1N/A_1N$ , i.e.  $A_1M = C_1M$ . Therefore  $BM$  is the median of triangle  $A_1BC_1$  and the symmedian of  $ABC$ .

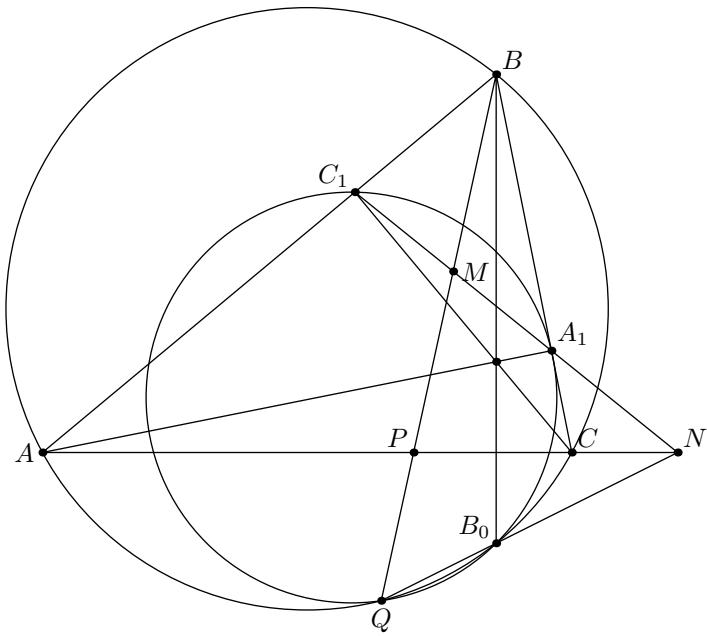


Fig. 12

13. (A.Zaslavsky) (9–11) Two circles pass through points  $A$  and  $B$ . A third circle touches both these circles and meets  $AB$  at points  $C$  and  $D$ . Prove that the tangents to this circle at these points are parallel to the common tangents of two given circles.

**Solution.** Let the third circle touch two given circles at points  $X, Y$ , and their common tangent touch them at  $U, V$  (points  $X$  and  $U$  lie on the same circle). Since  $X$  is the homothety center of touching circles, the line  $XU$  meets the third circle at point  $P$  such that the tangent at this point is parallel to  $UV$ . Similarly  $YV$  passes through  $P$ . Also  $X, Y, U, V$  are collinear, therefore  $PX \cdot PU = PY \cdot PV$ . Hence  $P$  lies on  $AB$  and thus coincides with one of points  $C, D$  (fig. 13). The proof for the second point is similar.

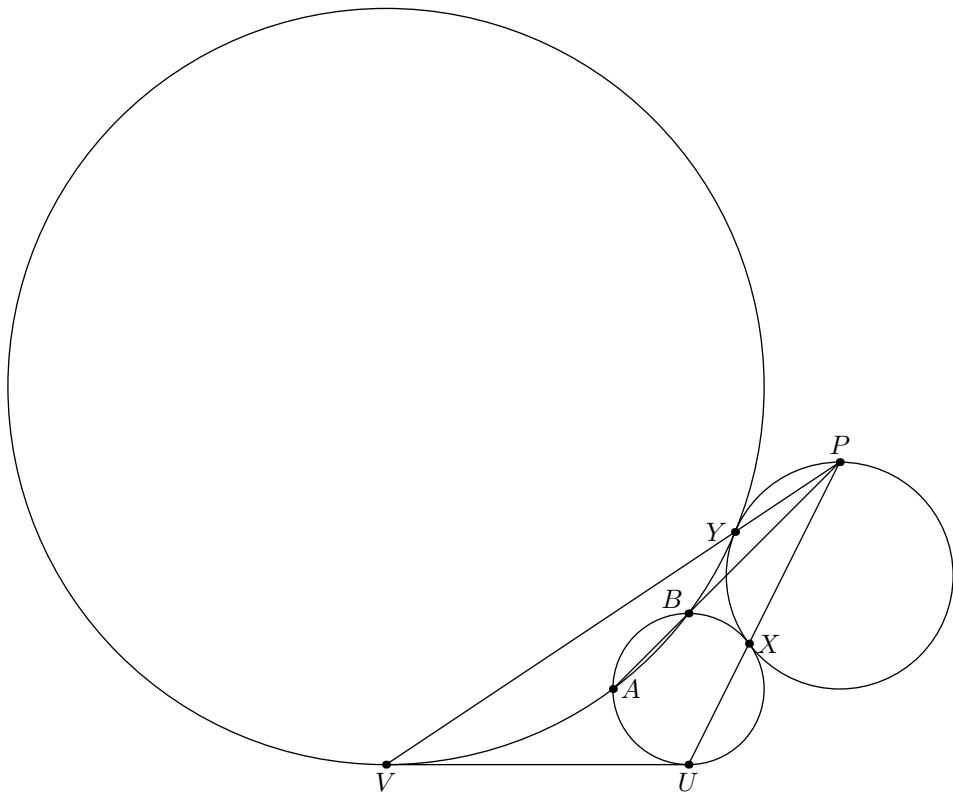


Fig. 13

14. (N.Moskвитин) (9–11) Let points  $B$  and  $C$  lie on the circle with diameter  $AD$  and center  $O$  on the same side of  $AD$ . The circumcircles of triangles  $ABO$  and  $CDO$  meet  $BC$  at points  $F$  and  $E$  respectively. Prove that  $R^2 = AF \cdot DE$ , where  $R$  is the radius of the given circle.

**Solution.** Since  $ABFO$  is cyclic and  $AO = OB$ , we have (fig.14)

$$\frac{AF}{AO} = \frac{\sin \angle AOF}{\sin \angle ABO} = \frac{\sin \angle ABF}{\sin \angle ABO} = \frac{\sin \angle ABC}{\sin \angle BAD}.$$

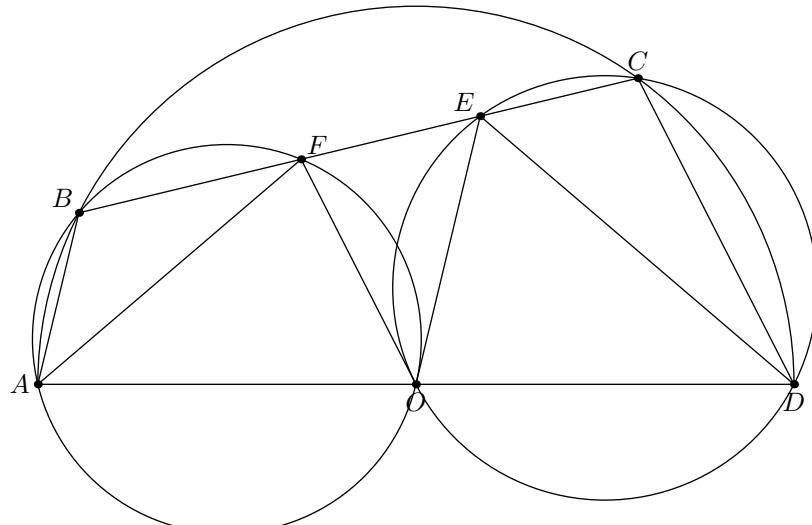


Fig. 14

Similarly,  $DE/OD = \sin \angle BCD / \sin \angle CDA$ . Since  $ABCD$  is cyclic, the product of these ratios is equal to 1.

15. (K.Aleksiev) (9–11) Let  $ABC$  be an acute-angled triangle with incircle  $\omega$  and incenter  $I$ . Let  $\omega$  touch  $AB$ ,  $BC$  and  $CA$  at points  $D$ ,  $E$ ,  $F$  respectively. The circles  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  centered at  $J_1$  and  $J_2$  respectively are inscribed into  $ADIF$  and  $BDIE$ . Let  $J_1J_2$  intersect  $AB$  at point  $M$ . Prove that  $CD$  is perpendicular to  $IM$ .

**Solution.** Since  $DJ_1, DJ_2$  are the bisectors of triangles  $DIA, DIB$  respectively, we have  $AJ_1/J_1I = AD/ID, IJ_2/J_2B = CI/CB$ . By the Menelaus theorem we obtain that the quadruple  $A, B, C, M$  is harmonic, i.e.  $M$  lies on  $FE$  (fig.15). Since  $C$  and  $D$  are the poles of lines  $EF$  and  $AB$  wrt the incircle we obtain that  $M$  is the pole of  $CD$ , therefore  $CD \perp IM$ .

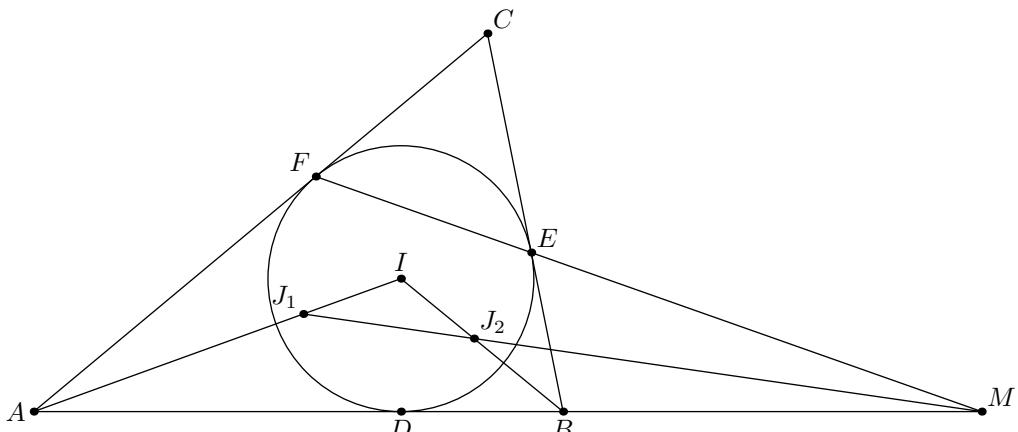


Fig. 15

16. (P.Ryabov) (9–11) The tangents to the circumcircle of triangle  $ABC$  at  $A$  and  $B$  meet at point  $D$ . The circle passing through the projections of  $D$  to  $BC, CA, AB$ , meet  $AB$  for the second time at point  $C'$ . Points  $A', B'$  are defined similarly. Prove that  $AA', BB', CC'$  concur.

**Solution.** The pedal circle of point  $D$  coincides with the pedal circle of isogonally conjugated point  $D'$  which is the vertex of parallelogram  $ACBD'$ . Hence  $C'$  is the projection of  $D'$  to  $AB$ , i.e. the reflection of the foot of the altitude from  $C$  about the midpoint of  $AB$ . Similarly  $A', B'$  are the reflections of the feet of the altitudes from  $A$  and  $B$  about the midpoints of the corresponding sides. Therefore  $AA', BB'$  and  $CC'$  concur at the point isotomically conjugated to the orthocenter of the triangle.

17. (A.Trigub) (9–11) Using a compass and a ruler, construct a point  $K$  inside an acute-angled triangle  $ABC$  so that  $\angle KBA = 2\angle KAB$  and  $\angle KBC = 2\angle KCB$ .

**Solution.** Let the circle centered at  $K$  and passing through  $B$  meet  $AB$  and  $BC$  at points  $P$  and  $Q$  respectively, and let  $T$  be the midpoint of arc  $ABC$  of the circumcircle. Then  $\angle KPB = \angle KBP = 2\angle KAP$ , therefore  $\angle KAP = \angle PKA$  and  $AP = PK = KB$ . Similarly  $CQ = QK = KB$ . Since  $AP = CQ$ ,  $AT = CT$  and  $\angle PAT = \angle QCT$ , the triangles  $TAP$  and  $TCQ$  are congruent i.e.  $\angle TPB = \angle TQB$  and  $T$  lies on the circle  $BPQ$ .

Hence the center  $K$  of this circle lies on the perpendicular bisector to  $BT$ . Furthermore by the assumption  $\angle AKC = 3\angle B/2$ , i.e.  $K$  lies on the corresponding arc (fig.17).

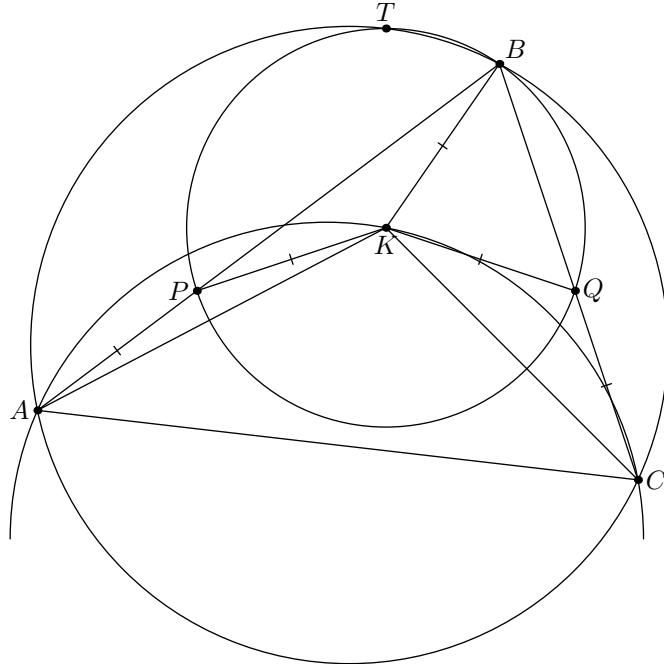


Fig. 17

Now let us prove that the constructed point  $K$  is in fact the required one. Denote again the common points of the sidelines with the circle centered at  $K$  and passing through  $B$  by  $P$  and  $Q$ . Since this circle passes through  $T$ , we obtain that  $AP = CQ$ . If  $AP > PK = KB$  then  $\angle PKA > \angle PAK$ ,  $\angle KPB = \angle KBP > 2\angle BAK$ ,  $\angle KBC > 2\angle KCB$  and  $\angle AKC < 3\angle B/2$  which contradicts to the construction of  $K$ . Similarly if  $AP < PK$  we have  $\angle AKC > 3\angle B/2$ .

18. (A.Trigub) (9–11) Let  $L$  be the common point of the symmedians of triangle  $ABC$ , and  $BH$  be its altitude. It is known that  $\angle ALH = 180^\circ - 2\angle A$ . Prove that  $\angle CLH = 180^\circ - 2\angle C$ .

**Solution.** Let  $AA_1, CC_1$  be the altitudes of the triangle. Then the symmedians  $AL, CL$  are the medians of triangles  $AC_1H, CA_1H$ , i.e. they pass through the midpoints  $M, N$  of segments  $HC_1, HA_1$  respectively. But  $\angle MNH = \angle C_1A_1H = 180^\circ - 2\angle A$ , therefore  $\angle ALH = 180^\circ - 2\angle A$  if and only if  $HLMN$  is cyclic. Similarly this is equivalent to the condition  $\angle CLH = 180^\circ - 2\angle C$ .

19. (D.Prokopenko) (10–11) Let cevians  $AA'$ ,  $BB'$  and  $CC'$  of triangle  $ABC$  concur at point  $P$ . The circumcircle of triangle  $PA'B'$  meets  $AC$  and  $BC$  at points  $M$  and  $N$  respectively, and the circumcircles of triangles  $PC'B'$  and  $PA'C'$  meet  $AC$  and  $BC$  for the second time respectively at points  $K$  and  $L$ . The line  $c$  passes through the midpoints of segments  $MN$  and  $KL$ . The lines  $a$  and  $b$  are defined similarly. Prove that  $a, b$  and  $c$  concur.

**Solution.** By the assumption  $CM \cdot CB' = CN \cdot CA'$  and  $CK \cdot CB' = CP \cdot CC' = CL \cdot CA'$ . Hence  $KL \parallel MN$  and  $c$  passes through  $C$ . Since  $MN$  and  $A'B'$  are antiparallel, this line

is the symmedian of triangle  $CA'B'$  and so it divides  $C$  into two angles with the ratio of sinuses equal to  $CB' : CA'$ . The similar relations for two remaining angles and the Ceva theorem yield the required assertion.

20. (V.Luchkin, M.Fadin) (10–11) Given a right-angled triangle  $ABC$  and two perpendicular lines  $x$  and  $y$  passing through the vertex  $A$  of its right angle. For an arbitrary point  $X$  on  $x$  define  $y_B$  and  $y_C$  as the reflections of  $y$  about  $XB$  and  $XC$  respectively. Let  $Y$  be the common point of  $y_B$  and  $y_C$ . Find the locus of  $Y$  (when  $y_B$  and  $y_C$  do not coincide).

**Solution.** Consider the point  $X'$  isogonally conjugated to  $X$  and its reflections  $U, V, W$  about  $AB, AC, BC$  respectively. Perpendicularity of  $x$  and  $y$  implies that  $U$  and  $V$  lie on  $y$ . Furthermore  $XB, XC$  are the perpendicular bisectors to  $UW, VW$  respectively. Therefore  $W$  lies on  $y_B, y_C$ , i.e. it coincides with  $Y$  (fig.20). Thus  $Y$  lies on the reflection of the isogonal image of  $x$  about  $BC$ . The required locus is this line without the points such that  $y_B$  and  $y_C$  coincide, i.e. the common point of this line with  $BC$  and the reflection of  $A$  about  $BC$ .

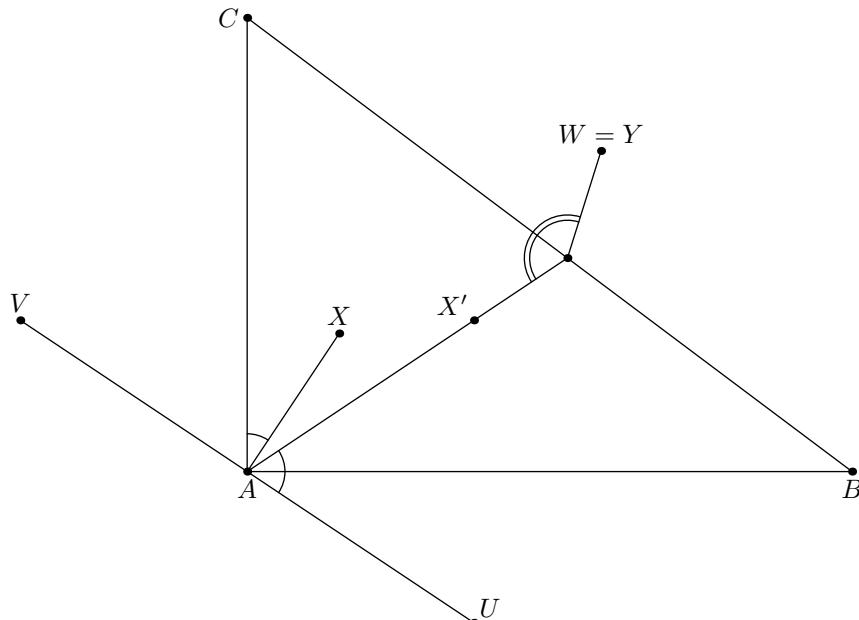


Fig. 20

21. (N.Beluhov) (10–11) A convex hexagon is circumscribed about a circle of radius 1. Consider the three segments joining the midpoints of its opposite sides. Find the greatest real number  $r$  such that the length of at least one segment is at least  $r$ .

**Solution.** Let  $A_1A_2 \dots A_6$  be the hexagon in question, circumscribed about a circle  $\omega$  with center  $I$ , and let  $M_i$  be the midpoint of  $A_iA_{i+1}$  (indices run modulo 6, so that, say,  $A_7 \equiv A_1$ ). If  $A_1A_2A_3$  approaches an equilateral triangle and  $A_4, A_5$ , and  $A_6$  all approach the midpoint of  $A_1A_3$  then the lengths of  $M_1M_4, M_2M_5$ , and  $M_3M_6$  all approach  $\sqrt{3}$ .

We will show that  $r = \sqrt{3}$  is indeed the answer to the problem. First we verify that  $I$  lies inside  $M_1M_2 \dots M_6$ . Suppose for example that it lies inside the triangle  $M_1A_1M_6$ . But then  $\omega$  is contained inside  $A_2A_1A_6$  and cannot touch all sides of  $A_1A_2 \dots A_6$ , a contradiction.

Let  $\angle(ABCD)$  denote the angle such that rotation by it counterclockwise about  $A$  makes  $\overrightarrow{AB}$  codirectional with  $\overrightarrow{CD}$ .

Since all  $M_i$  lie outside  $\omega$ , we have  $IM_i \geq 1$ . Therefore, if  $120^\circ \leq \angle(IM_i IM_{i+3}) \leq 240^\circ$  for some  $i$  then  $M_i M_{i+3} \geq \sqrt{3}$  and we are done.

Suppose now that this does not happen for any  $i$ . Let  $j$  be such that  $\angle(IM_j IM_{j+3}) \leq 120^\circ$  and  $\angle(IM_{j+3} IM_j) \geq 240^\circ$ . Then there is some  $k$ ,  $j \leq k \leq j+2$ , such that  $\angle(IM_k IM_{k+3}) \leq 120^\circ$  and  $\angle(IM_{k+1} IM_{k+4}) \geq 240^\circ$ . Without loss of generality, take  $k = 4$ . Then  $120^\circ \leq \angle IM_1 IM_2 \leq 180^\circ$  and consequently  $M_1 M_2 \geq \sqrt{3}$ .

Consider the convex quadrilateral  $M_1 M_2 M_4 M_5$ . If angle  $M_1$  is right or obtuse then  $M_2 M_5 > M_1 M_2 \geq \sqrt{3}$  and we are done. If angle  $M_2$  is right or obtuse then  $M_1 M_4 > M_1 M_2 \geq \sqrt{3}$  and we are done. It remains to consider the case when angles  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are both acute.

In this case however  $90^\circ < \angle(M_1 M_2 M_4 M_5) < 270^\circ$ . Since  $\overrightarrow{M_3 M_6} = -\overrightarrow{M_1 M_2} + \overrightarrow{M_4 M_5}$  (because  $\overrightarrow{M_3 M_6} = \overrightarrow{M_3 M_4} + \overrightarrow{M_4 M_5} + \overrightarrow{M_5 M_6}$  and  $\overrightarrow{M_1 M_2} + \overrightarrow{M_3 M_4} + \overrightarrow{M_5 M_6} = \frac{1}{2}(\overrightarrow{A_1 A_3} + \overrightarrow{A_3 A_5} + \overrightarrow{A_5 A_1}) = \mathbf{0}$ ), we have  $M_3 M_6 > M_1 M_2 \geq \sqrt{3}$ , and the proof is complete.

22. (M. Panov) (10–11) Let  $P$  be an arbitrary point on the diagonal  $AC$  of cyclic quadrilateral  $ABCD$ , and  $PK, PL, PM, PN, PO$  be the perpendiculars from  $P$  to  $AB, BC, CD, DA, BD$  respectively. Prove that the distance from  $P$  to  $KN$  is equal to the distance from  $O$  to  $ML$ .

**Solution.** When  $P$  moves uniformly along  $AC$ , the lines  $KN$  and  $ML$  are translated uniformly and the point  $O$  moves uniformly as well. Thus  $d(P, KN) - d(O, ML)$  is a linear function of the position of  $P$ . When  $P = A$ , this function equals 0 by the Simson theorem, and when  $P$  is the common point of  $AC$  and  $BD$ , it equals 0 because  $KLMN$  is circumscribed about a circle centered at  $P = O$  ( $\angle NKP = \angle DAC = \angle DBC = \angle PKL$  because  $AKPN$  and  $BKPL$  are cyclic).

23. (I.Frolov) (10–11) Let a line  $m$  touch the incircle of triangle  $ABC$ . The lines passing through the incenter  $I$  and perpendicular to  $AI, BI, CI$  meet  $m$  at points  $A', B', C'$  respectively. Prove that  $AA', BB'$  and  $CC'$  concur.

**Solution.** The polar transformation wrt the incircle maps  $BC, CA, AB, m$  to their touching points  $A_1, B_1, C_1, M$  with the incircle. Since  $IA'$  is the polar of the infinite point of perpendicular line  $IA$ , its common point with  $m$  is the pole of the line passing through  $M$  and parallel to  $IA$ . Since  $IA \perp B_1 C_1$ , the line  $AA'$  is the polar of the projection of  $M$  to  $B_1 C_1$ . Similarly the lines  $BB'$  and  $CC'$  are the polars of projections of  $M$  to  $A_1 C_1$  and  $A_1 B_1$  respectively. By the Simson theorem these projections are collinear, hence their polars concur.

24. (I.I.Bogdanov) (11) Two tetrahedrons are given. Each two faces of the same tetrahedron are not similar, but each face of the first tetrahedron is similar to some face of the second one. Does this yield that these tetrahedrons are similar?

**Answer.** No.

**Solution.** Let  $t$  be some number close to 1. Then there exist two tetrahedrons such that their bases are regular triangles with side equal to 1, the lateral edges of the first tetrahedron are equal to  $t, t^2, t^3$ , and the lateral edges of the second one are equal to  $1/t$ ,

$1/t^2$ ,  $1/t^3$ . It is clear that the assumption is valid for these tetrahedrons but they are not similar.

# XIV GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF I.F.SHARYGIN

## The correspondence round

Below is the list of problems for the first (correspondence) round of the XIV Sharygin Geometrical Olympiad.

The olympiad is intended for high-school students of four eldest grades. In Russian school, these are 8-11. In the list below, each problem is indicated by the numbers of Russian school grades, for which it is intended. Foreign students of the last grade have to solve the problems for 11th grade, students of the preceding grade solve the problems for 10th grade etc. However, the participants may solve problems for elder grades as well (solutions of problems for younger grades will not be considered).

A complete solution of each problem costs 7 points. A partial solution costs from 1 to 6 points. A text without significant advancement costs 0 points. The result of a participant is the sum of all obtained marks.

Please include the solution of each problem in a separate file. First write down the statement of the problem, and then the solution. Present your solutions in detail, including all necessary arguments and calculations. Provide all necessary figures of sufficient size. If a problem has an explicit answer, this answer must be presented distinctly. Please, be accurate to provide good understanding and correct estimating of your work !

If your solution depends on some well-known theorems from standard textbooks, you may simply refer to them instead of providing their proofs. However, any fact not from the standard curriculum should be either proved or properly referred (with an indication of the source).

You may note the problems which you liked most (this is not obligatory). Your opinion is interesting for the Jury.

The **solutions** for the problems (in Russian or in English) must be **delivered not before January 8, 2018 and not later than on April 1, 2018**. To upload your work, enter the site <https://contest.yandex.ru/geomshar/>, indicate the language (English) in the right upper part of the page, press "Registration" in the left upper part, and follow the instructions.

### **Attention:**

1. The solution of each problem must be contained in a *separate* pdf, doc or jpg file. We recommend to prepare the paper using computer or to scan it rather than to photograph it. *In the last two cases, please check readability of the file before uploading.*

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The final round will be held in July–August 2018 in Moscow region. The winners of the correspondence round are invited to it if they don't graduate from school before. (For instance, if the last grade is 12 then we invite winners from 9–11 grades, and from 12 grade if they finish their education later.) The graduates, winners of the correspondence round, will be awarded by diplomas of the Olympiad. The list of the winners will be published on [www.geometry.ru](http://www.geometry.ru) at the end of May 2018 at latest. If you want to know your detailed results, please use e-mail **geomshar@yandex.ru**.

1. (grade 8) Three circles lie inside a square. Each of them touches externally two remaining

circles. Also each circle touches two sides of the square. Prove that two of these circles are congruent.

2. (grade 8) A cyclic quadrilateral  $ABCD$  is given. The lines  $AB$  and  $DC$  meet at point  $E$ , and the lines  $BC$  and  $AD$  meet at point  $F$ . Let  $I$  be the incenter of triangle  $AED$ , and a ray with origin  $F$  be perpendicular to the bisector of angle  $AID$ . In what ratio does this ray dissect the angle  $AFB$ ?
3. (grade 8) Let  $AL$  be a bisector of triangle  $ABC$ ,  $D$  be its midpoint, and  $E$  be the projection of  $D$  to  $AB$ . It is known that  $AC = 3AE$ . Prove that  $CEL$  is an isosceles triangle.
4. (grade 8) Let  $ABCD$  be a cyclic quadrilateral. A point  $P$  moves along the arc  $AD$  which does not contain  $B$  and  $C$ . A fixed line  $l$ , perpendicular to  $BC$ , meets the rays  $BP$ ,  $CP$  at points  $B_0$ ,  $C_0$  respectively. Prove that the tangent at  $P$  to the circumcircle of triangle  $PB_0C_0$  passes through some fixed point.
5. (grades 8–9) The vertex  $C$  of equilateral triangles  $ABC$  and  $CDE$  lies on the segment  $AE$ , and the vertices  $B$  and  $D$  lie on the same side with respect to this segment. The circumcircles of these triangles centered at  $O_1$  and  $O_2$  meet for the second time at point  $F$ . The lines  $O_1O_2$  and  $AD$  meet at point  $K$ . Prove that  $AK = BF$ .
6. (grades 8–9) Let  $CH$  be the altitude of a right-angled triangle  $ABC$  ( $\angle C = 90^\circ$ ) with  $BC = 2AC$ . Let  $O_1$ ,  $O_2$  and  $O$  be the incenters of triangles  $ACH$ ,  $BCH$  and  $ABC$  respectively, and  $H_1$ ,  $H_2$ ,  $H_0$  be the projections of  $O_1$ ,  $O_2$ ,  $O$  respectively to  $AB$ . Prove that  $H_1H = HH_0 = H_0H_2$ .
7. (grades 8–9) Let  $E$  be a common point of circles  $w_1$  and  $w_2$ . Let  $AB$  be a common tangent to these circles, and  $CD$  be a line parallel to  $AB$ , such that  $A$  and  $C$  lie on  $w_1$ ,  $B$  and  $D$  lie on  $w_2$ . The circles  $ABE$  and  $CDE$  meet for the second time at point  $F$ . Prove that  $F$  bisects one of arcs  $CD$  of circle  $CDE$ .
8. (grades 8–9) Restore a triangle  $ABC$  by the Nagel point, the vertex  $B$  and the foot of the altitude from this vertex.
9. (grades 8–9) A square is inscribed into an acute-angled triangle: two vertices of this square lie on the same side of the triangle and two remaining vertices lies on two remaining sides. Two similar squares are constructed for the remaining sides. Prove that three segments congruent to the sides of these squares can be the sides of an acute-angled triangle.
10. (grades 8–9) In the plane, 2018 points are given such that all distances between them are different. For each point, mark the closest one of the remaining points. What is the minimal number of marked points?
11. (grades 8–9) Let  $I$  be the incenter of a nonisosceles triangle  $ABC$ . Prove that there exists a unique pair of points  $M$ ,  $N$  lying on the sides  $AC$ ,  $BC$  respectively, such that  $\angle AIM = \angle BIN$  and  $MN \parallel AB$ .
12. (grades 8–9) Let  $BD$  be the external bisector of a triangle  $ABC$  with  $AB > BC$ ;  $K$  and  $K_1$  be the touching points of side  $AC$  with the incircle and the excircle centered at  $I$  and

$I_1$  respectively. The lines  $BK$  and  $DI_1$  meet at point  $X$ , and the lines  $BK_1$  and  $DI$  meet at point  $Y$ . Prove that  $XY \perp AC$ .

13. (grades 9–11) Let  $ABCD$  be a cyclic quadrilateral, and  $M, N$  be the midpoints of arcs  $AB$  and  $CD$  respectively. Prove that  $MN$  bisects the segment between the incenters of triangles  $ABC$  and  $ADC$ .
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16. (grades 9–11) Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with  $AB < BC$ . The bisector of angle  $C$  meets the line parallel to  $AC$  and passing through  $B$ , at point  $P$ . The tangent at  $B$  to the circumcircle of  $ABC$  meets this bisector at point  $R$ . Let  $R'$  be the reflection of  $R$  with respect to  $AB$ . Prove that  $\angle R'PB = \angle RPA$ .
17. (grades 10–11) Let each of circles  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  touch two remaining circles externally, and all of them touch a circle  $\Omega$  internally at points  $A_1, B_1, C_1$  respectively. The common internal tangent to  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  meets the arc  $A_1B_1$  not containing  $C_1$ , at point  $C_2$ . Points  $A_2, B_2$  are defined similarly. Prove that the lines  $A_1A_2, B_1B_2, C_1C_2$  concur.
18. (grades 10–11) Let  $C_1, A_1, B_1$  be points on sides  $AB, BC, CA$  of triangle  $ABC$ , such that  $AA_1, BB_1, CC_1$  concur. The rays  $B_1A_1$  and  $B_1C_1$  meet the circumcircle of the triangle at points  $A_2$  and  $C_2$  respectively. Prove that  $A, C$ , the common point of  $A_2C_2$  and  $BB_1$ , and the midpoint of  $A_2C_2$  are concyclic.
19. (grades 10–11) Let a triangle  $ABC$  be given. On a ruler, three segments congruent to the sides of this triangle are marked. Using this ruler construct the orthocenter of the triangle formed by the tangency points of the sides of  $ABC$  with its incircle.
20. (grades 10–11) Let the incircle of a nonisosceles triangle  $ABC$  touch  $AB, AC$  and  $BC$  at points  $D, E$  and  $F$  respectively. The corresponding excircle touches the side  $BC$  at point  $N$ . Let  $T$  be the common point of  $AN$  and the incircle, closest to  $N$ , and  $K$  be the common point of  $DE$  and  $FT$ . Prove that  $AK \parallel BC$ .
21. (grades 10–11) In the plane, a line  $l$  and a point  $A$  outside it are given. Find the locus of the incenters of acute-angled triangles having the vertex  $A$  and the opposite side lying on  $l$ .
22. (grades 10–11) Six circles of unit radius lie in the plane so that the distance between the centers of any two of them is greater than  $d$ . What is the least value of  $d$  such that there

always exists a straight line which does not intersect any of the circles and separates the circles into two groups of three?

23. (grades 10–11) The plane is divided into convex heptagons with diameters less than 1. Prove that an arbitrary disc with radius 200 intersects more than a billion of them.
24. (grades 10–11) A crystal of pyrite is a parallelepiped with dashed faces.



The dashes on any two adjacent faces are perpendicular. Does there exist a convex polytope with the number of faces not equal to 6, such that its faces can be dashed in such a manner?

# XIV GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF I.F.SHARYGIN

## The correspondence round. Solutions

1. (L.Shteingarts, grade 8) Three circles lie inside a square. Each of them touches externally two remaining circles. Also each circle touches two sides of the square. Prove that two of these circles are congruent.

**Solution.** If two circles are inscribed into the same angle of the square, then the third one can not touch them and two sides. Hence we can suppose that the circles are inscribed into the angles  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  of square  $ABCD$ . But then two circles inscribed into angles  $A$  and  $C$  are symmetric with respect to diagonal  $BD$ , therefore they are congruent.

2. (N.Moskvitin, grade 8) A cyclic quadrilateral  $ABCD$  is given. The lines  $AB$  and  $DC$  meet at point  $E$ , and the lines  $BC$  and  $AD$  meet at point  $F$ . Let  $I$  be the incenter of triangle  $AED$ , and a ray with origin  $F$  be perpendicular to the bisector of angle  $AID$ . In which ratio this ray dissects the angle  $AFB$ ?

**Answer.** 1 : 3.

**Solution.** Note that the angle between the bisectors of angles  $AED$  and  $AFB$  is equal to the semisum of angles  $FAE$  and  $FCE$ , i.e.  $90^\circ$ . Thus the angle between the bisector of angle  $AFB$  and the ray  $FK$ , where  $K$  is the projection of  $F$  to the bisector of angle  $AID$ , is equal to  $180^\circ - \angle EIK = 180^\circ - (90^\circ + \angle A/2) - (180^\circ - \angle A/2 - \angle D/2)/2 = (\angle D - \angle A)/4 = \angle AFB/4$  (fig.2), therefore  $\angle AFK = \angle AFB/4$ .

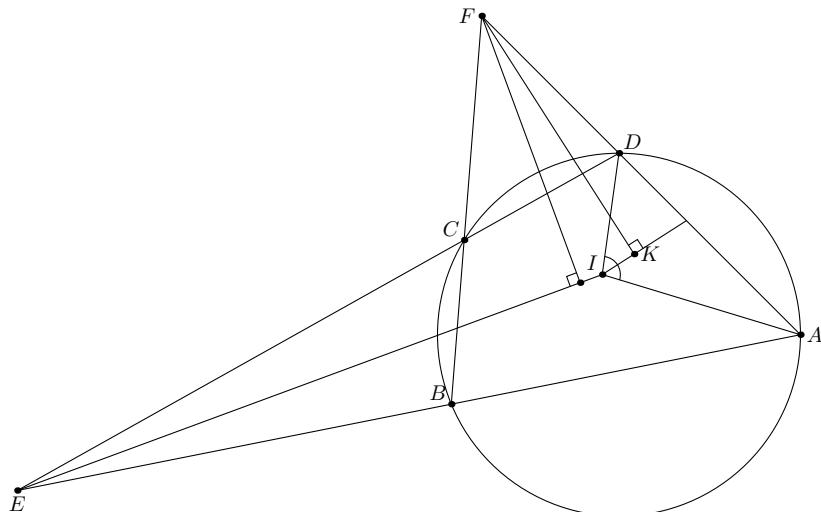


Fig. 2

3. (A.Zaslavsky, grade 8) Let  $AL$  be the bisector of triangle  $ABC$ ,  $D$  be its midpoint, and  $E$  be the projection of  $D$  to  $AB$ . It is known that  $AC = 3AE$ . Prove that  $CEL$  is an isosceles triangle.

**Solution.** Let  $F$  be the projection of  $L$  to  $AB$ , and  $G$  be the reflection of  $E$  about  $F$ . By the Thales theorem we have  $AE = EF = FG$  and  $AG = 3AE = AC$ . Since  $AL$  is the bisector of angle  $A$ , and  $FL$  is the perpendicular bisector to segment  $EG$ , we obtain that  $CL = LG = LE$  (fig.3).

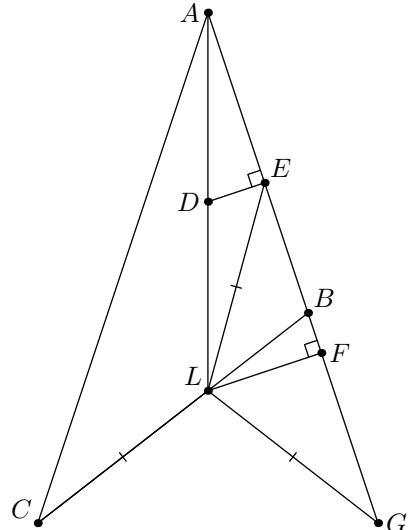


Fig. 3

4. (D.Shvetsov, grade 8) Let  $ABCD$  be a cyclic quadrilateral. A point  $P$  moves along the arc  $AD$  which does not contain  $B$  and  $C$ . A fixed line  $l$ , perpendicular to  $BC$ , meets the rays  $BP$ ,  $CP$  at points  $B_0$ ,  $C_0$  respectively. Prove that the tangent at  $P$  to the circumcircle of triangle  $PB_0C_0$  passes through some fixed point.

**Solution.** Let the tangent meet the circumcircle of  $ABCD$  for the second time at point  $Q$ . Then  $\angle BPQ = \angle B_0C_0P = 90^\circ - \angle BCP = 90^\circ - \angle BQP$  (fig.4). Thus  $\angle PBQ = 90^\circ$ , i.e.  $PQ$  is a diameter of circle  $ABCD$ . Hence all tangents pass through the center of this circle.

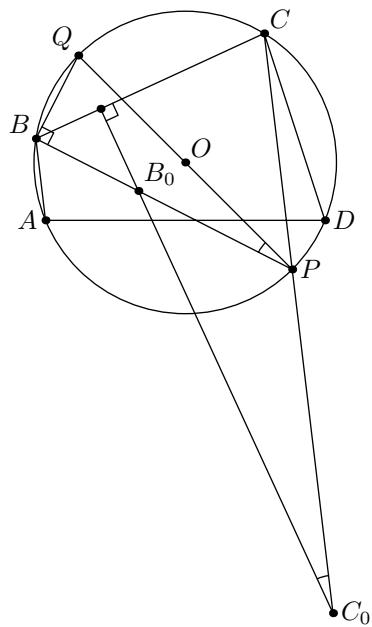


Fig. 4

5. (N.Moskвитин, grades 8–9) The vertex  $C$  of equilateral triangles  $ABC$  and  $CDE$  lies on the segment  $AE$ , and the vertices  $B$  and  $D$  lie on the same side with respect to this

segment. The circumcircles of these triangles centered at  $O_1$  and  $O_2$  meet for the second time at point  $F$ . The lines  $O_1O_2$  and  $AD$  meet at point  $K$ . Prove that  $AK = BF$ .

**Solution.** Note that triangles  $ACD$  and  $BCE$  are congruent because  $AC = BC$ ,  $CD = CE$  and  $\angle ACD = \angle BCE = 120^\circ$ . Also, since  $\angle BFC = 120^\circ$  and  $\angle CFE = 60^\circ$ , we obtain that  $F$  lies on the segment  $BE$ . Finally triangles  $O_1CO_2$  and  $ACD$  are similar, hence  $\angle CO_1K = \angle CAK$ , i.e the points  $A, O_1, K$  and  $C$  are concyclic (fig.5). Therefore  $\angle ACK = 180^\circ - \angle AO_1K = 60^\circ - \angle CO_1K = 60^\circ - \angle CBF = \angle BCF$ , which yields the required equality.

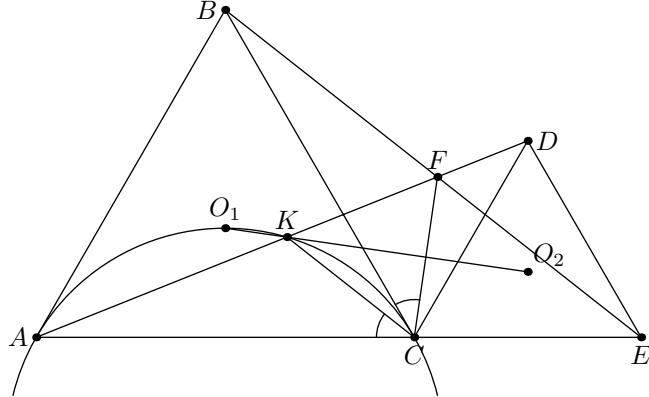


Fig. 5

6. (L.Shteingarts, grades 8–9) Let  $CH$  be the altitude of a right-angled triangle  $ABC$  ( $\angle C = 90^\circ$ ) with  $BC = 2AC$ . Let  $O_1$ ,  $O_2$  and  $O$  be the incenters of triangles  $ACH$ ,  $BCH$  and  $ABC$  respectively, and  $H_1$ ,  $H_2$ ,  $H_0$  be the projections of  $O_1$ ,  $O_2$ ,  $O$  respectively to  $AB$ . Prove that  $H_1H = HH_0 = H_0H_2$ .

**Solution.** Similarity of triangles  $HAC$  and  $HCB$  implies  $HO_2 = 2HO_1$ , thus  $HH_2 = HH_1$ . So we have to prove that  $H_1H_0 = 2H_0H_2$ . But  $H_1H_0 = AH_0 - AH_1 = AH_0(AB - AC)/AB = (AB + AC - BC)(AB - AC)/2AB = (BC^2 - BC(AB - AC))/2AB = BC(AC + BC - AB)/2AB$ . Similarly  $H_0H_2 = AC(AC + BC - AB)/2AB$ , and we obtain the required equality.

7. (I.Spiridonov, grades 8–9) Let  $E$  be a common point of circles  $w_1$  and  $w_2$ . Let  $AB$  be a common tangent to these circles, and  $CD$  be a line parallel to  $AB$ , such that  $A$  and  $C$  lie on  $w_1$ ,  $B$  and  $D$  lie on  $w_2$ . The circles  $ABE$  and  $CDE$  meet for the second time at point  $F$ . Prove that  $F$  bisects one of arcs  $CD$  of circle  $CDE$ .

**Solution.** Let the lines  $AC$  and  $BF$  meet at point  $H$ , and the lines  $BD$  and  $AF$  meet at point  $G$ .

Since  $AB$  touches the circumcircle of triangle  $CAE$ , we have  $(CA, CE) = (AB, AE)$ . Since  $ABEF$  is a cyclic quadrilateral, we have  $(AB, AE) = (FB, FE)$ . Then

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and  $CHFE$  is a cyclic quadrilateral. Similarly we obtain that  $DGFE$  is cyclic. Since  $CFED$  is cyclic, we obtain that  $C, D, E, F, H, G$  are concyclic (fig.7).

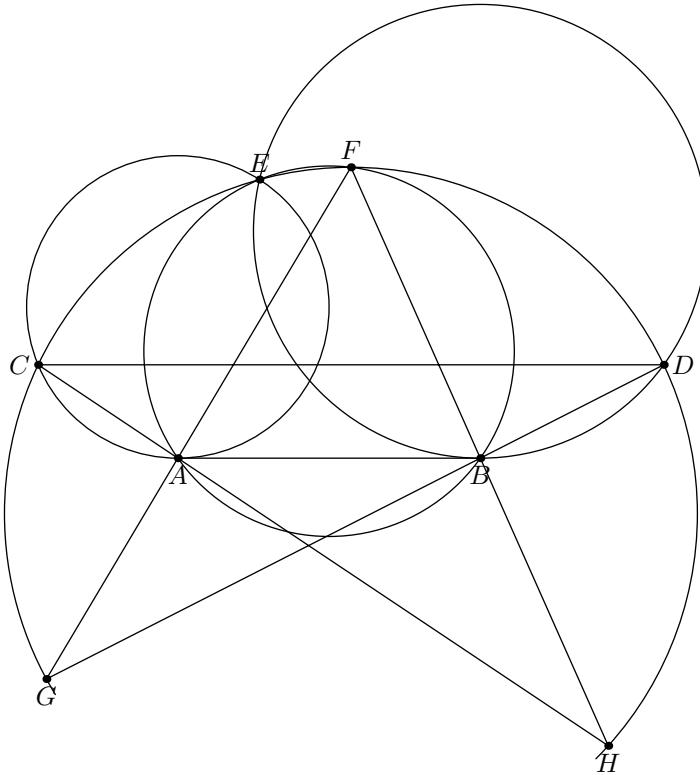


Fig. 7

Applying the Pascal theorem to cyclic hexagon  $FFHCDG$  we obtain that the common points of  $FF$  and  $CD$ ,  $FH$  and  $DG$ ,  $HC$  and  $GF$  are collinear (line  $FF$  is the tangent at  $F$  to the circle  $CFD$ , denote this line by  $l$ ). So  $A$ ,  $B$  and the common point of  $l$  and  $CD$  are collinear. But  $AB \parallel CD$ , therefore  $l \parallel CD$  and  $F$  is the midpoint of arc  $CD$ .

8. (K.Kadyrov, grades 8–9) Restore a triangle  $ABC$  by the Nagel point, the vertex  $B$  and the foot of the altitude from this vertex.

**Solution.** Since the centroid of the triangle divides the segment between the Nagel point  $N$  and the incenter as  $2 : 1$ , we can find the radius of the incircle (we know the altitude and the distance from  $N$  to the base). Now, using the formulas for the area  $S = bh_b/2 = pr = (p - b)r_b$ , we can find the radius  $r_b$  of the excircle. Since the excircle touches the base at its common point with  $BN$ , we can construct this circle, draw the tangents to it from  $B$ , and restore the triangle.

9. (B.Frenkin, grades 8–9) A square is inscribed into an acute-angled triangle: two vertices of this square lie on the same side of the triangle and two remaining vertices lies on two remaining sides. Two similar squares are constructed for the remaining sides. Prove that three segments congruent to the sides of these squares can be the sides of an acute-angled triangle.

**Solution.** Consider the greatest of three squares. Let its vertices  $K$ ,  $L$  lie on  $AB$ , and the vertices  $M$ ,  $N$  lie on  $BC$ ,  $AC$  respectively. Draw the perpendiculars  $MX$ ,  $NY$  to  $AC$ ,  $BC$  respectively and the line passing through  $M$ , parallel to  $AC$  and meeting  $AB$  at point  $Z$  (fig.9). Since  $MX < MN = ML < MZ$ , the side of the inscribed square having the base on  $AC$  is greater than  $MX$ . Similarly the side of the square having the base

on  $BC$  is greater than  $NY$ . Since  $MN^2 - MX^2 = NX^2 < NY^2$ , the triangle with the sidelengths  $MN$ ,  $MX$ ,  $NY$  is acute-angled. The more so, the sides of the three squares can form an acute-angled triangle.

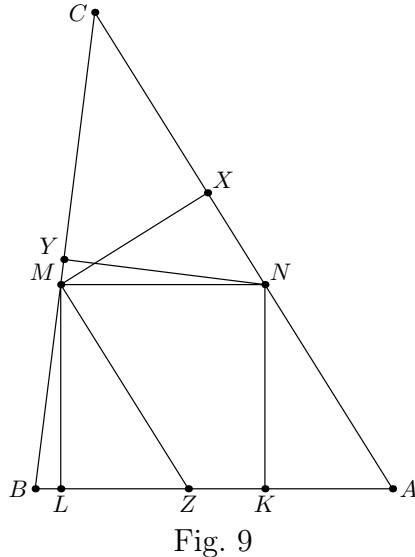


Fig. 9

10. (Folklore, grades 8–9) In the plane, 2018 points are given such that all distances between them are different. For each point, mark the closest one of the remaining points. What is the minimal number of marked points?

**Answer.** 449.

**Solution.** Divide the points into classes such that all points of the same class have the same closest point. Note that each class contains at most five points. In fact, if  $B$  is closest for  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  then  $A_1A_2$  is the greatest side of triangle  $A_1A_2B$ , thus  $\angle A_1BA_2 > 60^\circ$ . The same is true for the angles  $A_2BA_3, \dots, A_nBA_1$ . Thus  $n \leq 5$ . A similar argument shows that if  $B$  is closest to  $A_1, \dots, A_5$  then one of these points is closest to  $B$  and the class of  $B$  contains less than five points. Therefore at least  $2n/9$  points of  $n$  points have to be marked, and for  $n = 2018$  we have at least 449 marked points.

On the other hand, consider the configuration of 9 points on fig.10. Point  $A$  is closest for five points marked by a circ, and point  $B$  is closest for four points marked by a square. Take now 224 such groups, placed at a great distance one from another, and to one of them add two points such that  $C$  is closest to them. In this configuration  $223 \cdot 2 + 3 = 449$  points are marked.

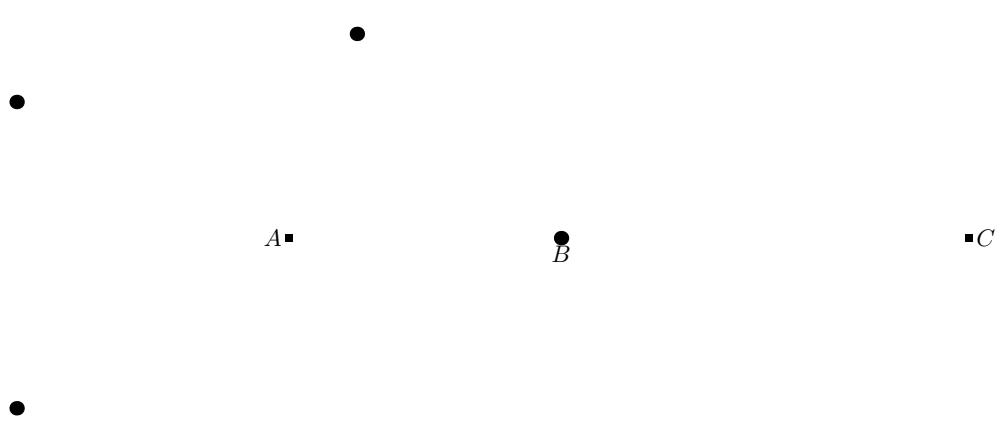


Fig. 10

11. (A.Zaslavsky, grades 8–9) Let  $I$  be the incenter of a nonisosceles triangle  $ABC$ . Prove that there exists a unique pair of points  $M, N$  lying on the sides  $AC, BC$  respectively, such that  $\angle AIM = \angle BIN$  and  $MN \parallel AB$ .

**Solution.** Consider the lines passing through  $A$  and  $B$  and parallel to  $IM, IN$  respectively. Since  $MN \parallel AB$ , their common point  $J$  lies on the ray  $CI$  and  $\angle IAJ = \angle IBJ$ . Thus the radii of circles  $AIJ$  and  $BIJ$  are equal, i.e. these circles are symmetric with respect to  $IJ$ . Hence the circle  $AIJ$  passes through the reflection  $B'$  of  $B$  about the bisector of angle  $C$  (fig.11). But  $A, B, I$  and  $B'$  are concyclic. Therefore the circles  $AIJ$  and  $BIJ$  coincide and  $J$  is the excenter of the triangle. Then  $\angle AIM = \angle BIN = 90^\circ$ .

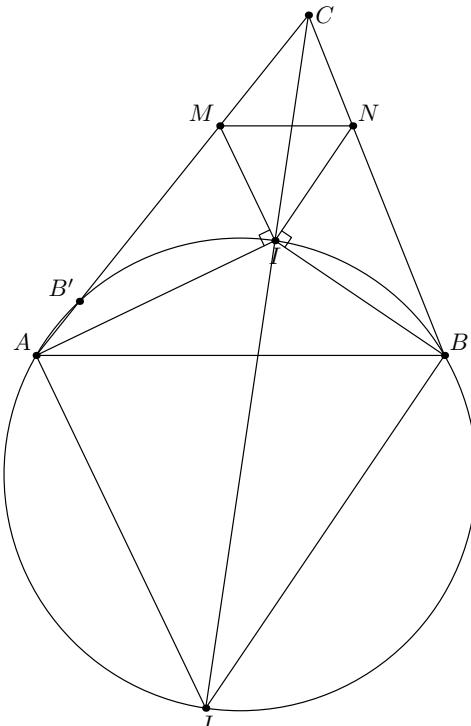


Fig. 11

12. (A.Didin, grades 8–9) Let  $BD$  be the external bisector of a triangle  $ABC$  with  $AB > BC$ ;  $K$  and  $K_1$  be the touching points of side  $AC$  with the incircle and the excircle centered at  $I$  and  $I_1$  respectively. The lines  $BK$  and  $DI_1$  meet at point  $X$ , and the lines  $BK_1$  and  $DI$  meet at point  $Y$ . Prove that  $XY \perp AC$ .

**Solution.** Since  $I$  and  $I_1$  lie on the bisector of angle  $B$ , we have  $BD \perp BI$ . Hence  $B$ ,  $K$  lie on the circle with diameter  $BI$ , and  $B$ ,  $K_1$  lie on the circle with diameter  $BI_1$ . Therefore  $\angle YDK = \angle IBX$ ,  $\angle YBI_1 = \angle KDX$ ,  $\angle YBX = \angle YDX$  and points  $B$ ,  $D$ ,  $X$ ,  $Y$  are concyclic (fig.12). Thus  $\angle XYD = \angle XBD = 90^\circ - \angle YDK$ , i.e.  $XY \perp AC$ .

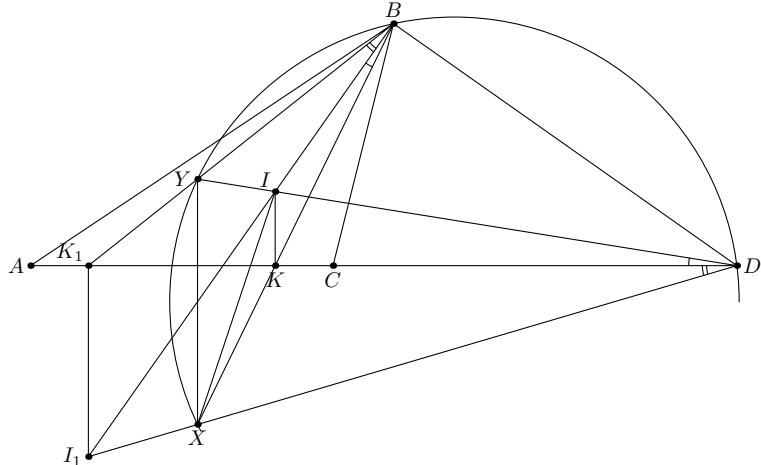


Fig. 12

13. (G.Feldman, grades 9–11) Let  $ABCD$  be a cyclic quadrilateral, and  $M$ ,  $N$  be the midpoints of arcs  $AB$  and  $CD$  respectively. Prove that  $MN$  bisects the segment between the incenters of triangles  $ABC$  and  $ADC$ .

**Solution.** Clearly the incenters  $I$ ,  $J$  of triangles  $ABC$  and  $ADC$  lie on the segments  $CM$  and  $AN$  respectively. Also by the trident theorem  $IM = AM = 2R \sin \angle ANM$ . Thus the distance from  $I$  to  $MN$  is equal to  $IM \sin \angle NMC = 2R \sin \angle ANM \sin \angle NMC$ . We obtain the same expression for the distance from  $J$  to  $MN$ . Since  $I$  and  $J$  lie on the opposite sides from  $MN$ , this equality yields the assertion of the problem (fig.13).

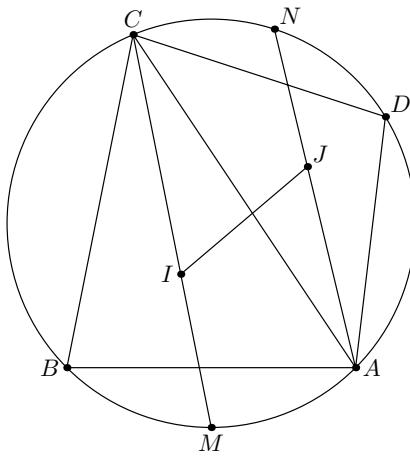


Fig. 13

14. (M.Kungozhin, grades 9–11) Let  $ABC$  be a right-angled triangle with  $\angle C = 90^\circ$ ,  $K, L, M$  be the midpoints of sides  $AB, BC, CA$  respectively, and  $N$  be a point of side  $AB$ . The line  $CN$  meets  $KM$  and  $KL$  at points  $P$  and  $Q$  respectively. Points  $S, T$  lying on  $AC$  and  $BC$  respectively are such that  $APQS$  and  $BPQT$  are cyclic quadrilaterals. Prove that

- a) if  $CN$  is a bisector, then  $CN, ML$  and  $ST$  concur;
- b) if  $CN$  is an altitude, then  $ST$  bisects  $ML$ .

**Solution.** a) By the assumption we have  $CP = CM\sqrt{2} = AC/\sqrt{2}$ ,  $CQ = BC/\sqrt{2}$ . Hence  $CS = CP \cdot CQ/AC = BC/2 = BL$ . Similarly  $CT = CM$ . Therefore the segments  $ML$  and  $ST$  are symmetric with respect to  $CN$  and meet on this line.

b) From the similarity of triangles  $CMP, QLC$  and  $ACB$  we obtain that  $CP = AC \cdot AB/2BC$ ,  $CQ = BC \cdot AB/2AC$ . Thus  $CS = AB^2/4AC$ ,  $CT = AB^2/4BC$  and the triangle  $CST$  is similar to  $CBA$ . Therefore  $ST$  is perpendicular to the median of  $ABC$ , and since the altitude of triangle  $CST$  is equal to  $AB/4$ , we obtain that its foot coincides with the midpoint of  $ML$ .

15. (D.Hilko, grades 9–11) The altitudes  $AH_1, BH_2, CH_3$  of an acute-angled triangle  $ABC$  meet at point  $H$ . Points  $P$  and  $Q$  are the reflections of  $H_2$  and  $H_3$  with respect to  $H$ . The circumcircle of triangle  $PH_1Q$  meets for the second time  $BH_2$  and  $CH_3$  at points  $R$  and  $S$ . Prove that  $RS$  is a medial line of triangle  $ABC$ .

**Solution.** Consider the common point  $R'$  of the medial line  $M_2M_3$  and the altitude  $BH_2$ . Prove that  $R'$  lies on the circumcircle of triangle  $PH_1Q$ .

Since  $BH_3H_2C$  is a cyclic quadrilateral, we have  $H_3H \cdot HC = H_2H \cdot HB$ . Then  $HB \cdot HP = HC \cdot HQ$  and  $PBQC$  is a cyclic quadrilateral. Therefore  $\angle H_2PQ = \angle BCQ = \angle BAH_1$ . Also, since  $R'$  lies on the medial line of  $ABC$ , we obtain that  $\angle H_1AR' = \angle AH_1R'$ . Now the triangles  $H_3HH_1$  and  $BM_3R'$  are similar because  $\angle M_3BR' = \angle H_3H_1H$ , and  $\angle M_3R'B = \angle HH_3H_1$ . Thus

$$\frac{H_3H_1}{M_3R'} = \frac{HH_1}{BM_3}.$$

Since  $H_3H = HQ$  and  $BM_3 = M_3A$ , we have

$$\frac{QH}{M_3R'} = \frac{HH_1}{AM_3}.$$

Clearly  $\angle QHH_1 = \angle B = \angle AM_3R'$ . This implies that triangles  $AM_3R'$  and  $HH_1Q$  are similar, hence  $\angle HH_1Q = \angle M_3AR'$ . Then  $\angle QH_1R' = \angle HH_1Q - \angle HH_1R' = \angle M_3AR' - \angle R'AH_1 = \angle BAH_1 = \angle R'PQ$ . Therefore  $PH_1QR'$  is a cyclic quadrilateral (fig.15). Hence  $R = R'$ , i.e  $R$  lies on the medial line of  $ABC$ . Similarly  $S$  lies on the medial line and we obtain the required assertion.

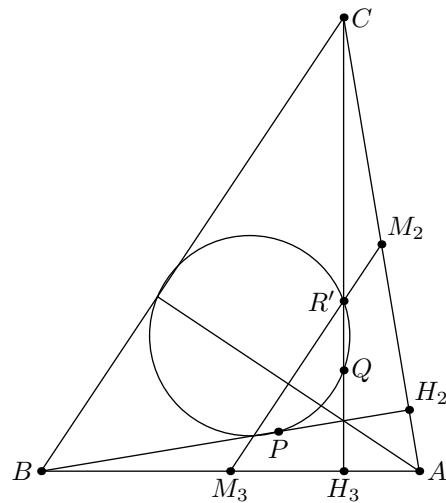


Fig. 15

16. (P.Ryabov, grades 9–11) Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with  $AB < BC$ . The bisector of angle  $C$  meets the line parallel to  $AC$  and passing through  $B$ , at point  $P$ . The tangent at  $B$  to the circumcircle of  $ABC$  meets this bisector at point  $R$ . Let  $R'$  be the reflection of  $R$  with respect to  $AB$ . Prove that  $\angle R'PB = \angle RPA$ .

**Solution.** Since the lines  $BR$  and  $BP$  are symmetric with respect to the bisector of angle  $B$ , we obtain that  $P$  and  $R$  are isogonally conjugated with respect to  $ABC$ . Thus  $\angle R'AB = \angle RAB = \pi - \angle CAP$ , i.e. lines  $AR'$  and  $AC$  are symmetric with respect to the bisector of angle  $A$ . Similarly  $BR'$  and  $BC$  are symmetric with respect to the bisector of angle  $B$ . Therefore  $R'$  and  $C$  are isogonally conjugated with respect to triangle  $ABP$ , which yields the required assertion (fig.16).

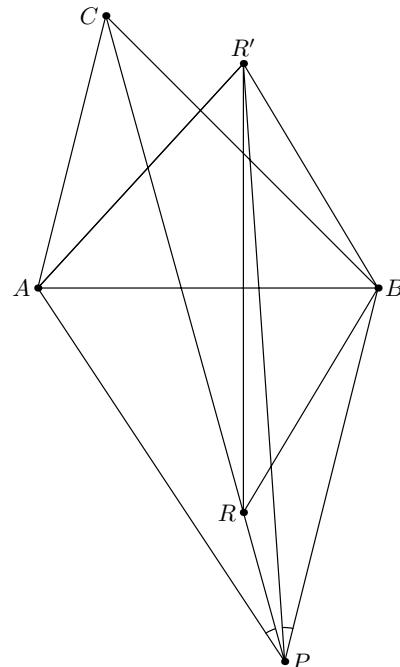


Fig. 16

17. (S.Takhaev, grades 10–11) Let each of circles  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$  touches two remaining circles externally, and all of them touch a circle  $\Omega$  internally at points  $A_1$ ,  $B_1$ ,  $C_1$  respectively. The common internal tangent to  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  meets the arc  $A_1B_1$  not containing  $C_1$  at point  $C_2$ . Points  $A_2$ ,  $B_2$  are defined similarly. Prove that the lines  $A_1A_2$ ,  $B_1B_2$ ,  $C_1C_2$  concur.

**Solution.** Let the tangents to  $\Omega$  at  $A_1$ ,  $B_1$ ,  $C_1$  form a triangle  $ABC$ . Without loss of generality suppose that  $\Omega$  is the incircle (not the excircle) of this triangle. Note that, for example,  $C$  is the radical center of circles  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\Omega$ , i.e.  $C$  lies on the common internal tangent to  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . Also the common tangents to  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$  concur at their radical center, denote it by  $X$ . Hence we can reformulate the assertion of the problem as follows.

A triangle  $ABC$  and a point  $X$  inside its incircle are given. The segments  $XA$ ,  $XB$ ,  $XC$  meet the incircle at  $A_2$ ,  $B_2$ ,  $C_2$  respectively, and the sides  $BC$ ,  $CA$ ,  $AB$  touch it at  $A_1$ ,  $B_1$ ,  $C_1$ . Then  $A_1A_2$ ,  $B_1B_2$  and  $C_1C_2$  concur.

Applying the sinus theorem to triangles  $A_1CC_2$  and  $B_1CC_2$  we obtain

$$\frac{A_1C_2}{B_1C_2} = \frac{\sin \angle A_1CC_2}{\sin \angle B_1CC_2} \cdot \frac{\sin \angle CB_1C_2}{\sin \angle CA_1C_2} = \frac{\sin \angle A_1CC_2}{\sin \angle B_1CC_2} \cdot \frac{B_1C_2}{A_1C_2}.$$

Now applying the Ceva theorem to triangles  $ABC$  and  $A_1B_1C_1$  we obtain the required assertion.

18. (A.Polyanskii, N.Polyanskii, grades 10–11) Let  $C_1, A_1, B_1$  be points on sides  $AB, BC, CA$  of triangle  $ABC$ , such that  $AA_1, BB_1, CC_1$  concur. The rays  $B_1A_1$  and  $B_1C_1$  meet the circumcircle of the triangle at points  $A_2$  and  $C_2$  respectively. Prove that  $A, C$ , the common point of  $A_2C_2$  and  $BB_1$  and the midpoint of  $A_2C_2$  are concyclic.

**Solution.** Let  $K$  be the common point of  $A_2C_2$  and  $AC$ ,  $M$  be the midpoint of  $A_2C_2$ , and  $N$  be the second common point of circle  $ACM$  with  $A_2C_2$ . Then  $KM \cdot KN = KA \cdot KC = KA_2 \cdot KC_2$ , i.e the quadruple  $A_2, C_2, K, N$  is harmonic. Projecting  $A_2C_2$  from  $B_1$  to  $AA_1$  we obtain that  $A_1$ , the common point of  $AA_1$  with  $B_1C_1$ ,  $A$  and the common point of  $BN$  with  $AA_1$  also form a harmonic quadruple. Thus  $BN$  passes through the common point of  $AA_1, BB_1$  and  $CC_1$ , i.e. coincides with  $BB_1$ .

19. (A.Myakishev, grades 10–11) Let a triangle  $ABC$  be given. On a ruler three segment congruent to the sides of this triangle are marked. Using this ruler construct the orthocenter of the triangle formed by the tangency points of the sides of  $ABC$  with its incircle.

**Solution.** On the extension of  $AC$  beyond  $C$ , construct the segment  $CX = BC$ . We obtain the line  $BX$  parallel to the bisector of angle  $C$ . Similarly we can construct the line parallel to the bisector of  $C$  and passing through  $A$ , and having two parallel lines we can draw a line parallel to them and passing through an arbitrary point. Hence it is sufficient to construct the touching points  $A'$ ,  $B'$ ,  $C'$  of the incircle with  $BC$ ,  $CA$ ,  $AB$  (the bisectors of  $ABC$  are perpendicular to the sides of  $A'B'C'$ ). On the extensions of  $AB$  beyond  $A$  and  $B$ , construct the segments  $AU = BC$  and  $BV = AC$  respectively. Since  $AC' = s - BC$ , where  $s$  is the semiperimeter of  $ABC$ , we obtain that  $C'$  is the midpoint of  $UV$ . Drawing the lines through  $U$  and  $V$  parallel to two bisectors, we obtain a parallelogram with diagonal  $UV$ , and drawing its second diagonal we find  $C'$ .

20. (A.Zimin, grades 10–11) Let the incircle of a nonisosceles triangle  $ABC$  touch  $AB$ ,  $AC$  and  $BC$  at points  $D$ ,  $E$  and  $F$  respectively. The corresponding excircle touches the side

$BC$  at point  $N$ . Let  $T$  be the common point of  $AN$  and the incircle, closest to  $N$ , and  $K$  be the common point of  $DE$  and  $FT$ . Prove that  $AK \parallel BC$ .

**Solution.** Let  $G$  be the point of the incircle opposite to  $F$ . Since the incircle and the excircle are homothetic with center  $A$ , we obtain that  $A, G$  and  $N$  are collinear, and  $FT \perp AN$ . The polar transformation with respect to the incircle maps  $ED$  into  $A$ , maps  $FT$  into the common point of tangents at  $F$  and  $T$ , i.e. the common midpoint of  $FN$  and  $BC$ , and maps the line through  $A$  parallel to  $BC$  into the common point  $L$  of  $ED$  and  $GF$ . Thus we have to prove that  $AL$  is a median of  $ABC$  (fig.20).

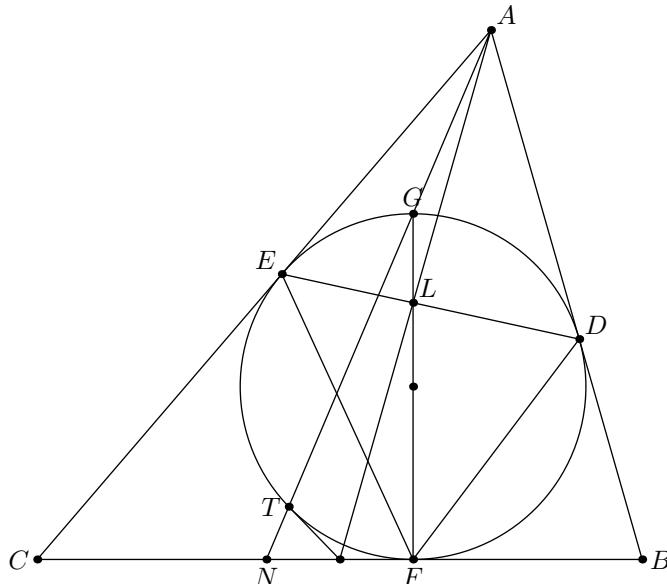


Fig. 20

Since  $AE = AD$ , we have  $\sin \angle CAL : \sin \angle BAL = EL : DL$ . Applying the sinus theorem to triangles  $EFL$  and  $EDL$ , we obtain  $EL : DL = EF \sin \angle EFL : DF \sin \angle DFL$ . But  $\angle EFL = \angle C/2$ ,  $\angle DFL = \angle B/2$ , and  $EF : DF = \cos \angle C/2 : \cos \angle B/2$ . Therefore  $\sin \angle CAL : \sin \angle BAL = AB : AC$ , i.e.  $AL$  is a median.

21. (proposed by B.Frenkin, grades 10–11) In the plane a line  $l$  and a point  $A$  outside it are given. Find the locus of the incenters of acute-angled triangles having a vertex  $A$  and an opposite side lying on  $l$ .

**Solution.** Let  $H$  be the projection of  $A$  to  $l$ . Since a triangle is acute-angled, we obtain that its incenter  $I$  and one of its vertices, for example  $B$ , lie on the opposite sides with respect to  $AH$ . Hence the distance from  $I$  to  $AH$  is less than the distance from  $I$  to  $AB$  which is equal to the inradius  $r$ , i.e. the distance from  $I$  to  $l$ . Therefore  $I$  lies inside the right angle formed by the bisectors of two angles between  $AH$  and  $l$ . Also it is clear that  $r < AH/2$ , i.e.  $I$  lies inside a strip bounded by  $l$  and the perpendicular bisector to  $AH$ . Finally, since angle  $A$  is acute, we have  $AI = r / \sin \angle A/2 > r\sqrt{2}$ , hence  $I$  lies between the branches of an equilateral hyperbola with focus  $A$  and directrix  $l$ . On the other hand, for an arbitrary point satisfying these conditions we can construct the circle centered at this point and touching  $l$ , draw the tangents to it from  $A$  and obtain an acute-angled triangle. So the required locus is bounded by the bisectors of angles between  $l$  and  $AH$ ,

- the perpendicular bisector to  $AH$  and the corresponding branch of the hyperbola (the bounds are not included).
22. (N.Beluhov, grades 10–11) Six circles of unit radius lie in the plane so that the distance between the centers of any two of them is greater than  $d$ . What is the least value of  $d$  such that there always exists a straight line which does not intersect any of the circles and separates the circles into two groups of three?

**Solution.** Let  $O_1O_2O_3$  be an equilateral triangle of side  $d$ ,  $O_4$  be such that  $O_1O_4 = d$  and  $\angle O_2O_1O_4 = \angle O_4O_1O_3 = 150^\circ$ , and  $O_5$  and  $O_6$  be defined analogously so that the complete figure is rotationally symmetric about the center of  $\triangle O_1O_2O_3$ . The six circles centered at  $O_1, O_2, \dots, O_6$  show that  $d \geq \frac{2}{\sin 15^\circ} = 2(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6})$ .

Put  $d = \frac{2}{\sin 15^\circ}$ . Let us show that a halving line always exists.

Enumerate the circles' centers from 1 to 6, and let  $l$  be a straight line such that the six centers' projections onto  $l$  are distinct. The order of the projections from left to right gives us a permutation  $\sigma$  of the numbers 1 through 6.

Rotate  $l$  counterclockwise until it makes a complete  $360^\circ$  turn. Each time that  $l$  becomes perpendicular to a line through two centers (it suffices to consider the case when no three centers are collinear), two neighbouring elements of  $\sigma$  switch their positions. Since there are  $\binom{6}{2} = 15$  such lines,  $2 \cdot 15 = 30$  such transpositions occur.

We say that a transposition is *external* if, at the time when it takes place, the two centers involved are either the first two or the last two elements of  $\sigma$  (i.e.,  $AB\circ\circ\circ\circ \rightarrow BA\circ\circ\circ\circ$  or  $\circ\circ\circ\circ AB \rightarrow \circ\circ\circ\circ BA$ ). Otherwise, we say that a transposition is *internal*.

Since an external transposition corresponds to a side of the centers' convex hull, there are at least  $2 \cdot 3 = 6$  external transpositions and at most  $30 - 6 = 24$  internal ones.

Since  $\frac{360^\circ}{24} = 15^\circ$ , there is some interval  $s$  of the rotation of  $l$  having length at least  $15^\circ$ , containing no internal transpositions. This means that throughout  $s$  both the third and the fourth element of  $\sigma$  remain fixed. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be those elements.

Consider the strip  $L$  bounded by the lines through  $A$  and  $B$  perpendicular to  $l$ . Throughout  $s$ ,  $L$  does not contain any centers apart from  $A$  and  $B$ . Since the length of  $s$  is at least  $15^\circ$ , there is some position of  $L$  during  $s$  such that the acute angle between  $AB$  and  $L$  is at least  $15^\circ$  and, consequently, the width of  $L$  is greater than two. The midline of this instance of  $L$  does the job.

23. (A.Kanel-Belov, 10–11) (grades 10–11) The plane is divided into convex heptagons with diameters less than 1. Prove that an arbitrary disc with radius 200 intersects more than a billion of them.

**Solution.** Consider a disc  $K$  with radius  $R$ . Let  $k$  vertices of heptagons lie inside  $K$ . The average angle at these vertices is at most  $2\pi/3$ . (If a vertex is common for more than three heptagons then the average angle is less than  $2\pi/3$ , and if a vertex lies on a side then the average angle is at most  $\pi/2$ ).

On the other hand, consider the heptagons lying inside  $K$  or intersecting the bounding circle of  $K$ . Their average angle is  $5\pi/7$ . Let  $n$  of their vertices lie outside  $K$ , all of them lie at a distance not greater than 1 from  $K$ . Each angle in such vertex is less than  $\pi$  (of course this is true for any angle of a convex polygon).

To satisfy the balance, the inequality  $n\pi + k \cdot 2\pi/3 > (n+k)5\pi/7$  is needed. Hence  $n > k/6$ .

So the number of vertices lying at a distance not greater than 1 from  $K$  is greater than the number of vertices inside  $K$  divided by 6.

Now note that  $(1+1/6)^6 > 2$ ,  $(1+1/6)^{60} > 2^{10} > 1000$  and  $(1+1/6)^{180} > 1000^3$ .

Hence the number of heptagons (the number of angles divided by 7) intersecting a disc with radius 200 is at least  $10^9$ .

24. (A.Solynin, grades 10–11) A crystal of pyrite is a parallelepiped with dashed faces.



The dashes on any two adjacent faces are perpendicular. Does there exist a convex polytope with the number of faces not equal to 6, such that its faces can be dashed in such a manner?

**Answer.** Yes.

**Solution.** Take a quadrilateral  $ABCD$ . Let the lines  $AB$  and  $CD$  meet at point  $X$ , and the lines  $AD$  and  $BC$  meet at point  $Y$ . Draw the plane passing through the line  $XY$  and perpendicular to the plane  $ABCD$ , and a point  $S$  on this plane such that  $\angle XSY = 90^\circ$ . Now dash the faces  $SAB$  and  $SCD$  of pyramid  $SABCD$  by lines parallel to  $SX$ , dash the faces  $SBC$  and  $SCD$  by lines parallel to  $SY$ , and dash the face  $ABCD$  by perpendiculars to the plane  $SXY$ . Clearly the obtained dashes satisfy the condition.

# XV GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF I.F.SHARYGIN

## The correspondence round

Below is the list of problems for the first (correspondence) round of the XV Sharygin Geometrical Olympiad.

The olympiad is intended for high-school students of four eldest grades. In Russian school, these are 8-11. In the list below, each problem is indicated by the numbers of Russian school grades, for which it is intended. Foreign students of the last grade have to solve the problems for 11th grade, students of the preceding grade solve the problems for 10th grade etc. However, the participants may solve problems for elder grades as well (solutions of problems for younger grades will not be considered).

A complete solution of each problem costs 7 points. A partial solution costs from 1 to 6 points. A text without significant advancement costs 0 points. The result of a participant is the sum of all obtained marks.

First write down the statement of the problem, and then the solution. Present your solutions in detail, including all necessary arguments and calculations. Provide all necessary figures of sufficient size. **If a problem has an explicit answer, this answer must be presented distinctly.** Please, be accurate to provide good understanding and correct estimating of your work !

If your solution depends on some well-known theorems from standard textbooks, you may simply refer to them instead of providing their proofs. However, any fact not from the standard curriculum should be either proved or properly referred (with an indication of the source).

You may note the problems which you liked most (this is not obligatory). Your opinion is interesting for the Jury.

The **solutions** for the problems (in Russian or in English) must be **delivered not before December 1, 2018 and not later than on March 1, 2019**. To upload your work, enter the site <https://contest.yandex.ru/geomshar/>, indicate the language (English) in the right upper part of the page, press "Registration" in the left upper part, and follow the instructions.

### **Attention:**

1. The solution of each problem (and of each part of it if any) must be contained in a **separate** pdf, doc, docx or jpg file. If the solution is contained in several files then pack them to an archive (zip or rar) and load it.

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The final round will be held in July–August 2019 in Moscow region. The winners of the correspondence round are invited to it if they don't graduate from school before. (For instance, if the last grade is 12 then we invite winners from 9–11 grades, and from 12 grade if they finish their school education later.) The graduates, winners of the correspondence round, will be awarded by diplomas of the Olympiad. The list of the winners will be published on **www.geometry.ru** at the end of May 2019 at latest. If you want to know your detailed results, please use e-mail **geomshar@yandex.ru**.

1. (8) Let  $AA_1, CC_1$  be the altitudes of triangle  $ABC$ , and  $P$  be an arbitrary point of side  $BC$ . Point  $Q$  on the line  $AB$  is such that  $QP = PC_1$ , and point  $R$  on the line  $AC$  is such that  $RP = CP$ . Prove that  $QA_1RA$  is a cyclic quadrilateral.
2. (8) The circle  $\omega_1$  passes through the center  $O$  of the circle  $\omega_2$  and meets it at points  $A$  and  $B$ . The circle  $\omega_3$  centered at  $A$  with radius  $AB$  meets  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  at points  $C$  and  $D$  (distinct from  $B$ ). Prove that  $C, O, D$  are collinear.
3. (8) The rectangle  $ABCD$  lies inside a circle. The rays  $BA$  and  $DA$  meet this circle at points  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ . Let  $A_0$  be the midpoint of  $A_1A_2$ . Points  $B_0, C_0, D_0$  are defined similarly. Prove that  $A_0C_0 = B_0D_0$ .
4. (8) The side  $AB$  of triangle  $ABC$  touches the corresponding excircle at point  $T$ . Let  $J$  be the center of the excircle inscribed into angle  $A$ , and  $M$  be the midpoint of  $AJ$ . Prove that  $MT = MC$ .
5. (8–9) Let  $A, B, C$  and  $D$  be four points in general position, and  $\omega$  be a circle passing through  $B$  and  $C$ . A point  $P$  moves along  $\omega$ . Let  $Q$  be the common point of circles  $ABP$  and  $PCD$  distinct from  $P$ . Find the locus of points  $Q$ .
6. (8–9) Two quadrilaterals  $ABCD$  and  $A_1B_1C_1D_1$  are symmetric with respect to the point  $P$ . It is known that  $A_1BCD, AB_1CD$  and  $ABC_1D$  are cyclic quadrilaterals. Prove that the quadrilateral  $ABCD_1$  is also cyclic.
7. (8–9) Let  $AH_A, BH_B, CH_C$  be the altitudes of the acute-angled triangle  $ABC$ . Let  $X$  be an arbitrary point of segment  $CH_C$ , and  $P$  be the common point of circles with diameters  $H_CX$  and  $BC$ , distinct from  $H_C$ . The lines  $CP$  and  $AH_A$  meet at point  $Q$ , and the lines  $XP$  and  $AB$  meet at point  $R$ . Prove that  $A, P, Q, R, H_B$  are concyclic.
8. (8–9) The circle  $\omega_1$  passes through the vertex  $A$  of the parallelogram  $ABCD$  and touches the rays  $CB, CD$ . The circle  $\omega_2$  touches the rays  $AB, AD$  and touches  $\omega_1$  at point  $T$ . Prove that  $T$  lies on the diagonal  $AC$ .
9. (8–9) Let  $A_M$  be the midpoint of side  $BC$  of an acute-angled triangle  $ABC$ , and  $A_H$  be the foot of the altitude to this side. Points  $B_M, B_H, C_M, C_H$  are defined similarly. Prove that one of the ratios  $A_M A_H : A_H A, B_M B_H : B_H B, C_M C_H : C_H C$  is equal to the sum of two remaining ratios.
10. (8–9) Let  $N$  be the midpoint of arc  $ABC$  of the circumcircle of triangle  $ABC$ , and  $NP, NT$  be the tangents to the incircle of this triangle. The lines  $BP$  and  $BT$  meet the circumcircle for the second time at points  $P_1$  and  $T_1$  respectively. Prove that  $PP_1 = TT_1$ .
11. (8–9) Morteza marks six points in the plane. He then calculates and writes down the area of every triangle with vertices in these points (20 numbers). Is it possible that all of these numbers are integers, and that they add up to 2019?
12. (8–11) Let  $A_1A_2A_3$  be an acute-angled triangle inscribed into a unit circle centered at  $O$ . The cevians from  $A_i$  passing through  $O$  meet the opposite sides at points  $B_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ) respectively.
  - (a) Find the minimal possible length of the longest of three segments  $B_iO$ .
  - (b) Find the maximal possible length of the shortest of three segments  $B_iO$ .

13. (9–10) Let  $ABC$  be an acute-angled triangle with altitude  $AT = h$ . The line passing through its circumcenter  $O$  and incenter  $I$  meets the sides  $AB$  and  $AC$  at points  $F$  and  $N$  respectively. It is known that  $BFNC$  is a cyclic quadrilateral. Find the sum of the distances from the orthocenter of  $ABC$  to its vertices.
14. (9–11) Let the side  $AC$  of triangle  $ABC$  touch the incircle and the corresponding excircle at points  $K$  and  $L$  respectively. Let  $P$  be the projection of the incenter onto the perpendicular bisector of  $AC$ . It is known that the tangents to the circumcircle of triangle  $BKL$  at  $K$  and  $L$  meet on the circumcircle of  $ABC$ . Prove that the lines  $AB$  and  $BC$  touch the circumcircle of triangle  $PKL$ .
15. (9–11) The incircle  $\omega$  of triangle  $ABC$  touches the sides  $BC$ ,  $CA$  and  $AB$  at points  $D$ ,  $E$  and  $F$  respectively. The perpendicular from  $E$  to  $DF$  meets  $BC$  at point  $X$ , and the perpendicular from  $F$  to  $DE$  meets  $BC$  at point  $Y$ . The segment  $AD$  meets  $\omega$  for the second time at point  $Z$ . Prove that the circumcircle of the triangle  $XYZ$  touches  $\omega$ .
16. (9–11) Let  $AH_1$  and  $BH_2$  be the altitudes of triangle  $ABC$ ; let the tangent to the circumcircle of  $ABC$  at  $A$  meet  $BC$  at point  $S_1$ , and the tangent at  $B$  meet  $AC$  at point  $S_2$ ; let  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  be the midpoints of  $AS_1$  and  $BS_2$  respectively. Prove that  $T_1T_2$ ,  $AB$  and  $H_1H_2$  concur.
17. (10–11) Three circles  $\omega_1$ ,  $\omega_2$ ,  $\omega_3$  are given. Let  $A_0$  and  $A_1$  be the common points of  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$ ,  $B_0$  and  $B_1$  be the common points of  $\omega_2$  and  $\omega_3$ ,  $C_0$  and  $C_1$  be the common points of  $\omega_3$  and  $\omega_1$ . Let  $O_{i,j,k}$  be the circumcenter of triangle  $A_iB_jC_k$ . Prove that the four lines of the form  $O_{ijk}O_{1-i,1-j,1-k}$  are concurrent or parallel.
18. (10–11) A quadrilateral  $ABCD$  without parallel sidelines is circumscribed around a circle centered at  $I$ . Let  $K$ ,  $L$ ,  $M$  and  $N$  be the midpoints of  $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $CD$  and  $DA$  respectively. It is known that  $AB \cdot CD = 4IK \cdot IM$ . Prove that  $BC \cdot AD = 4IL \cdot IN$ .
19. (10–11) Let  $AL_a$ ,  $BL_b$ ,  $CL_c$  be the bisectors of triangle  $ABC$ . The tangents to the circumcircle of  $ABC$  at  $B$  and  $C$  meet at point  $K_a$ , points  $K_b$ ,  $K_c$  are defined similarly. Prove that the lines  $K_aL_a$ ,  $K_bL_b$  and  $K_cL_c$  concur.
20. (10–11) Let  $O$  be the circumcenter of triangle  $ABC$ ,  $H$  be its orthocenter, and  $M$  be the midpoint of  $AB$ . The line  $MH$  meets the line passing through  $O$  and parallel to  $BC$  at point  $K$  lying on the circumcircle of  $ABC$ . Let  $P$  be the projection of  $K$  onto  $AC$ . Prove that  $PH \parallel BC$ .
21. (10–11) An ellipse  $\Gamma$  and its chord  $AB$  are given. Find the locus of orthocenters of triangles  $ABC$  inscribed into  $\Gamma$ .
22. (10–11) Let  $AA_0$  be the altitude of the isosceles triangle  $ABC$  ( $AB = AC$ ). A circle  $\gamma$  centered at the midpoint of  $AA_0$  touches  $AB$  and  $AC$ . Let  $X$  be an arbitrary point of line  $BC$ . Prove that the tangents from  $X$  to  $\gamma$  cut congruent segments on lines  $AB$  and  $AC$ .
23. (10–11) In the plane, let  $a, b$  be two closed broken lines (possibly self-intersecting), and  $K, L, M, N$  be four points. The vertices of  $a, b$  and the points  $K, L, M, N$  are in general position (i.e. no three of these points are collinear, and no three segments between them concur at an interior point). Each of segments  $KL$  and  $MN$  meets  $a$  at an even number of

points, and each of segments  $LM$  and  $NK$  meets  $a$  at an odd number of points. Conversely, each of segments  $KL$  and  $MN$  meets  $b$  at an odd number of points, and each of segments  $LM$  and  $NK$  meets  $b$  at an even number of points. Prove that  $a$  and  $b$  intersect.

24. (11) Two unit cubes have a common center. Is it always possible to number the vertices of each cube from 1 to 8 so that the distance between each pair of identically numbered vertices would be at most  $4/5$ ? What about at most  $13/16$ ?

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**The correspondence round. Solutions**

1. (I.Kukharchuk, 8) Let  $AA_1, CC_1$  be the altitudes of triangle  $ABC$ , and  $P$  be an arbitrary point of side  $BC$ . Point  $Q$  on the line  $AB$  is such that  $QP = PC_1$ , and point  $R$  on the line  $AC$  is such that  $RP = CP$ . Prove that  $QA_1RA$  is a cyclic quadrilateral.

**Solution.** It is clear that  $A, C, A_1, C_1$  are concyclic. Denote the corresponding circle by  $\omega_1$ . Furthermore the midpoints  $X$  and  $Y$  of segments  $QC_1$  and  $RC$  are the projections of  $P$  to  $AB$  and  $AC$  respectively, thus  $X, Y$  and  $A_1$  lie on the circle  $\omega_2$  with diameter  $AP$ . Let  $O$  be symmetric to the center of  $\omega_1$  (the midpoint of  $AC$ ) about the center of  $\omega_2$ . By Thales theorem, the projections of  $O$  to  $AB$  and  $AC$  are the midpoints of segments  $AQ$  and  $AR$  respectively, i.e.  $O$  is the circumcenter of triangle  $AQR$ . Since  $O$  lies on the perpendicular bisector to  $AA_1$ , the point  $A_1$  also lies on the circle  $ABC$  (fig.1).

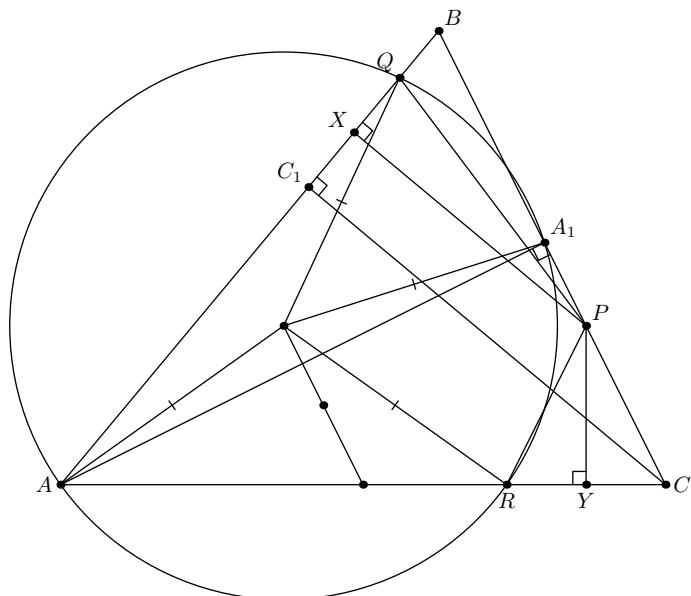


Fig. 1

2. (D.Shvetsov, 8) The circle  $\omega_1$  passes through the center  $O$  of the circle  $\omega_2$  and meets it at points  $A$  and  $B$ . The circle  $\omega_3$  centered at  $A$  with radius  $AB$  meets  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  at points  $C$  and  $D$  (distinct from  $B$ ). Prove that  $C, O, D$  are collinear.

**Solution.** Since the arcs  $AC$  and  $AB$  of  $\omega_1$  are congruent, we obtain that  $\angle AOC = 180^\circ - \angle AOB$ . But it is clear that  $\angle AOD = \angle AOB$  (fig.2), so we obtain the required assertion.

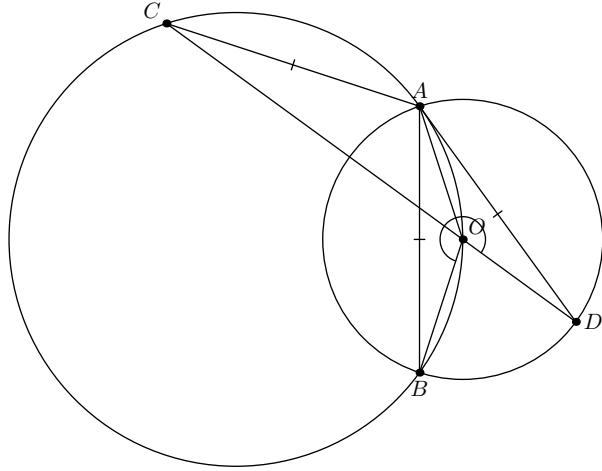


Fig. 2

3. (L.Shteingarts, 8) The rectangle  $ABCD$  lies inside a circle. The rays  $BA$  and  $DA$  meet this circle at points  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ . Let  $A_0$  be the midpoint of  $A_1A_2$ . Points  $B_0, C_0, D_0$  are defined similarly. Prove that  $A_0C_0 = B_0D_0$ .

**Solution.** Let  $X, Y$  be the projections of the center of the circle to  $AB, CD$  respectively (fig.3). Then  $BB_1 - AA_1 = (XB_1 - XB) - (XA_1 - XA) = AX - BX = DY - CY = CC_1 - DD_1$ . Therefore the projection of segment  $A_0C_0$  to the line  $AB$ , equal to  $(A_1B_1 + C_1D_1 - AA_1 - CC_1)/2$ , is congruent to the projection of segment  $B_0D_0$  to the same line. Similarly the projections of these segments to the line  $AD$  are congruent, thus the segments are congruent too.

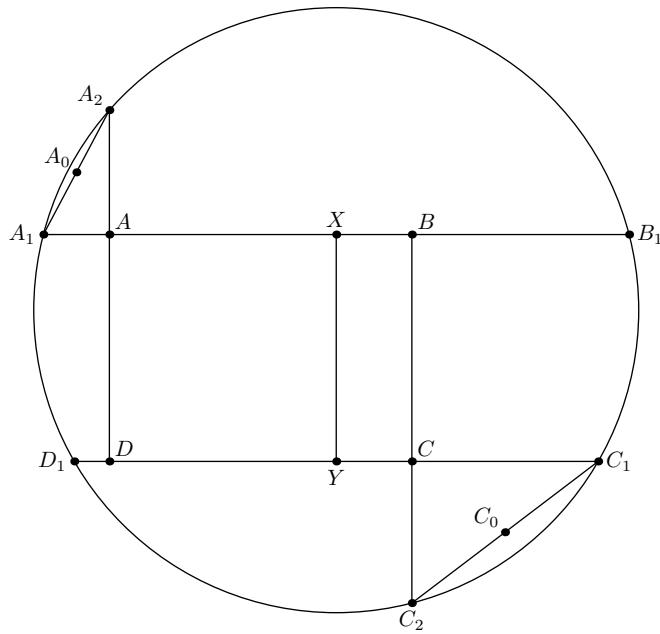


Fig. 3

4. (A.Trigub, 8) The side  $AB$  of triangle  $ABC$  touches the corresponding excircle at point  $T$ . Let  $J$  be the center of the excircle inscribed into angle  $A$ , and  $M$  be the midpoint of  $AJ$ . Prove that  $MT = MC$ .

**Solution.** Let  $R$  be the projection of  $J$  to  $AC$ . Then  $CR = p - AC = AT$ . Furthermore  $MR = MA$  as a median of the right-angled triangle  $AJR$ , and  $\angle MRA = \angle MAR = \angle MAT$  (fig.4). Hence the triangles  $MTA$  and  $MCR$  are congruent and  $MT = MC$ .

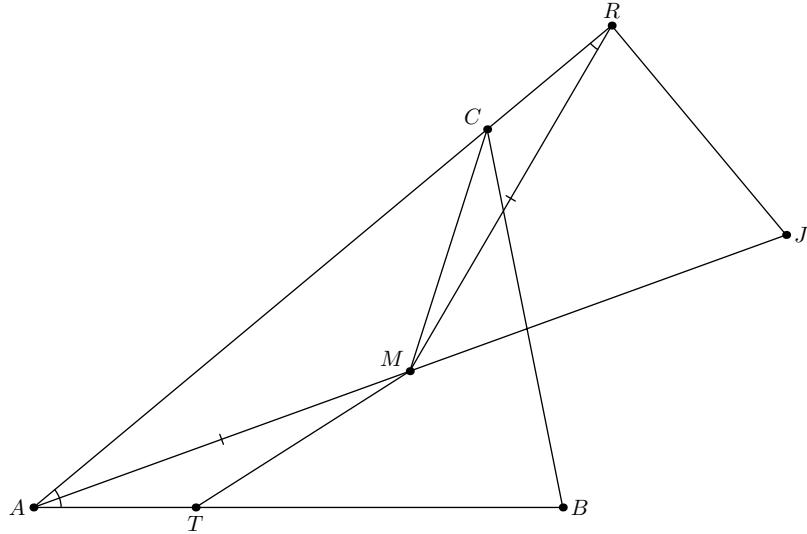


Fig. 4

5. (F.Ivlev, 8–9) Let  $A, B, C$  and  $D$  be four points in general position, and  $\omega$  be a circle passing through  $B$  and  $C$ . A point  $P$  moves along  $\omega$ . Let  $Q$  be the common point of circles  $ABP$  and  $PCD$  distinct from  $P$ . Find the locus of points  $Q$ .

**Solution.** We have that  $\angle(QA, QD) = \angle(QA, BA) + \angle(BA, DC) + \angle(DC, DQ) = \angle(QP, PB) + \angle(BA, DC) + \angle(PC, PQ) = \angle(PC, PB) + \angle(BA, DC)$  do not depend on  $P$ . Therefore the locus of  $Q$  is the circle passing through  $A$  and  $D$ .

6. (A.Akopyan, (8–9) Two quadrilaterals  $ABCD$  and  $A_1B_1C_1D_1$  are mutually symmetric with respect to the point  $P$ . It is known that  $A_1BCD$ ,  $AB_1CD$  and  $ABC_1D$  are cyclic quadrilaterals. Prove that the quadrilateral  $ABCD_1$  is also cyclic.

**Solution.** We have  $\angle(AD_1, D_1B) = \angle(AD_1, AB_1) + \angle(A_1B, D_1B) = \angle(A_1D, A_1B) + \angle(AB_1, B_1D) = \angle(AC, CD) + \angle(CD, BC) = \angle(AC, BC)$ . Thus  $A, B, C, D_1$  are concyclic.

7. (P.Bibikov, (8–9) Let  $AH_A$ ,  $BH_B$ ,  $CH_C$  be the altitudes of the acute-angled triangle  $ABC$ . Let  $X$  be an arbitrary point of segment  $CH_C$ , and  $P$  be the common point of circles with diameters  $H_CX$  and  $BC$ , distinct from  $H_C$ . The lines  $CP$  and  $AH_A$  meet at point  $Q$ , and the lines  $XP$  and  $AB$  meet at point  $R$ . Prove that  $A, P, Q, R, H_B$  are concyclic.

**Solution.** Since  $BCPH_C$  is a cyclic quadrilateral, we obtain  $\angle CPH_C = 180^\circ - \angle B = 180^\circ - \angle AHH_C$ , where  $H$  is the orthocenter of  $ABC$ . Hence  $HQPH_C$  is cyclic, i.e.  $\angle CQH = \angle HH_C P$ . But  $\angle HH_C P = \angle H_C RP$  because  $H_C P$  is an altitude of the right-angled triangle  $H_C RX$ . Thus  $A, R, P$  and  $Q$  are concyclic. Since  $H_C PH_B C$  is cyclic, we obtain  $\angle PH_B A = \angle PH_C C = \angle PRB$ , therefore  $H_B$  lies on the same circle (fig.7).

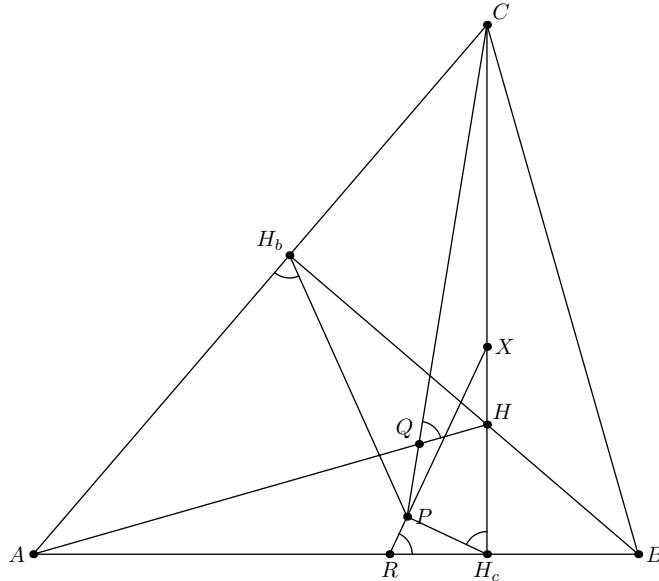


Fig. 7

8. (M.Etesamifard, 8–9) The circle  $\omega_1$  passes through the vertex  $A$  of the parallelogram  $ABCD$  and touches the rays  $CB$ ,  $CD$ . The circle  $\omega_2$  touches the rays  $AB$ ,  $AD$  and touches  $\omega_1$  externally at point  $T$ . Prove that  $T$  lies on the diagonal  $AC$ .

**Solution.** Let  $T'$  be the common point of  $\omega_1$  and the ray  $AC$ . The homothety with center  $T'$  mapping  $C$  to  $A$  maps the rays  $CB$ ,  $CD$  to  $AD$ ,  $AB$  respectively. Thus it maps  $\omega_1$  to circle  $\omega'$  which touches these rays and is tangent to  $\omega_1$  at  $T'$ . Therefore  $\omega'$  coincides with  $\omega_2$ , and  $T'$  coincides with  $T$ .

9. (E.Bakaev, 8–9) Let  $A_M$  be the midpoint of side  $BC$  of an acute-angled triangle  $ABC$ , and  $A_H$  be the foot of the altitude to this side. Points  $B_M$ ,  $B_H$ ,  $C_M$ ,  $C_H$  are defined similarly. Prove that one of the ratios  $A_M A_H : A_H A$ ,  $B_M B_H : B_H B$ ,  $C_M C_H : C_H C$  is equal to the sum of two remaining ratios.

**Solution.** Note that, for example,  $C_M C_H = |AC_H - BC_H|/2$ . Therefore  $C_M C_H / C_H C = |\cot A - \cot B|/2$ . The required assertion follows from this and two similar equalities.

10. (A.Trigub, 8–9) Let  $N$  be the midpoint of arc  $ABC$  of the circumcircle of triangle  $ABC$ , and  $NP$ ,  $NT$  be the tangents to the incircle of this triangle. The lines  $BP$  and  $BT$  meet the circumcircle for the second time at points  $P_1$  and  $T_1$  respectively. Prove that  $PP_1 = TT_1$ .

**Solution.** Let  $I$  be the incenter of  $ABC$ . Since  $BN$  is the external bisector of angle  $B$ , we have  $\angle IBN = 90^\circ = \angle IPN = \angle ITN$ . Thus  $B$ ,  $I$ ,  $N$ ,  $T$ ,  $P$  are concyclic, and since  $IT = IP$ , we obtain that  $BI$  bisects angle  $PBT$ . Hence  $P_1$  and  $T_1$  are symmetric with respect to the diameter of the circumcircle passing through  $N$ , i.e.  $NP_1 = NT_1$ . Furthermore  $\angle NPB = \angle NTB$  and  $NP = NT$ , Therefore the triangles  $NPN_1$  and  $NTT_1$  are congruent and we obtain the required assertion (fig.10).

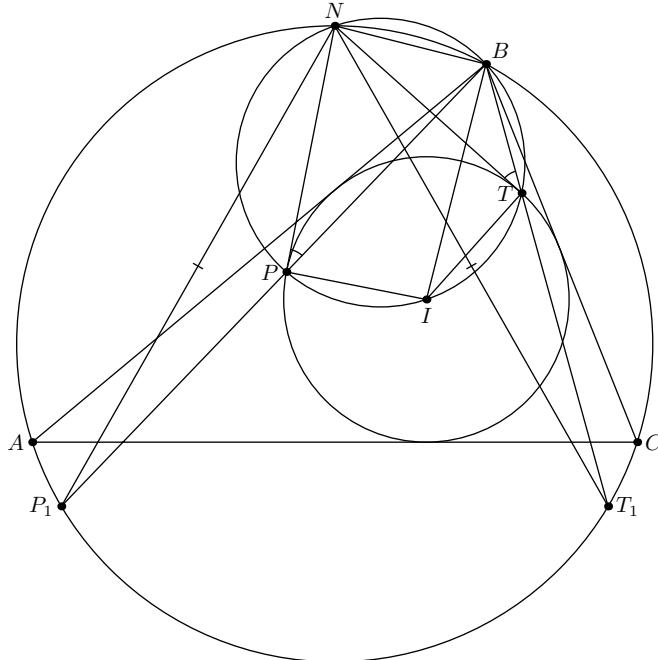


Fig. 10

11. (M.Saghafian, 8–9) Morteza marks six points in the plane. He then calculates and writes down the area of every triangle with vertices in these points (20 numbers). Is it possible that all of these numbers are integers, and that they add up to 2019?

**Answer.** No.

**Solution.** Consider any four of marked points. If they form a convex quadrilateral  $ABCD$ , then  $S_{ABC} + S_{ACD} = S_{ABD} + S_{BCD}$ . And if one point lies inside the triangle formed by three remaining ones, then the area of this triangle is equal to the sum of areas of three inner triangles. In both cases the sum of areas of four triangles formed by these points will be even. If we sum up all such sums then each triangle will be counted three times, therefore the sum of all 20 areas is also even.

12. (B.Frenkin, 8–11) Let  $A_1A_2A_3$  be an acute-angled triangle inscribed into a unit circle centered at  $O$ . The cevians from  $A_i$  passing through  $O$  meet the opposite sides at points  $B_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ) respectively.

(a) Find the minimal possible length of the longest of three segments  $B_iO$ .

(b) Find the maximal possible length of the shortest of three segments  $B_iO$ .

**Answer.** (a), (b) 1/2.

**Solution.** Firstly let us show that among two segments  $B_iO$ , the longer segment is directed to the shorter side (clearly, equality of sides implies equality of segments). Suppose, for example, that  $A_1A_3 < A_2A_3$ . Since  $\angle OA_1A_2 = \angle OA_2A_1$ , we have  $\angle OA_2B_1 < \angle OA_1B_2$ . For triangles  $A_1OB_2$  and  $A_2OB_1$ , we have  $A_1O = A_2O$ ,  $\angle A_1OB_2 = \angle A_2OB_1$ . Hence  $BO_1 < BO_2$  as required.

(a) Suppose that in an acute-angled triangle  $A_1A_2A_3$  with the circumcircle of radius 1 the side  $A_1A_2$  is the shortest. Then the segment  $B_3O$  is the longest among  $B_iO$ . Since  $\angle A_3 \leq 60^\circ$ , we have  $\angle A_1OA_2 \leq 120^\circ$  and  $\angle OA_1A_2 \geq 30^\circ$ . From  $O$ , draw the

perpendicular  $OP$  to  $A_1A_2$ . Then  $1/2 \leq OP \leq B_3O$ . The equality is attained for the equilateral triangle.

b) Suppose that in an acute-angled triangle  $A_1A_2A_3$  with the circumcircle of radius 1 the side  $A_1A_2$  is the shortest, and the side  $A_2A_3$  is the longest, so that the segment  $B_1O$  is the shortest among  $B_iO$ . Let us move point  $A_1$  along the circumcircle towards point  $A_2$ . Then the segment  $B_1O$  will increase because it will move away from the perpendicular from  $O$  to  $A_2A_3$ . When the angle  $A_1A_3A_2$  will equal  $180^\circ - 2\angle A_2A_1A_3$ , we will obtain an isosceles triangle with  $A_1A_3 = A_2A_3 \geq A_1A_2$ .

In triangle  $A_1B_1A_3$ , the segment  $A_3O$  is a bisector, so  $B_1O/A_1O = B_1A_3/A_1A_3 = B_1A_3/A_2A_3$ . It is easily seen that the last ratio does not exceed  $1/2$  for  $A_1A_2 \leq A_1A_3$ . Hence  $B_1O \leq 1/2$ . The equality is attained for the equilateral triangle.

13. (G.Filippovsky, 9–10) Let  $ABC$  be an acute-angled triangle with altitude  $AT = h$ . The line passing through its circumcenter  $O$  and incenter  $I$  meets the sides  $AB$  and  $AC$  at points  $F$  and  $N$  respectively. It is known that  $BNFC$  is a cyclic quadrilateral. Find the sum of the distances from the orthocenter of  $ABC$  to its vertices.

**Answer.**  $2h$ .

**Solution.** Since  $BNFC$  is cyclic, we have  $\angle ONA = \angle B$ . On the other hand,  $\angle OAC = \pi/2 - \angle B$ . Thus  $AO \perp OI$ . Draw the perpendicular  $IT$  to  $AH$ . Since  $AI$  bisects angle  $OAH$ , we obtain that the right-angled triangles  $AOI$  and  $ATI$  are congruent, i.e.  $AT = AO = R$  and  $h = AH = R + r$ , where  $R$  and  $r$  are the circumradius and the inradius of triangle  $ABC$  (fig.13). It is known that the sum of distances from  $O$  to the sidelines of the triangle is equal to  $R + r$ , and the sum of distances from the orthocenter to the vertices is twice as large, which yields the answer.

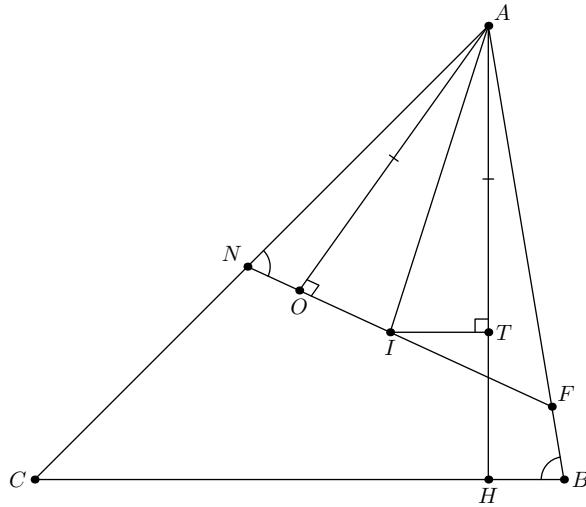


Fig. 13

14. (S.Arutyunyan, 9–11) Let the side  $AC$  of triangle  $ABC$  touch the incircle and the corresponding excircle at points  $K$  and  $L$  respectively. Let  $P$  be the projection of the incenter onto the perpendicular bisector of  $AC$ . It is known that the tangents to the circumcircle of triangle  $BKL$  at  $K$  and  $L$  meet on the circumcircle of  $ABC$ . Prove that the lines  $AB$  and  $BC$  touch the circumcircle of triangle  $PKL$ .

**Solution.** Suppose that  $AB > BC$ . Let  $M$  be the midpoint of  $AC$ ,  $N$  be the midpoint of arc  $ABC$ ,  $NW$  and  $KD$  be the diameters of the circumcircle and the incircle respectively. By the assumption, the tangents to the circle  $BKL$  at  $K$  and  $L$  meet at  $W$ , i.e.  $BW$  is the symmedian of triangle  $BKL$ . Furthermore  $B, D, L$  are collinear and  $BW$  bisects segment  $KD$ . Hence triangles  $BKL$  and  $BDK$  are similar, i.e.  $\angle BMC = \angle BID = (\angle C - \angle A)/2$ . Then  $\angle BMN = (\pi - \angle C + \angle A)/2 = \angle BNM$  and  $BM = BN$ . Let  $S$  be a point on the arc  $AWC$  such that  $\angle SBC = \angle ABM$ . Then  $\angle SNB = \angle ABM + \angle BAC = \angle BMC = \angle NSB$ , i.e.  $BS = BN = BM$  (fig.14). By similarity of triangles  $ABM$  and  $SBC$  we have  $AB \cdot BC = BM \cdot BS = BM^2 = (2AB^2 + 2BC^2 - AC^2)/4$ . Therefore  $AC^2 = 2(AB - BC^2)$ , or  $AC = \sqrt{2}KL$ . Applying the Stewart theorem to triangle  $AWC$  and cevian  $WK$  we obtain that  $WK^2 = WC^2 - AK \cdot KC = WI^2 - (AM^2 - MK^2) = WI^2 - MK^2 = WI^2 - PI^2 = WP^2$  (by the trident theorem,  $WC = WI$ ). Thus  $P, K, L$  lie on the circle centered at  $W$ .

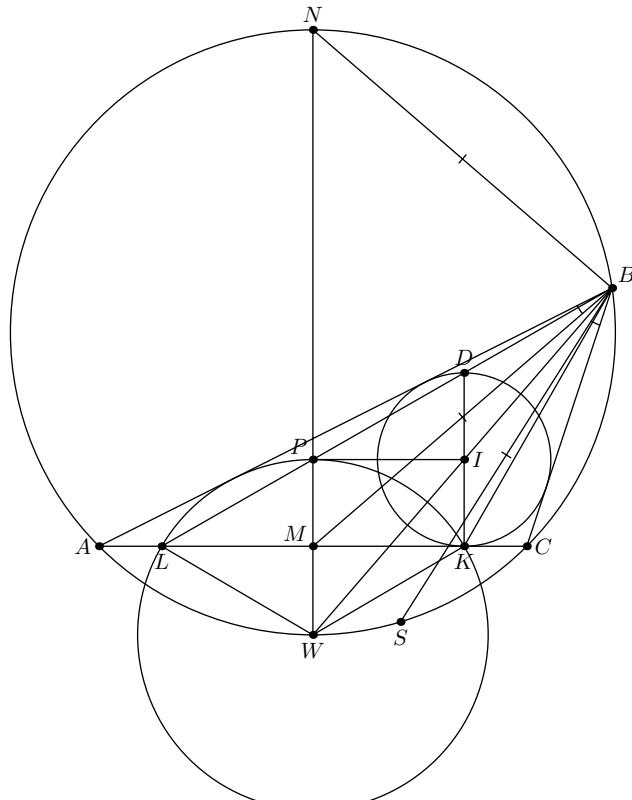


Fig. 14

Let  $R, r$  be the circumradius and the inradius of triangle  $ABC$ . Then the distance from  $W$  to line  $AB$  is equal to  $BW \sin \frac{\angle B}{2} = 2R \cos \frac{\angle C - \angle A}{2} \sin \frac{\angle B}{2} = R(\sin \angle A + \sin \angle C)$ . By the Carnot theorem  $R + r = R(\sin \angle A + \sin \angle B + \sin \angle C)$ , therefore this distance is equal to  $R(1 - \cos \angle B) + r = WM + MP = WP$ , which is equivalent to the required assertion.

15. (M.Etesamifard, 9–11) The incircle  $\omega$  of triangle  $ABC$  touches the sides  $BC$ ,  $CA$  and  $AB$  at points  $D, E$  and  $F$  respectively. The perpendicular from  $E$  to  $DF$  meets  $BC$  at point  $X$ , and the perpendicular from  $F$  to  $DE$  meets  $BC$  at point  $Y$ . The segment  $AD$  meets  $\omega$  for the second time at point  $Z$ . Prove that the circumcircle of the triangle  $XYZ$  touches  $\omega$ .

**Solution.** Let  $I$  be the center of  $\omega$ . Note that  $\angle FYX = \angle ICB = \angle FEX$ , i.e.  $XYEF$  is a cyclic quadrilateral. Now  $BC$ ,  $EF$  and the tangent to  $\omega$  at  $Z$  concur at the pole  $T$  of  $AD$  with respect to  $\omega$ . Hence  $TZ^2 = TF \cdot TE = TX \cdot TY$ , i.e.  $TZ$  touches the circle  $XYZ$  (fig.15).

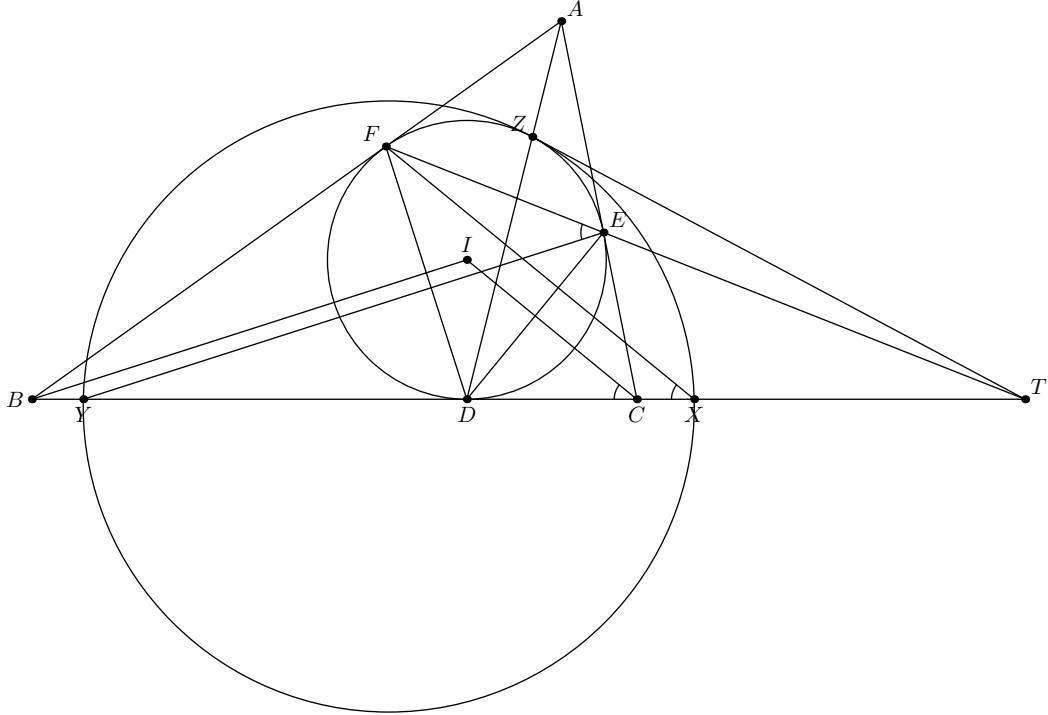


Fig. 15

16. (M.Plotnikov, 9–11) Let  $AH_1$  and  $BH_2$  be the altitudes of triangle  $ABC$ ; let the tangent to the circumcircle of  $ABC$  at  $A$  meet  $BC$  at point  $S_1$ , and the tangent at  $B$  meet  $AC$  at point  $S_2$ ; let  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  be the midpoints of  $AS_1$  and  $BS_2$  respectively. Prove that  $T_1T_2$ ,  $AB$  and  $H_1H_2$  concur.

**Solution.** It is clear that  $T_1$  lies on the medial line  $B_0C_0$  of triangle  $ABC$ , and  $T_1A$  touches the circle  $AB_0C_0$ . Thus  $T_1A^2 = T_1B_0 \cdot T_1C_0$ . But  $B_0, C_0$  lie on the nine-points circle (NPC) of triangle  $ABC$ , therefore  $T_1$  lies on the radical axis of this circle and the circumcircle. By similar reasoning for  $T_2$  we obtain that  $T_1T_2$  is the radical axis of the circumcircle and the NPC. Since  $A, B, H_1, H_2$  are concyclic, we obtain that the lines  $AB$  and  $H_1H_2$  are the radical axes of the corresponding circle with the circumcircle and the NPC respectively. Clearly these three radical axes concur.

17. (E.Bakaev, 10–11) Three circles  $\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3$  are given. Let  $A_0$  and  $A_1$  be the common points of  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$ ,  $B_0$  and  $B_1$  be the common points of  $\omega_2$  and  $\omega_3$ ,  $C_0$  and  $C_1$  be the common points of  $\omega_3$  and  $\omega_1$ . Let  $O_{i,j,k}$  be the circumcenter of triangle  $A_iB_jC_k$ . Prove that the four lines of the form  $O_{ijk}O_{1-i,1-j,1-k}$  are concurrent or parallel.

**Solution.** Let  $O$  be the radical center of the given circles. If  $O$  lies outside these circles then there exists a circle centered at  $O$  and perpendicular to three given circles. The inversion with respect to this circle saves all given circles. Therefore this inversion

transposes  $A_0$  and  $A_1$ ,  $B_0$  and  $B_1$ ,  $C_0$  and  $C_1$ , thus it transposes the circles  $A_iB_jC_k$  and  $A_{1-i}B_{1-j}C_{1-k}$ . Hence the lines joining the centers of such pairs of circles pass through  $O$ .

If  $O$  lies inside the given circles then they are saved by the composition of the inversion and the central symmetry with center  $O$ . Therefore in this case four lines also pass through  $O$ .

18. (N.Beluhov, A.Zaslavsky, 10–11) A quadrilateral  $ABCD$  without parallel and without equal sides is circumscribed around a circle centered at  $I$ . Let  $K, L, M$  and  $N$  be the midpoints of  $AB, BC, CD$  and  $DA$  respectively. It is known that  $AB \cdot CD = 4IK \cdot IM$ . Prove that  $BC \cdot AD = 4IL \cdot IN$ .

**Solution.** Construct  $J$  such that  $\triangle AJB \sim \triangle DIC$ . Then  $AJBI$  is cyclic. Let  $k$  be its circumcircle, and let  $IK$  meet  $k$  for the second time at  $J'$ . Then from  $KJ : AB = IM : CD$ ,  $IK \cdot KJ' = KA \cdot KB = AB^2/4$ , and  $4IK \cdot IM = AB \cdot CD$  it follows that  $KJ = KJ'$  (fig. 18).

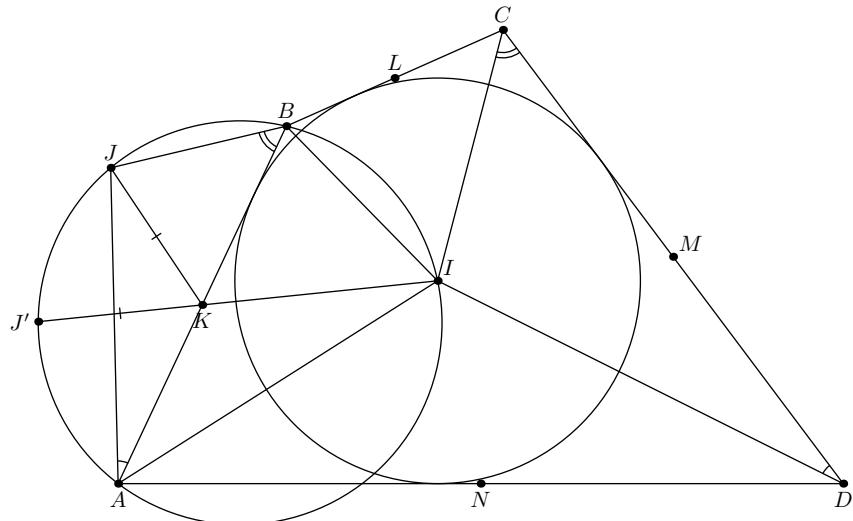


Fig. 18

If  $AB$  is a diameter of  $k$ , then  $\angle AIB = 90^\circ$  and  $AD \parallel BC$  — a contradiction. Therefore,  $AB$  is not a diameter of  $k$ . If  $J = J'$ , then  $\angle ICB = \angle AIK$ ,  $\angle IDA = \angle BIK$  and  $BC = r(\cot \angle IBK + \cot \angle AIK) = r(\cot \angle IAK + \cot \angle BIK) = AD$  — a contradiction. From this and  $KJ = KJ'$ , it follows that  $J$  and  $J'$  are symmetric with respect to the perpendicular bisector of  $AB$ .

Therefore,  $\triangle AIK \sim \triangle J'BK \simeq \triangle JAK \sim \triangle IDM$ . From this, together with  $\angle IAK = \angle IAD$  and  $\angle IDM = \angle IDA$ , it follows that  $\triangle AIK \sim \triangle ADI \sim \triangle IDM$ . Analogously,  $\triangle BIK \sim \triangle BCI \sim \triangle ICM$ .

Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be the midpoints of  $IA$  and  $IB$ . Then  $\triangle IND \sim \triangle KPI \simeq \triangle IQK \sim \triangle CLI$ . Therefore,  $IN : ND = CL : LI$  and  $4IL \cdot IN = AD \cdot BC$ , as needed.

**Note.** A circumscribed quadrilateral  $ABCD$  that has no parallel or equal sides satisfies the conditions of the problem if and only if its incenter  $I$  is the center of gravity of its four vertices  $A, B, C$ , and  $D$ .

19. (A.Utkin, 10–11) Let  $AL_a$ ,  $BL_b$ ,  $CL_c$  be the bisectors of triangle  $ABC$ . The tangents to the circumcircle of  $ABC$  at  $B$  and  $C$  meet at point  $K_a$ , points  $K_b$ ,  $K_c$  are defined similarly. Prove that the lines  $K_aL_a$ ,  $K_bL_b$  and  $K_cL_c$  concur.

**Solution.** Since  $ABK_c$  is an isosceles triangle, the sine law applied to triangles  $AL_cK_c$  and  $BL_aK_c$  implies that  $\sin \angle AK_c L_c : \sin \angle BK_c L_c = AL_c : BL_c$ . From this and two similar equalities we obtain the required assertion applying the Ceva theorem.

20. (A.Zaslavsky, 10–11) Let  $O$  be the circumcenter of triangle  $ABC$ ,  $H$  be its orthocenter, and  $M$  be the midpoint of  $AB$ . The line  $MH$  meets the line passing through  $O$  and parallel to  $AB$  at point  $K$  lying on the circumcircle of  $ABC$ . Let  $P$  be the projection of  $K$  onto  $AC$ . Prove that  $PH \parallel BC$ .

**Solution.** Let  $Q$  be the projection of  $K$  to  $BC$ . Then  $PQ$  is the Simson line of  $K$ , therefore  $PQ$  bisects segment  $HK$ , and the angle between  $PQ$  and altitude  $CH$  (the Simson line of  $C$ ) is equal to the half of angle  $COK$ . But  $OK$  is the perpendicular bisector for segment  $CL$ , where  $L$  is the second common point of  $CH$  with the circumcircle. Hence  $\angle HCK = \angle CLK = \angle COK/2$ , i.e.  $PQ \parallel CK$ . Thus  $PQ$  bisects segment  $CH$ . Also  $MH$  meets the circumcircle for the second time at point  $C'$  opposite to  $C$ , and  $C'M = MH$ . Therefore  $CK \perp KC'$ , i.e. the corresponding sides of triangles  $CPQ$  and  $BHC'$  are perpendicular. Then their medians are perpendicular too, therefore  $CH$  bisects segment  $PQ$  and  $CPHQ$  is a parallelogram (fig.20).

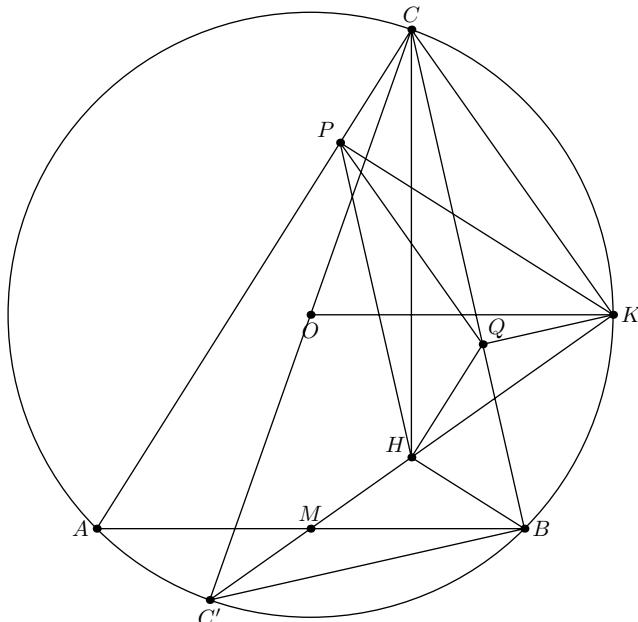


Fig. 20

21. (A.Sgibnev, A.Zaslavsky, 10–11) An ellipse  $\Gamma$  and its chord  $AB$  are given. Find the locus of orthocenters of triangles  $ABC$  inscribed into  $\Gamma$ .

**Solution.** Choose a coordinate system such that the line  $AB$  is the  $X$ -axis. Then the equation for  $\Gamma$  will be  $(x-x_a)(x-x_B)+y(ax+by+c)=0$ , where  $b > 0$ . The coordinates of orthocenter  $H$  are  $(x_C, h)$ , where  $h$  satisfies the condition of perpendicularity  $AH$  and  $BC$ :

$(x_C - x_A)(x_C - x_B) + hy_C = 0$ , i.e.  $h = -(x_C - x_A)(x_C - x_B)/y_C$ . But by the Vieta theorem  $XH$  meets  $\Gamma$  for the second time at the point with ordinate  $(x_C - x_A)(x_C - x_B)/by_C$ . Thus the locus of orthocenters is an ellipse obtained by the contraction of  $\Gamma$  to  $AB$  with coefficient  $-b$ . Since this coefficient is equal to the ratio of squares of two diameters, perpendicular and parallel to  $AB$ , we obtain that this ellipse is similar to  $\Gamma$  and their major axes are perpendicular.

22. (P.Kozhevnikov, 10–11) Let  $AA_0$  be the altitude of the isosceles triangle  $ABC$  ( $AB = AC$ ). A circle  $\gamma$  centered at the midpoint of  $AA_0$  touches  $AB$  and  $AC$ . Let  $X$  be an arbitrary point of line  $BC$ . Prove that the tangents from  $X$  to  $\gamma$  cut congruent segments on lines  $AB$  and  $AC$ .

**First solution.** For simplicity, we consider only the case when  $X$  lies inside segment  $BA_0$ . All other cases are similar.

Let  $B_0$  and  $C_0$  be the midpoints of segments  $AC$  and  $AB$ , respectively. Let one tangent meet segment  $AC_0$  at  $P$  and let the other tangent meet segment  $CB_0$  at  $Q$ .

By Newton's theorem for circumscribed quadrilateral  $APXQ$ , the midpoints of segments  $AA_0$ ,  $AX$ , and  $PQ$  are collinear. Therefore, the midpoint  $R$  of segment  $PQ$  lies on the midline of triangle  $ABC$  opposite to vertex  $A$ .

Let  $S$  be the reflection of point  $A$  about point  $R$ . Then  $S$  lies on line  $BC$ , and quadrilateral  $APSQ$  is a parallelogram (fig. 22.1). Therefore,  $C_0P : A_0S = B_0Q : A_0S$  and  $C_0P = B_0Q$ .

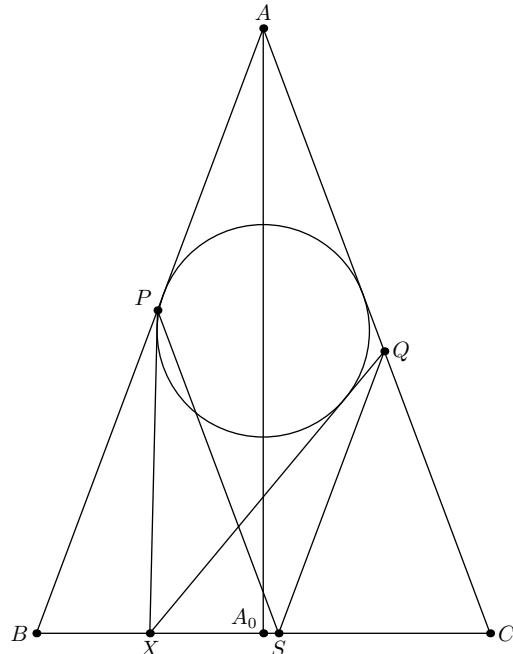


Fig. 22.1

Let one tangent meet ray  $C_0B$  at  $P'$ , and let the other tangent meet ray  $B_0A$  at  $Q'$ . Similarly,  $C_0P' = B_0Q'$ . Therefore,  $PP' = QQ'$ , as needed.

**Second solution.** Let one of two tangents meet  $AB$  and  $AC$  at points  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$ , and the second one meet them at  $Z_1$  and  $Z_2$  respectively. Since the relation between these

points is projective, it is sufficient to prove that  $Y_1Z_1 = Y_2Z_2$  for three positions of  $X$ , i.e. by symmetry for some point distinct from the midpoint of  $BC$ . When  $X$  tends to  $B$  then one of points  $Z_1, Y_1$  also tends to  $B$ , and the second one tends to the touching point  $P$  of  $\gamma$  with  $AB$ . Let  $Q$  be distinct from  $A$  point of  $AC$  such that  $BQ$  touches  $\gamma$ , and let  $B_0, C_0$  be the midpoints of  $AC, AB$  respectively. Then we have  $(B, C_0, P, \infty) = (Q, \infty, A, B_0)$ , i.e.  $AQ = BP$  (fig.22.2).

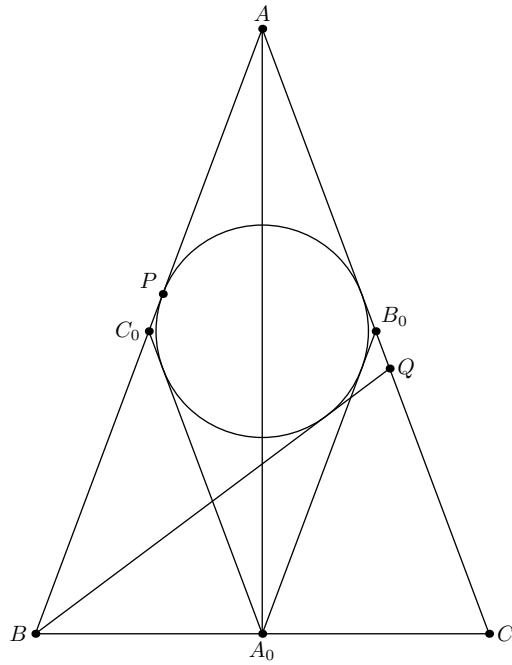


Fig. 22.2

23. (A.Skopenkov, (10–11) In the plane, let  $a, b$  be two closed broken lines (possibly self-intersecting), and  $K, L, M, N$  be four points. The vertices of  $a, b$  and the points  $K, L, M, N$  are in general position (i.e. no three of these points are collinear, and no three segments between them concur at an interior point). Each of segments  $KL$  and  $MN$  meets  $a$  at an even number of points, and each of segments  $LM$  and  $NK$  meets  $a$  at an odd number of points. Conversely, each of segments  $KL$  and  $MN$  meets  $b$  at an odd number of points, and each of segments  $LM$  and  $NK$  meets  $b$  at an even number of points. Prove that  $a$  and  $b$  intersect.

**First solution.** Since the vertices of  $a$  are in general position, this broken line divides the plane into several parts which can be colored black and white regularly (i.e. in such a way that the colors of adjacent parts are different). See the proof, for example, in [Sk, §1.3, §2.2], [Sk18, §1.3, §2.2]. Let the "external" part be white. Consider an arbitrary point  $O$  of self-intersection of  $a$  and take segments  $OA = OB = OC = OD = \varepsilon$  on its links passing through, such that  $ABCD$  is a rectangle. If  $\varepsilon$  is sufficiently small then all common points of  $a$  with  $b$  and segments  $KL, LM, MN, NK$  lie outside this rectangle. If we construct such rectangles for all points of self-intersection and color them white, then the black part of the plane will be the union of several not intersecting polygons. Now recolor several rectangles to obtain a black polygon restricted by not self-intersecting broken line  $a'$ . Construct not self-intersecting broken line  $b'$  in the similar way. By the

construction the broken lines  $a'$ ,  $b'$  intersect one another and meet segments  $KL$ ,  $LM$ ,  $MN$ ,  $NK$  at the same points as  $a$ ,  $b$ . Suppose that  $a'$  and  $b'$  do not intersect. Then they divide the plane into three parts, therefore two of points  $K$ ,  $L$ ,  $M$ ,  $N$  lie in the same part. But this is impossible because  $a'$  separates  $K$  and  $L$  from  $M$  and  $N$ , and  $b'$  separates  $K$  and  $N$  from  $M$  and  $L$ . Thus  $a'$  and  $b'$  intersect, and hence the given broken lines intersect too.

**Second solution.** Let point  $C$  be in general position related to the vertices of  $a$ ,  $b$  and points  $K$ ,  $L$ ,  $M$ ,  $N$ . Denote the union of segments  $CK \cup CL \cup CM \cup CN$  by  $\gamma$ .

As in the first solution color regularly black and white the parts into which  $a$  divides the plane. Denote the union of the black parts by  $\alpha$ . Construct similarly the set  $\beta$  corresponding to  $b$ .

If  $a$  and  $b$  do not intersect then  $a \cap \beta$  is  $a$  or  $\emptyset$ , and  $\alpha \cap b$  is  $b$  or  $\emptyset$ . Then the following chain of comparisons modulo 2 yields a contradiction:

$$0 \stackrel{(1)}{=} |\partial(\gamma \cap \alpha \cap \beta)| \stackrel{(2)}{=} \left| \underbrace{\partial\gamma}_{=\{K,L,M,N\}} \cap \alpha \cap \beta \right| + \left| \gamma \cap \underbrace{\partial\alpha}_{=a} \cap \beta \right| + \left| \gamma \cap \alpha \cap \underbrace{\partial\beta}_{=b} \right| \stackrel{(3)}{=} 1+0+0 = 1.$$

Here (1) is true because  $\gamma \cap \alpha \cap \beta$  is the union of a finite number of unclosed broken lines with even number of endpoints. The proof of (2) is not difficult (this is the «Leibnitz formula»).

Let us prove (3). We have

$$\{K, L, M, N\} \cap \alpha \cap \beta = (\{K, L, M, N\} \cap \alpha) \cap (\{K, L, M, N\} \cap \beta) = \{K, L\} \cap \{K, N\} = \{K\}.$$

If  $a \cap \beta = \emptyset$  then  $\gamma \cap a \cap \beta = \emptyset$ . And if  $a \cap \beta = a$  then

$$|\gamma \cap a \cap \beta| = |\gamma \cap a| = |KN \cap a| + |LM \cap a| = 1 + 1 = 0.$$

Thus in both cases  $|\gamma \cap a \cap \beta| = 0$ . Similarly  $|\gamma \cap \alpha \cap b| = 0$ .

**Remarks.** Similar reasoning about triple intersections demonstrates that the Borromean rings cannot be uncoupled. See [Sk, §4].

The multidimensional version of the problem, the Borromean rings lemma, can be proved similarly, see [AMS+]. This lemma is significant for the study of complexity of realizability of hypergraphs in multidimensional spaces, see [MTW11, ST17].

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24. (N.Beluhov, 11) Two unit cubes have a common center. Is it always possible to number the vertices of each cube from 1 to 8 so that the distance between each pair of identically numbered vertices would be at most  $4/5$ ? What about at most  $13/16$ ?

**Solution.** Let  $\kappa = A_1A_2 \dots A_8$  be one of the two cubes (with  $A_1A_2A_3A_4$  a unit square and  $A_i$  adjacent to  $A_{i+4}$  for all  $i$ ),  $d_1, d_2, d_3$ , and  $d_4$  be the space diagonals of  $\kappa$ ,  $\lambda$  be the second cube, and  $e_1, e_2, e_3$ , and  $e_4$  be the space diagonals of  $\lambda$ . Let  $O$  be the common center of the two cubes,  $s$  be their common circumscribed sphere,  $\mu$  be a positive real which does not exceed the diameter of  $s$ , and  $\alpha$  be the central angle of a chord of length  $\mu$  in  $s$ .

Let  $S_i$  be the set of all  $e_j$  such that the angle between  $d_i$  and  $e_j$  does not exceed  $\alpha$ . Suppose that, for all  $1 \leq k \leq 4$ , the union of any  $k$  of the sets  $S_i$  contains at least  $k$  elements. Then, by Hall's representatives theorem, we can select a single representative  $e'_i$  from each  $S_i$  in such a way that all four representatives are distinct, and pair up the endpoints of each  $d_i$  with the endpoints of its corresponding  $e'_i$  in such a way that the distance between the two vertices in each pair is at most  $\mu$ .

Let us then look at the possible values of  $k$  and the bounds on  $\mu$  that they impose.

$k = 4$ : Let  $P$  be the center of the spherical cap cut off from  $s$  by the plane  $A_1A_2A_3A_4$ . (That is,  $P$  lies on  $s$ ,  $PA_1 = PA_2 = PA_3 = PA_4$ , and  $A_1A_2A_3A_4$  separates  $O$  and  $P$ .)

We need to ensure that the union of the eight spherical caps with centers  $A_i$  and radii  $\alpha$  contains all vertices of  $\lambda$ , i.e., that it covers  $s$ . This is true just if  $\mu \geq PA_1$ ; denote the length of  $PA_1$  by  $\mu_4$ .

$k = 3$ : Let  $Q$  be a point on the shorter great-circle arc  $\frown A_1A_3$  of  $s$  such that  $A_2Q = A_4Q = \mu$  and  $A_1Q \leq QA_3$ . Choose  $R$  and  $S$  similarly on the shorter great-circle arcs  $\frown A_1A_6$  and  $\frown A_1A_8$ .

Without loss of generality, we need to ensure that the union of the six spherical caps with centers  $A_2, A_4, A_5, A_3, A_6$ , and  $A_8$  and radii  $\alpha$  contains at least six vertices of  $\lambda$ . Equivalently, we need to ensure that the complement of this union to  $s$  contains at most two vertices of  $\lambda$ . This complement consists of two connected components which are symmetric with respect to  $O$ ; therefore, it is necessary and sufficient to ensure that each component contains at most one vertex of  $\lambda$ . Since each component is contained within the equilateral spherical triangle  $QRS$  but contains points arbitrarily close to  $Q, R$ , and  $S$ , it is necessary and sufficient to have  $QR \leq 1$  – or, equivalently,  $\mu \geq \mu_3$ , where  $\mu_3$  is the value of  $\mu$  for which equality is attained. It is easy to see that  $\mu_3 > \mu_4$ .

For  $k = 2$  and  $k = 1$ , let  $T_i$  be the set of all  $d_j$  such that the angle between  $e_i$  and  $d_j$  does not exceed  $\alpha$ .

$k = 2$ : Without loss of generality, suppose that  $S_1 \cup S_2$  does not contain  $e_1, e_2$ , and  $e_3$ . Then  $T_1 \cup T_2 \cup T_3$  does not contain  $d_1$  and  $d_2$ . From the case  $k = 3$  we know that this is avoided just if  $\mu \geq \mu_3$ .

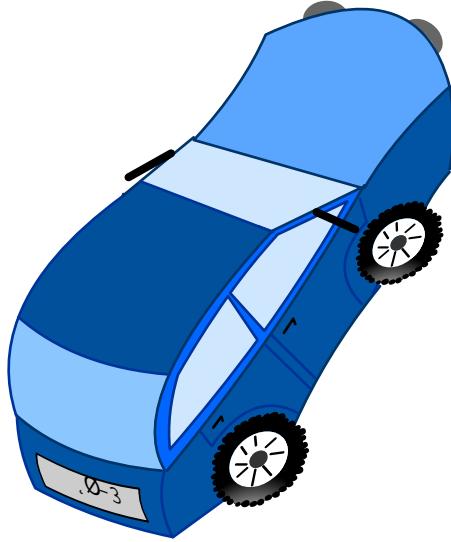
$k = 1$ : Suppose that, without loss of generality,  $S_1$  does not contain any  $e_i$ . Then the union of all  $T_i$  does not contain  $d_1$ . From the case  $k = 4$  we know that this is avoided just if  $\mu \geq \mu_4$ .

Thus  $\mu \geq \mu_3$  always works. In order to see that no  $\mu < \mu_3$  works, let  $\lambda$  be the cube with center  $O$  and edge  $QR$  as in the case  $k = 3$ . At most one of the vertices  $Q$  and  $R$  of  $\lambda$  is paired with  $A_1$ ; whatever vertex of  $\kappa$  we pair with the other one, the distance between them will be at least  $\mu_3$ . Therefore, the shortest distance  $\mu$  that satisfies the conditions of the problem is  $\mu_3 = \sqrt{\frac{9-2\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{5}}{6}}$ . Since  $4/5 < \mu_3 < 13/16$ , the answer to the first part of the problem is negative and the answer to the second part of the problem is positive.

### III I.F.Sharygin olympiad in geometry

#### Final round. 8 form

1. Determine on which side is the steering wheel disposed in the car depicted in the figure.



2. By straightedge and compass, reconstruct a right triangle  $ABC$  ( $\angle C = 90^\circ$ ), given the vertices  $A, C$  and a point on the bisector of angle  $B$ .
3. The diagonals of a convex quadrilateral dissect it into four similar triangles. Prove that this quadrilateral can also be dissected into two congruent triangles.
4. Determine the locus of orthocenters of triangles, given the midpoint of a side and the bases of the altitudes drawn to two other sides.
5. Medians  $AA'$  and  $BB'$  of triangle  $ABC$  meet at point  $M$ , and  $\angle AMB = 120^\circ$ . Prove that angles  $AB'M$  and  $BA'M$  are neither both acute nor both obtuse.
6. Two non-congruent triangles are called *analogous* if they can be denoted as  $ABC$  and  $A'B'C'$  such that  $AB = A'B'$ ,  $AC = A'C'$  and  $\angle B = \angle B'$ . Do there exist three mutually analogous triangles?

### III I.F.Sharygin olympiad in geometry

#### Final round. 9 form

1. Given a circumscribed quadrilateral  $ABCD$ . Prove that its inradius is smaller than the sum of the inradii of triangles  $ABC$  and  $ACD$ .
2. Points  $E$  and  $F$  are chosen on the base side  $AD$  and the lateral side  $AB$  of an isosceles trapezoid  $ABCD$ , respectively. Quadrilateral  $CDEF$  is an isosceles trapezoid as well. Prove that  $AE \cdot ED = AF \cdot FB$ .
3. Given a hexagon  $ABCDEF$  such that  $AB = BC$ ,  $CD = DE$ ,  $EF = FA$ , and  $\angle A = \angle C = \angle E$ . Prove that lines  $AD$ ,  $BE$ , and  $CF$  are concurrent.
4. Given a triangle  $ABC$ . An arbitrary point  $P$  is chosen on the circumcircle of triangle  $ABH$  ( $H$  is the orthocenter of triangle  $ABC$ ). Lines  $AP$  and  $BP$  meet the opposite sidelines of the triangle at points  $A'$  and  $B'$ , respectively. Determine the locus of midpoints of segments  $A'B'$ .
5. Reconstruct a triangle, given the incenter, the midpoint of some side and the base of the altitude drawn to this side.
6. A cube with edge length  $2n + 1$  is dissected into small cubes of size  $1 \times 1 \times 1$  and bars of size  $2 \times 2 \times 1$ . Find the least possible number of cubes in such a dissection.

### **III I.F.Sharygin olympiad in geometry**

#### **Final round. 10 form**

1. In an acute triangle  $ABC$ , altitudes at vertices  $A$  and  $B$  and bisector line at angle  $C$  intersect the circumcircle again at points  $A_1$ ,  $B_1$  and  $C_0$ . Using the straightedge and compass, reconstruct the triangle by points  $A_1$ ,  $B_1$  and  $C_0$ .
2. Points  $A'$ ,  $B'$ ,  $C'$  are the bases of the altitudes  $AA'$ ,  $BB'$  and  $CC''$  of an acute triangle  $ABC$ . A circle with center  $B$  and radius  $BB'$  meets line  $A'C'$  at points  $K$  and  $L$  (points  $K$  and  $A$  are on the same side of line  $BB'$ ). Prove that the intersection point of lines  $AK$  and  $CL$  belongs to line  $BO$  ( $O$  is the circumcenter of triangle  $ABC$ ).
3. Given two circles intersecting at points  $P$  and  $Q$ . Let  $C$  be an arbitrary point distinct from  $P$  and  $Q$  on the former circle. Let lines  $CP$  and  $CQ$  intersect again the latter circle at points  $A$  and  $B$ , respectively. Determine the locus of the circumcenters of triangles  $ABC$ .
4. A quadrilateral  $ABCD$  is inscribed into a circle with center  $O$ . Points  $C'$ ,  $D'$  are the reflections of the orthocenters of triangles  $ABD$  and  $ABC$  at point  $O$ . Lines  $BD$  and  $BD'$  are symmetric with respect to the bisector of angle  $ABC$ . Prove that lines  $AC$  and  $AC'$  are symmetric with respect to the bisector of angle  $DAB$ .
5. Each edge of a convex polyhedron is shifted such that the obtained edges form the frame of another convex polyhedron. Are these two polyhedra necessarily congruent?
6. Given are two concentric circles  $\Omega$  and  $\omega$ . Each of the circles  $b_1$  and  $b_2$  is externally tangent to  $\omega$  and internally tangent to  $\Omega$ , and each of the circles  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  is internally tangent to both  $\Omega$  and  $\omega$ . Mark each point where one of the circles  $b_1$ ,  $b_2$  intersects one of the circles  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ . Prove that there exist two circles distinct from  $b_1$ ,  $b_2$ ,  $c_1$ ,  $c_2$  which contain all 8 marked points. (Some of these new circles may appear to be lines.) )

**IV RUSSIAN GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF  
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**The final round. Solutions. 8 form. First day**

1. (B.Frenkin) Does a convex quadrilateral without parallel sidelines exist such that it can be divided into four equal triangles?

**Answer.** Yes. See for example fig.8.1.

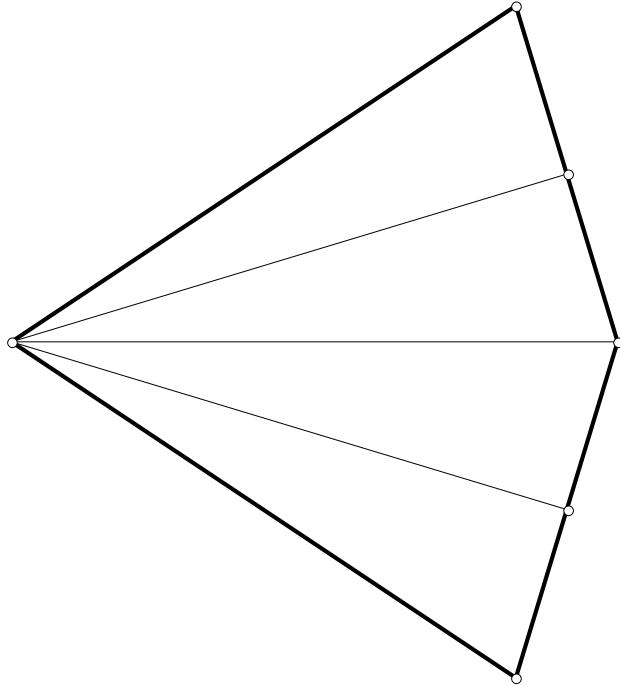


Fig.8.1.

2. (F.Nilov) Given right triangle  $ABC$  with hypotenuse  $AC$  and  $\angle A = 50^\circ$ . Points  $K$  and  $L$  on the cathetus  $BC$  are such that  $\angle KAC = \angle LAB = 10^\circ$ . Determine the ratio  $CK/LB$ .

**Answer.** 2.

**Solution.** Let  $L'$  is the reflection of  $L$  in  $AB$  (fig.8.2). As  $\angle L'KA = 50^\circ = \angle KAL'$ , we have  $L'K = L'A = LA$ . On the other hand,  $\angle CAL = 40^\circ = \angle ACL$ , i.e.  $AL = CL$ . So  $CK = LL' = 2LB$ .

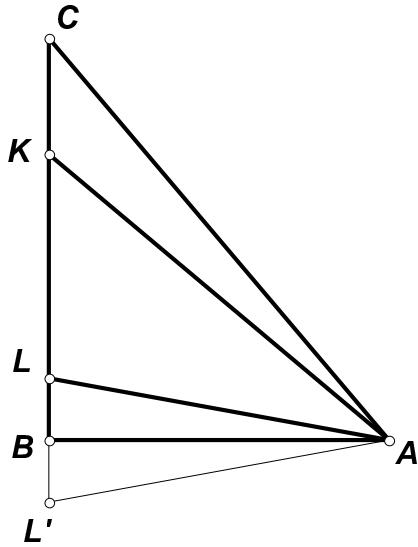


Fig.8.2.

3. (D.Shnol) Two opposite angles of a convex quadrilateral with perpendicular diagonals are equal. Prove that a circle can be inscribed in this quadrilateral.

**Solution.** Let  $O$  be the common point of the diagonals in quadrilateral  $ABCD$  with  $\angle B = \angle D$ . Suppose that  $OB > OD$ . Then point  $D'$  which is the reflection of  $D$  in  $AC$  lies on segment  $OB$  (fig.8.3). Thus by the property of external angle  $\angle AD'O > \angle ABO$ ,  $\angle CD'O > \angle CBO$ . But then  $\angle D = \angle AD'C > \angle B$  — a contradiction. So  $OB = OD$  and  $AC$  is the symmetry axis of  $ABCD$ . Thus the bisectors of angles  $B$ ,  $D$  and  $AC$  concur and their common point is the incenter of  $ABCD$ .

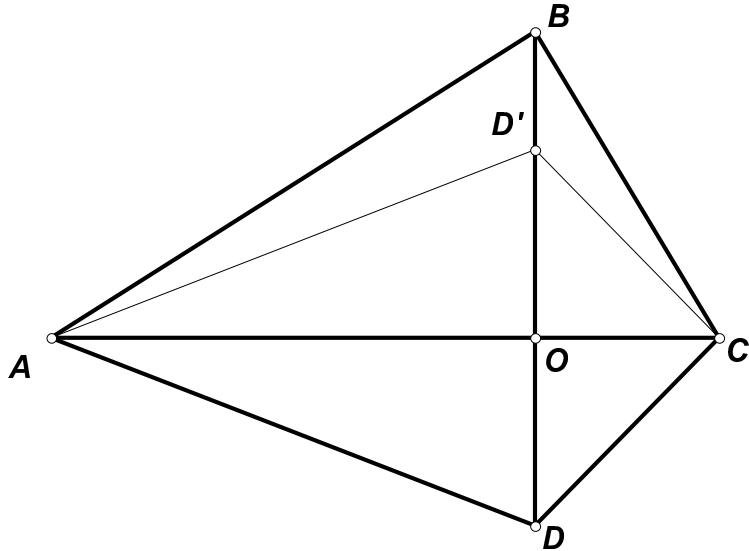


Fig.8.3.

4. (F.Nilov, A.Zaslavsky) Let  $CC_0$  be a median of triangle  $ABC$ ; the medial perpendiculars to  $AC$  and  $BC$  intersect  $CC_0$  in points  $A'$ ,  $B'$ ;  $C_1$  is the meet of lines  $AA'$  and  $BB'$ . Prove that  $\angle C_1CA = \angle C_0CB$ .

**Solution.** Since triangles  $CAA'$ ,  $CBB'$  are isosceles, we have  $\angle CAA' = \angle C_0CA$ ,  $\angle CBB' = \angle C_0CB$ . So the distances from  $C$  to the lines  $AC_1$  and  $BC_1$  are equal respectively to the distances from  $A$  and  $B$  to the line  $CC_0$ . But these distances are equal because  $CC_0$  is a median. Thus  $C$  is equidistant from  $C_1A$  and  $C_1B$ . So  $\angle CC_1A = \angle CC_1B$ , and  $\angle C_1CA - \angle C_1CB = \angle C_1BC - \angle C_1AC = \angle C_0CB - \angle C_0CA$  (fig.8.4). This is equivalent to the required assertion.

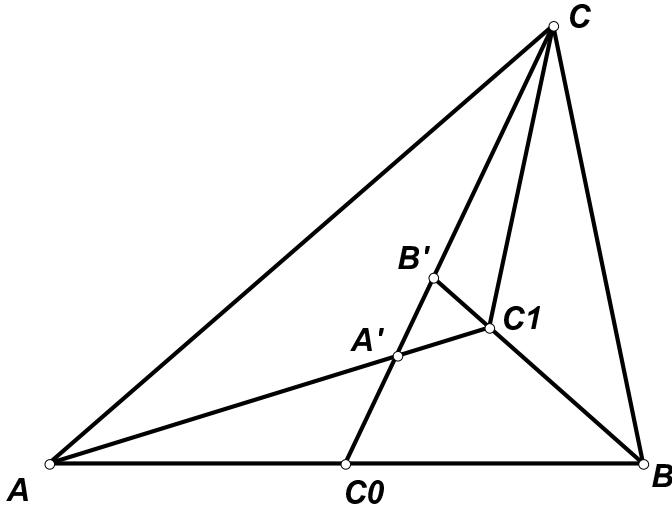


Fig.8.4.

5. (A.Zaslavsky) Given two triangles  $ABC$ ,  $A'B'C'$ . Denote by  $\alpha$  the angle between the altitude and the median from vertex  $A$  of triangle  $ABC$ . Angles  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $\alpha'$ ,  $\beta'$ ,  $\gamma'$  are defined similarly. It is known that  $\alpha = \alpha'$ ,  $\beta = \beta'$ ,  $\gamma = \gamma'$ . Can we conclude that the triangles are similar?

**Answer.** No.

**Solution.** Let the sidelines of  $A'B'C'$  be parallel to the medians of  $ABC$ . Then the sidelines of  $ABC$  are parallel to the medians of  $A'B'C'$  and the angles between the medians and the respective altitudes are the same for both triangles. But in general case these triangles aren't similar.

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6. (B.Frenkin) Consider the triangles such that all their vertices are vertices of a given regular 2008-gon. What triangles are more numerous among them: acute-angled or obtuse-angled?

**Answer.** Obtuse-angled.

**Solution.** Fix two vertices  $A$  and  $B$  of one of given triangles. If they are the opposite vertices of the 2008-gon then for any third vertex  $C$  triangle  $ABC$  is right-angled. Otherwise denote by  $A'$ ,  $B'$  the vertices of the 2008-gon opposite to  $A$ ,  $B$  respectively. Triangle  $ABC$  is acute-angled iff  $C$  lies on the smallest of two arcs of circumcircle, bounded by  $A'$ ,  $B'$ . So for any fixed  $A$ ,  $B$  the number of acute-angled triangles having these two vertices is less than that of obtuse-angled. Thus the total number of obtuse-angled triangles is greater as well.

7. (F.Nilov) Given isosceles triangle  $ABC$  with base  $AC$  and  $\angle B = \alpha$ . The arc  $AC$  constructed outside the triangle has angular measure equal to  $\beta$ . Two lines passing through  $B$  divide the segment and the arc  $AC$  into three equal parts. Find the relation  $\alpha/\beta$ .

**Answer.**  $1/3$ .

**Solution.** Let points  $X$ ,  $Y$  divide the segment  $AC$  into three equal parts ( $AX = XY = YC$ );  $U$ ,  $V$  be the common points of rays  $BX$ ,  $BY$  with arc  $AC$ ;  $Z$  be the common point of  $BC$  and  $UV$  (fig.8.7). Since  $UV \parallel AC$ , we have  $VZ = UV = VC$ . So  $\angle UCZ = 90^\circ$ . On the other hand,  $\angle ACU = \angle UCV = \beta/6$ , and  $\angle BCA = 90^\circ - \alpha/2$ . Consequently  $\beta = 3\alpha$ .

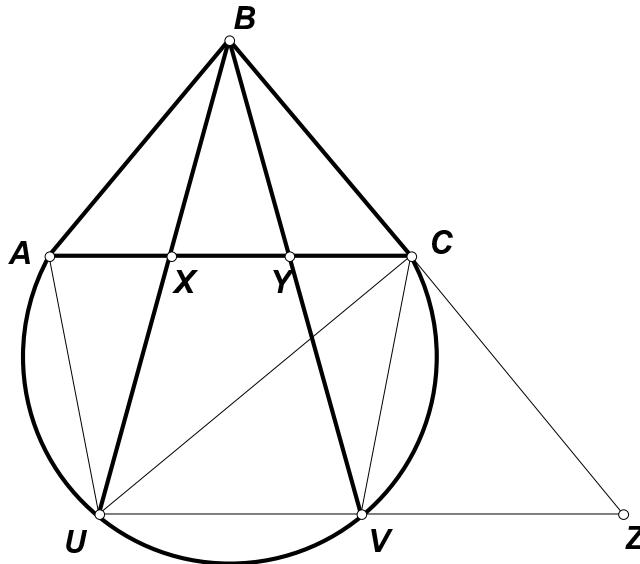


Fig.8.7.

8. (B.Frenkin, A.Zaslavsky) A convex quadrilateral was drawn on the blackboard. Boris marked the centers of four excircles each touching one side of the quadrilateral

and the extensions of two adjacent sides. After this, Alexey erased the quadrilateral. Can Boris define its perimeter?

**Answer.** Yes.

**Solution.** Let  $ABCD$  be the quadrilateral formed by the excenters, and the vertex  $X$  of the original quadrilateral lies on  $AB$ . The sidelines of  $ABCD$  are the external bisectors of the angles of original quadrilateral. So a billiard ball moving from  $X$  along a side of the original quadrilateral, will after the reflections in the sides of  $ABCD$  continue to move along the sides. "Straighten"the trajectory of ball constructing quadrilaterals:  $A_1BCD_1$  — the reflection of  $ABCD$  in  $BC$ ,  $A_2B_1CD_1$  — the reflection of  $A_1BCD_1$  in  $CD_1$ , and  $A_2B_2C_1D_1$  — the reflection of  $A_2B_1CD_1$  in  $D_1A_2$ . Then the trajectory of the ball transforms to segment  $XX'$ , where  $X'$  lies on  $A_2B_2$  and  $A_2X' = AX$  (fig.8.8). Since  $\angle X'XB = \angle XX'A_2$ , we have  $A_2B_2 \parallel AB$ . Thus joining any other point of segment  $AB$  with the respective point of segment  $A_2B_2$ , after inverse reflections we obtain another quadrilateral satisfying the conditions of the problem. So there exists an infinite set of quadrilaterals having points  $A, B, C, D$  as excenters. But the perimeters of all these quadrilaterals are equal to  $XX' = AA_2$  and so don't depend on  $X$ .

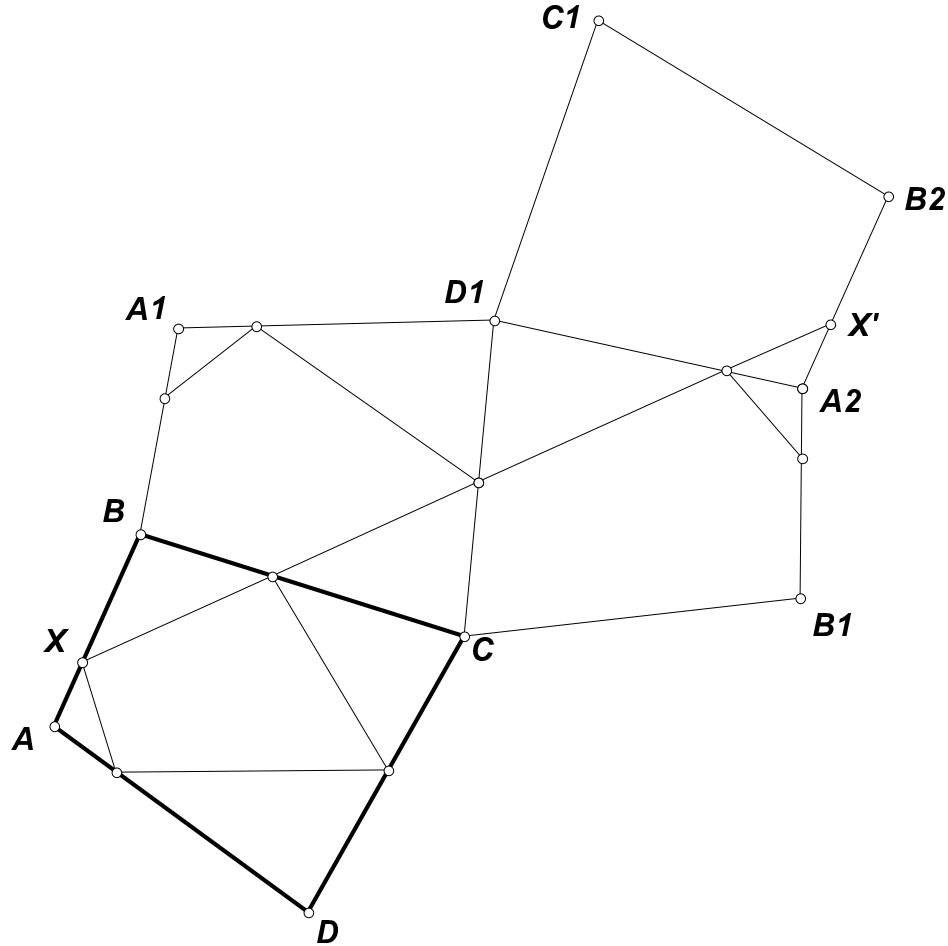


Fig.8.8.

# IV RUSSIAN GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF

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The final round. Solutions. 9 form. First day

1. (A.Zaslavsky) A convex polygon can be divided into 2008 equal quadrilaterals. Is it true that this polygon has a center or an axis of symmetry?

**Answer.** No. Take for example the trapezoid with bases equal to 1 and 2, and lateral sides equal to 1 and  $\sqrt{2}$ . Using the construction of fig.9.1, we can compose from such trapezoids a hexagon which isn't symmetric.

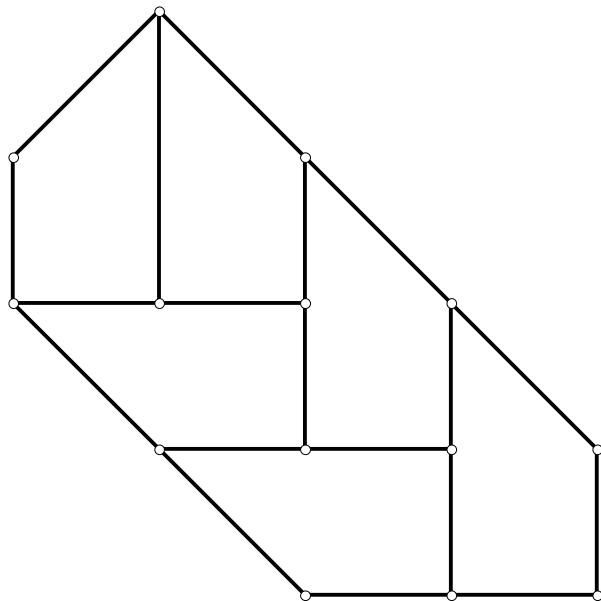


Fig.9.1.

2. (F.Nilov) Given quadrilateral  $ABCD$ . Find the locus of points such that their projections to the lines  $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $CD$ ,  $DA$  form a quadrilateral with perpendicular diagonals.

**Solution.** If the original quadrilateral is a trapezoid then the projections of a point in the locus to the lateral sidelines lie on a line parallel to the bases. It is evident that the set of such points is the line passing through the common point of lateral sidelines. Also it is clear that the required locus for a rectangle is the whole plane, and that for a parallelogram distinct from a rectangle such points don't exist.

Let  $X$  be the common point of lines  $AB$  and  $CD$ ,  $Y$  be a common point of lines  $BC$  and  $DA$ . Denote the projections of point  $P$  to  $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $CD$ ,  $DA$  by  $K$ ,  $L$ ,  $M$ ,  $N$ , and let  $O$  be the common point of  $KM$  and  $LN$  (fig.9.2). Since quadrilaterals  $YLPN$  and  $XKPM$  are cyclic, we have  $\angle PLN = \angle PYA$  and  $\angle PMK = \angle PXA$ . So  $\angle MOL = \pi - \angle C - \angle PLN - \angle PMK = \pi - \angle C - (\angle A - \angle XPY)$ . Thus an equality  $\angle MOL = \pi/2$  is equivalent to  $\angle XPY = \angle A + \angle C - \pi/2$ . So the required locus is a circle passing through  $X$  and  $Y$ .

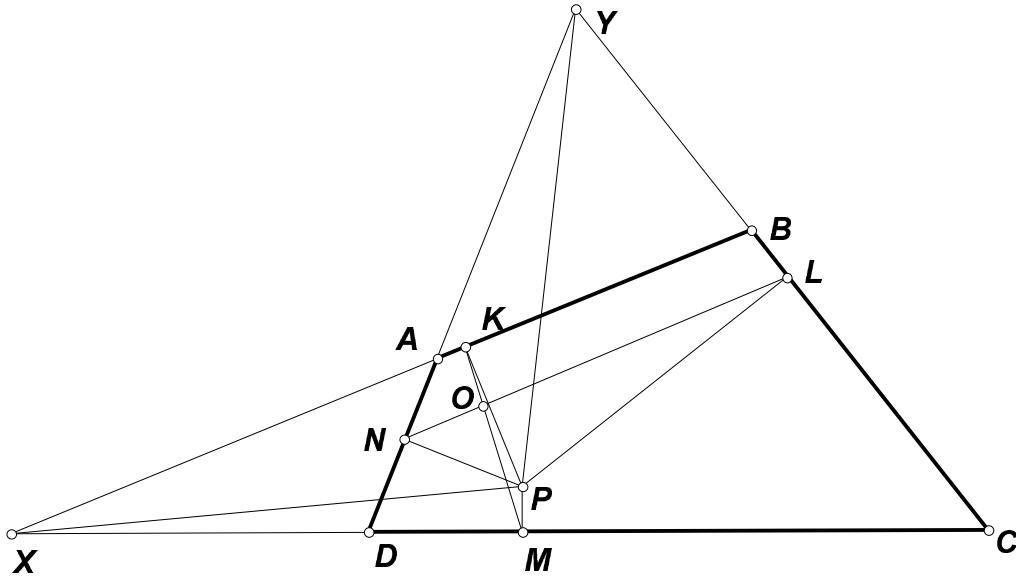


Fig.9.2.

3. (R.Pirkuliev) Prove the inequality

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \sin A}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \sin B}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \sin C}} \leq \sqrt{\frac{p}{r}},$$

where  $p$  and  $r$  are the semiperimeter and the inradius of triangle  $ABC$ .

**Solution.** Let  $R$  and  $S$  be the circumradius and the area of triangle  $ABC$ . Using the sinuses theorem and the formulae  $S = pr = abc/4R$ , transform the right part of inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{\frac{p}{r}} &= \frac{p}{\sqrt{S}} = \frac{R(\sin A + \sin B + \sin C)}{\sqrt{2R^2 \sin A \sin B \sin C}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{\sin A}{2 \sin B \sin C}} + \sqrt{\frac{\sin B}{2 \sin C \sin A}} + \sqrt{\frac{\sin C}{2 \sin A \sin B}}. \end{aligned}$$

By Cauchi inequality:

$$\frac{2}{\sqrt{\sin A}} \leq \sqrt{\frac{\sin B}{\sin C \sin A}} + \sqrt{\frac{\sin C}{\sin A \sin B}}.$$

Summing this inequality with two similar ones, we obtain the required assertion.

4. (F.Nilov, A.Zaslavsky) Let  $CC_0$  be a median of triangle  $ABC$ ; the medial perpendiculars to  $AC$  and  $BC$  intersect  $CC_0$  in points  $A'$ ,  $B'$ ;  $C_1$  is the common point of  $AA'$  and  $BB'$ . Points  $A_1$ ,  $B_1$  are defined similarly. Prove that circle  $A_1B_1C_1$  passes through the circumcenter of triangle  $ABC$ .

**Solution.** By the solution of problem 8.4, lines  $AA_1$ ,  $BB_1$ ,  $CC_1$  concur in point  $L$ , and point  $C_1$  lies on the circle passing through  $A$ ,  $B$  and the circumcenter  $O$  of  $ABC$ . Hence  $\angle OC_1L = \angle AC_1C - \angle AC_1O = \angle AC_1C - \angle ABO = (\pi - \angle C) - (\pi/2 - \angle C) = \pi/2$ , and  $C_1$  lies on the circle with diameter  $OL$ . Similarly  $A_1$  and  $B_1$  lie on the same circle.

5. (N.Avilov) Can the surface of a regular tetrahedron be glued over with equal regular hexagons?

**Solution.** Yes. For example, sticking together a tetrahedron from the development in fig.9.5 and cutting its surface by bold lines, we obtain two equal regular hexagons (obscure and light).

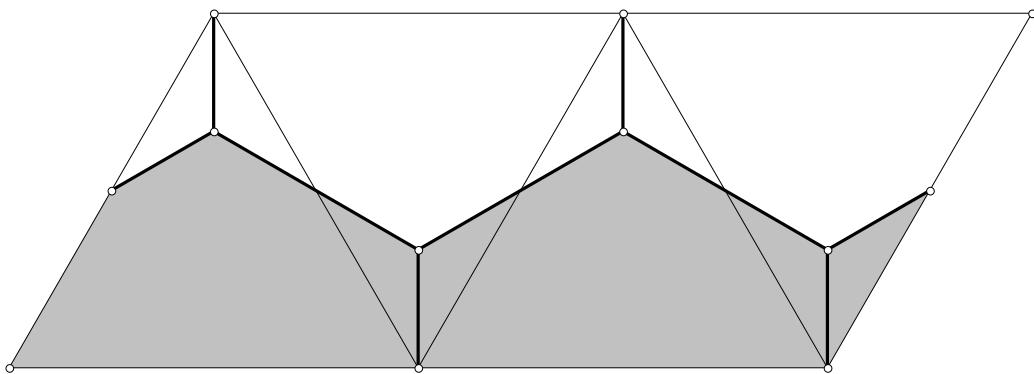


Fig.9.5.

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**The final round. Solutions. 9 form. Second day**

6. (B.Frenkin) Construct the triangle, given its centroid and the feet of an altitude and a bisector from the same vertex.

**Solution.** Let  $C_1, C_2$  be the feet of the bisector and of the altitude from vertex  $C$  of triangle  $ABC$ , and  $M$  be its centroid. It is evident that  $C$  lies on the perpendicular from  $C_2$  to line  $C_1C_2$ . The projection of  $M$  to this perpendicular divides the altitude in relation  $2 : 1$ . This enables to construct point  $C$  and the midpoint  $C_0$  of side  $AB$ .

Let  $C'$  be the common point of  $CC_1$  and perpendicular  $l$  to  $C_1C_2$  from  $C_0$ . Then  $C'$  lies on the circumcircle of  $ABC$  (fig.9.6). So the medial perpendicular to  $CC'$  intersect  $l$  in the circumcenter  $O$ . Constructing the circumcircle, we find  $A, B$  as its common points with  $C_1C_2$ .

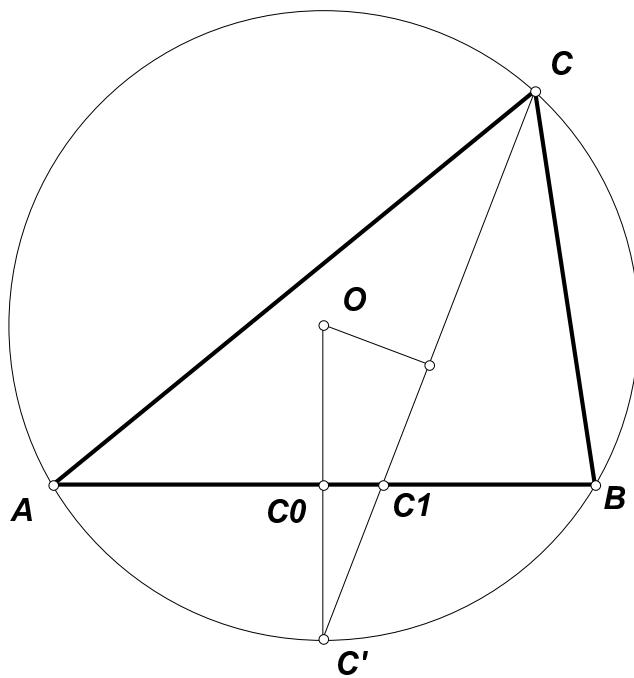


Fig.9.6.

7. (A.Zaslavsky) The circumradius of triangle  $ABC$  is equal to  $R$ . Another circle with the same radius passes through the orthocenter  $H$  of this triangle and intersect its circumcircle in points  $X, Y$ . Point  $Z$  is the fourth vertex of parallelogram  $CXZY$ . Find the circumradius of triangle  $ABZ$ .

**Answer.**  $R$ .

**Solution.** We will prove that  $Z$  lies on circle  $ABH$  with radius equal to  $R$ . Let  $H'$  be the second common point of circles  $XYH$  and  $ABH$ ,  $C'$  be the orthocenter of triangle  $ABH'$  (fig.9.7). Then  $C'$  lies on the circle which is the reflection of  $ABH$  in  $AB$ , i.e. on the circumcircle of  $ABC$ . So  $CH = C'H' = 2R|\cos C|$  and  $CHH'C'$  is a parallelogram. Since  $CC'$  and  $HH'$  are the chords of equal circles  $ABC$  and

$XHY$ , they are symmetric wrt the midpoint of segment  $XY$ . Thus,  $XCYH'$  is the parallelogram and  $H'$  coincides with  $Z$ .

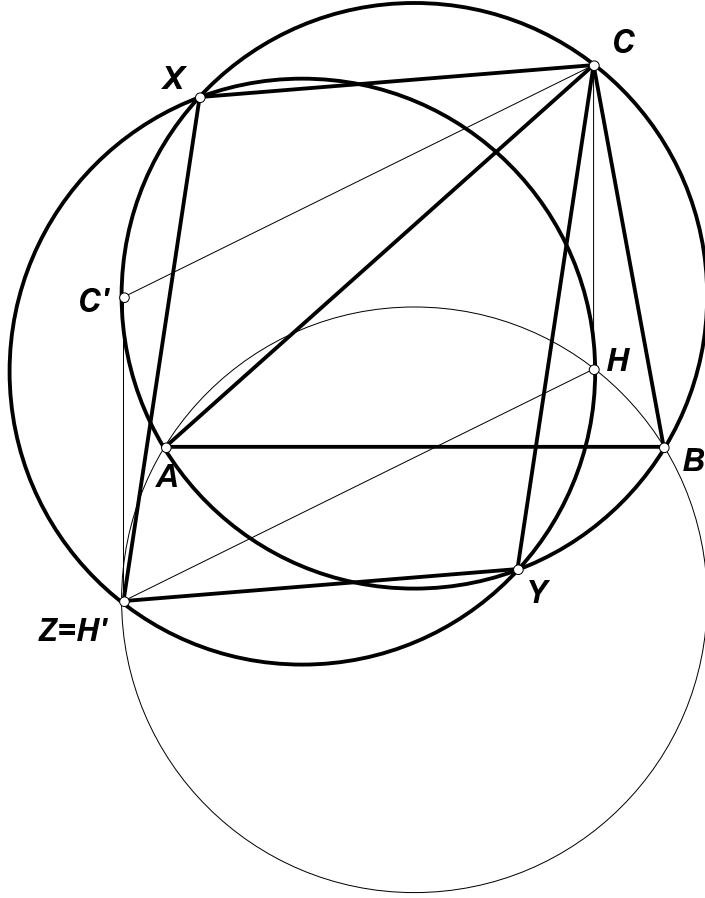


Fig.9.7.

8. (J.-L.Aime, France) Points  $P, Q$  lie on the circumcircle  $\omega$  of triangle  $ABC$ . The medial perpendicular  $l$  to  $PQ$  intersects  $BC, CA, AB$  in points  $A', B', C'$ . Let  $A'', B'', C''$  be the second common points of  $l$  with the circles  $A'PQ, B'PQ, C'PQ$ . Prove that  $AA'', BB'', CC''$  concur.

**Solution.** Let  $X, Y$  be the common points of  $\omega$  and  $l$ . Consider the central projection from  $\omega$  to  $l$  with center  $C$ . We obtain that  $(AB; XY) = (B'A'; XY)$ . Furthermore since  $\angle A'PA - \angle B'PB - \angle XPY = \pi/2$ , we have  $(A'B'; XY) = (A''B''; YX)$ . So  $(AB; XY) = (A''B''; YX)$ , and the common point of  $AA''$  and  $BB''$  lies on  $\omega$ . Line  $CC''$  also passes through this point.

# IV RUSSIAN GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF

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**The final round. Solutions. 10 form. First day**

1. (B.Frenkin) An inscribed and circumscribed  $n$ -gon is divided by some line into two inscribed and circumscribed polygons with different numbers of sides. Find  $n$ .

**Answer.** 3.

**Solution.** Suppose  $n \neq 3$ . If  $n > 4$  then the boundary of at least one of obtained polygons contains the segments of three sides of the original polygon. So the incircle of this polygon coincides with the incircle of the original polygon. If  $n = 4$  this also is correct because two obtained polygons have different number of sides and so the dividing line isn't a diagonal of original quadrilateral.

Thus the dividing line is tangent to the incircle of the original  $n$ -gon, hence one of two parts obtained is a triangle. The vertices of the second part are  $n - 1$  vertices of the original polygon and two points lying on its sides. Since  $n - 1 \geq 3$ , these vertices determine a unique circle which passes through the remain vertex of the  $n$ -gon and hence does not pass through the two points on the sides. Thus the cut polygon is not inscribed.

**Remark.** It is possible to divide an arbitrary triangle by a line tangent to its incircle into a triangle and an inscribed-circumscribed quadrilateral.

2. (A.Myakishev) Let triangle  $A_1B_1C_1$  be symmetric to  $ABC$  wrt the incenter of its medial triangle. Prove that the orthocenter of  $A_1B_1C_1$  coincides with the circumcenter of the triangle formed by the excenters of  $ABC$ .

**Solution.** Let  $H, I, O, M$  be the orthocenter, the incenter, the circumcenter, and the centroid of triangle  $ABC$ ,  $I_0$  be the incenter of its medial triangle. Obviously, the orthocenter  $H_1$  of triangle  $A_1B_1C_1$  is symmetric to  $H$  wrt  $I_0$ . On the other hand, in the triangle formed by the excenters of  $ABC$ ,  $I$  is the orthocenter,  $ABC$  is the orthotriangle, and the circumcircle of  $ABC$  is the nine-points circle. So the circumcenter of excenter triangle is symmetric to  $I$  wrt  $O$ . Consider triangle  $IHH_1$ . Its median  $II_0$  passes through  $M$  and is divided by this point in relation  $2 : 1$ . So  $M$  is the centroid of this triangle. But  $M$  also divides segment  $HO$  in relation  $2 : 1$ . Thus  $O$  is the midpoint of  $IH_1$  (fig.10.2)

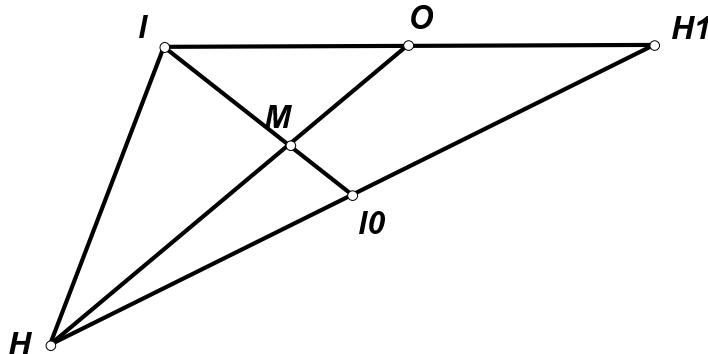


Fig.10.2.

3. (V.Yasinsky, Ukraine) Suppose  $X$  and  $Y$  are the common points of two circles  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$ . The third circle  $\omega$  is internally tangent to  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  in  $P$  and  $Q$  respectively. Segment  $XY$  intersects  $\omega$  in points  $M$  and  $N$ . Rays  $PM$  and  $PN$  intersect  $\omega_1$  in points  $A$  and  $D$ ; rays  $QM$  and  $QN$  intersect  $\omega_2$  in points  $B$  and  $C$  respectively. Prove that  $AB = CD$ .

**Solution.** Point  $P$  is the homothety center of circles  $\omega$  and  $\omega_1$ . So  $AD \parallel MN$  and segment  $AD$  is perpendicular to the center line of circles  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$ . Thus points  $A$  and  $D$  are symmetric wrt this line. Similarly  $B$  and  $C$  are symmetric wrt this line, and so  $AB = CD$  (fig.10.3).

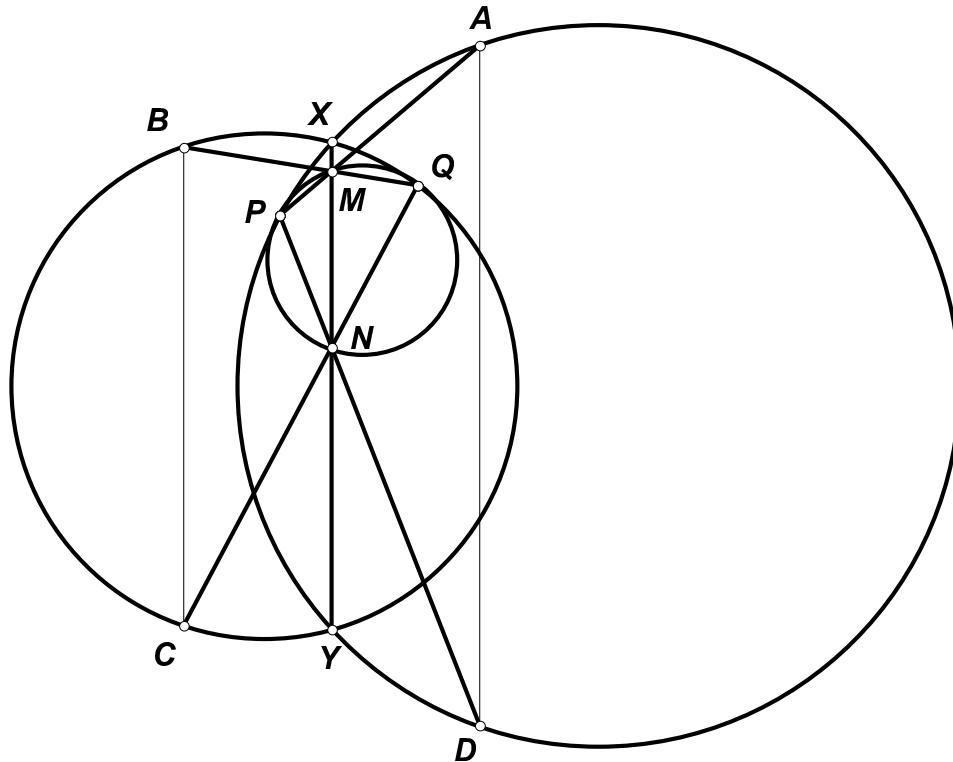


Fig.10.3.

4. (A.Zaslavsky) Given three points  $C_0, C_1, C_2$  on the line  $l$ . Find the locus of incenters of triangles  $ABC$  such that points  $A, B$  lie on  $l$  and the feet of the median, the bisector and the altitude from  $C$  coincide with  $C_0, C_1, C_2$ .

**Answer.** The perpendicular to  $l$  passing through point  $C'$  on segment  $C_0C_2$ , such that  $C_0C'^2 = C_0C_1 \cdot C_0C_2$ .

**Solution.** Let  $C_3, C_4$  be the points of contact between side  $AB$  and the incircle and the excircle of triangle  $ABC$ . Then  $C_0$  is the midpoint of segment  $C_3C_4$ . On the other hand, points  $C_3, C_4$  are the projections of incenter  $I$  and excenter  $I_c$  to  $AB$  (fig.10.4). Since these centers lie on  $CC_1$ , we have

$$\frac{C_2C_3}{C_2C_4} = \frac{CI}{CI_c} = \frac{r}{r_c} = \frac{C_1I}{C_1I_c} = \frac{C_1C_3}{C_1C_4}.$$

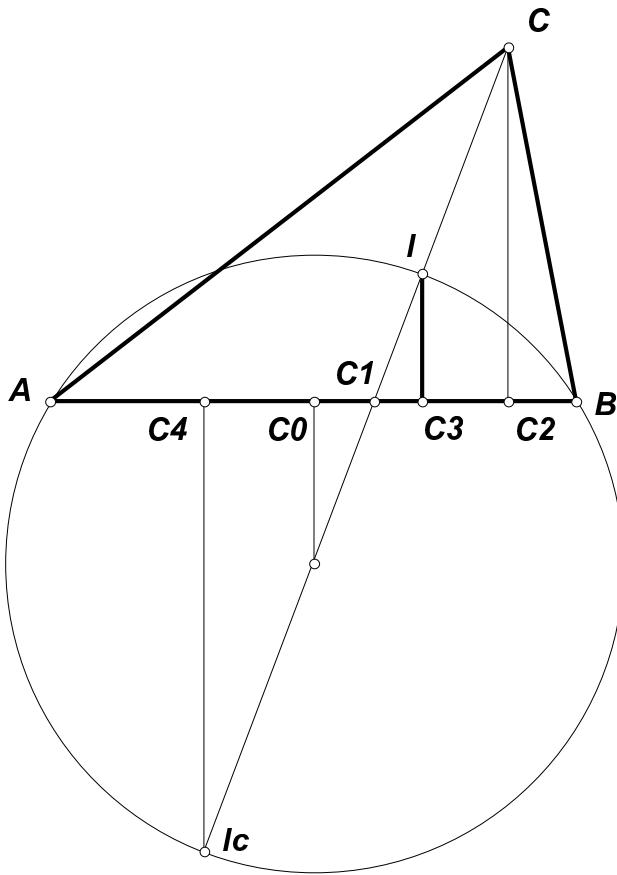


Fig.10.4.

This implies that  $C_3$  coincides with  $C'$ . Now take an arbitrary point  $I$ , the projection of which to  $l$  coincides with  $C_3$ . The perpendiculars to  $l$  from  $C_2$  and from  $C_0$  intersect line  $C_1I$  in point  $C$  and in the circumcenter of triangle  $IAB$ . Finding the common points of the corresponding circle with  $l$ , we obtain the required triangle.

5. (I.Bogdanov) A section of a regular tetragonal pyramid is a regular pentagon. Find the ratio of its side to the side of the base of the pyramid.

**Answer.**  $\frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{2}}$ .

**Solution.** Let the plane of the section meet sides  $CD$  and  $DA$  of pyramid's base  $ABCD$  in points  $X, Y$ . Then pentagon  $ABCXY$  is the central projection of a regular pentagon. So the double relation of  $A, Y, D$  and the point at infinity of line  $AD$  is equal to double relation of four points in which one sideline of the regular pentagon intersects its remaining sidelines (fig.10.5). Thus:

$$\frac{DY}{AD} = \frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{2}.$$

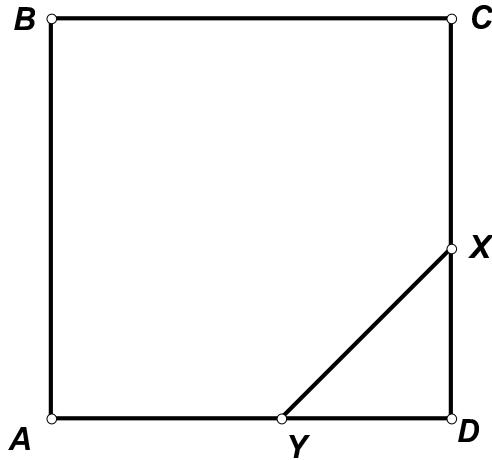


fig.10.5.

Point  $X$  divides segment  $CD$  in the same ratio. So the required ratio is

$$\frac{XY}{AB} = \frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

**Remark.** Since the ratio of a side of the pentagon to a side of the base is determined unambiguously, the ratio of a lateral edge to a side of the base also is determined unambiguously. On the other hand, the planes of 8 faces of an icosahedron bound a regular octahedron. So the pyramid satisfying the conditions of the problem is a half of an octahedron, and its lateral edge is equal to the side of the base.

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## The final round. Solutions. 10 form. Second day

6. (B.Frenkin) The product of two sides in a triangle is equal to  $8Rr$ , where  $R$  and  $r$  are the circumradius and the inradius of the triangle. Prove that the angle between these sides is less than  $60^\circ$ .

**Solution.** Let the product of sides  $AC = b$  and  $BC = a$  of triangle  $ABC$  be equal to  $8Rr$ . Since the area of  $ABC$  is  $S = pr = abc/4R$  where  $p$  is the semiperimeter, we have  $4prR = abc = 8Rrc$ . So  $p = 2c$  or  $a + b = 3c$ . As  $b < a + c$ , this implies that  $2a > 2c$  and  $c < a$ . Similarly  $c < b$ . Thus  $C$  as the strictly smallest angle of the triangle is less than  $60^\circ$ .

7. (F.Nilov) Two arcs with equal angular measure are constructed on the medians  $AA'$  and  $BB'$  of triangle  $ABC$  towards vertex  $C$ . Prove that the common chord of the respective circles passes through  $C$ .

**Solution.** Let the circle constructed on  $AA'$  intersect  $AC$  in point  $X$ , and the circle constructed on  $BB'$  intersect  $BC$  in point  $Y$  (fig.10.7). Since  $\angle AXA' = \angle BYB'$ , triangles  $CXA'$  and  $CYB'$  are similar. So  $CX/CA' = CY/CB'$  and

$$CX \cdot CA = 2CX \cdot CB' = 2CY \cdot CA' = CY \cdot CB.$$

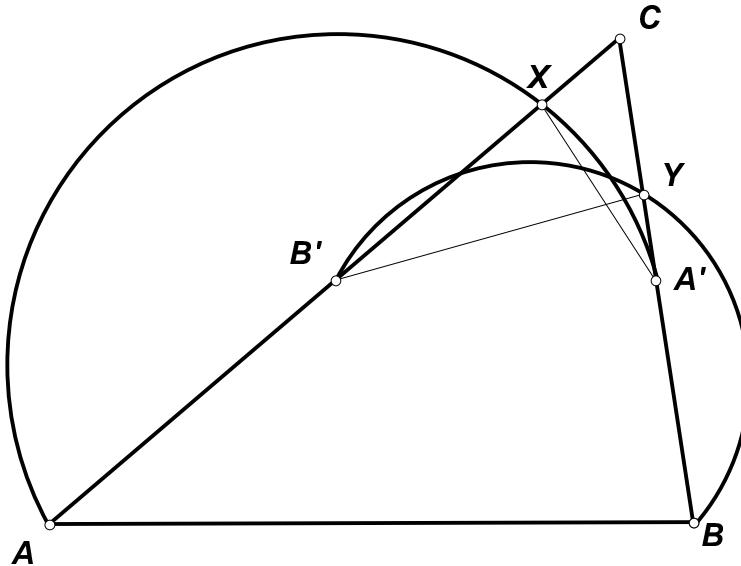


Рис.10.7.

Thus the degrees of point  $C$  wrt both circles are equal and  $C$  lies on their radical axis.

8. (A.Akopyan, V.Dolnikov) Given a set of points inn the plane. It is known that among any three of its points there are two such that the distance between them doesn't exceed 1. Prove that this set can be divided into three parts such that the diameter of each part does not exceed 1.

**Solution.** Call two points 1-close if the distance between them does not exceed 1.

If the diameter of the given set  $V$  doesn't exceed  $\sqrt{3}$  then  $V$  can be covered by a circle with radius 1. We can choose this circle so that it contains some points of  $V$  on its boundary. Denote the center of the circle and some point of  $V$  on its boundary by  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively.

Note that any two points in set  $V \setminus B(Y, 1)$  are 1-close. So the diameter of this set doesn't exceed 1. Furthermore segment  $[X, Y]$  divides  $V \cap B(Y, 1)$  into two parts with diameters less or equal to 1. Thus we obtain the required dissection.

Let now two points  $X, Y \in V$  exist such that  $d(X, Y) > \sqrt{3}d$ . Then the join of sets  $V \setminus B(X, 1)$ ,  $V \setminus B(Y, 1)$  and  $V \cap B(X, 1) \cap B(Y, 1)$  contains  $V$  and each of these sets has the diameter less or equal to 1. In fact, any two points of  $V \setminus B(X, 1)$  or  $V \setminus B(Y, 1)$  are 1-close. Furthermore set  $V \cap B(X, 1) \cap B(Y, 1)$  lies inside the set  $B(X, 1) \cap B(Y, 1)$  with diameter less or equal to 1 (this diameter is the segment between common points of circles  $S(X, 1)$  and  $S(Y, 1)$ ).

# V GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF I.F.SHARYGIN

Final round. First day. 8 form. Solutions.

1. (A.Blinkov, Y.Blinkov) Minor base  $BC$  of trapezoid  $ABCD$  is equal to side  $AB$ , and diagonal  $AC$  is equal to base  $AD$ . The line passing through  $B$  and parallel to  $AC$  intersects line  $DC$  in point  $M$ . Prove that  $AM$  is the bisector of angle  $BAC$ .

**First solution.** We have  $\angle BMC = \angle ACD = \angle CDA = \angle BCM$  (first and third equality follow from parallelism of  $BM$  and  $AC$ ,  $BC$  and  $AD$ ; second equality follows from  $AC = AD$ ). Thus,  $BM = BC = AB$ , and  $\angle BAM = \angle BMA = \angle MAC$  (fig.8.1).

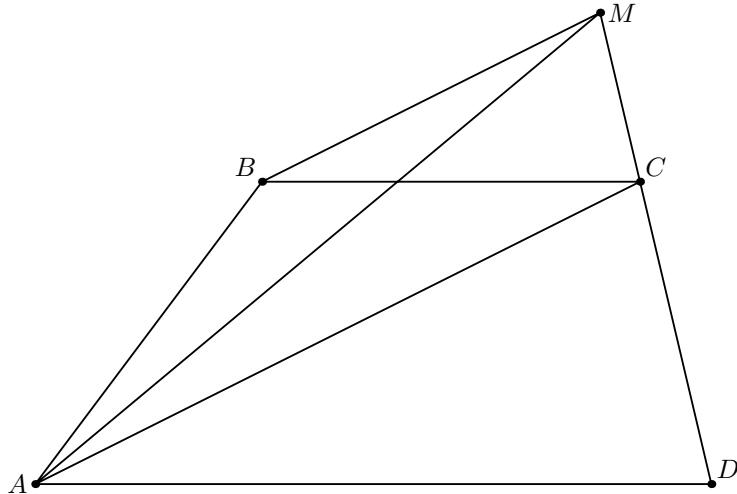


Fig.8.1

**Second solution.** Let point  $P$  lie on the extension of side  $AB$  (beyond point  $B$ ), and point  $K$  lie on the extension of diagonal  $AC$  (beyond point  $C$ ). Then  $\angle MCK = \angle ACD = \angle ADC = \angle BCM$ , i.e  $CM$  is the bisector of angle  $BCK$ . Since  $AC$  bisects angle  $BAD$  and  $BM \parallel AC$ , then  $BM$  is the bisector of angle  $PBC$ . Thus  $M$  is the common point of two external bisectors of triangle  $ABC$ , therefore  $AM$  is the bisector of angle  $BAC$ .

2. (A.Blinkov) A cyclic quadrilateral is divided into four quadrilaterals by two lines passing through its inner point. Three of these quadrilaterals are cyclic with equal circumradii. Prove that the fourth part also is cyclic quadrilateral and its circumradius is the same.

**Solution.** Let the parts adjacent to vertices  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$  of cyclic quadrilateral  $ABCD$  be cyclic quadrilaterals. Since angles  $A$  and  $C$  are opposite to equal angles in point of division  $L$  we have  $\angle A = \angle C = 90^\circ$ . So two dividing lines are perpendicular. Thus angle  $B$  is also right and  $ABCD$  is a rectangle. So the fourth quadrilateral is cyclic. Now the angles corresponding to arcs  $AL$ ,  $BL$ ,  $CL$  are equal, and since the radii of these circles also are equal, we have  $AL = BL = CL$ . So  $L$  is the center of the rectangle and the fourth circle has the same radius.

3. (A.Akopjan, K.Savenkov) Let  $AH_a$  and  $BH_b$  be the altitudes of triangle  $ABC$ . Points  $P$  and  $Q$  are the projections of  $H_a$  to  $AB$  and  $AC$ . Prove that line  $PQ$  bisects segment  $H_aH_b$ .

**Solution.** Let  $CH_c$  be the third altitude of  $ABC$ . Then  $\angle H_aH_cB = \angle H_bH_cA = \angle C$  because quadrilaterals  $CBH_cH_b$  and  $CAH_cH_a$  are cyclic. So the reflection of  $H_a$  in  $AB$

lies on  $H_bH_c$ . Similarly the reflection of  $H_a$  in  $AC$  also lies on this line. Thus  $P$  and  $Q$  lie on the medial line of triangle  $H_aH_bH_c$  (fig.8.3).

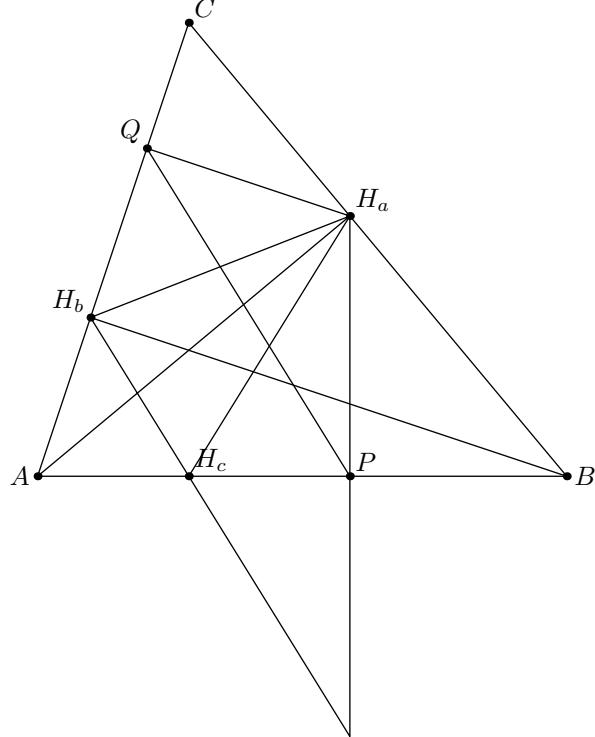


Fig.8.3

4. (N.Beluhov) Given is  $\triangle ABC$  such that  $\angle A = 57^\circ$ ,  $\angle B = 61^\circ$  and  $\angle C = 62^\circ$ . Which segment is longer: the angle bisector through  $A$  or the median through  $B$ ?

**First solution.** Let  $K$  be the midpoint of arc  $ABC$  in the circumcircle of  $ABC$ . Let also the circumcenter of the triangle be  $O$ , and  $AL$  and  $BM$  be the angle bisector and the median. Define  $AL \cap CK = N$  and let  $AH$  be an altitude in  $\triangle AKC$ . Since  $\angle A < \angle C$ ,  $B$  lies inside arc  $KC$ , therefore  $N$  lies inside segment  $AL$  and  $AL > AN > AH$ . Moreover  $AH > KM$  as altitudes from a smaller and a greater angle in  $\triangle AKC$ . Finally,  $KM = MO + OK = MO + OB > MB$ , and the problem is solved: the angle bisector is longer (fig.8.4).

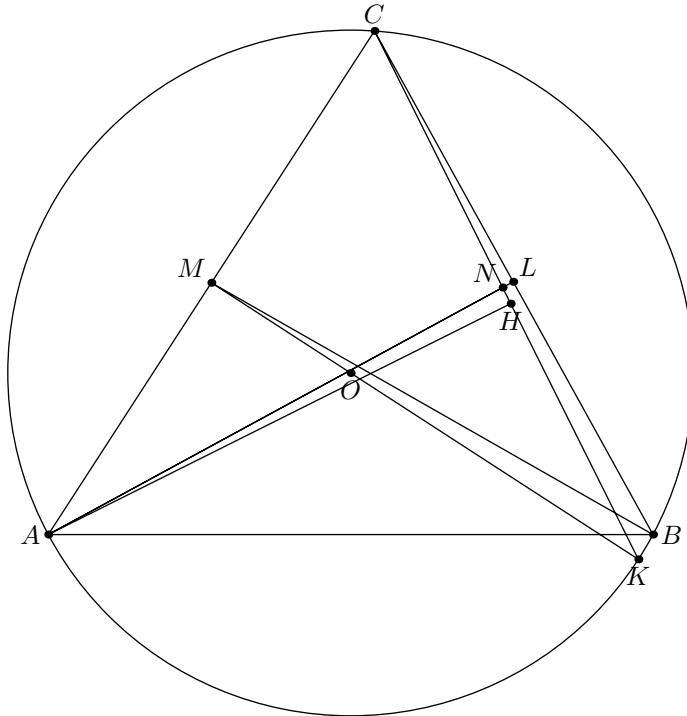


Fig.8.4

**Second solution.** Since  $AB > BC$ , we have  $\angle MBC > 30^\circ$ . Construct the altitude  $AH$  and the perpendicular  $MK$  from  $M$  to  $BC$ . We have  $AL > AH = 2MK > BM$ , because  $\sin \angle BMK = \frac{MK}{BM} > \frac{1}{2}$ .

**Third solution.** (K.Ivanov, Moscow). Consider regular triangle  $ABC'$ . Since ray  $BC'$  lies inside angle  $ABC$ , we have that the bisector of angle  $A$  is longer than the altitude of regular triangle. In the other hand let  $M, N$  be the midpoints of  $AC$  and  $AC'$  respectively. Since ray  $AC$  lies inside angle  $C'AB$ , we have  $\angle BMN > \angle BMA$ . But  $\angle BMA > 90^\circ$  because  $AB > BC$ . Thus  $BN > BM$  and the bisector of angle  $A$  is longer than the median from  $B$ .

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**Final round. Second day. 8 form. Solutions.**

5. (V.Protasov) Given triangle  $ABC$ . Point  $M$  is the projection of vertex  $B$  to bisector of angle  $C$ .  $K$  is the touching point of the incircle with side  $BC$ . Find angle  $MKB$  if  $\angle BAC = \alpha$

**Solution.** Let  $I$  be the incenter of  $ABC$ . Then quadrilateral  $BMIK$  is cyclic because  $\angle BMI = \angle BKI = 90^\circ$  (fig.8.5). Thus  $\angle MKB = \angle MIB = \angle IBC + \angle ICB = \frac{\angle B + \angle C}{2} = 90^\circ - \frac{\alpha}{2}$ .

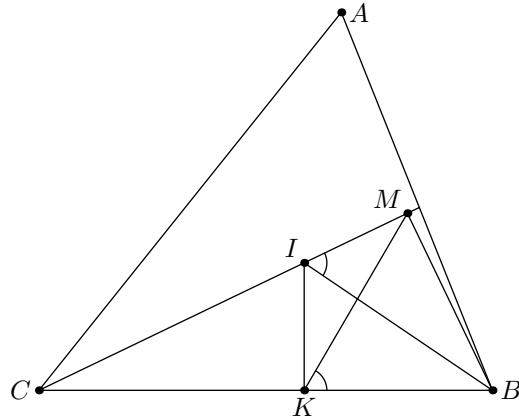


Fig.8.5

6. (S.Markelov) Can four equal polygons be placed on the plane in such a way that any two of them don't have common interior points, but have a common boundary segment?

**Solution.** Yes, see fig.8.6.

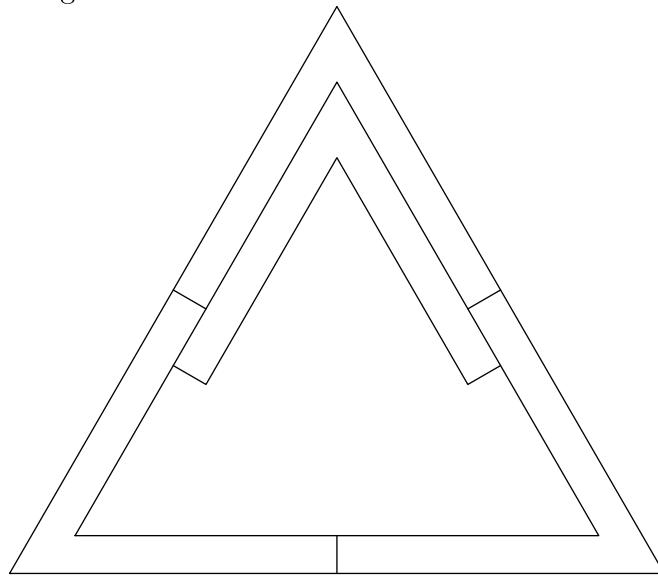


Fig.8.6

7. (D.Prokopenko) Let  $s$  be the circumcircle of triangle  $ABC$ ,  $L$  and  $W$  be common points of angle's  $A$  bisector with side  $BC$  and  $s$  respectively,  $O$  be the circumcenter of triangle  $ACL$ . Restore triangle  $ABC$ , if circle  $s$  and points  $W$  and  $O$  are given.

**Solution.** Let  $O'$  be the circumcenter of  $ABC$ . Then lines  $O'O$  and  $O'W$  are perpendicular to sides  $AC$  and  $BC$ , so the directions of these sides are known. Also  $\angle COL = 2\angle CAL = 2\angle LCW$ , thus  $\angle OCW = 90^\circ$  (fig.8.7). Therefore  $C$  is the common point of  $s$  and the circle with diameter  $OW$ .

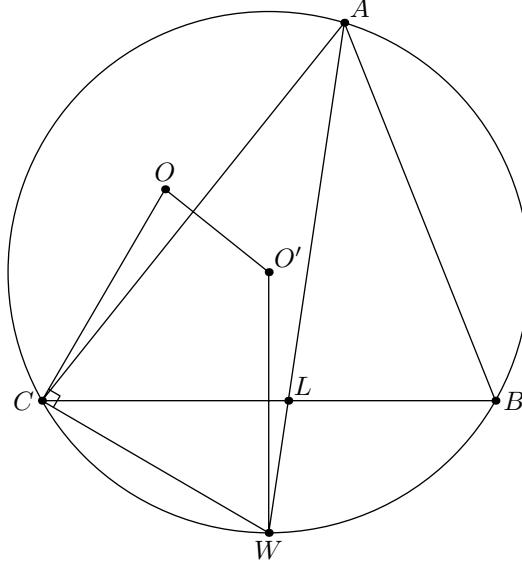


Fig.8.7

8. (N.Beluhov) A triangle  $ABC$  is given, in which the segment  $BC$  touches the incircle and the corresponding excircle in points  $M$  and  $N$ . If  $\angle BAC = 2\angle MAN$ , show that  $BC = 2MN$ .

**Solution.** We may assume that  $AB > AC$ , and therefore the points  $B, N, M, C$  lie on the line in this order. We will use the following well-known

**Lemma.** Let  $K$  be the midpoint of  $AB$ , and  $I$  and  $J$  be the incenter and the excenter opposite to  $A$ . Then  $AN \parallel IK$  and  $AM \parallel JK$ .

Now the lemma shows that the original condition is equivalent to  $\angle IKJ = 180 - \alpha/2$ . We will show first that if  $BC = 2MN$  then this is true. In this case, since the midpoints of  $BC$  and  $MN$  coincide, we have that  $M$  and  $N$  are midpoints of  $KC$  and  $KB$ , and therefore,  $IM$  and  $NJ$  are perpendicular bisectors of  $KC$  and  $KB$ . Thus triangles  $IKC$  and  $JKB$  are isosceles, and  $\angle JKB = 90 - \beta/2$ ,  $\angle IKC = \gamma/2$ , yielding the claim (fig.8.8).

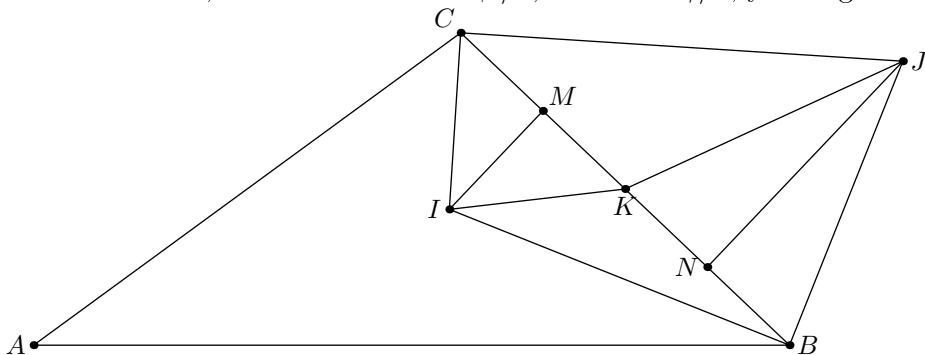


Fig.8.8

Now, consider the circle  $(BICJ)$ . Given  $\alpha$ , we see that  $IJ$  is determined as a diameter, and  $BC$  as an arc constituting angle  $90 + \alpha/2$ . When the chord  $BC$  runs along the circle, its midpoint  $K$  runs along a smaller circle. In the same time the locus of the points  $K'$

such that  $\angle IKJ = 180 - \alpha/2$ , consists of two arcs of circles with endpoints  $I$  and  $J$ . Obviously, these loci intersect in four points, symmetric to each other with respect to  $IJ$  and its perpendicular bisector, thus corresponding to four equal quadrilaterals  $BICJ$ . So this quadrilateral is completely determined by the condition  $\angle IKJ = 180 - \alpha/2$ . But the one obtained when  $BC = 2MN$  satisfies this condition, hence the claim.

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Final round. First day. 9 form. Solutions.

1. (A.Blinkov, Y.Blinkov) The midpoint of triangle's side and the base of the altitude to this side are symmetric wrt the touching point of this side with the incircle. Prove that this side equals one third of triangle's perimeter

**First solution.** Let  $a, b$  be the lengths of two sides, and the altitude divide the third side into segments with lengths  $x, y$  (if the base of the altitude lies out of the side then one of these lengths is negative). By the Pythagorean theorem  $x^2 - y^2 = a^2 - b^2$ . But the touching point divides the side into segments with lengths  $p - a$  and  $p - b$ . So the condition of the problem is equivalent to  $x - y = 2(a - b)$ . Dividing the first equality by the second one we obtain that  $x + y = (a + b)/2 = 2p/3$ .

**Second solution.** Let  $c$  be the side in question, then  $r/r_c = (p - c)/p$ . Let  $K$  and  $P$  be the touching points of this side with the incircle and the excircle,  $I$  and  $Q$  be the centers of these circles. It is known that the midpoint of altitude  $CH$  lies on line  $IP$ . Using similarity of two pairs of triangles we obtain that  $r = h/3, r_c = h$  (fig.9.1). From the first equality we obtain the assertion of the problem.

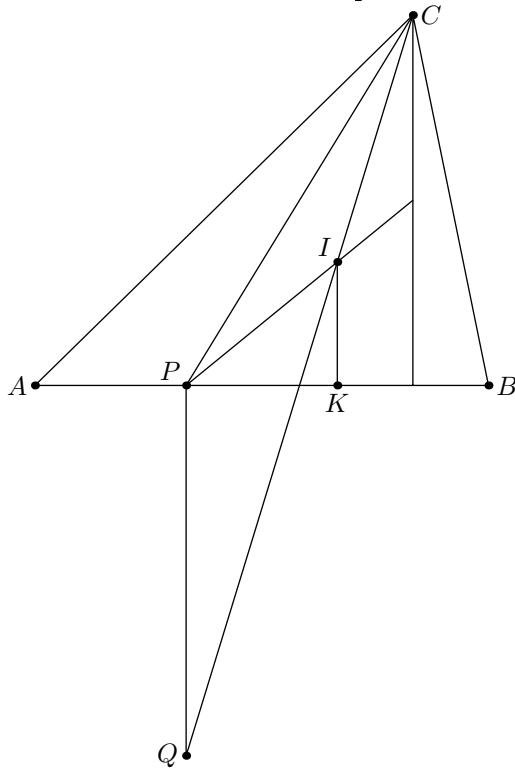


Fig.9.1

2. (O.Musin) Given a convex quadrilateral  $ABCD$ . Let  $R_a, R_b, R_c$  and  $R_d$  be the circumradii of triangles  $DAB, ABC, BCD, CDA$ . Prove that inequality  $R_a < R_b < R_c < R_d$  is equivalent to

$$180^\circ - \angle CDB < \angle CAB < \angle CDB.$$

**Solution.** Let the angles of the quadrilateral satisfy the given inequality. Then  $\sin \angle CAB > \sin \angle CDB$  and so  $R_b < R_c$ . Since angle  $CDB$  is obtuse, this implies that point  $A$  lies out of the circle  $CDB$ , thus  $\angle CAD < \angle CBD$ . As these angles are both acute, we have  $\sin \angle CAD < \sin \angle CBD$  and  $R_c < R_d$ . Moreover  $\angle ACB < \angle ADB < 90^\circ$ , so  $R_a < R_b$ .

Conversely, from  $R_b < R_c$  it follows that angle  $CAB$  lies between angles  $CDB$  and  $180^\circ - \angle CDB$ . If angle  $CDB$  is acute, we have  $\angle ABD < \angle ACD$ , and since  $R_a < R_d$  then  $\angle ABD > 180^\circ - \angle ACD$ . But in this case we obtain by repeating previous argument that  $R_b < R_a < R_d < R_c$ .

3. (I.Bogdanov) Quadrilateral  $ABCD$  is circumscribed, rays  $BA$  and  $CD$  intersect in point  $E$ , rays  $BC$  and  $AD$  intersect in point  $F$ . The incircle of the triangle formed by lines  $AB$ ,  $CD$  and the bisector of angle  $B$ , touches  $AB$  in point  $K$ , and the incircle of the triangle formed by lines  $AD$ ,  $BC$  and the bisector of angle  $B$ , touches  $BC$  in point  $L$ . Prove that lines  $KL$ ,  $AC$  and  $EF$  concur.

**Solution.** Let the incircle of  $ABCD$  touch sides  $AB$  and  $BC$  in points  $U$  and  $V$ . Then we have

$$(EB; KU) = \frac{EK}{BK} : \frac{EU}{BU} = \frac{\operatorname{ctg} \frac{\angle BEC}{2}}{\operatorname{ctg} \frac{\angle B}{4}} : \frac{\operatorname{ctg} \frac{\angle BEC}{2}}{\operatorname{ctg} \frac{\angle B}{2}} = (FB; LV).$$

This means that lines  $KL$ ,  $EF$ ,  $UV$  concur. Similarly lines  $AC$ ,  $EF$ ,  $UV$  concur (fig.9.3).

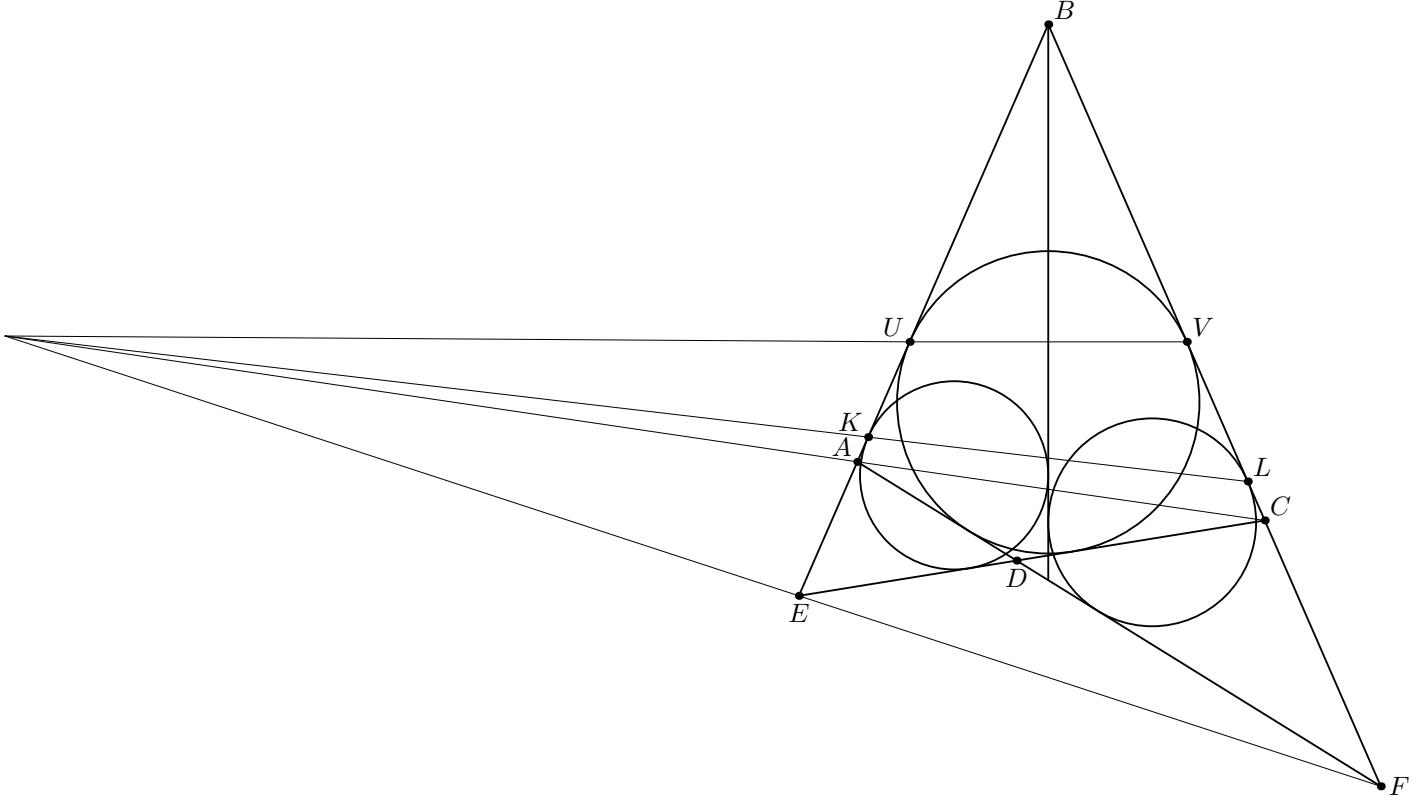


Fig.9.3

4. (N.Beluhov) Given regular 17-gon  $A_1 \dots A_{17}$ . Prove that two triangles formed by lines  $A_1A_4$ ,  $A_2A_{10}$ ,  $A_{13}A_{14}$  and  $A_2A_3$ ,  $A_4A_6$ ,  $A_{14}A_{15}$  are equal.

**Solution.** Firstly note that  $A_1A_4 \parallel A_2A_3$ ,  $A_2A_{10} \parallel A_{14}A_{15}$ ,  $A_{13}A_{14} \parallel A_4A_6$ . So we have to prove that given triangles are central symmetric.

Let  $A, B, C, D, E, F$  be the midpoints of  $A_1A_2, A_3A_4, A_4A_{13}, A_6A_{14}, A_{10}A_{14}, A_{15}A_2$  respectively. Lines  $BC, DE, FA$  as medial lines of three triangles are parallel to  $A_3A_{13} \parallel A_6A_{10} \parallel A_1A_{15}$ . Lines  $AD, BE, CF$  as axes of three isosceles trapezoids concur at the center of 17-gon. By dual Pappus theorem  $AB, CD, EF$  concur at some point  $P$  (fig.9.4). But these lines are the medial lines of three strips formed by parallel sidelines of given triangles. Therefore these triangles are symmetric wrt  $P$ .

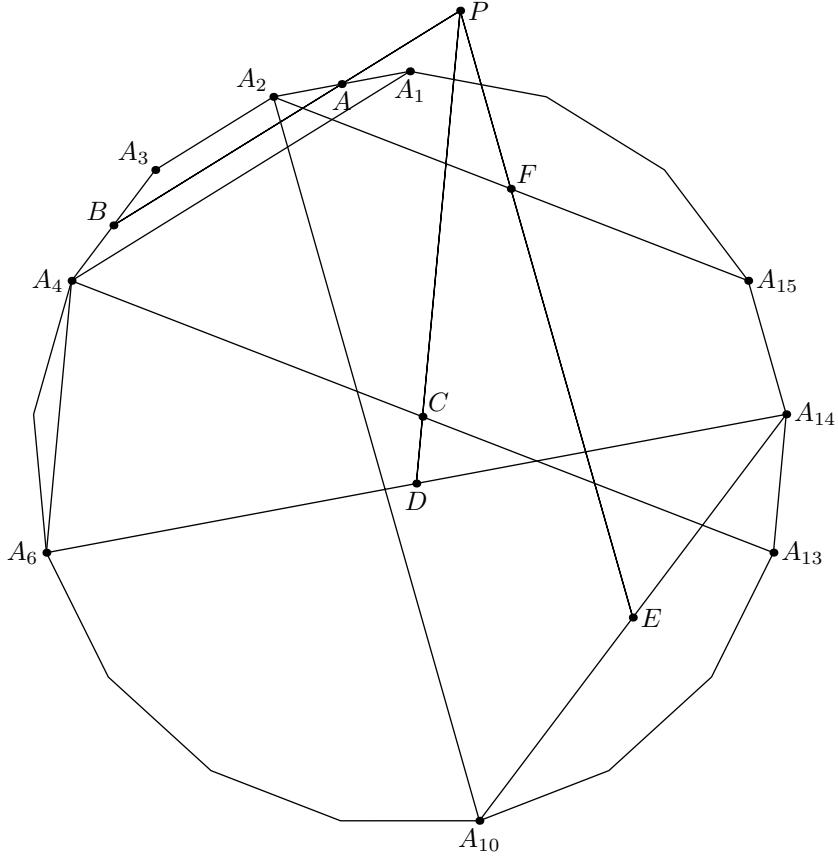


Fig.9.4

# V GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF I.F.SHARYGIN

**Final round. Second day. 9 form. Solutions.**

5. (B.Frenkin) Let  $n$  points lie on the circle. Exactly half of triangles formed by these points are acute-angled. Find all possible  $n$ .

**Answer.**  $n = 4$  or  $n = 5$ .

**Solution.** It is evident that  $n > 3$ . Consider any quadrilateral formed by marked points. If the center of the circle lies inside this quadrilateral but not on its diagonal (call such quadrilateral "good"), then exactly two of four triangles formed by the vertices of the quadrilateral are acute-angled. In other cases less than two triangles are acute-angled. Therefore the condition of the problem is true only when all quadrilaterals are good. If  $n = 4$  or  $n = 5$  this is possible (consider for example the vertices of a regular pentagon).

Now let  $n > 5$ . Consider one of marked points  $A$  and the diameter  $AA'$ . If point  $A'$  also is marked then the quadrilateral formed by  $A, A'$  and any two of remaining points isn't good. Otherwise there exist three marked points lying on the same side from  $AA'$ . The quadrilateral formed by these points and  $A$  isn't good.

6. (A.Akopjan) Given triangle  $ABC$  such that  $AB - BC = \frac{AC}{\sqrt{2}}$ . Let  $M$  be the midpoint of  $AC$ , and  $N$  be the base of the bisector from  $B$ . Prove that

$$\angle BMC + \angle BNC = 90^\circ.$$

**Solution.** Let  $C'$  be the reflection of  $C$  in  $BN$ . Then  $AC' = AB - BC$  and by condition  $AM/AC' = AC'/AC$ . Thus triangles  $AC'M$  and  $ACC'$  are similar and  $\angle AC'M = \angle C'CA = 90^\circ - \angle BNC$ . Furthermore using the formula for a median we obtain that  $BM^2 = AB \cdot BC$ , so  $BC'/BM = BM/BA$ . Therefore triangles  $BC'M$  and  $BMA$  are also similar and  $\angle BMC' = \angle BAM$ . Finally  $\angle BMC = 180^\circ - \angle BMC' - \angle C'MA = \angle MC'A$  q.e.d. (fig.9.6).

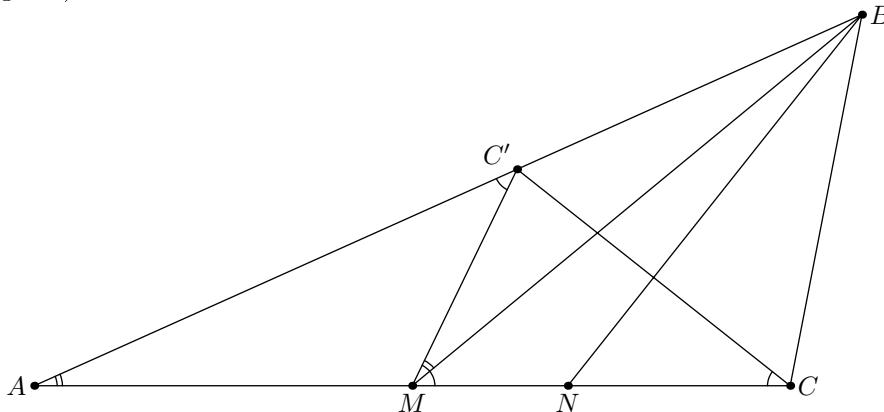


Fig.9.6

7. (M.Volchkevich) Given two intersecting circles with centers  $O_1, O_2$ . Construct the circle touching one of them externally and the second one internally such that the distance from its center to  $O_1O_2$  is maximal.

**Solution.** Let  $O, r$  be the center and the radius of some circle touching the two given;  $r_1, r_2$  be the radii of the given circles. Then  $OO_1 = r_1 - r$ ,  $OO_2 = r_2 + r$ , or  $OO_1 = r_1 + r$ ,

$OO_2 = r_2 - r$ , and in both cases  $OO_1 + OO_2 = r_1 + r_2$ . Therefore we must find the point satisfying this condition with maximal distance from line  $O_1O_2$ . It is known that the isosceles triangle has the minimal perimeter among all triangles with given base and altitude. Therefore the isosceles triangle has also the maximal altitude among all triangles with given side and the sum of two other sides. From this we obtain that the center of the required circle lies on equal distances  $(r_1 + r_2)/2$  from points  $O_1$  and  $O_2$ , and its radius is equal to  $|r_1 - r_2|/2$ .

8. (C.Pohoata, A.Zaslavsky) Given cyclic quadrilateral  $ABCD$ . Four circles each touching its diagonals and the circumcircle internally are equal. Is  $ABCD$  a square?

**Answer.** Yes.

**First solution.** Let  $AC \cap BD = P$ , and let the incircles of the circular triangles  $ABP, BCP, CDP, DAP$  touch the circumcircle of  $ABCD$  in  $K, L, M, N$ .

Consider the segment  $ABC$ . When a variable point  $X$  moves along the arc  $ABC$  from  $A$  to  $C$ , the radius of the circle inscribed in the segment and touching the arc in  $X$  changes as follows: it increases until  $X$  becomes the midpoint of the arc, and then decreases. Therefore, each value of radius is reached in exactly two, symmetrically situated positions of  $X$ .

Therefore  $\angle AK = \angle LC$ . Analogously  $\angle AN = \angle MC$ . So  $\angle NK = \angle LM$ . Analogously  $\angle KL = \angle MN$ . Now  $\angle NL = \angle NK + \angle KL = 180^\circ$  i.e.  $NL$  is a diameter. Analogously  $KM$  is also a diameter.

Now symmetry with respect to  $O$  sends the pair of circles touching the circumcircle in  $M$  and  $N$  in the analogous pair touching it in  $K$  and  $L$ . So the same symmetry sends the common external tangent of the first pair in that of the second namely it sends  $AC$  in  $CA$ . Therefore  $AC$  is a diameter and similarly,  $BD$  is a diameter.

So  $ABCD$  is a rectangle. Its diagonals divide the circumcircle into four sectors with equal radii of incircles. Therefore these sectors are also equal and  $ABCD$  is square.

**Second solution.** Use **the Thebault theorem**: let point  $M$  lie on side  $AC$  of triangle  $ABC$  and two circles touch ray  $MB$ , line  $AC$  and internally the circumcircle of  $ABC$ . Then two centers of these circles and the incenter of  $ABC$  are collinear.

Applying the Thebault theorem to triangles  $ABC, BCD, CDA, DAB$  and the common point of diagonals we obtain that the inradii of these four triangles are equal. Calculating the areas of triangles as product of semiperimeter by inradius and finding the area of quadrilateral in two ways we obtain that  $AC = BD$ , so  $ABCD$  is an isosceles trapezoid. Suppose that  $AD, BC$  are its bases and  $AD > BC$ . Then  $S_{ABD}/S_{ABC} = AD/BC > (AD + BD + AB)/(BC + AB + AC)$ , and the inradii of these triangles can't be equal. Thus  $ABCD$  is a rectangle. As in the first solution  $ABCD$  must be a square.

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Final round. First day. 10 form. Solutions.

1. (D.Shvetsov) Let  $a, b, c$  be the lengths of some triangle's sides;  $p, r$  be the semiperimeter and the inradius of triangle. Prove an inequality

$$\sqrt{\frac{ab(p-c)}{p}} + \sqrt{\frac{ca(p-b)}{p}} + \sqrt{\frac{bc(p-a)}{p}} \geq 6r.$$

**Solution.** By Cauchi inequality the left part isn't less than

$$3\sqrt[3]{\frac{abc}{p} \sqrt{\frac{(p-a)(p-b)(p-c)}{p}}} = 3\sqrt[3]{4r^2R}.$$

As  $R \geq 2r$  we obtain the demanded inequality.

2. (F.Nilov) Given quadrilateral  $ABCD$ . Its sidelines  $AB$  and  $CD$  intersect in point  $K$ . Its diagonals intersect in point  $L$ . It is known that line  $KL$  pass through the centroid of  $ABCD$ . Prove that  $ABCD$  is trapezoid.

**Solution.** Suppose that lines  $AD$  and  $BC$  intersect in point  $M$ . Let  $X, Y$  be the common points of these lines with line  $KL$ . Then  $(AD; MX) = (BC; MY) = 1$ . Therefore relations  $AX/XD$  and  $BY/YC$  are both greater or are both less than 1, and segment  $XY$  doesn't intersect the segment between the midpoints of  $AD$  and  $BC$ . As this last segment contains the centroid of  $ABCD$ , the condition of problem is true only when  $AD \parallel BC$ .

3. (A.Zaslavsky, A.Akopjan) The cirumradius and the inradius of triangle  $ABC$  are equal to  $R$  and  $r$ ;  $O, I$  are the centers of respective circles. External bisector of angle  $C$  intersect  $AB$  in point  $P$ . Point  $Q$  is the projection of  $P$  to line  $OI$ . Find distance  $OQ$ .

**Solution.** Let  $A', B', C'$  be the excenters of  $ABC$ . Then  $I$  is the orthocenter of triangle  $A'B'C'$ ,  $A, B, C$  are the bases of its altitudes and so the circumcircle of  $ABC$  is the Euler circle of  $A'B'C'$ . Thus the circumradius of  $A'B'C'$  is  $2R$ , and its circumcenter  $O'$  is the reflection of  $I$  in  $O$ . Furthermore points  $A, B, A', B'$  lie on the circle. Line  $AB$  is the common chord of this circle and the circumcircle of  $ABC$ , and the external bisector of  $C$  is the common chord of this circle and the circumcircle of  $A'B'C'$ . So  $P$  is the radical center of three circles, and line  $PQ$  is the radical axis of circles  $ABC$  and  $A'B'C'$  (fig.10.3). Therefore  $OQ^2 - R^2 = (OQ + OO')^2 - 4R^2$ . As  $OO' = OI = \sqrt{R^2 - 2Rr}$ , we have  $OQ = R(R+r)/\sqrt{R^2 - 2Rr}$ .

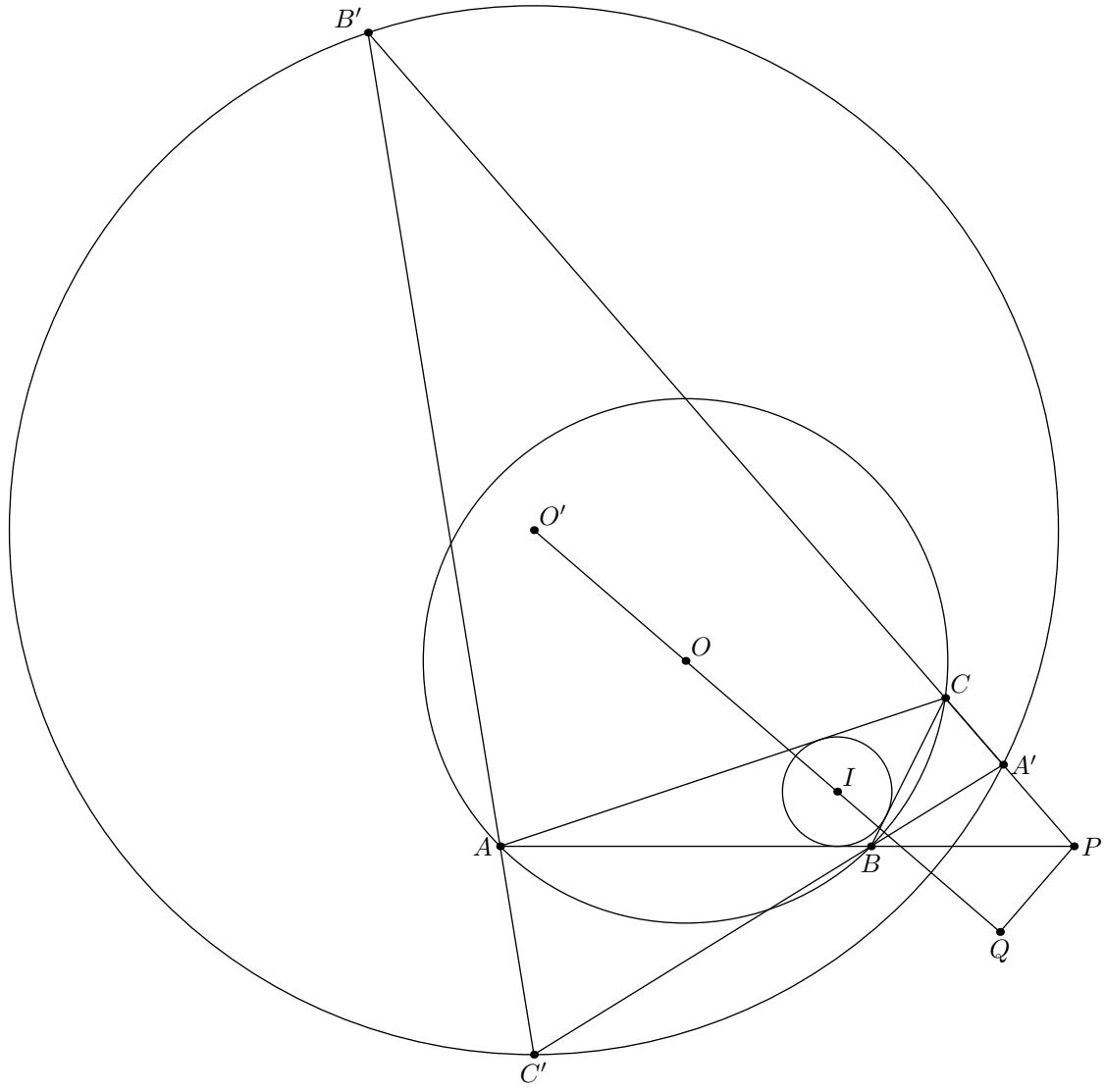


Fig.10.3

4. (C.Pohoata) Three parallel lines  $d_a, d_b, d_c$  pass through the vertex of triangle  $ABC$ . The reflections of  $d_a, d_b, d_c$  in  $BC, CA, AB$  respectively form triangle  $XZY$ . Find the locus of incenters of such triangles.

**First solution.** When  $d_a, d_b, d_c$  rotate around the vertices the symmetric lines rotate with the same velocity around the reflections of the vertices in opposite sidelines. Thus, firstly, the angles of  $XZY$  don't depend on  $d_a, d_b, d_c$ , so all these triangles are similar, and secondly, points  $X, Y, Z$  move with equal angle velocity along three circles. Therefore the incenter also moves along some circles and it is sufficient to find three points of this circle.

Take  $d_a, d_b$  coinciding with line  $AB$ . Let  $A', B'$  be the reflections of  $A, B$  in opposite sidelines. Then  $Z$  is the common point of lines  $AB'$  and  $BA'$ ,  $Y$  and  $X$  are the common points of these lines with the line parallel to  $AB$  and lying twice as far from  $C$ . Note that  $C$  and circumcenter  $O$  of  $ABC$  lie on equal distances from  $AB'$  and  $BA'$ , so the bisector of angle  $XZY$  coincides with line  $CO$ . Also it is easy to see that the bisectors of angles  $ZXY$  and  $ZYX$  are perpendicular to  $AC$  and  $BC$  respectively.

Consider the projections of  $O$  and of the incenter of  $XZY$  to line  $AC$ . The projection

of  $O$  is the midpoint of  $AC$ . Also it is the projection of the common point of  $AB'$  and  $d_c$ , because these two lines form equal angles with  $AC$ . Thus the projection of  $X$  and the incenter of  $XYZ$  is symmetric to the midpoint of  $AC$  wrt  $A$  (fig.10.4). Therefore the distance from the incenter to  $O$  is twice as large as the circumradius of  $ABC$ . When  $d_a, d_b, d_c$  are parallel to other sidelines of  $ABC$ , we obtain the same result. So the demanded locus is the circle with center  $O$  and radius twice as large as the circumradius of  $ABC$ .

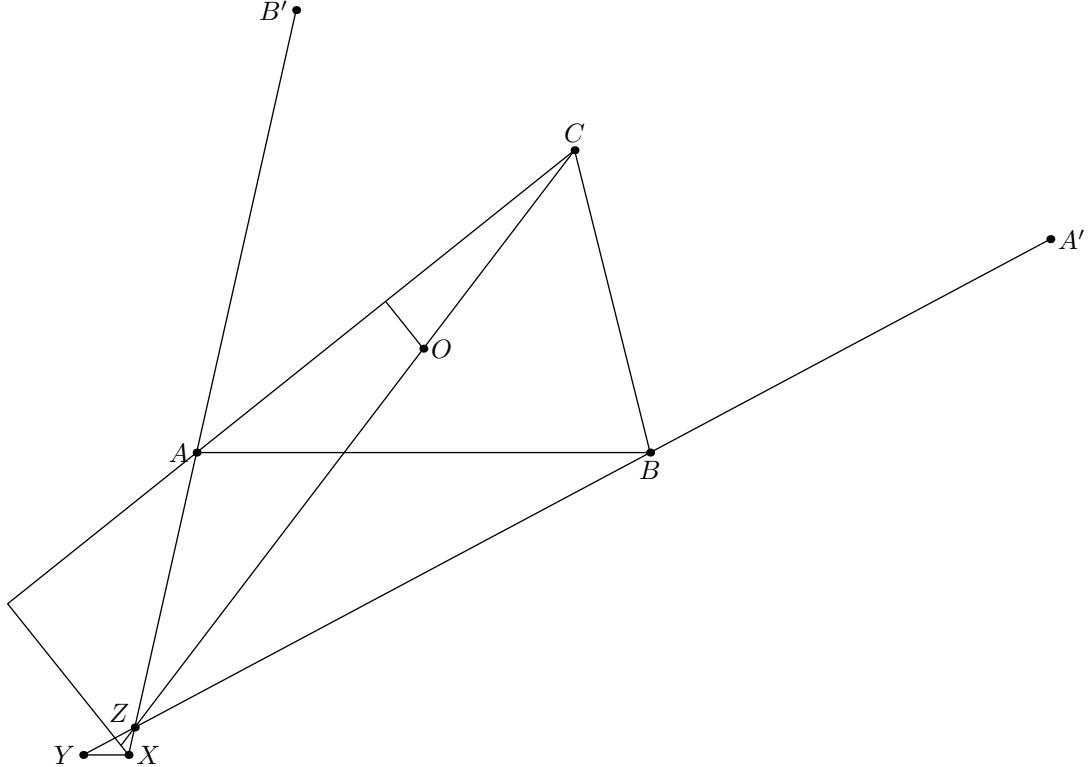


Fig.10.4

**Second solution.** As in the previous solution we obtain that when the direction of the lines  $d$  changes with a constant angular speed, so do the directions of  $XY, YZ, ZX$ . Therefore, the vertex  $X$  of triangle  $XYZ$  traces a circle with chord  $B'C'$ , and the angle bisector of  $\angle YXZ$  rotates around the midpoint  $W_a$  of the arc  $\widehat{B'C'}$  with constant angular speed, too. So do the angle bisectors of  $\angle Y$  and  $\angle Z$  around the midpoints  $W_b, W_c$  of the corresponding arcs  $\widehat{A'C'}$  and  $\widehat{A'B'}$ .

Therefore, their intersection  $I$  traces in the same time the circumcircles of triangles  $IW_aW_b, IW_bW_c$  and  $IW_cW_a$ . So, these three circumcircles do in fact coincide, and we are left to describe the circumcircle of triangle  $W_aW_bW_c$ .

We will show that all the points  $W_a, W_b, W_c$  are of distance  $2R$  from  $O$ . Indeed, take  $W_a$ . Let  $BH_b, CH_c$  be the altitudes in triangle  $ABC$ ,  $O_a$  be the circumcenter of triangle  $AH_bH_c$ ,  $O'$  be the reflection of  $O$  in  $BC$ , and  $M_a$  be the midpoint of  $BC$ . The figures  $BCO'$ ,  $H_bH_cO_a$  and  $B'C'W_a$  are similar, and the figures  $BH_bB_1$  and  $CH_cC_1$  are also similar, therefore they are similar to  $O'O_aW_a$ , and  $M_aO_a$  is a mid-segment in triangle  $O'OW_a$ . Since  $M_aO_a$  is a diameter of the Euler circle, and thus equals  $R$ , the claim follows.

# V GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF I.F.SHARYGIN

Final round. Second day. 10 form. Solutions.

5. (D.Prokopenko) Rhombus  $CKLN$  is inscribed into triangle  $ABC$  in such way that point  $L$  lies on side  $AB$ , point  $N$  lies on side  $AC$ , point  $K$  lies on side  $BC$ .  $O_1$ ,  $O_2$  and  $O$  are the circumcenters of triangles  $ACL$ ,  $BCL$  and  $ABC$  respectively. Let  $P$  be the common point of circles  $ANL$  and  $BKL$ , distinct from  $L$ . Prove that points  $O_1$ ,  $O_2$ ,  $O$  and  $P$  are concyclic.

**Solution.** It is evident that  $L$  is the base of the bisector of angle  $C$ , and lines  $LN$ ,  $LK$  are parallel to sides  $BC$ ,  $AC$ . Thus  $\angle AO_1L = 2\angle ACL = \angle C = \angle ANL$ , so point  $O_1$  lies on the circumcircle of triangle  $ANL$  and coincides with the midpoint of arc  $ANL$ . Thus,  $\angle O_1PL = \angle APL + \angle O_1PA = \angle C + \frac{\angle A + \angle B}{2} = \frac{\pi + \angle C}{2}$ . Similarly  $\angle O_2Pl = \frac{\pi + \angle C}{2}$ . Therefore  $\angle O_1PO_2 = \pi - \angle C$ . But angle  $O_1OO_2$  is also equal to  $\pi - \angle C$ , because lines  $OO_1$ ,  $OO_2$  are medial perpendiculars to  $AC$  and  $BC$  (fig.10.5).

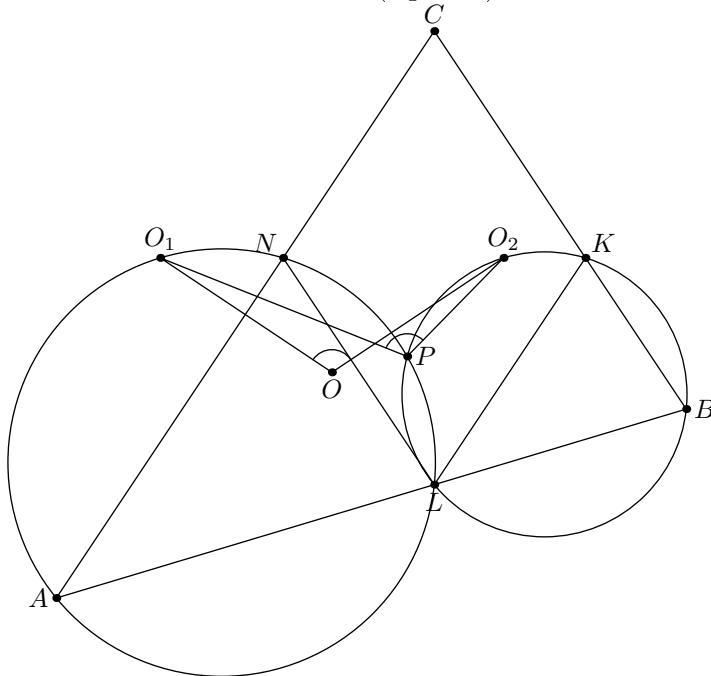


Fig.10.5

6. (A.Zaslavsky) Let  $M$ ,  $I$  be the centroid and the incenter of triangle  $ABC$ ,  $A_1$  and  $B_1$  be the touching points of the incircle with sides  $BC$  and  $AC$ ,  $G$  be the common point of lines  $AA_1$  and  $BB_1$ . Prove that angle  $CGI$  is right if and only if  $GM \parallel AB$ .

**First solution.** Let  $C_1$  be the touching point of incircle with side  $AB$ ,  $C_2$  be the second common point of incircle with  $CC_1$ . Then  $G$  lies on segment  $CC_1$ . As there exists central projection transforming the incircle to some circle and  $G$  to the center of this circle, then the cross-ratio  $(CG; C_1C_2)$  is the same for any triangle and regular triangle. So this cross-ratio is equal to 3. Therefore we have the chain of equivalent assertions:

- $\angle CGI = 90^\circ$ ;
- $G$  is the midpoint of  $C_1C_2$ ;
- $CC_1 = 3CC_2$ ;

-  $CC_1 = 3GC_1$ ;

-  $GM \parallel AB$ .

**Second solution.** Let  $AC_1 = x, BA_1 = y, CB_1 = z$ . By Menelaus' theorem,

$$\frac{y+x}{x} \cdot \frac{GC_1}{GC} \cdot \frac{z}{y} = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{GC_1}{GC} = k = \frac{xy}{z(x+y)} = \frac{m}{z},$$

where  $m = \frac{xy}{x+y}$ .

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \angle IGC = 90^\circ &\Leftrightarrow CI^2 - r^2 = GC^2 - GC_1^2 \Leftrightarrow z^2 = \\ &= CC_1^2 \left( \frac{1}{(1+k)^2} - \frac{k^2}{(1+k)^2} \right) = CC_1^2 \left( \frac{1-k}{1+k} \right) = CC_1^2 \left( \frac{z-m}{z+m} \right). \end{aligned}$$

But, by Stewart's theorem,

$$CC_1^2 = \frac{x}{x+y}(z+y)^2 + \frac{y}{x+y}(z+x)^2 - xy = z(z+4m).$$

Then, these two equations yield

$$\begin{aligned} z^2 = z(z+4m) \left( \frac{z-m}{z+m} \right) &\Leftrightarrow z(z+m) = (z+4m)(z-m) \Leftrightarrow \\ &\Leftrightarrow 2zm = 4m^2 \Leftrightarrow z = 2m \Leftrightarrow k = \frac{1}{2}, \end{aligned}$$

as needed.

7. (A.Glazyrin) Given points  $O, A_1, A_2 \dots A_n$  on the plane. For any two of these points the square of distance between them is natural number. Prove that there exist two vectors  $\vec{x}$  and  $\vec{y}$ , such that for any point  $A_i \vec{OA}_i = k\vec{x} + l\vec{y}$ , where  $k$  and  $l$  are some integer numbers.

**Solution.** By condition we obtain that for all  $i, j$  the product  $(\vec{OA}_i, \vec{OA}_j)$  is a half of an integer number. Thus for any integer  $m_1, \dots, m_n$  the square of vector  $m_1\vec{OA}_1 + \dots + m_n\vec{OA}_n$  is a natural number. Consider all points which are the ends of such vectors. Let  $X$  be the nearest to  $O$  of these points,  $Y$  be the nearest to  $O$  of considered points not lying on line  $OX$ . Divide the plane into parallelograms formed by vectors  $\vec{x} = \vec{OX}$  and  $\vec{y} = \vec{OY}$ . By definition of points  $X, Y$  all marked points are vertices of parallelograms, therefore  $\vec{x}, \vec{y}$  are demanded vectors.

8. (B.Frenkin) Can the regular octahedron be inscribed into regular dodecahedron in such way that all vertices of octahedron be the vertices of dodecahedron?

**Answer.** No.

**Solution.** If an octahedron is inscribed into a dodecahedron then their circumspheres coincide. Therefore two opposite vertices of the octahedron are opposite vertices of the dodecahedron, and all other vertices of the octahedrons are equidistant from these two vertices. But the dodecahedron has no vertices equidistant from two opposite vertices.

# VI GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF

I.F.SHARYGIN

Final round. First day. 8 form. Solutions.

1. (M.Rozhkova, Ukraine) For a nonisosceles triangle  $ABC$ , consider the altitude from vertex  $A$  and two bisectrices from remaining vertices. Prove that the circumcircle of the triangle formed by these three lines touches the bisectrix from vertex  $A$ .

**Solution.** Let  $I$  be the incenter of the triangle,  $B'$  be the foot of the bisectrix from vertex  $B$  and  $X$  be the common point of the bisectrix from  $C$  and the altitude from  $A$  (fig.8.1). Then  $\angle AIB' = \angle A/2 + \angle C/2 = 90^\circ - \angle B/2 = \angle IXA$ , and we obtain the required assertion. Other dispositions of points can be considered similarly.

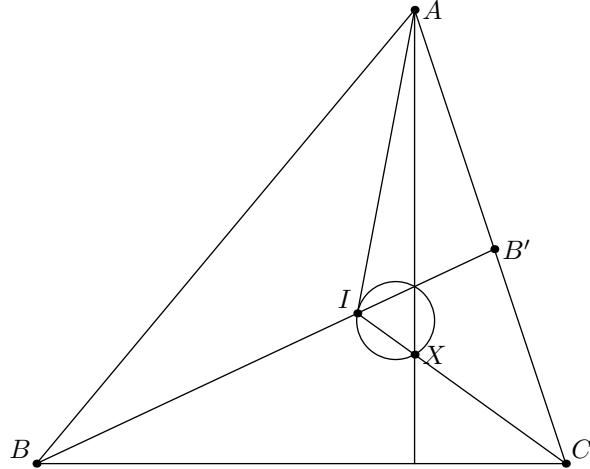


Fig.8.1

2. (A.Akopjan) Two points  $A$  and  $B$  are given. Find the locus of points  $C$  such that triangle  $ABC$  can be covered by a circle with radius 1.

**Solution.** Evidently the locus in question is empty when  $AB > 2$ , and it is the circle with diameter  $AB$  when  $AB = 2$ . Let  $AB < 2$ , and  $P, Q$  be the common points of two circles with centers  $A, B$  and radii equal to 1. Then the locus in question is the union of unit circles with centers on the "lens" formed by arcs  $PQ$  of these circles. Let  $P_1, P_2, Q_1, Q_2$  be points such that  $P$  is the midpoint of segments  $AP_1, BP_2$ , and  $Q$  is the midpoint of segments  $AQ_1, BQ_2$ . Construct four arcs:  $P_1Q_1$  with center  $A$  and radius 2,  $P_2Q_2$  with center  $B$  and 2,  $P_1P_2$  with center  $P$  and radius 1,  $Q_1Q_2$  with center  $Q$  and radius 1 (fig.8.2). These arcs bound the locus in question.

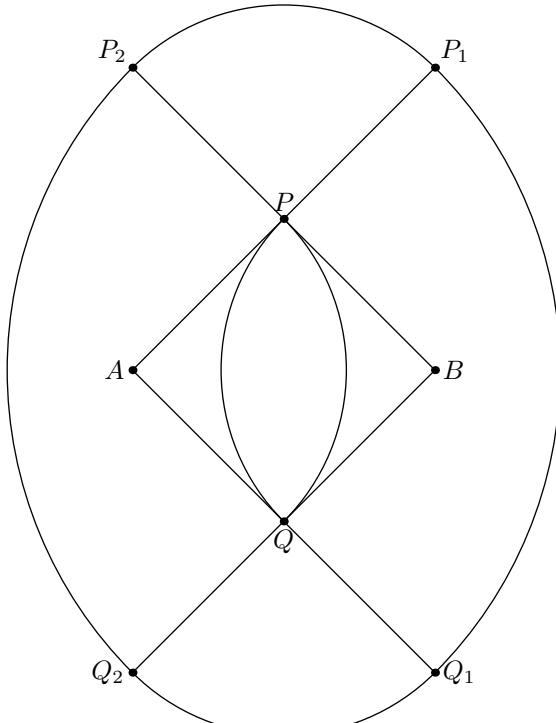


Fig.8.2

3. (S.Berlov, D.Prokopenko) Let  $ABCD$  be a convex quadrilateral and  $K$  be the common point of rays  $AB$  and  $DC$ . There exists a point  $P$  on the bisectrix of angle  $AKD$  such that lines  $BP$  and  $CP$  bisect segments  $AC$  and  $BD$  respectively. Prove that  $AB = CD$ .

**Solution.** Lines  $BP$  and  $CP$  contain the medians of triangles  $ABC$  and  $BCD$ , thus  $S_{KAB} = S_{KBC} = S_{KCD}$ . Since triangles  $KAB$  and  $KCD$  have equal altitudes, their bases are also equal.

4. (I.Bogdanov) Circles  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  inscribed into equal angles  $X_1OY$  and  $YOX_2$  touch lines  $OX_1$  and  $OX_2$  at points  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  respectively. Also they touch  $OY$  at points  $B_1$  and  $B_2$ . Let  $C_1$  be the second common point of  $A_1B_2$  and  $\omega_1$ ;  $C_2$  be the second common point of  $A_2B_1$  and  $\omega_2$ . Prove that  $C_1C_2$  is the common tangent of two circles.

**Solution.** Triangles  $OA_1B_2$  and  $OB_1A_2$  are equal by two sides and the respective angle, thus  $A_1B_2 = B_1A_2$ . Moreover from  $B_2C_1 \cdot B_2A_1 = B_2B_1^2 = B_1C_2 \cdot B_1A_2$  we obtain  $B_2C_1 = B_1C_2$ , and since  $\angle A_1OB_1 = \angle B_2OA_2$ , we have  $\angle A_1C_1B_1 + \angle A_2C_2B_2 = 180^\circ$ . Therefore quadrilateral  $B_2C_2B_1C_1$  is cyclic and so it is an isosceles trapezoid. Then  $\angle B_2C_2C_1 = \angle C_2B_2B_1$  and  $C_2C_1$  is the tangent (fig.8.4.).

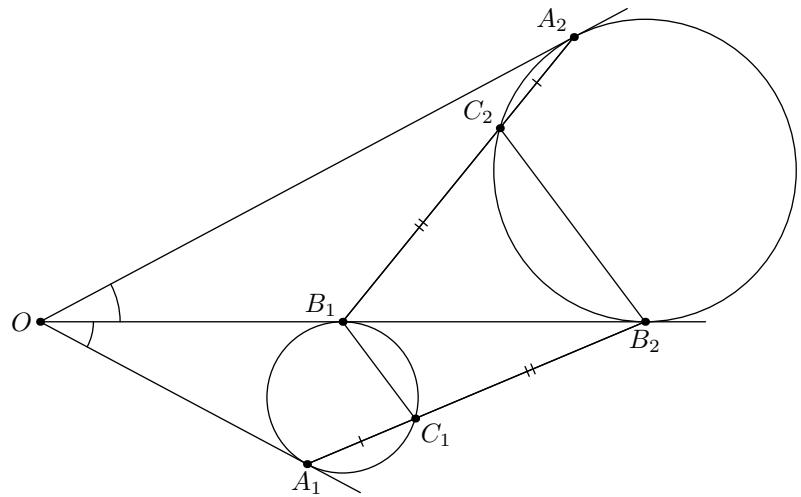


Fig.8.4

# VI GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF I.F.SHARYGIN

**Final round. Second day. 8 form. Solutions.**

5. (B.Frenkin) Let  $AH$ ,  $BL$  and  $CM$  be an altitude, a bisectrix and a median in triangle  $ABC$ . It is known that lines  $AH$  and  $BL$  are an altitude and a bisectrix of triangle  $HLM$ . Prove that line  $CM$  is a median of this triangle.

**Solution.** Since  $AH \perp LM$ , we have  $LM \parallel BC$ , i.e.  $LM$  is the medial line of the triangle. Therefore  $BL$  is the bisectrix and the median, i.e.  $AB = BC$ . Now from equality of triangles  $BLM$  and  $BLH$  we obtain  $BH = BM = AM = CH$ . Thus  $AB = AC$  and  $ABC$  is a regular triangle.

6. (D.Prokopenko) Let  $E$ ,  $F$  be the midpoints of sides  $BC$ ,  $CD$  of square  $ABCD$ . Lines  $AE$  and  $BF$  meet at point  $P$ . Prove that  $\angle PDA = \angle AED$ .

**First solution.** Let the line passing through  $A$  and parallel to  $BF$  meet  $CD$  at point  $G$ . Since  $ABFG$  is a parallelogram, we have  $FG = AB$  and so  $FD = DE$ . By ?? Thales theorem, the line passing through  $D$  and parallel to  $BF$  is the median of triangle  $ADP$ . Evidently  $AE \perp BF$ , therefore this line is also the altitude (fig.8.6). Thus triangle  $ADP$  is isosceles as well as triangle  $AED$ . Angle  $EAD$  is their common angle at the base, therefore their angles at the opposite vertices are equal.

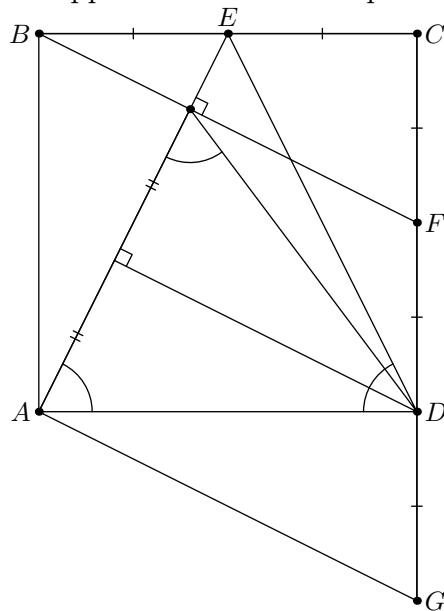


Fig.8.6

**Second solution.** Let  $AB = 1$ . Since  $BP$  is the altitude of a right-angled triangle with legs 1 and  $1/2$ , we have  $AP : PE = 4 : 1$ . Then by Thales theorem the projection of segment  $DP$  to  $CD$  is equal to  $4/5$ . Similarly its projection to  $AD$  is equal to  $3/5$ . Therefore by Pythagorean theorem  $DP = 1 = AD$  and we can proceed similarly to the previous solution.

7. (B.Frenkin) Each of two regular polygons  $P$  and  $Q$  was divided by a line into two parts. One part of  $P$  was attached to one part of  $Q$  along the dividing line so that the resulting polygon was regular and not congruent to  $P$  or  $Q$ . How many sides can it have?

**Answer.** 3 or 4.

**Solution.** Obviously the new polygon contains at least one vertex of each of given polygons. Both sides adjacent to any of these vertices are crossed by the dividing line because the new polygon can't contain two neighbouring vertices of any of the original polygons, otherwise it is equal to it. Thus the new polygon has two vertices which are the vertices of  $P$  or  $Q$  and one or two vertices on the dividing line, i.e. three or four vertices. Both cases are possible: we can cut off two small and equal right-angled triangles from two regular triangles or two small equal isosceles right-angled triangles from two squares, and then put together these two triangles.

8. (A.Zaslavsky) Bisectrices  $AA_1$  and  $BB_1$  of triangle  $ABC$  meet in  $I$ . Segments  $A_1I$  and  $B_1I$  are the bases of isosceles triangles with opposite vertices  $A_2$  and  $B_2$  lying on line  $AB$ . It is known that line  $CI$  bisects segment  $A_2B_2$ . Is it true that triangle  $ABC$  is isosceles?

**Answer.** No, the condition of the problem is true for any triangle with  $\angle C = 120^\circ$ .

**Solution.** Let  $CC_1$  be the bisectrix of angle  $C$ . Then  $CA_1$  is the external bisectrix of angle  $ACC_1$ , i.e. point  $A_1$  lies on equal distances from lines  $AC$  and  $CC_1$ . Also this point lies on equal distances from lines  $AC$  and  $AB$ , thus  $C_1A_1$  is the bisectrix of angle  $CC_1B$ . Let  $J$  be the common point of lines  $C_1A_1$  and  $BI$ . Since  $C_1A_1$  and  $BI$  are the bisectrices of triangle  $BCC_1$  with  $\angle C = 60^\circ$ , we have  $\angle IJA_1 = 120^\circ$ . Then quadrilateral  $CIJA_1$  is cyclic and  $IJ = JA_1$ . Consider regular triangle  $IA_1K$ . Since  $JK = JI$  and  $\angle C_1JI = \angle C_1JK = 60^\circ$ , we have that  $K$  lies on  $C_1B$ , i.e. coincides with point  $A_2$ . Now we have  $C_1A_2 = C_1I$  (fig.8.8). Similarly  $C_1B_2 = C_1I$ .

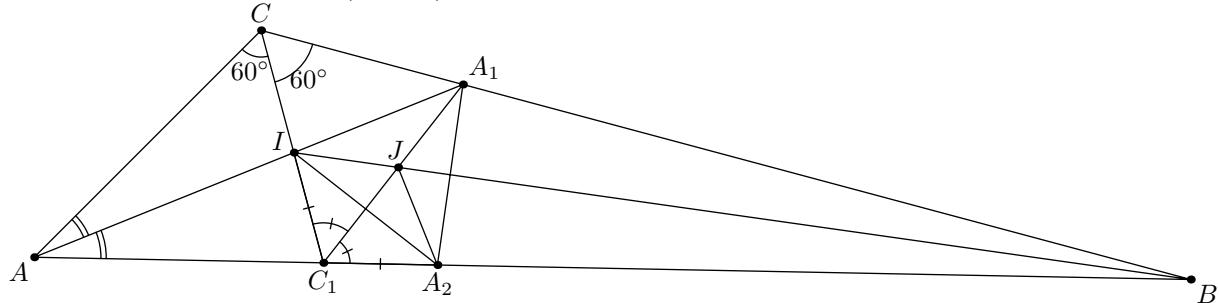


Fig.8.8

# VI GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF I.F.SHARYGIN

**Final round. First day. 9 form. Solutions.**

1. (B.Frenkin) For each vertex of triangle  $ABC$ , the angle between the altitude and the bisectrix from this vertex was found. It occurred that these angle in vertices  $A$  and  $B$  were equal. Furthermore the angle in vertex  $C$  is greater than two remaining angles. Find angle  $C$  of the triangle.

**Answer.**  $60^\circ$ .

**Solution.** The angle between the altitude and the bisectrix is equal to the half of absolute difference of angles adjacent to the opposite side of the triangle. Thus if these angles at vertices  $A$  and  $B$  are equal then  $\angle A - \angle C = \angle B - \angle C$  or  $\angle A - \angle C = \angle C - \angle B$ . In the first case the triangle is isosceles i.e. the altitude and the bisectrix from  $C$  coincide which is impossible. In the second case  $\angle C = (\angle A + \angle B)/2 = (180^\circ - \angle C)/2 = 60^\circ$ .

2. (A.Akopjan) Two intersecting triangles are given. Prove that at least one of their vertices lies inside the circumcircle of the other triangle.

**Solution.** If one of the circumcircles lies inside the other one, the assertion of the problem is evidently true. If each circumcircle lies outside the other, the triangles can't intersect. Let the circumcircles intersect at points  $P$  and  $Q$ , suppose that the assertion in question is false. Then all vertices of each triangle lie on the arc  $PQ$  of respective circle lying outside the second circle. But these arcs lie on the different semiplanes wrt line  $PQ$ . Thus the triangles also lie on the different semiplanes and can't intersect.

3. (V.Yasinsky, Ukraine) Points  $X, Y, Z$  lie on a line (in indicated order). Triangles  $XAB$ ,  $YBC$ ,  $ZCD$  are regular, the vertices of the first and the third triangle are oriented counterclockwise and the vertices of the second are oppositely oriented. Prove that  $AC$ ,  $BD$  and  $XY$  concur.

**Solution.** The rotation around  $B$  by  $60^\circ$  transforms  $A$  and  $C$  to  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively. Thus the angle between  $AC$  and  $XY$  is equal to  $60^\circ$ . Let  $P$  be the common point of these lines. Then since quadrilateral  $AXPB$  is cyclic, we have  $\angle APB = 60^\circ$  and quadrilateral  $PYCB$  also is cyclic. Similarly we obtain that  $BD$  also passes through  $P$  (fig.9.3).

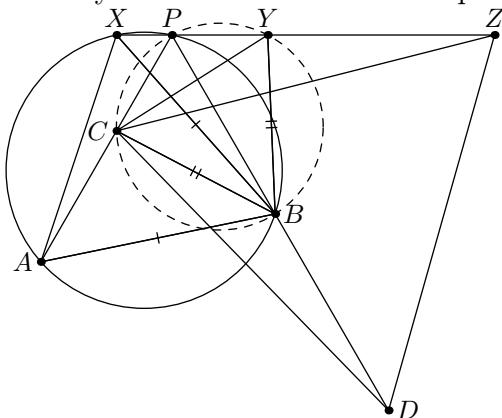


Fig.9.3

4. (A.Zaslavsky) In triangle  $ABC$ , touching points  $A'$ ,  $B'$  of the incircle with  $BC$ ,  $AC$  and common point  $G$  of segments  $AA'$  and  $BB'$  were marked. After this the triangle was erased. Restore it by the ruler and the compass.

**Solution.** Let  $C'$  be the touching point of the incircle with  $AB$ ;  $A_1, B_1, C_1$  be the projections of  $G$  to the sidelines of  $A'B'C'$ . Then  $G$  as the Lemoine point of  $A'B'C'$  is the centroid of triangle  $A_1B_1C_1$ . Therefore we have the following construction. Find point  $C_1$  and its image  $C_2$  under the homothety with center  $G$  and coefficient  $-1/2$ . Now construct the circles with diameters  $GA'$ ,  $GB'$  and find the common point of one of them with the reflection of the remaining one in  $C_2$ . This point lies on one side of  $A'B'C'$ , and the symmetric point on the other side. In general case the problem has two solutions.

# VI GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF I.F.SHARYGIN

**Final round. Second day. 9 form. Solutions.**

5. (D.Shvetsov) The incircle of a right-angled triangle  $ABC$  ( $\angle ABC = 90^\circ$ ) touches  $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $AC$  in points  $C_1$ ,  $A_1$ ,  $B_1$  respectively. One of the excircles touches the side  $BC$  in point  $A_2$ . Point  $A_0$  is the circumcenter of triangle  $A_1A_2B_1$ ; point  $C_0$  is defined similarly. Find angle  $A_0BC_0$ .

**Solution.** Points  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are symmetric wrt the midpoint of  $BC$ , thus  $A_0B = A_0C$ . On the other hand,  $A_0$  lies on the perpendicular bisector to segment  $A_1B_1$ , coinciding with the bisectrix of angle  $C$ . Therefore  $\angle CBA_0 = \angle A_0CB = \angle C/2$ . Similarly  $\angle ABC_0 = \angle A/2$ , thus  $\angle A_0BC_0 = 45^\circ$ .

6. (Y.Blinkov) An arbitrary line passing through vertex  $B$  of triangle  $ABC$  meets side  $AC$  at point  $K$  and the circumcircle in point  $M$ . Find the locus of circumcenters of triangles  $AMK$ .

**Solution.** Let  $O$  be the circumcenter of  $AMK$ . Since  $\angle AMK = \angle AMB = \angle C$ , we have  $\angle AOK = 2\angle C$  and  $\angle OAC = 90^\circ - \angle C$ , i.e. this angle doesn't depend on  $K, M$  (fig.9.6). Therefore all circumcenters are collinear. When  $K$  moves from  $A$  to  $C$  they fill the lateral side of an isosceles triangle with base  $AC$  and angle at base equal to  $90^\circ - \angle C$ . (If angle  $C$  is obtuse then the respective angle is equal to  $\angle C - 90^\circ$  and the locus in question lies on the same side wrt  $AC$  as point  $B$ ).

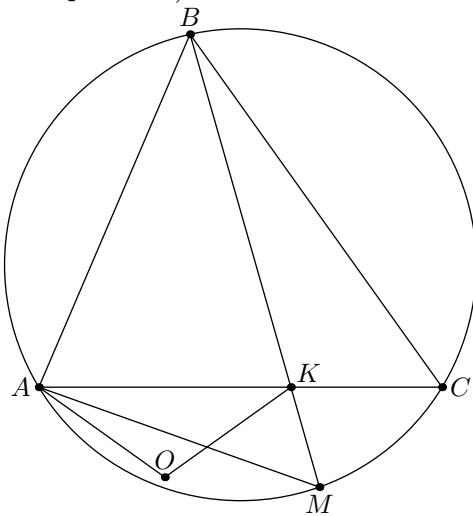


Fig.9.6

7. (N.Beluhov, Bulgaria) Given triangle  $ABC$ . Lines  $AL_a$  and  $AM_a$  are the internal and the external bisectrix of angle  $A$ . Let  $\omega_a$  be the reflection of the circumcircle of  $\triangle AL_aM_a$  in the midpoint of  $BC$ . Circle  $\omega_b$  is defined similarly. Prove that  $\omega_a$  and  $\omega_b$  touch if and only if  $\triangle ABC$  is right-angled.

**Solution.** The circumcircle of triangle  $AL_aM_a$  is orthogonal to the circumcircle of triangle  $ABC$ . Also it is the locus of points  $X$  such that  $BX : CX = AB : AC$ . Therefore  $\omega_a$  also is perpendicular to the circumcircle of  $ABC$  and is the locus of points  $X$  such that  $BX : CX = AC : AB$ . From similar conclusions for  $\omega_b$  we obtain that when these circles touch, the touching point  $X$  lies on the circumcircle of  $ABC$  and  $AX : BX : CX = BC : AC : AB$ .

$CA : AB$ . By Ptolomeus theorem one of products  $AX \cdot BC$ ,  $BX \cdot CA$ ,  $CX \cdot AB$  is equal to the sum of two remaining ones. These products are proportional to the squares of sides of  $ABC$ , thus it is right-angled. The inverse assertion is obtained similarly.

8. (V.Gurovic) Given is a regular polygon. Volodya wants to mark  $k$  points on its perimeter so that any another regular polygon (maybe having a different number of sides) doesn't contain all marked points on its perimeter. Find the minimal  $k$  sufficient for any given polygon.

**Solution.** First let us prove that five points do suffice. Let  $A, B, C, D$  be four successive vertices of the given polygon (the changes necessary for triangle are evident). Mark points  $A, B$ , point  $X$  on  $AB$ , point  $Y$  on  $BC$  near to  $B$  and point  $Z$  on  $CD$  near to  $C$ . Then line  $AB$  must contain a side of the polygon. The angle between this line and the side passing through  $Y$  is equal to some angle from a finite set. Clearly the respective common point can't lie on ray  $BA$ , and if it lies on the opposite ray then point  $Z$  is outside of polygon. Thus we restore line  $BC$ . Line  $CD$  and so the whole polygon are restored similarly.

Now let us prove that four points don't suffice when the number of sides is great. Consider first the case when three of marked points lie on the line  $l$ . The regular triangle based on the respective side lies inside the polygon, thus the remaining marked point lies outside this triangle. Constructing two lines which pass through this point and form angles equal to  $60^\circ$  with  $l$ , we obtain a regular triangle containing all marked points on its perimeter.

Now let marked points form a convex quadrilateral. Suppose that two of its opposite angles are less than  $60^\circ$ . Construct on diagonal  $AB$  passing through two remaining vertices, an arc which equals  $240^\circ$  and lies in the other semiplane than the center of the polygon. This arc meets the circumcircle of the polygon in two points near to  $A$  и  $B$ . The sides containing  $A$  and  $B$  form the angles lesser than  $120^\circ$  with  $AB$ , thus the respective part of the perimeter lies inside the arc, which contradicts our supposition. Therefore there exist two adjacent angles of the quadrilateral greater than  $60^\circ$ . Constructing two lines which form angles equal to  $60^\circ$  with the respective side of the quadrilateral and passes through two remaining vertices, we obtain the regular triangle containing all marked points on its perimeter.

# VI GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF I.F.SHARYGIN

Final round. First day. 10 form. Solutions.

1. (A.Zaslavsky) Let  $O, I$  be the circumcenter and the incenter of a right-angled triangle;  $R, r$  be the radii of respective circles;  $J$  be the reflection of the vertex of the right angle in  $I$ . Find  $OJ$ .

**Answer.**  $R - 2r$ .

**Solution.** Let  $ABC$  be the given triangle,  $\angle C = 90^\circ$ . Clearly the circle with center  $J$  and radius  $2r$  touches  $AC, BC$ . Prove that it also touches the circumcircle of  $ABC$ .

Consider the circle that touches  $AC$  and  $BC$  in points  $P, Q$  and touches the circumcircle from inside in point  $T$ . Since  $T$  is the homothety center of this circle and the circumcircle, lines  $TP, TQ$  secondly meet the circumcircle in midpoints  $B', A'$  of arcs  $AC, BC$ . Therefore lines  $AA'$  and  $BB'$  meet in point  $I$ , and applying Pascal theorem to hexagon  $CAA'TB'B$  we obtain that  $P, I, Q$  are collinear. The respective line is perpendicular to the bisectrix of angle  $C$ , thus  $P, Q$  are the projections of  $J$  to  $AC$  and  $BC$  (fig.10.1).

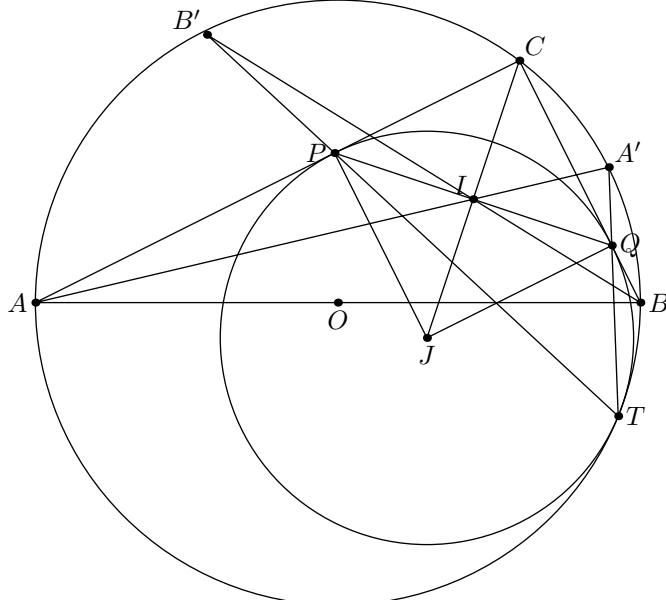


Fig.10.1

2. (P.Kozhevnikov) Each of two equal circles  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  passes through the center of the other one. Triangle  $ABC$  is inscribed into  $\omega_1$ , and lines  $AC, BC$  touch  $\omega_2$ . Prove that  $\cos A + \cos B = 1$ .

**Solution.** Let  $O$  be the center of  $\omega_2$ ,  $P$  be the point of  $\omega_1$  opposite to  $O$ . Since  $CO$  is the bisectrix of angle  $ACB$ , points  $A$  and  $B$  are symmetric wrt line  $OP$ . Transform the sum of the cosinuses to the product:  $\cos A + \cos B = 2 \sin \frac{C}{2} \cos \frac{A-B}{2}$ . From the indicated symmetry we obtain that  $|A - B|/2 = \angle COP$ , i.e.  $OP \cos \frac{A-B}{2} = CO$ , and since  $C/2$  is the angle between  $CO$  and the tangent, we have that  $CO \sin \frac{C}{2}$  is equal to the radius of  $\omega_2$ , i.e.  $OP/2$  (fig.10.2).

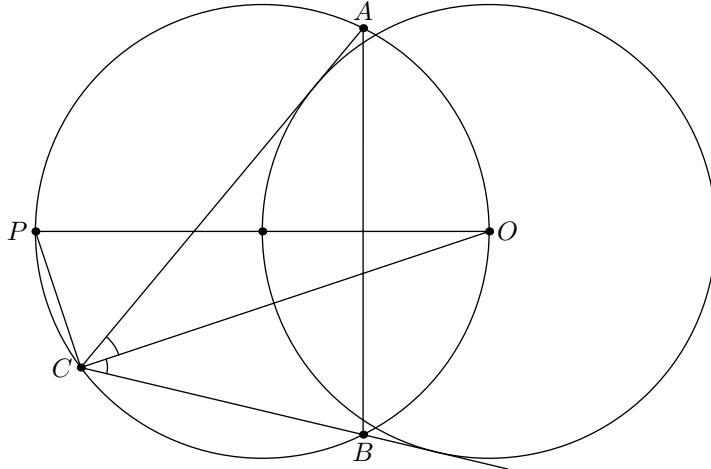


Fig.10.2

3. (A.Akopjan) All sides of a convex polygon were decreased in such a way that they formed a new convex polygon. Is it possible that all diagonals were increased?

**Answer.** No.

**Solution.** First prove the following lemma.

Let  $ABC, ABC'$  be two triangles such that  $AC > AC', BC > BC'$ . Then for any point  $K$  of segment  $AB$  we have  $CK > C'K$ .

In fact, points  $A, B, C'$  lie on the same side of the bisector of segment  $CC'$ . Thus  $K$  also lies on this side, which is equivalent to the inequality in question.

Let us prove now that the above situation is impossible for a quadrilateral. Indeed, otherwise we may suppose that one of the diagonals wasn't changed and the other was increased. Identifying equal diagonals, we obtain quadrilaterals  $ABCD, AB'C'D'$  with  $AB > AB', BC > B'C, CD > CD', DA > D'A$ . Let  $E$  be the common point of diagonals of  $ABCD$ . Then by lemma  $BE > B'E, DE > D'E$  and  $B'D' \leq B'E + D'E < BD$  — a contradiction.

The impossibility for an arbitrary polygon can be proved by induction. As in the previous case, suppose that one diagonal wasn't changed and all remaining ones weren't decreased. Considering the parts to which the first diagonal divides the polygon, we reduce the problem to the polygon with a smaller number of sides.

4. (F.Nilov) Projections of two points to the sidelines of a quadrilateral lie on two concentric circles (projections of each point form a cyclic quadrilateral and the radii of circles are different). Prove that this quadrilateral is a parallelogram.

**Solution.** Let the projections of point  $P$  to the sidelines lie on a circle with center  $O$ , and  $P'$  be the reflection of  $P$  in  $O$ . Then the projections of  $P'$  lie on the same circle and  $P, P'$  are the foci of some conic. Thus we obtain from the condition that the sidelines of the quadrilateral are the common tangents to two concentric conics. Therefore they form a parallelogram.

# VI GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF I.F.SHARYGIN

**Final round. Second day. 10 form. Solutions.**

5. (D.Shvetsov) Let  $BH$  be an altitude of a right-angled triangle  $ABC$  ( $\angle B = 90^\circ$ ). The incircle of triangle  $ABH$  touches  $AB, AH$  in points  $H_1, B_1$ ; the incircle of triangle  $CBH$  touches  $CB, CH$  in points  $H_2, B_2$ ; point  $O$  is the circumcenter of triangle  $H_1BH_2$ . Prove that  $OB_2 = OB_1$ .

**Solution.** Let  $I_1, I_2$  be the incenters of triangles  $ABH, CBH$ . From similarity of these triangles  $I_1H_1 : I_2H_2 = AB : BC$ . Since segments  $I_1H_1$  and  $I_2H_2$  are perpendicular to  $AB$  and  $BC$  respectively, their projections to  $AC$  are equal. Then since  $O$  is the midpoint of  $H_1H_2$ , the projection of  $O$  to  $AC$  coincides with the midpoint of  $B_1B_2$ , which yields the assertion of the problem (fig.10.5).

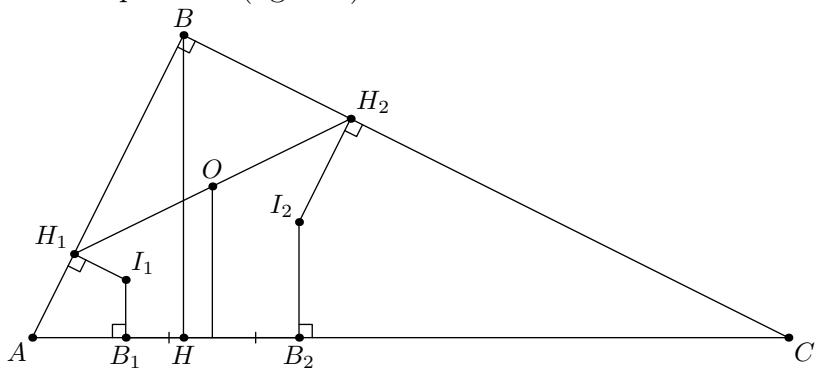


Fig.10.5

6. (F.Nilov) The incircle of triangle  $ABC$  touches its sides in points  $A', B', C'$ . It is known that the orthocenters of triangles  $ABC$  and  $A'B'C'$  coincide. Is triangle  $ABC$  regular?

**Solution.** Let  $O, I$  be the circumcenter and the incenter of  $ABC$ ,  $H'$  be the orthocenter of  $A'B'C'$ ,  $A'', B'', C''$  be the second common point of lines  $A'H', B'H', C'H'$  with the incircle. Then  $\angle A''C''C' = \angle A''A'C' = \angle B''B'C' = \angle B''C''C'$ , i.e.  $A''B'' \parallel AB$ . Therefore triangles  $ABC$  and  $A''B''C''$  are homothetic. This homothety transforms  $O$  to  $I$ , and  $I$  to  $H'$ . Thus  $H'$  lies on  $OI$ . Then by condition, orthocenter  $H$  of triangle  $ABC$  lies on  $OI$  and  $OI : IH = R : r$  (fig.10.6).

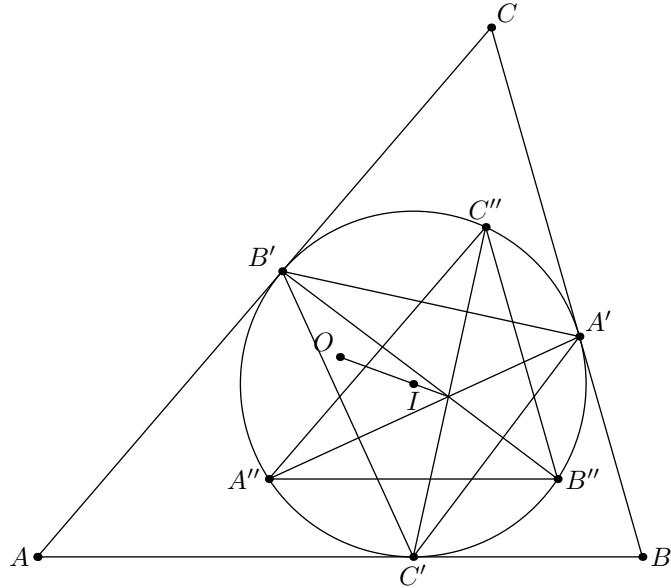


Fig.10.6

Suppose that triangle  $ABC$  isn't regular. Then two of its vertices, for example  $A, B$ , don't lie on  $OI$ . Since  $AI, BI$  are the bisectrices of angles  $OAH, OBH$ , we have  $OI : IH = AO : OH = BO : BH$ . Therefore  $AH = BH = r$ , which clearly isn't possible. Thus  $ABC$  is regular.

7. (B.Frenkin) Each of two regular polyhedrons  $P$  and  $Q$  was divided by the plane into two parts. One part of  $P$  was attached to one part of  $Q$  along the dividing plane and formed a regular polyhedron not equal to  $P$  and  $Q$ . How many faces can it have?

**Answer.** 4 or 8.

**Solution.** Obviously the new polyhedron  $R$  contains at least one vertex of each of given polyhedrons. Thus a polyhedral angle of  $R$  is equal to a polyhedral angle of  $P$ , and these polyhedrons have the same number of faces. Similarly  $Q$  has the same number of faces. All edges adjacent to any of the above vertices are crossed by the dividing plane because  $R$  can't contain two neighbouring vertices of any of the original polyhedrons, otherwise  $R$  is equal to it. Therefore not less than a half of faces of  $R$  is adjacent to the same vertex. This excludes dodecahedron and icosahedron. In the case of equality, the faces are triangles, and this excludes cube. The cases of tetrahedron and octahedron are possible if we cut off two equal pyramids from  $P$  and  $Q$  by the planes parallel to their symmetry planes.

8. (N.Beluhov, Bulgaria) Triangle  $ABC$  is inscribed into circle  $k$ . Points  $A_1, B_1, C_1$  on its sides were marked, after this the triangle was erased. Prove that it can be restored uniquely if and only if  $AA_1, BB_1$  and  $CC_1$  concur.

**Solution.** Fix triangle  $ABC$  and points  $A_1, B_1$ . Let  $A_2, B_2$  be the second common points of  $AA_1, BB_1$  with  $k$ ;  $C'$  an arbitrary point of arc  $A_2CB_2$ ;  $A', B'$  the second common points of  $C'A_1, C'B_1$  with  $k$ ;  $C_1$  the common point of  $AB$  and  $A'B'$ . When  $C'$  moves from  $A_2$  to  $B_2$ , point  $C_1$  moves from  $A$  to  $B$ , thus there exist two triangles with the sides passing through  $A_1, B_1, C_1$ . The unique exclusion is the limiting position of  $C_1$  when  $C'$  tends to  $C$ .

Let us prove now that if  $AA_1, BB_1, CC_1$  concur then the triangle can be restored uniquely. Consider projective map that saves  $k$  and transforms the common point of these lines to the centroid of  $ABC$ , such that  $A_1, B_1, C_1$  are transformed to the midpoints of its sides. Suppose that there exists another triangle  $A'B'C'$  with sides passing through  $A_1, B_1, C_1$ . Let for example quadrilateral  $AB_1C_1A'$  be convex. Then quadrilaterals  $BC_1A_1B'$  and  $CA_1B_1C'$  are also convex. Since point  $A'$  lies outside the circumcircle of triangle  $AB_1C_1$ , we have  $\angle B_1C'A_1 < \angle B_1AC_1$  and  $\angle BC_1B' = \angle AC_1A' > \angle AB_1A'$ . Similarly  $\angle CA_1C' > \angle BC_1B'$  and  $\angle AB_1A' > \angle CA_1C'$  — a contradiction.

# VII GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF

I.F.SHARYGIN

Final round. First day. 8th grade. Solutions.

1. (A.Blinkov) The diagonals of a trapezoid are perpendicular, and its altitude is equal to the medial line. Prove that this trapezoid is isosceles.

**First solution.** Consider the line passing through  $C$  and parallel to  $BD$ . Let  $E$  be the common point of this line and the extension of base  $AD$ . Then  $ACE$  is a right-angled triangle, thus its median from vertex  $C$  is equal to the half of the hypotenuse, i.e. to the medial line of the trapezoid. By condition, this median coincides with the corresponding altitude. Hence the diagonals of trapezoid are equal.

**Second solution.** Let  $AD, BC$  be the bases of the trapezoid and  $O$  be the common point of its diagonals. Then the medians of right-angled triangles  $OAD, OBC$  are equal to halves of their hypotenuses, i.e. the sum of these medians is equal to the medial line. On the other hand, the altitude of the trapezoid is equal to the sum of altitudes of these triangles. By the assumption the medians coincide with the altitudes, thus triangles  $OAD, OBC$  are isosceles, and this yields  $AB = CD$ .

2. (T.Golenishcheva-Kutuzova) Peter made a paper rectangle, put it on an identical rectangle and pasted both rectangles along their perimeters. Then he cut the upper rectangle along one of its diagonals and along the perpendiculars to this diagonal from two remaining vertices. After this he turned back the obtained triangles in such a way that they, along with the lower rectangle form a new rectangle.

Let this new rectangle be given. Restore the original rectangle using compass and ruler.

**Solution.** Let  $ABCD$  be the obtained rectangle;  $O$  be its center;  $K, M$  be the midpoints of its shortest sides  $AB$  and  $CD$ ;  $L, N$  be the meets of  $BC$  and  $AD$  respectively with the circle with diameter  $KM$  (fig.8.2). Then  $KLMN$  is the desired rectangle. In fact, let  $P$  be the projection of  $M$  to  $LN$ . Since  $\angle CLM = \angle OML = \angle MLO$ , the triangles  $MCL$  and  $MPL$  are equal. Thus the bend along  $ML$  matches these triangles. Similarly the bend along  $MN$  matches triangles  $MDN$  and  $MPN$ . Finally, since the construction is symmetric wrt point  $O$ , the bend along  $KL$  and  $KN$  matches triangles  $BKL$  and  $AKN$  with triangle  $NKL$ .

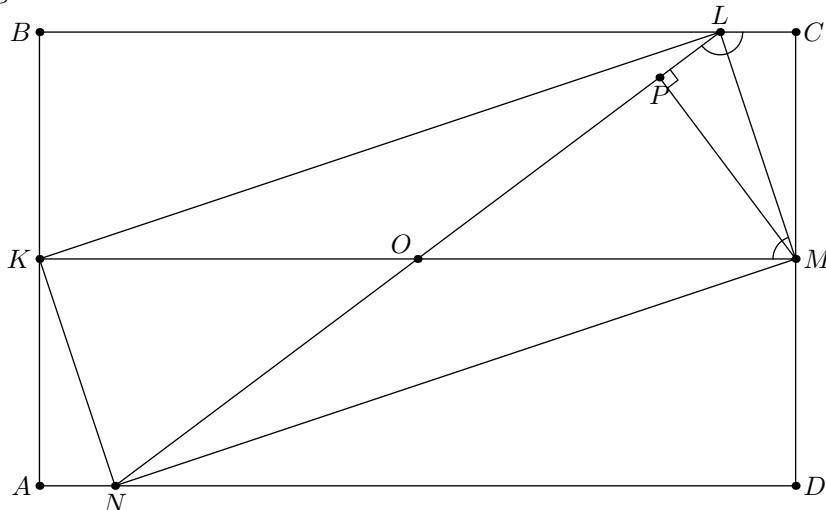


Fig.8.2

3. (A.Myakishev, D.Mavlo) The line passing through vertex  $A$  of triangle  $ABC$  and parallel to  $BC$  meets the circumcircle of  $ABC$  for the second time at point  $A_1$ . Points  $B_1$  and  $C_1$  are defined similarly. Prove that the perpendiculars from  $A_1, B_1, C_1$  to  $BC, CA, AB$  respectively concur.

**First solution.** Since  $A_1$  is the reflection of  $A$  in the medial perpendicular to  $BC$ , the perpendicular from  $A_1$  is the reflection of the altitude from  $A$ . Thus by the Thales theorem it passes through the reflection of the orthocenter in the circumcenter. The two remaining perpendiculars also pass through this point.

**Second solution.** Let  $K, L$  and  $M$  be a common points of lines  $AA_1, BB_1$  и  $CC_1$  (fig.8.3). Prove that  $KC_1$  is the altitude of triangle  $KLM$ . Since  $KBCA$  is a parallelogram, and  $AC_1CB$  is an isosceles trapezoid, we have  $KA = BC = AC_1$ ,  $\angle KAB = \angle ABC = \angle BAC_1$ . Therefore  $AB$  is the bisector and the altitude of isosceles triangle  $KAC_1$ . Thus  $AB \perp KC_1$ , and from this  $CC_1 \perp KC_1$ . Similarly  $LA_1$  and  $MB_1$  are also the altitudes of triangle  $KLM$ . Since the altitudes concur we obtain the assertion of the problem.

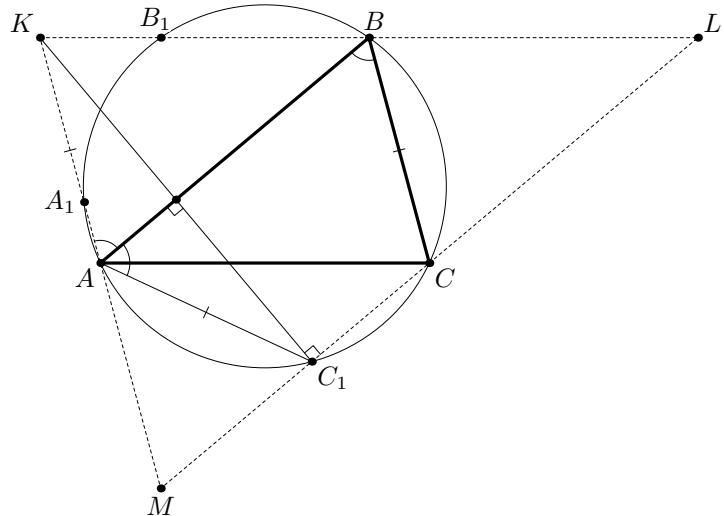


Fig.8.3.

4. (A.Shapovalov) Given the circle of radius 1 and several its chords with the sum of lengths 1. Prove that one can be inscribe a regular hexagon into that circle so that its sides don't intersect those chords.

**Solution.** Paint the smallest arcs corresponding to given chords. If we rotate the painted arcs in such a way that the corresponding chords form a polygonal line, then the distance between the ends of it is less than 1, and since a chord with length 1 corresponds to an arc equal to  $1/6$  of the circle, the total length of painted arcs is less than  $1/6$  of the circle.

Now inscribe a regular hexagon into the circle and mark one of its vertices. Rotate the hexagon, and when the marked vertex coincides with a painted point, paint the points corresponding to all remaining vertices. The total length of painted arcs increases at most 6 times, therefore there exists an inscribed regular hexagon with non-painted vertices. Obviously its sides don't intersect the given chords.

# VII GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF I.F.SHARYGIN

Final round. Second day. 8th grade. Solutions.

5. (S.Markelov) A line passing through vertex  $A$  of regular triangle  $ABC$  doesn't intersect segment  $BC$ . Points  $M$  and  $N$  lie on this line, and  $AM = AN = AB$  (point  $B$  lies inside angle  $MAC$ ). Prove that the quadrilateral formed by lines  $AB$ ,  $AC$ ,  $BN$ ,  $CM$  is cyclic.

**Solution.** Since triangle  $BAN$  is isosceles,  $\angle ANB = \frac{\angle MAB}{2}$  (fig.8.5). Similarly  $\angle AMC = \frac{\angle NAC}{2}$ . Thus the sum of these angles is equal to  $60^\circ$ , and the angle between lines  $BN$  and  $CM$  is equal to  $120^\circ$ , which yields the assertion of the problem.

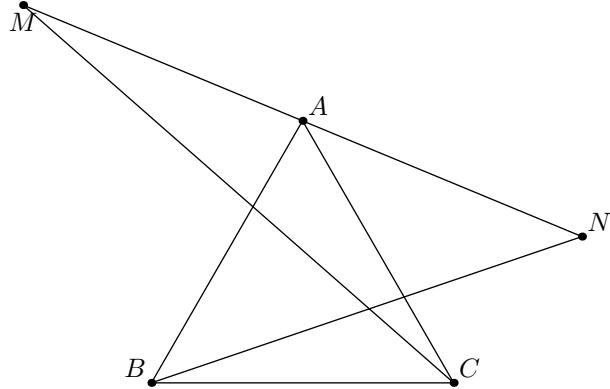


Fig.8.5

6. (D.Prokopenko) Let  $BB_1$  and  $CC_1$  be the altitudes of acute-angled triangle  $ABC$ , and  $A_0$  is the midpoint of  $BC$ . Lines  $A_0B_1$  and  $A_0C_1$  meet the line passing through  $A$  and parallel to  $BC$  in points  $P$  and  $Q$ . Prove that the incenter of triangle  $PA_0Q$  lies on the altitude of triangle  $ABC$ .

**First solution.** Since triangles  $BCB_1$  and  $BCC_1$  are right-angled, their medians  $B_1A_0$ ,  $B_1C_0$  are equal to the half of hypotenuse:  $B_1A_0 = A_0C = A_0B = C_1A_0$ . Now  $\angle PB_1A = \angle CB_1A_0 = \angle B_1CA_0 = \angle PAC$ , thus  $PA = PB_1$  (fig.8.6.1). Similarly,  $QA = QC_1$ . Then the incircle of triangle  $PA_0Q$  touches its sides in points  $A$ ,  $B_1$ ,  $C_1$ , which yields the assertion of the problem.

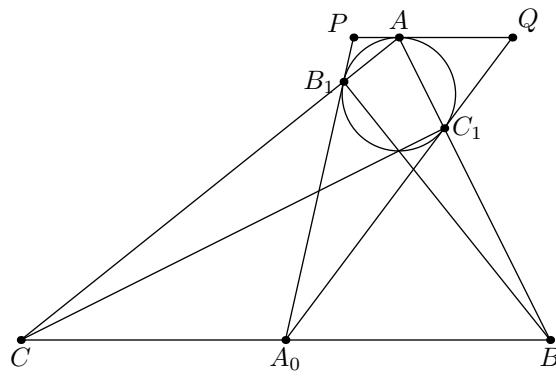


Fig.8.6

**Second solution.** Let  $H$  be the orthocenter of  $ABC$  and  $O$  be the midpoint of  $AH$ . Then points  $A_0$ ,  $B_1$ ,  $C_1$ ,  $O$  lie on the nine-points-circle of  $ABC$ , and  $A_0O$  is the diameter of this circle. On the other hand, points  $B_1$ ,  $C_1$  lie on the circle with diameter  $AH$ , thus this circle coincides with the incircle of  $APQ$  (fig.8.6.2).

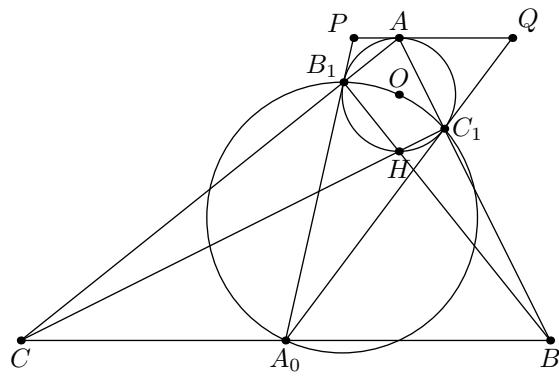


Fig.8.6.2

7. (A.Akopyan) Let a point  $M$  not lying on coordinates axes be given. Points  $Q$  and  $P$  move along  $Y$ - and  $X$ -axis respectively so that angle  $PMQ$  is always right. Find the locus of points symmetric to  $M$  wrt  $PQ$ .

**Solution.** By condition, points  $P$ ,  $Q$ ,  $M$  and the origin  $O$  lie on the circle with diameter  $PQ$ . Thus point  $N$  symmetric to  $M$  wrt  $PQ$  also lies on this circle and  $\angle PON = \angle PMN = \angle PNM = \angle POM$  (fig.8.7). Then  $N$  lies on the line symmetric to  $OM$  wrt the coordinates axes. On the other hand, if  $N$  is an arbitrary point of this line and  $P$ ,  $Q$  are the common points of coordinates axes with circle  $OMN$ , then  $\angle PMN = \angle PON = \angle POM = \angle PNM$  and  $\angle PMQ = \angle POQ = \angle PNQ = 90^\circ$ , thus  $M$  and  $N$  are symmetric wrt  $PQ$ .

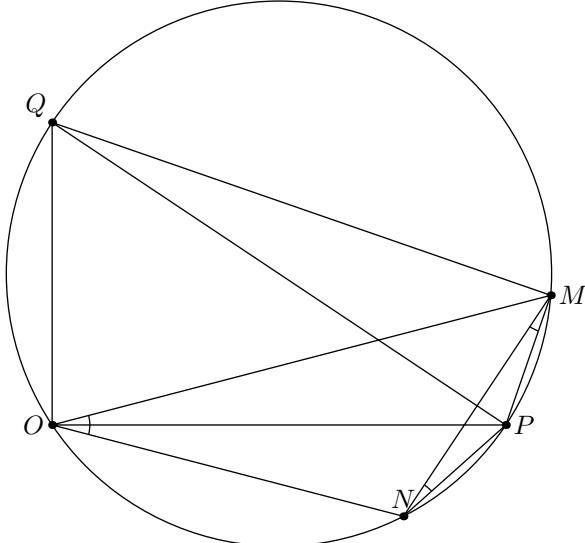


Fig.8.7

8. (A.Zaslavsky) Using only the ruler, divide the side of a square table into  $n$  equal parts. All lines drawn must lie on the surface of the table.

**Solution.** Firstly bisect the side. Find center  $O$  of square  $ABCD$  as a common point of its diagonals. Now let point  $X$  lie on side  $BC$ ,  $Y$  be a common point of  $XO$  and  $AD$ ,  $U$  be a common point of  $AX$  and  $BY$ ,  $V$  be a common point of  $UC$  and  $XY$  (fig.8.8.1). Then line  $BV$  bisects the bases of trapezoid  $CYUX$ . The line passing through  $O$  and the midpoint of  $CY$  bisects sides  $AB$  and  $CD$ .

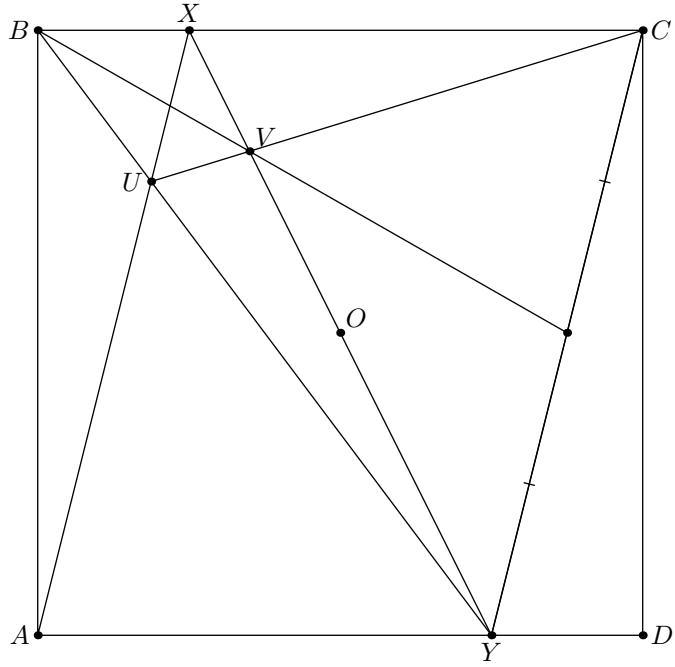


Fig.8.8.1

Now suppose that two opposite sides are divided into  $k$  equal parts. Let us demonstrate how to divide it into  $k + 1$  equal parts. Let  $AX_1 = X_1X_2 = \dots = X_{k-1}B$ ,  $DY_1 = Y_1Y_2 = \dots = Y_{k-1}C$ . Then by Thales theorem, lines  $AY_1, X_1Y_2, \dots, X_{k-1}C$  divide diagonal  $BD$  into  $k + 1$  equal parts (fig.8.8.2). Dividing similarly the second diagonal and joining the corresponding points by the lines parallel to  $BC$  we divide side  $AB$  into  $k + 1$  equal parts.

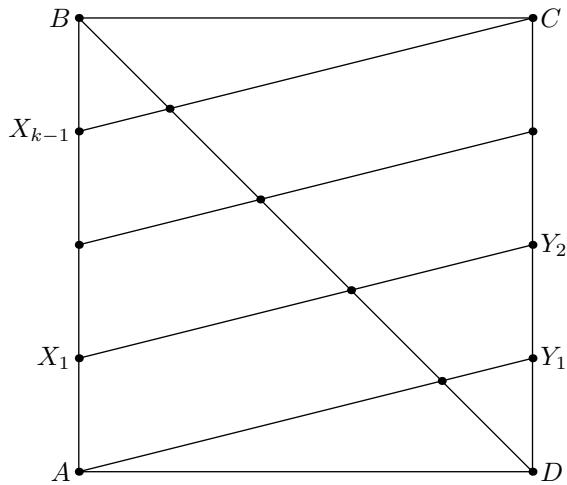


Fig.8.8.2

# VII GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF I.F.SHARYGIN

Final round. First day. 9th grade. Solutions.

1. (M.Kungozhin) Altitudes  $AA_1$  and  $BB_1$  of triangle  $ABC$  meet in point  $H$ . Line  $CH$  meets the semicircle with diameter  $AB$ , passing through  $A_1, B_1$ , in point  $D$ . Segments  $AD$  and  $BB_1$  meet in point  $M$ , segments  $BD$  and  $AA_1$  meet in point  $N$ . Prove that the circumcircles of triangles  $B_1DM$  and  $A_1DN$  touch.

**Solution.** The angle between the tangent to circle  $B_1DM$  in point  $D$  and line  $AD$  is equal to angle  $MB_1D$ , which in its turn is equal to angle  $BAD$  (fig.9.1). Similarly the angle between the tangent to circle  $A_1DN$  and line  $BD$  is equal to angle  $ABD$ . Since  $\angle BAD + \angle ADB = 90^\circ = \angle ADB$ , these tangents coincide.

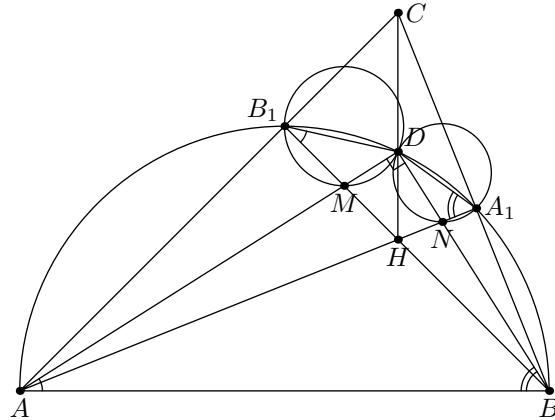


Fig.9.1

2. (D.Cheian) In triangle  $ABC$ ,  $\angle B = 2\angle C$ . Points  $P$  and  $Q$  on the medial perpendicular to  $CB$  are such that  $\angle CAP = \angle PAQ = \angle QAB = \frac{\angle A}{3}$ . Prove that  $Q$  is the circumcenter of triangle  $CPB$ .

**Solution.** Let  $D$  be the reflection of  $A$  in the medial perpendicular to  $BC$ . Then  $ABCD$  is the isosceles trapezoid and its diagonal  $BD$  is the bisector of angle  $B$ . Thus  $CD = DA = AB$ . Now  $\angle DAP = \angle C + \angle A/3 = (\angle A + \angle B + \angle C)/3 = 60^\circ$ . Thus triangle  $ADP$  is equilateral and  $AP = AB$ . Since  $AQ$  is the bisector of angle  $PAB$ ,  $QP = QB = QC$  (fig.9.2).

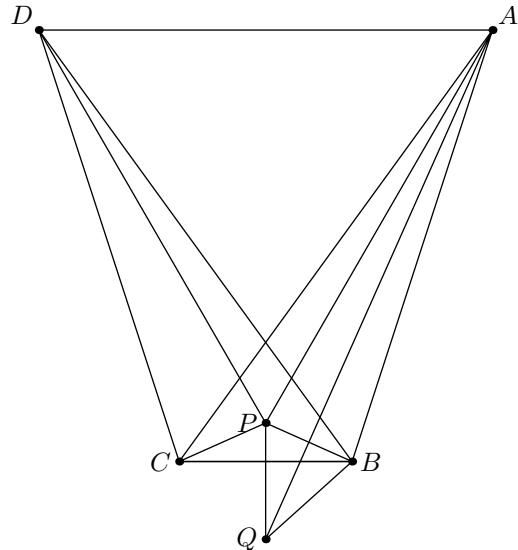


Fig.9.2

3. (A.Karluchenko) Restore the isosceles triangle  $ABC$  ( $AB = AC$ ) if the common points  $I, M, H$  of bisectors, medians and altitudes respectively are given.

**Solution.** Circumcenter  $O$  of the triangle lies on the extension of  $HM$  beyond point  $M$ , and  $MO = HM/2$ . Now  $BI, CI$  are the bisectors of angles  $OBH, OCH$  ( $\angle CBH = \angle ABO = \pi/2 - \angle C$ ). Thus  $BO/BH = CO/CH = IO/IH$ , i.e. points  $B, C$  lie on the Apollonius circle of points  $O$  and  $H$  passing through  $I$ . But the circumcenter of triangle  $BIC$  lies on the circumcircle of  $ABC$ . So we obtain the following construction.

Construct point  $O$  and the Apollonius circle. Now construct the circle with center  $O$  passing through the center of constructed circle. These two circles meet in points  $B, C$ , and line  $OH$  again meets the circle with center  $O$  in point  $A$ .

4. (A.Zaslavsky) Quadrilateral  $ABCD$  is inscribed into a circle with center  $O$ . The bisectors of its angles form a cyclic quadrilateral with circumcenter  $I$ , and its external bisectors form a cyclic quadrilateral with circumcenter  $J$ . Prove that  $O$  is the midpoint of  $IJ$ .

**Solution.** Let the bisectors of angles  $A$  and  $B$ ,  $B$  and  $C$ ,  $C$  and  $D$ ,  $D$  and  $A$  meet in points  $K, L, M, N$  respectively (fig.9.4). Then line  $KM$  bisects the angle formed by lines  $AD$  and  $BC$ . If this angle is equal to  $\phi$ , then by external angle theorem we obtain that  $\angle LKM = \angle B/2 - \phi/2 = (\pi - \angle A)/2 = \angle C/2$  and thus  $\angle LIM = \angle C$ . On the other hand, the perpendiculars from  $L$  and  $M$  to  $BC$  and  $CD$  respectively form the angles with  $ML$  equal to  $(\pi - \angle C)/2$ , i.e. the triangle formed by these perpendiculars and  $ML$  is isosceles and the angle at its vertex is equal to  $C$ . Thus the vertex of this triangle coincides with  $I$ . So the perpendiculars from the vertices of  $KLMN$  to the corresponding sidelines of  $ABCD$  pass through  $I$ . Similarly the perpendiculars from the vertices of triangle formed by external bisectors pass through  $J$ .

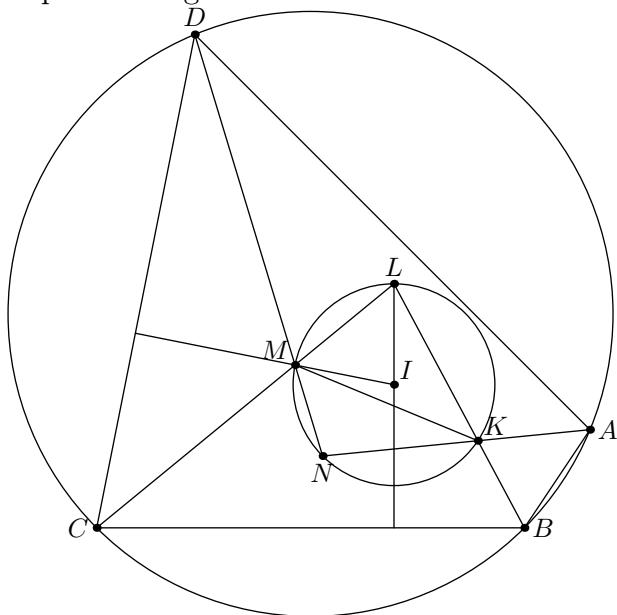


Fig.9.4

Now let  $K'$  be the common point of external bisectors of angles  $A$  and  $B$ . Since quadrilateral  $AKBK'$  is inscribed into the circle with diameter  $KK'$ , the projections of  $K$  and  $K'$  to  $AB$  are symmetric wrt the midpoint of  $AB$ . From this and the above assertion, the projections

of  $I$  and  $J$  to each side of  $ABCD$  are symmetric wrt the midpoint of this side, and this is equivalent to the sought assertion.

**Note.** The similar property of a triangle is well-known: the circumcenter is the midpoint of the segment between the incenter and the circumcenter of the triangle formed by external bisectors.

# VII GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF I.F.SHARYGIN

Final round. Second day. 9th grade. Solutions.

5. (B.Frenkin) It is possible to compose a triangle from the altitudes of a given triangle. Can we conclude that it is possible to compose a triangle from its bisectors?

**Solution.** No. Consider a triangle with two sides equal to 2 and 3 and increase the angle between these sides. When the angle approaches to  $180^\circ$  the ratio of altitudes of triangle approaches to  $1/2 : 1/3 : 1/5$ , thus for any value of the angle it is possible to compose the triangle from the altitudes. On the other hand, the smallest bisector approaches to zero, and two remaining bisectors approach to different values. Thus for great values of the angle it is impossible to compose the triangle from the bisectors.

Let us present the exact estimates. Firstly note that if  $a$  and  $b$  are two sides of a triangle,  $C$  is the angle between these sides, and  $l_c$  is the bisector of this angle, then the area of the triangle is equal to  $S = ab \sin C/2 = (a+b)l_c \sin \frac{C}{2}/2$ , thus  $l_c = 2ab \cos \frac{C}{2}/(a+b)$ . The lengths of bisectors  $l_a$ ,  $l_b$  are determined similarly.

Now let  $a = 2$ ,  $b = 3$ . Then  $\cos \frac{A}{2} > \cos \frac{B}{2}$ . Thus

$$l_a - l_b > 2c \cos \frac{A}{2} \left( \frac{b}{b+c} - \frac{a}{a+c} \right) = \frac{2c^2 \cos \frac{A}{2}}{(c+2)(c+3)}.$$

Take angle  $C$  sufficiently great such that  $c > 4$ ,  $\cos \frac{A}{2} > 0, 9$ ,  $\cos \frac{C}{2} < 0, 1$ . Then  $l_a - l_b > l_c$  and it is impossible to compose a triangle from the bisectors. On the other hand, we have  $h_b/h_a = 2/3$ ,  $2/5 < h_c/h_a < 1/2$ . Thus  $h_b + h_c > h_a > h_b > h_c$  and it is possible to compose a triangle from the altitudes.

6. (P.Dolgirev) In triangle  $ABC$   $AA_0$  and  $BB_0$  are medians,  $AA_1$  and  $BB_1$  are altitudes. The circumcircles of triangles  $CA_0B_0$  and  $CA_1B_1$  meet again in point  $M_c$ . Points  $M_a$ ,  $M_b$  are defined similarly. Prove that points  $M_a$ ,  $M_b$ ,  $M_c$  are collinear and lines  $AM_a$ ,  $BM_b$ ,  $CM_c$  are parallel.

**Solution.** Let  $O$  and  $H$  be the circumcenter and the orthocenter of triangle  $ABC$ . Since  $\angle CA_0O = \angle CB_0O = \angle CA_1H = \angle CB_1H = 90^\circ$ ,  $CO$  and  $CH$  are the diameters of circles  $CA_0B_0$  and  $CA_1B_1$  respectively. Thus the projection of point  $C$  to line  $OH$  lies on both circles, i.e. coincides with  $M_c$  (fig.9.6). This yields the assertion of the problem

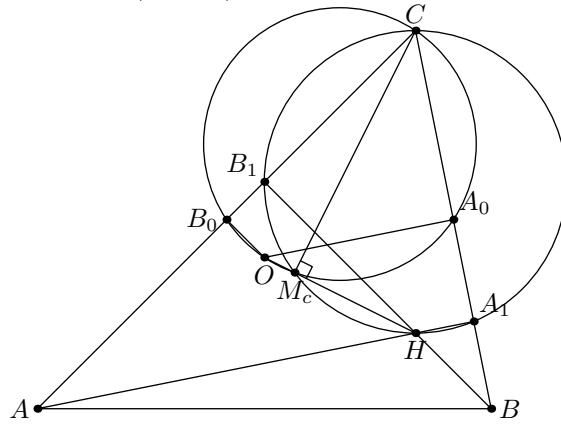


Fig.9.6

7. (I.Bogdanov) Circles  $\omega$  and  $\Omega$  are inscribed into the same angle. Line  $\ell$  meets the sides of angles,  $\omega$  and  $\Omega$  in points  $A$  and  $F$ ,  $B$  and  $C$ ,  $D$  and  $E$  respectively (the order of points on the line is  $A, B, C, D, E, F$ ). It is known that  $BC = DE$ . Prove that  $AB = EF$ .

**First solution.** Let one side of the angle touch  $\omega$  and  $\Omega$  in points  $X_1, Y_1$ , and the second side touch them in points  $X_2, Y_2$ ;  $U, V$  are the common points of  $X_1X_2$  and  $Y_1Y_2$  with  $AF$ . The midpoint of  $CD$  lies on the radical axis of the circles, i.e. the medial line of trapezoid  $X_1Y_1Y_2X_2$ , thus  $BU = EV$  and  $CU = DV$  (fig.9.7). This yields that  $X_1U \cdot X_2U = Y_1V \cdot Y_2V$ . Hence  $FY_2/FX_2 = Y_2V/X_2U = X_1U/Y_1V = AX_1/AY_1$ , i.e.  $AX_1 = FY_2$ . Now from  $AB \cdot AC = AX_1^2 = FY_2^2 = FE \cdot FD$  we obtain the assertion of the problem.

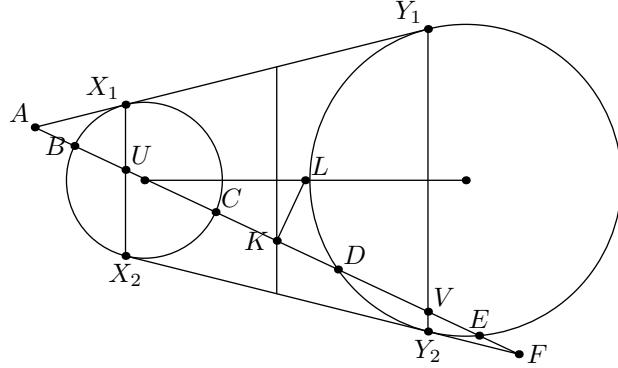


Fig.9.7

**Second solution.** Prove that there exists exactly one line passing through a fixed point  $A$  on a side of the angle which satisfies the condition of the problem. In fact, the distances from the midpoint  $K$  of segment  $CD$  to the projections of the centers of the circles to the sought line are equal, thus  $K$  coincides with the projection of the midpoint  $L$  of the segment between the centers. Hence  $K$  is the common point of the circle with diameter  $AL$  and the radical axis, distinct from the midpoint of segment  $X_1Y_1$ . On the other hand, if  $F$  is a point such that  $AX_1 = Y_2F$  then  $AB \cdot AC = FE \cdot FD$  and  $AD \cdot AE = FC \cdot FB$ , thus  $AF$  is the sought line.

8. (B.Frenkin) A convex  $n$ -gon  $P$ , where  $n > 3$ , is dissected into equal triangles by diagonals non-intersecting inside it. Which values of  $n$  are possible, if  $P$  is circumscribed?

**Solution.** Let us prove that  $n = 4$ .

**Lemma.** Let a convex polygon be dissected into equal triangles by non-intersecting diagonals. Then each triangle of the dissection has at least one side which is a side (not a diagonal) of the polygon

**Proof.** Let a triangle of the dissection have angles  $\alpha \leq \beta \leq \gamma$ ;  $A, B, C$  be the corresponding vertices,  $AC$  and  $BC$  be the diagonals of the polygon. There are at least two other angles of dividing triangles adjacent to  $C$ . If one of them is greater than  $\alpha$ , then the sum of angles adjacent to  $C$  is not less than  $\gamma + \beta + \alpha = \pi$ , but this sum can't be greater than an angle of convex polygon, a contradiction. Thus all angles in vertex  $C$ , except  $\angle ACB$  are equal to  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha < \beta$ .

Consider the second triangle adjacent to  $BC$ . Since it is equal to  $\triangle ABC$ , its angle opposite to  $BC$  is equal to  $\alpha$ . But angle  $C$  also is equal to  $\alpha$  although it must be  $\beta$  or  $\gamma$ , a contradiction. Lemma is proved.

Now we turn to the solution of the problem.

Since the sum of angles of  $P$  is equal to  $\pi(n - 2)$  the number of dividing triangles is equal to  $n - 2$ . By lemma, each of these triangles has at least one side coinciding with a side of  $P$ . Hence there are two triangles having two sides coinciding with sides of  $P$ .

Let  $KLM$  be one of these triangles,  $KL$  and  $LM$  be the sides of  $P$ .  $KM$  is the side of another dissection triangle  $KMN$ . One of its sides (for example  $KN$ ) is a side of  $P$ . Since the triangles are equal,  $\angle NKM$  is equal to  $\angle LKM$ , or to  $\angle KML$ . In the first case  $KM$  bisects the angle  $P$  and so passes through the incenter  $I$ . In the second case  $KN \parallel LM$ . Then  $I$  lies on the common perpendicular to these two segments, thus it lies inside parallelogram  $KLMN$ , i.e. belongs to at least one of triangles  $KLM$ ,  $KMN$ .

Let  $K'L'M'$  be the second triangle with two sides coinciding with sides of  $P$ . Similarly we obtain that  $I$  lies inside this or adjacent dissection triangle. If  $I$  lies inside one of triangles  $KLM$ ,  $K'L'M'$ , then they are adjacent and  $n = 4$ . In the opposite case  $I$  lies inside triangle  $KMN$  which is adjacent to both these triangles. Then  $MN$  is a side of  $\triangle K'L'M'$ ; let  $M = M'$ ,  $N = K'$ . As above we obtain that  $LM \parallel KN \parallel L'M$ . But then sides  $LM$  and  $L'M$  of the convex polygon lie on the same line, a contradiction.

>From the above argument we see that a convex quadrilateral satisfies the condition of the problem iff it is symmetric wrt one of its diagonals.

# VII GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF I.F.SHARYGIN

Final round. First day. 10th grade. Solutions.

1. (M.Rozhkova) In triangle  $ABC$  the midpoints of sides  $AC$ ,  $BC$ , vertex  $C$  and the centroid lie on the same circle. Prove that this circle touches the circle passing through  $A$ ,  $B$  and the orthocenter of triangle  $ABC$ .

**Solution.** Let point  $C'$  be the reflection of  $C$  in the midpoint of  $AB$ . Then points  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C'$  and the orthocenter  $H$  of  $ABC$  lie on the same circle. On the other hand, if  $A_0$ ,  $B_0$  are the midpoints of  $BC$ ,  $AC$ , then triangle  $A_0B_0C$  is homothetic to triangle  $ABC'$  wrt centroid  $M$  of  $ABC$  with coefficient  $-1/2$ . Thus the circumcircles of these triangles touch in  $M$  (fig.10.1).

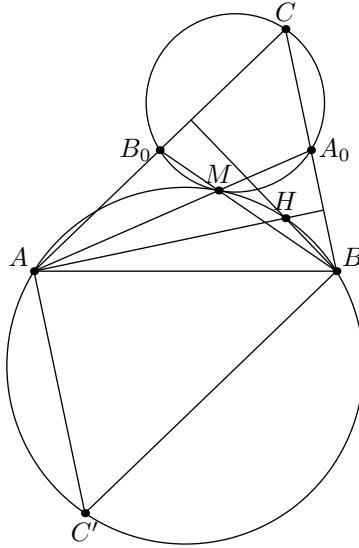


Fig.10.1

2. (L.Emelyanov) Quadrilateral  $ABCD$  is circumscribed. Its incircle touches sides  $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $CD$ ,  $DA$  in points  $K$ ,  $L$ ,  $M$ ,  $N$  respectively. Points  $A'$ ,  $B'$ ,  $C'$ ,  $D'$  are the midpoints of segments  $LM$ ,  $MN$ ,  $NK$ ,  $KL$ . Prove that the quadrilateral formed by lines  $AA'$ ,  $BB'$ ,  $CC'$ ,  $DD'$  is cyclic.

**Solution.** Let us begin with the assertion which follows from a simple calculation of angles.

**Lemma.** Points  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ ,  $D$  lie on the same circle iff the bisectors of angles formed by lines  $AB$  and  $CD$  are parallel to the bisectors of angles formed by lines  $AD$  and  $BC$ .

In fact, consider the case when  $ABCD$  is a convex quadrilateral, rays  $BA$  and  $DC$  meet in point  $E$ , rays  $DA$  and  $BC$  meet in point  $F$ . Then the angles between the bisectors of angles  $BED$  and  $BFD$  are equal to half-sums of opposite angles of the quadrilateral. This clearly yields the assertion of lemma. Another cases can be considered similarly.

Now let us turn to the solution of the problem. Let  $I$  be the incenter of  $ABCD$ ,  $r$  be the radius of its incircle. Then  $IC' \cdot IA = r^2 = IA' \cdot IC$ , i.e. points  $A$ ,  $C$ ,  $A'$ ,  $C'$  lie on the circle. By lemma, the bisectors of angles between  $AA'$  and  $CC'$  are parallel to the bisectors of angles between  $IA$  and  $IC$ , and hence to the bisectors of the angles between perpendicular lines  $KN$  and  $LM$ . Similarly the bisectors of the angles between  $BB'$  and

$DD'$  are parallel to the bisectors of the angles between  $KL$  and  $MN$ . Using again the lemma we obtain the assertion of the problem.

3. (A.Akopyan) Given two tetrahedrons  $A_1A_2A_3A_4$  and  $B_1B_2B_3B_4$ . Consider six pairs of edges  $A_iA_j$  and  $B_kB_l$ , where  $(i, j, k, l)$  is a transposition of numbers  $(1, 2, 3, 4)$  (for example  $A_1A_2$  and  $B_3B_4$ ). It is known that for all but one such pairs the edges are perpendicular. Prove that the edges in the remaining pair also are perpendicular.

**Solution.** Let us prove firstly the following lemma.

**Lemma.** Edges  $A_1A_2$  and  $B_3B_4$  are perpendicular iff the perpendiculars from points  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$  to planes  $B_2B_3B_4$  and  $B_1B_3B_4$  respectively intersect.

**Proof of Lemma.** Let  $A_1A_2 \perp B_3B_4$ . Then there exists a plane passing through  $A_1A_2$  and perpendicular to  $B_3B_4$ . The perpendiculars from the condition of Lemma lie on this plane and hence intersect. Conversely, if the perpendiculars intersect then the plane containing them is perpendicular to  $B_3B_4$  and passes through  $A_1A_2$ .

Now let  $A_1A_2 \perp B_3B_4$ ,  $A_1A_3 \perp B_2B_4$ ,  $A_2A_3 \perp B_1B_4$ . Then any two of three perpendiculars from  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$ ,  $A_3$  to the corresponding faces of  $B_1B_2B_3B_4$  intersect. Since these three perpendicular aren't coplanar, this yields that they have a common point. Thus if the condition of the problem is true then all four perpendiculars from the vertices of one tetrahedron to the corresponding faces of the other have a common point and the edges in the sixth pair are perpendicular.

4. (V.Mokin) Point  $D$  lies on the side  $AB$  of triangle  $ABC$ . The circle inscribed in angle  $ADC$  touches internally the circumcircle of triangle  $ACD$ . Another circle inscribed in angle  $BDC$  touches internally the circumcircle of triangle  $BCD$ . These two circles touch segment  $CD$  in the same point  $X$ . Prove that the perpendicular from  $X$  to  $AB$  passes through the incenter of triangle  $ABC$ .

**Solution.** Firstly prove next lemma.

**Lemma.** Let a circle touch sides  $AC$ ,  $BC$  of triangle  $ABC$  in points  $U$ ,  $V$  and touch internally its circumcircle in point  $T$ . Then line  $UV$  passes through the incenter  $I$  of triangle  $ABC$ .

**Proof of Lemma.** Let lines  $TU$ ,  $TV$  intersect the circumcircle again in points  $X$ ,  $Y$ . Since circles  $ABC$  and  $TUV$  are homothetic with center  $T$ , points  $X$ ,  $Y$  are the midpoints of arcs  $AC$ ,  $BC$ , i.e. lines  $AY$  and  $BX$  meet in point  $I$  (fig.10.4.1). Thus the assertion of the lemma follows from Pascal theorem applied to hexagon  $AYTXBC$ .

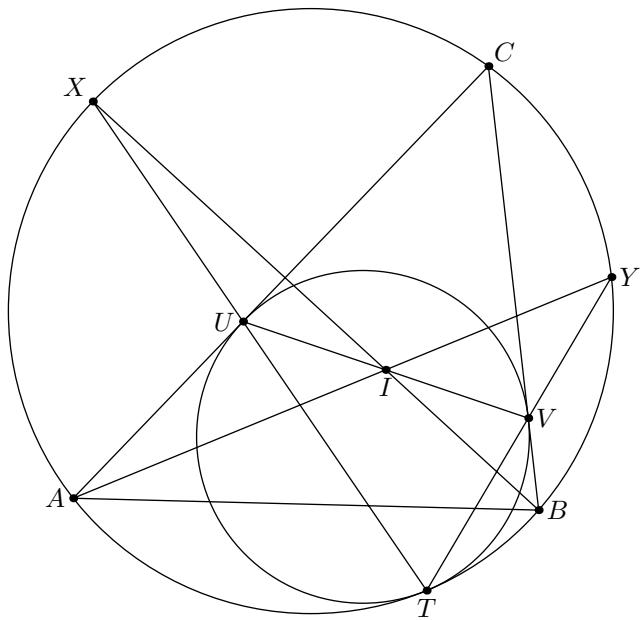


Fig.10.4.1

>From lemma and the condition of the problem we obtain that  $DI_1XI_2$ , where  $I_1, I_2$  are the incenters of triangles  $ACD, BCD$ , is the rectangle (fig.10.4.2.). Let  $Y, C_1, C_2$  be the projections of points  $X, I_1, I_2$  to  $AB$ . Then  $BY - AY = BC_2 + C_2Y - AC_1 - C_1Y = (BC_2 - DC_2) - (AC_1 - DC_1) = (BC - CD) - (AC - CD) = BC - AC$ . Thus  $Y$  is the touching point of  $AB$  with the incircle.

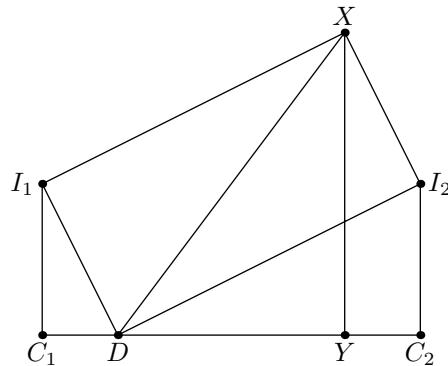


Fig.10.4.2

# VII GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF I.F.SHARYGIN

Final round. Second day. 10th grade. Solutions.

5. (A.Blinkov) The touching point of the excircle with the side of a triangle and the base of the altitude to this side are symmetric wrt the base of the corresponding bisector. Prove that this side is equal to one third of the perimeter.

**Solution.** By condition the radius  $r_c$  of the excircle touching side  $AB$  of triangle  $ABC$  is equal to altitude  $h_c$ . Since the square of the triangle equals  $S = (p - c)r_c = ch_c/2$ , we have  $c = 2(p - c) = 2p/3$ .

6. (M.Rozhkova) Prove that for any nonisosceles triangle  $l_1^2 > \sqrt{3}S > l_2^2$ , where  $l_1, l_2$  are the greatest and the smallest bisectors of the triangle and  $S$  is its area.

**Solution.** Let  $a > b > c$  be the sidelengths of the triangle. Then  $l_2$  is the bisector of angle  $A$  and  $S = bc \sin A/2 = (b + c)l_2 \sin \frac{A}{2}/2$ . Thus we can write down the right inequality as  $\sqrt{3}(b + c) \sin \frac{A}{2}/2 > 2bc \cos \frac{A}{2}/(b + c)$  or  $\sqrt{3} \operatorname{tg} \frac{A}{2} > 4bc/(b + c)^2$ . But  $\pi/6 < A/2 < \pi/2$ , thus the left part is greater than 1, and the right part is less than 1 by Cauchy inequality.

Since  $C < \pi/3$ , we have  $\sqrt{3}S < 3ab/4$ . On the other hand  $l_1^2 = 4a^2b^2 \cos^2 \frac{C}{2}/(a + b)^2 = 2a^2b^2(1 + \cos C)/(a + b)^2$ . Since  $b > c$ , we have  $\cos C > a/2b$  and  $l_1^2 > a^2b(a + 2b)/(a + b)^2$ . Thus the left inequality follows from  $a(a + 2b)/(a + b)^2 = 1 - b^2/(a + b)^2 > 3/4$ .

7. (G.Feldman) Point  $O$  is the circumcenter of acute-angled triangle  $ABC$ , points  $A_1, B_1, C_1$  are the bases of its altitudes. Points  $A', B', C'$  lying on lines  $OA_1, OB_1, OC_1$  respectively are such that quadrilaterals  $AOBC'$ ,  $BOCA'$ ,  $COAB'$  are cyclic. Prove that the circumcircles of triangles  $AA_1A'$ ,  $BB_1B'$ ,  $CC_1C'$  have a common point.

**Solution.** Let  $H$  be the orthocenter of  $ABC$ . Then  $AH \cdot HA_1 = BH \cdot HB_1 = CH \cdot CH_1$ , i.e. the degrees of point  $H$  wrt circles  $AA_1A'$ ,  $BB_1B'$ ,  $CC_1C'$  are equal and  $H$  lies inside these circles. On the other hand  $\angle BC'O = \angle BAO = \angle OBC_1$ , i.e. triangles  $OC'B$  and  $OBC_1$  are similar and  $OC_1 \cdot OC' = OB_0^2$  (fig.10.7). Thus the degrees of point  $O$  wrt all three circles are also equal, so these circles meet in two points lying on line  $OH$ .

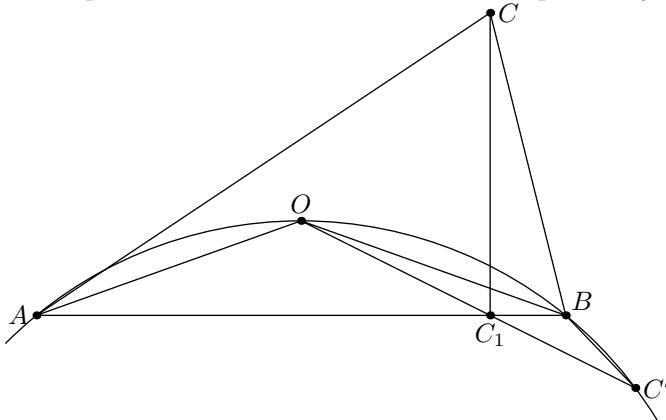


Fig.10.7

8. (S.Tokarev) Given a sheet of tin  $6 \times 6$ . It is allowed to bend it and to cut it but in such a way that it doesn't fall to pieces. How to make a cube with edge 2, divided by partitions into unit cubes?

**Solution.** The sought development is presented on Fig.10.8. Bold lines describe the cuts, thin and dotted lines describe the bends up and down. The central  $2 \times 2$  square corresponds to the horizontal partition of the cube.

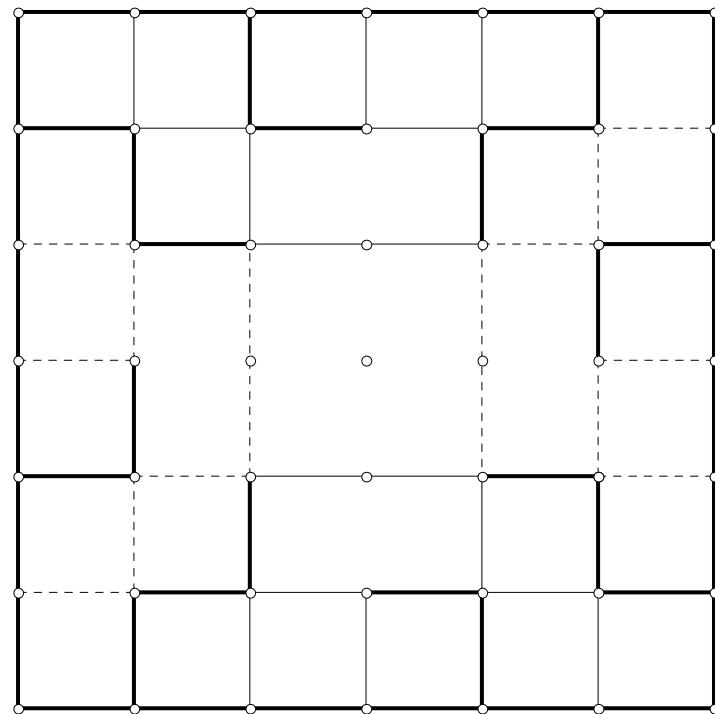


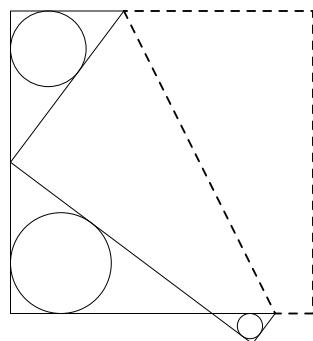
Fig.10.8.

# VIII Geometrical Olympiad in honour of I.F.Sharygin

## Final round. First day. 8 form

Ratmino, 2012, July 31

1. Let  $M$  be the midpoint of the base  $AC$  of an acute-angled isosceles triangle  $ABC$ . Let  $N$  be the reflection of  $M$  in  $BC$ . The line parallel to  $AC$  and passing through  $N$  meets  $AB$  at point  $K$ . Determine the value of  $\angle AKC$ .
2. In a triangle  $ABC$  the bisectors  $BB'$  and  $CC'$  are drawn. After that, the whole picture except the points  $A$ ,  $B'$ , and  $C'$  is erased. Restore the triangle using a compass and a ruler.
3. A paper square was bent by a line in such way that one vertex came to a side not containing this vertex. Three circles are inscribed into three obtained triangles (see Figure). Prove that one of their radii is equal to the sum of the two remaining ones.



4. Let  $ABC$  be an isosceles triangle with  $\angle B = 120^\circ$ . Points  $P$  and  $Q$  are chosen on the prolongations of segments  $AB$  and  $CB$  beyond point  $B$  so that the lines  $AQ$  and  $CP$  are perpendicular to each other. Prove that  $\angle PQB = 2\angle PCQ$ .

# VIII Geometrical Olympiad in honour of I.F.Sharygin

## Final round. First day. 9 form.

*Ratmino, 2012, July 31*

1. The altitudes  $AA_1$  and  $BB_1$  of an acute-angled triangle  $ABC$  meet at point  $O$ . Let  $A_1A_2$  and  $B_1B_2$  be the altitudes of triangles  $OBA_1$  and  $OAB_1$  respectively. Prove that  $A_2B_2$  is parallel to  $AB$ .
2. Three parallel lines passing through the vertices  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  of triangle  $ABC$  meet its circumcircle again at points  $A_1$ ,  $B_1$ , and  $C_1$  respectively. Points  $A_2$ ,  $B_2$ , and  $C_2$  are the reflections of points  $A_1$ ,  $B_1$ , and  $C_1$  in  $BC$ ,  $CA$ , and  $AB$  respectively. Prove that the lines  $AA_2$ ,  $BB_2$ ,  $CC_2$  are concurrent.
3. In triangle  $ABC$ , the bisector  $CL$  was drawn. The incircles of triangles  $CAL$  and  $CBL$  touch  $AB$  at points  $M$  and  $N$  respectively. Points  $M$  and  $N$  are marked on the picture, and then the whole picture except the points  $A$ ,  $L$ ,  $M$ , and  $N$  is erased. Restore the triangle using a compass and a ruler.
4. Determine all integer  $n > 3$  for which a regular  $n$ -gon can be divided into equal triangles by several (possibly intersecting) diagonals.

# VIII Geometrical Olympiad in honour of I.F.Sharygin

## Final round. First day. 10 form.

*Ratmino, 2012, July 31*

1. Determine all integer  $n$  such that a surface of an  $n \times n \times n$  grid cube can be pasted in one layer by paper  $1 \times 2$  rectangles so that each rectangle has exactly five neighbors (by a line segment).
2. We say that a point inside a triangle is *good* if the lengths of the cevians passing through this point are inversely proportional to the respective side lengths. Find all the triangles for which the number of good points is maximal.
3. Let  $M$  and  $I$  be the centroid and the incenter of a scalene triangle  $ABC$ , and let  $r$  be its inradius. Prove that  $MI = r/3$  if and only if  $MI$  is perpendicular to one of the sides of the triangle.
4. Consider a square. Find the locus of midpoints of the hypotenuses of right-angled triangles with the vertices lying on three different sides of the square and not coinciding with its vertices.

# VIII Geometrical Olympiad in honour of I.F.Sharygin

## Final round. Second day. 8 form.

*Ratmino, 2012, August 1*

5. Do there exist a convex quadrilateral and a point  $P$  inside it such that the sum of distances from  $P$  to the vertices of the quadrilateral is greater than its perimeter?
6. Let  $\omega$  be the circumcircle of triangle  $ABC$ . A point  $B_1$  is chosen on the prolongation of side  $AB$  beyond point  $B$  so that  $AB_1 = AC$ . The angle bisector of  $\angle BAC$  meets  $\omega$  again at point  $W$ . Prove that the orthocenter of triangle  $AWB_1$  lies on  $\omega$ .
7. The altitudes  $AA_1$  and  $CC_1$  of an acute-angled triangle  $ABC$  meet at point  $H$ . Point  $Q$  is the reflection of the midpoint of  $AC$  in line  $AA_1$ ; point  $P$  is the midpoint of segment  $A_1C_1$ . Prove that  $\angle QPH = 90^\circ$ .
8. A square is divided into several (greater than one) convex polygons with mutually different numbers of sides. Prove that one of these polygons is a triangle.

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## Final round. Second day. 9 form.

*Ratmino, 2012, August 1*

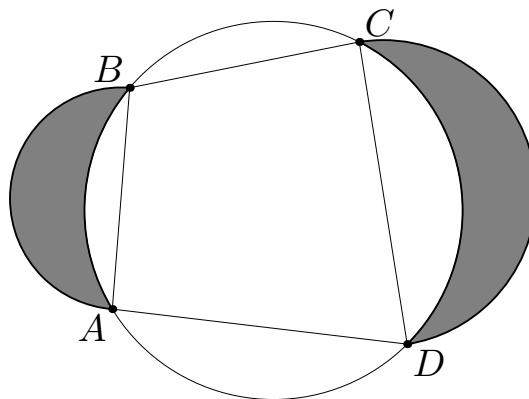
5. Let  $ABC$  be an isosceles right-angled triangle. Point  $D$  is chosen on the prolongation of the hypotenuse  $AB$  beyond point  $A$  so that  $AB = 2AD$ . Points  $M$  and  $N$  on side  $AC$  satisfy the relation  $AM = NC$ . Point  $K$  is chosen on the prolongation of  $CB$  beyond point  $B$  so that  $CN = BK$ . Determine the angle between lines  $NK$  and  $DM$ .
6. Let  $ABC$  be an isosceles triangle with  $BC = a$  and  $AB = AC = b$ . Segment  $AC$  is the base of an isosceles triangle  $ADC$  with  $AD = DC = a$  such that points  $D$  and  $B$  share the opposite sides of  $AC$ . Let  $CM$  and  $CN$  be the bisectors in triangles  $ABC$  and  $ADC$  respectively. Determine the circumradius of triangle  $CMN$ .
7. A convex pentagon  $P$  is divided by all its diagonals into ten triangles and one smaller pentagon  $P'$ . Let  $N$  be the sum of areas of five triangles adjacent to the sides of  $P$  decreased by the area of  $P'$ . The same operations are performed with the pentagon  $P'$ ; let  $N'$  be the similar difference calculated for this pentagon. Prove that  $N > N'$ .
8. Let  $AH$  be an altitude of an acute-angled triangle  $ABC$ . Points  $K$  and  $L$  are the projections of  $H$  onto sides  $AB$  and  $AC$ . The circumcircle of  $ABC$  meets line  $KL$  at points  $P$  and  $Q$ , and meets line  $AH$  at points  $A$  and  $T$ . Prove that  $H$  is the incenter of triangle  $PQT$ .

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## Final round. Second day. 10 form.

Ratmino, 2012, August 1

5. A quadrilateral  $ABCD$  with perpendicular diagonals is inscribed into a circle  $\omega$ . Two arcs  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  with diameters  $AB$  and  $CD$  lie outside  $\omega$ . Consider two crescents formed by the circle  $\omega$  and the arcs  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  (see Figure). Prove that the maximal radii of the circles inscribed into these crescents are equal.



6. Consider a tetrahedron  $ABCD$ . A point  $X$  is chosen outside the tetrahedron so that segment  $XD$  intersects face  $ABC$  in its interior point. Let  $A'$ ,  $B'$ , and  $C'$  be the projections of  $D$  onto the planes  $XBC$ ,  $XCA$ , and  $XAB$  respectively. Prove that  $A'B' + B'C' + C'A' \leq DA + DB + DC$ .
7. Consider a triangle  $ABC$ . The tangent line to its circumcircle at point  $C$  meets line  $AB$  at point  $D$ . The tangent lines to the circumcircle of triangle  $ACD$  at points  $A$  and  $C$  meet at point  $K$ . Prove that line  $DK$  bisects segment  $BC$ .
8. A point  $M$  lies on the side  $BC$  of square  $ABCD$ . Let  $X$ ,  $Y$ , and  $Z$  be the incenters of triangles  $ABM$ ,  $CMD$ , and  $AMD$  respectively. Let  $H_x$ ,  $H_y$ , and  $H_z$  be the orthocenters of triangles  $AXB$ ,  $CYD$ , and  $AZD$ . Prove that  $H_x$ ,  $H_y$ , and  $H_z$  are collinear.

# VIII Geometrical Olympiad in honour of I.F.Sharygin

## Final round. First day. 8th form. Solutions

1. (A.Blinkov) Let  $M$  be the midpoint of the base  $AC$  of an acute-angled isosceles triangle  $ABC$ . Let  $N$  be the reflection of  $M$  in  $BC$ . The line parallel to  $AC$  and passing through  $N$  meets  $AB$  at point  $K$ . Determine the value of  $\angle AKC$ .

**Answer.**  $90^\circ$ .

**Solution.** Let  $L$  be the common point of  $NK$  and  $BC$  (see Fig. 8.1). By means of the symmetry in  $BC$  we obtain  $AM = MC = CN$  and  $\angle MCB = \angle NCB$ . Next, since  $LN \parallel AC$ , we have  $\angle CNL = \angle LCM$ , hence the triangle  $CNL$  is isosceles, and  $LN = CN = AM$ . Thus, the segments  $AM$  and  $LN$  are parallel and equal, hence the quadrilateral  $ALNM$  is a parallelogram, and  $AL \parallel MN \perp LC$ . Finally, by the symmetry in  $BM$  we get  $\angle AKC = \angle ALC = 90^\circ$ .

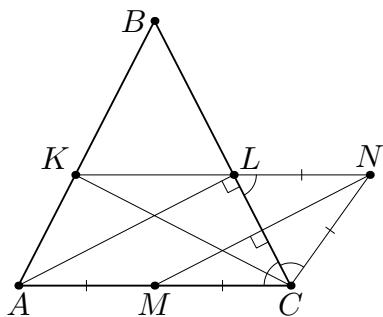


Figure 8.1

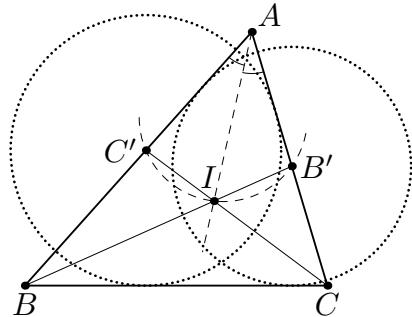


Figure 8.2

2. (A.Karlyuchenko) In a triangle  $ABC$  the bisectors  $BB'$  and  $CC'$  are drawn. After that, the whole picture except the points  $A$ ,  $B'$ , and  $C'$  is erased. Restore the triangle using a compass and a ruler.

**First solution.** Let  $I$  be the incenter of triangle  $ABC$ . Then  $\angle B'IC' = 180^\circ - (\angle IBC + \angle ICB) = 90^\circ + \frac{1}{2}\angle B'AC'$ . So, denoting by  $O$  the center of the circumcircle  $\omega$  of triangle  $BCI$ , we get  $\angle B'OC' = 180^\circ - \angle B'AC'$ . Hence one can successively reconstruct points  $O$  and  $I$  (the latter is the meeting point of the smaller arc  $B'C'$  of  $\omega$  with the bisector of  $\angle B'AC'$ , see Fig. 8.2). Finally, the points  $B$  and  $C$  can be reconstructed and the meeting points of  $B'I$ ,  $AC'$  and  $C'I$ ,  $AB'$  respectively.

**Second solution.** Since  $BB'$  is the bisector of  $\angle B$ , the point  $B'$  is equidistant from the lines  $BC$  and  $AB$ . Hence the circle with center  $B'$  tangent to  $AC'$  is also tangent to  $BC$ . Analogously, line  $BC$  is tangent to the circle with center  $C'$  touching  $AB'$  (see Fig. 8.2). So, to reconstruct the points  $B$  and  $C$ , it is sufficient to draw a common outer tangent to these two circles (sharing different sides of  $B'C'$  with  $A$ ) and to find its common points with  $AB'$  and  $AC'$ .

3. (L.Steingarts) A paper square was bent by a line in such way that one vertex came to a side not containing this vertex. Three circles are inscribed into three obtained triangles (see Figure). Prove that one of their radii is equal to the sum of the two remaining ones.

**Solution.** Assume that square  $ABCD$  is bent by line  $XY$ ; denote the resulting points as in Fig. 8.3.2. Recall that in any right triangle, the incenter, the points of tangency of the

incircle with the legs, and the vertex of the right angle form a square; hence the inradius is equal to the segment of the tangent line from that vertex. Hence the indiameters of triangles  $UDX$ ,  $UAP$ , and  $PVY$  are  $d_1 = UD + DX - XU$ ,  $d_2 = UA + AP - UP$ , and  $d_3 = PV + VY - PY$  respectively. Denote  $a = AB$  and notice that  $UX = XC$  and  $VY = YB$ ; therefore we obtain

$$d_1 + d_3 - d_2 = DU + (a - CX) - CX + PV + BY - PY - (a - DU) - (a - PY - BY) + (a - PV) = \\ = 2(DU + BY - CX).$$

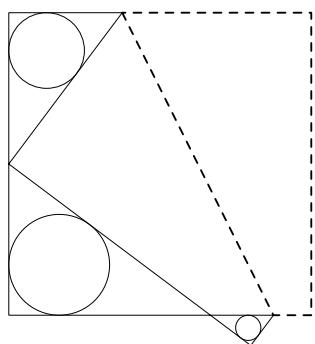


Figure 8.3.1

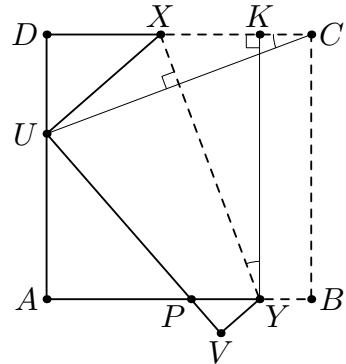


Figure 8.3.2

Let  $K$  be the projection of  $Y$  onto  $CD$ . The points  $C$  and  $U$  are symmetrical with respect to  $XY$ , hence  $XY \perp CU$ , and  $\angle DCU = \angle KYX$ . Moreover,  $KY = CD = a$ . Consequently, the right triangles  $CDU$  and  $YKX$  are congruent, hence  $DU = KX = CX - CK = CX - BY$ . This means exactly that  $d_1 + d_3 - d_2 = 0$ .

**Remark.** In the first part of the solution, one may also argue as follows. The right triangles  $DXY$ ,  $VYP$ , and  $AUP$  are similar; hence the ratios of their inradii are the same as the ratios of their respective legs. Hence it suffices to prove the equality  $DX + VY = AU$ , or, equivalently,  $DX + CK = a - DU$ . The last relation follows from the relation  $DU = KX$  which is proved in the second part of the Solution.

4. (A.Akopyan, D.Shvetsov) Let  $ABC$  be an isosceles triangle with  $\angle B = 120^\circ$ . Points  $P$  and  $Q$  are chosen on the prolongations of segments  $AB$  and  $CB$  beyond point  $B$  so that the rays  $AQ$  and  $CP$  intersect and are perpendicular to each other. Prove that  $\angle PQB = 2\angle PCQ$ .

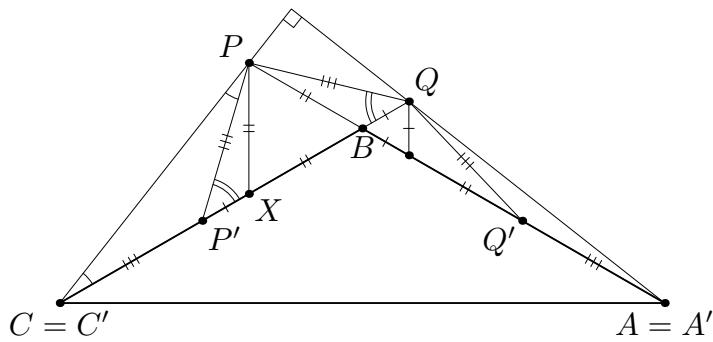


Figure 8.4

**Solution.** Let us choose points  $X$  and  $Q'$  on ray  $BC$  so that  $BX = BP$  and  $BQ' = BP + BQ$ . Then triangle  $BPX$  is isosceles, and one of its angles is equal  $60^\circ$ ; hence

it is equilateral, so  $PX = BP$  and  $\angle PXQ' = 120^\circ$ . Then triangles  $PBQ$  and  $PXQ'$  are congruent by SAS, hence  $PQ' = PQ$  and  $\angle PQ'B = \angle PQB$ . Analogously, choosing point  $P'$  on ray  $BA$  so that  $BP' = BP + BQ$ , we get  $QP' = QP$  and  $\angle QP'B = \angle QPB$  (see Fig. 8.4).

Now let us prolongate segments  $BP'$  and  $BQ'$  beyond the points  $P'$  and  $Q'$  by the length  $Q'A' = P'C' = PQ$ . Then we have  $BA' = BP' + P'A' = BP + BQ + PQ = BQ' + Q'C' = BC'$ . Now, triangles  $QP'A'$  and  $PQ'C'$  are isosceles, so  $\angle P'A'Q + \angle Q'C'P = \frac{1}{2}(\angle QP'B + \angle PQ'B) = \frac{1}{2}(\angle BPQ + \angle BQP) = 30^\circ$ . Hence the angle formed by the lines  $QA'$  and  $PC'$  is equal to  $180^\circ - (\angle P'A'Q + \angle Q'C'P + \angle BA'C' + \angle BC'A') = 90^\circ$ . But, if  $BA' = BC' < BA$ , then this angle should be less than  $90^\circ$ , and if  $BA' > BA$ , then it should be greater than  $90^\circ$ . So we obtain  $A' = A$ ,  $C' = C$ , and  $\angle PQB = \angle PQ'B = 2\angle PCQ'$ , QED.

# VIII Geometrical Olympiad in honour of I.F.Sharygin

## Final round. Second day. 8th form. Solutions

5. (A.Akopyan) Do there exist a convex quadrilateral and a point  $P$  inside it such that the sum of distances from  $P$  to the vertices of the quadrilateral is greater than its perimeter?

**Answer.** Yes.

**Solution.** Consider a quadrilateral  $ABCD$  such that  $AD = BD = CD = x$ ,  $AB = BC = y < x/4$ , and a point  $P$  on the diagonal  $BD$  such that  $PD = y$  (see Fig. 8.5). Then we have  $PB + PD = BD = x$  and  $PA = PC > AD - PD = x - y$ , hence  $PA + PB + PC + PD > 3x - 2y > 2x + 2y = AB + BC + CD + DA$ .

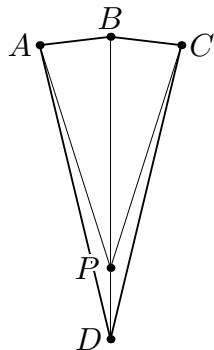


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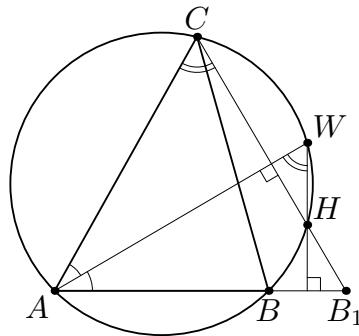


Figure 8.6

6. (A.Tumanyan) Let  $\omega$  be the circumcircle of triangle  $ABC$ . A point  $B_1$  is chosen on the prolongation of side  $AB$  beyond point  $B$  so that  $AB_1 = AC$ . The angle bisector of  $\angle BAC$  meets  $\omega$  again at point  $W$ . Prove that the orthocenter of triangle  $AWB_1$  lies on  $\omega$ .

**Solution.** Let  $H$  be the second point of intersection of line  $CB_1$  with  $\omega$ . Since  $AW$  is an angle bisector in the isosceles triangle  $AB_1C$ , we have  $B_1H \perp AW$ . If the points  $C$  and  $W$  share a common side of  $AH$ , then  $\angle AWH = \angle ACH = 90^\circ - \angle CAW = 90^\circ - \angle WAB$ , which implies  $WH \perp AB_1$  (see Fig. 8.6). If they share different sides, then  $\angle AWH = 180^\circ - \angle ACH = 90^\circ + \angle WAB$ , which again follows  $WH \perp AB_1$ . Finally, if these points coincide, then triangle  $AWB_1$  is right-angled, and  $H = W$  is its orthocenter.

Thus, in any case point  $H$  lies on two altitudes of triangle  $AWB_1$ ; hence  $H$  is its orthocenter.

7. (D.Shvetsov) The altitudes  $AA_1$  and  $CC_1$  of an acute-angled triangle  $ABC$  meet at point  $H$ . Point  $Q$  is the reflection of the midpoint of  $AC$  in line  $AA_1$ ; point  $P$  is the midpoint of segment  $A_1C_1$ . Prove that  $\angle QPH = 90^\circ$ .

**First solution.** Let  $K$  be the midpoint of  $AC$ . Since  $KQ \parallel BC$ , the line  $KQ$  bisects the altitude  $AA_1$ . So, the diagonals of quadrilateral  $AKA_1Q$  bisect each other and are perpendicular to each other, thus this quadrilateral is a rhombus. Moreover, from the symmetry we have  $HQ = HK$ .

Analogously, let  $R$  be the reflection of  $K$  in  $CC_1$ ; then  $CKC_1R$  is a rhombus, and  $HQ = HR$  (see Fig. 8.7.1). So the segments  $A_1Q$ ,  $AK$ ,  $KC$ , and  $C_1R$  are parallel and equal, hence  $QA_1RC_1$  is a parallelogram, and  $P$  is a midpoint of  $RQ$ . Consequently,  $HP$  is a median, and thus an altitude, in the isosceles triangle  $HQR$ , QED.

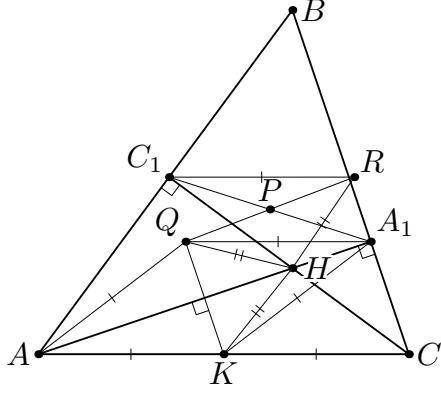


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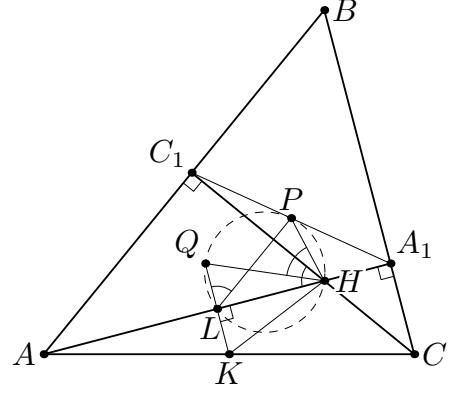


Figure 8.7.2

**Second solution.** Let  $L$  be the midpoint of  $AA_1$ . Then  $PL$  is a midline in the triangle  $AA_1C_1$ , so  $\angle PLH = \angle BAA_1$ , and hence  $\angle PLQ = 90^\circ - \angle PLH = \angle C_1HA$ . On the other hand, points  $A_1$  and  $C_1$  lie on the circle with diameter  $AC$ ; therefore the triangles  $A_1C_1H$  and  $CAH$  are similar; hence the two angles  $\angle PHC_1$  and  $\angle KHA$  formed by their respective sides and medians are equal. Thus,  $\angle QHA = \angle KHA = \angle PHC_1$ , therefore  $\angle PHQ = \angle C_1HA$  (see Fig. 8.7.2). So,  $\angle PHQ = \angle C_1HA = \angle PLQ$ , which implies that the points  $P, Q, L$ , and  $H$  are concyclic, and  $\angle QPH = 180^\circ - \angle QLH = 90^\circ$ .

8. (A.Zaslavsky) A square is divided into several (greater than one) convex polygons with mutually different numbers of sides. Prove that one of these polygons is a triangle.

**Solution.** Suppose that a square is cut into  $n$  polygons. Then each of these polygons has at most one side lying on each side of the square; next, it shares at most one side with any of the other polygons. So the total number of its edges is at most  $4 + (n - 1) = n + 3$ .

Thus, the number of sides of any polygon lies in the interval  $[3, n + 3]$ . If none of them is a triangle, then the numbers of sides should be equal to  $4, 5, \dots, n + 3$ . So, there exists an  $n + 3$ -gon, and it should share a segment with every side of the square. Therefore, any other polygon can share the segments with at most two sides of the square, and the number of its sides is at most  $2 + (n - 1) = n + 1$ . Hence there is no  $(n + 2)$ -gon; a contradiction.

# VIII Geometrical Olympiad in honour of I.F.Sharygin

## Final round. First day. 9th form. Solutions

1. (L.Steingarts) The altitudes  $AA_1$  and  $BB_1$  of an acute-angled triangle  $ABC$  meet at point  $O$ . Let  $A_1A_2$  and  $B_1B_2$  be the altitudes of triangles  $OBA_1$  and  $OAB_1$  respectively. Prove that  $A_2B_2$  is parallel to  $AB$ .

**Solution.** By  $\angle CAA_1 = 90^\circ - \angle ACB = \angle CBB_1$ , the right triangles  $OA_1B$  and  $OB_1A$  are similar (see Fig. 9.1). So, their altitudes  $A_1A_2$  and  $B_1B_2$  divide the sides  $OB$  and  $OA$  in the same ratio. This exactly means that  $A_2B_2 \parallel AB$ .

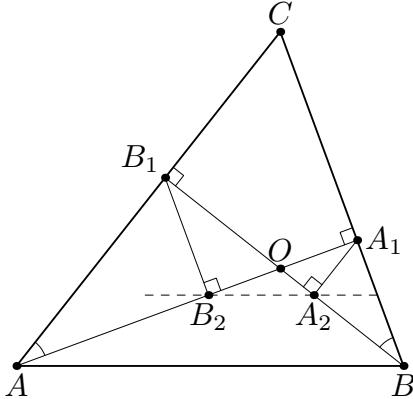


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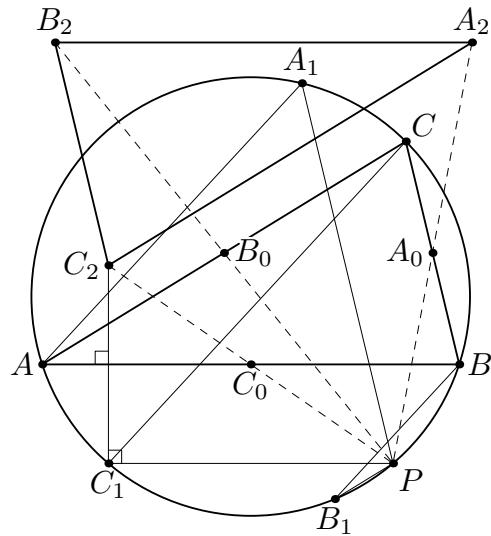


Figure 9.2

2. (D.Shvetsov, A.Zaslavsky) Three parallel lines passing through the vertices  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  of triangle  $ABC$  meet its circumcircle again at points  $A_1$ ,  $B_1$ , and  $C_1$  respectively. Points  $A_2$ ,  $B_2$ , and  $C_2$  are the reflections of points  $A_1$ ,  $B_1$ , and  $C_1$  in  $BC$ ,  $CA$ , and  $AB$  respectively. Prove that the lines  $AA_2$ ,  $BB_2$ ,  $CC_2$  are concurrent.

**Solution.** Let  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  be the lines drawn through the points  $A_1$ ,  $B_1$  and  $C_1$  and parallel to  $BC$ ,  $CA$ , and  $AB$  respectively. We claim that these lines are concurrent, and their concurrency point lies on the circumcircle of  $ABC$ . Let  $c$  intersect the circumcircle at  $C_1$  and  $P$  (if  $c$  is tangent to the circumcircle, then  $P = C_1$ ). Then from  $AB \parallel C_1P$  and  $AA_1 \parallel CC_1$  we obtain  $\sphericalangle BP = \sphericalangle C_1A = \sphericalangle A_1C$  (here, by  $\sphericalangle XY$  we denote the measure of the arc passing from  $X$  to  $Y$  clockwise). This means exactly that  $A_1P \parallel BC$ , hence  $a$  passes through  $P$ . Analogously,  $b$  also passes through  $P$  (see Fig. 9.2).

Next, the points  $C_1$  and  $P$  are symmetrical in the perpendicular bisector of  $AB$ , while the points  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are symmetrical in  $AB$ ; this implies that the points  $P$  and  $C_2$  are symmetrical about the midpoint  $C_0$  of the segment  $AB$ . Analogously, the points  $A_2$  and  $B_2$  are symmetrical to  $P$  about the midpoints  $A_0$  and  $B_0$  of the other two sides of  $ABC$ . Thus,  $\overrightarrow{A_2B_2} = 2\overrightarrow{A_0B_0} = -\overrightarrow{AB}$  and analogously  $\overrightarrow{A_2C_2} = -\overrightarrow{AC}$ ,  $\overrightarrow{B_2C_2} = -\overrightarrow{BC}$ . Therefore the triangles  $ABC$  and  $A_2B_2C_2$  are centrally symmetric to each other, and the lines connecting their respective vertices are concurrent at the symmetry center.

3. (V.Protasov) In triangle  $ABC$ , the bisector  $CL$  was drawn. The incircles of triangles  $CAL$  and  $CBL$  touch  $AB$  at points  $M$  and  $N$  respectively. Points  $M$  and  $N$  are marked on the picture, and then the whole picture except the points  $A$ ,  $L$ ,  $M$ , and  $N$  is erased. Restore the triangle using a compass and a ruler.

**First solution.** Let  $K$  be the tangency point of the incircle of  $ABC$  with the side  $AB$  (clearly, point  $K$  lies on the segment  $MN$ ). Notice that

$$MK = AK - AM = \frac{AB + AC - BC}{2} - \frac{AL + AC - LC}{2} = \frac{BL + LC - BC}{2} = LN.$$

Next, let  $I_a$ ,  $I_b$ , and  $I$  be the centers of the incircles  $\omega_a$ ,  $\omega_b$ , and  $\omega$  of triangles  $ACL$ ,  $BCL$ , and  $ABC$  respectively. By the angle bisector property, we get  $\frac{AL}{IL} = \frac{AI_a}{I_a I} = \frac{AM}{MK}$ , so  $IL = \frac{AL \cdot MN}{AM}$ .

Now we are ready to restore the triangle. It is easy to reconstruct successively points  $X$ ,  $I$  (as the meeting point of the perpendicular to  $MN$  at  $K$  and a circle with center  $L$ ), then  $I_a$  and  $I_b$  (as the meeting points of the bisectors of  $\angle ALI$  and  $\angle CLI$  with the perpendiculars to segment  $MN$  at its endpoints), then the circles  $\omega_a$  and  $\omega_b$  and, finally, the points  $C$  (the intersection of the tangents to  $\omega_a$  drawn from  $A$  and  $L$ ) and  $B$  (as the intersection of  $MN$  with a tangent to  $\omega_b$  from  $C$ ).

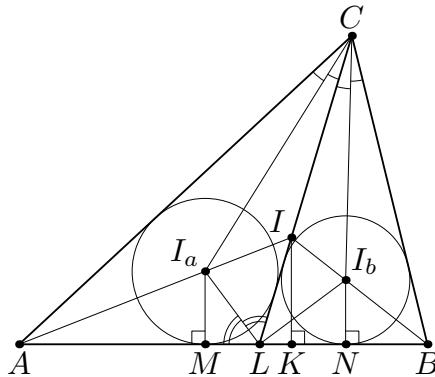


Figure 9.3

**Second solution.** First, let us prove the relation  $1/AM + 1/ML = 1/LN + 1/NB$ . Denote by  $x = AC$ ,  $y = CL$ ,  $z = LA$  the side lengths of triangle  $ACL$ , by  $p$ ,  $S$ , and  $r$  its semiperimeter, area, and inradius respectively, and by  $h$  the distance from  $C$  to line  $AB$ . Then we have  $\frac{1}{AM} + \frac{1}{ML} = \frac{1}{p-y} + \frac{1}{p-x} = \frac{z}{(p-x)(p-y)}$ . Next, by the formula  $\frac{S^2}{p(p-z)} = \frac{rp \cdot zh/2}{p(p-z)}$ , which implies  $\frac{1}{AM} + \frac{1}{ML} = \frac{2(p-z)}{rh} = \frac{2}{h \tan(\angle ACL/2)}$ . Now notice that in the triangle  $BCL$ , the angle at  $C$  is the same, hence the value of  $1/LN + 1/NB$  is the same.

Thus, knowing the lengths of segments  $AM$ ,  $ML$ , and  $LN$ , we may reconstruct the length of  $NB$  and hence the point  $B$ . Further, from the relations  $AC - CL = AM - LM$  and  $BC - CL = BN - LN$  we get the difference  $AC - BC = AM - LM - BN + LN = p$  of  $AC$  and  $BC$ , while the relation  $AC/BC = AL/BL = q$  provides their ratio. Now it is easy to find the side lengths  $AC = \frac{p}{q-1}$  and  $BC = \frac{pq}{q-1}$ , and to reconstruct the triangle.

4. (B.Frenkin) Determine all integer  $n > 3$  for which a regular  $n$ -gon can be divided into equal triangles by several (possibly intersecting) diagonals.

**Answer.** All even  $n$ .

**First solution.** If  $n = 2k$ , then one may draw  $k$  main diagonals cutting the polygon into  $n$  congruent triangles.

Assume now that such cutting exists for some odd  $n$ . Consider the obtained triangles sharing a side with the initial  $n$ -gon  $P$ . All their angles opposite to these sides are equal; denote their value by  $\alpha$ , and denote two other angles of an obtained triangle by  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$ . Two cases are possible.

*Case 1.* Assume that the angles  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  are different, say,  $\beta < \gamma$ . We call a side of  $n$ -gon  $\beta$ -side or  $\gamma$ -side according to the angle of the triangle at its left endpoint (if observing from the center of  $P$ ). Choose any  $\beta$ -side  $b$ , and consider the other side of angle  $\beta$  in the triangle adjacent to  $b$ . This side belongs to some diagonal of  $P$ , and the other endpoint of this diagonal also forms angle  $\beta$  with some side  $c$  of  $P$  (see Fig. 9.4.1). This angle  $\beta$  cannot be cut into some smaller angles, otherwise the angle adjacent to  $c$  is smaller than  $\beta$ ; but it should be equal either to  $\beta$  or to  $\gamma > \beta$ , which is impossible.

Thus, this angle  $\beta$  belongs to a triangle with  $c$  as its side, and  $c$  is a  $\gamma$ -side; let us put  $b$  and  $c$  into correspondence. Conversely, considering angle  $\beta$  adjacent to any  $\gamma$ -side  $c$  we analogously find a  $\beta$ -side  $b$  corresponding to it. Thus all the sides are split into pairs, and their total number is even. A contradiction.

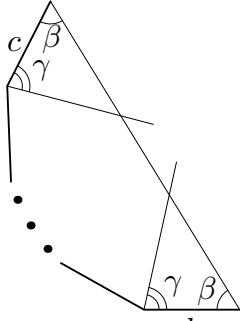


Figure 9.4.1

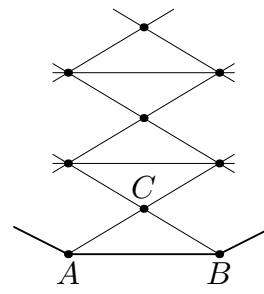


Figure 9.4.2

*Case 2.* Assume now that  $\beta = \gamma$ , and consider a triangle  $ABC$  containing the “bottom” side  $AB$  of  $P$ ; its angle at  $C$  is  $\alpha$ . The angle vertical to it is also  $\alpha$  and belongs to some different triangle, whose side opposite to  $C$  is equal and parallel to  $AB$ . On the other side of it we find another triangle, and so on. Thus we obtain some chain of triangles (see Fig. 9.4.2); consider the last triangle  $UVW$  in this chain. If its orientation is different from that of  $ABC$ , then its top side (which is parallel to  $AB$ ) is also a side of  $P$ , which is impossible for odd  $n$  (a regular  $n$ -gon has no parallel sides). Otherwise, the angle at the top vertex  $W$  is  $\alpha$ , and  $W$  is a vertex of  $P$ . Then the sides  $UV$  and  $VW$  are (simultaneously) either sides of  $P$  or parts of its diagonals. In the first subcase we get  $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 60^\circ$ , so the angle of  $n$ -gon is  $60^\circ$ , which is impossible since  $n > 3$ . In the second subcase, the angle of  $P$  contains (as minimum) the angle equal to  $\alpha$  and two angles equal  $\beta$  (adjacent to the sides sharing the vertex  $W$ ); thus  $\alpha + 2\beta < 180^\circ$ . But  $\alpha + 2\beta = 180^\circ$  as the sum of three angles of a triangle; a contradiction.

**Second solution.** Here we present a different proof that the cutting is impossible for all odd  $n > 3$ .

Notice that no two diagonals are perpendicular to each other; hence for any internal meeting point of two drawn diagonals, there should exist the third diagonal passing through that point: otherwise these diagonals form two different angles which sum up to  $180^\circ$ ; but they should be equal to two angles of some triangle.

Next, we claim that at least two diagonals should pass through each vertex of  $P$ . Assume first that through some vertex, no diagonals are drawn. Then the triangle containing this vertex is a triangle formed by three consecutive vertices of  $P$ , and one of its angles is the angle of  $P$ . Then it is easy to see that every side of  $P$  belongs to some triangle which also contains one more side of  $P$ . Hence the sides are paired up, which is absurd.

Assume now that exactly one diagonal passes through some vertex  $A_i$ . This diagonal splits the angle at  $A$  into two different angles  $\beta < \gamma$ . Both these angles are adjacent to the sides of  $n$ -gon, therefore in any obtained triangle such angles are adjacent to a side equal to the side of  $P$ . Hence, the sum of all angles of triangles adjacent to the sides of  $P$  is  $n(\beta + \gamma)$ , which equals to the sum of all angles of  $P$ . Therefore, through each vertex passes exactly one diagonal, and the vertices are paired up, which is absurd again. The claim is proved.

Finally, assume that  $P$  is dissected into  $k$  triangles; the sum of all their angles is  $180^\circ \cdot k\pi$ . The angles of  $P$  contribute  $180^\circ(n - 2)$  to this sum, hence the sum of the angles at the internal points is  $180^\circ(k - n + 2)$ . Each such point contributes  $360^\circ$ , so the number of internal points is  $(k - n + 2)/2$ . On the other hand, each such point belongs to at least six triangles, while each vertex of  $P$  belongs to at least three of them. Hence the total number of triangles is at least  $(3(k - n + 2) + 3n)/3 = k + 2 > k$ . A contradiction.

# VIII Geometrical Olympiad in honour of I.F.Sharygin

## Final round. Second day. 9th form. Solutions

5. (M.Kungozhin) Let  $ABC$  be an isosceles right-angled triangle. Point  $D$  is chosen on the prolongation of the hypotenuse  $AB$  beyond point  $A$  so that  $AB = 2AD$ . Points  $M$  and  $N$  on side  $AC$  satisfy the relation  $AM = NC$ . Point  $K$  is chosen on the prolongation of  $CB$  beyond point  $B$  so that  $CN = BK$ . Determine the angle between lines  $NK$  and  $DM$ .

**Answer.**  $45^\circ$ .

**Solution.** Let  $L$  be the projection of  $M$  onto  $AB$ . Notice that  $\frac{ML}{CN} = \frac{AL}{BK} = \frac{AD}{BC} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ ; hence we also have  $\frac{LD}{CK} = \frac{AL + AD}{BK + BC} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ . Thus, the right triangles  $MLD$  and  $NCK$  are similar, and  $\angle MDL = \angle NKC$  (see Fig. 9.5). Therefore the angle between the lines  $NK$  and  $MD$  is the same as the angle between  $KC$  and  $LD$ , which is equal to  $45^\circ$ .

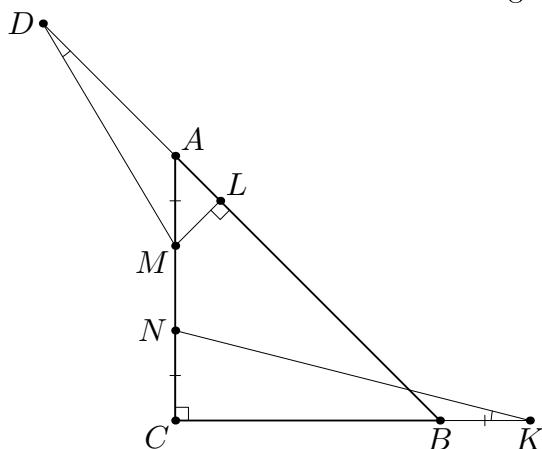


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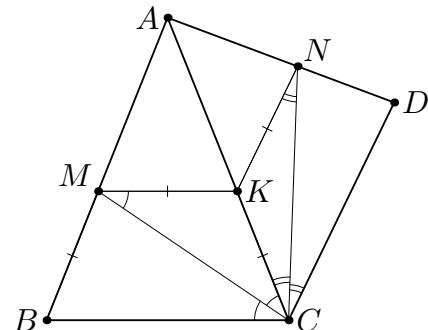


Figure 9.6

6. (M.Rozhkova) Let  $ABC$  be an isosceles triangle with  $BC = a$  and  $AB = AC = b$ . Segment  $AC$  is the base of an isosceles triangle  $ADC$  with  $AD = DC = a$  such that points  $D$  and  $B$  share the opposite sides of  $AC$ . Let  $CM$  and  $CN$  be the bisectors in triangles  $ABC$  and  $ADC$  respectively. Determine the circumradius of triangle  $CMN$ .

**Answer.**  $\frac{ab}{a+b}$ .

**Solution.** Choose a point  $K$  on segment  $AC$  so that  $MK \parallel BC$ . Then  $\angle MCA = \angle MCB = \angle CMK$ , so  $MK = KC$ . Moreover, by symmetry we get  $KC = MB$ . Next, by the bisector property we have  $\frac{CK}{AK} = \frac{BM}{AM} = \frac{a}{b} = \frac{DN}{AN}$ . Hence,  $KN \parallel CD$ . Now we may analogously obtain  $KN = KC$ . Thus,  $K$  is the circumcenter of triangle  $CMN$ , so its circumradius equals  $KC = MB = ab/(a+b)$  (see Fig. 9.6).

7. (A.Belov) A convex pentagon  $P$  is divided by all its diagonals into ten triangles and one smaller pentagon  $P'$ . Let  $N$  be the sum of areas of five triangles adjacent to the sides of  $P$  decreased by the area of  $P'$ . The same operations are performed with the pentagon  $P'$ ; let  $N'$  be the similar difference calculated for this pentagon. Prove that  $N > N'$ .

**Solution.** Let  $A_1A_2A_3A_4A_5$  be the initial pentagon,  $B_1B_2B_3B_4B_5$  be the pentagon formed by its diagonals, and  $C_1C_2C_3C_4C_5$  be the pentagon formed by the diagonals

of  $B_1B_2B_3B_4B_5$  (see Fig. 9.7). We will enumerate all the vertices cyclically, thus, for instance,  $A_{i+5} = A_i$ . For convenience, we will denote the area of polygon  $P$  by  $[P]$ .

Notice that  $N' = \sum_i [B_iB_{i+1}B_{i+2}] - [B_1B_2B_3B_4B_5]$ , since in the right-hand part the pentagon  $C_1C_2C_3C_4C_5$  is counted with multiplicity  $-1$ , the triangles of the form  $B_iB_{i+1}C_{i+3}$  — with multiplicity  $1$ , and the triangles of the form  $C_iC_{i+1}B_{i+3}$  with zero multiplicity. Thus the desired inequality is equivalent to

$$\sum_i [A_iA_{i+1}B_{i+3}] > \sum_i [B_iB_{i+1}B_{i+2}].$$

We will prove that  $[A_iA_{i+1}B_{i+3}] > [B_{i+2}B_{i+3}B_{i+4}]$ ; adding up five such inequalities we will get the desired inequality.

Clearly, it is enough to deal with the case  $i = 1$ . Let us glue a triangle  $A_1B_3B_4$  to each of the triangles  $A_1A_2B_4$  and  $B_3B_4B_5$ ; we get two triangles  $A_1B_3A_2$  and  $A_1B_3B_5$  with a common base  $A_1B_3$ . Finally, the distance from  $B_5$  to the base is smaller than the distance from  $A_2$ ; hence,  $[A_1B_3A_2] > [A_1B_3B_5]$ , QED.

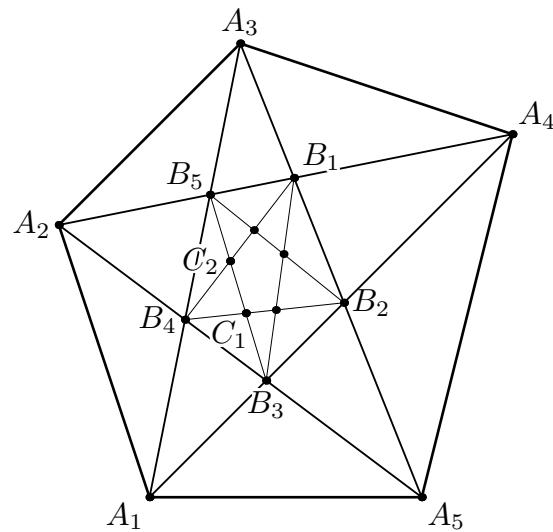


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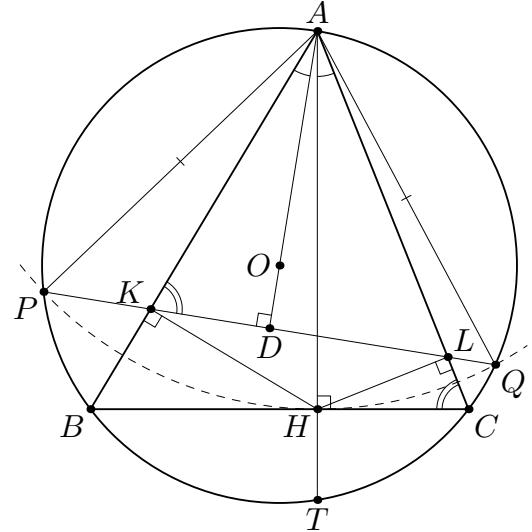


Figure 9.8

8. (M.Plotnikov) Let  $AH$  be an altitude of an acute-angled triangle  $ABC$ . Points  $K$  and  $L$  are the projections of  $H$  onto sides  $AB$  and  $AC$ . The circumcircle of  $ABC$  meets line  $KL$  at points  $P$  and  $Q$ , and meets line  $AH$  at points  $A$  and  $T$ . Prove that  $H$  is the incenter of triangle  $PQT$ .

**Solution.** Let  $O$  be the center of the circumcircle  $\Omega$  of triangle  $ABC$ . From right triangles  $ABH$  and  $ACH$  we get  $AK \cdot AB = AH^2 = AL \cdot AC$ , or  $AK/AL = AC/AB$ . Therefore, triangles  $ALK$  and  $ABC$  are similar, and  $\angle AKL = \angle ACB$ . Now, since  $\angle OAB = \pi/2 - \angle ACB$ , we get  $OA \perp KL$ , which means that  $OA$  is the perpendicular bisector to the chord  $PQ$ , so  $AP = AQ$ . This means that  $TA$  is the bisector of  $\angle PTQ$  (see Fig. 9.8).

Thus, the incenter  $I$  of triangle  $PQT$  lies on  $TA$ . Moreover, it is well-known that  $AI = AP$ . Thus, to prove that  $I = H$  it suffices to show that  $AH = AP$ . Let  $D$  be the meeting point of the lines  $AO$  and  $KL$ , and let  $r$  be the radius of  $\Omega$ . By the Pythagoras theorem, we have  $AQ^2 - r^2 = AQ^2 - OQ^2 = (AD^2 + DQ^2) - (OD^2 + DQ^2) = AD^2 - (AD - r)^2$ , which implies  $AQ^2 = 2r \cdot AD$ . On the other hand, notice that  $AH$  is a diameter of the circumcircle of  $AKL$  since  $\angle AKH = \angle ALH = 90^\circ$ . Hence the similarity ratio of

triangles  $AKL$  and  $ABC$  equals  $AH/(2r)$ . The segments  $AD$  and  $AH$  are the respective altitudes of these triangles, hence  $AD/AH = AH/(2r)$ , or  $AH^2 = 2r \cdot AD = AQ^2$ , QED.

**Remark.** The proof of the relation  $AQ = AH$  may be shortened by means of the inversion with center  $A$  and radius  $AQ$ . Under this inversion, the line  $PQ$  and the circle  $\Omega$  interchange, hence the points  $B$  and  $K$  also interchange, and  $AQ^2 = AB \cdot AK = AH^2$ .

# VIII Geometrical Olympiad in honour of I.F.Sharygin

## Final round. First day. 10th form. Solutions

1. (A.Shapovalov) Determine all integer  $n$  such that a surface of an  $n \times n \times n$  grid cube can be pasted in one layer by paper  $1 \times 2$  rectangles so that each rectangle has exactly five neighbors (by a line segment).

**Answer.** All even  $n$ .

**Solution.** Consider any even  $n$ . Divide each face into  $2 \times 2$  squares, and paste each such square with two rectangles in such a way that the long sides of the rectangles in one square are adjacent to the short ones in a neighboring square. Let us show that such pasting is possible. It is easy to see that one may cover four side faces of the cube, leaving top and bottom faces uncovered. Next, one may paste one bordering row on the top face (the arrangement of the rectangles around the corner looks as on Fig. 10.1, or symmetrically to it). This row determines the arrangement of rectangles on the top face uniquely, and it is easy to see that all four bordering rows of squares will satisfy the conditions. The covering of the bottom face is analogous.

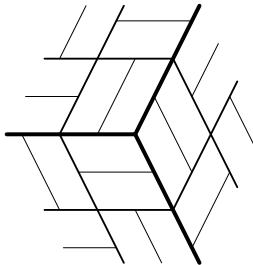


Figure 10.1

Now assume that a pasting is possible for some odd  $n$ . The total number of rectangles is  $6n^2/2 = 3n^2$ ; if each of them has five neighbors, then the total number of pairs of neighboring rectangles is  $3n^2 \cdot 5/2$ ; but this number is not integer, which is absurd.

2. (A.Zaslavsky, B.Frenkin) We say that a point inside a triangle is *good* if the lengths of the cevians passing through this point are inversely proportional to the respective side lengths. Find all the triangles for which the number of good points is maximal.

**Answer.** All acute-angled triangles.

**Solution.** Let  $AA_1$ ,  $BB_1$ , and  $CC_1$  be the altitudes of a triangle  $ABC$ , and  $H$  be its orthocenter. Consider any good point  $P$ ; let  $AA_P$ ,  $BB_P$ ,  $CC_P$  be the cevians passing through  $P$ . Then we have  $AA_P/AA_1 = BB_P/BB_1 = CC_P/CC_1$ ; hence the right triangles  $AA_1A_P$ ,  $BB_1B_P$ , and  $CC_1C_P$  are similar, so  $\angle A_1AA_P = \angle B_1BB_P = \angle C_1CC_P$ . There are two ways how these angles may be oriented. (Recall that an *oriented angle*  $\angle(\ell, m)$  is the angle at which one needs to rotate  $\ell$  clockwise to obtain a line parallel to  $m$ .)

*Case 1.* Suppose that  $\angle(A_1A, AA_P) = \angle(B_1B, BB_P) = \angle(C_1C, CC_P)$  (in particular, the triangle  $ABC$  is acute-angled; if, for instance,  $\angle A \geq \pi/2$ , then the angles  $\angle B_1BB_P$  and  $\angle C_1CC_P$  are acute, and their orientation s are opposite). The first equality yields that the points  $P$ ,  $H$ ,  $A$ ,  $B$  are concyclic; analogously,  $P$  lies on the circumcircles of triangles  $ACH$  and  $BCH$ . But these three circles have exactly one common point  $H$ ; hence  $P = H$ .

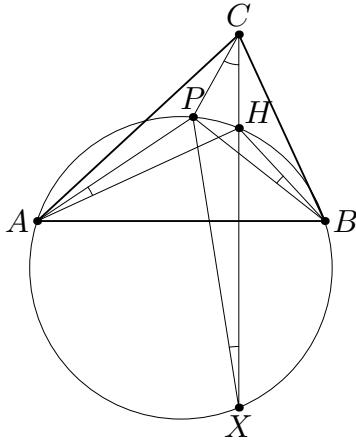


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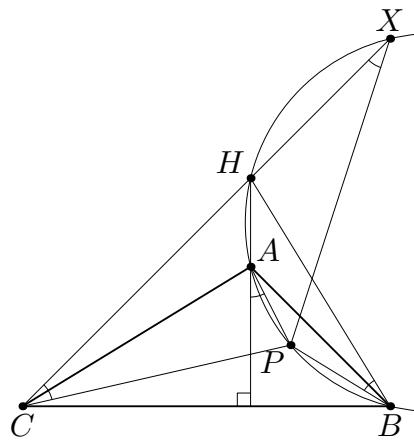


Figure 10.2.2

*Case 2.* Now suppose that two of the oriented angles are equal, while the third (say,  $\angle(C_1C, CCP)$ ) is opposite to them. Then, as in Case 1, the point  $P$  lies on the circumcircle  $\Omega_C$  of triangle  $ABH$  (recall that  $\angle(AH, HB) = -\angle(AC, CB)$ , so  $\Omega_C$  is symmetrical to the circumcircle  $\Omega$  of  $ABC$  with respect to the line  $AB$ ). Let  $X$  be the second meeting point of  $\Omega_C$  with the line  $CH$  (then the points  $X$  and  $C$  are also symmetrical in  $AB$ ; on Figs. 10.2.1 and 10.2.2 two possible configurations are shown). Then  $\angle(PX, XC) = \angle(PB, BH) = -\angle(PC, CX)$ ; if these angles are nonzero, then this relation shows that the triangle  $PCX$  is isosceles,  $PC = PX$ . But then the point  $P$  lies on the perpendicular bisector  $AB$  of segment  $CX$ , which is impossible. Thus,  $\angle(PB, BH) = 0$ , and  $P = H$ .

Consequently, a point inside the triangle is good only if it is the orthocenter (and, obviously, the orthocenter of an acute-angled triangle is good). So, in an acute-angled triangle there exists exactly one good point, and there are no good point in other triangles.

**Remark.** In Case 2, one may apply a shorter (but less elementary) argument. The locus of points  $P$  satisfying the relation  $\angle(B_1B, BB_P) = -\angle(C_1C, CCP)$  is an equilateral hyperbola circumscribed about triangle  $ABC$ . Two such hyperbolas may have at most four common points, and these points are  $A, B, C$ , and  $H$ .

3. (A.Karlyuchenko) Let  $M$  and  $I$  be the centroid and the incenter of a scalene triangle  $ABC$ , and let  $r$  be its inradius. Prove that  $MI = r/3$  if and only if  $MI$  is perpendicular to one of the sides of the triangle.

**First solution.** Let  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  be respectively the tangency points of side  $AB$  with the incircle  $\omega$  and excircle  $\omega_C$  of triangle  $ABC$ . Denote by  $C'$  the midpoint of  $AB$ . It is well known that  $C_1C' = C_2C'$ . Next, consider a homothety with center  $C$  mapping  $\omega_C$  to  $\omega$ ; under this homothety, point  $C_2$  maps to a point  $C_3$  on  $\omega$  opposite to  $C_1$  (since the tangents in  $C_1$  and  $C_3$  to  $\omega$  are parallel; see Fig. 10.3.1). Then  $IC'$  is a midline of triangle  $C_1C_2C_3$ , hence  $C'I \parallel CC_2$ . Thus, under a homothety with center  $M$  and coefficient  $-2$ , the point  $I$  maps to a point  $N$  lying on  $CC_2$  (analogously,  $N$  lies on the segments connecting other vertices with the corresponding point of tangency of other excircles;  $N$  is called the *Nagel point* of triangle  $ABC$ ). Therefore,  $N$  is obtained from  $M'$  by a homothety with center  $I$  and coefficient  $3$ .

Now we turn to the problem. Suppose that  $MI = r/3$ . Then point  $N$  lies on  $\omega$ . Without loss of generality we may assume that the tangent at  $N$  to  $\omega$  intersects sides  $AC$  and  $BC$ ; then  $\omega$  and  $C$  share different sides of this tangent, and hence  $N = C_3$ . Since  $IC_3 \perp AB$ , we obtain  $MI \perp AB$  (see Fig. 10.3.2).

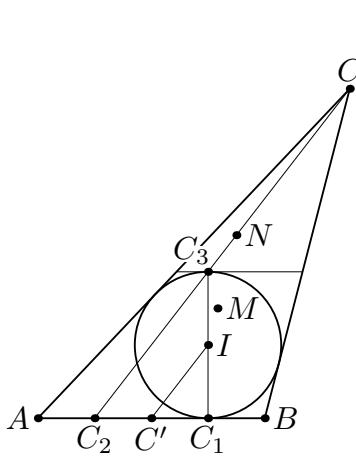


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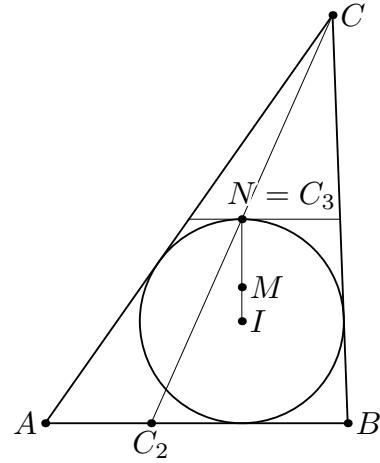


Figure 10.3.2

Conversely, if  $AB \perp IM$ , then  $N$  lies on the line  $IC_2$ ; moreover, it also lies on the line  $CC_2$ . Since the triangle  $ABC$  is scalene, these lines are distinct, hence  $N = C_2$ , and thus  $r = IN = 3IM$ .

**Second solution.** Suppose that  $AB \perp IM$ . By the Pythagoras theorem,  $AM^2 - BM^2 = (AC_1^2 + C_1M^2) - (BC_1^2 + C_1M^2) = (p-a)^2 - (p-b)^2 = c(b-a)$  (here, again,  $C_1$  is the tangency point of  $AB$  with the incircle). Using the standard formula for the median length, we get  $AM^2 = \frac{1}{9}(2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2)$  and  $BM^2 = \frac{1}{9}(2a^2 + 2c^2 - b^2)$ , whence  $c(b-a) = \frac{1}{3}(b-a)(a+b)$ , or  $a+b = 3c$ , that is,  $p = 2c$ . It is easy to show that the converse is also true: namely, if  $p = 2c$ , then  $AB \perp IM$ . Finally, from  $c(IM+r)/2 = S_{ABM} = S_{ABC}/3 = pr/3$  we obtain  $IM+r = 4r/3$ , or  $IM = r/3$ .

Conversely, assume that  $MI = r/3$ . Notice that  $IA^2 + IB^2 + IC^2 = (\overrightarrow{IM} + \overrightarrow{MA})^2 + (\overrightarrow{IM} + \overrightarrow{MB})^2 + (\overrightarrow{IM} + \overrightarrow{MC})^2 = MA^2 + MB^2 + MC^2 + 2\overrightarrow{IM} \cdot (\overrightarrow{MA} + \overrightarrow{MB} + \overrightarrow{MC}) + 3MI^2 = MA^2 + MB^2 + MC^2 + 3MI^2$ . So, if  $MI = r/3$ , then  $IA^2 + IB^2 + IC^2 = MA^2 + MB^2 + MC^2 + \frac{1}{3}r^2 = \frac{1}{3}(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + r^2)$ . Next, by the Pythagoras theorem  $IA^2 = r^2 + (p-a)^2$ . Finally, using the relation  $r^2 = S^2/p^2 = (p-a)(p-b)(p-c)/p$ , we obtain

$$\frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + r^2}{3} = (p-a)^2 + (p-b)^2 + (p-c)^2 + 3r^2,$$

or

$$\frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{3} - (p-a)^2 - (p-b)^2 - (p-c)^2 = \frac{8r^2}{3} = \frac{8(p-a)(p-b)(p-c)}{3p},$$

which rewrites as  $(p-2a)(p-2b)(p-2c) = 0$ . It was mentioned above that if some expression in the brackets vanishes then  $IM$  is perpendicular to the corresponding side.

4. (B.Frenkin) Consider a square. Find the locus of midpoints of the hypotenuses of right-angled triangles with the vertices lying on three different sides of the square and not coinciding with its vertices.

**Answer.** All the points of a curvilinear octagon bounded by the arcs of eight parabolas with foci at the vertices of the square and directrices containing a side (non-adjacent to the focus); the midpoints of the sides of the square should be excluded (see Fig. 10.4.1).

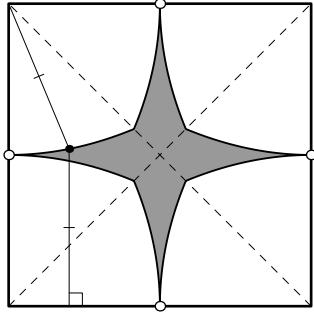


Figure 10.4.1

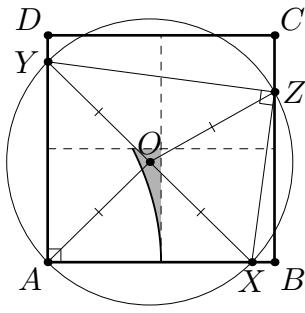


Figure 10.4.2

**Solution.** Notice first that the midpoint of the hypotenuse lies inside a square. If the endpoints of a hypotenuse lie on opposite sides of the square, then its midpoint lies on the midline of the square. Now assume that the endpoints  $X$  and  $Y$  of the hypotenuse of a triangle  $XYZ$  lie on sides  $AB$  and  $AD$  of a square  $ABCD$  respectively, while the vertex  $Z$  lies on the side  $BC$  (see Fig. 10.4.2). Denote by  $O$  the midpoint of  $XY$ . The points  $A$  and  $Z$  belong to the circle with diameter  $XY$ ; hence  $OA = OX = OY = OZ$ , and the distance from  $O$  to  $A$  is less than the distances to the other vertices of the square, but is not less than the distance from  $O$  to the line  $BC$ .

The locus of points equidistant from  $A$  and  $BC$  is the parabola with focus  $A$  and directrix  $BC$  (the vertex of this parabola is the midpoint of  $AB$ ). So, the point  $O$  lies between this parabola and  $BC$  in the quarter of the square closest to  $A$ . Point  $O$  may lie on the parabola, but it cannot lie on the midline of the square (otherwise  $Y = B$ ).

Analogously, one may consider other arrangements of points; taking the union of the obtained sets, we obtain the curvilinear octagon  $P$  bounded by the arcs of eight parabolas. The vertices of  $P$  are the midpoints of the sides of the square (they do not belong to the locus) and the points of intersection of parabolas with the diagonals of the square. Since the midlines of the square also lie in  $P$ , we obtain that the total locus lies in  $P$ . It remains to show that each point  $O$  in  $P$  (distinct from the midpoints of the sides) belongs to the locus.

If  $O$  lies on the midline parallel to  $AB$ , and it is not farther from  $AD$  than from  $BC$ , then one may take its projections onto  $AB$  and  $VD$  as the midpoints  $X$  and  $Y$  of a hypotenuse, and find  $Z$  as a meeting point of  $AD$  with the circle with diameter  $XY$ . If  $O$  lies in the quarter closest to  $A$ , between the parabola with focus  $A$  and directrix  $BC$  and the corresponding midline, then one chooses  $X$  and  $Y$  as the second intersection points of sides  $AB$  and  $AD$  with the circle with center  $O$  and radius  $OA$ , while  $Z$  may be chosen as any point of intersection of the same circle with side  $BC$  (such a point exists since the distance from  $O$  to  $BC$  is less than  $OA$ , but  $OB > OA$ ).

# VIII Geometrical Olympiad in honour of I.F.Sharygin

## Final round. Second day. 10th form. Solutions

5. (F.Nilov) A quadrilateral  $ABCD$  with perpendicular diagonals is inscribed into a circle  $\omega$ . Two arcs  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  with diameters  $AB$  and  $CD$  lie outside  $\omega$ . Consider two crescents formed by the circle  $\omega$  and the arcs  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  (see Figure). Prove that the maximal radii of the circles inscribed into these crescents are equal.

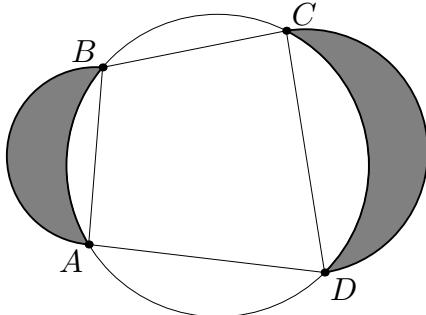


Figure 10.5.1

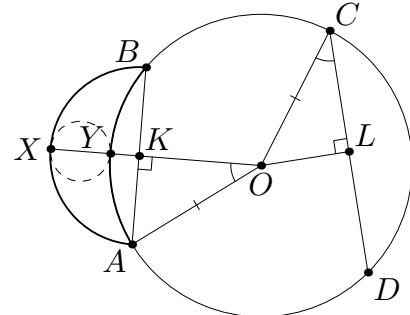


Figure 10.5.2

**Solution.** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be respectively the midpoints of the arc  $\alpha$  and the arc  $AB$  of the circle  $\omega$ . Denote by  $O$  the center of  $\omega$ . Then the crescent with vertices  $A$  and  $B$  is situated between the concentric circles centered at  $O$  with radii  $OY$  and  $OX$  (see Fig. 10.5.2). Hence the diameter of any circle inscribed into this crescent is at most  $XY$ ; on the other hand, the circle with diameter  $XY$  lies inside the crescent. Thus the maximal diameter of a circle inside this crescent equals  $XY$ .

Since  $AC \perp BD$ , the sum of arcs  $AB$  and  $CD$  of the circle  $\omega$  equals  $180^\circ$ . Let  $K$  and  $L$  be the midpoints of segments  $AB$  and  $CD$  respectively; then  $\angle AOK = 90^\circ - \angle COL = \angle OCL$ , hence the right triangles  $AOK$  and  $OCL$  are equal by hypotenuse and acute angle. So  $OX = OK + KX = OK + KA = (AB + CD)/2$ , and therefore  $XY = (AB + CD)/2 - r$ , where  $r$  is the radius of  $\omega$ . Analogously we obtain that the maximal radius of a circle inscribed into the second crescent also equals  $(AB + CD)/2 - r$ .

6. (V.Yassinsky) Consider a tetrahedron  $ABCD$ . A point  $X$  is chosen outside the tetrahedron so that segment  $XD$  intersects face  $ABC$  in its interior point. Let  $A'$ ,  $B'$ , and  $C'$  be the projections of  $D$  onto the planes  $XBC$ ,  $XCA$ , and  $XAB$  respectively. Prove that  $A'B' + B'C' + C'A' \leq DA + DB + DC$ .

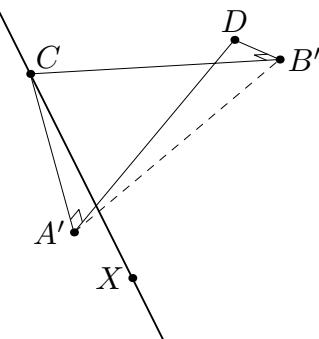


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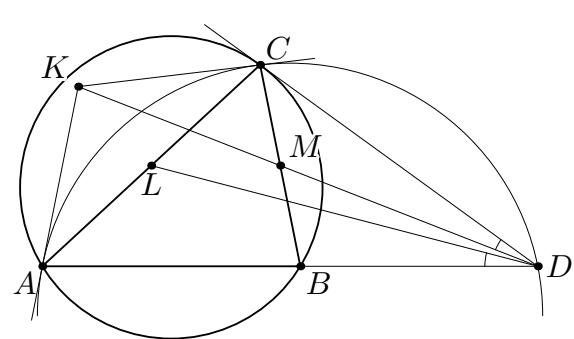


Figure 10.7

**Solution.** Since  $DA' \perp (XBC)$ , we get  $\angle DA'C = 90^\circ$ ; analogously,  $\angle DB'C = 90^\circ$  (see Fig. 10.6). Hence the points  $A'$  and  $B'$  lie on the sphere with diameter  $DC$ , and the distance between them does not exceed the diameter:  $A'B' \leq DK$ . Analogously, we get  $A'C' \leq DB$  and  $B'C' \leq DA$ . Adding up these inequalities we get the desired one.

7. (F.Ivlev) Consider a triangle  $ABC$ . The tangent line to its circumcircle at point  $C$  meets line  $AB$  at point  $D$ . The tangent lines to the circumcircle of triangle  $ACD$  at points  $A$  and  $C$  meet at point  $K$ . Prove that line  $DK$  bisects segment  $BC$ .

**Solution.** It is well known that in any triangle  $XYZ$ , the symmedian  $XX'$  (that is, the line symmetrical to the median from the vertex  $X$  with respect to the angle bisector of angle  $X$ ) passes through the common point of the tangents to the circumcircle of  $XYZ$  at  $Y$  and  $Z$ . Thus, the line  $DK$  is a symmedian in triangle  $ACD$ . Next, the triangles  $ACD$  and  $CBD$  are similar. So, denoting by  $DL$  and  $DM$  respectively their medians from  $D$ , we get  $\angle CDK = \angle ADL = \angle CDM$ , which implies that  $M$  lies on  $DK$ .

8. (D.Shvetsov) A point  $M$  lies on the side  $BC$  of square  $ABCD$ . Let  $X$ ,  $Y$ , and  $Z$  be the incenters of triangles  $ABM$ ,  $CMD$ , and  $AMD$  respectively. Let  $H_x$ ,  $H_y$ , and  $H_z$  be the orthocenters of triangles  $AXB$ ,  $CYD$ , and  $AZD$ . Prove that  $H_x$ ,  $H_y$ , and  $H_z$  are collinear.

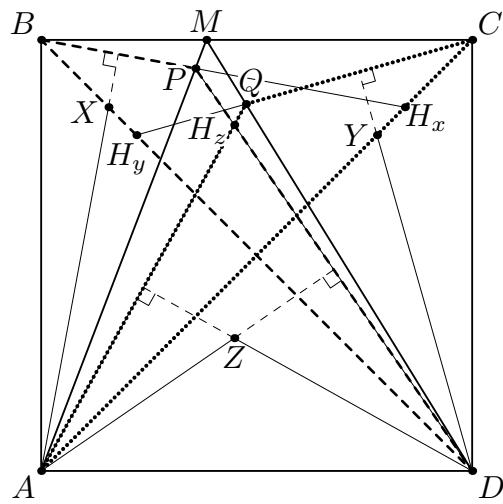


Figure 10.8

**Solution.** Clearly, the points  $X$  and  $Y$  lie on the diagonals  $BD$  and  $AC$  respectively. Hence the lines  $AC$  and  $BD$  contain some altitudes of triangles  $AXB$  and  $CYD$  respectively. Let us choose points  $P$  and  $Q$  on the segments  $AM$  and  $DM$  respectively so that  $AP = DQ = AD$ . Then  $AX$  is an angle bisector (and hence an altitude) of an isosceles triangle  $ABP$ . Thus, the orthocenter  $H_x$  is the common point of the lines  $BP$  and  $AC$ . Analogously,  $H_y$  is the common point of the lines  $CQ$  and  $BD$ . Finally, from similar arguments we get that  $AZ \perp DP$  and  $BZ \perp AQ$ , so  $H_z$  is the common point of the lines  $AQ$  and  $BP$  (see Fig. 10.8).

Now let us apply the Desargues' theorem to the triangles  $BPD$  and  $CAQ$ . Since the lines  $BC$ ,  $PA$ , and  $DQ$  which connect the corresponding points of these triangles are concurrent at  $M$ , we get that the common points of the lines containing the corresponding sides of these triangles are collinear. But these points are exactly  $H_x$ ,  $H_y$ , and  $H_z$ .

# IX Geometrical Olympiad in honour of I.F.Sharygin

Final round. Ratmino, 2013, August 1

## Solutions

### First day. 8 grade

**8.1.** (*N. Moskvitin*) Let  $ABCDE$  be a pentagon with right angles at vertices  $B$  and  $E$  and such that  $AB = AE$  and  $BC = CD = DE$ . The diagonals  $BD$  and  $CE$  meet at point  $F$ . Prove that  $FA = AB$ .

**First solution.** The problem condition implies that the right-angled triangles  $ABC$  and  $AED$  are equal, thus the triangle  $ACD$  is isosceles (see fig. 8.1a). Then  $\angle BCD = \angle BCA + \angle ACD = \angle EDA + \angle ADC = \angle CDE$ . Therefore, the isosceles triangles  $BCD$  and  $CDE$  are equal. Hence  $\angle CBD = \angle CDB = \angle ECD = \angle DEC$ .

Since the triangle  $CFD$  is isosceles and  $BD = CE$ , we obtain that  $BF = FE$ . Therefore  $\triangle ABF = \triangle AEF$ . Then  $\angle AFB = \frac{\angle BFE}{2} = \frac{180^\circ - 2\angle FCD}{2} = 90^\circ - \angle ECD = 90^\circ - \angle DBC = \angle ABF$ , hence  $AB = AF$ , QED.

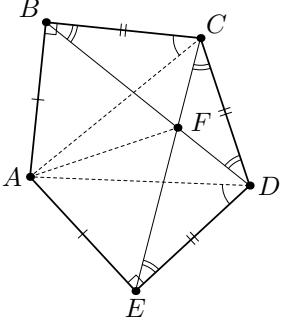


Fig. 8.1a

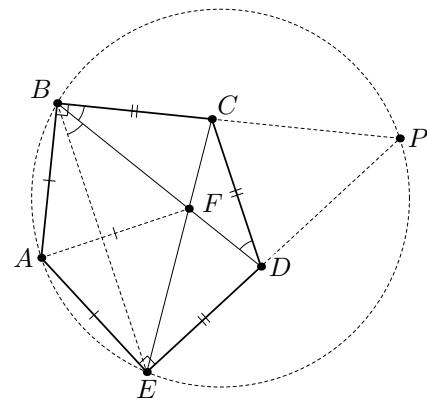


Fig. 8.1b

**Second solution.** Let  $BC$  meet  $DE$  at point  $P$  (see fig. 8.1b). Notice that  $\angle CBD = \angle CDB = \angle DBE$ , i.e.,  $BD$  is the bisector of  $\angle CBE$ . Thus  $F$  is the incenter of  $\triangle PBE$ . Since the quadrilateral  $PBAE$  is cyclic and symmetrical, we obtain that  $A$  is the midpoint of arc  $BE$  of the circle  $(PBE)$ . Therefore, by the trefoil theorem we get  $AF = AB$ , QED.

**Remark.** The problem statement holds under the weakened condition of equality of side lengths. It is sufficient to say that  $AB = AE$  and  $BC = CD = DE$ .

**8.2.** (*D. Shvetsov*) Two circles with centers  $O_1$  and  $O_2$  meet at points  $A$  and  $B$ . The bisector of angle  $O_1AO_2$  meets the circles for the second time at points  $C$  and  $D$ . Prove that the distances from the circumcenter of triangle  $CBD$  to  $O_1$  and to  $O_2$  are equal.

**First solution.** Without loss of generality, suppose that  $C$  lies on the segment  $AD$ . Let  $P$  be the common point of the lines  $O_1C$  and  $O_2D$  (see fig. 8.2). The triangle  $AO_1C$  is isosceles, thus  $\angle O_1CA = \angle O_1AC = \angle CAO_2$ , therefore  $O_1C \parallel AO_2$ . Similarly, we obtain that  $O_1A \parallel O_2D$ . Hence  $O_1AO_2P$  is a parallelogram.

Let us prove that the quadrilateral  $BCPD$  is cyclic, and  $O_1O_2PB$  is an isosceles trapezoid. Then the assertion of the problem follows. Indeed, then the circumcenter  $O$  of  $\triangle BCD$  is equidistant from the points  $B$  and  $P$ , therefore  $O$  is equidistant from  $O_1$  and  $O_2$ .

Notice that  $O_1P = AO_2 = BO_2$  and  $O_1B = O_1A = O_2P$ , i.e., the triangles  $BO_1P$  and  $PO_2B$  are equal. Therefore  $\angle BO_1P = \angle PO_2B$ , and hence the quadrilateral  $O_1O_2PB$  is cyclic. Then  $\angle O_1O_2B = \angle O_1PB$ .

On the other hand, we have  $\angle BDA = \frac{1}{2}\angle AO_2B = \angle AO_2O_1 = \angle O_1O_2B$  and  $\angle O_2O_1P = \angle AO_2O_1$ . Therefore  $\angle BDA = \angle O_1PB = \angle O_2O_1P$ , i.e., the quadrilateral  $BCPD$  is cyclic, and  $O_1O_2 \parallel BP$ . From  $O_1B = O_2P$  we obtain that  $O_1O_2PB$  is an isosceles trapezoid.

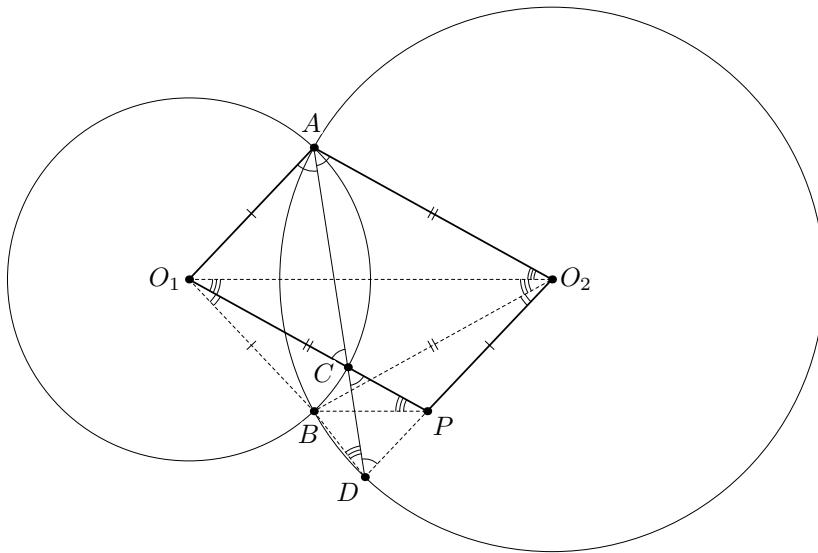


Fig. 8.2

**Second solution.** By  $OO_1 \perp BC$  and  $O_1O_2 \perp AB$ , we get  $\angle OO_1O_2 = \angle ABC = \frac{\angle AO_1C}{2}$ . Similarly, we obtain  $\angle OO_2O_1 = \frac{\angle AO_2D}{2}$ . It remains to notice that  $\angle AO_1C = \angle AO_2D$ ; it can be shown as in the previous solution.

**8.3. (B. Frenkin)** Each vertex of a convex polygon is projected to all nonadjacent sidelines. Can it happen that each of these projections lies outside the corresponding side?

**Ответ:** no.

**Solution.** Let  $AB$  be the longest side of the polygon (see fig. 8.3). Let us project all the vertices of the polygon different from  $A$  and  $B$  onto  $AB$ . Assume that none of the projections lies on the segment  $AB$ ; then the projection of some side  $s$  different from  $AB$  strictly contains  $AB$ . However, this implies that  $s > AB$ , a contradiction.

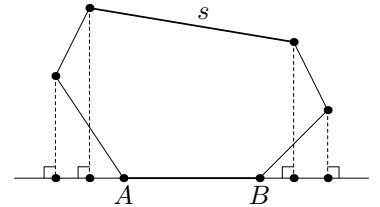


Fig. 8.3

**8.4. (A. Zaslavsky)** The diagonals of a convex quadrilateral  $ABCD$  meet at point  $L$ . The orthocenter  $H$  of the triangle  $LAB$  and the circumcenters  $O_1$ ,  $O_2$ , and  $O_3$  of the triangles  $LBC$ ,  $LCD$ , and  $LDA$  were marked. Then the whole configuration except for points  $H$ ,  $O_1$ ,  $O_2$ , and  $O_3$  was erased. Restore it using a compass and a ruler.

**Solution.** Let  $O$  be the circumcenter of the triangle  $LAB$  (see fig. 8.4). Then the lines  $OO_1$  and  $O_2O_3$  are perpendicular to  $BD$ , while the lines  $O_1O_2$  and  $O_3O$  are perpendicular to  $AC$ . Therefore, we can restore the perpendicular bisectors  $OO_1$  and  $OO_3$  to the sides  $LB$  and  $LA$  of the triangle  $LAB$ . The lines  $h_a$  and  $h_b$  passing through the orthocenter  $H$  of this triangle and parallel to  $OO_1$  and  $OO_3$  coincide with the altitudes of this triangle; i.e., they pass through  $A$  and  $B$ , respectively. Hence the reflections of  $h_a$  and  $h_b$  in  $OO_3$  and  $OO_1$ , respectively, meet at point  $L$ . Now the construction is evident.

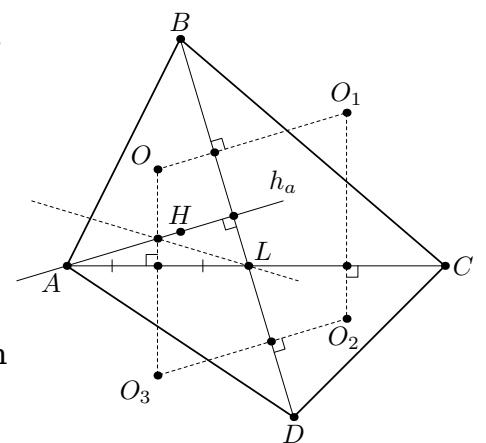


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# IX Geometrical Olympiad in honour of I.F.Sharygin

Final round. Ratmino, 2013, August 2

## Solutions

### Second day. 8 grade

**8.5. (B. Frenkin)** The altitude  $AA'$ , the median  $BB'$ , and the angle bisector  $CC'$  of a triangle  $ABC$  are concurrent at point  $K$ . Given that  $A'K = B'K$ , prove that  $C'K = A'K$ .

**Solution.** Since the point  $K$  lies on the bisector of angle  $C$ , the distance from  $K$  to  $AC$  is the same as the distance to  $BC$ , i.e., this distance is equal to  $KA'$  (see fig. 8.5). Since  $KA' = KB'$ , this yields that  $KB' \perp AC$ . Thus the median  $BB'$  coincides with the altitude from  $B$ , and hence  $AB = BC$ . Then  $BK$  and  $CK$  are the angle bisectors in the triangle  $ABC$ , therefore  $AK$  is also an angle bisector; now, since  $AK$  is the altitude we have  $AB = AC$ . Therefore the triangle  $ABC$  is regular, and  $A'K = B'K = C'K$ .

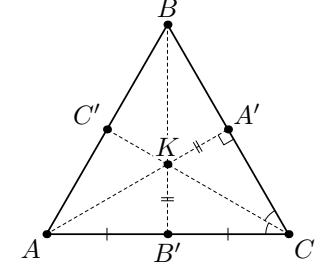


Fig. 8.5

**8.6. (F. Nilov)** Let  $\alpha$  be an arc with endpoints  $A$  and  $B$  (see fig.). A circle  $\omega$  is tangent to segment  $AB$  at point  $T$  and meets  $\alpha$  at points  $C$  and  $D$ . The rays  $AC$  and  $TD$  meet at point  $E$ , while the rays  $BD$  and  $TC$  meet at point  $F$ . Prove that  $EF$  and  $AB$  are parallel.

**Solution.** Let us prove that the quadrilateral  $CDEF$  is cyclic (see fig. 8.6); then the assertion of the problem follows. Indeed, then we have  $\angle FEC = \angle FDC$  and  $\angle FDC = 180^\circ - \angle BDC = \angle CAB$ , i.e.,  $FE \parallel AB$ .

Since  $AB$  is tangent to  $\omega$ , we have  $\angle TCD = \angle BTD$ . Furthermore, we get  $\angle FCE = \angle ACT = \angle ACD - \angle TCD = (180^\circ - \angle ABD) - \angle BTD = \angle TDB = \angle FDE$ . Therefore the quadrilateral  $CDEF$  is cyclic, QED.

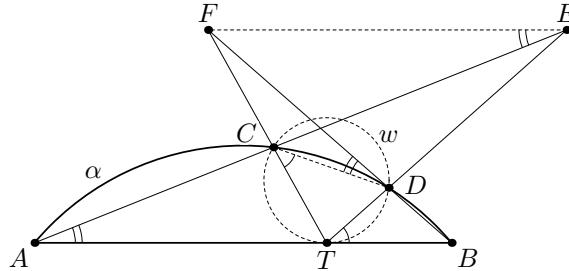


Fig. 8.6

**8.7. (B. Frenkin)** In the plane, four points are marked. It is known that these points are the centers of four circles, three of which are pairwise externally tangent, and all these three are internally tangent to the fourth one. It turns out, however, that it is impossible to determine which of the marked points is the center of the fourth (the largest) circle.

Prove that these four points are the vertices of a rectangle.

**Solution.** Let  $O_0$  and  $R_0$  be the center and the radius of the greatest circle, and let  $O_1, O_2, O_3$  and  $R_1, R_2, R_3$  be the centers and the radii of the remaining circles. Then  $O_0O_i = R_0 - R_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ) and  $O_iO_j = R_i + R_j$  ( $i, j = 1, 2, 3, i \neq j$ ). Hence  $O_0O_1 - O_2O_3 = O_0O_2 - O_3O_1 = O_0O_3 - O_1O_2 = R_0 - R_1 - R_2 - R_3 := d$ .

If  $d > (<)0$ , then the distance from  $O_0$  to any of points  $O_1, O_2, O_3$  is greater (less) than the distance between two remaining points. This enables us to determine  $O_0$  which contradicts the condition. Indeed, if we colour the longer segments in each of the pairs  $(O_0O_1, O_2O_3)$ ,  $(O_0O_2, O_1O_3)$ , and  $(O_0O_3, O_1O_2)$  in red and the shorter ones in blue then  $O_0$  is the unique endpoint of three monochromatic segments.

If  $d = 0$ , then the marked points form a quadrilateral with equal opposite sides and equal diagonals. Such a quadrilateral has to be a rectangle.

**8.8. (I. Dmitriev)** Let  $P$  be an arbitrary point on the arc  $AC$  of the circumcircle of a fixed triangle  $ABC$ , not containing  $B$ . The bisector of angle  $APB$  meets the bisector of angle  $BAC$  at point  $P_a$ ; the bisector of angle  $CPB$  meets the bisector of angle  $BCA$  at point  $P_c$ . Prove that for all points  $P$ , the circumcenters of triangles  $PP_aP_c$  are collinear.

**Solution.** Notice first that the lines  $PP_a$  and  $PP_c$  meet the circumcircle for the second time at the midpoints  $C'$  and  $A'$  of the arcs  $AB$  and  $AC$ , respectively (see fig. 8.8). Thus  $\angle P_aPP_c = (\angle A + \angle C)/2 = 180^\circ - \angle AIC$ , where  $I$  is the incenter of the triangle. Hence all circles  $PP_aP_c$  pass through  $I$ .

Now let us fix some point  $P$  and find the second common point  $J$  of circles  $PP_aP_c$  and  $ABC$ . For any other point  $P'$  we have  $\angle JP'P_c = \angle JP'A' = 180^\circ - \angle JPA' = 180^\circ - \angle JPP_c = \angle JIP_c = \angle JIP'_c$  (if  $P$  and  $P'$  lie on arcs  $CJ$  and  $AJ$ , respectively; the remaining cases can be considered similarly). Thus the circle  $P'P_aP'_c$  also passes through  $J$ .

Therefore the circumcenters of all triangles  $PP_aP_c$  lie on the perpendicular bisector of the segment  $IJ$ .

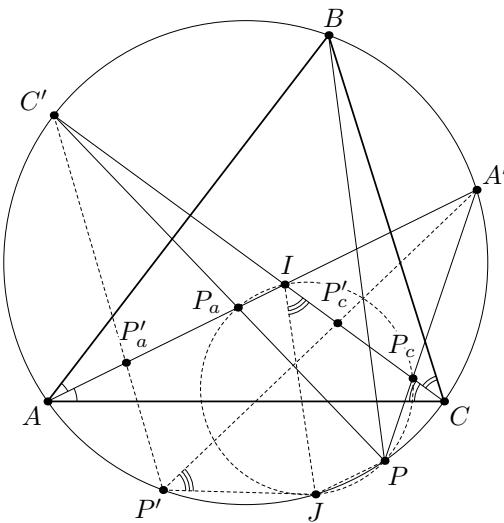


Рис. 8.8

**Remark.** Consider a “semiincircle”  $\omega$  which is tangent to the segments  $BA$ ,  $BC$  and to the arc  $APC$ . In a special case when  $P$  is the tangent point of  $\omega$  and  $(ABC)$  we see that  $J$  coincides with  $P$ . Thus we can determine  $J$  as a touching point of the circumcircle and the semiincircle. It is known that  $J$  lies also on line  $IS$ , where  $S$  is the midpoint of arc  $ABC$ .

**IX Geometrical Olympiad in honour of I.F.Sharygin**

**Final round. Ratmino, 2013, August 1**

**Solutions**

**First day. 9 grade**

**9.1.** (*D. Shvetsov*) All angles of a cyclic pentagon  $ABCDE$  are obtuse. The sidelines  $AB$  and  $CD$  meet at point  $E_1$ ; the sidelines  $BC$  and  $DE$  meet at point  $A_1$ . The tangent at  $B$  to the circumcircle of the triangle  $BE_1C$  meets the circumcircle  $\omega$  of the pentagon for the second time at point  $B_1$ . The tangent at  $D$  to the circumcircle of the triangle  $DA_1C$  meets  $\omega$  for the second time at point  $D_1$ . Prove that  $B_1D_1 \parallel AE$ .

**Solution.** Let us take any points  $M$  and  $N$  lying outside  $\omega$  on the rays  $B_1B$  and  $D_1D$ , respectively (see fig. 9.1). The angle  $\angle MBE_1$  is equal to the angle  $\angle BCE_1$  as an angle between a tangent line and a chord. Similarly, we get  $\angle NDA_1 = \angle DCA_1$ . Using the equality of vertical angles we obtain  $\angle ABB_1 = \angle MBE_1 = \angle BCE_1 = \angle DCA_1 = \angle NDA_1 = \angle EDD_1$ . Therefore, the arcs  $AD_1$  and  $EB_1$  are equal, and the claim follows.

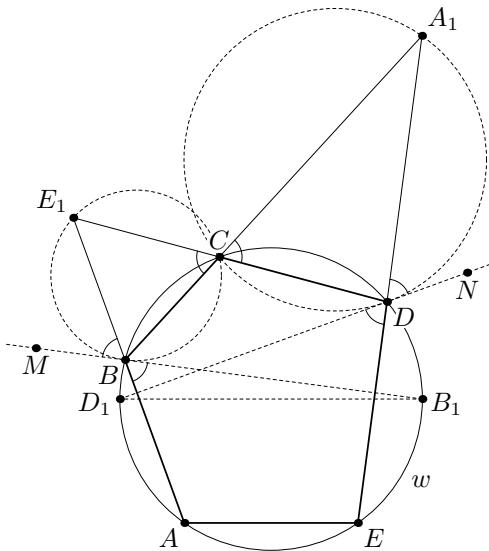


Fig. 9.1

**9.2.** (*F. Nilov*) Two circles  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  with centers  $O_1$  and  $O_2$  meet at points  $A$  and  $B$ . Points  $C$  and  $D$  on  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$ , respectively, lie on the opposite sides of the line  $AB$  and are equidistant from this line. Prove that  $C$  and  $D$  are equidistant from the midpoint of  $O_1O_2$ .

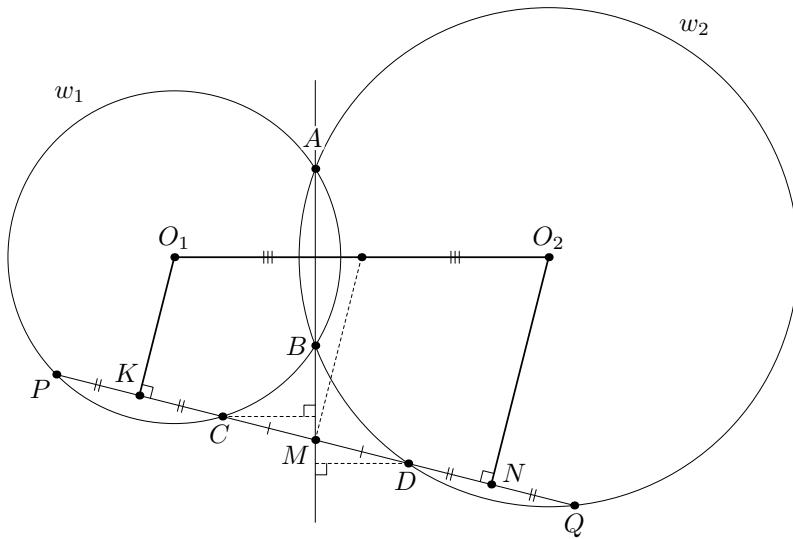


Fig. 9.2

**Solution.** Since the points  $C$  and  $D$  are equidistant from  $AB$ , the midpoint  $M$  of  $CD$  lies on  $AB$  (see fig. 9.2). Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be the second common points of the line  $CD$  with  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$ , respectively. Then  $MC \cdot MP = MB \cdot MA = MD \cdot MQ$ . Since  $MC = MD$ , we obtain that  $MP = MQ$  and  $PC = DQ$ . Let  $K$  and  $N$  be the midpoints of  $PC$  and  $DQ$ , respectively. Then  $M$  is the midpoint of  $KN$ . Hence the midline of the right-angled trapezoid  $O_1KNO_2$  is the perpendicular bisector of segment  $CD$ . Therefore the points  $C$  and  $D$  are equidistant from the midpoint of  $O_1O_2$ .

**9.3. (I. Bogdanov)** Each sidelength of a convex quadrilateral  $ABCD$  is not less than 1 and not greater than 2. The diagonals of this quadrilateral meet at point  $O$ . Prove that  $S_{AOB} + S_{COD} \leq 2(S_{AOD} + S_{BOC})$ .

**Solution.** It suffices to prove that one of the ratios  $\frac{AO}{OC}$  and  $\frac{BO}{OD}$  is at most 2 and at least  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Indeed, assuming that  $\frac{1}{2} \leq \frac{AO}{OC} \leq 2$  we get  $S_{AOB} \leq 2S_{BOC}$  and  $S_{COD} \leq 2S_{AOD}$ ; the claim follows. Thus, let us prove this fact.

Without loss of generality, we have  $AO \leq OC$  and  $BO \leq OD$ . Assume, to the contrary, that  $AO < \frac{OC}{2}$  and  $BO < \frac{OD}{2}$ . Let  $A'$  and  $B'$  be the points on segments  $OC$  and  $OD$ , respectively, such that  $OA' = 2OA$  and  $OB' = 2OB$  (see fig. 9.3). Then we have  $A'B' = 2AB \geq 2$ . Moreover, the points  $A'$  and  $B'$  lie on the sides of triangle  $COD$  and do not coincide with its vertices; hence the length of the segment  $A'B'$  is less than one of the side lengths of this triangle. Let us now estimate the side lengths of  $COD$ .

The problem condition yields  $CD \leq 2$ . Since  $O$  lies between  $B$  and  $D$ , the length of the segment  $CO$  does not exceed the length of one of the sides  $CB$  and  $CD$ , therefore  $CO \leq 2$ . Similarly,  $DO \leq 2$ . Now, the length of  $A'B'$  has to be less than one of these side lengths, which contradicts the fact that  $A'B' \geq 2$ .

**Remark.** The equality is achieved for the following degenerate quadrilateral. Consider a triangle  $ABC$  with  $1 \leq AB, BC \leq 2$  and  $AC = 3$ , and take a point  $D$  on the segment  $AC$  such that  $CD = 1$ ,  $DA = 2$ .

It is easy to see that the inequality is strict for any non-degenerate quadrilateral.

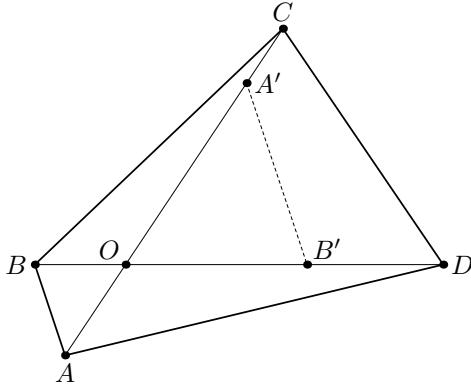


Fig. 9.3

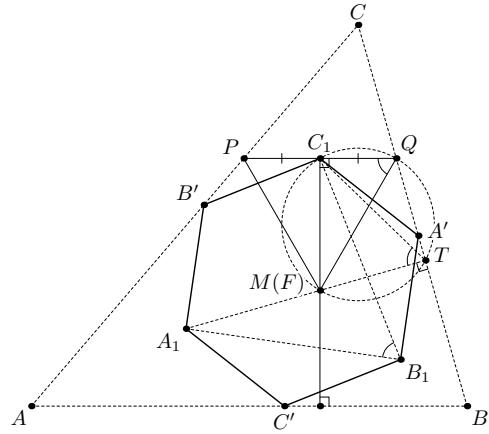


Fig. 9.4a

**9.4. (N. Beluhov)** A point  $F$  inside a triangle  $ABC$  is chosen so that  $\angle AFB = \angle BFC = \angle CFA$ . The line passing through  $F$  and perpendicular to  $BC$  meets the median from  $A$  at point  $A_1$ . Points  $B_1$  and  $C_1$  are defined similarly. Prove that the points  $A_1$ ,  $B_1$ , and  $C_1$  are three vertices of some regular hexagon, and that the three remaining vertices of that hexagon lie on the sidelines of  $ABC$ .

**First solution.** We will reconstruct the whole picture from the other end. Let us start with some regular hexagon  $A_1B'C_1A'B_1C'$  (see fig. 9.4a). Next, let  $M$  be a point inside  $\triangle A_1B_1C_1$  such that  $\angle B_1MC_1 = 180^\circ - \alpha$ ,  $\angle C_1MA_1 = 180^\circ - \beta$ , and  $\angle A_1MB_1 = 180^\circ - \gamma$  (this point

lies inside the triangle  $A_1B_1C_1$  since  $F$  lies inside the triangle  $ABC$ ). Let us draw the lines through  $A'$ ,  $B'$ , and  $C'$  perpendicular to  $A_1M$ ,  $B_1M$ , and  $C_1M$ , respectively. Consider a triangle  $ABC$  formed by them. This triangle is similar to the initial triangle from the problem statement, so we may assume that it is exactly that triangle.

Thus we are only left to show that the lines  $AA_1$ ,  $BB_1$  and  $CC_1$  are the medians of  $\triangle ABC$ , and  $M$  is its Fermat point (i.e.,  $M \equiv F$ ). Let the line parallel to  $AB$  through  $C_1$  meet  $CA$  and  $CB$  at points  $P$  and  $Q$ , respectively. Construct  $T = A_1M \cap CA'B$ . Since  $\angle A_1TA' = 90^\circ$ , point  $T$  belongs to the circumcircle of  $A_1B'C_1A'B_1C'$ , and the quadrilateral  $MC_1QT$  is cyclic. Therefore  $\angle C_1QM = \angle C_1TM = \angle C_1TA_1 = \angle C_1B_1A_1 = 60^\circ$ . Similarly we get  $\angle QPM = 60^\circ$ ; thus  $\triangle MPQ$  is equilateral, and  $C_1$  the midpoint of  $PQ$ . Now, a homothety with center  $C$  shows that  $CC_1$  is a median of  $\triangle ABC$ , and that  $CM$  passes through the third vertex of the equilateral triangle with base  $AB$  constructed outside  $ABC$  (this is a well-known construction for the Fermat point). By means of symmetry, the claim follows.

**Second solution.** Let  $A_p$  be a first Apollonius point (see fig. 9.4b). It is known that the pedal triangle  $A_0B_0C_0$  of  $A_p$  is regular. Next, the Apollonius and the Torricelli point are isogonally conjugate. Therefore their pedal triangles have a common circumcircle  $\omega$ .

Let us describe the point  $A_1$  in a different way. Let  $E$  be the projection of  $F$  to  $BC$ . Then  $E$  lies on  $\omega$ , and the line  $EF$  meets  $\omega$  for the second time at point  $A_1$ . Notice that  $\angle A_0EA_1 = 90^\circ$ ; therefore  $A_0A_1$  is a diameter of  $\omega$ . Similarly we may define the points  $B_1$  and  $C_1$ . Thus, the triangles  $A_1B_1C_1$  and  $A_0B_0C_0$  are symmetric with respect to the center of  $\omega$ . Therefore, the hexagon  $A_1B_0C_1A_0B_1C_0$  is regular. Now it remains to prove that the points  $A_1$ ,  $B_1$ , and  $C_1$  lie on the corresponding medians. This can be shown as in the previous solution.

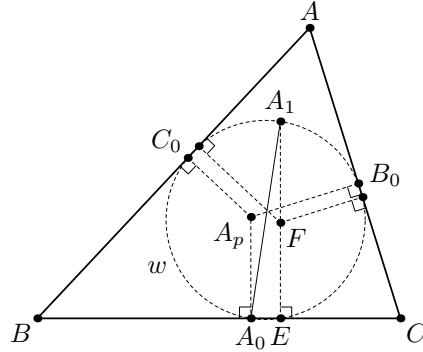


Fig. 9.46

# IX Geometrical Olympiad in honour of I.F.Sharygin

Final round. Ratmino, 2013, August 2

## Solutions

### Second day. 9 grade

**9.5 (V. Yassinsky)** Points  $E$  and  $F$  lie on the sides  $AB$  and  $AC$  of a triangle  $ABC$ . Lines  $EF$  and  $BC$  meet at point  $S$ . Let  $M$  and  $N$  be the midpoints of  $BC$  and  $EF$ , respectively. The line passing through  $A$  and parallel to  $MN$  meets  $BC$  at point  $K$ . Prove that  $\frac{BK}{CK} = \frac{FS}{ES}$ .

**Solution.** Let the lines passing through  $F$  and  $E$  and parallel to  $AK$  meet  $BC$  at points  $P$  and  $Q$ , respectively (see fig. 9.5). Since  $N$  is the midpoint of  $EF$ , we have  $PM = MQ$ , therefore  $CP = BQ$  and

$$\frac{BK}{CK} = \frac{CP}{CK} \cdot \frac{BK}{BQ} = \frac{CF}{CA} \cdot \frac{BA}{BE}.$$

Applying now the Menelaus theorem to triangle  $AFE$  and line  $CB$  we obtain

$$\frac{CF}{CA} \cdot \frac{BA}{BE} \cdot \frac{ES}{FS} = 1,$$

QED.

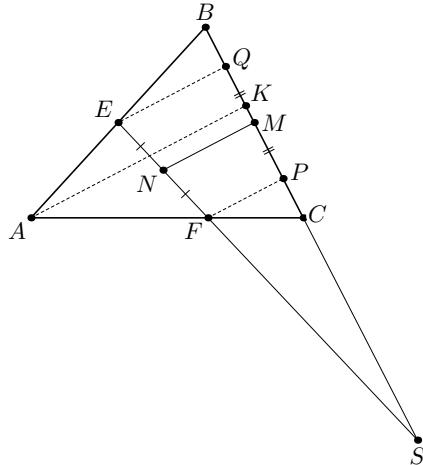


Fig. 9.5

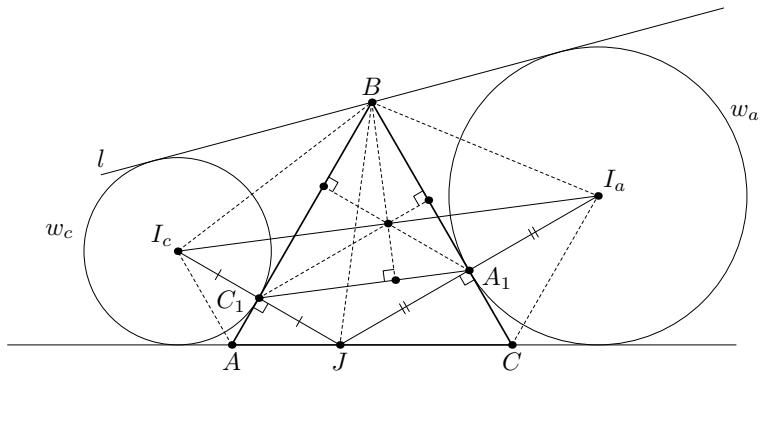


Fig. 9.6

**9.6 (D. Shvetsov, J. Zaytseva, A. Sokolov)** A line  $\ell$  passes through the vertex  $B$  of a regular triangle  $ABC$ . A circle  $w_a$  centered at  $I_a$  is tangent to  $BC$  at point  $A_1$ , and is also tangent to the lines  $\ell$  and  $AC$ . A circle  $w_c$  centered at  $I_c$  is tangent to  $BA$  at point  $C_1$ , and is also tangent to the lines  $\ell$  and  $AC$ .

Prove that the orthocenter of triangle  $A_1BC_1$  lies on the line  $I_aI_c$ .

**Solution.** By  $\angle BAI_c = \angle BCI_a = 60^\circ$ , the reflections of  $I_c$  and  $I_a$  in  $BA$  and  $BC$  respectively lie on  $AC$ . On the other hand, from  $\angle ABI_c + \angle CBI_a = 60^\circ = \angle ABC$  we get that the reflections of  $BI_c$  and  $BI_a$  in  $AB$  and  $BC$  respectively meet  $AC$  at the same point  $J$  (see fig. 9.6). Hence  $A_1C_1$  is the midline of triangle  $JI_aI_c$ . Then the altitudes of  $\triangle A_1BC_1$  from  $A_1$  and  $C_1$  (which are parallel to the radii  $I_cC_1$  and  $I_aA_1$ , respectively) are also the midlines of this triangle, thus meet at the midpoint of  $I_aI_c$ .

**9.7 (A. Karlyuchenko)** Two fixed circles  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  pass through point  $O$ . A circle of an arbitrary radius  $R$  centered at  $O$  meets  $\omega_1$  at points  $A$  and  $B$ , and meets  $\omega_2$  at points  $C$  and  $D$ . Let  $X$  be the common point of lines  $AC$  and  $BD$ . Prove that all the points  $X$  are collinear as  $R$  changes.

**First solution.** Let  $K$  be the second common point of  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  (see fig. 9.7). It suffices to prove that  $\angle OKX = 90^\circ$ .

We know that  $OA = OB = OC = OD$ . Therefore, the triangles  $AOB$  and  $COD$  are isosceles. Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be the angles at their bases, respectively. Then we have  $\angle BKC = \angle BKO + \angle CKO = \angle BAO + \angle CDO = \alpha + \beta$ . Since the quadrilateral  $ACBD$  is cyclic, we obtain that  $\angle BXC = 180^\circ - \angle XBC - \angle XCB = 180^\circ - \angle CAD - \angle ADB = 180^\circ - \frac{1}{2}(\overarc{AB} + \overarc{CD})$ , where  $\overarc{AB}$  and  $\overarc{CD}$  are the arcs of the circle with center  $O$ . We have  $\overarc{AB} = 180^\circ - 2\alpha$  and  $\overarc{CD} = 180^\circ - 2\beta$ ; thus  $\angle BXC = \angle BKC$ , i.e., the quadrilateral  $BXKC$  is cyclic. Hence  $\angle XKB = \angle XCB = 180^\circ - \angle ACB = 90^\circ - \alpha$ . Therefore  $\angle OKX = \angle BKK + \angle BKO = 90^\circ$ , QED.

**Second solution.** Let  $OP$  and  $OQ$  be diameters of  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$ , respectively. Then  $X \in PQ$ ; one may easily prove this by means of an inversion with center  $O$ . Indeed, let  $S$  be the common point of  $AB$  and  $CD$ , let  $M$  and  $N$  be the midpoints of  $AB$  and  $CD$ , respectively, and let  $Y$  be the second common point of the circles  $(ACS)$  and  $(BDS)$ . Since the figures  $AYBM$  and  $CYDN$  are similar, we have  $Y \in (OMSN)$ , and the claim follows as  $Y$  and  $(OMSN)$  are the images of  $X$  and  $PQ$ .

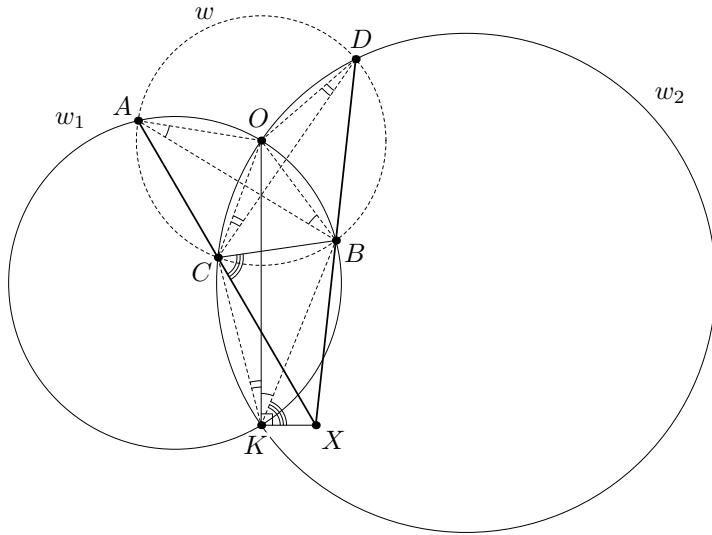


Fig. 9.7

**9.8 (V. Protasov)** Three cyclists ride along a circular road with radius 1 km counterclockwise. Their velocities are constant and different. Does there necessarily exist (in a sufficiently long time) a moment when all the three distances between cyclists are greater than 1 km?

**Answer:** no.

**Solution.** If one changes the velocities of cyclists by the same value, then the distances between them stay the same. Hence, it can be assumed that the first cyclist stays at a point  $A$  all the time.

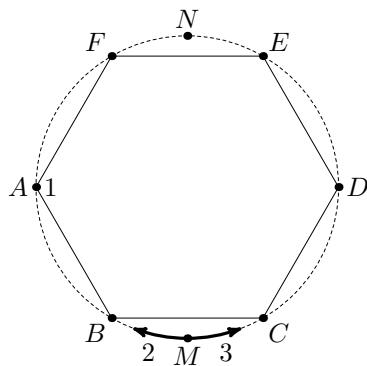


Fig. 9.8a

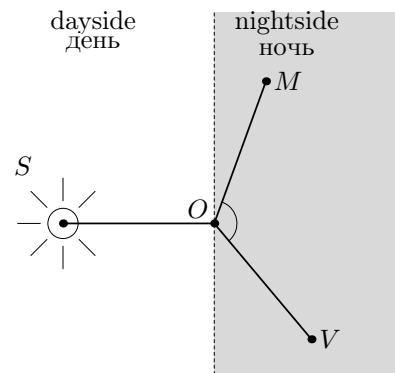


Fig. 9.86

Let us inscribe a regular hexagon  $ABCDEF$  in the circle. Let  $M$  and  $N$  be the midpoints of arcs  $BC$  and  $EF$  respectively. Suppose the second and the third cyclists start at the point  $M$  with equal velocities and go to opposite directions: the second does towards  $B$ , the third does

towards  $C$ . The distance between them is less than 1 km, until they reach those points. Then the second one is located less than 1 km away from the first, i.e., from the point  $A$ , until he reaches the point  $F$ . Simultaneously, the third one reaches  $E$ , and the distance between the second and the third becomes 1 km. Then this distance is reduced monotone until they meet at the point  $N$ . We obtain a configuration symmetric to the initial one with respect to the axis  $AD$ , with the interchange of the second and the third cyclists. Then the process is repeated all over again.

**Remark.** It can be shown that this is the only possible example, up to a shift of velocities of cyclists. It corresponds to the case when the three velocities form an arithmetic progression. In all other cases there exists a moment when the distances between cyclists exceed not only 1 km, but  $\sqrt{2}$  km! This is equivalent to the following theorem, whose proof is left to the reader:

**Theorem.** *If, under the assumptions of Problem 9.8, the velocities of cyclists do not form an arithmetic progression, then there exists a moment when the three radii to the cyclists form obtuse angles.*

By applying this fact, ancient astronomers could have rigorously shown the impossibility of geocentric model of the Universe. To this end, it suffices to consider the orbits of three objects: the Sun, Mercury, and Venus. Let us denote them by points  $S$ ,  $V$ ,  $M$  respectively and assume they move around the Earth (point  $O$ ) along circular orbits. We suppose that they move on one plane (actually the planes of their orbits almost coincide). Their angular velocities are known to be different and not forming an arithmetic progression. Then there exists a moment when all the three angles between the rays  $OS$ ,  $OM$  and  $OV$  are obtuse. Suppose an observer stands on the surface of the Earth at the point opposite to the direction of the ray  $OS$ . He is located on the nightside of the Earth and sees Mercury and Venus, since the angles  $SOM$  and  $SOV$  are both obtuse. The angular distance between those two planets, the angle  $MOV$ , is greater than  $90^\circ$ . However, the results of long-term observations available for ancient astronomers showed that the angular distance between Mercury and Venus never exceeds  $76^\circ$ . This contradiction shows the impossibility of the geocentric model with circular orbits.

# IX Geometrical Olympiad in honour of I.F.Sharygin

Final round. Ratmino, 2013, August 1

## Solutions

### First day. 10 grade

**10.1 (V. Yassinsky)** A circle  $k$  passes through the vertices  $B$  and  $C$  of a triangle  $ABC$  with  $AB > AC$ . This circle meets the extensions of sides  $AB$  and  $AC$  beyond  $B$  and  $C$  at points  $P$  and  $Q$ , respectively. Let  $AA_1$  be the altitude of  $ABC$ . Given that  $A_1P = A_1Q$ , prove that  $\angle PA_1Q = 2\angle BAC$ .

**Solution.** Since  $\angle A_1AP = 90^\circ - \angle ABC = 90^\circ - \angle AQP$ , the ray  $AA_1$  passes through the circumcenter  $O$  of the triangle  $APQ$  (see fig. 10.1). This circumcenter also lies on the perpendicular bisector  $\ell$  of the segment  $PQ$ . Since  $AB \neq AC$ , the lines  $AO$  and  $\ell$  are not parallel, so they have exactly one common point. But both  $O$  and  $A_1$  are their common points, so  $A_1 = O$ . Therefore, the inscribed angle  $PAQ$  is the half of the central angle  $PA_1Q$ .

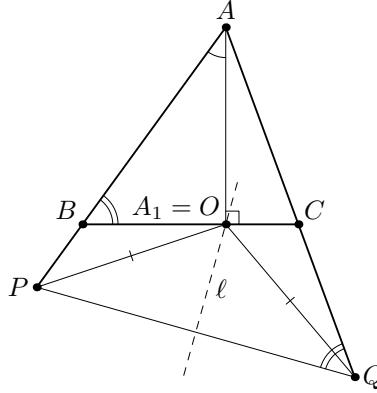


Рис. 10.1

**10.2 (A. Polyansky)** Let  $ABCD$  be a circumscribed quadrilateral with  $AB = CD \neq BC$ . The diagonals of the quadrilateral meet at point  $L$ . Prove that the angle  $ALB$  is acute.

**Solution.** Assume to the contrary that  $\angle ALB \geq 90^\circ$ . Then we get  $AB^2 \geq AL^2 + BL^2$  and  $CD^2 \geq CL^2 + DL^2$ ; similarly,  $AD^2 \leq AL^2 + DL^2$  and  $BC^2 \leq BL^2 + CL^2$ . Thus,  $2AB^2 = AB^2 + CD^2 \geq AD^2 + BC^2$ .

On the other hand, since the quadrilateral is circumscribed, we have  $2AB = AB + CD = BC + AD$ . This yields  $AD \neq BC$  and

$$2(AD^2 + BC^2) = (AD + BC)^2 + (AD - BC)^2 > (2AB)^2 = 4AB^2.$$

A contradiction.

**10.3 (A. Karlyuchenko)** Let  $X$  be a point inside a triangle  $ABC$  such that  $XA \cdot BC = XB \cdot AC = XC \cdot AB$ . Let  $I_1$ ,  $I_2$ , and  $I_3$  be the incenters of the triangles  $XBC$ ,  $XCA$ , and  $XAB$ , respectively. Prove that the lines  $AI_1$ ,  $BI_2$ , and  $CI_3$  are concurrent.

**Solution 1.** Consider a tetrahedron  $ABCX'$  with

$$AB \cdot CX' = BC \cdot AX' = CA \cdot BX'. \quad (*)$$

Denote by  $I'_a$ ,  $I'_b$  and  $I'_c$  the incenters of the triangles  $BCX'$ ,  $ACX'$ , and  $ABX'$ . Then  $(*)$  implies that the bisectors  $AI'_b$  and  $BI'_a$  of the angles  $X'AC$  and  $X'BC$  meet the segment  $X'C$  at the same point. This implies that the segments  $AI'_a$  and  $BI'_b$  have a common point. Similarly, each of them has a common point with the segment  $CI'_c$ . Since these three segments are not coplanar, all three of them have a common point.

Now, tending  $X'$  to  $X$  along the intersection circle of the three corresponding Apollonius spheres for the pairs  $(A, B)$ ,  $(B, C)$ , and  $(A, C)$ , we come to the problem statement.

**Solution 2.** Let  $I$  be the incenter of the triangle  $ABC$ , and let  $A_1, B_1$ , and  $C_1$  be the feet of the respective bisectors in this triangle. Let  $T_c$  be the common point of the lines  $CI_3$  and  $XI$ ; define the points  $T_a$  and  $T_b$  similarly. We will prove that  $T_a = T_b = T_c$ .

Since  $XB/XA = BC/AC$ , the bisector  $XI_3$  of the angle  $BXA$  passes through  $C_1$ . Applying the Menelaus theorem to the triangle  $\triangle XIC_1$  and the line  $CI_3$ , and using the properties of the bisector  $AI_3$  of the angle  $XAC_1$ , we obtain

$$\frac{XT_c}{T_c I} = \frac{XI_3}{I_c C_1} \cdot \frac{C_1 C}{CI} = \frac{XA}{AC_1} \cdot \frac{C_1 C}{CI} = \frac{XA}{CI} \cdot \frac{C_1 C}{AC_1} = \frac{XA}{CI} \cdot \frac{\sin A}{\sin(C/2)}.$$

Similarly we get

$$\frac{XT_b}{T_b I} = \frac{XA}{BI} \cdot \frac{\sin A}{\sin(B/2)}.$$

But  $\frac{BI}{CI} = \frac{\sin(C/2)}{\sin(B/2)}$ , so  $\frac{XT_c}{T_c I} = \frac{XT_b}{T_b I}$ , as desired.

**10.4 (N. Beluhov)** We are given a cardboard square of area  $1/4$  and a paper triangle of area  $1/2$  such that all the squares of the side lengths of the triangle are integers. Prove that the square can be completely wrapped with the triangle. (In other words, prove that the triangle can be folded along several straight lines and the square can be placed inside the folded figure so that both faces of the square are completely covered with paper.)

**Solution. 1.** We say that a triangle is *elementary* if its area equals  $\frac{1}{2}$ , and the squares of its side lengths are all integral. Denote by  $\Delta$  the elementary triangle with side lengths  $1, 1$ , and  $\sqrt{2}$ .

Now we define the operation of *reshaping* as follows. Take a triangle  $ABC$ ; let  $AM$  be one of its medians. Let us cut it along  $AM$ , and glue the pieces  $\triangle ABM$  and  $\triangle ACM$  along the equal segments  $BM$  and  $CM$  to obtain a new triangle with the side lengths  $AB, AC$ , and  $2AM$ .

**2.** We claim that for every elementary triangle  $\delta$ , one may apply to it a series of reshapings resulting in  $\Delta$ .

To this end, notice that a reshaping always turns an elementary triangle into an elementary triangle: indeed, reshaping preserves the area, and, by the median formula  $4m_a^2 = 2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2$ , it also preserves the property that the side lengths are integral.

Now let us take an arbitrary elementary triangle  $\delta$ . If its angle at some vertex is obtuse, then let us reshape it by cutting along the median from this vertex; the maximum side length of the new triangle will be strictly smaller than that of the initial one. Let us proceed on this way. Since all the squares of the side lengths are integral, we will eventually stop on some triangle  $\delta'$  which is right- or acute-angled. The sine of the maximal angle of  $\delta'$  is not less than  $\sqrt{3}/2$ , so the product of the lengths of the sides adjacent to this angle is at most  $2/\sqrt{3}$ . Hence both of them are unit, and the angle between them is right. Thus  $\delta' = \Delta$ , as desired.

**3.** Conversely, if  $\delta'$  is obtained from  $\delta$  by a series of reshapings, then  $\delta$  can also be obtained from  $\delta'$ . Therefore, each elementary triangle  $\delta$  can be obtained from  $\Delta$ .

**4.** Now, let us say that a triangle  $\delta$  forms a *proper wrapping* if our cardboard square can be wrapped up completely with  $\delta$  in such a way that each pair of points on the same side of  $\delta$  equidistant from its midpoint comes to the same point on the same face of the folded figure. The triangle  $\Delta$  forms a proper wrapping when folded along two its shorter midlines.

Suppose that a triangle  $\delta = ABC$  forms a proper wrapping, and let  $AM$  be one of its medians. Consider the corresponding folding of this triangle. In it, let us glue together the segments  $BM$  and  $CM$  (it is possible by the definition of a proper wrapping), and cut our triangle along  $AM$ . We will obtain a folding of the reshaping of  $\delta$  along  $AM$ ; thus, this

reshaping is also a proper wrapping. Together with the statement from part 3, this implies the problem statement.

**Remark 1.** From this solution, one may see that the following three conditions are equivalent:

- (a) the triangle  $ABC$  is elementary;
- (b) there exists a copy of  $\triangle ABC$  such that all its vertices are integer points;
- (c) there exist six integers  $p, q, r, s, t, u$  such that  $p+q+r=s+t+u=0$  and  $p^2+s^2=AB$ ,  $q^2+t^2=BC$ ,  $r^2+u^2=CA$ .

**Remark 2.** The equivalence of the conditions (b) and (c) is obvious. The fact that (a) is also equivalent to them can be proved in different ways. E.g., one may start from Heron's formula; for the elementary triangle with side lengths  $\sqrt{a}, \sqrt{b}, \sqrt{c}$  it asserts  $2(ab+bc+ca)-(a^2+b^2+c^2)=1$ . One may show — for instance, by the descent method — that all integral solutions of this equation satisfy (c).

Another approach is the following one. Consider an elementary triangle  $ABC$  and let it generate a lattice (that is, take all the endpoints  $X$  such that  $\overrightarrow{AX} = k\overrightarrow{AB} + \ell\overrightarrow{AC}$  with integral  $k$  and  $\ell$ ). Using the cosine law, one easily gets that all the distances between the points of this lattice are roots of integers. Now, from the condition on the area, we have that the minimal area of a parallelogram with vertices in the lattice points is 1. Taking such a parallelogram with the minimal diameter, one may show that it is a unit square<sup>1</sup>.

This lattice also helps in a different solution to our problem. For convenience, let us scale the whole picture with coefficient 2; after that, the vertices of the triangle have even coordinates, and its area is 2, and we need to wrap a unit square. Now, let us paint our checkered plane chess-like and draw on it the lattice of the triangles equal to  $ABC$ ; their vertices are all the points with even coordinates. Notice that all the triangles are partitioned into two classes: the translations of  $ABC$  and the symmetric images of it.

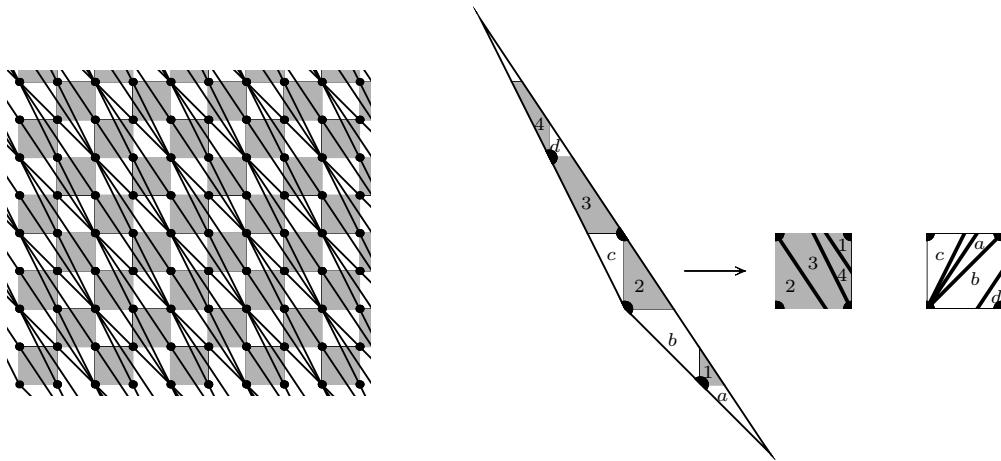


Рис. 10.4

Now, let us wrap a black square with vertex  $A$  with the triangle  $ABC$ , folding it by the sides of the cells. Then a black face of the square will get all black parts of the triangle; the parts from the black squares in even rows will be shifted, while those from the other black squares will be reflected at some points.

On the other hand, all the black squares in the even rows are partitioned by the triangles in the same manner; the partition of any other black square again can be obtained by a reflection of that first partition. Such a reflection interchanges the two classes of triangles. Finally, now it is easy to see that our black square will be completely covered: those its parts which are in the triangles of the first class — by the translations of the parts of  $ABC$ , and the others — by the reflections of the other black parts of  $ABC$ . The same applies to the other face of the square.

<sup>1</sup>Cf. problem 10.7 from the Final round of the 5th olympiad in honour of I.F.Sharygin, 2009.

# IX Geometrical Olympiad in honour of I.F.Sharygin

Final round. Ratmino, 2013, August 2

## Solutions

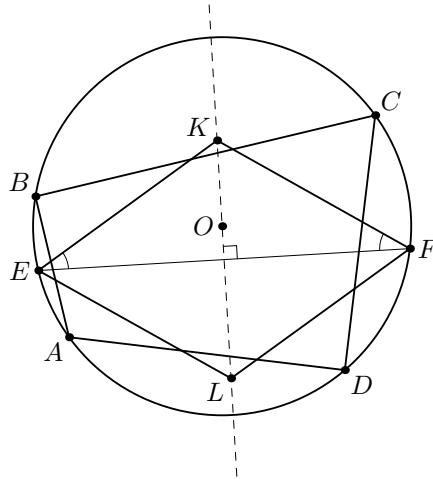
### Second day. 10 grade

**10.5 (D. Shvetsov)** Let  $O$  be the circumcenter of a cyclic quadrilateral  $ABCD$ . Points  $E$  and  $F$  are the midpoints of arcs  $AB$  and  $CD$  not containing the other vertices of the quadrilateral. The lines passing through  $E$  and  $F$  and parallel to the diagonals of  $ABCD$  meet at points  $E, F, K$ , and  $L$ . Prove that line  $KL$  passes through  $O$ .

**Solution.** For concreteness, let  $K$  lie on the line parallel to  $AC$  through  $E$ , as well as on the line parallel to  $BD$  through  $F$  (see fig. 10.5). Notice that

$$\angle(KE, EF) = \angle(AC, EF) = \frac{\overarc{CF} + \overarc{AE}}{2} = \frac{\overarc{FD} + \overarc{EB}}{2} = \angle(BD, EF) = \angle(KF, EF).$$

This means that the triangle  $KEF$  is isosceles,  $KE = KF$ . Hence the parallelogram  $EKFL$  is in fact a rhombus, and  $KL$  is the perpendicular bisector of  $EF$ , thus it contains  $O$ .



Pic. 10.5

**10.6 (D. Prokopenko)** The altitudes  $AA_1$ ,  $BB_1$ , and  $CC_1$  of an acute-angled triangle  $ABC$  meet at point  $H$ . The perpendiculars from  $H$  to  $B_1C_1$  and  $A_1C_1$  meet the rays  $CA$  and  $CB$  at points  $P$  and  $Q$ , respectively. Prove that the perpendicular from  $C$  to  $A_1B_1$  passes through the midpoint of  $PQ$ .

**Solution 1.** Let  $N$  be the projection of  $C$  to  $A_1B_1$ . Consider a homothety  $h$  centered at  $C$  and mapping  $H$  to  $C_1$ ; thus  $h(P) = P_1$  and  $h(Q) = Q_1$ . We have  $C_1P_1 \perp C_1B_1$  and  $C_1Q_1 \perp C_1A_1$ ; it suffices to prove now that the line  $CN$  bisects  $P_1Q_1$ .

Let  $K$  and  $L$  be the projections of  $P_1$  and  $Q_1$ , respectively, to the line  $A_1B_1$ . It is well known that  $\angle CB_1A_1 = \angle AB_1C_1$ ; so,  $\angle P_1B_1K = \angle P_1B_1C_1$ , and the right-angled triangles  $P_1B_1K$  and  $P_1B_1C_1$  are congruent due to equal hypotenuses and acute angles. Hence  $B_1K = B_1C_1$ . Similarly,  $A_1L = A_1C_1$ , so the length of  $KL$  equals the perimeter of  $\triangle A_1B_1C_1$ .

Since  $C$  is an excenter of the triangle  $A_1B_1C_1$ , the point  $N$  is the tangency point of the corresponding excircle with  $A_1B_1$ , so  $B_1N = p - B_1C_1$ . Then we have  $KN = B_1C_1 + p - B_1C_1 = p$ , thus  $N$  is the midpoint of  $KL$ . Finally, by the parallel lines  $P_1K$ ,  $CN$ , and  $Q_1L$  we conclude that the line  $CN$  bisects  $P_1Q_1$ , as required.

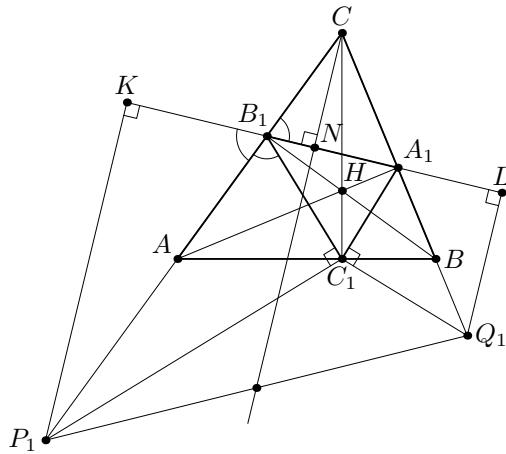


Рис. 10.6а

**Solution 2.** Denote  $\angle BAC = \alpha$  and  $\angle ABC = \beta$ ; then we also have  $\angle ACC_1 = 90^\circ - \alpha$  and  $\angle BCC_1 = 90^\circ - \beta$ . By  $\triangle AB_1C_1 \sim \triangle A_1BC_1 \sim \triangle ABC$  we get  $\angle HPC = 90^\circ - \angle AB_1C_1 = 90^\circ - \beta$ ; similarly,  $\angle HQC = 90^\circ - \alpha$ . Next, let the perpendicular from C to  $A_1B_1$  meet  $PQ$  at  $X$ . Then  $\angle PCX = 90^\circ - \beta$  and  $\angle QCX = 90^\circ - \alpha$ .

We need to show that  $CX$  is a median in  $\triangle CPQ$ ; since  $\angle PCX = \angle QCH$ , this is equivalent to the fact that  $CH$  is its symmedian. Therefore we have reduced the problem to the following known fact (see, for instance, A. Akopyan, “Geometry in figures”, problem 4.4.6).

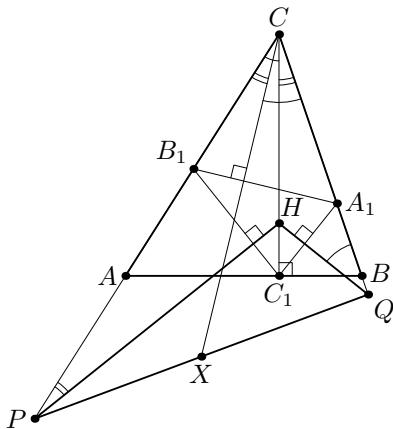


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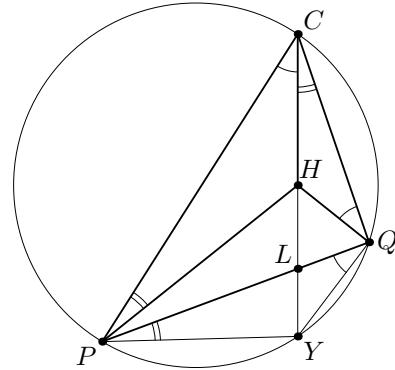


Рис. 10.6в

**Lemma.** Assume that a point  $H$  inside a triangle  $CPQ$  is chosen so that  $\angle CPH = \angle QCH$  and  $\angle CQH = \angle PCH$ . Then  $CH$  is a symmedian in this triangle.

*Proof.* The triangles  $PHC$  and  $CHQ$  are similar due to two pairs of equal angles. Now, let  $Y$  be the second intersection point of the circumcircle of  $\triangle CPQ$  with  $CH$ . Then  $\angle YPH = \angle YPC - \angle CPH = (180^\circ - \angle YQC) - \angle YCQ = \angle HYQ$ , and hence the triangles  $PHY$  and  $YHQ$  are also similar. From these similarities one gets

$$\left(\frac{PY}{YQ}\right)^2 = \frac{PH}{HY} \cdot \frac{HY}{HQ} = \frac{PH}{HQ} = \left(\frac{PC}{CQ}\right)^2,$$

so  $CPYQ$  is a harmonic quadrilateral. This is equivalent to the statement of the Lemma.

**Remark.** One may easily obtain from the proof of the Lemma that  $H$  is a midpoint of  $CY$ .

Another proof of the Lemma (and even of the problem statement) may be obtained as follows. After noticing that the triangles  $PHC$  and  $CHQ$  are similar, it is easy to obtain the equality  $\frac{CP}{CQ} = \frac{PH}{HC} = \frac{\sin \angle PCH}{\sin \angle QCH} = \frac{\sin \angle QCX}{\sin \angle PCX}$ .

**10.7 (B. Frenkin)** In the space, five points are marked. It is known that these points are the centers of five spheres, four of which are pairwise externally tangent, and all these

four are internally tangent to the fifth one. It turns out, however, that it is impossible to determine which of the marked points is the center of the fifth (the largest) sphere. Find the ratio of the greatest and the smallest radii of the spheres.

$$\text{Answer. } \frac{\sqrt{7} + \sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{7} - \sqrt{3}} = \frac{5 + \sqrt{21}}{2}.$$

**Solution.** Denote by  $O$  and  $O'$  two possible positions of the center of the largest sphere (among the five marked points), and denote by  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  the other three marked points.

Consider the points  $O$ ,  $O'$ ,  $A$ , and  $B$ . In the configuration of spheres where  $O$  is the center of the largest sphere, denote by  $R$ ,  $r'$ ,  $r_a$ , and  $r_b$  the radii of the spheres centered at  $O$ ,  $O'$ ,  $A$ , and  $B$ , respectively. Then we have  $OO' = R - r'$ ,  $OA = R - r_a$ ,  $OB = R - r_b$ ,  $O'A = r' + r_a$ ,  $O'B = r' + r_b$ , and  $AB = r_a + r_b$ , which yields  $OO' - AB = OA - O'B = OB - O'A$ ; denote this common difference by  $d$ . Similarly, from the configuration with  $O'$  being the center of the largest sphere we obtain  $d = OO' - AB = O'A - OB = O'B - OA = -d$ . Thus  $d = 0$ , and therefore  $OO' = AB$ ,  $OA = O'B$ , and  $OB = O'A$ .

Applying similar arguments to the tuples  $(O, O', A, C)$  and  $(O, O', B, C)$  we learn  $OO' = AB = AC = BC$  and  $OA = O'B = OC = O'A = OB = O'C$ . So, the triangle  $ABC$  is equilateral (let its side length be  $2\sqrt{3}$ ), and the regular pyramids  $OABC$  and  $O'ABC$  are congruent. Thus the points  $O$  and  $O'$  are symmetrical to each other about  $(ABC)$ . Moreover, we have  $OO' = 2\sqrt{3}$ , so the altitude of each pyramid has the length  $\sqrt{3}$ . Let  $H$  be the common foot of these altitudes, then  $HO = HO' = \sqrt{3}$  and  $HA = HB = HC = 2$ , thus  $OA = O'A = \sqrt{7}$ . So the radii of the spheres centered at  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  are equal to  $\sqrt{3}$ , while the radii of the other two spheres are equal to  $\sqrt{7} - \sqrt{3}$  and  $\sqrt{7} + \sqrt{3}$ , whence the answer.

**10.8 (A. Zaslavsky)** In the plane, two fixed circles are given, one of them lies inside the other one. For an arbitrary point  $C$  of the external circle, let  $CA$  and  $CB$  be two chords of this circle which are tangent to the internal one. Find the locus of the incenters of triangles  $ABC$ .

**Solution.** Denote by  $\Omega$  and  $\omega$  the larger and the smaller circle, and by  $R$  and  $r$  their radii, respectively (see fig. 10.8). Denote by  $D$  the center of  $\omega$ . Let  $C'$  be the midpoint of the arc  $AB$  of  $\Omega$  not containing  $C$ , and let  $I$  be the incenter of  $\triangle ABC$ . Then the points  $I$  and  $D$  lie on  $CC'$ ; next, it is well known that  $C'I = C'A = 2R \sin \angle ACC'$ .

On the other hand, denoting by  $P$  the tangency point of  $AC$  and  $\omega$ , we have  $\sin \angle ACC' = PD/CD = r/CD$ . Next, the product  $d = CD \cdot C'D$  is negated power of the point  $D$  with respect to  $\Omega$ , thus it is constant. So we get  $C'I = 2Rr/CD = C'D \cdot 2Rr/d$ , whence

$$\overrightarrow{ID} = \overrightarrow{C'D} - \overrightarrow{C'I} = \overrightarrow{C'D} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{2Rr}{d}\right).$$

Thus, the point  $I$  lies on the circle obtained from  $\Omega$  by scaling at  $D$  with the coefficient  $\frac{2Rr}{d} - 1$ .

Conversely, from every point  $I$  of this circle, one may find the points  $C$  and  $C'$  as the points of intersection of  $ID$  and  $\Omega$ ; the point  $C'$  is chosen as the image of  $I$  under the inverse scaling. For the obtained point  $C$ , the point  $I$  is the desired incenter; hence our locus is the whole obtained circle.

**Remark.** If  $2Rr = d$ , the obtained locus degenerates to the point  $D$ . In this case, one may obtain from our solution the *Euler formula* for the distance between the circumcenter and the incenter of a triangle.

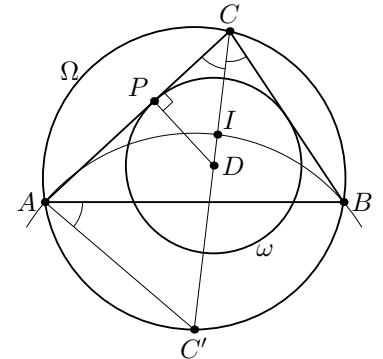


Рис. 10.8

# X Geometrical Olympiad in honour of I.F.Sharygin

Final round. Ratmino, 2014, July 31

## Solutions

### First day. 8 grade

**8.1.** (*J. Zajtseva, D. Shvetsov*) The incircle of a right-angled triangle  $ABC$  touches its catheti  $AC$  and  $BC$  at points  $B_1$  and  $A_1$ , the hypotenuse touches the incircle at point  $C_1$ . Lines  $C_1A_1$  and  $C_1B_1$  meet  $CA$  and  $CB$  respectively at points  $B_0$  and  $A_0$ . Prove that  $AB_0 = BA_0$ .

**First solution.** Consider an excircle with center  $I_A$  touching side  $AC$  at point  $B_2$  and the extension of side  $BC$  at point  $A'_0$ . Since  $I_A B_2 C A'_0$  is a square, we have  $I_A A'_0 = B_2 C$ . It is known that  $B_2 C = AB_1$ , thus  $I_A A'_0 = AB_1$ . Then  $A'_0 B_1 \parallel I_A A$ , but  $I_A A \parallel B_1 C_1$ , therefore,  $A'_0, B_1, C_1$  are collinear and  $A'_0$  coincides with  $A_0$ , thus  $BA_0$  as a tangent to the excircle is equal to the semiperimeter of  $ABC$ . Similarly we obtain that  $AB_0$  is equal to the semiperimeter, therefore  $AB_0 = BA_0$ .

**Second solution.** Since segments  $CA_1$  and  $CB_1$  are equal to the radius  $r$  of the incircle, and lines  $C_1A_1$ ,  $C_1B_1$  are perpendicular to the bisectors of angles  $B$  and  $A$  respectively, we obtain from right-angled triangles  $CA_0B_1$  and  $CB_0A_1$  that  $A_0C = \frac{r}{\tan \frac{A}{2}}$ ,  $B_0C = \frac{r}{\tan \frac{B}{2}}$ . On the other hand  $AC = r + \frac{r}{\tan \frac{A}{2}}$ ,  $BC = r + \frac{r}{\tan \frac{B}{2}}$ . Therefore  $AB_0 = AC + CB_0 = BC + CA_0 = BA_0$ .

**8.2.** (*B. Frenkin*) Let  $AH_a$  and  $BH_b$  be altitudes,  $AL_a$  and  $BL_b$  be angle bisectors of a triangle  $ABC$ . It is known that  $H_a H_b \parallel L_a L_b$ . Is it necessarily true that  $AC = BC$ ?

**Answer:** yes.

**First solution.** Since triangles  $H_a H_b C$  and  $ABC$  are similar, triangles  $L_a L_b C$  and  $ABC$  are also similar, i.e  $L_a C / AC = L_b C / BC$ . Thus triangles  $AL_a C$  and  $BL_b C$  are similar. Thus,  $\angle L_a B L_b = \angle L_b A L_a$ , but these angles are equal to the halves of angles  $A$  and  $B$ . Therefore  $AC = BC$ .

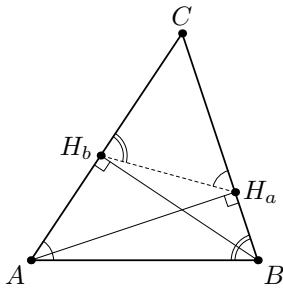


Fig. 8.2a

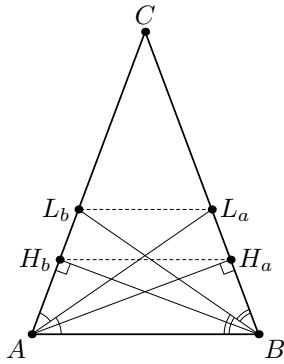


Fig. 8.2b

**Second solution.** Since  $H_a H_b$  and  $AB$  are antiparallel wrt  $AC$  and  $BC$ ,  $L_a L_b$  and  $AB$  are also antiparallel wrt  $AC$  and  $BC$ , thus quadrilateral  $AL_b L_a B$  is cyclic. Then  $\angle L_a B L_b = \angle L_b A L_a$  and  $AC = BC$ .

**8.3.** (*A. Blinkov*) Points  $M$  and  $N$  are the midpoints of sides  $AC$  and  $BC$  of a triangle  $ABC$ . It is known that  $\angle MAN = 15^\circ$  and  $\angle BAN = 45^\circ$ . Find the value of angle  $ABM$ .

**Answer:**  $75^\circ$ .

**First solution.** Extend segment  $MN$  and consider such points  $K$  and  $L$  that  $KM = MN = NL$  (fig. 8.3IO). Since  $M$  is the midpoint of segments  $AC$  and  $KN$ , we obtain that  $AKCN$  is a parallelogram. then  $\angle CKM = 45^\circ$ ,  $\angle KCM = 15^\circ$ . Consider such point  $P$  on segment  $CM$  that  $\angle CKP = 15^\circ$ . Segment

$KP$  divides triangle  $KCM$  into two isosceles triangles. Also  $\angle PMN = 60^\circ$ , hence triangle  $MPN$  is regular. Triangles  $PLN$  and  $PKM$  are equal, triangle  $CPL$  is isosceles and right-angled, thus  $\angle CLN = \angle CLP + \angle MLP = 75^\circ = \angle ABM$ , because  $CLBM$  is a parallelogram.

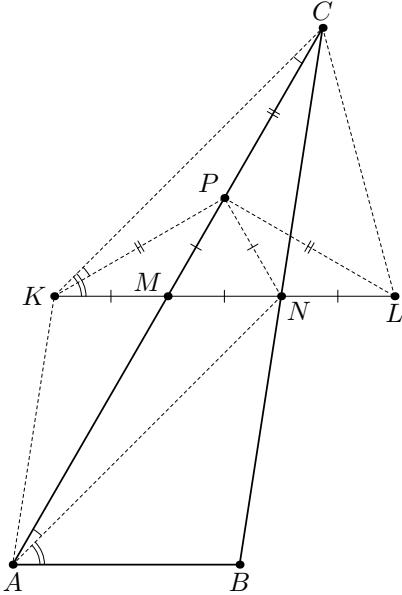


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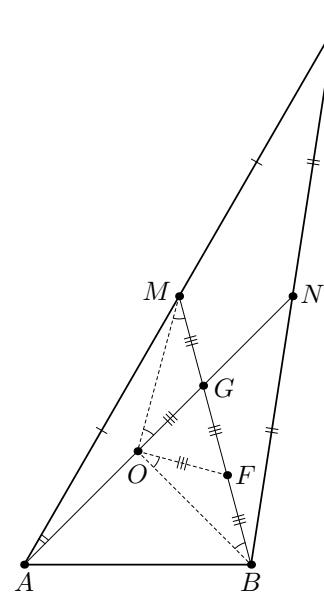


Fig. 8.3b

**Second solution.** Let  $G$  be the centroid of  $ABC$ ,  $F$  be the midpoint  $GB$ , and  $GFO$  be the regular triangle such that points  $O$  and  $A$  lie in the same semiplane wrt  $MB$ . Since  $\angle MOB = 120^\circ$ ,  $O$  is the circumcenter of triangle  $MAB$ , also we have  $\angle MOG = 30^\circ = 2\angle MAG$ , therefore  $AG$  meet  $OG$  on the circumcircle of  $AMB$ , i.e.  $A, O, G$  are collinear. Then  $75^\circ = \angle MOA/2 = \angle ABN$ .

**8.4. (T. Kazitsyna)** Tanya has cut out a triangle from checkered paper as shown in the picture. The lines of the grid have faded. Can Tanya restore them without any instruments only folding the triangle (she remembers the triangle sidelengths)?

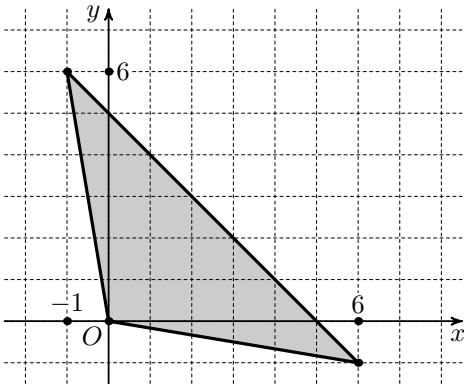


Fig. 8.4a

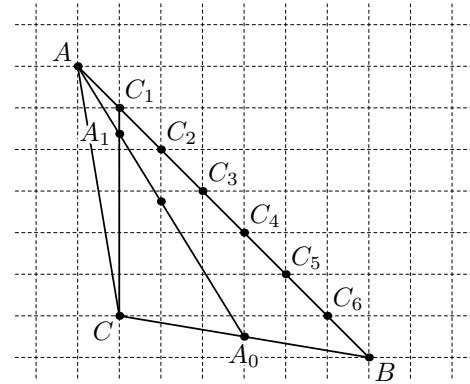


Fig. 8.4b

**Solution.** Let  $ABC$  be the given triangle ( $AC = BC$ ). It is evident that we can find the midpoint of an arbitrary segment. Construct the median  $AA_0$ , and find on it such point  $A_1$  that  $AA_1 = AA_0/4$ . By Thales theorem line  $CA_1$  is the grid line intersecting  $AB$  at point  $C_1$  such that  $AC_1 = AB/7$  (fig.). Now constructing segments  $C_1C_2 = C_2C_3 = \dots = C_5C_6 = AC_1$ , we find all nodes lying on  $AB$ . Folding the triangle by the line passing through  $C_2$  in such way that  $C_3$  be on  $CC_1$ , we restore the grid line passing through  $C_2$ , etc. The perpendicular lines can be restored similarly.

# X Geometrical Olympiad in honour of I.F.Sharygin

Final round. Ratmino, 2014, August 1

## Solutions

### Second day. 8 grade

**8.5.** (*A. Shapovalov*) A triangle with angles of 30, 70 and 80 degrees is given. Cut it by a straight line into two triangles in such a way that an angle bisector in one of these triangles and a median in the other one drawn from two endpoints of the cutting segment are parallel to each other. (It suffices to find one such cutting.)

**Solution.** Let in triangle  $ABC$   $\angle A = 30^\circ$ ,  $\angle B = 70^\circ$ ,  $\angle C = 80^\circ$ . Take an altitude  $AH$ . Then  $\angle CAH = \angle MHA = 10^\circ$ , where  $M$  is the midpoint of  $AC$ . Also  $\angle HAL = 10^\circ$ , where  $L$  is the foot of the bisector of triangle  $HAB$  from vertex  $A$ . Therefore the median of triangle  $AHC$  from  $H$  and the bisector of triangle  $BAH$  from  $A$  are parallel, and  $AH$  is the desired cutting segment.

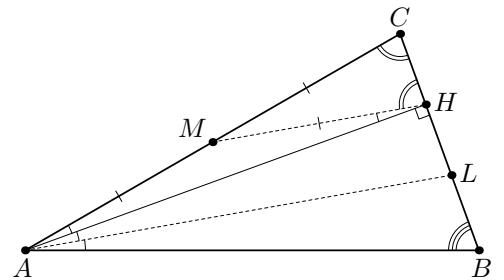


Fig. 8.5

**8.6.** (*V. Yasinsky*) Two circles  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  with centers  $O_1$  and  $O_2$  are tangent to each other externally at point  $O$ . Points  $X$  and  $Y$  on  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  respectively are such that rays  $O_1X$  and  $O_2Y$  are parallel and codirectional. Prove that two tangents from  $X$  to  $k_2$  and two tangents from  $Y$  to  $k_1$  touch the same circle passing through  $O$ .

**Solution.** Let  $S$  be the common point of  $XO_2$  and  $YO_1$ . Let  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  be the radii of the corresponding circles. Then  $\frac{XS}{SO_2} = \frac{O_1S}{SY} = \frac{r_1}{r_2} = \frac{O_1O}{OO_2}$ . Thus  $SO = \frac{r_1}{r_1 + r_2} O_2Y = \frac{r_1 r_2}{r_1 + r_2}$ .

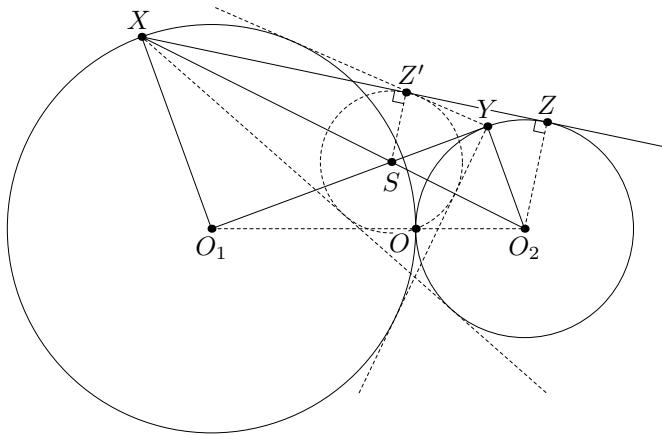


Fig. 8.6

Let  $XZ$  be a tangent from  $X$  to, and  $Z'$  be the projection of  $S$  to  $XZ$ . Then  $SZ' = \frac{r_1}{r_1 + r_2} O_2Z = \frac{r_1 r_2}{r_1 + r_2} = SO$ . Similarly the distance from  $S$  to three remaining tangents is equal to  $SO$ , i.e.  $S$  is the center of the desired circle.

**8.7.** (*Folklor*) Two points on a circle are joined by a broken line shorter than the diameter of the circle. Prove that there exists a diameter which does not intersect this broken line.

**Solution.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be the endpoints of the broken line. Consider the diameter  $XY$  parallel to  $AB$ . Let  $C$  be the reflection of  $B$  in  $XY$ , then  $AC$  is a diameter of the circle. Consider an arbitrary point  $Z$  on  $XY$ . Since  $AZ + BZ = AZ + CZ \geq AC$ ,  $Z$  can not lie on the broken line, therefore  $XY$  is the desired diameter.

**8.8.** (*Tran Quang Hung*) Let  $M$  be the midpoint of the chord  $AB$  of a circle centered at  $O$ . Point  $K$  is symmetric to  $M$  with respect to  $O$ , and point  $P$  is chosen arbitrarily on the circle. Let  $Q$  be the intersection of the

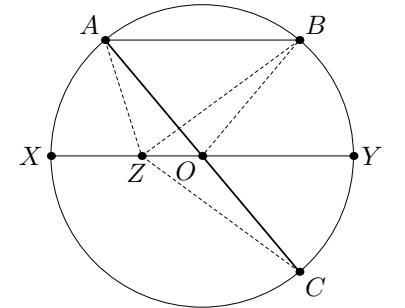


Fig. 8.7

line perpendicular to  $AB$  through  $A$  and the line perpendicular to  $PK$  through  $P$ . Let  $H$  be the projection of  $P$  onto  $AB$ . Prove that  $QB$  bisects  $PH$ .

**First solution** Let  $QA$  intersect the circle  $(O)$  at  $C$  which is distinct from  $A$ . Since  $BC$  is the diameter of the circle  $(O)$ , we obtain that  $BC$  and  $MK$  bisect each other at the center of the circle, which implies that the quadrilateral  $CKBM$  is a parallelogram. Furthermore,  $M$  is the midpoint of  $AB$ , then  $CKMA$  is a rectangle since one of its angles is right. We shall prove that  $MQ$  is perpendicular to  $PC$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} MC^2 - MP^2 - QC^2 + QP^2 &= (CK^2 + MK^2) - (2PO^2 + 2OK^2 - PK^2) - (QK^2 - CK^2) + \\ &\quad + (QK^2 - PK^2) = 2CK^2 + 4OK^2 - 2PO^2 - 2OK^2 = 2CK^2 + 2OK^2 - 2OC^2 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $MQ$  is perpendicular to  $PC$ . Let  $BP$  meet  $QA$  at  $R$ . Notice that  $CB$  is a diameter of  $(O)$ , then  $BR$  is perpendicular to  $PC$ . Thus, it follows that  $MQ$  is parallel to  $BR$ .  $Q$  is the midpoint of  $AR$ , which follows from the fact that  $M$  is the midpoint of  $AB$ . Hence,  $QB$  bisects  $PH$ .

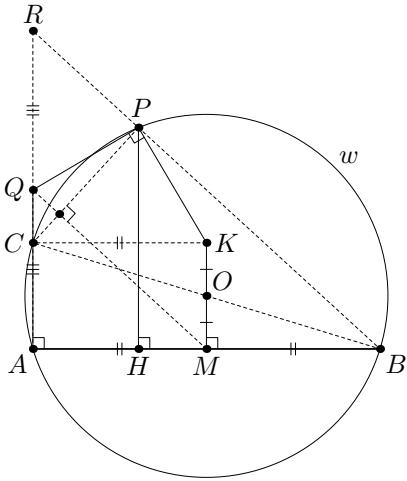


Fig. 8.8a

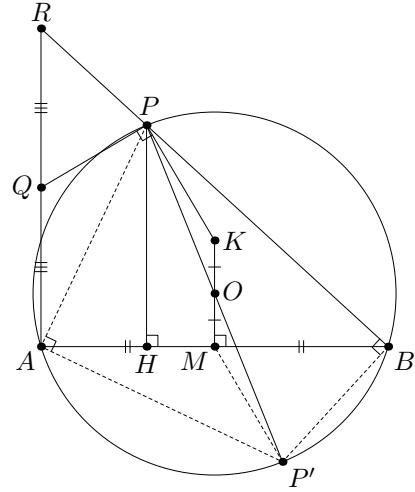


Fig. 8.8b

**Second solution.** Note that  $\angle PBA \neq 90^\circ$ ; in the other case  $PK \parallel AB$ , and point  $Q$  doesn't exist. Then  $BP$  meets  $AQ$  at point  $R$ . Since triangles  $BPH$  and  $BRA$  are homothetic, we have to prove that  $Q$  is the midpoint of  $AR$ .

Let point  $P'$  be opposite to  $P$ . Then  $PA \perp P'A$ ,  $PR \perp P'B$ ,  $AR \perp AB$ , i.e. the correspondent sides of triangles  $P'AB$  and  $PAR$  are perpendicular. Thus these triangles are similar and their medians from  $P$  and  $P'$  are also perpendicular. Using the symmetry wrt  $O$  we obtain that  $P'M \parallel PK \perp PQ$ . Therefore  $PQ$  is the median in  $\triangle PAR$ .

**X Geometrical Olympiad in honour of I.F.Sharygin**

Final round. Ratmino, 2014, July 31

**Solutions**

**First day. 9 grade**

**9.1.** (*V. Yasinsky*) Let  $ABCD$  be a cyclic quadrilateral. Prove that  $AC > BD$  if and only if

$$(AD - BC)(AB - CD) > 0.$$

**First solution.** Without loss of generality we can suppose that arcs  $ABC$  and  $BCD$  are not greater than a cemicircle. Then  $\angle ADB = 2\pi - \angle ABC - \angle BCD + \angle BCA > \angle BCA$ . Since arc  $ABCD$  is also greater than arc  $BC$ , we obtain that  $AD > BC$ .

Now if  $AC > BD$ , then  $\angle ABC > \angle BCD$ ,  $\angle AB > \angle CD$  and  $AB > CD$ . If  $AC < BD$  all inequalities are opposite.

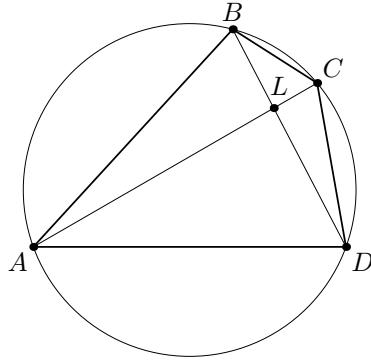


Fig. 9.1

**Second solution.** Let  $M, N$  be the midpoints of  $AC$  and  $BD$ ,  $L$  be their common point, and  $O$  be the circumcenter. Let  $AL$  be the longest of segments  $AL, BL, CL, DL$ . Since  $AL \cdot CL = BL \cdot DL$ ,  $CL$  is the shortest of these segments. Then  $LM > LN$ ,  $OM < ON$  and  $AC > BD$ . Also since triangles  $ALB$  and  $DLC$  are similar we obtain that  $\frac{AB}{CD} = \frac{AL}{DL}$ , i.e.  $AB > CD$ . By the same way using the similarity of triangles  $ALD$  and  $BLC$  we obtain  $AD > BC$ .

**Third solution.** Note that  $AC = 2R \sin B$  and  $BD = 2R \sin A$ , thus inequality  $AC > BD$  is equivalent to  $\sin B > \sin A$ .

Now  $(AD - BC)(AB - CD) > 0 \Leftrightarrow AD \cdot AB + BC \cdot CD > AD \cdot CD + BC \cdot AB$ , which is equivalent to (multiply to  $\frac{1}{2} \sin A \sin B = \frac{1}{2} \sin A \sin D = \frac{1}{2} \sin C \sin B$ ).

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \frac{AD \cdot AB \sin A}{2} + \frac{BC \cdot CD \sin C}{2} \right) \sin B &> \left( \frac{AD \cdot CD \sin D}{2} + \frac{BC \cdot AB \sin B}{2} \right) \sin A \Leftrightarrow \\ \Leftrightarrow (S(DAB) + S(BCD)) \sin B &> (S(CDA) + S(ABC)) \sin A \Leftrightarrow \\ \Leftrightarrow S(ABCD) \sin B &> S(ABCD) \sin A \Leftrightarrow \sin B > \sin A. \end{aligned}$$

**9.2.** (*F. Nilov*) In a quadrilateral  $ABCD$  angles  $A$  and  $C$  are right. Two circles with diameters  $AB$  and  $CD$  meet at points  $X$  and  $Y$ . Prove that line  $XY$  passes through the midpoint of  $AC$ .

**Solution.** Let  $M, N, K$  be the midpoints of  $AB, CD$  and  $AC$  respectively. Then the degree of point  $K$  wrt the circle with diameter  $AB$  is equal to  $KM^2 - MA^2 = \frac{CB^2 - AB^2}{4}$ , and its degree wrt the circle with diameter  $CD$  is equal to  $\frac{AD^2 - CD^2}{4}$ . Since  $AB^2 + AD^2 = BD^2 = BC^2 + CD^2$ , we obtain that these degrees are equal.

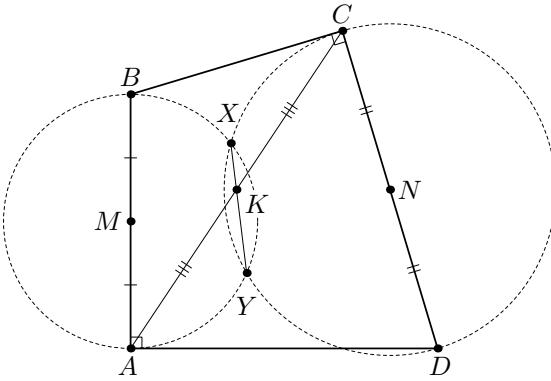


Fig. 9.2

**9.3.** (*E. Diomidov*) An acute angle  $A$  and a point  $E$  inside it are given. Construct points  $B, C$  on the sides of the angle such that  $E$  is the center of the Euler circle of triangle  $ABC$ .

**First solution.** Let  $l_1$  and  $l_2$  be the arms of  $\angle A$  so that rotating  $l_1$  about  $A$  to an angle  $\alpha < 90^\circ$  maps it onto  $l_2$ . Rotate  $l_2$  about  $E$  to an angle  $2\alpha$  and let its image meet  $l_1$  at  $M_b$  and  $B$  be the reflection of  $A$  in  $M_b$ . The vertex  $C$  is constructed analogously.

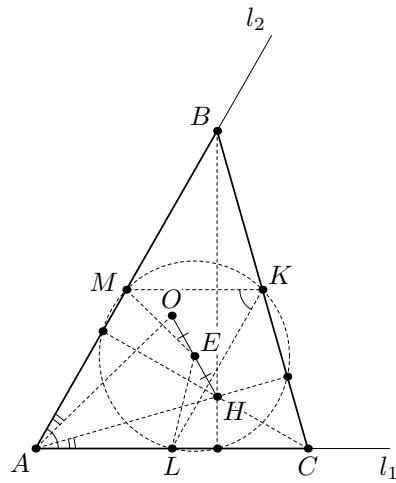


Fig. 9.3

**Second solution.** Let  $O$  and  $H$  be the circumcenter and the orthocenter of the sought triangle. Then  $E$  is the midpoint of  $OH$ ,  $\angle BAO = \angle HAC$  and  $AH = 2AO \cos \angle A$ . Therefore the composition of the reflection about the bisector of angle  $A$ , the homothety with center  $A$  and the coefficient equal to  $2 \cos \angle A$  and the reflection around  $E$  is a similarity with center  $O$ . Thus finding the center of this similarity we can construct  $B$  and  $C$  as the second common points of the arms of the given angle and the circle with center  $O$ , passing through  $A$ .

**Note.** If  $\angle A = 60^\circ$  the considered similarity is the reflection about the line passing through  $E$  and perpendicular to the bisector of angle  $A$ . Thus we can take as  $O$  an arbitrary point of this line. In the other cases the solution is unique.

**9.4.** (*Mahdi Etesami Fard*) Let  $H$  be the orthocenter of a triangle  $ABC$ . Given that  $H$  lies on the incircle of  $ABC$ , prove that three circles with centers  $A, B, C$  and radii  $AH, BH, CH$  have a common tangent.

**First solution.** Let  $H_a, H_b, H_c$  be the feet of the altitudes. Since  $AH \cdot HH_a = BH \cdot HH_b = CH \cdot HH_c$ , there exists an inversion about a circle with center  $H$ , transforming  $A, B, C$  to  $H_a, H_b, H_c$  respectively (if the triangle is acute-angled take a composition of the inversion and the reflection around  $H$ ). This inversion transforms the sidelines of the triangle to the circles with diameters  $AH, BH, CH$ , and it transforms the incircle to the line touching these three circles. The homothety with center  $H$  and the coefficient 2 transforms this line to the sought one.

**Second solution.** Let  $I$  be the center of the incircle,  $A_1, B_1, C_1$  be its touching points with  $BC, AC, AB$  respectively, and  $A_2, B_2, C_2$  be such points on three circles that  $\triangle A_1IH \sim \triangle HAA_2, \triangle B_1IH \sim \triangle HBB_2$

and  $\triangle C_1IH \sim \triangle HCC_2$ . The tangents to the circles in these points and the tangent to the incircle in  $H$  are parallel; prove that these three tangents coincide, i.e. the projections of vectors  $\overrightarrow{HA_2}$ ,  $\overrightarrow{HB_2}$  and  $\overrightarrow{HC_2}$  to  $IH$  are equal. It is evident that they are codirectional. Since the angles formed by  $HA_2$  with  $IH$  and  $IA_1$  are equal, the first projection are equal to the projection of  $HA_2$  to  $AH$ , i.e.  $\frac{AH}{r} \cdot HH_a$ . Find similarly the remaining projections and note that  $AH \cdot HH_a = BH \cdot HH_b = CH \cdot HH_c$ .

**X Geometrical Olympiad in honour of I.F.Sharygin**

Final round. Ratmino, 2014, August 1

**Solutions**

**Second day. 9 grade**

**9.5.** (*D. Shvetsov*) In triangle  $ABC$   $\angle B = 60^\circ$ ,  $O$  is the circumcenter, and  $L$  is the foot of an angle bisector of angle  $B$ . The circumcircle of triangle  $BOL$  meets the circumcircle of  $ABC$  at point  $D \neq B$ . Prove that  $BD \perp AC$ .

**Solution.** Let  $H$  be the orthocenter of  $ABC$ , and  $D'$  be the reflection of  $H$  in  $AC$ . Then  $D'$  lies on the circumcircle, and since  $\angle B = 60^\circ$ , we have  $BO = BH$ . Thus, since  $BL$  is the bisector of angle  $OBH$ , then  $LO = LH = LD'$ . Therefore  $BOLD'$  is a cyclic quadrilateral, i.e.  $D'$  coincides with  $D$ .

**9.6.** (*A. Polyansky*) Let  $I$  be the incenter of triangle  $ABC$ , and  $M, N$  be the midpoints of arcs  $ABC$  and  $BAC$  of its circumcircle. Prove that points  $M, I, N$  are collinear if and only if  $AC + BC = 3AB$ .

**First solution.** Let  $A_1, B_1, C_1$  be the midpoints of arcs  $BC, CA, AB$  of the circumcircle, not containing the other vertices of  $ABC$ . It is evident that  $MN$  and  $A_1B_1$  are equal and parallel. Therefore they cut equal segments  $CC_2$  and  $IC_1$ , where  $C_2$  is the midpoint of  $CI$ , on the line  $CC_1$ , perpendicular to  $MN$ . Since  $C_1$  is the circumcenter of triangle  $AIB$  we obtain that  $C_2A_0 = C_2C = IC_1 = C_1A = C_1B$  ( $A_0$  and  $B_0$  are the touching points of the incircle with  $BC$  and  $CA$  respectively). Thus triangles  $C_2CA_0$  and  $C_1AB$  are equal ( $AB = CA_0$ ). From this  $AC + CB = AB_0 + B_0C + CA_0 + A_0B = 2AB + AB_0 + A_0B = 3AB$ . Similarly we obtain the opposite assertion.

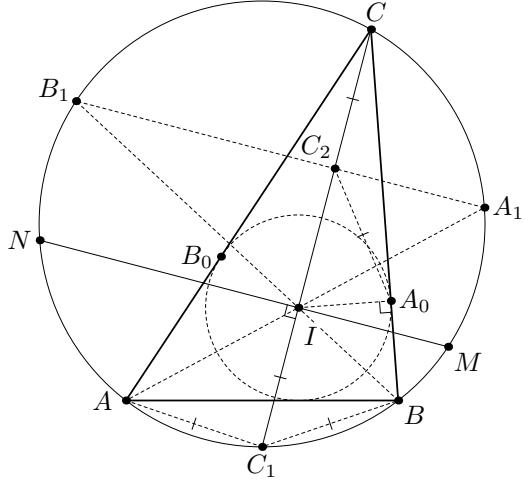


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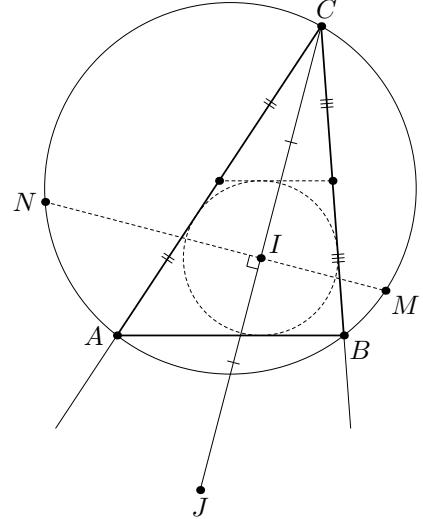


Fig. 9.6b

**Second solution.** Let  $J$  be the center of the excircle touching side  $AB$ . Then  $M$  and  $N$  are the centers of circles  $ACJ$  and  $BCJ$ , and therefore  $MN$  is the perpendicular bisector to segment  $CJ$ , i.e.  $I$  is the midpoint of  $CJ$ . Using the homothety with center  $C$  and the coefficient  $1/2$  we obtain that the incircle touches the medial line parallel to  $AB$ . The trapezoid formed by this medial line and the sidelines of  $ABC$  is circumscribed if the sought equality is correct.

**9.7.** (*N. Beluhov*) Nine circles are drawn around an arbitrary triangle as in the figure. All circles tangent to the same side of the triangle have equal radii. Three lines are drawn, each one connecting one of the triangle's vertices to the center of one of the circles touching the opposite side, as in the figure. Show that the three lines are concurrent.

**Solution.** Introduce the following notation. Let  $r_a, r_b, r_c$  be the radii of the circles centered at  $O_a, O_b, O_c$ , respectively. Let  $d_a(X)$  be the distance from  $X$  to  $BC$ , and define  $d_b$  and  $d_c$  analogously.

The figure composed of the lines  $CA$  and  $CB$  and the first three circles in the chain tangent to  $CA$ , counting from  $C$ , is similar to the figure composed of the lines  $CB$  and  $CA$  and the chain tangent to  $CB$ . Therefore,  $d_a(O_b) : r_b = d_b(O_a) : r_a$ . Analogous reasoning applies to the vertices  $A$  and  $B$ .

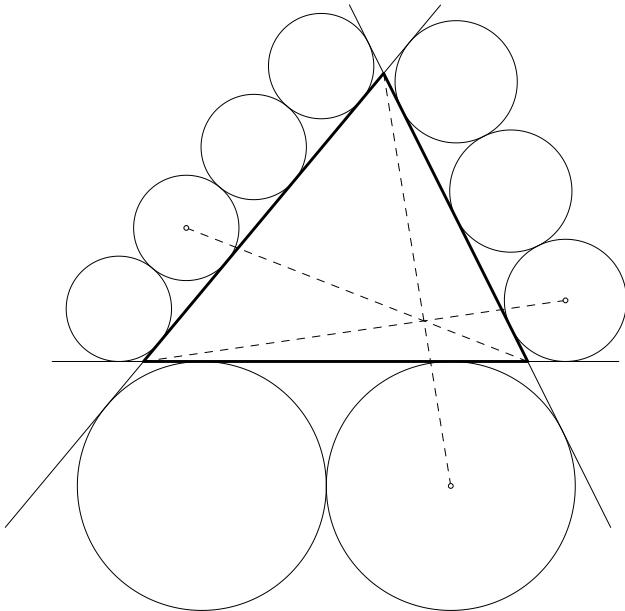


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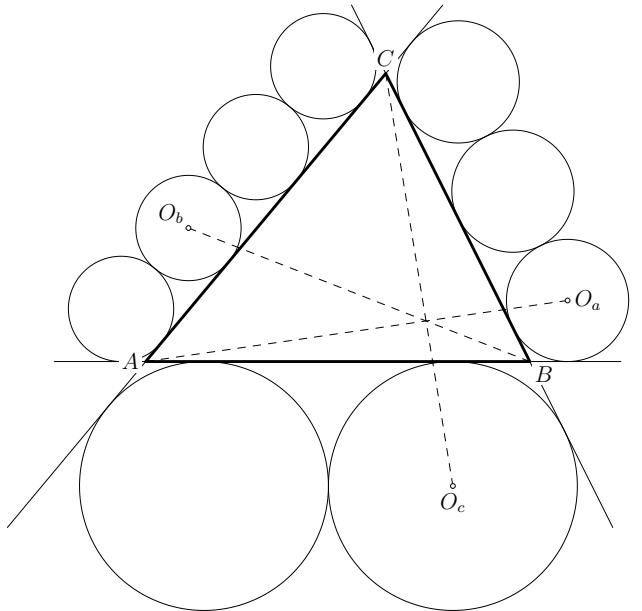


Fig. 9.7b

We have, therefore,

$$\frac{d_c(O_a)}{d_b(O_a)} \cdot \frac{d_a(O_b)}{d_c(O_b)} \cdot \frac{d_b(O_c)}{d_a(O_c)} = \frac{r_a}{r_c} \cdot \frac{r_c}{r_b} \cdot \frac{r_b}{r_a} = 1,$$

and the claim follows.

**9.8.** (*N. Beluhov, S. Gerdgikov*) A convex polygon  $P$  lies on a flat wooden table. You are allowed to drive some nails into the table. The nails must not go through  $P$ , but they may touch its boundary. We say that a set of nails blocks  $P$  if the nails make it impossible to move  $P$  without lifting it off the table. What is the minimum number of nails that suffices to block any convex polygon  $P$ ?

**Solution.** If  $P$  is a parallelogram, then you need at least four nails to block it. Indeed, if there is a side  $s$  of  $P$  such that no nail touches the interior of  $s$ , then you can slide  $P$  in the direction determined by the two sides adjacent to  $s$ .

Now let  $P$  be an arbitrary convex polygon. We will show that four nails suffice to block  $P$ .

A set of nails blocks  $P$  if and only if, for every sufficiently small movement  $f$  (i.e., for every translation to a sufficiently small distance and every rotation to a sufficiently small angle), the interior of the image  $f(P)$  of  $P$  covers some nail.

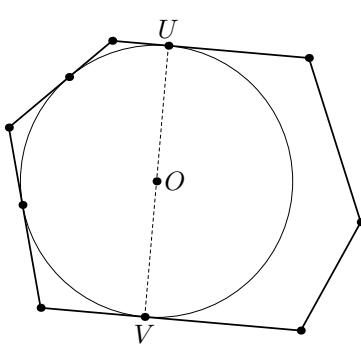


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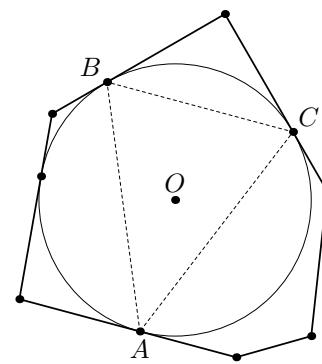


Fig. 9.8b

Let the circle  $c$  of center  $O$  be one of the largest circles contained within  $P$ . Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k$  be the points at which  $c$  touches  $P$ 's boundary, and let  $H$  be their convex hull.

Suppose that there are two vertices  $U$  and  $V$  of  $H$  such that  $UV$  is a diameter of  $c$ . Place two nails at  $U$  and  $V$ . It is easy to see that, since the sides of  $P$  that contain  $U$  and  $V$  are parallel, the only movements

still permitted to  $P$  are the translations in a direction perpendicular to  $UV$ . (Indeed, all other directions of translation would cause  $P$  to cover either  $U$  or  $V$  when the translation distance is small enough; all clockwise rotations whose center lies to the left of the ray  $\overrightarrow{UV}$  would cause  $P$  to cover  $V$  when the rotation angle is small enough; all clockwise rotations whose center lies to the right of  $\overrightarrow{UV}$  would cause  $P$  to cover  $U$  when the rotation angle is small enough; and so on.) A third nail prevents  $P$  from sliding to the left of  $\overrightarrow{UV}$ , and a fourth one prevents it from sliding to the right.

We are left to consider the case when no side or diagonal of  $H$  contains  $O$ .

Suppose that  $O \notin H$ . Let  $PQ$  be that side of  $H$  which separates  $H$  and  $O$  and let the tangents to  $c$  at  $P$  and  $Q$  meet in  $T$ . Then a homothety of center  $T$  and ratio larger than and sufficiently close to one maps  $c$  onto a larger circle contained within  $P$ : a contradiction.

Therefore,  $O \in H$ . Consider an arbitrary triangulation  $\pi$  of  $H$  and let  $ABC$  be that triangle in  $\pi$  which contains  $O$ . ( $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  being three of the contact points of  $H$  with the boundary of  $P$ .)

Since no side or diagonal of  $H$  contains  $O$ ,  $O$  lies in the interior of  $\triangle ABC$ . It is easy to see, then — as above — that three nails placed at  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  block  $P$ .

**X Geometrical Olympiad in honour of I.F.Sharygin**

Final round. Ratmino, 2014, July 31

**Solutions**

**First day. 10 grade**

**10.1.** (*I. Bogdanov, B. Frenkin*) The vertices and the circumcenter of an isosceles triangle lie on four different sides of a square. Find the angles of this triangle.

**Answer.**  $15^\circ$ ,  $15^\circ$  and  $150^\circ$ .

**Solution.** Let the circumcenter  $O$  of triangle  $XYZ$  lie on side  $AB$ , and its vertices  $X, Y, Z$  lie on sides  $BC, CD, DA$  of square  $ABCD$ . Since segment  $OY$  intersect segment  $XZ$ , angle  $XYZ$  is obtuse, thus  $XZ$  is the base of the triangle. Then  $OY \perp XZ$ ; since segments  $OY$  and  $XZ$  are perpendicular and their projections to perpendicular lines  $BC$  and  $AB$  respectively are equal, we obtain that these segments are also equal, i.e. the side of the triangle is equal to its circumradius. Since angle  $XYZ$  is obtuse, we obtain that  $\angle XYZ = 150^\circ$ , then two remaining angles are equal to  $15^\circ$ .

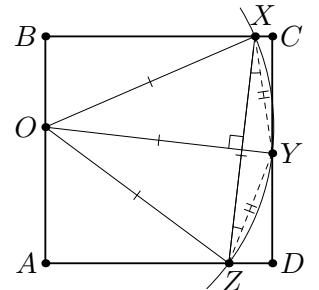


Fig. 10.1

**10.2.** (*A. Zertsalov, D. Skrobot*) A circle, its chord  $AB$  and the midpoint  $W$  of the minor arc  $AB$  are given. Take an arbitrary point  $C$  on the major arc  $AB$ .

The tangent to the circle at  $C$  meets the tangents at  $A$  and  $B$  at points  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively. Lines  $WX$  and  $WY$  meet  $AB$  at points  $N$  and  $M$  respectively. Prove that the length of segment  $NM$  does not depend on point  $C$ .

**First solution.** Let  $T$  be the common point of  $AB$  and  $CW$ . Then  $AT$  and  $AC$  are antiparallel wrt angle  $AWC$ . Since  $WX$  is the symmedian of triangle  $CAW$ , it is the median of triangle  $ATW$ . Thus  $N$  is the midpoint of  $AT$ . Similarly  $M$  is the midpoint of  $BT$ , i.e.  $MN = AB/2$ .

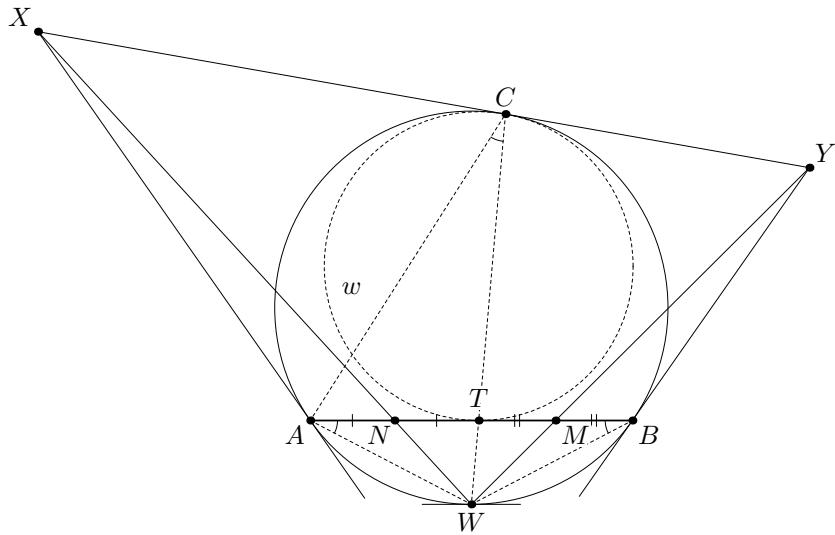


Рис. 10.2

**Second solution.** Consider circle  $w$ , touching  $XY$  at  $C$  and touching  $AB$  (at point  $T$ ). It is easy to see that  $WX$  is the radical axis of  $A$  and  $w$ , i.e. it passes through the midpoint  $N$  of segment  $AT$ . Similarly  $WY$  passes through the midpoint  $M$  of segment  $ZB$ . Thus  $MN = AB/2$ .

**10.3.** (*A. Blinkov*) Do there exist convex polyhedra with an arbitrary number of diagonals (a *diagonal* is a segment joining two vertices of a polyhedron and not lying on the surface of this polyhedron)?

**Answer.** Yes.

**Solution.** Let  $SA_1 \dots A_{n+2}$  be a  $(n+2)$ -gon pyramid and  $TSA_{n+1}A_n + 2$  be a pyramid with base  $SA_{n+1}A_n + 2$  and sufficiently small altitude. Then the diagonals of polyhedron  $TSA_1 \dots A_{n+2}$  are segments  $TA_1, \dots, TA_n$ .

**10.4.** (A. Garkavyj, A. Sokolov) Let  $ABC$  be a fixed triangle in the plane. Let  $D$  be an arbitrary point in the plane. The circle with center  $D$ , passing through  $A$ , meets  $AB$  and  $AC$  again at points  $A_b$  and  $A_c$  respectively. Points  $B_a, B_c, C_a$  and  $C_b$  are defined similarly. A point  $D$  is called *good* if the points  $A_b, A_c, B_a, B_c, C_a$ , and  $C_b$  are concyclic. For a given triangle  $ABC$ , how many good points can there be?

**Answer.** 4.

**Solution.** It is evident that the circumcenter  $O$  satisfies the condition. Now let  $D$  does not coincide with  $O$ . Let  $A', B', C'$  be the projections of  $D$  to  $BC, CA, AB$  respectively. Then the midpoints of segments  $AB$  and  $A_bA_c$  are symmetric wrt  $C'$ , therefore the perpendicular bisector to  $A_bA_c$  passes through point  $O'$ , symmetric to  $O$  wrt  $D$ . The perpendicular bisectors to  $A_cC_a$  and  $B_cC_b$  also pass through  $O'$ , thus  $O'$  is the center of the circle passing through six points.

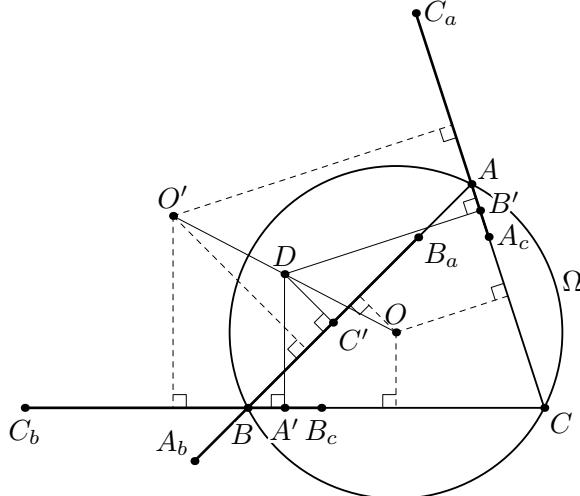


Fig. 10.4a

Since points  $D$  and  $O'$  are on equal distances from  $A_b$  and  $A_c$ , line  $DO'$  is the perpendicular bisector to  $A_bA_c$ . But  $A_bA_c \parallel B'C'$ , therefore  $DO' \perp B'C'$ . Similarly  $DO' \perp A'B'$ , i.e. points  $A', B', C'$  are collinear. Thus,  $D$  lies on the circumcircle of  $ABC$  and its Simson line  $A'B'C'$  is perpendicular to radius  $OD$ . When  $D$  moves on the circle its Simson line rotates in the opposite direction with twice as smaller velocity, therefore there exists exactly three points with such property (these points form a regular triangle).

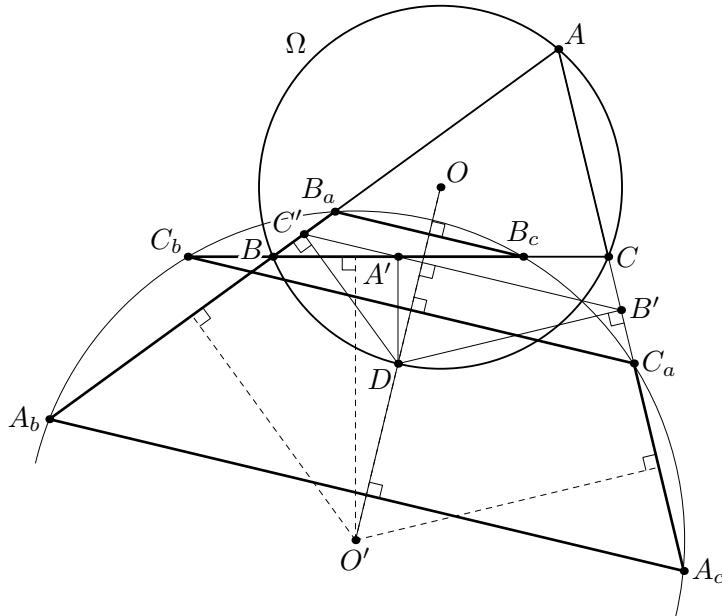


Fig. 10.4b

But several of these points can coincide with the vertices of the given triangle. Since the Simson line of the vertex  $A$  coincide with the corresponding altitude, that happens when the radius  $OA$  is parallel to  $BC$ , i.e.  $|\angle B - \angle C| = 90^\circ$ . This is true for two vertices iff the angles of the given triangle are equal to  $30^\circ$ ,  $30^\circ$  and  $120^\circ$ . From this the answer follows.

**X Geometrical Olympiad in honour of I.F.Sharygin**

Final round. Ratmino, 2014, August 1

**Solutions**

**Second day. 10 grade**

**10.5.** (*A. Zaslavsky*) The altitude from one vertex of a triangle, the bisector from the another one and the median from the remaining vertex were drawn, the common points of these three lines were marked, and after this everything was erased except three marked points. Restore the triangle. (For every two erased segments, it is known which of the three points was their intersection point.)

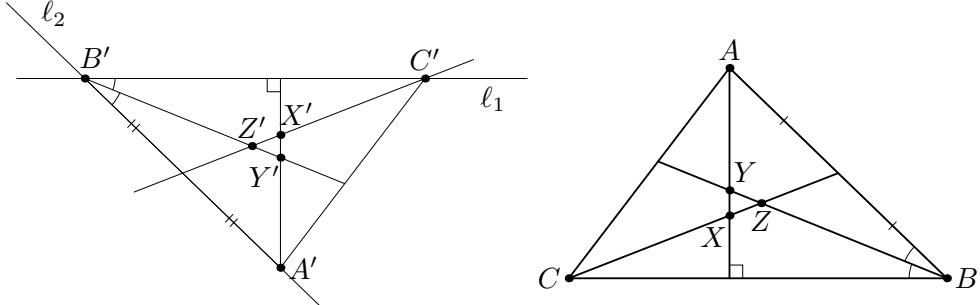


Fig. 10.5

**Solution.** Let  $X, Y, Z$  be the marked points. Then we have to find points  $A, B, C$  on lines  $XY, YZ, ZX$  respectively such that  $XY, YZ, ZX$  be the altitude, the bisector and the median of triangle  $ABC$ . From an arbitrary point  $B'$  draw a ray  $l_1$  perpendicular to  $XY$ , and such ray  $l_2$ , that the bisector of the angle formed by these rays be parallel to  $YZ$ . Take an arbitrary point  $A'$  on  $l_2$  and draw through the midpoint of  $A'B'$  the line parallel to  $ZX$  meeting  $l_1$  at point  $C'$ . Triangle  $A'B'C'$  is homothetic to the desired one. Constructing the points corresponding to  $X, Y, Z$ , find the center and the coefficient of the homothety.

**10.6.** (*E. H. Garsia*) The incircle of a non-isosceles triangle  $ABC$  touches  $AB$  at point  $C'$ . The circle with diameter  $BC'$  meets the incircle and the bisector of angle  $B$  again at points  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  respectively. The circle with diameter  $AC'$  meets the incircle and the bisector of angle  $A$  again at points  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  respectively. Prove that lines  $AB, A_1B_1, A_2B_2$  concur.

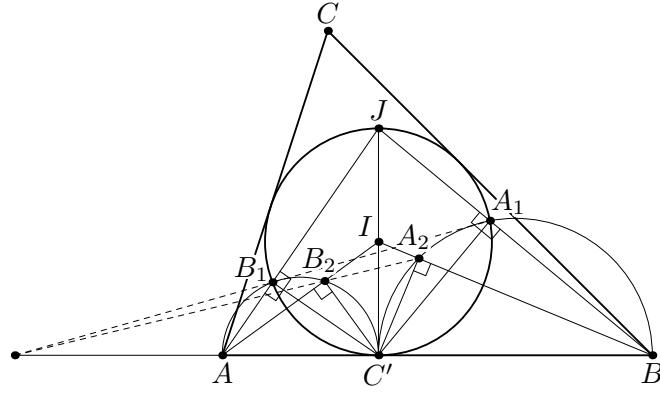


Fig. 10.6

**Solution.** Let  $I$  be the center of the incircle, and  $J$  be its point opposite to  $C'$ . Then  $A_1$  and  $B_1$  are the common points of  $AJ, BJ$  with the incircle (because  $\angle AB_1C' = \angle C'B_1J = \angle BA_1C' = \angle C'A_1J = 90^\circ$ ). From right-angled triangles  $AC'I, BC'I, AC'J$  and  $BC'J$  with altitudes  $C'B_2, C'A_2, C'B_1$  and  $C'A_1$  we obtain

$$\frac{AB_2}{B_2I} \cdot \frac{IA_2}{A_2B} = \frac{AC'^2}{C'I^2} \cdot \frac{IC'^2}{C'B^2} = \frac{AC'^2}{C'J^2} \cdot \frac{JC'^2}{C'B^2} = \frac{AB_1}{B_1J} \cdot \frac{JA_1}{A_1B},$$

i.e. by Menelaos theorem  $A_1B_1$  and  $A_2B_2$  meet  $AB$  at the same point.

**10.7.** (*S. Shosman, O. Ogievetsky*) Prove that the smallest dihedral angle between faces of an arbitrary tetrahedron is not greater than the dihedral angle between faces of a regular tetrahedron.

**Solution.** Let the greatest area of the faces of the tetrahedron is equal to 1. Let  $S_1, S_2, S_3$  be the areas of the remaining faces, and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3$  be the angles between these faces and the greatest face. Then  $S_1 \cos \alpha_1 + S_2 \cos \alpha_2 + S_3 \cos \alpha_3 = 1$  and, therefore, one of angles  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3$  is not greater than  $\arccos \frac{1}{3}$ .

**10.8. (N. Beluhov)** Given is a cyclic quadrilateral  $ABCD$ . The point  $L_a$  lies in the interior of  $\triangle BCD$  and is such that its distances to the sides of this triangle are proportional to the lengths of corresponding sides. The points  $L_b, L_c$ , and  $L_d$  are defined analogously. Given that the quadrilateral  $L_a L_b L_c L_d$  is cyclic, prove that the quadrilateral  $ABCD$  has two parallel sides.

**Solution.** If  $ABCD$  is an isosceles trapezoid, then so is  $L_a L_b L_c L_d$ .

Suppose, then, that  $L_a L_b L_c L_d$  is cyclic and that  $ABCD$  has no parallel sides. Let  $P = AB \cap CD$ ,  $Q = AD \cap BC$ , and  $R = AC \cap BD$ . Furthermore, let the tangents at  $A$  and  $B$  to the circumcircle of  $ABCD$  meet in  $S$ , those at  $B$  and  $C$  meet in  $T$ , those at  $C$  and  $D$  – in  $U$ , and those at  $D$  and  $A$  – in  $V$ .

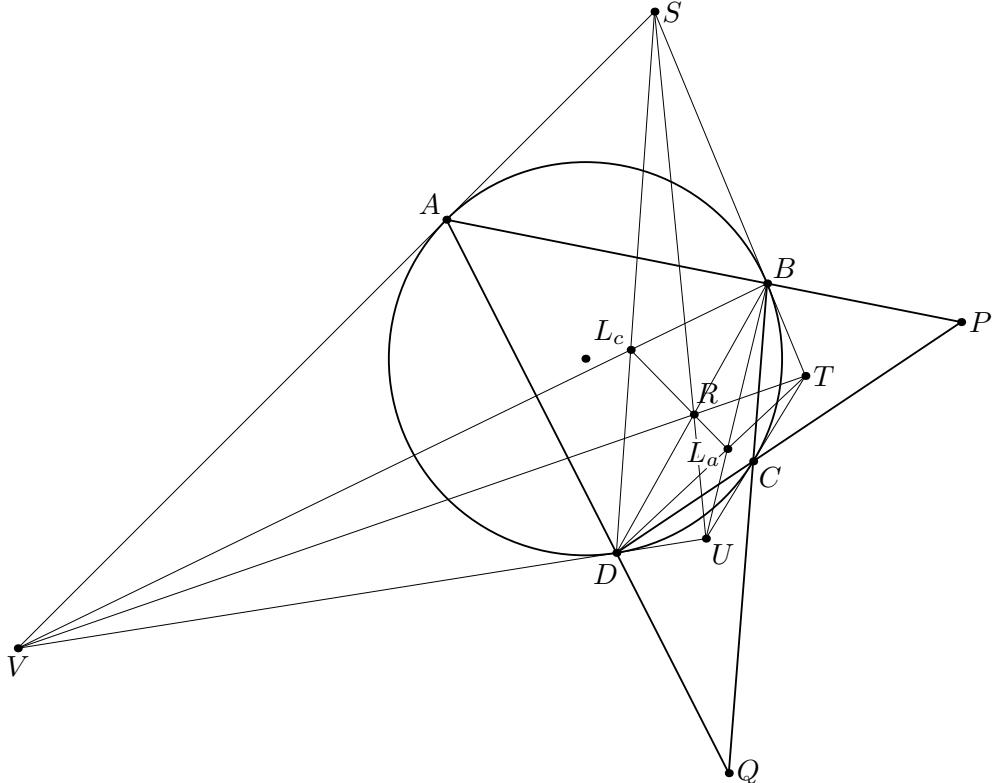


Fig. 10.8

It is well-known that  $R = SU \cap TV$  and that  $L_a = BU \cap DT$  and  $L_c = BV \cap DS$ . By Pappus's theorem for the hexagon  $BUSDTV$ , we see that  $R$  lies on  $L_a L_c$ . Similarly,  $R$  lies on  $L_b L_d$  and, therefore,  $R = L_a L_c \cap L_b L_d$ . Analogously,  $P = L_a L_b \cap L_c L_d$  and  $Q = L_a L_d \cap L_b L_c$ .

Since the vertices of  $\triangle PQR$  are the intersections of the diagonals and opposite sides of  $ABCD$ , the circumcircle  $k$  of  $ABCD$  has the property that the polar of any vertex of  $\triangle PQR$  with respect to  $k$  is the side opposite to that vertex. Analogously, the circumcircle  $s$  of  $L_a L_b L_c L_d$  has the same property. Given  $\triangle PQR$ , however, there is exactly one such circle. It follows that  $k \equiv s$ , and this is a contradiction because  $L_a L_b L_c L_d$  lies in the interior of  $ABCD$ .

# XI Geometrical Olympiad in honour of I.F.Sharygin

## Final round. Grade 8. First day. Solutions

*Ratmino, 2015, July 30.*

1. (V. Yasinsky) In trapezoid  $ABCD$  angles  $A$  and  $B$  are right,  $AB = AD$ ,  $CD = BC + AD$ ,  $BC < AD$ . Prove that  $\angle ADC = 2\angle ABE$ , where  $E$  is the midpoint of segment  $CD$ .

**First solution.** Choose a point  $K$  on the side  $CD$  so that  $CK = CB$ ; let  $M$  be the common point of  $AB$  and the perpendicular from  $K$  to  $CD$ . The right triangles  $BCM$  and  $KCM$  are congruent by hypotenuse and leg, so  $BM = MK$ , and  $CM$  bisects the angle  $C$ . By the problem condition we get  $KD = AD$ , and in a similar way we obtain that  $AM = MK$  and that  $DM$  bisects the angle  $D$ . Thus  $AM = AB/2 = AE$ , i.e., the triangles  $ABE$  and  $ADM$  are congruent. Therefore,  $\angle ADC = 2\angle ADM = 2\angle ABE$  (Fig. 8.1).

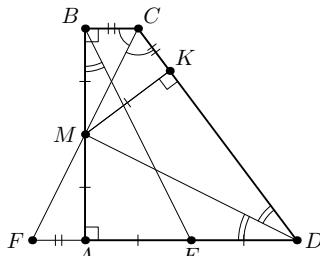


Fig. 8.1

**Second solution.** Choose a point  $F$  on the extension of  $DA$  beyond point  $A$  so that  $AF = BC$ . Then we have  $DF = DC$ . Let  $M$  be the common point of  $AB$  and  $CF$ , i.e.,  $M$  is the midpoint of  $AB$ . The right triangles  $ABE$  and  $ADM$  are congruent, and  $DM$  is a median in the triangle  $CDF$ , so it bisects the angle  $CDA$ ; therefore,  $\angle CDA/2 = \angle ABE$ .

2. (A. Blinkov) A circle passing through  $A$ ,  $B$  and the orthocenter of triangle  $ABC$  meets sides  $AC$ ,  $BC$  at their inner points. Prove that  $60^\circ < \angle C < 90^\circ$ .

**First solution.** Let  $A'$  and  $B'$  be the second meeting points of the circle with  $BC$  and  $AC$ , respectively. Then  $\angle C = (\angle A - \angle A'B')/2$ . Since the angle between the altitudes is equal to  $180^\circ - \angle C = \angle A/2$ , we obtain that  $180^\circ - \angle C > \angle C$  and thus  $\angle C < 90^\circ$ .

On the other hand, the angle  $C$  is greater than the angle between the tangents to the circle at  $A$  and  $B$ ; the latter angle is equal to  $180^\circ - 2\angle C$ . Therefore,  $\angle C > 60^\circ$ .

**Second solution.** If the angle  $C$  is not acute, then  $H$  either lies outside the triangle or coincides with  $C$ . In both cases the intersection points do not belong to the interiors of the sides.

Since  $\angle AA'B = \angle BB'A = \angle AHB = 180^\circ - \angle C$ , we have  $\angle AA'C = \angle BB'C = \angle C$ ; but these angles are greater than the angles  $A$  and  $B$  as they are external angles of triangles  $AA'B$  and  $BB'A$ . Therefore,  $C$  is the largest angle of the triangle  $ABC$ , i.e.  $\angle C > 60^\circ$ .

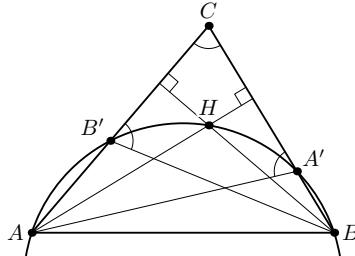


Fig 8.2

3. (M. Yevdokimov) In triangle  $ABC$  we have  $AB = BC$ ,  $\angle B = 20^\circ$ . Point  $M$  on  $AC$  is such that  $AM : MC = 1 : 2$ , point  $H$  is the projection of  $C$  to  $BM$ . Find angle  $AHB$ .

**Answer.**  $100^\circ$ .

**First solution.** Construct a point  $D$  such that the quadrilateral  $ABCD$  is a rhombus. Let  $O$  be the center of the rhombus. Then the line  $BM$  divides the median  $AO$  of the triangle  $ABD$  in ratio  $2 : 1$ . Thus this line is also a median, i.e., it passes through the midpoint  $K$  of the segment  $AD$ . Since the points  $O$  and  $H$  lie on the circle with diameter  $BC$ , we have  $\angle KHO = \angle BCO = \angle KAO$ . Therefore, the quadrilateral  $AHOK$  is cyclic, so  $\angle AHK = \angle AOK = 80^\circ$ , and hence  $\angle AHB = 100^\circ$  (Fig. 8.3).

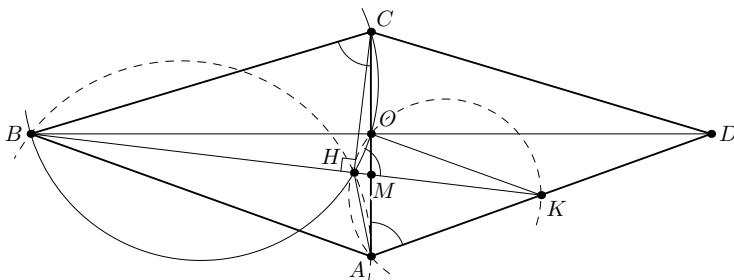


Fig. 8.3

**Second solution.** As in the previous solution, we notice that the quadrilateral  $BCOH$  is cyclic. So,  $MH \cdot MB = MO \cdot MC = MA^2$ . Thus the circle  $AHB$  is tangent to the line  $AC$ , which yields  $\angle AHB = 180^\circ - \angle BAC = 100^\circ$ .

4. (N. Belukhov) Prove that an arbitrary convex quadrilateral can be divided into five polygons having symmetry axes.

**Solution.** Let  $ABCD$  be a given quadrilateral. If  $AB + CD = AD + BC$ , then the quadrilateral is circumscribed. The radii of its incircle joining the

center with the points of tangency with the sides divide the quadrilateral into four symmetric quadrilaterals. It remains to divide one of them into two isosceles triangles.

Now assume that  $AB + CD > AD + BC$ . Construct a circle with center  $O_1$  tangent to sides  $AB$ ,  $AD$ , and  $CD$  at points  $P_1$ ,  $Q_1$ , and  $R_1$  respectively, and also construct a circle with center  $O_2$  tangent to the sides  $AB$ ,  $BC$ , and  $CD$  at points  $P_2$ ,  $Q_2$ ,  $R_2$  respectively (Fig. 8.4). The radii passing to these six points divide  $ABCD$  into the quadrilaterals  $AP_1O_1Q_1$ ,  $BP_2O_2Q_2$ ,  $CQ_2O_2R_2$ ,  $DQ_1O_1R_1$  and the hexagon  $P_1P_2O_2R_2R_1O_1$ . Their symmetry axes are respectively the bisectors of the angles  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ ,  $D$ , and the bisector of the angle between the lines  $AB$  and  $CD$ .

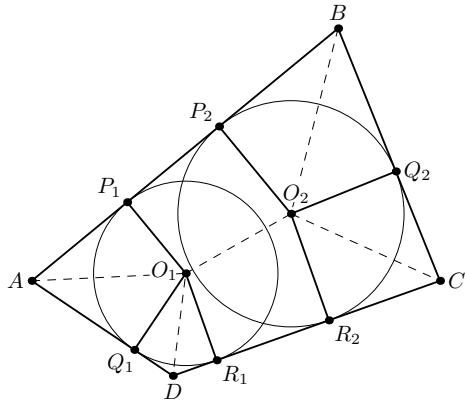


Fig. 8.4

# XI Geometrical Olympiad in honour of I.F.Sharygin

## Final round. Grade 8. Second day

Ratmino, 2015, July 31.

5. (E. Bakayev, A. Zaslavsky) Two equal hard triangles are given. One of their angles is equal to  $\alpha$  (these angles are marked). Dispose these triangles on the plane in such a way that the angle formed by some three vertices would be equal to  $\alpha/2$ . (*No instruments are allowed, even a pencil.*)

**Solution.** The required configuration is shown in Fig 8.5. The triangle  $BCC'$  is isosceles, with  $BC = C'C$  and  $\angle C'CB = 180^\circ - \alpha$ . Thus  $\angle C'BC = \alpha/2$ .

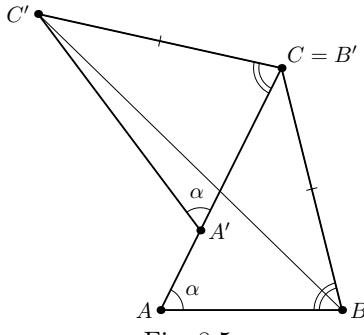


Fig. 8.5

6. (D. Prokopenko) Lines  $b$  and  $c$  passing through vertices  $B$  and  $C$  of triangle  $ABC$  are perpendicular to sideline  $BC$ . The perpendicular bisectors to  $AC$  and  $AB$  meet  $b$  and  $c$  at points  $P$  and  $Q$  respectively. Prove that line  $PQ$  is perpendicular to median  $AM$  of triangle  $ABC$ .

**First solution.** Let  $M$  be the midpoint of  $BC$ . It suffices to prove that  $AP^2 - AQ^2 = MP^2 - MQ^2$ .

Since the points  $P$  and  $Q$  lie on the perpendicular bisectors to  $AC$  and  $BC$ , respectively, we have  $AP^2 - AQ^2 = CP^2 - BQ^2 = (BC^2 + BP^2) - (BC^2 + CQ^2) = (MB^2 + BP^2) - (MC^2 + CQ^2) = MP^2 - MQ^2$ .

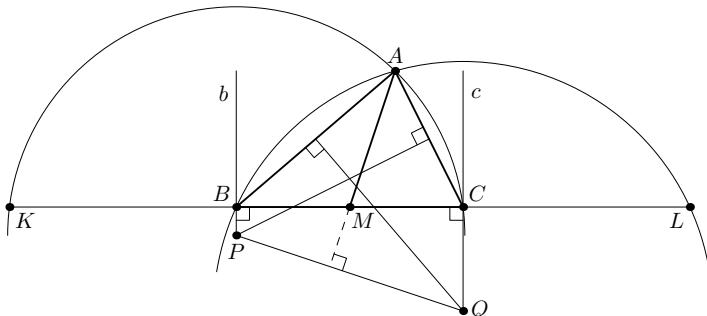


Fig. 8.6

**Second solution.** Construct a circle centered at  $P$  and passing through  $A$ . It meets  $BC$  at  $C$  and also at a point  $K$  symmetric to  $C$  in  $B$ . Similarly, the circle centered at  $Q$  and passing through  $A$  meets  $BC$  at  $B$  and at a point  $L$  symmetric to  $B$  in  $C$ . The powers of  $M$  with respect to these circles are equal, so the radical axis of these circles is  $AM$ , and it is perpendicular to the line of centers  $PQ$  (Fig. 8.6).

7. (M. Kungozhin) Point  $M$  on side  $AB$  of quadrilateral  $ABCD$  is such that quadrilaterals  $AMCD$  and  $BMDC$  are circumscribed around circles centered at  $O_1$  and  $O_2$  respectively. Line  $O_1O_2$  cuts an isosceles triangle with vertex  $M$  from angle  $CMD$ . Prove that  $ABCD$  is a cyclic quadrilateral.

**Solution.** If  $AB \parallel CD$  then the incircles of  $AMCD$  and  $BMDC$  have equal radii; now the problem conditions imply that the whole picture is symmetric about the perpendicular from  $M$  to  $O_1O_2$ , and hence  $ABCD$  is an isosceles trapezoid (or a rectangle).

Now suppose that the lines  $AB$  and  $CD$  meet at a point  $K$ ; we may assume that  $A$  lies between  $K$  and  $B$ . The points  $O_1$  and  $O_2$  lie on the bisector of the angle  $BKC$ . By the problem condition, this angle bisector forms equal angles with the lines  $CM$  and  $DM$ ; this yields  $\angle DMK = \angle KCM$  (Fig. 8.7). Since  $O_1$  and  $O_2$  are the incenter of  $\triangle KMC$  and an excenter of  $\triangle KDM$ , respectively, we have  $\angle DO_2K = \angle DMK/2 = \angle KCM/2 = \angle DCO_1$ , so the quadrilateral  $CDO_1O_2$  is cyclic. Next, the same points are an excenter of  $\triangle AKD$  and the incenter of  $\triangle KBC$ , respectively, so  $\angle KAD = 2\angle KO_1D = 2\angle DCO_2 = \angle KCB$ ; this implies the desired cyclicity of the quadrilateral  $ABCD$ .

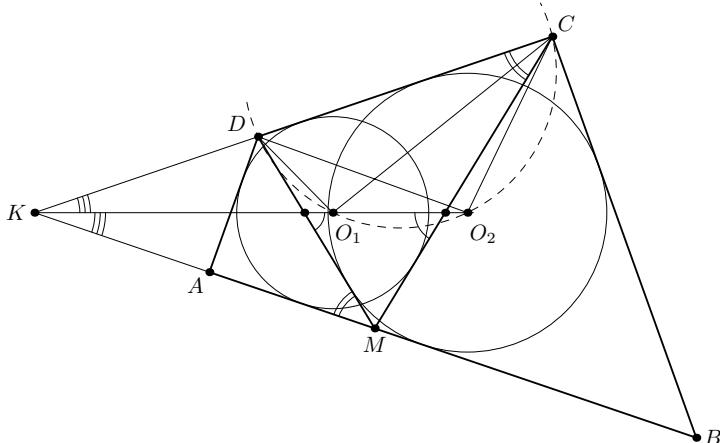


Fig. 8.7

8. (A. Antropov, A. Yakubov) Points  $C_1, B_1$  on sides  $AB, AC$  respectively of triangle  $ABC$  are such that  $BB_1 \perp CC_1$ . Point  $X$  lying inside the triangle

is such that  $\angle XBC = \angle B_1BA$ ,  $\angle XCB = \angle C_1CA$ . Prove that  $\angle B_1XC_1 = 90^\circ - \angle A$ .

**First solution.** Let  $X_1$  be the projection of  $X$  onto  $BC$ , and let  $O$  be the meeting point of the lines  $BB_1$  and  $CC_1$ . Then the triangle  $C_1BO$  is similar to the triangle  $XBX_1$  by two angles, thus  $\frac{BC_1}{BX} = \frac{BO}{BX_1}$ . This implies that the triangles  $BC_1X$  and  $BOX_1$  are also similar by two proportional sides and the angle between them. Therefore,  $\angle BX_1C_1 = \angle BX_1O$ . Similarly we obtain  $\angle B_1XC = \angle OX_1C$  (Fig. 8.8). Hence  $\angle BX_1C_1 + \angle CXB_1 = \angle BX_1O + \angle OX_1C = 180^\circ$ . Therefore,  $\angle C_1XB_1 = 180^\circ - \angle BX_1C_1 = \angle XBC + \angle XCB = \angle ABB_1 + \angle ACC_1 = \angle BOC - \angle BAC = 90^\circ - \angle A$ , as required.

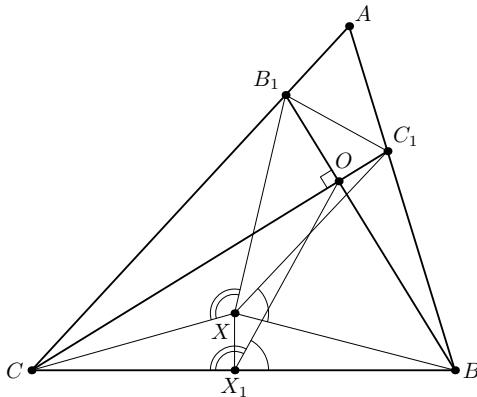


Fig. 8.8

**Second solution.** We start with two lemmas.

**Lemma 1.** If the diagonals of a quadrilateral are perpendicular, then the projections of their meeting point to the sidelines are concyclic.

**Proof.** Let the diagonals of a quadrilateral  $ABCD$  meet at  $O$ , and let  $K$ ,  $L$ ,  $M$ , and  $N$  be the projections of  $O$  onto  $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $CD$ , and  $DA$ , respectively. Since the quadrilaterals  $OKBL$ ,  $OLCM$ ,  $OMDN$ , and  $ONAK$  are cyclic, we have  $\angle LKN + \angle LMN = \angle OBC + \angle OCB + \angle OAD + \angle ODA = 180^\circ$ .

**Lemma 2.** If the projections of a point  $P$  onto the sidelines of  $ABCD$  are concyclic, then the reflections of the lines  $AP$ ,  $BP$ ,  $CP$ , and  $DP$  about the bisectors of the corresponding angles are concurrent.

**Proof.** Since the projections of  $P$  to the sidelines are concyclic, the points  $K$ ,  $L$ ,  $M$ , and  $N$  which are symmetric to  $P$  about the lines  $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $CD$ , and  $DA$ , respectively, are also concyclic. Since  $AK = AP = AN$ , the perpendicular bisector to the segment  $KN$  coincides with the bisectrix of the angle  $KAN$ ; this bisectrix is symmetric to  $AP$  about the bisectrix of the angle  $BAD$ . Therefore, all of these four lines pass through the circumcenter of  $KLMN$ .

To solve the problem, apply these two lemmas to the quadrilateral  $BCC_1B_1$ . Since the lines  $BX$  and  $CX$  are symmetric to  $BB_1$  and  $CC_1$  about the bisectors of the angles  $B$  and  $C$  respectively, the lines  $B_1X$  and  $C_1X$  are also symmetric to  $B_1B$  and  $C_1C$  about the bisectors of the angles  $CB_1C_1$  and  $BC_1B_1$  respectively. This yields that  $\angle B_1XC_1 = 180^\circ - \angle XB_1C_1 - \angle XC_1B_1 = 180^\circ - \angle CB_1O - \angle BC_1O = 180^\circ - (90^\circ + \angle A) = 90^\circ - \angle A$ .

# XI Geometrical Olympiad in honour of I.F.Sharygin

## Final round. Grade 9. First day

Ratmino, 2015, July 30.

- (D. Mukhin) Circles  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  pass through point  $C$ . The tangent to  $\alpha$  at this point meets  $\beta$  at point  $B$ , and the tangent to  $\beta$  at  $C$  meets  $\alpha$  at point  $A$  so that  $A$  and  $B$  are distinct from  $C$  and angle  $ACB$  is obtuse. Line  $AB$  meets  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  for the second time at points  $N$  and  $M$  respectively. Prove that  $2MN < AB$ .

**Solution.** Since  $AC$  and  $BC$  are tangent to  $\beta$  and  $\alpha$ , respectively, we have  $\angle ACM = \angle CBA$  and  $\angle BCN = \angle CAB$ . Since the angle  $ACB$  is obtuse, the points  $A, M, N, B$  are arranged on  $AB$  in this order. Using the tangency again, we get  $AM = AC^2/AB$  and  $BN = BC^2/AB$ . Using the AM-QM inequality and the triangle inequality in this order, we obtain  $2(AM + BN) \geq \frac{(AC+BC)^2}{AB} > AB$ ; this is equivalent to the desired inequality.

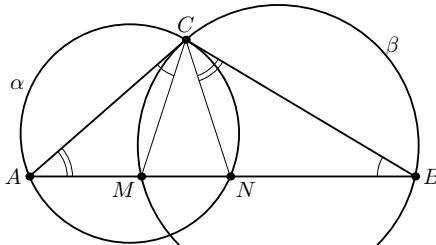


Fig. 9.1

- (A. Zaslavsky) A convex quadrilateral is given. Using a compass and a ruler construct a point such that its projections to the sidelines of this quadrilateral are the vertices of a parallelogram.

**Solution.** All the angles in the solution are directed.

Let  $K, L, M$ , and  $N$  be the projections of the point  $P$  onto  $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $CD$ , and  $DA$ , respectively. The condition  $KL \parallel MN$  is equivalent to  $\angle BKL + \angle MND = \angle BAD$ . Since  $PKBL$  and  $PMDB$  are cyclic quadrilaterals, we have  $\angle BKL = \angle BPL$  and  $\angle MND = \angle MPD$ . Consequently, the condition  $KL \parallel MN$  is equivalent to

$$\angle BPD = (\angle BPL + \angle MPD) + \angle LPM = \angle BAD + (180^\circ - \angle DCB).$$

Thus, we can construct a circle passing through  $B$  and  $D$  and containing  $P$  (Fig. 9.2).

Similarly, the condition  $KN \parallel LM$  is equivalent to  $\angle CPA = 180^\circ + \angle CBA - \angle ADC$ , so we can construct a circle through  $A$  and  $C$  containing  $P$ . One of the meeting points of the two constructed circles is the Miquel point of the

lines  $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $CD$ , and  $DA$  (its projections are collinear by the Simson theorem). The other point is the desired one.

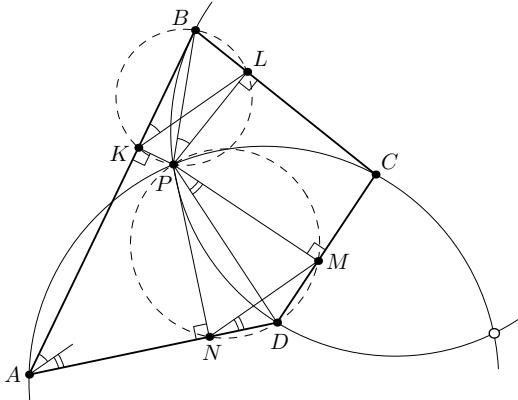


Fig. 9.2

3. (M. Kharitonov, A. Polyansky) Let 100 discs lie on the plane in such a way that each two of them have a common point. Prove that there exists a point lying inside at least 15 of these discs.

**Solution.** Let  $K$  be the smallest of the given discs; we may suppose that its radius is equal to 1. Let  $O$  be the center of  $K$ , and let  $A_1A_2A_3A_4A_5A_6$  be a regular hexagon with center  $O$  and side length  $\sqrt{3}$ . We will prove that each of given discs contains one of points  $O, A_1, \dots, A_6$ ; by pigeonhole principle, this implies the problem statement.

Let  $O'$  be the center of some disc  $K'$ . If  $O'$  lies in  $K$ , then  $K'$  contains  $O$ , because the radius of  $K'$  is at least 1. So we assume henceforth that  $OO' > 1$ .

The angle between the ray  $OO'$  and one of the rays  $OA_i$  (say, with  $OA_1$ ) is at most  $30^\circ$ . Thus we have

$$O'A_1^2 = O'O^2 + OA_1^2 - 2O'O \cdot OA_1 \cos \angle O'OA_1 \leq O'O^2 + 3 - 3O'O.$$

If  $1 < O'O \leq 2$ , then  $O'A_1 \leq 1$ , so  $K'$  contains  $A_1$ . Otherwise, we have  $O'O > 2$ , and this implies that  $O'A_1 < O'O - 1$ . On the other hand, the radius of  $K'$  is not less than  $OO' - 1$  because this disc intersects  $K$ , so in this case  $K'$  also contains  $A_1$ .

4. (R. Krutovsky, A. Yakubov) A fixed triangle  $ABC$  is given. Point  $P$  moves on its circumcircle so that segments  $BC$  and  $AP$  intersect. Line  $AP$  divides triangle  $BPC$  into two triangles with incenters  $I_1$  and  $I_2$ . Line  $I_1I_2$  meets  $BC$  at point  $Z$ . Prove that all lines  $ZP$  pass through a fixed point.

**First solution.** It is known that the centers of two arbitrary circles, together with their internal and external homothety centers, form a harmonic quadruple. For two given circles centered at  $I_1$  and  $I_2$ , the external homothety

center is  $Z$ , and the internal one lies on the line  $AP$ , since  $BZ$  and  $AP$  are an external and an internal common tangents, respectively. Thus, the projection mapping centered at  $P$  acting from the line  $I_1I_2$  to the circumcircle  $\Omega$  of  $\triangle ABC$  maps the internal homothety center to  $A$ , and the points  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  to the midpoints of the arcs  $AB$  and  $AC$ , respectively. These three points are fixed, so the image of  $Z$  is also fixed, and all lines  $PQ$  pass through this fixed point on  $\Omega$ .

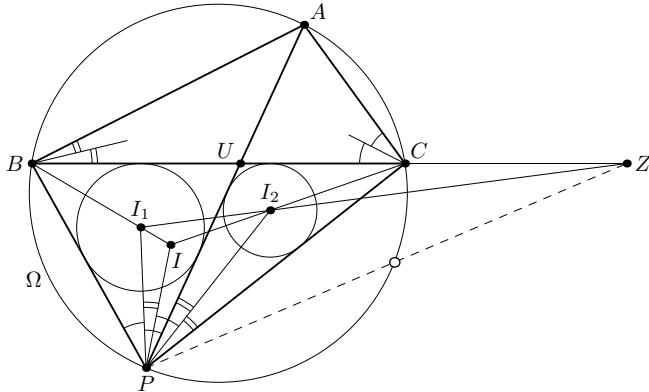


Fig. 9.4

**Second solution.** Let  $U$  be the common point of  $AP$  and  $BC$ . We prove that the cross-ratio  $(BC; ZU)$  is independent of  $P$ ; again, after projecting the line  $BC$  from  $P$  to the circumcircle  $\Omega$  of  $\triangle ABC$  this will yield that the line  $PZ$  meets  $\Omega$  at a fixed point.

Let  $I$ ,  $I_1$ , and  $I_2$  be the incenters of the triangles  $PBC$ ,  $PBU$ , and  $PCU$  respectively. Applying Menelaus' theorem to the triangle  $BIC$  we obtain

$$\frac{BZ}{CZ} = \frac{BI_1}{I_1I} \cdot \frac{II_2}{I_2C}.$$

Since  $PI$ ,  $PI_1$ , and  $PI_2$  are the bisectors of the angles  $BPC$ ,  $BP$ , and  $CPU$  respectively, we have  $\angle BPI_1 = \angle IPI_2 = \angle C/2$  and  $\angle I_1PI = \angle I_2PC = \angle B/2$ . Hence, applying the sine law to the triangles  $BPI_1$ ,  $I_1PI$ ,  $IPI_2$ , and  $I_2PC$  we obtain

$$\frac{BI_1}{I_1I} = \frac{BP}{IP} \cdot \frac{\sin(\angle C/2)}{\sin(\angle B/2)} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{II_2}{I_2C} = \frac{IP}{CP} \cdot \frac{\sin(\angle C/2)}{\sin(\angle B/2)}.$$

Similarly, applying the sine law to the triangles  $BPC$ ,  $ABU$ , and  $ACU$ , we get

$$\frac{BP}{CP} = \frac{\sin \angle BCP}{\sin \angle CBP} = \frac{\sin \angle BAU}{\sin \angle CAU} = \frac{BU}{AB} \cdot \frac{AC}{CU}.$$

Multiplying the four obtained equalities, we conclude that

$$(BC; ZU) = \frac{\sin^2(\angle C/2)}{\sin^2(\angle B/2)} \cdot \frac{AC}{AB} = \frac{\operatorname{tg}(\angle C/2)}{\operatorname{tg}(\angle B/2)}.$$

**Remark.** The value of  $(BC; ZU)$  obtained above may be implemented to show that the line  $PZ$  meets the circumcircle at the point collinear with the incenter of  $\triangle ABC$  and the midpoint of the arc  $CAB$ . One may also see that there exists a circle tangent to the circumcircle at that point and also tangent to the segments  $AB$  and  $AC$ .

# XI Geometrical Olympiad in honour of I.F.Sharygin

## Final round. Grade 9. Second day

*Ratmino, 2015, July 31.*

5. (D. Svetsov) Let  $BM$  be a median of nonisosceles right-angled triangle  $ABC$  ( $\angle B = 90^\circ$ ), and  $H_a$ ,  $H_c$  be the orthocenters of triangles  $ABM$ ,  $CBM$  respectively. Prove that lines  $AH_c$  and  $CH_a$  meet on the medial line of triangle  $ABC$ .

**Solution.** Let  $A'$  and  $C'$  be the midpoints of the legs  $AB$  and  $BC$ , respectively. Since the triangles  $AMB$  and  $BMC$  are isosceles, their altitudes from  $M$  pass through  $A'$  and  $C'$ , respectively. Then  $AA' \perp BC \perp H_c C'$ ,  $AH_a \perp BM \perp H_c C$ , and  $A'H_a \perp AB \perp C'C$ . This shows that the corresponding sides of the triangles  $AA'H_a$  and  $H_c C'C$  are parallel, i.e., these triangles are homothetic. Therefore, the lines  $AH_c$ ,  $H_a C$ , and  $A'C'$  concur at the homothety center, and it lies on the midline  $A'C'$  (Fig. 9.5).

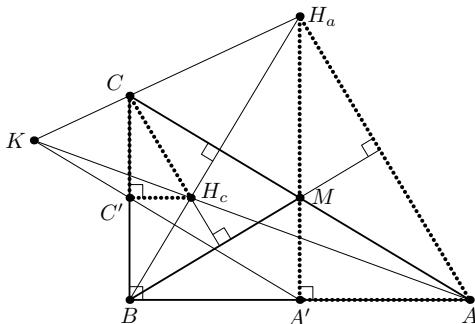


Fig. 9.5

6. (A. Zaslavsky) The diagonals of convex quadrilateral  $ABCD$  are perpendicular. Points  $A'$ ,  $B'$ ,  $C'$ ,  $D'$  are the circumcenters of triangles  $ABD$ ,  $BCA$ ,  $CDB$ ,  $DAC$  respectively. Prove that lines  $AA'$ ,  $BB'$ ,  $CC'$ ,  $DD'$  concur.

**Solution.** We start with two lemmas.

**Lemma 1.** If the diagonals of a quadrilateral are perpendicular, then the projections of their meeting point to the sidelines are concyclic.

**Proof.** Let the diagonals of a quadrilateral  $ABCD$  meet at  $O$ , and let  $K$ ,  $L$ ,  $M$ , and  $N$  be the projections of  $O$  onto  $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $CD$ , and  $DA$ , respectively. Since the quadrilaterals  $OKBL$ ,  $OLCM$ ,  $OMDN$ , and  $ONAK$  are cyclic, we have  $\angle LKN + \angle LMN = \angle OBC + \angle OCB + \angle OAD + \angle ODA = 180^\circ$ .

**Lemma 2.** If the projections of a point  $P$  onto the sidelines of  $ABCD$  are concyclic, then the reflections of the lines  $AP$ ,  $BP$ ,  $CP$ , and  $DP$  about the bisectors of the corresponding angles are concurrent.

**Proof.** Since the projections of  $P$  to the sidelines are concyclic, the points  $K$ ,  $L$ ,  $M$ , and  $N$  which are symmetric to  $P$  about the lines  $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $CD$ , and  $DA$ , respectively, are also concyclic. Since  $AK = AP = AN$ , the perpendicular bisector to the segment  $KN$  coincides with the bisectrix of the angle  $KAN$ ; this bisectrix is symmetric to  $AP$  about the bisectrix of the angle  $BAD$ . Therefore, all of these four lines pass through the circumcenter of  $KLMN$ .

Now we pass to the solution. Note that the line  $AC$  contains the altitude of the triangle  $DAB$ , so the line  $AA'$  is its reflection about the bisector of the angle  $A$ ; similar arguments work for the other vertices of  $ABCD$ . Thus the four lines under consideration are concurrent.

**Remark.** One may show that, if three of the lines  $AA'$ ,  $BB'$ ,  $CC'$ , and  $DD'$  are concurrent, then either the quadrilateral  $ABCD$  is cyclic or its diagonals are perpendicular. In both cases the fourth line also passes through the concurrency point.

7. (D. Krekov) Let  $ABC$  be an acute-angled, nonisosceles triangle. Altitudes  $AA'$  and  $BB'$  meet at point  $H$ , and the medians of triangle  $AHB$  meet at point  $M$ . Line  $CM$  bisects segment  $A'B'$ . Find angle  $C$ .

**Answer.**  $45^\circ$ .

**Solution.** Let  $C_0$  be the midpoint of  $AB$ , and let  $H'$  be the point symmetric to  $H$  in  $C_0$ ; it is well known that  $H'$  is the point opposite to  $C$  on the circumcircle of  $\triangle ABC$ . The medians  $CC_0$  and  $CM$  of similar triangles  $ABC$  and  $A'B'C$  are symmetric about the bisector of the angle  $C$ . An altitude  $CH$  and the diameter  $CH'$  of the circumcircle are also symmetric about this bisector. Therefore,  $\angle H'CC_0 = \angle MCH$ , i.e.,  $CM$  is a symmedian in the triangle  $CHH'$  (Fig. 9.7). Thus we have  $(CH'/CH)^2 = H'M/MH = 2$ ; now, from  $CH = CH' \cos \angle C$  we obtain  $\angle C = 45^\circ$ .

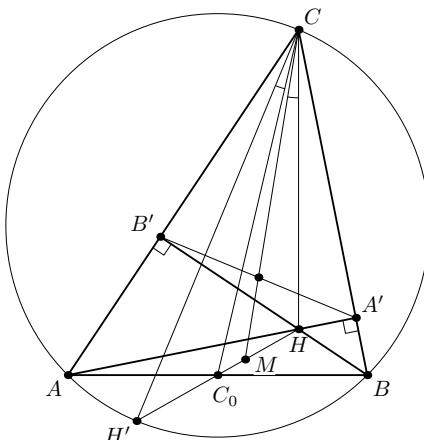


Fig. 9.7

8. (I.Frolov) A perpendicular bisector to side  $BC$  of triangle  $ABC$  meets lines  $AB$  and  $AC$  at points  $A_B$  and  $A_C$  respectively. Let  $O_a$  be the circumcenter of triangle  $AA_BA_C$ . Points  $O_b$  and  $O_c$  are defined similarly. Prove that the circumcircle of triangle  $O_aO_bO_c$  touches the circumcircle of the original triangle.

**Solution.** Let  $A'$ ,  $B'$ , and  $C'$  be the pairwise meeting points of the tangents to the circumcircle of  $\triangle ABC$  at its vertices (so,  $A'$  is the meeting point of the tangents at  $B$  and  $C$ , and so on).

Consider an arbitrary triangle formed by the lines  $CA$ ,  $CB$ , and any line  $\ell$  perpendicular to  $AB$ . All such triangles are pairwise homothetic at  $C$ . Moreover, if the line  $\ell$  moves with a constant speed, then the circumcenter of the triangle also moves with a constant speed along some line passing through  $C$ .

Consider two specific positions of  $\ell$ , when it passes through  $B$  and  $A$ . For the first position, the circumcenter of the obtained triangle  $CC'_A B$  is  $A'$ , since  $CA' = BA'$  and  $\angle CA'B = 180^\circ - 2\angle A = 2\angle CC'_A B$  (Fig. 9.8). Similarly, the circumcenter for the second position is  $B'$ . Hence, the circumcenter  $O_c$  of the triangle  $CC_A C_B$  is the midpoint of  $A'B'$ . (Different cases of mutual positions of the points can be treated analogously.)

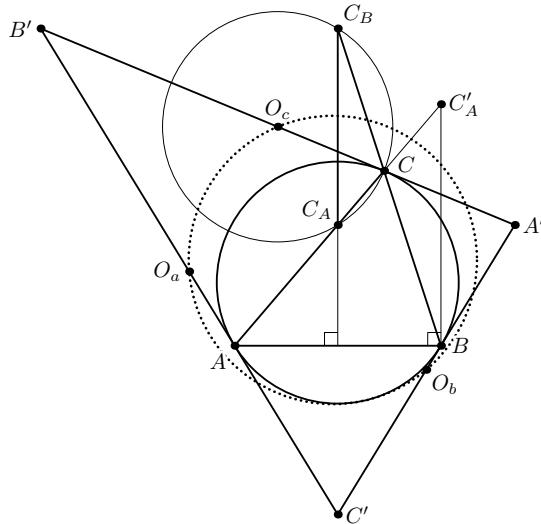


Fig. 9.8

In a similar way we obtain that  $O_a$  and  $O_b$  are the midpoints of  $B'C'$  and  $C'A'$  respectively. Therefore, the circumcircle of  $\triangle O_aO_bO_c$  is the Euler circle of the triangle  $A'B'C'$ , and the circumcircle of  $\triangle ABC$  is either its incircle (if  $\triangle ABC$  is acute-angled) or its excircle (otherwise). In any case, the Feuerbach theorem shows that these two circles are tangent to each other.

# XI Geometrical Olympiad in honour of I.F.Sharygin

## Final round. Grade 10. First day

Ratmino, 2015, July 30.

- (A. Karlyuchenko) Let  $K$  be an arbitrary point on side  $BC$  of triangle  $ABC$ , and  $KN$  be a bisector of triangle  $AKC$ . Lines  $BN$  and  $AK$  meet at point  $F$ , and lines  $CF$  and  $AB$  meet at point  $D$ . Prove that  $KD$  is a bisector of triangle  $AKB$ .

**Solution.** By the bisector property, we have  $\frac{CN}{NA} = \frac{CK}{KA}$ . Now by Ceva's theorem we obtain

$$\frac{BD}{DA} = \frac{BK}{KC} \cdot \frac{CN}{NA} = \frac{BK}{KA},$$

which means exactly that  $KD$  is a bisector of the angle  $AKB$ .

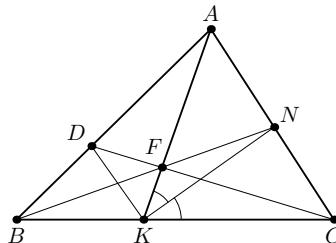


Fig. 10.1

- (A. Shapovalov) Prove that an arbitrary triangle with area 1 can be covered by an isosceles triangle with area less than  $\sqrt{2}$ .

**Solution.** Let  $ABC$  be a given triangle with  $AB \geq AC \geq BC$ . Let  $CH$  be its altitude. Let  $A'$  be the reflection of  $A$  in  $H$ , and let  $B'$  be the reflection of  $B$  about the bisector of angle  $A$ . Then each of the isosceles triangles  $ACA'$  and  $ABB'$  covers  $\triangle ABC$ , and we have  $S_{ACA'}/S_{ABC} = AA'/AB = 2AH/AB$  and  $S_{ABB'}/S_{ABC} = AB'/AC = AB/AC$ . The product of these two ratios is  $2AH/AC < 2$ ; therefore, one of them is less than  $\sqrt{2}$ .

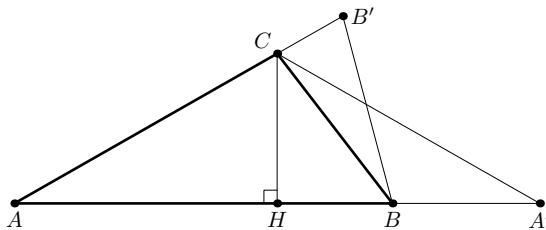


Fig. 10.2

- (A. Akopyan) Let  $A_1, B_1$  and  $C_1$  be the midpoints of sides  $BC, CA$  and  $AB$  of triangle  $ABC$ . Points  $B_2$  and  $C_2$  are the midpoints of segments  $BA_1$  and  $CA_1$  respectively. Point  $B_3$  is symmetric to  $C_1$  wrt  $B$ , and  $C_3$  is symmetric

to  $B_1$  wrt  $C$ . Prove that one of common points of circles  $BB_2B_3$  and  $CC_2C_3$  lies on the circumcircle of triangle  $ABC$ .

**First solution.** Choose a point  $X$  on the circumcircle  $\Omega$  of  $\triangle ABC$  so that  $\angle XA_1C = \angle CA_1A$ . Then  $X$  is symmetric to the second common point of  $AA_1$  and  $\Omega$  about the perpendicular bisector of  $BC$ ; hence,  $A_1X \cdot A_1A = A_1B \cdot A_1C = A_1C^2$ . This implies that the triangles  $XA_1C$  and  $CA_1A$  are similar.

Let  $T$  be the midpoint of  $AA_1$ . Then  $XC_2$  and  $CT$  are corresponding medians in similar triangles, thus  $\angle CXC_2 = \angle ACT$  (Fig. 10.3.1). On the other hand, the quadrilateral  $CTC_2C_3$  is a parallelogram, i.e.,  $\angle CC_3C_2 = \angle ACT = \angle CXC_2$ . Hence,  $X$  lies on the circumcircle of  $\triangle CC_2C_3$ .

Similarly,  $X$  lies on the circumcircle of  $\triangle BB_2B_3$ . Therefore,  $X$  is a desired point.

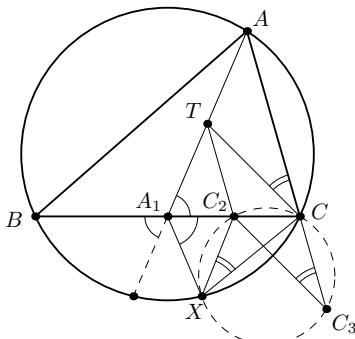


Fig. 10.3.1

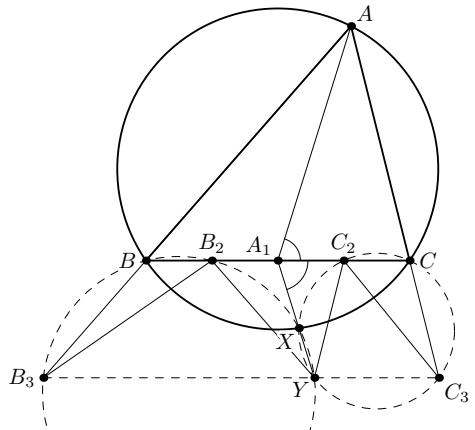


Fig. 10.3.2

**Second solution.** Let us construct a triangle  $YB_2C_2$  similar to  $\triangle ABC$  and separated from that by the line  $BC$  (Fig. 10.3.2). Since  $B_2C_2 = BC/2$ , the points  $B_3$ ,  $Y$ , and  $C_3$  are equidistant from the line  $BC$  (this common distance is half the distance of  $A$  from  $BC$ ). Moreover, we have  $YB_2 = AB/2 = BB_3$  and  $YC_2 = AC/2 = CC_3$ . Altogether this means that  $BB_2YB_3$  and  $CC_2YC_3$  are isosceles trapezoids, and hence  $Y$  is one of the common points of the circles  $BB_2B_3$  and  $CC_2C_3$ .

Since the powers of  $A_1$  with respect to these circles are equal, their second common point lies on  $A_1Y$ . Let the ray  $A_1Y$  meet the circumcircle of  $\triangle ABC$  at  $X$ . Since  $AA_1$  and  $YA_1$  are corresponding medians in similar triangles  $ABC$  and  $YB_2C_2$ , we obtain  $\angle XA_1C = \angle CA_1A$ ; thus, as in the previous solution, we have  $A_1X \cdot A_1A = A_1B \cdot A_1C$ . Therefore,  $A_1X \cdot A_1A/2 = A_1B^2/2 = A_1B \cdot A_1B_2$ , and so  $X$  is the second common point of the two circles under consideration.

4. (I. Yakovlev) Let  $AA_1$ ,  $BB_1$ ,  $CC_1$  be the altitudes of an acute-angled, non-isosceles triangle  $ABC$ , and  $A_2$ ,  $B_2$ ,  $C_2$  be the touching points of sides  $BC$ ,  $CA$ ,  $AB$  with the correspondent excircles. It is known that line  $B_1C_1$  touches the incircle of  $ABC$ . Prove that  $A_1$  lies on the circumcircle of  $A_2B_2C_2$ .

**First solution.** Let  $H$ ,  $I$ , and  $O$  be the orthocenter, the incenter, and the circumcenter of  $\triangle ABC$ , respectively. Let  $\Omega$ ,  $\omega$ , and  $r$  denote its circumcircle, incircle, and inradius, respectively. Let  $A'$ ,  $B'$ , and  $C'$  be the tangency points of  $\omega$  with the sides  $BC$ ,  $AC$ , and  $AB$ , and let  $I_A$ ,  $I_B$ , and  $I_C$  be the excenters corresponding to these sides, respectively. Finally, let  $M_A$  be the midpoint of  $BC$ .

The problem condition says that the quadrilateral  $BC_1B_1C$  is circumscribed around  $\omega$ . This quadrilateral is also inscribed into a circle with diameter  $BC$ . It is known that in such a quadrilateral, the circumcenter, the incenter, and the meeting point of the diagonals are collinear (e.g., this follows from the fact that the polar line of the meeting point of the diagonals with respect to both the incircle and the circumcircle is the line passing through the meeting points of the extensions of opposite sides). Thus the points  $H$ ,  $I$ , and  $M_A$  are collinear.

Let  $A_3$  be the point opposite to  $A'$  on  $\omega$ . It is known that the points  $A$ ,  $A_3$ , and  $A_2$  are collinear. Furthermore, the point  $M_A$  is the midpoint of  $A_2A'$ . Therefore,  $IM_A$  is a midline in the triangle  $A_2A'A_3$ . This yields that  $HI \parallel AA_3$ , i.e., the quadrilateral  $AA_3IH$  is a parallelogram, and so  $r = A_3I = AH = 2OM_A$  (this quadrilateral is non-degenerate, otherwise  $\triangle ABC$  would be isosceles). Therefore,  $M_AO$  is a midline in the triangle  $IA'A_2$ , since it passes through the midpoint of  $A'A_2$  and is parallel to  $IA'$ ; moreover, since  $M_AO = r/2 = IA'/2$ , we conclude that  $O$  is the midpoint of  $IA_2$ .

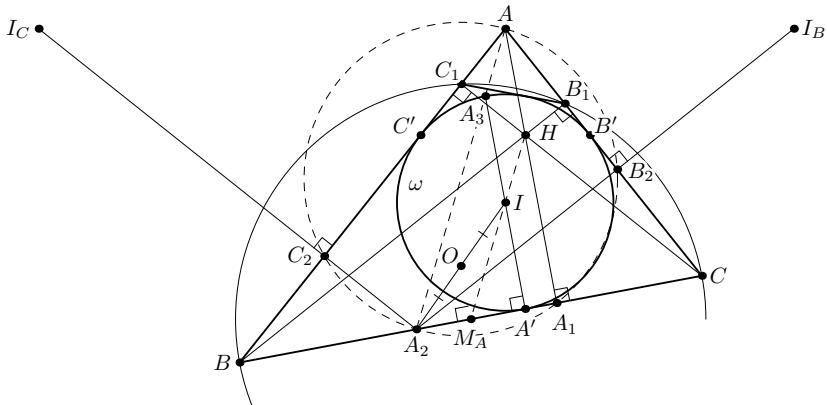


Fig. 10.4.1

Thus, the point  $A_2$  is symmetric to  $I$  in  $O$ . Finally, the lines  $I_C C_2$  and  $IC'$ , as well as the lines  $I_B B_2$  and  $IB'$ , are symmetric in  $O$ ; therefore, both these lines

pass through  $A_2$ . Hence  $\angle A_2 B_2 B = \angle A_2 C_2 C = 90^\circ = \angle AA_1 B$ . This means that all five points  $A$ ,  $A_2$ ,  $B_2$ ,  $C_2$ , and  $A_1$  lie on a circle with diameter  $AA_2$ .

**Second solution.** We present a different proof of the fact that  $OM_A = r/2$ ; after that, one may finish the solution as shown above. The notation from the previous solution is still in force. Additionally, we denote by  $T$  the tangency point of the excircle  $\omega_A$  with  $AB$ .

By the problem condition, the circle  $\omega_A$  is an excircle of  $\triangle AB_1C_1$ . Therefore, the similarity transform mapping  $\triangle AB_1C_1$  to  $\triangle ABC$  sends  $\omega$  to  $\omega_A$ . Thus,  $AB'/AT = \cos \angle A$ . This means that  $TB' \perp AC$ , and hence  $TB'$  passes through  $I$ . Since  $\angle TIC' = \angle A = \angle COM_A$ , the right triangles  $TC'I$  and  $COM_A$  are similar (Fig. 10.4.2). Moreover, we have  $TC' = TB + BC' = BA_2 + CA_2 = BC = 2CM_A$ , so the similarity ratio of these two triangles is 2; thus  $OM_A = IC'/2 = r/2$ .

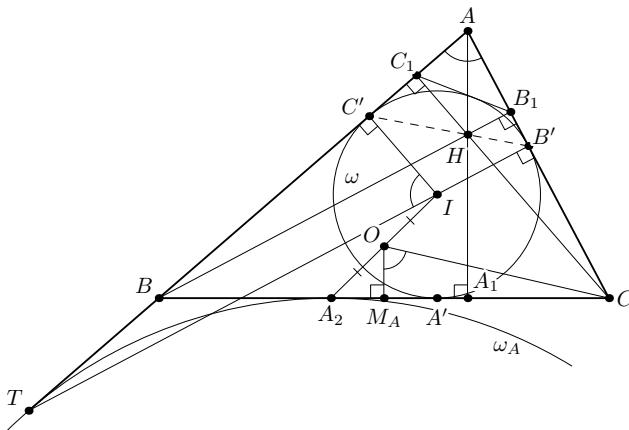


Fig. 10.4.2

**Remark 1.** In any triangle  $ABC$ , the circle  $A_2B_2C_2$  is a pedal circle of a point  $K$  symmetric to  $I$  in  $O$ . This circle is also a pedal circle of a point  $K'$  isogonally conjugate to  $K$ . Thus,  $A_1$  lies on the circle  $A_2B_2C_2$  if and only if  $K'$  lies on  $AA_1$ , i.e., if either  $K$  lies on  $AO$  or  $K' = A$ . In the first case the triangle has to be isosceles, and in the second case we have  $A_2 = K$ .

**Remark 2.** One can also show that under the problem conditions, the orthocenter lies on the line  $B'C'$  (Fig. 10.4.2), and the excircle tangent to the side  $BC$  is orthogonal to the circumcircle.

# XI Geometrical Olympiad in honour of I.F.Sharygin

## Final round. Grade 10. Second day

*Ratmino, 2015, July 31.*

5. (D. Shvetsov) Let  $BM$  be a median of right-angled nonisosceles triangle  $ABC$  ( $\angle B = 90^\circ$ ), and  $H_a$ ,  $H_c$  be the orthocenters of triangles  $ABM$ ,  $CBM$  respectively. Lines  $AH_c$  and  $CH_a$  meet at point  $K$ . Prove that  $\angle MBK = 90^\circ$ .

**Solution.** Since the lines  $AH_a$  and  $CH_c$  are perpendicular to  $BM$ , the quadrilateral  $AH_cCH_a$  is a trapezoid, and  $K$  is the common point of its lateral sidelines. Moreover, since the triangles  $ABM$  and  $CBM$  are isosceles, we have  $H_aA = H_aB$  and  $H_cC = H_cB$ . Therefore,  $KC/KH_a = CH_c/AH_a = BH_c/BH_a$ , i.e.  $KB \parallel CH_c \perp BM$  (Fig. 10.5).

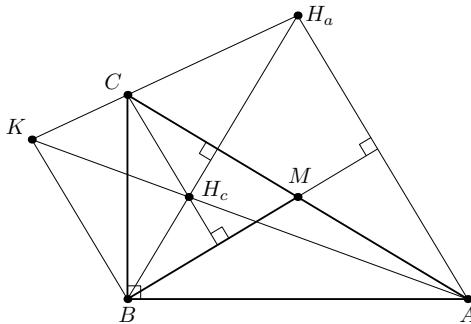


Fig. 10.5

6. (A. Sokolov) Let  $H$  and  $O$  be the orthocenter and the circumcenter of triangle  $ABC$ . The circumcircle of triangle  $AOH$  meets the perpendicular bisector to  $BC$  at point  $A_1$ . Points  $B_1$  and  $C_1$  are defined similarly. Prove that lines  $AA_1$ ,  $BB_1$  and  $CC_1$  concur.

**Solution.** We will make use of the following fact.

**Lemma.** Assume that a line  $\ell$  passes through the orthocenter of a triangle; then the reflections of  $\ell$  about the sidelines are concurrent.

**Proof.** Let  $H$  be the orthocenter of a given triangle  $ABC$ . Then the points  $H_a$ ,  $H_b$ , and  $H_c$  symmetric to  $H$  about  $BC$ ,  $CA$ , and  $AB$ , respectively, lie on the circumcircle of the triangle. Furthermore, the angle subtended by the arc  $H_aH_b$  is equal to  $2\angle C$ , i.e., it is equal to the reflections of  $\ell$  about  $BC$  and  $CA$ . Thus these reflections meet on the circumcircle. Clearly, the third line also passes through the same point. This finishes the proof of the lemma.

Back to the problem. Consider the triangle  $A'B'C'$  formed by the reflections of  $O$  about the sides of the triangle  $ABC$ . Its vertices are the circumcenters of the triangles  $HBC$ ,  $HCA$ , and  $HAB$ ; thus its sides are the perpendicular

bisectors of  $HA$ ,  $HB$ , and  $HC$ . Therefore, the sides of  $\triangle A'B'C'$  are parallel to those of  $\triangle ABC$ , and  $O$  is its orthocenter (Fig. 10.6).

Now, the sides  $AH$  and  $A_1O$  of the cyclic quadrilateral  $AHOA_1$  are parallel, so the lines  $AA_1$  and  $OH$  are symmetric about the perpendicular bisector of  $AH$ , i.e., about  $B'C'$ . The similar statement holds for the lines  $BB_1$  and  $CC_1$ . Hence these lines are concurrent due to the lemma applied to the triangle  $A'B'C'$ .

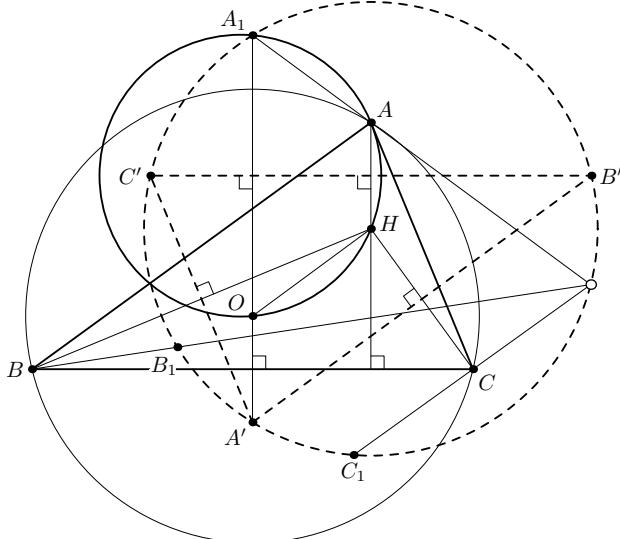


Fig. 10.6

7. (I.I.Bogdanov) Let  $SABCD$  be an inscribed pyramid, and  $AA_1, BB_1, CC_1, DD_1$  be the perpendiculars from  $A, B, C, D$  to lines  $SC, SD, SA, SB$  respectively. Points  $S, A_1, B_1, C_1, D_1$  are distinct and lie on a sphere. Prove that points  $A_1, B_1, C_1$  and  $D_1$  are coplanar.

**Solution.** Since  $AA_1$  and  $CC_1$  are altitudes of the triangle  $SAC$ , the points  $A, C, A_1$ , and  $C_1$  are concyclic, i.e.,  $SC \cdot SA_1 = SA \cdot SC_1$ . Therefore, there exists an inversion centered at  $S$  interchanging  $A_1$  with  $C$  and  $C_1$  with  $A$ . Since  $SB \cdot SD_1 = SD \cdot SB_1$ , this inversion maps  $B_1$  and  $D_1$  to some points  $B_2$  and  $D_2$  on the rays  $SD$  and  $SB$ , respectively, such that  $B_2D_2 \parallel BD$ .

On the other hand, the points  $A, C, B_2$ , and  $D_2$  must be coplanar (as they are the images of the points lying on a sphere passing through  $S$ ). However, if the line  $B_2D_2$  does not lie in the plane  $ABCD$ , then the lines  $B_2D_2$  and  $AC$  are skew. Thus, we are left with the only option that  $B_2 = D$  and  $D_2 = B$ . Therefore, the points  $A_1, B_1, C_1$ , and  $D_1$  lie in a plane which is the image of the sphere  $SABCD$ .

8. (M. Artemeyev) Does there exist a rectangle which can be divided into a

regular hexagon with sidelength 1 and several equal right-angled triangles with legs 1 and  $\sqrt{3}$ ?

**Answer.** No.

**Solution.** Suppose that such partition of some rectangle exists. Note that the area of each triangle in the partition is  $S = \sqrt{3}/2$ , and the area of the hexagon is equal to  $3S$ . Each side of the rectangle is partitioned into segments with lengths 1, 2, and  $\sqrt{3}$ , i.e., the lengths of these sides have the form  $a+b\sqrt{3}$  and  $c+d\sqrt{3}$  with nonnegative integers  $a, b, c$ , and  $d$ . Thus, the area of the rectangle equals

$$(a + b\sqrt{3})(c + d\sqrt{3}) = (ac + 3bd) + (ad + bc)\sqrt{3}.$$

On the other hand, this area is a multiple of  $S$ , therefore  $ac + 3bd = 0$ , i.e.,  $ac = 0$  and  $bd = 0$ .

This yields that one of these sides (say, vertical) has an integer length, while the other one (say, horizontal) has a length which is a multiple of  $\sqrt{3}$ . Thus the area of the rectangle is a multiple of  $2S$ . Since the area of the hexagon equals  $3S$ , the number of the triangles in the partition is odd. Now we prove that this is impossible.

Each (non-extendable) segment in the partition is covered by the segments of integer lengths and sides of length  $\sqrt{3}$  on both sides. Thus the number of the segments of length  $\sqrt{3}$  adjoining the segment is even. Next, none of the vertical sides of the rectangle adjoins such segments, while the horizontal sides of the rectangle are partitioned into such segments, and hence they also adjoin an even number of segments of length  $\sqrt{3}$  in total. Thus the total number of sides of length  $\sqrt{3}$  is even; but any triangle in the partition contains exactly one such side. This is a contradiction.

## XII Geometrical Olympiad in honour of I.F.Sharygin Final round. Solutions. First day. 8 grade

*Ratmino, 2016, July 31*

1. (Yu.Blinkov) An altitude  $AH$  of triangle  $ABC$  bisects a median  $BM$ . Prove that the medians of triangle  $ABM$  are sidelengths of a right-angled triangle.

**Solution.** Let  $AH$  and  $BM$  meet at point  $K$ , let  $L$  be the midpoint of  $AM$ , and let  $N$  and  $P$  be the projections of  $L$  and  $M$  respectively to  $BC$  (fig.8.1). Since  $K$  is the midpoint of  $BM$ , it follows that  $KH$  is a midline of triangle  $BMP$ , i.e.  $PH = HB$ . On the other hand, by the Thales theorem  $CP = PH$  and  $PN = NH$ , hence  $N$  is the midpoint of  $BC$ . Therefore  $NK$  is a medial line of triangle  $BMC$ , i.e.  $NK \parallel AC$  and  $ALNK$  is a parallelogram. Hence  $LN = AK$ . Also the median from  $M$  in triangle  $AMB$  is a midline of  $ABC$ , hence it is congruent to  $BN$ . Therefore the sides of right-angled triangle  $BNL$  are congruent to the medians of  $ABM$ .

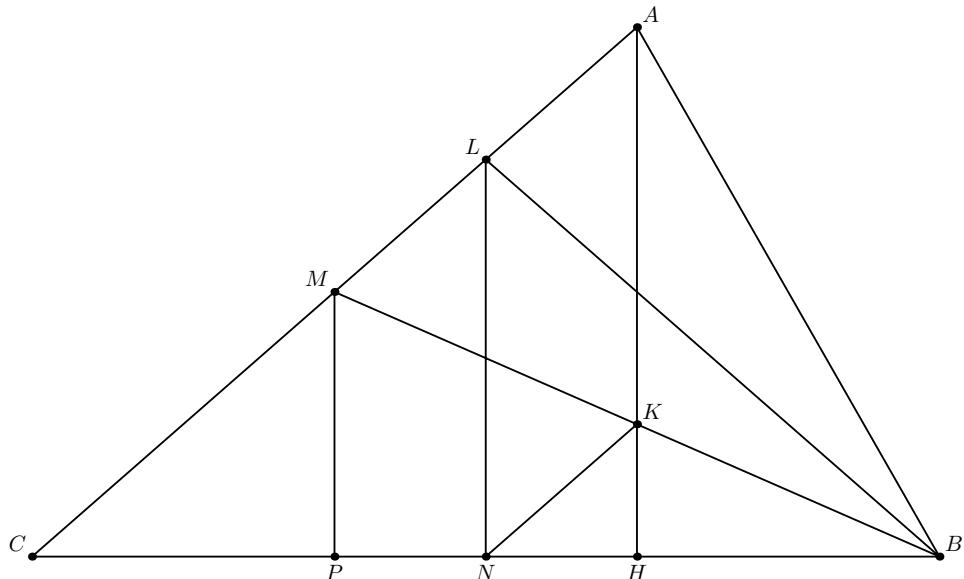


Fig. 8.1

2. (E.Bakaev) A circumcircle of triangle  $ABC$  meets the sides  $AD$  and  $CD$  of a parallelogram  $ABCD$  at points  $K$  and  $L$  respectively. Let  $M$  be the midpoint of arc  $KL$  not containing  $B$ . Prove that  $DM \perp AC$ .

**First solution.** By the assumption we obtain that  $ALCB$  is an isosceles trapezoid, i.e  $AL = AD$  (fig.8.2). Now  $AM$  is the bisector of isosceles triangle  $ALD$ , thus  $AM$  is also its altitude. Hence  $AM \perp CD$ . Similarly  $CM \perp AD$ . Therefore  $M$  is the orthocenter of triangle  $ACD$  and  $DM \perp AC$ .

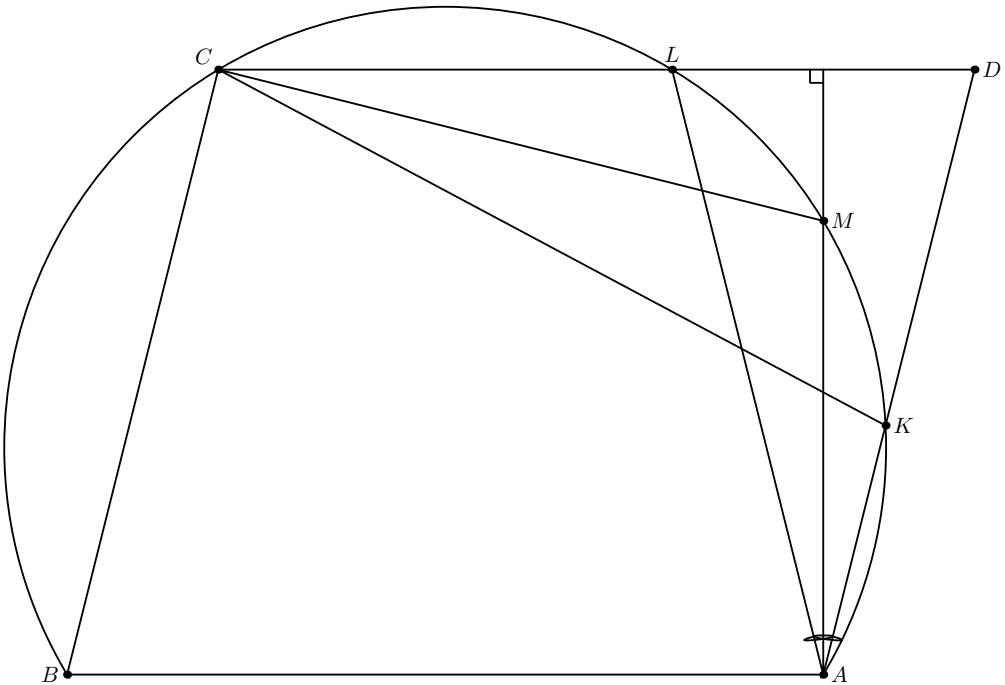


Fig. 8.2

**Second solution.** Consider the circumcircle of triangle  $ABC$ . The equality of angles  $BAK$  and  $BCL$  yields the equality of arcs  $BAK$  and  $BCL$ . The arcs  $LM$  and  $KM$  are also equal, and since the sum of these four arcs is the whole circle, we obtain that  $BM$  is a diameter. Then the triangles  $BAM$  and  $BCM$  are right-angled, i.e.  $BA^2 + AM^2 = BM^2 = BC^2 + CM^2$ . Rewrite this equality as  $BA^2 - BC^2 = CM^2 - AM^2$  and modify left part using the equality of opposite sides of parallelogram:  $CD^2 - AD^2 = CM^2 - AM^2$ . By the Carnot principle we obtain that  $DM \perp AC$ .

3. (D.Prokopenko) A trapezoid  $ABCD$  and a line  $l$  perpendicular to its bases  $AD$  and  $BC$  are given. A point  $X$  moves along  $l$ . The perpendiculars from  $A$  to  $BX$  and from  $D$  to  $CX$  meet at point  $Y$ . Find the locus of  $Y$ .

**Answer.** The line  $l'$  that is perpendicular to the bases of the trapezoid and divides  $AD$  in the same ratio as  $l$  divides  $CB$ .

**First solution.** Let  $XU$ ,  $YV$  be the altitudes of triangles  $BXC$ ,  $AYD$  (fig.8.3.1). Then  $\angle YAV = \angle BXU$  and  $\angle YAD = \angle CXU$  because the sides of these angles are perpendicular. Therefore the triangle  $AVY$  is similar to  $XUB$ , and the triangle  $DVY$  is similar to  $XUC$ . From this we obtain that the ratio  $AV : VD = CU : UB$  does not depend on  $X$ , i.e.  $Y$  lies on  $l'$ . It is clear that all points of this line are in the required locus.

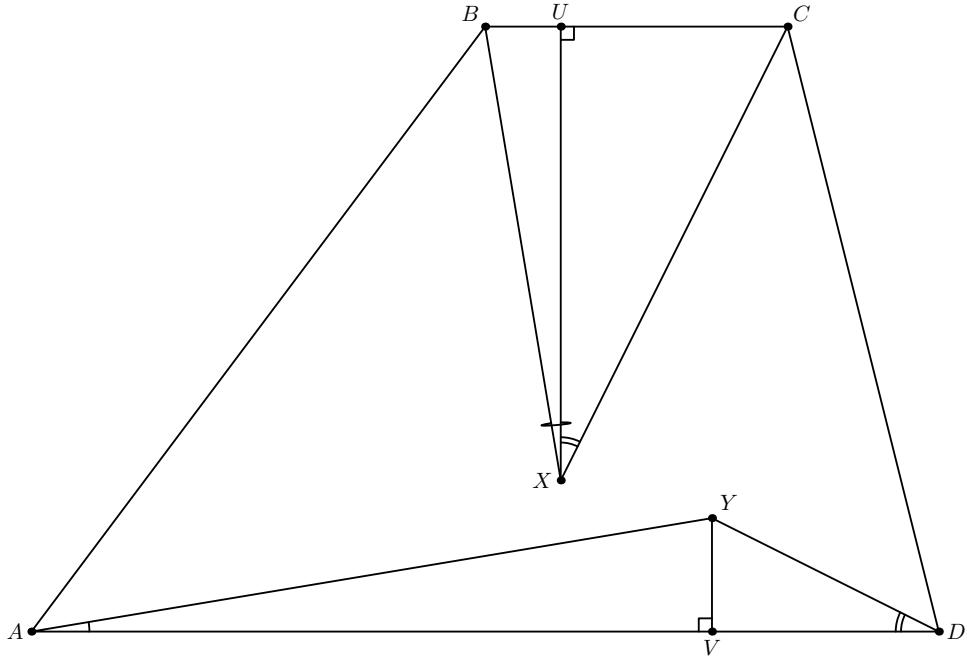


Fig. 8.3

**Second solution.** The locus of points with the constant difference of squares of the distances from the endpoints of a segment is a line perpendicular to this segment. Hence it is sufficient to prove that the difference  $YB^2 - YC^2$  is constant.

Since the lines  $BX$  and  $AY$  are perpendicular, we have  $YB^2 - AB^2 = YX^2 - AX^2$ . Similarly  $DC^2 - YC^2 = DX^2 - YX^2$ . Summing these equalities we obtain that  $YB^2 - YC^2 = (DX^2 - AX^2) + (AB^2 - DC^2)$ . The first difference is constant by the definition of  $X$ . Therefore all points  $Y$  lie on the line perpendicular to  $BC$ .

**Third solution.** Let the lines  $AB$  and  $CD$  meet at point  $P$ . Consider the homothety with center  $P$  mapping the segment  $BC$  to  $AD$ . Let  $X'$  be the image of  $X$ . The homothety maps  $BX$  and  $CX$  to parallel lines  $AX'$  and  $DY'$ . Therefore the angles  $X'AY$  and  $X'DY$  are right and the quadrilateral  $X'AYD$  is cyclic. We obtain also that  $X'$  moves along a fixed line  $l'$  parallel to  $l$ .

Let  $Q, R$  be the projections of  $X'$  and  $Y$  to  $AD$  (fig. 8.3.2). Since the midpoint of diameter  $X'Y$  is projected to the midpoint of chord  $AD$ , we obtain by the Thales theorem that  $AQ = DR$ . The point  $Q$  is fixed, hence  $Y$  moves along the line passing through  $R$  and parallel to the bases.

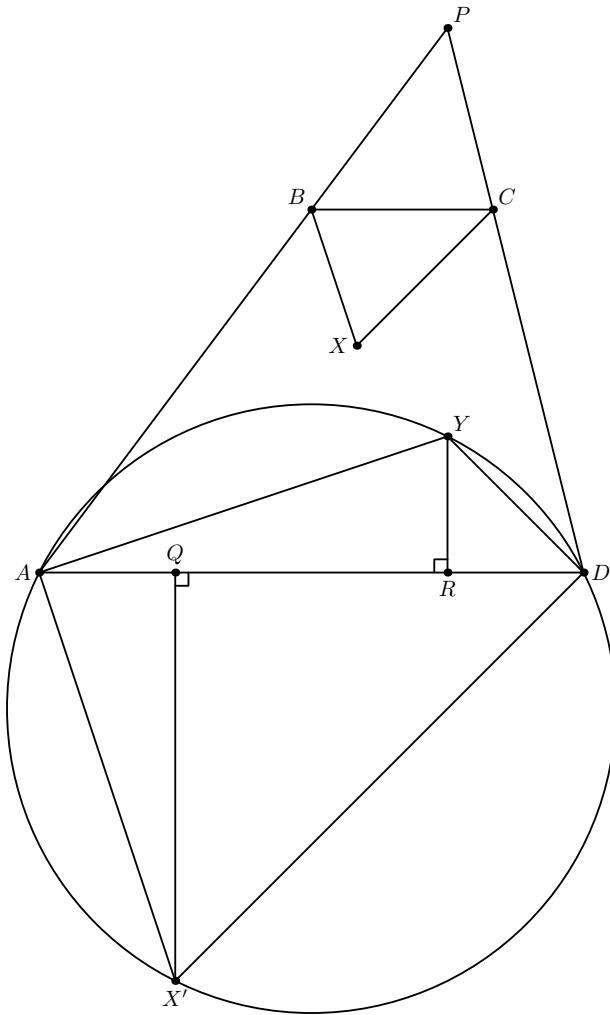


Fig. 8.3.2

4. (N.Beluhov) Is it possible to dissect a regular decagon along some of its diagonals so that the resulting parts can form two regular polygons?

**Answer.** Yes, see fig.8.4

**Remark.** This construction works for all regular  $2n$ -gons with  $n \geq 3$ .

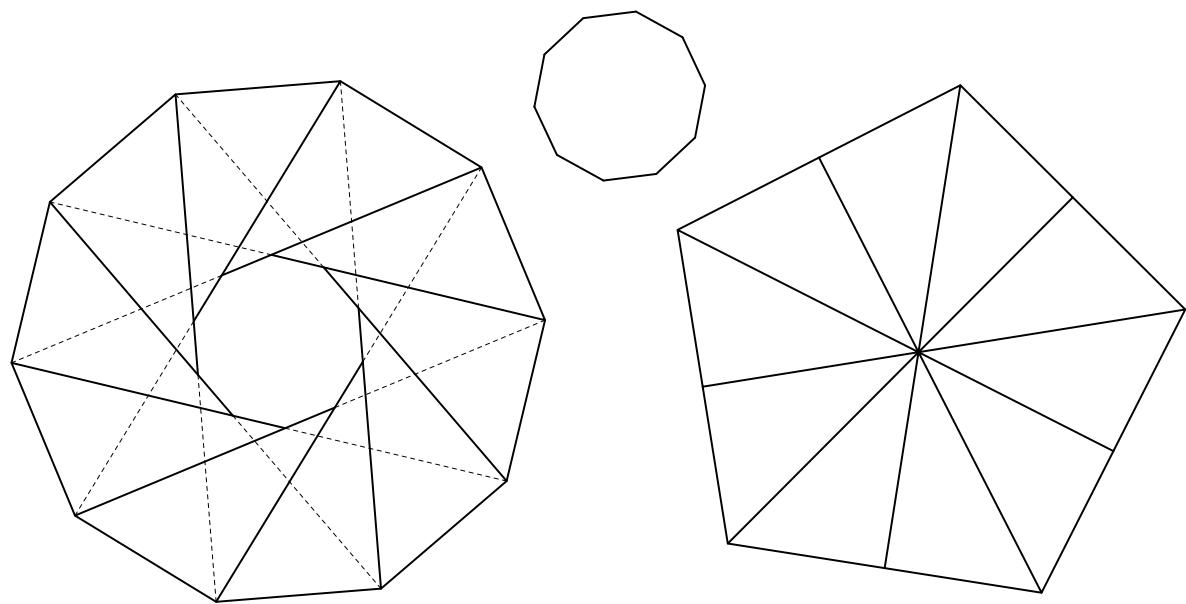


Fig.8.4

## XII Geometrical Olympiad in honour of I.F.Sharygin

### Final round. Solutions. Second day. 8 grade

*Ratmino, 2016, August 1*

5. (A.Khachaturyan) Three points are marked on the transparent sheet of paper. Prove that the sheet can be folded along some line in such a way that these points form an equilateral triangle.

**Solution.** Let  $A, B, C$  be the given points,  $AB$  be the smallest side of triangle  $ABC$ ,  $D$  be the vertex of an equilateral triangle  $ABD$ ,  $l$  be the perpendicular bisector to segment  $CD$ . Since  $AD = AB \leq AC$  and  $BD = AB \leq BC$ , the points  $A, B$  lie on the same side from  $l$  as  $D$ . Thus if we fold the sheet along  $l$  then  $A$  and  $B$  do not move, and  $C$  maps to  $D$ .

6. (E.Bakaev) A triangle  $ABC$  with  $\angle A = 60^\circ$  is given. Points  $M$  and  $N$  on  $AB$  and  $AC$  respectively are such that the circumcenter of  $ABC$  bisects segment  $MN$ . Find the ratio  $AN : MB$ .

**Answer.** 2.

**First solution.** Let  $P, Q$  be the projections of  $N$  and the circumcenter  $O$  respectively to  $AB$  (fig.8.6). From the condition we have  $MQ = QP$ . On the other hand  $Q$  is the midpoint of  $AB$ , thus  $BM = AP$ . But in the right-angled triangle  $APN$  we have  $\angle A = 60^\circ$ . Therefore  $BM = AP = AN/2$ .

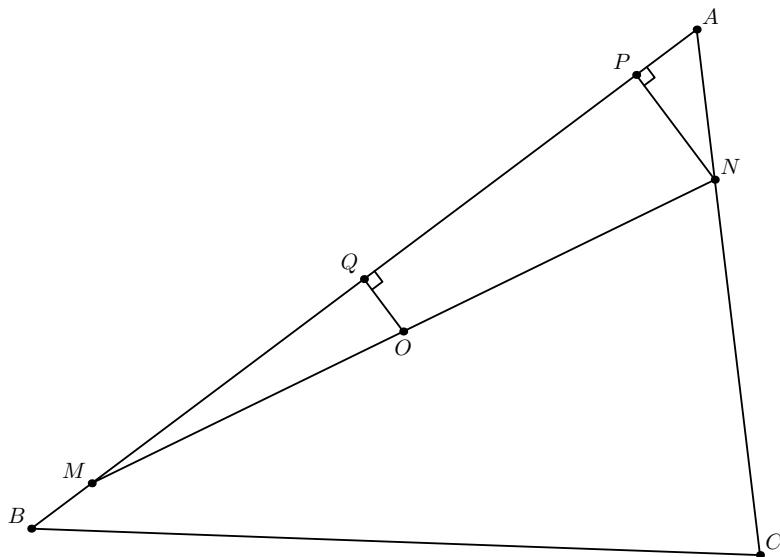


Fig. 8.6

**Second solution.** Let  $P$  be the point on the circumcircle of  $ABC$  opposite to  $A$ . Since  $O$  bisects the segments  $AP$  and  $MN$ , we have that  $AMPN$  is

a parallelogram. The angles  $BAC$  and  $BMP$  are equal because  $AC \parallel MP$ . The angle  $ABP$  is right because  $AP$  is a diameter. Thus  $BMP$  is a right-angled triangle with  $\angle M = 60^\circ$ , therefore  $MP : MB = 2$ . The segments  $MP$  and  $AN$  are the opposite sides of parallelogram, hence  $AN : MB = 2$ .

7. (A.Zaslavsky) Diagonals of a quadrilateral  $ABCD$  are equal and meet at point  $O$ . The perpendicular bisectors to segments  $AB$  and  $CD$  meet at point  $P$ , and the perpendicular bisectors to  $BC$  and  $AD$  meet at point  $Q$ . Find angle  $POQ$ .

**Answer.**  $90^\circ$ .

**Solution.** Since  $PA = PB$  and  $PC = PD$ , the triangles  $PAC$  and  $PBD$  are congruent (fig.8.7). Therefore the distances from  $P$  to the lines  $AC$  and  $BD$  are equal, i.e.  $P$  lies on the bisector of some angle formed by these lines. Similarly  $Q$  also lies on the bisector of some of these angles. Let us prove that these points lie on different bisectors. The bisector of angle  $AOB$  meets the perpendicular bisector to  $AB$  at the midpoint of arc  $AB$  of the circle  $AOB$ . Also this bisector meets the perpendicular bisector to  $CD$  at the midpoint of arc  $CD$  of circle  $COD$ . These two points lie on the different sides from  $O$ , hence  $P$  lies on the bisector of angle  $AOD$ . Similarly  $Q$  lies on the bisector of angle  $AOB$ . It is evident that these bisectors are perpendicular.

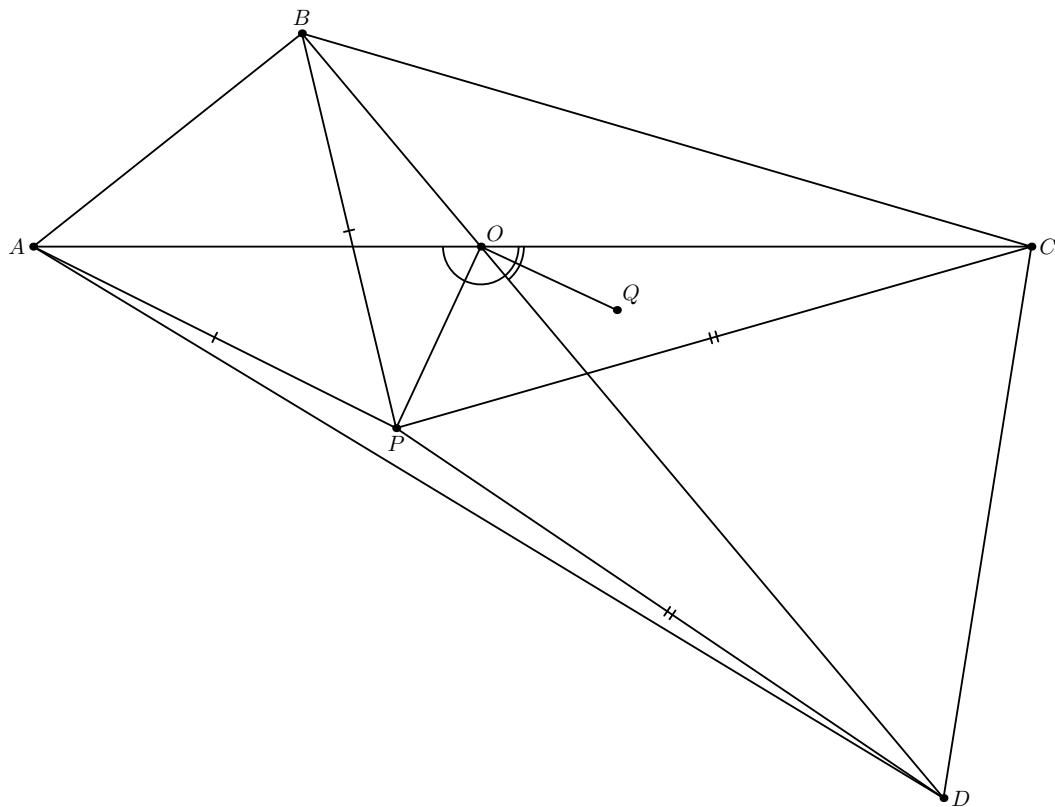


Fig. 8.7

8. (V.Protasov) A criminal is at point  $X$ , and three policemen at points  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  block him up, i.e. the point  $X$  lies inside the triangle  $ABC$ . Each evening one of the policemen is replaced in the following way: a new policeman takes the position equidistant from three former policemen, after this one of the former policemen goes away so that three remaining policemen block up the criminal too. May the policemen after some time occupy again the points  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  (it is known that at any moment  $X$  does not lie on a side of the triangle)?

**Answer.** No.

**First solution.** It is evident that all triangles formed by the policemen after the first evening are isosceles. Thus we can suppose that in the original triangle  $AC = BC$ . Let  $O$ ,  $R$  be the circumcenter and the circumradius of triangle  $ABC$ . Then since  $OC \perp AB$  and  $X$  lies inside  $ABC$ , we obtain that the projection of  $X$  to the altitude  $CD$  lies between  $C$  and  $D$ . Hence  $XC^2 - XO^2 < CD^2 - DO^2 = AC^2 - AO^2$  or  $XC^2 - AC^2 < XO^2 - R^2$ . Similarly  $O'X^2 - R'^2 < OX^2 - R^2$ , where  $O'$ ,  $R'$  are the circumcenter and the circumradius of the new triangle formed by the policemen. Therefore the degree of  $X$  wrt the circumcircle of policemen's triangle decreases each evening and the policemen cannot occupy the initial points.

**Second solution.** Let  $A$  be the vertex of the triangle nearest to  $X$ , and  $O$  be the circumcenter. It is clear that  $X$  cannot lie inside the triangle  $OBC$ , i.e.  $A$  is a vertex of the new triangle containing  $X$ . Therefore the distance from  $X$  to the nearest vertex does not increase. This is also correct for the further steps. If the sequence of triangles is periodic then this distance is constant and  $A$  is the vertex of all triangles containing  $X$ . These triangles are isosceles and  $A$  is the vertex at the base, i.e. the angle at this vertex is acute. Hence one of rays  $BO$ ,  $CO$  passes through the triangle. Let the extension of segment  $AX$  meet  $BC$  at point  $Y$ . Since one of rays  $BO$ ,  $CO$  intersects the segment  $AY$ , we obtain that the distance  $XY$  decreases at each step, therefore the policemen cannot occupy the initial points again.

## XII Geometrical Olympiad in honour of I.F.Sharygin Final round. Solutions. First day. 9 grade

*Ratmino, 2016, July 31*

1. (D.Shvetsov) The diagonals of a parallelogram  $ABCD$  meet at point  $O$ . The tangent to the circumcircle of triangle  $BOC$  at  $O$  meets the ray  $CB$  at point  $F$ . The circumcircle of triangle  $FOD$  meets  $BC$  for the second time at point  $G$ . Prove that  $AG = AB$ .

**Solution.** From the tangency we have  $\angle FOB = \angle BCO = \angle GCA$ , and since  $FGOD$  is cyclic,  $\angle FOB = \angle DGC$ .

We obtain that  $\angle GCA = \angle DGC$ , hence  $AGCD$  is an isosceles trapezoid and  $AG = DC = AB$ .

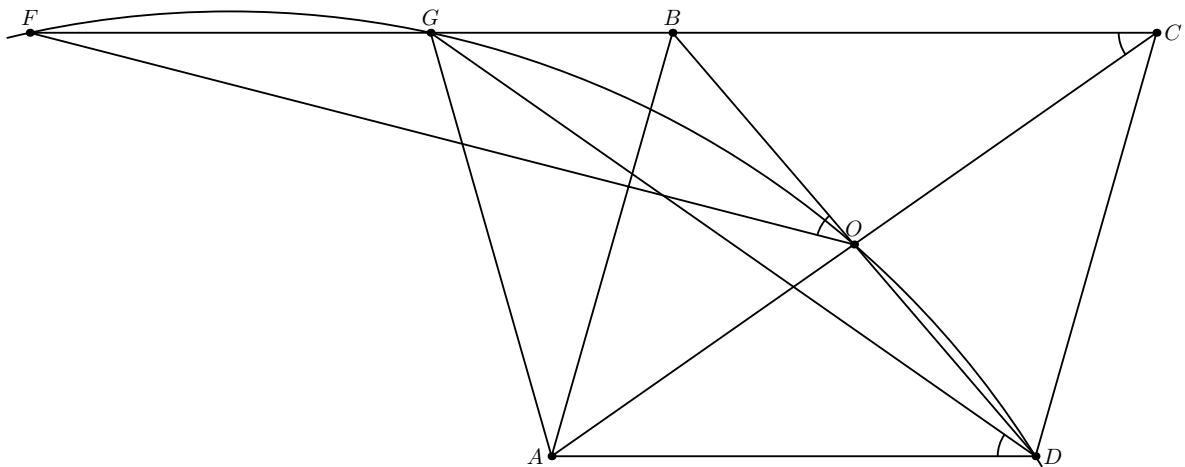


Fig. 9.1

2. (D.Khilko) Let  $H$  be the orthocenter of an acute-angled triangle  $ABC$ . Point  $X_A$  lying on the tangent at  $H$  to the circumcircle of triangle  $BHC$  is such that  $AH = AX_A$  and  $H \neq X_A$ . Points  $X_B$  and  $X_C$  are defined similarly. Prove that the triangle  $X_AX_BX_C$  and the orthotriangle of  $ABC$  are similar.

**Solution.** Let  $O$  be the circumcenter of  $ABC$  (fig. 9.2). Let us prove that  $AO \perp HX_A$ . In fact, the translation by vector  $AH$  maps the circle  $ABC$  to the circle  $BHC$ . Hence the tangent at  $H$  is parallel to the tangent at  $A$  and perpendicular to the radius  $OA$ . Since  $HAX_A$  is an isosceles triangle, its altitude coincides with the median. Thus  $AO$  is the perpendicular bisector to  $HX_A$ . Similarly  $BO, CO$  are the perpendicular bisectors to  $HX_B, HX_C$  respectively. Therefore  $H, X_A, X_B, X_C$  lie on a circle centered at  $O$ . Now we have  $\angle X_AX_CX_B = \angle X_AHX_B = \angle CHX_A + \angle X_BHC = 2(90^\circ -$

$\angle C) = \angle H_1 H_3 H_2$ . Similarly  $\angle X_A X_B X_C = \angle H_1 H_2 H_3$  and  $\angle X_B X_A X_C = \angle H_2 H_1 H_3$ . Since the correspondent angles of triangles  $X_A X_B X_C$  and  $H_1 H_2 H_3$  are equal, these triangles are similar.

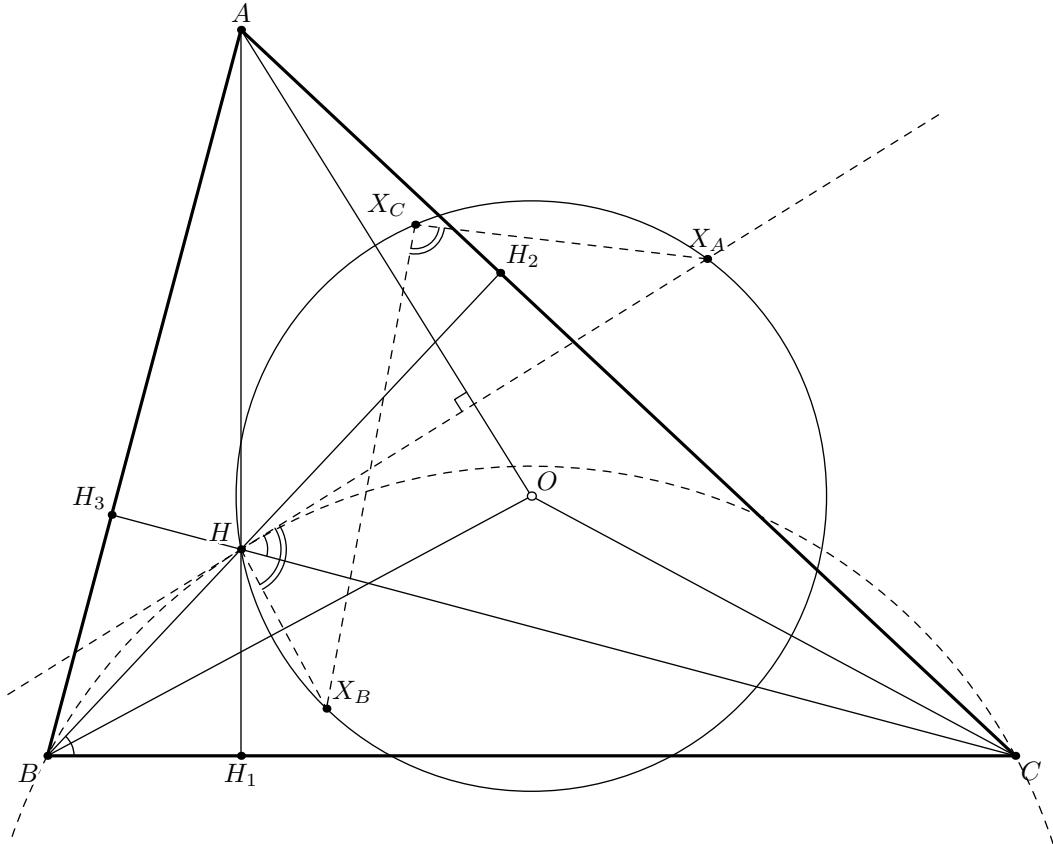


Fig. 9.2.

**Remark.** This solution can be modified. The midpoints of segments  $HX_A$ ,  $HX_B$ ,  $HX_C$  lie on the circle with diameter  $OH$  and form a triangle similar to the orthotriangle (this can be proved as above). This reasoning allows to prove a general assertion: if  $P$  and  $Q$  are isogonally conjugated, and  $A_1, B_1, C_1$  are the projections of  $P$  to  $AQ, BQ$  and  $CQ$ , then the triangle  $A_1B_1C_1$  is similar to the pedal triangle of  $P$ .

3. (V.Kalashnikov) Let  $O$  and  $I$  be the circumcenter and the incenter of triangle  $ABC$ . The perpendicular from  $I$  to  $OI$  meets  $AB$  and the external bisector of angle  $C$  at points  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively. In what ratio does  $I$  divide the segment  $XY$ ?

**Answer.** 1 : 2.

**First solution.** Let  $I_a, I_b, I_c$  be the excenters of  $ABC$ . Then  $ABC$  and its circumcircle are the orthotriangle and the nine-points circle of triangle

$I_a I_b I_c$ . Hence the circumcenter of  $I_a I_b I_c$  is symmetric to  $I$  wrt  $O$ , and its circumradius is equal to the double circumradius of  $ABC$ . The triangle  $A'B'C'$  homothetic to  $ABC$  with center  $I$  and coefficient 2 has the same circumcircle. The line  $l$  passing through  $I$  and perpendicular to  $OI$  carves the chord of this circle with midpoint  $I$ , the chords  $I_a A'$  and  $I_b B'$  also pass through it (fig.9.3). By the butterfly theorem  $I_a I_b$  and  $A' B'$  meet  $l$  at two points symmetric about  $I$ , therefore  $IX : IY = 1 : 2$ .

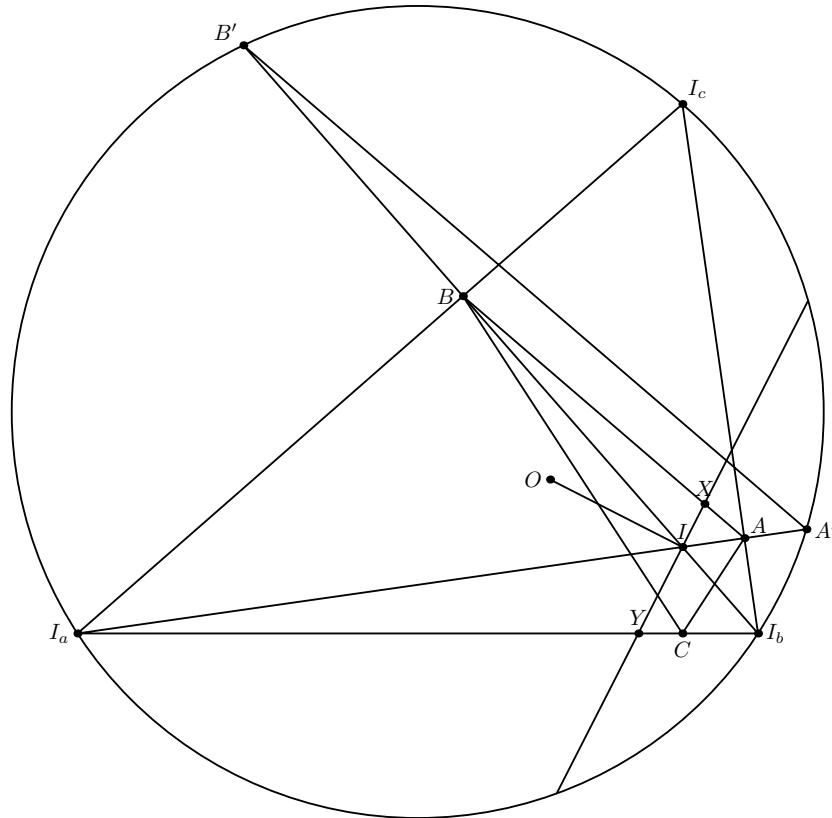


Fig. 9.3

**Second solution.** Consider the points such that the sum of oriented distances from them to the sidelines of  $ABC$  is equal to  $3r$ , where  $r$  is the radius of the incircle. Since the distance is a linear function, the locus of such points is a line passing through  $I$ . Since the sum of the projections of vector  $OI$  to the lines  $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $CA$  is zero, this line is perpendicular to  $OI$ . Since  $Y$  lies on the external bisector of angle  $C$ , the sum of distances from  $Y$  to  $AC$  and  $BC$  is zero. Thus the distance from  $Y$  to  $AB$  is equal to  $3r$ , i.e.  $YX = 3IX$ .

4. (N.Beluhov) One hundred and one beetles are crawling in the plane. Some of the beetles are friends. Every one hundred beetles can position themselves so that two of them are friends if and only if they are at the unit distance

from each other. Is it always true that all one hundred and one beetles can do the same?

**Answer.** No.

**First solution.** Let two beetles be friends if and only if they are connected by a solid line in the fig. 9.4.

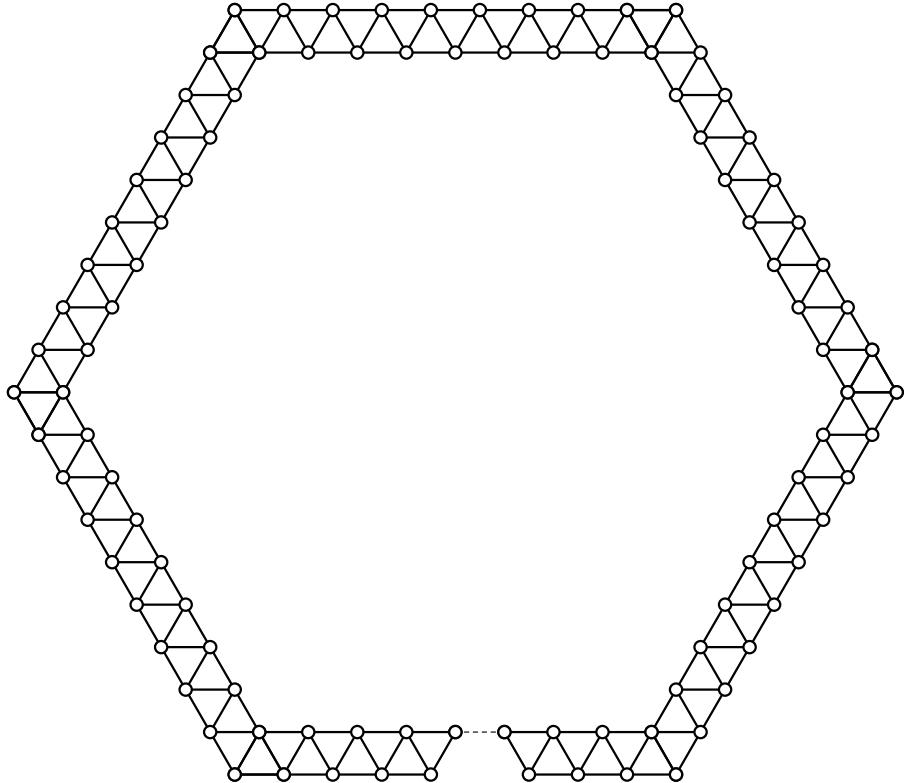


Fig. 9.4.

Suppose that all one hundred and one beetles have positioned themselves so that the only if part is satisfied (if two beetles are friends then they are the unit distance apart). If two beetles occupy the same position then the if part (if two beetles are the unit distance apart then they are friends) fails. Otherwise, friendships determine a unique structure which forces the two beetles connected by a dashed line to be the unit distance apart without being friends and the if part fails again.

If we temporarily forget about any one beetle, the structure becomes flexible enough so that both the if and the only if part can be satisfied.

**Second solution.** Consider the following graph: the trapezoid  $ABCD$  with the bases  $BC = 33$  and  $AD = 34$  and the altitude  $\sqrt{3}/2$  composed from 67 regular triangles with side 1, and the path with length 33 joining  $A$  and

*D.* It is clear that this graph can not be drawn on the plane satisfying the condition of the problem, but we can do it if an arbitrary vertex is removed.

## XII Geometrical Olympiad in honour of I.F.Sharygin

### Final round. Solutions. Second day. 9 grade

*Ratmino, 2016, August 1*

5. (F.Nilov) The center of a circle  $\omega_2$  lies on a circle  $\omega_1$ . Tangents  $XP$  and  $XQ$  to  $\omega_2$  from an arbitrary point  $X$  of  $\omega_1$  ( $P$  and  $Q$  are the touching points) meet  $\omega_1$  for the second time at points  $R$  and  $S$ . Prove that the line  $PQ$  bisects the segment  $RS$ .

**First solution.** Let  $O$  be the center of  $\omega_2$ . Since  $XO$  is the bisector of angle  $PXQ$ , we have  $OR = OS$ . Thus the right-angled triangles  $OPR$  and  $OQS$  are congruent by a cathetus and the hypotenuse, i.e.  $PR = QS$  (fig.9.5). Since  $\angle XQP = \angle XRP$ , we obtain that  $R$  and  $S$  lie at equal distances from the line  $PQ$ , which is equivalent to the required assertion.

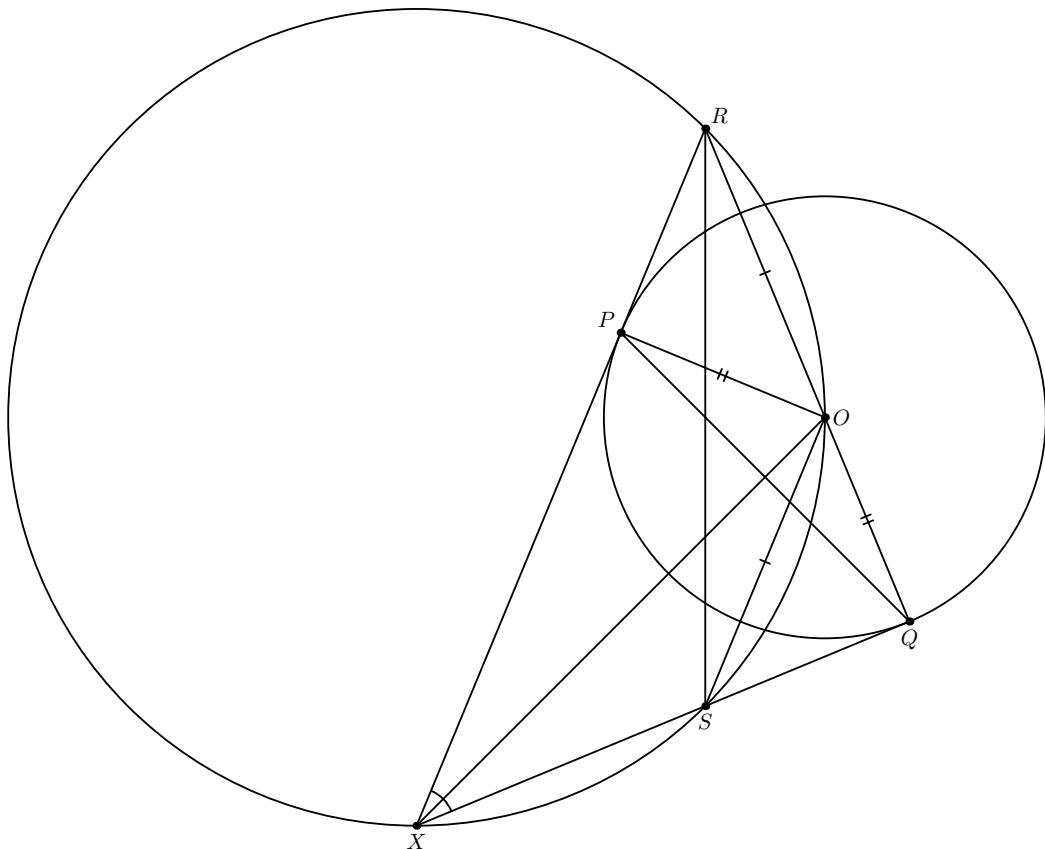


Fig. 9.5

**Second solution.** Let  $O$  be the center of  $\omega_2$ . Since  $XO$  bisects the angle  $PXQ$ , we obtain that  $O$  is the midpoint of arc  $RS$ . Hence the midpoint  $K$  of segment  $RS$  is the projection of  $O$  to  $RS$ . Therefore  $P$ ,  $Q$  and  $K$  lie on the Simson line of point  $O$ .

6. (M.Timokhin) The sidelines  $AB$  and  $CD$  of a trapezoid  $ABCD$  meet at point  $P$ , and the diagonals of this trapezoid meet at point  $Q$ . Point  $M$  on the smallest base  $BC$  is such that  $AM = MD$ . Prove that  $\angle PMB = \angle QMB$ .

**First solution.** Let the lines  $PM$ ,  $QM$  meet  $AD$  at points  $X$ ,  $Y$  respectively, and let  $U$  be the midpoint of  $AD$ . Since  $AX : XD = BM : MC = YD : AY$ , we obtain that  $AX = YD$  and  $XU = UY$  (fig. 9.6). Hence the perpendicular bisector  $UM$  of segment  $AD$  is also the bisector of isosceles triangle  $XMY$ , and  $BC$  is the bisector of angle  $PMQ$ .

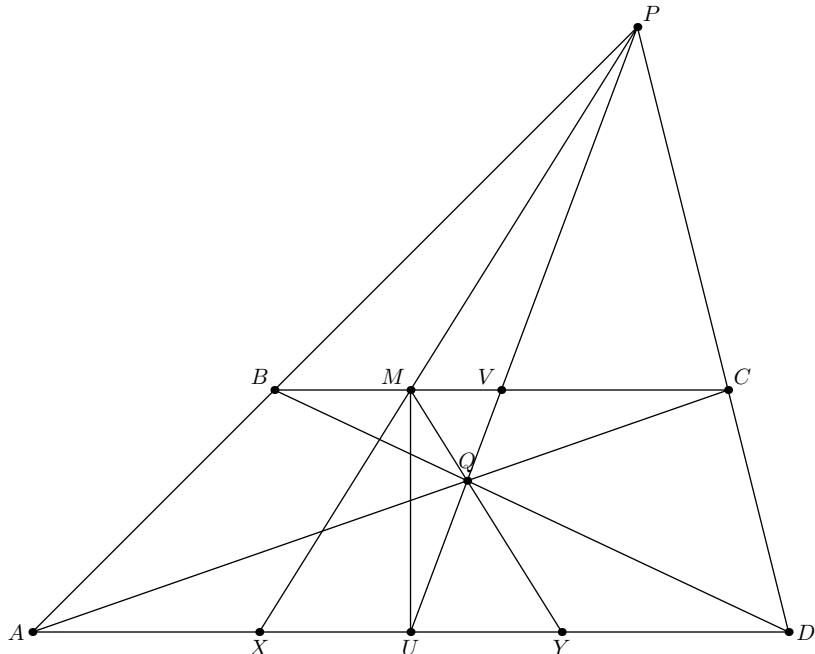


Fig. 9.6

**Second solution.** The line  $PQ$  passes through  $U$  and the midpoint  $V$  of segment  $BC$  (fig. 9.6) so that the quadruple  $P, Q, U, V$  is harmonic. Since the lines  $MU$  and  $MV$  are perpendicular they are the external and the internal bisectors of angle  $PMQ$ .

7. (A.Zaslavsky) From the altitudes of an acute-angled triangle, a triangle can be composed. Prove that a triangle can be composed from the bisectors of this triangle.

**Solution.** Let in a triangle  $ABC$  be  $\angle A \geq \angle B \geq \angle C$ . Then the altitudes  $h_a$ ,  $h_b$ ,  $h_c$  satisfy the inequality  $h_a \leq h_b \leq h_c$ , and the similar inequality holds for the bisectors  $l_a$ ,  $l_b$ ,  $l_c$ . Consider two cases.

1)  $\angle B \geq 60^\circ$ . Then  $\angle A - \angle B \leq \angle B - \angle C$ . Hence  $h_c/l_c = \cos(\angle A - \angle B)/2 \geq h_a/l_a = \cos(\angle B - \angle C)/2$ . Also  $h_c/l_c > h_b/l_b$ . Now from  $h_c < h_a + h_b$  we obtain that  $l_c < l_a + l_b$ .

2)  $\angle B \leq 60^\circ$ . Then since  $\angle A < 90^\circ$ , we have  $\angle C > 30^\circ$ . Thus  $l_a \geq h_a = AC \sin \angle C > AC/2$  and  $l_b > BC/2$ . But  $l_c$  is not greater than the corresponding median, which is less than the half-sum of  $AC$  and  $BC$ . Therefore  $l_c < l_a + l_b$ .

**Remark.** Note that in the first case we did not use that the triangle is acute-angled, and in the second case we did not use that a triangle can be composed from the altitudes. But both conditions are necessary. An example of an obtuse-angled triangle, for which a triangle can be composed from the altitudes but not from the bisectors is constructed in the solution of problem 9.5 of VII Sharygin Olympiad.

8. (I.Frolov) The diagonals of a cyclic quadrilateral  $ABCD$  meet at point  $M$ . A circle  $\omega$  touches segments  $MA$  and  $MD$  at points  $P, Q$  respectively and touches the circumcircle of  $ABCD$  at point  $X$ . Prove that  $X$  lies on the radical axis of circles  $ACQ$  and  $BDP$ .

**First solution.** The inversion with the center at  $X$  maps the lines  $AC$  and  $BD$  to the circles  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  intersecting at points  $X$  and  $M'$ . Furthermore this inversion maps  $\omega$  to a line touching these circles at points  $P', Q'$  respectively. Finally it maps the circle  $ABCD$  to a line parallel to  $P'Q'$ , meeting  $\omega_1$  at points  $A', C'$ , and meeting  $\omega_2$  at points  $B', D'$  (fig. 9.8). Since  $M$  lies on the radical axis of circles  $ACQ$  and  $BDP$ , we have to prove that the radical axis of  $A'C'Q'$  and  $B'D'P'$  coincides with the line  $XM'$ .

Let  $K$  be the common point of  $XM'$  and  $A'D'$ . Since  $A'K \cdot KC' = XK \cdot KM' = B'K \cdot KD'$ , we obtain that  $K$  lies on the radical axis of circles  $A'C'Q'$  and  $B'D'P'$ . Also the circle  $A'C'Q'$  meets  $P'Q'$  for the second time at the point symmetric to  $Q'$  about  $P'$ , and the circle  $B'D'P'$  meets it at the point symmetric to  $P'$  about  $Q'$ . Thus the degrees of the midpoint of  $P'Q'$  lying on  $M'X$ , about these circles are also equal, and this completes the proof.

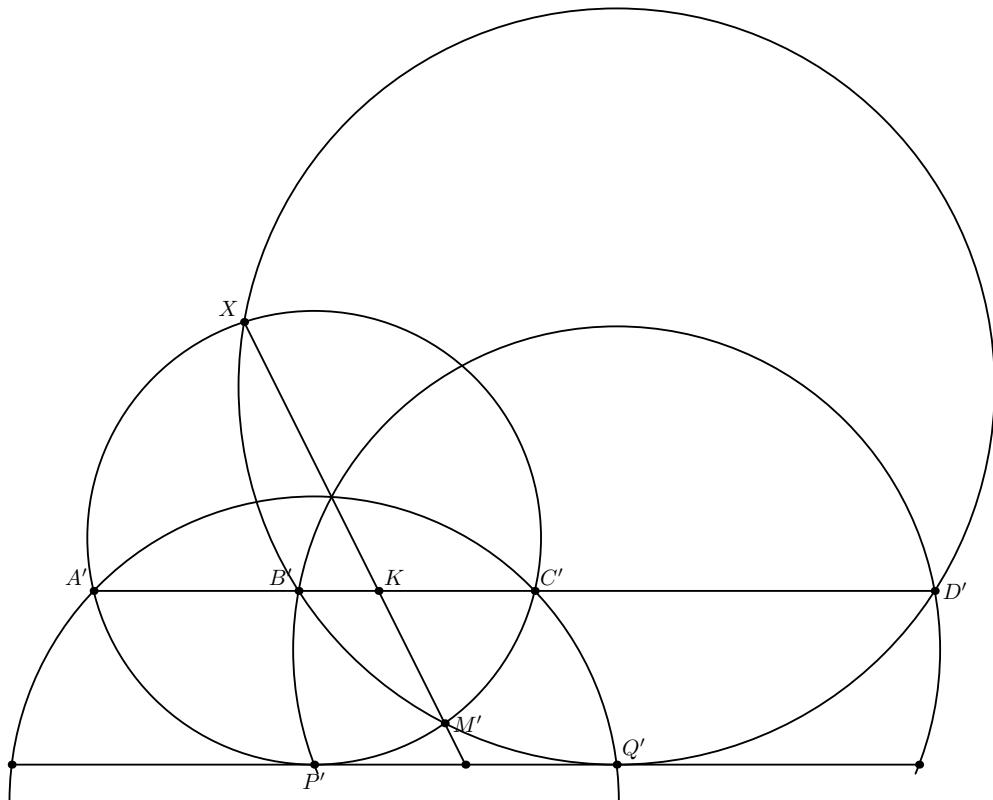


Fig. 9.8

**Second solution.** Let  $l$  be the tangent at  $X$  to the circle  $ABCD$ ; and let  $l$  meet  $AC$  and  $BD$  at the points  $S$  and  $T$  respectively. Then  $SM$  is the radical axis of circles  $ABCD$  and  $ACQ$ ,  $ST$  is the radical axis of circles  $ABCD$  and  $\omega$ , i.e.  $S$  is the radical center of circles  $ABCD$ ,  $ACQ$  and  $\omega$ , hence  $SQ$  is the radical axis of circles  $ACQ$  and  $\omega$  (because  $Q$  lies on the circles  $ACQ$  and  $\omega$ ). Similarly  $TP$  is the radical axis of circles  $BDP$  and  $\omega$ . Therefore the common point  $G$  of  $SQ$  and  $TP$  is the radical center of circles  $ACQ$ ,  $BDP$  and  $\omega$ . On the other hand  $M$  is the radical center of circles  $ACQ$ ,  $BDP$  and  $ABCD$ , i.e.  $MG$  is the radical center of circles  $ACQ$  and  $BDP$ , also  $MG$  passes through  $X$ , because  $G$  is the Gergonne point of triangle  $MST$ .

# XII Geometrical Olympiad in honour of I.F.Sharygin

## Final round. Solutions. First day. 10 grade

*Ratmino, 2016, July 31*

1. [V.Yasinsky] A line parallel to the side  $BC$  of a triangle  $ABC$  meets the sides  $AB$  and  $AC$  at points  $P$  and  $Q$ , respectively. A point  $M$  is chosen inside the triangle  $APQ$ . The segments  $MB$  and  $MC$  meet the segment  $PQ$  at  $E$  and  $F$ , respectively. Let  $N$  be the second intersection point of the circumcircles of the triangles  $PMF$  and  $QME$ . Prove that the points  $A$ ,  $M$ , and  $N$  are collinear.

**First solution.** Let  $P'$  and  $Q'$  be the second intersection points of the circle  $(PMF)$  with  $AB$  and of the circle  $(QME)$  with  $AC$ . We have  $\angle MP'A = \angle MFP = \angle MCB$ , so the point  $P'$  lies on the circle  $(BMC)$ . Similarly, the point  $Q'$  also lies on the same circle. Therefore, we have  $AP'/AQ' = AC/AB = AQ/AP$ , which means that the powers of the point  $A$  with respect to the two given circles are equal. This yields that  $A$  lies on the line  $MN$ .

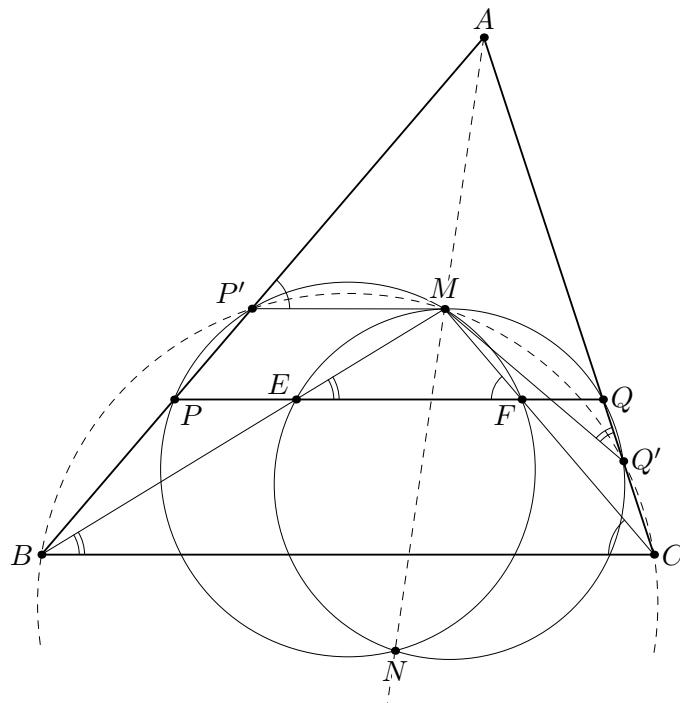


Fig. 10.1

**Second solution.** Let  $AM$  meet  $PQ$  and  $BC$  at points  $K$  and  $L$  respectively. Then  $EK : FK = BL : CL = PK : QK$ . Therefore,  $PK \cdot FK = QK \cdot EK$  and both circles meet  $AM$  at the same point.

2. (P.Kozhevnikov) Let  $I$  and  $I_a$  be the incenter and the excenter of a triangle  $ABC$ ; let  $A'$  be the point of its circumcircle opposite to  $A$ , and  $A_1$  be the base of the altitude from  $A$ . Prove that  $\angle IA'I_a = \angle IA_1I_a$ .

**Solution.** Since  $\angle A_1AB = \angle CAA'$  and  $\angle ACA' = 90^\circ$ , the triangles  $ACA'$  and  $AA_1B$  are similar. Hence  $AA_a \cdot AA' = AB \cdot AC$ . On the other hand  $\angle AI_aC = \angle ABI$ , thus the triangles  $AIB$  and  $ACI_a$  are similar and  $AI \cdot AI_a = AB \cdot AC$ .

Let  $A_2$  be the reflection of  $A_1$  about the bisector of angle  $A$ . Then  $A_2$  lies on  $AA'$  and as is proved above  $AA_2 \cdot AA' = AI \cdot AI_a$ . Therefore  $IA_2A'I_a$  is a cyclic quadrilateral and  $\angle IA'I_a = \angle IA_2I_a = \angle IA_1I_a$  (fig. 10.2).

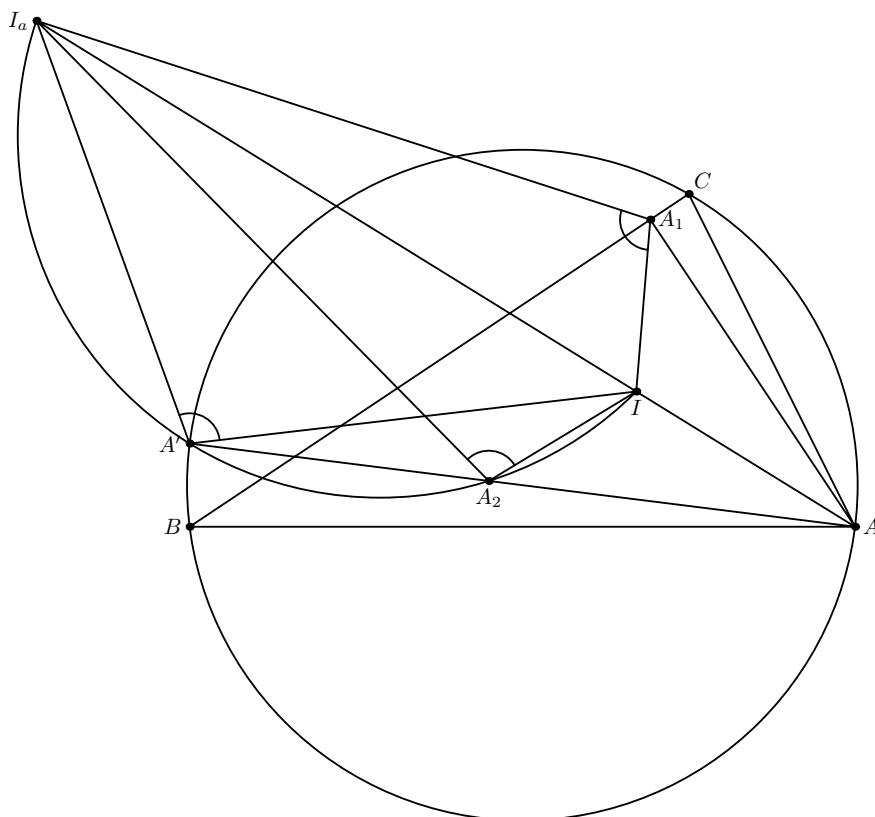


Fig. 10.2

3. (V.Kalashnikov) Let two triangles  $ABC$  and  $A'B'C'$  have the common incircle and circumcircle, and let a point  $P$  lie inside both triangles. Prove that the sum of distances from  $P$  to the sidelines of  $ABC$  is equal to the sum of distances from  $P$  to the sidelines of  $A'B'C'$ .

**Solution.** As is proved in the solution of problem 9.3, the locus of the points with constant sum of oriented distances to the sidelines of triangle  $ABC$  is a

line perpendicular to  $OI$ , where  $O, I$  are the circumcenter and the incenter respectively. Also the sum of distances from  $I$  to the sidelines of both triangles is equal to  $3r$ , and the sum of the corresponding distances from  $O$  is equal to  $R + r$  (the Carnot formula), where  $R$  and  $r$  are the radii of the circumcircle and the incircle. Therefore these sums are equal for all points of the plane.

**Remark.** The assertion remains true if we replace the triangles by two bicentric  $n$ -gons with an arbitrary  $n$ .

4. (N.Beluhov) Devil and Man are playing a game. Initially, Man pays some sum  $s$  and lists 97 triples (not necessarily distinct)  $A_iA_jA_k$ ,  $1 \leq i < j < k \leq 100$ . After this Devil draws some convex 100-gon  $A_1A_2\dots A_{100}$  of area 100 and pays the total area of 97 triangles  $A_iA_jA_k$  to Man. For which maximal  $s$  this game is profitable for Man?

**Answer.** For  $s = 0$ .

**First solution.** *Lemma.* Let  $T$  be a set of at most  $n - 3$  triangles with the vertices chosen among those of the convex  $n$ -gon  $P = A_1A_2\dots A_n$ . Then the vertices of  $P$  can be coloured in three colours so that every colour occurs at least once, the vertices of every colour are successive, and  $T$  contains no triangle whose vertices have three different colours.

*Proof of the lemma.* We proceed by induction on  $n$ .

When  $n = 3$ ,  $T$  is empty and the claim holds.

Suppose  $n > 3$ . If  $A_1A_n$  is not a side of any triangle in  $T$ , then we colour  $A_1$  and  $A_n$  in two different colours and all other vertices in the remaining colour.

Now suppose that  $A_1A_n$  is a side of at least one triangle in  $T$  and the set  $U$  is obtained from  $T$  by removing all these triangles and replacing  $A_n$  by  $A_1$  in all the remaining ones. By the induction hypothesis for the polygon  $Q = A_1A_2\dots A_{n-1}$  and the set  $U$ , there is an appropriate colouring of the vertices of  $Q$ . By further colouring  $A_n$  in the colour of  $A_1$ , we get an appropriate colouring of  $P$ .  $\square$

Now imagine that Devil has chosen a convex 100-gon  $P$  of area 100 such that  $P$  is inscribed in a circle  $k$ , all vertices of  $P$  of colour  $i$  lie within the arc  $c_i$  of this circle with central angle  $\varepsilon^\circ$ , and the midpoints of  $c_1, c_2$ , and  $c_3$  form an equilateral triangle. When  $\varepsilon$  tends to zero, the areas of all triangles listed by the Man also tend to zero, and so does their sum.

**Second solution.** For each triple  $(i, j, k)$  let the vertex  $A_i$  be labelled by the number of sides covered by the angle  $A_j A_i A_k$  (it is the same for all 100-gons), and do the same operation with  $A_j$  and  $A_k$ . The sum of these numbers is 100 for each triple, therefore the total sum is equal to  $97 \cdot 100$ , thus the sum in some vertex (for example  $A_1$ ) is not greater than 97; from this we obtain that there exists a side  $A_k A_{k+1}$  not containing  $A_1$  and such that the angles with vertex  $A_1$  do not cover this side. Now the Devil can draw a 100-gon, in which the vertices  $A_2, \dots, A_{k-1}$  are close to  $A_k$ , and the vertices  $A_{k+2}, \dots, A_{100}$  are close to  $A_{k+1}$ , and make the areas of all 97 triangles arbitrary small.

## XII Geometrical Olympiad in honour of I.F.Sharygin

### Final round. Solutions. Second day. 10 grade

*Ratmino, 2016, August 1*

5. (A.Blinkov) Does there exist a convex polyhedron having equal numbers of edges and diagonals? (*A diagonal of a polyhedron is a segment between two vertices not lying in one face.*)

**Answer.** Yes. For example each vertex of the upper base of a hexagonal prism is the endpoint of three diagonals joining it with the vertices of the lower base. Hence the common number of diagonals is 18 as well as the number of edges.

6. (I.I.Bogdanov) A triangle  $ABC$  is given. The point  $K$  is the base of an external bisector of angle  $A$ . The point  $M$  is the midpoint of arc  $AC$  of the circumcircle. The point  $N$  on the bisector of angle  $C$  is such that  $AN \parallel BM$ . Prove that  $M$ ,  $N$  and  $K$  are collinear.

**First solution.** Let  $I$  be the incenter. Then  $K$ ,  $M$ ,  $N$  lie on the side-lines of triangle  $BIC$  (fig. 10.6). We have  $KB/KC = AB/AC$ ,  $NC/IN = AC/AB' = (BC + AB)/AB$  (where  $B'$  is the base of bisector from  $B$ ),  $MI/MB = MC/MB = AB'/AB = AC/(AB + BC)$  (the second equality follows from the similarity of triangles  $BMC$  and  $BAB'$ ). By the Menelaus theorem we obtain the required assertion.

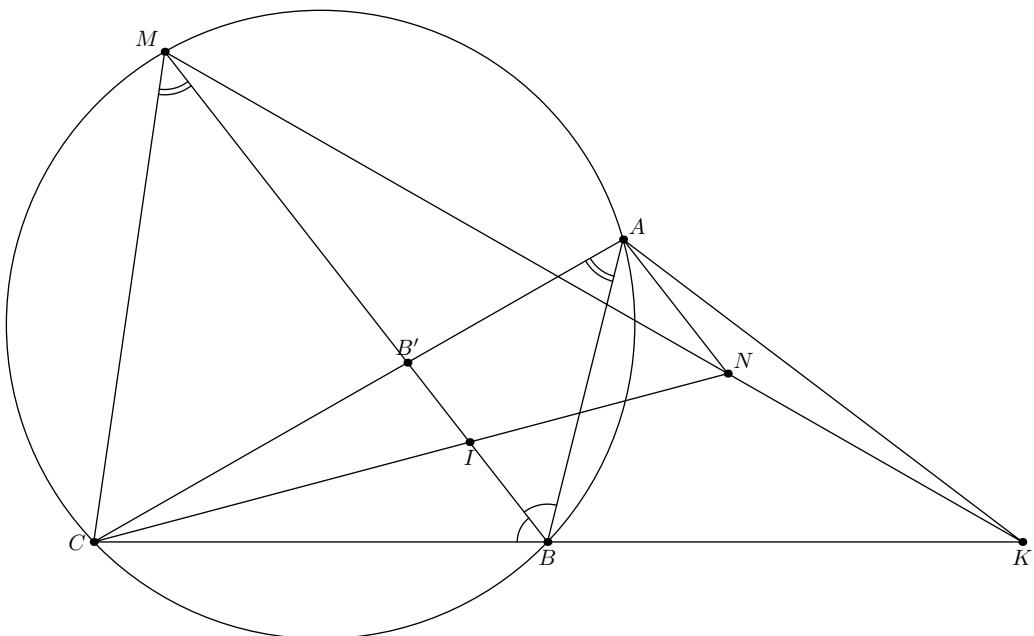


Fig. 10.6

**Second solution.** Note that  $\angle MAC = \angle MBC = \angle ABM = \angle BAN$ , i.e. the lines  $AI$  and  $AK$  are the internal and the external bisector of triangle  $AMN$ . Let  $AI$  meet  $MN$  and  $BC$  at points  $P$  and  $Q$  respectively, and let  $AK$  meet  $MN$  at  $K'$ . Then the quadruples  $(B, C, K, Q)$  and  $(M, N, K', P)$  are harmonic, therefore projecting  $MN$  to  $BC$  from  $I$ , we obtain that  $K'$  coincides with  $K$ .

7. (A.Zaslavsky) Restore a triangle by one of its vertices, the circumcenter and the Lemoine point. (*The Lemoine point is the common point of the lines symmetric to the medians about the correspondent bisectors.*)

**First solution.** Since the vertex  $A$  and the circumcenter  $O$  are given, we can construct the circumcircle. Let  $XY$  be the chord of this circle with the midpoint at the Lemoine point  $L$ , let  $UV$  be the diameter parallel to this chord, and let the diagonals of the trapezoid with bases  $XY$  and  $UV$  meet at point  $K$ . Consider a transformation that maps each point  $P$  of the circumcircle to the second common point  $P'$  of the circle and the line  $KP$ . This transformation preserves the cross-ratios, thus it can be extended to a projective transformation of the plane. Since this transformation maps  $L$  to  $O$ , it maps the triangle in question to a triangle with coinciding Lemoine point and circumcenter. This triangle is regular. From this we obtain the following construction.

Draw line  $AK$  and find its second common point  $A'$  with the circumcircle. Inscribe a regular triangle  $A'B'C'$  into the circle and find the second common points  $B, C$  of lines  $BK, CK$  with the circle. Then  $ABC$  is the required triangle.

**Second solution.** We use the following assertion.

**Lemma.** Let a triangle  $ABC$  and a point  $P$  be given. An inversion with center  $A$  maps  $B, C, P$  to  $B', C', P'$  respectively. Let the circle  $B'C'P'$  meet  $AP$  for the second time at  $Q$ . Then the similarity transforming the triangle  $AC'B'$  to  $ABC$  maps  $Q$  to the point isogonally conjugated to  $P$ .

The assertion of this lemma clearly follows from the equalities  $\angle ABP = \angle B'P'A = \angle B'C'Q$ .

Let us return to the problem. Let an inversion with center  $A$  map  $L$  and the circumcircle to  $L'$  and line  $l$  respectively. Let  $AL$  meet  $l$  at point  $T$ , and let point  $M$  divide the segment  $AT$  in ratio  $2 : 1$ . Then  $M$  is the centroid of triangle  $AB'C'$ , where  $B', C'$  are the images of  $B$  and  $C$ . By the lemma  $M$

lies on the circle  $B'C'L'$ , therefore  $KB'^2 = KC'^2 = KM \cdot KL'$ . Thus we can construct  $B'$ ,  $C'$ , and  $B$ ,  $C$ .

8. (S.Novikov) Let  $ABC$  be a nonisosceles triangle, let  $AA_1$  be its bisector, and let  $A_2$  be the touching point of  $BC$  with the incircle. The points  $B_1$ ,  $B_2$ ,  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$  are defined similarly. Let  $O$  and  $I$  be the circumcenter and the incenter of the triangle. Prove that the radical center of the circumcircles of triangles  $AA_1A_2$ ,  $BB_1B_2$ ,  $CC_1C_2$  lies on  $OI$ .

**First solution.** Let  $A'$  be the midpoint of an arc  $BC$  not containing  $A$ . Since the inversion with center  $A'$  and radius  $A'B$  transposes the line  $BC$  and the circumcircle, it maps  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  to  $A$  and the common point  $A''$  of  $A'A_2$  and the circumcircle. Therefore the points  $A$ ,  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$  and  $A''$  are concyclic. Furthermore since  $OA' \parallel IA_2$ , the lines  $OI$  and  $A'A_2$  meet at the point  $K$  which is the homothety center of the circumcircle and the incircle (fig. 10.8). Hence the degree of  $K$  wrt the circle  $AA_1A_2$  is equal to

$$(K\vec{A}_2, K\vec{A}'') = \frac{r}{R}(K\vec{A}', K\vec{A}'') = -\frac{r^3 R}{(R-r)^2},$$

because  $(K\vec{A}', K\vec{A}'')$  is the degree of  $K$  wrt the circumcircle, equal to  $-R^2 r^2 / (R-r)^2$ .

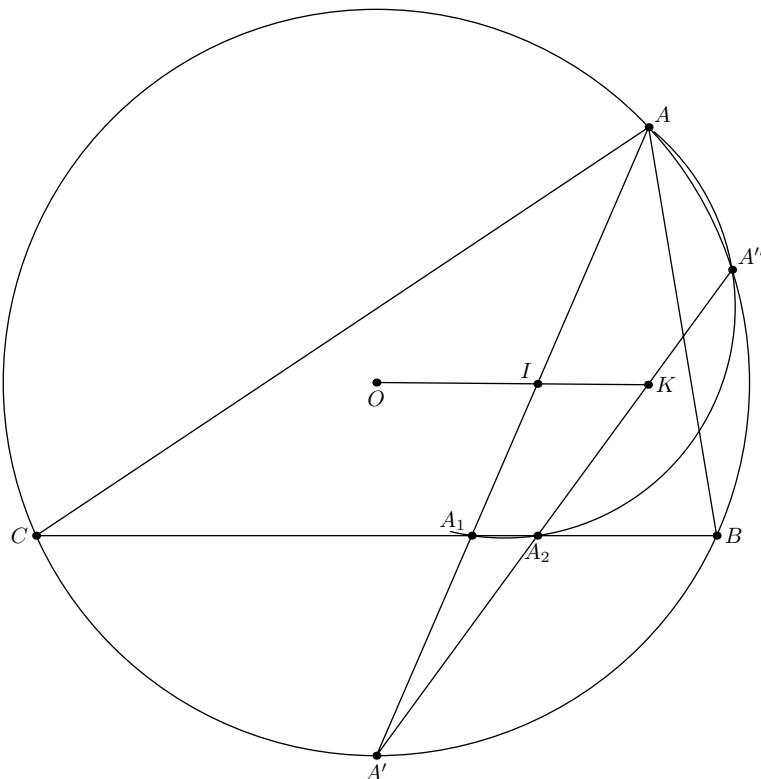


Fig. 10.8

Clearly the degrees of  $K$  wrt the circles  $BB_1B_2$  and  $CC_1C_2$  are the same, i.e.  $K$  is the radical center.

**Second solution.** Let  $A'$ ,  $B'$ ,  $C'$  be the midpoints of the arcs  $BC$ ,  $CA$ ,  $AB$ . Then the triangles  $A'B'C'$  and  $A_2B_2C_2$  are homothetic with a positive coefficient and center  $K$ , i.e.  $KA_2/A'A_2 = KB_2/B'B_2 = KC_2/C'C_2 = k$ . For the points of line  $A'A_2$  consider the difference of the degrees wrt  $AA_1A_2$  and the incircle. This is a linear function. In  $A_2$  this function is equal to zero, and in  $A'$  it is equal to  $r^2$  because  $A'A_1 \cdot A'A = A'B^2 = A'I^2$ . Thus in  $K$  this difference is equal to  $-kr^2$ . Two similar differences in  $K$  are also equal to  $-kr^2$ , and we obtain the required assertion.



## Problems

### First day. 8 grade

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**8.5.** A square  $ABCD$  is given. Two circles are inscribed into angles  $A$  and  $B$ , and the sum of their diameters is equal to the sidelength of the square. Prove that one of their common tangents passes through the midpoint of  $AB$ .

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## Problems

### First day. 9 grade



**9.1.** Let  $ABC$  be a regular triangle. The line passing through the midpoint of  $AB$  and parallel to  $AC$  meets the minor arc  $AB$  of its circumcircle at point  $K$ . Prove that the ratio  $AK : BK$  is equal to the ratio of the side and the diagonal of a regular pentagon.

**9.2.** Let  $I$  be the incenter of triangle  $ABC$ ,  $M$  be the midpoint of  $AC$ , and  $W$  be the midpoint of arc  $AB$  of its circumcircle not containing  $C$ . It is known that  $\angle AIM = 90^\circ$ . Find the ratio  $CI : IW$ .

**9.3.** The angles  $B$  and  $C$  of an acute-angled triangle  $ABC$  are greater than  $60^\circ$ . Points  $P$  and  $Q$  are chosen on the sides  $AB$  and  $AC$ , respectively, so that the points  $A, P, Q$  are concyclic with the orthocenter  $H$  of the triangle  $ABC$ . Point  $K$  is the midpoint of  $PQ$ . Prove that  $\angle BKC > 90^\circ$ .

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## Problems

### First day. 10 grade



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**10.2.** Prove that the distance from any vertex of an acute-angled triangle to the corresponding excenter is less than the sum of two greatest sidelengths.

**10.3.** Let  $ABCD$  be a convex quadrilateral, and let  $\omega_A, \omega_B, \omega_C, \omega_D$  be the circumcircles of triangles  $BCD, ACD, ABD, ABC$ , respectively. Denote by  $X_A$  the product of the power of  $A$  with respect to  $\omega_A$  and the area of triangle  $BCD$ . Define  $X_B, X_C, X_D$  similarly. Prove that  $X_A + X_B + X_C + X_D = 0$ .

**10.4.** A scalene triangle  $ABC$  and its incircle  $\omega$  are given. Using only a ruler and drawing at most eight lines, rays or segments, construct points  $A'$ ,  $B'$ ,  $C'$  on  $\omega$  such that the rays  $B'C'$ ,  $C'A'$ ,  $A'B'$  pass through  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ , respectively.

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### XIII Geometrical Olympiad in honour of I.F.Sharygin Solutions. Final round. First day. 8 grade

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**Solution.** The angle  $MPD$  cuts the arcs  $MD$  and  $BC$ , and the angle  $MQD$  cuts the arcs  $MD$  and  $AB$ . Therefore these angles are equal and  $MPQD$  is a cyclic quadrilateral (fig.8.1). Now since  $\angle DMP = \angle DMB = 90^\circ$ , we have  $PQ \perp BD$ , thus  $PQ \parallel AC$ .

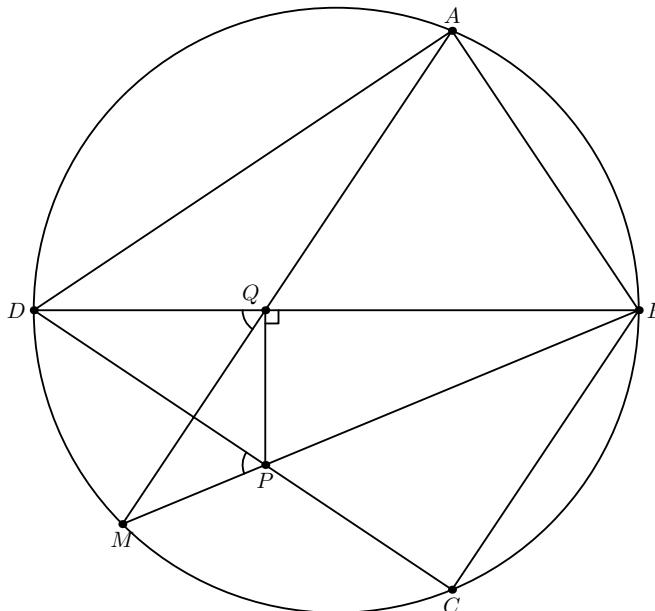


Fig. 8.1

2. (A.Sokolov) Let  $H$  and  $O$  be the orthocenter and the circumcenter of an acute-angled triangle  $ABC$ , respectively. The perpendicular bisector to segment  $BH$  meets  $AB$  and  $BC$  at points  $A_1$  and  $C_1$ , respectively. Prove that  $OB$  bisects the angle  $A_1OC_1$ .

**First solution.** Since  $\angle HBC = \angle ABO = 90^\circ - \angle C$ , isosceles triangles  $HBC_1$  and  $ABO$  are similar. Hence triangles  $OBBC_1$  and  $ABH$  are also similar, i.e.,  $\angle C_1OB = \angle HAB = 90^\circ - \angle B$  (fig.8.2). Similarly  $\angle A_1OB = \angle HCB = 90^\circ - \angle B$ .

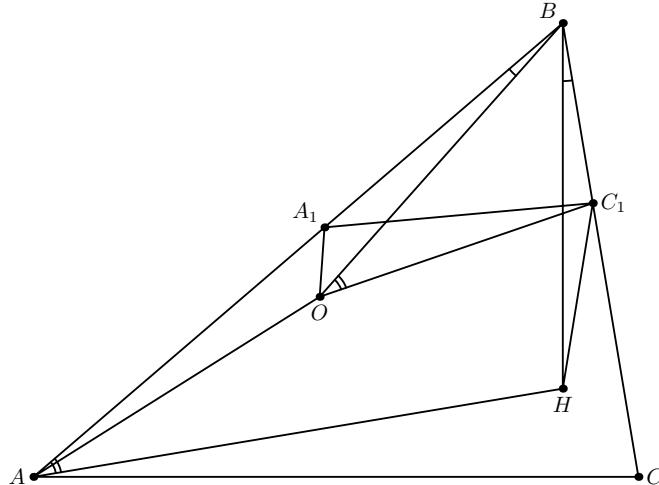


Fig. 8.2

**Second solution.** Use the following assertion.

Let  $A'$ ,  $B'$ ,  $C'$  be the reflections of point  $P$  about the sidelines of triangle  $ABC$ . Then the circumcenter of  $A'B'C'$  is isogonally conjugated to  $P$  with respect to  $ABC$ .

Consider the triangle  $A_1BC_1$ . The reflections of  $H$  about  $BA_1$  and  $BC_1$  lie on the circumcircle of  $ABC$ , and the reflection of  $H$  about  $A_1C_1$  coincide with  $B$ , thus,  $O$  and  $H$  are isogonally conjugated with respect to  $A_1BC_1$ . Then  $\angle AA_1O = \angle HA_1C = \angle C_1A_1B$ , i.e.  $C_1B$  is the external bisector of angle  $OA_1C_1$ . Similarly  $A_1B$  is the external bisector of angle  $C_1OA_1$ . Therefore  $B$  is the excenter of triangle  $A_1OC_1$  and  $OB$  is the bisector of angle  $A_1OC_1$ .

3. (M.Kyranbai, Kazakhstan) Let  $AD$ ,  $BE$  and  $CF$  be the medians of triangle  $ABC$ . The points  $X$  and  $Y$  are the reflections of  $F$  about  $AD$  and  $BE$ , respectively. Prove that the circumcircles of triangles  $BEX$  and  $ADY$  are concentric.

**Solution.** Since  $AFDE$  is a parallelogram, the midpoints of segments  $FE$  and  $AD$  coincide, therefore  $EX \parallel AD$ . Since  $FEX$  is a right-angled triangle, the perpendicular bisector to  $EX$  passes through the midpoint of  $EF$ , thus it coincides with the perpendicular bisector to  $AD$  (fig.8.3). Similarly we obtain that the perpendicular bisectors to  $DY$  and  $BE$  coincide.

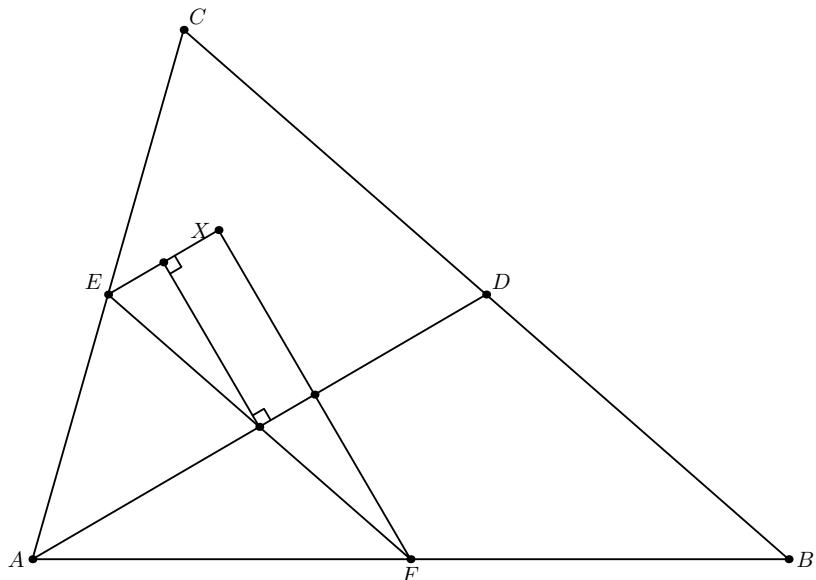


Fig. 8.3

4. (A.Shapovalov) Alex dissects a paper triangle into two triangles. Each minute after this he dissects one of obtained triangles into two triangles. After several time (at least one hour) it appeared that all obtained triangles are congruent. Find all initial triangles for which this is possible.

**Answer.** Isosceles or right-angled.

**Solution. Sufficiency.** Cutting an isosceles triangle by its median we obtain two congruent right-angled triangles, and cutting a right-angled triangle by the median from the right angle we obtain two isosceles triangles. Cutting each of them into two congruent triangles we obtain four congruent right-angled triangles. Similarly we can cut off each of these triangles into four congruent triangles etc.

**Necessity.** After the last cutting we obtain two congruent triangles having two adjacent angles. Each of these angles is greater than a non-adjacent angle of the other triangle, thus it is equal to the adjacent angle, i.e, it is right. So the initial triangle is divided into right-angled triangles. Let their angles be  $\alpha, \beta = 90^\circ - \alpha$  and  $90^\circ$ , where  $\alpha \leq \beta$ . If  $\alpha = 45^\circ$  or  $\alpha = 30^\circ$ , then all angles of the initial triangle are divisible by  $\alpha$ , and direct listing of the alternatives shows that they are equal to  $(45^\circ, 45^\circ, 90^\circ)$ ,  $(30^\circ, 60^\circ, 90^\circ)$ ,  $(30^\circ, 30^\circ, 120^\circ)$  or  $(60^\circ, 60^\circ, 60^\circ)$ , i.e., the triangle is right-angled or isosceles.

For the remaining values of  $\alpha$  the list  $\alpha, \beta, 2\alpha, 90^\circ, 2\beta$  does not contain equal angles, and all pairs of adjacent angles from this list are  $(90^\circ, 90^\circ)$  or  $(2\alpha, 2\beta)$ . Let the area of all resulting triangles be 1, then the area  $s$  of the

initial triangles and all areas of intermediate triangles are natural. Let us prove by induction on  $s$  that the angles of these triangles are  $(\alpha, \beta, 90^\circ)$ ,  $(\alpha, \alpha, 2\beta)$  or  $(\beta, \beta, 2\alpha)$ . The base  $s = 1$  is proved. A triangle  $T$  with  $s > 1$  was divided into two triangles with smaller area. By induction, each of these triangles has one of three sets of angles from the list and they have two adjacent angles. If these angles are right then both triangles have a common cathetus. There are three possible cases: both opposite angles are equal to  $\alpha$ ; both angles are equal to  $\beta$ , or one angle is  $\alpha$ , and the second one is  $\beta$ . In all these cases  $T$  belongs to one of three types. And if two adjacent angles are equal to  $2\alpha$  and  $2\beta$  then  $T$  is right-angled with angles  $(\alpha, \beta, 90^\circ)$ .

# XIII Geometrical Olympiad in honour of I.F.Sharygin

## Solutions. Final round. Second day. 8 grade

5. (E.Bakaev) A square  $ABCD$  is given. Two circles are inscribed into angles  $A$  and  $B$ , and the sum of their diameters is equal to the sidelength of the square. Prove that one of their common tangents passes through the midpoint of  $AB$ .

**Solution.** Let  $O_a, O_b$  be the centers of the circles,  $T_a, T_b$  be their touching points with  $AB$ , and  $M$  be the midpoint of  $AB$  (fig.8.5). By the assumption of the problem, we obtain that  $T_a M = MO_b$ ,  $T_b M = MO_a$ . Therefore  $\angle O_a M T_a + \angle O_b M T_b = 90^\circ$ , i.e.,  $O_a M \perp O_b M$ . Thus the line  $l$  symmetric to  $AB$  wrt  $O_a M$  is also symmetric to  $AB$  wrt  $O_b M$ . Since the distances from the centers of both circles to  $l$  are equal to their radii, we obtain that  $l$  is the common tangent.

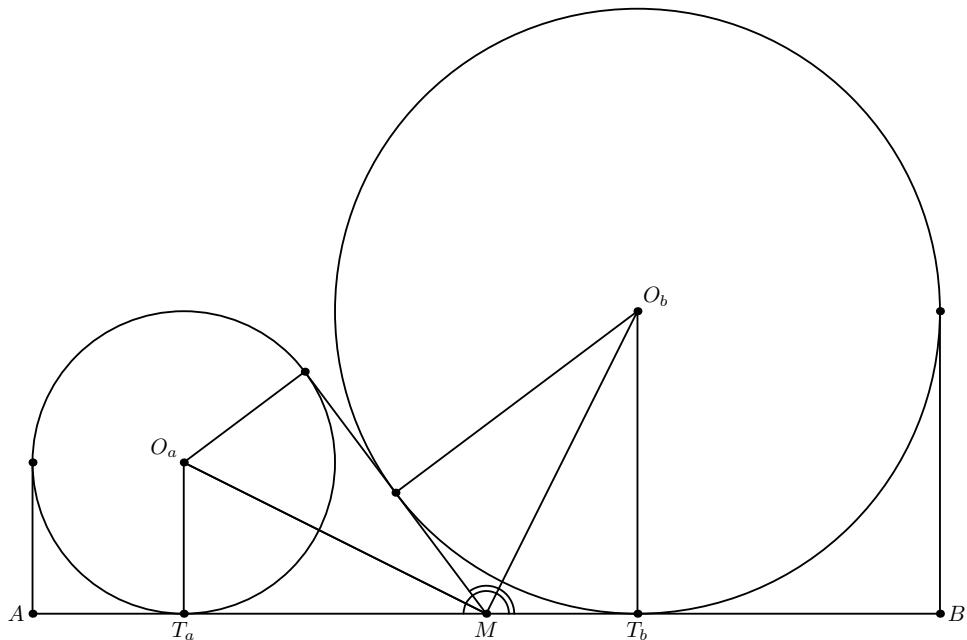


Fig. 8.5

6. (A.Shapovalov) A median of an acute-angled triangle dissects it into two triangles. Prove that each of them can be covered by a semidisc congruent to a half of the circumdisc of the initial triangle.

**Solution.** Let  $CD$  be the median of triangle  $ABC$ , angle  $ADC$  be non-acute, and angle  $BDC$  be non-obtuse. Then all vertices of triangle  $BDC$  lie on the same semiplane wrt the perpendicular bisector to  $AB$ , which is

the diameter of the circumcircle of  $ABC$ , therefore this triangle lies inside the corresponding semidisc. Furthermore the triangle  $ACD$  can be covered by the semidisc with diameter  $AC$ , hence it can be covered by a greater semidisc.

7. (E.Bakaev) Let  $A_1A_2 \dots A_{13}$  and  $B_1B_2 \dots B_{13}$  be two regular 13-gons in the plane such that the points  $B_1$  and  $A_{13}$  coincide and lie on the segment  $A_1B_{13}$ , and both polygons lie in the same semiplane with respect to this segment. Prove that the lines  $A_1A_9$ ,  $B_{13}B_8$  and  $A_8B_9$  are concurrent.

**Solution.** Consider the regular polygon  $C_1C_2 \dots C_{13}$ , where  $C_1 = A_1$ ,  $C_{13} = B_{13}$ . Clearly the lines  $A_1A_9$  and  $B_{13}B_8$  coincide with  $C_1C_9$  and  $C_{13}C_8$  respectively. Furthermore  $C_1C_{13} = C_8C_9$ , thus  $C_1C_8$  and  $C_{13}C_9$  are the bases of an isosceles trapezoid. The points  $A_8$  and  $B_9$  lie on these bases and  $A_1A_8 : A_8C_8 = A_1A_{13} : B_{13}B_1 = C_9B_9 : B_9B_{13}$ . Therefore the line  $A_8B_9$  passes through the common point of the diagonals of the trapezoid (fig.8.7).

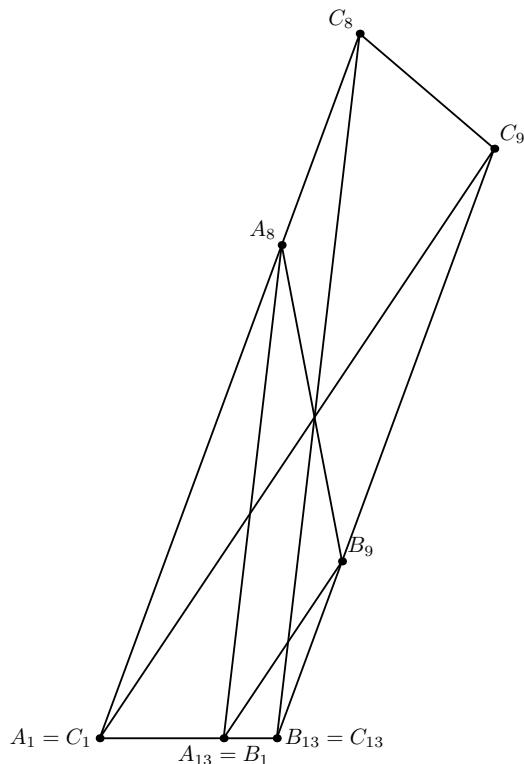


Fig. 8.7

8. (Tran Quang Hung, Vietnam) Let  $ABCD$  be a square, and let  $P$  be a point on the minor arc  $CD$  of its circumcircle. The lines  $PA$ ,  $PB$  meet the diagonals  $BD$ ,  $AC$  at points  $K$ ,  $L$  respectively. The points  $M$ ,  $N$  are the

projections of  $K$ ,  $L$  respectively to  $CD$ , and  $Q$  is the common point of lines  $KN$  and  $ML$ . Prove that  $PQ$  bisects the segment  $AB$ .

**Solution.** Firstly prove the following assertion.

**Lemma.** Let  $AP = AC$  and  $BQ = BC$  be the perpendiculars to the hypotenuse  $AB$  of a right-angled triangle  $ABC$  lying on the outside of the triangle. The lines  $AQ$  and  $BP$  meet at point  $R$ , and the lines  $CP$  and  $CQ$  meet  $AB$  at points  $M$  and  $N$  respectively. Then  $CR$  bisects the segment  $MN$ .

**Proof.** Since  $\angle CAP = 90^\circ + \angle CAB = 180^\circ - \angle CBA$ , we have  $\angle ACP = \frac{\angle B}{2}$ . Hence  $BM = BC = BQ$  and similarly  $AN = AC = AP$ . Let the line passing through  $R$  and parallel to  $AB$  meet  $CP$ ,  $CQ$  at points  $X$ ,  $Y$  respectively, and let  $Z$  be the projection of  $R$  to  $AB$  (fig.8.8). Then  $RX : BM = PR : PB = AR : AQ = RZ : QB$ , Therefore  $RX = RZ$ . Similarly  $RY = RZ$  (fig.8.8.1). Thus  $CR$  bisects  $XY$ , and hence it bisects  $MN$ .

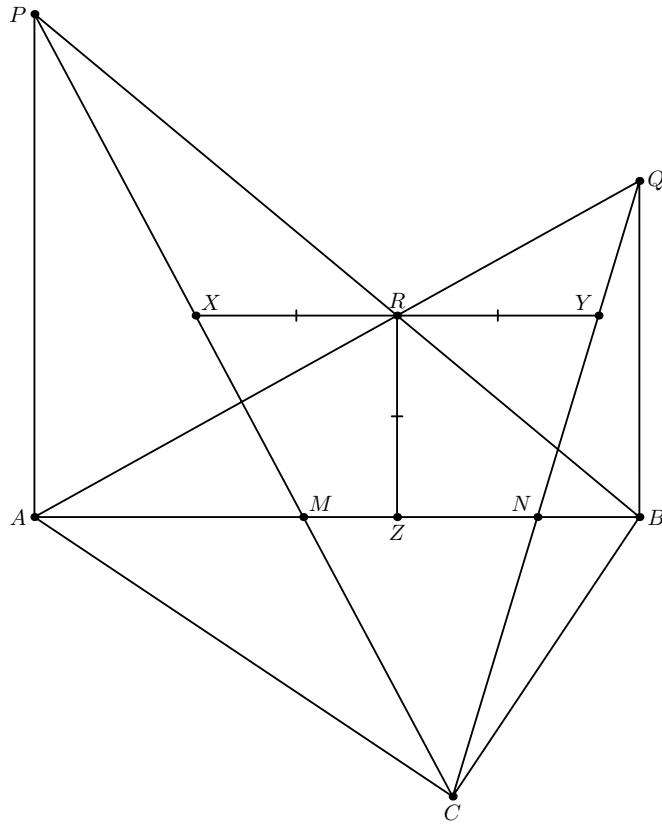


Fig. 8.8.1

**Note.** It is easy to see that  $CZ$  is the bisectrix of  $ABC$  and  $CR$  passes through the touching point of its incircle with the hypotenuse.

Return to the problem. Since  $KMD$  is an isosceles right-angled triangle, and  $\angle KPD = 45^\circ$ , we obtain that  $M$  is the circumcenter of triangle  $KPD$ . Similarly  $N$  is the circumcenter of  $PCL$ . Furthermore  $\angle MPN = 45^\circ + (90^\circ - \frac{\angle BDP}{2}) + (90^\circ - \frac{\angle ACP}{2}) = 90^\circ$ . Applying the lemma to the points  $P, M, N, K, L$  we obtain the required assertion (fig.8.8.2).

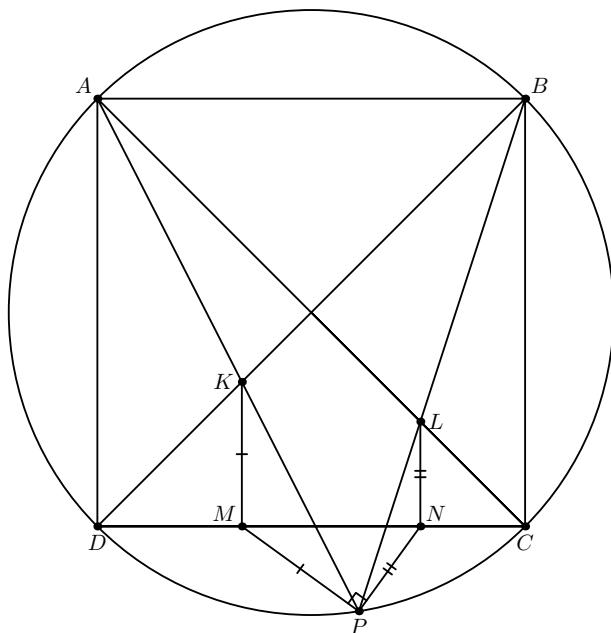


Fig. 8.8.2

### XIII Geometrical Olympiad in honour of I.F.Sharygin Solutions. Final round. First day. 9 grade

1. (A.Zaslavsky) Let  $ABC$  be a regular triangle. The line passing through the midpoint of  $AB$  and parallel to  $AC$  meets the minor arc  $AB$  of its circumcircle at point  $K$ . Prove that the ratio  $AK : BK$  is equal to the ratio of the side and the diagonal of a regular pentagon.

**Solution.** Let  $L$  be the second common point of the line and the circle (fig.9.1). Since  $ABC$  is a regular triangle we have  $AL = BL + CL = BK + AK$ . On the other hand  $KL$  bisects  $AB$ , thus the areas of triangles  $AKL$  and  $BKL$  are equal, i.e.  $AK \cdot AL = BK \cdot BL = BK^2$ . Therefore  $t = AK/BK$  is the root of the equation  $t^2 + t - 1 = 0$ , equal to the ratio of the side and the diagonal of a regular pentagon.

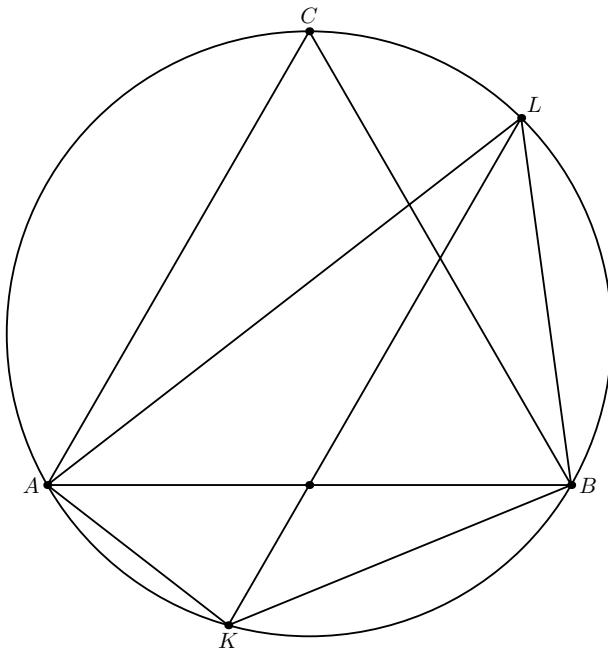


Fig. 9.1

2. (S.Berlov, A.Polyanskii) Let  $I$  be the incenter of triangle  $ABC$ ,  $M$  be the midpoint of  $AC$ , and  $W$  be the midpoint of arc  $AB$  of its circumcircle not containing  $C$ . It is known that  $\angle AIM = 90^\circ$ . Find the ratio  $CI : IW$ .

**Answer.**  $2 : 1$ .

**Solution.** Let  $I_c$  be the center of the excircle touching the side  $AB$ . Since  $AI_c \perp AI$  we obtain that  $IM \parallel AI_c$ , i.e.  $IM$  is a medial line of triangle  $ACI_c$ . Also  $W$  is the midpoint of  $II_c$ , therefore  $CI = II_c = 2IW$  (fig.9.2).

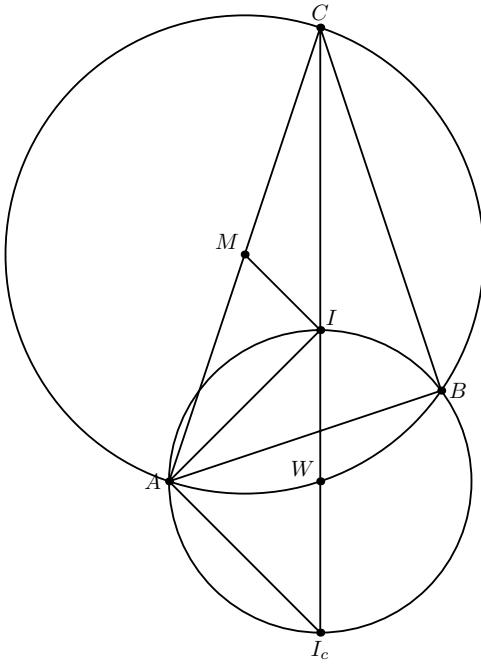


Fig. 9.2

3. (A.Mudgal, India) The angles  $B$  and  $C$  of an acute-angled triangle  $ABC$  are greater than  $60^\circ$ . Points  $P$  and  $Q$  are chosen on the sides  $AB$  and  $AC$ , respectively, so that the points  $A, P, Q$  are concyclic with the orthocenter  $H$  of the triangle  $ABC$ . Point  $K$  is the midpoint of  $PQ$ . Prove that  $\angle BKC > 90^\circ$ .

**Solution.** Let  $BB'$ ,  $CC'$  be the altitudes of triangle  $ABC$ . Since  $\angle PHQ = 180^\circ - \angle A = \angle B'HC'$  we obtain that the triangles  $HB'Q$  and  $HC'P$  are similar. Thus, when  $P$  moves uniformly along  $AB$  the point  $Q$  also moves uniformly along  $AC$  and  $K$  moves along some segment. Since  $\angle AHC' > \angle CHB'$  and  $\angle AHB' > \angle BHC'$ , the endpoints of this segment correspond to the coincidence of  $P$  with  $B$  or  $Q$  with  $C$ , let us consider the last case (fig.9.3).

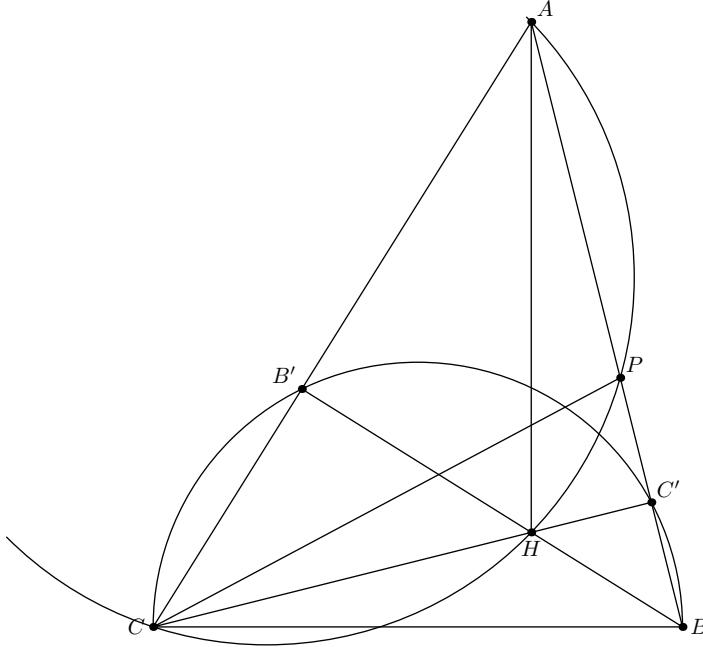


Fig. 9.3

If  $Q = C$  then  $\angle HCP = \angle HAP = \angle HCB$ , i.e.  $BCP$  is non-isosceles triangle and the distance from  $K$  to the midpoint of  $BC$  is equal to  $BC'$ . Since  $\angle B > 60^\circ$ , we have  $BC' < BC/2$ , thus  $K$  lies inside the circle with diameter  $BC$ . Similarly the second endpoint of the segment passed by  $K$  lies inside this circle, therefore all points of the segment also lie inside it.

4. (M.Etesamifard, Iran) Points  $M$  and  $K$  are chosen on lateral sides  $AB$  and  $AC$ , respectively, of an isosceles triangle  $ABC$ , and point  $D$  is chosen on its base  $BC$  so that  $AMDK$  is a parallelogram. Let the lines  $MK$  and  $BC$  meet at point  $L$ , and let  $X, Y$  be the intersection points of  $AB, AC$  respectively with the perpendicular line from  $D$  to  $BC$ . Prove that the circle with center  $L$  and radius  $LD$  and the circumcircle of triangle  $AXY$  are tangent.

**Solution.** It is clear that the circumcircles of triangles  $ABC$  and  $AXY$  are perpendicular. Let  $E$  be their second common point. Since  $E$  is the center of spiral similarity mapping  $X$  and  $Y$  to  $B$  and  $C$  respectively, the triangles  $EXB$  and  $EYC$  are similar, i.e.  $EB : EC = XB : YC = BD : CD$ . On the other hand  $LB : LD = LM : LK = LD : LC$ . Hence  $B$  and  $C$  are inverse wrt the circle centered at  $L$  with radius  $LD$  i.e. this circle is also perpendicular to the circumcircle of  $ABC$ . Also the ratio of distances from  $B$  and  $C$  is the same for all points of this circle (an Apollonius circle), thus it passes through  $E$  (fig.9.4). Since both circles are perpendicular to the circumcircle of  $ABC$  and meet it at the same point we conclude that they

are tangent.

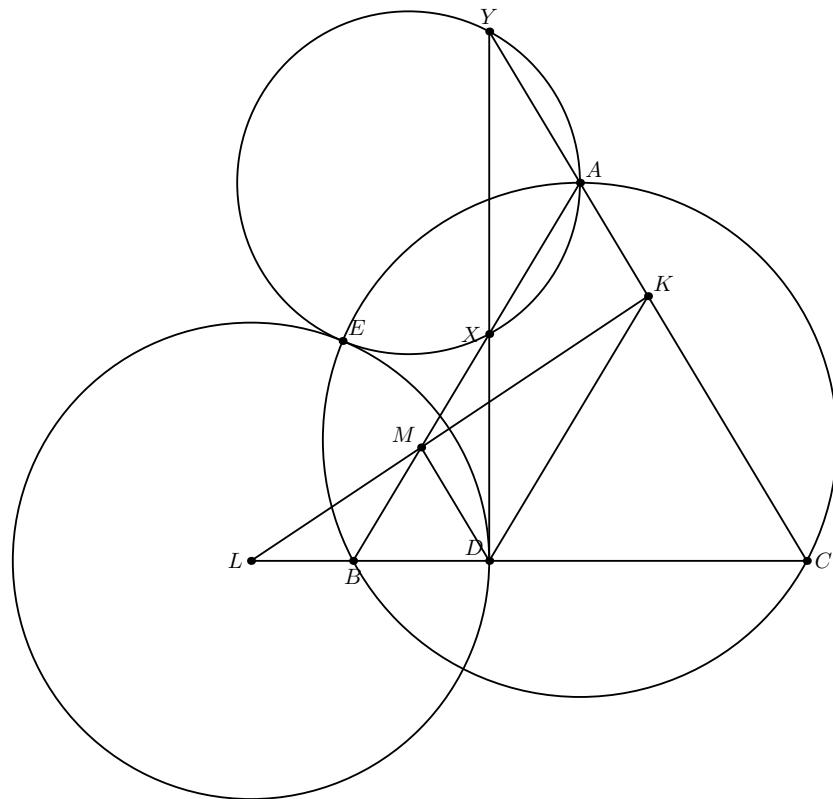


Fig. 9.4

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5. (P.Kozhevnikov) Let  $BH_b$ ,  $CH_c$  be altitudes of a triangle  $ABC$ . The line  $H_bH_c$  meets the circumcircle of  $ABC$  at points  $X$  and  $Y$ . Points  $P$  and  $Q$  are the reflections of  $X$  and  $Y$  about  $AB$  and  $AC$ , respectively. Prove that  $PQ \parallel BC$ .

**Solution.** Let  $O$  be the circumcenter of triangle  $ABC$ . Since the line  $AO$  is the reflection of the altitude from  $A$  about the bisector from the same vertex, and  $\angle AH_bH_c = \angle ABC$ , we obtain that  $AO \perp H_bH_c$ , i.e.  $AO$  is the perpendicular bisector to the segment  $XY$ . Therefore,  $AP = AX = AY = AQ$  and  $XPQY$  is a cyclic quadrilateral (fig.9.5). Hence the lines  $XY$  and  $PQ$  are antiparallel with respect to the lines  $XP$  and  $YQ$  which are parallel to the altitudes of the triangle. But  $BC$  and  $H_bH_c$  are also antiparallel with respect to the altitudes, thus  $PQ \parallel BC$ .

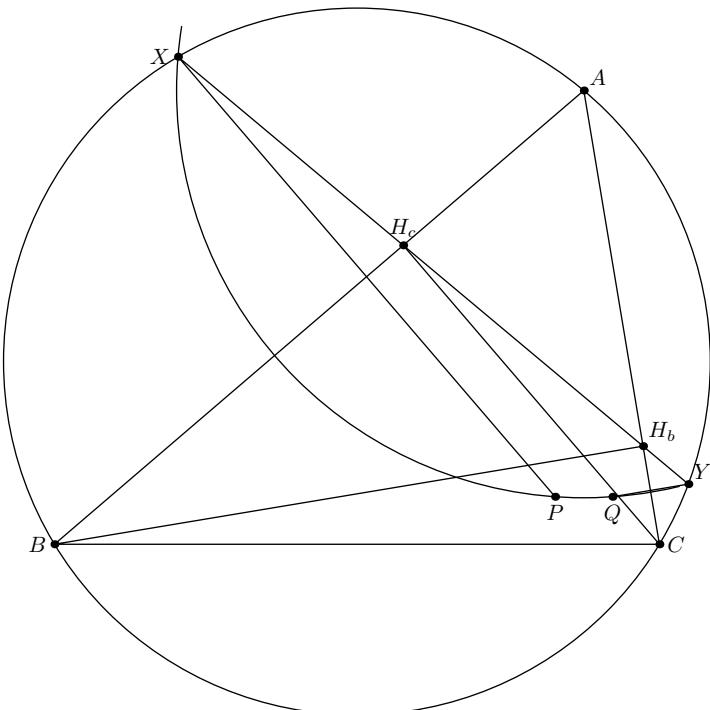


Fig. 9.5

6. (M.Etesamifard, Iran) Let  $ABC$  be a right-angled triangle ( $\angle C = 90^\circ$ ) and  $D$  be the midpoint of an altitude from  $C$ . The reflections of the line  $AB$  about  $AD$  and  $BD$ , respectively, meet at point  $F$ . Find the ratio  $S_{ABF} : S_{ABC}$ .

**Answer.** 4/3.

**Solution.** Let  $CH$  be the altitude and  $K, L$  be the common points of the line passing through  $C$  and parallel to  $AB$  with  $AF$  and  $BF$  respectively (fig.9.6). Since the trapezoid  $AKLB$  is circumscribed around the circle with diameter  $CH$ , we obtain that  $KD$  and  $LD$  are the bisectors of angles  $AKL$  and  $BLK$  respectively. Hence  $\angle CKD = 90^\circ - \angle HAD$ , i.e. the triangles  $KCD$  and  $DHA$  are similar, and  $KC = CD^2/AH = CH^2/(4AH) = BH/4$ . Similarly  $CL = AH/4$ . Therefore the ratio of the altitudes of similar triangles  $FKL$  and  $FAB$  is equal to  $1/4$ , and the ratio of the altitudes of triangles  $AFB$  and  $ABC$  is  $4/3$ .

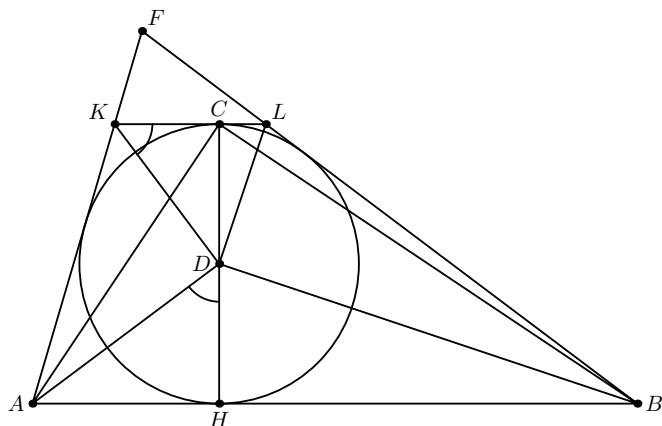


Fig. 9.6

7. (P.Kozhevnikov) Let  $a$  and  $b$  be parallel lines with 50 distinct points marked on  $a$  and 50 distinct points marked on  $b$ . Find the greatest possible number of acute-angled triangles all whose vertices are marked.

**Answer.** 41650.

**First solution.** Let  $n = 50$ .

Introduce coordinates so that lines  $a$  and  $b$  are given by equations  $y = 0$  and  $y = 1$  respectively. Denote by  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  marked points on  $a$  so that their  $x$ -coordinates  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  are ordered:  $a_1 < \dots < a_n$ . Similarly define  $B_1, \dots, B_n$  with  $x$ -coordinates  $b_1 < \dots < b_n$ . Let  $A^-$  and  $A^+$  be points on  $a$  such that their  $x$ -coordinates satisfy conditions  $a^- < a_1$  and  $a^+ > a_n$ . Similarly define  $B^-$  and  $B^+$ .

**Estimate.** The total number of triangles with all vertices marked is  $T = 2\binom{n}{2}n = n^2(n-1)$ . The number of non-acute triangles is not less than the number  $N$  of non-acute angles among angles  $A_iA_jB_k$  and  $B_iB_jA_k$ . Let us estimate  $N$ .

Fix  $t \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  and  $s \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , then WLOG  $t \leq s$ , and consider the segment  $A_tB_s$  (similarly consider  $B_tA_s$ ). The segment  $A_tB_s$  forms two pairs of equal angles with lines  $a$  and  $b$ . Note that either  $\angle A^-A_tB_s$  and  $\angle A_tB_sB^+$  both are non-acute, or  $\angle A^+A_tB_s$  and  $\angle A_tB_sB^-$  both are non-acute. In the first case all angles  $\angle A_iA_tB_s$  and  $\angle A_tB_sB_j$  with  $i < t$  and  $j > s$  are non-acute; the number of such angles is  $(t-1) + (n-s) = n-1 - (s-t)$ . In the second case all angles  $\angle A_iA_tB_s$  and  $\angle A_tB_sB_j$  with  $i > t$  and  $j < s$  are non-acute; the number of such angles is  $(n-t) + (s-1) = n-1 + (s-t)$ . Anyway the total number of non-acute angles of the form  $\angle A_iA_tB_s$  or  $\angle A_tB_sB_j$  is not less than  $n-1 - (s-t)$ . Thus we have the estimate  $N \geq n(n-1) + 2 \sum_{1 \leq t < s \leq n} (n-1 - (s-t)) = \frac{(n-1)(2n^2-n)}{3}$  (here the summand  $n(n-1)$  corresponds to  $n$  segments  $A_sB_t$  with  $t = s$ ). A direct calculation shows that the number of acute triangles with all vertices marked is not greater than  $T - N \leq \frac{(n-1)n(n+1)}{3} = 41650$ .

**Example.** Let us mark points so that  $0 < a_1 < b_1 < a_2 < b_2 < \dots < a_n < b_n < 1/10$ . Note that in this example all angles  $\angle A_iB_kA_j$  and  $\angle B_iA_kB_j$  are acute. Moreover, for each segment  $A_tB_s$  (or  $A_sB_t$ ) with  $t \leq s$ , among the angles of the form  $\angle A_iA_tB_s$  and  $\angle A_tB_sB_j$  exactly  $n - (s-t) + 1$  are non-acute. This means that this example is optimal, since our estimate in this case is sharp.

**Second solution.** Clearly, the maximum is achieved when the points of both sides are located sufficiently closely, in such a way that all angles having the vertex on one line and the sides passing through two points of the second one are acute. Let the points on one line be colored blue and the projections to this line of the points on the second one be colored red. Then we obtain the following reformulation of the problem.

Suppose 50 blue and 50 red points are marked on a line. Find the maximal number of triples having the medial point of one color and two extreme points of the other color.

Let  $A_1, \dots, A_{50}, B_1, \dots, B_{50}$  be the red and the blue points respectively, ordered from left to right. Consider two adjacent points  $A_i$  and  $B_j$ . If  $A_i$  lies on the left side from  $B_j$ , these two points form a good triple with  $B_1, \dots, B_{j-1}$  and  $A_{i+1}, \dots, A_{50}$ , i.e. we have  $n-1+(j-i)$  good triples. When  $i > j$  we can transpose  $A_i$  and  $B_j$  and increase the number of such good triples, and this operation retains all remaining good triples. Hence in the optimal disposition any point  $A_i$  lies to the right from  $B_{i-1}$ , but to the left from  $B_{i+1}$  (the order

of  $A_i$  and  $B_i$  can be arbitrary). In particular, the alternating disposition is optimal. The number of acute-angled triangles in this disposition is calculated in the previous solution.

8. (I.Frolov) Let  $AK$  and  $BL$  be the altitudes of an acute-angled triangle  $ABC$ , and let  $\omega$  be the excircle of  $ABC$  touching the side  $AB$ . The common internal tangents to circles  $CKL$  and  $\omega$  meet  $AB$  at points  $P$  and  $Q$ . Prove that  $AP = BQ$ .

**First solution.** Let  $R$  be the internal center of similitude of  $CKL$  and  $\omega$ , the incircle of  $ABC$  touch  $AB$  at  $C_1$ , the incircle of triangle  $PQR$  touch  $AB$  at  $C'_1$ ,  $\omega$  touch  $AB$  at  $C_2$ , and  $C_2C_3$  be a diameter in  $\omega$ . Then  $C, R, C_3$  are collinear. Furthermore  $C, C_1, C_3$  are collinear because  $C$  is the homothety center of the incircle and the excircle. Analogously,  $R, C'_1, C_3$  are collinear. So  $C'_1$  coincides with  $C_1$ . Thus the midpoints of  $AB, C_1C_2, C'_1C_2$ , and  $PQ$  coincide, as needed.

**Second solution.** Let us prove that the assertion of the problem is correct when we replace  $CKL$  by an arbitrary circle centered on the altitude and passing through  $C$ . As in the first solution we obtain that the common point  $R$  of internal common tangents lies on  $CC_1$ . So we have the following reformulation of the problem.

The tangents from an arbitrary point  $R$  of line  $CC_1$  to the excircle meet  $AB$  at points  $P$  and  $Q$ . Prove that these points are symmetric wrt the midpoint of  $AB$ .

It can be proved that the correspondence between  $P$  and  $Q$  preserves the cross-ratios. Hence it is sufficient to find two pairs  $P, Q$  symmetric wrt  $AB$ . For  $R = C$  the points  $P, Q$  coincide with  $A, B$ , and for  $R = C_1$  they coincide with  $C_1, C_2$ . In both cases they are symmetric.

**Note.** In the formulation of the problem, we can replace the excircle by the incircle and the internal common tangents by the external ones. Moreover, arguing as in the second solution we obtain that the common points of tangents with  $AB$  are the same in both cases.

### XIII Geometrical Olympiad in honour of I.F.Sharygin Solutions. Final round. First day. 10 grade

1. (D.Shvetsov) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be the common points of two circles, and  $CD$  be their common tangent ( $C$  and  $D$  are the tangency points). Let  $O_a$ ,  $O_b$  be the circumcenters of triangles  $CAD$ ,  $CBD$  respectively. Prove that the midpoint of segment  $O_aO_b$  lies on the line  $AB$ .

**Solution.** Let  $C'$ ,  $D'$  be the touching points of the circles with the second common tangent. The angles  $ACD$  and  $ADC$  are equal to the halves of arcs  $AC$  and  $AD$  of the corresponding circles, and the angles  $BCD$  and  $BDC$  are equal to the halves of arcs  $BC$  and  $BD$  which are equal to  $C'A$  and  $D'A$ . Therefore, the sum of four angles is equal to the half-sum of arcs  $C'AC$  and  $D'AD$ . Since the last arc is homothetic to  $C'C$ , this half-sum is equal to  $\pi$ . Thus the circumcenters of triangles  $CAD$  and  $CBD$  are symmetric with respect to  $CD$ , i.e., the midpoint of  $O_aO_b$  coincides with the midpoint of  $CD$  which lies on the radical axis  $AB$  of the circles (fig.10.1).

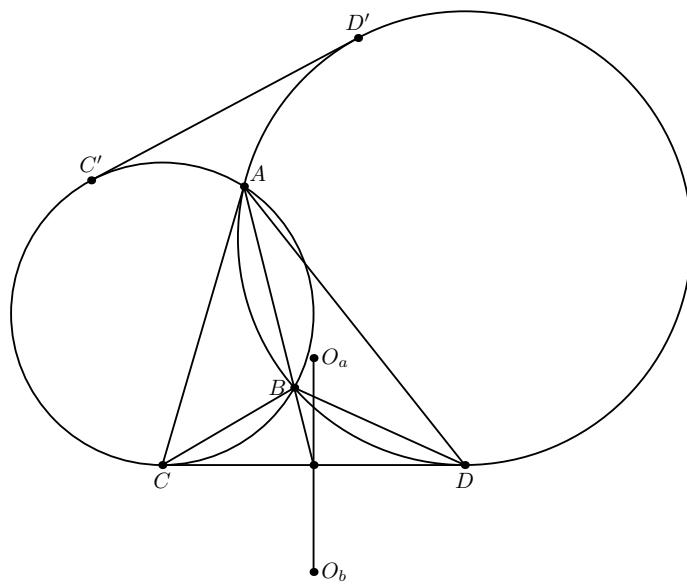


Fig. 10.1

2. (A.Peshnin) Prove that the distance from any vertex of an acute-angled triangle to the corresponding excenter is less than the sum of two greatest sidelengths.

**Solution.** Let in a triangle  $ABC$   $\angle A = 2\alpha$ ,  $\angle B = 2\beta$ ,  $\angle C = 2\gamma$  and  $\alpha \geq \beta \geq \gamma$ . Let  $I_a$ ,  $I_b$ ,  $I_c$  be the excenters and  $p$  be the semiperimeter of the triangle .Then the inequalities  $2\alpha < 90^\circ < 2\beta + 2\gamma$  and  $\beta \geq \gamma$  yield

that  $2\beta > \alpha$ . Also since  $AI_a \cos \alpha = BI_b \cos \beta = CI_c \cos \gamma = p$ , we have  $AI_a \geq BI_b \geq CI_c$ , and it is sufficient to prove that  $AI_a < AC + BC$ . We can obtain this in several ways.

**First way.** Note that a point  $K$  symmetric to  $B$  with respect to the external bisector  $CI_a$  lies on  $AC$ , and  $CK = CB$ . Since  $BI_a$  is the external bisector of angle  $B$ , we have  $\angle I_a KA = \alpha + \gamma$ , and since  $\angle I_a AK = \alpha$ , we obtain that  $\angle AI_a K = 2\beta + \gamma$  (fig.10.2.1). Since  $2\beta > \alpha$  we have  $\angle AKI_a < \angle AI_a K$ , i.e.  $AI_a < AK = AC + BC$ .

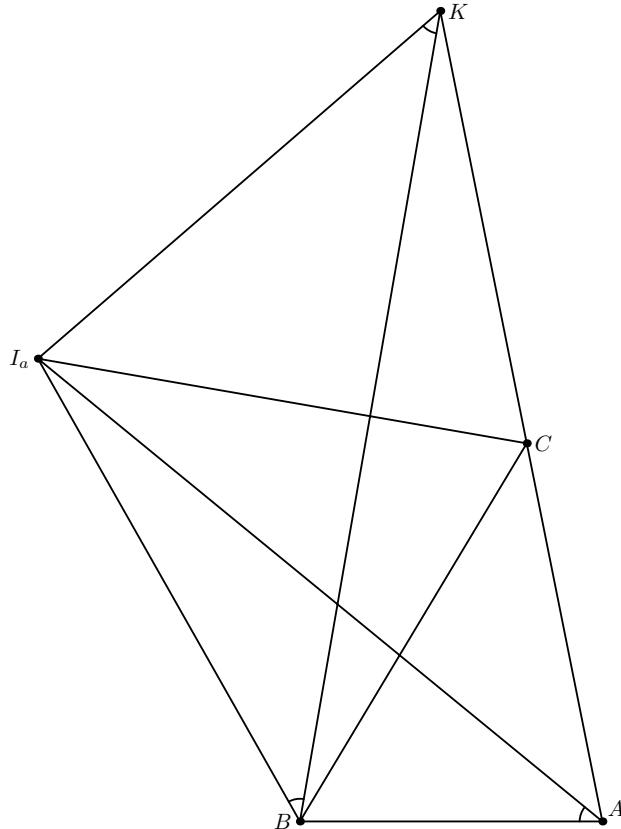


Fig. 10.2.1

**Second way.** Let the excircle touches  $AB$  at point  $T$ , and let  $U$  be the reflection of  $B$  about  $T$ . Since  $AT = p$ , we have  $AU = 2p - AB = AC + BC$ . Also, in the triangle  $AUI_a$  we have  $\angle UAI_a = \alpha$ ,  $\angle AUI_a = \angle I_a BT = \pi/2 - \beta$ , thus  $\angle AI_a U = \pi/2 - \alpha + \beta$ . Since  $2\beta > \alpha$  we obtain that  $\angle AI_a U > \angle AUI_a$  and  $AU > AI_a$  (fig.10.2.2).

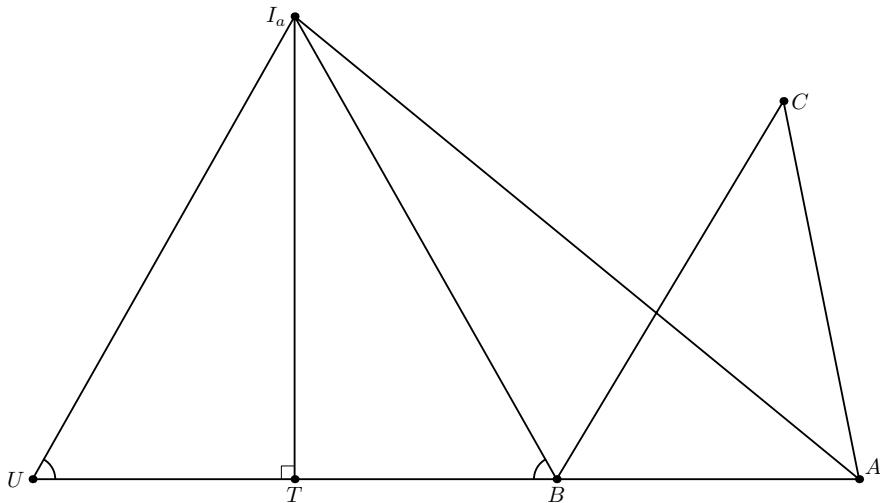


Fig. 10.2.2

**Third way.** We will use the following facts.

1. **The trident theorem.** The circumcenter of triangle  $BCI_a$  coincide with the midpoint  $W$  of the arc  $BC$  of circle  $ABC$ .
2. Let a circle be given, its chord  $AB$  be fixed, and point  $X$  move on an arc  $AB$ . Then the sum  $AX + BX$  increases while  $X$  comes closer to the midpoint of the arc.

By the trident theorem we have  $AI_a = AW + WB$ . Since  $\angle WBA - \angle WAB = 2\beta > 2(\alpha - \beta) = \angle CAB - \angle CBA$  we obtain that  $C$  is closer to the midpoint of arc  $ACB$  than  $W$ . Therefore,  $AW + BW < AC + BC$ .

**Note.** In fact, we proved that the segment joining any vertex to the corresponding excenter is less than the sum of the opposite and the greatest of two adjacent sidelengths.

3. (A.Sokolov) Let  $ABCD$  be a convex quadrilateral, and let  $\omega_A, \omega_B, \omega_C, \omega_D$  be the circumcircles of triangles  $BCD, ACD, ABD, ABC$ , respectively. Denote by  $X_A$  the product of the power of  $A$  with respect to  $\omega_A$  and the area of triangle  $BCD$ . Define  $X_B, X_C, X_D$  similarly. Prove that  $X_A + X_B + X_C + X_D = 0$ .

**Solution.** If the quadrilateral is cyclic then the assertion is evident. Now note that  $D$  lies outside  $\omega_D$  iff  $\angle A + \angle C > \angle B + \angle D$ , i.e. iff  $C$  lies inside  $\omega_C$ . So the signs of  $X_C$  and  $X_D$  are opposite.

Let  $CD$  meet  $AB$  at point  $P$  and meet  $\omega_C, \omega_D$  for the second time at  $C', D'$  respectively. Then the ratio of areas of triangles  $ABC$  and  $ABD$  is equal to the ratio of their altitudes, which is equal to  $\frac{PC}{PD}$ . Since  $PC \cdot PD' = PA \cdot PB =$

$PC' \cdot PD$ , this ratio is equal to  $\frac{PC}{PD} = \frac{PC'}{PD'} = \frac{PC-PC'}{PD-PD'} = \frac{CC'}{DD'}$ . On the other hand, the ratio of the absolute values of the powers of  $C$  and  $D$  with respect to the corresponding circles is  $\frac{CD \cdot CC'}{CD \cdot DD'} = \frac{CC'}{DD'}$  (fig. 10.3). Therefore,  $|X_C| = |X_D|$  and  $X_C + X_D = 0$ . Similarly  $X_A + X_B = 0$ .

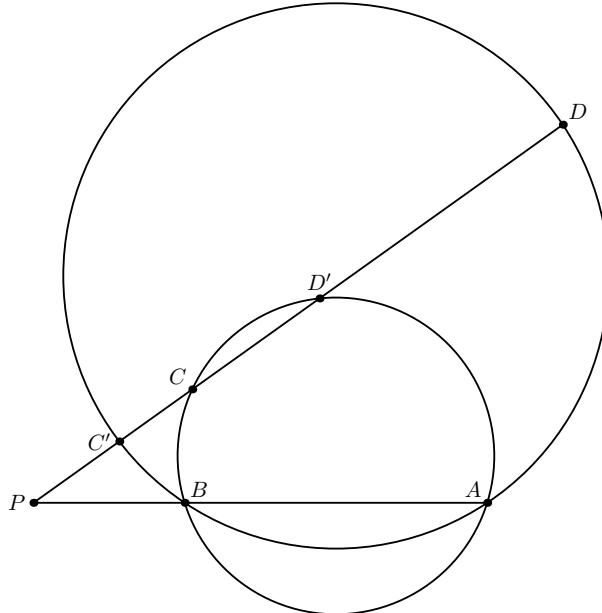


Fig. 10.3

If  $AB \parallel CD$  then  $S_{ABC} = S_{ABD}$ ,  $CC' = DD'$  and we also obtain that  $X_C + X_D = 0$ .

**Note.** The equality  $|X_A| = |X_B| = |X_C| = |X_D|$  is also valid when the four points do not form a convex quadrilateral.

4. (A.Zaslavsky) A scalene triangle  $ABC$  and its incircle  $\omega$  are given. Using only a ruler and drawing at most eight lines, rays or segments, construct points  $A'$ ,  $B'$ ,  $C'$  on  $\omega$  such that the rays  $B'C'$ ,  $C'A'$ ,  $A'B'$  pass through  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ , respectively.

**Solution.** Let  $A_0$ ,  $B_0$ ,  $C_0$  be the touching points of the incircle with  $BC$ ,  $CA$ ,  $AB$  respectively. Then the required points  $A'$ ,  $B'$ ,  $C'$  are such that  $A'A_0C'C_0$ ,  $B'B_0A'A_0$  and  $C'C_0B'B_0$  are harmonic quadrilaterals. Consider a projective transform preserving  $\omega$  and mapping the common point of  $AA_0$ ,  $BB_0$ ,  $CC_0$  to its center. This transform maps  $ABC$  to a regular triangle. Then the triangles  $A_0B_0C_0$  and  $A'B'C'$  are also regular and  $A'A_0C'C_0$  is an isosceles trapezoid. Let  $K$  be a midpoint of  $A_0C_0$ . The harmonicity condition  $\angle C_0A'C' = \angle KA'A_0$  now reads  $\angle KA'A_0 = \angle A_0C_0A'$ , i.e.,  $\triangle KA'A_0 \sim \triangle A'C_0A_0$ , whence  $\angle A'KA_0 = 2\pi/3$  and  $A'K \parallel BC \parallel B_0C_0$  (fig. 10.4).

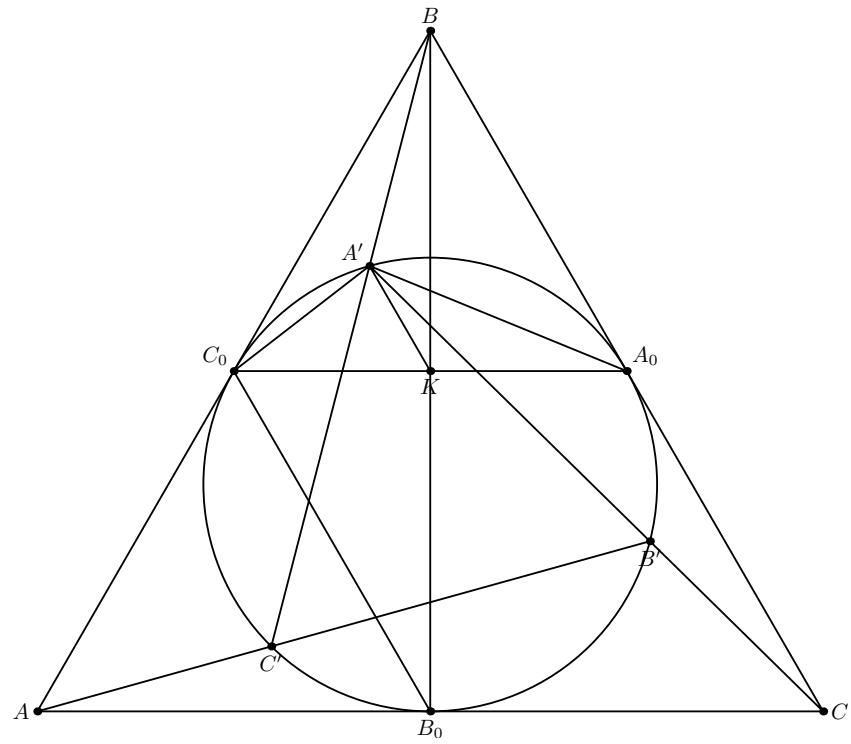


Fig. 10.4

Now, after the inverse transform we obtain the following construction.

- 1–2. Draw  $A_0C_0$ ,  $BB_0$  and find their common point  $K$ .
- 3–4. Draw  $BC$ ,  $B_0C_0$  and find their common point  $L$ .
5. Draw  $KL$  and find its common point  $A'$  with the arc  $A_0C_0$ .
6. Draw  $CA'$  and find its second common point  $B'$  with  $\omega$ .
7. Draw  $AB'$  and find its second common point  $C'$  with  $\omega$ .

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## Solutions. Final round. Second day. 10 grade

5. (A.Garkavy) Let  $BB'$ ,  $CC'$  be the altitudes of an acute-angled triangle  $ABC$ . Two circles passing through  $A$  and  $C'$  are tangent to  $BC$  at points  $P$  and  $Q$ . Prove that  $A, B', P, Q$  are concyclic.

**First solution.** Since  $BP^2 = BQ^2 = BA \cdot BC'$  and the quadrilaterals  $AC'A'C$ ,  $AB'A'B$  are cyclic ( $AA'$  is the altitude) we have  $CP \cdot CQ = CB^2 - BP^2 = CB^2 - BA \cdot BC' = BC^2 - BC \cdot BA' = BC \cdot CA' = CA \cdot CB'$ . Clearly this is equivalent to the required assertion.

**Second solution.** Let  $C_0$  be the reflection of  $C'$  about  $B$ . Then  $BC_0 \cdot BA = BC' \cdot BA = BP^2 = BP \cdot BQ$ , so the points  $A, P, C_0, Q$  lie on some circle  $\omega$ . Let  $H_0$  be the point on  $\omega$  opposite to  $A$ . Then  $H_0C_0 \perp BC$ . Hence, the reflection of  $H_0$  about  $B$  (which is the midpoint of  $PQ$ ), lies on the altitude  $CC'$ ; on the other hand, this reflection also lies on the altitude  $AA'$  of the triangle  $APQ$ . Thus, the point  $H_0$  is symmetric to the orthocenter  $H$  of  $ABC$  about  $B$ . Therefore,  $BH_0 \cdot BB' = BH \cdot BB' = BC' \cdot BA = BC_0 \cdot BA$ , which shows that  $B'$  also lies on  $\omega$  (fig.10.5).

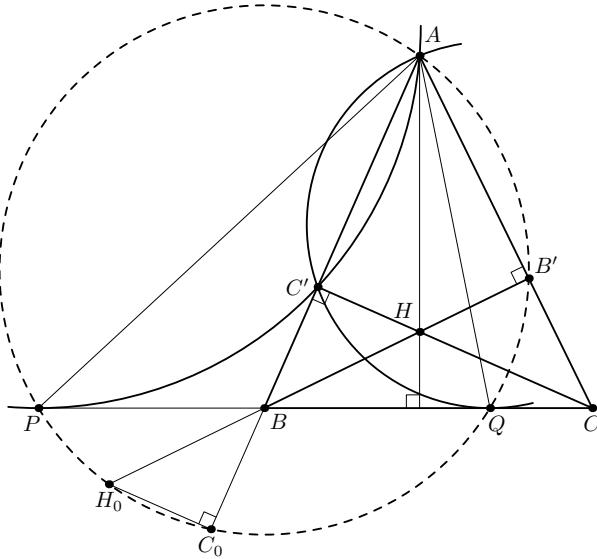


Fig. 10.5

**Note.** In fact, we implemented a well-known fact that  $C'$  is the projection of the orthocenter of the triangle  $APQ$  onto its median  $AB$ . This yields, in particular, that the triangles  $ABC$  and  $APQ$  have a common orthocenter  $H$ .

6. (I.I.Bogdanov) Let the insphere of a pyramid  $SABC$  touch the faces  $SAB$ ,  $SBC$ ,  $SCA$  at points  $D$ ,  $E$ ,  $F$  respectively. Find all possible values of the sum of angles  $SDA$ ,  $SEB$  and  $SFC$ .

**Answer.**  $2\pi$ .

**Solution.** Since the triangles  $SCE$  and  $SCF$  are congruent we have  $\angle SFC = \angle SEC$ . Similarly  $\angle SEB = \angle SDB$  and  $\angle SDA = \angle SFA$ . Hence  $\angle SDA + \angle SEB + \angle SFC = \angle SFA + \angle SDB + \angle SEC = \frac{6\pi - (\angle ADB + \angle BEC + \angle CFA)}{2}$ . But the angles  $ADB$ ,  $BEC$ ,  $CFA$  are equal to the angles  $AGB$ ,  $BGC$ ,  $CGA$ , where  $G$  is the tangency point of the insphere with the face  $ABC$ . Therefore their sum is equal to  $2\pi$ .

**Note.** One can show that, in fact, each of the triples of angles  $(\angle SDA, \angle SDB, \angle ADB)$ ,  $(\angle SEB, \angle SEC, \angle BEC)$ ,  $(\angle SFC, \angle SFA, \angle AFC)$ , and  $(\angle AGB, \angle BGC, \angle CGA)$  contains the same three angles, perhaps permuted.

7. (I.Frolov) A quadrilateral  $ABCD$  is circumscribed around circle  $\omega$  centered at  $I$  and inscribed into circle  $\Gamma$ . The lines  $AB$  and  $CD$  meet at point  $P$ , the lines  $BC$  and  $AD$  meet at point  $Q$ . Prove that the circles  $PIQ$  and  $\Gamma$  are orthogonal.

**Solution.** Since  $ABCD$  is cyclic, the bisectors of the angles formed by its opposite sidelines are perpendicular. Thus  $\angle PIQ = 90^\circ$ , and  $PQ$  is a diameter of circle  $PIQ$ . Let  $R$  be the common point of the diagonals. Then the circle  $PIQ$  meets  $PR$  in a point  $S$  such that  $PR \perp QS$ . Since  $PR$  is the polar of  $Q$  with respect to  $\Gamma$ , we obtain that  $Q$  and  $S$  are inverse with respect to this circle, thus any circle passing through these two points is orthogonal to  $\Gamma$  (fig.10.7).

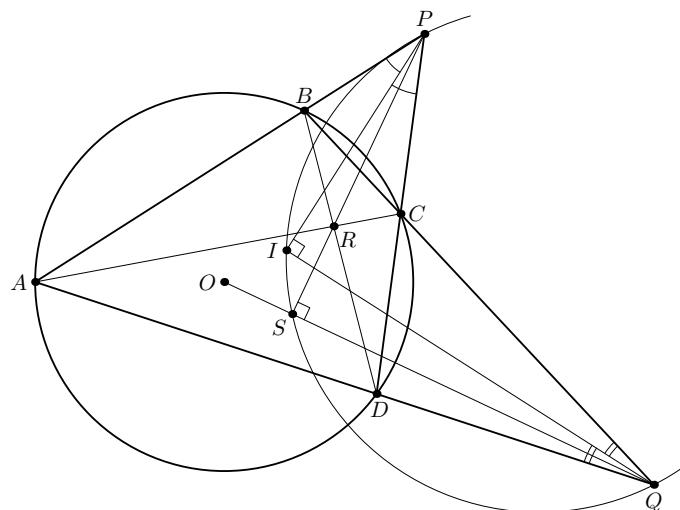


Fig. 10.7

**Note.** The assertion of the problem is valid for an arbitrary cyclic quadrilateral if we define  $I$  as the common point of the bisectors of angles  $APC$  and  $AQC$ .

8. (M.Saghafian,Iran; I.I.Bogdanov) Let  $S$  be a set of points in the plane,  $|S|$  is even; no three points of  $S$  are collinear. Prove that  $S$  can be partitioned into two sets  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  so that their convex hulls have equal number of vertices.

### Solution

Denote by  $k(X)$  the number of vertices in the convex hull  $\text{conv } X$  of  $X$ .

Let  $A = A_1A_2 \dots A_n = \text{conv } S$ , and let  $T$  be the set of all points in  $S$  lying (strictly) inside  $A$ . Set  $X_i = \{A_1, \dots, A_i\} \cup T$ ,  $Y_i = \{A_{i+1}, \dots, A_n\}$ .

Let  $i$  be the minimal index such that  $k(X_i) \geq k(Y_i)$ . Clearly,  $i < n$ . If  $i = 0$ , then we may find a subset  $T' \subseteq T$  such that  $k(T') = n$  (removing the points from  $T$  one by one). Then  $T' \sqcup (S \setminus T')$  is a required partition.

Assume now that  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ . By the minimality of  $i$ , we get

$$k(X_i) - 1 \leq k(X_{i-1}) \leq k(Y_{i-1}) - 1 \leq k(Y_i).$$

So, either  $k(X_i) = k(Y_i)$  (and they form a required partition), or

$$k(X_i) - 1 = k(X_{i-1}) = k(Y_{i-1}) - 1 = k(Y_i).$$

Let us consider the latter case.

Set  $X = X_i$ ,  $Y = Y_i$ . Since  $k(X) + k(Y)$  is odd, there exists at least one *extra* point  $M \in X$  not on the boundary of  $\text{conv } X$  and  $\text{conv } Y$ . If  $M$  is outside  $\text{conv } Y$ , simply move it from  $X$  to  $Y$  to obtain the required partition. Otherwise all such extra points lie in  $\text{conv } X \cap \text{conv } Y$ . In particular, this intersection is nonempty.

Now let  $X' = X \setminus \text{conv } Y$ . Then all points of  $X'$  lie on the boundary of  $\text{conv } X$  (all inner points of  $\text{conv } X$  lie also inside  $\text{conv } Y$ ), hence  $k(X') < k(X)$  and so  $k(X') \leq k(Y)$ . If  $k(X') = k(Y)$  then  $X'$  and  $S \setminus X'$  form the required partition. Otherwise add to  $X'$  points from  $X \cap \text{conv } Y$  one by one until we get the set  $X''$  with  $k(X'') = k(Y)$ . Then  $X''$  and  $S \setminus X''$  form the required partition.

## Problems

### First day. 8 grade



**8.1.** The incircle of right-angled triangle  $ABC$  ( $\angle C = 90^\circ$ ) touches  $BC$  at point  $K$ . Prove that the chord of the incircle cut by the line  $AK$  is twice as large as the distance from  $C$  to that line.

**8.2.** A rectangle  $ABCD$  and its circumcircle are given. Let  $E$  be an arbitrary point lying on the minor arc  $BC$ . The tangent to the circle at  $B$  meets  $CE$  at point  $G$ . The segments  $AE$  and  $BD$  meet at point  $K$ . Prove that  $GK$  and  $AD$  are perpendicular.

**8.3.** Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with  $\angle A = 60^\circ$ , and  $AA'$ ,  $BB'$ ,  $CC'$  be its internal angle bisectors. Prove that  $\angle B'A'C' \leqslant 60^\circ$ .

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**8.6.** The corresponding angles of quadrilaterals  $ABCD$  and  $A_1B_1C_1D_1$  are equal. Also  $AB = A_1B_1$ ,  $AC = A_1C_1$ ,  $BD = B_1D_1$ . Are the quadrilaterals  $ABCD$  and  $A_1B_1C_1D_1$  necessarily congruent?

**8.7.** Let  $\omega_1$ ,  $\omega_2$  be two circles centered at  $O_1$ ,  $O_2$  and lying each outside the other. Points  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$  lie on these circles in the same semiplane with respect to  $O_1O_2$ . The ray  $O_1C_1$  meets  $\omega_2$  at points  $A_2$ ,  $B_2$ , and the ray  $O_2C_2$  meets  $\omega_1$  at points  $A_1$ ,  $B_1$ . Prove that  $\angle A_1O_1B_1 = \angle A_2B_2C_2$  if and only if  $C_1C_2 \parallel O_1O_2$ .

**8.8.** Let  $I$  be the incenter of fixed triangle  $ABC$ , and  $D$  be an arbitrary point on side  $BC$ . The perpendicular bisector of  $AD$  meets  $BI$  and  $CI$  at points  $F$  and  $E$ , respectively. Find the locus of orthocenters of triangles  $EIF$ .

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## Problems

### First day. 9 grade



**9.1.** Let  $M$  be the midpoint of  $AB$  in a right-angled triangle  $ABC$  with  $\angle C = 90^\circ$ . A circle passing through  $C$  and  $M$  intersects  $BC$  and  $AC$  at  $P$  and  $Q$ , respectively. Let  $c_1, c_2$  be circles with centers  $P, Q$  and radii  $BP, AQ$ , respectively. Prove that  $c_1, c_2$  and the circumcircle of  $ABC$  are concurrent.

**9.2.** A triangle  $ABC$  is given. A circle  $\gamma$  centered at  $A$  meets segments  $AB$  and  $AC$ . The common chord of  $\gamma$  and the circumcircle of  $ABC$  meets  $AB$  and  $AC$  at points  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively. The segments  $CX$  and  $BY$  meet  $\gamma$  at points  $S$  and  $T$  respectively. The circumcircles of triangles  $ACT$  and  $BAS$  meet at points  $A$  and  $P$ . Prove that  $CX, BY$  and  $AP$  concur.

**9.3.** The vertices of triangle  $DEF$  lie on different sides of triangle  $ABC$ . The lengths of the segments of the tangents from the incenter of  $DEF$  to the excircles of  $ABC$  are equal. Prove that  $4S_{DEF} \geq S_{ABC}$ . (By  $S_{XYZ}$  we denote the area of triangle  $XYZ$ .)

**9.4.** Let  $BC$  be a fixed chord of a given circle  $\omega$ . Let  $A$  be a variable point on the major arc  $BC$  of  $\omega$ . Let  $H$  be the orthocenter of triangle  $ABC$ . Points  $D$  and  $E$  lying on lines  $AB$  and  $AC$  respectively are such that  $H$  is the midpoint of segment  $DE$ . Let  $O_A$  be the circumcenter of triangle  $ADE$ . Prove that, as  $A$  varies, all points  $O_A$  lie on a fixed circle.

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**Problems**

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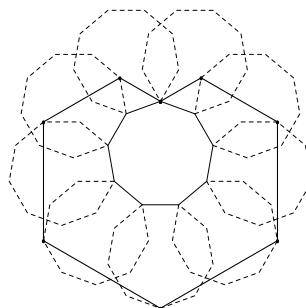


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**9.6.** Let  $ABCD$  be a circumscribed quadrilateral. Prove that the common point of its diagonals, the incenter of triangle  $ABC$  and the center of excircle of triangle  $CDA$  touching the side  $AC$  are collinear.

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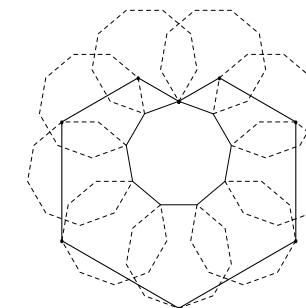


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## XIV Geometrical Olympiad in honour of I.F.Sharygin Final round. Solutions. First day. 8 grade

1. (M.Volchkevich) The incircle of right-angled triangle  $ABC$  ( $\angle C = 90^\circ$ ) touches  $BC$  at point  $K$ . Prove that the chord of the incircle cutting by the line  $AK$  is twice as large than the distance from  $C$  to this line.

**Solution.** Let  $I$  be the incenter of  $ABC$ , and  $P, Q$  be the projections of  $I, C$  respectively to  $AK$  (fig.8.1). Since  $\angle IKC = 90^\circ$ ,  $\angle ICK = 45^\circ$ , we obtain that  $IKC$  is an isosceles triangle, i.e.  $IK = KC$ . Also  $\angle IKP = \angle KCQ$  because the corresponding sides of these angles are perpendicular. Therefore triangles  $IKP$  and  $KCQ$  are congruent, i.e.  $KP = CQ$ . Since  $P$  is the midpoint of the chord which is cut by  $AK$ , we obtain the required assertion.

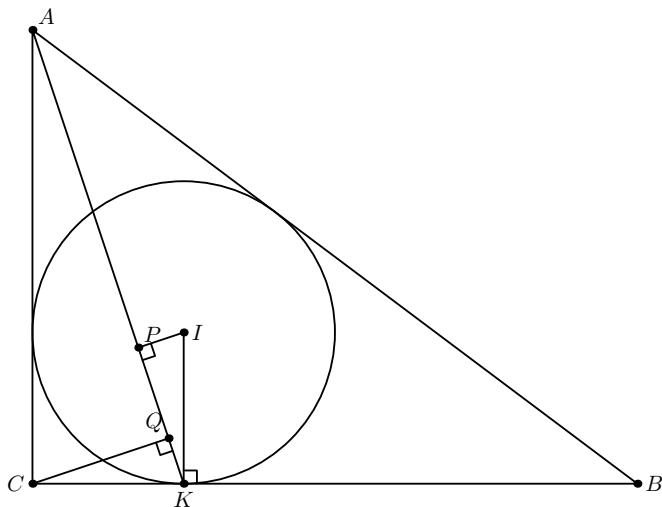


Fig. 8.1

2. (N.Moskвитин) A rectangle  $ABCD$  and its circumcircle are given. Let  $E$  be an arbitrary point lying on the minor arc  $BC$ . The tangent to the circle at  $B$  meets  $CE$  at point  $G$ . The segments  $AE$  and  $BD$  meet at point  $K$ . Prove that  $GK$  and  $AD$  are perpendicular.

**Solution.** Since  $\angle DBG = \angle AEC = 90^\circ$ , we obtain that  $BGEK$  is cyclic (fig.8.2). Hence  $\angle BGK = \angle BEA = \angle DBC$  and  $GK \perp BC$ , which is equivalent to the required assertion.

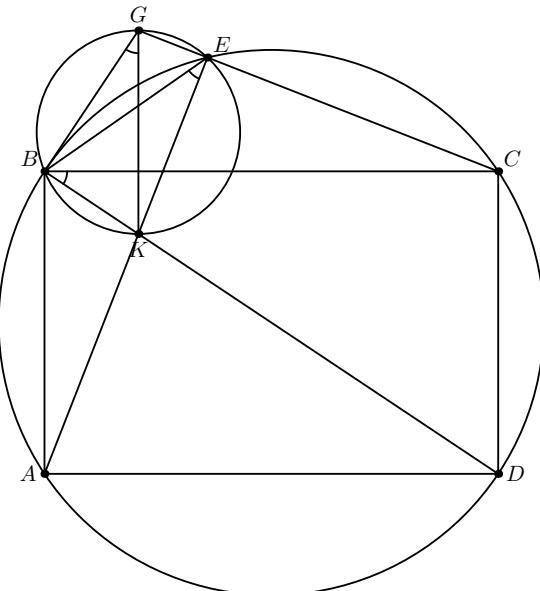


Fig. 8.2

3. (G.Feldman) Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with  $\angle A = 60^\circ$ , and  $AA'$ ,  $BB'$ ,  $CC'$  be its bisectors. Prove that  $\angle B'A'C' \leq 60^\circ$ .

**Solution.** If  $ABC$  is regular then the assertion is evident, thus we can suppose that  $AC > AB$ . Let  $I$  be the incenter. Then  $\angle BIC = 120^\circ$ , therefore  $AB'IC'$  is cyclic, and since  $AI$  is the bisector, we obtain that  $B'I = C'I$ . Let  $\angle ACB = 2\gamma$ , then  $\gamma < 30^\circ$  and  $IA' = \frac{r}{\sin \angle AA'B} = \frac{r}{\sin(2\gamma+30^\circ)} > \frac{r}{\sin(\gamma+60^\circ)} = \frac{r}{\sin \angle CC'B} = IC'$ . Hence  $A'$  lies outside the circle with center  $I$  and radius  $IC'$  (fig.8.3), i.e.  $\angle B'A'C' < 60^\circ$ .

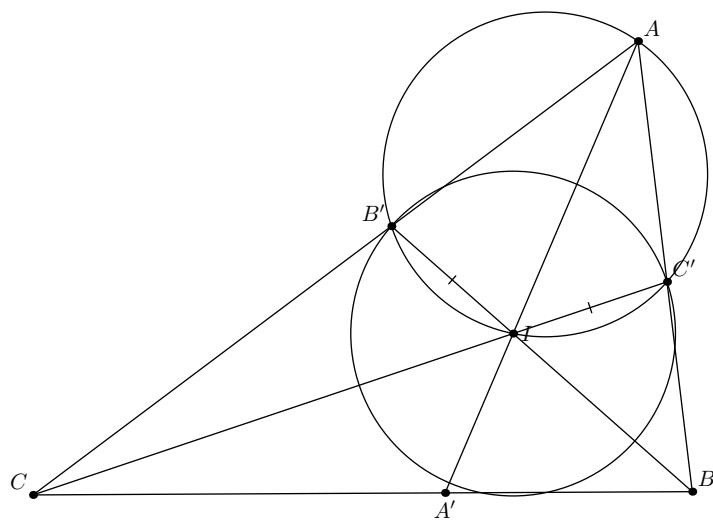


Fig. 8.3

4. (M.Saghafian) Find all sets of six points in the plane, no three collinear, such that if we divide them arbitrarily into two sets of three points, then two obtained triangles are equal.

**Answer.** Two regular triangles with common circumcircle.

**First solution.** Let  $D$  be the multiset of 15 distances between points  $A_1, \dots, A_6$  (if there are  $n$  congruent segments then the multiset contains  $n$  corresponding numbers), and let  $D_i$  be the multiset of 5 distances from  $A_i$  to the remaining points. Consider the multiset of 30 sidelengths of triangles having  $A_i$  as one of vertices. This multiset contains four times each number from  $D_i$  and one time each number from  $D \setminus D_i$ . By the assumption, the sidelengths of triangles not having  $A_i$  as a vertex form the same multiset of 30 numbers, i.e. this multiset contains three times each number from  $D \setminus D_i$ . Therefore  $D = 3D_i$  and all  $D_i$  coincide.

Introduce an arbitrary Cartesian coordinate system, and let  $M$  be the point such that each coordinate of  $M$  is the average of the corresponding coordinates of  $A_i$ . Let  $X$  be an arbitrary point, and  $x, m, a_1, \dots, a_6$  be first coordinates of  $X, M, A_1, \dots, A_6$  respectively. Then we have  $(x - a_1)^2 + \dots + (x - a_6)^2 = ((x - m) + (m - a_1))^2 + \dots + ((x - m) + (m - a_6))^2 = 6(x - m)^2 + (m - a_1)^2 + \dots + (m - a_6)^2$ . Using the similar equality for the second coordinates and Pythagorean theorem we obtain

$$XA_1^2 + \dots + XA_6^2 = 6XM^2 + MA_1^2 + \dots + MA_6^2$$

(this equality is a partial case of the Leibnitz theorem). Substituting  $A_1, \dots, A_6$  for  $X$  we obtain that  $MA_1 = \dots = MA_6$ , i.e. all given points are concyclic. Suppose that they form a cyclic hexagon  $A_1 \dots A_6$ . Let  $A_1A_2$  be its minor side. Since all multisets  $D_i$  are equal, we obtain that  $A_1A_2 = A_3A_4 = A_5A_6$ . Similarly  $A_2A_3 = A_4A_5 = A_6A_1$ . It is easy to see that these conditions are sufficient.

**Second solution.** Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_6$  be the given points. Here triangle, segment and length mean a triangle with vertices  $A_i$ , a segment with endpoints  $A_i$  and a length of such segment respectively. Let us prove several lemmas.

- 1) For each length  $x$  one of the following assertions is true:

(A) there exists a regular triangle with sidelength  $x$ ;

(B) there exist three segments with sidelength  $x$  having six different endpoints.

In fact, let  $A_1A_2 = A_3A_4 = x$ . Since  $\triangle A_1A_2A_4 = \triangle A_3A_5A_6$ , there is a side with length  $x$  in the  $\triangle A_3A_5A_6$ . If this is  $A_5A_6$ , we obtain (B), else we have two adjacent segments with length  $x$ . Let (after renumeration)  $A_1A_2 = A_2A_3 = x$  and  $A_4A_5 = A_5A_6 = x$ . Since  $\triangle A_2A_3A_5 = \triangle A_1A_4A_6$ , there is a side with length  $x$  in the  $\triangle A_1A_4A_6$ . If this is  $A_4A_6$ , we have (A), else we have a broken line with five links of length  $x$ . Its extreme and medial links satisfy (B).

2) Let  $x$  be the maximal length. Then (A) is not correct, and thus (B) is true.

In fact if  $\triangle A_1A_2A_3$  is regular and  $x$  is its sidelength, then the vertices of a congruent  $\triangle A_4A_5A_6$  lie inside the corresponding Reuleaux triangle which is impossible.

3) Two segments with maximal length  $x$  intersect.

In fact let  $A_1A_2 = x$ , draw two lines to  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  perpendicular to  $A_1A_2$ . The remaining points lie inside the strip between this lines. Constructing the similar strip for  $A_3A_4 = x$ , we obtain that  $A_1A_2$  and  $A_3A_4$  are the altitudes of a rhombus, joining inner points of its sides. It is clear that such altitudes intersect.

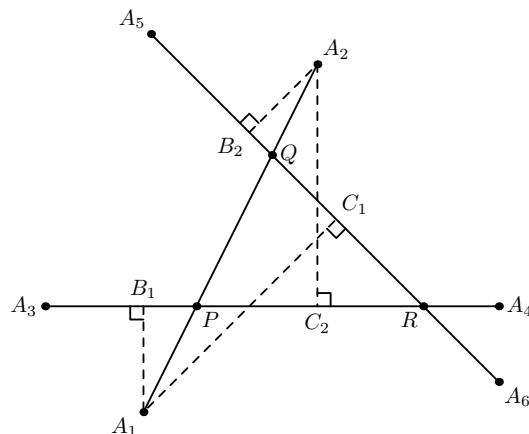


Fig. 8.4

4) Let segments  $A_1A_2$ ,  $A_3A_4$  and  $A_5A_6$  intersect at three points (fig.8.4). Then the perpendiculars  $A_1B_1$  and  $A_2B_2$  are equal as altitudes of congruent triangles  $A_1A_3A_4$  and  $A_2A_5A_6$ . Similarly the perpendiculars  $A_1C_1$  and  $A_2C_2$

are equal. Therefore  $\frac{A_1P}{PA_2} = \frac{A_1B_1}{A_2C_2} = \frac{A_2B_2}{A_1C_1} = \frac{A_2Q}{QA_1}$  and  $A_1P = QA_2$ . This yields that  $\triangle A_1PB_1 = \triangle A_2QB_2$ , i.e.  $\angle P = \angle Q$ . Similarly we obtain that  $\triangle PQR$  is regular, and thus  $A_1P = QA_2 = A_3P = RA_4 = A_6R = QA_5$ . It is easy to see that the obtained configuration satisfies the condition.

If three maximal segments concur then we similarly obtain that the angles between them are equal  $60^\circ$  and their common point bisects them.

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5. (S.Sevastianov) The side  $AB$  of a square  $ABCD$  is a base of an isosceles triangle  $ABE$  ( $AE = BE$ ) lying outside the square. Let  $M$  be the midpoint of  $AE$ ,  $O$  be the common point of  $AC$  and  $BD$ , and  $K$  be the common point of  $ED$  and  $OM$ . Prove that  $EK = KO$ .

**Solution.** Since  $OM$  is a medial line of triangle  $ACE$ ,  $OM \parallel EC$ , therefore  $\angle KOE = \angle OEC$  (fig.8.5). But it is clear that  $EO$  bisects angle  $CED$ . Thus  $\angle EOK = \angle OKE$  and  $OKE$  is an isosceles triangle.

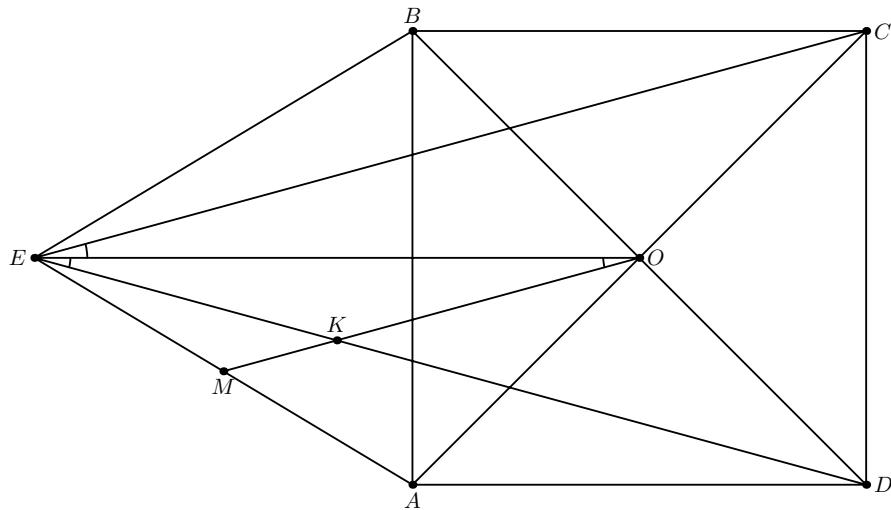


Fig. 8.5

6. (D.Shnol) The corresponding angles of quadrilaterals  $ABCD$  and  $A_1B_1C_1D_1$  are equal. Also  $AB = A_1B_1$ ,  $AC = A_1C_1$ ,  $BD = B_1D_1$ . Are the quadrilaterals  $ABCD$  and  $A_1B_1C_1D_1$  congruent?

**Answer.** No.

**Solution.** Let  $A = A_1$ ,  $B = B_1$ ,  $AXB$  be an isosceles triangle,  $AA'$ ,  $BB'$  be its altitudes. Let  $C$ ,  $C_1$  lie on  $BX$  and  $D$ ,  $D_1$  lie on  $AX$  in such a way that  $CA' = C_1A' = DB' = D_1B'$ . Then  $AC = AC_1 = BD = BD_1$  and two isosceles trapezoids  $ABCD$ ,  $A_1B_1C_1D_1$  satisfy all conditions but are not congruent (fig.8.6).

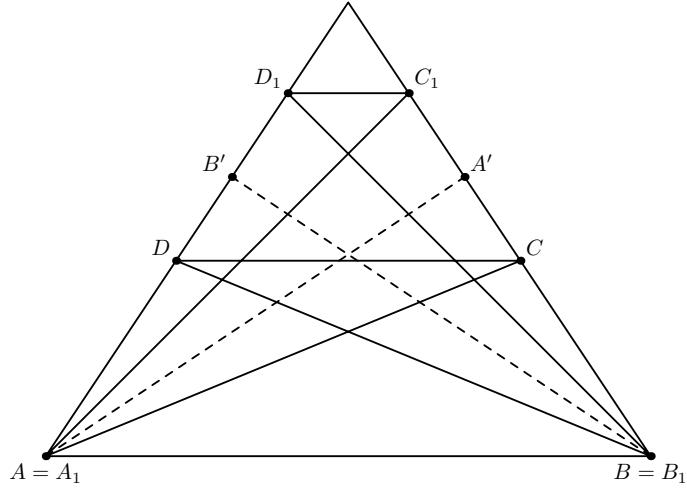


Fig. 8.6

7. (F.Nilov) Let  $\omega_1, \omega_2$  be two circles centered at  $O_1, O_2$  and lying each outside the other. Points  $C_1, C_2$  lie on these circles in the same semiplane with respect to  $O_1O_2$ . The ray  $O_1C_1$  meets  $\omega_2$  at points  $A_2, B_2$ , and the ray  $O_2C_2$  meets  $\omega_1$  at points  $A_1, B_1$ . Prove that  $\angle A_1O_1B_1 = \angle A_2O_2B_2$  if and only if  $C_1C_2 \parallel O_1O_2$ .

**First solution.** Let  $R_1, R_2$  be the radii of the circles,  $M_1, M_2$  be the midpoints of  $A_1B_1, A_2B_2$  respectively, and  $H_1, H_2$  be the projections of  $C_1, C_2$  to  $O_1O_2$ . The equality  $\angle A_1O_1B_1 = \angle A_2O_2B_2$  is equivalent to  $O_1M_1/R_1 = O_2M_2/R_2$ . Since the triangle  $O_1O_2M_2$  is similar to  $O_1C_1H_1$ , we have  $O_2M_2/R_2 = (C_1H_1 \cdot O_1O_2)/(R_1R_2)$  (fig.8.7). Similarly  $O_1M_1/R_1 = (C_2H_2 \cdot O_1O_2)/(R_1R_2)$ . Therefore the equality  $O_1M_1/R_1 = O_2M_2/R_2$  is equivalent to  $C_1H_1 = C_2H_2$ , which is equivalent to  $C_1C_2 \parallel O_1O_2$ .

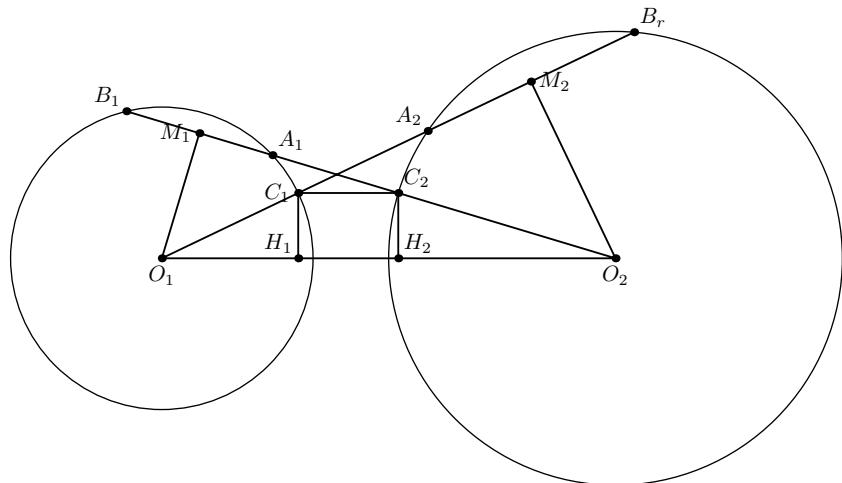


Fig. 8.7

**Second solution.** The equality  $\angle A_1O_1B_1 = \angle A_2O_2B_2$  is equivalent to  $\angle O_1A_1O_2 = \angle O_1A_2O_2$ , i.e.  $O_1A_1A_2O_2$  is cyclic. Let us prove that this is equivalent to  $C_1C_2 \parallel O_1O_2$ .

If  $O_1A_1A_2O_2$  is cyclic then  $\angle A_1O_1C_1 = \angle A_2O_2C_2$ ,  $\angle O_1C_1A_1 = \angle O_2C_2A_2$  and  $C_1A_1A_2C_2$  is cyclic. Therefore  $O_1O_2$  and  $C_1C_2$  are antiparallel to  $A_1A_2$  with respect to  $O_1A_2$  and  $O_2A_1$ . Hence these lines are parallel.

If  $C_1C_2 \parallel O_1O_2$  then consider a common point  $X$  of ray  $O_1C_1$  and circle  $A_1O_1O_2$ . Since  $A_1C_1C_2X$  is cyclic we have  $\angle A_1O_1X = \angle XO_2A_1$  and  $\angle O_1C_1A_1 = \angle O_2C_2X$ . Thus  $\angle O_2XC_2 = \angle O_1A_1C_1 = \angle O_1C_1A_1 = \angle O_2C_2X$ , i.e.  $O_X = O_2C_2$  and  $X$  coincides with  $A_2$ .

8. (I.Kukharchuk) Let  $I$  be the incenter of triangle, and  $D$  be an arbitrary point of side  $BC$ . The perpendicular bisector to  $AD$  meets  $BI$  and  $CI$  at points  $F$  and  $E$  respectively. Find the locus of orthocenters of triangles  $EIF$ .

**Answer.** The segment of line  $BC$  between its common points with two lines passing through  $I$  and parallel to  $AB$ ,  $AC$ , probably without one or two points.

**Solution.** Let  $G, H$  be the orthocenters of triangles  $DEF, IEF$  respectively. Since the triangles  $DEF$  and  $AEF$  are symmetric with respect to  $EF$ , we obtain that  $G$  is the reflection of the orthocenter of  $AEF$  and thus  $G$  lies on the circumcircle of this triangle.

The common point  $E$  of the perpendicular bisector to  $AD$  and the bisectrix of angle  $C$  lies on the circumcircle of  $ACD$ . Hence  $\angle AEF = \angle AED/2 = 90^\circ - \angle C/2 = \angle A/2 + \angle B/2 = \angle AIF$  (because  $AIF$  is an external angle of triangle  $AIB$ ), i.e.  $I$  lies on the circle  $AEF$ . Then, since  $AEDC$  and  $AEIG$  are cyclic, we obtain that  $IG \parallel CD$ .

Since  $\angle EHF = 180^\circ - \angle EIF = \angle EAF = \angle EDF$ , the points  $E, F, D, H$  are concyclic, therefore  $IH = DG$ . Also it is clear that  $DG \parallel IH$ . Thus  $IGDH$  is a parallelogram and  $H$  lies on  $BC$  (fig.8.8). If for example  $D$  coincides with  $C$  then  $DG$  coincides with  $AC$  and  $IH \parallel AC$ . If  $BC$  is the smallest side of the triangle then all points of the obtained segment lie on the required locus. If for example  $BC \geq AB$  then the reflection of  $A$  about the bisector of angle  $B$  lies on the segment  $BC$ . When  $D$  coincides with this point the perpendicular bisector to  $AD$  coincides with  $BI$  and the point  $F$  is not defined. Hence the corresponding point  $H$  has to be eliminated from the locus.

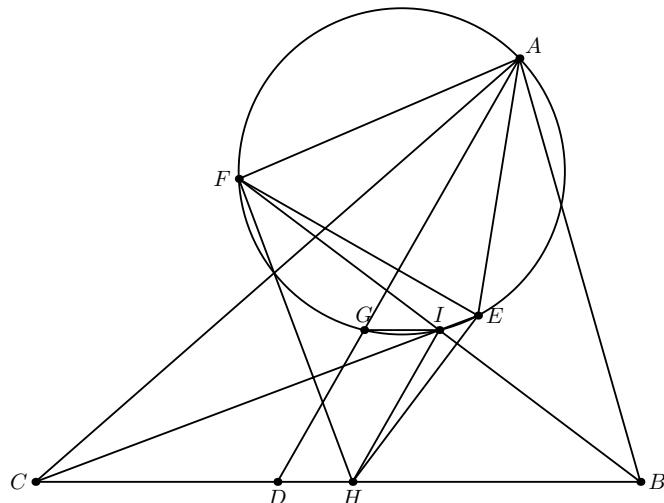


Fig. 8.8

**Note.** We can prove that  $H$  lies on  $BC$  in another way. The projections of  $A$  to the bisectors of angles  $B$  and  $C$  lie on the medial line of the triangle. The midpoint of  $AD$  which is the projection of  $A$  to  $EF$  also lies on this medial line. Hence the medial line is the Simson line of  $A$  with respect to triangle  $IEF$ , and the homothetic line  $BC$  passes through the orthocenter of this triangle.

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1. (M.Etesamifard) Let  $M$  be the midpoint of  $AB$  in a right-angled triangle  $ABC$  with  $\angle C = 90^\circ$ . A circle passing through  $C$  and  $M$  intersects the segments  $BC$  and  $AC$  at  $P$  and  $Q$ , respectively. Let  $c_1, c_2$  be circles with centers  $P, Q$  and radii  $BP, CQ$ , respectively. Prove that  $c_1, c_2$  and the circumcircle of  $ABC$  are concurrent.

**Solution.** Let  $N$  be the second common point of circle  $MPQ$  with  $AB$ . Then  $\angle QNA = \angle QPM = \angle ACM = \angle CAM$  (fig.9.1). Therefore  $QA = QN$  and  $N$  lies on  $c_2$ . Similarly  $N$  lies on  $c_1$ . Now if  $D$  is the second common point of  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  then  $\angle ADB = \angle ADN + \angle NDB = (\angle AQN + \angle NPB)/2 = 90^\circ$ , i.e.  $D$  lies on the circumcircle of  $ABC$ .

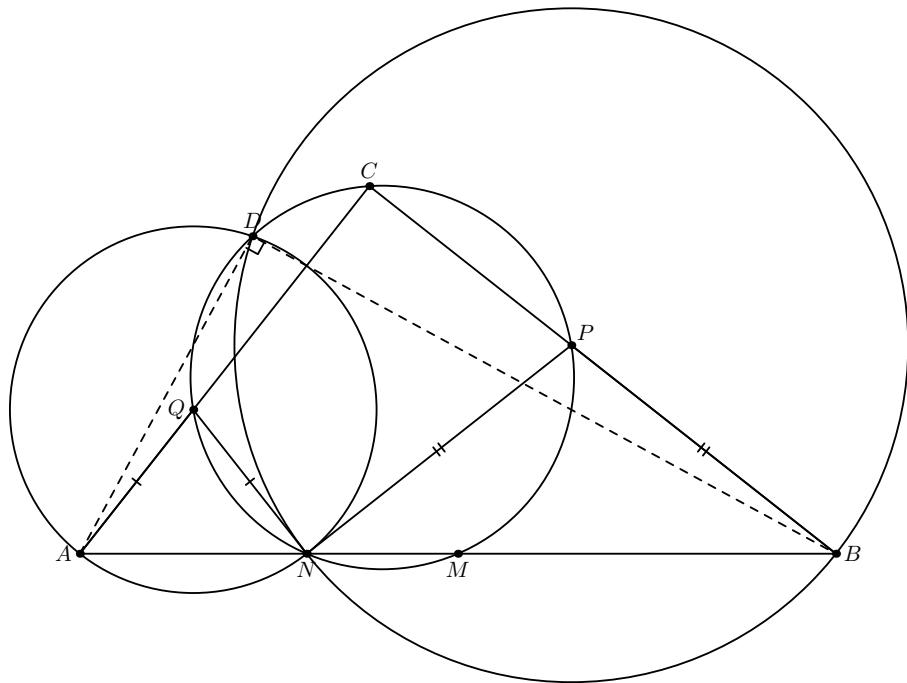


Fig. 9.1

2. (G.Naumenko) A triangle  $ABC$  is given. A circle  $\gamma$  centered at  $A$  meets segments  $AB$  and  $AC$ . The common chord of  $\gamma$  and the circumcircle of  $ABC$  meets  $AB$  and  $AC$  at points  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively. The segments  $CX$  and  $BY$  meet  $\gamma$  at points  $S$  and  $T$  respectively. The circumcircles of triangles  $ACT$  and  $BAS$  meet at points  $A$  and  $P$ . Prove that  $CX, BY$  and  $AP$  concur.

**Solution.** Let  $U$  be the second common point of  $BY$  and  $\gamma$ . Since  $TU, AC$  and the common chord of circles  $ABC$  and  $\gamma$  meet at  $Y$ , we have  $AY \cdot CY =$

$TY \cdot UY$ , i.e.  $A, U, C, T$  are concyclic (fig.9.2). Similarly  $A, B, S$  and the second common point of  $CX$  with  $\gamma$  are concyclic. Therefore  $CX, BY$  and  $AP$  concur as the radical axes of circles  $\gamma, ACT$  and  $BAS$ .

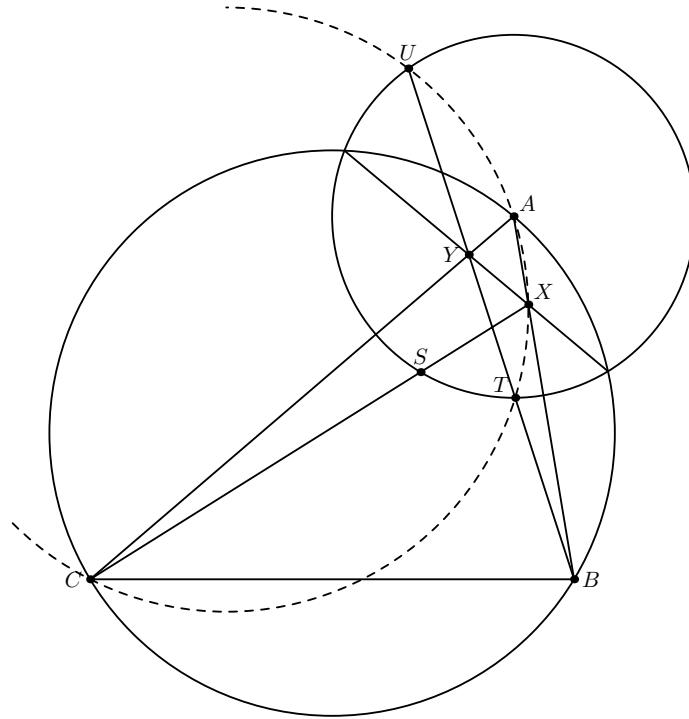


Fig. 9.2

3. (N.Beluhov) The vertices of triangle  $DEF$  lie on the different sides of triangle  $ABC$ . The tangents from the incenter of  $DEF$  to the excircles of  $ABC$  are equal. Prove that  $4S_{DEF} \geq S_{ABC}$ .

**Solution.** Let  $A_0, B_0, C_0$  be the midpoints of  $BC, CA, AB$ , and  $U, V$  be the tangency points of  $AB$  with the excircles touching the sides  $AC$  and  $BC$  respectively. Since  $AV = BU = p$  (semiperimeter of  $ABC$ ), the tangents from  $C_0$  to these two excircles are equal. Furthermore the centers of these circles lie on the external bisector of angle  $C$  perpendicular to the bisector of angle  $A_0C_0B_0$ , hence this bisector is the radical axis of two excircles. Similarly the bisectors of angles  $C_0A_0B_0$  and  $B_0A_0C_0$  are the radical axes of two remaining pairs of excircles, thus the incenters of triangles  $DEF$  and  $A_0B_0C_0$  coincide. Suppose that  $D$  lies on the segment  $CA_0$ . Now if the inradius  $r'$  of  $DEF$  is greater than the inradius  $r$  of  $A_0B_0C_0$  then  $F$  lies on the segment  $BC_0$ , and thus  $E$  lies on  $AB_0$ . Furthermore if  $r' < r$  then  $E$  lies on  $AB_0$ , and thus  $F$  lies on  $BC_0$ . Hence the distance from  $F$  to  $ED$  is not less than the distance from  $C_0$  to this line, i.e.  $S_{DEF} \geq S_{C_0DE}$ . Similarly  $S_{C_0DE} \geq S_{B_0C_0D} = S_{A_0B_0C_0} = S_{ABC}/4$ .

4. (A.Mudgal, India) Let  $BC$  be a fixed chord of a given circle  $\omega$ . Let  $A$  be a variable point on the major arc  $BC$  of  $\omega$ . Let  $H$  be the orthocenter of triangle  $ABC$ . Points  $D$  and  $E$  lying on lines  $AB$  and  $AC$  respectively are such that  $H$  is the midpoint of segment  $XY$ . Let  $O_A$  be the circumcenter of triangle  $AXY$ . Prove that all points  $O_A$  lie on a fixed circle.

**Solution** Denote by  $\alpha$  the constant angle  $90^\circ - \angle BAC$ . Let  $P, Q$  be the midpoints of  $AD, AE$ , and  $R, S$  be points on  $BC$  such that  $PR \perp AB$ ,  $SQ \perp AC$  (fig. 9.4). Let us prove that  $R, S$  do not depend from  $A$ .

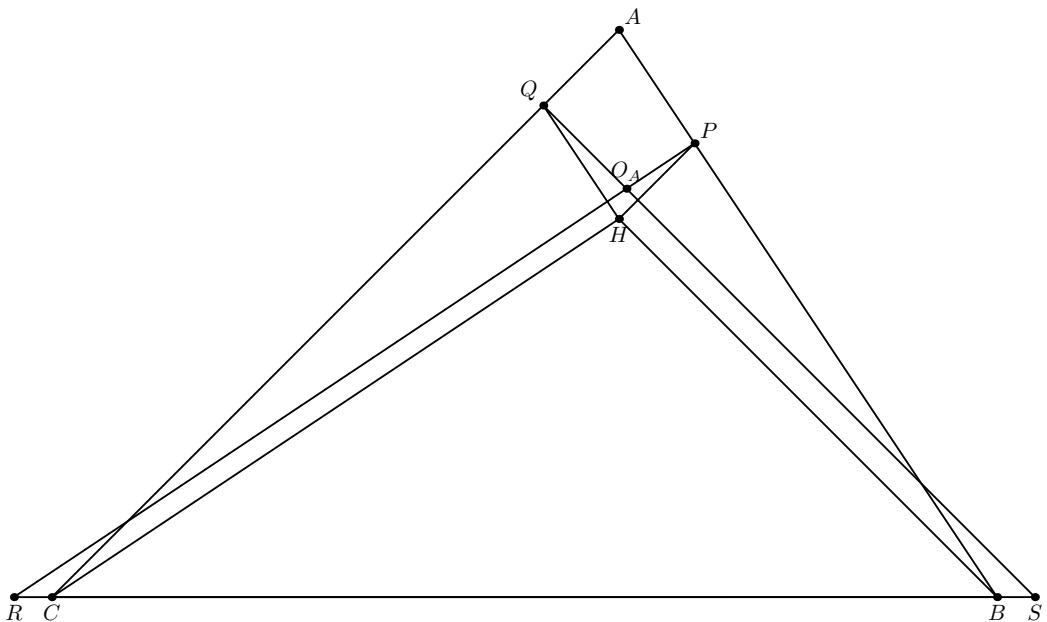


Fig. 9.4

Note that  $HQ \parallel AB$ , i.e.  $\angle CHQ = 90^\circ$  and  $\angle CQH = \angle CAB$ . Furthermore  $H$  moves along the circle symmetric to  $\omega$  with respect to  $BC$ . Since  $Q$  is the image of  $H$  in the spiral similarity with center  $C$ , rotation angle  $\alpha$  and coefficient  $1/\cos \alpha$ , we obtain that  $Q$  also moves along some circle which we denote by  $\omega_C$ .

Let  $O$  be the center of  $\omega$ . Since  $\angle OCB = \alpha$ , the center of  $\omega_C$  lies on  $BC$ . Since  $\angle CQS = 90^\circ$ , we obtain that  $S$  is opposite to  $C$  on  $\omega_C$ . Therefore  $S$  does not depend from  $A$ . The proof for  $R$  is similar.

Since  $O_A$  is the common point of  $PR$  and  $QS$ , and  $\angle RO_AS = 90^\circ + \alpha$ , we obtain that  $O_A$  moves along the arc of the circle passing through  $R$  and  $S$ .

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5. (D.Prokopenko) Let  $ABCD$  be a cyclic quadrilateral,  $BL$  and  $CN$  be the bisectors of triangles  $ABD$  and  $ACD$  respectively. The circumcircles of triangles  $ABL$  and  $CDN$  meet at point  $P$  and  $Q$ . Prove that the line  $PQ$  passes through the midpoint of the arc  $AD$  not containing  $B$ .

**Solution.** Let  $M$  be the midpoint of arc  $AD$ . Then  $BL$  and  $CN$  pass through  $M$ . Also since  $\angle AM = \angle DM$ , we have  $\angle ALB = (\angle A + \angle D)/2 = \angle BAM/2 = \angle BCM$ , and thus  $BCNL$  is cyclic (fig.9.5). Therefore  $ML \cdot MB = MN \cdot MC$ , and  $M$  lies on the radical axis  $PQ$  of circles  $ABL$  and  $CDN$ .

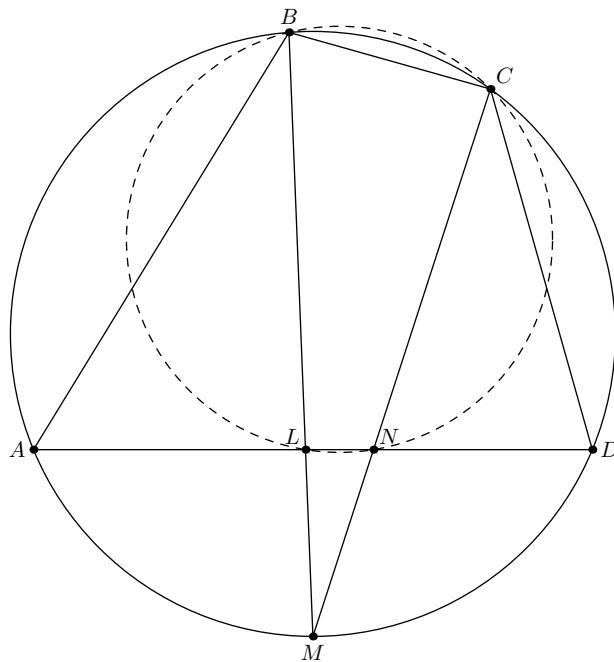


Fig. 9.5

6. (F.Ivlev) Let  $ABCD$  be a circumscribed quadrilateral. Prove that the common point of its diagonals, the incenter of triangle  $ABC$  and the center of excircle of triangle  $CDA$  touching the side  $AC$  are collinear.

**First solution.** Applying the three homothety centers to the incircle of  $ABCD$ , the incircle  $\omega$  of triangle  $ABC$  and the excircle  $\Omega$  of triangle  $ACD$ , we obtain that the common external tangents to  $\omega$  and  $\Omega$  meet on  $BD$ , and since  $AC$  is one of these two tangents, they meet at the common point of diagonals of  $ABCD$ . Thus this point lies on the centerline of  $\omega$  and  $\Omega$ .

**Second solution.** Let  $L$  be the common point of the diagonals of  $ABCD$ ,  $I$  be its incenter,  $I_B$  be the incenter of triangle  $ABC$ , and  $I_D$  be the excenter of triangle  $ADC$ . Clearly  $I_B$  lies on the segment  $BI$ , and the ratio  $BI_B : BI$  is equal to the ratio  $r_B : r$  of the inradii of  $ABC$  and  $ABCD$  respectively. Since  $S_{ABCD} = (AB + BC + CD + DA)r/2$ ,  $S_{ABC} = (AB + BC + CA)r_B/2$  and  $S_{ABC} : S_{ABCD} = BL : BD$ , we obtain that

$$\frac{I_B I}{I_B B} = \frac{DL(AB + BC + CA) - BL(AD + CD - AC)}{BL(AB + BC + CD + DA)}.$$

Similarly for the point  $I_D$  lying on the ray  $DI$  we have

$$\frac{I_D I}{I_D D} = \frac{DL(AB + BC + CA) - BL(AD + CD - AC)}{DL(AB + BC + CD + DA)}.$$

Applying Menelaos theorem to the triangle  $IBD$ , we obtain the required assertion (fig.9.6).

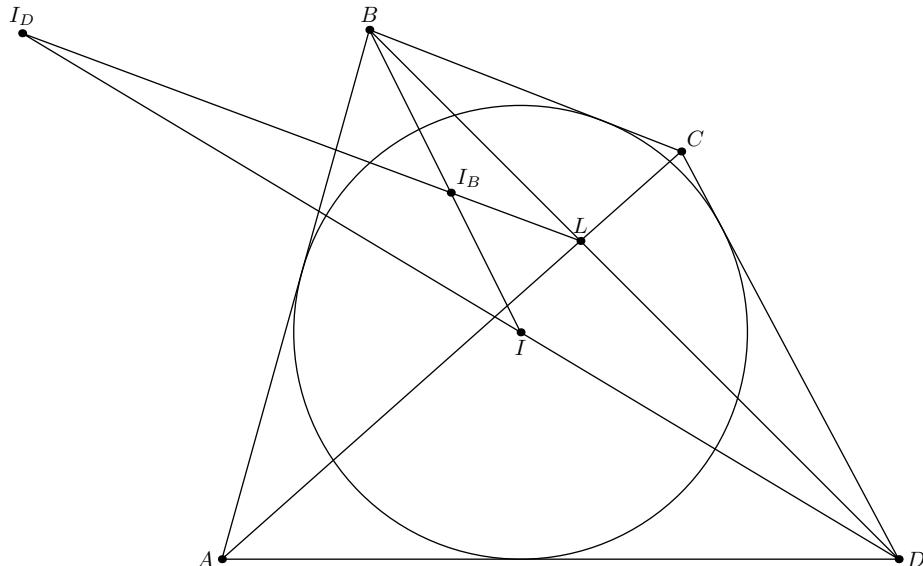


Fig. 9.6

7. (A.Kulikova) Let  $B_1$ ,  $C_1$  be the midpoints of sides  $AC$ ,  $AB$  of a triangle  $ABC$ . The rays  $CC_1$ ,  $BB_1$  meet the tangents to the circumcircle at  $B$  and  $C$  at  $K$  and  $L$  respectively. Prove that  $\angle BAK = \angle CAL$ .

**Solution.** Use the isogonals theorem.

Let  $\ell$  be a line passing through a point  $O$ . Let points  $A$ ,  $A'$ ,  $B$ ,  $B'$  be given and  $X = AB \cap A'B'$ ,  $X' = AB' \cap A'B$ . Let  $OA$  and  $OA'$  be symmetric with

respect to  $\ell$ ,  $OB$  and  $OB'$  be also symmetric with respect to  $\ell$ . Then  $OX$  and  $OX'$  are symmetric with respect to  $\ell$ ,

Return to the problem. Let  $M$  be the centroid of  $ABC$ , and  $P$  be the common point of two tangents. Since  $AP$  is a symmedian, the lines  $AP$  and  $AM$  are the isogonals with respect to angle  $BAC$  (fig.9.7). By the isogonals theorem,  $AK$  and  $AL$  are also isogonals.

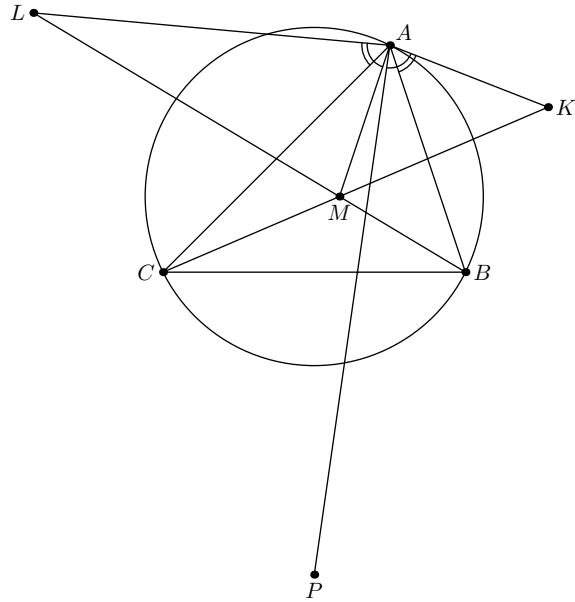
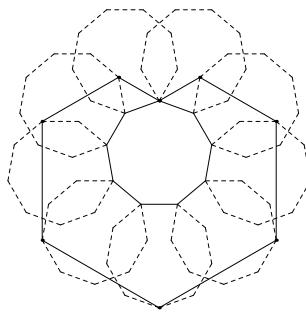


Fig. 9.7

8. (N.Beluhov) Consider a fixed regular  $n$ -gon of unit side. As a second regular  $n$ -gon of unit side rolls around the first one, one of its vertices successively pinpoints the vertices of a closed broken line  $\kappa$  as in the figure.



Let  $A$  be the area of a regular  $n$ -gon of unit side and let  $B$  be the area of a regular  $n$ -gon of unit circumradius. Prove that the area enclosed by  $\kappa$  equals  $6A - 2B$ .

**Solution.** Dissect the area enclosed by  $\kappa$  into triangles as in Fig.9.8.1.

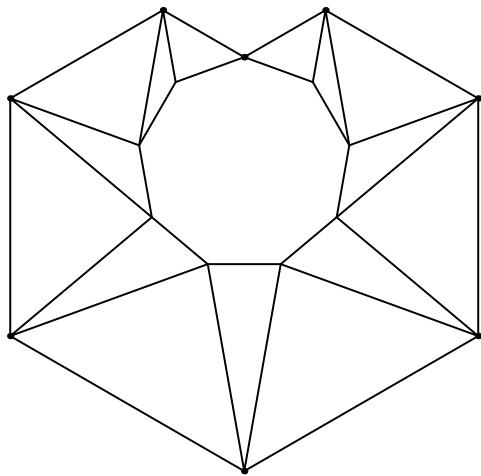


Fig.9.8.1

The triangles whose bases are sides  $2, \dots, n-1$  of a fixed regular  $n$ -gon come together to form a regular  $n$ -gon of unit side as in Figure 9.8.2.

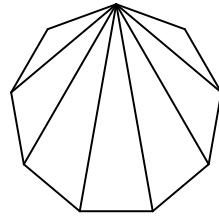


Fig.9.8.2

Dissect two regular  $n$ -gons of unit circumradius as in Figure 9.8.2, rearrange the resulting pieces into  $n-1$  similar isosceles triangles with base angle  $\frac{180^\circ}{n}$  as in Figure 9.8.3, and adjoin the triangles thus obtained to the remaining triangles of Figure 9.8.1 as in Figure 9.8.4.

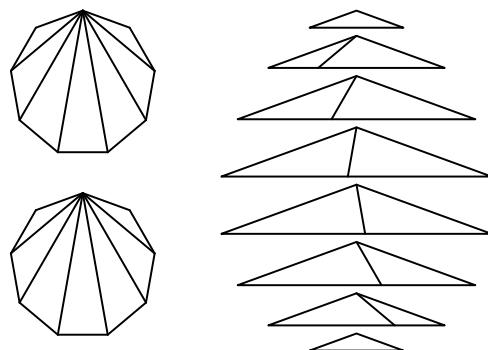


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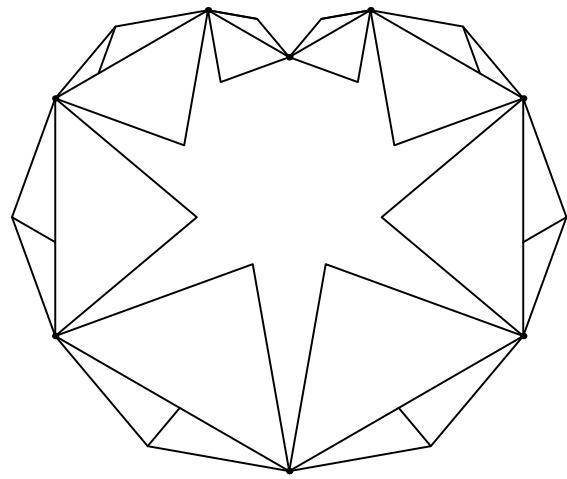


Fig.9.8.4

Dissect each one of the  $n - 1$  quadrilaterals in Figure 4 into two similar isosceles triangles with base angle  $\frac{180^\circ}{n}$  as in Figure 9.8.5.

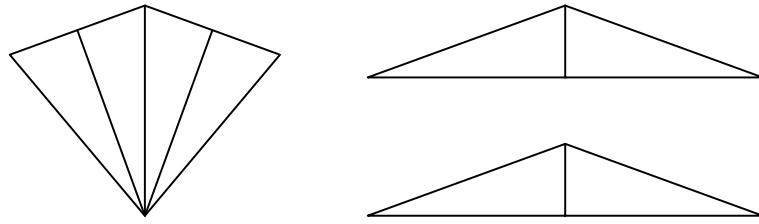


Fig.9.8.5

Lastly, dissect all  $2n - 2$  triangles thus obtained into four regular  $n$ -gons of unit side by the reverse of the process in Figure 9.8.3.

Eventually we adjoined two regular  $n$ -gons of unit circumradius to the area enclosed by  $\kappa$  and then dissected the resulting shape into six regular  $n$ -gons with unit side. This completes the solution.

## XIV Geometrical Olympiad in honour of I.F.Sharygin Final round. Solutions. First day. 10 grade

1. (D.Shvetsov) The altitudes  $AH, CH$  of an acute-angled triangle  $ABC$  meet the internal bisector of angle  $B$  at points  $L_1, P_1$ , and the external bisector of this angle at points  $L_2, P_2$ . Prove that the orthocenters of triangles  $HL_1P_1$ ,  $HL_2P_2$  and the vertex  $B$  are collinear.

**First solution.** Note that  $HL_1P_1$  and  $HL_2P_2$  are isosceles triangles with angles at  $H$  equal to  $B$  and  $\pi - B$  respectively. Let  $H_1, H_2$  be the orthocenters of these triangles, and  $M_1, M_2$  be the midpoints of  $L_1P_1, L_2P_2$  respectively. Then the triangles  $HL_2P_2, H_1L_1P_1$  are similar and  $H_2, H$  are their orthocenters, therefore  $HH_1 : M_2B = HH_1 : HM_1 = H_2H : H_2M_2$ , which is equal to the required assertion (fig.10.1).

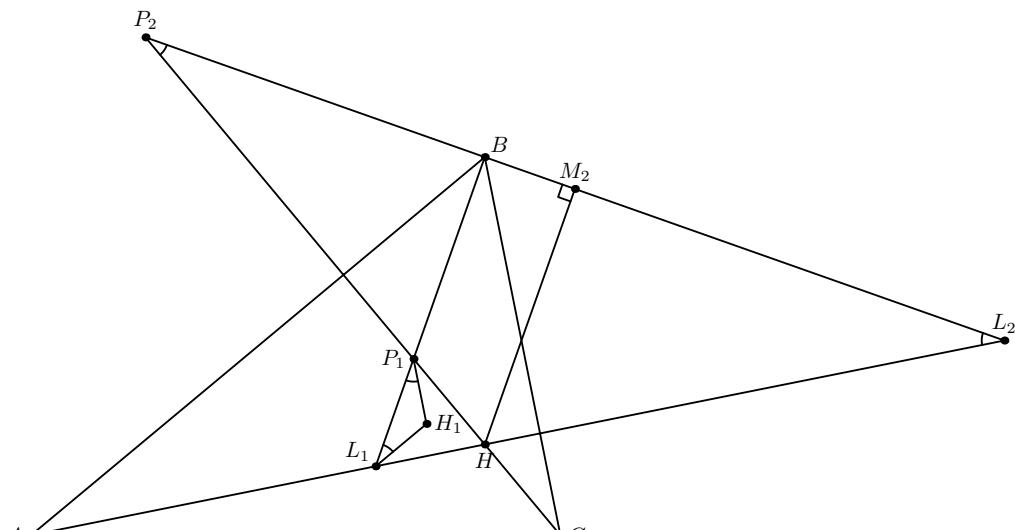


Fig. 10.1

**Second solution.** Use next fact.

The orthocenters of four triangles formed by four lines in general position are collinear (**the Aubert line**).

In the given case the altitudes from  $A, C$ , the internal and the external bisectors of angle  $B$  form four triangles, two of them are right-angled with right angle  $B$ . Thus  $B$  is also the orthocenter of these triangles, therefore  $B$  and the orthocenters of two remaining triangles are collinear.

2. (D.Krekov) A circle  $\omega$  is inscribed into an angle with vertex  $C$ . An arbitrary circle passes through  $C$ , touches  $\omega$  externally and meets the sides of the angle at points  $A$  and  $B$ . Prove that the perimeters of all triangles  $ABC$  are equal.

**First solution.** Let the length of the tangent from  $C$  to the given circle is 1. The inversion about the unit circle centered at  $C$  preserves the sides of the angle and the given circle, and maps  $A, B$  to points  $A', B'$  such that the triangle  $A'B'C$  is circumscribed around the given circle. Now we have  $AC = 1/A'C, BC = 1/B'C, AB = A'B'/(A'C \cdot B'C)$ . Hence the perimeter of  $ABC$  is equal to

$$\frac{A'B' + A'C + B'C}{A'C \cdot B'C} = \frac{2p_{A'B'C} \sin \angle C}{2S_{A'B'C}} = \frac{\sin \angle C}{r_{A'B'C}}.$$

But the inradius of  $A'B'C$  does not depend from  $A, B$ .

**Second solution.** Since  $\omega$  is the semiexcircle of triangle  $ABC$ , the excenter of these triangle coincide with the midpoint of the segment between the touching points of  $\omega$  with the sidelines of the given angle, t.e this excenter is the same for all triangles. Therefore the touching points of the excircle with the sidelines do not depend on the triangle, hence its perimeter is also constant.

3. (F.Nilov) A cyclic  $n$ -gon is given. The midpoints of all its sides are concyclic. The sides of  $n$ -gon cut  $n$  arcs of this circle lying outside the  $n$ -gon. Prove that these arcs can be colored red and blue in such a way that the sum of red arcs is equal to the sum of blue arcs.

**Solution.** Let  $M_1, M_2$  be the midpoints of sides  $A_1A_2, A_2A_3$  of polygon  $A_1 \dots A_n$ ,  $O$  be the circumcenter of this polygon, and  $H_1, H_2$  be the second common points of the sides with the circle passing through the midpoints. Then the sum of directed arcs  $\curvearrowleft M_1H_1 + \curvearrowleft M_2H_2 = \curvearrowleft M_1H_2 + \curvearrowleft M_2H_1 = 2(\angle A_2M_2M_1 + \angle A_2M_1M_2) = 2(\angle OM_2M_1 + \angle OM_1M_2) = 2(\angle OA_2M_1 + \angle OA_2M_2)$  (the last equality holds because  $OM_1A_2M_2$  is cyclic). Summing up such equalities we obtain that the directed sum of arcs  $M_iH_i$  is zero, therefore we can color the arcs in correspondence with their directions.

**Note.** We can modify this argumentation as follows. The projections  $M_i$  of the circumcenter  $O$  to the sides are concyclic. Therefore the second common points  $H_i$  of the sides and these circles are the projections of some point  $H$ , and the rays  $A_iO$  and  $A_iH$  are symmetric with respect to the bisector of angle  $A_{i-1}A_iA_{i+1}$ . Now it is easy to see that the directed angle between  $M_1M_2$  and  $H_1H_2$  is equal to the directed angle  $HA_2O$ , and the sum of such angles is zero.

4. (N.Beluhov) We say that a finite set  $S$  of red and green points in the plane is *orderly* if there exists a triangle  $\delta$  such that all points of one colour lie

strictly inside  $\delta$  and all points of the other colour lie strictly outside of  $\delta$ . Let  $A$  be a finite set of red and green points in the plane, in general position. Is it always true that if any 1000 points in  $A$  form an orderly set then  $A$  is also orderly?

**Solution.** At first let us consider a slightly different problem, in which “orderly” is replaced with “red-orderly”: there exists a triangle  $\delta$  such that all red points lie strictly inside  $\delta$  and all green points lie strictly outside of  $\delta$ .

Let  $A$  be a finite set of red and green points in the plane, in general position, and let  $P$  be the convex hull of some red points in  $A$ . Let also  $Q$  be a subset of the green points in  $A$ . How can we check if a triangle  $\delta$  exists that separates  $P$  from  $Q$ ?

Without loss of generality, the sides of  $\delta$  are supporting lines for  $P$ .

Let  $c$  be some fixed circle. To each supporting line  $l$  of  $P$  assign the unique point  $T(l)$  on  $c$  such that the tangent  $t(T)$  to  $c$  at  $T(l)$  is parallel to  $l$  and  $P$  lies on the same side from  $l$  as  $c$  does of  $t(T)$ .

Let  $X$  be any point in  $Q$ . Let  $l_1(X)$  and  $l_2(X)$  be the two supporting lines of  $P$  through  $X$  (if  $X$  lies inside  $P$ , then  $P$  cannot be separated from  $Q$ ), and let  $a(X)$  be the arc of  $c$  with endpoints  $T(l_1(X))$  and  $T(l_2(X))$ .

If a separating triangle  $\delta$  exists, then the three points on  $c$  assigned to its sides nail down all arcs  $a(X)$  where  $X$  ranges over  $Q$ . The converse statement is slightly more subtle: if there exist three points on  $c$  that nail down all arcs  $a(X)$ , and are the vertices of an acute-angled triangle, then they give us a triangle  $\delta$  that separates  $P$  from  $Q$ .

So we are looking for a system of arcs on  $c$  such that it is possible to nail down all its large subsystems by means of three points but this is impossible for the complete system. (It is not clear yet whether finding such a system or showing that none exist for some sense of “large” would solve the problem, but it should surely shed some light.)

We construct such a system as follows: we consider a large number of equal, equally spaced arcs set up in such a way that any point nails down nearly but not quite a third of them.

More precisely, let  $n$  be a positive integer and let  $T_1, T_2, \dots, T_{3n+1}$  be the vertices of a regular  $(3n+1)$ -gon inscribed in  $c$ , with  $T_{i+3n+1} \equiv T_i$  for all  $i$ . For all  $i$  let  $a_i$  be the open arc  $T_i T_{i+n}$ . Then any point on  $c$  nails down at most  $n$  arcs, so it is impossible to nail down all arcs by means of three points.

On the other hand, remove any one arc, say  $T_1T_{n+1}$ , and three midpoints of  $T_{n+1}T_{n+2}$ ,  $T_{2n+1}T_{2n+2}$ , and  $T_{3n+1}T_1$  do the job.

This provides a counterexample for the original problem. Consider a regular 3001-gon  $Y_1Y_2\dots Y_{3001}$  inscribed in a circle  $k$  of center  $O$ , where  $Y_{i+3001} \equiv Y_i$  for all  $i$ . For all  $i$  let  $X_i$  be the intersection of the tangents to  $k$  at  $Y_i$  and  $Y_{i+1000}$ . Slide each  $X_i$  very slightly towards  $O$  so that all points are in general position. Colour all  $X_i$  green and all  $Y_i$  red, and let  $A$  be the set of all  $X_i$  and  $Y_i$ .

Since the convex hull of the  $X_i$  contains the  $Y_i$ , the set  $A$  can be orderly only if it is red-orderly. However, by the previous discussion, it is not.

Remove any  $X_i$  or any  $Y_i$ . Again, by the previous discussion,  $A$  becomes red-orderly and, therefore, orderly.

**Notes.** We say that a finite set  $S$  of red and green points in the plane is *line-orderly* if there exists a line  $l$  such that all points of one colour lie strictly on one side of  $l$  and all points of the other colour lie strictly on the other side of  $l$ . Let  $A$  be a finite set of red and green points in the plane, in general position. Then  $A$  is line-orderly if and only if every four-point subset of  $A$  is line-orderly.

We say that a finite set  $S$  of red and green points in the plane is *circle-orderly* if there exists a circle  $c$  such that all points of one colour lie strictly inside  $c$  and all points of the other colour lie strictly outside of  $c$ . Let  $A$  be a finite set of red and green points in the plane, in general position. Then  $A$  is circle-orderly if and only if every five-point subset of  $A$  is circle-orderly.

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5. (A.Polyanskii) Let  $w$  be the incircle of a triangle  $ABC$ . The line passing through the incenter  $I$  and parallel to  $BC$  meets  $w$  at points  $A_B$  and  $A_C$  ( $A_B$  lies in the same semiplane with respect to  $AI$  than  $B$ ). The lines  $BA_B$  and  $CA_C$  meet at point  $A_1$ . The points  $B_1$  and  $C_1$  are defined similarly. Prove that  $AA_1$ ,  $BB_1$  and  $CC_1$  concur.

**First solution.** Since segments  $A_B A_C$  and  $BC$  are homothetic with respect to  $A_1$ , the line  $A_1 I$  passes through the midpoint  $M$  of  $BC$  and  $A_1 I : A_1 M = 2r : BC$ . Hence the distance from  $A_1$  to  $AC$  is equal to  $r(BC - h_b)/(BC - 2r)$ , where  $h_b$  is the length of the altitude from  $B$ . Similarly the distance from  $A_1$  to  $AB$  is equal to  $r(BC - h_c)/(BC - 2r)$ . Therefore  $\sin \angle A_1 AC : \sin \angle A_1 AB = (1 - \sin \angle C) : (1 - \sin \angle B)$ . Using the similar equalities for  $B_1$ ,  $C_1$  and Ceva theorem we obtain the required assertion.

**Second solution.** Since  $\angle A_B I B = \angle I B C = \angle I B A = \angle C_B I B$ , the points  $A_B$  and  $C_B$  are symmetric with respect to the bisector of angle  $B$  (fig.10.5).

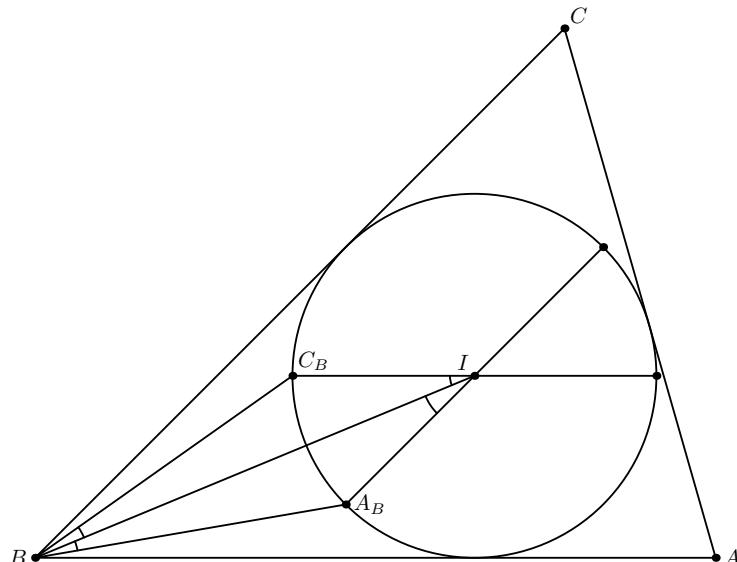


Fig. 10.5

By Ceva theorem

$$\frac{\sin \angle CAA_1}{\sin \angle BAA_1} \frac{\sin \angle ABA_B}{\sin \angle CBA_B} \frac{\sin \angle BCA_C}{\sin \angle ACA_C} = 1.$$

Multiplying this and two similar equalities we obtain the required assertion.

6. (M.Kungozhin) Let  $\omega$  be the circumcircle of a triangle  $ABC$ , and  $KL$  be the diameter of  $\omega$  passing through the midpoint  $M$  of  $AB$  ( $K$  and  $C$  lies on the different sides from  $AB$ ). A circle passing through  $L$  и  $M$  meets segment  $CK$  at points  $P$  and  $Q$  ( $Q$  lies on the segment  $KP$ ). Let  $LQ$  meet the circumcircle of triangle  $KMQ$  at point  $R$ . Prove that the quadrilateral  $APBR$  is cyclic.

**Solution.** Note that  $\angle PML = \angle PQL = \angle KQR = \angle KMR$ . Also  $\angle PLM = \angle KQM = \angle KRM$ , therefore the triangles  $PLM$  and  $KRM$  are similar, i.e.  $PM \cdot RM = LM \cdot KM = AM^2$  (fig.10.6).

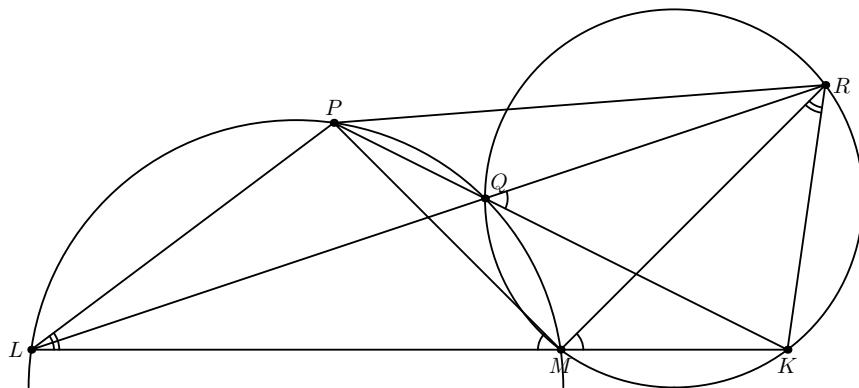


Fig. 10.6

Let  $P'$  be the reflection of  $P$  about  $KL$ . The points  $A, B, P, P'$  are concyclic as the vertices of an isosceles trapezoid. Since  $P', M, R$  are collinear and  $P'M \cdot RM = AM \cdot BM$ , we obtain that  $R$  also lies on this circle.

7. (N.Beluhov) A convex quadrilateral  $ABCD$  is circumscribed about a circle of radius  $r$ . What is the maximum possible value of  $\frac{1}{AC^2} + \frac{1}{BD^2}$ ?

**First solution.** Let  $AC \cap BD = O$  and suppose without loss of generality that  $\angle AOB \geq 90^\circ$ . Construct  $E$  so that  $BECD$  is a parallelogram (fig.10.7).

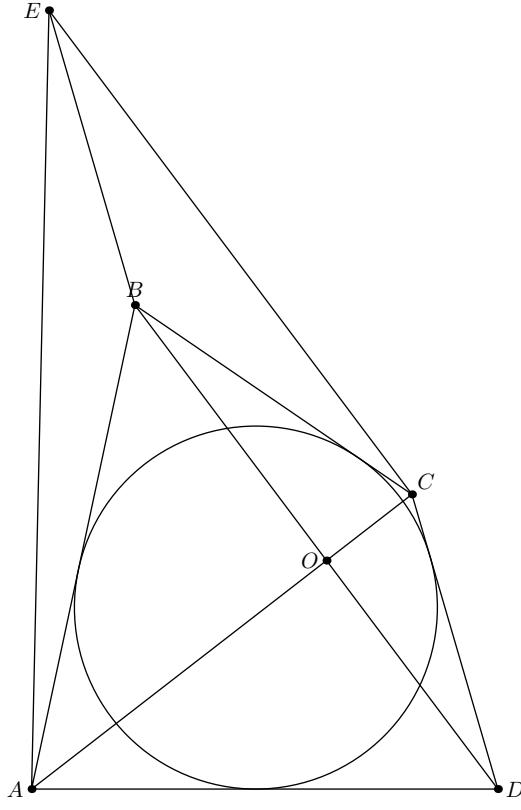


Fig. 10.7

We have

$$AC \cdot BD \geq 2S_{ABCD} = r \cdot P_{ABCD} = 2r \cdot (AB + CD).$$

Furthermore

$$AB + CD = AB + BE \geq AE$$

and (since  $\angle ECA \geq 90^\circ$ )

$$AE^2 \geq AC^2 + CE^2 = AC^2 + BD^2.$$

Hence

$$AC^2 \cdot BD^2 \geq 4r^2 \cdot (AC^2 + BD^2) \Rightarrow \frac{1}{AC^2} + \frac{1}{BD^2} \leq \frac{1}{4r^2}.$$

Equality is attained just for  $AC \cdot BD = 2S_{ABCD} \Leftrightarrow AC \perp BD$  and  $AB + BE = AE \Leftrightarrow AB \parallel CD$ , that is, when  $ABCD$  is a rhombus.

**Second solution.** We begin by altering  $ABCD$  continuously so that its incircle remains the same but its diagonals become shorter.

Let the circle  $\omega$  with center  $I$  be the incircle of  $ABCD$ . Fix  $\omega$ , the line  $l$  determined by the points  $A$  and  $C$ , and the line  $m$  through  $B$  parallel to  $l$ . Let  $B$  vary along  $m$ . What happens to the length of  $AC$ ?

Suppose the tangent  $n$  to  $\omega$  parallel to both  $l$  and  $m$  and separating them, meets  $AB$  and  $BC$  at  $P$  and  $Q$ , and let a circle  $\omega'$  of center  $I'$  and radius  $r'$  be the incircle of  $\triangle PBQ$ .

When  $B$  varies, the ratio of similitude of  $\triangle PBQ$  and  $\triangle ABC$  remains constant. This means that the ratio  $PQ : AC$ , the ratio  $r' : r$ , and  $r'$  all remain constant too.

Furthermore,  $PQ$  equals the common external tangent of  $\omega'$  and  $\omega$ . Since  $r'$  and  $r$  are constant, this common external tangent is shortest when  $II'$  is shortest, i.e., when  $BI \perp l$ . Since  $PQ : AC$  is constant,  $AC$  is also shortest in this case.

Slide  $B$  along  $m$  until it reaches a position  $B_1$  with  $IB_1 \perp l$ , then slide it along  $IB_1$  towards  $I$  until it reaches a position  $B_2$  such that the length of  $A_2C_2$  equals the original length of  $AC$ . Do the same with  $D$ . Then  $A_2B_2C_2D_2$  is circumscribed about  $\emptyset$ , symmetric about  $B_2D_2$ , and satisfies  $A_2C_2 = AC$  and  $B_2D_2 \leq BD$ .

Repeat this procedure with  $A_2$  and  $C_2$ : the result is a rhombus  $A_3B_3C_3D_3$  circumscribed about  $\omega$  which satisfies  $A_3C_3 \leq AC$  and  $B_3D_3 \leq BD$ . For a rhombus, though, we have

$$\frac{1}{A_3C_3^2} + \frac{1}{B_3D_3^2} = \frac{1}{4r^2}$$

and if  $A_3B_3C_3D_3 \neq ABCD$  then at least one of inequalities  $A_3C_3 \leq AC$  and  $B_3D_3 \leq BD$  is strict.

8. (A.Zaslavsky) Two triangles  $ABC$  and  $A'B'C'$  are given. The lines  $AB$  and  $A'B'$  meet at point  $C_1$ , and the lines parallel to them and passing through  $C$  and  $C'$  respectively meet at point  $C_2$ . The points  $A_1, A_2, B_1, B_2$  are defined similarly. Prove that  $A_1A_2, B_1B_2$  and  $C_1C_2$  concur.

**First solution** Apply a polar transform with center  $O$ . Now we have (we use new denotations) two triangles  $A_1B_1C_1$  and  $A_2B_2C_2$  such that the cevians  $A_1A'_1, B_1B'_1$ , and  $C_1C'_1$  in the first triangle and the cevians  $A_2A'_2, B_2B'_2$ , and  $C_2C'_2$  in the second triangle are all concurrent in  $O$ . Let  $P_a$  be the intersection of  $A_1A_2$  and  $A'_1A'_2$ , define  $P_b$  and  $P_c$  similarly, now we wish to prove that  $P_a, P_b$ , and  $P_c$  are collinear.

To this end, apply a projective transform that maps  $P_a$  and  $P_b$  to infinity. Then  $OA'_1 : A'_1A_1 = OA'_2 : A'_2A_2$  and  $OB'_1 : B'_1B_1 = OB'_2 : B'_2B_2$ . However,  $OA'_1/A'_1A_1 + OB'_1/B'_1B_1 + OC'_1/C'_1C_1 = S_{OB_1C_1}/S_{A_1B_1C_1} + S_{OC_1A_1}/S_{A_1B_1C_1} +$

$S_{OA_1B_1}/S_{A_1B_1C_1} = 1$  (signed areas) and similarly for the second triangle, so  $OC'_1 : C'_1C_1 = OC'_2 : C'_2C_2$  and  $P_c$  is at infinity, too.

**Second solution.** Note that for any point  $X$  lying on  $C_1C_2$  we have (the areas are directed)

$$S_{XAB}S_{A'B'C'} = S_{XA'B'}S_{ABC}.$$

To prove this equality it is sufficient to note that it is correct for  $C_1, C_2$ . Also it is easy to see that this equality is not true for all points of the plane, therefore this is the equation of line  $C_1C_2$ . Similarly we can find the equations of lines  $A_1A_2$  and  $B_1B_2$ . It is evident that the point satisfying two of these three equations satisfy the third one.

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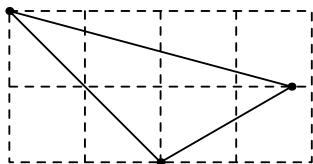
1. A trapezoid with bases  $AB$  and  $CD$  is inscribed into a circle centered at  $O$ . Let  $AP$  and  $AQ$  be the tangents from  $A$  to the circumcircle of triangle  $CDO$ . Prove that the circumcircle of triangle  $APQ$  passes through the midpoint of  $AB$ .
2. A point  $M$  inside triangle  $ABC$  is such that  $AM = AB/2$  and  $CM = BC/2$ . Points  $C_0$  and  $A_0$  lying on  $AB$  and  $CB$  respectively are such that  $BC_0 : AC_0 = BA_0 : CA_0 = 3$ . Prove that the distances from  $M$  to  $C_0$  and to  $A_0$  are equal.
3. Construct a regular triangle using a plywood square. (*You can draw lines through pairs of points lying on the distance not greater than the side of the square, construct the perpendicular from a point to a line if the distance between them does not exceed the side of the square, and measure segments on the constructed lines equal to the side or to the diagonal of the square.*)
4. Let  $O$  and  $H$  be the circumcenter and the orthocenter of an acute-angled triangle  $ABC$  with  $AB < AC$ . Let  $K$  be the midpoint of  $AH$ . The line through  $K$  perpendicular to  $OK$  meets  $AB$  and the tangent to the circumcircle at  $A$  at points  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively. Prove that  $\angle XCY = \angle AOB$ .

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5. A triangle having one angle equal to  $45^\circ$  is drawn on the chequered paper (see.fig.). Find the values of its remaining angles.



6. A point  $H$  lies on the side  $AB$  of regular pentagon  $ABCDE$ . A circle with center  $H$  and radius  $HE$  meets the segments  $DE$  and  $CD$  at points  $G$  and  $F$  respectively. It is known that  $DG = AH$ . Prove that  $CF = AH$ .
7. Let points  $M$  and  $N$  lie on the sides  $AB$  and  $BC$  of triangle  $ABC$  in such a way that  $MN \parallel AC$ . Points  $M'$  and  $N'$  are the reflections of  $M$  and  $N$  about  $BC$  and  $AB$  respectively. Let  $M'A$  meet  $BC$  at  $X$ , and  $N'C$  meet  $AB$  at  $Y$ . Prove that  $A, C, X, Y$  are concyclic.
8. What is the least positive integer  $k$  such that, in every convex 1001-gon, the sum of any  $k$  diagonals is greater than or equal to the sum of the remaining diagonals?

**XV GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF  
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**Final round. First day. 9 form**

*Ratmino, July 30, 2019*

1. A triangle  $OAB$  with  $\angle A = 90^\circ$  lies inside a right angle with vertex  $O$ . The altitude of  $OAB$  from  $A$  is extended beyond  $A$  until it intersects the side of angle  $O$  at  $M$ . The distances from  $M$  and  $B$  to the second side of angle  $O$  are equal to 2 and 1 respectively. Find the length of  $OA$ .
2. Let  $P$  lie on the circumcircle of triangle  $ABC$ . Let  $A_1$  be the reflection of the orthocenter of triangle  $PBC$  about the perpendicular bisector to  $BC$ . Points  $B_1$  and  $C_1$  are defined similarly. Prove that  $A_1$ ,  $B_1$ , and  $C_1$  are collinear.
3. Let  $ABCD$  be a cyclic quadrilateral such that  $AD = BD = AC$ . A point  $P$  moves along the circumcircle  $\omega$  of  $ABCD$ . The lines  $AP$  and  $DP$  meet the lines  $CD$  and  $AB$  at points  $E$  and  $F$  respectively. The lines  $BE$  and  $CF$  meet at point  $Q$ . Find the locus of  $Q$ .
4. A ship tries to land in the fog. The crew does not know the direction to the land. They see a lighthouse on a little island, and they understand that the distance to the lighthouse does not exceed 10 km (the precise distance is not known). The distance from the lighthouse to the land equals 10 km. The lighthouse is surrounded by reefs, hence the ship cannot approach it. Can the ship land having sailed the distance not greater than 75 km? (The waterside is a straight line, the trajectory has to be given before the beginning of the motion, after that the autopilot navigates the ship according to it.)

# XV GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF I.F.SHARYGIN

## Final round. Second day. 9 form

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5. Let  $R$  be the circumradius of a cyclic quadrilateral  $ABCD$ . Let  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  be the altitudes from  $A$  to  $BC$  and  $CD$  respectively. Similarly  $h_3$  and  $h_4$  are the altitudes from  $C$  to  $AB$  and  $AD$ . Prove that

$$\frac{h_1 + h_2 - 2R}{h_1 h_2} = \frac{h_3 + h_4 - 2R}{h_3 h_4}.$$

6. A non-convex polygon has the property that every three consecutive its vertices form a right-angled triangle. Is it true that this polygon has always an angle equal to  $90^\circ$  or to  $270^\circ$ ?
7. Let the incircle  $\omega$  of triangle  $ABC$  touch  $AC$  and  $AB$  at points  $E$  and  $F$  respectively. Points  $X, Y$  of  $\omega$  are such that  $\angle BXC = \angle BYC = 90^\circ$ . Prove that  $EF$  and  $XY$  meet on the medial line of  $ABC$ .
8. A hexagon  $A_1A_2A_3A_4A_5A_6$  has no four concyclic vertices, and its diagonals  $A_1A_4$ ,  $A_2A_5$  and  $A_3A_6$  concur. Let  $l_i$  be the radical axis of circles  $A_iA_{i+1}A_{i-2}$  and  $A_iA_{i-1}A_{i+2}$  (the points  $A_i$  and  $A_{i+6}$  coincide). Prove that  $l_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 6$ , concur.

**XV GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF  
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**Final round. First day. 10 form**

*Ratmino, July 30, 2019*

1. Given a triangle  $ABC$  with  $\angle A = 45^\circ$ . Let  $A'$  be the antipode of  $A$  in the circumcircle of  $ABC$ . Points  $E$  and  $F$  on segments  $AB$  and  $AC$  respectively are such that  $A'B = BE$ ,  $A'C = CF$ . Let  $K$  be the second intersection of circumcircles of triangles  $AEF$  and  $ABC$ . Prove that  $EF$  bisects  $A'K$ .
2. Let  $A_1, B_1, C_1$  be the midpoints of sides  $BC, AC$  and  $AB$  of triangle  $ABC$ ,  $AK$  be its altitude from  $A$ , and  $L$  be the tangency point of the incircle  $\gamma$  with  $BC$ . Let the circumcircles of triangles  $LKB_1$  and  $A_1LC_1$  meet  $B_1C_1$  for the second time at points  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively and  $\gamma$  meet this line at points  $Z$  and  $T$ . Prove that  $XZ = YT$ .
3. Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be isogonal conjugates inside triangle  $ABC$ . Let  $\omega$  be the circumcircle of  $ABC$ . Let  $A_1$  be a point on arc  $BC$  of  $\omega$  satisfying  $\angle BA_1P = \angle CA_1Q$ . Points  $B_1$  and  $C_1$  are defined similarly. Prove that  $AA_1, BB_1$ , and  $CC_1$  are concurrent.
4. Prove that the sum of two nagelians is greater than the semiperimeter of the triangle. (A nagelian is the segment between a vertex of a triangle and the tangency point of the opposite side with the corresponding excircle.)

# XV GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF I.F.SHARYGIN

## Final round. Second day. 10 form

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5. Let  $AA_1, BB_1, CC_1$  be the altitudes of triangle  $ABC$ ; and  $A_0, C_0$  be the common points of the circumcircle of triangle  $A_1BC_1$  with the lines  $A_1B_1$  and  $C_1B_1$  respectively. Prove that  $AA_0$  and  $CC_0$  meet on the median of  $ABC$  or are parallel to it.
6. Let  $AK$  and  $AT$  be the bisector and the median of an acute-angled triangle  $ABC$  with  $AC > AB$ . The line  $AT$  meets the circumcircle of  $ABC$  at point  $D$ . Point  $F$  is the reflection of  $K$  about  $T$ . If the angles of  $ABC$  are known, find the value of angle  $FDA$ .
7. Let  $P$  be an arbitrary point on side  $BC$  of triangle  $ABC$ . Let  $K$  be the incenter of triangle  $PAB$ . Let the incircle of triangle  $PAC$  touch  $BC$  at  $F$ . Point  $G$  on  $CK$  is such that  $FG \parallel PK$ . Find the locus of  $G$ .
8. Several points and planes are given in the space. It is known that for any two of given points there exist exactly two planes containing them, and each given plane contains at least four of given points. Is it true that all given points are collinear?

**XV GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF  
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**Final round. Solutions. First day. 8 form**  
*Ratmino, July 30, 2019*

1. (F.Ivlev) A trapezoid with bases  $AB$  and  $CD$  is inscribed into a circle centered at  $O$ . Let  $AP$  and  $AQ$  be the tangents from  $A$  to the circumcircle of triangle  $CDO$ . Prove that the circumcircle of triangle  $APQ$  passes through the midpoint of  $AB$ .

**Solution.** Let  $O'$  be the circumcenter of triangle  $OCD$ . Then  $AO'$  is a diameter of circle  $APQ$ . Since  $O'$  lies on the perpendicular bisector of segment  $AB$ , the midpoint of segment  $AB$  also lies on this circle (fig/ 8.1).

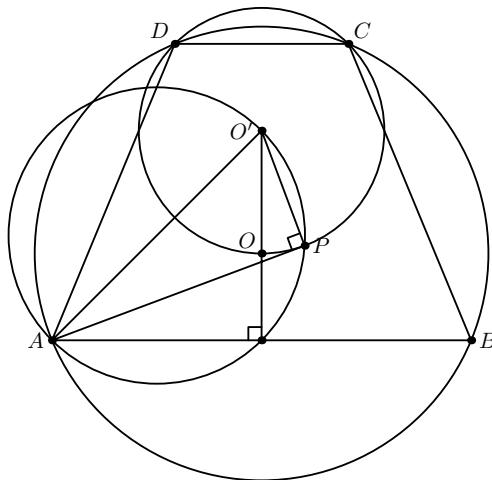


Fig. 8.1.

2. (P.Ryabov) A point  $M$  inside triangle  $ABC$  is such that  $AM = AB/2$  and  $CM = BC/2$ . Points  $C_0$  and  $A_0$  lying on  $AB$  and  $CB$  respectively are such that  $BC_0 : AC_0 = BA_0 : CA_0 = 3$ . Prove that the distances from  $M$  to  $C_0$  and to  $A_0$  are equal.

**Solution.** Let  $K$ ,  $L$ ,  $U$ , and  $V$  be the midpoints of segments  $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $AM$  and  $MC$  respectively. Then since  $AMK$ ,  $CML$  are isosceles triangles, and  $KU$ ,  $LV$  are medial lines of triangles  $ABM$ ,  $CBM$  respectively, we have  $MA_0 = LV = BM/2 = KU = MC_0$  (fig. 8.2).

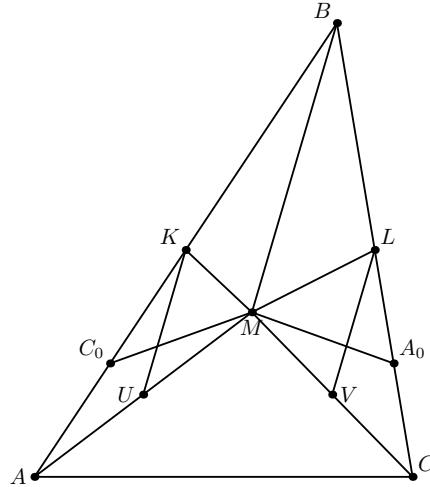


Fig. 8.2.

3. (M.Plotnikov) Construct a regular triangle using a plywood square. (*You can draw lines through pairs of points lying on the distance not greater than the side of the square, construct the perpendicular from a point to a line if the distance between them does not exceed the side of the square, and measure segments on the constructed lines equal to the side or to the diagonal of the square.*)

**Solution.** Let the side of the square equal one. First we show how to construct the midpoint of any segment  $PQ$  such that the length of  $PQ$  does not exceed one. Construct any line  $\ell$  through  $P$  such that  $\ell$  is distinct from  $PQ$  and the angle between  $\ell$  and  $PQ$  is distinct from  $90^\circ$ . Let  $R$  be the foot of the perpendicular from  $Q$  onto  $\ell$ . Let the line through  $P$  perpendicular to  $PR$  and the line through  $Q$  perpendicular to  $QR$  meet at  $S$ . Then line  $RS$  bisects segment  $PQ$ .

Now to solve the problem draw two perpendicular lines through  $A$ . Plot two segments  $AB = AC = 1/2$  onto them. (First plot  $AB' = AC' = 1$ , then halve them.) Draw line  $BC$  and the line through  $C$  perpendicular to it. Construct  $D$  so that  $\angle BCD = 90^\circ$  and  $CD = 1/2$ . Draw line  $BD$  and the line through  $D$  perpendicular to it. Construct  $E$  and  $F$  so that  $\angle BDE = \angle BDF = 90^\circ$  and  $DE = DF = 1/2$ . Draw lines  $BE$  and  $BF$ . Then triangle  $BEF$  is the desired equilateral triangle with base  $EF = 1$ , and with altitude and median  $BD = \sqrt{3}/2$ .

**Remark.** We can replace the segment with length  $1/2$  by an arbitrary segment with sufficiently small length, for example  $3 - 2\sqrt{2}$ .

4. (M.Didin, I.Frolov) Let  $O$  and  $H$  be the circumcenter and the orthocenter of an acute-angled triangle  $ABC$  with  $AB < AC$ . Let  $K$  be the midpoint of

$AH$ . The line through  $K$  perpendicular to  $OK$  meets  $AB$  and the tangent to the circumcircle at  $A$  at points  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively. Prove that  $\angle XOY = \angle AOB$ .

**Solution.** Since  $\angle OKY = \angle OAY = 90^\circ$ , points  $K$  and  $A$  lie on the circle with diameter  $OY$ , i.e.  $\angle OYX = \angle OAK = \angle B - \angle C$ . Now let  $M$  be the midpoint of  $BC$ . Then  $KHMO$  is a parallelogram, i.e. the corresponding sidelines of triangles  $AKX$  and  $CMH$  are perpendicular. Therefore these triangles are similar, and  $KX/OK = KX/HM = AK/CM = OM/CM$ . Thus the right-angled triangles  $OKX$  and  $CMO$  are similar, and  $\angle OXK = \angle COM = \angle A$  (fig 8.4). Hence  $\angle XOY = 2\angle C = \angle AOB$ .

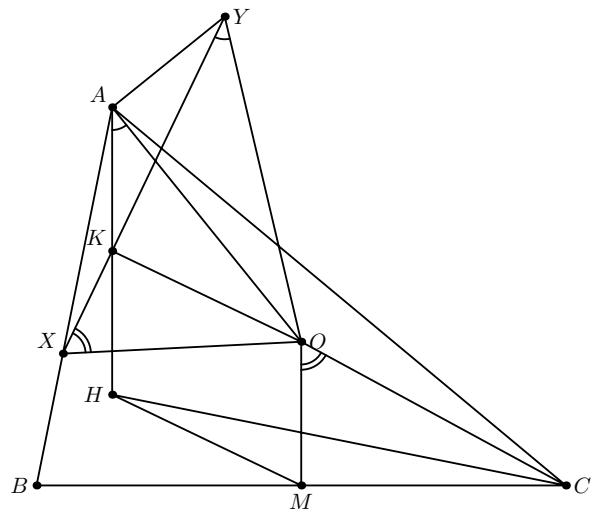


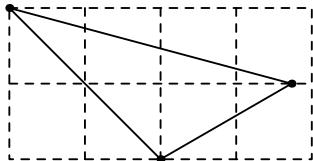
Fig. 8.4.

# XV GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF I.F.SHARYGIN

**Final round. Solutions. Second day. 8 form**

*Ratmino, July 31, 2019*

5. (M.Volchkevich) A triangle having one angle equal to  $45^\circ$  is drawn on the chequered paper (see.fig.). Find the values of its remaining angles.



**Answer.**  $30^\circ$  and  $105^\circ$ .

**First solutions.** Denote the points as in the fig. 8.5.

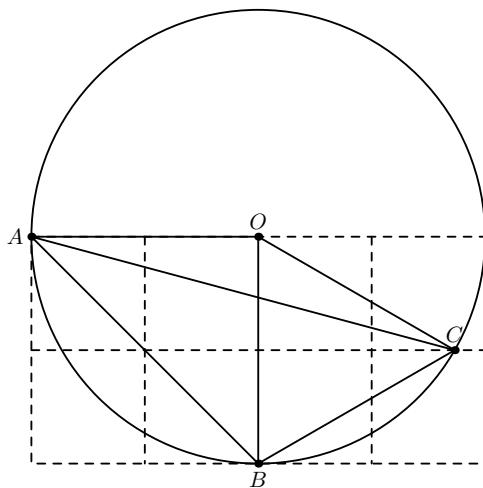


Fig. 8.5.

Since  $\angle A < \angle OAB = 45^\circ = \angle OBA < \angle B$ , we obtain that  $\angle C = 45^\circ$ . Since  $OA = OB$ , and  $\angle AOB = 90^\circ = 2\angle ACB$ , we obtain that  $O$  is the circumcenter of  $ABC$ , and  $OC = OB$ . But  $C$  lies on the perpendicular bisector to segment  $BO$ , thus  $OC = BC$ , triangle  $OBC$  is equilateral, and  $\angle BOC = 60^\circ$ . Hence  $\angle A = 30^\circ$ ,  $\angle B = 105^\circ$ .

**Second solution.** Let  $M$  be the midpoint of  $AB$ . Then  $\angle CMB = 45^\circ$  and we obtain that triangles  $ABC$  and  $CBM$  are similar. Hence  $AB/BC = \sqrt{2}$  and by the sine law  $\angle A = 30^\circ$ .

6. (K.Knop) A point  $H$  lies on the side  $AB$  of regular pentagon  $ABCDE$ . A circle with center  $H$  and radius  $HE$  meets the segments  $DE$  and  $CD$  at points  $G$  and  $F$  respectively. It is known that  $DG = AH$ . Prove that  $CF = AH$ .

**Solution.** Let  $F'$  lie on segment  $CD$  so that  $CF' = AH$ . Then quadrilaterals  $AHGE$  and  $CF'HB$  are congruent by three equal sides and two equal angles, thus  $HF' = HG$ . To see that  $F'$  coincides with  $F$ , which would solve the problem, it suffices to verify that the second common point of line  $CD$  with the circle lies outside segment  $CD$ . To this end, prove that  $\angle DCH$  is right.

Note that there exists a unique pair of points  $H$  and  $G$  lying on  $AB$  and  $ED$  respectively and such that  $AH = DG$  and  $HE = HG$ . In fact, when  $H$  moves to  $A$ , and  $G$  moves to  $D$ , then the angle  $GEH$  increases, and the angle  $EGH$  decreases, therefore the equality  $HE = HG$  is obtained in the unique position. Now let  $K$  be the common point of diagonals  $AD$  and  $CE$ , let the line passing through  $K$  and parallel to  $AE$  meet  $AB$  at  $H'$ , and let the line passing through  $K$  and parallel to  $CD$  meet  $ED$  at  $G'$  (fig.8.6). Then  $\angle DG'K = \angle DKG' = 72^\circ$ , i.e.  $DG' = DK = EK = AH'$ . Also  $KH' = EA = CD = KC$  and  $\angle G'KC = \angle G'KH' = 144^\circ$ . Therefore triangles  $CKG'$  and  $H'KG'$  are congruent, i.e.  $G'H' = G'C = H'E$  and  $H', G'$  coincide with  $H, G$ . Also  $HC \perp GK \parallel CD$ , q.e.d.

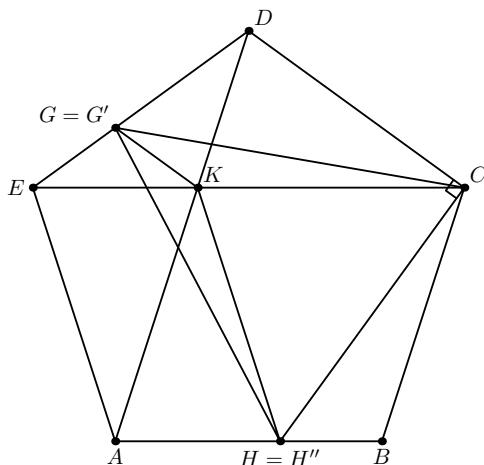


Fig. 8.6.

7. (P.Ryabov, T.Ryabova) Let points  $M$  and  $N$  lie on the sides  $AB$  and  $BC$  of triangle  $ABC$  in such a way that  $MN \parallel AC$ . Points  $M'$  and  $N'$  are the reflections of  $M$  and  $N$  about  $BC$  and  $AB$  respectively. Let  $M'A$  meet  $BC$  at  $X$ , and  $N'C$  meet  $AB$  at  $Y$ . Prove that  $A, C, X, Y$  are concyclic.

**Solution.** Let  $A'$  be the reflection of  $A$  about  $BC$ , and let  $C'$  be the reflection of  $C$  about  $AB$ . Let  $AA_1$  and  $CC_1$  be altitudes of triangle  $ABC$ . By Menelaus theorem for triangle  $A'BA_1$  and line  $AXM'$ , we obtain that  $BX : XA_1 = 2 \cdot (BM' : M'A') = 2 \cdot (BM : MA)$ . Similarly,  $BY : YC_1 = 2 \cdot (BN : NC)$ . Since  $MN \parallel AC$ , we have  $BM : MA = BN : NC$ , so  $BX : XA_1 = BY : YC_1$ , thus  $XY \parallel A_1C_1$ , and we are done (fig. 8.7).

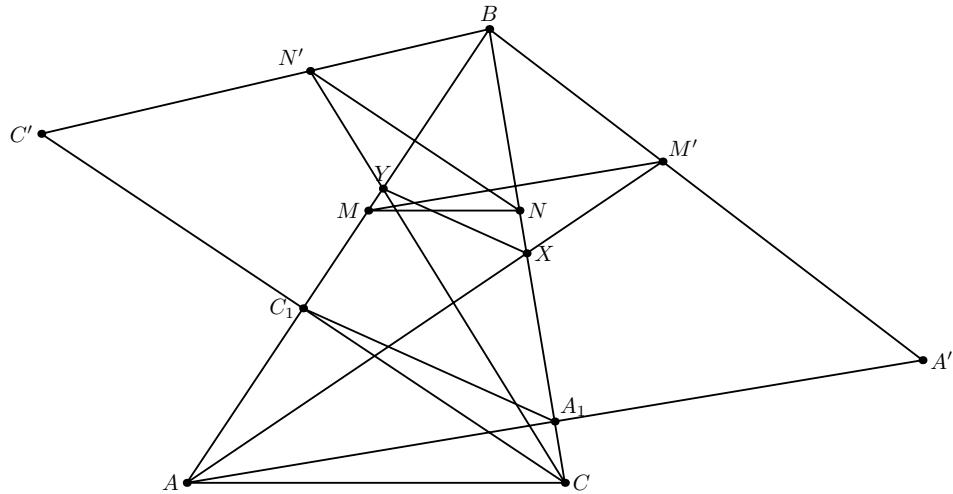


Fig. 8.7.

8. (N.Beluhov) What is the least positive integer  $k$  such that, in every convex 1001-gon, the sum of any  $k$  diagonals is greater than or equal to the sum of the remaining diagonals?

**Answer.**  $k = 499000$ .

**Solution.** Let  $AB = 1$ . Consider a convex 1001-gon such that one of its vertices is at  $A$  and the remaining 1000 vertices are within  $\varepsilon$  of  $B$ , where  $\varepsilon$  is small. Let  $k + \ell$  equal the total number  $\frac{1001 \cdot 998}{2} = 499499$  of diagonals. When  $k \geq 498501$ , the sum of the  $k$  shortest diagonals is approximately  $k - 498501 = 998 - \ell$  and the sum of the remaining diagonals is approximately  $\ell$ . Therefore,  $\ell \leq 499$  and so  $k \geq 499000$ .

We proceed to show that  $k = 499000$  works. To this end, colour all  $\ell = 499$  remaining diagonals green. To each green diagonal  $AB$  apart from, possibly, two last ones, we will assign two red diagonals  $AC$  and  $CB$  so that no green diagonal is ever coloured red and no diagonal is coloured red twice.

Suppose that we have already done this for  $0 \leq i \leq 498$  green diagonals (thus forming  $i$  red-green triangles) and let  $AB$  be up next. Let  $D$  be the set of all diagonals emanating from  $A$  or  $B$  and distinct from  $AB$ ; we have that

$|D| = 2 \cdot 997 = 1994$ . Every red-green triangle formed thus far has at most two sides in  $D$  and there are  $499 - (i + 1)$  green diagonals distinct from  $AB$  for which the triangles are not constructed. Therefore, the subset  $E$  of all as-of-yet uncoloured diagonals in  $D$  contains at least  $1994 - 2i - (499 - (i + 1)) = 1496 - i$  elements.

When  $i \leq 498$ , we have that  $|E| \geq 998$ . The total number of endpoints distinct from  $A$  and  $B$  of diagonals in  $D$ , however, is 999. Therefore, there exist two diagonals in  $E$  having a common endpoint  $C$  and we can assign  $AC$  and  $CB$  to  $AB$  or no two diagonals in  $E$  have a common endpoint other than  $A$  and  $B$ , but if so then there are two diagonals in  $E$  that intersect. Otherwise, at least one of the two vertices adjacent to  $A$  (say  $a$ ) is cut off from  $B$  by the diagonals emanating from  $A$  and at least one of the two vertices adjacent to  $B$  (say  $b$ ) is cut off from  $A$  by the diagonals emanating from  $B$  (and  $a \neq b$ ). This leaves us with at most 997 suitable endpoints and at least 998 diagonals in  $E$ , a contradiction.

By the triangle inequality, this completes the solution.

**XV GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF  
I.F.SHARYGIN**  
**Final round. Solutions. First day. 9 form**

*Ratmino, July 30, 2019*

1. (V.Protasov) A triangle  $OAB$  with  $\angle A = 90^\circ$  lies inside a right angle with vertex  $O$ . The altitude of  $OAB$  from  $A$  is extended beyond  $A$  until it intersects the side of angle  $O$  at  $M$ . The distances from  $M$  and  $B$  to the second side of angle  $O$  are equal to 2 and 1 respectively. Find the length of  $OA$ .

**Answer.**  $\sqrt{2}$ .

**First solution.** Let  $S$  be the projection of  $B$  onto line  $OM$ . Then quadrilateral  $ABOS$  is *cyclic*, so  $\angle OAS = \angle OBS = 90^\circ - \angle BOM = \angle OMA$ , thus triangles  $AOS$  and  $MOA$  are similar (fig. 9.1). Therefore  $OA^2 = OS \cdot OM = 1 \cdot 2$ , and  $OA = \sqrt{2}$ .

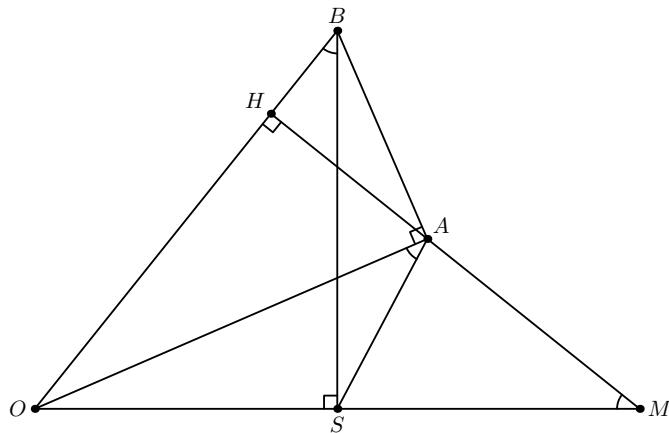


Fig. 9.1.

**Second solution.** Let  $AH$  be the altitude of the triangle. Then  $BHSM$  is a cyclic quadrilateral, therefore  $OH \cdot OB = OS \cdot OM = 2$ . But  $OH \cdot OB = OA^2$  by the property of a right-angled triangle.

2. (D.Prokopenko) Let  $P$  lie on the circumcircle of triangle  $ABC$ . Let  $A_1$  be the reflection of the orthocenter of triangle  $PBC$  about the perpendicular bisector to  $BC$ . Points  $B_1$  and  $C_1$  are defined similarly. Prove that  $A_1$ ,  $B_1$ , and  $C_1$  are collinear.

**First solution.** Let  $H$  be the orthocenter of triangle  $ABC$ . Let  $P$  move along the circumcircle of  $ABC$  with a constant velocity. Then points  $A_1$ ,

$B_1$  and  $C_1$  move along circles  $BHC$ ,  $CHA$  and  $AHB$  respectively with the same velocity. So it suffices to find a particular case when  $A_1$ ,  $B_1$ ,  $C_1$  and  $H$  are collinear; then they will always be collinear. For example, the special case when  $AP$  is a diameter is very easy to verify.

**Second solution.** Let  $P'$  be the point opposite to  $P$  on the circumcircle of  $ABC$ . Then  $A_1$  is the reflection of  $P'$  about  $BC$ , therefore  $A_1$  lies on the Steiner line of  $P'$ . Similarly we obtain that  $B_1$  and  $C_1$  lie on the same line.

3. (I.Kukharchuk) Let  $ABCD$  be a cyclic quadrilateral such that  $AD = BD = AC$ . A point  $P$  moves along the circumcircle  $\omega$  of  $ABCD$ . The lines  $AP$  and  $DP$  meet the lines  $CD$  and  $AB$  at points  $E$  and  $F$  respectively. The lines  $BE$  and  $CF$  meet at point  $Q$ . Find the locus of  $Q$ .

**Answer.** A circle  $k$  passing through  $B$ ,  $C$  and touching  $AB$ ,  $CD$ .

**Solution.** Let  $S$  be the intersection point of segments  $AC$  and  $BD$ . Then  $S$  is the interior center of similarity for  $k$  and  $\omega$  (because the tangent to  $\omega$  at  $D$  is parallel to  $AB$ ). Let ray  $SP$  meet  $k$  at  $Q'$ . We are going to prove that lines  $AP$  and  $BQ'$  meet on line  $CD$ . Then it would follow just in the same way that lines  $CQ'$  and  $DP$  meet on line  $AB$ , and, therefore, that  $Q'$  coincides with  $Q$  (fig. 9.3).

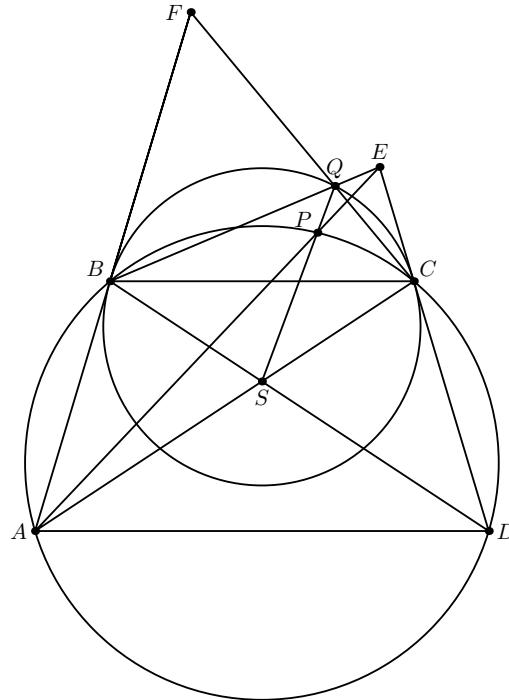


Fig. 9.3.

Let line  $SP$  meet  $\omega$  for the second time at  $R$ , let lines  $AB$  and  $CD$  meet at  $T$ , and let line  $BD$  meet  $k$  for the second time at  $U$ . Let lines  $BQ'$  and  $AP$  meet line  $CD$  at  $E'$  and  $E''$ , respectively. We need to show that  $E'$  and  $E''$  coincide. We will use cross-ratios.

We have that  $(C, D, T, E') = (BC, BD, BT, BE') = (C, U, B, Q') = (A, B, D, R) = (C, D, B, P) = (AC, AD, AB, AP) = (C, D, T, E'')$  (the second equality is obtained by the projection from  $B$  onto  $k$ , and the third one follows from the homothety with center  $S$  between  $k$  and  $\omega$ ). This completes the solution.

**Remark.** We can also prove that  $B, Q'$  and  $E$  are collinear by the following way. Let  $R'$  be the common point of  $k$  and the line  $SP$  distinct from  $Q'$ . Since  $S$  is the homothety center of  $k$  and  $\omega$ , we have  $AP \parallel CR'$  and  $BQ' \parallel DR$ . Hence  $\angle Q'CE = \angle Q'BC = \angle Q'R'C = \angle Q'PE$ , i.e.  $PQ'EC$  is a cyclic quadrilateral. Also  $\angle BQ'R = \angle Q'RD = \angle PCE$ . Therefore  $\angle PQ'E + \angle BQ'P = 180^\circ$ , q.e.d.

4. (V.Protasov) A ship tries to land in the fog. The crew does not know the direction to the land. They see a lighthouse on a little island, and they understand that the distance to the lighthouse does not exceed 10 km (the precise distance is not known). The distance from the lighthouse to the land equals 10 km. The lighthouse is surrounded by reefs, hence the ship cannot approach it. Can the ship land having sailed the distance not greater than 75 km? (The waterside is a straight line, the trajectory has to be given before the beginning of the motion, after that the autopilot navigates the ship according to it.)

**Answer.** Yes, it can.

**Solution.** Let the ship be at point  $K$ , the lighthouse be at point  $M$ , and  $K'$  be the point of ray  $KM$  such that  $KK' = 10$  km. To guarantee the attainment of the land, the convex hull of the trajectory has to contain the disc centered at  $M$  with radius  $KK'$ , but since the position of  $M$  on segment  $KK'$  is not known, this convex hull has to contain the union of all such disks centered at  $KK'$ . It is clear that this condition is also sufficient.

Let  $\omega, \omega'$  be circles centered at  $K, K'$  respectively with radii equal to  $KK'$ , let  $CC'$  and  $DD'$  be the common tangents to these circles,  $X$  be the point of line  $CC'$  such that  $\angle XKC = 30^\circ$ ,  $XA$  be the tangent to  $\omega$ ,  $B$  be the midpoint of arc  $C'D'$  lying outside  $\omega$ , and  $Y$  be the projection of  $B$  onto  $CC'$  (fig. 9.4). Then the trajectory  $KXADD'BY$  satisfies the condition, and its length equals  $10(\sqrt{3} + 2\pi/3 + 1 + \pi/2 + 1) < 74$  km.

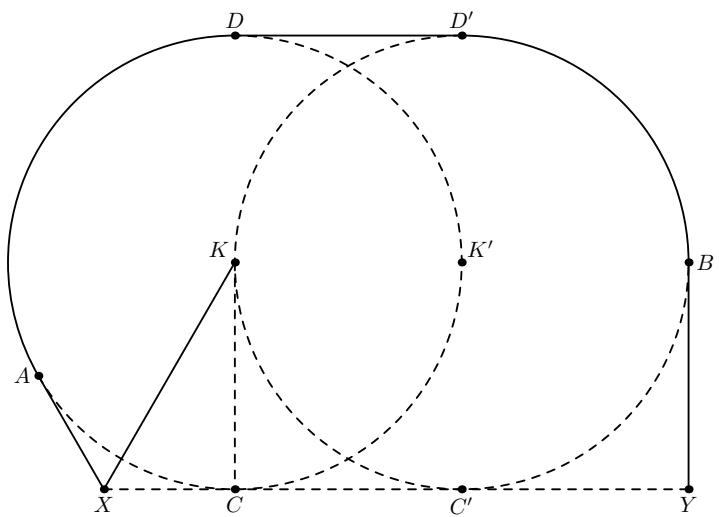


Fig. 9.4.

# XV GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF I.F.SHARYGIN

**Final round. Second day. 9 form**

*Ratmino, July 31, 2019*

5. (A.Akopyan). Let  $R$  be the inradius of a circumscribed quadrilateral  $ABCD$ .

Let  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  be the altitudes from  $A$  to  $BC$  and  $CD$  respectively. Similarly  $h_3$  and  $h_4$  are the altitudes from  $C$  to  $AB$  and  $AD$ . Prove that

$$\frac{h_1 + h_2 - 2R}{h_1 h_2} = \frac{h_3 + h_4 - 2R}{h_3 h_4}.$$

**Solution.** Let  $a$  be the length of the tangent from  $A$  to the incircle, and define  $b, c$  and  $d$  similarly. Then, by calculating the area of  $ABCD$  in three different ways, we obtain  $h_1(b+c) + h_2(c+d) = h_3(a+b) + h_4(a+d) = 2R(a+b+c+d)$ . Multiply both sides of the desired identity by  $a + b + c + d$ . Then the left-hand side numerator simplifies to  $h_1(a + d) + h_2(a + b)$ , and similarly for the right-hand side. So we are left to prove that  $(a + b)/h_1 + (a + d)/h_2 = (b + c)/h_3 + (c + d)/h_4$ . This is clear since we have that  $h_1(b + c) = h_3(a + b)$  by calculating the area of triangle  $ABC$  in two different ways, and similarly for  $h_2$  and  $h_4$ .

6. (M.Saghafian) A non-convex polygon has the property that every three consecutive its vertices form a right-angled triangle. Is it true that this polygon has always an angle equal to  $90^\circ$  or to  $270^\circ$ ?

**First solution.** (N.Beluhov). Let  $A = (0, 1)$ ,  $B = (1, 0)$ ,  $C = (1, 1)$ ,  $D = (2, 0)$ ,  $E = (2, 1)$ ,  $F = (3, 0)$ , and let  $G$  be the intersection point of line  $BE$  and the line through  $F$  perpendicular to  $AF$  (fig. 9.6). Then heptagon  $ABCDEFG$  does work.

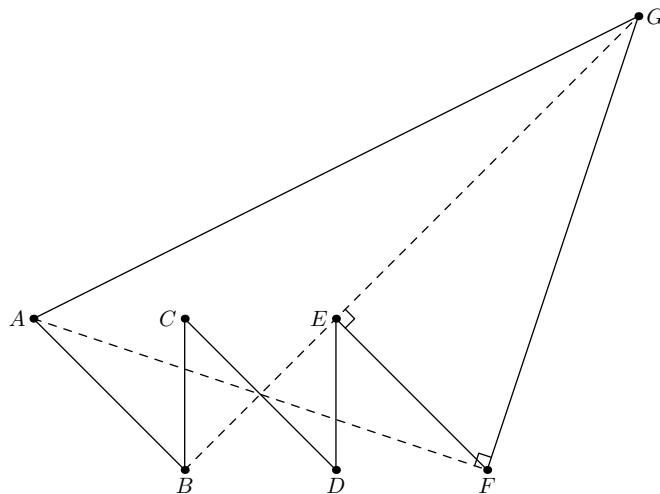


Fig. 9.6.

**Second solution.** Take a rectangle with sides equal to 2 and  $\sqrt{3}$ , and on each its side construct outside it a trapezoid with the ratio of sides equal to  $1 : 1 : 1 : 2$ , in such a way that the smallest base of the trapezoid coincides with the side of the rectangle. Every three consecutive vertices of obtained 12-gon form a triangle with angles equal to  $30^\circ$ ,  $60^\circ$  and  $90^\circ$ , but every angle of 12-gon is equal to  $60^\circ$  or to  $330^\circ$ .

**Third solution.** (Found by the participants of the olympiad.) Fix two points  $A_4$ ,  $A_5$  and some point  $A_3$  lying on the circle with diameter  $A_4A_5$  and such that  $A_3A_4 < A_3A_5$ . Let  $A_2$  be an arbitrary point inside triangle  $A_3A_4A_5$  such that  $\angle A_3A_2A_4 = 90^\circ$ , and  $A_1$  be such that  $A_3A_1 \parallel A_4A_2$  and  $\angle A_4A_1A_5 = 90^\circ$ . If  $A_2$  lies near the segment  $A_4A_5$  we have  $\angle A_1A_2A_5 < 90^\circ$ . And if the angle between  $A_2A_4$  and the tangent to circle  $A_3A_4A_5$  at  $A_3$  is small we have  $\angle A_1A_2A_5 > 90^\circ$ . Hence there exists such position of  $A_2$  that  $\angle A_1A_2A_5 = 90^\circ$ . The corresponding pentagon  $A_1A_2A_3A_4A_5$  is the required one.

7. (F.Yudin) Let the incircle  $\omega$  of triangle  $ABC$  touch  $AC$  and  $AB$  at points  $E$  and  $F$  respectively. Points  $X$ ,  $Y$  of  $\omega$  are such that  $\angle BXC = \angle BYC = 90^\circ$ . Prove that  $EF$  and  $XY$  meet on the medial line of  $ABC$ .

**First solution.** Let  $A_0$ ,  $B_0$ ,  $C_0$  be the midpoint of  $BC$ ,  $CA$ ,  $AB$  respectively. Let  $EF$  meet  $B_0C_0$ ,  $A_0B_0$ , and  $A_0C_0$  at points  $Z$ ,  $M$ , and  $N$  respectively. Then  $M$  and  $N$  are the projections of  $C$  and  $B$  to the bisectors of angles  $B$  and  $C$  respectively, hence  $M$  and  $N$  lie on the circle  $BXYC$ . Also since  $A_0C_0 \parallel AC$  and  $A_0B_0 \parallel AB$  we obtain that  $ZE/ZN = ZB_0/ZC_0 = ZM/ZF$ , i.e. the powers of  $Z$  with respect to  $\omega$  and the circle  $BXYC$  are equal, thus  $Z$  lie on  $XY$ .

**Second solution.** Let  $I$  be the incenter of triangle  $ABC$ , let  $H$  be the orthocenter of triangle  $BIC$ , let  $k$  be the circle with diameter  $IH$ , and let  $\Gamma$  be the circle with diameter  $BC$ .

Observe that line  $XY$  is the radical axis of circles  $\omega$  and  $\Gamma$ .

Let  $K$  and  $L$  be the projections of  $B$  and  $C$  onto lines  $CI$  and  $BI$  respectively. It is well-known that  $K$  and  $L$  lie on line  $EF$ . Therefore, line  $EF$  is the radical axis of circles  $k$  and  $\Gamma$ .

We are left to show that the midline  $\ell$  of triangle  $ABC$  opposite to  $A$  is the radical axis of circles  $k$  and  $\omega$ .

Let  $M$  and  $N$  be the projections of  $A$  onto lines  $BI$  and  $CI$ , respectively. It is well-known that  $M$  and  $N$  lie on line  $\ell$ . We are going to show that the powers of  $M$  with respect to circles  $k$  and  $\omega$  are equal. Then we would have similarly that the powers of  $N$  with respect to circles  $k$  and  $\omega$  are equal as well.

Observe that the polar of  $A$  with respect to  $\omega$  is line  $EF$ , which passes through  $L$ . So the polar of  $L$  with respect to  $\omega$  passes through  $A$ . On the other hand, the polar of  $L$  with respect to  $\omega$  is perpendicular to  $IL$ . So the polar of  $L$  with respect to  $\omega$  is line  $AM$ . Consequently, the polar of  $M$  with respect to  $\omega$  is line  $CL$ . Let  $MP$  and  $MQ$  be the tangents from  $M$  to  $\omega$ . Then  $P$  and  $Q$  lie on line  $CL$  (fig.9.7). Therefore,  $ML \cdot MI = MP^2$  and so the powers of  $M$  with respect to circles  $k$  and  $\omega$  are equal, as needed.

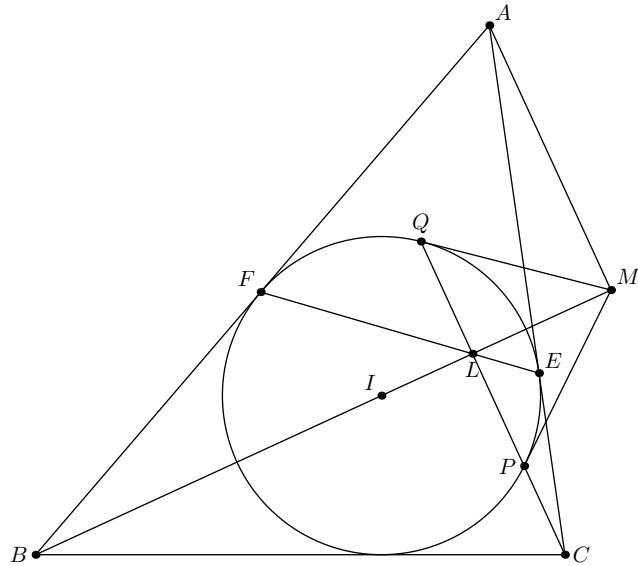


Fig. 9.7.

8. (I.Frolov) A hexagon  $A_1A_2A_3A_4A_5A_6$  has no four concyclic vertices, and its diagonals  $A_1A_4$ ,  $A_2A_5$ , and  $A_3A_6$  concur. Let  $l_i$  be the radical axis of circles  $A_iA_{i+1}A_{i-2}$  and  $A_iA_{i-1}A_{i+2}$  (the points  $A_i$  and  $A_{i+6}$  coincide). Prove that  $l_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 6$ , concur.

**Solution.** Let  $A_1, \dots, A_5$  be fixed and  $A_6$  move along the line passing through  $A_3$  and the common point of the diagonals of quadrilateral  $A_1A_2A_4A_5$ . Then the center  $O$  of circle  $A_1A_2A_5$  is fixed, and the center  $O'$  of circle  $A_1A_3A_6$  moves along the perpendicular bisector to segment  $A_1A_3$  in such a way that the correspondence between  $A_6$  and  $O'$  is projective (because  $\angle O'A_1A_6 = \pi/2 - \angle A_6A_3A_1 = \text{const}$ ). Since the radical axis  $l_1$  is perpendicular

to  $OO'$ , we obtain that the correspondence between  $A_6$  and  $l_1$  is also projective, thus the correspondence between lines  $l_1$  and  $l_2$  rotating around  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  is projective too. Therefore the common point of these lines moves along some conic. Since both lines coincide with  $A_1A_2$ , when  $A_6$  meets the circle  $A_1A_2A_3$ , this conic degenerates to  $A_1A_2$  and another line passing through  $A_3$ . Also when  $A_6$  meets the circle  $A_2A_3A_5$  then the common point lies on  $l_3$ , therefore it lies on  $l_3$  for all positions of  $A_6$ . So  $l_1$ ,  $l_2$  and  $l_3$  concur. Similarly we obtain that three remaining radical axes pass through the same point.

**XV GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF  
I.F.SHARYGIN**  
**Final round. Solutions. First day. 10 form**

*Ratmino, July 30, 2019*

1. (A.Dadgarnia) Given a triangle  $ABC$  with  $\angle A = 45^\circ$ . Let  $A'$  be the antipode of  $A$  in the circumcircle of  $ABC$ . Points  $E$  and  $F$  on segments  $AB$  and  $AC$  respectively are such that  $A'B = BE$ ,  $A'C = CF$ . Let  $K$  be the second intersection of circumcircles of triangles  $AEF$  and  $ABC$ . Prove that  $EF$  bisects  $A'K$ .

**Solution.** Let  $K'$  be the reflection of  $A'$  about the line  $EF$ . Since  $\angle BA'E = \angle CA'F = 45^\circ$ , we have that  $\angle EK'F = \angle EA'F = 45^\circ$ , and thus  $AK'EF$  is a cyclic quadrilateral. Then  $\angle K'EB = \angle K'FC$ . Furthermore,  $K'E : EB = A'E : EB = \sqrt{2} = A'F : FC = K'F : FC$ , thus triangles  $K'EB$  and  $K'FC$  are similar. Then  $\angle BK'C = 45^\circ$ , so  $AK'BC$  is a cyclic quadrilateral and  $K'$  coincides with  $K$  (fig. 10.1).

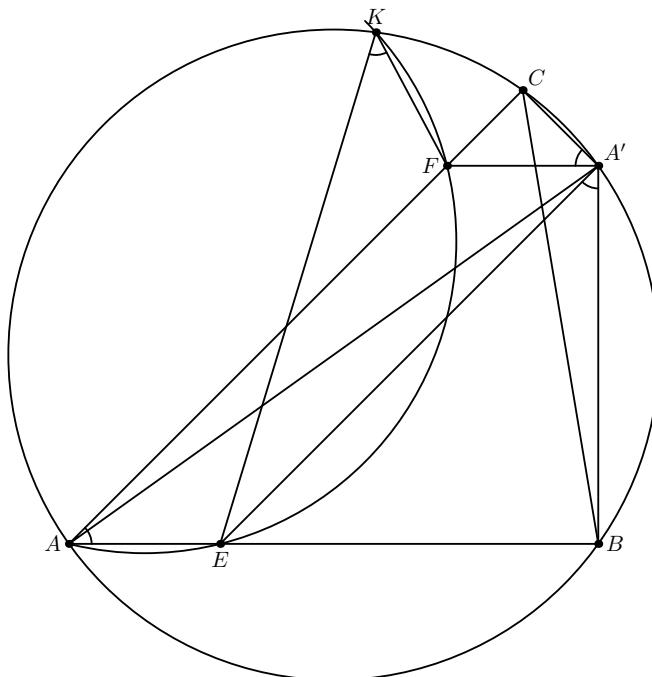


Fig. 10.1.

**Second solution.** Let  $O$  be the circumcenter of  $ABC$ . Note that  $EBA'$  and  $FCA'$  are isosceles right-angled triangles, thus  $AEA'F$  is a parallelogram, and  $O$  is the midpoint of  $EF$ . Also  $O$  lies on the perpendicular bisector to  $AK$ , but  $O$  does not coincide with the circumcenter of  $AKEF$ . Therefore

$EF \parallel AK$ , i.e.  $EF$  is the medial line of triangle  $AA'K$ , which yields the required assertion.

2. (F.Ivlev) Let  $A_1, B_1, C_1$  be the midpoints of sides  $BC, AC$  and  $AB$  of triangle  $ABC$ ,  $AK$  be its altitude from  $A$ , and  $L$  be the tangency point of the incircle  $\gamma$  with  $BC$ . Let the circumcircles of triangles  $LKB_1$  and  $A_1LC_1$  meet  $B_1C_1$  for the second time at points  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively and  $\gamma$  meet this line at points  $Z$  and  $T$ . Prove that  $XZ = YT$ .

**Solution.** Since  $BC \parallel B_1C_1$ , both of  $KB_1XL$  and  $A_1LYC_1$  are isosceles trapezoids. Then  $\angle BLX = \angle CKB_1 = \angle BA_1C_1 = \angle CLY$ , thus  $X$  and  $Y$  are symmetric with respect to line  $IL$ , where  $I$  is the incenter of triangle  $ABC$  (fig. 10.2). It is clear that  $Z$  and  $T$  are also symmetric with respect to  $IL$ , therefore  $XZ = YT$ , as needed.

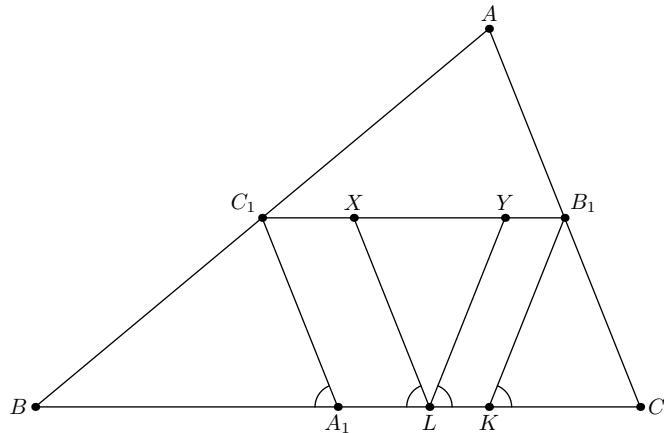


Fig. 10.2.

3. (A.Bhattacharya) Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be isogonal conjugates inside triangle  $ABC$ . Let  $\omega$  be the circumcircle of  $ABC$ . Let  $A_1$  be a point on arc  $BC$  of  $\omega$  satisfying  $\angle BA_1P = \angle CA_1Q$ . Points  $B_1$  and  $C_1$  are defined similarly. Prove that  $AA_1, BB_1$ , and  $CC_1$  are concurrent.

**First solution.** Let  $A'_1$  be the Miquel point for lines  $BP, BQ, CP$ , and  $CQ$ . Then  $\angle BA'_1C = (\pi - \angle BPC) + (\pi - \angle BQC) = \pi - \angle A$  (fig.10.3), hence  $A'_1$  lies on  $\omega$ . Also  $A'_1$  is the center of the similarity that maps  $B$  onto  $P$  and  $Q$  onto  $C$ . (Then it is also the center of the similarity that maps  $B$  onto  $Q$  and  $P$  onto  $C$ ). Thus  $\angle BA'_1P = \angle CA'_1Q$  and  $A'_1$  coincides with  $A_1$  (a unique point  $A_1$  satisfies to  $\angle BA_1P = \angle CA_1Q$  because when the point moves along the arc  $BC$  one of these angles increases and the second one decreases). Then since triangle  $A_1BP$  is similar to triangle  $A_1QC$ , and

triangle  $A_1BQ$  is similar to triangle  $A_1PC$ , we have  $BA_1 : A_1C = (BA_1 : A_1P) \cdot (PA_1 : A_1C) = (BQ : PC) \cdot (BP : QC) = (BP \cdot BQ) : (CP \cdot CQ)$ . Express ratios  $(CB_1 : B_1A)$  and  $(AC_1 : C_1B)$  similarly, and then multiply all three to obtain one. It follows that the main diagonals of inscribed hexagon  $AC_1BA_1CB_1$  are concurrent.

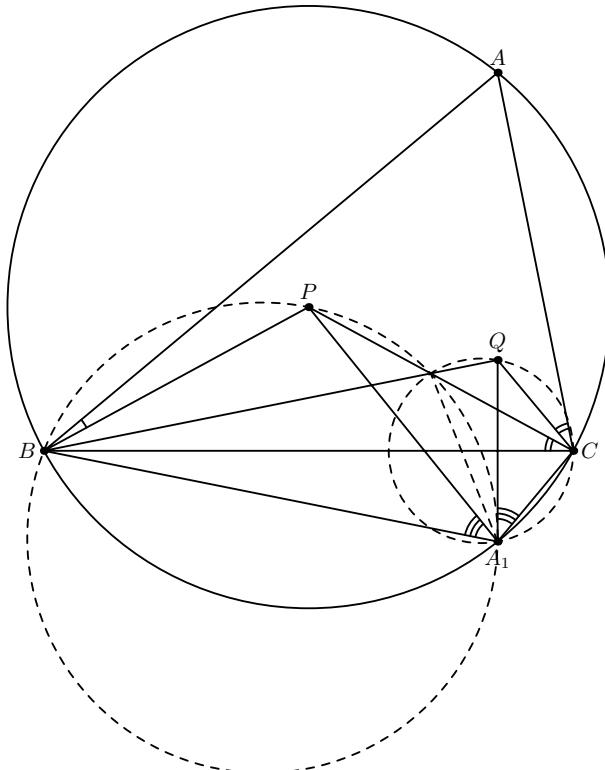


Fig. 10.3.

**Second solution.** Since the bisectors of angles  $BA_1C$  and  $PA_1Q$  coincide we have that the reflections of  $BA_1$ ,  $CA_1$ ,  $PA_1$  and  $QA_1$  with respect to the bisectors of angles  $PBQ$ ,  $PCQ$ ,  $BPC$  and  $BQC$  respectively are concurrent or parallel. Since the bisectors of angles  $PBQ$  and  $PCQ$  coincide with the bisectors of angles  $B$  and  $C$  of triangle  $ABC$  and  $A_1$  lies on the circumcircle of this triangle we obtain that these four lines are parallel, i.e.  $A_1$  is isogonally conjugated with respect to quadrilateral  $BPCQ$  to the infinite point of its Gauss line (i.e. coincide with the Miquel point of lines  $BP$ ,  $BQ$ ,  $CP$  и  $CQ$ ). But the lines passing through  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$  and parallel to the Gauss lines of quadrilaterals  $BPCQ$ ,  $APCQ$ ,  $APBQ$  respectively concur at the point anticomplimentar to the midpoint of  $PQ$  with respect to  $ABC$ . Therefore  $AA_1$ ,  $BB_1$ ,  $CC_1$  concur at the isogonally conjugated point.

4. (L.Emelyanov) Prove that the sum of two nagelians is greater than the semiperimeter of the triangle. (A nagelian is the segment between a vertex of a triangle and the tangency point of the opposite side with the corresponding excircle.)

**Solution.** Let the incircle of  $ABC$  touch  $BC$ ,  $CA$ ,  $AB$  at points  $A'$ ,  $B'$ ,  $C'$  respectively, and let the correspondent excircles touch these sides at  $A''$ ,  $B''$ ,  $C''$ . Suppose that  $\angle A \leq \angle B \leq \angle C$ . Then  $AA'' \geq BB'' \geq CC''$  and we have to prove that the sum of  $BB''$  and  $CC''$  is greater than the semiperimeter  $p$ . Let  $CH$  be the altitude of the triangle, and  $A_1$  be the point of ray  $BA$  such that  $BA_1 = p$  (fig.10.4.1). Then  $AB'' = AA_1 = p - c$  and  $p < BB'' + B''A_1$ . Proving that  $B''A_1 < CH$  we obtain that  $p < BB'' + CH < BB'' + CC''$ .

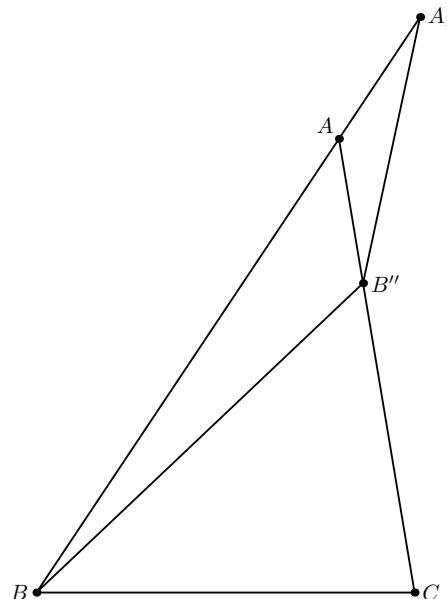


Fig. 10.4.1

Since  $A_1B'' = 2(p - c) \cos \frac{\angle A}{2}$ ,  $CH = AC \sin \angle A = 2AC \sin \frac{\angle A}{2} \cos \frac{\angle A}{2}$ , we have to prove that  $AC \sin \frac{\angle A}{2} > p - c$ .

Let  $P$  be the projection of  $C$  to the bisector of angle  $A$ . Then  $P$  lies on segment  $A'C'$  because  $\angle C \geq \angle B$  (fig.10.4.2). Also  $PC = AC \sin \frac{\angle A}{2}$ ,  $A'C = p - c$  and  $\angle PA'C = (\pi + \angle B)/2$ , therefore  $CP$  is the greatest side of triangle  $A'CP$ , as needed.

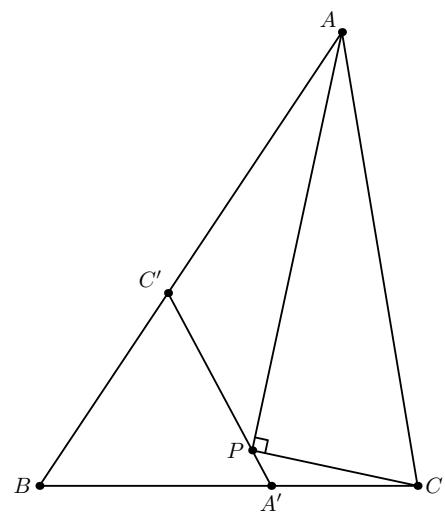


Fig. 10.4.2

# XV GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF I.F.SHARYGIN

**Final round. Solutions. Second day. 10 form**

*Ratmino, July 31, 2019*

5. (D.Shvetsov) Let  $AA_1$ ,  $BB_1$ ,  $CC_1$  be the altitudes of triangle  $ABC$ ; and  $A_0$ ,  $C_0$  be the common points of the circumcircle of triangle  $A_1BC_1$  with the lines  $A_1B_1$  and  $C_1B_1$  respectively. Prove that  $AA_0$  and  $CC_0$  meet on the median of  $ABC$  or are parallel to it.

**Solution.** Let lines  $AA_0$  and  $BC$  meet at  $X$  and let lines  $CC_0$  and  $AB$  meet at  $Y$ . It suffices to show that  $BX : XC = BY : YA$ . Observe that points  $A_0$  and  $C_1$  are symmetric with respect to line  $BB_1$ , as are points  $A_1$  and  $C_0$  (fig. 10.5). Let lines  $BA_0$  and  $AC$  meet at  $Z$ . Then, by Menelaus theorem for triangle  $BCZ$  and line  $AA_0X$ , we obtain that  $BX : XC = (BA_0 : A_0Z) \cdot (ZA : AC) = (2/AC) \cdot (BC_1 : C_1A) \cdot AB_1$ . Similarly for  $BY : YA$ , and we are left to verify that  $(BC_1 : C_1A) \cdot AB_1 = (BA_1 : A_1C) \cdot CB_1$ . But this is just Ceva's theorem for the orthocenter.

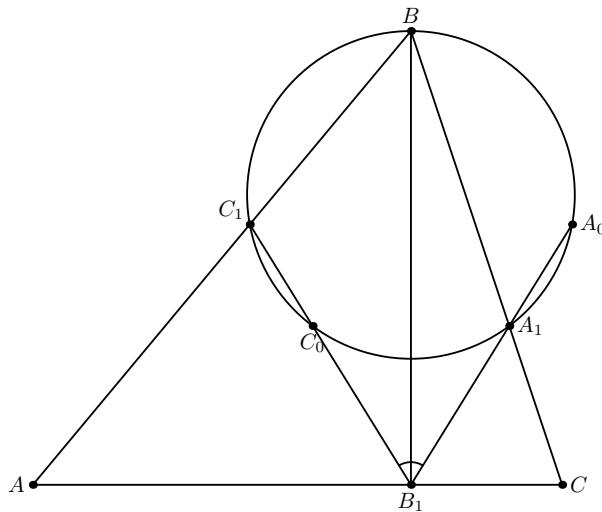


Fig. 10.5

**Second solution.** Since  $A_0$ ,  $C_0$  are the reflections about  $BH$  of  $C_1$ ,  $A_1$  respectively and triangles  $HAC_1$ ,  $HCA_1$  are similar we obtain that triangles  $HAA_0$  and  $HCC_0$  are also similar. Thus the common point of  $AA_0$  and  $CC_0$  coincide with the common point of circles  $HAC$  and  $HA_0C_0$  distinct from  $H$ , i.e. with the projection of  $H$  to the median.

6. (A.Mostovoy) Let  $AK$  and  $AT$  be the bisector and the median of an acute-angled triangle  $ABC$  with  $AC > AB$ . The line  $AT$  meets the circumcircle of  $ABC$  at point  $D$ . Point  $F$  is the reflection of  $K$  about  $T$ . If the angles of  $ABC$  are known, find the value of angle  $FDA$ .

**First solution.** Let  $M$  be the midpoint of arc  $BC$ . Then  $\angle MFT = \angle MKT = \angle MKC = \alpha/2 + \gamma = \angle ACM = \angle ADM = \angle TDM$ , thus quadrilateral  $MDFT$  is cyclic (fig/ 10/6). Then  $\angle ADF = \angle TDF = \angle TMF = \angle TMK = (\beta - \gamma)/2$ .

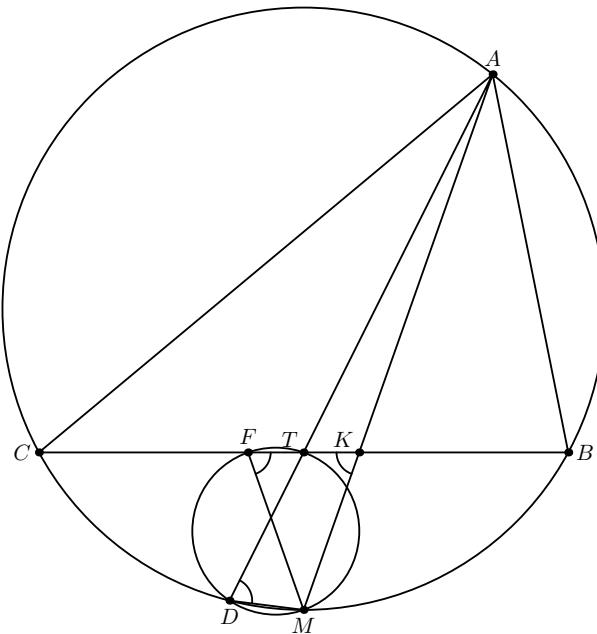


Fig. 10.6

**Second solution.** Let the symmedian from  $A$  meet the circumcircle at  $Q$ . Since  $D$  and  $Q$  are symmetric about the perpendicular bisector to  $BC$ , we can replace required angle  $FDA$  by equal angle  $KQT$ . Since  $AK$  and  $TK$  are bisectors of triangle  $AQT$ , we obtain that  $\angle KQT = \angle KQA/2$ , but the last angle equals to  $\angle B = \angle C$ , because the ray  $QK$  meets the circumcircle at a point forming an isosceles trapezoid with the vertices of the given triangle.

7. (Tran Quang Hung) Let  $P$  be an arbitrary point on side  $BC$  of triangle  $ABC$ . Let  $K$  be the incenter of triangle  $PAB$ . Let the incircle of triangle  $PAC$  touch  $BC$  at  $F$ . Point  $G$  on  $CK$  is such that  $FG \parallel PK$ . Find the locus of  $G$ .

**Solution. Lemma.** In triangle  $ABC$ , let  $I_B$  and  $I_C$  be the excenters opposite to  $B$  and  $C$ . Let the excircle opposite to  $B$  touch line  $BC$  at  $T$  and let  $\ell$  be

the line through  $T$  parallel to  $BI_C$ . Let  $P$  be any point on line  $BC$  and let line  $PI_B$  meet line  $\ell$  at  $Q$ . Then  $CQ \perp PI_B$ .

**Proof of the lemma.** Let  $R$  be the intersection point of line  $PI_B$  and the line through  $T$  perpendicular to  $\ell$  (and parallel to  $BI_B$ ). Then  $TQ : BI_C = TP : PB = TR : BI_B$ , thus  $TQ : TR = BI_C : BI_B = TC : TI_B$ , i.e. triangles  $CTI_B$  and  $QTR$  are similar. It follows that triangles  $CTQ$  and  $I_BTR$  are similar as well. The angle of rotation of the similarity centered at  $T$  that maps one triangle onto the other equals  $\angle CTI_B = \angle QTR = 90^\circ$ , so  $CQ$  is perpendicular to  $PI_B$ , as needed.

Return to the problem. Let the incircle touch sides  $AC$  and  $BC$  at  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively, and let  $Z$  be the midpoint of segment  $XY$ . We claim that the desired locus is the segment  $YZ$ .

To see this, observe first that the second common interior tangent to the incircles of triangles  $ABP$  and  $ACP$  passes through  $Y$ ; this is well-known. Then apply the lemma to the triangle formed by the two common interior tangents to the incircles of triangles  $ABP$  and  $ACP$  and their common exterior tangent  $BC$ , and to point  $C$  on side  $PY$  of this triangle. We obtain that  $G$  lies on line  $XY$  (fig. 10.7). When  $P$  approaches  $B$ ,  $G$  approaches  $Y$ ; and when  $P$  approaches  $C$ ,  $G$  approaches  $Z$ .

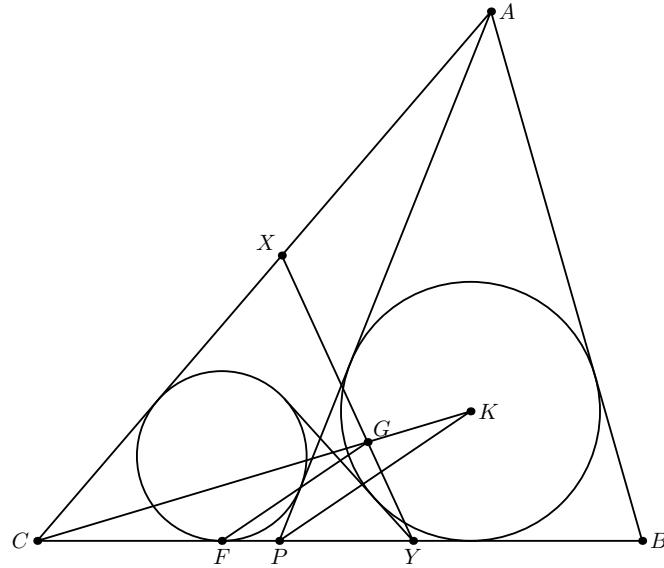


Fig. 10.7

8. (F.Nilov, Ye.Morozov) Several points and planes are given in the space. It is known that for any two of given points there exist exactly two planes

containing them, and each given plane contains at least four of given points. Is it true that all given points are collinear?

**Answer.** No.

**Solution.** Take 12 points — the midpoints of edges of cube  $ABCDA'B'C'D'$ , and 16 planes such that four of them pass through the center of cube and are perpendicular to its diagonals (each of these planes intersects the cube by a regular hexagon), and each of the remaining planes passes through the midpoints of four edges adjacent to the same edge of the cube (for example the midpoints of edges  $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $A'B'$ , and  $B'C'$ ). It is clear that each plane contains at least four of the given points. Also for any two of the given points there exist exactly two planes containing them: the midpoints of two perpendicular edges lie on one rectangular and one hexagonal section, the midpoints of two parallel edges lying on the same face lie on two rectangular sections, and the midpoints of two opposite sections of the cube lie on two hexagonal sections.