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[PM #1](#)

Let M be the midpoint of the side AC of acute-angled triangle ABC with $AB > BC$. Let Ω be the circumcircle of ABC . The tangents to Ω at the points A and C meet at P , and BP and AC intersect at S . Let AD be the altitude of the triangle ABP and ω the circumcircle of the triangle CSD . Suppose ω and Ω intersect at $K \neq C$. Prove that $\angle CKM = 90^\circ$.

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We have $KDSC$ is cyclic so $\angle KDP = \angle KCS = 180^\circ - \angle KDS$.
On the other hand, $\angle KCS = \angle KAP$ in Ω . Hence, $\angle KAP = \angle KDP$. We obtain $PADK$ is cyclic. It follows that $\angle PKA = \angle PDA = 90^\circ$.
We also have $\angle PDA = \angle PMA = 90^\circ$ then $PDMA$ is cyclic. But $PKDA$ is cyclic so $PKMA$ is cyclic. We get
 $\angle PKM = 180^\circ - \angle PAM = 180^\circ - \angle ABC = \angle AKC$. Thus,
 $\angle PKM = \angle AKC$ or $\angle PKA = \angle MKC = 90^\circ$. ■

The problem still true for any triangle ABC .

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Dear Mathlinkers,
are you sure that $KDSM$ is cyclic?
Sincerely
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[PM #4](#)

Sorry, my mistake. It is $KDSC$.

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$\widehat{KDS} = \widehat{KCA} = \widehat{KAP} \Rightarrow PDKMA$ is
cycle $\Rightarrow \widehat{AKM} = \widehat{APM} = 90 - \hat{B} \Rightarrow \widehat{CKM} = 90$
done

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$CSKD$ cyclic.
So, $\angle KDP = \angle KDS = \angle KCS = \angle KCA = \angle KAP$ [$\because PA$ touches Ω]
So, $KPAD$ is cyclic and thus, $\angle AKP = \angle ADP = 90^\circ$
Now, using Zhao's Lemma No-1, we get KP is the symmedian of $\triangle KAC$.
So, $\angle MKC = \angle AKP = 90^\circ$
And so, obviously $\angle CKM = 90^\circ$
[QED]

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First, notice $PDMA$ is cyclic, now let circumcircles of $PDMA$ and ABC intersect at T . We have $\angle PAM = \angle ABC$, so $\angle PTM = \angle ATC$ and $\angle TPM = \angle TAC$ and from this two we have $\angle PMT = \angle ACT = \angle PDT$ from which we have $KCST$ is a cyclic, so $K=T$. Now, $\angle CKM = 180 - \angle KCA - \angle KMD = 90 - \angle KCA - \angle KCA = 90$ so we are finished.

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[Solution](#)

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Here is a bash(without calculations) approach:

Let the feet of altitude from M to BC be X and let Y, Z be points on line BS such that $\angle CYM = \angle CZM = 90^\circ$.

Now, all we have to do is prove that $(CSD), (ABC), (CYMZ)$ are co-axial circles for which we apply

the Lemma in Mathematical Reflections Issue 5, 2015 (see awesomemath.org)

So, we need to prove that

$$\frac{SM}{SA} = \frac{DY \cdot DZ}{DB \cdot DT} \text{ where } T \text{ is the point at which the line } BS \text{ meets } (ABC) \text{ again.}$$

This is just(?) length chasing and fairly nasty but computationally feasible.

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Double-posting because it's just so nice!

Suppose that the points A' and C' are opposite to A and C , respectively, in the circumcircle of triangle ABC . Clearly, points C', M, K are collinear. Since A' is symmetric to C' in line PM (perpendicular bisector of AC) and $C'K$ is a median; we have $A'K$ is a symmedian in triangle $AA'C$ and the points P, A', K are collinear. Moreover, points A, M, D, K, P lie on a circle with diameter AP . Therefore, $\angle MAK = \angle MKD$ and since we have the relations $\angle MSD = 90^\circ - \angle MAK = 90^\circ - \angle MKD = \angle DKC$, we conclude that the points C, S, D, K lie on a circle.

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