



**houssam9990**

#10 Apr 7, 2016, 2:44 am

(1):  $XT \cap YZ = P$ .

proof:

let  $TZ \cap XY = R, XZ \cap TY = W$ .

apply pascal respectively to the hexagons:

$(TTXYZZ); (XXTZZY); (YYZXZXT); (TTXZZY)$  to see that  $XT \cap YZ \in AC \cap BD = P$ .

next let  $G$  the intersection of the tangent at  $P$  to  $(ABP)$  and  $AB$ .

(2):  $S \in \Gamma(G, r = GP)$ .

proof:

on the one hand:

$$XPG = XPB - GPB = 180 - AXT - XBD - BAC = ABD - BAC + 180 - AXT$$

on the other hand  $2AXT = 180 - BAD - ADC$ , equating the latters yields  $XPG = GXP$ ,

hence  $GX^2 = GP^2 = GB \cdot GA \rightarrow G$  is on the radical axis of  $(XYZ); (\Omega)$  i.e lies on the tangent of  $(XYZ)$  at  $S$ .

(3):  $TSP = 90$

proof:

$$TSP = PSG + GST = 90 - 1/2PGS + TXS = 90 - PXS + PXS = 90 \text{ which ends the proof.}$$

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**EulerMacaroni**

#12 May 14, 2016, 4:33 am

First by Pascal on  $XXTYYZ$  and  $TTXZZY$ , we get that  $A, C$ , and  $XT \cap ZY$  are collinear. Applying Pascal again on  $XXTZZY$  and  $YYXTTZ$  gives that  $B, D$ , and  $XT \cap ZY$  are collinear, so we conclude that  $P \equiv XT \cap ZY$ . Then

$$\angle ZYX = \frac{\angle ZOX}{2} = \frac{180^\circ - \angle ZBX}{2} = \frac{\angle ABC}{2} = \frac{180^\circ - \angle ADC}{2} = \frac{\angle TDY}{2} = \frac{180^\circ - \angle TOY}{2} = 90^\circ - \angle TXY$$

so that  $\angle YPZ = 90^\circ$ . If  $F \equiv YZ \cap AB$ , then

$$(A, B; F, X) \stackrel{Y}{=} (D, B; P, XY \cap BD) \stackrel{X}{=} (DX \cap \odot(XYZ), X; T, Y) = -1$$

which, combined with  $\angle FPX = 90^\circ$ , gives that  $PF$  and  $PX$  are the internal and external angle bisectors of  $\angle APB$ . Then  $\odot(FPX)$  is the  $P$ -Apollonius circle in  $\triangle APB$ , so its center  $M$  lies on the common internal tangent of  $\odot(ASB)$  and  $\odot(XYZ)$  by the radical axis theorem, hence  $S$  lies on  $\odot(FPX)$  as well. Finally,

$$\angle SPT = \angle SPX = \angle SFX$$

and

$$\angle STP = 180^\circ - \angle STX = \angle SYX = \angle SXF$$

whence  $\angle PST = \angle FSX = 90^\circ$ , as desired.

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## High School Olympiads

Two problems with nine point circle X

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**buratinogiggle**

#1 Mar 21, 2016, 8:10 am

**Problem 1.** Let  $ABC$  be a triangle and  $d_1, d_2$  are two perpendicular lines passing through circumcenter  $O$  of triangle  $ABC$ .  $A_1, A_2$  are projections of  $A$  on  $d_1, d_2$ . Similarly, we have  $B_1, B_2, C_1, C_2$ . Prove that  $A_1A_2, B_1B_2, C_1C_2$  bound a triangle whose incenter lies on nine point circle of triangle  $ABC$ .

**Problem 2.** Let  $ABC$  be a triangle and  $d_1, d_2$  are two perpendicular lines passing through incenter  $I$  of triangle  $ABC$ .  $A_1, A_2$  are projections of  $A$  on  $d_1, d_2$ . Similarly, we have  $B_1, B_2, C_1, C_2$ . Prove that  $A_1A_2, B_1B_2, C_1C_2$  bound a triangle whose circumcenter lies on nine point circle of triangle  $ABC$ .



**Luis González**

#2 Mar 21, 2016, 9:12 am • 1 ↳



» *buratinogiggle wrote:*

**Problem 1.** Let  $ABC$  be a triangle and  $d_1, d_2$  are two perpendicular lines passing through circumcenter  $O$  of triangle  $ABC$ .  $A_1, A_2$  are projections of  $A$  on  $d_1, d_2$ . Similarly, we have  $B_1, B_2, C_1, C_2$ . Prove that  $A_1A_2, B_1B_2, C_1C_2$  bound a triangle whose incenter lies on nine point circle of triangle  $ABC$ .

The perpendicularity  $d_1 \perp d_2$  is unnecessary. Let  $D, E, F$  be the midpoints of  $BC, CA, AB$ . Since  $O \in d_1$ , then the reflection  $T_1$  of  $A_1$  across  $EF$  is the orthopole of  $d_1$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$  (well-known) and similarly the reflection  $T_2$  of  $A_2$  across  $EF$  is the orthopole of  $d_2$  WRT  $\triangle ABC \implies A_1A_2$  is the reflection of  $T_1T_2$  across  $EF$ . Analogously  $B_1B_2$  and  $C_1C_2$  are the reflections of  $T_1T_2$  across  $FD, DE$ . Now according to the problem [The incenter lies on circumcircle \[Iran Second Round 95\]](#), the incenter of the triangle bounded by  $A_1A_2, B_1B_2, C_1C_2$  lies on  $\odot(DEF)$ .



**Luis González**

#3 Mar 21, 2016, 10:39 am • 1 ↳



» *buratinogiggle wrote:*

**Problem 2.** Let  $ABC$  be a triangle and  $d_1, d_2$  are two perpendicular lines passing through incenter  $I$  of triangle  $ABC$ .  $A_1, A_2$  are projections of  $A$  on  $d_1, d_2$ . Similarly, we have  $B_1, B_2, C_1, C_2$ . Prove that  $A_1A_2, B_1B_2, C_1C_2$  bound a triangle whose circumcenter lies on nine point circle of triangle  $ABC$ .

Let  $X \equiv B_1B_2 \cap C_1C_2, Y \equiv C_1C_2 \cap A_1A_2, Z \equiv A_1A_2 \cap B_1B_2$ . Let  $D, E, F, U, V, W$  be the midpoints of  $BC, CA, AB, IA, IB, IC$  and let  $A', B', C'$  be the tangency points of the incircle ( $I$ ) with  $BC, CA, AB$ . Since  $\triangle VIC_1$  and  $\triangle WIB_2$  are isosceles at  $V$  and  $W$ , we get  $\angle IC_1V = \angle VIC_1$  and  $\angle IB_2W = \angle WIB_2 \implies \angle B_2IC_1 = \angle WIB_2 + \angle VIC_1 + \angle VZW \implies \angle YXZ \equiv \angle VZW = 90^\circ - (90^\circ + \frac{1}{2}\angle BAC - 90^\circ) = 90^\circ - \frac{1}{2}\angle BAC = \angle B'A'C' \implies X \in \odot(DVW)$  and similarly  $\angle ZYX = \angle C'B'A' \implies \triangle XYZ \sim \triangle A'B'C'$ . Moreover from cyclic  $XVDW$ , we get  $\angle DXV = \angle DWV = \angle ICA' = \angle IA'B' \implies DX$  is the circumdiameter of  $\triangle XYZ$  issuing from  $X$  and likewise  $EY$  and  $FZ$  are the circumdiameters of  $\triangle XYZ$  issuing from  $Y, Z \implies J \equiv DX \cap EY \cap FZ$  is the circumcenter of  $\triangle XYZ$ . Now from  $\triangle XYZ \cup J \sim \triangle A'B'C' \cup I$ , we get  $\angle FJE \equiv \angle ZJY = \angle B'IC' = \angle FDE \pmod{180} \implies J \in \odot(DEF)$ .

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The incenter lies on circumcircle [Iran Second Round 95] X

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**Amir Hosseini**

#1 Nov 26, 2010, 1:13 am • 2

Let  $ABC$  be an acute triangle and let  $\ell$  be a line in the plane of triangle  $ABC$ . We've drawn the reflection of the line  $\ell$  over the sides  $AB$ ,  $BC$  and  $AC$  and they intersect in the points  $A'$ ,  $B'$  and  $C'$ . Prove that the incenter of the triangle  $A'B'C'$  lies on the circumcircle of the triangle  $ABC$ .

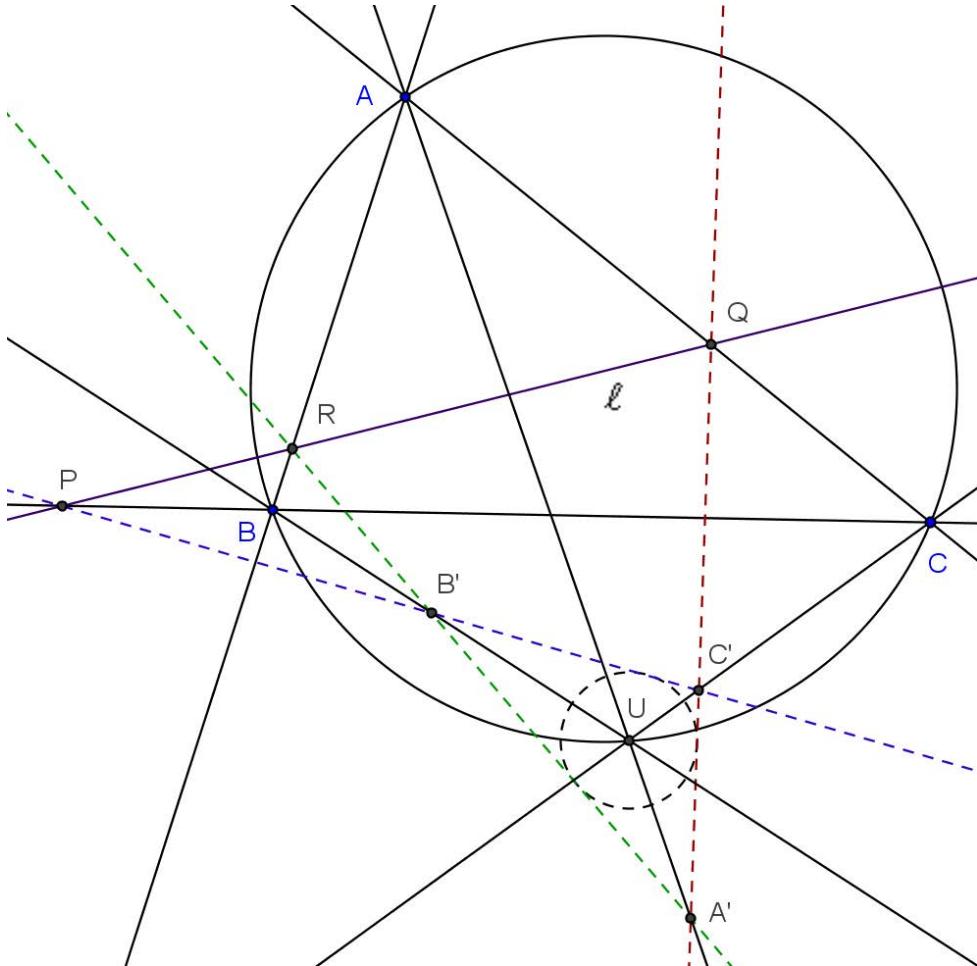


**Luis González**

#2 Nov 26, 2010, 4:20 am • 3

Let us assume that  $\ell$  cuts  $\overline{AC}$ ,  $\overline{AB}$  at  $Q$ ,  $R$  and the extension of  $CB$  at  $P$ .  $PB$ ,  $RB$  become internal bisectors of  $\angle RPB'$  and  $\angle PRB' \implies B$  is the incenter of  $\triangle PRB' \implies BB'$  is the internal bisector of  $\angle A'B'C'$ .  $QC$  and  $PC$  become external bisector and internal bisector of  $\angle PQC'$  and  $\angle QPC'$ , respectively  $\implies C$  is the P-excenter of  $\triangle PQC' \implies CC'$  is the internal bisector of  $\angle AC'B'$ . Therefore,  $U \equiv BB' \cap CC'$  is the incenter of  $\triangle A'B'C'$ . From the same fact that  $B$  and  $C$  are the incenter and P-excenter of  $\triangle PRB'$  and  $\triangle PQC'$ , it follows that  $\angle CBU = 90^\circ - \angle PRB$  and  $\angle BCU = 90^\circ - \angle AQR$ . Then  $\angle CBU + \angle BCU = 180^\circ - (\angle PRB + \angle AQR) = \angle BAC$  and the result follows.

Attachments:



**jayme**

#3 Jun 9, 2014, 8:12 pm

Door Mathlinkers

Dear Mathlinkers,

in order to avoid some angle chasing, we can use the Beltrami's theorem.

Sincerely

Jean-Louis



v\_Enhance

#4 Jun 15, 2014, 11:18 am

In the notation of a certain IMO 6, let  $\ell_a, \ell_b, \ell_c$  denote the reflections of  $\ell$  across  $\overline{BC}, \overline{CA}, \overline{AB}$ . Let  $A' = \ell_b \cap \ell_c$  and define  $B, C$  similarly. Let  $I$  be the incenter of  $\triangle A'B'C'$ .

Indeed, let  $X$  and  $Y$  denote the reflections of  $A'$  across  $AB$  and  $AC$ . Then  $AX = AY$ , whence  $\angle B'A'A = \angle YXA = \angle XYA = \angle C'A'A$ , so  $\overline{A'A}$  bisects  $\angle A'B'C'$ . Thus we discover that  $I$  is the concurrency point of  $\overline{AA'}, \overline{BB'}, \overline{CC'}$ .

Using directed angles, compute

$$\angle(\ell_B, \ell_C) = -\angle(\ell_B, \ell) - \angle(\ell, \ell_C) = -2\angle(\overline{AC}, \ell) - 2\angle(\ell, \overline{AB}) = 2\angle(\overline{AC}, \overline{AB}).$$

It follows that  $\angle B'A'C' = 180 - 2A$ . Now  $\angle B'IC' = 90^\circ + \angle BIC = 180^\circ - A$ . It follows that  $A, B, I, C$  are concyclic. ■

Unfortunately, discovering this did not help me solve said #6.



jayme

#5 Jun 15, 2014, 12:11 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,

This is the Collings-Lalesco theorem...

<http://perso.orange.fr/jl.ayme> vol. 17 Une droite et un triangle

Sincerely

Jean-Louis



TelvCohl

#6 Oct 20, 2014, 10:46 pm • 1

The incenter of  $\triangle A'B'C'$  is actually the pole of the Simson line which is parallel to  $\ell$ .

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## High School Olympiads

Lies On Radical Axis X

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**doxuanlong15052000**

#1 Mar 15, 2016, 10:07 pm

Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with incircle  $(I)$  tangent to  $BC$  at  $D$ . The circle  $w$  passes through  $B$  and  $C$  and tangent to  $(I)$  at  $L$ . Then  $A$  lies on radical axis of  $w$  and  $\odot(IDL)$ .

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Reason: Fixing notation



**Luis González**

#2 Mar 15, 2016, 10:32 pm • 4

Let  $\lambda$  be the circle tangent to  $AB$ ,  $AC$  and internally tangent to  $w$  through its arc  $BC$  (not containing  $L$ ). As  $A$ ,  $L$ ,  $X$  are the exsimilicenters of  $(I)$ ,  $w$  and  $\lambda$ , then by Monge & d'Alembert theorem they are collinear. Thus it is enough to prove that  $LIDX$  is cyclic.



It's well-known that  $LD$  bisects  $\angle BLC$  and  $XI$  bisects  $\angle BXC$ , thus if we assume WLOG that  $\angle LBC > \angle LCB$ , we get  $\angle LXI = \frac{1}{2}\angle BXC - \angle BXL = \frac{1}{2}(180^\circ - \angle BLC) - \angle LCB = \frac{1}{2}(\angle LBC - \angle LCB) = \angle LDI \Rightarrow LIDX$  is cyclic, as desired.



**jjlim7**

#3 Mar 20, 2016, 6:52 am

why does  $XI$  bisect  $BXC$ ?

sorry i'm not my best nowadays



**Luis González**

#4 Mar 20, 2016, 7:21 am

Dear jjlim7, that's not a silly question. Please see [Fairly difficult](#) and [incenter of triangle](#) for some proofs. I've seen this fact referred as **Protassov theorem**.



**Lin\_yangyuan**

#5 Apr 25, 2016, 9:59 pm

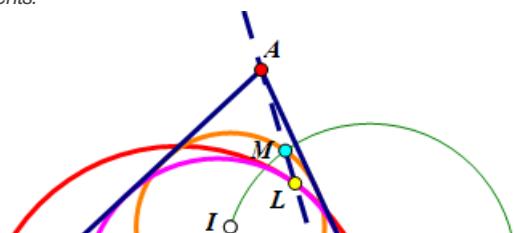


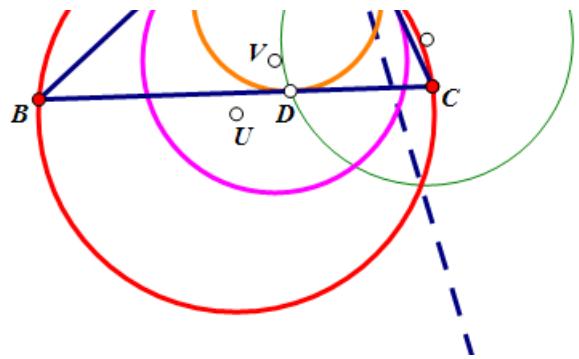
doxuanlong15052000 wrote:

Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with incircle  $(I)$  tangent to  $BC$  at  $D$ . The circle  $w$  passes through  $B$  and  $C$  and tangent to  $(I)$  at  $L$ . Then  $A$  lies on radical axis of  $w$  and  $\odot(IDL)$ .

It's not a new conclusion and we can generalize it in this way: 😊

Attachments:





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## High School Olympiads

Fairly difficult 

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**Omid Hatami**

#1 Jun 10, 2004, 2:21 pm • 2 

Given a triangle  $ABC$ .

Suppose that a circle  $\omega$  passes through  $A$  and  $C$ , and intersects  $AB$  and  $BC$  in  $D$  and  $E$ .

A circle  $S$  is tangent to the segments  $DB$  and  $EB$  and externally tangent to the circle  $\omega$  and lies inside of triangle  $ABC$ .

Suppose that the circle  $S$  is tangent to  $\omega$  at  $M$ .

Prove that the angle bisector of the angle  $\angle AMC$  passes through the incenter of triangle  $ABC$ .

This post has been edited 1 time. Last edited by Omid Hatami, Jun 10, 2004, 2:28 pm



**grobber**

#2 Jun 10, 2004, 2:27 pm



I seem to remember it from somewhere: it was weither posted before or I've struggled to solve it. Anyway, what I wanted to say was this: isn't  $S$  tangent to  $\omega$ ,  $BE$  and  $BD$ ? (instead of  $BD$  you wrote  $ED$ ).



**sam-n**

#3 Jun 10, 2004, 2:52 pm



yes I posted it before and noone manage to give a sol.official sol is really floundering but I know really elementary one.



**Omid Hatami**

#4 Jun 11, 2004, 10:19 am • 1 



Last year, I heared from Gharakhani (One of the people in iranian team for IMO2004) that it has an elementary solution. But I don't know that solution.

So send that solution.   



**sprmnt21**

#5 Jul 25, 2004, 8:49 pm



I proved a lemma that can solve quite straightforward the problem. I need some time to translate from italian to english the statement and the solution. In the meantime, if you can understand some italian you can have a look at

<http://olimpiadi.sns.it/modules.php?op=modload&name=Forums&file=viewtopic&topic=2635&forum=5>



**Charlydif**

#6 Jul 26, 2004, 8:14 am



I solved this problem some time ago using harmonic conjugates and some properties of projective geometry.....if i remember i will post the solution which was rreally nice.....  
(I remember that g7 of isl 2002 can be solved similary)



**sprmnt21**

#7 Jul 31, 2004, 12:54 pm • 1 



Iran99

Let E and F be the intersections of  $c(O)$  with AC and BC resp.; M and N be the midpoints of AE and BF; G and L be the inters. Of circle  $c(O)$  with lines MO and NO resp.

If I is the incenter of ABC lets call P the inters. Between LA and BI and Q the inters. Between GB and AI. From the lemma RLxxxx we have that  $c(API)$  and  $c(BQI)$  intersect  $c(O)$  in the same point Y. Lets call W and X the intersection between  $c(API)$  with AC and  $c(BQI)$  with BC.

Let H and K be the intersection of  $c(O)$  with AI and BI. It is not too difficult to prove that  $LH \parallel HK$  then  $LH = GK$  from which  $\angle IAP = \angle IBQ$ . Then ABPQ is cyclic and it easy to prove that P, W, X, Q are collinear and  $WX \parallel LH$ .

If R and S are the inters. Of YG with AI and YL with BI from lemma RL250704 we have that YSIR is cyclic and tangent to  $c(O)$ . Then SR  $\parallel$  LG.

From  $\angle IYR = \angle ISR = \angle IKH = \angle BAH = \angle IAW$  it follows that W, Y and G are collinear. Similarly one can prove that X, Y and L are collinear too. So  $c(XYW)$  is tangent to  $c(O)$ .

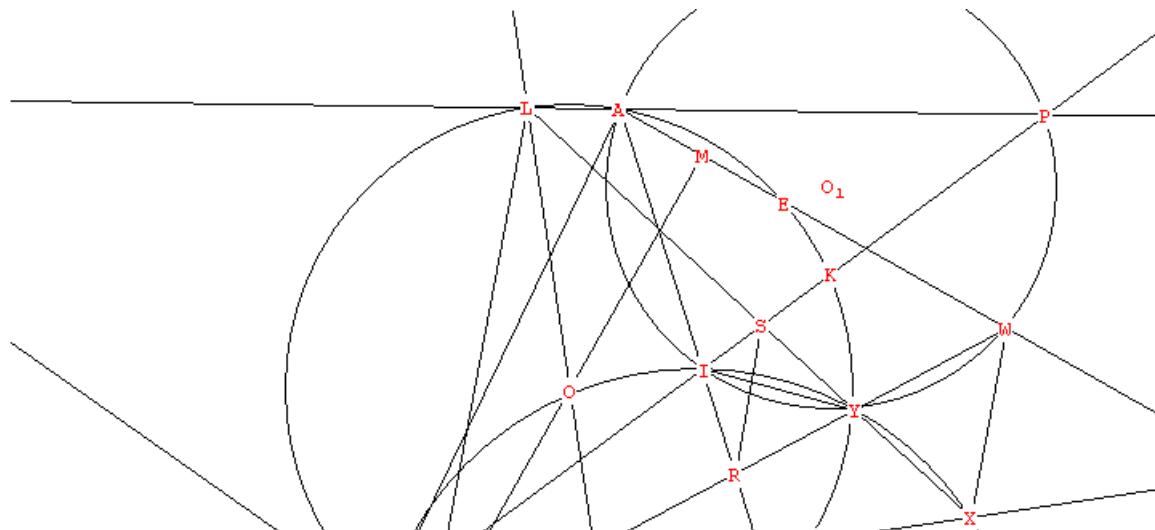
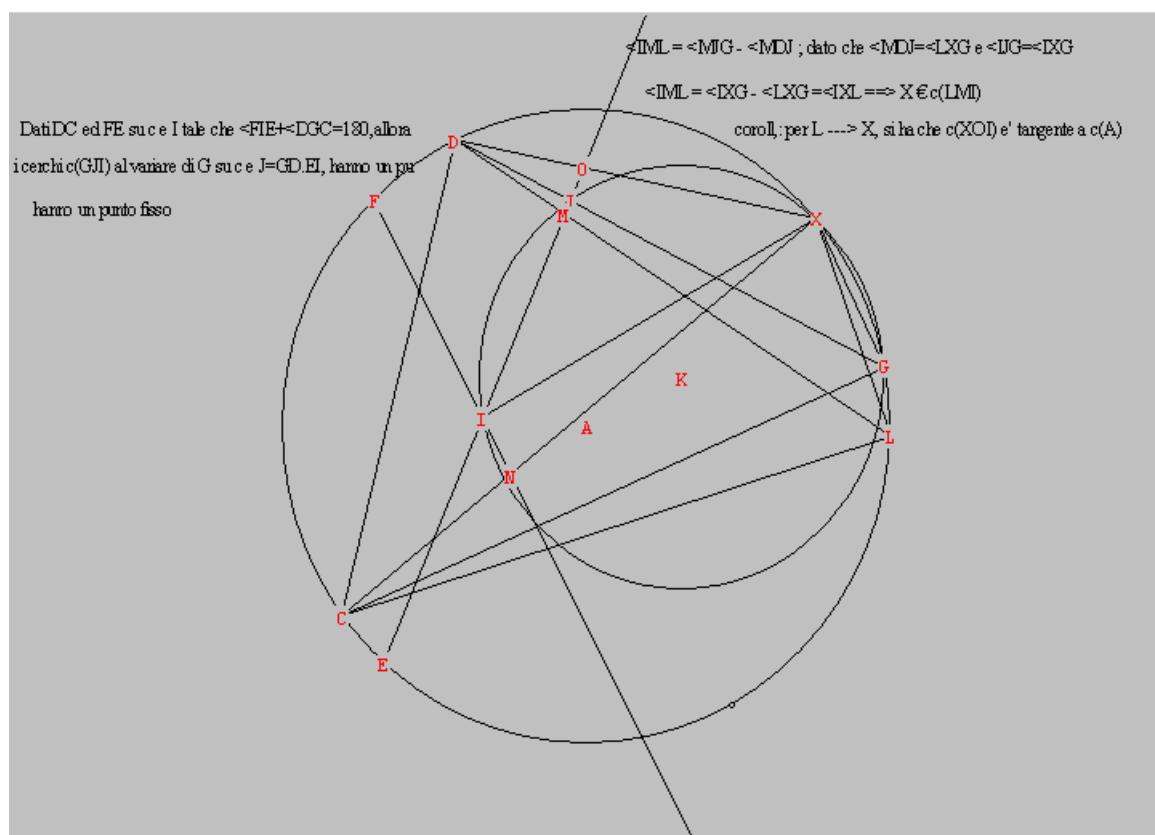
From  $\angle AWY = \angle RIY = \angle RSY = \angle YXW$  it follows that  $c(XYW)$  is tangent to AC and similarly one can prove that is tangent to BC too.

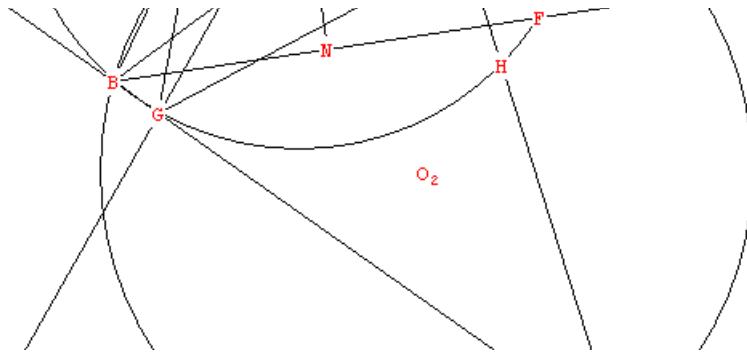
To conclude the proof observe tha  $\angle API = \angle AYI$  and  $\angle BQI = \angle BYI$ , but we know that  $\angle API = \angle BQI$  from which we have the thesis.

lemma RL250704

Dato un cerchio  $c$  e un triangolo ABC inscritto e siano R ed S due punti su  $c(ABC)$  e I un punto interno tale che  $\angle RIS$  sia supplementare ad  $\angle ABC$ . Se T = AC.SI provare che, al variare di C (fissati A e B)  $c(CTI)$  ha un punto fisso.

Attachments:





**sigma**

#8 Jul 31, 2004, 10:23 pm

sprmnt21 I don't understand the Lemma RLXXXX that you mean can you give me a proof



**sprmnt21**

#9 Aug 2, 2004, 12:31 am

Given D, C and F, E on a circe c(A) and l inside so that  $\angle FIE + \angle DGC = 180$ , where G is a generic point on the circle c(A). Then all the circles c(GJl), where J=GD.EI, as G varies on the circle, pass through a fixed point.

Proof.

If X is the (second) common point to  $c(A)$  and  $c(GJl)$  for a generic G and let L be a generic different position of G on  $c(A)$  and  $L=GD.EI$ , we have that  $\angle IML = \angle MJG - \angle MDJ$ . But given that  $\angle MDJ = \angle LXG$  and  $\angle IJG = \angle IXG$  then  $\angle IML = \angle IXG - \angle LXG = \angle IXL \Rightarrow X \in c(LMI)$  too.

As a corollary of this lemma we have that, when  $L=X$ ,  $c(XO_1)$  is tangent to  $c(A)$



**sigma**

#10 Aug 8, 2004, 9:25 am

I post my solution here but i write in chinese, anybody help to translate?

Attachments:

证明：如图所示， $I$  为  $\triangle ABC$  的内心，只须证  $MI$  平分  $\angle AMC$ ，

设  $\angle MAB = \alpha, \angle MCB = \beta$ 。只须证  $\sin \angle AMI = \sin \angle CMI$ 。 $\because$

$$\sin \angle AMI = \frac{AI}{MI} \cdot \sin(\frac{A}{2} - \alpha), \sin \angle CMI = \frac{CI}{MI} \cdot \sin(\frac{C}{2} - \theta) \Rightarrow$$

$$\sin \angle AMI = \frac{AI}{CI} \cdot \frac{\sin(\frac{A}{2} - \alpha)}{\sin(\frac{C}{2} - \beta)} = \frac{\sin \frac{C}{2} \sin(\frac{A}{2} - \alpha)}{\sin \frac{A}{2} \sin(\frac{C}{2} - \beta)}. \text{ 令 } x_1 = \frac{A}{2}, x_2 =$$

$$\frac{C}{2} - \alpha, y_1 = \frac{C}{2}, y_2 = \frac{C}{2} - \beta, \text{ 则 } x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2 \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2}) \Rightarrow \frac{\sin \angle AMI}{\sin \angle CMI} =$$

$$\frac{\sin y_1 \sin x_2}{\sin x_1 \sin y_2} \text{ 故只须证: } \sin x_2 \sin y_1 = \sin x_1 \sin y_2 \quad (*) \text{ 在四边形}$$

$AO_1O_2P$  中, 设  $O_1M = O_1A = R, O_2M = OP = r$

$\angle NMA = \angle MCA = C - \beta \Rightarrow \angle MNA = \pi - \angle NMA - \angle MAN = \pi + \beta - \alpha - C$   $\angle MO_2P = \angle MNA = \pi + \beta - \alpha - C \Rightarrow$

$$MN = r \tan \frac{1}{2} \angle MO_2P = r \tan \frac{\pi + \beta - \alpha - C}{2} = r \cot \frac{C + \alpha - \beta}{2}, MA = 2R \sin \angle MCA = 2R \sin(C - \beta) \quad \therefore$$

$$\frac{MA}{MN} = \frac{2 \cos^2 \frac{C + \alpha - \beta}{2}}{\sin \alpha \sin(C - \beta)} = \frac{1 + \cos(C + \alpha - \beta)}{\sin \alpha \sin(C - \beta)} = \frac{1 + \cos \alpha \cos(C - \beta)}{\sin \alpha \sin(C - \beta)} - 1。 \text{ 在四边形 } CO_1O_2Q \text{ 中, 同理可得 } \frac{2R}{r} =$$

$$\frac{1 + \cos \beta \cos(A - \alpha)}{\sin \beta \sin(A - \alpha)} = 1$$

$$\therefore \frac{1 + \cos \alpha \cos(C - \beta)}{\sin \alpha \sin(C - \beta)} = \frac{1 + \cos \beta \cos(A - \alpha)}{\sin \beta \sin(A - \alpha)}$$

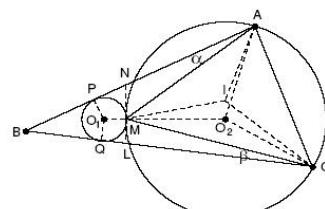
$$\Rightarrow \sin \beta \cos(C - \beta) \sin(A - \alpha) \cos \alpha - \cos \beta \sin(C - \beta) \cos(A - \alpha) \sin \alpha = \sin \alpha \sin(C - \beta) - \sin \beta \sin(A - \alpha)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{4} \{ [\sin C - \sin(C - 2\beta)][\sin A + \sin(A - 2\alpha)] - [\sin C + \sin(C - 2\beta)][\sin A - \sin(A - 2\alpha)] \} =$$

$$\sin \alpha \sin(C - \beta) - \sin \beta \sin(A - \alpha)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} [\sin C \sin(A - 2\alpha) - \sin A \sin(C - 2\beta)] = \sin \alpha \sin(C - \beta) - \sin \beta \sin(A - \alpha)$$

由上面假设可知  $A = 2x_1, \alpha = x_1 - x_2, C = 2y_1, \beta = y_1 - y_2 \Rightarrow A - 2\alpha = 2x_2, C - 2\beta = 2y_2, A - \alpha = x_1 + x_2, C - \beta = y_1 + y_2$  则由上式  $\Rightarrow \sin 2y_1 \sin 2x_2 - \sin 2x_1 \sin 2y_2 = 2 \sin(x_1 - x_2) \sin(y_1 + y_2) - 2 \sin(y_1 - y_2) \sin(x_1 + x_2) \Rightarrow 2 \sin x_2 \sin y_1 \cos x_2 \cos y_1 - 2 \sin x_1 \sin y_2 \cos x_1 \cos y_2 = (\sin x_1 \cos x_2 - \cos x_1 \sin x_2)(\sin y_1 \cos y_2 + \cos y_1 \sin y_2) - (\sin y_1 \cos y_2 - \cos y_1 \sin y_2)(\sin x_1 \cos x_2 + \cos x_1 \sin x_2) = 2 \sin x_1 \sin y_2 \cos x_2 \cos y_1 - 2 \sin x_2 \sin y_1 \cos x_1 \cos y_2 \Rightarrow \sin x_2 \sin y_1 (\cos x_2 \cos y_1 + \cos x_1 \cos y_2) = \sin x_1 \sin y_2 (\cos x_2 \cos y_1 + \cos x_1 \cos y_2), \therefore \cos x_2 \cos y_1 + \cos x_1 \cos y_2 > 0 \therefore \text{只能是 } \sin x_2 \sin y_1 = \sin x_1 \sin y_2 \text{ 故 } (*) \text{ 式得证。从而有 } MI \text{ 平分 } \angle AMC \text{ 即 } \triangle ABC \text{ 的内心 } I \text{ 在 } \angle AMC \text{ 的平}$



分线上，原命题得证。



jayme

#11 Aug 2, 2008, 8:13 pm • 1

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Dear Mathlinkers,

you can see my proof of this problem on my website <http://perso.orange.fr/jl.ayme> vol. 2 Un remarquable résultat de Vladimir Protassov.

Sincerely  
Jean-Louis



drmzjoseph

#14 Mar 25, 2015, 12:10 pm • 3

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$S$  touch to  $AB$  and  $BC$  at  $Z$  and  $X$  respectively.

Let  $I_C$  be the  $C$ -excenter of  $\triangle AEC$  and  $I_A$  the  $A$ -excenter of  $\triangle ADC$ .

By Sawayama's Lemma (special case) we obtain  $I_C, Z, X$  and  $I_A$  are collinear.

By Sawayama's Lemma (special case) we have

$$\frac{1}{2}\angle AEC = \angle AI_AC = \angle CI_C A \Rightarrow ACIAI_C \text{ is cyclic}$$

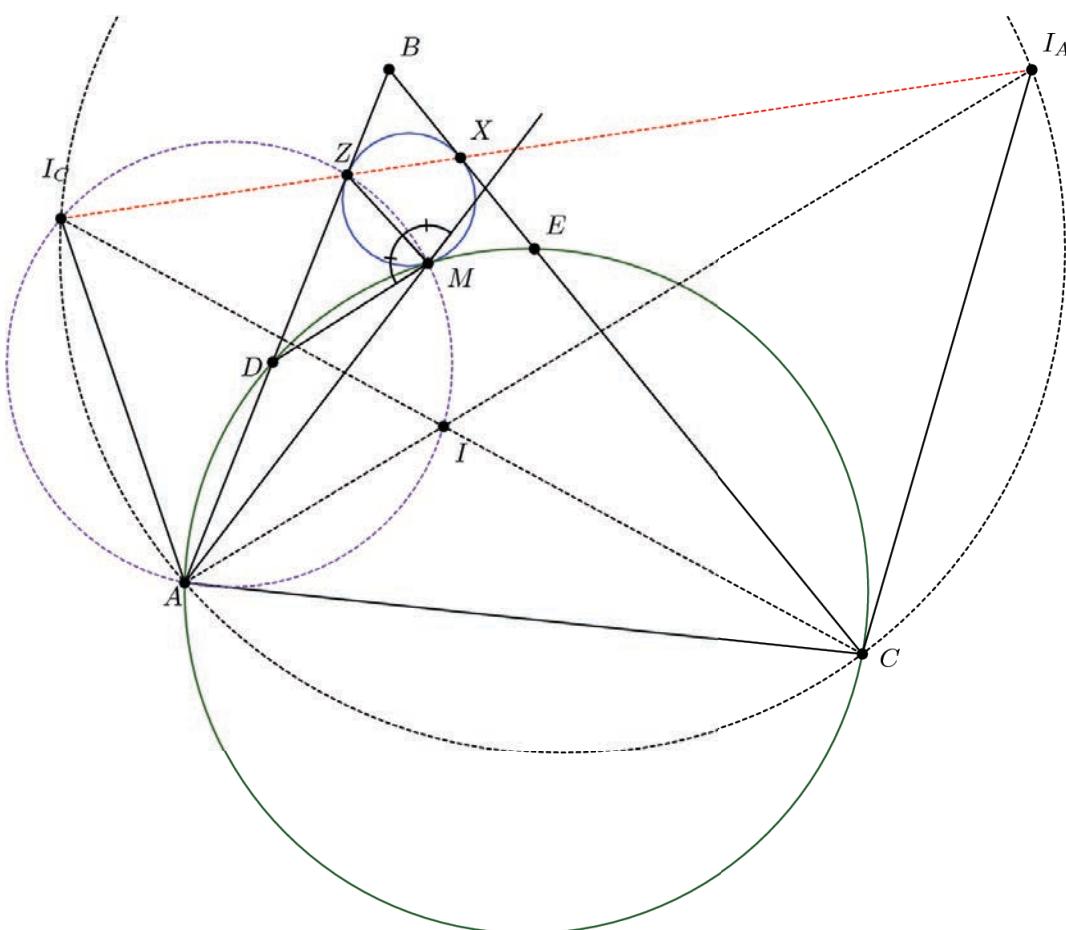
$\angle ZM$  is exterior angle bisector of  $\angle AMD \Rightarrow \angle ACD = 180^\circ - 2\angle DMZ$

$\angle M$  is exterior angle bisector of  $\angle AMD \Rightarrow \angle ACD = 180^\circ - 2\angle DMZ$   
 $\Rightarrow 180^\circ - \angle AMZ = 180^\circ - \angle ACI_4 \equiv \angle AI_2Z \Rightarrow I_2, Z, M, I$  and  $A$  are concyclic.

$\rightarrow 180^\circ - \angle A M Z = 180^\circ - \angle A C T_A$   
 (Because  $\angle IAC = \angle ZAI = \angle U_GZ$ )

$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \angle AEC = \angle C I_C A = \angle A M I$  and also  $\angle A M C = \angle A E C$

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This post has been edited.  
Reason: Asymptote code

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**High School Olympiads**incenter of triangle  Reply**Zeus93**#1 May 19, 2011, 7:56 pm • 1 

$A, B \in \text{circle } (S)$ ,  $C$  is inside  $(S)$ . Circle  $(S')$  is tangent to  $AC, BC$  and  $(S)$  at  $P, Q, R$  respectively. Prove that the circumcircle of triangle  $APR$  goes through the incenter of triangle  $ABC$

**Luis González**#2 May 21, 2011, 12:16 pm • 6 

$CB, CA$  cut  $(S)$  again at  $D, E$  and  $I, J$  are the incenters of  $\triangle ABC, \triangle ABD$ . By Sawayama's lemma, we have that  $PQ$  passes through  $J$ . Since  $B, I, J$  are collinear on the angle bisector of  $\angle CBA$ , we obtain

$$\angle CPJ = 90^\circ - \frac{1}{2}\angle ACB = \angle AIJ \implies P, A, I, J \text{ are concyclic} (\star)$$

Let  $RA, RE$  cut  $(S')$  again at  $A', E'$ . Since  $R$  is the exsimilicenter of  $(S) \sim (S')$ , then  $AE \parallel A'E' \implies$  Arcs  $PA', PE'$  of  $(S')$  are congruent  $\implies RP$  bisects  $\angle ARE$ . On the other hand, angle chase gives

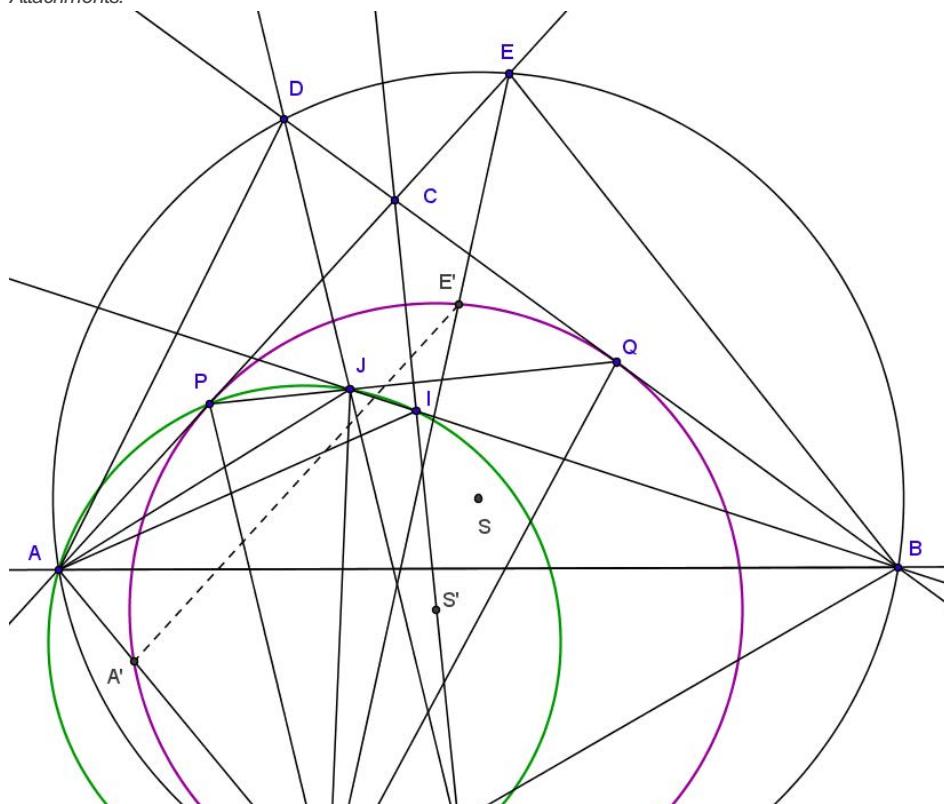
$$\angle PJA = \angle CPQ - \angle CAJ = 90^\circ - \frac{1}{2}\angle ACB - \angle CAJ \implies$$

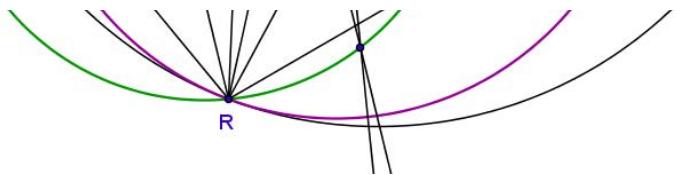
$$2\angle PJA = 180^\circ - \angle ACB - 2(\angle EAB - \frac{1}{2}\angle DAB)$$

$$2\angle PJA = \angle EAB + \angle DBA - 2\angle EAB + \angle DAB = \angle DBA + \angle DAE = \angle ARE$$

Since  $RP$  bisects  $\angle ARE$ , then  $2\angle PJA = 2\angle PRA \implies P, J, R, A$  are concyclic. Together with  $(\star)$ , we conclude that  $P, A, R, I$  are concyclic, as desired. In addition, this result yields that  $RI$  bisects  $\angle ARB$ , which is another celebrated property.

Attachments:





**jayme**

#3 May 21, 2011, 12:44 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,

this nice problem is used as a lemma to prove the Protassov's result.

For a synthetic proof see

<http://perso.orange.fr/jl.ayme> vol. 2 Un remarquable résultat de Vladimir Protassov p. 2

Sincerely

Jean-Louis



**proglote**

#4 Mar 10, 2014, 8:55 am • 1

By Sawayama's lemma, the incenter  $I_D$  of  $\triangle ABD$  lies on  $(ARP)$  and on  $PQ \implies \angle ARI_D = \angle CPQ = \angle PRQ$ .  
Therefore,

$$2 \cdot \angle ARI_D \pm \angle PRI_D = \angle ARQ = \angle ARD + \angle DRQ = \angle ABD + \frac{1}{2} \angle BAD.$$

But  $\pm \angle PRI_D = \pm \angle PAI_D = \frac{1}{2} \angle BAD - \angle CAB$ , i.e.  $\angle ARI_D = \frac{1}{2} \angle ABD + \frac{1}{2} \angle CAB \implies \angle ARI_D = \angle AII_D$   
and  $I \in (APRI_D)$ .

Another interesting result is that, if  $T = AD \cap BE$ , then the incenter of  $ABT$  lies on  $IX$ , the radical axis of the two circles,  
for  $AI_D I_E B$  is cyclic.



**mathuz**

#5 Mar 10, 2014, 12:35 pm

curvilinear circles!

$(S')$  is curvilinear circle of the triangles  $ABD, ABE$ . 😊



**jayme**

#6 Jun 13, 2015, 12:12 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,

You can see : <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/community/c6h407366> p. 80

Sincerely

Jean-Louis

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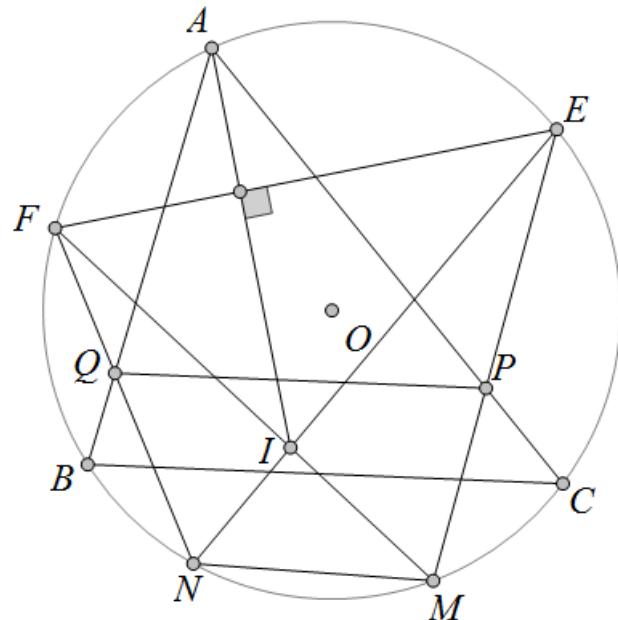
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**baopbc**

#1 Mar 19, 2016, 8:40 pm • 2

Let  $ABC$  with  $O$  is the circumcentre. The bisectors of  $\angle B, \angle C$  intersect  $(O)$  at  $E, F$ .  $P, Q$  lies on  $AC, AB$  such that:  $PQ$  parallel to  $BC$ .  $EP, FQ$  intersects  $(O)$  at  $M, N$ .  $FM$  intersects  $EN$  at  $I$ . Prove that  $AI$  is the bisector of  $\angle BAC$ .

Attachments:

**quangMavis1999**

#2 Mar 19, 2016, 9:19 pm • 5

By Pascal theorem for  $B, F, E, C, M, N \Rightarrow S = BE \cap CF, I, K = BM \cap CN$  are collinear. So, we need to prove  $AK$  is bisector WRT  $\angle BAC$ .

We have

$$\frac{AN}{BN} = \frac{AQ}{BQ} = \frac{AP}{PC} = \frac{AM}{CM} \Rightarrow \frac{BK}{CK} = \frac{BN}{CM} = \frac{AN}{AM} \Rightarrow \frac{d_{K,AB}}{d_{K,AC}} = \frac{[KAB]}{[KAC]} \cdot \frac{AC}{AB} = \frac{BA \cdot BK \cdot \sin \angle ABK}{CA \cdot CK \cdot \sin \angle ACK} \cdot \frac{AC}{AB} = \frac{BK \cdot \sin \angle ABK}{CK \cdot \sin \angle ACK} = \frac{AN \cdot \sin \angle ABK}{AM \cdot \sin \angle ACK} = 1$$

We are done.

This post has been edited 1 time. Last edited by quangMavis1999, Mar 19, 2016, 9:23 pm

**baopbc**

#3 Mar 19, 2016, 9:49 pm

Thank quangMavis1999 for your nice solution! But can you solve it without using Sin Theorem!

**TelvCohl**

#5 Mar 19, 2016, 10:14 pm • 5

Let  $J \equiv BE \cap CF$  be the incenter of  $\triangle ABC$ . Since  $E(A, B; F, N) = F(A, B; F, N) = (A, B; \infty, Q) = (A, C; \infty, P) = E(A, C; F, M) = F(A, C; F, M)$  so  $AJ$  passes through  $I = EN \cap FM$  i.e.  $AJ$  is the bisector of  $\angle BAC$

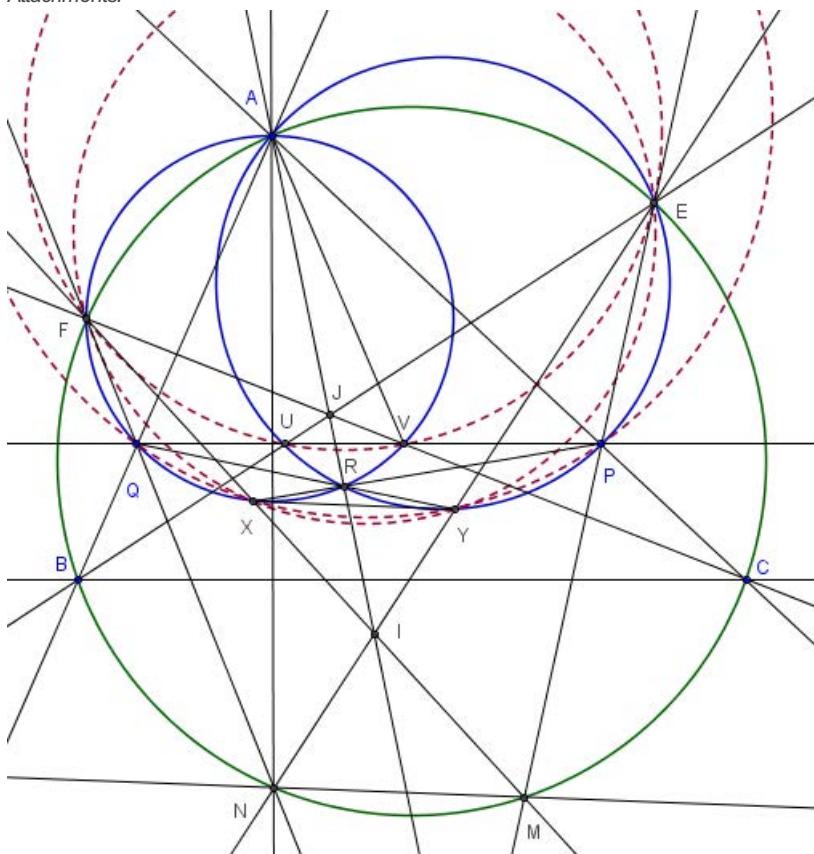


Luis González

#6 Mar 20, 2016, 2:31 am • 4

Let  $J$  be the incenter of  $\triangle ABC$  and  $U \equiv BE \cap PQ, V \equiv CF \cap PQ$ . Since  $PQ \parallel BC$ , then by Reim's theorem, it follows that  $AEPQ, AFQV$  and  $EFUV$  are cyclic, thus  $J$  is on the radical axis of  $\odot(APE)$  and  $\odot(AQF)$ , i.e these circles meet again at  $R \in AJ$ . If  $RP, RQ$  cut  $MF, NE$  at  $X, Y$ , we get  $\angle QXR = \angle QAR = \angle RAP = \angle RYP \pmod{180^\circ} \Rightarrow PQXY$  is cyclic  $\Rightarrow \angle IXY = \angle FAR - \angle RXY = \angle FAR - \angle RAV$ . But from  $\angle BAV = \angle QFV = \angle NAC \Rightarrow \angle NAR = \angle RAV \Rightarrow \angle FEN = \angle FAN = \angle FAR - \angle NAR = \angle FAR - \angle RAV = \angle IXY \Rightarrow EFXY$  is cyclic  $\Rightarrow I \equiv FX \cap EY$  is on the radical axis  $AJ$  of  $\odot(APE), \odot(AQF)$ .

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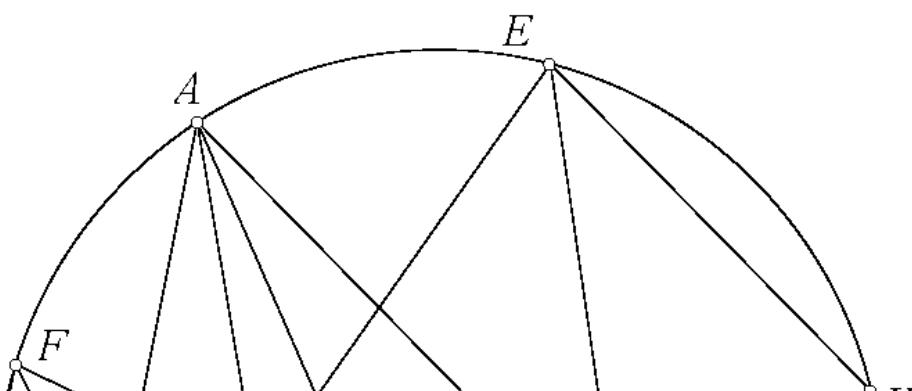
#7 Mar 20, 2016, 7:41 am • 3

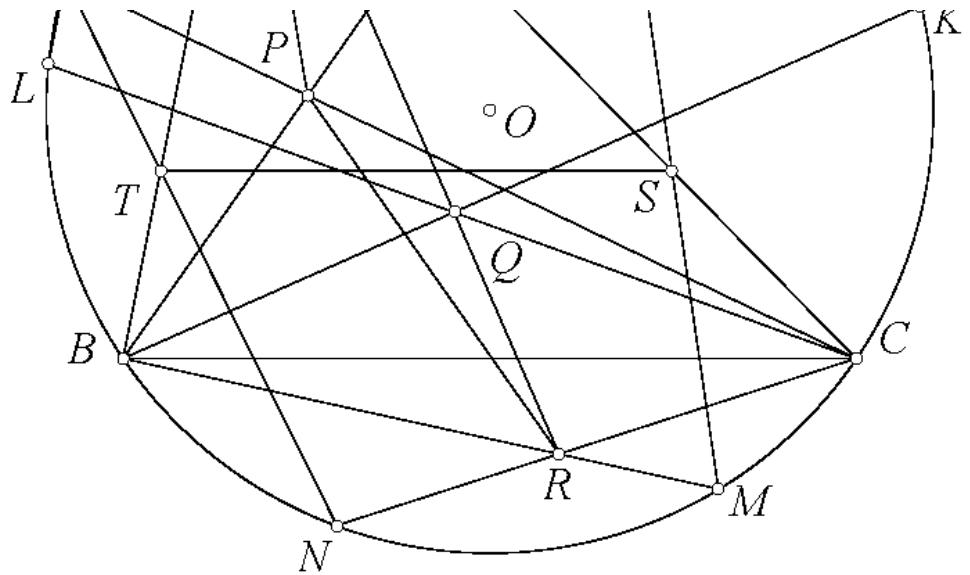
**General problem.** Let  $ABC$  be a triangle inscribed in circle  $(O)$  and  $P$  is any point.  $PB, PC$  cut  $(O)$  again at  $E, F$ .  $S, T$  lie on  $CA, AB$  such that  $ST \parallel BC$ .  $ES, FT$  cut  $(O)$  again at  $M, N$ .  $BM$  cuts  $CN$  at  $R$ . Prove that  $\angle PAB = \angle RAC$ .

Solution is base in idea of **Telv Cohl**.

**Solution.** Let  $Q$  be isogonal conjugate of  $P$  in triangle  $ABC$ , we will prove that  $A, Q, R$  are collinear, indeed. Let  $BQ, CQ$  cut  $(O)$  again at  $K, L$  then  $EK \parallel CA, FL \parallel AB$ . We have ratio chasing  $B(AC, MK) = E(AC, MK) = (AC, S) = (AB, T) = E(AB, NL) = C(AB, NL)$  so  $A, Q, R$  are collinear.

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#1 Mar 18, 2016, 7:43 pm

Let  $ABCD$  be a quadrilateral inscribed in circle  $(O)$ .  $AC$  intersects  $BD$  at  $H$ . The line passing through  $H$  which is perpendicular to  $OH$  intersects  $AD, BC$  at  $E, F$ .  $M, N$  be midpoints of  $BD, AC$ .  $MN$  intersects  $AD, BC$  at  $K, L$ . Prove that  $K, L, E, F$  are concyclic.

**Luis González**

#2 Mar 18, 2016, 10:51 pm

Let  $J \equiv AD \cap BC$  and let  $S$  be the second intersection of  $\odot(JAB)$  and  $\odot(JCD)$ ; Miquel point of  $ABCD$ . Since  $ABCD$  is cyclic, then  $S \in OH$  and  $JS \perp OS$  (well-known)  $\implies JS \parallel EF$ . For any  $ABCD$ , it's known that its Miquel point  $S$  is the isogonal conjugate (WRT  $ABCD$ ) of the point at infinity of its Newton line  $MN \implies MN$  is parallel to the isogonal of  $JS$  WRT  $\angle AJB$ . Hence  $\angle KEF = \angle AJS = \angle KLF \implies K, L, E, F$  are concyclic.

**TelvCohl**

#3 Mar 19, 2016, 7:07 am

Obviously,  $H, M, N, O$  lie on the circle with diameter  $HO$ , so  $EF$  and  $KL$  are antiparallel WRT  $\angle MHN \implies \angle KEF = \angle(AD, EF) = \angle(KL, BC) = \angle KLF$ , hence we conclude that  $E, F, K, L$  are concyclic.

**Vietnamisalwaysinmyheart**

#4 Mar 19, 2016, 1:18 pm

Luis González wrote:

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Can you explain the red part, please? Thanks!

**sunken rock**

#5 Mar 19, 2016, 1:42 pm

$EF$  is tangent to  $(OMH)$ , hence  $\angle EHD = \angle NML = \angle CML$  ( 1 ); with  $\angle ACB = \angle ADB$  we infer  $\angle CLM = \angle HED$ , done.

Best regards,  
sunken rock

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## High School Olympiads

Equal segments 

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**buratinogiggle**

#1 Mar 18, 2016, 9:18 pm • 1 

Let  $ABC$  be a triangle inscribed in circle  $(O)$ . Tangent at  $A$  of  $(O)$  intersects  $BC$  at  $T$ . Draw line  $\ell$  passes through midpoint of  $AT$  and is parallel to  $A$ -symmedian of triangle  $ABC$ . Let  $P$  is a point on  $\ell$ .  $PB, PC$  cut  $(O)$  again at  $Q, R$ .  $TQ, TR$  cut  $(O)$  again at  $S, T$ . Prove that  $ST = BC$ .



**Luis González**

#2 Mar 18, 2016, 10:25 pm • 2 

The point  $T$  is named twice, so relabel  $U$  the intersection of the tangent of  $(O)$  through  $A$  with  $BC$ .



As the A-symmedian of  $\triangle ABC$  is the polar of  $U$  WRT  $(O)$ , then  $UO \perp \ell \implies \ell$  is the radical axis of  $(O)$  and  $U \implies PU^2 = PB \cdot PQ \implies PU$  is tangent to  $\odot(UBQ) \implies \angle BQS = \angle BUP$  and similarly  $PU$  is tangent to  $\odot(UCR) \implies \angle CRT = \angle BUP \implies \angle CRT = \angle BQS \implies BTCS$  is an isosceles trapezoid with  $ST = BC$ .



**buratinogiggle**

#3 Mar 18, 2016, 10:53 pm

Thank you dear Luis, I remembered in my memory there is a problem with midpoint of tangent as following



Let  $ABC$  be a triangle inscribed in circle  $(O)$ . Tangent at  $A$  of  $(O)$  intersects  $BC$  at  $T$ .  $M$  is midpoint of  $AT$ .  $MB$  cuts  $(O)$  again at  $N$ .  $TN$  cuts  $(O)$  again at  $P$ . Prove that  $PC \parallel AT$ .

My way is the same as Luis, and I try to generalize this, I get above problem !

 Quick Reply

## High School Olympiads

6 points concyclic 

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Source: Singapore TST 2011



leeky

#1 Mar 18, 2016, 6:08 pm

Let  $P$  be a point in the interior of triangle  $ABC$  and let the lines  $AP, BP, CP$  meet  $BC, CA, AB$  at  $D, E, F$  respectively. Let the circles with diameters  $BC$  and  $AD$  intersect at points  $A', A''$ ; circles with diameters  $CA$  and  $BE$  intersect at points  $B', B''$ ; and circles with diameters  $AB$  and  $CF$  intersect at points  $C', C''$ . Prove that  $A', A'', B', B'', C', C''$  lie on a common circle.



Luis González

#2 Mar 18, 2016, 9:56 pm

Discussed before at <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/community/c6h31399>.



## High School Olympiads

Prove 6 points lie on a circle X

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Source: Hard



**Stun**

#1 Mar 27, 2005, 1:44 pm

Given a triangle  $ABC$  and  $AA_0, BB_0, CC_0$  are converge at M.

The circle with diameter  $BC$  intersect the circle with diameter  $AA_0$  at  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ . Similar we get  $B_1, B_2$  and  $C_1, C_2$ . Prove that six points  $A_1, A_2, B_1, B_2, C_1, C_2$  are lie on a circle



**darij grinberg**

#2 Mar 27, 2005, 2:40 pm

This was posted before at <http://www.mathlinks.ro/Forum/viewtopic.php?t=3535>, but there is no correct solution yet.

darij



**yetti**

#3 Mar 27, 2005, 6:24 pm

Let  $A', B', C'$  be the midpoints of the sides  $BC, CA, AB$  and  $D, E, F$  the feet of altitudes  $AD, BE, CF$  from the vertices  $A, B, C$ . The circles  $(A'), (B'), (C')$  with diameters  $BC, CA, AB$  obviously pairwise meet at the vertices

$A = (B') \cap (C'), B = (C') \cap (A'), C = (A') \cap (B')$  and also at the feet of the altitudes  $D = (B') \cap (C')$ ,

$E = (C') \cap (A'), F = (A') \cap (B')$ . Hence, the altitudes  $AD, BE, CF$  are the pairwise radical axes of the circle pairs

$(B') - (C'), (C') - (A'), (A') - (B')$  and the orthocenter  $H$  is their radical center. Let  $P, Q, R$  be the midpoints of the cevians  $AA_0, BB_0, CC_0$ . Similar claim can be made for the circles  $(P), (Q), (R)$  with diameters  $AA_0, BB_0, CC_0$  - they pass through the feet of the altitudes and their radical center is the triangle orthocenter  $H$ . Actually, the 3 cevians

$AA_0, BB_0, CC_0$  do not even have to be concurrent at all. For example, the circle  $(P)$  intersects the side  $BC$  at the point  $A_0$  and at one other point  $D'$ . Since  $AA_0$  is the circle diameter, the angle  $\angle AD'A_0 = 90^\circ$  is right and consequently,  $AD'$  is the altitude from the vertex  $A$  and the points  $D' \equiv D$  are identical. Similarly, the circles  $(Q), (R)$  with diameters  $BB_0, CC_0$  pass through the feet  $E, F$  of the altitudes  $BE, CF$ . Consequently the power of the orthocenter to the circles  $(P), (Q), (R)$  is  $HA \cdot HD = HB \cdot HE = HC \cdot HF$ , respectively, is the same and the orthocenter  $H$  therefore must be the radical center of these 3 circles. Of course, the power of the orthocenter to the circles  $(A'), (B'), (C')$  is exactly the same as for the circles  $(P), (Q), (R)$  and the orthocenter is thus the common radical center of all 6 circles  $(A'), (B'), (C'), (P), (Q), (R)$ , regardless of whether the cevians concur at a point  $M$  or not. But then the radical axis of any pair from these 6 circles passes through the orthocenter and the power of the orthocenter to all 6 circles is exactly the same, in particular,

$$HA_1 \cdot HA_2 = HB_1 \cdot HB_2 = HC_1 \cdot HC_2$$

As a result, the 6 points  $A_1, A_2, B_1, B_2, C_1, C_2$  lie on a single circle, regardless of whether the cevians  $AA_0, BB_0, CC_0$  are concurrent or not. In the original thread [Geo4 \[the points A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2 lie on a circle\]](#), grobber arrived to the same conclusion. Gotcha, Darij.

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**darij grinberg**

#4 Mar 27, 2005, 6:46 pm

**“ yetti wrote:**

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Sorry, Yetti - same error as Grobber did...

darij



yetti

#5 Mar 27, 2005, 7:16 pm

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“ darij grinberg wrote:

Sorry, Yetti - same error as Grobber did...

darij

All right, I see that I am wrong. Darn.

Yetti



Stun

#6 Mar 27, 2005, 8:26 pm

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Phew!!! Thanks everyone , I think I finally got it. 😊

Let X, Y, Z and U, V, T be the midpoint of BC, CA, AB and AA<sub>0</sub>, BB<sub>0</sub>, CC<sub>0</sub> respectively.

So we easily find that XU, YV, ZT are concurrent at point K.

Hence K is also the center of (A<sub>1</sub>A<sub>2</sub>B<sub>1</sub>B<sub>2</sub>) and (B<sub>1</sub>B<sub>2</sub>C<sub>1</sub>C<sub>2</sub>) and (C<sub>1</sub>C<sub>2</sub>A<sub>1</sub>A<sub>2</sub>) and we get the result



yetti

#7 Mar 28, 2005, 4:16 am

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“ Stun wrote:

Phew!!! Thanks everyone , I think I finally got it. 😊....

After a good sleep, I got it as well. The centers of the circles (P), (Q), (R) with the diameters AA<sub>0</sub>, BB<sub>0</sub>, CC<sub>0</sub>, are the midpoints of these cevians, hence, they lie on the sides B'C', C'A', A'B' of the medial triangle  $\Delta A'B'C'$ . From similarity of the triangle  $\Delta ABC$  and its medial triangle,

$$\frac{C'P}{BA_0} = \frac{B'P}{CA_0}, \frac{A'Q}{CB_0} = \frac{C'Q}{AB_0}, \frac{B'R}{AC_0} = \frac{A'R}{BC_0}$$

Consequently,

$$\frac{C'P}{B'P} \cdot \frac{A'Q}{C'Q} \cdot \frac{B'R}{A'R} = \frac{BA_0}{CA_0} \cdot \frac{CB_0}{AB_0} \cdot \frac{AC_0}{BC_0}$$

i.e., the cevians A'P, B'Q, C'R of the medial triangle  $\Delta A'B'C'$  are concurrent iff the cevians AA<sub>0</sub>, BB<sub>0</sub>, CC<sub>0</sub> of the original triangle  $\Delta ABC$  are concurrent. Due to

$$HA_1 \cdot HA_2 = HB_1 \cdot HB_2 = HC_1 \cdot HC_2$$

the point quadruples (B<sub>1</sub>, B<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>1</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>), (C<sub>1</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>, A<sub>1</sub>, A<sub>2</sub>), (A<sub>1</sub>, A<sub>2</sub>, B<sub>1</sub>, B<sub>2</sub>) are concyclic, and the centers of these 3 circles are A<sub>3</sub> ≡ B'Q ∩ C'R, B<sub>3</sub> ≡ C'R ∩ A'P, C<sub>3</sub> ≡ A'P ∩ B'Q, respectively. Iff the cevians A'P, B'Q, C'R concur, the centers A<sub>3</sub>, B<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>3</sub> are identical and because the 3 circles pairwise intersect in at least 2 points, they cannot be concentric, hence, they are identical.

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## High School Olympiads

Prove fixed point(own) X[Reply](#)

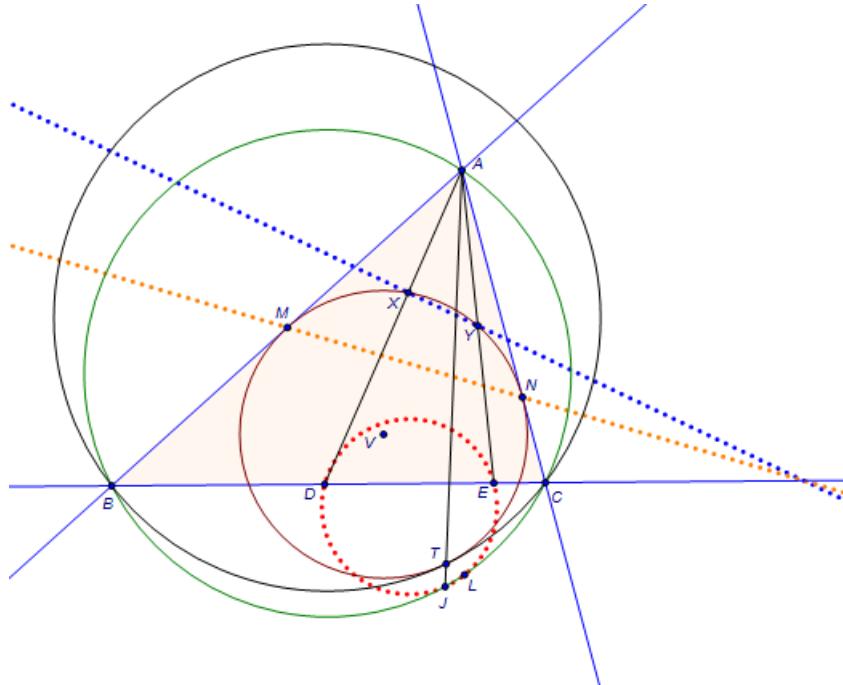
Lin\_yangyuan

#1 Mar 17, 2016, 6:46 pm

Given a fixed  $\triangle ABC$  and a circle  $\odot(U)$  passing through  $B, C$ . Let  $\odot(V)$  be the circle tangent to  $AB, AC$  at  $M, N$  and tangent to  $\odot(U)$  (internally) at  $T$ .  $X, Y$  are on  $\odot(V)$  and  $XY, MN, BC$  are concurrent,  $D \equiv AX \cap BC \cap E \equiv AY \cap BC \cap J \equiv AT \cap \odot(ABC)$ .

Prove that:  $\odot(JDE)$  cross a fixed point.

Attachments:



TelvCohl

#2 Mar 17, 2016, 9:31 pm • 1

Let  $P$  be the tangency point of the A-excircle of  $\triangle ABC$  with  $BC$  and let  $R \equiv AT \cap \odot(U)$ . If  $\Omega$  is the circle tangent to  $AB, AC$  and tangent to  $\odot(U)$  internally, then from Monge & d'Alembert theorem we get the tangency point of  $\Omega$  and  $\odot(U)$  lies on  $AT$ , so  $R$  is the tangency point of  $\Omega$  and  $\odot(U) \implies RP, RT$  are isogonal conjugate WRT  $\angle BRC$  (well-known), hence if  $K$  is the intersection of  $BC$  and the tangent of  $\odot(U)$  through  $T$ , then  $\angle RTK = \angle RCT = \angle RPK \implies K \in \odot(PRT)$ .

Since  $G \equiv AT \cap BC$  is the radical center of  $\odot(U), \odot(ABC)$  and  $\odot(KPRT)$ , so  $AG \cdot JG = KG \cdot PG \implies A, J, K, P$  are concyclic, hence if  $Z$  is the tangency point of the A-mixtilinear incircle of  $\triangle ABC$  with  $\odot(ABC)$ , then we get  $\angle AJK = \angle APK = \angle AJZ \implies J, K, Z$  are collinear.

From [Geometry \(a little hard, OWN\)](#) (**Lemma** at post #10)  $\implies TD, TE$  are isogonal conjugate WRT  $\angle BTC$ , so  $KD \cdot KE = KT^2 = KB \cdot KC = KJ \cdot KZ \implies Z \in \odot(DEJ)$ . i.e.  $\odot(DEJ)$  passes through a fixed point  $Z$



Luis González

#3 Mar 17, 2016, 10:31 pm

Let  $\odot(V)$  cut  $BC$  at  $L, K$ . Since  $XY, MN, LK \equiv BC$  concur, then  $X \mapsto Y, M \mapsto N, L \mapsto K$  is an involution on  $\odot(V)$ . Now projecting these points from  $A$  clearly forms an involutive pencil, in other words  $D \mapsto E, B \mapsto C, L \mapsto K$  is an involution on  $BC \implies \odot(JDE), \odot(JBC), \odot(JLK)$  are coaxal for any  $J$  (not necessarily the  $J$  described in the problem)  $\implies \odot(JDE)$  always goes through the second intersection of  $\odot(ABC)$  and  $\odot(JLK)$

→  $\odot(V)$ , always goes through the second intersection of  $\odot(ABC)$  and  $\odot(JLK)$ .



**Lin\_yangyuan**

#4 Mar 17, 2016, 10:50 pm

Thanks for TelvCohl and Luis's replies ☺ and your proofs are completely different from mine 😊 ☺ next time I'll post my proof.

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**Lin\_yangyuan**

#5 Mar 17, 2016, 11:15 pm

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“ Luis González wrote:

Let  $\odot(V)$  cut  $BC$  at  $L, K$ . Since  $XY, MN, LK \equiv BC$  concur, then  $X \mapsto Y, M \mapsto N, L \mapsto K$  is an involution on  $\odot(V)$ . Now projecting these points from  $A$  clearly forms an involutive pencil, in other words  $D \mapsto E, B \mapsto C, L \mapsto K$  is an involution on  $BC \implies \odot(JDE), \odot(JBC), \odot(JLK)$  are coaxal for any  $J$  (not necessarily the  $J$  described in the problem)  $\implies \odot(JDE)$  always goes through the second intersection of  $\odot(ABC)$  and  $\odot(JLK)$ .

Sorry Luis, maybe you misunderstand my expression 😊 ☺ only ABC is fixed and other point ☺ like V ☺ can move ☺ then prove the conclusion. 😊

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## High School Olympiads

on the fixed line 

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**mathmaths**

#1 Mar 17, 2016, 6:48 pm

In acute triangle  $ABC$ ,  $AD$  is the angle bisector of  $A$ .  $M$  is the midpoint of  $BC$ .  $P, Q$  are two moving points on segment  $AD$  such that  $\angle ABP = \angle CBQ$  respectively. Prove that the circumcenter of  $\triangle PQM$  lies on a fixed line.



**Luis González**

#2 Mar 17, 2016, 9:36 pm

Let  $S$  and  $T$  be the midpoints of the arcs  $BC$  and  $BAC$  of  $\odot(ABC)$ . Clearly  $P$  and  $Q$  are inverse points under the inversion with center  $S$  and radius  $SB = SC$  (for this just notice that  $SB$  is common tangent of  $\odot(BAD)$  and  $\odot(BPQ)$ ). Therefore  $SP \cdot SQ = SM \cdot ST \implies T \in \odot(PQM) \implies$  the circumcenter of  $\triangle PQM$  moves on the perpendicular bisector of  $\overline{MT}$ , certainly fixed.

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## High School Olympiads

Concurrent lines, collinear points and line bisect segment X

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**buratinogigle**

#1 Mar 16, 2016, 11:26 am

Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with centroid  $G$  and  $P$  is an any point.  $Q$  is symmetric of midpoint  $PG$  through  $G$ .  $D, E, F$  are symmetric points of  $P$  through midpoints of  $BC, CA, AB$ , reps. A line passes through  $Q$  cuts  $BC, CA, AB$  at  $X, Y, Z$ , reps.

a) Prove that  $DX, EY, FZ$  are concurrent at point  $R$ .

b) Let a line  $\ell$  passes through  $Q$  cuts  $RA, RB, RC$  at  $U, V, W$ .  $H, K, L$  lie on  $BC, CA, AB$  such that  $UH \parallel PA, VK \parallel PB, WL \parallel PC$ . Prove that  $H, K, L$  are collinear on line  $d$ .

c) Prove that  $d$  bisects segment  $PR$ .



**Luis González**

#2 Mar 16, 2016, 11:10 pm • 1



Consider an affine homology transforming  $P$  into the orthocenter of  $\triangle ABC$ . All the affine properties described in the problem are invariant. Clearly  $Q$  becomes circumcenter of  $\triangle ABC$  and  $D, E, F$  are then the antipodes of  $A, B, C$  on  $(O)$ . By Pascal theorem we can prove that  $R \equiv DX \cap EY \cap FZ$  lies on  $(O)$  (see [The point of concurrency lies on the circumcircle](#) for a general configuration).

For b) and c) see [A generalization of the Simson line theorem](#).



**buratinogigle**

#3 Mar 17, 2016, 11:00 am

Thank you dear Luis, actually I tried to find an affine proof for this problem but I do not gain achievements so I post on AoPS.



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## High School Olympiads

The point of concurrency lies on the circumcircle



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Petry

#1 Jan 27, 2010, 3:33 am • 1

Hello!

Let  $P$  be a point inside of a triangle  $ABC$ ,  $\Gamma$  is the circumcircle of  $\Delta ABC$  and  $d$  is a line through the point  $P$ . If  $\{A, A'\} = AP \cap \Gamma$ ,  $\{B, B'\} = BP \cap \Gamma$ ,  $\{C, C'\} = CP \cap \Gamma$ ,  $\{D\} = d \cap BC$ ,  $\{E\} = d \cap CA$  and  $\{F\} = d \cap AB$  then prove that the lines  $A'D$ ,  $B'E$  and  $C'F$  are concurrent and the point of concurrency lies on the circle  $\Gamma$ .

Best regards, Petrisor Neagoe 😊



Luis González

#2 Jan 27, 2010, 9:46 am

Let  $U$  be the second intersection of  $A'D$  with  $\Gamma$ . By Pascal theorem for the non-convex hexagon  $UA'A'BC'C'$  we get that  $D \equiv A'U \cap BC$ ,  $P \equiv AA' \cap CC'$  and  $F' \equiv AB \cap C'U$  are collinear  $\implies F \equiv F' \implies U \equiv A'D \cap C'F$ . Again by Pascal theorem for the non-convex hexagon  $UA'ACBB'$ , the intersections  $D \equiv A'U \cap BC$ ,  $P \equiv AA' \cap BB'$  and  $E' \equiv AC \cap B'U$  are collinear  $\implies E' \equiv E \implies U \equiv A'D \cap B'E$ .

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## High School Olympiads

A generalization of the Simson line theorem X

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daothanhaoi

#1 Apr 8, 2015, 7:26 am • 3 ↳

**Problem 1:**

Let  $ABC$  be a triangle, let a line  $L$  through circumcenter, let a point  $P$  lie on circumcircle. Let  $AP, BP, CP$  meet  $L$  at  $A_P, B_P, C_P$ . Denote  $A_0, B_0, C_0$  are projection (mean perpendicular foot) of  $A_P, B_P, C_P$  to  $BC, CA, AB$  respectively. Then  $A_0, B_0, C_0$  are collinear.

**Problem 2:**

The new line  $\overline{A_0B_0C_0}$  bisect the orthocenter and  $P$

- When  $L$  pass through  $P$ , this line is Simson line.

**Reference:**

[1] <https://www.geogebra.org/student/m527653>

[2] T. O. Dao, Advanced Plane Geometry, message 1781, September 26, 2014.

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TelvCohl

#2 Apr 8, 2015, 10:56 pm • 5 ↳

My solution:

Let  $X = L \cap AC$  and  $M$  be the midpoint of  $AC$ .

Let  $Y, Z$  be the projection of  $P, B$  on  $AC$ , respectively .

Let  $H_A, H_B, H_C, H_P$  be the projection of  $A, B, C, P$  on  $L$ , respectively .

Let  $A', B', C', P'$  be the orthopole of  $L$  WRT  $\triangle BCP, \triangle CAP, \triangle ABP, \triangle ABC$ , respectively .

Let  $R$  be the Poncelet point of  $\{A, B, C, P\}$  ( It's well-known that  $R$  is the midpoint of  $P$  and the orthocenter of  $\triangle ABC$  ).

From Euler-Poncelet points in cyclic quadrilateral (post #2 lemma) we get  $A', B', C', P'$  lie on a line  $\tau$ .

Since  $\odot(A_P A_0 C)$  is the pedal circle of  $A_P$  WRT  $\triangle PAC$ ,

so from Fontene theorem we get  $B' \in \odot(A_P A_0 C) \implies A_0, A_P, C, H_C, B'$  are concyclic .

Since  $H_C A' \perp PB, H_C B' \perp PA, H_P A' \perp BC, H_P B' \perp AC$ ,

so  $\angle B' H_C A' = \angle APB = \angle ACB = \angle B' H_P A' \implies A', B', H_C, H_P$  are concyclic .

From Reim theorem and  $H_P A' \parallel A_P A_0$  we get  $A_0 \in A'B' \equiv \tau$  (similar discussion for  $B_0, C_0$ ).

It's well-known that  $R$  lie on the 9-point circle of  $\triangle ABC$ ,

so  $P', M, Z, R$  are concyclic at the 9-point circle of  $\triangle ABC$ .

Similarly  $B', M, Y, R$  are concyclic at the 9-point circle of  $\triangle ABC$ .

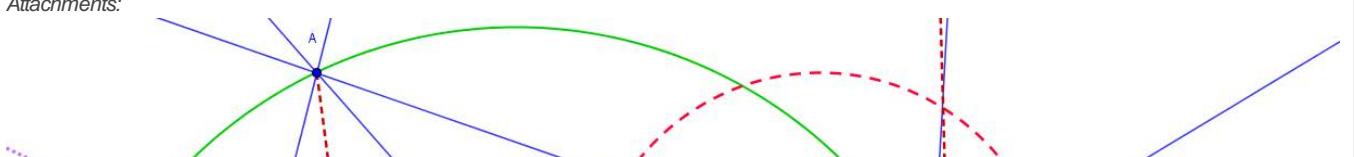
Since  $B, H_B, P', X, Z$  are concyclic at the pedal circle of  $X$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$ ,

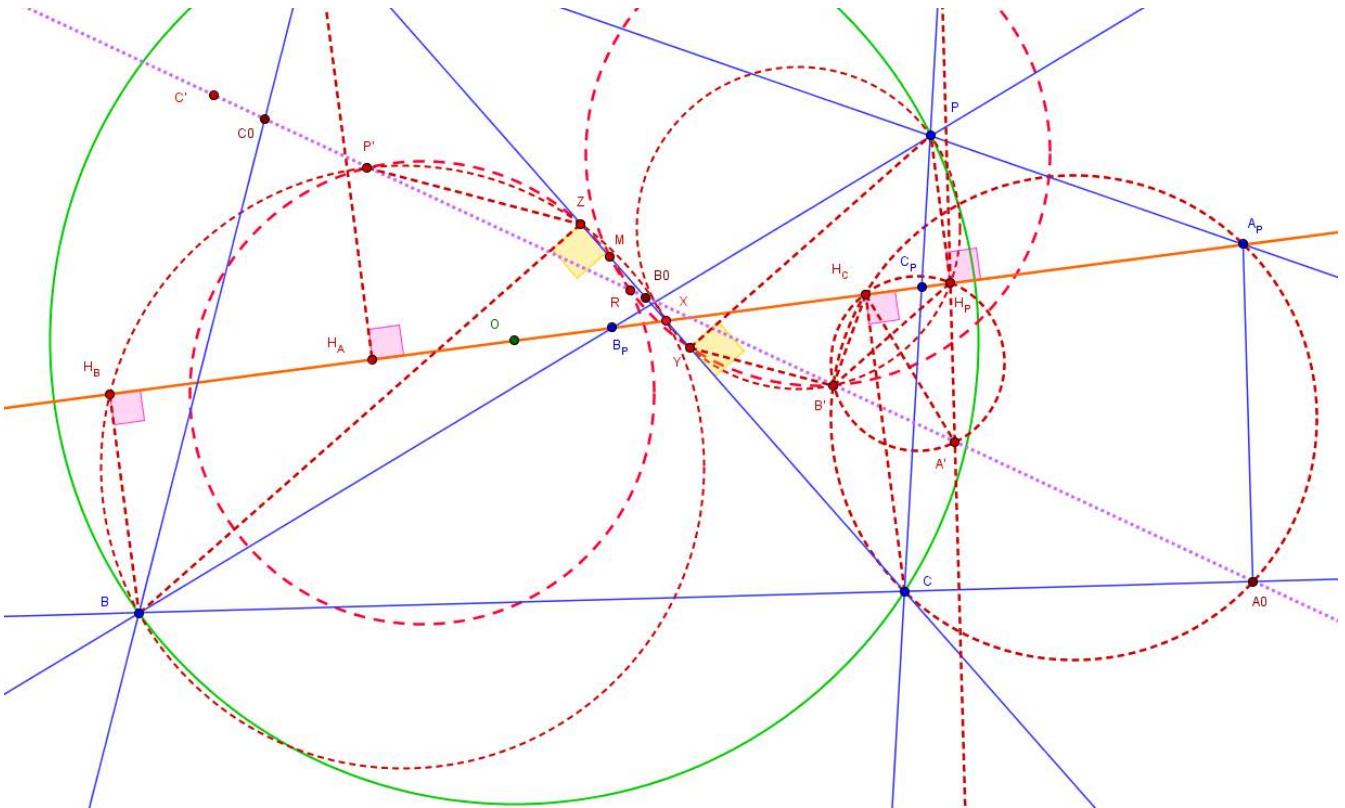
so  $\angle AZP' = \angle XH_B P' = 90^\circ - \angle(AC, \tau)$  ( notice that  $H_B P' \perp AC$  ).

Similarly we can prove  $\angle CYB' = 90^\circ - \angle(AC, \tau) \implies ZP' \parallel YB'$ ,  
so from Reim theorem we get  $P', R, B'$  are collinear . i.e.  $R \in \tau \equiv \overline{A_0B_0C_0}$

Q.E.D

Attachments:





Luis González

#3 Apr 19, 2015, 2:58 am • 2

Fix the line  $\ell$  and animate  $P$ . The pencils  $PA, PB, PC$  are projective inducing a projectivity on  $\ell$ , i.e. the series  $A_p, B_p, C_p$  are projective  $\Rightarrow$  series  $A_0, B_0, C_0$  are projective.

Let  $D, F$  be the antipodes of  $A, C$  on the circumcircle ( $O$ ) and consider the case when  $A_p \in BF$ . If  $BC_p$  cuts ( $O$ ) again at  $D'$ , then by Pascal theorem for  $APCFBD'$ , it follows that  $A_p, C_p, CF \cap AD'$  are collinear  $\Rightarrow D \equiv D' \Rightarrow \angle C_p BA = 90^\circ \Rightarrow B \equiv A_0 \equiv C_0 \Rightarrow A_0 \mapsto C_0$  is a perspectivity  $\Rightarrow A_0 C_0$  goes through a fixed point. When  $P$  coincides with  $\{X, Y\} \equiv \ell \cap (O)$ , then  $A_0 C_0$  becomes Simson lines of  $X, Y$  meeting at the orthopole  $T$  of  $\ell \Rightarrow T \in A_0 C_0$  and similarly  $T \in B_0 C_0 \Rightarrow A_0, B_0, C_0$  are collinear on a line  $\tau$  passing through  $T$ .

Let  $H$  be the orthocenter of  $\triangle ABC$  and let  $X$  be the midpoint of  $HP$  lying on 9-point circle ( $N$ ). It's known that  $T \in (N)$  when  $O \in \ell$ . Now since  $X \overline{\wedge} P \overline{\wedge} A_0$  with fixed points at  $(N) \cap BC$ , then it follows that  $X \mapsto A_0$  is a stereographic projection of  $(N)$  onto  $BC \Rightarrow X \in TA_0 \equiv \tau$ .



tranquanghuy7198

#4 Aug 2, 2015, 5:22 pm • 3

daothanhaoi wrote:

### Problem 1:

Let  $ABC$  be a triangle, let a line  $L$  through circumcenter, let a point  $P$  lie on circumcircle. Let  $AP, BP, CP$  meets  $L$  at  $A_p, B_p, C_p$ . Denote  $A_0, B_0, C_0$  are projection (mean perpendicular foot) of  $A_p, B_p, C_p$  to  $BC, CA, AB$  respectively. Then  $A_0, B_0, C_0$  are collinear.

### Problem 2:

The new line  $\overline{A_0 B_0 C_0}$  bisect the orthocenter and  $P$

- When  $L$  pass through  $P$ , this line is Simson line.

My solution:

If there exists a point  $W$  on the circumcircle of  $\triangle ABC$ , denote by  $d_W$  the Simson line of  $W$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$

Now, let  $Q$  be the reflection of  $P$  WRT the line  $L$  and let  $M$  be the midpoint of  $PH$  ( $H$  is the orthocenter of  $\triangle ABC$ ) We will prove that:  $MA_0 \parallel d_Q$ . Indeed:

$T, D$  are the projections of  $P, H$  on  $BC$

$MP = MH \Rightarrow MD = MT$ . On the other hand:

$$(TM, TD) = (d_P, d_S) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \widehat{SP} = (AS, AP) = (AO, AP) = -(PO, PA) \pmod{\pi}$$

$$\Rightarrow \triangle TMD \sim \triangle POA \quad (1)$$

$$\text{We have: } \frac{A_0T}{A_0D} = \frac{A_PP}{A_PA} \quad (\because AD \parallel A_PA_0 \parallel PT) \quad (2)$$

$$(1), (2) \Rightarrow \triangle TMA_0 \sim \triangle POA_P$$

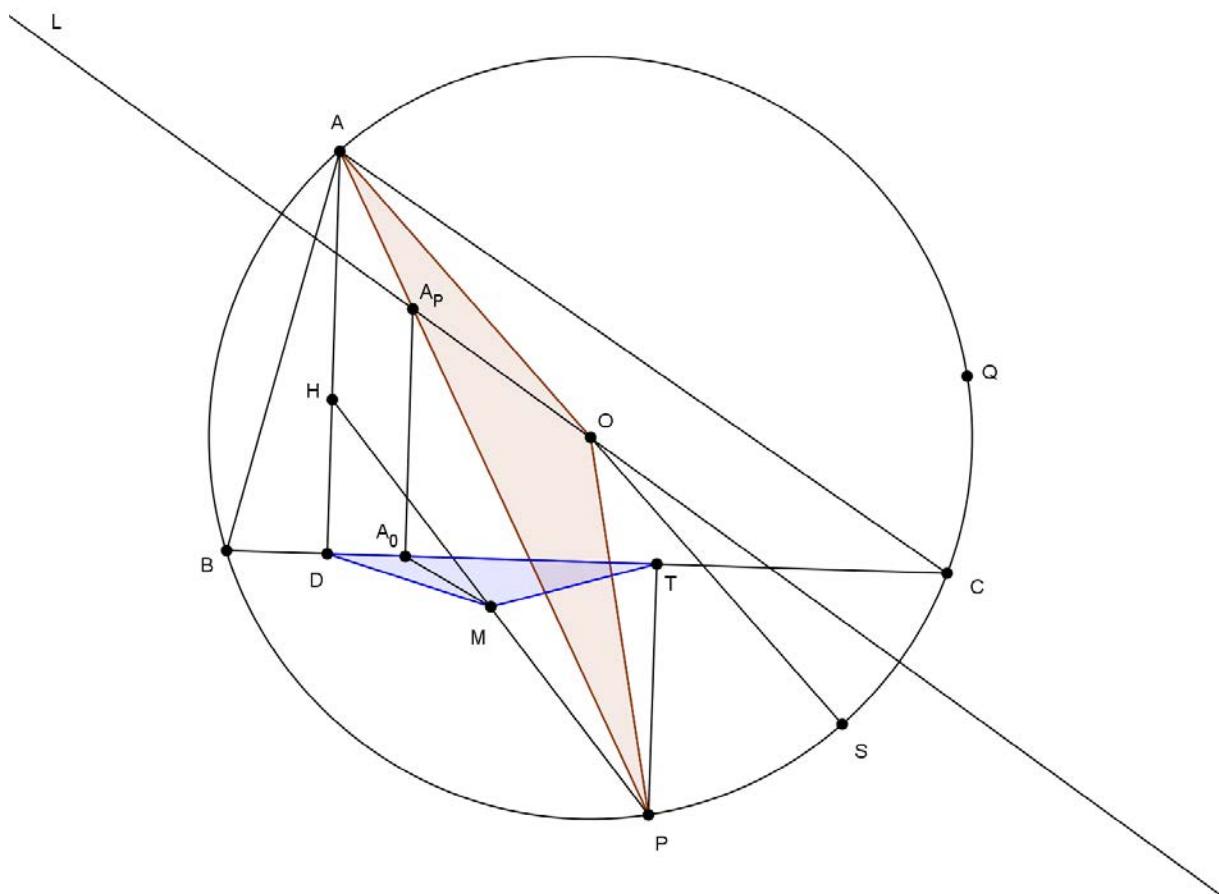
$$\Rightarrow (MT, MA_0) = (OA_P, OP) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \widehat{QP} = (d_P, d_Q) \pmod{\pi}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{MA_0 \parallel d_Q}$$

Similarly:  $MB_0, MC_0 \parallel d_Q$   
 $\Rightarrow \overline{M, A_0, B_0, C_0}$  or  $\overline{A_0, B_0, C_0}$  bisects  $HP$

Q.E.D

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daothanhhoai

#5 Feb 11, 2016, 9:45 am • 1

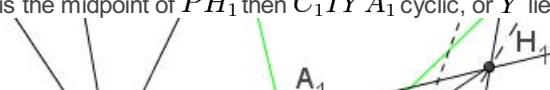
Tran Lam's proof:

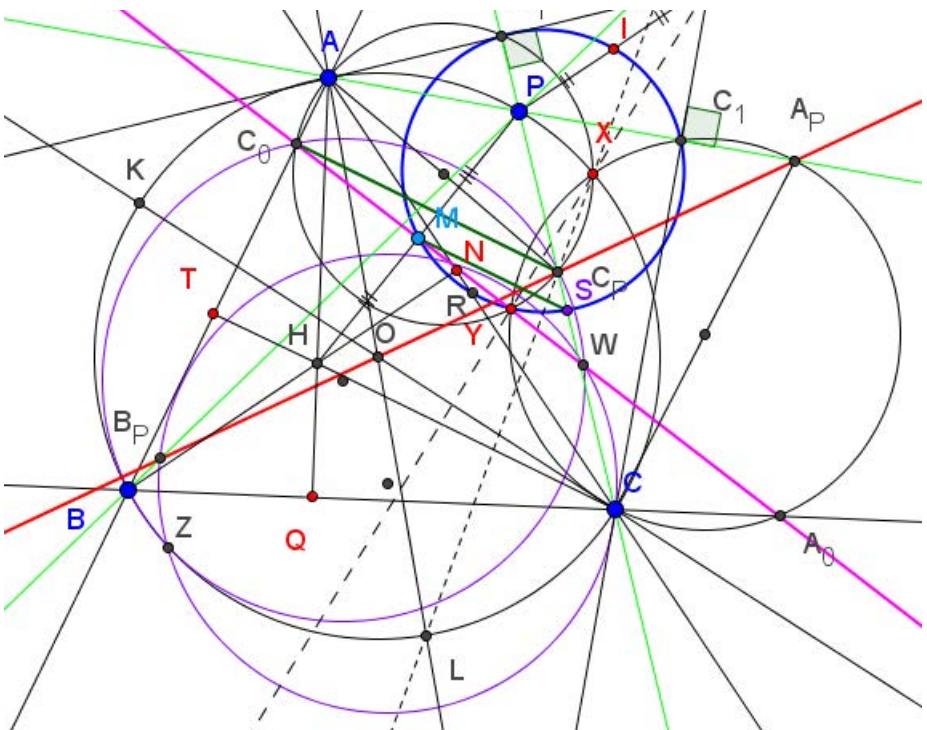
**Lemma 1 (well-known):** The two circles with diameter  $AC_P, CA_P$  intersect at two points  $X, Y$ , one of them (say  $X$ ) lies on  $(O)$ , the second, (say  $Y$ ), lies on the nine-point circle of  $\triangle PAC$ .

**Proof of Lemma 1:**

Let  $CO$  cut  $(O)$  again at  $K$ ;  $KA_P$  cut  $(O)$  at  $X$ ;  $XC_P$  cut  $(O)$  again at  $L$ , then by Pascal in hexagon  $LAPCKX$  we get  $A, O, L$  collinear. Hence  $X$  lies on the circle with diameter  $CA_P$  as well as the circle with diameter  $AC_P$ . Let the circle with diameter  $AC_P$  cut  $PC$  at  $A_1$ , the circle with diameter  $CA_P$  cut  $PA$  at  $C_1$ , then  $AA_1, CC_1$  are two altitudes of  $\triangle PAC$ . If they intersect at  $H_1$  then  $H_1$  obviously lies on the radical axis of the two spoken circles, thus  $H_1$  lies on  $XY$ . Notice that  $\angle C_1YA_1 = \angle C_1YX + \angle XYA_1 = \angle C_1CX + \angle XAH_1 = 360^\circ - \angle AXC - \angle AH_1C = (180^\circ - \angle AXC) + (180^\circ - \angle AH_1C) = \angle APC + \angle APC = 2\angle APC$

This means that if  $I$  is the midpoint of  $PH_1$  then  $C_1IYA_1$  cyclic, or  $Y$  lies on the nine-point circle of  $\triangle PAC$ .





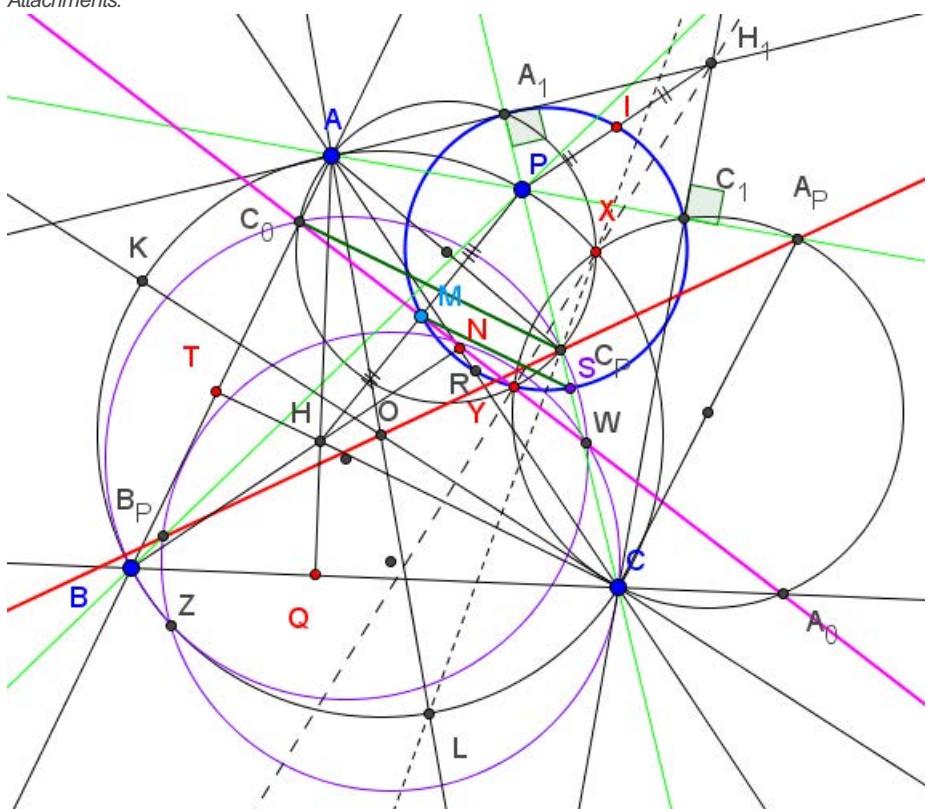
**Lemma 2:**  $A_0C_0$  passes through  $Y$ .

**Proof of Lemma 2:**

Notice that  $\angle X Y C_0 = \angle X A C_0 = \angle X C A_0 = \angle X Y A_0$ . This implies that  $A_0, C_0, Y$  are collinear. Let  $AQ, CT$  the altitudes of  $\triangle ABX$  with  $H$  the orthocenter. Easy to get  $A, H_1, C, H$  cyclic and the circle they lie on is the mirror of the circle  $O$  over  $AC$ . If  $R$  is the midpoint of  $AC$  and  $M$  midpoint of  $PH$  then there is no problem to see that  $R, M$  are the two common points of the nine-point circle of  $\triangle PAC$  and the nine-point circle of  $\triangle BAC$ . By another words,  $M$  is the midpoint of  $PH$ . So if  $S$  is the midpoint of  $PC_0$  then  $MS \parallel C_0C_P$ . Now we are going to show that  $M$  lies on the line  $Y C_0 A_0$ . Notice that  $\angle X Y M = \angle X Y A_1 - \angle M Y A_1 = \angle X A A_1 - (180^\circ - \angle M S A_1) = \angle X A A_1 - (180^\circ - \angle C_0 C_P A_1) = \angle X A A_1 - \angle C_0 A A_1 = \angle X Y C_0$ . This means that  $Y, M, C_0$  are collinear or  $M$  lies on the line  $Y C_0 A_0$  as desired.

Next, let the circle with diameter  $CBP$  cuts the circle with diameter  $BC_P$  intersect at  $W, Y$ . By lemma 1  $Z$  lies on  $(O)$  and  $W$  lies on the nine-point circle of  $\triangle PBC$ . There is no problem to see that the nine-point circle of  $\triangle PAC$  goes through  $S, M$ . By lemma 2 we have  $C_0, B_0, W$  collinear. As  $\angle WMS = \angle WCS = \angle WC_0C_P$ , but as  $MS \parallel C_0C_P$ , then  $W, M, C_0$  are collinear. Hence all the points  $A_0, C_0, M, Y, B_0, W$  lie on a line  $d$ , this line bisects the line segment joining  $P$  and the orthocenter of  $\triangle BAC$  (that is  $PH$ ). Of course then the line  $l$  goes through  $P$ , then  $X, C_P, A_P \equiv P; P_1 \equiv Y, d$  is the Simson line of  $\triangle ABC$ .

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## High School Olympiads





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#1 Mar 16, 2016, 9:25 pm

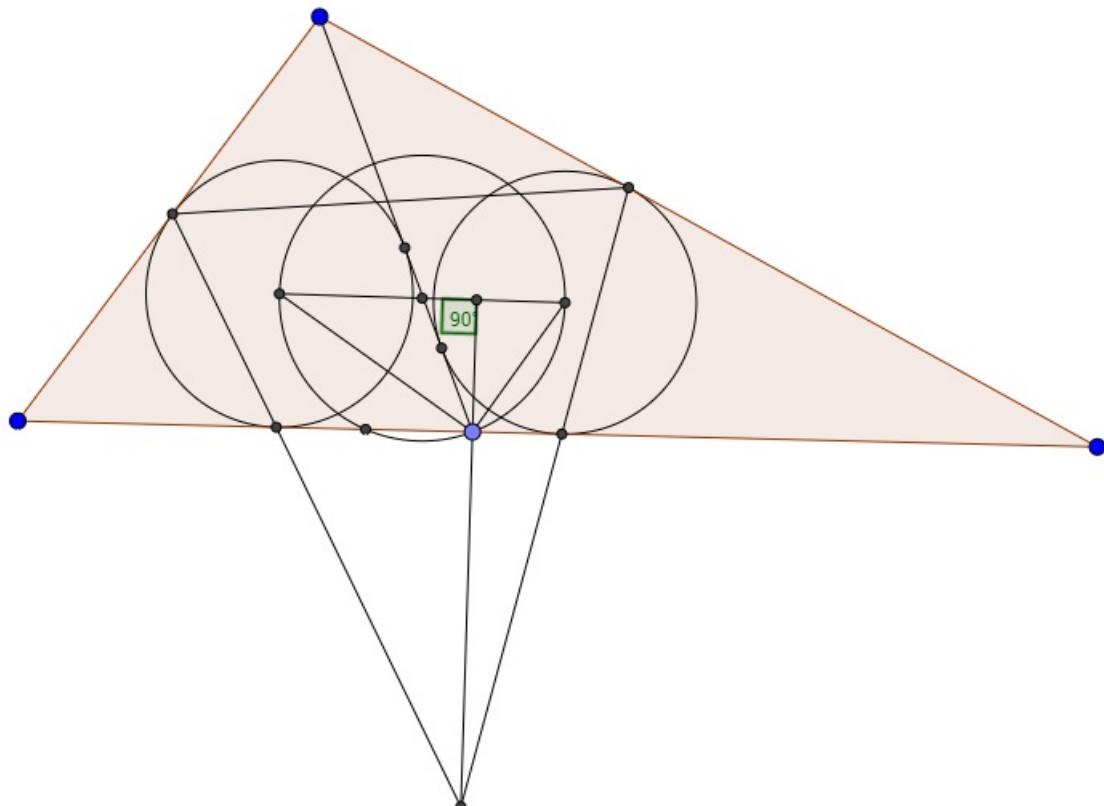
Let  $ABC$ .  $D$  moves on  $BC$ .  $I$  is point center  $(ABD)$ ,  $J$  is point center  $ACD$ .

(a): Prove  $(IJ)D$  through a fixed point.

(b) ( $I$ ) cut  $AB, BC$  at  $P, M$ , ( $J$ ) cuts  $AC, BC$  at  $N, Q$ .  $PM$  cut  $NQ$  at  $X$ .

Prove  $(XD, IJ) = 90^\circ$ .

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Luis González

#2 Mar 16, 2016, 10:26 pm • 1

For convenience relabel  $I, J, K$  the incenters of  $\triangle ABC, \triangle ABD, \triangle ACD$ . If  $T$  is the tangency point of the incircle  $(I)$  of  $\triangle ABC$  with  $BC$ , then  $T \in \odot(DJK)$  ( $T$  is the fixed point) and moreover  $MT = DQ$  (for a proof see [two problems about cyclic quadrilateral](#) problem 1).

From  $MT = DQ$ , we get  $DM^2 - DQ^2 = TQ^2 - TM^2 = IQ^2 - IM^2$  and since  $DM^2 = DJ^2 - MJ^2$  and  $DQ^2 = DK^2 - QK^2 \implies DJ^2 - DK^2 + QK^2 - QI^2 + MI^2 - MJ^2 = 0$ . Thus by Carnot's theorem the perpendiculars from  $D, Q, M$  to  $JK, KI, IJ$  concur  $\implies XD \perp JK$ .



doxuanlong15052000

#3 Mar 16, 2016, 10:58 pm • 1

My solution:

Let  $AI, BI$  cut  $XM, XN$  at  $U, V$ . Well-known that  $U$  lies on  $(ID)$  and  $V$  lies on  $(DJ)$ . We have  $\angle VQM = \frac{\angle C}{2} + 90^\circ$  and  $\angle VUM = \frac{\angle ABD}{2} + \angle VDA = \frac{\angle C}{2} + 90^\circ$  then  $M, U, Q, V$  are concyclic  $\implies X$  lies on radical axis of  $(DI)$  and  $(DJ)$ , so  $(XD, IJ) = 90^\circ$ .

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## High School Olympiads

Mixtilinear Excircles Concurrence X

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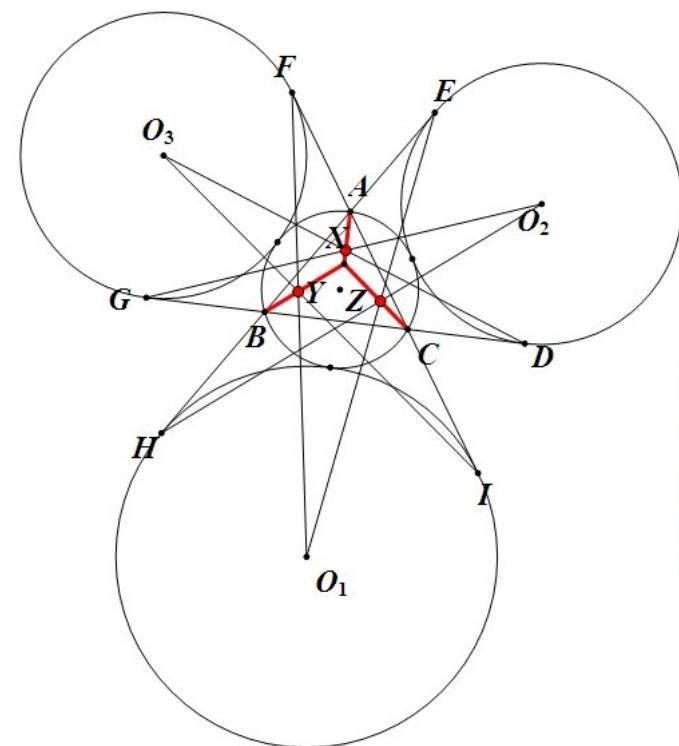


#1 Dec 6, 2012, 6:07 am • 1

**See Attachment.**

This is a problem proposed by PCHP from WenWuGuangHua Mathematics Workshop in China

Attachments:



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已知  $\odot O_1, \odot O_2, \odot O_3$  是  $\triangle ABC$  三旁切圆，  
点  $D, E, F, G, H, I$  分别是旁切圆在直线  
 $AB, AC, BC$  上切点， $GO_2, DO_3$  交于  $X$ ，类  
似  $Y, Z$ ，求证： $AX, BY, CZ$  共点

$\odot O_1, \odot O_2, \odot O_3$  are the mixtilinear  
excircles of  $\triangle ABC$ .  $D, E, F, G, H, I$  are the  
points of tangency on  $AB, AC, BC$  respectively.  
 $GO_2$  meet  $DO_3$  at  $X$ , define  $Y$  and  $Z$   
similarly.  
**Prove:  $AX, BY, CZ$  are concurrent**



Luis González

#2 Mar 15, 2016, 7:29 am • 3

Let  $I$  and  $I_a, I_b, I_c$  be the incenter and 3 excenters of  $\triangle ABC$  against  $A, B, C$ . We'll prove that  $AX, BY, CZ$  are in fact concurrent at  $X_{40}$  of  $\triangle ABC$ ; isogonal conjugate of its Bevan point  $Be$  (circumcenter of  $\triangle I_a I_b I_c$ ).

It's well known that  $DI_b \perp BI$  and  $GI_c \perp CI$ . Thus if  $J \equiv DI_b \cap GI_c$ , then  $JI \perp BC$  as  $I_b I_c$  is clearly antiparallel to  $BC$  WRT  $DI_b, GI_c$ . Now  $\triangle DI_b O_2$  and  $\triangle GI_c O_3$  are perspective with perspectrix  $JI \implies L \equiv O_2 O_3 \cap I_b I_c \cap BC$  is the exsimilicenter of  $(O_2) \sim (O_3)$ . Thus if  $U \equiv AI \cap O_2 O_3$ , we have  $(U, O_2, O_3, L) = I(A, I_b, I_c, L) = -1$ , i.e.  $U$  is the insimilicenter of  $(O_2) \sim (O_3)$ .

Let  $V$  be the projection of  $U$  on  $BC$ . From the trapezoid  $GDO_2O_3$ , it's clear that  $X$  is midpoint of  $\overline{UV}$  and as  $DO_2 \parallel GO_3 \parallel UV$ , we get  $(V, D, G, L) = (U, O_2, O_3, L) = -1 = (A, I_b, I_c, L) \implies J, A, V$  are collinear. Now since  $(UV \parallel IJ) \perp BC$ , their midpoints  $X, A'$  are collinear with  $A$ . As  $A'$  is the center of  $\odot(I_b I_c)$ , it is the reflection of  $Be$  across  $I_b I_c \implies AX$  is the isogonal of  $ABe$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$  and similarly  $BY$  and  $CZ$  are the isogonals of  $BBe$  and  $CBe$  WRT  $\triangle ABC \implies AX, BY, CZ$  concur at the isogonal conjugate  $X_{40}$  of  $Be$ .

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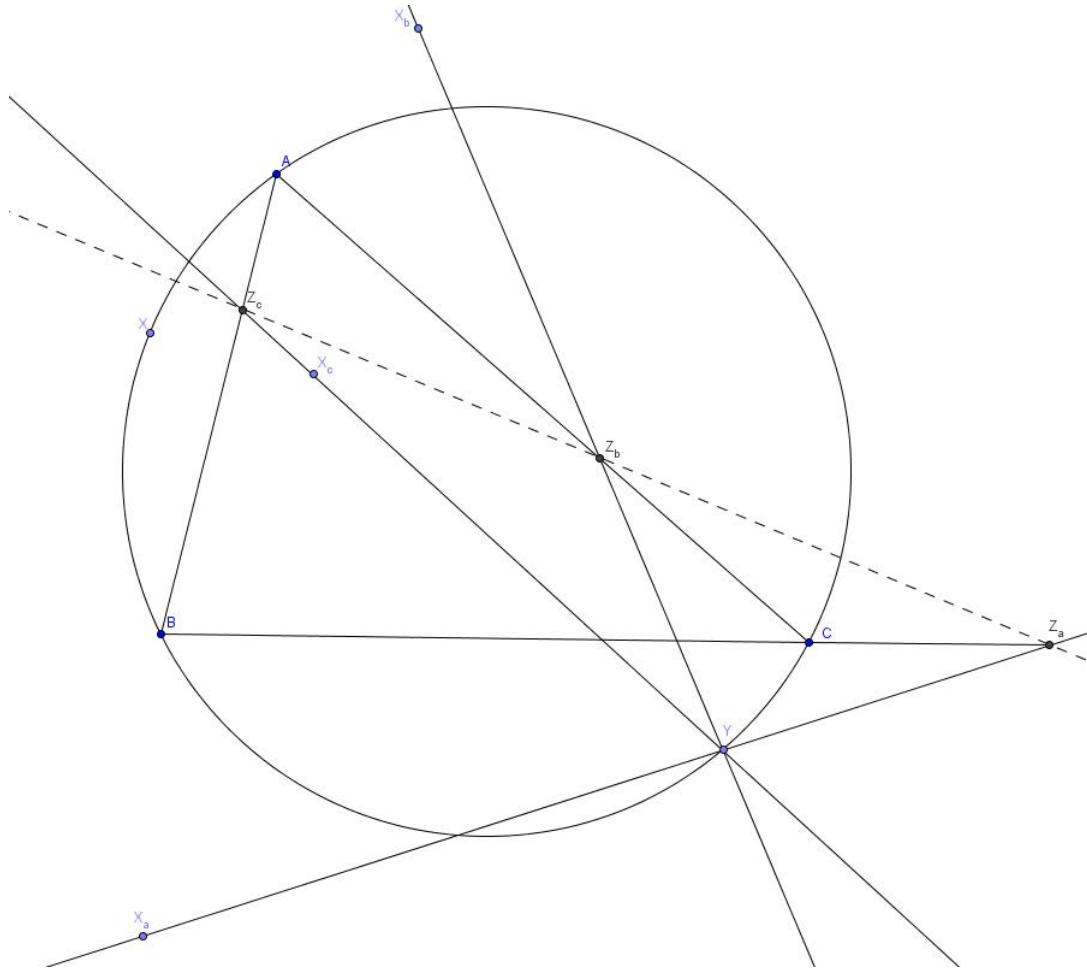
## High School Olympiads

Collinear  Reply

Lockelox

#1 Mar 15, 2016, 1:45 am

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  are points on circumcircle of triangle  $ABC$ . Points  $X_a, X_b, X_c$  are symmetric to  $X$  with respect to the lines  $BC, AC, AB$ . Lines  $YX_a, YX_b, YX_c$  intersect  $BC, AC, AB$  in points  $Z_a, Z_b, Z_c$ . Prove that points  $Z_a, Z_b, Z_c$  are collinear.



XmlL

#2 Mar 15, 2016 • 1 

Interesting Configuration!

**Lemma 1:**  $BX_c \cap CX_b \in (ABC)$ .Proof: Let  $BX_c \cap CX_b = K$ , then  $\angle ACK = \angle ACX = \angle XBA = \angle ABK$ , which means  $K \in (ABC)$ .**Lemma 2:** Let  $YX_a$  intersect  $(ABC)$  again at  $W_a$ , similarly define  $W_b, W_c$ . Prove that  $AW_a, BW_b, CW_c$  concur on  $X_aX_bX_c$ .Proof: It suffices to show that  $CW_c \cap BW_b \in X_bX_c$ . In fact, this is an immediate consequence of Pascal's theorem on the hexagon  $BYCKW_bW_c$ , where  $X_b = CK \cap YW_b$  by Lemma 1.**Main Proof:** Let  $P$  denote the point of concurrence defined in Lemma 2. Applying Pascal's theorem on hexagon

Many thanks to [Luis González](#) for pointing out the point of concurrency defined in Lemma 2. Applying Pascals theorem on hexagon  $AW_bCYBW_c$ , we have  $P \in Z_bZ_c$ . Symmetrically, we can obtain  $P \in Z_bZ_a$ . It follows that  $Z_c, Z_a \in PZ_b \implies Z_a, Z_b, Z_c$  are collinear.  $\square$

Does anyone know any results regarding the point  $P$  defined here?

This post has been edited 2 times. Last edited by XmL, Mar 15, 2016, 5:58 am  
Reason: added question



**Luis González**

#3 Mar 15, 2016, 6:51 am • 1

I submitted this problem before at [3 collinear points in the style of Simson](#). See post #2 and the subsequent replies for a projective generalization

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## High School Olympiads

3 collinear points in the style of Simson X

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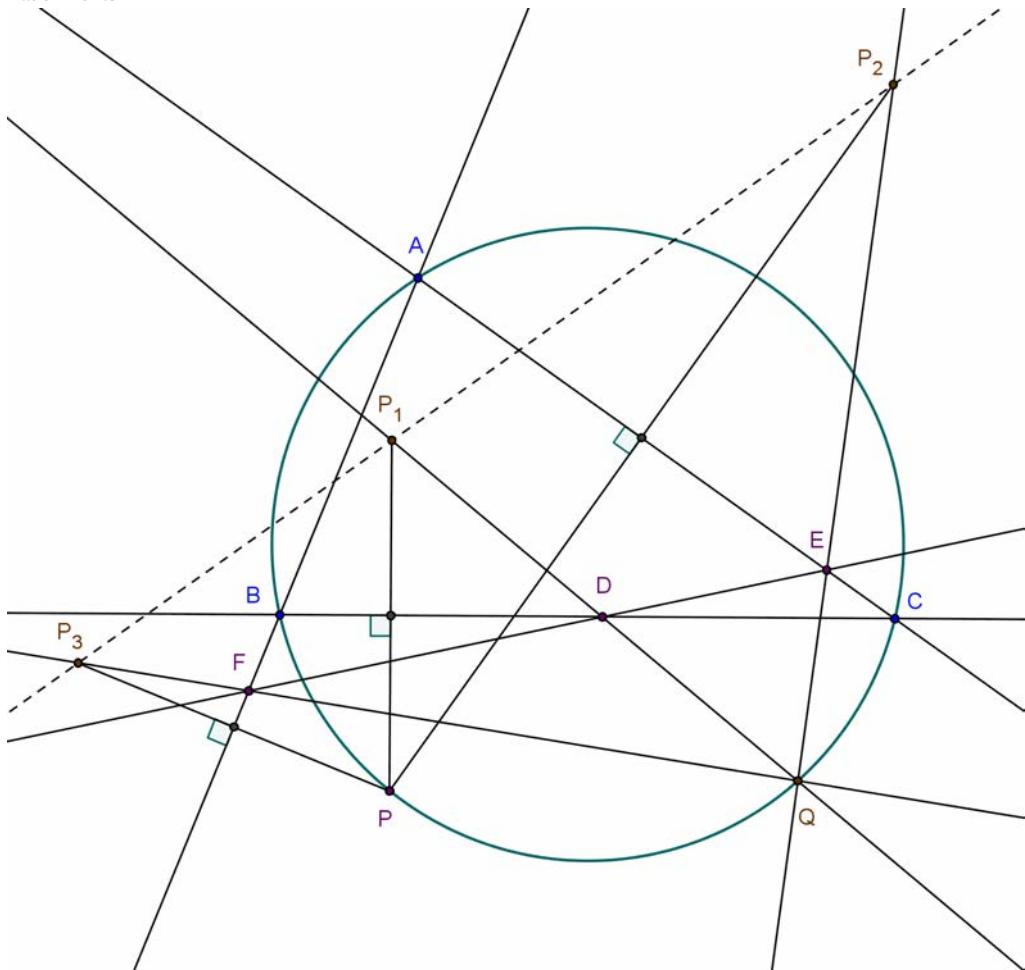


Luis González

#1 Jan 3, 2014, 9:51 am • 2

Let  $P, Q$  be 2 arbitrary points on the circumcircle of  $\triangle ABC$ . Let  $P_1, P_2, P_3$  be the reflections of  $P$  across  $BC, CA, AB$ , respectively.  $QP_1, QP_2, QP_3$  meet  $BC, CA, AB$  at  $D, E, F$ , respectively. Show that  $D, E, F$  are collinear.

Attachments:



proglote

#2 Jan 3, 2014, 12:20 pm

We have the following projective extension:

Let  $t$  be a line and  $T$  is a variable point on  $t$ .  $P, Q$  are fixed points and  $p, q$  are fixed lines.  $PT, QT$  cut  $p, q$  at  $P_0, Q_0$ . Then the points  $PQ_0 \cap QP_0$  lie on a fixed line  $\ell$ , and  $\ell$  also contains the intersection of  $t$  and the axis of the projectivity sending  $P_0 \mapsto Q_0$ .

Taking  $t$  to be the line at infinity and  $p, q$  the Steiner lines of  $P, Q$  gives the original problem.

I still don't have a nice proof without cross-ratios. 😊



Tarazmathboy

#3 Jan 3, 2014, 12:52 pm

can you solve without projective extention



**jayme**

#4 Jan 3, 2014, 12:58 pm

Dear Luis and Mathlinkers,  
nice result. This line is known under "The Seimiya's line".  
see for example,  
<http://perso.orange.fr/jl.ayme> vol. 3 La droite de Seimiya  
Sincerely  
Jean-Louis

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**Luis González**

#5 Jan 3, 2014, 11:35 pm • 2

Thanks dear Jean Louis for the reference, the source was unknown to me. Now, I would like present a proof of the generalized version mentioned by proglote.

Since  $PT \equiv PP_0 \mapsto QT \equiv QQ_0$  is perspectivity, the series  $P_0, Q_0$  with base lines  $p, q$  are projective  $\implies$  pencils  $PQ_0$  and  $QP_0$  are projective with double ray  $PQ$  when  $T$  goes to  $PQ \cap t$ , hence they are perspective  $\implies$  intersection  $PQ_0 \cap QP_0$  runs on a line  $\ell$ .

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**proglote**

#6 Jan 3, 2014, 11:39 pm

Dear jayme, I think your article refers to the case when  $P, Q$  are inverse points, not arbitrary points on the circumcircle..

I also found another proof of the projective version:

As  $P_0 \mapsto Q_0$  is a projectivity, the lines  $P_0Q_0$  envelope a conic  $\mathcal{E}$ . Taking  $T \in PQ$  we have that  $PQ$  is also tangent to  $\mathcal{E}$ . Let  $P^*, Q^*$  be intersections of the second tangents from  $P, Q$  to the conic. By Brianchon's theorem, all points of the form  $PQ_0 \cap QP_0$  lie on  $P^*Q^*$ , as desired.

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**Luis González**

#7 Jan 3, 2014, 11:58 pm

If  $U \equiv t \cap p, V \equiv t \cap q$  then  $\ell$  goes through intersections  $P_1 \equiv VP \cap p$  and  $Q_1 \equiv UQ \cap q$ . Let  $O \equiv p \cap q$  and  $OP, OQ$  cut  $t$  at  $M, N$ , respectively.

When  $T$  coincides with  $M$  or  $N$ , then  $P_0, Q_0$  become  $O$  and its image in the corresponding serie, namely  $X \equiv PN \cap p$  and  $Y \equiv QM \cap q \implies XY$  is projective axis of  $P_0 \mapsto Q_0$ . Note that  $P(M, N, U, V) = P(O, X, U, P_1)$  and  $Q(M, N, U, V) = Q(Y, O, Q_1, V) \implies (O, X, U, P_1) = (Y, O, Q_1, V) = (O, Y, V, Q_1) \implies XY, t \equiv UV$  and  $\ell \equiv P_1Q_1$  concur, as desired.



**jayme**

#8 Jan 4, 2014, 11:59 am

Dear Proglote and Mathlinkers,  
in my article (<http://perso.orange.fr/jl.ayme> vol. 3 La droite de Seimiya p. 3) P and Q are not inverse. I think you have made a confusion with another article in the same volume intitled The Turner's line.  
Sincerely  
Jean-Louis

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**buratinogiggle**

#9 Mar 16, 2016, 12:51 am

Is this extension contained in the extension of Luis ?

Let  $ABC$  be a triangle inscribed in circle  $(O)$  and  $P, Q$  are two points on  $(O)$ .  $D, E, F$  are projection of  $P$  on  $BC, CA, AB$ .  $X, Y, Z$  divide  $PD, PE, PF$  in the same ratios. Prove that  $QX, QY, QZ$  intersect  $BC, CA, AB$ , reps, follow three collinear points.

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#10 Mar 17, 2016, 1:38 pm

A consequence, when  $PQ \parallel BC$  then  $EF$  bisects segment  $BC$ . I have a synthetic solution as following

**Problem.** Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with  $P, Q$  lie on  $(ABC)$  such that  $PQ \parallel BC$ .  $K, L$  are reflections of  $P$  through  $CA, AB$ .  $QK, QL$  cut  $CA, AB$  at  $E, F$ . Prove that  $EF$  bisects segment  $BC$ .

**Proof.** Follow property of isogonal lines  $K, L$  are reflection through  $AQ$ . Let  $AQ$  cuts  $BC$  at  $R$ . We have angle chasing,  
 $\angle FPB = \angle FLB = \angle FLA - \angle BLA = \angle AFQ - \angle LAF - \angle BLA = \angle AFQ - \angle FBL = 180^\circ - \angle FAQ - \angle FQA - \angle FBP = \angle ABR + \angle ARB - \angle EQA - \angle AQP = \angle AQC - \angle AQE = \angle EQC$

Thus, we will prove that  $\frac{EA}{EC} = \frac{FA}{FB}$  then by Menelaus then  $EF$  bisects  $BC$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{EA}{EC} \cdot \frac{FB}{FC} &= \frac{[QEA]}{[QEC]} \cdot \frac{[PFB]}{[PFA]} = \frac{[QAE]}{[PFA]} \cdot \frac{[PFB]}{[QEC]} \\ &= \frac{d(A, QK) \cdot EQ}{d(A, FP) \cdot FP} \cdot \frac{PB \cdot PF}{QE \cdot QC} \quad (\text{Because of } \angle FPB = \angle EQC) \\ &= \frac{d(A, QK)}{d(A, FL)} \quad (\text{Because } FL, FP \text{ reflect through } AF \text{ and } BP = QC) \\ &= 1 \quad (\text{Because } QK, QL \text{ reflect through } AQ). \end{aligned}$$

We are done.



**baptiste**

#11 Mar 17, 2016, 9:31 pm

we can prove a more general result which is:

Let  $D$  a homothetic of center  $P$  to the steiner's line and  $P'1, P'2$  and  $P'3$  construct also by the same homothetic. Then  $E' F'$  and  $D'$  are collinear.

this true because we can project  $PP'1$  on  $BC$  etc.. and if this is true for 3 different homothetic this true for all the other.  
 This is clearly true if we take the simson's line,  $P$  and the infinite line.

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## High School Olympiads

Perspective 

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CEH

#1 Mar 13, 2016, 10:38 pm

Let ABC is triangle. We will draw three different rectangles ACFH,ABDE,BCKL which is out area of triangle ABC. Define point X,Y,Z that (X is intersection of line EK and HL), (Y is intersection of line LH and DF), (Z is intersection of line DF and EK). Prove that triangle ABC and XYZ is perspective.



CEH

#2 Mar 14, 2016, 5:22 pm

Anyone can help me?



Luis González

#3 Mar 14, 2016, 10:12 pm

See <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/community/c6h266998> for the case when the rectangles are squares. The method for this problem is exactly the same.



CEH

#4 Mar 14, 2016, 10:25 pm

Thanks,Gonzalez.

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## High School Olympiads

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**jayme**

#1 Mar 26, 2009, 7:59 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,  
let ABC be a triangle,  
CB'B''A, AC'C''B, BA'A''C three squares erected externally on the sides of ABC,  
and L, M, N respectively the points of intersection of A'B'' and A''C', B'C'' and B''A', C'A'' and C''B'.  
Prove that LMN is perspective with ABC.

Sincerely  
Jean-Louis



**Luis González**

#2 Mar 27, 2009, 7:30 am



Let  $P_a \equiv B'C'' \cap BC$  and define  $P_b$  and  $P_c$  cyclically. Lines  $C''B$  and  $B'C$  meet at the antipode  $M$  of  $A$  WRT the circumcircle of  $\triangle ABC$ . Hence,  $MB = 2R \cos C$  and  $MC = 2R \cos B$ . By Menelaus' theorem for  $\triangle MB'C''$ , we get

$$\frac{P_a C}{P_a B} \cdot \frac{BC''}{MC''} \cdot \frac{MB'}{CB'} = 1 \implies \frac{P_a C}{P_a B} = \frac{CA}{AB} \cdot \frac{AB + 2R \cos C}{CA + 2R \cos B} \quad (1)$$

By similar reasoning, we get the expressions

$$\frac{P_c A}{P_c B} = \frac{CA}{BC} \cdot \frac{BC + 2R \cos A}{CA + 2R \cos B} \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{P_b C}{P_b A} = \frac{BC}{AB} \cdot \frac{AB + 2R \cos C}{BC + 2R \cos A} \quad (3)$$

Now, multiplying the expressions (1), (2) and (3) together yields

$$\frac{P_a C}{P_a B} \cdot \frac{P_c B}{P_c A} \cdot \frac{P_b A}{P_b C} = 1 \implies P_a, P_b, P_c \text{ are collinear and the conclusion follows.}$$



**lym**

#3 Mar 27, 2009, 8:06 am



in fact for  $CB'B''A, AC'C''B, BA'A''C$  are Arbitrary rectangular this Conclusion is Establishment .

Just DesarguesTheorem

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## High School Olympiads

(ADE) tangent to BC 

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Lord.of.AMC

#1 Mar 14, 2016, 3:45 am

Points  $D$  and  $E$  are on sides  $AB$  and  $AC$  of triangle  $ABC$  such that  $DE \parallel BC$ . Line segments  $BE$  and  $CD$  meet the circumcircle of  $ADE$  at points  $M$  and  $N$ , respectively. Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be the intersection points of rays  $AM$  and  $AN$  with line segment  $BC$ , respectively. If  $PQ = BC/2$ , show that the circumcircle of  $ADE$  passes through the intersection of  $BC$  and the  $A$ -angle bisector.



Luis González

#2 Mar 14, 2016, 6:02 am

Since  $\angle EBP = \angle MED = \angle MAD \Rightarrow \odot(ABM)$  is tangent to  $BC$  and likewise  $\odot(ACN)$  is tangent to  $BC$ . Since  $PQ = \frac{1}{2}BC$ , then clearly there is a point  $X \in PQ$  such that  $PB = PX$  and  $QC = QX \Rightarrow$   
 $PX^2 = PB^2 = PM \cdot PA \Rightarrow \odot(AMX)$  is tangent to  $BC$  and similarly  $\odot(ANX)$  is tangent to  $BC \Rightarrow$   
 $\angle MXB = \angle MAX$  and  $\angle NXC = \angle NAX \Rightarrow \angle MAN = \angle NXC + \angle MXB = 180^\circ - \angle MXN \Rightarrow$   
 $X \in \odot(ADMNE)$  and this circle is tangent to  $BC$  at  $X$ . Since  $DE \parallel BC$ , then  $X$  is the midpoint of its arc  $DE$ , i.e.  $AX$  bisects  $\angle DAE \equiv \angle BAC$ .

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## High School Olympiads

Concurrent lines and collinear points X

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buratinogiggle

#1 Mar 9, 2016, 1:31 pm • 2

Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with incircle  $(I)$  touches  $BC, CA, AB$  at  $D, E, F$ . The line passes through  $I$  and is perpendicular to  $IA$  cut  $CA, AB$  at  $A_1, A_2$ .  $A_c, A_b$  are symmetric of  $C, B$  through  $A_1, A_2$ . Circle  $(K_a)$  passes through  $A_b, A_c$  and is tangent to  $(I)$  at  $A_3$ . Similarly, we have  $B_3, C_3$ .

a ) Prove that  $AA_3, BB_3, CC_3$  are concurrent at point  $P$ .

b) Let  $AA_3$  cut  $(I)$  again at  $A_4$ . Similarly, we have  $B_4, C_4$ . Prove that  $DA_4, EB_4, FC_4$  are concurrent at  $Q$ .

c) Let  $P^*, Q^*$  are isogonal conjugate of  $P, Q$ , resp. Prove that line  $P^*Q^*$  passes through insimilicenter of  $(I)$  and  $(O)$ .



Luis González

#2 Mar 13, 2016, 11:44 am • 3

**Solution to problem a):**

We use standard triangle notation  $BC = a, CA = b, AB = c$  and  $s, r, R$  denote the semiperimeter, inradius and circumradius, resp. Since  $AA_1 = AA_2 = \frac{bc}{s}$  (well-known), we get

$$BA_2 = c - \frac{bc}{s} = \frac{c(s-b)}{s} \implies BA_b = \frac{2c(s-b)}{s} \implies AA_b = c - \frac{2c(s-b)}{s} = \frac{c(2b-s)}{s}.$$

Likewise we obtain  $AA_c = \frac{b(2c-s)}{s}$ . Thus if  $(I)$  touches  $A_bA_c$  at  $X$  (see [Concurrent and parallel lines](#) problem a), we obtain

$$XA_b = FA_b = s - a - \frac{c(2b-s)}{s} = \frac{s(s-a+c)-2bc}{s}, \quad XA_c = \frac{s(s-a+b)-2bc}{s}.$$

Let  $AA_3$  cut  $BC$  and  $A_bA_c$  at  $D', X'$ , resp and we define  $E' \in CA, F' \in AB$  cyclically. Using the result of the problem [Three concurrent lines](#) for  $\triangle A_3A_bA_c$ , we get

$$\frac{X'A_b}{X'A_c} = \frac{XA_b^3}{XA_c^3} \implies \frac{D'B}{D'C} = \frac{c}{b} \cdot \frac{AA_c}{AA_b} \cdot \frac{XA_b^3}{XA_c^3} = \frac{2c-s}{2b-s} \cdot \left[ \frac{s(s-a+c)-2bc}{s(s-a+b)-2bc} \right]^3.$$

Hence, multiplying all the cyclic expressions together we get

$$\frac{D'B}{D'C} \cdot \frac{E'C}{E'A} \cdot \frac{F'A}{F'B} = \left[ \frac{s(s-a+c)-2bc}{s(s-a+b)-2bc} \cdot \frac{s(s-b+a)-2ca}{s(s-b+c)-2ca} \cdot \frac{s(s-c+b)-2ab}{s(s-c+a)-2ab} \right]^3 = \frac{[s^2r^2(s^2+4r^2-16rR)]^3}{[s^2r^2(s^2+4r^2-16rR)]^3} = 1.$$

Thus by Ceva's theorem  $AD' \equiv AA_3, BE' \equiv BB_3, CF' \equiv CC_3$  concur at  $P$ .



Luis González

#3 Mar 13, 2016, 11:45 am • 2

**Solution to problems b) and c):**

Assuming  $A_3, B_3, C_3$  lie on the arcs  $EDF, FED, DFE$  of  $(I)$ , then  $A_4, B_4, C_4$  lie on its arcs  $EF, FD, DE$ , thus by Steinbart theorem,  $DA_4, EB_4, FC_4$  concur at  $Q$ . Now consider a homology taking  $(I)$  into another circle whose center is the

image  $Q'$  of  $Q$ .  $P'$  is then the Nagel point of  $\triangle A'B'C' \implies A', B', C', P', Q'$  and the Gergonne point  $Ge'$  of  $\triangle A'B'C'$  lie on same conic (Feuerbach hyperbola of  $\triangle A'B'C'$ ). Thus back in the primitive figure  $A, B, C, P, Q, Ge$  lie on same conic  $\mathcal{H} \implies P^*, Q^*$  and the insimilicenter of  $(I) \sim (O)$  lie on the isogonal of  $\mathcal{H}$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$ .



TelvCohl

#4 Mar 13, 2016, 9:29 pm • 2

**Another solution to part (c) :**

Let  $G_e$  be the Gergonne point of  $\triangle ABC$  and let  $B_5 \equiv CA \cap FQ, C_5 \equiv AB \cap EQ$ . Since

$$B(A, G_e; P, Q) = (C_5, E; B_4, Q) \stackrel{F}{=} (F, E; B_4, C_4) \stackrel{E}{=} (F, B_5; Q, C_4) = C(G_e, A; Q, P) = C(A, G_e; P, Q),$$

so  $P, Q, G_e$  lie on a circumconic  $\mathcal{C}$  of  $\triangle ABC$ , hence we conclude that  $P^*Q^*$  passes through the isogonal conjugate of  $G_e$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$  which is the insimilicenter of  $(I) \sim (O)$ .

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## High School Olympiads

Concurrent and parallel lines X

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**buratinogiggle**

#1 Nov 14, 2015, 10:39 pm • 1 ↳

Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with excircles  $(I_a)$ ,  $(I_b)$ ,  $(I_c)$ . Line passes through  $I_a$  and is perpendicular to  $AI_a$  intersect  $CA$ ,  $AB$  at  $A_1, A_2$ .  $A_c, A_b$  are symmetric of  $C, B$  through  $A_1, A_2$ , resp.

a) Prove that  $A_bA_c$  is tangent to  $(I_a)$  at  $A_a$ .

b) Similarly, we have  $B_b, C_c$ .  $(I_a), (I_b), (I_c)$  touch  $BC, CA, AB$  at  $D, E, F$ , resp. Prove that  $DA_a, EB_b, FC_c$  are concurrent at  $K$ .

c) Let  $I, Ge, Na$  be incenter, Gergonne point, Nagel point of triangle  $ABC$ . Prove that  $KN_a \parallel IGe$ .



**Luis González**

#2 Nov 15, 2015, 1:29 am • 2 ↳

a) Let  $M, N, L$  be the midpoint of  $BC, CA, AB$  and redefine  $A_a$  as the second intersection of  $(I_a)$  with the parallel to  $IM$  through  $D$ . If the tangent of  $(I_a)$  at  $A_a$  cuts  $AC, AB$  at  $A_c, A_b$ , then we need to show that  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are the midpoints of  $CA_c$  and  $BA_b$ . Indeed if  $J \equiv MI_a \cap A_bA_c$  and  $U \equiv BC \cap A_bA_c$ , then  $(MJ \parallel DA_a) \perp UI_a \implies I_a$  is midpoint of  $MJ \implies MA_1JA_2$  is a parallelogram, even the Varignon parallelogram of  $BCA_cA_b$  since  $A_1, A_2$  are unique on  $AC, AB \implies A_1$  and  $A_2$  are the midpoints of  $CA_c$  and  $BA_b$ .

b) Let the incircle  $(I)$  of  $\triangle ABC$  touch  $BC, CA, AB$  at  $X, Y, Z$ , resp. It's well-known that  $I_aM \parallel AX$ , so  $DA_a \parallel AX$  and likewise  $EB_b \parallel BY$  and  $FC_c \parallel CZ$ . If  $P$  is the complement of  $Ge$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$ , then it follows that  $DA_a, EB_b, FC_c$  concur at the reflection  $K$  of  $Ge$  on  $P$ , in other words the anticomplement of  $Ge$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$ .

c) Since  $Na$  and  $K$  are the anticomplements of  $I$  and  $Ge$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$ , then it follows that  $KN_a \parallel IGe$ .



**TelvCohl**

#3 Mar 7, 2016, 6:56 pm • 2 ↳

**Another proof of (a) :**

Let  $I$  be the incenter of  $\triangle ABC$  and let  $\triangle XYZ$  be the intouch triangle of  $\triangle ABC$ . Let  $K$  be the midpoint of  $YZ$  and let the tangent of  $\odot(I)$  passing through  $T \equiv AX \cap \odot(I)$  cuts  $CA, AB$  at  $U, V$ , respectively. From  $\angle I_aA_2B = \angle YXZ, \angle A_2BI_a = \angle ZYX \implies \triangle A_2BI_a \sim \triangle XYZ$ , so  $\angle I_aA_bA = \angle YXK = \angle TXZ$ , hence if  $J$  is the incenter of  $\triangle AUV$  then we get  $\angle JVA = \frac{1}{2}\angle UVA = \angle TXZ = \angle I_aA_bA \implies JV \parallel I_aA_b$ . Analogously, we can prove  $JU$  is parallel to  $I_aA_c$ , so  $\triangle AUV \cup J$  and  $\triangle AA_cA_b \cup I_a$  are homothetic  $\implies A_bA_c$  is tangent to  $\odot(I_a)$ .

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Hard Geometry  Reply**Vietnamisalwaysinmyheart**#1 Mar 13, 2016, 8:34 am • 1 Given  $\triangle ABC$ .  $H$  is its orthocenter. Let  $EF$  intersects  $BC$  at  $G$ . Let  $K$  be the projection of  $H$  onto  $AG$ .Let  $L$  be midpoint of  $EF$  and  $N$  be the intersection of  $AD$  and  $EF$ . Let the bisector perpendicular of  $ND$  intersects  $HG$  at  $P$ Prove that:  $(PND)$  and  $(GKL)$  are tangent to each other**Scorpion.k48**

#2 Mar 13, 2016, 9:36 am

Where is  $E, F$ ?**NHN**

#3 Mar 13, 2016, 9:39 am

i think  $E, F$ , D foot of perpendicular, B, C, A**Luis González**#4 Mar 13, 2016, 9:43 am • 1 

Let  $M$  be the midpoint of  $BC$ . By Brokard's theorem  $M$  is the orthocenter of  $\triangle AHG$ , i.e.  $GH$  is perpendicular to  $AM$  at  $X$  and  $MH$  is perpendicular to  $AG$  at  $K$ . Since  $AD$  is clearly the radical axis of  $\odot(BCEF)$  and  $\odot(GMXLK)$  with diameters  $BC, MG$ , then their intersections  $U, V$  are on  $AD$ . Moreover,  $GU, GV$  are tangents of  $\odot(BCEF)$  as  $AD$  is the polar of  $G$  WRT  $\odot(BCEF) \Rightarrow GU = GV \Rightarrow XH$  bisects  $\angle UXV$ . But since  $(H, N, D, A) = -1$  and  $\angle AXH = 90^\circ$ , then  $XH$  also bisects  $\angle DXN \Rightarrow P$  is the midpoint of the arc  $ND$  of  $\odot(XND)$ . Now  $XN, XD$  are isogonals WRT  $\angle UXV \Rightarrow \odot(XND)$  and  $\odot(XUV)$  are tangent, in other words  $\odot(PND)$  and  $\odot(GKL)$  are tangent at  $X$ .

**PROF65**

#5 Mar 13, 2016, 7:55 pm

It s known that  $H$  is the symmetric of the antipode of  $A$  in the circle  $(ABC)$  wrt  $M$ , the midpoint of  $BC$  then  $M, H, K$  are collinear thus  $GH$  is orthogonal to  $AM$  let  $Q$  their intersection .we know that  $(A, H; N, D) = -1$  but  $AQ \perp QH$  hence  $QH$  is the bisector of  $\widehat{NQD}$  besides  $P$  is on the bisector of  $ND$  so  $P \in (QDP)$ ,let  $R$  the second intersection of the bisector of  $ND$  with the circle  $(DNPQ)$  since  $QR \perp QP \equiv QG$  then  $R \in AM$  finaly, obviously  $PR \parallel GM$  therefore the result follows.

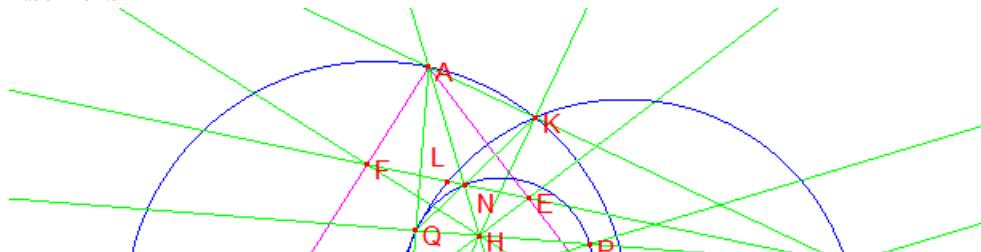
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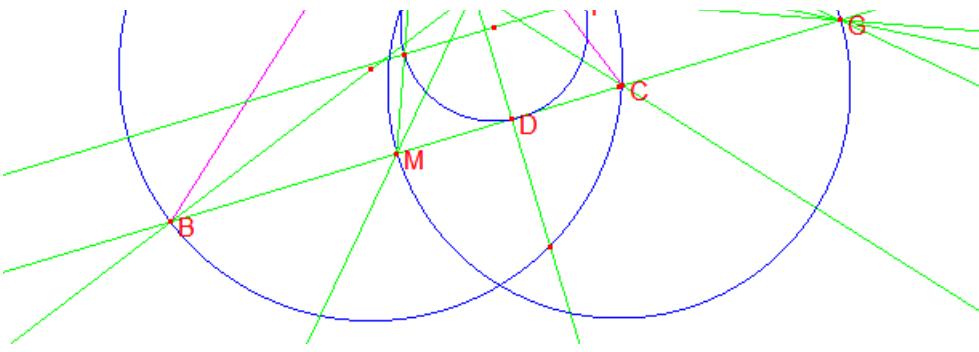
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I consider that it 's known that :

\*  $K$  is the Miquel point of  $ABC$  with the collinear points  $E, F, G$ \*\*  $LMKG$  cyclic indeed  $GD \cdot GM = GC \cdot GB = GE \cdot GF = GN \cdot GL$  then  $NLMD$  cyclic thus  $\widehat{NLM} = \frac{\pi}{2}$ hence  $LMKG$  cyclic

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#6 Mar 13, 2016, 10:17 pm

Let  $M, Q$  be midpoints of  $BC, ND$ , let  $R = GH \cap AM, S = PQ \cap AM$ .

By Brokard theorem in  $BCEF$ ,  $\angle GRM = \angle GKM = 90^\circ$ , but  $GLM = 90^\circ \rightarrow G, K, L, R, M$  are concyclic and  $K, H, M$  are collinear.

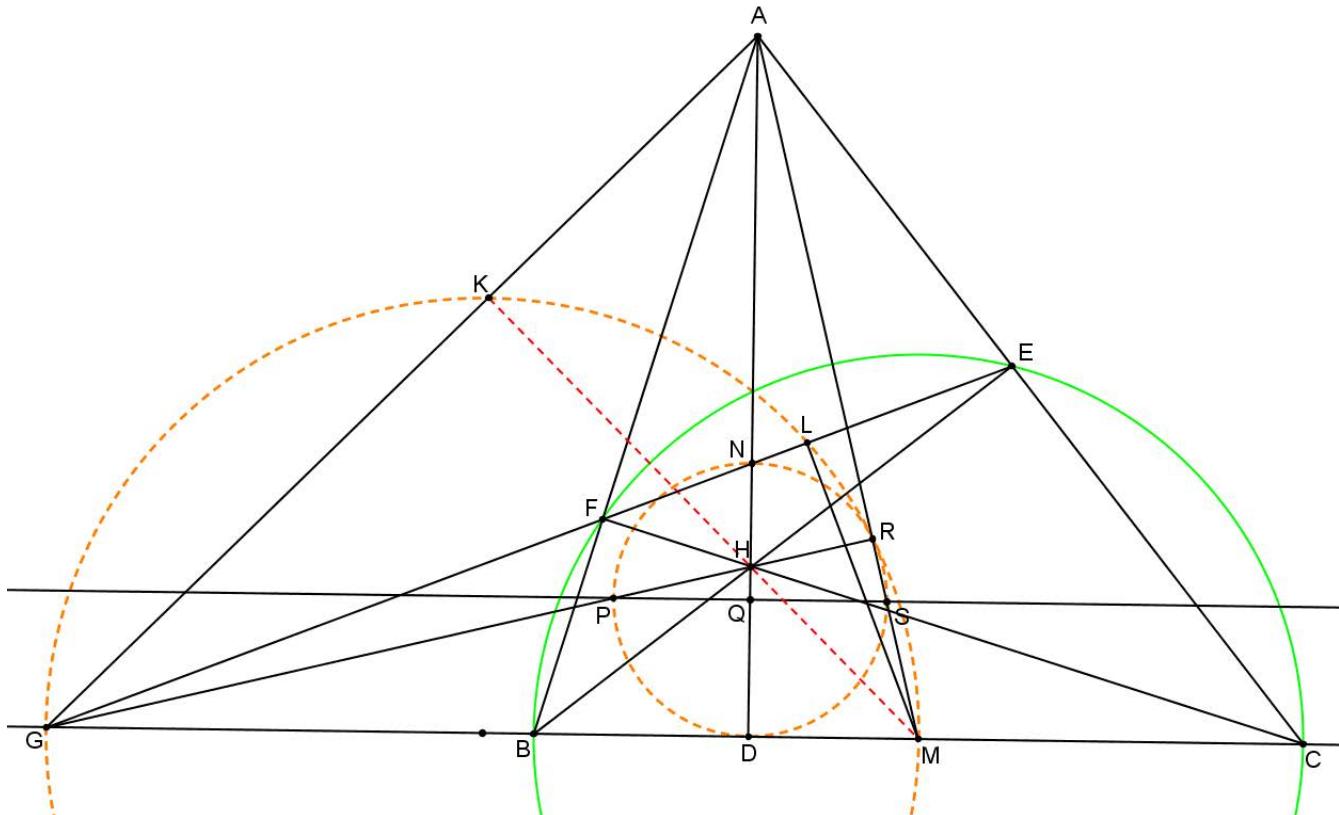
$(AHND) \stackrel{F}{=} (BCGD) = -1$  and  $\angle ARH = 90^\circ \rightarrow \angle PRN = \angle PRD \rightarrow P$  is midpoint of arc  $ND$  in  $\odot NRD \rightarrow R \in \odot PND$ .

$S$  lies on diameter  $PQ$  of  $\odot PND$  and  $\angle PRS = 90^\circ \rightarrow S \in \odot PND$ .

Homothety taking  $PS \rightarrow GM$  is centered at  $R$  and also takes  $\odot PND \rightarrow \odot GKL$ , but as  $R \in \odot PND$  and  $R \in \odot GKL$ , we conclude that they are tangent to each other.

Didn't notice that above solution is same as mine.

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### A progression and symmedians

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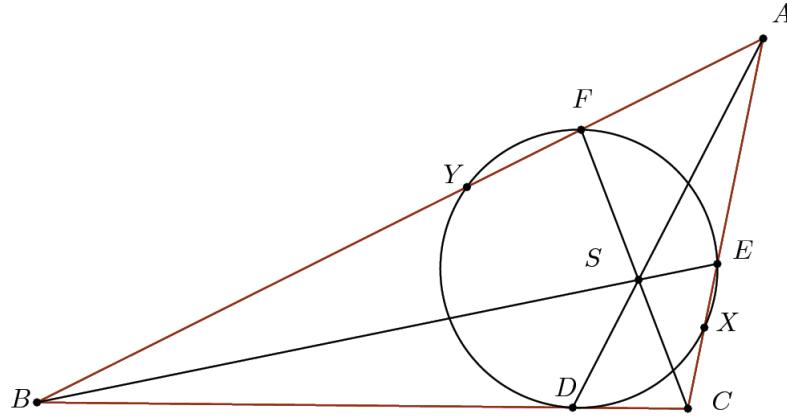
**Rushil**

#1 Sep 23, 2005, 4:15 pm

Suppose a circle passes through the feet of the symmedians of a non-isosceles triangle  $ABC$ , and is tangent to one of the sides. Show that  $a^2 + b^2, b^2 + c^2, c^2 + a^2$  are in geometric progression when taken in some order

**Ankoganit**

#2 Mar 11, 2016, 12:12 pm



Suppose the feet of symmedians from  $A, B, C$  are  $D, E, F$  in that order and  $S$  is the symmedian point ( $X_6$ ). Also assume WLOG that  $(DEF)$  touches  $BC$  at  $D$  and intersects  $AC, AB$  a second time at  $X, Y$  respectively. Then using Power of point  $B$  wrt  $(DEF)$ , we have

$$BY \cdot BF = BD^2 \implies BY = \frac{BD^2}{BF} \implies AY = AB - BY = AB - \frac{BD^2}{BF} \quad (1)$$

Now suppose  $BC = a, CA = b, AB = c$ . It is well known that  $D$  divides  $BC$  in the ratio  $c^2 : b^2$ , so we obtain

$BD = \frac{c^2 a}{b^2 + c^2}$ . Similarly one can obtain expression for  $BF, AF$  etc. Using these expressions and (1) we have, after some simplification,

$$AF \cdot AY = b^2 c \frac{c^5 - a^2 c^3 + b^2 c^3 + b^4 c}{(a^2 + b^2) (b^4 + c^4 + 2 b^2 c^2)}$$

And similarly

$$AE \cdot AX = b c^2 \cdot \frac{b^5 + b c^4 - a^2 b^3 + b^3 c^2}{(a^2 + c^2) (b^4 + c^4 + 2 b^2 c^2)}$$

By power of point, we can equate these two, to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & -b c^2 \cdot \frac{b^5 + b c^4 - a^2 b^3 + b^3 c^2}{(a^2 + c^2) (b^4 + c^4 + 2 b^2 c^2)} + b^2 c \frac{c^5 - a^2 c^3 + b^2 c^3 + b^4 c}{(a^2 + b^2) (b^4 + c^4 + 2 b^2 c^2)} = 0 \\ \iff & -b^2 c^2 (c - b) (c + b) \frac{(a^4 + a^2 c^2 + a^2 b^2 - c^4 - c^2 b^2 - b^4)}{(c^2 + b^2)^2 (a^2 + b^2) (a^2 + c^2)} = 0 \\ \iff & a^4 - b^4 - c^4 + a^2 b^2 + a^2 c^2 - b^2 c^2 = 0 \quad [\text{because the triangle is not isosceles}] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\iff & (a^2 + b^2)(a^2 + c^2) = (b^2 + c^2)^2 \\ \iff & a^2 + b^2, b^2 + c^2, c^2 + a^2 \text{ are in G.P., as desired} \quad \blacksquare\end{aligned}$$

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Luis González

#3 Mar 13, 2016, 4:40 am

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nice result related to the symmedian circle X

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Source: V.Thebault, AWM, E1035, 1952.



pohoatza

#1 Aug 29, 2007, 1:19 am

Show that if the circle passing through the feet of the symmedians of a non-isosceles triangle of sides  $a, b, c$  is tangent to one side, then the quantities  $b^2 + c^2, c^2 + a^2, a^2 + b^2$ , arranged in some order, are consecutive terms of a geometric progression.



darij grinberg

#2 Aug 29, 2007, 1:24 am

Nice to know the real source of <http://www.mathlinks.ro/Forum/viewtopic.php?t=53033>. 😊

But since in the link above there are no replies and for not bumping it, I propose continuing the discussions here.

darij



Luis González

#3 Jul 27, 2011, 4:13 am • 2

$K$  is the symmedian point of  $\triangle ABC$  and  $K_A, K_B, K_C$  are the cevian traces of  $K$  on  $BC, CA, AB$ . Recalling that the general barycentric equation of the circle  $\mathcal{C}$  is

$$\mathcal{C}(x, y, z) = a^2yz + b^2zx + c^2xy - (x + y + z)(px + qy + rz) = 0$$

Substituting  $K_A(0 : b^2 : c^2)$ ,  $K_B(a^2 : 0 : c^2)$  and  $K_C(a^2 : b^2 : 0)$  into the equation of  $\mathcal{C}(x, y, z)$  and solving the three equations for  $p, q, r$  yields

$$p = \frac{b^2c^2}{2} \left( \frac{1}{c^2 + a^2} + \frac{1}{a^2 + b^2} - \frac{1}{b^2 + c^2} \right)$$

$$q = \frac{c^2a^2}{2} \left( \frac{1}{b^2 + c^2} + \frac{1}{a^2 + b^2} - \frac{1}{c^2 + a^2} \right)$$

$$r = \frac{a^2b^2}{2} \left( \frac{1}{b^2 + c^2} + \frac{1}{c^2 + a^2} - \frac{1}{a^2 + b^2} \right)$$

If  $\mathcal{C}$  is tangent to  $BC$ , then  $C(0, y, z) = qy^2 + rz^2 - (q + r - a^2)yz = 0$  has double roots. The product of the roots  $y : z$  is  $\frac{r}{q}$  and one of them is obviously  $y : z = b^2 : c^2 \implies$  the other root is  $\frac{rc^2}{qb^2}$ . Thus, equating the roots gives  $b^4q - c^4r = 0$ . Now, substituting the values of  $q, r$  found in the first part, we obtain

$$b^2 \left( \frac{1}{b^2 + c^2} + \frac{1}{a^2 + b^2} - \frac{1}{c^2 + a^2} \right) - c^2 \left( \frac{1}{b^2 + c^2} + \frac{1}{c^2 + a^2} - \frac{1}{a^2 + b^2} \right) = 0$$

$$\frac{(b - c)(b + c)(b^4 + c^4 - a^4 + b^2c^2 - a^2b^2 - a^2c^2)}{(b^2 + c^2)(c^2 + a^2)(a^2 + b^2)} = 0$$

$$(b - c)(b + c)[(b^2 + c^2)^2 - (c^2 + a^2)(a^2 + b^2)] = 0$$

Therefore, the cevian circle  $\mathcal{C}$  of  $K$  is tangent to  $BC \iff$  Either  $b = c$ , i.e.  $\triangle ABC$  is isosceles with apex  $A$ , or  $(b^2 + c^2)^2 = (c^2 + a^2)(a^2 + b^2)$  and the conclusion follows.

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**vaibhav2903**

#1 Feb 14, 2010, 9:57 pm • 17 

Hi mathlinkers!

I want to organise a Geometry marathon. This is to improve our skills in geometry. Whoever answers a pending problem can post a new problem. Let us start with easy ones and then go to complicated ones.

Different approaches are most welcome .

Here is an easy one

1. Inradius of a triangle is equal to 1. find the sides of the triangle and P.T one of its angle is 90

[moderator edit: topic capitalized. ]



**Stephen**

#2 Feb 14, 2010, 10:47 pm • 2 

Well, I think you mean that the sides of the triangle are integers.

Let the sides of the triangle are  $x, y, z$ .

Then by heron,  $\frac{s(s-x)(s-y)(s-z)}{s^2} = 1^2 = 1$  where  $s = \frac{x+y+z}{2}$ .

So if we let  $s - x = a, s - y = b, s - z = c$ , then  $a + b + c = abc$ .

This is a famous problem. Since  $a, b, c$  are positive,  $a, b, c = 1, 2, 3$ .

So  $x, y, z = 3, 4, 5$ .

And it is obvious that one of that triangle's angle is 90 .

Problem 2

In a convex hexagon  $ABCDEF$ , triangles  $ABC, CDE, EFA$  are similar.

Find conditions on these triangles under which triangle  $ACE$  is equilateral if and only if so is  $BDF$ .



**vaibhav2903**

#3 Feb 15, 2010, 8:42 pm • 4 

can you just tell the problem clearly



**Stephen**

#4 Feb 16, 2010, 10:14 am • 1 

Sorry. .

I'll change the problem.

## Problem 2

Let  $O$  be the circumcenter of an acute triangle  $ABC$  and let  $k$  be the circle with center  $S$  that is tangent to  $O$  at  $A$  and tangent to side  $BC$  at  $D$ .

Circle  $k$  meets  $AB$  and  $AC$  again at  $E$  and  $F$  respectively. The lines  $OS$  and  $ES$  meet  $k$  again at  $I$  and  $G$ .

Lines  $BO$  and  $IG$  intersect at  $H$ .

Prove that  $GH = \frac{DF^2}{AF}$ .



**vaibhav2903**

#5 Feb 16, 2010, 8:20 pm • 1

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**Stephen**

#6 Feb 16, 2010, 8:26 pm • 1

“ vaibhav2903 wrote:

is the fig correct?[geogebra]29cd5e332189655049720ed1a0c527f8d822c43d[/geogebra]



Sorry, I cannot see the picture. 😞 Can't you post it again by a file or something?

P.S. Since you sent me to post a solution, I'll give you some hints(if you can't understand it, sorry for my poor English).

In circle  $O$ ,  $\angle BAO = \angle ABO$ . And in circle  $k$ ,  $\angle EAS = \angle AES$ .

Since  $\angle BAO = \angle EAS$ ,  $\angle ABO = \angle AES$ . So  $ES$  and  $BO$  are parallel.

And  $\angle EAS = \angle AES = \angle AEG = \angle AIG$ . So  $AE$  and  $GI$  are parallel too.

So we can know that  $EBHG$  is a parallelogram. We can know that  $GH = BE$ .

Hint:  $GH = BE$



**vaibhav2903**

#7 Feb 18, 2010, 7:17 pm • 1

since no 1 is able to post a solution fr this problem  
lets do the next

problem 3: $ABCD$  is parallelogram and a st. line cuts  $AB$  at  $\frac{AB}{3}$  and  $AD$  at  $\frac{AD}{4}$  and  $AC$  at  $xAC$ .find  $x$ .



**SOURBH**

#8 Feb 18, 2010, 7:47 pm • 2

Solution to Problem number 3

Let the line  $l$  intersect  $AB$  at  $K$ ,  $AD$  at  $L$  and  $AC$  at  $M$ .

As given  $AK = \frac{AB}{3}$  and  $AL = \frac{AD}{4}$

Extend line  $l$  to meet  $DC$  at  $Z$  (Obviously, line  $l$  is not parallel to  $DC$ )

$\triangle ZDL \sim \triangle KAL$

Hence  $\frac{AL}{AK} = \frac{DL}{ZL}$

$LD = ZD$

$$\frac{1}{3} = \frac{\frac{x}{3}}{ZD}$$

$$ZD = x$$

By Menelaus Theorem , we get

$$\frac{DZ}{ZC} \cdot \frac{CM}{MA} \cdot \frac{AL}{LD} = 1$$

(Note that here I am not taking into consideration directed line segments)

$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{CM}{MA} \cdot \frac{1}{3} = 1$$

$$\frac{AM}{MC} = \frac{1}{6}$$

Problem 4

In  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $\angle BAC = 120$  , Let  $AD$  be the angle bisector of  $\angle BAC$

Express  $AD$  in terms of  $AB$  and  $BC$



**vaibhav2903**

#9 Feb 18, 2010, 8:58 pm • 3

we know that

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problem 5

In a triangle  $ABC$ , $AD$  is the feet of perpendicular to  $BC$ .the inradii of  $ADC$ , $ADB$  and  $ABC$  are  $x, y, z$ .find the relation between  $x, y, z$ ?

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**SOURBH**

#10 Feb 18, 2010, 9:28 pm • 2

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**Agr\_94\_Math**

#11 Feb 19, 2010, 5:02 pm • 2

$$(x + y)c \sin B + xAC + yAB + xb \cos C + yc \cos B = 2zs.$$



**gokussj3**

#12 Feb 19, 2010, 5:36 pm • 2

Is there anything simpler? 😊



**SOURBH**

#13 Feb 19, 2010, 5:45 pm • 2

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Problem 6

Prove that the third pedal triangle is similar to the original triangle.[/hide]





**vaibhav2903**

#14 Feb 19, 2010, 6:19 pm • 2

hey,it is wrong the relation is  $x^2 + y^2 = z^2$



**vaibhav2903**

#15 Feb 20, 2010, 2:12 pm • 2

still no one can answer it?



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$2A=3B \Rightarrow (a^2-b^2)(a^2+ac-b^2)=a^2c^2$

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Source: Titu Andreescu, University of Texas at Dallas, USA



**sqing**

#1 Mar 12, 2016, 3:45 pm

In triangle ABC,  $2\angle A = 3\angle B$ . Prove that

$$(a^2 - b^2)(a^2 + ac - b^2) = a^2c^2$$

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**Luis González**

#2 Mar 13, 2016, 2:37 am



**sqing** wrote:

In triangle ABC,  $2\angle A = 3\angle B$ . Prove that

$$(a^2 - b^2)(a^2 + ac - b^2) = b^2c^2$$

Take  $P$  on  $\overline{BC}$  such that  $\angle PAB = \frac{1}{3}\angle BAC \Rightarrow \angle PAB = \frac{1}{2}\angle PBA \Rightarrow PA^2 = PB \cdot (PB + c)$  ( $\star$ ) (well-known). Moreover  $\angle APC = \angle PAB + \angle PBA = \angle BAC \Rightarrow \triangle ABC \sim \triangle PAC \Rightarrow$

$$\frac{PA}{c} = \frac{b}{a} \Rightarrow PA = \frac{bc}{a} \wedge \frac{PC}{b} = \frac{b}{a} \Rightarrow PC = \frac{b^2}{a} \Rightarrow PB = a - PC = \frac{a^2 - b^2}{a}.$$

Substituting the latter expressions for  $PA$ ,  $PB$  into ( $\star$ ), we obtain

$$\frac{b^2c^2}{a^2} = \frac{a^2 - b^2}{a} \cdot \left( \frac{a^2 - b^2}{a} + c \right) \Rightarrow (a^2 - b^2) \cdot (a^2 + ac - b^2) = b^2c^2.$$

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Collinear X

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**mjuk**

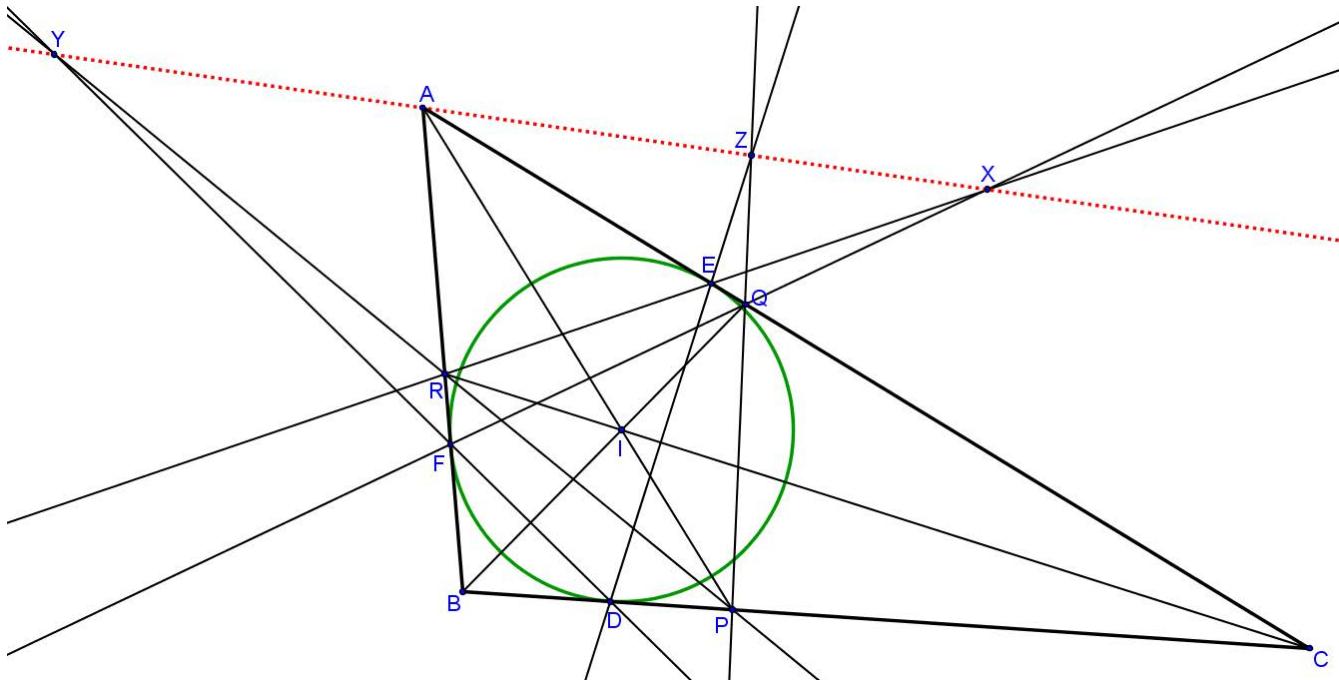
#1 Mar 12, 2016, 9:53 pm

Let  $\triangle ABC$  be a triangle with incenter  $I$  and intouch triangle  $\triangle DEF$ . Let  $P = AI \cap BC$ ,  $Q = BI \cap AC$ ,  $R = CI \cap AB$ . Let  $X = ER \cap FQ$ ,  $Y = DF \cap PR$ ,  $Z = DE \cap PQ$ .

Prove that  $A, X, Y, Z$  are collinear.

### Remark

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**Luis González**

#2 Mar 12, 2016, 10:43 pm • 1 ↗

Discussed before at <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/community/c6h1147406>.

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collinear 4 

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**ricarlos**

#1 Oct 2, 2015, 12:50 am

Let  $ABC$  be a triangle. Let  $(D, D'), (E, E'), (F, F')$  two points on each side  $BC, AC$  and  $AB$ , respectively, such that  $(AD, BE, CF)$  and  $(AD', BE', CF')$  are concurrent. Prove that  $(FE \cap F'E'), (FD \cap F'D'), (ED' \cap E'D)$  and  $C$  are collinear.



**Luis González**

#2 Oct 2, 2015, 1:33 am

Let  $P \equiv AD \cap BE \cap CF$  and  $Q \equiv AD' \cap BE' \cap CF'$ .  $D, E, F, D', E', F'$  lie on a same conic (bicevian conic of  $P, Q$ ). Thus by Pascal theorem for  $EFDE'F'D'$ , it follows that  $X \equiv EF \cap E'F', Y \equiv FD \cap F'D'$  and  $Z \equiv ED' \cap E'D$  are collinear. Now, let  $\mathcal{C}$  be the conic through  $A, B, C, P, Q$ , then  $EF$  and  $E'F'$  are the polars of  $D, D'$  WRT  $\mathcal{C} \implies X$  is the pole of  $DD' \equiv BC$  WRT  $\mathcal{C} \implies CX$  is tangent of  $\mathcal{C}$  and likewise  $CY$  is tangent of  $\mathcal{C} \implies X, Y, Z, C$  are collinear on a tangent of  $\mathcal{C}$ .



**PROF65**

#3 Mar 13, 2016, 5:00 am

The first part is identical to **Luis**!

We know that  $D, D', E, E', F$  and  $F'$  lie on a conic then by applying Pascal to  $DFED'F'E'$  yields  $EF \cap E'F'$ ,  $FD \cap F'D'$  and  $ED' \cap E'D$  are collinear.

in the other hand  $F(D, E, C, F') = -1$ ,  $F'(D', E', C, F) = -1$  then  $FD \cap F'D', FE \cap F'E'$  and  $C$  are collinear which end the proof.

**R HAS**

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## High School Olympiads

Isogonal conjugate 

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cgsa4

#1 Mar 9, 2016, 10:12 pm

Let triangle  $ABC$  with incircle  $(I)$  and circumcircle  $(O)$ .  $(I)$  tangent to  $BC, CA, AB$  at  $D, E, F$  respectively.  $EF$  intersect  $(O)$  at  $K, L$ . Let  $AH \perp IK, AT \perp IL, H \in IK, T \in IL$ . Prove that  $\angle FDH = \angle EDT$



Luis González

#2 Mar 9, 2016, 10:53 pm

Posted before at <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/community/c6h1175175>.

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## High School Olympiads

Incircle Isogonality X

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kormidscoler

#1 Dec 17, 2015, 11:13 pm

Suppose that there exists a triangle ABC with incenter I. Let the tangency points of BC, CA, AB wrt incircle I be D,E,F. Let's say that line EF meets with circumcircle O at X,Y (X,F,E,Y if you put them in order). Let G,H be perpendicular foot from A wrt IX, IY. Prove that angles GDF and HDE are equal.



Luis González

#2 Dec 18, 2015, 8:49 am

Let  $A', B', C'$  be the midpoints of  $EF, FD, DE$ , resp. Inversion WRT  $(I)$  fixes  $D, E, F$  and swaps  $A, B, C$  and  $A', B', C' \implies \odot(A'B'C')$  goes to  $(O)$  and  $\odot(EIFA)$  goes to  $EF$ . Since  $IG \cdot IX = IA' \cdot IA = IY \cdot IH$ , it follows that  $G, H$  are the inverses of  $X, Y$  in this inversion, therefore  $\{G, H\} \equiv \odot(A'B'C') \cap \odot(IEF)$ . Now it's known that in any  $\triangle DEF$  with circumcenter  $I$ , the inversion with center  $D$  and power  $\frac{1}{2}DE \cdot DF$  followed by reflection on the angle bisector of  $\angle EDF$  swaps  $\odot(IEF)$  and the 9-point circle  $\odot(A'B'C')$ . As a result  $DG, DH$  are isogonals WRT  $\angle EDF$ , i.e.  $\angle GDF = \angle HDE$ .



kormidscoler

#3 Dec 19, 2015, 12:30 pm

Um I solved it like that too, can u solve it without inversion?

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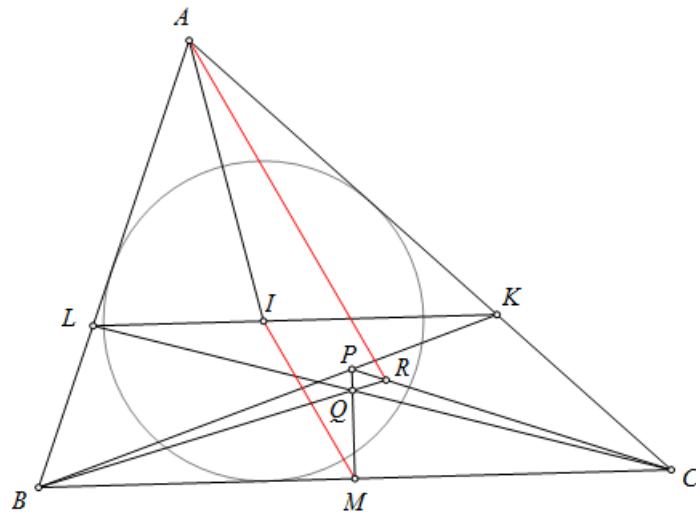
LeVietAn

#1 Mar 8, 2016, 10:07 am

Dear Mathlinkers,

Let  $ABC$  be triangle with incenter  $I$ . Let  $M$  be the midpoint of  $BC$ . The line through  $I$  parallel to  $BC$  intersects  $CA, AB$  at  $K, L$  respectively. The perpendicular bisector of  $BC$  intersects  $BK, CL$  at  $P, Q$ , respectively. The lines  $CP$  and  $BQ$  intersect at  $R$ . Prove that  $AR \parallel IM$ .

Attachments:



Luis González

#2 Mar 8, 2016, 11:05 am

Let the incircle ( $I$ ) and the A-excircle touch  $BC$  at  $D, E$ , resp.  $D'$  is the antipode of  $D$  on ( $I$ ) and the perpendicular bisector of  $BC$  cuts  $KL$  at  $X$ . Since  $M$  is midpoint of  $DE$ , it follows that  $X$  is the midpoint of  $ED'$ , i.e.  $AXE$  is the A-Nagel cevian of  $\triangle ABC$ .

Since  $KL \parallel BC$ , then  $S \equiv BK \cap CL$  is on the A-median  $AM$ . Moreover if  $Y \equiv AM \cap KL$ , from the complete  $AKSL$ , we get  $X(Y, A, S, M) = -1 = X(I, D', D, M) \implies S \in DX$ . By symmetry  $R$  is clearly the reflection of  $S$  across  $XM \implies R \in XE$ , i.e.  $AR$  is the A-Nagel cevian of  $\triangle ABC$  and the conclusion follows.



xmL

#3 Mar 8, 2016, 12:07 pm

Let  $l$  denote the perpendicular bisector of  $BC$ . Reflect  $A$  over  $l$ ,  $LK$  to obtain  $A', A''$ . Let  $D$  denote the feet of projection from  $I$  to  $BC$ , and  $E$  is the reflection of  $D$  over  $l$ . Since the reflection of  $D$  over  $LK$  lies on  $AE$ (Well-known), and  $A'A''$  and  $AE$  are reflexive over  $LK$ , it follows that  $A', D, A''$  are collinear.

Let  $LC \cap KB = R'$ , which is clearly the reflection of  $R$  over  $l$ . One can show that  $LKA'', CBA'$  are homothetic about  $R'$ , so it follows that  $R' \in A'A''$ . Note that the axes of reflections  $l, LK$  are perpendicular, so reflecting  $A'A''$  over  $l$  gives us  $\overline{AE}$ . Thus it follows that  $R \in AE$  and  $AR \parallel IM$  because  $AE \parallel IM$  is well-known.

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Nice one from geometry  Reply 

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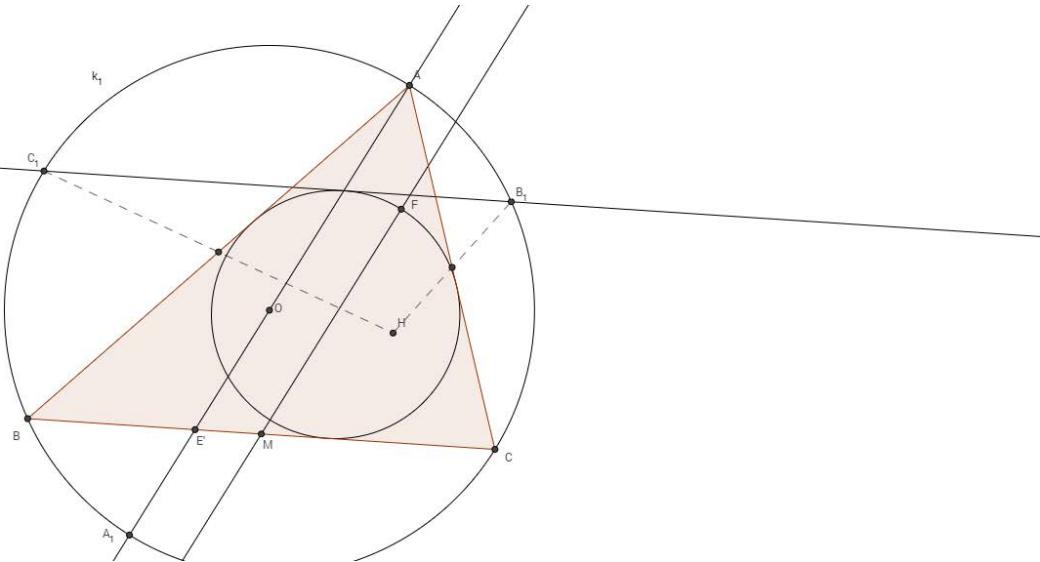


mihajlon

#1 Mar 8, 2016, 2:52 am

Let  $\triangle ABC$  be given, it's incircle  $k$ , circumcircle  $k_1$  with center  $O$ , orthocenter  $H$ . Denote reflections of  $H$  WRT midpoints of  $AB$  and  $AC$  with  $C_1$  and  $B_1$ . Let  $A$ -excircle touch  $BC$  at  $E'$  and  $AE' \cap k_1 = \{A_1\}$ . Prove that if  $F$  and  $M$  are Feuerbach point and midpoint of  $BC$ , respectively, and  $C_1B_1$  is tangent to  $k$  that  $FM \parallel A_1O$ .

Attachments:



Luis González

#2 Mar 8, 2016, 3:52 am

Relabel  $(I)$ ,  $(O)$  the incircle and circumcircle of  $\triangle ABC$  with radii  $r$ ,  $R$ .  $(I)$  touches  $BC$  at  $D$  and  $D'$  is the antipode of  $D$  on  $(I)$ . Clearly  $B_1$  and  $C_1$  are the reflections of  $B$  and  $C$  on  $(O)$ , therefore if  $B_1C_1$  touches  $(I)$ , then  $D' \in B_1C_1 \implies O \in AD'E'$ .

Redefine  $F$  as the intersection of  $AH$  with  $MI$ .  $\overline{MIF}$  is the D-midline of  $\triangle DD'E'$ , i.e.  $IF \parallel AD' \implies IFAD'$  is a parallelogram, even a rhombus as  $AI$  bisects  $\angle FAD' \equiv \angle HAO \implies ID' = IF = r \implies F \in (I)$ . Since  $MI \parallel AO$ , then  $MI$  passes through the 9-point center  $N$  of  $\triangle ABC$ , lying on the segment  $\overline{NI}$  (due to

$MI \geq MN \iff R - r \geq \frac{1}{2}R \iff R \geq 2r \implies F \equiv (I) \cap \overrightarrow{NI} \implies F$  coincides with the Feuerbach point of  $\triangle ABC \implies FM \parallel OA$ .



mihajlon

#3 Mar 8, 2016, 4:15 am

Thanks, very nice Luis. 😊

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## High School Olympiads

### Concurrent lines and collinear points X

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**buratinogiggle**

#1 Mar 7, 2016, 12:05 pm

Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with incircle  $(I)$  touches  $BC, CA, AB$  at  $D, E, F$ .  $A_b, A_c$  lie on  $AB, AC$  such that  $IA_b \perp IB, IA_c \perp IC$ . Circle  $(K_a)$  passes through  $A_b, A_c$  and is tangent to  $(I)$  at  $A_1$ . Similarly, we have  $B_1, C_1$ .

a) Prove that  $AA_1, BB_1, CC_1$  are concurrent at  $P$ .

b) Let  $AA_1, BB_1, CC_1$  cut  $(I)$  again at  $A_2, B_2, C_2$ . Prove that  $DA_2, EB_2, FC_2$  are concurrent at  $Q$ .

c) Prove that  $PQ$  passes through Nagel point of triangle  $ABC$ .



**TelvCohl**

#2 Mar 7, 2016, 3:41 pm • 1

Clearly,  $A_b, A_c$  lie on the reflection of  $BC$  in  $I$ , so  $A_b A_c$  is tangent to  $\odot(I)$  at the reflection  $D_1$  of  $D$  in  $I$ . Let  $X$  be the pole of  $A_1 D_1$  WRT  $\odot(I)$  and let  $D_2 \equiv EF \cap A_b A_c$ . Since  $A_1 X$  is tangent to  $\odot(A_b A_1 A_c)$  at  $A_1$ , so from  $XA_1 = XD_1 \implies A_1 D_1$  is the bisector of  $\angle A_c A_1 A_b$ , hence combine  $(A_b, A_c; D_1, D_2) = -1$  we get  $A_1 D_1 \perp A_1 D_2 \implies D_2 \in DA_1$ .

Since  $D_2$  is the intersection of the polar of  $A, D_1$  WRT  $\odot(I)$ , so  $D_2$  lies on the polar  $\tau$  of the Nagel point  $N_a$  of  $\triangle ABC$  WRT  $\odot(I)$ , hence from  $D(E, F; A_1, A_2) = -1$  we get  $DA_2$  passes through the trilinear pole  $Q$  of  $\tau$  WRT  $\triangle DEF$ . Similarly, we can prove  $Q$  lies on  $EB_2$  and  $FC_2$ , so  $DA_2, EB_2, FC_2$  are concurrent at  $Q$ .

Let  $\triangle Q_D Q_E Q_F$  be the cevian triangle of  $Q$  WRT  $\triangle DEF$ . From Steinbart theorem  $\implies AA_1, BB_1, CC_1$  are concurrent at  $P$ . Since  $D_1(E, F; N_a, D_2) = -1 = (E, F; Q_D, D_2)$ , so  $Q_D$  lies on  $AN_a$ . Analogously, we can prove  $Q_E \in BN_a$  and  $Q_F \in CN_a$ , so from [Concurrent on Ol line](#) ([Lemma 1](#) at post #3) we conclude that  $P, Q, N_a$  are collinear.



**Luis González**

#3 Mar 8, 2016, 3:06 am • 1

Obviously  $A_b A_c$  is the tangent of  $(I)$  at  $X$  parallel to  $BC$ . Let  $Y \equiv EF \cap A_b A_c$  and let  $M$  be the midpoint of  $\overline{XY}$ . Since  $(A_b, A_c, X, Y) = -1$ , then  $MX^2 = MA_b \cdot MA_c \implies M$  is on the radical axis of  $(I), \odot(A_1 A_b A_c)$ , i.e.  $MA_1$  is their common tangent. Thus since  $\angle X A_1 Y = 90^\circ$ , it follows that  $D, A_1, Y$  are collinear.

Let  $A_3 \equiv DA_2 \cap EF$  and define  $B_3$  and  $C_3$  cyclically. As  $EF$  is the polar of  $A$  WRT  $(I)$ , then  $Y(A_1, A_2, A_3, A) \equiv Y(D, A_2, A_3, A) = -1$ , which means that  $AY$  is the polar of  $A_3$  WRT  $(I) \implies A_3$  is on the polar  $AA_2$  of  $Y$  WRT  $(I)$ , i.e.  $AA_3$  is the A-Nagel cevian of  $\triangle ABC$  and likewise  $BB_3$  and  $CC_3$  are the Nagel cevians of  $\triangle ABC$  concurring at the Nagel point  $Na \implies DA_2, EB_2, FC_2$  concur at the Ceva point  $Q$  of  $Ge, Na$  WRT  $\triangle DEF$ , where  $Ge$  is the Gergonne point of  $\triangle ABC$ . Thus according to problem [collinear](#) we conclude that  $AA_1, BB_1, CC_1$  concur at a point  $P$  on  $NaQ$ .

**Remark:** Using the result of the problem [Three concurrent lines](#) for  $\triangle A_b A_c A_1$ , we obtain that  $P$  is the point  $Na^3 \equiv ((s-a)^3 : (s-b)^3 : (s-c)^3)$ , i.e. the barycentric cube of the Nagel point  $Na$ .

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## High School Olympiads

collinear 

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vankhea

#1 Jan 6, 2014, 9:46 am

Incircle ( $I$ ) of  $\Delta ABC$  touch the sides  $BC, CA, AB$  at  $A', B', C'$  respectively. Let  $K$  be any point in plan. The rays  $KA', KB', KC'$  cuts  $B'C', C'A', A'B'$  at  $A_1, B_1, C_1$  and cuts incircle ( $I$ ) at  $A_2, B_2, C_2$  respectively. Let  $P$  be concurrent point of  $AA_1, BB_1, CC_1$  and let  $Q$  be concurrent point of  $AA_2, BB_2, CC_2$ . Prove that  $K, P, Q$  collinear.



Luis González

#2 Jan 6, 2014, 11:03 am • 1 

Let  $B'K, C'K, B'C_2, C'B_2$  cut  $BC$  at  $Y, Z, U, V$ , respectively. By Desargues involution theorem for the quadrangle  $B'C'B_2C_2$  and its circumcircle ( $I$ ), we deduce that  $A'$  is a double point of the involution  $Y \mapsto Z, U \mapsto V \implies B'(Z, Y, U, A') = C'(Y, Z, V, A') \implies (Y, K, B_2, B_1) = (Z, K, C_2, C_1) \implies$  pencils  $B(C, B_1, B_2, K)$  and  $C(B, C_1, C_2, K)$  are projective with double ray  $BC$ , hence  $K, P \equiv BB_1 \cap CC_1$  and  $Q \equiv BB_2 \cap CC_2$  are collinear.

P.S. The problem was also posted before at [Hard geometry problem](#).



vankhea

#3 Jan 6, 2014, 11:20 am

Thank you sir Luis Gonzalez. I don't know this problem already posted.  
Thanks you again



jayme

#4 Jan 6, 2014, 12:50 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,  
just for information  
1. Q is the Steinbart point...(<http://perso.orange.fr/jl.ayme> vol. 3 Les points de Steinbart-Rabinowitz, p. 2)  
2. P can be proved by the cevian nest theorem (vol. 3 the cevian nest theorem)  
I think that a synthetic proof is possible ?

Sincerely  
Jean-Louis



jayme

#5 Jan 6, 2014, 1:00 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,  
I come back....  
yes, by Pascal theorem we can prove that  $ABC, A_1B_1C_1$  and  $A_2B_2C_2$  share the same perspectric... then  $K, P$  and  $Q$  are collinear.  
Sincerely  
Jean-Louis

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## High School Olympiads

Three concurrent lines X

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Source: Paul Yiu. Hyacinthos message #19848



Luis González

#1 May 10, 2012, 10:58 am • 1

Triangle  $\triangle ABC$  is scalene with circumcircle ( $O$ ). Let  $\omega_A$  be the circle internally tangent to ( $O$ ) at  $A$  and tangent to  $BC$ . Tangents from  $B, C$  to  $\omega_A$ , different from  $BC$ , meet at  $A^*$ . Points  $B^*$  and  $C^*$  are defined cyclically. Show that the lines  $AA^*, BB^*$  and  $CC^*$  concur at the isogonal conjugate of the isotomic conjugate of the incenter  $I$  of  $\triangle ABC$ , i.e. the Kimberling center  $X_{33}$ .



r1234

#2 May 14, 2012, 6:04 pm

I have not solved the problem though, but got an equivalent problem.



$ABC$  is a triangle.  $D$  is the mid-point of the arc  $BC$  not containing  $A$ . Draw the tangent at  $D$  to  $\odot ABC$  which is parallel to  $BC$ . Draw two circles  $\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2$  passing through  $A, B$  and  $A, C$  and touching the tangent drawn at  $D$  to  $\odot ABC$ . Suppose they intersect at  $A'$ . Similarly define  $B', C'$ . Show that  $AA', BB', CC'$  concur.



mlm95

#3 May 15, 2012, 11:42 am

how do you reach this equivalent problem?



the rest is not difficult you can boil down the problem into this one:

In triangle  $ABC$ ,  $D$  is the foot of angle bisector of  $A$  on  $BC$ . Let  $A'$  be a point on  $BC$  such that  $BD = A'C$ . Prove that  $AA'$  and  $BB'$  and  $CC'$  are concurrent which is obvious.



r1234

#4 May 15, 2012, 5:38 pm

Dear mlm95,

I think your conclusion is not right. Can you check it, please?



paul1703

#5 May 15, 2012, 6:40 pm

What mlm said is true and in fact very easy (to see the fact that it is  $\Leftrightarrow$  to your problem), now how your problem is  $\Leftrightarrow$  to the stated one?



r1234

#6 May 16, 2012, 6:17 pm • 5

» r1234 wrote:

$ABC$  is a triangle.  $D$  is the mid-point of the arc  $BC$  not containing  $A$ . Draw the tangent at  $D$  to  $\odot ABC$  which is parallel to  $BC$ . Draw two circles  $\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2$  passing through  $A, B$  and  $A, C$  and touching the tangent drawn at  $D$  to  $\odot ABC$ . Suppose they intersect at  $A'$ . Similarly define  $B', C'$ . Show that  $AA', BB', CC'$  concur.



If we just invert the figure wrt  $A$  then we can come back to the main statement of the problem. Now for proving my statement

let  $\ell$  be the tangent drawn at the midpoint of the arc  $BC$  not containing  $A$  to  $\odot ABC$ . Now let  $AB \cap \ell = X$  and  $AC \cap \ell = Y$ . Let  $D$  be the midpoint of the arc  $BC$  and the circles passing through  $A, B$  and  $A, C$  touches the line  $\ell$  at  $P, Q$ , respectively. Note that  $PX = XD$  and  $QY = XD$ . Let  $K$  be the midpoint of  $PQ$ . Note that  $AA'$  passes through  $K$ . Now it's easy to check that  $D, K$  are isotomic wrt the segment  $XY$ . Since  $BC \parallel XY$  we conclude  $AA'$  is the isotomic line of  $AD$  wrt  $\triangle ABC$ . Hence  $AA', BB', CC'$  concur at the isotomic conjugate of incenter  $I$  of  $\triangle ABC$ .

Now, as said earlier, inverting this figure wrt  $A$  with some power gives the main statement of the problem. Hence  $AA^*, BB^*, CC^*$  concur at the isogonal conjugate of the isotomic conjugate of the incenter of  $\triangle ABC$ .

THANKS TO **mlm95**, and **paul1703** FOR THEIR OBSERVATIONS. 😊



**Luis González**

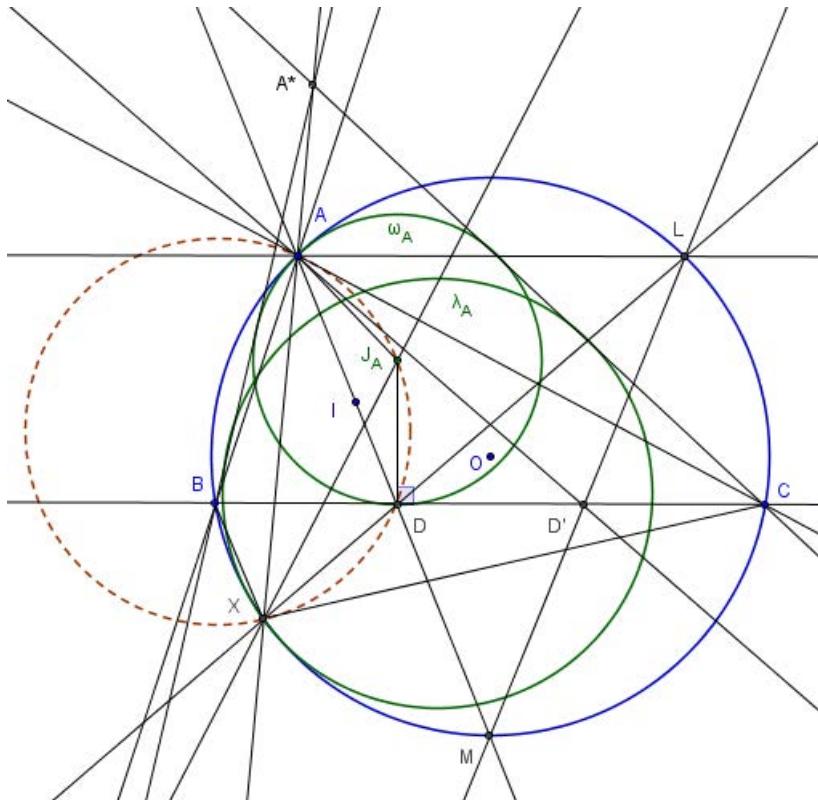
#7 Mar 2, 2016, 10:58 am

The inversive solution given by r1234 is very nice!. Here's another solution (no inversion):

Let  $D$  be the tangency point of  $\omega_A \equiv (J_A)$  with  $BC$ . It's well known that  $AD$  is the internal bisector of  $\angle BAC$ , cutting  $(O)$  again at the midpoint  $M$  of its arc  $BC$ . Circle  $\lambda_A$  is tangent to  $BA^*, CA^*$  and internally tangent to the arc  $BMC(O)$  at  $X$ . Since  $A, A^*$  and  $X$  are the exsimilicenters of  $(O) \sim \omega_A, \omega_A \sim \lambda_A$  and  $\lambda_A \sim (O)$ , then by Monge & d'Alembert theorem they are collinear.

On the other hand, it's well-known that  $XJ_A$  bisects  $\angle BXC$  (see [incenter of triangle](#) and elsewhere). Hence assuming WLOG that  $\angle ABC > \angle ACB$ , we get  
 $\angle AXJ_A = \frac{1}{2}\angle BXC - \angle BXA = \frac{1}{2}(180^\circ - \angle BAC) - \angle ACB = \frac{1}{2}(\angle ABC - \angle ACB) = \angle ADJ_A \implies AXDJ_A$  is cyclic  $\implies XJ_A$  bisects  $\angle AXD$  due to  $J_AA = J_AD \implies XA, XD$  are isogonals WRT  $\angle BXC$ . Thus if  $XD$  cuts  $(O)$  again at  $L$  and  $ML$  cuts  $BC$  at  $D'$ , then by symmetry  $ALD'D$  is an isosceles trapezoid  $\implies D$  and  $D'$  are symmetric WRT the midpoint of  $BC$  and moreover  $\angle XAM = \angle DLD' = \angle DAD' \implies AA^* \equiv AX$  is the isogonal of the isotomic of  $AD \equiv AI$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$ . Similarly for  $BB^*$  and  $CC^*$  and the conclusion follows.

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## High School Olympiads

Cyclocevian Conjugate 

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**ABCDE**

#1 Mar 7, 2016, 9:34 pm

Let  $DEF$  be the pedal triangle of point  $P$  with respect to triangle  $ABC$ . Suppose that  $AD$ ,  $BE$ , and  $CF$  concur at  $Q$ , and let  $R$  be the cyclocevian conjugate of  $Q$  with respect to  $ABC$ . Prove that  $P$ ,  $Q$ , and  $R$  are collinear and that the line passing through them passes through a fixed point over all such points  $P$ .



**Luis González**

#2 Mar 7, 2016, 9:58 pm

Let  $P^*$  be the isogonal conjugate of  $P$ .  $\odot(DEF)$  cuts  $BC$ ,  $CA$ ,  $AB$  again at  $D^*$ ,  $E^*$ ,  $F^*$ ; vertices of pedal triangle of  $P^*$ . Thus  $R \equiv AD^* \cap BE^* \cap CF^*$ . Now since  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle D^*E^*F^*$  are orthologic with orthology centers  $P$ ,  $P^*$  and perspective with perspector  $R$ , by Sondat's theorem  $P$ ,  $P^*$ ,  $R$  are collinear. Similarly  $P$ ,  $P^*$ ,  $Q$  are collinear  $\implies P$ ,  $P^*$ ,  $Q$ ,  $R$  are collinear. Now the fixed point is the De Longchamps point, i.e. orthocenter of antimedial triangle of  $\triangle ABC$ . For a proof see [Two difficult parallels](#) (Lemma at post #3)



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## High School Olympiads

Two difficult parallels 

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Source: seem to be difficult



**jayme**

#1 Jul 21, 2009, 5:01 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,  
 let ABC be a triangle, P a point so that the pedal triangle A'B'C' of P is also a cevian triangle, A''B''C'' the antimedial triangle of ABC, L the orthocenter of A''B''C'', A\* the intersection of the A''-altitude of A''B''C'' with AA' and cyclically B\*, C\*.  
 Prouve : A\*B\* // A'B'.  
 Sincerely  
 Jean-Louis



**jayme**

#2 Jul 26, 2009, 8:29 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,  
 any ideas concerning L (de Longchamps's point)?  
 Sincerely.  
 Jean-Louis



**Luis González**

#3 Jul 20, 2010, 11:22 pm

We shall show that P, its isogonal conjugate and the De Longchamps point of ABC are collinear iff the pedal triangle of P WRT ABC is perspective with ABC. Since I don't have a synthetic proof of this fact, I'll introduce this lemma apart

**Lemma:** Let  $P$  be a point of the plane of  $\triangle ABC$  and  $P^{-1}$  be its isogonal conjugate.  $L \equiv X_{20}$  is the De Longchamps point of  $\triangle ABC$  (orthocenter of its antimedial triangle). Then,  $L, P, P^{-1}$  are collinear iff the pedal triangle of  $P$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$  is perspective with  $\triangle ABC$ , i.e. if  $P$  moves on the Darboux cubic of  $\triangle ABC$ .

Using barycentric coordinates WRT  $\triangle ABC$ , the equation of the line  $\ell$  passing through  $P(u : v : w)$  and its isogonal conjugate  $P^{-1}\left(\frac{a^2}{u} : \frac{b^2}{v} : \frac{c^2}{w}\right)$  is defined by

$$\ell \equiv u(c^2v^2 - b^2w^2)x + v(a^2w^2 - c^2u^2)y + w(b^2u^2 - a^2v^2)z = 0$$

$$\text{If } L \equiv X_{20} \text{ lies on } \ell \implies \sum_{\text{cyclic}} (S_A S_B + S_A S_C - S_B S_C)(c^2v^2 - b^2w^2)x = 0$$

Then comparing this latter expression with the equation of the Darboux cubic:

$$\sum_{\text{cyclic}} (S_A S_B + S_A S_C - S_B S_C)(c^2y^2 - b^2z^2)x = 0$$

We conclude that  $L, P, P^{-1}$  are collinear and the proof of the lemma is completed.

This post has been edited 2 times. Last edited by Luis González, Jul 21, 2010, 1:43 am



**Luis González**

#4 Jul 21, 2010, 12:17 am

Let us restate the proposed problem as follows:

**Problem:**  $P$  is a point on the plane of  $\triangle ABC$  such that its pedal triangle  $\triangle A'B'C'$  is perspective with  $\triangle ABC$ . Let



$\triangle A_0B_0C_0$  be the antimedial triangle of  $\triangle ABC$  and  $L$  be its orthocenter, i.e  $X_{20}$  of  $\triangle ABC$ . Lines  $AA'$ ,  $BB'$ ,  $CC'$  cut  $LA_0$ ,  $LB_0$ ,  $LC_0$  at  $X$ ,  $Y$ ,  $Z$ , respectively. Then  $\triangle XYZ$  and  $\triangle A'B'C'$  are homothetic.

$\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle A'B'C'$  are perspective through perspector  $Q \equiv AA' \cap BB' \cap CC'$  and orthologic through the orthology centers  $P$  and its isogonal conjugate  $P^{-1}$ . Hence, by Sondat theorem  $Q, P, P^{-1}$  are collinear. From the above lemma, we conclude that  $Q, L, P, P^{-1}$  are collinear. From  $\triangle QA'P \sim \triangle QXL$ ,  $\triangle QB'P \sim \triangle QYL$ ,  $\triangle QC'P \sim \triangle QZL$  we get

$$\frac{\overline{QX}}{\overline{QA'}} = \frac{\overline{QY}}{\overline{QB'}} = \frac{\overline{QZ}}{\overline{QC'}} = \frac{\overline{QL}}{\overline{QP}}$$

Thus,  $\triangle XYZ$  and  $\triangle A'B'C'$  are centrally similar through center  $Q$  and similarity coefficient  $\frac{\overline{QL}}{\overline{QP}} \Rightarrow B'C' \parallel YZ$ ,  $C'A' \parallel ZX$  and  $A'B' \parallel XY$ .  $\square$



**jayme**

#5 Aug 2, 2010, 7:44 pm

Dear Luis and Mathlinkers,

I come back with the lemma...for which I haven't also a synthetic proof.

We know that the de Longchamps point  $L$  is a PC-point ( $L$  being the symmetric of the PC-point  $H$  (orthocenter) wrt  $O$  (center of the circumcircle)).

But how can we prove synthetically that  $L$  is the Ceva point of a PC-point?

Do some one know a construction of this PC-point?

Sincerely

Jean-Louis

" "

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**jayme**

#6 Sep 11, 2010, 5:02 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,

an article (last of three) concerning the first synthetic proof of the PC-lines and the de Longchamps point has been put on my website

<http://perso.orange.fr/jl.ayme> vol. 6 Pedal-cevian lines go through the de Longchamps's point, p.33

Sincerely

Jean-Louis

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## High School Math

Geometry inequality 

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Isi

#1 Mar 6, 2016, 2:56 pm

A triangle  $ABC$  is given. A line is drawn such that it is parallel with  $BC$  and is tangent to the incircle. It meets  $AC$  and  $AB$  in  $D$  and  $E$  respectively. Prove that  $8DE \leq AB + BC + AC$ .



Luis González

#2 Mar 6, 2016, 10:58 pm • 1 

It's from Italy TST 1999. See <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/community/c6h389382>.



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## High School Olympiads



## Geometry inequality involving tangent to incircle



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Source: Italy TST 1999



**WakeUp**

#1 Feb 2, 2011, 12:24 am

Let  $D$  and  $E$  be points on sides  $AB$  and  $AC$  respectively of a triangle  $ABC$  such that  $DE$  is parallel to  $BC$  and tangent to the incircle of  $ABC$ . Prove that

$$DE \leq \frac{1}{8}(AB + BC + CA)$$



**Luis González**

#2 Feb 2, 2011, 3:06 am • 1

$(I, r), (I_a, r_a)$  are the incircle and A-excircle of  $ABC$ . From  $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle ADE$  with A-excircles  $(I_a, r_a), (I, r)$ , we get

$$\frac{DE}{BC} = \frac{r}{r_a} \implies DE = \frac{a \cdot r}{r_a}. \text{ Hence, we must have } \frac{a+b+c}{8} \geq \frac{a \cdot r}{r_a}$$

Using the identity  $\frac{r}{r_a} = \frac{b+c-a}{a+b+c}$ , the desired inequality becomes:

$$\frac{(a+b+c)^2}{8} - a(b+c-a) \geq 0 \iff \frac{(b+c-3a)^2}{8} \geq 0, \text{ which is true}$$

Equality holds for  $\triangle ABC$  with  $b+c=3a$ , i.e. when  $DE \cap (I)$  is the Nagel point



**TheBernuli**

#3 Jan 14, 2014, 9:20 pm

I think I have easier solution.

$BCED$  is tangent quadrilateral  $\implies DE = DB + EC - DC \Leftrightarrow DE = \frac{ac + ab - a^2}{a + b + c}$

So,  $\frac{ac + ab - a^2}{a + b + c} \leq \frac{1}{8}(a + b + c) \Leftrightarrow (b + c - 3a)^2 \geq 0$ , and we are finished.



**sunken rock**

#4 Feb 28, 2014, 10:58 am

**" TheBernuli wrote:**

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I did not get how does that come 'easier'! Do you have any secret formula to calculate  $BD, CE$ ? Didn't you use the same  $\frac{AD}{AB} = \frac{AE}{AC} = \frac{r}{r_a}$ , thus rendering the calculations heavier??

Best regards,  
sunken rock

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## High School Olympiads

30 characterizations of the symmedian line 

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Luis González

#1 Sep 16, 2015, 11:15 am • 21 

The following article compiles 30 different characterizations of the symmedian line of a triangle. Some results are already known and others are lifted from the AoPS forum and some personal notes. Proofs are left to the readers.

Keep in mind the purpose of this thread is not to collect the solutions. Enjoy!

Attachments:

[Characterizations of the symmedian line.pdf \(134kb\)](#)



jayme

#2 Sep 16, 2015, 1:25 pm

Dear Luis,  
very interesting article...

Sincerely  
Jean-Louis



Luis González

#3 Mar 6, 2016, 10:45 pm • 5 

I was requested via PM to post the links of all problems lifted from AoPS. Here they are

- (8) <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/community/c6h489545>
- (10) <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/community/c6h582385>
- (11) <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/community/c6h1138039>
- (14) <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/community/c6h1081584>
- (15) <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/community/c6h621835>
- (16) <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/community/c6h1100577>
- (17) <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/community/c6h264538>
- (18) <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/community/c6h396352>
- (20) <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/community/c6h435433>
- (21) <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/community/c6h364698>
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- (23) <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/community/c6h242605>
- (24) <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/community/c6h446800>
- (25) <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/community/c6h1184665>
- (26) <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/community/c6h562068> (post #10)
- (30) <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/community/c6h623408> (post # 9)



anditp

#4 Mar 7, 2016, 12:15 am

Anybody has the proof for 7??



GGPiku

#5 Mar 7, 2016, 1:16 am

 anditp wrote:

Anybody has the proof for 7??

Hint: use that the circle with the diameter UV is the Apollonius's circle 😊



**anditp**

#6 Mar 7, 2016, 1:25 am

Could you write the entire solution, please??



**nikolapavlovic**

#7 Mar 7, 2016, 1:41 am • 2 ↗

From the properties of the Apollonius circle we have

$\frac{BS}{SC} = \frac{AB}{AC} \implies ABSC \text{ is harmonic} \implies \text{the intersection of the tangents from } B, C \text{ lies on } AS \text{ and we are done.}$

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**buratinogigle**

#8 Mar 10, 2016, 9:22 am

Here is a characterization of the symmedian line

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## High School Olympiads

a new construction of the symmedian X

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Source: related to a problem from Mathley contest



CTK9CQT

#1 Jul 18, 2012, 8:39 pm

Let  $ABC$  be an acute triangle with its altitudes  $BE, CF$ .  $M$  is midpoint of  $BC$ ,  $N$  is the intersection point of  $AM$  and  $EF$ .  $X$  is the projection of  $N$  on  $BC$ . Prove that  $AX$  is the symmedian of triangle  $ABC$ .



johnkwon0328

#2 Jul 18, 2012, 9:49 pm

Let  $X'$  as a point that is on  $BC$  and that makes  $AX'$  symmedian.

We have to prove that  $X = X'$ , so it is enough to show that  $BN^2 - CN^2 = BX'^2 - CX'^2$ .

It is well known that  $BX' : CX' = c^2 : b^2$ , and we can calculate  $BN^2$  and  $CN^2$  from Stewart's theorem in  $BEF$  and  $CEF$  as we know that  $EF = a \cdot \cos A$  and  $EN : FN = c^2 : b^2$ .



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yetti

#3 Jul 18, 2012, 11:21 pm • 1



WLOG,  $AB > AC$ . ( $O$ ), ( $P$ ) is circumcircles of  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $\triangle AEF$ , resp. Since  $\triangle AEF \sim \triangle ABC$  are oppositely similar,  $\angle AEP = \angle EBM = \angle MEB$ . Then  $BE \perp AE \implies ME \perp PE$ . Similarly,  $MF \perp PF$ , which means  $M$  is intersection of tangents of ( $P$ ) at  $E, F \implies$  foot  $K$  of perpendicular from  $M$  to  $EF$  is midpoint of  $|EF|$ .  $AM, AK$  are medians of  $\triangle ABC, \triangle AEF \implies$  they are symmedians of oppositely similar  $\triangle AEF, \triangle ABC$ , resp. Since

$\angle MXN = \frac{\pi}{2} = \angle MKN \implies MNKX$  is cyclic  $\implies$

$\angle AKX = \angle AKN + \angle NKL = \angle AKN + (\pi - \angle XMN) = \pi \implies X \in AK$ .

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## High School Olympiads

acute non-isosceles triangle X

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aktyw19

#1 Mar 25, 2014, 10:05 pm

Let  $O$ - circumcenter of acute non-isosceles triangle  $ABC$ . Let  $P, Q$  such points on altitude  $AD$ , that  $OP$  and  $OQ$  perpendicular to  $AB$  and  $AC$  respectively.  $M$ - midpoint of  $BC$ ,  $S$ - circumcenter of triangle  $OPQ$ . Prove, that  $\angle BAS = \angle CAM$



ThirdTimeLucky

#2 Mar 26, 2014, 12:05 am

Lemma: In  $\triangle ABC$ , with circumcenter  $O$ , the projections of  $B, C$  onto  $AO$  are  $B', C'$  respectively. Let  $AD$  be the altitude, with  $D \in BC$  and  $M$  the midpoint of  $BC$ . Then  $M$  is the circumcenter of  $\triangle DB'C'$ .

Proof:  $BAB'D$  is cyclic with center  $K$ , the midpoint of  $AB$ . Therefore, perpendicular bisector of  $DB'$  is the perpendicular from  $K$  to  $B'D$ . We also have  $\angle CAD = \angle OAB$  (since  $AO, AD$  are isogonal lines) and  $\angle ABB' = \angle ADB'$  and so,  $B'D \perp AC \implies$  perpendicular bisector of  $B'D$  is parallel to  $AC$  and passes through  $K \implies$  it also passes through  $M$ . Similarly, perpendicular bisector of  $C'D$  also passes through  $M$ .

Back to problem: Let  $K, L$  be midpoints of  $AB, AC$ . Clearly  $P, Q$  are intersections of perpendicular bisectors of  $AB, AC$  respectively with  $AD$ , so we have  $\angle PQA = \hat{C}, \angle OPQ = \hat{B}$  so  $\angle AOP = \hat{C}$ , and therefore  $SO \perp OA$ , i.e  $SO$  is antiparallel to  $BC$ . Let  $SO$  meet  $AB, AC$  at  $R, T$  respectively. Then  $\angle ART = \hat{C}$  so  $AK \cdot AR = AO^2 = AP \cdot AQ \implies RQ \perp AD$ . Similarly,  $TP \perp AD$ . But  $AD$  is a circumcevian of  $\triangle ART$ , so by the lemma,  $S$  is midpoint of  $RT$  and so  $AS$  is the symmedian.



Luis González

#3 Mar 26, 2014, 12:26 am

$\angle POQ = \angle BAC, \angle OQP = \angle ACB = \angle AOP \implies \triangle OPQ \sim \triangle ABC$  and  $AO$  is tangent of  $\odot(OPQ)$ . Hence, if the tangent of  $(O)$  at  $A$  cuts  $BC$  at  $E$ , we have  $\angle DAS = \angle MEO$ . But, from cyclic  $AEMO, \angle MEO = \angle MAO \implies \angle DAS = \angle MAO \implies AS, AM$  are isogonals WRT  $\angle DAO \implies AS, AM$  are isogonals WRT  $\angle BAC$ .

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## High School Olympiads

Hard Geometry 

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**GoJensenOrGoHome**

#1 Sep 4, 2015, 3:34 am

Given a triangle  $ABC$ , let  $l$  be a line parallel to  $BC$  that cut  $AB$  and  $BC$  respectively in  $M$  and  $N$ . Now let  $P$  be the point of intersection of  $BN$  and  $MC$ . Let the circles passing through  $BMP$  and  $CNP$  intersect in a second point  $Q$ . Prove that  $\angle BAQ = \angle PAC$ .



**Luis González**

#2 Sep 4, 2015, 4:10 am • 1 

As  $Q$  is the center of the spiral similarity that swaps  $\overline{BM}$  and  $\overline{NC}$ , then  $\triangle QBM \sim \triangle QNC \implies \text{dist}(Q, AB) : \text{dist}(Q, AC) = BM : NC = AB : AC \implies AQ$  is the A-symmedian of  $\triangle ABC$ . Since  $AP$  is clearly the A-median of  $\triangle ABC$ , then  $AP$  and  $AQ$  are isogonals WRT  $\angle BAC$  i.e.  $\angle BAQ = \angle PAC$ .



**silouan**

#3 Sep 6, 2015, 8:38 pm

It's from Balkan 2009 (but first time appeared in ML in 2007)

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## High School Olympiads

circumcircle and altitudes! CMO 2015 P4 

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Source: canadian mathematical olympiad



**aditya21**

#1 Apr 25, 2015, 2:29 am

Let  $ABC$  be an acute-angled triangle with circumcenter  $O$ . Let  $I$  be a circle with centre on the altitude from  $A$  in  $ABC$ , passing through vertex  $A$  and points  $P$  and  $Q$  on sides  $AB$  and  $AC$ . Assume that

$$BP \cdot CQ = AP \cdot AQ$$

Prove that  $I$  is tangent to the circumcircle of triangle  $BOC$

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**ABCDE**

#2 Apr 25, 2015, 2:49 am

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**Luis González**

#3 Apr 25, 2015, 7:32 am

Since  $P$  defines  $Q$  unambiguously, then it's enough to prove the converse, i.e. that the relation holds if  $\odot(APQ)$  is tangent to  $\odot(BOC)$ .

Let  $D, E, F$  be the midpoints of  $BC, CA, AB$ .  $(N) \equiv \odot(DEF)$  and  $(K) \equiv \odot(OBC)$ . It's known that  $AK, AN$  are isogonals WRT  $\angle BAC$ , thus the inversion  $(A, \sqrt{AB \cdot AE})$  followed by symmetry WRT the angle bisector of  $\angle BAC$  swaps  $(N)$  and  $\odot(OBC)$ . Thus  $\odot(APQ)$  goes to the tangent  $P'Q'$  of  $(N)$  antiparallel to  $BC$  that leaves  $A, N$  on a same side  $\implies P'Q'$  is the tangent of  $(N)$  at  $D$ . So denoting  $B_\infty$  and  $C_\infty$  the points at infinity of  $AC, AB$ , by involution properties, we get then  $(P, B, A, C_\infty) = (P', E, B_\infty, A)$  and  $(Q, C, A, B_\infty) = (Q', F, C_\infty, A)$ . But  $(P', E, B_\infty, A) = (Q', C_\infty, F, A) = (Q', F, C_\infty, A)^{-1} \implies (P, B, A, C_\infty) \cdot (Q, C, A, B_\infty) = 1 \implies BP \cdot CQ = AP \cdot AQ$ .

**Remark:** From this proof we also get that the tangency point between  $\odot(APQ)$  and  $\odot(OBC)$  lies on the A-symmedian of  $\triangle ABC$ .



**jayme**

#4 Apr 25, 2015, 2:01 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,

this is just an observation...

Sometimes when a relation is given between two points in a triangle, we forget to present a geometrical construction of these two points... If yes, we will observed that we can have more than a solution...

Sincerely  
Jean-Louis



**TelvCohl**

#5 Apr 25, 2015, 3:41 pm • 1



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It's not hard to find the construction of  $P$  and  $Q$ . From the condition (the center of  $\odot(APQ)$  lie on A-altitude) we know  $PQ$  is anti-parallel to  $BC$  WRT  $\angle A$ . From  $BP \cdot CQ = AP \cdot AQ$  we get there exist a point  $R$  on  $BC$  such that  $RP \parallel AC$  and  $RQ \parallel AB$ . Notice that  $AR$  pass through the midpoint of  $PQ$ , so  $AR$  is A-symmedian of  $\triangle ABC$ , hence we get the construction of  $P$  and  $Q$  as following :

1. Let  $R$  be the intersection of A-symmedian of  $\triangle ABC$  with  $BC$ .
2. Let  $P \in AB, Q \in AC$  such that  $RP \parallel AC, RQ \parallel AB$ .

Actually, the tangent point of  $\odot(OBC)$  and  $\odot(APQ)$  is the projection of  $O$  on A-symmedian of  $\triangle ABC$  😊



**jayme**

#6 Apr 25, 2015, 5:37 pm • 1

Dear,

Thank for your precise answer corresponding to the problem...

I was just speaking about only on the relation  $BP \cdot CQ = AP \cdot AQ$  which conduct more than one solution for  $P$  and  $Q$ ...

Now with the restriction of the problem, it is OK.

Sincerely  
Jean-Louis



**drmzjoseph**

#7 Apr 25, 2015, 10:55 pm

Let  $X$  be point such that  $APXQ$  is an parallelogram

$$\Rightarrow \frac{PB}{PX} = \frac{QX}{QC} \Rightarrow \triangle BPX \sim \triangle XQC \Rightarrow \angle BXP = \angle XCQ \Rightarrow B, X \text{ and } C \text{ are collinear.}$$

Easy see that  $\angle APQ = \angle BCA \Rightarrow BPQC$  is cyclical, If  $Z$  is Miquel point of  $\triangle ABC$  (Points  $P, Q, X$ ) then  $2\angle BAC = \angle BZC = \angle BOC$  and  $\angle BXP = \angle BZP = \angle BCA = \angle QPA = \angle PQX = \angle PQZ + \angle ZCB$  Then  $Z$  is tangency point of  $\odot(BOC)$  and  $\odot(PAQ)$

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**drmzjoseph**

#9 Apr 25, 2015, 11:16 pm

### Similar problem

Source: ONEM - Peru 2014, problem 4 - category 3

Let  $ABC$  be an acute-angle triangle with circumcenter  $O$ , if  $D, E, F$  lies on the sides  $BC, CA$  and  $AB$  respectively, such that  $BDEF$  is a parallelogram. Suppose that  $DF^2 = AE \cdot EC < \frac{AC^2}{4}$ .

Prove that  $\odot(AOC)$  and  $\odot(DBF)$  are tangents

### Remark



**navredras**

#10 Apr 26, 2015, 4:12 am

« dmzjoseph wrote:

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Why is  $\angle APQ = \angle BCA$  and how the last equality ( $\angle BXP = \angle PQZ + \angle ZCB$  helps us to determinate that  $Z$  is the point of tangency?



**drmzjoseph**

#11 Apr 26, 2015, 6:08 am

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navredras wrote:

drmzjoseph wrote:

Let  $X$  be point such that  $APXQ$  is an parallelogram

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Why is  $\angle APQ = \angle BCA$  and how the last equality ( $\angle BXP = \angle PQZ + \angle ZCB$  helps us to determinate that  $Z$  is the point of tangency?

Hello, thanks for read my solution.

1. If  $O_1$  is the circumcenter of  $\triangle PAQ \Rightarrow \angle APQ = 90^\circ - \angle O_1AQ = \angle BCA$

2.  $\angle PZB = \angle PQZ + \angle ZCB$  i.e.  $\odot(PZQ)$  and  $\odot(BZC)$  are tangents (If we drawing a line tangent to  $\odot(PZQ)$  is easy with angles see that is tangent to  $\odot(BZC)$  too)

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SRMC 2014  Reply**sebepkaly**

#1 Jan 21, 2015, 12:52 pm

Let  $w$  be the circumcircle of non-isosceles acute triangle  $ABC$ . Tangent lines to  $w$  in  $A$  and  $B$  intersect at point  $S$ . Let  $M$  be the midpoint of  $AB$ , and  $H$  be the orthocenter of triangle  $ABC$ . The line  $HA$  intersects lines  $CM$  and  $CS$  at points  $M_a$  and  $S_a$ , respectively. The points  $M_b$  and  $S_b$  are defined analogously. Prove that  $M_aS_b$  and  $M_bS_a$  are the altitudes of triangle  $M_aM_bH$ .

*This post has been edited 1 time. Last edited by sebepkaly, Jan 21, 2015, 4:11 pm***TelvCohl**#2 Jan 21, 2015, 2:43 pm • 1 

My solution:

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Q.E.D

**izat**

#3 May 3, 2015, 8:52 pm

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Q.E.D

**TelvCohl**

#4 May 4, 2015, 10:28 am

**izat** wrote:

I don't understand ,why circles are coaxial?

$$\frac{AC^2}{AS_a \cdot AM_a} = \frac{DC^2}{DS_a \cdot DM_a} = \frac{EC^2}{ES_b \cdot EM_b} = \frac{BC^2}{BS_b \cdot BM_b}$$

means the ratio of the power of  $A, B, D, E$  WRT  $\odot C$  and  $\odot(S_a S_b M_a M_b)$  are the same ,

so  $A, B, D, E$  lie on a circle coaxial with the degenerate circle  $\odot C$  and  $\odot(S_a S_b M_a M_b)$ .

**Luis González**

#5 May 4, 2015, 12:04 pm • 2



Let  $D, E$  be the feet of the altitudes on  $CB, CA$ .  $Z$  is the antipode of  $C$  on  $w$  and  $CM$  cuts  $AZ$  at  $L$ . Since  $CDHE \cup S_a \sim CAZB \sim L \implies \frac{HS_a}{S_a D} = \frac{ZL}{LA}$ . But from parallelogram  $HBZA$  with center  $M$ , we obtain  $\frac{ZL}{LA} = \frac{HM_b}{M_b B} \implies \frac{HS_a}{S_a D} = \frac{HM_b}{M_b B} \implies M_b S_a \parallel BC \implies M_b S_a \perp HM_a$  and similarly  $M_a S_b \perp HM_b$ .

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## High School Olympiads

Geometry [2]



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kaito\_shinichi

#1 Jun 12, 2015, 2:00 am

Given triangle  $ABC$ .  $AD \perp BC$  ( $D \in BC$ ).  $M, N$  are midpoints of  $AB, AC$ .  $(BMD) \cap (CND)$  at  $D, K$ . Prove that  
$$\frac{KM}{KN} = \frac{AB}{AC}$$



Luis González

#2 Jun 12, 2015, 7:06 am

By Miquel theorem,  $AMKN$  is cyclic. Since  $NC = ND$ , then  $MN \parallel BC$  is tangent of  $\odot(CND)$  at  $N$  and similarly  $MN$  is tangent of  $\odot(BMD) \Rightarrow MN$  is common external tangent of  $\odot(CND), \odot(BMD) \Rightarrow$  their radical axis  $DK$  cuts  $MN$  at its midpoint  $P$ . Now since  $\angle PAN = \angle PDN = \angle MNK = \angle MAK \Rightarrow AK$  is A-symmedian of  $\triangle AMN \Rightarrow KM : KN = AM : AN = AB : AC$ .



professordad

#3 Jun 12, 2015, 7:27 am

By Miquel,  $AMKN$  is cyclic so  $\angle BMK = \angle ANK$ . Also,  $\angle MBK = \angle MDK = \angle NMK = \angle NAK$  so  $\angle MBK = \angle NAK$ . Thus  $\triangle MBK \sim \triangle NAK$  and the result follows.

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## High School Olympiads

symmedian property 

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**hollandman**

#1 Mar 15, 2009, 6:23 am

Let  $ABC$  be an acute triangle. Let  $M$  be the midpoint of the larger arc  $BC$  of its circumcircle. Let the internal bisector of  $\angle BAC$  hit  $BC$  at  $D$ , and let  $MD$  meet the circumcircle again at  $P$ . Prove that  $AP$  is a symmedian.

**Luis González**

#2 Mar 15, 2009, 8:01 am

From  $MB = MC$ , we obtain  $\triangle MBD \sim \triangle PCD$  and  $\triangle MCD \sim \triangle PBD$

$$\frac{PC}{MB} = \frac{CD}{MD}, \frac{PB}{MC} = \frac{BD}{MD} \implies \frac{PC}{PB} = \frac{CD}{BD}$$

$$\text{On the other hand, } \frac{CD}{BD} = \frac{AC}{AB} \implies \frac{PC}{PB} = \frac{AC}{AB}$$

$\implies P$  lies on the A-Apollonius circle  $\implies AP$  is the A-symmedian.

**sunken rock**

#3 Nov 4, 2009, 6:03 pm

Let  $Q$  be the middle of  $BC$ ,  $AQ$  intersects the circle at  $R$ , while  $MQ$  at  $N$ .  $AM$  being the external bisector of angle  $\angle BAC$ , so  $AM$  and  $AD$  are perpendicular, and  $A, D, Q$  and  $M$  are concyclic, hence  $\angle QAD = \angle QMD$ , so  $N$  is the middle of the arc  $PR$  and, consequently,  $AP$  symmedian.

Best regards,  
sunken rock

**jayme**

#4 Nov 24, 2011, 5:03 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,  
an article concerning the “Ayme’s theorem” and this question have been put on my website.

<http://perso.orange.fr/jl.ayme> vol. 20 p. 28

You can use Google translator

Sincerely  
Jean-Louis

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## High School Olympiads

Interesting geometry X

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**truongtansang89**

#1 Mar 13, 2011, 5:12 am

Let an acute triangle  $ABC$  with median  $CM$ . The bisectors of segments  $BC$  and

$CA$  intersect  $CM$  at  $Q, P$  respectively.  $BQ$  intersects  $AP$  at  $I$ .

Prove that  $\widehat{ACI} = \widehat{BCM}$



**Luis González**

#2 Mar 14, 2011, 11:58 am • 4

Let  $D$  be the reflection of  $C$  about  $M$ . Lines  $AP, BQ$  cut  $DB, DA$  at  $U, V$ , respectively. Then  $BCVD$  and  $ACUD$  are isosceles trapezoids with legs  $CV = BD$  and  $CU = AD$ , i.e.  $\triangle ACV \sim \triangle BCU$  are isosceles with common apex  $C$   $\implies \angle ACV = \angle BCU$ . If the tangents to the circumcircle of  $\triangle ABC$  through  $A, B$  intersect at  $E$ , then we have  $\angle CAV = \angle BAE = \angle C$  and  $\angle CBU = \angle ABE = \angle C$ . Thus, by Jacobi's theorem, it follows that lines  $CE, AU, BV$  concur at  $I \implies CI \equiv CE$  is the C-symmedian of  $\triangle ABC \implies \angle ACI = \angle BCM$ .



**Rijul saini**

#3 Mar 16, 2011, 11:33 am

» truongtansang89 wrote:

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$CA$  intersect  $CM$  at  $Q, P$  respectively.  $BQ$  intersects  $AP$  at  $I$ .

Prove that  $\widehat{ACI} = \widehat{BCM}$

See this.

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## High School Olympiads

**Simedian** 

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**undefeatedturk**

#1 Oct 2, 2011, 8:04 pm

$M$  is midpoint of side  $BC$  of  $ABC$  triangle. ( $\angle BPC \neq 90^\circ$ ).  $O$  is circum center.  $P$  on  $[MA$  such that  $\angle BPC = 180^\circ - \angle BAC$ .  $BP$  and  $AC$  intersect  $E$ ;  $CP$  and  $AB$  intersect  $F$ .  $N$  is midpoint of  $EF$ .  $D$  is the perpendicular from  $N$  to  $BC$ . Prove that  $AD$  is simedian of  $ABC$  and  $O, P$ , orthocenter of  $EDF$  are collinear.



**Luis González**

#2 Oct 2, 2011, 10:52 pm • 1

If  $AM$  cuts the circumcircle ( $O$ ) again at  $Q$ , then  $PCQB$  is a parallelogram  $\implies AEPF$  and  $ACQB$  are homothetic with homothetic center  $A \implies AEPF$  is cyclic with circumcircle ( $U$ ) tangent to ( $O$ ) at  $A$ .  $BC$  is then the polar of  $N \equiv EF \cap AP$  WRT ( $U$ )  $\implies EF$  is the polar of  $D$  WRT ( $U$ )  $\implies DE, DF$  are tangents of ( $U$ )  $\implies AD$  is the A-symmedian of  $\triangle AEF$ , i.e.  $AD$  is the A-symmedian of  $\triangle ABC$ .



$UEDF$  is clearly a cyclic kite  $\implies$  Orthocenter  $T$  of the D-isosceles  $\triangle DEF$  is the reflection of  $U$  about  $EF$ . Since  $O(A, P, N, M) = -1, O(U, T, N, M) = -1$  and  $A, U, O$  are collinear, then  $O, P, T$  are collinear.



**skytin**

#3 Oct 3, 2011, 5:53 pm

Solution :

Let  $Q$  is intersection point of tangents to ( $O$ ) thru  $B, C$   
Line thru  $Q$  and  $\parallel BC$  intersect  $AB, AC$  at points  $B', C'$   
 $N$  is Miquel point of triangle  $AB'C'$  and points  $Q, B, C$  on its sides  
Easy to see that  $N$  is on ( $O$ ) and  $B'C$  intersect  $C'B$  at  $N$   
 $C'B' \parallel BC$ , so  $M$  is on  $NA$   
Easy to see that  $A$  is center of homotety of  $BQCN$  and  $FPED$   
 $D$  is on  $QA$   
 $H$  is orthocenter of  $FDE$ , angle  $EFH = HEF = OBC = BCO$   
 $P$  is homotety center of  $BOC, EHF$ , so  $P$  is on  $OH$ . done



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## High School Olympiads

Prove that AP is the A-symmedian of ABC. 

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vittasko

#1 Sep 1, 2010, 3:56 pm • 2

A triangle  $\triangle ABC$  is given with altitude  $AD$  and let  $A'$  be, the reflexion of  $A$  with respect to the midpoint  $M$  of  $BC$ . Let  $E$  be, the orthogonal projection of  $A$  on the line segment  $BA'$  and let  $F$  be, the reflexion of  $E$  with respect to  $B$ . Prove that  $AP$ , where  $P \equiv A'D \cap CF$ , is the A-symmedian of  $\triangle ABC$ .

Kostas Vittas.



Luis González

#2 Sep 1, 2010, 11:06 pm • 2

Parallel line from  $A'$  to  $BC$  cuts  $AB$ ,  $AC$ ,  $AD$  at the reflections  $B'$ ,  $C'$ ,  $D'$  of  $A$  about  $B$ ,  $C$ ,  $D$ , i.e.  $\triangle A'BC$  becomes the medial triangle of  $\triangle AB'C'$ . Thus, reflection  $F$  of  $E$  about  $B$  lies on the  $B'$ -altitude of  $\triangle AB'C'$ , being its midpoint. Consequently, lines  $A'D$  and  $CF$  become the A- and  $B'$ - Schawtt line of  $\triangle AB'C' \implies P \equiv CF \cap A'D$  is the symmedian point of  $\triangle AB'C'$ . Since  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle AB'C'$  are homothetic, then it follows that  $AP$  is the A-symmedian of  $\triangle ABC$ .

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symmedian X[Reply](#)

drEdrE

#1 Oct 10, 2012, 10:31 pm

Let  $ABC$  be a triangle,  $M, N$  be the midpoints of  $AB$  and  $AC$ , and  $P, Q$  be the intersections of the A-symmedian with  $BN$  and  $CM$ . Prove that the angles  $\angle ABQ$  and  $\angle ACP$  are equal.



Luis González

#2 Oct 10, 2012, 11:37 pm • 1

$(X)$  is the circle through  $B, C$  tangent to  $AB$ ,  $(Y)$  is the circle through  $C, A$  tangent to  $AB$  and  $(Z)$  is the circle through  $A, B$  tangent to  $AC$ .  $(X)$  and  $(Z)$  meet again at the 2nd Brocard point  $\Omega_2$  of  $\triangle ABC \implies \angle AB\Omega_2 = \omega$  is Brocard angle of  $\triangle ABC$ .

Let the tangents of the circumcircle of  $\triangle ABC$  at  $B, C$  meet at  $D$ .  $DB$  and  $DC$  cut  $(Z)$  and  $(Y)$  again at  $U$  and  $V$ .  $\angle AUB = \angle BAC = \angle DBC$  and  $\angle AVC = \angle BAC = \angle DBC \implies UAV \parallel BC$ . Since  $\triangle DBC$  is D-isosceles, then  $BCVU$  is isosceles trapezoid  $\implies DB \cdot DU = DC \cdot DV \implies$  A-symmedian  $AD$  is radical axis of  $(Y), (Z)$ . Since  $CM$  is radical axis of  $(X), (Y)$  and  $B\Omega_2$  is radical axis of  $(X), (Z)$ , then  $AD, CM$  and  $B\Omega_2$  concur at the radical center  $Q$  of  $(X), (Y), (Z) \implies \angle ABQ \equiv \angle AB\Omega_2 = \omega$ . By similar reasoning,  $CN$  is the C-cevian of the 1st Brocard point  $\Omega_1 \implies \angle ABQ = \angle ACP = \omega$ .

[Alternate formulation of the problem](#)

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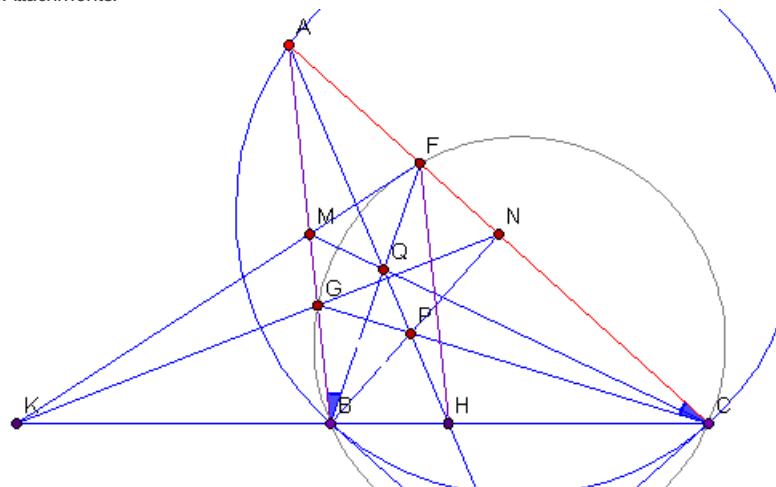
#3 Oct 21, 2012, 7:47 pm • 1

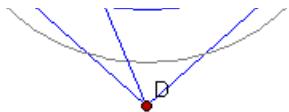
Another solution:

Let  $AH$  be the A-symmedian in  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $H$  is on  $BC$ ,  $CP$  cuts  $AB$  at  $G$ ,  $BQ$  cuts  $AC$  at  $F$ .Let  $GN$  cut  $BC$  at  $K$ , then  $(K, H; B, C)$  is harmonic. If  $MF$  cuts  $BC$  at  $K'$ , then  $(K', H; B, C)$  is also harmonic, then  $K' \equiv K$ .By Menelaus it is easy to get  $\frac{AF}{FC} = \frac{GB}{GA} = \frac{KB}{KC} = \frac{HB}{HC}$ , hence  $HF \parallel AB$  and  $GH \parallel AC$ 

Now notice that  $\frac{AF}{AC} = \frac{BH}{BC}$ , thus  $AF \cdot AC = \frac{AC^2 \cdot BH}{BC}$ . Similarly  $AG \cdot AB = \frac{AB^2 \cdot CH}{BC}$ , but as  $\frac{BH}{HC} = \frac{AB^2}{AC^2}$ ,  $AF \cdot AC = AG \cdot AB$ , so  $GFCB$  is cyclic and  $\angle ABQ = \angle ACP$

Attachments:





**Virgil Nicula**

#4 Oct 22, 2012, 7:54 pm

See PP3 from [here](#).

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Source: own ?

**jayme**

#1 Nov 30, 2008, 5:13 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,  
let ABC be a triangle, O the circumcircle of ABC, 2, 3 the B, C-mixtilinear incircles of ABC, B\*, C\* the point of contact of 2, 3 with O,  
B' the second point of intersection of BB\* with 2,  
Pb the tangent to 2 at B' which is parallel to the tangent to O at B,  
C' the second point of intersection of CC\* with 3,  
Pc the tangent to 3 at C' which is parallel to the tangent to O at C,  
and A" the meet point of 2 and 3.  
Prove that AA" is the A-symmedian of ABC.

Sincerely

Jean-Louis

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#2 Dec 1, 2008, 12:28 am

Dear Mathlinkers and Fang,  
yes there is a typos in problem :

"A" is the meet point of Pb and Pc"

Sorry...

Sincerely

Jean-Louis

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#3 Dec 1, 2008, 7:35 am

Tangents  $p_b, p_c$  of the mixtilinear incircles (2), (3) at  $B', C'$  cut  $AB, AC$  at  $P, Q$ . Lines  $BB'B^*, CC'C^*$  intersect at the external similarity center  $X_{56}$  of the circumcircle ( $O$ ) and incircle ( $I$ ). This is isogonal conjugate of the Nagel point  $N_a$ . Thus, reflections  $t_b, t_c$  of the tangents  $p_b = B'P, p_c = C'Q$  of (2), (3) in the internal angle bisectors  $BI, CI$  are tangents of (2), (3) parallel to  $AC, AB$ , which allows to calculate  $BP, CQ$ . Let  $t_b$  cut  $BA, BC$  at  $A_2, C_2$  and let  $t_c$  cut  $CA, CB$  at  $A_3, B_3$ . Circles (2), (3) are the B-, C-excircles of similar  $\triangle A_2BC_2 \sim \triangle A_3B_3C$ . Let (2) touch  $BA, BC$  at  $F_2, D_2$  and let (3) touch  $CB, CA$  at  $D_3, E_3$ .  $D_2E_3F_2D_3$  is a parallelogram, its diagonals  $F_2D_2, D_3E_3$  cutting each other in half at the incenter  $I$ ,  $F_2E_3 \parallel D_3D_2 \equiv BC$ .

$$\frac{BP}{CQ} = \frac{BC_2}{CB_3} = \frac{BD_2}{CD_3} = \frac{BF_2}{CE_3} = \frac{BA}{CA}$$

This means that  $PQ \parallel BC$ . Let tangents of the circumcircle ( $O$ ) at  $B, C$  intersect at  $A_0$ .  $\triangle A_0BC \sim \triangle A''PQ$  are centrally similar with similarity center  $A$ , having parallel sides, hence  $A, A'', A_0$  are collinear and the line  $AA''A_0$  is the A-symmedian.

**Luis González**

#4 Feb 24, 2016, 9:48 am

Let  $p_b \equiv A''B', p_c \equiv A''C'$  cut  $AB, AC$  at  $U, V$ , resp. B-mixtilinear incircle ( $O_b$ ) touches  $BC, BA$  at  $B_a, B_c$  and C-mixtilinear incircle ( $O_c$ ) touches  $CB, CA$  at  $C_a, C_b$ . As  $B_aB_c, C_aC_b$  cut each other in half at the incenter  $I$ , then  $B_aC_aB_cC_b$  is a parallelogram  $\Rightarrow B_cC_b \parallel BC$ . If the B-excircle ( $I_b$ ) touches  $BC$  at  $X$ , then we have  
 $\triangle ABC \cup (I_b) \sim \triangle(BC, BA, p_b) \cup (O_b) \Rightarrow \frac{BU}{BB_c} = \frac{BC}{BX} = \frac{a}{s}$  and similarly we have  $\frac{CV}{CC_b} = \frac{a}{s} \Rightarrow$   
 $UV \parallel B_cC_b \parallel BC$ . Thus if the tangents of ( $O$ ) at  $B, C$  meet at  $S$ , then  $\triangle UVA''$  and  $\triangle BCS$  are homothetic with center  $A$   
 $\Rightarrow A'' \in AS$ , i.e.  $AA''$  is the A-symmedian.

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## High School Olympiads

Pencil of circles from parallelograms 

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Source: me but probably old



yetti

#1 Nov 20, 2011, 12:02 am

$D$  is arbitrary point on sideline  $BC$  of a  $\triangle ABC$ . Parallels to  $AB$ ,  $AC$  through  $D$  cut  $AC$ ,  $AB$  at  $E$ ,  $F$  respectively.

(a) Show that  $\odot(AEF)$  form a pencil of coaxal circles, when  $D$  moves.

(b) Identify, with proof, intersection of this pencil different from  $A$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$ .



mahanmath

#2 Nov 20, 2011, 1:00 am

Nice observation yetti !

[Sketch of proof of both parts](#)



panos\_lo

#3 Nov 20, 2011, 7:58 pm

Slightly different: Inverting through  $A$  (by  $X'$  we call the the invert image of  $X$ ) we can easily get that the point  $R$  satisfying that  $AB'RC'$  is a parallelogram lies on  $E'F'$  (follows immediately by Thales theorem). Thus, the invert image of  $R$  lies on the circle  $(A, F, E)$ .

Note that this solution answers both questions.



panos\_lo

#4 Nov 20, 2011, 8:02 pm

Mahanmath, could you please write the details of your solution?



mahanmath

#5 Nov 20, 2011, 8:40 pm

 panos\_lo wrote:

Mahanmath, could you please write the details of your solution?

The idea comes from barycentric coordinate 

It's not hard to see  $b \cdot AE + c \cdot AF = bc$ , so if you put  $A$  at the origin of Cartesian coordinate system you'll find the perpendicular bisector of  $AE$ ,  $AF$  should meet at fixed line . (it's just an easy computation for equation of those lines)

P.S



panos\_lo

#6 Nov 20, 2011, 8:44 pm

Thanks a lot. I hope we see your article as soon as possible. 



yetti

#7 Nov 20, 2011, 10:08 pm • 1 



A-symmedian of  $\triangle ABC$  cuts its circumcircle again at  $K$ . When  $D \equiv B$ , circle  $\odot(AEF) \equiv \odot(AAB) \equiv (S)$  is tangent to  $AC$  at  $A$ . This circle cuts  $AK$  again at  $R$  and  $\angle CBK = \angle CAK = \angle CAR = \angle ABR$ .

$ABKC$  is harmonic  $\implies BC$  is B-symmedian of  $\triangle ABK \implies BR$  is its B-median. Similarly, when  $D \equiv C$ , circle  $\odot(AEF) \equiv \odot(AAC) \equiv (T)$ , tangent to  $AB$  at  $A$ , cuts  $AK$  also at its midpoint  $R$ .

Powers of  $E, F$  to  $(S), (T)$  are in the same ratio  $\frac{EA^2}{EA \cdot EC} = \frac{\overline{EA}}{\overline{EC}} = \frac{\overline{DB}}{\overline{DC}} = \frac{\overline{FB}}{\overline{FA}} = \frac{\overline{FA} \cdot \overline{FB}}{\overline{FA}^2} \implies \odot(AEF)$  is coaxal with  $(S), (T) \implies R \in \odot(AEF)$ .



Luis González

#8 Dec 28, 2011, 8:52 am

Let  $M, N$  be the midpoints of  $AC, AB$ .  $L \equiv AD \cap EF \cap MN$  is the center of the parallelogram  $DEAF$ . By Menelaus' theorem for  $\triangle AMN$  cut by  $\overline{ELF}$ , we get

$$\frac{FN}{EM} = \frac{FA}{AE} \cdot \frac{LN}{ML} = \frac{DE}{DF} \cdot \frac{DB}{DC} = \frac{AB}{AC} \cdot \frac{DC}{DB} \cdot \frac{DB}{DC} = \frac{AB}{AC}$$

Circles  $\odot(AEF)$  and  $\odot(AMN)$  meet at  $A$  and the center  $P$  of the spiral similarity that takes  $\overline{ME}$  into  $\overline{NF}$ . Thus  $\frac{PN}{PM} = \frac{FN}{EM} = \frac{AB}{AC} = \frac{AN}{AM} \implies AP$  is the A-symmedian of  $\triangle AMN \implies P$  is midpoint of the A-symmedian chord of the circumcircle  $\odot(ABC)$ . Hence, all circles  $\odot(AEF)$  pass through the fixed points  $A, P$ .  $\square$

**Remark:** Loci of the circumcenters  $U, V$  of  $\triangle AEF$  and  $\triangle DEF$  are two fixes lines.  $U$  obviously moves on the perpendicular bisector of  $\overline{AP}$ , while  $V$  moves on a line  $\tau$  passing through the 9-point center of  $\triangle ABC$ . Alas, I don't have a synthetic proof of the 2nd assertion yet.



yetti

#9 Dec 28, 2011, 1:01 pm

“ Luis González wrote:

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Let  $M, N$  be midpoints of  $AC, AB$  and  $L \equiv AD \cap EF \cap MN$  diagonal intersection of parallelogram  $DEAF$ . Let  $K$  be centroid of  $\triangle DEF \implies \frac{\overline{DK}}{\overline{DL}} = \frac{2}{3} \implies K$  is on fixed line  $k \parallel MN$ .

Let  $P$  be midpoint of the A-symmedian chord of  $\triangle ABC$ . Let  $AX$  be diameter of circumcircle  $(U)$  of  $\triangle AEF$ .  $U$  is on perpendicular bisector  $u$  of  $AP \implies X$  is on fixed line  $x \perp AP$  through  $P$ .

But  $EX \perp (AC \parallel DF)$  and  $FX \perp (AB \parallel DE) \implies X \in x$  is orthocenter of  $\triangle DEF$ .

$L \in MN$  moves with constant velocity, when  $D \in BC$  moves with constant velocity  $\implies K \in k$  also moves with constant velocity.

$E \in AC, F \in AB$  move with constant velocity, when  $D \in BC$  moves with constant velocity. Isosceles  $\triangle UEF$  with  $\angle FUE = 2\angle A$  remains similar  $\implies U \in u$  and  $X \in x$  move with constant velocities as well.

Let  $(V)$  be circumcircle of  $\triangle DEF \implies \frac{\overline{XK}}{\overline{XV}} = \frac{2}{3} \implies V$  is on fixed line  $v$ . Let  $(Q)$  be 9-point circle of  $\triangle ABC$ . When  $D$  is midpoint of  $BC$ ,  $V \equiv Q \implies Q \in v$ .



kingmathvn

#10 Mar 24, 2015, 3:18 pm

Luis: You confused  $FN/EM = AB/AC????$

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## High School Olympiads

OK is perpendicular to BC X

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**shinichiman**

#1 Nov 11, 2013, 5:54 am

Let  $(O)$  be the circumscribed circle of  $ABC$ .  $CF, BE$  are the height of triangle  $ABC$ , respectively.  $M, S, N$  are the midpoint of  $BF, FE, CE$  respectively. The line from  $M$  which is perpendicular to  $BS$  intersect the line from  $M$  which is perpendicular to  $CS$  at  $K$ . Prove that  $OK \perp BC$

**shinichiman**

#2 Nov 12, 2013, 3:28 am

Anyone ? ..

**jayme**

#3 Nov 12, 2013, 12:22 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,  
a typo with two times M?  
Sincerely  
Jean-Louis

**BlackSelena**

#4 Nov 12, 2013, 12:28 pm

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Underlined part is the correct one.

Also this is a well-known problem. Just use Carnot theorem and you'll have the result

**shinichiman**

#5 Nov 12, 2013, 5:46 pm

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Underlined part is the correct one.

Also this is a well-known problem. Just use Carnot theorem and you'll have the result

Hello BlackSelena, could you please prove this by Junior way!! Thank you.

**jayme**

#6 Nov 12, 2013, 6:55 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,  
a possible way, is to resolve this problem with two orthologic triangles... I haven't explore this way...  
Sincerely



Arab

#7 Nov 12, 2013, 9:55 pm • 2

Since  $MK \perp BS$ ,  $NK \perp CS$ , we obtain

$$BK^2 - SK^2 = BM^2 - SM^2,$$

$$CK^2 - SK^2 = CN^2 - SN^2.$$

Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} BK^2 - CK^2 &= (BM^2 - SM^2) - (CN^2 - SN^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{4}[(BF^2 - BE^2) - (CE^2 - CF^2)] \\ &= \frac{1}{4}[(BF^2 + CF^2) - (BE^2 + CE^2)] \\ &= \frac{1}{4}(BC^2 - BC^2) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

which implies that  $BK = CK$ , and hence  $K$  lies on the perpendicular bisector of  $BC$ , therefore,  $OK \perp BC$ , as desired.

Q.E.D.



shinichiman

#8 Nov 13, 2013, 11:09 am

Thank you very much.



TelvCohl

#9 Dec 25, 2014, 5:42 pm • 1

My solution:

Let  $T$  be the midpoint of  $BC$ .Let  $B'$ ,  $C'$  be the projection of  $B$ ,  $C$  on  $EF$ , respectively.Easy to see  $B, C, E, F$  lie on a circle with center  $T$ .Since  $TS \perp EF$ ,so  $S$  is the midpoint of  $B'C'$ ,hence we get  $SE \cdot SC' = SF \cdot SB'$ . ... ( $\star$ )Since  $AF \cdot AB = AE \cdot AC$ ,so combine with ( $\star$ ) we get  $AS$  is the radical axis of  $\{\odot(BF), \odot(CE)\}$ ,hence  $AS \perp MN$ .Since the lines through  $B, C, S$  perpendicular to  $TM, TN, MN$  are concurrent at  $A$ ,so we get  $\triangle SBC$  and  $\triangle TNM$  are orthologic and  $TK \perp BC$ .ie.  $OK \perp BC$ 

Q.E.D



Luis González

#10 Dec 26, 2014, 2:06 am • 1

**More general:** Keeping the same notations, let  $P$  be an arbitrary point on the A-symmedian of  $\triangle ABC$  (not necessarily the midpoint  $S$  of  $EF$ ). Perpendiculars from  $M, N$  to  $PB, PC$  meet at  $K$ . Then  $OK \perp BC$ .Since  $(MS \parallel BE) \perp AC$  and  $(NS \parallel CF) \perp AB$ , then  $S$  is orthocenter of  $\triangle AMN \Rightarrow ASP \perp MN \Rightarrow \triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle KNM$  are orthologic with orthology center  $P$ . Hence, perpendiculars from  $N, M, K$  to  $AC, AB, BC$  concur at the 2nd orthology center; the midpoint of  $\overline{BC} \Rightarrow K$  is on perpendicular bisector of  $\overline{BC}$ , i.e.  $OK \perp BC$ .

Arab

#11 Dec 26, 2014, 2:49 am

### Another proof for Luis' generalization

Using the same idea in #7 and noting that  $AS \perp MN$ , we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} BK^2 - CK^2 &= (PK^2 + BM^2 - PM^2) - (PK^2 + CN^2 - PN^2) \\ &= (BM^2 - PM^2) - (CN^2 - PN^2) \\ &= (BM^2 - CN^2) - (PM^2 - PN^2) \\ &= (BM^2 - CN^2) - (SM^2 - SN^2) \\ &= (BM^2 + SN^2) - (CN^2 + SM^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{4}[(BF^2 + CF^2) - (BE^2 + CE^2)] \\ &= \frac{1}{4}(BC^2 - BC^2) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

meaning that  $BK = CK$ , so  $OK \perp BC$ , and we are done. ■



**jayme**

#12 Apr 18, 2015, 8:41 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,

it is easy to see that S is the orthocenter of the triangle AMN.

After this, the consideration of two orthologic triangle, gives the result...

Sincerely  
Jean-Louis

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## High School Olympiads

Rectangular circumhyperbola and circle



Reply



daothanhhoai

#1 Feb 1, 2015, 11:45 am

1. Let a rectangular hyperbola with center  $O$ , let  $P$  be a point on the plain such that the polar of  $P$  to the hyperbola meets the hyperbola at  $A, B$ . Then  $AB$  is common tangent of two circle  $(POA)$  and  $(POB)$ .

Application we can show that: *In any triangle: The Circumcenter, the Nine point center, the Symmedian point and the Kiepert center lie on a circle*

2. Let a rectangular hyperbola with center  $O$ , let  $P$  be a point on the plain such that the polar of  $P$  to the hyperbola meets the hyperbola at  $A, B$ . Let  $A'$  be the reflection of  $A$  in  $O$ . Let  $M$  be the midpoint of  $AB$  and  $D$  be the reflection of  $M$  in  $B$ . Let  $E$  be the midpoint of  $PB$ . Then  $MD$  is common tangent of two circle  $(A'ED)$  and  $(A'EM)$ .

Application we can show that: *In any triangle: The orthocenter, the Nine point center and Tarry point and midpoint of Brocard diameter lie on a circle.*

3. Let a rectangular hyperbola,  $F$  lie on the rectangular hyperbola,  $F'$  be reflection of  $F$  in center of the hyperbola.  $AB$  be two point lie on one branch of the rectangular hyperbola such that  $FF'$  through midpoint of  $AB$ . Then  $AB$  is common tangent of two circle  $(FF'A)$  and  $(FF'B)$ .

Application we can show that: *Lester circle*

4. Let a rectangular hyperbola, let  $P$  be a point on the line isogonal Conjugate of the hyperbola. The polar of  $P$  relative to the hyperbola meets the hyperbola at  $HG$ . if  $K$  be a point on the rectangular hyperbola(or  $K$  lie on isogonal Conjugate of the hyperbola ),  $K'$  be the inverse of  $K$  in circle whose diameter is  $HG$ . **Then four points: center of the hyperbola, and  $K, K''$  and  $P$  lie on a circle.** The circle which diameter  $HG$  is a generalization of orthocentroidal circle. The circle  $X(1)X(4)$  has all properties similarly with the orthocentroidal circle.

<http://tube.geogebra.org/material/show/id/607917>

Attachments:

[Two circles through four triangle centers.pdf \(179kb\)](#)

This post has been edited 4 times. Last edited by daothanhhoai, Feb 2, 2015, 1:03 pm



TelvCohl

#2 Feb 1, 2015, 6:21 pm

Actually, I found 1 and 3 when I tried [This problem](#) (1 and 3 are almost the same theorem)

Let me rewrite the theorem as following 😊

### Theorem:

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a rectangle hyperbola with center  $O$ .

Let  $F, F^*$  be the antipode of  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $P$  be a point on  $FF^*$ .

Let the polar of  $P$  WRT  $\mathcal{H}$  intersect  $\mathcal{H}$  at  $A$  and  $B$ .

Then  $\{P, O\}, \{F, F^*\}$  are the image of each other under the inversion WRT  $\odot(AB)$ .

### Proof:

Let  $M$  be the midpoint of  $AB$  and  $H$  be the orthocenter of  $\triangle FAB$ .

Let  $X, Y, Z$  be the projection of  $A, B, F$  on  $BF, FA, AB$ , respectively .

Since  $FF^*$  pass through  $O$  and  $P \in FF^*$

so  $FF^*$  pass through the midpoint  $M$  of  $AB$ .

From  $(P, M; F, F^*) = -1 \Rightarrow MF \cdot MF^* = MP \cdot MO \dots (1)$

Since  $\mathcal{H}$  is the circum-rectangle hyperbola of  $\triangle FAB$ ,  
so the center  $O$  of  $\mathcal{H}$  lie on the 9-point circle of  $\triangle FAB$ .

i.e.  $O \in \odot(XYZ)$

Since the orthocenter  $H$  of  $\triangle FAB$  lie on  $\mathcal{H}$ ,  
so  $ZY, ZX$  is the polar of  $X, Y$  WRT  $\mathcal{H}$ , respectively,  
hence from Seydewitz-Staudt theorem we get  $P, X, Y$  are collinear.  
i.e.  $P \equiv FM \cap XY$

Since  $\angle MOX = \angle MYX = \angle MXP$ ,  
so  $\triangle MOX \sim \triangle MXP \Rightarrow MP \cdot MO = MX^2 = MA^2 = MB^2 \dots (2)$

From (1), (2)  $\Rightarrow MF \cdot MF^* = MP \cdot MO = MA^2 = MB^2$ .

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### Seydewitz-Staudt theorem:

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a circumconic of  $\triangle ABC$ .

Let  $P$  be the pole of  $BC$  WRT  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\ell$  be a line through  $P$ .

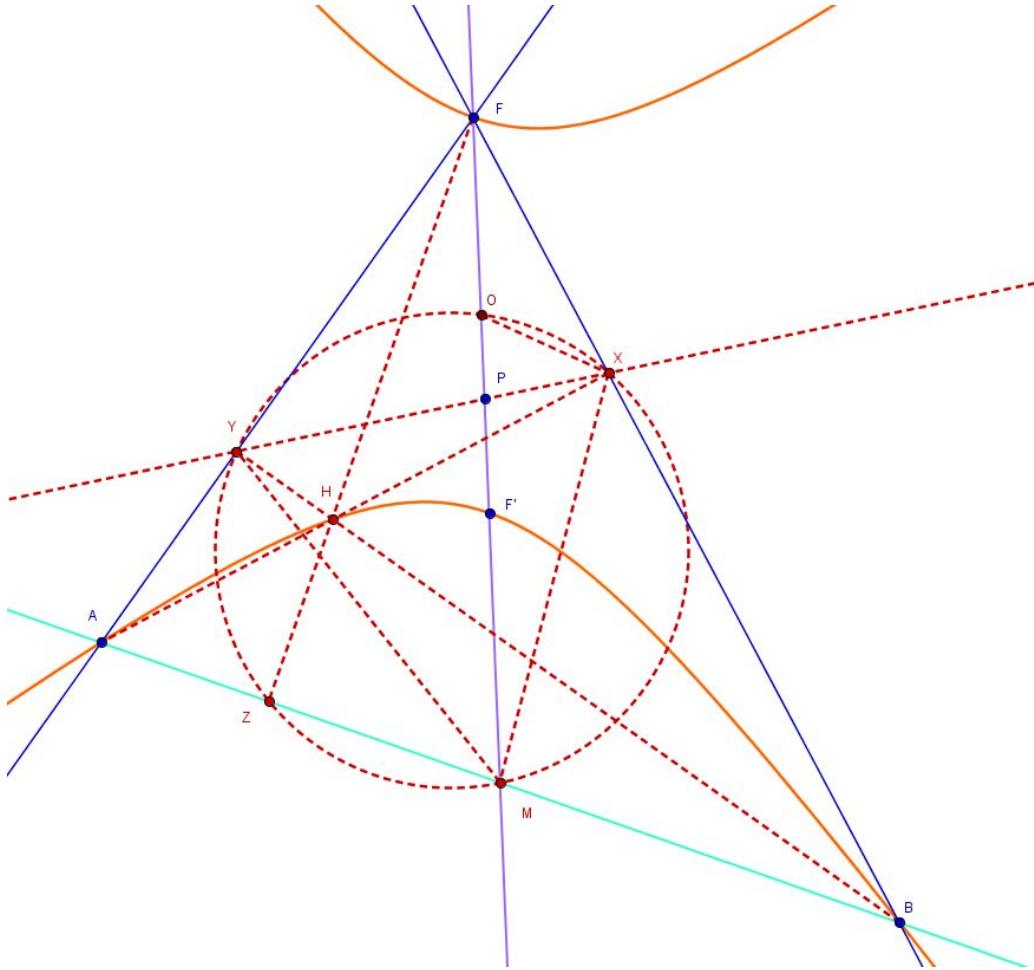
Then  $X = \ell \cap AC, Y = \ell \cap AB$  are conjugate points WRT  $\mathcal{C}$ .

Conversely, if  $X \in AC, Y \in AB$  are conjugate points WRT  $\mathcal{C}$ ,  
then  $XY$  pass through the pole  $P$  of  $BC$  WRT  $\mathcal{C}$ .

You can find the proof at [here](#) (thanks for Luis González gave me this link) 😊.

**EDIT:** We can prove  $P \in XY$  without using Seydewitz-Staudt theorem, just notice that the polar  $AB$  of  $P$  WRT  $\mathcal{H}$  passes through  $Z$ , so the polar  $XY$  of  $Z$  WRT  $\mathcal{H}$  passes through  $P$ . i.e.  $P \in XY$

Attachments:



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#3 Feb 1, 2015, 7:36 pm

See my proof:

Attachments:

[Two circles through four triangle centers.pdf \(179kb\)](#)



Luis González

#4 Feb 2, 2015, 12:13 am • 1

Another proof to the theorem mentioned by Telv:

Let  $H \in \mathcal{H}$  be the orthocenter of  $\triangle FAB$  and  $M$  the midpoint of  $AB$ .  $AH, BH, FH$  cut  $BF, FA, AB$  at  $X, Y, Z$ . Since  $AB$  and  $FF^*$  have conjugate directions WRT  $\mathcal{H}$ , then  $M \in OP$  and since  $XY$  is the polar of  $Z$  WRT  $\mathcal{H}$ , then  $P \in XY$ . Since  $F, F^*$  are antogonal conjugates WRT  $\triangle HAB$ , then  $\odot(F^*AB)$  is reflection of  $\odot(FAB)$  on  $AB \implies F^*$  coincides with the projection of  $H$  on  $FM$ , i.e.  $FXF^*HY$  is cyclic. Now, since  $\odot(ABXY)$  and  $\odot(FXY)$  are orthogonal, then  $FXF^*Y$  is harmonic  $\implies XP, XO$  are isogonals WRT  $\angle FXF^* \implies \odot(XPO)$  and  $\odot(FXF^*)$  are tangent, i.e.  $\odot(XPO)$  is orthogonal to the circle with diameter  $\overline{AB}$  and the conclusion follows.



daothanhhoa

#5 Feb 2, 2015, 8:18 am

Please let me known, WRT mean?

And maybe I mention Telv's theorem in <http://forumgeom.fau.edu/FG2014volume14/FG201410.pdf> ?



shinichiman

#6 Feb 2, 2015, 11:33 am • 1

daothanhhoa wrote:

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And maybe I mention Telv's theorem in <http://forumgeom.fau.edu/FG2014volume14/FG201410.pdf> ?

It means "with respect to".



TelvCohl

#7 Feb 2, 2015, 9:36 pm

Dear daothanhhoa

After seeing the picture in PDF, I realized that you have a typo at 2. .

daothanhhoa wrote:

2. Let a rectangular hyperbola with center  $O$ , let  $P$  be a point on the plain such that the polar of  $P$  to the hyperbola meets the hyperbola at  $A, B$ . Let  $A'$  be the reflection of  $A$  in  $O$ . Let  $M$  be the midpoint of  $AB$  and  $D$  be the reflection of  $M$  in  $B$ . Let  $E$  be the midpoint of  $PB$ . Then  $MD$  is common tangent of two circle  $(A'ED)$  and  $(A'EM)$ .

Application we can show that: *In any triangle: The orthocenter, the Nine point center and Tarry point and midpoint of Brocard diameter lie on a circle.*

$E$  should be the midpoint of  $PD$  (not  $PB$ )

This follows by the theorem I mentioned above .

Since  $AB$  is the polar of  $P$  WRT the rectangle hyperbola , so  $OP$  pass through  $M \implies A'B \parallel OM \parallel EB$  . i.e.  $A', B, E$  are collinear  
From the theorem I mentioned above we get  $BD^2 = BM^2 = MP \cdot MO = BE \cdot BA'$  .  
i.e.  $MD$  is the common tangent of  $\odot(A'ED)$  and  $\odot(A'EM)$



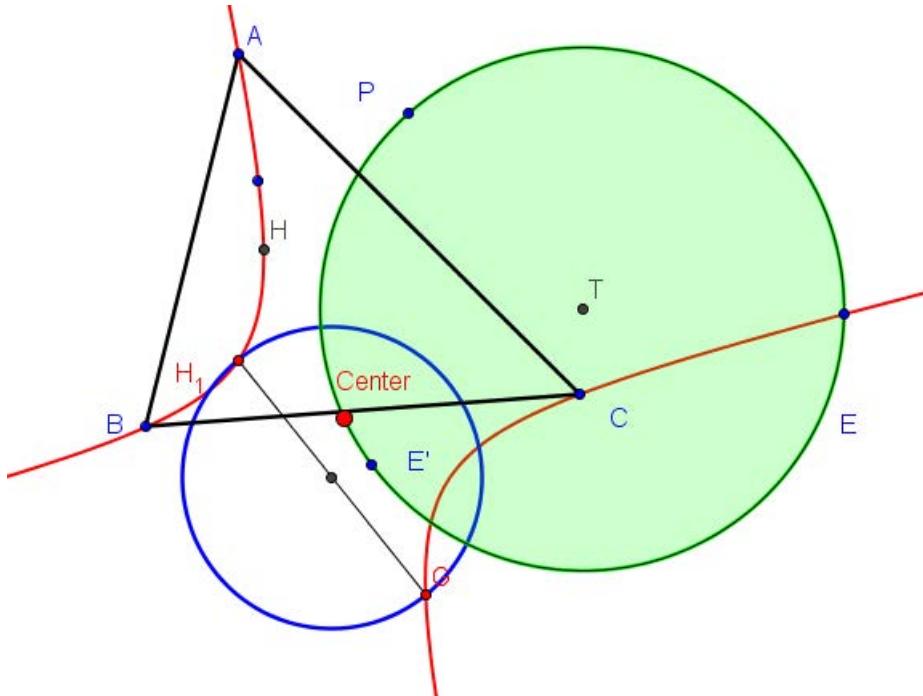
daothanhhoa

#8 Feb 3, 2015, 11:37 pm

A generalization 4.

Let ABC be a rectangular circumhyperbola, let P be a point on the plain. The polar of P relative to the hyperbola meets the hyperbola at HG. if E be a point on the rectangular hyperbola(or E lie on isogonal Conjugate of the hyperbola ), And E' be the inverse of E in circle whose diameter is HG. Then four points: The center of the hyperbola, and E,E' and P lie on a circle. The circle which diameter HG is a generalization of orthocentroidal circle. The circle X(1)X(4) has all properties similarly with the orthocentroidal circle.

Attachments:



**Luis González**

#9 Feb 4, 2015, 3:22 am • 1

Dao, your result 4 is again nothing but a consequence of the theorem mentioned in the posts #2 and #4. In fact, {E,E'} can be any pair of inverse points WRT the circle with diameter HG; 2 pairs of inverse points are concyclic.

Here is another related and useful result in these configurations. I found it some time ago:  $\mathcal{H}$  is a rectangular hyperbola and  $F, F^* \in \mathcal{H}$  are diametrically opposite.  $P$  is an arbitrary point on  $\mathcal{H}$  other than  $F, F^*$ . Then the tangent of  $\mathcal{H}$  at  $P$  is the P-symmedian of  $\triangle PFF^*$ .



**IDMasterz**

#10 Feb 8, 2015, 12:02 pm

“ Luis González wrote:

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Is this the proof you had in mind?

Take  $F_1, F_1^*$  to be also two antipodal points. Let  $P^*$  be the antipode of  $P$ . Note that  $\angle FPF_1 = \angle F_1P^*F = \angle F_1^*PF^*$ . Hence, the angle bisector  $\ell$  of  $\angle FPF^*$  remains invariant as we move  $F$ . Let  $F$  coincide with  $P$ ; we conclude  $PP, PO$  are isogonal w.r.t  $\ell$ . So, the result follows.



**TelvCohl**

#11 Feb 8, 2015, 12:42 pm

We can get the result mentioned by Luis from the theorem mentioned in the posts #2 and #4 :

( I use the figure and notation in my post above )

From  $MA^2 = MF \cdot MF^* \implies MA$  is the tangent of  $\odot(AFF^*)$ ,  
so combine with  $(P, M; F, F^*) = -1 \implies AP$  is A-symmedian of  $\triangle AFF^*$ .

Done 😊



IDMasterz

#12 Feb 8, 2015, 5:26 pm

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“ TelvCohl wrote:

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( I use the figure and notation in my post above )

From  $MA^2 = MF \cdot MF^* \implies MA$  is the tangent of  $\odot(AFF^*)$ ,  
so combine with  $(P, M; F, F^*) = -1 \implies AP$  is  $A$ -symmedian of  $\triangle AFF^*$ .

Done 😊

So we could provide a backward proof of your properties using this one?



TelvCohl

#13 Apr 22, 2015, 10:48 am

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“ Luis González wrote:

Here is another related and useful result in these configurations. I found it some time ago:  $\mathcal{H}$  is a rectangular hyperbola and  $F, F^* \in \mathcal{H}$  are diametrically opposite.  $P$  is an arbitrary point on  $\mathcal{H}$  other than  $F, F^*$ . Then the tangent of  $\mathcal{H}$  at  $P$  is the  $P$ -symmedian of  $\triangle PFF^*$ .

This simplified follows from the fact that  $\mathcal{H}$  is the isogonal conjugate of the perpendicular bisector of  $FF^*$  WRT  $\triangle PFF^*$  😊.



Luis González

#14 Apr 22, 2015, 11:16 am

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Yes Telv, that was exactly how I found the result. Quite simple 😊

I resorted it in the solution of the problem [Angle related to Fermat points and Isodynamic points](#) and BTW we can also use it to prove r960.

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## High School Olympiads

Prove that  $I, J, K$  are collinear. 

 Reply



**hoangquan**

#1 Jul 23, 2012, 10:19 am

Let  $M$  be a point in the plane of  $\triangle ABC$ , and  $d$  a line passing through  $M$ . Let  $I, J, K$  be the points where the reflections of lines  $MA, MB, MC$  with respect to  $d$  intersect lines  $BC, AC, AB$  respectively. Prove that  $I, J, K$  are collinear.



**applepi2000**

#2 Jul 23, 2012, 10:43 am

See [here](#).



**jayme**

#3 Jul 23, 2012, 4:13 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,

this problem comes from  
Goormaghtigh R., Sur une généralisation du théorème de Noyer, Droz-Farny et Neuberg

Sincerely  
Jean-Louis



**jayme**

#4 May 1, 2015, 1:59 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,  
you can see a complete study and more on

<http://jl.ayme.pagesperso-orange.fr/Docs/Goormaghtigh.pdf>

Sincerely  
Jean-Louis



**Luis González**

#5 May 4, 2015, 7:46 am

Let  $X, Y, Z$  be the projections of  $M$  on  $BC, CA, AB$  and let  $P$  be the projection of  $M$  on  $JK$ .

From cyclic  $MYPJ$  and  $MZKP$ , we get  $\widehat{MPY} = \widehat{MJY}$  and  $\widehat{MPZ} = \widehat{MKZ} \Rightarrow \widehat{YPZ} = \widehat{MJY} + \widehat{MKZ} = \widehat{BAC} + \widehat{KMC}$ . But since  $MJ, MK$  are the reflections of  $MB, MC$  on  $d$ , we deduce that  $\widehat{KMJ} = \pi - \widehat{BMC} \Rightarrow \widehat{YPZ} = \pi + \widehat{BAC} - \widehat{BMC} = \pi - \widehat{YXZ} \Rightarrow P \in \odot(XYZ) \Rightarrow JK$  touches the inconic  $\mathcal{C}$  with focus  $M$  and pedal circle  $\odot(XYZ)$ . Similarly  $IJ$  touches  $\mathcal{C} \Rightarrow I, J, K$  are collinear on a tangent of  $\mathcal{C}$ .



**MillenniumFalcon**

#6 May 4, 2015, 9:07 am

I think it is supposed to be  $YPZ = KMJ - BAC$ ,  $KMJ = BMC$ , Hence  $YPZ = BMC - BAC = ABM + ACM = YXZ$ , hence concyclic.

And i'm not very good at inconic, but why does  $IJ$  touch  $C$  as well?





Luis González

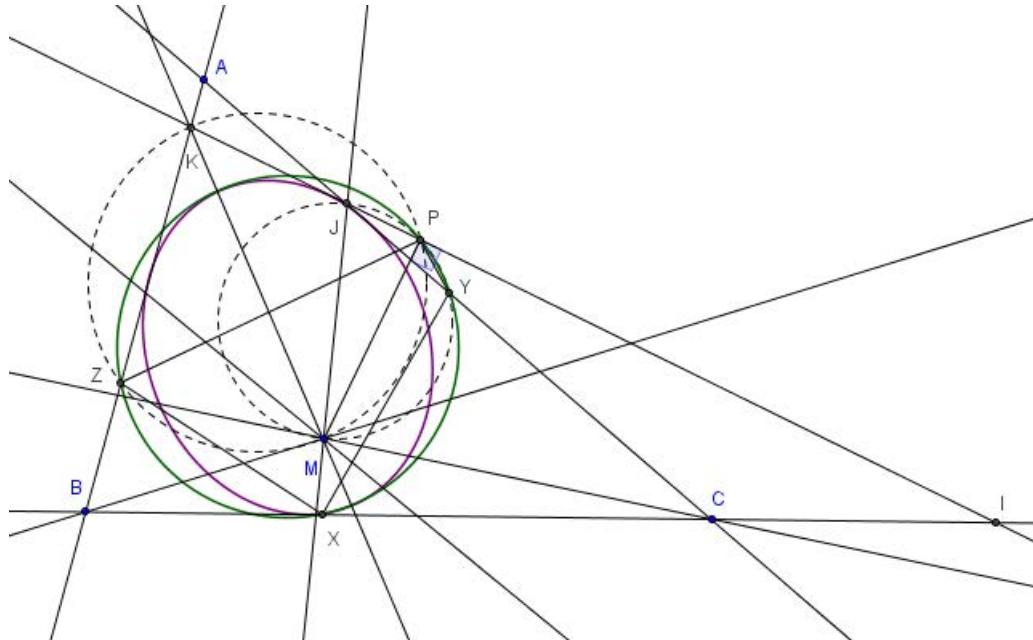
#7 May 4, 2015, 9:51 am

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MillenniumFalcon, since I'm not using oriented angles modulo 180°, the angle chase is figure-dependent. Referer to the diagram below.

Once you prove that  $JK$  touches  $\mathcal{C}$ , there's no need to prove it for  $IJ$  and  $IK$ , as it simply follows by analogy due to the symmetry of the conditions. In general, given a central conic  $\mathcal{C}$  with a focus  $F$ , the projection of  $F$  on a tangent of  $\mathcal{C}$  lies on its pedal circle, i.e. the circle with diameter its major axis.

*Attachments:*



MillenniumFalcon

#8 May 4, 2015, 4:02 pm

Ah ok. oops. Thanks.



TelyCoh

#10 May 7, 2015, 6:28 pm

Another solution :



Let  $JK$  cut  $BC$  at  $L^*$ .

From Dual Desargue Involution theorem  $\implies M(I^*, J; K, C) = M(A, B; C, K)$ .

Since  $MI, MJ, MK$  is the reflection of  $MA, MB, MC$  in  $d$ , respectively ,  
so  $M(I, J; K, C) \equiv M(A, B; C, K) \equiv M(I^*, J; K, C) \implies MI \equiv MI^* \implies I \equiv I^*$ .

QED

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Intresting property of isogonal conjugate points X

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paul1703

#1 Nov 10, 2011, 1:48 pm

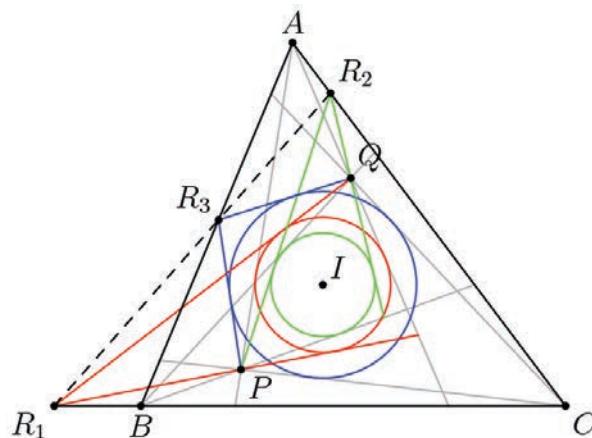
Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be two isogonal conjugate points in triangle  $\triangle ABC$  and let  $I$  be the incenter of the triangle. Consider the tangents from the points  $P$  and  $Q$  to the circle centered at  $I$  and tangent to lines  $AP$ ,  $AQ$  prove that these tangents meet on  $BC$ .



nsato

#2 Nov 11, 2011, 1:50 am • 1

Nice problem! Let  $R_1$  be the point in the problem. Do the same with vertices  $B$  and  $C$ , to get points  $R_2$  and  $R_3$ . It looks like  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ , and  $R_3$  are always collinear.



paul1703

#3 Nov 18, 2011, 4:39 pm

Maybe some brain-storming will help 😊 does anybody have any ideas?? 😊



skytin

#4 Nov 18, 2011, 8:40 pm

Hint :  
Use Newton theorem for isogonal points



paul1703

#5 Nov 18, 2011, 11:20 pm

Please can you explain better? 🤔



skytin

#6 Nov 19, 2011, 12:43 am

If given four points  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ ,  $D$  and  $P$ ,  $Q$  are two isogonal points in  $ABCD$ , then midpoint of  $PQ$  lies on Gauss line of lines  $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $CD$ ,  $AD$ .



Luis González

#7 Nov 19, 2011, 2:51 am • 1

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#8 Feb 15, 2015, 11:48 am

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Regards

Antreas



TelvCohl

#9 Mar 2, 2016, 3:40 pm • 3

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Let  $M$  be the center of the spiral similarity of  $PI \mapsto IQ$ . Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be the points such that  $\triangle MXA, \triangle MYB, \triangle MPI, \triangle MIQ$  are directly similar. From  $\triangle MXA \stackrel{+}{\sim} \triangle MPI \stackrel{+}{\sim} \triangle MIQ \Rightarrow \triangle XPI \stackrel{+}{\sim} \triangle AIQ$ , so  $\angle PAI = \angle IAQ = \angle PXI \Rightarrow A, I, P, X$  are concyclic. Similarly, we can prove  $B, I, P, Y$  are concyclic. Let  $Z \equiv AX \cap BY$ . Since

$$\angle BZA = \angle ZBI + \angle BIA + \angle IAZ = \angle YPI + \angle BIA + \angle IPX,$$

so combine  $\angle IPX = \angle QIA$  and  $\angle YPI = \angle BIQ$  we get  $\angle BZA = \angle BCA \Rightarrow Z$  lies on  $\odot(ABC)$ . On the other hand, from  $\angle MAZ = \angle MBZ$  we get  $A, B, M, Z$  are concyclic, so  $M$  also lies on  $\odot(ABC)$ .

Let the tangent of  $\odot(AIM)$  passing through  $I$  cuts  $BC$  at  $D$  and  $N \equiv AI \cap \odot(ABC), U \equiv AI \cap BC, V \equiv MN \cap BC$ . Let  $\Phi$  be the inversion with center  $M$  and radius  $MI$  followed by reflection in  $MI$ . From  $NA \cdot NU = NM \cdot NV = NI^2$  we get  $A, M, U, V$  are concyclic and  $\triangle NMI \sim \triangle NIV$ , so  $\angle MVD = \angle MAI = \angle MID \Rightarrow D$  lies on  $\odot(IMV)$ , hence  $\angle MDI = \angle MVI = \angle MIA \Rightarrow \triangle MAI \stackrel{+}{\sim} \triangle MID$ . i.e.  $D$  is the image of  $A$  under  $\Phi$

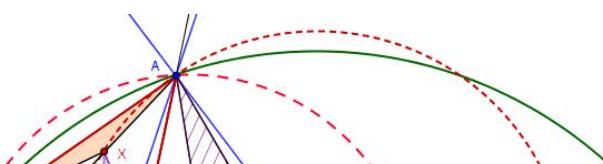
From  $\triangle MPI \stackrel{+}{\sim} \triangle MIQ \Rightarrow P, Q$  are the image of each other under  $\Phi$ , so  $\triangle MAP \stackrel{+}{\sim} \triangle MQD \Rightarrow$

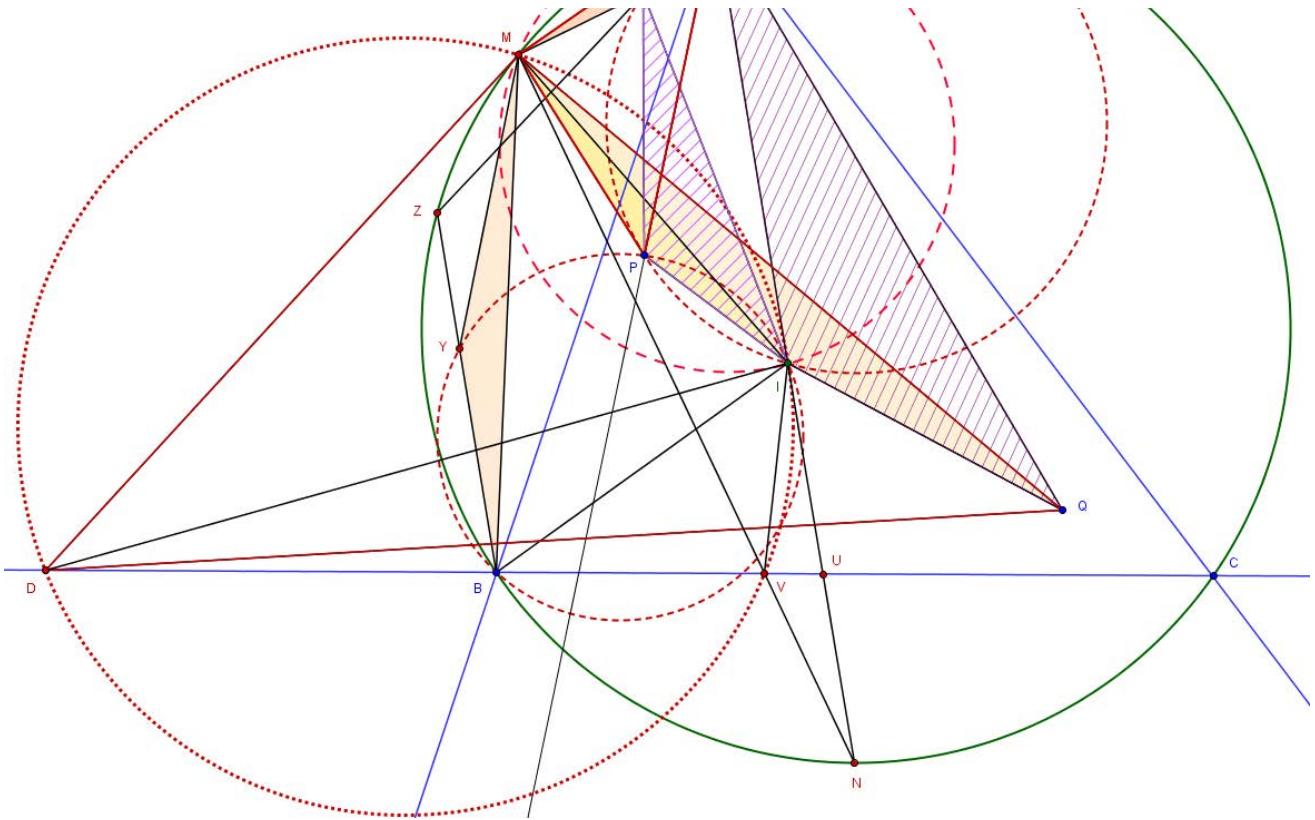
$$\angle AQI = \angle XIP = \angle XAP = \angle MAP - \angle MAX = \angle MQD - \angle MQI = \angle IQD,$$

hence  $QD$  and  $QA$  are symmetry WRT  $QI$ . Similarly, we can prove the reflection of  $AP$  in  $IP$  passes through  $D$ .

**Remark :** If we construct  $E, F$  similarly, then  $D, E, F$  are collinear (image of  $\odot(ABC)$  under  $\Phi$ ).

Attachments:





Luis González

#10 Mar 2, 2016, 7:47 pm • 3

Let the second tangents from  $P, Q$  to the circle  $\omega_I$ , centered at  $I$  tangent to  $AP, AQ$ , intersect at  $D$ . Let  $\ell_B, \tau_B$  be the tangents from  $B$  to  $\omega_I$ . By dual of Desargues' involution theorem for  $APDQ$ , it follows that  $BA \mapsto BD, BP \mapsto BQ, \ell_B \mapsto \tau_B$  is an involution, which coincides then with the reflection across  $BI$ , because  $\ell_B, \tau_B$  and  $BP, BQ$  are symmetric WRT  $BI \implies BC \equiv BD$ , i.e.  $D \in BC$ .



TelvCohl

#11 Mar 6, 2016, 12:48 am

**Another approach :**

Let the reflection of  $AP, BP, CP$  in  $IP$  cuts  $BC, CA, AB$  at  $D, E, F$ , respectively. From  $\angle BPC = \angle FPE$  we get the isogonal conjugate of  $P$  WRT quadrilateral  $BCEF$  exist, so  $Q$  is the isogonal conjugate of  $P$  WRT quadrilateral  $BCEF$ , hence there is a conic  $\mathcal{C}$  with focus  $P, Q$  and tangent to the sides of quadrilateral  $BCEF$ .

On the other hand, from hard geo (post #5)  $\implies EF$  is tangent to the incircle  $\odot(I)$  of  $\triangle ABC$ , so  $EF$  is the forth common tangent of  $\odot(I)$  and  $\mathcal{C}$ . Analogously, we can prove  $FD$  is tangent to  $\odot(I)$  and  $\mathcal{C}$ , so we conclude that  $D, E, F$  are collinear and  $D, E, F$  lies on the reflection of  $AQ, BQ, CQ$  in  $IQ$ , respectively.



Luis González

#12 Mar 6, 2016, 8:21 am

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See also <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/community/c6h490232> (post #5).

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## High School Olympiads

Midpoints as center of the involutions X

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ricarlos

#1 Mar 5, 2016, 8:32 am

Let  $ABCDEF$  be a complete quadrilateral. Let  $L, M, N$  be the midpoints of  $FE, AC$  and  $BD$ , respectively.

$P = LN \cap AB$ ,

$Q = LN \cap BC$ ,

$R = LN \cap AD$ ,

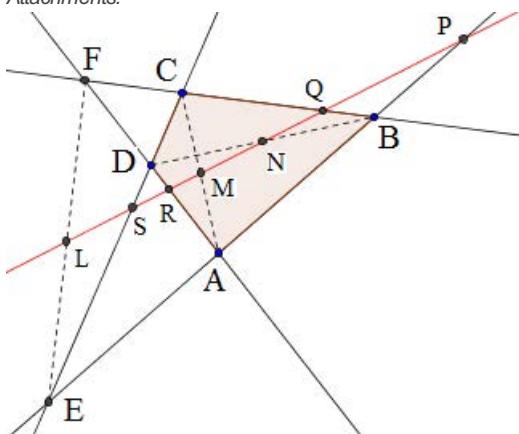
$S = LN \cap CD$ . Prove that,

$$LS \cdot LP = LR \cdot LQ = LM \cdot LN,$$

$$MQ \cdot MS = MR \cdot MP = MN \cdot ML \text{ and}$$

$$NS \cdot NR = NP \cdot NQ = NM \cdot NL.$$

Attachments:



TelvCohl

#2 Mar 6, 2016, 12:44 am

Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be the parabola which is tangent to  $AB, CD, AC, BD$ . Since  $M, N$  is the midpoint of  $AC, BD$ , respectively, so from Pure geometry ((★) at post #2) we get  $MN$  is tangent to  $\mathcal{P}$ , hence  $(E, P; A, B) = (E, S; C, D) \implies$

$$(L, S; Q, R) \stackrel{F}{=} (E, S; C, D) = (E, P; A, B) \stackrel{F}{=} (L, P; R, Q)$$

$\implies L$  is the center of the involution that swaps  $(P, S)$  and  $(Q, R)$  ... (★).

On the other hand, from Desargues' involution theorem (quadrilateral  $ABCD$  cut by  $MN$ ) we get  $P \mapsto S, Q \mapsto R, M \mapsto N$  is an involution, so combine (★) we conclude that  $LM \cdot LN = LP \cdot LS = LQ \cdot LR$ .



Luis González

#3 Mar 6, 2016, 8:06 am

Let  $X, Y, Z$  be the midpoints of  $AB, BF, FA$ , resp. Clearly  $N \in XY, L \in YZ$  and  $M \in ZX$ . Thus if  $Y_\infty, Z_\infty, U_\infty$  denote the points at infinity of  $ZX, XY, MN$ , then by Desargues involution theorem for  $YZY_\infty Z_\infty$  cut by the line  $MNL$ , it follows that  $M \mapsto N, R \mapsto Q, L \mapsto U_\infty$  is an involution, i.e.  $L$  is the center of the involution that swaps  $(M, N)$  and  $(Q, R)$ . But by Desargues involution theorem for  $ABCD$  cut by  $MN$ , it follows that this involution swaps  $(P, S)$  as well and the conclusion follows.

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Scorpion.k48

#1 Mar 3, 2016, 9:01 pm

Let  $\triangle ABC$  with orthocenter  $H$ .  $\overline{A_1, B_1, C_1}$  is tripolar line of  $H$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$ . Tangent at  $A$  of ( $O$ ) cuts  $BC$  at  $A_2$ . Let  $M$  is Miquel point of  $\triangle ABC$  WRT  $\overline{A_1, B_1, C_1}$  and  $L$  is symmedian point of  $\triangle ABC$ . Prove that  $M$  is anti-Steiner point of  $HL$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$

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TelvCohl

#5 Mar 3, 2016, 10:28 pm • 1

### Solution to the first part :

Let  $T$  be the isotomic conjugate of  $H$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$ . Since the cevian triangle of  $T$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$  is the pedal triangle of the anticomplement  $V$  of  $H$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$ , so from Sondat's theorem we get the tripolar  $\tau$  of  $T$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$  is perpendicular to  $VT$ , hence notice  $T$  is the anticomplement of  $L$  WRT  $\triangle ABC \implies \tau$  is perpendicular to  $HL$  ... (\*).

Since the Newton line of the complete quadrilateral  $\mathbf{Q} \equiv \{\triangle ABC, \overline{A_1 B_1 C_1}\}$  is the complement of  $\tau$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$ , so from (\*) we get  $HL$  is the Steiner line of  $\mathbf{Q}$ , hence we conclude that  $M$  is the anti-steiner point of  $HL$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$ .

**Remark :** We can use the result of this problem to prove the following property of Kiepert hyperbola :

Given a  $\triangle ABC$  with orthocenter  $H$ . Let  $P$  be a point on the Kiepert hyperbola of  $\triangle ABC$  and  $Q$  be the isotomic conjugate of  $P$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$ . Then  $HP$  is perpendicular to the tripolar of  $Q$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$ .

**Proof :** First, notice that  $HP$  is perpendicular to the tripolar of  $Q$  WRT  $\triangle ABC \iff P$  lies on a fixed conic  $\mathcal{C}$  passing through  $H$  and the Centroid of  $\triangle ABC$  (the proof of this result is similar to [Two surprising perpendiculars](#) (post #11)), so we only need to prove  $\mathcal{C}$  coincide with the Kiepert hyperbola of  $\triangle ABC$ .

Since the tripolar  $\varsigma_F$  of the Fermat point  $F_e$  of  $\triangle ABC$  coincide with its orthotransversal WRT  $\triangle ABC$ , so if  $\varsigma_F$  cuts  $BC, CA, AB$  at  $D, E, F$ , respectively, then  $HF_e$  is the radical axis of  $\odot(AD), \odot(BE), \odot(CF)$ , hence  $HF_e$  is the Steiner line of the complete quadrilateral  $\{\triangle ABC, \varsigma_F\} \implies HF_e$  is perpendicular to the tripolar (WRT  $\triangle ABC$ ) of the isotomic conjugate of  $F_e$  WRT  $\triangle ABC \implies F_e$  lies on  $\mathcal{C}$  ... (★).

From this problem  $\implies$  the tripolar of the isotomic conjugate of  $H$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$  is perpendicular to the tangent  $HL$  of the Kiepert hyperbola  $\mathcal{K}$  passing through  $H$ , so combine (★) we conclude that  $\mathcal{C}$  coincide with  $\mathcal{K}$ .



Luis González

#6 Mar 4, 2016, 3:38 am • 1

Another solution to the first claim:

$\triangle A_0B_0C_0$  is the orthic triangle of  $\triangle ABC$  and  $A', B', C'$  are the projections of  $A, B, C$  on  $B_0C_0, C_0A_0, A_0B_0$ .  $\triangle L_aL_bL_c$  is the pedal triangle of  $L$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$ . Using the result of the problem [Circumcircles of 3 triangles have two common points](#) (post #4) for  $\triangle A_0B_0C_0$ , it follows that  $\odot(AA_0A_1A'), \odot(BB_0B_1B'), \odot(CC_0C_1C')$  are coaxal with common radical axis passing through  $L$ . Denote by  $-\varrho^2$  the power of  $L$  WRT these circles.

If  $AL$  cuts  $\odot(AA_0A_1)$  again at  $U$  (projection of  $A_1$  on  $AL$  and  $A_1U$  cuts  $LL_b, LL_c$  at  $L_2, L_3$ , we get then  $LL_b \cdot LL_2 = LL_c \cdot LL_3 = LA \cdot LU = -\varrho^2$ ). Thus we conclude that  $\overline{A_1B_1C_1}$  is the perspectrix of  $\triangle ABC$  and the triangle  $\triangle L_1L_2L_3$  formed by the images of  $L_a, L_b, L_c$  under inversion  $(L, -\varrho^2)$ . Thus according to ["Kariya" parabola](#) (post #4), we conclude that  $M$  is the anti-Steiner point of  $HL$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$ .

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Circumcircles of 3 triangles have two common points X

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**Math-lover123**

#1 Jan 1, 2014, 10:15 pm

Let  $ABC$  be a scalene triangle.

Denote by  $I_a$  the center of the excircle at side  $BC$  and by  $A_1$  its tangency point with the corresponding side.

Points  $I_b, I_c, B_1, C_1$  are defined analogously.

Show that the circumcircles of triangles  $AI_aA_1, BI_bB_1$  and  $CI_cC_1$  have two common points.



**Luis González**

#2 Jan 2, 2014, 1:20 am

Let  $I$  be the incenter of  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\ell$  its trilinear polar that passes through  $X \equiv BC \cap I_bI_c, Y \equiv CA \cap I_cI_a$  and  $Z \equiv AB \cap I_aI_b$ . Since  $\angle XAI_a = \angle XA_1I_a = 90^\circ$ , then the center  $O_a$  of  $\odot(AA_1I_a)$  is the midpoint of  $\overline{XI_a}$ . Similarly,  $O_b, O_c$  are midpoints of  $\overline{YI_b}, \overline{ZI_c}$ . Since  $X, Y, Z$  are collinear, then  $O_a, O_b, O_c$  are also collinear on a line  $\tau$ , which is the complement of the isotomic line of  $\ell$  WRT  $\triangle I_aI_bI_c$ . Since  $\overline{IA} \cdot \overline{II_a} = \overline{IB} \cdot \overline{II_b} = \overline{IC} \cdot \overline{II_c}$ , it follows that  $(O_a), (O_b), (O_c)$  are coaxal with common radical axis passing through  $I$ .



**jayme**

#3 Jan 2, 2014, 12:04 pm

Dear Mathlinkers, the common chord goes through the Mittenpunkt of  $ABC$ .

For this reason, D. Grinberg calls these two points "Mitten-Schröder puncts".

Sincerely

Jean-Louis



**Luis González**

#4 Jan 3, 2014, 1:52 am

In response to jayme's observation:

Denote  $M$  the Mittenpunkt of  $\triangle ABC$ , i.e. the symmedian point of  $\triangle I_aI_bI_c$  and  $D, E, F$  the midpoints of  $I_bI_c, I_cI_a, I_aI_b$ , respectively.  $\tau \equiv O_aO_bO_c$  is the complement of the isotomic line of  $I$  WRT  $\triangle I_aI_bI_c$ , thus in the  $\triangle DEF$ , it is the trilinear polar of the retrocenter  $M$  of  $\triangle DEF$ . The cevian triangle of  $M$  WRT  $\triangle DEF$  is also pedal triangle of  $I$ , hence by Sondat's theorem  $IM$  is perpendicular to  $\tau$ , which implies that  $M$  is on the radical axis of the aforementioned circles.

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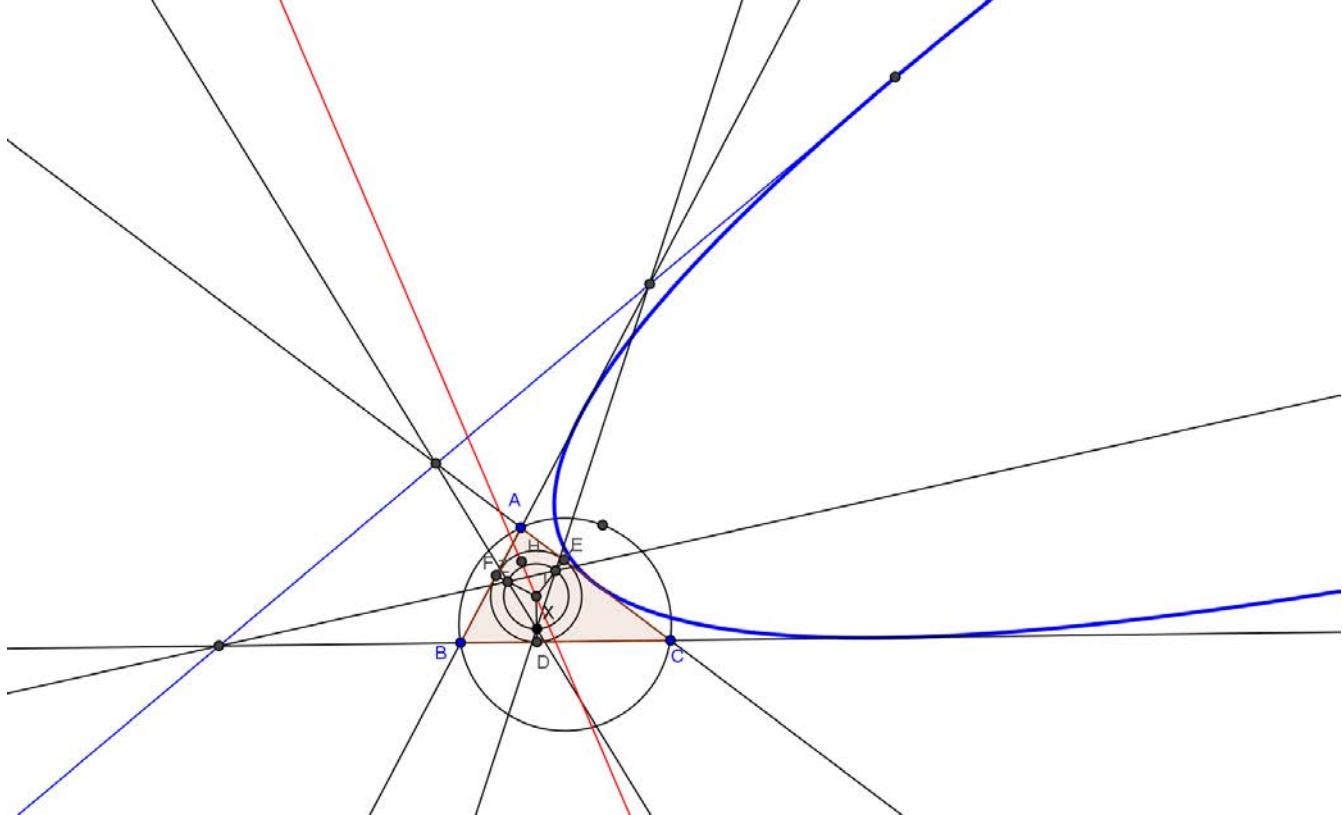
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**"Kariya" parabola**  Reply

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**A-B-C**#1 Jul 10, 2015, 7:28 pm • 1  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $I$  is incenter. The incircle tangents to  $BC$ ,  $CA$ ,  $AB$  at  $D$ ,  $E$ ,  $F$ Let  $X, Y, Z$  be three points on  $ID, IE, IF$  such that  $\frac{IX}{ID} = \frac{IY}{IE} = \frac{IZ}{IF}$ Then  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle XYZ$  are perspective according to Kariya's theorem.Prove that the perspectrix of  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle XYZ$  tangents to the parabola has directrix  $IH$  and focus  $T$  where  $H$  is orthocenter of  $\triangle ABC$  and  $T$  is antisteiner point of  $IH$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$ 

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**TelvCohl**#3 Jul 10, 2015, 8:21 pm • 3 

Let  $\overline{PQR}$  be the perspectrix of  $\triangle ABC, \triangle XYZ$  and  $\overline{D^*E^*F^*}$  be the perspectrix of  $\triangle ABC, \triangle DEF$ . Since  $Q \mapsto R$  is a homography as  $X, Y, Z$  varies on  $ID, IE, IF$ , respectively, so  $\overline{PQR}$  is tangent to a fixed conic  $\mathcal{C}$ . Notice  $\overline{PQR}$  become the line  $\ell_\infty$  at infinity when  $X, Y, Z$  coincide with the infinity point on  $ID, IE, IF$ , respectively, so  $\ell_\infty$  is the tangent of  $\mathcal{C} \Rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  is a parabola. Since  $IH$  is the common radical axis of  $\odot(AD^*), \odot(BE^*), \odot(CF^*)$ , so the Newton line of the complete quadrilateral  $\{BC, CA, AB, \overline{D^*E^*F^*}\}$  is perpendicular to  $IH \Rightarrow$  the focus of  $\mathcal{C}$  is the anti-steiner point  $T$  of  $IH$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$  ( $\because$  the infinity point on the Newton line is the isogonal conjugate of the Miquel point of the complete quadrilateral).

**Luis González**#4 Jul 11, 2015, 5:59 am • 3 

**Generalization:**  $P$  is arbitrary point on the plane of  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle DEF$  is the pedal triangle of  $P$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$ .  $X, Y, Z$  lie on  $PD, PE, PF$ , such that  $\overline{PD} \cdot \overline{PX} = \overline{PE} \cdot \overline{PY} = \overline{PF} \cdot \overline{PZ} = \rho^2$ . Then  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle XYZ$  are perspective and their perspectrix touches the inscribed parabola with directrix  $PH$  and focus the anti-Steiner point of  $PH$ ; where  $H$  is orthocenter of  $\triangle ABC$ .

Since  $PD \cdot PX = \rho^2$ , then  $X$  is the pole of  $BC$  WRT  $\odot(P, \rho)$  and likewise  $Y$  and  $Z$  are the poles of  $CA, AB$  WRT  $\odot(P, \rho) \implies \triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle XYZ$  are perspective through the perspector of  $\odot(P, \rho)$  WRT  $\triangle ABC \implies U \equiv YZ \cap BC, V \equiv ZX \cap CA, W \equiv XY \cap AB$  are collinear on their perspectrix  $\tau$ .

Since  $YZ$  and  $EF$  are antiparallel WRT  $PE, PF$ , then it follows that  $PA \perp YZ$  and similarly  $PB \perp ZX$  and  $PC \perp XY$ . Thus when  $X, Y, Z$  vary,  $YZ, ZX, XY$  have fixed directions  $\implies$  the series  $U, V, W$  are similar  $\implies UV \equiv \tau$  envelopes a fixed parabola  $\mathcal{P}$  tangent to  $CA, AB$ . When  $Z$  coincides with the orthocenter of  $\triangle PAB$ , we clearly have  $V \equiv A, U \equiv B \implies AB$  touches  $\mathcal{P}$ . When  $X \equiv V \equiv D' \equiv PD \cap AC$ , then  $Y \equiv U \equiv E' \equiv PE \cap BC$  because  $\overline{PE} \cdot \overline{PE'} = \overline{PD} \cdot \overline{PD'} \implies D'E'$  touches  $\mathcal{P}$ . As a result, the directrix of  $\mathcal{P}$  is the line through the orthocenters  $H$  and  $P$  of  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle CD'E'$ . Its focus is consequently the anti-Steiner point of  $PH$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$ .



**Scorpion.k48**

#5 Mar 23, 2016, 9:25 pm

Dear TelvCohl, why the infinity point on the Newton line is the isogonal conjugate of the Miquel point of the complete quadrilateral? Could you help me?

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## High School Olympiads



Show that  $XP = XL$



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hnt12092000

#1 Mar 3, 2016, 9:25 am • 1

Can you solve my problem ?

Let  $ABC$  is a triangle. Circumcircle  $ABC$  is  $(O)$ .  $(I)$  is incircle of the triangle  $ABC$ .  $CI \cap AB = E$  and  $BI \cap AC = F$ ,  $EF \cap (O) = M, N$  such that  $E$  between  $M$  and  $F$ ;  $MI \cap BC = P$ ;  $NI \cap BC = L$ .  $X$  is Excircles of the triangle  $ABC$  at  $A$ . Show that  $XP = XL$



Luis González

#2 Mar 3, 2016, 10:09 am • 2

Let  $Y$  and  $Z$  be the excenters of  $\triangle ABC$  againts  $B$  and  $C$ . Thus  $I$  and  $(O)$  become orthocenter and 9-point circle of  $\triangle XYZ$ . From cyclic  $IBZA$ , we get  $EB \cdot EA = EI \cdot EZ \implies E$  has equal power WRT  $(O)$  and  $\odot(IYZ) \implies E$  is on their radical axis and so is  $F$  similarly  $\implies EF$  is radical axis of  $(O)$  and  $\odot(IYZ) \implies \{M, N\} \equiv (O) \cap \odot(IYZ)$ .

Inversion with center  $I$  and power  $IB \cdot IY = IC \cdot IZ$  swaps  $(O), (J) \equiv \odot(XYZ)$  and  $\odot(IYZ)$ ,  $BC \implies \{P, L\} \equiv BC \cap \odot(XYZ)$ . Now since  $BC \equiv PL$  is antiparallel to  $YZ$  WRT  $XY, XZ$ , then  $XJ \perp PL$ , i.e.  $XJ$  is perpendicular bisector of  $PL$ , or  $XP = XL$ .



doxuanlong15052000

#4 Mar 3, 2016, 10:20 am • 2

My solution for this problem:

Let  $PM, NL$  cut  $(O)$  at  $U, V$  respectively,  $AI$  cuts  $(O)$  at  $T$  and  $(X)$  tangents to  $BC$  at  $R$ . From

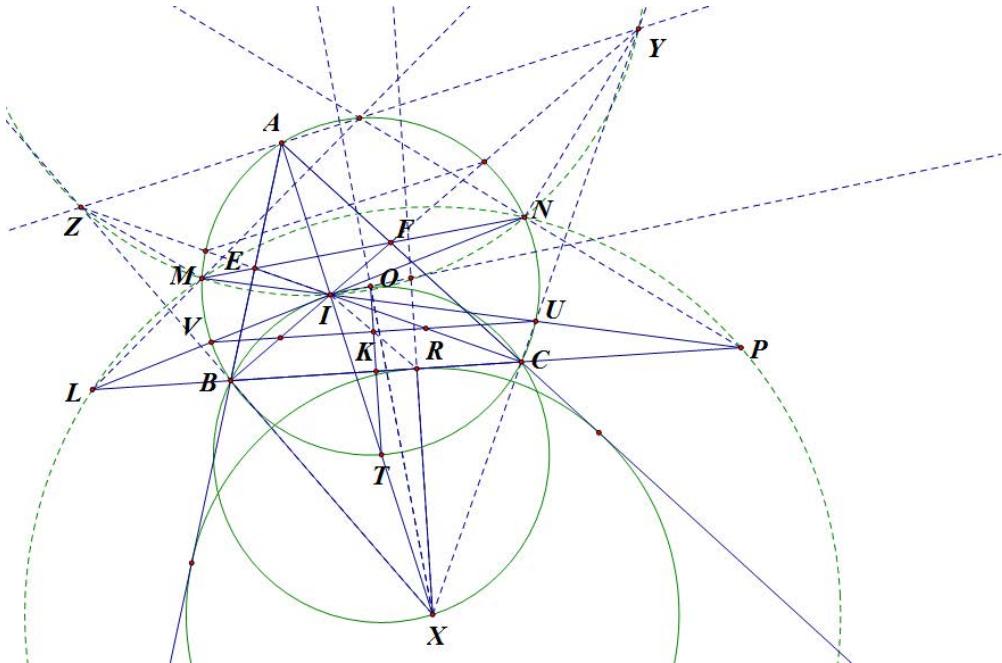
[https://www.artofproblemsolving.com/community/c6t48f6h1184231\\_another\\_lemma](https://www.artofproblemsolving.com/community/c6t48f6h1184231_another_lemma)[urlPost #1], we have  $UV$  is average line of  $\triangle IPL$ . Since  $T$  is the midpoint of  $IX$ , then  $OT$  cuts  $IR$  at the midpoint of  $PR$  (Denote that  $K$  is the midpoint of  $IR$  then  $K$  lies on  $UV$ ). On the other hand,  $K$  is the midpoint of  $UV$ , then  $R$  is the midpoint of  $PL$ , so  $XL = XP$ .

**One large result:** We have  $X$  is the circumcenter of  $(LMNP)$ .

Because  $UV$  is parallel to  $LP$ , then  $L, M, N, P$  are concyclic

Let  $Y$  and  $Z$  be the excenter of  $\triangle ABC$  oppsite  $B$  and  $C$  respectively. Then  $I$  and  $O$  are the othocenter and Euler-circle center of  $\triangle XYZ$ . Let  $(O_1)$  be the circumcenter of  $\triangle XYZ$  and  $(O'_1)$  be the projection of  $(O_1)$  around  $YZ$ . From  $EA \cdot EB = EI \cdot EZ$  and  $FY \cdot FI = FA \cdot FC$ , we have  $E$  and  $F$  lie on the radical axis of  $(O)$  and  $(O'_1)$ , well-know that  $X, O, O'_1$  are collinear, then  $XO$  is perpendicular to  $EF$ . And since  $XL = XP$ , then  $X$  is the circumcenter of  $(LMNP)$ .

Attachments:



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## High School Olympiads

Locus of circumcenter X

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ThE-dArK-IOrD

#1 Mar 1, 2016, 11:58 pm

Given  $\triangle ABC$ , let  $D, E$  on its circumcenter ( $O$ ) such that  $DE$  is a diameter  
Reflect  $DE$  with  $AB, BC, CA$  get 3 lines forming a triangle, let its circumcenter be  $T$   
Proof that locus of  $T$  as  $D$  varies on ( $O$ ) is a circle tangent to ( $O$ )



Luis González

#2 Mar 2, 2016, 12:29 am

For a more general problem see the topic [Locus of a point on OI line.](#)

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## High School Olympiads

Locus of a point on OI line X

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TelvCohl

#1 Feb 28, 2015, 8:35 pm

Let  $\ell$  be a line passing through the circumcenter  $O$  of  $\triangle ABC$ .  
 Let  $\ell_A, \ell_B, \ell_C$  be the reflection of  $\ell$  in  $BC, CA, AB$ , respectively.  
 Let  $A^* = \ell_B \cap \ell_C, B^* = \ell_C \cap \ell_A, C^* = \ell_A \cap \ell_B$ .  
 Let  $O^*, I^*$  be the circumcenter, incenter of  $\triangle A^*B^*C^*$ , respectively.  
 Let  $k \in \mathbb{R}$  be a constant and  $P$  be a point such that  $\overrightarrow{O^*P} : \overrightarrow{I^*P} = k$ .

Prove that the locus of  $P$  is a circle tangent to  $\odot(O)$  when  $\ell$  rotates around  $O$



Luis González

#2 Mar 1, 2015, 12:13 am • 1

From the problems [The incenter lies on circumcircle \[Iran Second Round 95\]](#) and [On the reflections of a line wrt the sidelines of a triangle](#),  $\triangle A^*B^*C^*$  is similar to the orthic triangle of  $\triangle ABC, I^* \equiv AA^* \cap BB^*, CC^* \cap (O)$  and  $I^*O^*$  cuts  $(O)$  again at the Euler's reflection point  $X$  of  $\triangle ABC$ .

Let  $O_B, O_C$  be the reflections of  $O$  on  $CA, AB$  lying on  $\ell_B, \ell_C$ . Since  $\angle O_B A^* O_C$  is constant  $\implies A^*$  moves on a fixed circle that goes through  $O_B, O_C, A$  (because of  $\angle O_B A O_C = 2 \cdot \angle BAC = \pi - \angle B^* A^* C^*$ ) and  $X$  (when  $\ell$  coincides with the Euler line). Thus  $\angle I^* A^* X \equiv \angle A A^* X$  is constant  $\implies \triangle A^* B^* C^* \cup \{X, P, I^*, O^*\}$  are all similar  $\implies \frac{X I^*}{X P} = \varrho = \text{constant} \implies P$  moves on image of  $(O)$  under homothety with center  $X$  and coefficient  $\varrho$ ; i.e. a circle tangent to  $(O)$  at  $X$ .



TelvCohl

#3 Mar 1, 2015, 12:48 am

Dear Luis, thanks for your interest and nice solution 😊

My solution is similar to yours but I prove " $\triangle A^*B^*C^* \cup \{X, P, I^*, O^*\}$  are all similar" in different way :

From [Reflection of a line WRT the sides of a triangle](#)  $\implies \odot(A^*B^*C^*) \perp \odot(ABC)$ ,  
 so  $X$  is the image of  $I^*$  under Inversion WRT  $\odot(A^*B^*C^*) \implies O^*I^* : O^*X$  is constant,  
 hence we get  $\triangle A^*B^*C^* \cup \{X, P, I^*, O^*\}$  are all similar .

**P.S.** When  $P \equiv O^*$ , the locus of  $P$  is the 9-point circle of the tangential triangle of  $\triangle ABC$  😊 .

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## High School Olympiads

Coaxality problem. X

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**dotheft1**

#1 Feb 28, 2016, 8:56 pm

Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with orthocenter  $H$ , the  $B$ - altitude and the  $C$  altitude meet the  $A$ - median  $AM$  at  $X, Y$  respectively. And let  $D$  be the orthogonal projection of  $A$  on  $BC$ . Let  $H'$  be the antipode of  $H$  in  $\odot(HBC)$ . Prove that  $\odot(BHY), \odot(CHX), \odot(H'DH)$  are coaxal.

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Reason: Notation fixed



**Luis González**

#2 Feb 29, 2016, 6:15 am • 1

Let  $E, F$  be the feet of the altitudes on  $CA, AB$ . Tangent of  $\odot(ABC) \equiv \odot(O, R)$  at  $A$  cuts  $BC$  at  $L$  and  $U \equiv LO \cap AB$ . Tangent of  $\odot(HBC) \equiv \odot(J, R)$  at  $H'$  cuts  $BC$  at  $P$  and  $V \equiv PJ \cap HB'$ . Clearly  $ABH'C$  is a parallelogram, thus by the symmetry WRT  $M$ , we get  $\frac{VH'}{VB} = \frac{UA}{UC} \implies$

$$\frac{VH'}{VB} = \frac{UA}{UC} = \frac{[OAL]}{[OCL]} = \frac{R \cdot AL}{OM \cdot LC} = \frac{R}{OM} \cdot \frac{AB}{AC} = \frac{AB}{AC \cdot \cos A} = \frac{AB}{AF} = \frac{YC}{YF},$$

which means that  $VY \parallel AB \parallel H'C$ , i.e.  $VY \perp HC \implies BHYV$  is cyclic on account of the right angles at  $B, Y \implies \odot(BHY)$  goes through the projection  $S$  of  $H$  on  $PJ$ . Likewise  $\odot(CHX)$  goes through  $S$  and  $S$  is obviously on  $\odot(H'DHP) \implies \odot(BHY), \odot(CHX)$  and  $\odot(H'DH)$  are coaxal with common radical axis  $HS$ .



**dotheft1**

#3 Feb 29, 2016, 6:58 pm

Sorry but what's  $HB'$  (there's no  $B'$ )? I guess you meant  $H'C$ ?

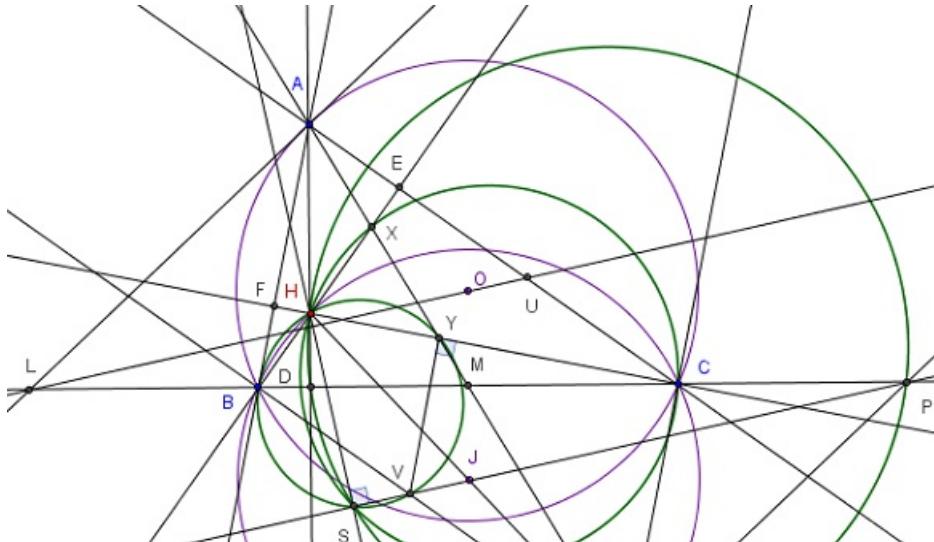


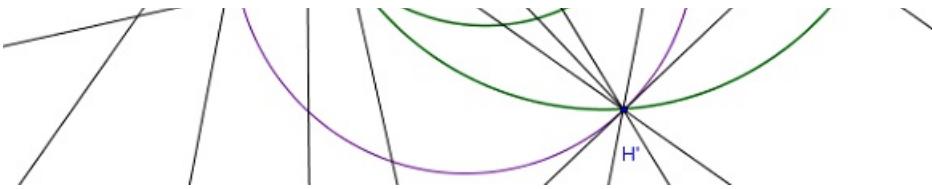
**Luis González**

#4 Mar 1, 2016, 8:59 am

Sorry it's a typo; I mean  $V \equiv PJ \cap H'B$ . Refer to the diagram below.

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**doxuanlong15052000**

#5 Mar 1, 2016, 12:04 pm

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My solution:

Let  $BH, CH$  cut  $CA, AB$  at point  $E$  and  $F$  respectively. Now, observe that the inversion with center  $H$ , power  $HA \cdot HD$ :

$H' \mapsto T, D \mapsto A, (HDH') \mapsto AT$

$C \mapsto F, X \mapsto L, (HXC) \mapsto LF$

$Y \mapsto R, E \mapsto B, (HEY) \mapsto RE$

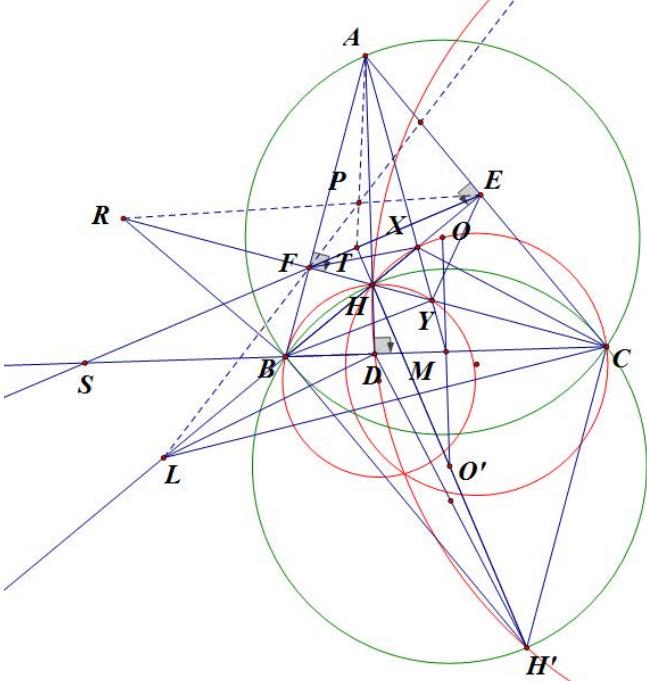
So, if  $\odot(BHY), \odot(CHX), \odot(H'DH)$  are coaxal, then  $RE, LF, AT$  are concurrent and we can prove it.

Easy see that  $T$  lies on  $EF$ . We have  $\angle HLF = \angle HCX$  and  $\angle ABE = \angle ACF \implies \angle BFL = \angle XCE$ . Similar, we have  $\angle YBM = \angle REF$  and  $\angle AER = \angle ABY$ . Use the Ceva's Theorem from Sin, we have done if

$$\frac{\sin TAE}{\sin TAF} = \frac{\sin XCB}{\sin XCA} \cdot \frac{\sin YBA}{\sin YBM}. \text{ But we have } \frac{\sin XCB}{\sin XCA} \cdot \frac{\sin YBA}{\sin YBM} = \frac{CA}{BA} \cdot \frac{MX}{XA} \cdot \frac{YA}{YM} \implies \text{Done if}$$

$$\frac{CA}{BA} \cdot \frac{MX}{XA} \cdot \frac{YA}{YM} = \frac{CE}{BF} \cdot \frac{AC}{AB}. \text{ Note that } \frac{CE}{BF} \cdot \frac{AC}{AB} = \frac{CE}{BF} \cdot \frac{AC}{AB} \implies \text{We have done!}$$

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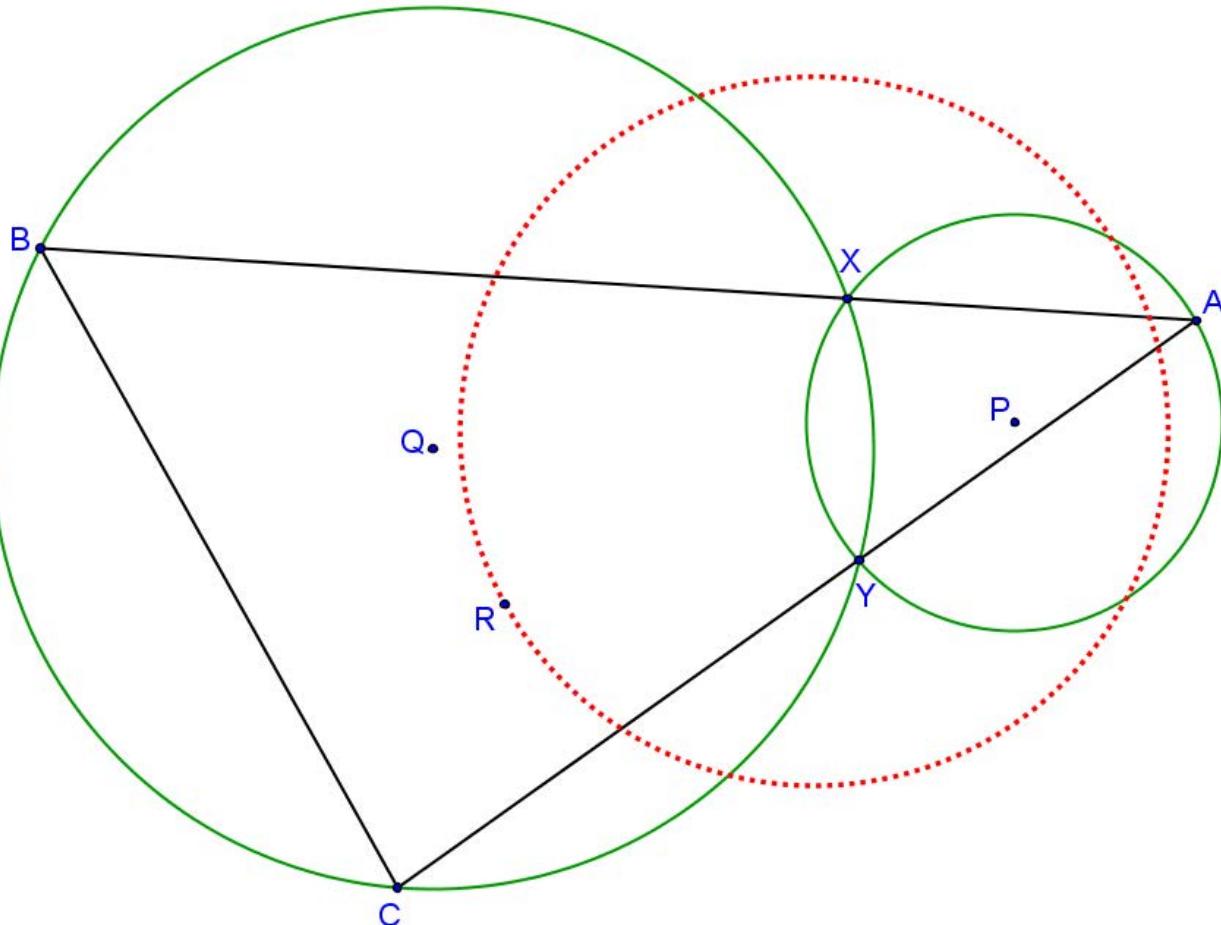
## High School Olympiads

Locus of isogonal conjugate X[Reply](#)**mjuk**

#1 Feb 29, 2016, 11:15 pm

Let  $(P)$ ,  $(Q)$  be two fixed circles intersecting at  $X, Y$ . Let  $A$  be a variable point on  $(P)$  and let  $B = AX \cap (Q)$ ,  $C = AY \cap (Q)$ . Let  $R$  be isogonal conjugate of  $Q$  wrt.  $\triangle ABC$ . Prove that  $R$  lies on a fixed circle as  $A$  varies.

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**Luis González**

#2 Mar 1, 2016, 12:49 am 1

Let the tangent of  $(P)$  at  $Y$  cut  $(Q)$  again at  $D$ .  $\angle DYC = \angle AXY = \angle BCY \Rightarrow BDYC$  is an isosceles trapezoid with shoulders  $BC = DY \Rightarrow BC$  is constant  $\Rightarrow$  Q-isosceles  $\triangle QBC$  are all congruent  $\Rightarrow \angle ABR = \angle CBQ = \angle BCQ = \angle ACR = \theta = \text{const} \Rightarrow BR, CR$  meet  $(Q)$  again at two fixed points  $U, V$ . Now since  $\angle BRC = \angle BAC + 2\theta = \text{const}$ , it follows that  $R$  moves on a circle that passes through  $U, V$ .

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Collinear



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Scorpion.k48

#1 Feb 28, 2016, 10:58 pm

Let  $\triangle ABC$  with orthocenter  $H$ .  $AH, BH, CH$  cut  $BC, CA, AB$  at  $A_0, B_0, C_0$ , res. Let  $A_1, B_1, C_1$  is midpoint of  $BC, CA, AB$ .  $A_1B_1, A_1C_1$  cut  $B_0C_0$  at  $A_b, A_c$ , res.  $A_bC_1$  cuts  $A_cB_1$  at  $A_2$ . Similarity with  $B_2, C_2$ . Prove that  $A_2, B_2, C_2$  are collinear.



TelvCohl

#3 Feb 29, 2016, 1:22 am • 1

Let  $O$  be the circumcenter of  $\triangle ABC$  and let  $X \equiv B_0C_0 \cap B_1C_1$ . Since  $B_1C_1$  and  $A_bA_c$  are antiparallel WRT  $\angle B_1A_1C_1$ , so  $B_1, C_1, A_b, A_c$  are concyclic, hence  $OA_2$  is the Steiner line of the complete quadrilateral  $\mathbf{Q} \equiv \{\triangle A_1B_1C_1, B_0C_0\}$ .

Let  $S$  be the Miquel point of  $\mathbf{Q}$  and let  $X_1$  be the reflection of  $X$  in the midpoint of  $B_1C_1$ . From  $XB_1 \cdot XC_1 = XA_b \cdot XA_c$  we get  $X$  lies on the radical axis  $A_1S$  of  $\odot(A_1A_bA_c), \odot(A_1B_1C_1)$ . On the other hand, since  $A_1X_1$  is parallel to  $AX$ , so  $A_1X_1$  is perpendicular to the Euler line  $OH$  of  $\triangle A_1B_1C_1$ , hence  $S \equiv A_1X \cap \odot(A_1B_1C_1)$  is the Steiner point of  $\triangle A_1B_1C_1$ .

Since  $OA_2$  is the Steiner line of  $S$  WRT  $\triangle A_1B_1C_1$ , so  $OA_2$  is parallel to the Brocard axis  $\tau_B$  of  $\triangle A_1B_1C_1$ . Analogously, we can prove  $OB_2 \parallel \tau_B$  and  $OC_2 \parallel \tau_C$ , so we conclude that  $O, A_2, B_2, C_2$  are collinear.



Luis González

#4 Feb 29, 2016, 12:44 pm • 1

**More general:** Consider  $\triangle A_0B_0C_0$  and  $\triangle A_1B_1C_1$  as cevian triangles of arbitrary points  $P_0, P_1$ . Defining  $A_2, B_2, C_2$  in the same way, then  $A_2, B_2, C_2$  are collinear and this line passes through the cross point of  $P_0, P_1$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be the conic through  $A, B, C, P_0, P_1$ .  $B_1$  and  $A_c$  are the poles of  $A_1C_1$  and  $A_0B_1$  WRT  $\mathcal{C} \implies U \equiv A_1C_1 \cap A_0B_1$  is the pole of  $B_1A_c$  WRT  $\mathcal{C}$  and analogously  $V \equiv A_1B_1 \cap A_0C_1$  is the pole of  $C_1A_b$  WRT  $\mathcal{C} \implies A_2 \equiv B_1A_c \cap C_1A_b$  is the pole of  $\tau_A \equiv UV$  WRT  $\mathcal{C}$ .  $\tau_B, \tau_C$  are defined cyclically.

Consider a homology taking  $P_1$  into the centroid  $G$  of  $\triangle ABC$ , thus  $\triangle A_1B_1C_1$  becomes medial triangle of  $\triangle ABC$ . Since  $A_1A_0 \parallel B_1C_1$ , then it follows that  $\tau_A$  is the V-median of  $\triangle V B_1C_1$ , passing through the midpoint  $A'$  of  $B_1C_1$  and the midpoint of  $A_1A_0 \implies \tau_A \parallel AP_0$  is the  $A_1$ -midline of  $\triangle AA_0A_1$ . Similarly  $\tau_B, \tau_C$  go through the midpoints  $B', C'$  of  $C_1A_1, A_1B_1$  parallel to  $BP_0, CP_0 \implies \tau_A, \tau_B, \tau_C$  concur at the complement  $R$  of the complement of  $P_0$  WRT  $\triangle A_1B_1C_1$ , clearly lying on  $P_0G$ . So back in the primitive figure,  $\tau_A, \tau_B, \tau_C$  concur at a point  $R$  on  $P_0P_1 \implies A_2, B_2, C_2$  are collinear on the polar of  $R$  WRT  $\mathcal{C}$ . Since  $R \in P_0P_1$ , then  $A_2B_2C_2$  passes through the pole of  $P_0P_1$  WRT  $\mathcal{C}$ , i.e. the cross point of  $P_0, P_1$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$ .



Scorpion.k48

#5 Feb 29, 2016, 6:33 pm • 1

Prove that, we also have orthocenter of  $\triangle A_0B_cC_b$  lie on  $\overline{A_2, B_2, C_2}$ .

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TelvCohl

#6 Feb 29, 2016, 7:12 pm

Scorpion.k48 wrote:

Prove that, we also have orthocenter of  $\triangle A_0B_cC_b$  lie on  $\overline{A_2, B_2, C_2}$ .

From my proof above (post #3) we get  $A_2, B_2, C_2$  lie on the Brocard axis  $\eta_B$  of  $\triangle ABC$ . Furthermore, there exist a parabola  $\mathcal{P}$  with directrix  $\eta_B$  and tangent to the sides of  $\triangle A_0B_0C_0, \triangle A_1B_1C_1$ , so the orthocenter of the triangle formed by any 3 lines of  $\{B_0C_0, C_0A_0, A_0B_0, B_1C_1, C_1A_1, A_1B_1\}$  lies on  $\eta_B \equiv \overline{A_2B_2C_2}$ .

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Mixtilinear incircle, excircle X[Reply](#)

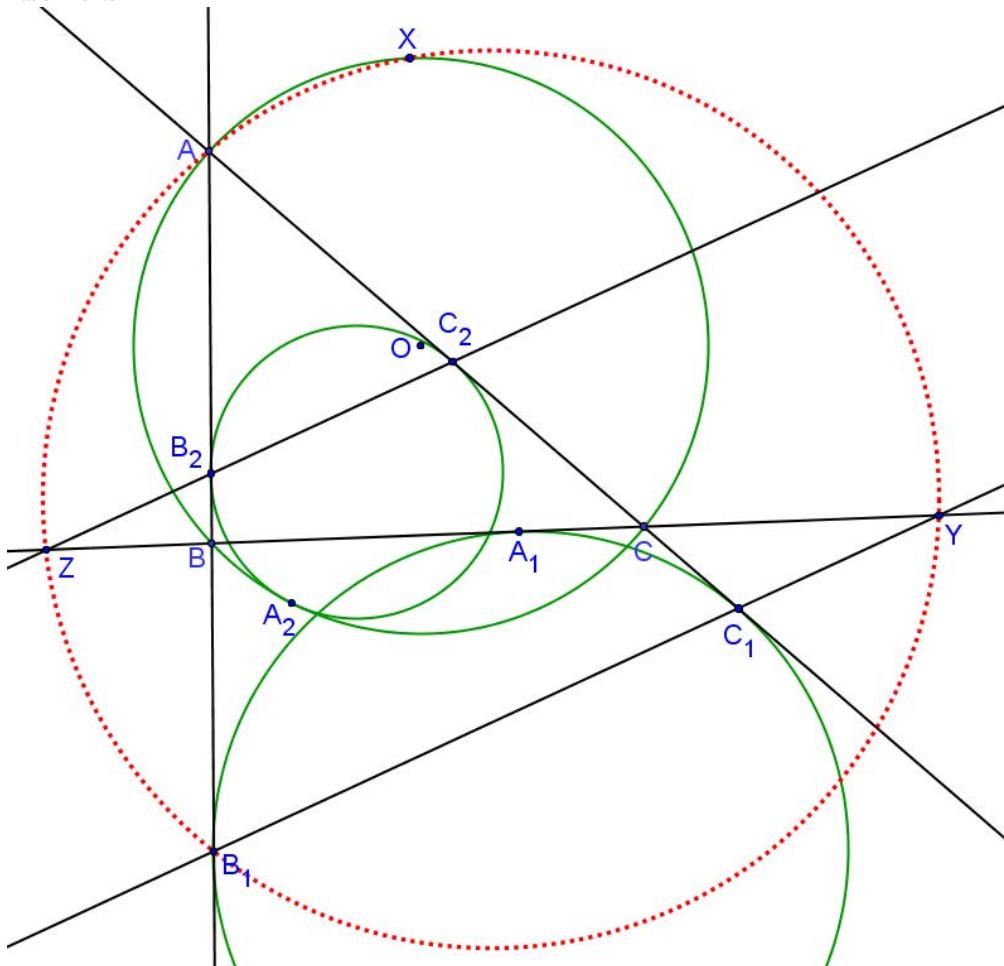
mjuk

#1 Feb 28, 2016, 10:56 pm

Let  $(O)$  be circumcircle of  $\triangle ABC$ . Let  $\omega_a, \Omega_a$  be  $A$ -mixtilinear incircle and  $A$ -excircle respectively. Let  $A_1, B_1, C_1$  be touching points of  $\Omega_a$  and  $BC, CA, AB$  respectively. Let  $A_2, B_2, C_2$  be touching points of  $\omega_a$  and  $(O), AB, AC$  respectively. Let  $X$  be midpoint of arc  $BAC$  and let  $Y = B_1C_1 \cap BC, Z = B_2C_2 \cap BC$ .

Prove that  $A, X, Y, Z$  are concyclic.

Attachments:



Luis González

#2 Feb 29, 2016, 1:07 am

Let  $U$  be the foot of the external bisector of  $\angle BAC$  and let  $V$  and  $W$  be the 2nd intersections of  $(O)$  with  $\odot(AB_2C_2)$  and  $\odot(AB_1C_1)$ , respectively. These are precisely the images of  $X, Y, Z$  under the inversion with center  $A$ , power  $AB \cdot AC$  followed by reflection on  $AX$ . Thus it's enough to show that  $U, V, W$  are collinear.

$V$  and  $W$  are the centers of the spiral similarities that swaps  $BB_2, CC_2$  and  $BB_1, CC_1 \Rightarrow$

$$\frac{WB}{WC} = \frac{BB_1}{CC_1} = \frac{s-c}{s-b}, \quad \frac{VB}{VC} = \frac{BB_2}{CC_2} = \frac{\frac{c(s-b)}{s}}{\frac{b(s-c)}{s}} = \frac{c(s-b)}{b(s-c)} \Rightarrow$$

$$VB = WB = s - c = c(s-b) = c = UB \quad \dots$$

$$\overline{VC} \cdot \overline{WC} = \overline{s-b} \cdot \overline{\dot{b}(s-c)} = \overline{b} = \overline{UC} \implies U, V, W \text{ are collinear.}$$



**PVoltaire**

#3 Feb 29, 2016, 1:34 am

$$\text{Why does } \frac{VB}{VC} \cdot \frac{WB}{WC} = \frac{UB}{UC} \text{ imply that } U, V, W \text{ are collinear?}$$



**Luis González**

#4 Feb 29, 2016, 1:42 am

**Another solution:** Let  $I, I_a$  be the incenter and A-excenter of  $\triangle ABC$  and let  $B', C'$  be the projections of  $B, C$  on  $AI$ . It's known that  $I \in B_2C_2$  and  $B', C'$  are the two limiting points of  $(I), (I_a)$ , i.e. circle with diameter  $B'C'$  is orthogonal to  $(I), (I_a)$ . Thus if  $J_a \equiv B_1C_1 \cap AI$ , the inversion with center  $A$  that swaps  $(I)$  and  $(I_a)$  takes  $B' \mapsto C'$  and  $I \mapsto J_a$ , i.e.  $A$  is the center of the involution that swaps  $(B', C')$  and  $(I, J_a)$ . Hence if  $U \equiv AX \cap BC$ , parallel projecting  $\{A, I, B', C', J_a\}$  on  $BC$  from the point at infinity of  $AX$  gives that  $U$  is the center of the involution that swaps  $(Y, Z)$  and  $(B, C) \implies UY \cdot UZ = UB \cdot UC = UA \cdot UY \implies XYZ$  is cyclic.



**Luis González**

#5 Feb 29, 2016, 1:50 am • 1

“ PVoltaire wrote:

$$\text{Why does } \frac{VB}{VC} \cdot \frac{WB}{WC} = \frac{UB}{UC} \text{ imply that } U, V, W \text{ are collinear?}$$

It follows from this well-known lemma (easy to prove):  $ABCD$  is cyclic and  $P \equiv AB \cap CD$ . Then we have

$$\frac{PD}{PC} = \frac{AD}{AC} \cdot \frac{BD}{BC} \text{ or } \frac{PA}{PB} = \frac{DA}{DB} \cdot \frac{CA}{CB}.$$

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## High School Olympiads

Orthocenter and collinear 

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**mamavuabo**

#1 Feb 28, 2016, 4:22 am

Given triangle  $ABC$  inscribed in  $(O)$ . The three attitudes are  $AD, BE, CF$  respectively.  $AO \cap BC = N, FE \cap AD = M$ . Let  $S$  be the midpoint of  $MN$ . Prove that  $AS$  bisects segment  $BC$ .



**Luis González**

#2 Feb 28, 2016, 9:42 am

Let  $H \equiv BE \cap CF, L \equiv AO \cap EF, P \equiv EF \cap BC$  and let  $X$  denote the midpoint of  $\overline{BC}$ .  $BCEF$  and  $DNLM$  are cyclic with circumcircles  $(X)$  and  $(S)$ . Since  $(H, M, D, A) = -1$ , it follows that  $PH$  is the polar of  $A$  WRT  $(S) \implies AS \perp PH$ , but  $PH$  is also the polar of  $A$  WRT  $(X) \implies AX \perp PH \implies A, S, X$  are collinear, i.e.  $AS$  bisects  $\overline{BC}$ .

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Prove  $\square BAC = 60$

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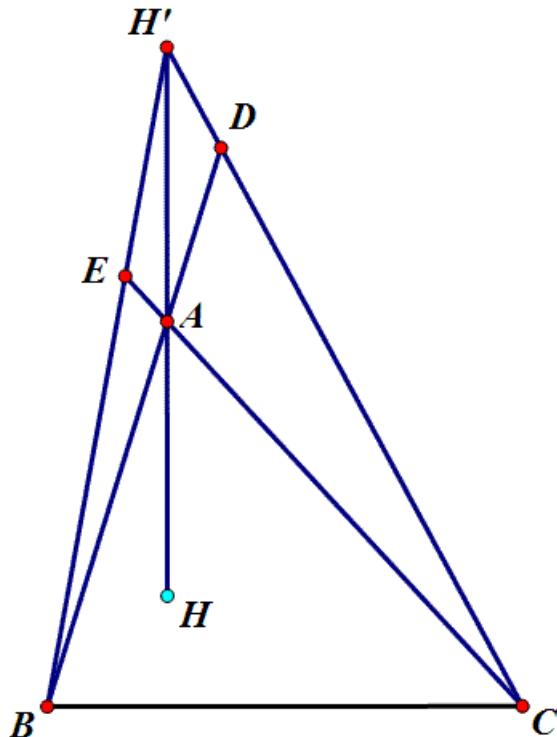
#1 Jan 12, 2010, 6:49 am

Figure,  $AB < AC$ ,  $H$  is the orthocenter of  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $A$  is the midpoint of  $HH'$ .  $AB, AC$  intersect  $CH', BH'$  at  $D, E$  respectively.

Prove that  $\square BAC = 60 \iff BD = CE$ .

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Attachments:



sunken rock

#2 Jan 15, 2010, 9:18 pm

The below proof was provided to me by my son, but he's too busy to type it by himself.

On  $CA$  produced we take  $F|AF = AC$ , on  $BA$  produced we take  $G|AG = AB$ . Obviously,  $BCGF$  is an isosceles trapezoid, with  $BG = CF$ .

We shall get  $EF = DG$  iff  $\frac{EF}{CE} = \frac{DG}{BD}$  which, in turn is true iff  $\frac{S_{BFH'}}{S_{BCH'}} = \frac{S_{CGH'}}{S_{BCH'}}$ , the last equality being true iff  $S_{BFH'} = S_{CGH'} \quad (*)$ .

Seing that  $BF$  and  $CG$  are parallel to the bisector of the  $\angle BAC$ , let's draw a parallel to this lie through  $H'$  and call  $P$  its intersection with  $FG$ .

The relation  $(*)$  is true iff  $\frac{FP}{PG} = \frac{AC}{AB} \quad (1)$ , because  $\triangle BAF \sim \triangle CAG$ , but relation  $(1)$  shows that,  $H'$  is the symmetrical of the middle of the arc  $FG$  about  $FG$ , i.e.  $H'$  is the circumcenter of  $\triangle AFG$ , which happens iff  $\angle BAC = 60^\circ$ .

The reverse of the problem, iff  $\angle BAC = 60^\circ$ , then  $H'$  is the circumcenter of the  $\triangle AFG$ , etc.

**Note:** Here  $S_{XYZ}$  stands for the area of  $\triangle XYZ$ .

Best regards,  
sunken rock



lym

#3 Jan 18, 2010, 9:20 am

Thanks for your proof .

Is there anybody want to give different way? Nex I'll show how I design this problem .



Luis González

#4 Feb 27, 2016, 11:17 pm

**Lemma (well-known):**  $P$  is a point inside the parallelogram  $ABCD$  and  $DP, BP$  cut  $AB, AD$  at  $X, Y$ , respectively. Then  $DX = BY \iff PC$  bisects  $\angle BPD$ . ■

Back to the problem. Let  $M$  and  $L$  be the midpoints of  $\overline{BC}$  and the arc  $BC$  of the circumcircle  $(O) \equiv \odot(ABC)$ . If  $T$  is the point forming the parallelogram  $H'CTB$ , then from the previous lemma, we get  $BD = CE \iff AT$  bisects  $\angle BAC \iff A, T, L$  are collinear  $\iff \frac{AH'}{ML} = \frac{TH'}{TM} = 2 \iff ML = \frac{1}{2}AH' = \frac{1}{2}AH = OM \iff L$  is reflection of  $O$  on  $BC \iff 2\angle BAC = 180^\circ - \angle BAC \iff \angle BAC = 60^\circ$ .

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## High School Olympiads

Symmedian (2) 

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**mamavuabo**

#1 Feb 26, 2016, 4:40 am

Given an acute triangle  $ABC$  inscribed in  $(O)$ . Let the tangent lines to  $(O)$  through  $B, C$  intersect each other at  $S$ .  $D$  is an arbitrary point lying on small arc  $BC$ .  $AD \cap BS = E, AD \cap CS = F, BF \cap CE = R, RD \cap BC = U$ . Prove that  $AU$  is  $A$ -symmedian.



**Luis González**

#2 Feb 26, 2016, 5:12 am

Discussed before at <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/community/c6h1184665>.



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## High School Olympiads

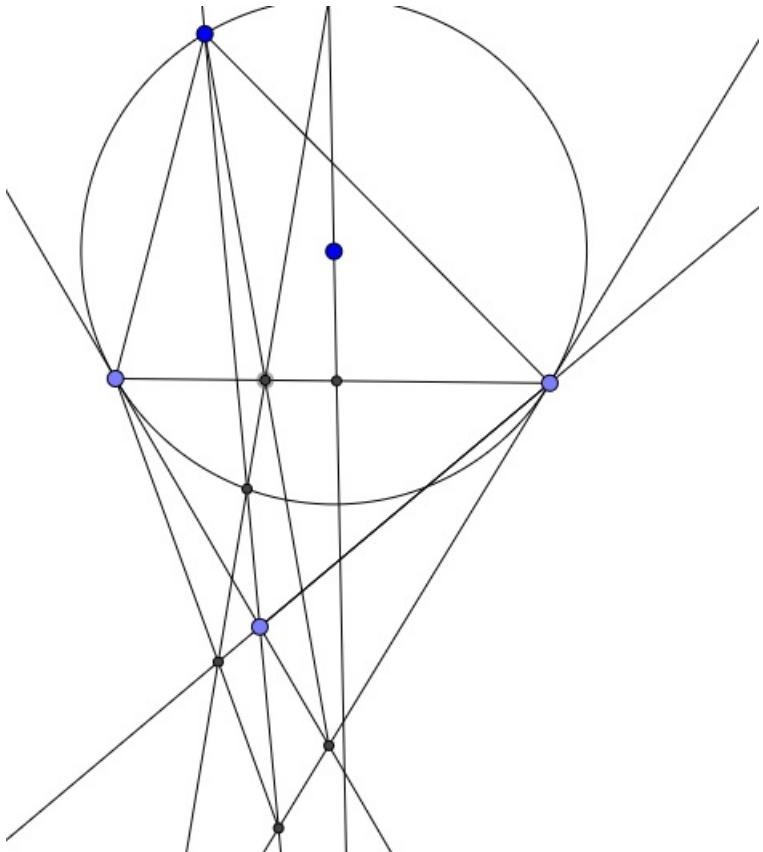


[Reply](#)**phantranhuongth**

#1 Jan 13, 2016, 9:38 pm

Let  $ABC$  the inscribed circle ( $O$ ).  $d$  pass  $A$  intersection tangent at  $B, C$  at  $M, N$ , intersection ( $O$ ) at  $E$ .  $F$  is  $BN$  intersection  $CM$ . Prove  $EF$  passing one fixed point.

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**Luis González**

#3 Jan 14, 2016, 4:22 am • 2

Let  $P \equiv BM \cap CN, L \equiv MN \cap BC$  and  $D \equiv AP \cap BC$ . By Desargues involution theorem for the degenerate quadrilateral  $BBCC$  cut by  $d$ , we get that  $L$  is fixed in the involution  $M \mapsto N, A \mapsto E$ , i.e.  $(N, M, A, L) = (M, N, E, L)$ . But  $P(N, M, A, L) = P(C, B, D, L) \implies (C, B, D, L) = (N, M, A, L) = (M, N, E, L)$ , which means that  $F \equiv BN \cap BM \cap DE \implies EF$  always goes to the fixed point  $D$ ; foot of the A-symmedian of  $\triangle ABC$ .

P.S. This configuration was also discussed at [Cyclic quadrilateral + Tangent circles](#).

**JackXD**

#4 Jan 15, 2016, 11:00 pm

**“** *phantranhuongth wrote:*

Let  $ABC$  the inscribed circle ( $O$ ).  $d$  pass  $A$  intersection tangent at  $B, C$  at  $M, N$ , intersection ( $O$ ) at  $E$ .  $F$  is  $BN$  intersection  $CM$ . Prove  $EF$  passing one fixed point.

Can you please improve your language a bit? 😊

The problem cannot be made out from this.

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## High School Olympiads

**Geometry**  Reply**vietnam289**

#1 Jan 2, 2016, 3:04 pm

Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with incenter  $I$ , circumcenter  $O$ . The line through  $I$  and perpendicular to  $BI$  intersects  $BC$  at  $B'$ . The line through  $I$  and perpendicular to  $CI$  intersects  $BC$  at  $C'$ . Let  $X$  be the radical center of three circles  $(O); (B, BB');$   $(C, CC')$ . Prove that  $AX$  is the A-symmedian.

**A-B-C**

#2 Jan 2, 2016, 6:58 pm

My solution

**Lemma 1.**  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $\omega_a$  is  $A$ - mixtilinear incircle.  $\omega_a$  is tangent to  $AB, AC$  at  $A_b, A_c$ . $\odot(A, AA_b)$  intersect circumcircle  $(O)$  at  $M, N$  then  $MN$  is tangent to  $\omega_a$ .There is a proof in [Euclidean geometry blog](#) but it is in Vietnamese, here I translate it. $D$  is the tangency point of  $(O)$  and  $\omega_a$ .  $AD$  intersects  $\omega_a$  at  $T$  and intersects  $\odot(A, AA_b)$  at  $K, L$ .Since  $\odot(A, AA_b)$  and  $\omega_a$  are orthogonal, we obtain that  $(KLDQ) = -1 \Rightarrow \overline{TA} \cdot \overline{TD} = \overline{TK} \cdot \overline{TL}$ . Hence  $T$  lies on radical axes of  $(O)$  and  $\odot(A, AA_b)$ , this implies that  $T, M, N$  are collinear.  $D$  is exsimilcenter of  $\omega_a$  and  $(O) \Rightarrow$  tangent lines at  $T$  and  $A$  are parallel  $\Rightarrow MN \equiv$  tangent line at  $T$  of  $\omega_a$ .**Lemma 2.**  $MN$  intersects  $AB, AC$  at  $P, Q$ .

$$\frac{AQ}{AC} = \frac{4c^2}{(a+b+c)^2}$$

Just using lemma 1 and notice that  $AB \cdot AP = AC \cdot AQ = AT \cdot AD = AA_b^2$  and  $r_{\omega_a} = \frac{r}{\cos^2 \frac{A}{2}}$ .**Back to the main problem.**  $B', C'$  can be considered as tangency points of  $B, C$ - mixtilinear incircles and  $BC$ .Radical line  $\ell_b$  of  $(O)$  and  $\odot(B, BB')$  intersects  $AB$  at  $S$  then  $\frac{BS}{BA} = \frac{4a^2}{(a+b+c)^2}$  (according to lemma 2)Radical line  $\ell_c$  of  $(O)$  and  $\odot(C, CC')$  intersects  $AC$  at  $T$  then  $\frac{CT}{CA} = \frac{4a^2}{(a+b+c)^2}$ , likewise.Therefore  $\frac{BS}{BA} = \frac{CT}{CA}$ . Now let  $W$  be intersection of tangent line at  $B, C$  of  $(O)$ . $\ell_b$  passes through  $S$  and parallel to  $WB$ ,  $\ell_c$  passes through  $T$  and parallel to  $WC$ . $\Rightarrow \ell_b \cap \ell_c$  lies on  $AT$ . This means  $AX$  is  $A$ -symmedian.**Luis González**

#3 Feb 24, 2016, 10:17 am • 1

B-mixtilinear incircle  $(O_b)$  of  $\triangle ABC$  touches  $BC$  at  $B'$  and touches  $(O)$  at  $Y$ .  $BY$  cuts  $(O_b)$  again at  $Y'$  and the tangent  $p_t$  of  $(O_b)$  at  $Y'$  cuts  $(O)$  at  $B_1, B_2$ .  $p_c$  is defined similarly. As  $p_t$  is parallel to the tangent of  $(O)$  at  $B$ , i.e. antiparallel to  $AC$  WRT  $BC, BA$ , it follows that  $p_t \perp BO \Rightarrow B$  is midpoint of the arc  $B_1B_2$  of  $(O) \Rightarrow$  $BB_1^2 = BB_2^2 = BY \cdot BY' = BB'^2 \Rightarrow \{B_1, B_2\} \in \odot(B, BB') \Rightarrow p_t$  is the radical axis of  $\odot(B, BB')$  and  $(O)$ .Likewise  $p_c$  is the radical axis of  $\odot(C, CC')$  and  $(O) \Rightarrow X \equiv p_b \cap p_c$ . Now according to the problem [Mixtilinear incircles and symmedian](#),  $AX$  is the A-symmedian.**buratinogiggle**

#4 Feb 24, 2016, 5:39 pm

Here is general problem.

Let  $ABC$  be a triangle inscribed in circle  $(O)$ .  $P, Q$  are two isogonal conjugate points on bisector of  $\angle BAC$ .  $AP$  cuts  $(PBC)$  again at  $J$ .  $M, N$  lie on  $BC$  such that  $OM \parallel JB$  and  $ON \parallel JC$ . Prove that radical center of circles

$(B, BM)$ ,  $(C, CN)$  and  $(O)$  lies on  $A$ -symmedian of triangle  $ABC$ .



Luis González

#5 Feb 25, 2016, 4:57 am • 2

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" buratinogigle wrote:

Here is general problem.

Let  $ABC$  be a triangle inscribed in circle  $(O)$ .  $P, Q$  are two isogonal conjugate points on bisector of  $\angle BAC$ .  $AP$  cuts  $(PBC)$  again at  $J$ .  $M, N$  lies on  $BC$  such that  $QM \parallel JB$  and  $QN \parallel JC$ . Prove that radical center of circles  $(B, BM)$ ,  $(C, CN)$  and  $(O)$  lies on  $A$ -symmedian of triangle  $ABC$ .

Upon inverting with center  $A$  we get the following problem:  $P, Q$  are isogonal conjugates WRT  $\triangle ABC$  lying on internal bisector of  $\angle BAC$ .  $\odot(BPQ)$  and  $\odot(CPQ)$  cut  $(O)$  again at  $N, M$  and the tangents of  $(O)$  at  $M, N$  cut  $AB, AC$  at  $U, V$ .  $\odot(U, UM)$  and  $\odot(V, VN)$  meet  $BC$  at  $\{U_1, U_2\}$  and  $\{V_1, V_2\}$ , resp. Then the radical axis of  $\odot(AU_1U_2)$  and  $\odot(AV_1V_2)$  is the A-median of  $\triangle ABC$ .

**Proof:** Let  $J$  be the midpoint of the arc  $BC$  of  $(O)$ .  $\odot(BPQ)$  cuts  $BC, BA$  again at  $N', B'$  and  $\odot(CPQ)$  cuts  $CB, CA$  again at  $M', C'$ . Since the inversion WRT  $\odot(J, JB)$  swaps  $(O), BC$  and  $P, Q$  (well-known), it follows that  $N' \in JN$  and  $M' \in JM \implies \angle BB'N' = \angle BNJ = \angle BAJ \implies B'N' \parallel AJ \equiv PQ$  and similarly  $C'M' \parallel PQ$ . Hence, by symmetry  $B'C'M'N'$  is an isosceles trapezoid  $\implies B'C'$  is antiparallel to  $BC$  WRT  $AB, AC$ , i.e.  $BCC'B'$  is cyclic. Hence if  $R \equiv B'C' \cap BC$ , we have  $RB \cdot RC = RM' \cdot RN' \implies R$  is on the radical axis  $MN$  of  $\odot(MNN'M')$  and  $(O) \implies RM \cdot RN = RB' \cdot RC' \implies B'C'MN$  is cyclic  $\implies B'N, C'M, PQ$  concur at the radical center  $K$  of  $\odot(BPQ)$ ,  $\odot(CPQ)$ ,  $\odot(B'C'MN)$ .

Since  $N$  is the center of the spiral similarity that swaps  $\overline{CN'}, \overline{AB'}$  and  $NP, NQ$  are isogonals WRT  $\angle JNK$  (due to  $PQ \parallel B'N'$ ), then we deduce that

$$\frac{VC}{VA} = \frac{NC^2}{NA^2} = \frac{NN'^2}{NB'^2} = \frac{NJ^2}{NK^2} = \frac{QJ}{QK} \cdot \frac{PJ}{PK}.$$

Similarly we have  $\frac{UB}{UA} = \frac{QJ}{QK} \cdot \frac{PJ}{PK}$ , which means that  $UV \parallel BC$  and since  $(O)$  is orthogonal to  $\odot(U, UM)$  and  $\odot(V, VN)$ , then it follows that the perpendicular bisector of  $BC$  is their radical axis  $\implies$  midpoint  $A_c$  of  $BC$  has equal power WRT them, i.e.  $A_0U_1 \cdot A_0U_2 = A_0V_1 \cdot A_0V_2 \implies A_c$  is on the radical axis of  $\odot(AU_1U_2)$  and  $\odot(AV_1V_2)$ .

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## High School Olympiads

collinear with cyclic quadrilateral X

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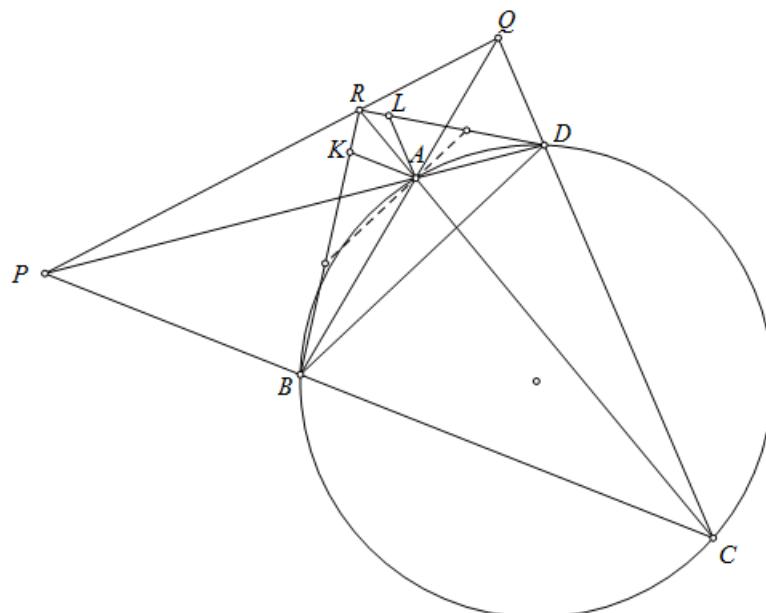
LeVietAn

#1 Feb 22, 2016, 8:33 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,

Given a cyclic quadrilateral  $ABCD$ . The lines  $AB$  and  $CD$  meet at  $P$ , the lines  $AD$  and  $BC$  meet at  $Q$ , and the diagonals  $AC$  and  $PQ$  meet at  $R$ . Choose the points  $K$  and  $L$  respectively on the lines  $BR$  and  $DR$  such that  $AK \parallel BC$  and  $AL \parallel CD$ . Prove that  $A$  and the midpoint of segment  $BK, DL$  are collinear.

Attachments:



Luis González

#2 Feb 22, 2016, 9:39 pm • 1

This holds for any quadrilateral  $ABCD$ , not necessarily cyclic.

Let the parallel from  $A$  to  $BD$  cut  $BC$  and  $BR$  at  $T$  and  $M$ , respectively. Since  $B(R, D, A, C) \equiv B(M, D, A, T) = -1 \implies M$  is midpoint of  $AT \implies M$  is midpoint of  $BK$ . Similarly, if  $N$  is the midpoint of  $DL$ , we have  $AN \parallel BD \implies A, M, N$  are collinear on a parallel to  $BD$ .

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## High School Olympiads

Mixtilinear circle 

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CEH

#1 Feb 22, 2016, 10:42 am

Let ABC is triangle and I is incentre and D is intersection point of line AI and BC. Let X is tangent point of A-mixtilinear incircle and a circumcircle of ABC. Define E,Y,F,Z similarly. Prove that circumcircle of ADX,BEY,CFZ is coaxial circle.( Prove that three circumcenter is collinear)



Luis González

#2 Feb 22, 2016, 11:36 am

Discussed before at <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/community/c6h199419>.

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## High School Olympiads

Mixtilinear incircles and a triad of coaxal circles X

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pohoatza

#1 Apr 11, 2008, 3:01 am

Let  $ABC$  be a given triangle with the incenter  $I$ , and denote by  $X, Y, Z$  the intersections of the lines  $AI, BI, CI$  with the sides  $BC, CA$ , and  $AB$ , respectively. Consider  $\mathcal{K}_a$  the circle tangent simultaneously to the sidelines  $AB, AC$ , and internally to the circumcircle  $\mathcal{C}(O)$  of  $ABC$ , and let  $A'$  be the tangency point of  $\mathcal{K}_a$  with  $\mathcal{C}$ . Similarly, define  $B'$ , and  $C'$ . Prove that the circumcircles of triangles  $AXA'$ ,  $BYB'$ , and  $CZC'$  are coaxal (i.e. they two common points).

Vladimir Zajic (yetti on ML) and I have a neat synthetic proof by making use of inversion with respect to the incircle.



Luis González

#2 Jul 15, 2011, 11:05 am • 1 ↳

Let  $\triangle I_a I_b I_c$  be the excentral triangle of  $\triangle ABC$ .  $I$  and  $(O)$  become orthocenter and 9-point circle of  $\triangle I_a I_b I_c$ . Thus  $(O, R)$  cuts  $I_b I_c$  at its midpoint  $M$ , which is also midpoint of the arc  $BAC$  of  $(O)$ . According to problem 2.20 of 2005 mosp 2.20(g) 4.44(g), the points  $M, I, A'$  are collinear. Inversion with center  $I$  and power  $IA \cdot II_a$  takes  $(O)$  into the circumcircle  $(U, 2R)$  of  $\triangle I_a I_b I_c$  and the line  $BC$  into the circle  $\odot(I_b I_c)$ . Hence, ray  $A'M$  cuts  $(U)$  at the inverse  $P$  of  $A'$  and ray  $IA$  cuts  $\odot(I_b I_c)$  at the inverse  $D$  of  $X$ . Clearly,  $P$  is the antipode of  $I_a$  WRT  $(U)$  and  $D$  is the reflection of  $I_a$  across  $I_b I_c$ . Hence, the center  $U_a$  of the inverse  $\odot(I_a D P)$  of  $\odot(AX A')$  is the intersection of  $I_b I_c$  with the perpendicular to  $UI_a$  through  $U$ . Likewise, the centers  $U_b, U_c$  of the inverses of  $\odot(BYB')$ ,  $\odot(CZC')$  are the intersections of  $I_c I_a, I_a I_b$  with the perpendiculars to  $UI_b, UI_c$  through  $U$ , respectively  $\implies U_a, U_b, U_c$  are collinear on the orthotransversal of  $U$  WRT  $\triangle I_a I_b I_c$ . Since  $U$  has power  $-4R^2$  WRT  $(U_a), (U_b), (U_c)$ , then we deduce that  $(U_a), (U_b), (U_c)$  are coaxal with common radical axis the perpendicular from  $U$  to  $U_a U_b U_c$ . Since  $(U_a), (U_b), (U_c)$  are coaxal, then their inverses  $\odot(AX A')$ ,  $\odot(BYB')$ ,  $\odot(CZC')$  under the referred inversion are also coaxal.



jayme

#3 Jul 15, 2011, 11:22 am

Dear Mathlinkers,  
for a metric proof, you can see  
<http://perso.orange.fr/jl.ayme> vol. 4 A new mixtilinear incircle adventure p. 36-43

Sincerely  
Jean-Louis

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Prove collinear.  Reply

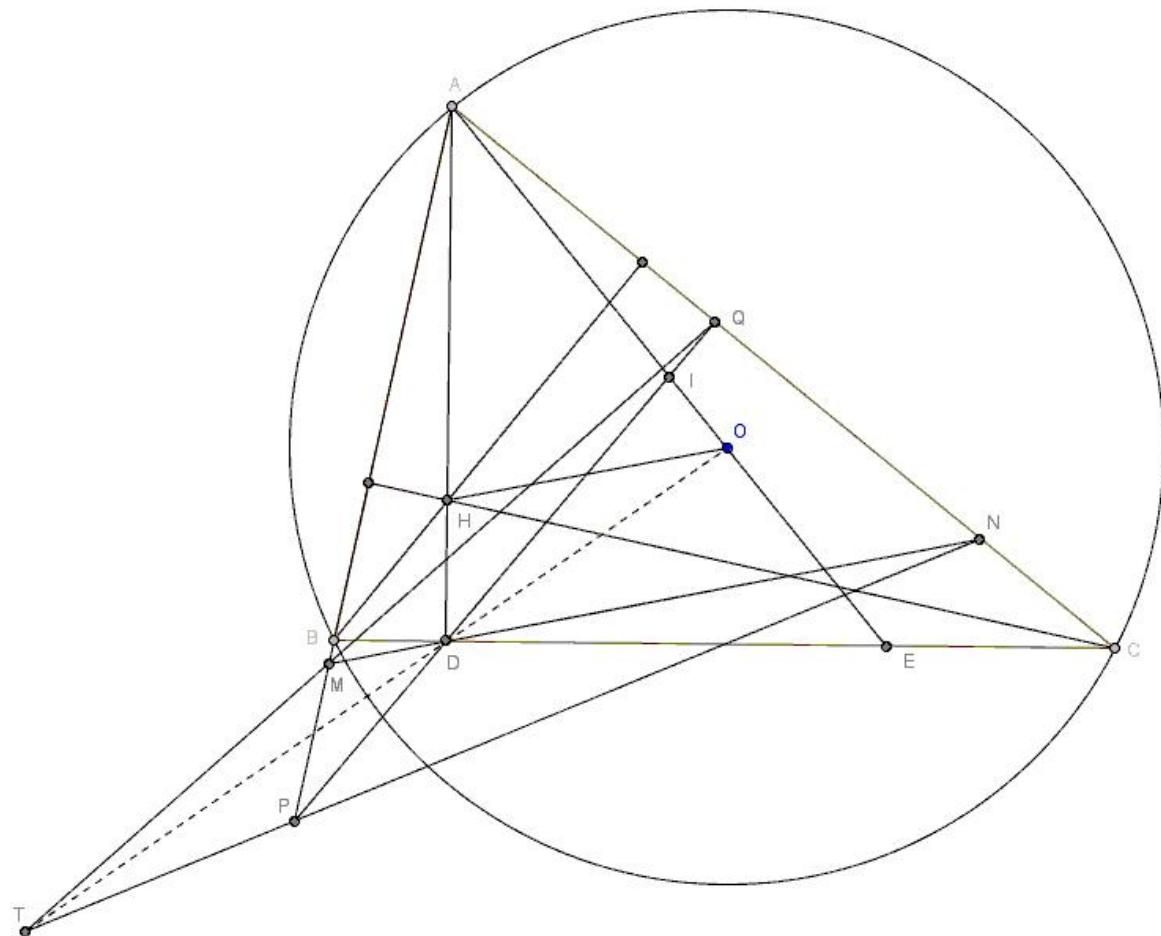
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#1 Feb 21, 2016, 10:47 pm

Given a triangle  $ABC$  inscribed circle  $(O)$ , orthocentre  $H$ , altitude  $AD$ .  $AO$  intersects  $BC$  at  $E$ ,  $I$  is the midpoint of  $AE$ . Line through  $D$  and parallel to  $OH$  intersects  $AB$ ,  $AC$  at  $M$  and  $N$ , line  $ID$  intersects  $AB$ ,  $AC$  at  $P$  and  $Q$ .  $MQ$  intersects  $NP$  at  $T$ . Prove that  $T, D, O$  are collinear.

Sorry for my bad English!

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Luis González

#2 Feb 22, 2016, 7:08 am • 1 

Let  $U$  be the midpoint of  $BC$  and let  $AD, AO$  cut the circumcircle  $\odot(ABC)$  again at  $X, Y$ , respectively. Since  $\angle AXY = 90^\circ$ , then  $XY \parallel DE \implies \frac{AD}{AX} = \frac{AE}{AY} = \frac{AI}{AO} \implies OX \parallel DI$ . Hence since  $OU \parallel DA, OH \parallel DN$  and  $OX \parallel DQ$ , it follows that  $O(D, H, X, U) = O(L, N, Q, A)$ , where  $L \equiv OD \cap AC$ . As  $D$  is midpoint of  $HX$  (well-known), then  $O(D, H, X, U) = -1 \implies (L, N, Q, A) = -1$ . But from the complete quadrilateral  $MQNP$ , we deduce that  $T(D, N, Q, A) = -1 \implies L \in TD$ , i.e.  $T, D, O$  are collinear.



EinsteinXXI

#3 Mar 4 2016 8:08 pm

... more 1, 2016, 8:00 pm

Here is my other solution :

Let G,F is the midpoints of OH, AH respectively.

Suppose OD meets AB, AC at K,L respectively.

Because G is the midpoint of OH, G is the center of Euler Circle of the triangle ABC.

So  $GD = GF$ . Hence angle  $GDF = \text{angle } GFD$ .

But angle  $GFD = \text{angle } OAH$  ( because  $GF // OA$ ).

So angle  $GDF = \text{angle } OAD$  (1).

On the other hand, we have  $ID = IA = IE$  ( because angle  $ADE = 90^\circ$  and I is the midpoint of the side AE).

So angle  $IDA = \text{angle } IAD = \text{angle } OAD$  (2).

According (1) and (2) we have angle  $GDF = \text{angle } IDA$  so I,D,G collinear.

We have  $D(HOGM) = -1$  ( because  $GH = GO$  and  $DM/OH$ ).

So  $(AKPM) = -1$  hence  $(AKMP) = -1$ .

Similarly,  $(ALNQ) = -1$ .

Hence MN, KL, PQ concurrence.

So T,K,L collinear (because T is the intersection of MN and PQ).

Hence O,D,T collinear ( because O,D,L,K collinear).

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## High School Olympiads

Mixtilinear incircle 

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CEH

#1 Feb 21, 2016, 2:27 pm

Let ABC is triangle. O and I is circumcentre and incentre of ABC. Let circle D,E,F is mixtilinear incircle of A,B,C. Let T is radical center of circle D,E,F. Prove that I,O,T is collinear.(What is ratio of TI and TO?)



Luis González

#3 Feb 21, 2016, 11:24 pm

See the threads [mixtilinear incircles](#) and [radical centers](#).  $T$  is the midpoint of  $IX$ , where  $X$  is the homothety center of the intouch triangle and excentral triangle of  $\triangle ABC$ .

Denote  $(O, R)$  and  $(I, r)$  the circumcircle and incircle of  $\triangle ABC$ . If  $Be$  is the Bevan point of  $\triangle ABC$  (reflection of  $I$  on  $O$ ), then  $T$  is the exsimilicenter of  $(I, r)$  and  $(Be, 2R)$  (circumcircle of excentral triangle)  $\implies \frac{TO}{TI} = \frac{XBe}{XI} = \frac{2R}{r}$ .

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## High School Olympiads

mixtilinear incircles X

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wild\_sloth

#1 Nov 26, 2010, 1:56 pm

prove: radical center of the three mixtilinear incircles of triangle ABC is on line IO



jayme

#2 Nov 26, 2010, 5:40 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,  
for a synthetic proof, see  
<http://perso.orange.fr/jl.ayme> vol. 4 A new mixtilinear incircle adventure II p. 11-13.

Sincerely  
Jean-Louis



Luis González

#3 Nov 27, 2010, 9:49 pm • 1

Let  $\triangle I_a I_b I_c$  be the excentral triangle of  $\triangle ABC$ . Incircle ( $I$ ) and A-excircle ( $I_a$ ) touch  $BC$  at  $X, Y$ , B- and C-mixtilinear incircles  $\omega_b$  and  $\omega_c$  touch  $BC$  at  $D, E$  and touch circumcircle ( $O$ ) of  $\triangle ABC$  at  $B_0, C_0$ . Thus,  $B_0D$  and  $C_0E$  bisect  $\angle BB_0C$  and  $\angle CC_0B \Rightarrow B_0D$  and  $C_0E$  pass through the midpoint  $L$  of the arc  $BC$  of ( $O$ ). Since  $BC$  is the image of ( $O$ ) under the inversion with center  $L$  and radius  $LB = LC$ , it follows that  $LB^2 = LD \cdot LB_0 = LE \cdot LC_0 \Rightarrow L$  has equal power to  $\omega_b$  and  $\omega_c$ , thus radical axis  $\tau_a$  of  $\omega_b, \omega_c$  goes through  $L$  and the midpoint  $U$  of  $DE$ . On the other hand, it's well-known that  $DI \parallel BI_a$  and  $EI \parallel CI_a \Rightarrow \triangle DEI$  and  $\triangle BCI_a$  are homothetic. Therefore, if  $M$  denotes the midpoint of  $BC$ , we deduce that  $I_a M \parallel IU$  (\*).

Let  $P \equiv I_a M \cap IX$ . Since  $\overline{MX} = -\overline{MY} \Rightarrow XPYI_a$  is a parallelogram  $\Rightarrow M$  is the midpoint of  $PI_a$ . Together with (\*), it follows that  $IU \cap I_a X$  is the reflection of  $I$  about  $U \Rightarrow UL \equiv \tau_a$  is the l-midline of  $\triangle IXI_a$ . Now, since  $I_a X$  cuts  $IO$  at the exsimilicenter  $X_{57}$  of ( $I$ ) and  $\odot(I_a I_b I_c)$ , then  $\tau_a$  passes through the midpoint  $X_{999}$  of  $\overline{IX_{57}}$ . Analogously, radical axes  $\ell_b, \ell_c$  of mixtilinear incircles  $\omega_c, \omega_a$  and  $\omega_a, \omega_b$  pass through  $X_{999} \Rightarrow X_{999}$  is radical center of the three mixtilinear incircles  $\omega_a, \omega_b, \omega_c$ .

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radical centers X

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**andria**

#1 Jun 19, 2015, 12:51 am • 2 ↳

In  $\triangle ABC$  with circumcenter  $O$  let  $X$  be radical center of three mixtilinear incircles and  $Y$  is radical center of three mixtilinear excircles prove that  $O$  is midpoint of  $XY$ .



**TelvCohl**

#4 Jun 19, 2015, 2:08 pm • 2 ↳

My solution :

Let  $I$  be the incenter of  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle DEF$  be the intouch triangle of  $\triangle ABC$ .

Let  $I_a, I_b, I_c$  be the A-excenter, B-excenter, C-excenter of  $\triangle ABC$ , respectively.

Let  $\omega_A, \omega_B, \omega_C$  be the A-mixtilinear incircle, B-mixtilinear incircle, C-mixtilinear incircle of  $\triangle ABC$ , respectively.

Let  $\Omega_A, \Omega_B, \Omega_C$  be the A-mixtilinear excircle, B-mixtilinear excircle, C-mixtilinear excircle of  $\triangle ABC$ , respectively.

Let  $\triangle A_1B_1C_1$  be the anti-complementary triangle of  $\triangle I_aI_bI_c$  and  $\triangle A_2B_2C_2$  be the mic-arc triangle of  $\triangle ABC$ .

Let  $A'_2, B'_2, C'_2$  be the antipode of  $A_2, B_2, C_2$  in  $\odot(O)$ , resp and  $A_3, B_3, C_3$  be the midpoint of  $A_1D, B_1E, C_1F$ , resp.

Let  $A_b \equiv \omega_A \cap AB, A_c \equiv \omega_A \cap AC, A'_b \equiv \Omega_A \cap AB, A'_c \equiv \Omega_A \cap AC$  (define  $B_a, B_c, C_a, C_b, B'_a, B'_c, C'_a, C'_b$  similarly)

$A_4 \equiv \omega_A \cap \odot(O), B_4 \equiv \omega_B \cap \odot(O), C_4 \equiv \omega_C \cap \odot(O), A_5 \equiv \Omega_A \cap \odot(O), B_5 \equiv \Omega_B \cap \odot(O), C_5 \equiv \Omega_C \cap \odot(O)$

Since the midline of isosceles trapezoid  $FDB_cB_a, DEC_aC_b$  is the radical axis of  $\{\odot(I), \omega_B\}, \{\odot(I), \omega_C\}$ , respectively , so the radical center of  $\{\odot(I), \omega_B, \omega_C\}$  is the midpoint of  $ID \implies$  the midpoint  $D'$  of  $ID$  lie on the radical axis of  $\{\omega_B, \omega_C\}$  , hence combine  $A_2 \equiv B_4B_c \cap C_4C_b$  and  $A_2B_c \cdot A_2B_4 = A_2C_b \cdot A_2C_4 \implies A_2D'$  is the radical axis of  $\{\omega_B, \omega_C\}$  , so the radical axis of  $\{\omega_B, \omega_C\}$  passes through the midpoint of  $IT$  where  $T$  is the homothetic center of  $\triangle DEF$  and  $\triangle I_aI_bI_c$

Similarly, the radical axis of  $\{\omega_C, \omega_A\}$  passes through the midpoint of  $IT \implies X$  is the midpoint of  $IT$  ( $X_{999}$  in ETC) . . . . . ( $\star$ )

Since the midline of  $FDB'_cB'_a, DEC'_aC'_b$  is the radical axis of  $\{\odot(I), \Omega_B\}, \{\odot(I), \Omega_C\}$ , resp ,

so  $A_3$  is the radical center of  $\{\odot(I), \Omega_B, \Omega_C\} \implies A_3$  lie on the radical axis of  $\Omega_B$  and  $\Omega_C$  ,

hence combine  $A'_2 \equiv B_5B'_c \cap C_5C'_b$  and  $A'_2B'_c \cdot A'_2B_5 = A'_2C'_b \cdot A'_2C_5 \implies A'_2A_3$  is the radical axis of  $\{\Omega_B, \Omega_C\}$  , so the radical axis of  $\{\Omega_B, \Omega_C\}$  passes through the homothetic center of  $\triangle A'_2B'_2C'_2$  and  $\triangle A_3B_3C_3$ .

Similarly,  $B'_2B_3$  is the radical axis of  $\{\Omega_C, \Omega_A\} \implies Y$  is the homothetic center of  $\triangle A'_2B'_2C'_2$  and  $\triangle A_3B_3C_3$ .

Since  $I$  lie on the perpendicular bisector of  $B_1C_1, C_1A_1, A_1B_1$ , respectively ,

so  $I$  is the circumcenter of  $\triangle A_1B_1C_1 \implies I$  is the circumcenter of  $\triangle A_3B_3C_3$ .

( $\because I$  is the circumcenter of  $\triangle DEF$  and  $A_3, B_3, C_3$  is the midpoint of  $A_1D, B_1E, C_1F$ , resp)

Notice that radius of  $\odot(A_3B_3C_3)$  is  $\frac{4R-r}{2}$  ( $\because$  the radius of  $\odot(A_1B_1C_1)$  is  $4R \implies \frac{YI}{YO} = \frac{4R-r}{2R}$  ,

so combine ( $\star$ )  $\implies \frac{TI}{T'I'} = \frac{r}{2R}$  ( $I'$  is the reflection of  $I$  in  $O$ )  $\implies \frac{XI}{XO} = \frac{r}{2R} \implies X, Y$  are symmetry WRT  $O$ .

Q.E.D

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**Luis González**

#5 Jul 3, 2015, 4:44 am

Discussed before at <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/community/c6h392138>.

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trigonometry  Reply**MR.129**

#1 Mar 12, 2009, 9:53 pm

Point M is located inside triangle ABC.  $A_1, B_1, C_1$  are fots of perpendiculars from M to BC, AC, AB respectively. Prove that:  
 $\cot \widehat{AA_1B} + \cot \widehat{BB_1C} + \cot \widehat{CC_1A} = 0$

**Luis González**

#2 Jun 2, 2010, 8:46 am

M can be any point on the plane ABC if we consider oriented angles. Let  $(u : v : w)$  be the barycentric coordinates of M with respect to  $\triangle ABC$ . Then the coordinates of  $A_1, B_1, C_1$  (in Conway's notation) are:  $A_1(0 : a^2v + uS_C : a^2w + uS_B)$ ,  $B_1(b^2u + vS_C : 0 : b^2w + vS_A)$  and  $C_1(c^2u + wS_B : c^2v + wS_A : 0)$ .

Let  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  denote the oriented angles between the cevians  $AA_1, BB_1, CC_1$  and  $BC, CA, AB$ , respectively

$$\cot \alpha = \frac{-(uS_C + a^2v)S_B + (uS_B + a^2w)S_C}{-a^2S(u + v + w)} = \frac{vS_B - wS_C}{S(u + v + w)}$$

By cyclic permutation of elements we get  $\cot \beta$  and  $\cot \gamma$  as

$$\begin{aligned} \cot \beta &= \frac{wS_C - uS_A}{S(u + v + w)}, \quad \cot \gamma = \frac{uS_A - vS_B}{S(u + v + w)} \\ \implies \cot \alpha + \cot \beta + \cot \gamma &= \frac{vS_B - wS_C + wS_C - uS_A + uS_A - vS_B}{S(u + v + w)} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

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geometry  Reply**phantranhuongth**

#1 Feb 21, 2016, 9:53 am

Let  $ABC$  and a point  $M$  in  $ABC$ . Let  $A', B', C' : MA' \perp BC, MB' \perp AC, \dots$ Prove that:  $\cot \angle AA'B + \cot \angle BB'C + \cot \angle CC'A = \text{const}$ **Luis González**

#2 Feb 21, 2016, 10:46 am

Let  $H$  be the orthocenter of  $\triangle ABC$  and let  $D, E, F$  be the projections of  $A, B, C$  on  $BC, CA, AB$ . Considering the segments  $\overline{DA'}, \overline{EB'}, \overline{FC'}$  signed with regard to  $D, E, F$ , we get

$$\cot \widehat{AA'B} = \frac{\overline{DA'}}{\overline{AD}} = \frac{\overline{DA'}}{\frac{2[ABC]}{BC}} = \frac{\overline{DA'} \cdot BC}{2[ABC]} \implies$$

$$\cot \widehat{AA'B} + \cot \widehat{BB'C} + \cot \widehat{CC'A} = \frac{\overline{DA'} \cdot BC + \overline{EB'} \cdot CA + \overline{FC'} \cdot AB}{2[ABC]}.$$

Using the result of the problem [A generalization of Pythagorean theorem](#) for  $M, H$  and their pedal triangles  $\triangle A'B'C'$ ,  $\triangle DEF$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$ , it follows that the RHS of the latter expression equals 0  $\implies$   
 $\cot \widehat{AA'B} + \cot \widehat{BB'C} + \cot \widehat{CC'A} = 0 = \text{const.}$

**Luis González**

#3 Feb 21, 2016, 10:30 pm

For another proof see <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/community/c6h264041>. Quick Reply

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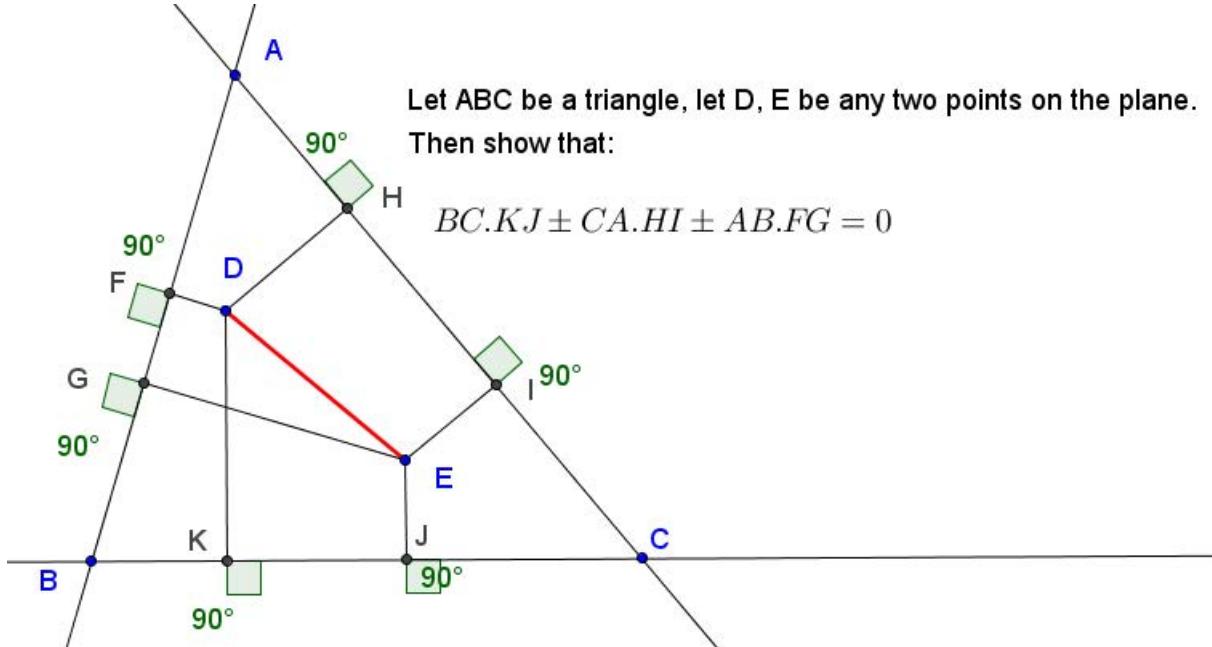
daothanhaoi

#1 Sep 10, 2015, 12:54 am

I propose a generalization of Pythagorean theorem as follows:

When ABC is right at A, and EF is BC we have Pythagorean theorem

Attachments:



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LeVietAn

#2 Sep 10, 2015, 1:43 am • 1

My Solution:

**Lemma:** Let Points  $A, B, X, Y, X', Y'$  such that  $XX' \perp AB, YY' \perp AB, X' \in AB, Y' \in AB$  then

$$\overrightarrow{XY} \cdot \overrightarrow{AB} = \overrightarrow{XY'} \cdot \overrightarrow{AB}$$

**Proof:** Well-known.**Back to main problem:**

We have:

$$\overrightarrow{BC} \cdot \overrightarrow{KJ} + \overrightarrow{CA} \cdot \overrightarrow{IH} + \overrightarrow{AB} \cdot \overrightarrow{FG} = \overrightarrow{BC} \cdot \overrightarrow{DE} + \overrightarrow{CA} \cdot \overrightarrow{DE} + \overrightarrow{AB} \cdot \overrightarrow{DE} = (\overrightarrow{BC} + \overrightarrow{CA} + \overrightarrow{AB}) \cdot \overrightarrow{DE} = \overrightarrow{0} \cdot \overrightarrow{DE} = 0.$$

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Luis González

#3 Sep 10, 2015, 1:46 am • 1

Let  $M_a, M_b, M_c$  denote the midpoints of  $BC, CA, AB$ , respectively. Then we have

$$JB^2 - JC^2 = (JB + JC) \cdot (JB - JC) = BC \cdot (JB - JC) = \pm 2 \cdot BC \cdot JM_a \text{ and similarly}$$

$$KB^2 - KC^2 = \pm 2 \cdot BC \cdot KM_a \Rightarrow (JB^2 - JC^2) + (KB^2 - KC^2) = \pm 2 \cdot BC \cdot KJ. \text{ Now adding the cyclic expressions together, bearing in mind Carnot's theorem, we get } BC \cdot KJ \pm CA \cdot HI \pm AB \cdot FG = 0, \text{ as desired.}$$

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Concurrent lines X

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**njuk**

#1 Feb 21, 2016, 12:51 am

Let  $ABC$  be a triangle and  $\Omega$  a circle intersecting its sides.

$B_2, C_1 = \Omega \cap BC$  such that  $B, B_2, C_1, C$  lie on line in that order.

$C_2, A_1 = \Omega \cap CA$  such that  $C, C_2, A_1, A$  lie on line in that order.

$A_2, B_1 = \Omega \cap AB$  such that  $A, A_2, B_1, B$  lie on line in that order.

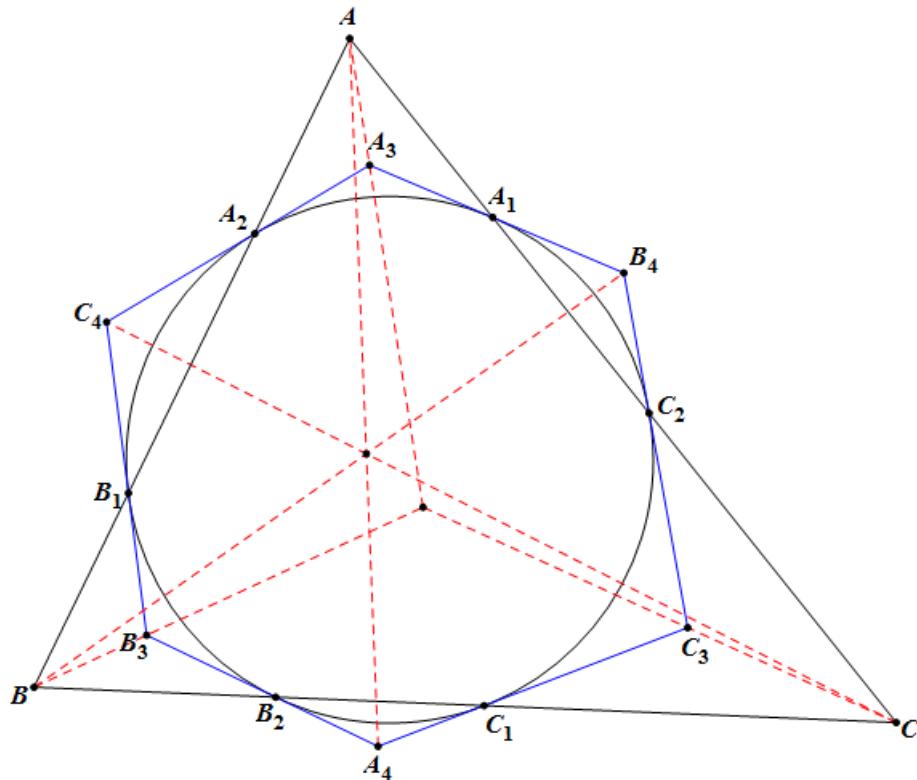
Let  $A_3 = A_1A_2 \cap A_2A_1, B_3 = B_1B_2 \cap B_2B_1, C_3 = C_1C_2 \cap C_2C_1$

Let  $A_4 = B_2B_3 \cap C_1C_2, B_4 = C_2C_3 \cap A_1A_2, C_4 = A_2A_3 \cap B_1B_2$

(1) Prove that  $AA_3, BB_3, CC_3$  are concurrent.

(2) Prove that  $AA_4, BB_4, CC_4$  are concurrent.

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**Luis González**

#2 Feb 21, 2016, 1:16 am • 1

The concurrency of  $AA_4, BB_4, CC_4$  is well-known; it's the perspector of  $\Omega$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$ . For various proof you can see the thread [concurrency of AA\\_3,BB\\_3,CC\\_3](#).

From the complete quadrilateral  $A_1A_2B_1C_2$ , we deduce that  $A, A_3$  and the intersection  $A_1B_1 \cap A_2C_2$  are collinear on the polar of  $A_1A_2 \cap B_1C_2$  WRT  $\Omega$ . Similarly  $BB_3$  and  $CC_3$  pass through  $A_2B_2 \cap B_1C_1$  and  $B_2C_2 \cap A_1C_1$ . Now see the problem [An ellipse and a point of concurrency](#).

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concurrency of AA\_3,BB\_3,CC\_3 

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Source: it could have been posted before



shoki

#1 Nov 6, 2009, 10:11 pm

Let  $\Delta ABC$  be a triangle and  $(O)$  be a circle which intersects the sides  $BC, CA, AB$  at  $\{A_1, A_2\}, \{B_1, B_2\}, \{C_1, C_2\}$ . Also the intersection of the tangents at  $A_1, A_2$  to  $(O)$  is  $A_3$ . The two other points  $(B_3, C_3)$  are defined similarly. Prove the concurrency of  $AA_3, BB_3, CC_3$ . I know a solution which is really ugly and I wanted to know if there exists other solutions. (Sorry if it has been posted before, I don't know the source).



Luis González

#2 Dec 15, 2009, 2:43 am • 1 

**Theorem:**  $(O)$  is an arbitrary circle in the plane of  $\Delta ABC$ .  $P, Q, R$  are the poles of the sidelines  $BC, CA, AB$  with respect to  $(O)$ . Then  $AP, BQ, CR$  concur.

**Proof:**  $\delta(P, a)$  stands for the distance from  $P$  to the sideline  $BC$  and  $\delta(P, b), \delta(P, c)$  are defined similarly. By [1st Salmon's theorem](#) we have the following relations:

$$\frac{\overline{RO}}{\overline{PO}} = \frac{\delta(R, a)}{\delta(P, c)}, \quad \frac{\overline{QO}}{\overline{PO}} = \frac{\delta(Q, a)}{\delta(P, b)} \implies \frac{\delta(P, c)}{\delta(P, b)} = \frac{\delta(R, a)}{\delta(Q, a)} \cdot \frac{\overline{QO}}{\overline{RO}} \quad (1)$$

By cyclic exchange we have the relations:

$$\frac{\delta(Q, a)}{\delta(Q, c)} = \frac{\delta(P, b)}{\delta(R, b)} \cdot \frac{\overline{RO}}{\overline{PO}} \cdot \frac{\overline{PO}}{\overline{QO}} \quad (2), \quad \frac{\delta(R, b)}{\delta(R, a)} = \frac{\delta(Q, c)}{\delta(P, c)} \cdot \frac{\overline{PO}}{\overline{QO}} \quad (3)$$

Multiplying (1), (2) and (3) together yields:

$$\frac{\delta(P, c)}{\delta(P, b)} \cdot \frac{\delta(Q, a)}{\delta(Q, c)} \cdot \frac{\delta(R, b)}{\delta(R, a)} = \frac{\delta(R, a)}{\delta(Q, a)} \cdot \frac{\delta(P, b)}{\delta(R, b)} \cdot \frac{\delta(Q, c)}{\delta(P, c)} \cdot \frac{\overline{QO}}{\overline{RO}} \cdot \frac{\overline{RO}}{\overline{PO}} \cdot \frac{\overline{PO}}{\overline{QO}}$$

$$\frac{\delta(P, c)}{\delta(P, b)} \cdot \frac{\delta(Q, a)}{\delta(Q, c)} \cdot \frac{\delta(R, b)}{\delta(R, a)} = 1 \implies AP, BQ, CR \text{ concur by Ceva's theorem.}$$



shoki

#3 Dec 15, 2009, 2:56 am

I didn't check the computations but your idea was really NICE

ALL OF MY CONGRATS  

That was a really nice idea to use this theorem (and what a useful theorem it is!  )



Luis González

#4 Dec 15, 2009, 3:02 am

Thanks for your kind words dear shoki, indeed it is a very useful theorem but surprisingly unknown as well. The problem is really nice. I was working on a solution since several days ago when a friend of mine sent me the generalization via private message and then I realized that you submitted it earlier.



Luis González





 Luis González

#5 Jan 9, 2010, 10:39 pm

We have an interesting concurrency when the subject circle concides with the 9-point circle.

Given a triangle  $\triangle ABC$  and its 9-nine point circle ( $N$ ).  $P, Q, R$  are the poles of the sidelines  $BC, CA, AB$  with respect to ( $N$ ). Then  $AP, BQ, CR$  concur at the isotomic conjugate of  $X_{1078}$ .



Luis González

#6 Jan 10, 2010, 3:14 am

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 Quote:

Given a triangle  $\triangle ABC$  and its 9-nine point circle ( $N$ ).  $P, Q, R$  are the poles of the sidelines  $BC, CA, AB$  with respect to ( $N$ ). Then  $AP, BQ, CR$  concur at the isotomic conjugate of  $X_{1078}$ .

The pole  $P$  of  $BC$  WRT ( $N$ ) is the intersection of the tangent of ( $N$ ) at the midpoint of  $BC$  and the perpendicular dropped from  $N$  to  $BC$ . Its anticomplement  $P'$  is then the intersection of the tangent  $\tau_a$  of ( $O$ ) at  $A$  and the perpendicular bisector  $\ell_a$  of  $BC$ . Using barycentric coordinates with respect to  $\triangle ABC$ , we have:

$$\ell_a \equiv (b^2 - c^2)x + a^2y - a^2z = 0, \tau_a \equiv c^2y + b^2z = 0$$

$$P' \equiv \ell_a \cap \tau_a \equiv (a^2(b^2 + c^2) : b^2(c^2 - b^2) : c^2(b^2 - c^2))$$

Therefore,  $P(2b^2c^2 - b^4 - c^4 : a^2b^2 + a^2c^2 + b^2c^2 - c^4 : a^2b^2 + a^2c^2 + b^2c^2 - b^4)$

Coordinates of  $Q, R$  are found by cyclic permutation. Thus,  $AP, BQ, CR$  concur at

$$\left( \frac{1}{b^2c^2 + c^2a^2 + a^2b^2 - a^4} : \frac{1}{b^2c^2 + c^2a^2 + a^2b^2 - b^4} : \frac{1}{b^2c^2 + c^2a^2 + a^2b^2 - c^4} \right)$$

Which is the isotomic conjugate of  $X_{1078} \equiv (a^2b^2 + a^2c^2 + b^2c^2 - a^4)$



RSM

#7 Oct 21, 2011, 3:00 pm • 2

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 Luis González wrote:

**Theorem:** ( $O$ ) is an arbitrary circle in the plane of  $\triangle ABC$ .  $P, Q, R$  are the poles of the sidelines  $BC, CA, AB$  with respect to ( $O$ ). Then  $AP, BQ, CR$  concur.

Here is a synthetic solution for this theorem:-

Its enough to prove that intersection of the polars of  $A, B, C$  wrt ( $O$ ) with  $BC, CA, AB$  are collinear. Suppose,  $A', B', C'$  are the inverse points of  $A, B, C$  wrt ( $O$ ).  $A_1, B_1, C_1$  are located on  $BC, CA, AB$  such that  $A_1A' \perp OA$  and similar for the others. We have to prove that  $A_1, B_1, C_1$  are collinear. Suppose,  $AA_2, BB_2, CC_2$  are the altitudes of  $ABC$ . Consider the circles  $\odot AA'A_2, \odot BB'B_2, \odot CC'C_2$ . Clearly, the orthocenter  $H$  of  $ABC$  wrt these circles has same power and so has  $O$ . So these circles are co-axial. Their centers are midpoints of  $AA_1, BB_1, CC_1$  and so they are collinear and this implies  $A_1, B_1, C_1$  are collinear. So done.



sawaqr

#8 Nov 4, 2011, 5:15 pm • 3

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A friend of mine from New Zealand( Malcolm Granville, a former participant of IMO) remarked to me that he discovered this theorem while working on a special case of Nine Point Circle which appeared in some Romanian TST, as also remarked by Luis in his second post! The generalized statement, as he puts, is the following:

Given a triangle  $ABC$  and a conic  $\omega$ . Let the poles of the lines of the sides be  $A', B'$  and  $C'$  corresponding to  $BC, AB$  and  $AC$ . Then, the lines  $AA', BB'$  and  $CC'$  are concurrent.

Proof: Let the points  $AB \cap A'B' = Z, AA' \cap BB' = P, AB \cap CC' = U$  and  $A'B' \cap CC' = U'$  be in the projective plane.

We have  $(A, B; Z, U) = (CA, CB; CZ, CU)$  and taking the poles of the lines in the last bundle, we have  $(CA, CB; CZ, CU) = (B', A'; U', Z) = (A', B', Z, U') = (PA', PB', PZ, PU')$  and so the perspectivity from  $P$  sends  $A, B, Z$  and  $U$  to  $A', B', Z$  and  $U'$  respectively or  $P, U$  and  $U'$  are collinear which means  $P \in CC'$ .

The existence of Gergonne and Symmedian Point can be proved by this theorem, as observed by him.



**VHCR**

#9 Dec 12, 2011, 10:49 am

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**swaqr** wrote:

We have  $(A, B; Z, U) = (CA, CB; CZ, CU)$  and taking the poles of the lines in the last bundle, we have  $(CA, CB; CZ, CU) = (B', A'; U', Z)$ .

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Could you explain this part?



**Dragonboy**

#10 Jun 17, 2012, 10:27 am

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**RSM** wrote:

Clearly, the orthocenter  $H$  of  $ABC$  wrt these circles has same power and so has  $O$ . So these circles are co-axial.

I'm not understanding this part.  $H$  can be the radical center of those three circles but how can you claim that those three circles are co axial?



**RSM**

#11 Jun 17, 2012, 11:32 am

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I wrote that, both  $H$  and  $O$  have same power wrt the 3 circles. So clearly, they are co-axial.



**Dragonboy**

#12 Jun 17, 2012, 1:13 pm

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**RSM** wrote:

I wrote that, both  $H$  and  $O$  have same power wrt the 3 circles. So clearly, they are co-axial.

Opps. Sorry i didn't notice that before



**Blacklord**

#13 Sep 26, 2015, 9:07 pm

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Is there any suloution without polar??

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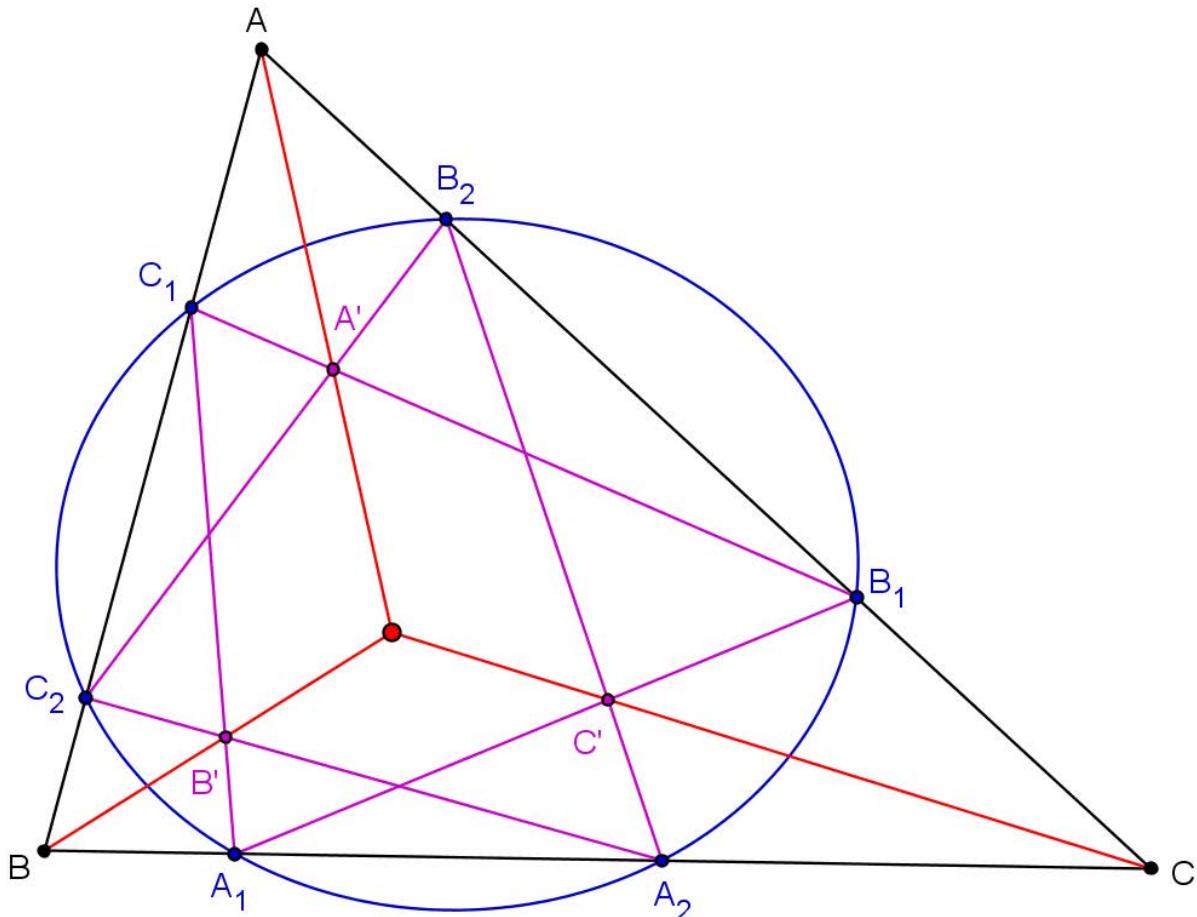
#1 Jul 21, 2010, 2:13 pm

Hello!

An ellipse intersects the sides of a triangle  $ABC$  at the points  $A_1, A_2, B_1, B_2, C_1, C_2$  ( $A_1, A_2 \in BC; B_1, B_2 \in CA; C_1, C_2 \in AB$ ). Let's consider  $\{A'\} = B_1C_1 \cap B_2C_2$ ,  $\{B'\} = C_1A_1 \cap C_2A_2$  and  $\{C'\} = A_1B_1 \cap A_2B_2$ . Prove that the lines  $AA'$ ,  $BB'$  and  $CC'$  are concurrent.

Best regards,  
Petrisor Neagoe 😊

Attachments:

**Luis González**

#2 Jul 21, 2010, 8:57 pm

Substitute the ellipse for a general conic  $\mathcal{H}$ . By Pascal theorem for the non-convex hexagon  $C_1B_2A_1C_2B_1A_2$ , the intersections  $A_0 \equiv C_1B_2 \cap C_2B_1$ ,  $C_0 \equiv B_2A_1 \cap B_1A_2$  and  $B_0 \equiv A_1C_2 \cap A_2C_1$  are collinear. On the other hand, the line passing through  $A \equiv B_1B_2 \cap C_1C_2$  and  $A' \equiv C_2B_2 \cap C_1B_1$  is the polar of  $A_0$  WRT  $\mathcal{H}$ . Likewise, the lines  $BB'$  and  $CC'$  are the polars of  $B_0, C_0$  WRT  $\mathcal{H}$ . Since  $A_0, B_0, C_0$  are collinear, then  $AA', BB', CC'$  concur at the pole of  $A_0B_0C_0$  WRT  $\mathcal{H}$ .



Petry

#3 Jul 21, 2010, 11:10 pm

Dear Luis, thanks for your nice solution!

My solution:

First, it's known that

If a conic meet the sides  $BC, CA, AB$  of a triangle in three pairs of points  $A_1, A_2, B_1, B_2, C_1, C_2$  then  $\frac{A_1C}{A_1B} \cdot \frac{A_2C}{A_2B} \cdot \frac{B_1A}{B_1C} \cdot \frac{B_2A}{B_2C} \cdot \frac{C_1B}{C_1A} \cdot \frac{C_2B}{C_2A} = 1$ .

$\{A''\} = AA' \cap BC, \{B''\} = BB' \cap CA$  and  $\{C''\} = CC' \cap AB$ .

See the proposed problem posted here

<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=47&t=255004>.

So,

$$\frac{A''B}{A''C} = \frac{\frac{C_1B}{C_1A} - \frac{C_2B}{C_2A}}{\frac{B_2C}{B_2A} - \frac{B_1C}{B_1A}} = \frac{\frac{C_1B \cdot C_2A - C_2B \cdot C_1A}{C_1A \cdot C_2A}}{\frac{B_2C \cdot B_1A - B_1C \cdot B_2A}{B_1A \cdot B_2A}} \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{B''C}{B''A} = \frac{\frac{A_1C}{A_1B} - \frac{A_2C}{A_2B}}{\frac{C_2A}{C_2B} - \frac{C_1A}{C_1B}} = \frac{\frac{A_1C \cdot A_2B - A_2C \cdot A_1B}{A_1B \cdot A_2B}}{\frac{C_2A \cdot C_1B - C_1A \cdot C_2B}{C_1B \cdot C_2B}} \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{C''A}{C''B} = \frac{\frac{B_1A}{B_1C} - \frac{B_2A}{B_2C}}{\frac{A_2B}{A_2C} - \frac{A_1B}{A_1C}} = \frac{\frac{B_1A \cdot B_2C - B_2A \cdot B_1C}{B_1C \cdot B_2C}}{\frac{A_2B \cdot A_1C - A_1B \cdot A_2C}{A_1C \cdot A_2C}} \quad (3)$$

$$(1),(2),(3) \Rightarrow \frac{A''B}{A''C} \cdot \frac{B''C}{B''A} \cdot \frac{C''A}{C''B} = \frac{B_1A \cdot B_2A}{C_1A \cdot C_2A} \cdot \frac{C_1B \cdot C_2B}{A_1B \cdot A_2B} \cdot \frac{A_1C \cdot A_2C}{B_1C \cdot B_2C} =$$

$$= \frac{A_1C}{A_1B} \cdot \frac{A_2C}{A_2B} \cdot \frac{B_1A}{B_1C} \cdot \frac{B_2A}{B_2C} \cdot \frac{C_1B}{C_1A} \cdot \frac{C_2B}{C_2A} = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{A''B}{A''C} \cdot \frac{B''C}{B''A} \cdot \frac{C''A}{C''B} = 1 \Rightarrow$$

$\Rightarrow$  the lines  $AA', BB'$  and  $CC'$  are concurrent.

Best regards,  
Petrisor Neagoie 😊

P.S.

Let  $ABC$  be a triangle,  $A_1B_1C_1$  is the  $P$ -cevian triangle of  $ABC$  and  $A_2B_2C_2$  is the  $Q$ -cevian triangle of  $ABC$ . If  $\{A'\} = B_1C_1 \cap B_2C_2, \{B'\} = C_1A_1 \cap C_2A_2$  and  $\{C'\} = A_1B_1 \cap A_2B_2$  then prove that the lines  $AA', BB'$  and  $CC'$  are concurrent.

For this problem, we can write a solution without a conic as tool.

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## High School Olympiads

Radical Center is the Symmedian Point X

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**ABCDE**

#1 Feb 19, 2016, 11:18 pm • 1 ↳

Let  $ABC$  be a triangle and let  $D$  be the foot of the altitude from  $A$  to  $BC$ . Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be points on  $AB$  and  $AC$  different from  $A$  with  $DX = DY = DA$ . Let the circumcircle of  $BCXY$  be  $\omega_A$ , and define  $\omega_B$  and  $\omega_C$  similarly. Prove that the radical center of  $\omega_A$ ,  $\omega_B$ , and  $\omega_C$  is the symmedian point of  $ABC$ .



**TelvCohl**

#2 Feb 19, 2016, 11:56 pm • 2 ↳

Let  $\triangle DEF$  be the orthic triangle of  $\triangle ABC$ . Let  $\omega_B$  cuts  $BA, BC$  at  $B_a, B_c$ , respectively (define  $C_a$  and  $C_b$  similarly). From  $\angle F B_a E = \angle E B F = \angle E C F = \angle F C_a E$  we get  $E, F, B_a, C_a$  are concyclic, so  $EF$  and  $B_a C_a$  are anti-parallel WRT  $\angle A \implies B_a C_a \parallel BC$ . On the other hand, if the tangent  $\tau_B$  of  $\odot(ABC)$  passing through  $B$  cuts  $\omega_C$  again at  $T_c$ , then  $\angle B T_c C_a = \angle B A C \implies T_c C_a \parallel BC$ , so  $T_c$  lies on  $B_a C_a$ . Analogously, the intersection  $T_b$  of the tangent  $\tau_C$  of  $\odot(ABC)$  passing through  $C$  and  $B_a C_a$  lies on  $\omega_B$ . Let  $T \equiv \tau_B \cap \tau_C$ . From  $T B \cdot T T_c = T C \cdot T T_b$  we get  $T$  lies on the radical axis of  $\omega_B$  and  $\omega_C$ , so we conclude that the radical axis of  $\omega_B, \omega_C$  is the A-symmedian  $AT$  of  $\triangle ABC$ .



**Luis González**

#3 Feb 19, 2016, 11:57 pm • 2 ↳

Let  $E$  and  $F$  be the feet of the altitudes on  $CA, AB$ .  $\odot(E, EB)$  cuts  $BC, BA$  again at  $R, S$  and  $\odot(F, FC)$  cuts  $CA, CB$  at  $T, U$ . Since  $\angle ESF = \angle EBA = \angle FCA = \angle FTE \implies EFTS$  is cyclic  $\implies \angle TSF = \angle TEF = \angle ABC \implies BC \parallel TS$ . Thus if  $TS$  cuts  $\omega_B, \omega_C$ , again at  $S', T'$ , we get  $\angle RCS' = \angle RSS' = \angle SRC = \angle BAC$  and similarly  $\angle UBT' = \angle BAC$ . Hence if  $X \equiv BT' \cap CS'$ , then  $XB, XC$  are tangents of  $\odot(ABC) \implies BCS'T'$  is an isosceles trapezoid  $\implies XB \cdot XT' = XC \cdot XS' \implies X$  has equal power WRT  $\omega_B, \omega_C \implies$  A-symmedian  $AX$  is the radical axis of  $\omega_B, \omega_C$ . Similarly the B-symmedian and C-symmedian are the radical axes  $\omega_C, \omega_A$ , and  $\omega_A, \omega_B$  and the conclusion follows.



**mjuk**

#4 Feb 20, 2016, 12:12 am • 1 ↳

Let  $\omega_B$  intersect  $AB$  at  $Z$ , let radical axis of  $\omega_A$  and  $\omega_B$  intersect  $AB$  at  $S$ .

Let  $S'$  be intersection of  $C$ -symmedian and  $AB$ , then  $\frac{S'A}{S'B} = \frac{b^2}{c^2}$  or  $S'B = \frac{cb^2}{a^2 + b^2}$  and  $S'A = \frac{ca^2}{a^2 + b^2}$

From sine law in  $\triangle BDX$ :

$$\frac{BX}{\sin(2B - 90^\circ)} = \frac{DX}{\sin(B)} = \frac{AD}{\sin(B)} = \frac{c}{\sin(90^\circ)} = c \rightarrow BX = -c \cos(2B), \text{ similarly } AZ = -c \cos(2A)$$

From power of point:  $SA(SA + AZ) = SB(SB + BX)$

Suffices to prove:  $S'A(S'A + AZ) = S'B(S'B + BX)$ , because this will imply  $S = S'$ .

$$\leftrightarrow \frac{b^4}{(a^2 + b^2)^2} - b^2 c^2 a^2 + b^2 \cos(2A) = \frac{a^4 c^2}{(a^2 + b^2)^2} - \frac{a^2 c^2}{a^2 + b^2}$$

$$\leftrightarrow b^4 - b^4 \cos(2A) - a^2 b^2 \cos(2A) = a^4 - a^4 \cos(2B) - a^2 b^2 \cos(2A)$$

$$\leftrightarrow b^4 \sin^2(A) + a^2 b^2 \sin^2(A) = a^4 \sin^2(B) + a^2 b^2 \sin^2(B)$$

But sine law implies that  $b^4 \sin^2(A) = a^2 b^2 \sin^2(B)$  and  $a^4 \sin^2(B) = a^2 b^2 \sin^2(A)$  hence  $S = S'$ .

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**buratinogiggle**

#5 Feb 20, 2016, 11:28 am

**General problem.** Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with altitudes  $AD, BE, CF$ .  $X, Y, Z$  divide  $AD, BE, CF$  in the same ratio.

Projections of  $X$  on  $CA, AB$  and  $B, C$  lie on circle  $(\omega_A)$ . Similarly we have circles  $(\omega_B), (\omega_C)$ . Prove that Lemoine point of

*ABC* is radical center of  $(\omega_a)$ ,  $(\omega_b)$ ,  $(\omega_c)$ .



Luis González

#6 Feb 21, 2016, 12:31 am • 1

“ buratinogigle wrote:

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**More general:** Let  $\{U, R\} \in BC, \{Q, T\} \in CA, \{S, P\} \in AB$ , such that  $PQRSTU$  is a Tucker hexagon in that order with  $ST, UP, QR$  parallel to  $BC, CA, AB$ , respectively. Then the symmedian point of  $\triangle ABC$  is the radical center of  $\odot(BCQP), \odot(CASR)$  and  $\odot(ABUT)$ .

The proofs given in the posts #2 and #3 still works for this general configuration.



Dukejukem

#7 Feb 22, 2016, 10:36 pm • 1

“ ABCDE wrote:

Let  $ABC$  be a triangle and let  $D$  be the foot of the altitude from  $A$  to  $BC$ . Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be points on  $AB$  and  $AC$  different from  $A$  with  $DX = DY = DA$ . Let the circumcircle of  $BCXY$  be  $\omega_A$ , and define  $\omega_B$  and  $\omega_C$  similarly. Prove that the radical center of  $\omega_A, \omega_B$ , and  $\omega_C$  is the symmedian point of  $ABC$ .

Let  $H$  be the projection of  $D$  onto  $AB$ . Note that  $X$  is the reflection of  $A$  in  $H$ ; hence,  
 $\text{pow}(A, \omega_A) = 2 \cdot AH \cdot AB = 2 \cdot AD^2$  where the last step follows from  $\triangle ADH \sim \triangle ABD$ .

Set  $\lambda \equiv a^2 + b^2 + c^2$  and  $\Delta \equiv [ABC]$ . Let  $\Omega \equiv \odot(ABC)$  and define  $\mathcal{F} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  
 $\mathcal{F}(X) \equiv \text{pow}(X, \omega_A) - \text{pow}(X, \Omega)$ . It's well known that  $\mathcal{F}$  is linear. Then since  $K(a^2 : b^2 : c^2)$  are the barycentric coordinates of the symmedian point, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{F}(K) &= \frac{a^2}{\lambda} \mathcal{F}(A) + \frac{b^2}{\lambda} \mathcal{F}(B) + \frac{c^2}{\lambda} \mathcal{F}(C) \\ &= \frac{a^2}{\lambda} \mathcal{F}(A) \\ &= \frac{a^2 \text{pow}(A, \omega_A)}{\lambda} \\ &= \frac{a^2 (2 \cdot AD^2)}{\lambda} \\ &= \frac{8\Delta^2}{\lambda}.\end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $\text{pow}(K, \omega_A) = \frac{8\Delta^2}{\lambda} + \text{pow}(K, \Omega)$ , which is symmetric in  $a, b, c$ . Thus,  $K$  has equal power WRT  $\omega_A, \omega_B, \omega_C$ , as desired.

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Monge Lines

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nsato

#1 Feb 19, 2016, 10:31 pm

Given triangle  $ABC$ , let  $\epsilon_A, \epsilon_B, \epsilon_C$  be the excircles, let  $\mu_A, \mu_B, \mu_C$  be the mixtilinear incircles, and let  $\nu_A, \nu_B, \nu_C$  be the mixtilinear excircles. Let  $P_1$  be the external centre of similitude of  $\epsilon_B$  and  $\epsilon_C$ , etc., and let  $Q_1$  be the external centre of similitude of  $\mu_B$  and  $\mu_C$ , etc. Then by Monge-d'Alembert,  $P_1, P_2, P_3$  are collinear, and  $Q_1, Q_2, Q_3$  are collinear.

(a) Show that  $P_1$  is also the external centre of similitude of  $\nu_B$  and  $\nu_C$ .

(b) Show that lines  $P_1P_2P_3$  and  $Q_1Q_2Q_3$  are parallel.

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Reason: Correcting post.



TelvCohl

#2 Feb 19, 2016, 11:11 pm • 1

(a)

Let  $I$  be the incenter of  $\triangle ABC$  and let  $I_b, I_c, J_b, J_c$  be the center of  $\epsilon_B, \epsilon_C, \nu_B, \nu_C$ , respectively. From Mannheim's theorem we get the tangency point  $Y$  of  $\nu_B$  with  $BC$  lies on the perpendicular from  $I_b$  to  $BI$ . Similarly, we can prove  $I_cZ \perp CI$  where  $Z \equiv \nu_C \cap BC$ . Since  $T \equiv YI_b \cap ZI_c$  is the antipode of  $I$  in  $\odot(I_bII_c)$ , so notice  $BC$  and  $I_bI_c$  are anti-parallel WRT  $\angle BIC$  we get  $IT \perp BC$ , hence from Desargue theorem ( $\triangle YI_bJ_b$  and  $\triangle ZI_cJ_c$ ) we conclude that  $P_1$  lies on  $J_bJ_c$ . i.e.  $P_1$  is also the exsimilicenter of  $\nu_B$  and  $\nu_C$



Luis González

#4 Feb 20, 2016, 12:03 am • 1

(a) Clearly  $P_1, P_2, P_3$  are the feet of the external bisectors of  $\angle BAC, \angle ABC, \angle BCA$ , i.e.  $\overline{P_1P_2P_3}$  is the trilinear polar of  $I$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$ , which coincides with the polar of the isogonal conjugate  $L$  of the Gergonne point  $G$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$  (well-known). If  $\nu_A, \nu_B, \nu_C$  touch the circumcircle  $(O)$  at  $L_1, L_2, L_3$ , then  $\triangle L_1L_2L_3$  is the circumcevian triangle of  $L \implies$  the perspectrix of  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle L_1L_2L_3$  is the polar  $\overline{P_1P_2P_3}$  of  $L$  WRT  $(O) \implies P_1 \in L_2L_3$ , etc  $\implies P_1$  is also exsimilicenter of  $\nu_B \sim \nu_C$ .

(b) I think you mean that  $\overline{P_1P_2P_3} \parallel \overline{Q_1Q_2Q_3}$ . If  $\mu_A, \mu_B, \mu_C$  touch  $(O)$  at  $T_1, T_2, T_3$ , then  $\triangle T_1T_2T_3$  is the circumcevian triangle of the isogonal conjugate  $T$  of the Nagel point  $N_a$  WRT  $\triangle ABC \implies \overline{Q_1Q_2Q_3}$  is the polar of  $T$  WRT  $(O) \implies OIT \perp \overline{Q_1Q_2Q_3}$  but  $\overline{P_1P_2P_3} \perp OIL \implies (\overline{P_1P_2P_3} \parallel \overline{Q_1Q_2Q_3}) \perp OI$ .



nsato

#5 Feb 22, 2016, 4:09 am

Of course, I did mean parallel in part (b). Thank you, TelvCohl and Luis. I was a bit afraid that part (a) was trivial, but it seems that it is not so obvious.

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## High School Olympiads

Nice geometry



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langkhach11112

#1 Feb 18, 2016, 11:09 am

$D$  and  $E$  lie on side  $BC$  of triangle  $ABC$  such that  $\angle BAD = \angle CAE$ .  $M, N, H, K$  are perpendicular projections of  $B, C, D, E$  on  $AD, AE, AB, AC$ . Prove that  $A$  and the midpoint of segment  $HK, MN$  are collinear.



Luis González

#2 Feb 19, 2016, 4:34 am • 1

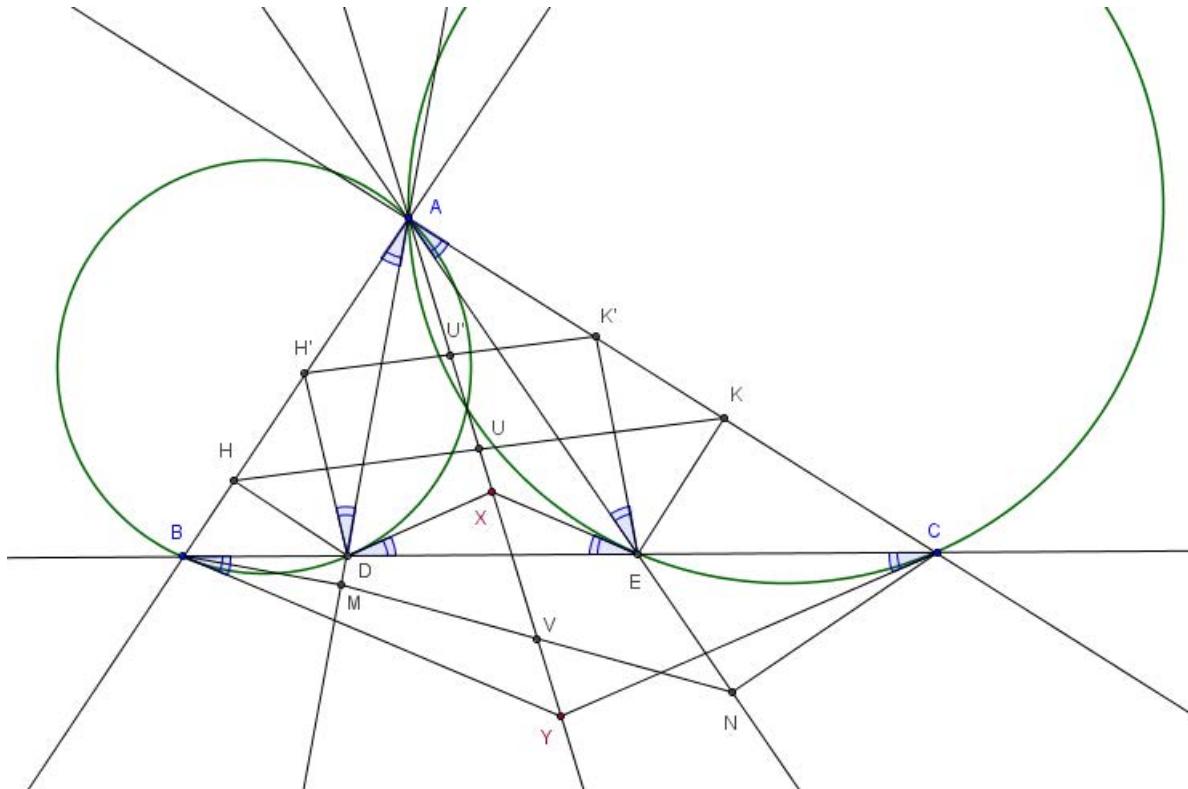
**Lemma:** In the plane of  $\triangle ABC$ , similar isosceles triangles  $\triangle MBC, \triangle NCA, \triangle LAB$ , with apices  $M, N, L$ , are constructed such that  $A, M$  are on the same side of  $BC$  and  $N, L$  are outside of  $\triangle ABC$ . Then  $AM$  passes through the midpoint of  $NL$ . Likewise if  $N, L$  are constructed inwardly and  $M$  outwardly, then  $AM$  passes through the midpoint of  $NL$ .

**Proof:** Since  $\triangle MBC \sim \triangle LAB$  are spirally similar, then it follows that  $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle LBM$  are also spirally similar  $\Rightarrow \frac{LM}{AC} = \frac{BM}{BC}$ . But from  $\triangle NAC \sim \triangle MBC$ , we have  $\frac{AC}{BC} = \frac{AN}{BM} \Rightarrow \frac{AN}{BM} = \frac{LM}{AC} \Rightarrow AN = LM$ . Analogously  $AL = NM$ , which means that  $ANML$  is a parallelogram  $\Rightarrow AM$  passes through the midpoint of  $NL$ .

Back to the main problem, denote  $\angle BAD = \angle CAE = \theta$  and construct  $X$  and  $Y$ , such that  $\angle XDE = \angle XED = \theta$  and  $\angle YBC = \angle YCB = \theta$ , such that  $X, Y$  are on different sides of  $BC$  and  $A, X$  are on the same side of  $BC$ . Clearly  $XD, XE$  are tangents of  $\odot(ABD), \odot(ACE)$  and similarly  $YB, YC$  are tangents of  $\odot(ABD), \odot(ACE)$ , thus since  $XD = XE$  and  $YB = YC$ , we deduce that  $A, X, Y$  are collinear on the radical axis of  $\odot(ABD)$  and  $\odot(ACE)$ .

Let the perpendicular bisectors of  $AD, AE$  cut  $AH, AK$  at  $H', K'$ . Since  $\triangle ADH \cup H' \sim \triangle AEK \cup K'$ , we get  $AH : AH' = AK : AK' \Rightarrow HK \parallel H'K' \Rightarrow AU$  passes through the midpoint  $U'$  of  $H'K'$ . Using the lemma for  $\triangle ADE$  together with the similar isosceles  $\triangle XDE \sim \triangle K'EA \sim \triangle H'AD$ , we get that  $U' \in AX$ , i.e.  $U \in AX$ . Similarly using the lemma for  $\triangle ABC$ , we get  $V \in AY \Rightarrow A, U, V$  are collinear, as desired.

Attachments:





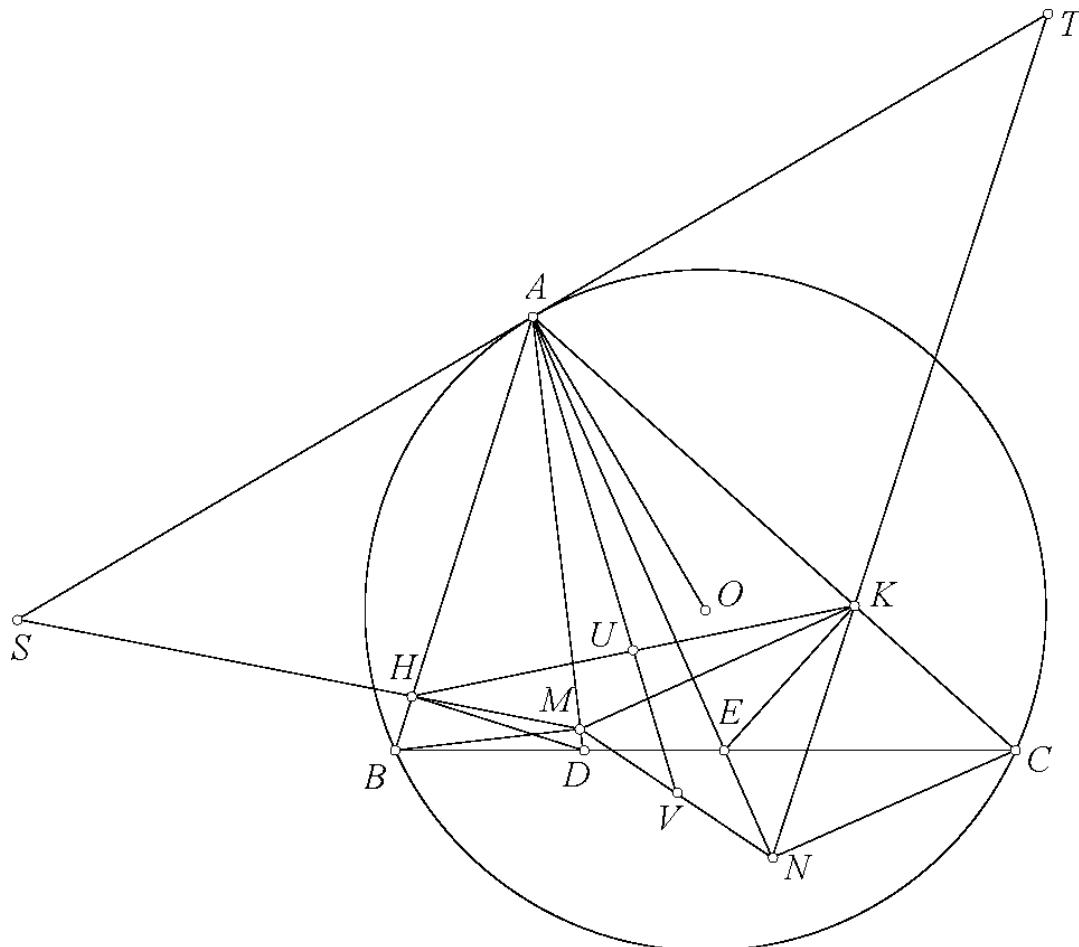
**buratinogiggle**

#3 Feb 19, 2016, 12:43 pm • 1

Let  $(O)$  be circumcircle of triangle  $ABC$ . Tangent at  $A$  of  $(O)$  cut  $MH, NK$  at  $S, T$ . We easily seen  $BHMD, CNEK$  are cyclic. Hence,  $\angle SAH = \angle ACB = \angle ANK$  and  $\angle S = \angle AHM - \angle HAS = \angle ADB - \angle ACB = \angle DAC = \angle EAB = \angle AEC - \angle ABC = \angle AKN - \angle TAC = \angle T$ . Thus, triangles  $HAS$  and  $ANT$  are similar. Similarly, triangles  $KAT$  and  $AMS$  are similar. We get

$SH \cdot NT = AS \cdot AT = SM \cdot KT$  or  $\frac{SH}{SM} = \frac{TK}{TN}$ . From,  $\angle S = \angle DAC = \angle EAB = \angle T$ . We have triangles  $AMS$  and  $KMA$  are similar. We get  $\frac{AS}{AK} = \frac{MS}{MA} = \frac{AT}{AK}$  so  $A$  is midpoint of  $ST$ . Combine  $\frac{SH}{SM} = \frac{TK}{TN}$ , follow ERIQ lemma then  $A$  and midpoints of  $HK, MN$  are collinear.

Attachments:



**buratinogiggle**

#4 Feb 20, 2016, 11:39 am

**General problem.** Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with  $E, F$  lie on  $BC$  such that  $\angle EAB = \angle FAC$ .  $M, N$  lies on  $CA, AB$  such that  $\angle FMA = \angle ENA$ .  $AE, AF$  cut circles  $(ENB), (FNC)$  again at  $P, Q$ . Prove that midpoints of  $MN, PQ$  and  $A$  are collinear.

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## High School Olympiads

Euler's Circle 

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**AB2016**

#1 Feb 18, 2016, 11:39 pm

Let ABC be an acute-angle triangle. H is its orthocenter and E Euler's circle's centre. The bisectors of ACH and ABH meet in  $A_1$ . Analogously are defined  $B_1$  and  $C_1$ .

Prove that

$$EA_1 + EB_1 + EC_1 = p - \frac{3R}{2},$$

where R, p are circumscribed circle's radius and the semiperimeter of ABC triangle.

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Reason: Mistake



**Luis González**

#2 Feb 19, 2016, 12:39 am

That expression does not hold for all acute  $\triangle ABC$ . For instance for  $a, b, c > R$  (E on the intersection of the 3 discs with diameters  $BC, CA, AB$ ) the expression is  $EA_1 + EB_1 + EC_1 = p - \frac{3}{2}R$ .

Let  $\triangle XYZ$  be the orthic triangle of  $\triangle ABC$  and let  $U, V, W$  be the midpoints of  $BC, YZ, AH$ , resp. Clearly  $U, V, W, E$  are collinear on the perpendicular bisector of  $\overline{YZ}$ . In the cyclic  $AYHZ$ , it's known that the bisectors of  $\angle ACH$  and  $\angle ABH$  meet orthogonally on its Newton line  $UVW \implies A_1$  is the intersection of  $\overline{UV}$  with the circle with diameter  $\overline{BC} \implies EA_1 = UA_1 - UE = \frac{1}{2}(a - R)$ . Similarly we have  $EB_1 = \frac{1}{2}(b - R)$  and  $EC_1 = \frac{1}{2}(c - R) \implies EA_1 + EB_1 + EC_1 = p - \frac{3}{2}R$ .



**AB2016**

#3 Feb 19, 2016, 1:37 am

Yea, sorry, the problem was wrong.



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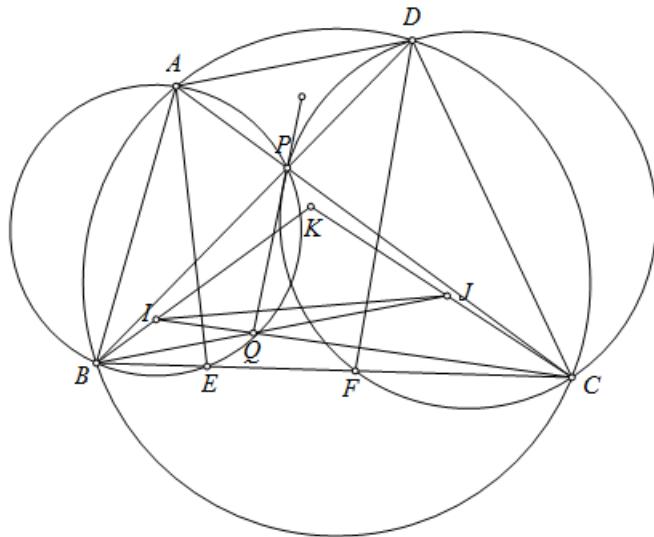
#1 Feb 17, 2016, 11:19 am

“ ”

**Dear Mathlinkers,**

Given a cyclic quadrilateral  $ABCD$ , let the diagonals  $AC$  and  $BD$  meet at  $P$ . Suppose that the segment  $BC$  intersects the circumcircles of triangles  $PAB$  and  $PCD$  again at  $E$  and  $F$ , respectively. Let  $I$  and  $J$  respectively be the incenters of the incircles of the triangles  $EAB$  and  $FCD$ . Assume that  $BJ$  intersects  $CI$  at  $Q$ , and  $BI$  intersects  $CJ$  at  $K$ . Prove that the orthocenter of triangle  $KIJ$  lies on  $PQ$ .

Attachments:



Luis González

#2 Feb 18, 2016, 6:51 am • 1

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Let  $I_1, I_2$  be the incenters of  $\triangle ABC, \triangle ABP$  and let  $J_1, J_2$  be the incenters of  $\triangle DCB, \triangle DCP$ .  $B, C, I_1, J_1$  lie on a same circle centered at the midpoint  $M$  of the arc  $BC$  of  $\odot(ABCD)$  and likewise  $A, B, I, I_2$  and  $B, C, J, J_2$  lie respectively on circles centered at the midpoints of the arcs  $AB$  and  $CD$  of  $\odot(PAB)$  and  $\odot(PCD)$ . Clearly  $I_2PJ_2 \parallel I_1J_1$ , and since  $\triangle MI_1J_1$  is M-isosceles, then  $I_1J_1J_2I_2$  is an isosceles trapezoid. Furthermore if  $S \equiv CJ \cap II_2$  and  $T \equiv BI \cap JJ_2$ , we get  $\angle I_1I_2S = \angle ABI = \angle CBI = \angle I_1J_1S \Rightarrow S \in \odot(I_1J_1J_2I_2)$  and similarly  $T \in \odot(I_1J_1J_2I_2) \Rightarrow \angle J_1SI_2 = \angle I_1TJ_2 \Rightarrow IJTS$  is cyclic  $\Rightarrow \angle TI_1J_1 = \angle TSJ = \angle TIJ \Rightarrow I_1J_1 \parallel IJ \Rightarrow BIJC$  is cyclic.

Let  $H$  be the orthocenter of  $\triangle KIJ$  and let  $HI, HJ$  cut  $BD, AC$  at  $X, Y$ , respectively. From  $IH \perp CJ$ , we get  $\angle BXI = 90^\circ - \angle BCJ - \angle DBC = \angle BAI \Rightarrow ABIX$  is cyclic and likewise  $DCJY$  is cyclic. Since  $\angle AXD = \angle AIK = 90^\circ - \frac{1}{2}\angle APB = \angle DJK = \angle AYD$ , then  $AXYD$  is cyclic  $\Rightarrow \angle DXY = \angle DAC = \angle DBC \Rightarrow XY \parallel BC$ . If  $HI, HJ$  cut  $BJ, CI$  at  $U, V$ , then  $\triangle BIQ \cup U \sim \triangle CJQ \cup V$  (because  $\angle BIU = \angle BAX = \angle CDY = \angle CJV \Rightarrow QU : QB = QV : QC \Rightarrow UV \parallel BC \Rightarrow UV \parallel BC \parallel XY \Rightarrow \triangle BUX \sim \triangle CVY$  are perspective, thus by Desargues theorem,  $P \equiv BX \cap CY$ ,  $Q \equiv BU \cap CV$  and  $H \equiv UX \cap VY$  are collinear).

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midpoint and cyclic 

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**Paloe**

#1 Feb 16, 2016, 7:23 am

Circle  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  intersect at  $A$  and  $B$ . Given point  $P$  in  $T_1$  such that a tangent line from  $P$  intersects  $T_2$  at  $Q$  and  $R$ .  $X, Y, Z$  is a projection from  $P$  onto  $AB, AQ, BR$  respectively.  $M$  is midpoint of  $AB$ . Prove that  $M, X, Y, Z$  is a cyclic.



**Luis González**

#2 Feb 16, 2016, 7:43 am • 1 

Posted before at <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/community/c6h319596>.



## High School Olympiads

Circles and midpoint X

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Source: MH-3



**sterghiu**

#1 Dec 20, 2009, 12:15 am

Two circles meet at  $A$  and  $B$ . The tangent at a point  $P$  of one of the circles meets the other circle at  $Q$  and  $R$ . The points  $X, Y, Z$  are the feet of the perpendiculars from  $P$  to  $AB, AQ, BR$  respectively.

Prove that the circle  $XYZ$  passes through the midpoint  $M$  of  $AB$ .

Babis



**kaka\_2004**

#2 Dec 29, 2009, 3:49 pm

how do you prove it?



**Luis González**

#3 Jan 21, 2010, 7:54 am

Let  $C \equiv AQ \cap BR$  and  $M$  be the midpoint of  $AB$ . By simple angle chasing we have

$$\begin{aligned} \angle ABP &= \angle APQ, \quad \angle CBA = \angle AQP \\ \implies \angle PBR &= 180^\circ - \angle CBA - \angle ABP = \angle QAP. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that  $\angle APY = \angle BPZ$ , but the quadrilaterals  $AXPY$  and  $BXPZ$  are cyclic  $\implies \angle AXY = \angle BPZ \implies$  lines  $XP$  and  $AB$  bisect  $\angle YXZ$  internally and externally ( $\star$ ). Let  $U$  and  $V$  be the midpoints of  $PA$  and  $PB$ . Then  $\triangle MUV$  is the medial triangle of  $\triangle PAB \implies MV = UA = UY, MU = VB = VZ$  and  $\angle MVZ = \angle MUY = \angle APB + 2\angle BPZ$ . Thus,  $\triangle MUY$  and  $\triangle ZVM$  are congruent by SAS. Which yields  $MY = MZ$ , i.e.  $M$  lies on the perpendicular bisector of  $YZ$ . Together with ( $\star$ ), we conclude that  $M \in \odot(XYZ)$ .

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## High School Olympiads

Pedal Triangle 

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ABCDE

#1 Feb 16, 2016, 4:30 am • 1 

Let  $P$  be a point in the plane of triangle  $ABC$  with pedal triangle  $DEF$  with respect to  $ABC$ . Suppose that  $AD$  intersects  $BP$  and  $CP$  at  $X$  and  $Y$ , respectively, and let  $EF$  intersect  $BC$  at  $Z$ . If  $ZX$  intersects  $AC$  at  $S$  and  $ZY$  intersects  $AB$  at  $T$ , prove that  $P$  lies on  $ST$ .



Luis González

#3 Feb 16, 2016, 5:30 am

This property is merely projective (i.e. it has nothing to do with pedal triangles);  $D, E, F$  can be arbitrary points on  $BC, CA, AB$ . Letting  $U \equiv PB \cap CA$  and  $V \equiv PC \cap AB$ , we have  $(S, C, U, A) = X(S, C, U, A) = (Z, C, B, D)$  and similarly we have  $(T, V, B, A) = Y(T, V, B, A) = (Z, C, B, D) \implies (S, C, U, A) = (T, V, B, A) \implies P \in ST$ .

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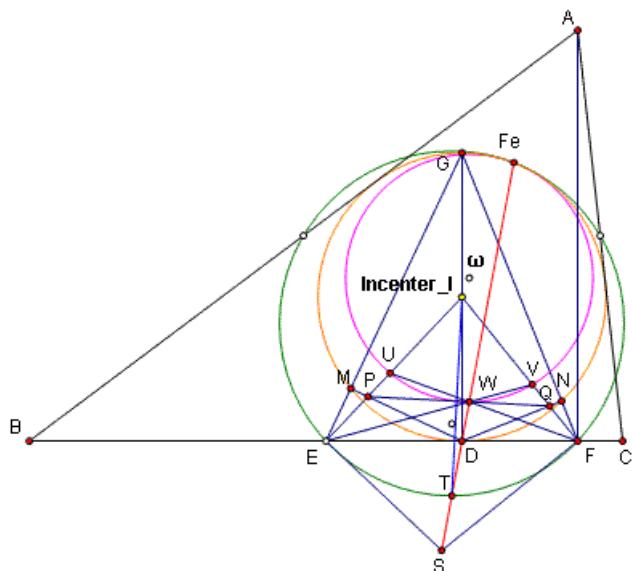
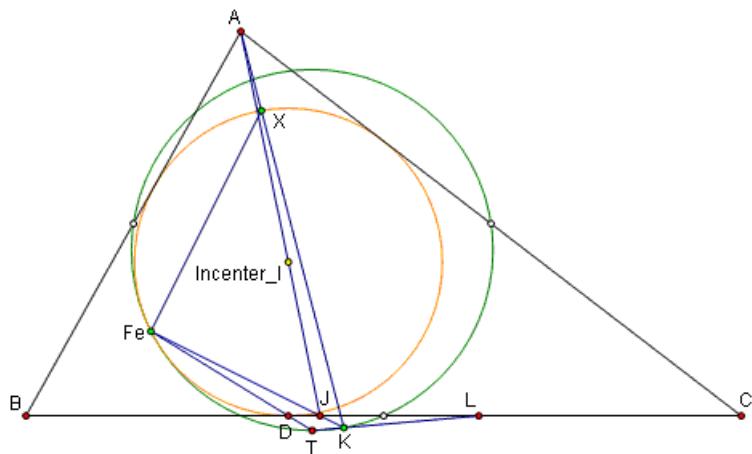
lym

#1 Apr 14, 2009, 10:54 pm

The Incircle  $\omega$  of  $\triangle ABC$  slice  $BC$  at  $D$ ---the nine points circle--- $\omega$  of  $\triangle ABC$  meet  $BC$  at  $E, F$ --- $DI$  insecet  $I$  at  $G$ .  $Fe$  is the Feuerbach point--- $E$  is the midpoint--- $L$  is on  $BC$ ---and  $EL = DE$ --- $GE, GF$  separately insecet  $I$  at  $M, N$ . And  $DM, DN$  separately insecet  $IE, IF$  at  $P, Q$ --- $IS$  is the diameter of  $\square IEF$ ---Prove that

- (1) :  $Fe, D, S$  is collinear .
- (2) : Let  $DFe$  meet  $\omega$  at  $T$ ---then  $IT \perp PQ$ .
- (3) : Let  $DFe$  meet  $PQ$  at  $W$ --- $EW, FW$  separately insecet  $IF, IE$  at  $V, U$ ---Then  $\omega \cap I \cap UVW$  are tangent in  $Fe$  .
- (4) :  $AI$  insecet  $BC$  at  $J$ ---let  $JFe, TL$  insecet at  $K$ --- $AK$  insecet  $I$  at  $X$ ---then  $XFe \perp KFe$  .

Attachments:





Luis González

#2 Feb 13, 2016, 11:30 am

Propositions (1),(2) and (3) follow from this general configuration:

In a triangle  $\triangle ABC$ , circle  $(J)$  is internally tangent to its circumcircle  $(O)$  at  $A$  and tangent to  $BC$  at  $D$  (it's well-known that  $AD$  is internal bisector of  $\angle BAC$ ).  $G$  is the antipode of  $D$  on  $(J)$  and  $GB, GC$  cut  $(J)$  again at  $M, N$ .  $DM, DN$  cut  $JB, JC$  at  $P, Q$ . Then we have:

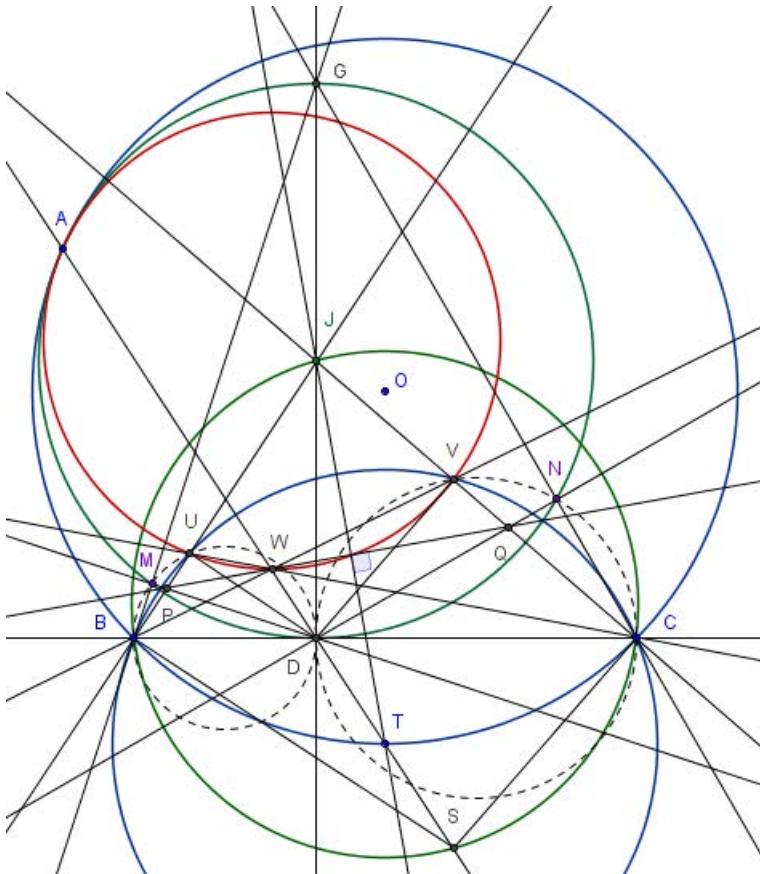
- a)  $A, D$  and the antipode  $S$  of  $J$  on  $\odot(JBC)$  are collinear.
- b) If  $T$  is the midpoint of the arc  $BC$  of  $(O)$ , then  $JT \perp PQ$ .
- c) If  $W \equiv AD \cap PQ, U \equiv JB \cap CW$  and  $V \equiv JC \cap BW$ , then  $\odot(UVW)$  is tangent to  $(O), (J)$  at  $A$ .

a) Redefine  $U$  and  $V$  as the projections of  $D$  on  $JB, JC$ . From the problem [Small problem about Incenter](#) (post #6), we get that  $B, C, U, V$  lie on a same circle with center the midpoint  $T$  of the arc  $BC$  of  $(O)$ . Thus the perpendicular bisector of  $CV$  is the midparallel of  $DV \parallel SC$  and the perpendicular bisector of  $BU$  is the midparallel of  $DU \parallel SB \implies T$  is the midpoint of  $DS \implies A, D, T, S$  are collinear.

b) Since  $BMUD$  is cyclic on account of the right angles at  $M, U$ , then  $PB \cdot PU = PD \cdot PM \implies P$  has equal power WRT  $(J)$  and  $\odot(BUVC)$  and so does  $Q$  similarly  $\implies PQ$  is radical axis of  $(J)$  and  $\odot(BUVC)$  perpendicular to their center line  $JT$ , i.e.  $JT \perp PQ$ .

c) Redefine  $W \equiv BV \cap CU$ . Since  $WB \cdot WV = WC \cdot WU$ , then  $W$  has equal power WRT  $(J)$  and  $\odot(BUVC)$ , hence it lies on their radical axis  $PQ$ . Now from [Small problem about Incenter](#), we get that  $W \in AD$  and  $\odot(UVW)$  is tangent to  $(O), (J)$  at  $A$ .

Attachments:



Luis González

#3 Feb 13, 2016, 11:31 am

Solution to proposition (4):

Let  $(N)$  and  $(I_a)$  be the 9-point circle and A-excircle of  $\triangle ABC$  externally tangent at the A-Feuerbach point  $Fa$ . Obviously  $(I_a)$  is tangent to  $BC$  at  $L$ . Since  $(NT \parallel I_aL) \perp BC \implies Fa \in TL$  and since  $Fe$  is the exsimilicenter of  $(I) \sim (N)$  and  $J$  is the insimilicenter of  $(I_a) \sim (I)$ , then by Monge & d'Alembert theorem,  $JFe$  passes through the insimilicenter  $Fa$  of  $(I_a) \sim (N)$ . Consequently  $K$  is identical with  $Fa$ .

Let  $S$  be the antipode of  $K$  on  $(N)$  and label  $\tau_K, \tau_S, \tau_X$  the tangents of  $(N)$  at  $K, S, X$ , respectively. Since  $A$  is the exsimilicenter of  $(I) \sim (I_a)$  and  $K$  is the insimilicenter of  $(N) \sim (I_a)$ , it follows that  $AXK$  passes through the insimilicenter of  $(I) \sim (N) \Rightarrow \tau_X \parallel \tau_K$ . But obviously  $\tau_S \parallel \tau_K \Rightarrow \tau_X \parallel \tau_S \Rightarrow X$  and  $S$  are homologous points under the direct homothety that takes  $(I)$  into  $(N) \Rightarrow Fe, X, S$  are collinear  $\Rightarrow \angle KFeX \equiv \angle KFeS = 90^\circ$ , i.e.  $XFe \perp KFe$ .

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**High School Olympiads****Small problem about Incenter**  Reply

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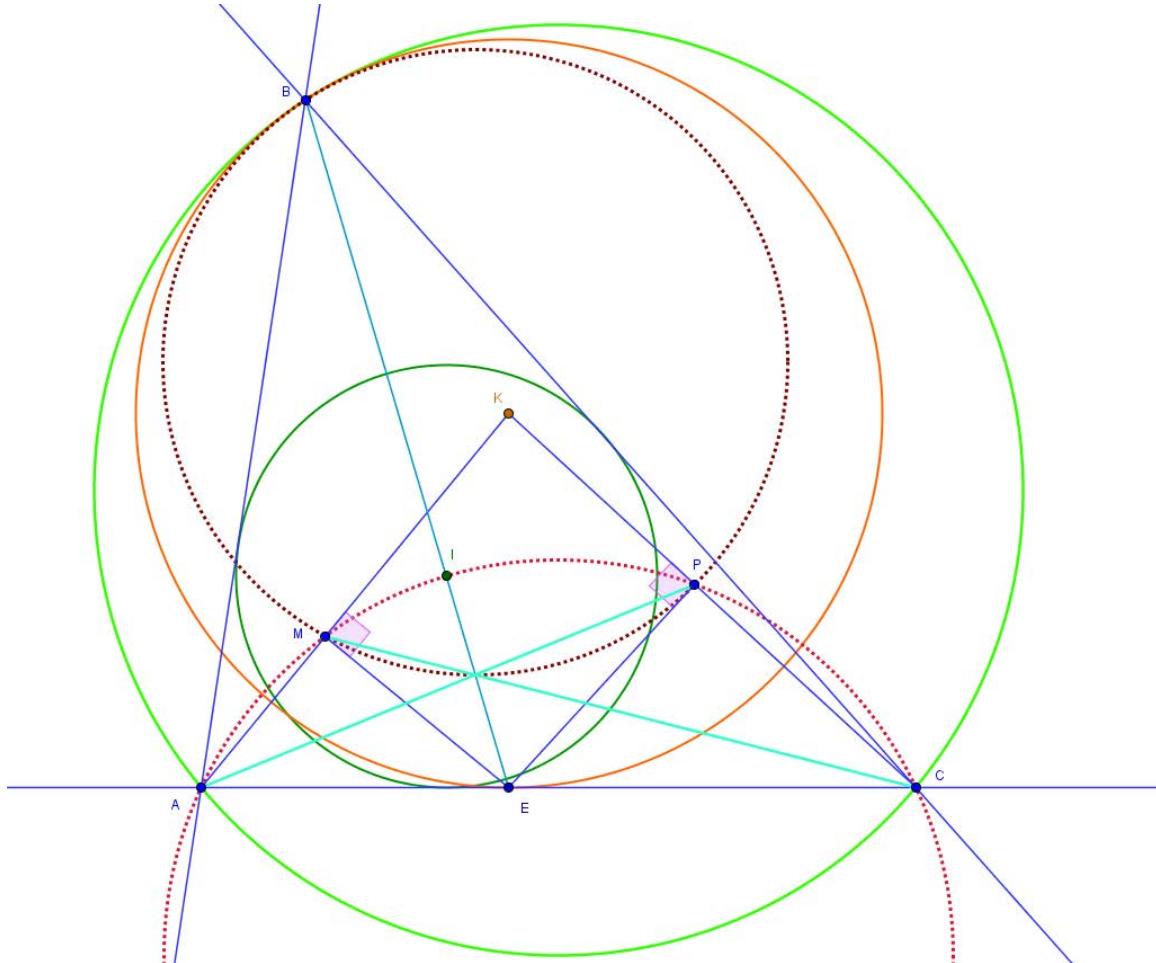
**TelvCohl**#1 Sep 3, 2015, 11:54 am • 3 

Let  $I$  be the Incenter of  $\triangle ABC$  and  $E \equiv BI \cap CA$ .  
 Let  $\odot(K)$  be the circle through  $B$  and tangent to  $CA$  at  $E$ .  
 Let  $M, P$  be the projection of  $E$  on  $KA, KC$ , respectively.

Prove that

- a)  $A, C, M, P, I$  are concyclic
- b)  $\odot(BMP)$  is tangent to  $\odot(ABC)$  at  $B$
- c)  $AP, BE, CM, \odot(BMP)$  are concurrent

Attachments:

**THVSH**#4 Sep 3, 2015, 2:07 pm • 1 

a) Let  $O$  be the circumcenter of  $\triangle ABC$  and  $BD$  is an altitude of  $\triangle ABC$ , ( $D \in AC$ ). We have  $\angle KBE = \angle KEB = \angle DBE = \angle OBE \implies K \in AO$ . Hence,  $\odot(K)$  is tangent to  $\odot(ABC)$  at  $B$ . Let  $F$  be the symmetric of  $E$  wrt the midpoint of  $AC$ . The line through  $F$  and perpendicular to  $AC$  intersects  $BE$  at  $G$ . Let  $H$  be the midpoint of  $EG$ . From IMO Shortlist 2012, Geometry 4,  $A, C, K, G$  are concyclic and  $\angle KAG = \angle KCG = 90^\circ$ . So  $HA = HM; HC = HP$ . On



the other hand,  $\angle CAM = \angle KEM = \angle KPM \Rightarrow A, C, P, M$  are concyclic. Thus,  $H$  is the center of  $\odot(A, C, P, M)$ . Since  $HA = HC$  and  $H \in BE$ , we get  $H$  is the midpoint of arc  $AC$  of  $\odot(O)$  not containing  $B$ . Therefore,  $\odot(A, C, P, M) \equiv \odot(H, HA = HC)$  passes through incenter  $I$ .

b,c) Let  $AP \cap CM = Q$ . From (XYZ) and (AD) are tangent., we get  $\odot(QMP)$  are tangent to  $\odot(K)$  at a point  $B'$  and  $B'Q$  passes through the point  $E$  (the projection of  $K$  on  $AC$ ) and the point  $G$  (antipode of  $K$  in  $\odot(KAC)$ ). So  $EG \cap \odot(K) = \{E, B'\} \Rightarrow B' \equiv B$ . It means:  $BE$  passes through  $Q \in \odot(B'MP) \equiv \odot(BMP)$  and  $\odot(B, M, P, Q)$  is tangent to  $\odot(K)$  at  $B$ , so it is also tangent to  $\odot(ABC)$  at  $B$ .



**jayne**

#5 Sep 3, 2015, 3:57 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,  
a way that I have quickly explored...

- For (a)
1. let (KEMP) the circle with diameter KE
  2. let (BIC) a well known circle
  3. by considering two time the three chords theorem (Monge or d'Alembert) and reasoning ad absurdum, it seems that work...

Sincerely  
Jean-Louis



**Luis González**

#6 Sep 4, 2015, 8:52 am • 2

a) Let  $J$  be the midpoint of the arc  $AC$  of  $\odot(ABC)$ ; center of  $\odot(IAC)$  (well-known).  $KA, KC$  cut  $(J) \equiv \odot(IAC)$  again at  $M', P'$ . Since  $JA^2 = JC^2 = JE \cdot JB \Rightarrow (J)$  is orthogonal to  $(K) \Rightarrow KE^2 = KA \cdot KM' = KC \cdot KP' \Rightarrow M \equiv M', P \equiv P' \Rightarrow A, C, M, P, I$  are concyclic.

b) Let  $X \equiv MP \cap AC$ . Since  $\odot(KPEM)$  is clearly tangent to  $AC$ , we get  $XE^2 = XM \cdot XP = XA \cdot XC \Rightarrow X$  has equal power WRT  $\odot(ABC)$  and  $(K) \Rightarrow XB$  is their common tangent, so  $XB^2 = XE^2 = XM \cdot XP \Rightarrow XB$  touches  $\odot(BMP) \Rightarrow \odot(BMP)$  is tangent to  $\odot(ABC)$ .

c) Let the tangents of  $(J)$  at  $A, C$  meet at  $T$  and let the circle  $(X)$  with center  $XB = XE$  cut  $(J)$  at  $U, V$ . As  $(K)$  and  $\odot(T, TA)$  are orthogonal to  $(X)$  and  $(J)$ , then  $K, T$  lie on their radical axis  $UV$ , but  $T, K$  and  $S \equiv AP \cap CM$  are collinear on the polar of  $X$  WRT  $(J)$ . Thus since  $(U, V, K, S) = -1 \Rightarrow S$  is on the polar  $BE$  of  $K$  WRT  $(X)$ . Now  $SB \cdot SE = SU \cdot SV = SP \cdot SA = SM \cdot SC \Rightarrow AC$  is the inverse of  $\odot(BMP)$  under inversion with center  $S$  and power  $SB \cdot SE \Rightarrow S \in \odot(BMP)$ .



**linqaszayi**

#7 Sep 6, 2015, 9:52 pm • 1

another way from a) to b),c):

since  $ACMPI$  concyclic we get  $\angle AMC = 90^\circ + \frac{1}{2}\angle B$  so  $\angle EMC = \frac{1}{2}\angle B = \angle EBC$ , thus  $EMBC$  are concyclic.  
similarly  $BPEA$  are concyclic. assume the center of  $\odot(BMP)$  is  $R$ , then  
 $\angle RBC = \angle RBP + \angle PBC = 90^\circ - \angle BMP + \angle B - \angle PEC = 90^\circ - (180^\circ - \angle BCA - \angle EMP) + \angle B - \angle PEC = 90^\circ - \angle A$   
so  $R$  is on  $OB$  and  $\odot(BMP)$  is tangent to  $\odot(ABC)$ .  
from the radical center theorem to  $\odot(EMBC)$ ,  $\odot(BPEA)$ ,  $\odot(ACMPI)$  we get  $AP, BE, CM$  concur at  $Q$ ,  
 $\angle MQP = 180^\circ - \angle PAC - \angle MCA = 180^\circ - \angle PBE - \angle MBE = 180^\circ - \angle PBM$ , so  $Q$  is on  $\odot(BMP)$ .

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Tangent circles X

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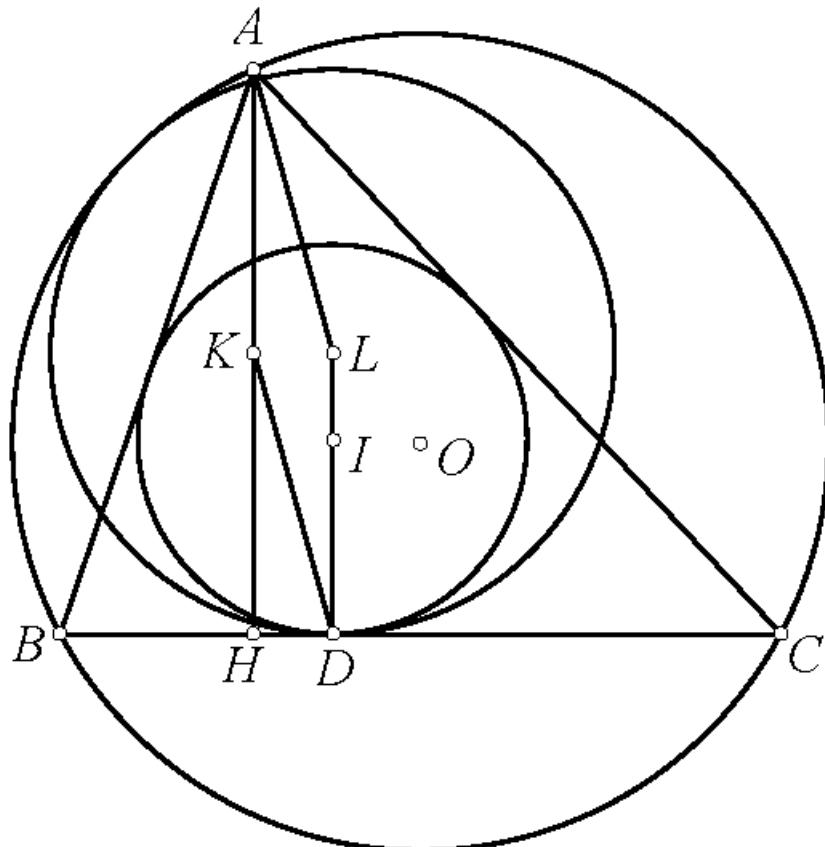


**buratinogigle**

#1 Feb 12, 2016, 12:08 pm • 2

Let  $ABC$  be a triangle inscribed in circle  $(O)$  with altitude  $AH$ . Incircle  $(I)$  touches  $BC$  at  $D$ .  $K$  is midpoint of  $AH$ .  $L$  is projection of  $K$  on  $ID$ . Prove that circle  $(L, LD)$  is tangent to  $(O)$ .

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**IsoLyS**

#2 Feb 12, 2016, 12:59 pm • 1

Let  $AA'$  be diameter of  $(O)$ , and  $A'I \cap (O) = T$ . Denote midpoint of arcs  $\widehat{BC}$ ,  $\widehat{BAC}$  by  $M, N$ .

Also denote the foot of perpendicular from  $I$  to  $AH$  by  $E$ , reflection of  $H$  wrt  $AI$  by  $H'$ , and  $DI \cap TN$  by  $F$ .

Since  $AI \cdot IM = 2Rr$  and  $\angle DIM = \angle IAA'$ ,  $\triangle IDM \sim \triangle AIA'$ , hence  $\angle TA'A = \angle AMD$ , which means  $D \in TM$ .

Since  $\angle ITE = \angle IAH = \angle MAA' = \angle MTI$ , we get  $T, E, D, M$  are collinear.

We know that  $H' \in AA'$  and  $IEHD$  is rectangular, hence  $\angle IH'A = \angle IHA = \angle IDT$ , which means  $\triangle IDT \sim \triangle IH'A$ .

Therefore since  $\triangle ITM \sim \triangle IAA'$  and  $MN \parallel DF$ ,  $FD : MN = TD : TM = AH' : AA' = AH : MN$ , hence  $L$  is midpoint of  $DF$ .

Since  $O$  is midpoint of  $MN$ ,  $T, L, O$  are collinear, which means  $(L, LD)$  and  $(O, OM)$  are homothetic wrt  $T$ .

Therefore  $(L, LD)$  is tangent to  $(O)$  at  $T$ .



**Luis González**

#3 Feb 13, 2016, 12:01 am • 2

Let  $E, F$  be the tangency points of the incircle  $(I)$  with  $AC, AB$  and let  $M, N$  be the midpoints of the arcs  $BC$  and  $BAC$  of  $(O)$ . If  $\odot(AEIF)$  cuts  $(O)$  again at  $U$ , then it's known that  $M, D, U$  are collinear (see [incenter I and touches BC side with D](#)). Thus if  $DI$  cuts  $\odot(AEIF)$  again at  $X$ , we have  $\angle AUX = \angle AIX = \angle AMN \Rightarrow X \in UN$ . Since  $AXDH$  is clearly a rectangle, then it follows that  $L$  is midpoint of  $DX$ , so from  $DX \parallel MN \Rightarrow U, L, O$  are collinear  $\Rightarrow \odot(L, LD) \equiv \odot(UDX)$  is tangent to  $(O)$  at  $U$ .

**njuk**

#4 Feb 13, 2016, 4:06 am • 1

Let  $X$  be midpoint of arc  $BAC$  and  $XY$  be diameter of  $(O)$ . Let  $M$  be midpoint of  $BC$ . Line parallel to  $BC$  through  $A$  intersects  $XY$  at  $N$  and touches  $(L)$  at  $G$ . Let  $S = GX \cap DY$ .  $\triangle GNX \sim \triangle YMD$  [Proof](#)

Now  $\angle XSY = \angle GXN + \angle DYM = 90^\circ \rightarrow S \in (L)$  and  $S \in (O)$ .

Homothety centered at  $S$ , taking  $GD \rightarrow XY$ , also takes  $(L) \rightarrow (O)$ , hence they are tangent at  $S$ .

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**FabrizioFelen**

#5 Feb 13, 2016, 5:38 am • 2

My solution:

Let  $F$  be a point such that  $F \in (O)$  and  $AF \parallel BC$  and let  $\Omega$  the circumference tangent to  $(O)$  in  $X$  such that  $X \in \widehat{AB}$ , also tangent to  $AF$  and  $BC$  in  $E$  and  $D'$  respectively  $\Rightarrow$  by Sawayama's lemma in  $\triangle ABC$  we get  $D'E$  passes through the incenter of  $\triangle ABC \Rightarrow E, D', I$  are collinear also that  $D' = D$  and  $AHDE$  is a rectangle  $\Rightarrow L$  is the midpoint of  $ED$   $\Rightarrow \Omega = (L, LD) \Rightarrow (L, LD)$  is tangent to  $(O)$ ... 😎

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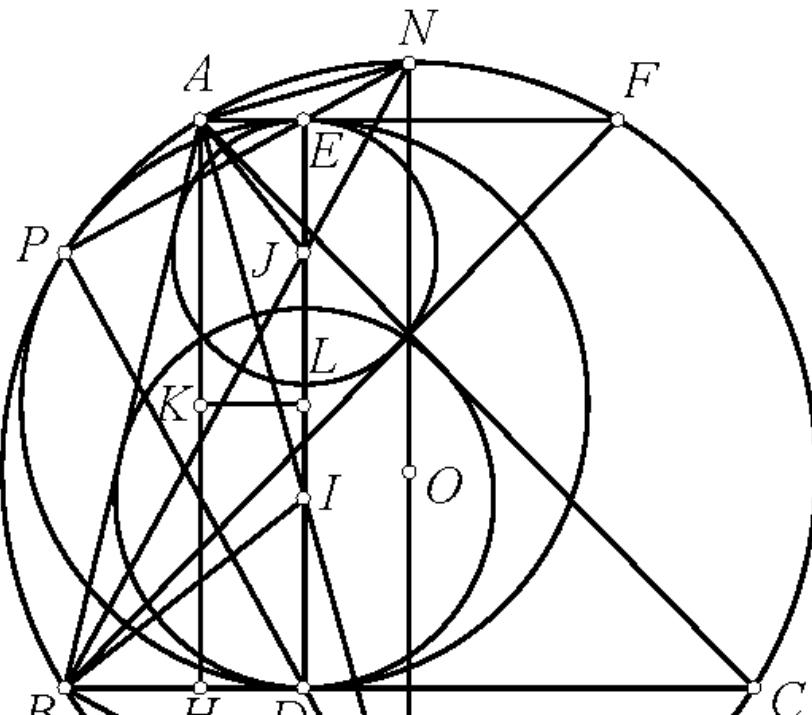
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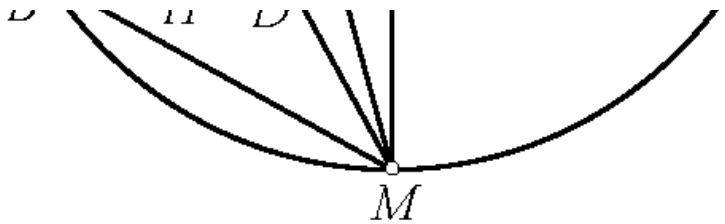
#6 Feb 13, 2016, 2:56 pm

Thank you for your interest, here is my solution.

Let  $DE$  be diameter of  $(L)$  easily seen  $AE \parallel BC$ . Let  $AE$  cut  $(O)$  again at  $F$ . Let  $(J)$  be incircle of  $FAB$ . We see  $\angle AIB = 90^\circ + \frac{\angle C}{2} = 90^\circ + \frac{\angle AFB}{2} = \angle AJB$ , this deduces  $AJIB$  is cyclic. Hence, note that  $AF \parallel BC$  so  $\angle BID = 90^\circ - \angle IBD = \angle BAJ$ , we get  $J, I, D$  are collinear. From this, we see  $(J)$  is tangent  $AF$  at  $E$ . Let  $AI, BJ$  cut  $(O)$  again at  $M, N$ . Easily seen  $MN$  is diameter of  $(O)$ . In other wise,  $\angle ANJ = \angle BMI$  so the isosceles triangles  $\triangle ANJ \sim \triangle BMI$ . But two right triangles  $\triangle AEJ \sim \triangle IDB$ . Therefore, we get  $\triangle ANE \sim \triangle IMD$ . Thus,  $\angle ANE = \angle IMD$  or  $NE$  and  $MD$  intersect at  $P$  on  $(O)$ . Because  $MN$  is diameter of  $(O)$  so  $\angle MPN = 90^\circ$ , we deduce  $P$  lies on  $(L)$ . From,  $DE \parallel MN$  we get  $(L)$  is tangent to  $(O)$ .

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#1 Mar 28, 2011, 1:08 pm

$I$  be the incenter of  $\triangle ABC$  and incircle touches  $BC$  side with  $D$ .  $AI$  line intersects circumcircle of  $\triangle ABC$  at  $E$ ;  $DE$  line intersects circumcircle of  $\triangle ABC$  at  $F$ . Prove  $\angle AFI = 90^\circ$

**jgnr**

#2 Mar 28, 2011, 5:20 pm

Let  $AI$  meets  $BC$  at  $M$ ,  $AK$  is the diameter of  $(ABC)$ ,  $L$  is the foot of perpendicular from  $A$  to  $BC$ , and  $P$  is the midpoint of  $IL$ . It is easy to show that  $\frac{AI}{IM} = \frac{b+c}{a} = \frac{LD}{DM}$ . Since  $\triangle AEC \sim \triangle ABM$  and  $\triangle ABE \sim \triangle BME$ , then we also have  $\frac{AI}{IM} = \frac{AB}{BM} = \frac{AE}{EC} = \frac{AE}{EB} = \frac{IE}{EM} = \frac{IE}{EM}$ . Therefore  $\frac{IE}{EM} = \frac{LD}{DM}$ , which gives  $\frac{IE}{EM} \cdot \frac{MD}{DL} \cdot \frac{LP}{PI} = 1$ . So  $P, D, E$  are collinear, and hence  $F, P, D, E$  are collinear. From IMO 2010 Q2, we know that  $KI$  and  $DP$  intersect at  $F$ . Thus  $\angle AFI = \angle AFK = 90^\circ$ , as desired.

**Luis González**

#3 Mar 28, 2011, 11:21 pm

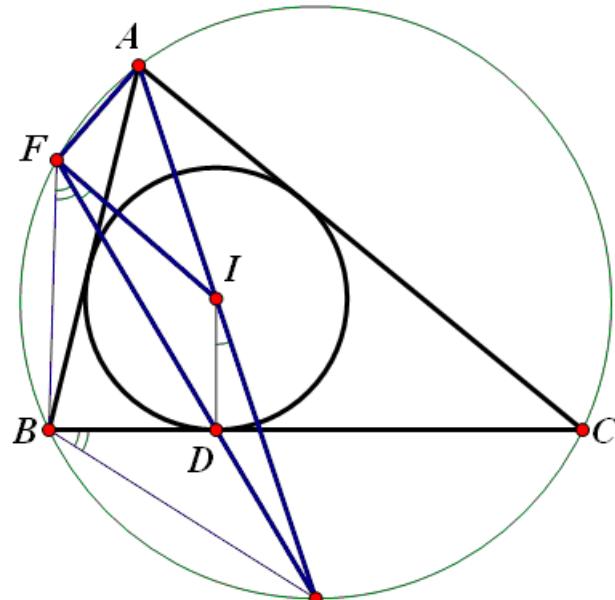
Let  $P$  be the antipode of  $E$  in the circumcircle  $(O)$  of  $\triangle ABC$ , i.e. midpoint of the arc  $BAC$ . Inversion with center  $E$  and radius  $EB = EC = EI$  swaps  $(O)$  and the sideline  $BC \Rightarrow D, F$  are inverses and  $I$  is double. Hence  $EI^2 = ED \cdot EF \Rightarrow \odot(FDI)$  is tangent to  $EI$  through  $I$ , i.e.  $\angle EID = \angle IFD$ . But,  $\angle EID = \angle AEP = \angle AFP \Rightarrow \angle IFD = \angle AFP \Rightarrow \angle AFI = 90^\circ$ .

**yunxiu**

#4 Mar 29, 2011, 9:56 pm • 2

$\angle EBD = \angle BFE \Rightarrow \triangle EBD \sim \triangle EFB$ , so  $EI^2 = EB^2 = ED \cdot EF$ . Hence  $\triangle EID \sim \triangle EFI \Rightarrow \angle EID = \angle EFI$ , and we have  $\angle AFI = \angle AFB - \angle BFI = 180^\circ - \angle BEI - \angle EBD - \angle EID = 180^\circ - \angle IDB = 90^\circ$ .

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Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be the point where the incircle touches  $AB$  and  $AC$ , respectively. Quite obvious that  $FD$  bisects  $\angle BFC$ . So,  $\frac{FB}{FC} = \frac{DB}{DC} = \frac{BX}{CY}$ . Then, since  $\angle FBX = \angle FCY$ , we get  $\triangle FBX \sim \triangle FCY$ . Hence,  $F$  is the center of spiral similarity taking  $BX$  to  $CY$  and from a well-known property, we get that  $F$  must lies on circle  $(AXIY)$  and hence  $\angle AFI = 90^\circ$ .

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A point on bisector ,hard for me! 

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#1 Feb 11, 2016, 11:59 pm

Given a convex quadrilateral  $ABCD$ .  $I$  and  $J$  are incenters of the triangles  $ABC$  and  $ADC$ , respectively, and  $I_a$  and  $J_a$  are excenters of triangles  $ABC$  and  $ADC$ , respectively (inscribed in the angles  $BAC$  and  $DAC$ , respectively). Prove that the point of intersection of the lines  $IJ_a$  and  $JI_a$  lies on the bisector of the angle  $BCD$ .



Luis González

#2 Feb 12, 2016, 1:52 am

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Hard geometry 

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andreiromania

#1 May 16, 2015, 6:12 pm

Let  $ABCD$  be a convex quadrilateral. In the triangle  $ABC$  let  $I$  and  $J$  be the incenter and the excenter opposite to vertex  $A$ , respectively. In the triangle  $ACD$  let  $K$  and  $L$  be the incenter and the excenter opposite to vertex  $A$ , respectively. Show that the lines  $IL$  and  $JK$ , and the bisector of the angle  $BCD$  are concurrent.

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andreiromania

#2 May 16, 2015, 7:14 pm

First, some quick notations. Let  $Q = IL \cap JK$ . Let

$AB = a, BC = b, CD = c, DA = d, AC = e, \angle ACB = B, \angle ACD = D$ . Also denote by  $r_{ABC}$  the inradius of  $ABC$ , by  $r_{eACD}$  the exradius corresponding to  $A$  of  $ACD$ , by  $d(W, XY)$  the distance from  $W$  to  $XY$ , and by  $S_x$  the area of figure  $x$ .

We apply Menelaus' on  $J - Q - K$  and triangle  $AIL$  to get that  $\frac{AJ}{IJ} \frac{IQ}{LQ} \frac{LK}{AK} = 1$ . By Sine Law we get

$$AI = \frac{1}{\sin(BAC/2)} \frac{a+e-b}{2}, AJ = \frac{1}{\sin(BAC/2)} \frac{a+e+b}{2}, AK = \frac{1}{\sin(DAC/2)} \frac{d+e-c}{2},$$

$$AI = \frac{1}{\sin(DAC/2)} \frac{d+e+c}{2} \text{ and also } IJ = \frac{1}{\sin(BAC/2)} b, KL = \frac{1}{\sin(DAC/2)} c.$$

Quick calculations now give us  $\frac{IQ}{LQ} = \frac{b(d+e-c)}{c(a+b+e)}$  and its "cousins"  $\frac{IQ}{IL} = \frac{b(d+e-c)}{K}$  and

$$\frac{LQ}{IL} = \frac{c(a+b+e)}{K}, \text{ where we denoted } K = ac + ec + bd + be.$$



What we need to prove is that  $Q$  lies on  $BCD$ 's bisector; this is done if we prove  $d(Q, BC) = d(Q, DC)$ .

Let's first calculate  $d(Q, DC)$ . We notice that  $I$  and  $L$  are on different sides of  $DC$ . Let's assume WLOG  $X$  is on the same side as  $I$ . Thus we can find that  $d(Q, DC) = \frac{LQ}{LI} d(I, DC) - \frac{IQ}{IL} d(L, DC)$  (\*). Now by Sine Law again we obtain

$$d(L, DC) = r_{eACD} \text{ and } d(I, DC) = r_{ABC} * \frac{\sin(\frac{B}{2} + D)}{\sin(\frac{B}{2})}. \text{ Now we couple these with the well-known formulas}$$

$$S_{ABC} = \frac{a+b+e}{2} r_{ABC}, S_{ACD} = \frac{d+e-c}{2} r_{eACD} \text{ and mash our formula (*) by easy computations into:}$$

$$d(Q, DC) = \frac{1}{K} (2cS_{ABC} \frac{\sin(\frac{B}{2} + D)}{\sin(\frac{B}{2})} - 2bS_{ADC}).$$

Now on to  $d(Q, BC)$ ; this time, we do not know for sure whether  $I$  and  $L$  lie on the same side of  $BC$ ; but we can still assume WLOG that they do; now obviously  $Q$  lies on the same side as both of them, so the formula for the distance is:

$$d(Q, BC) = \frac{LQ}{LI} d(I, BC) + \frac{IQ}{IL} d(L, BC).$$

By once again mashing and bashing by known formulae we arrive at

$$d(Q, BC) = \frac{1}{K} (2cS_{ABC} + 2bS_{ADC} \frac{\cos(\frac{D}{2} + B)}{\cos(\frac{D}{2})})$$

Now that we have the formulae for both distances, proving that they are equal is reduced to a neatly-looking

$$2cS_{ABC} \left(1 - \frac{\sin(\frac{B}{2} + D)}{\sin(\frac{B}{2})}\right) = -2bS_{ADC} \left(1 + \frac{\cos(\frac{D}{2} + B)}{\cos(\frac{D}{2})}\right).$$

By the area formula,  $S_{ABC} = \frac{be \sin B}{2}$ ,  $S_{ADC} = \frac{ce \sin D}{2}$  so after some simple simplification we are left to prove just that

$\cos\frac{\pi}{2}(\sin(\frac{\pi}{2}) - \sin(\frac{\pi}{2} + D)) = -\sin\frac{\pi}{2}(\cos(\frac{\pi}{2}) - \cos(\frac{\pi}{2} + B))$  which is standard trig manipulation, QED.

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TelvCohl

#4 May 16, 2015, 7:22 pm

My solution :

Let  $X = IL \cap JK$  and  $\ell, \tau$  be the bisector of  $\angle DCB, \angle(\ell, CA)$ , respectively.

Since  $\angle(CI, \tau) = \angle(CK, \tau)$  and  $\angle(CJ, \tau) = \angle(CL, \tau)$ ,  
so we get  $(CI, CJ; \ell, CA) = (CK, CL; CA, \ell)$ . ... (\*)

From the Dual of Desargue Involution theorem  $\Rightarrow (CI, CJ; CX, CA) = (CK, CL; CA, CX)$ ,  
so combine (\*) we get  $CX \equiv \ell \Rightarrow X \in \ell$  i.e.  $IL, JK$  and the bisector of  $\angle DCB$  are concurrent

Q.E.D



andreiromania

#5 May 16, 2015, 7:25 pm

Note: the property is actually valid for any 4 points in the plane, not just for a convex quadrilateral.



tranquanghuy7198

#6 May 16, 2015, 10:22 pm

My solution.

Lemma. Given 4 angles  $\alpha, \alpha', \beta, \beta'$  such that  $\alpha + \beta = \alpha' + \beta' < 180$  and  $\frac{\sin \alpha}{\sin \beta} = \frac{\sin \alpha'}{\sin \beta'}$ . We'll have  $\alpha = \alpha', \beta = \beta'$

Proof.

Construct  $\triangle CAB, \triangle C'A'B'$  such that  $\angle A = \alpha, \angle B = \beta, \angle A' = \alpha', \angle B' = \beta' \Rightarrow \angle C = \angle C'$  (because  $\alpha + \beta = \alpha' + \beta'$ ) and  $\frac{CB}{CA} = \frac{CB'}{CA'}$   
 $\Rightarrow \triangle ABC \sim \triangle A'B'C'$  and the conclusion follows



tranquanghuy7198

#7 May 16, 2015, 10:27 pm

Back to our main problem.

$IL \cap JK = S$

Apply the Ceva theorem, we have:

$$\frac{\sin \angle SCK}{\sin \angle SCI} = \frac{\sin \angle SKC}{\sin \angle SKI} \cdot \frac{\sin \angle SIK}{\sin \angle SIC} = \frac{\sin \angle JKC}{\sin \angle JKI} \cdot \frac{\sin \angle LIK}{\sin \angle LIC} = \left( \frac{\sin \angle JCK}{\sin \angle JCI} \cdot \frac{\sin \angle JIC}{\sin \angle JIK} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{\sin \angle LKI}{\sin \angle LKC} \cdot \frac{\sin \angle LCK}{\sin \angle LCI} \right) =$$
$$\frac{\sin \angle JIK}{\sin \angle JIK} \cdot \frac{\sin \angle LKC}{\sin \angle LKC} = \frac{\sin \angle AIK}{\sin \angle AIC} \cdot \frac{\sin \angle AKC}{\sin \angle ACK} = \frac{\sin \angle ACK}{\sin \angle ACK}$$

Now apply the lemma with the notice that  $\angle SCK + \angle SCI = \angle ACI + \angle ACK$ , we receive:

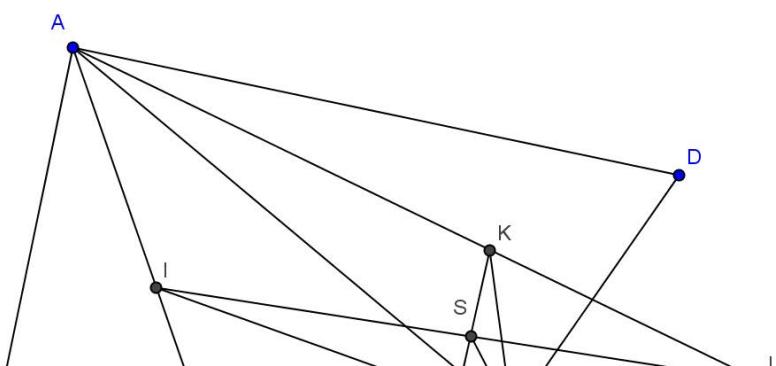
$\angle SCK = \angle ACI, \angle SCI = \angle ACK$  (1)

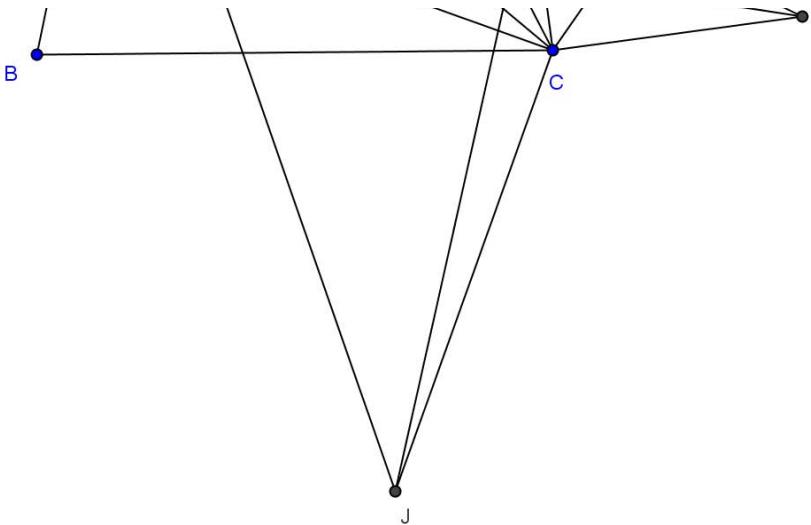
On the other hand:  $CI, CK$  are the angle bisectors of  $\angle ACB, \angle ACD$  (2)

(1), (2)  $\Rightarrow CS$  is the angle bisector of  $\angle BCD$

Q.E.D

Attachments:





**Alcumus526**

#8 Aug 31, 2015, 2:59 pm

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tranguanghuy7198 wrote:

$$\left( \frac{\sin \angle JCK}{\sin \angle JCI} \cdot \frac{\sin \angle JIC}{\sin \angle JIK} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{\sin \angle LKI}{\sin \angle LKC} \cdot \frac{\sin \angle LCK}{\sin \angle LCI} \right) = \frac{\sin \angle JIC}{\sin \angle JIK} \cdot \frac{\sin \angle LKI}{\sin \angle LKC}$$

How can you say that?? Where are other two fractions??

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**kapilpavase**

#9 Nov 10, 2015, 9:29 am

Actually this is very easy using harmonic divisions 😊

Let  $IJ \cap BC = E$ ,  $KL \cap CD = F$ . since cross ratios  $[AIEJ]$ ,  $[ALFK]$  are same (harmonic) we have  $IL, EF, JK$  are concurrent say at  $X$ .

Next we have that  $IF, EKAX$  are concurrent. Indeed this follows as pencil  $[IA, IK, IF, IX]$  is harmonic

Now apply ceva in  $AEF$  and get  $EX/XF = EC/CF$  so we are done.

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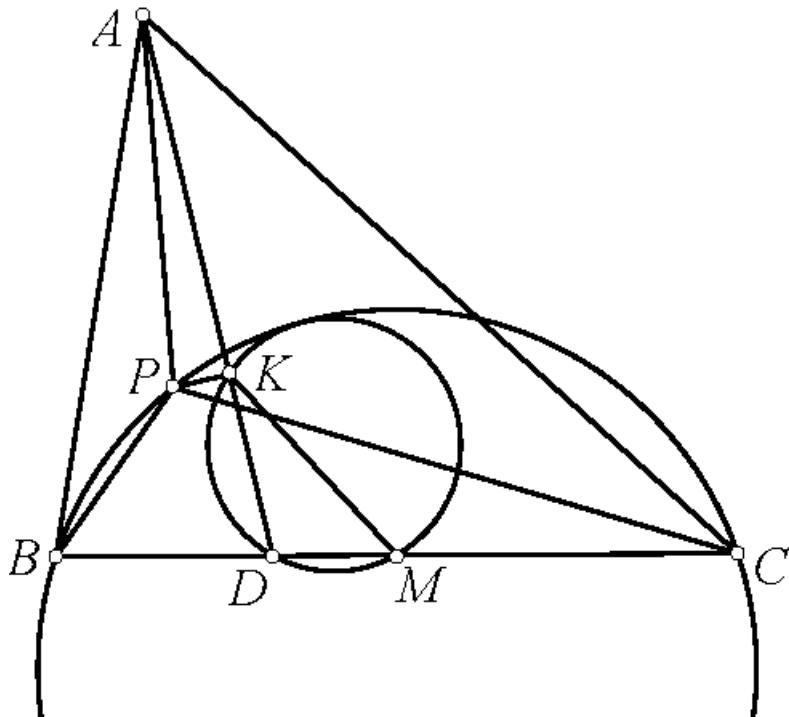


buratinogigle

#1 Feb 11, 2016, 4:55 pm

Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with symmedian  $AD$  and median  $AM$ .  $P$  is a point inside triangle  $ABC$  such that  $\angle PBA = \angle PCA$ .  $K$  is projection of  $P$  on  $AD$ . Prove that  $(KDM)$  and  $(PBC)$  are tangent.

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TelvCohl

#2 Feb 11, 2016, 8:57 pm • 1

Let  $E \equiv BP \cap CA, F \equiv CP \cap AB$ . From  $\angle PBA = \angle PCA$  we get  $B, C, E, F$  are concyclic, so the second intersection  $T$  of  $\odot(BPC)$  and  $\odot(AP) \equiv \odot(AKP)$  is the Miquel point of the complete quadrilateral  $\{BC, EF, BE, CF\} \implies \frac{TB}{TC} = \frac{BE}{CF} = \frac{AB}{AC} = \frac{BD^2}{CD^2}$ , hence  $TD$  is the T-symmedian of  $\triangle BTC \implies \odot(DMT)$  is tangent to  $\odot(BPC)$  at  $T$ .

On the other hand, since  $BC, EF, PT$  are concurrent at the radical center  $R$  of  $\odot(BPC), \odot(EPF), \odot(BCEF)$ , so from  $P(R, A; B, C) = -1$  we get  $G \equiv AP \cap DT$  lies on  $\odot(BPC)$ , hence  $\angle TKD = \angle TPG = \angle TMD \implies D, K, M, T$  lie on a circle  $\implies \odot(DKM)$  and  $\odot(BPC)$  are tangent to each other at  $T$ .



Luis González

#3 Feb 11, 2016, 10:31 pm • 1

Letting  $PB, PC$  cut  $AC, AB$  at  $Y, Z$ , then the problem is equivalent to [Tangent circles \(HSGS TST 2014\)](#) for the cyclic quadrilateral  $BCYZ$ .



buratinogigle

#4 Feb 12, 2016, 11:19 am

Thank you for your interest, I really created this problem from [HSGS TST 2014](#) as Luis shown. This is also the general problem in the link <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/community/q4h1130448p5619094>

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Tangent circles X

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Source: HSGS TST 2014



**buratinogigle**

#1 Dec 27, 2014, 1:45 pm • 1 ↑

Let  $ABCD$  be cyclic quadrilateral.  $M, N$  are midpoints of  $CD, AB$ .  $P$  lies on side  $CD$  such that  $\frac{PD}{PC} = \frac{BD^2}{AC^2}$ .  $AC$  cuts  $BD$  at  $E$ .  $H$  is projection of  $E$  on  $PN$ . Prove that circles  $(HMP)$  and  $(EDC)$  are tangent.



**TelvCohl**

#2 Dec 27, 2014, 6:56 pm • 3 ↑

My solution:

Let  $O$  be the center of  $\odot(ABCD)$ .

Let  $X = AD \cap BC, Y = AB \cap CD, Z = \odot(ABE) \cap (CDE)$ .

Easy to see  $E, Y, Z$  are collinear.

Since  $\angle DZA = \angle DCA + \angle DBA = \angle DOA$ ,

so we get  $A, D, Z, O$  are concyclic,

hence  $\angle OZY = \angle OZD + \angle DZY = \angle OAD + \angle DCA = 90^\circ$ ,

so we get  $O, M, N, Y, Z$  are lie on a circle with diameter  $OY$ .

From Brokard theorem we get  $O$  is the orthocenter of  $\triangle EXY$ ,

so combine with  $\angle OZY = 90^\circ$  we get  $O, X, Z$  are collinear

Since  $PC : PD = AC^2 : BD^2 = XC^2 : XD^2$ ,

so we get  $XP$  is  $X$ -symmedian of  $\triangle XCD$ ,

hence combine with  $\triangle XAB \sim \triangle XCD$  we get  $P \in XN$ .

Since  $E, H, X, Z$  lie on a circle with diameter  $XE$ ,

so we get  $\angle XHZ = \angle XEZ = \angle YOZ = \angle YMZ$ .

ie.  $Z \in \odot(HMP)$

Since  $Z$  is the center of spiral similar of  $AC \mapsto BD$ ,

so we get  $PC : PD = AC^2 : BD^2 = ZC^2 : ZD^2$ ,

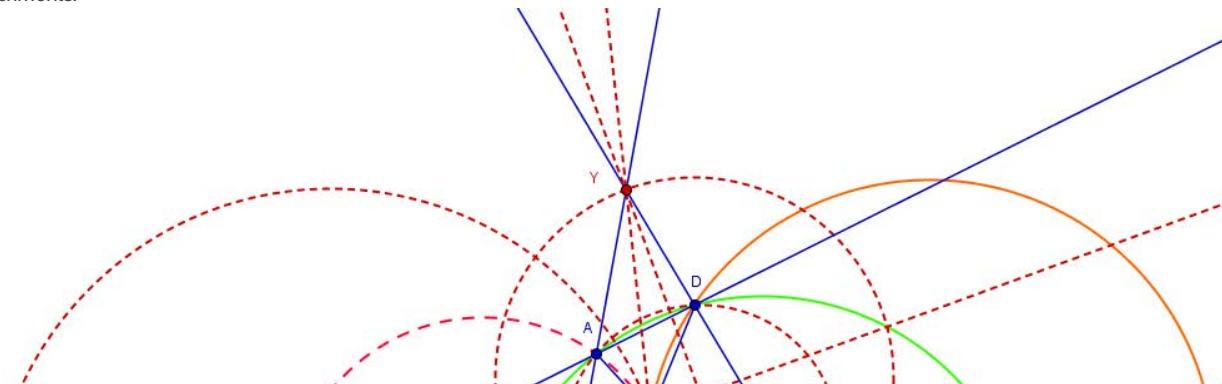
hence  $ZP$  is  $Z$ -symmedian of  $\triangle ZCD$ ,

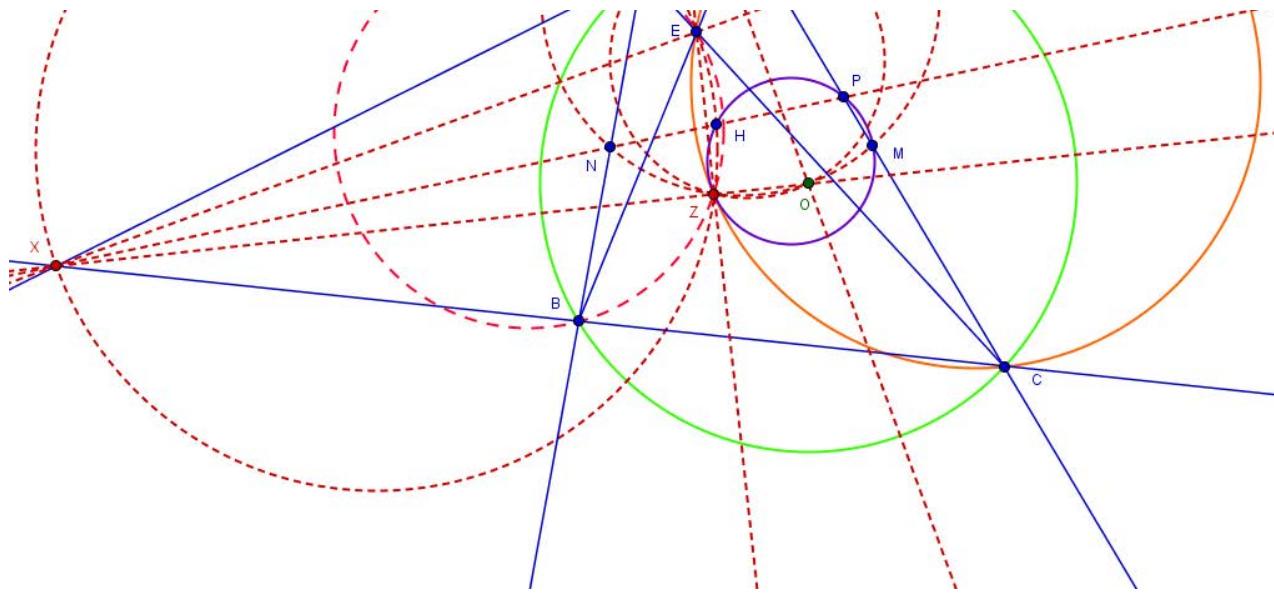
so we get  $\angle CZM = \angle PZD$  and  $\odot(HMPZ)$  is tangent to  $\odot(EDCZ)$  at  $Z$ .

Q.E.D

By the way, what is HSGS ?

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**buratinogigle**

#3 Dec 28, 2014, 12:32 am

Here is my solution

$AD$  cuts  $BC$  at  $F$ . We have  $\frac{PD}{PC} = \frac{BD^2}{AC^2} = \frac{FD^2}{FC^2}$  so  $FP$  is symmedian of  $FCD$  therefore  $FP$  passes through  $N$ .  $AB$  cuts  $CD$  at  $S$ . By Brokard theorem  $S, E, G$  are collinear and  $SE$  is perpendicular to  $OF$  at  $G$ . We have  $\angle GMS = \angle GOS = \angle GEF = \angle FHG$  so  $HGMF$  is cyclic. Tangent at  $G$  of  $(GCD)$  cuts  $CD$  at  $T$ . Notice  $\triangle GAC \sim \triangle GBD$  we have  $\frac{TC}{TD} = \frac{GC^2}{GD^2} = \frac{AC^2}{BD^2} = \frac{PC}{PD}$  so  $(PG, CD) = -1$  deduce  $TG^2 = TC \cdot TD = TP \cdot TM$  so  $TG$  tangent to  $(GPM)$ . Thus, circles  $(HMP)$  and  $(EDC)$  are tangent at  $G$ .

Dear Telv Cohl HSGS is my school "high school for gifted student".

Best regards.

*Attachments:*

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Luis González

#4 Dec 28, 2014, 2:18 am • 2

Let  $S \equiv AB \cap CD, T \equiv AD \cap BC$  and  $SE$  cuts  $(O) \equiv \odot(ABCD)$  at  $U, V$ . Since  $SE, TE$  are the polars of  $T, S$  WRT  $(O)$ , then  $SE$  is perpendicular to  $OT$  at  $K$  and  $(U, V, K, S) = -1 \Rightarrow SE \cdot SK = SU \cdot SV = SC \cdot SD \Rightarrow K \in \odot(ECD)$  and likewise  $K \in \odot(EAB) \Rightarrow K$  is center of spiral similarity that swaps  $AC$  and  $BD \Rightarrow KC^2 : KD^2 = AC^2 : BD^2 = PC : PD \Rightarrow KP$  is K-symmedian of  $\triangle KDC \Rightarrow KM, KP$  are isogonals WRT  $\angle CKD \Rightarrow \odot(KMP)$  touches  $\odot(KDC)$ . Now, it's enough to show that  $H \in \odot(KMP)$ .

If  $L \equiv TE \cap CD$ , then  $(D, C, L, S) = -1 \implies SL \cdot SM = SD \cdot SC = SE \cdot SK \implies EKML$  is cyclic. But  $TKHE$  is cyclic due to right angles at  $H, K \implies \angle THK = \angle TEK = \angle KMP \implies H \in \odot(KMP)$ .

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Concurrent lines X

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**mjuk**

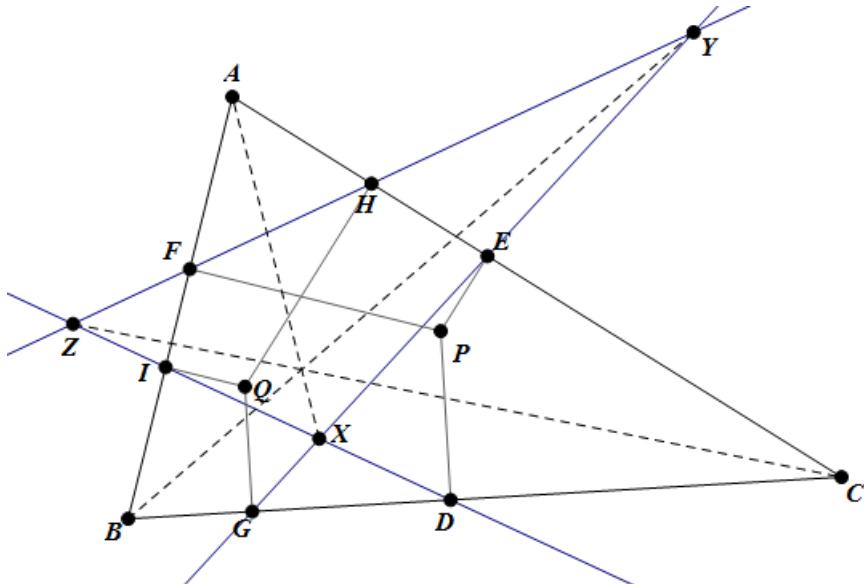
#1 Feb 11, 2016, 1:51 am

Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be isogonal conjugates wrt.  $\triangle ABC$ , let  $\triangle DEF$  and  $\triangle GHI$  be pedal triangles of  $P$  and  $Q$ .

Let  $X = ID \cap GE, Y = GE \cap HF, Z = HF \cap ID$ .

Prove that  $AX, BY, CZ$  are concurrent.

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**Luis González**

#2 Feb 11, 2016, 3:13 am • 2

It's well-known that  $D, E, F, G, H, I$  lie on a same circle (pedal circle of  $P, Q$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$ ). Thus by Pascal theorem for the hexagon  $FHEGDI$ , the intersections  $U \equiv FH \cap GD, V \equiv HE \cap DI$  and  $W \equiv EG \cap IF$  are collinear, i.e.  $\triangle ABC$  and the triangle  $\triangle XYZ$  bounded by  $FH, EG, DI$  are perspective through  $\overline{UVW}$ . Thus by Desargues theorem  $AX, BY, CZ$  concur.

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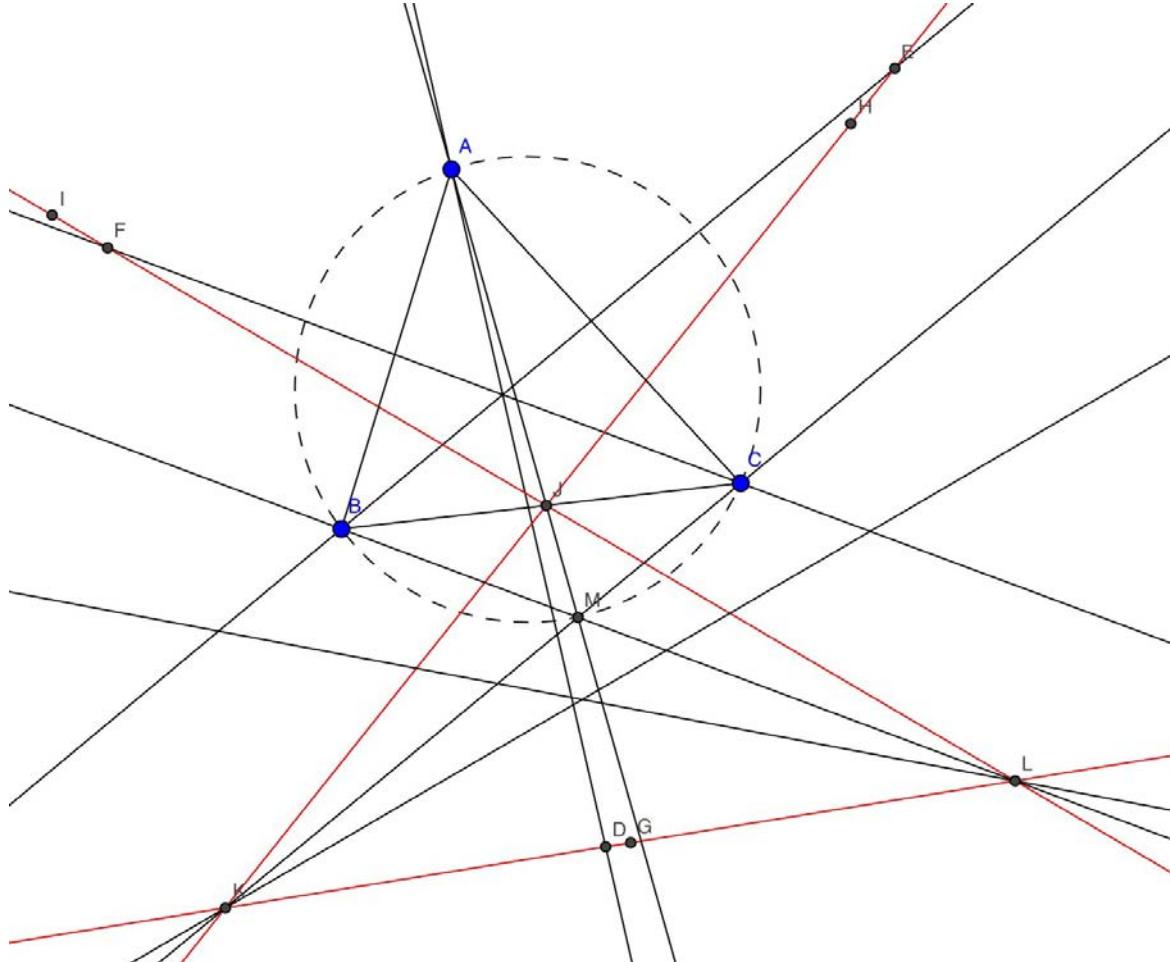
#1 Feb 10, 2016, 10:40 pm

Given  $\triangle ABC$ Let  $D, E, F$  are  $A-$ ,  $B-$ ,  $C-$  excenter of  $\triangle ABC$ Let  $G, H, I$  are points such that  $\triangle GHI$  is anticomplementary triangle of  $\triangle ABC$ Let  $EH \cap FI = J, DG \cap EH = K, FI \cap DG = L$ 

Proof that

1)  $J \in BC, K \in AB, L \in CA$ 2)  $AJ, BL, CK$  concurrent at point  $M$  on circumcircle of  $\triangle ABC$ 

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Luis González

#2 Feb 11, 2016, 2:33 am

According to my diagram the proposition 2) is false. In general, those lines are indeed concurrent but the concurrency point is not on the circumcircle of  $\triangle ABC$ . For 1) we have the following projective generalization:

$P, Q$  are arbitrary points on the plane of  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle P_A P_B P_C, \triangle Q_A Q_B Q_C$  are the anticevian triangles of  $P, Q$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$ . Then  $P_B Q_B, P_C Q_C$  meet at point  $A_0$  on  $BC$ . Moreover if we define  $B_0$  and  $C_0$  cyclically, then  $AA_0, BB_0, CC_0$  concur at the trilinear pole of  $PQ$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\triangle DEF$  and  $\triangle XYZ$  be the cevian triangles of  $P$  and  $Q$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$ , respectively. Consider a homology sending  $PQ$  to the line at infinity. Since  $(P_A, A, D, P) = -1$ , then  $P_A$  becomes midpoint of  $AD$  and similarly  $P_B, Q_B, P_C, Q_C$  become midpoints of  $BE, BY, CF, CZ$ , respectively. Thus  $P_B Q_B$  is the B-midline of  $\triangle BEY$ , intersecting  $BC$  at its midpoint  $A_0$  and similarly  $A_0 \in P_C Q_C$ . So back in the primitive figure, it follows that  $A_0 \equiv BC \cap P_B Q_B \cap P_C Q_C$  and  $A_0$  is the harmonic conjugate of  $PQ \cap BC$  WRT  $B, C \implies AA_0$  passes through the trilinear pole  $R$  of  $PQ$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$  and similarly  $BB_0, CC_0$  pass through  $R$ .

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**Ankogonit**

#1 Feb 10, 2016, 9:40 am

In  $ABC$  with circumcentre  $O$  the internal angle bisector of  $\angle BAC$  meets the circumcircle of  $\triangle BOC$  at a point  $P$  such that  $P, O$  are on same side of  $BC$ . Let  $O_1, O_2$  be the circumcentres of  $\triangle APB, \triangle APC$ , let  $AB \cap (APC) = U$  and  $AC \cap (APB) = V$ . Prove that the lines  $O_1V, O_2U$  and the external bisector of  $\angle BAC$  are concurrent. (Here,  $(XYZ)$  means the circumcircle of  $\triangle XYZ$ )



**Luis González**

#2 Feb 10, 2016, 11:48 am • 1 ↳

Let  $OP$  cut  $(O_2), (O_1)$  again at  $Y, Z$ , resp and let  $O_1V$  and  $O_2U$  meet at  $M$ .  
 $\angle YAC = \angle OPC = \angle OBC = 90^\circ - \angle BAC \implies \angle BAY = 90^\circ$  and likewise  $\angle CAZ = 90^\circ \implies AP$  also bisects  $\angle YAZ$  and  $UY, VZ$  are diameters of  $(O_2), (O_1)$ . Since  $\angle PUY = \angle PAY = \angle PAZ = \angle PVZ$ , it follows that  $\angle O_2YP = \angle O_1ZP \implies \triangle MYZ$  is isosceles with  $MY = MZ \implies M$  is midpoint of the arc  $YAZ$  of  $\odot(YAZ)$ , i.e.  $A, Y, Z, M$  are concyclic  $\implies \angle MAY = \angle O_1ZP = 90^\circ - \angle PAZ \implies AM$  is external bisector of  $\angle YAZ, \angle BAC \implies M$  is on the external bisector of  $\angle BAC$ .



**houssam9990**

#3 Feb 11, 2016, 2:44 am

claim :  $U, V, P$  are collinear.

proof:

$$AUP + APV = ACP + ABV = 180 - APC - A/2 + 180 - A - AVB = 360 - (APC + APB + A + A/2) = BPC - A - A/2 = BOC - A - A/2 = A/2 = BAP = AUP + APU$$

hence  $APU = APV$  as desired.

now let  $Q = O_1V \cap l$  where  $l$  is the  $A$ -external angle bisector.

we have:

$$AQV = 180 - QAV - AVQ = AVO_1 - QAV = 90 - ABV - (90 - A/2) = A/2 - ABV = A/2 - (ABP - VBP) = A - ABP = A - UVA = AUV$$

therefore  $U, A, V, Q$  are concyclic.

similarly, we define  $R = O_2U \cap l$  and angle chase that easily  $VUR = VAR$ .

thus,  $R, Q \in (AUV) \cap l$ . hence we are done. (one may want to assume  $U, V$  are different from  $A$ )

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**PROF65**

#4 Feb 11, 2016, 3:11 am

Let  $E$  be the intersection of  $O_1V$  and  $O_2U$ .

$\widehat{O_1PO_2} = \widehat{O_1PA} + \widehat{APO_2} = \frac{\pi}{2} - \widehat{ABP} + \frac{\pi}{2} - \widehat{ACP} = \pi - \hat{A}$  and  $\widehat{UO_2P} = \hat{A}, \widehat{VO_1P} = \hat{A}$  thus  $O_1PO_2E$  is parallelogram implies  $UAVE$  is cyclic

we have also  $\widehat{EO_1P} = \widehat{VO_1P} = \hat{A}$ ,  $\widehat{VPO_1} = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\hat{A}}{2}$  besides  $\widehat{EO_2P} = \widehat{UO_2P} = \hat{A}$ ,  $\widehat{UPO_2} = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\hat{A}}{2}$  then  $U, V$  and  $P$  are collinear

$\widehat{EAV} = \widehat{EUV} = \widehat{O_2UP} = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\hat{A}}{2}$  which means that  $E$  lies on the  $A$ -exterior bisector.

WCP



suli

#5 Feb 11, 2016, 5:48 am

**Lemma.**  $P, U, V$  collinear.

Proof. Clearly  $180^\circ - \angle A$  and  $\angle UPB = 180^\circ - \angle A$ . But  $\angle BPC = 2\angle A$ , so  $\angle UPV = 0^\circ$ , so  $U, P, V$  collinear.

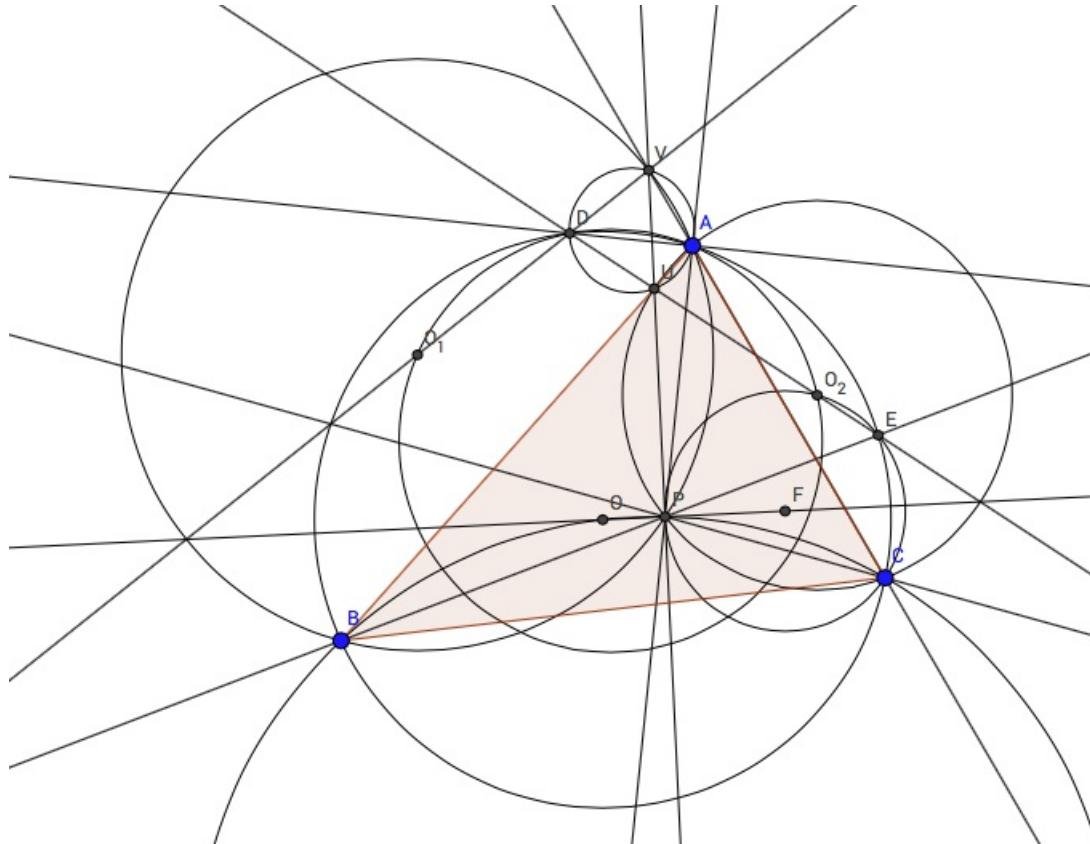
As a result,  $90^\circ - \angle O_1VA = \angle VPA = \angle UPA = 90^\circ - \angle AUO_2$ , so  $\angle O_1VA = \angle AUO_2$ . Thus if  $O_1V$  and  $O_2U$  intersect at  $D$ , then  $AUVD$  is cyclic. Thus

$\angle DAU = \angle DVU = 90^\circ - (180^\circ - \angle VAP) = \angle VAP - 90^\circ = 90^\circ - \angle A/2$ , so  $AD$  is external angle bisector of  $\angle A$ .

Now try proving the stronger result that  $A, B, C, D$  are concyclic 😊

Hint

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## High School Olympiads

The locus of P 

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**Ankoganit**

#1 Feb 10, 2016, 10:16 am

Let  $D$  be any point on the side  $BC$  of triangle  $ABC$  and let  $I_1, I_2$  be the incentres of triangle  $ABD$  and triangle  $ACD$  respectively. Let the circumcircle of triangle  $I_1I_2D$  meet the segment  $AD$  again at  $P$ . Prove that as  $D$  varies, point  $P$  moves on a fixed circle.

(Suggested by Kapil)



**Luis González**

#2 Feb 10, 2016, 10:33 am • 2 

$P$  is clearly the intersection of  $AD$  with the common external tangent of  $(I_1), (I_2)$ , other than  $BC$ . Now if the incircle of  $\triangle ABC$  touches  $AC$  at  $Y$ , then  $P$  lies on the fixed circle  $\odot(A, AY)$  (see the problem [Locus of intersection](#)).



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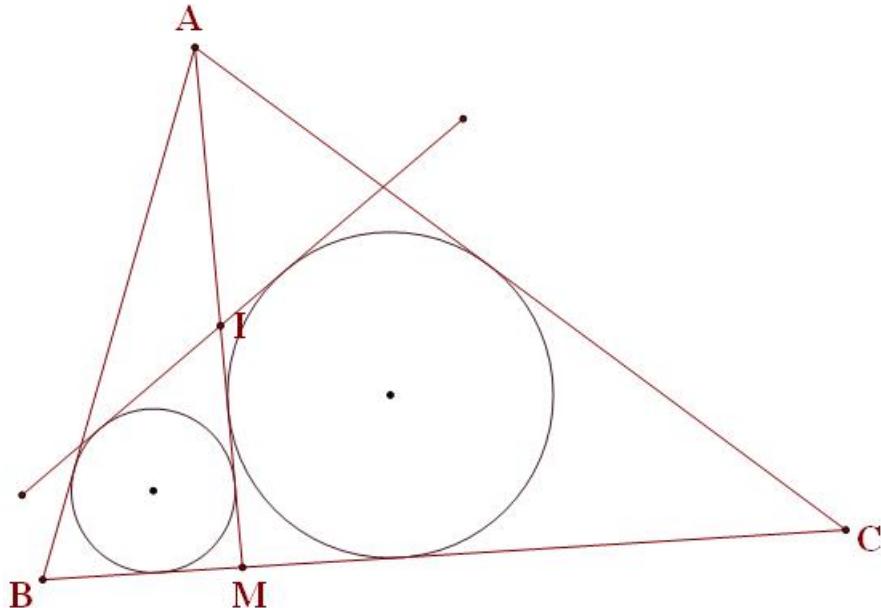
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#1 Jan 10, 2011, 10:58 am

Given a triangle ABC. Point M moves on the side BC. Let S and S' be the incircles of triangle AMB and AMC, respectively. The external tangent of S, S' ( $\neq BC$ ) meet AM at I. Find the locus of I when M is changed.

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**Luis González**

#2 Jan 10, 2011, 12:37 pm • 1

Assume that the common external tangent of  $(S)$ ,  $(S')$ , different from  $BC$ , cut  $\overrightarrow{CB}$  at  $D$ .  $(S)$  and  $(S')$  touch  $AM$  at  $P, Q$ . Since  $(S)$ ,  $(S')$  become incircle and D-excircle of  $\triangle DIM$ , it follows that  $PM = IQ$ . Therefore

$$AI = AQ - IQ = AQ - PM = \frac{1}{2}(AC + AM - MC) - \frac{1}{2}(AM + MB - AB)$$

$$\implies AI = \frac{1}{2}(AB + AC - BC) = \text{const.}$$

Thus, locus of  $I$  is the circle centered at  $A$  that passes through the tangency points of the incircle with  $AB, AC$ .

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## High School Olympiads

Perspective Triangles 

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**ABCDE**

#1 Feb 8, 2016, 12:50 pm

Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with incenter  $I$ . Let the orthocenters of  $IBC$ ,  $ICA$ , and  $IAB$  be  $H_a$ ,  $H_b$ , and  $H_c$  respectively. Prove that  $ABC$  is perspective with the anticomplementary triangle of  $H_aH_bH_c$ .



**TelvCohl**

#2 Feb 8, 2016, 5:50 pm • 1 

Let  $\triangle XYZ$  be the anticomplementary triangle of  $\triangle H_aH_bH_c$  and let  $\triangle DEF$ ,  $\triangle M_aM_bM_c$  be the intouch triangle, medial triangle of  $\triangle ABC$ , respectively. Since  $M_a, M_b, M_c$  is the pole of  $H_bH_c, H_cH_a, H_aH_b$  WRT  $\odot(I)$ , respectively, so notice  $IM_a \perp H_bH_c \implies IM_a \perp YZ$  we get the pole  $X_1$  of  $YZ$  WRT  $\odot(I)$  is the intersection of  $IM_a$  and  $M_bM_c$ .

Since  $I$  is complement of the Nagel point of  $\triangle ABC$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$ , so  $\frac{M_bX_1}{M_cX_1} = \frac{CD}{BD} \implies A, D, X_1$  are collinear, hence their polar  $EF, BC, YZ$  WRT  $\odot(I)$  are concurrent  $\implies YZ \cap BC$  lies on the perspectrix  $\tau$  of  $\triangle ABC, \triangle DEF$ . Similarly, we can prove  $ZX \cap CA, XY \cap AB$  lies on  $\tau$ , so from Desargue theorem we conclude that  $AX, BY, CZ$  are concurrent.

**Remark :** Since the orthology center of  $\{\triangle ABC, \triangle XYZ\}$  is the Nagel point of  $\triangle ABC$ , so the perspector of  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle XYZ$  lies on the Feuerbach hyperbola (circum-rectangular hyperbola passing through Nagel point) of  $\triangle ABC$ .



**Itf0501**

#3 Feb 8, 2016, 11:01 pm

Why  $M_a, M_b, M_c$  is the pole of  $H_bH_c, H_cH_a, H_aH_b$  WRT  $\odot(I)$ ???



**Luis González**

#4 Feb 9, 2016, 12:03 am • 3 

There is more to say:  $\triangle ABC$  and the anticomplementary triangle  $\triangle XYZ$  of  $\triangle H_aH_bH_c$  are perspective and the perspector  $AX \cap BY \cap CZ$  is the isogonal conjugate of the centroid of the excentral triangle, i.e.  $X_{3062}$  of  $\triangle ABC$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\triangle I_aI_bI_c$  be the excentral triangle of  $\triangle ABC$  with centroid  $U$ . Let  $D$  be the midpoint of  $BC$  and let  $L$  be the common midpoint of  $XH_a, H_bH_c$ . Clearly  $AI_cBH_c$  and  $AI_bCH_b$  are parallelograms  $\implies DL$  is midparallel of  $CH_b \parallel BH_c \implies I_aX \parallel DL \parallel CH_b \parallel BH_c \parallel I_bI_c$ . Moreover, if the parallel  $I_aX$  from  $I_a$  to  $I_bI_c$  cuts  $\odot(I_aI_bI_c)$  again at  $S$ , we get  $I_aX = 2 \cdot DL = |CH_b - BH_c| = |AI_b - AI_c| = I_aS \implies X$  is the reflection of  $S$  across  $AI_a \implies AX$  and  $AS$  are isogonals WRT  $\angle BAC$ . But notice that  $A$  and  $S$  are clearly homologous points under the homothety with center  $U$  that takes the circumcircle of  $\triangle I_aI_bI_c$  into its 9-point circle  $\odot(ABC)$ , thus  $U \in AS \implies AX$  and  $AU$  are isogonals WRT  $\triangle ABC$  and likewise  $BY$  and  $CZ$  are the isogonals of  $BU$  and  $CU$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$ . Hence we conclude that  $AX, BY, CZ$  concur at the isogonal conjugate of  $U$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$ , as desired.

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## High School Olympiads

very nice and very hard! 

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Source: 10.4 Final Round of Sharygin geometry Olympiad 2015



MRF2017

#1 Feb 8, 2016, 9:52 pm

Let  $AA_1, BB_1, CC_1$  be the altitudes of an acute-angled, nonisosceles 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  $A_2B_2C_2$ .



Luis González

#2 Feb 8, 2016, 10:04 pm • 1 

Already discussed at <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/community/c6h1187477>.



## High School Olympiads

Line tangent to incircle X

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Source: Inspired from Sharygin Geometry Olympiad 2015



livetolove212

#1 Jan 21, 2016, 12:22 am • 1

Let  $AA_1, BB_1, CC_1$  be the altitudes of an acute-angled, nonisosceles triangle  $ABC$ , and  $A_2, B_2, C_2$  be the touching points of sides  $BC, CA, AB$  with the correspondent excircles. Prove that  $B_1C_1$  touches the incircle of  $ABC$  if and only if  $A_1$  lies on the circumcircle of  $A_2B_2C_2$ .

[Source.](#)



anantmudgal09

#2 Jan 21, 2016, 12:53 am

Isn't this more like the actual Sharygin problem?



Edit:- Oh I see, sorry about that. Nice generalisation by the way. 😊

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livetolove212

#3 Jan 21, 2016, 1:03 am

We have to prove "if and only if", which is not trivial 😊



TelvCohl

#4 Jan 21, 2016, 2:18 am • 2

I'll just prove  $A_1 \in \odot(A_2B_2C_2) \implies B_1C_1$  touches the incircle of  $\triangle ABC$ .



Suppose the Bevan point  $B_e$  of  $\triangle ABC$  doesn't coincide with  $A_2$ , then from  $A_1 \in \odot(A_2B_2C_2)$  we get the isogonal conjugate of  $B_e$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$  lies on the A-altitude of  $\triangle ABC \implies AB_e$  passes through the circumcenter  $O$  of  $\triangle ABC$ , hence notice  $B_e$  is the reflection of the incenter  $I$  of  $\triangle ABC$  in  $O$  we get  $AO$  is the bisector of  $\angle BAC \implies AI$  coincide with the A-altitude of  $\triangle ABC \implies AB = AC$  (contradict the given condition).

From the discussion above we know  $B_e \equiv A_2$ . Let  $\triangle A_3B_3C_3$  be the intouch triangle of  $\triangle ABC$ . Since  $IA_3 = 2\text{dist}(O, BC) = AH$ , so  $AH A_3 I$  is a parallelogram  $\implies A_3H \perp B_3C_3$ . From [Passes through intersection of two tangent \(Lemma at post #2\)](#)  $\implies$  the line connecting  $H$  and the reflection of  $I$  in  $B_3C_3$  passes through the projection  $W$  of  $A_3$  on  $B_3C_3$ , so  $H$  coincide with  $W \implies H \in B_3C_3$ , hence from Newton theorem we conclude that  $B_1C_1$  touches the incircle of  $\triangle ABC$ .



livetolove212

#5 Jan 21, 2016, 11:27 pm

Another proof for the converse.

Assume that  $A_2$  is not Bevan point of triangle  $ABC$ . Let  $A'_2$  be Bevan point of  $\triangle ABC$ . Let  $K$  be the projection of  $A'_2$  onto  $AA_1$ . We get  $A_1KA'_2A_2$  is a rectangle and  $K, B_2, C_2$  lie on  $(AA'_2)$ . Since the radical axes of  $(AA'_2), (A_2B_2C_2A_1), (A_2A_1KA'_2)$  concur at the radical center of 3 circles, we get  $KA'_2, A_1A_2, B_2C_2$  are concurrent. But  $A_1A_2 \parallel KA'_2$  and  $B_2C_2$  is not parallel to  $BC$  hence this is contradict.



Therefore  $A_2$  is Bevan point of triangle  $ABC$ - the reflection of  $I$  wrt  $O$ . Let  $M$  be the midpoint of  $BC$  we get  $OM = \frac{r}{2}$  hence  $AH = r$  or  $H, I, M$  are collinear.

Let the bisector of  $\angle B_1HC$  intersect  $AC$  at  $E$ ,  $AB$  at  $F$  then  $AE = AF$  and using ratio of power we get  $(AEF), (AH), (O)$  are coaxal. The reflection of  $A$  through center of  $(AEF)$  is the intersection of  $HM$  and  $A$ -bisector