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3 circles concurrent at Feuerbach point X

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Source: (generalization from right triangle)



yetti

#1 Sep 15, 2009, 2:47 am

Let $\triangle ABC$ be a scalene triangle with 9-point circle (N) and incircle (I), touching BC, CA, AB at D, E, F , respectively. Let H be orthocenter of the reference triangle $\triangle ABC$ and H' orthocenter of its intouch triangle $\triangle DEF$. Let altitudes of these 2 triangles pairwise intersect at $D' \equiv AH \cap DH', E' \equiv BH \cap EH', F' \equiv CH \cap FH'$. Show that the 3 circles with diameters DD', EE', FF' concur at the Feuerbach point $F_e \equiv (N) \cap (I)$ of the triangle $\triangle ABC$.

This is generalization of the problem [A circle through the Feuerbach's point](#).



Luis González

#2 Sep 15, 2009, 6:38 am

Nice generalization yetti!. My proof won't be very different from the one that I gave [here](#).

Reflection n of BC about the angle bisector AV_a is the inverse of the nine-point circle (N) under the inversion with center M (midpoint of BC) and power $MD^2 \Rightarrow F'_e \equiv n \cap (I)$ is the inverse of F_e . Let H_a be the foot of the A -altitude and S the midpoint of IV_a , which is the center of the circle $\odot(F'_eV_aD)$ by obvious symmetry.

Since $DD' \parallel AV_a$, it follows that $\angle D'DI = \angle DIV_a = \angle IDS$. This implies that circles (S) and $(K_a) \equiv \odot(H_aDD')$ form equal and oppositely directed angles with the double circle (I) . Since the inversion preserves angles, D is double and V_a, H_a are inverse points, it follows that circle (S) is identical with the inverse of (K_a) . F'_e is common point of (I) , (S) , n , then in the primitive figure, F_e must be common point of (I) , (K_a) , (N) .



Petry

#3 Sep 16, 2009, 2:28 am

Hello!

r is the inradius of the triangle ABC and R is the circumradius of the triangle ABC .

B' is the midpoint of AB , C' is the midpoint of AC , I' is the incenter of the triangle $AB'C'$. It's easy to prove that I' is the midpoint of AI .

$\{D, V\} = DI \cap (I)$ and the perpendicular to the line BC through the point N intersects the circle (N) at the points K, W ($AK > AN, AW < AN$).

The points N, I, F_e are collinear, $IV \parallel NW$ and $\frac{IF_e}{NF_e} = \frac{IV}{NW} = \frac{2r}{R} \Rightarrow$ the points W, V, F_e are collinear. (1)

Similarly, the points K, D, F_e are collinear and it's easy to see that $DF_e \perp VF_e$. (2)

The proposed problem posted here <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?t=284806> $\Rightarrow I' \in F_eV$. (3)

$AD' \perp BC$ and $ID \perp BC \Rightarrow AD' \parallel ID$. (4)

$DD' \perp EF$ and $IA \perp EF \Rightarrow DD' \parallel IA$. (5)

(4),(5) $\Rightarrow AD'DI$ is a parallelogram $\Rightarrow AD' = ID = IV = r$.

$AD'IV$ is a parallelogram and I' is the midpoint of $AI \Rightarrow I'$ is the midpoint of $D'V$. (6)

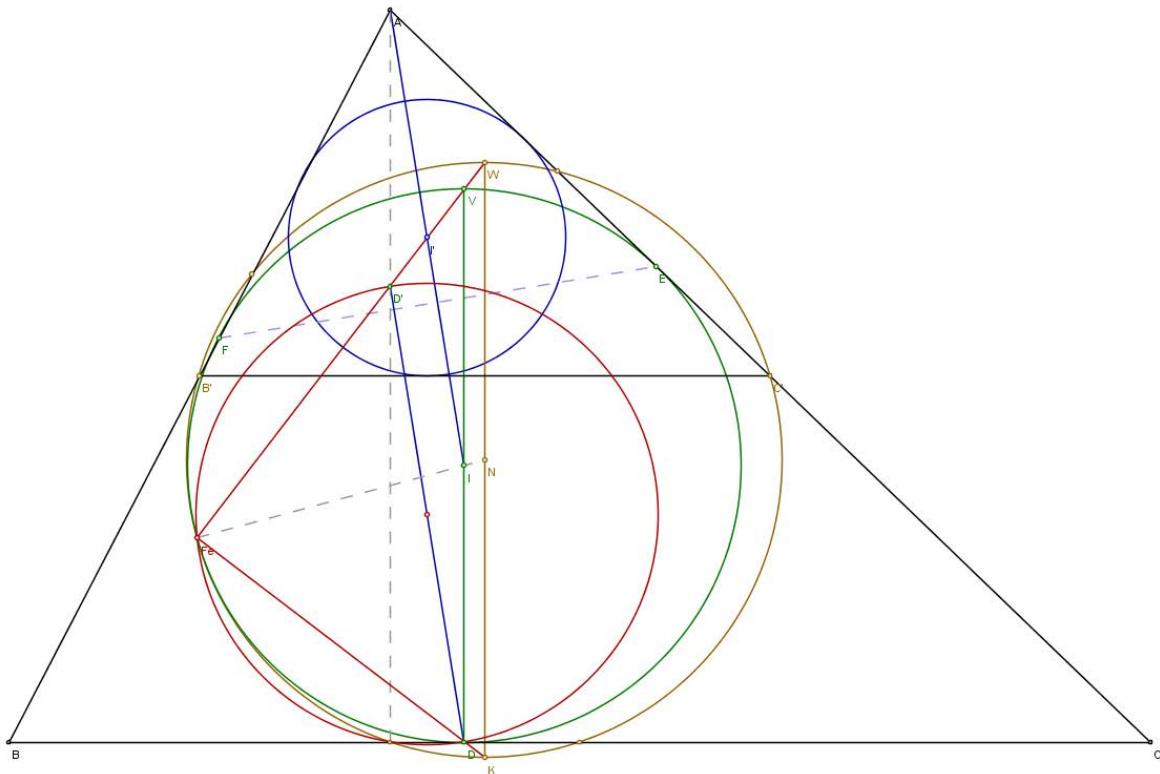
(1),(3),(6) \Rightarrow the points F_e, D', I', V, W are collinear. (7)

(2),(7) $\Rightarrow DF_e \perp D'F_e$. So, the point F_e lies on the circle with diameter DD' .

Similarly, F_e lies on the circles with diameters EE', FF' .

Best regards, Petrisor Neagoe 😊

Attachments:



yetti

#4 Sep 16, 2009, 9:50 am

Thank you, my friends, for nice proofs of the proposed problem. In my opinion, if reflection in a line is part of synthetic geometry, so is reflection in a circle (inversion). Would there be a shorter proof of the problem referenced by **Petry?** I went for a different parallelogram in my solution:

Internal angle bisectors AI, BI, CI cut the triangle circumcircle (O) again at X, Y, Z . Let A', B', C' be midpoints of BC, CA, AB . Internal bisector of the angle $\angle C'A'B'$ cuts the 9-point circle (N) again at X' . Let $XU, X'U' \perp BC$ be diameters of (O), (N). Feuerbach point Fe is the external similarity center of (I), (N) $\Rightarrow Fe, D, U'$ are collinear $\Rightarrow \angle DFeA' = \angle U'FeA' = \angle U'X'A' = \angle UXA$.

Let X'', Y'', Z'' be reflections of X, Y, Z in BC, CA, AB . X is circumcenter of $\triangle IBC$; midpoint N_a of IX'' is its 9-point circle center. Let the 9-point circle (N_a), passing through A', D , cut its l-altitude ID at $K \Rightarrow KI = A'X$ and $A'XIK$ is a parallelogram $\Rightarrow \angle DKA' = \angle IKA' = \angle A'XI = \angle UXA \Rightarrow \angle DFeA' = \angle DKA'$ and $Fe \in (N_a)$.

$\triangle X''Y''Z'' \sim \triangle XYZ$ is Fuhrmann triangle and its circumcircle (O'') is Fuhrmann circle of $\triangle ABC$, with diameter HM , where M is Nagel point, the anticomplement of the incenter I . The Fuhrmann circle cuts the altitudes AH, BH, CH at A'', B'', C'' , such that $AA'' = BB'' = CC'' = 2ID = 2r$ (8-point circle!). In addition, $X''A'', Y''B'', Z''C''$ concur at I . For a proof, see the general case of P-Hagge circle at <http://www.mathlinks.ro/viewtopic.php?t=285239>. Proof for l-Hagge circle (or Fuhrmann circle) is substantially simpler, on account of the incenter I being its own isogonal conjugate. In particular, no supporting lemma is necessary.

Since $ID \parallel AD'$ (both $\perp BC$) and $AI \parallel DD'$ (both $\perp EF$) $\Rightarrow AIDD'$ is a parallelogram and $AD' = ID \Rightarrow D'A'' = ID$ and $IDA''D'$ is a parallelogram \Rightarrow its diagonals IA'', DD' cut each other in half at $Q_a \Rightarrow X'', N_a, I, Q_a$ are collinear. Let (Q_a) be circle with diameter DD' . As a result, the circles (I) , (N_a) , (Q_a) , concurrent at D , are coaxal and also concurrent at the other intersection Fe of (I) , (N_a) . Similarly, circles with diameters EE', FF' also pass through Fe . \square



jayme

#5 Sep 16, 2009, 5:25 pm

Dear Vladimir, Luis and Mathlinkers,
very nice generalization and interesting proofs.

I think that another approach can be obtain after looking on my figure that you can see on:

<http://perso.orange.fr/j.l.ayme> vol. 3 the cross-cevian point p. 28.

by considering the pivot theorem...

I have to write the proof of my result and your generalization.

Sincerely

Jean-Louis

**Petry**

#6 Oct 2, 2009, 12:45 am

yetti wrote: "Would there be a shorter proof of the problem referenced by **Petry?**"Finally, I found an easy solution. See [here](#), the message #7.**jayme**

#7 Oct 3, 2009, 2:00 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,
a synthetic proof of this result can be seen
on: <http://perso.orange.fr/jl.ayme> vol. 5 Le théorème de Feuerbach-Ayme p. 16
Sincerely
Jean-Louis

**shoki**

#8 May 19, 2010, 1:44 pm

there is also a solution [here](#)**skytin**

#9 May 20, 2010, 10:32 pm

I have very easy solution:

Let AX is altitude from A on BC let Y is intersection of EF and DD' and let Z is intersection of line EF and CB . D'YXZ is cyclic so angle XD'D = XZY = C + A/2 - 90 . let point Fe=F', let point M is midpoint of BC , let point N is midpoint of AB , line F'D is bissector of angle XF'M (it's Archimedes lemm for incircle and 9 points circle) and angle XF'M = XNM and easy to prove that angle XNM = 180 - 2B - A and angle XF'D = XNM/2 = 90 - B - A/2 . 180 = A + B + C so C + A/2 - 90 = 90 - B - A/2 so XD'F'D is cyclic so 3 circles with diameters DD' ... concur at the Feuerbach point

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A problem of locus?Help me! 

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foraus

#1 Sep 13, 2009, 9:23 pm

Two circles $(O;R)$ and $(O';r)$ are tangent internally at a point A ($R > r$). A line tangent to (O') at a point D intersects (O) at points B and C. (I) is the inscribed circle of triangle ABC. Find the locus of I.



foraus

#2 Sep 14, 2009, 6:41 pm

 foraus wrote:

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No one helps me?  . Is it too hard? 

This post has been edited 1 time. Last edited by foraus, Sep 15, 2009, 3:55 pm



Luis González

#3 Sep 14, 2009, 10:03 pm

I'll restate the problem as follows:

Problem: Two circles T_1 and T_2 are internally tangent at A and T_1 is bigger than T_2 . A variable tangent of T_2 cuts T_1 at B, C. Then the locus of the incenter of $\triangle ABC$ is another circle tangent to T_1 , T_2 through A.

Proof. Let V be the tangency point of T_2 with BC. It is known that AV bisects $\angle BAC$.

$$\frac{AI}{IV} = \frac{CA + AB}{BC}.$$

If the ray AV cuts T_1 at P, then by Ptolemy's theorem for $ABPC$, we have

$$BC \cdot AP = CA \cdot PB + AB \cdot PC.$$

$$\text{Since } PB = PC \implies \frac{AP}{PB} = \frac{CA + AB}{BC} \implies \frac{AI}{IV} = \frac{AP}{PB}.$$

Note that $\triangle PAB \sim \triangle PV B$ are similar because of $\angle VBP = \angle BAP$, thus we have $PB^2 = AP \cdot PV$. Combining this one with the previous expression yields

$$\frac{IV^2}{AI^2} = \frac{PV}{AP}, \text{ but } PV = AP - AV \text{ and } IV = AV - AI$$

$$\implies \left(\frac{AV}{AI} - 1 \right)^2 = 1 - \frac{AV}{AP}.$$

Ratio $\frac{AV}{AP} = \text{const}$ is the coefficient k of the direct homothety taking T_1 into T_2 . Therefore, locus of the incenter I is the homothetic circumference of T_2 under the homothety with center A and coefficient $\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-k+1}}$.

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Ibero Team Selection Test X

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Source: Ibero Puerto Rican Team Selection 2009



modularmac101

#1 Sep 12, 2009, 9:52 am

1. A positive integer is called *good* if it can be written as the sum of two distinct integer squares. A positive integer is called *better* if it can be written in at least two ways as the sum of two integer squares. A positive integer is called *best* if it can be written in at least four ways as the sum of two distinct integer squares.

a) Prove that the product of two *good* numbers is *good*.

b) Prove that 5 is *good*, 2005 is *better*, and 2005^2 is *best*.

2. In each box of a 1×2009 grid, we place either a 0 or a 1, such that the sum of any 90 consecutive boxes is 65. Determine all possible values of the sum of the 2009 boxes in the grid.

3. Show that if h_A , h_B , and h_C are the altitudes of $\triangle ABC$, and r is the radius of the incircle, then

$$h_A + h_B + h_C \geq 9r$$

4. The point M is chosen inside parallelogram $ABCD$. Show that $\angle MAB$ is congruent to $\angle MCB$, if and only if $\angle MBA$ and $\angle MDA$ are congruent.

5. The weird mean of two numbers a and b is defined as $\sqrt{\frac{2a^2 + 3b^2}{5}}$. 2009 positive integers are placed around a circle such that each number is equal to the weird mean of the two numbers beside it. Show that these 2009 numbers must be equal.

This post has been edited 1 time. Last edited by modularmac101, Sep 12, 2009, 8:17 pm



Dr Sonnhard Graubner

#2 Sep 12, 2009, 7:48 pm

hello, for 3) i think it must be

$$h_A + h_B + h_C \geq 9r$$

Sonnhard.



mavropnevma

#3 Sep 12, 2009, 7:54 pm

2. Denote by a the word made by the first 29 boxes in the grid, and by b the word made by the next 61 boxes in the grid. Then the word representing the grid is $g = (ab)^{22}a$. Since the sum of the numbers in a may be any integer value between 0 and 29, the sum of the numbers in the grid may be any integer value between $22 \cdot 65 = 1430$ and $22 \cdot 65 + 29 = 1459$.

5. Expression $\sqrt{\frac{2a^2 + 3b^2}{5}}$ is called weird mean for a good reason: indeed $\min(a, b) \leq \sqrt{\frac{2a^2 + 3b^2}{5}} \leq \max(a, b)$ (in effect it is a pondered quadratic mean).

Take x (one of) the least number(s) written on the circle, and a, b its neighbors, so $x \leq a$ and $x \leq b$. According with the above it follows $x = a = b$. Continue around the circle to get all numbers equal to x .



modularmarc101

#4 Sep 12, 2009, 8:18 pm

Thanks Sonnhard



enndb0x

#5 Sep 12, 2009, 8:45 pm

[solution to problem 3](#)



Mewto5555

#6 Sep 13, 2009, 11:15 pm

1a is a direct consequence of the [Brahmagupta-Fibonacci Identity](#).



Bugi

#7 Sep 13, 2009, 11:20 pm

[4](#)



Luis González

#8 Sep 14, 2009, 1:02 am



modularmarc101 wrote:

4. The point M is chosen inside parallelogram $ABCD$. Show that $\angle MAB$ is congruent to $\angle MCB$, if and only if $\angle MBA$ and $\angle MDA$ are congruent.

Let $X \equiv AM \cap CD$ and $Y \equiv CM \cap AD$. Note that quadrilateral $ACXY$ is cyclic $\iff \angle DAX = \angle DCY \iff \angle YXM = \angle MCA$ and $\angle XYM = \angle MAC$. Since $\angle MXD = \angle MAB$ and $\angle MYD = \angle MCB$, it follows that $MYDX$ and $MABC$ are similar $\iff \angle MBA = \angle MDA$.

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Source: Problem 3 Geometry



shoki

#1 Sep 13, 2009, 6:28 pm

3-There is given a trapezoid $ABCD$ in the plane with $BC \parallel AD$. We know that the angle bisectors of the angles of the trapezoid are concurrent at O . Let T be the intersection of the diagonals AC, BD . Let Q be on CD such that $\angle OQD = 90^\circ$. Prove that if the circumcircle of the triangle OTQ intersects CD again at P then $TP \parallel AD$.



Luis González

#2 Sep 13, 2009, 11:54 pm

The trapezoid has incircle (O) and X, Y, Q are the tangency point of (O) with BC, AD, CD , respectively. By Newton's theorem, the diagonal intersection T lies on XY , which is perpendicular to its bases. Since the quadrilateral $PQTO$ is cyclic, it follows that $\angle OQP = \angle PTO = 90^\circ \Rightarrow TP \perp XY \Rightarrow TP \parallel AD$, as desired.

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Source: Problem 1 Geometry



shoki

#1 Sep 13, 2009, 6:25 pm

1-Let $\triangle ABC$ be a triangle and (O) its circumcircle. D is the midpoint of arc BC which doesn't contain A . We draw a circle W that is tangent internally to (O) at D and tangent to BC . We draw the tangent AT from A to circle W . P is taken on AB such that $AP = AT$. P and T are at the same side wrt A . PROVE $\angle APD = 90^\circ$.



Luis González

#2 Sep 13, 2009, 11:01 pm

Let X, Y be the orthogonal projections of D on AB, AC and B' the reflection of B about AD . Then it follows that B' lies on the circle centered at D that goes through B, C , due to $\angle BB'C = 90^\circ + \frac{1}{2}\angle A$. Hence, DY is perpendicular bisector of $B'C$. WLOG assume that $AC > AB \Rightarrow B'Y = CY = \frac{1}{2}(AC - AB)$. Therefore

$$AX = AY = AB' + B'Y = AB + \frac{1}{2}(AC - AB) = \frac{1}{2}(AB + AC) \quad (1)$$

On the other hand, by Casey's theorem for (A, B, C, ω) , all tangent to (O) , we have

$$AT \cdot BC = AC \cdot BM + AB \cdot CM = \frac{1}{2}BC(AB + AC)$$

$$\Rightarrow AP = AT = \frac{1}{2}(AB + AC) \quad (2)$$

From (1) and (2), we conclude that X and P are identical $\Rightarrow \angle APD = 90^\circ$.



mathVNpro

#3 Sep 13, 2009, 11:11 pm

Let M be midpoint of BC and D_1, D_2 respectively be the projections of D onto AB, AC . Then by *Simpson line theorem*, we have D_1, M, D_2 are collinear. Let $X \equiv AD \cap D_1D_2$. In the other hand, since AD is the internal bisector wrt $\angle BAC$ of $\triangle ABC$. Therefore, $AD \perp D_1D_2$ at X , which implies $\angle MXD = 90^\circ$. Thus $X \in (W)$. Moreover, we have $AD_1^2 = \overline{AX} \cdot \overline{AD} = \mathcal{P}_{A/(W)} = AT^2 \Rightarrow AD_1 = AT$, which implies that $D_1 \equiv P$, which leads to the result of the problem. \square



livetolove212

#4 Sep 14, 2009, 11:41 am

Let M be the midpoint of BC .

$$\frac{AD}{CD} = \frac{AT}{CM} \Rightarrow \frac{AD}{AP} = \frac{CD}{CM} \text{ and } \angle MCD = \angle DAB \Rightarrow \angle APD = \angle CMD = 90^\circ$$



Moonmathpi496

#5 Feb 7, 2010, 12:34 am

 shoki wrote:

1-Let $\triangle ABC$ be a triangle and (O) its circumcircle. D is the midpoint of arc BC which doesn't contain A . We draw a circle W that is tangent internally to (O) at D and tangent to BC . We draw the tangent AT from A to circle W . P is taken on AB such that $AP = AT$. P and T are at the same side wrt A . PROVE $\angle APD = 90^\circ$.

Complete trig bashing!

Let $DP' \perp AB$. Then it is enough to prove that $AP' = AP = AT$.

We have $AP' = AD \cos \frac{B}{2}$. Sine law in $\triangle ABD$ gives,

$$AD = 2R \sin(B + A/2)$$

$$\Rightarrow AP' = R \cdot 2 \sin(B + A/2) \cos \frac{B}{2} = R(\sin C + \sin B) = \frac{b+c}{2}$$

Let M be the midpoint of BC . Now from power of point, $AT^2 = AW^2 - MW^2$

From Cosine law in $\triangle AMD$,

$$AW^2 = AM^2 + MW^2 - 2AM \cdot MW \cos \angle AMD$$

$$\Leftrightarrow AT^2 = AW^2 - MW^2 = AM^2 + 2AM \cdot MW \cos \angle AMH'$$

Here $AH' \perp MO$. We can see that $H'M = AH = AM \cos \angle AMH'$

We know that $AM^2 = \frac{2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2}{4} = \frac{b^2 + c^2}{4} + \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{4} = \frac{b^2 + c^2}{4} + \frac{bc \cos A}{2}$.

Also, $AH = b \sin C$, and $MD = \frac{a}{2} \tan \frac{A}{2}$

So,

$$2AM \cdot MW \cos \angle AMH' = AH \cdot MD$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} ab \sin C \tan \frac{A}{2}$$

$$= \frac{bc}{2} \sin A \frac{\sin \frac{A}{2}}{\cos \frac{A}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{bc}{2} \cdot 2 \sin^2 \frac{A}{2}$$

At last,

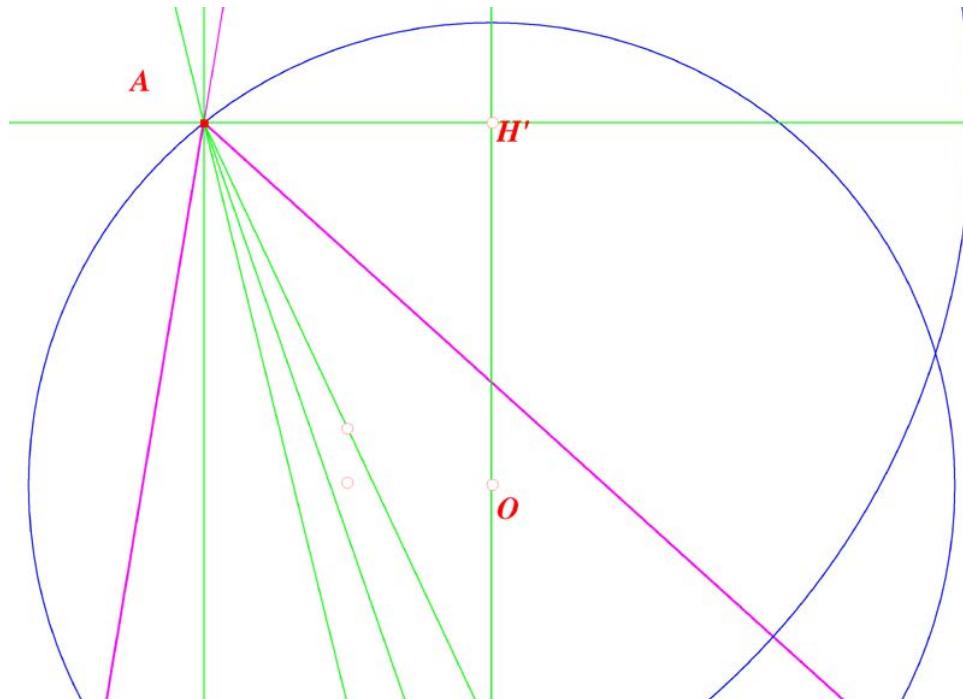
$$AP^2 = \frac{b^2 + c^2}{4} + \frac{bc \cos A}{2} + \frac{bc}{2} \cdot 2 \sin^2 \frac{A}{2}$$

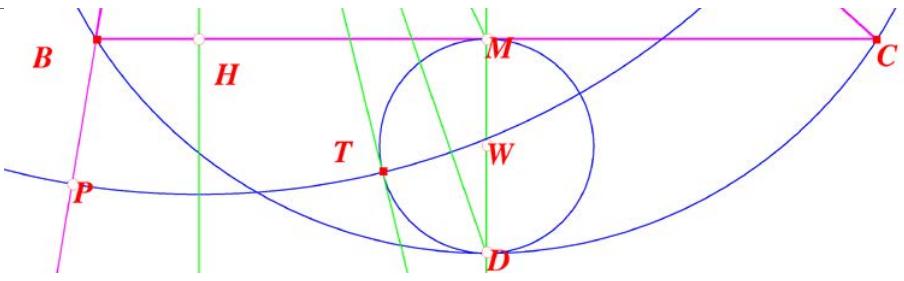
$$= \frac{1}{4} (b^2 + c^2 + 2bc(\cos A + 2 \sin^2 A/2))$$

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

So, $AP = AP' = \frac{b+c}{2}$, and we are done!

Attachments:





dgreenb801

#6 Feb 7, 2010, 9:43 pm

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" livetolove212 wrote:

$$\frac{AD}{CD} = \frac{AT}{CM}$$

Why?

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plane geometry 2 

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Source: symmetric point



Dimitris X

#1 Sep 13, 2009, 3:23 am

In a triangle ABC , we consider points B' , C' on AB , AC such that $BB' = CC'$. Let D be the intersection of lines BC' and $B'C$. Prove that the symmetric point of D with respect to the midpoint M of BC lies on the angle bisector of $\angle A$.



Luis González

#2 Sep 13, 2009, 7:17 am

It suffices to show that D lies on the anticomplement of the bisector of $\angle BAC$, i.e. the A_C bisector of the anticomplementary triangle $\triangle A_0B_0C_0$. Let $k = BB' = CC'$. Using barycentric coordinates we have

$$B' (k : c - k : 0), C' (k : 0 : b - k), BC' \cap CB' \equiv D (k : c - k : b - k)$$

Eliminating k from the coordinates of D , the locus of D is $(b - c)x + by - cz = 0$, which is the anticomplement of the A-angle bisector $cy - bz = 0$.



ma 29

#3 Sep 17, 2009, 5:00 am

Denote by P the symmetric point of A wrt M .
 $BC' \cap CP = S$.

We have :

$$\frac{DB}{DS} = \frac{BB'}{CS} = \frac{CC'}{CS} = \frac{PB}{PS}$$

$\Rightarrow D$ lies on the angle bisector of the angle BPS .

$\Rightarrow E$ lies on the angle bisector of the angle BAC .



lajanugen

#4 Feb 14, 2010, 7:30 pm

Let D' be the reflection of D across M

Since $BC' \parallel D'C$ and $CB' \parallel D'B$, we have $[BD'B'] = [BD'C] = [D'CC']$ and hence, D' lies on the bisector of $\angle BAC$

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Poland

geometria - trojkat  Reply**Megus**#1 Feb 5, 2006, 10:29 pm • 1 

Jest dany trojkat ABC . Rysujemy linie laczaca punkty w ktorych dwusieczne katow ABC i ACB przecinaja przeciwnielego sciany trojkata. Przez punkt przeciecie tej prostej z dwusieczna kata BAC , rysujemy prostą rownolegla do BC . Niech ta prosta przecina AB w M i AC w N . Udowodnij, ze $2MN = BM + CN$

P.S. Zapodalem proscutka geometrie, bo w koncu forum trzeba rozruszac 

**Cinek**

#2 Apr 13, 2006, 9:23 pm

a to podpowiedz z czego tu korzystać  bo z moją geometrią na poziomie gimnazjum trudno cokolwiek zauważyc 

**buli_**

#3 Jul 12, 2006, 10:39 pm

odświeżam dość stary wątek, bo może Cinek dalej nad tym myśli  można wszystko przeliczyć korzystając z tw. o dwusiecznej i z podobieństwa. A może jest jakiś ładniejszy sposób?

**M4RIO**

#4 Jul 17, 2006, 6:21 am

Could someone translate the problem to english :

**TomciO**

#5 Jul 17, 2006, 11:14 am

Sure.

There is a given triangle ABC . We draw a line connecting points in which angle bisectors of $\angle ABC$ and $\angle ACB$ intersect the opposite sides of triangle. From a point of intersection of this line and angle bisector of $\angle BAC$ we draw line which is parallel to line BC . This line intersects AB in M and AC in N . Prove that: $2MN = BM + CN$

**Luis González**#6 Sep 12, 2009, 9:16 pm • 1  Quote:

In $\triangle ABC$, let V_a, V_b, V_c be the feet of the internal angle bisectors of $\widehat{A}, \widehat{B}, \widehat{C}$. Let P be the intersection of AV_a with V_bV_c . The parallel to BC through P cuts AB, AC at M, N . Then $2 \cdot MN = BM + CN$.

We use trilinear coordinates with respect to $\triangle ABC$. Thus

$$V_a(0 : 1 : 1), V_b(1 : 0 : 1), V_c(1 : 1 : 0)$$

Hence $V_bV_c \equiv \alpha - \beta - \gamma = 0$, which means that the line V_bV_c is the locus of the points whose sum of oriented distances to AB, AC equals the oriented distance to BC . Therefore if X, Y, Z denote the orthogonal projections of P onto BC, CA, AB , we have $PY + PZ = PX$, but $PY = PZ \Rightarrow PX = 2 \cdot PZ$.

$$[BMNC] = [PBM] + [PCN] + [PBC] = \frac{1}{2}PY \cdot (BM + NC) + \frac{1}{2}PX \cdot BC.$$

But the area of trapezoid $BMNC$ is $[BMNC] = \frac{1}{2}PX \cdot (MN + BC) \implies$

$$PX \cdot (MN + BC) = PY \cdot (BM + NC) + PX \cdot BC \implies$$

$$PX \cdot MN = PY \cdot (BM + CN) \implies 2 \cdot MN = BM + CN.$$

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tricky geometry! 

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BaBaK Ghalebi

#1 Sep 12, 2009, 2:02 am

we have a square with side length a , we draw 4 circles with radius a from each of the 4 vertices of the square, calculate the area of the intersection of these 4 circles.

P.S.: I'm not sure if this is the right place to post this problem, so sorry if it isn't...



Luis González

#2 Sep 12, 2009, 2:24 am

Denote by A, B, C, D the vertices of the square with side length R . Circles $(C), (D)$ centered at C, D with radii R meet inside $ABCD$ at P . Likewise, $Q \equiv (D) \cap (A), R \equiv (A) \cap (B)$ and $S \equiv (B) \cap (C)$. Clearly, $\triangle ABR$ is equilateral with side length R , thus $\angle RAB = 60^\circ \implies \angle DAR = 30^\circ$ and due to obvious symmetry, $\angle BAQ = 30^\circ$. Thus, the region S overlapped by $(A), (B), (C), (D)$ is the sum of the square $PQRS$ and 4 circular segments with radii R and central angle equal to 30° .

$$S = R^2 \left(2 - 2 \cos \frac{\pi}{6} \right) + 4 \left[\frac{R^2}{2} \left(\frac{\pi}{6} - \sin \frac{\pi}{6} \right) \right] = R^2 \left(1 - \sqrt{3} + \frac{\pi}{3} \right).$$

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Un lugar geométrico del circuncentro X[Reply](#)**Luis González**

#1 Apr 25, 2009, 8:13 am



D es un punto variable en el lado \overline{BC} de un $\triangle ABC$. Por D se trazan las paralelas a los lados AB y AC que intersectan a AC y AB en X , Y , respectivamente. Demostrar que el lugar geométrico del circuncentro de $\triangle AXY$ es una recta que es perpendicular a la A-simedianas del $\triangle ABC$.

**Luis González**

#2 Sep 11, 2009, 6:00 am



Si M y N son puntos medios de AB y AC , con semejanza de triángulos es fácil probar que $\frac{MX}{NY} = \frac{c}{b}$. Las circunferencias $\odot(AMN)$ y $\odot(AXY)$ se cortan pues en el centro de la semejanza espiral que lleva \overrightarrow{MX} a \overrightarrow{NY} . Entonces $\frac{PM}{PN} = \frac{AM}{AN} = \frac{c}{b} \Rightarrow P$ es fijo y pertenece entonces a la A-circunferencia de Apolonio del triángulo $\triangle AMN$.

Expanding with the homothety of center at A and coefficient 2, we see that P is the midpoint of AQ , where Q is the point of intersection of the A-circumference of Apolonio of $\triangle ABC$ with its circumcircle, which is no more than the perpendicular bisector of the A-simedian of $\triangle ABC$. In definitiva, the place of the circumcenter of $\triangle AXY$ is the perpendicular bisector of AP .

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A circle through the Feuerbach's point X

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jayme

#1 Sep 9, 2009, 4:16 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,
let ABC be a rectangular triangle at A,
A' the foot of the A-altitude on BC,
J, K the incenters of the triangles AA'B, AA'C
and Fe the Feuerbach's point of ABC.
The circle with diameter JK passes through Fe.
Any reference? I haven't see this result in the literature.
Sincerely
Jean-Louis



Luis González

#2 Sep 10, 2009, 7:32 am



Let X, Y denote the tangency points of the incircle (I) and the A -excircle (I_a) with BC . W denotes the foot of the angle bisector of $\angle BAC$. Since the midpoint M of BC is also midpoint of XY and the cross ratio (A', W, X, Y) is harmonic, it follows from Newton's theorem that $MX^2 = MY^2 = MW \cdot MA'$. Consequently A' and W are inverse points under the inversion with center M and power $MX^2 = MY^2$. Such inversion takes (I) and (I_a) into themselves and the nine-point circle (N) of $\triangle ABC$ into the common internal tangent n of (I) , (I_a) different from the sideline BC , which is the reflection of BC about AW . Then $F'_e \equiv n \cap (I)$ is the image of F_e under the referred inversion.

From the topic [Incircles and parallel segments](#), we know that the circumference (V) with diameter JK goes through A' , X and the triangle $\triangle KXJ$ isosceles and right at X , thus XV bisects $\angle KXJ$. Further, $XK \parallel AB$ and $XJ \parallel AC$, i.e. angles $\angle BAC$ and $\angle KXJ$ have parallel sides \Rightarrow their bisectors are parallel as well $\Rightarrow VX \parallel AW$.

Let S be the midpoint of IW , which is obviously by symmetry the center of the circle $\odot(XWF'_e)$. We have $\angle SXI = \angle IXV$ due to $VX \parallel IW$. In other words, angles between circles (V) and $(S) \equiv (XWF'_e)$ with (I) are equal but oppositely directed. Since the inversion preserves angles between curves, the point X is double and A' and W are inverse images, it follows that (S) is identical with the inverse image of (V) under the inversion. F'_e is common point of (I) , (S) , (n) , then in the primitive figure, F_e must be common point of (I) , (V) , (N) .

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jayme

#3 Sep 13, 2009, 6:38 pm



Dear Luis and Mathlinkers,
I appreciate your proof requiring inversion.
Why not a synthetic one without inversion?
A new challenge...
Sincerely
Jean-Louis



livetolove212

#4 Sep 14, 2009, 12:39 am



Let L be the incenter of triangle $AA'B$.
A well-known result: I is the orthocenter of triangle ALK .
 $\Rightarrow \angle IAK = \angle ILK = \angle KCB = \angle LAA'$.

Therefore the circumcenter H of triangle ALK lies on AA' .

Since $\angle LAK = 45^\circ$ then $\angle LHK = 90^\circ$. We get $AH = HK = DK = ID = r = AR$

But AK is the bisector of angle HAR then $AHKR$ is a rhombus.

$\Rightarrow RK = r$.

Let P be the intersection of BI and AC . Construct a line which passes through P and parallel to RK , it cuts KM at S .

We will show that RS is a bisector of angle KRM

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{RK}{RM} = \frac{KS}{SM} = \frac{RP}{PM}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{r}{RM} = \frac{RP}{r - RP} = \frac{r}{RP} - 1 (*)$$

$$\text{Note that } r = \frac{b+c-a}{2}, RM = \frac{b}{2} - \frac{b+c-a}{2} = \frac{a-c}{2} \text{ and}$$

$$RP = AP - AR = \frac{bc}{c+a} - \frac{b+c-a}{2} = \frac{(a+c-b)(a-c)}{2(a+c)}$$

$$\text{So } (*) \Leftrightarrow \frac{b+c-a}{a-c} + 1 = \frac{(c+a)(b+c-a)}{a+c-b}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a^2 = b^2 + c^2 \text{ (right!)}$$

We obtain $\angle PSR = \angle PRS = 1/2\angle B$. Therefore PS is a tangency of (I) .

Thus MS passes through Fe . Similarly QL passes through Fe and $\angle LFeK = \angle MFeQ = 90^\circ$ hence Fe lies on (LK)

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jayne

#5 Sep 14, 2009, 2:25 pm

Dear Livetolove and Mathlinkers,

nice metric proof...

Why not a synthetic one without calculus?

A new possible challenge...

Sincerely

Jean-Louis



yetti

#6 Sep 15, 2009, 3:47 am

Let the incircle (I) of $\triangle ABC$ touch BC, CA, AB at D, E, F . $BI \perp AK, CI \perp AJ \Rightarrow I$ is orthocenter of $\triangle AJK$ and $AI \perp JK$. $\angle KAA' = \frac{1}{2}\angle ABC = \frac{1}{2}(90^\circ - \angle BCA) = \angle IAJ \Rightarrow AI, AA'$ are isogonals WRT the angle $\angle KAJ$ \Rightarrow circumcenter P of $\triangle AJK$ is on AA' . Since $\angle KAJ = 45^\circ \Rightarrow \triangle PJK$ is isosceles right. Let (Q) be its circumcircle on diameter JK ; then $A', D \in (Q)$. (This is true for any $\triangle ABC$ and for any $A' \in BC$, well known and posted before). From the right angle $\angle DA'P, DP$ is diameter of (Q) and $JDKP$ is a square. Since $JK \perp AI$, it follows that $DP \parallel AI$ and $DP \perp EF$. By the problem [3 circles concurrent at Feuerbach point](#), the circle (Q) with diameter DP goes through the Feuerbach point Fe of $\triangle ABC$.

At the time of this post, the problem referenced above is to be solved. I do have a synthetic proof.



shoki

#7 Sep 15, 2009, 6:28 am

I'll use the following lemma:

Lemma- ABC is a right angled triangle at A and H_a its projection on BC . Let K, J be the incenters of AH_aC, AH_aB . Let C', B' be the midpoints of AB, AC . Then $C'J, B'K$ intersection lies on the circle with diameter JK and also on the circle with diameter $B'C'$ (The nine-point circle).

Let S be the intersection point mentioned then we have

$\Delta AH_aB \sim \Delta AH_aC \Rightarrow \angle JC'A = \angle KB'C, \angle A'B'C = \angle A'C'A = 90^\circ \Rightarrow \angle A'C'J = \angle A'B'K \Rightarrow C'SA'B'$ is concyclic thus $\angle JSK = \angle C'SB' = \angle C'A'B' = 90^\circ$

Done.

Also I will use this well-known property : Let I be the incenter and D its projection on BC . then we have

$\angle IDJ = \angle B, \angle KDI = \angle C$. It has a synthetical proof.

Let T_c, T_b be the intersections of AJ, CK and AK, BJ respectively. Let X, L be the projections of I on AB, AC respectively. Let the line parallel to BC and passing through I intersects $C'J, B'K$ at T and T' respectively. Let K', J' be the midpoints of JI, KI respectively. We have the following properties:

$1 - \angle JAK = 45^\circ$,

2- I is the orthocenter of $\triangle AJK$ which implies the perpendicularity of CK, AJ at T_c and similarly for BJ, AK at T_b ,
4- T_c, T_b, B', C' are collinear,



5- $IT_c = T_cJ$, $IT_b = T_bK$,

6- $JD = DI = DK$,

7- X, T_c, D are collinear, Similarly for D, T_b, L ,

8- $\angle T_cDT_b = \angle XDL = 45^\circ$,

9- $DI = T_cT_b$, we can prove this by the fact that $\Delta DJ'I = \Delta J'T_cT_b$.

10- $TI || T_cT_b, T'I || T_cT_b$.

11- $DK' = K'X, \angle K'T_bD = \angle K'DT_b = 45^\circ \Rightarrow \Delta DT_bX$ is right - angled isosceles and similarly for ΔT_cDL .

12- T_cKT_bX, JT_bLT_c are parallelograms.

13-we'll prove $TT_c || JT_b$. We must prove $\frac{C'T}{TJ} = \frac{C'T_c}{T_cT_b}$.

but we have $C'T_b || TI \Rightarrow \frac{C'T}{TJ} = \frac{T_bI}{IJ}$ and also $XT_c || AT_b \Rightarrow \frac{C'T_c}{T_cT_b} = \frac{C'X}{XA}$. So we must prove the equality

$$\frac{T_bI}{IJ} = \frac{C'X}{XA}.$$

Let O be the projection of C' on AJ . Let $P = AJ \cap XT_b$. If we prove $C'P$ is the angle bisector of $B'C'A$ then we'll have $\Delta C'OA \sim \Delta JKT_b$.

So we should only show that $C'P \perp AK$. but it's known that $AC' = C'T_b, AP = PT_b$ so both C', P lie on the perpendicular bisector of AT_b . But we have $\angle OC'P = \angle C'PX = 180^\circ - ((\angle B/2) + (90^\circ + \angle C/2)) = 45^\circ$. in this way we get: $C'P$ is the angle bisector of $AC'B'$ thus

$\frac{C'X}{XA} = \frac{OP}{PA}, \Delta C'OA \sim \Delta JKT_b, \angle OC'P = \angle IKT_b = 45^\circ, \Rightarrow \frac{OP}{PA} = \frac{T_bI}{IJ}$.

14- $TT_c || JT_b \Rightarrow TT_c || IT_b$. Similarly for $T'T_b$ and IT_c .

By (10) and (9) we can conclude that TT_cT_bI and $T_cT_bT'I$ are parallelograms $\Rightarrow T_bT_c = DI = IT = IT'$. But we have $\angle TST' = 90^\circ \Rightarrow IS = IT = IT' = ID \Rightarrow S$ is on the nine - point circle and the incenter thus $S = F_e$

DONE!



jayme

#8 Sep 16, 2009, 10:29 am

Dear Mathlinkers,

a file concerning my result has been open on a French site :

<http://www.les-mathematiques.net/phorum/read.php?17,538526>

Sincerely

Jean-Louis



jayme

#9 Oct 3, 2009, 1:56 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,

a synthetic proof of this result can be seen

on: <http://perso.orange.fr/jl.ayme> vol. 5 Le théorème de Feuerbach-Ayme

Sincerely

Jean-Louis

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77ant

#1 Sep 9, 2009, 11:30 pm

Dear everyone.

for cyclic trapezoid ABCD ($AD \parallel BC$)

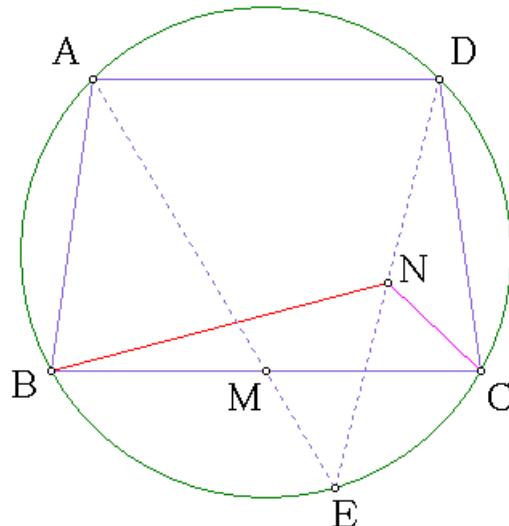
M=midpoint of BC

E=AM \cap circumcircle

N=midpoint of DE

prove that $\angle BNE = \angle CNE$ 

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Luis González

#2 Sep 10, 2009, 1:56 am

Let O be the circumcenter of the trapezoid $ABCD$. Axial symmetry about the perpendicular bisector of BC takes $\triangle ABC$ into $\triangle DCB$ and therefore the chord AE into its corresponding DE' passing through M such that $BE' = CE$, which implies that DE' and DE are isogonal rays with respect to $\angle BDC \Rightarrow DE$ is the D-symmedian of $\triangle DBC$. As a result, perpendicular bisector ON of DE , tangent to (O) at D and BC concur at the center Q of the D-Apollonius circle of $\triangle DBC$. If DE cuts BC at F , then from the harmonic cross ratio (B, C, F, Q) and $NF \perp NQ$, it follows that NQ and NE bisect $\angle BNC$.



Virgil Nicula

#3 Sep 12, 2009, 7:51 am

Nice problem! 77ant wrote:

Let $ABCD$ be a trapezoid inscribed in a circle $w = C(O)$ so that $AD \parallel BC$. Denote the midpoint M of $[BC]$, the second intersection E of AM with w and the midpoint N of $[DE]$. Prove that $\widehat{BNE} \equiv \widehat{CNE}$.

Proof (similarly with Luisgeometria's). Denote $S \in BC \cap DE$. Observe that

$$\widehat{BDS} \equiv \widehat{BDE} \equiv \widehat{BAE} \equiv \widehat{BAM} \equiv \widehat{CDM}, \text{ i.e. } \widehat{BDS} \equiv \widehat{CDM}.$$

Thus, [DS is the D-symmedian in $\triangle BDC$. Denote $L \in DD \cap BC$. Is well-known that $\frac{SB}{SC} = \frac{LB}{LC} = \left(\frac{DB}{DC}\right)^2$, i.e. the points S, L

are harmonical conjugate w.r.t. B, C . Therefore, the line DS is the polar of L w.r.t. the circle $w \implies L \in ON \cap EE$. In conclusion, from

an well-known property obtain $NL \perp NS \implies \widehat{SNB} \equiv \widehat{SNC}$, i.e. $\widehat{BNE} \equiv \widehat{CNE}$.

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vittasko

#4 Sep 12, 2009, 7:04 pm

- Let be the points $E' \equiv (O) \cap DM$ and $K \equiv AE' \cap DE$ and we have $KM \perp BC$, as well.

So, the line segment BC is the polar of K , with respect to the circumcircle (O) of the given trapezium $ABCD$.

Let be the point $Q \equiv ON \cap BC$ and it is easy to show that the line segment DE is the polar of Q , with respect to (O) , because BC as the polar of K with respect to (O) , passes through the point Q and the line segment DE as the line perpendicular to QO , passes through the point K .

- Hence, we conclude that the points $B, P \equiv BC \cap DE, C, Q$, are in harmonic conjugation and then, the pencil $N.BPCQ$, is in harmonic conjugation too.

Because of now $NQ \perp NP$, we conclude that the line segment $DE \equiv NP$, bisects the angle $\angle BNC$ and the proof is completed.

Kostas Vittas.

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Virgil Nicula

#5 Sep 12, 2009, 11:52 pm

Another proof. Denote $S \in BC \cap DE$ and $T \in BB \cap CC$. Observe that

$$\widehat{BDS} \equiv \widehat{BDE} \equiv \widehat{BAE} \equiv \widehat{BAM} \equiv \widehat{CDM}, \text{ i.e. } \widehat{BDS} \equiv \widehat{CDM}.$$

Therefore, the ray [DS is the D-symmedian in $\triangle BDC$. From an well-known property obtain $T \in DS$. Since the points B, C, N belong

to the circle with the diameter $[OT]$ obtain $TB = TC \implies \widehat{TNB} \equiv \widehat{TNC}$, i.e. $\widehat{BNE} \equiv \widehat{CNE}$.

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Concurrency involving the incircle and A-excircle



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Luis González

#1 Sep 9, 2009, 12:34 am

The incircle (I) of $\triangle ABC$ is tangent to BC, BA at X_a, X_c . The A -excircle (I_a) is tangent to BC at Y_a . Line X_aX_c meets I_aY_a at E and draw the circle with diameter EY_a . Tangents from B, C to the latter circle (different from BC) meet at D . Let $F \equiv X_aX_c \cap AI$ and $J \equiv (I) \cap AY_a$, J is the closer point to BC . Show that AD, FJ and BC concur.

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yetti

#2 Sep 14, 2009, 5:40 am

Let (K) be circle with diameter Y_aE , the incircle of $\triangle DBC$, and let (K_d) be its D -excircle, tangent to BC at X_a . As $X_aB - X_aC = AB - AC = DC - DB = Y_aC - Y_aB = Y_aX_a, D, A$ are on hyperbola \mathcal{H} with foci B, C and vertices Y_a, X_a . Angle bisectors AII_a, DKK_d are hyperbola tangents at A, D and perpendiculars IX_aK_d, KY_aI_a to BC are hyperbola tangents at X_a, Y_a . Quadrilateral $II_aK_dK_d$ (convex or reflex) is tangential to \mathcal{H} and AY_aDX_a is its contact quadrilateral; they have the same diagonal intersection $S \equiv IK \cap I_aK_d \equiv AD \cap Y_aX_a \equiv AD \cap BC$. This intersection is the common similarity center of the incircles $(I), (K)$ and the excircles $(I_a), (K_d)$, external when $AB > AC$ and internal when $AB < AC$.

Let M_a be the common midpoint of BC, Y_aX_a . Angle $\angle AJX_a$ is right on account of A being the external similarity center of the circles $(I), (I_a) \implies$ angle $\angle X_aJY_a$ is right $\implies M_aJ = M_aX_a \implies M_aJ$ is tangent of (I) at J . On the other hand, $M_aF \parallel AB$ is C -midline of $\triangle ABC \implies$ isosceles $\triangle FM_aX_a \sim \triangle X_cBX_a$ are centrally similar with center $X_a \implies M_aF = M_aX_a = M_aY_a \implies$ angle $\angle X_aFY_a$ is right \implies angle $\angle Y_aFE$ is right and $F \in (K) \implies M_aF$ is tangent of (K) at F . From the isosceles $\triangle M_aFJ$, the line FJ forms angles of equal size with the incircles $(I), (K)$, with the same signs when $AB > AC$ and with the opposite signs when $AB < AC \implies FJ$ goes through their similarity center S .



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77ant

#1 Sep 7, 2009, 1:03 am

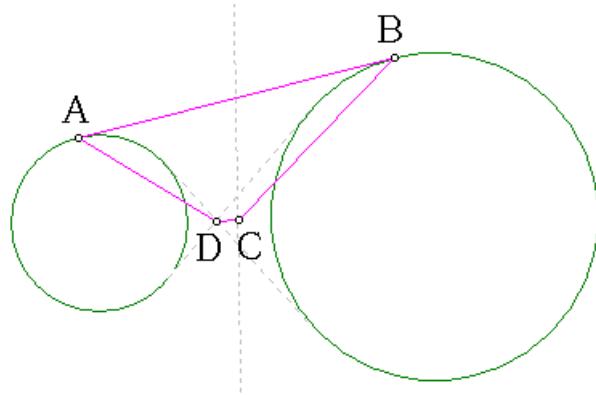
in two non intersecting circles, one of common external tangents touches them at A, B.
then, their radical axe meets line through two centers at C.

let their insimilar center be D.

prove that A,B,C,D are cyclic.

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shoki

#2 Sep 7, 2009, 3:28 am

Let the circle that A lies on have the center named O . we must only prove $\Delta OAD \sim \Delta MCB$. where M is the midpoint of AB and it lies on the radical axe obviously. For this we should only prove

$$\frac{OA}{MC} = \frac{OD}{MB} \text{, the rest is solved easily by computing.}$$



Luis González

#3 Sep 8, 2009, 12:35 am

Let O_1, O_2 denote the centers of the given circles, $A \in (O_1)$ and $B \in (O_2)$. Radical axis of $(O_1), (O_2)$ goes through the midpoint M of the common external tangent AB . Let $E \equiv AB \cap O_1O_2$ be the exsimilicenter of $(O_1), (O_2)$. Since cross ratio (O_1, O_2, D, E) is harmonic, its orthogonal projection (A, B, L, E) on the external tangent is also harmonic $\Rightarrow EA \cdot EB = EL \cdot EM$. But the quadrilateral $LMCD$ is cyclic on account of the right angles $\angle DLM$ and $\angle MCD$, then $EL \cdot EM = ED \cdot EC \Rightarrow EA \cdot EB = ED \cdot EC \Rightarrow$ Quadrilateral $ABCD$ is cyclic.



plane geometry

#4 Sep 8, 2009, 5:43 am

denote E is the intersection of AB and CD

$ED/EQ = EB/EH = 2R_1/(R_1+R_2)$, where R_1, R_2 is the radii of O_1 and O_2

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orthogonal circles X

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77ant

#1 Sep 7, 2009, 1:16 am

two orthogonal circles meet each other at A, B.
for an arbitrary point C on arc AB (small arc), let AC, BC meet one of them at D, E respectively.
EA meets DB at F.

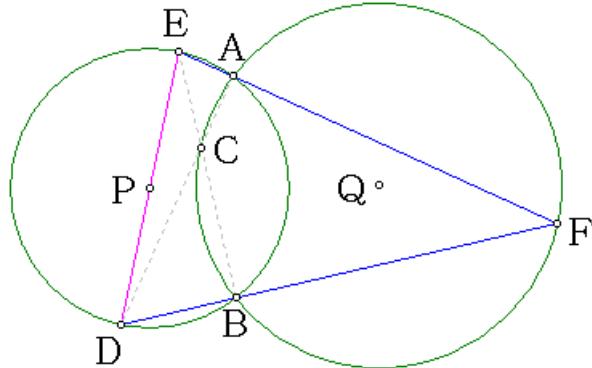
prove that

- (1) ED is a diameter of one of circles (i.e. circle(P))
- (2) F is on one of circles (i.e. circle(Q))

thanks for reading. 😊

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Luis González

#2 Sep 7, 2009, 2:08 am

1) Negative inversion with center C and power $\overline{CB} \cdot \overline{CE}$ takes (P) into itself and the circle (Q) into the line ED . Since the inversion preserves angles, the angle between the line ED and (P) is also right $\Rightarrow ED$ goes through P .

2) The fact that $F \equiv EA \cap DB$ lies on (Q) follows from the right angles $\angle EAD$ and $\angle EBD$. The quadrilateral $ACBF$ is cyclic and F is the antipode of C WRT (Q) .



vittasko

#3 Sep 7, 2009, 6:00 pm

We draw the line through the point A and perpendicular to AC , which intersects the circle (P) at point so be it E and let be the points $D \equiv (P) \cap AC$ and $F \equiv (Q) \cap AE$, as the antidiamic (= diametric opposite) points of E, C , respectively.

Because of the line segment PA tangents to (Q) at point A , we have that $\angle AFZ = \angle PAD = \angle ADZ$, (1) where $Z \equiv DE \cap CF$.

From (1) we conclude that the quadrilateral $AFDZ$ is cyclic and so, we have $\angle DZF = \angle DAF = 90^\circ \Rightarrow FZ \perp DE$, (2)

So, the point C is the orthocenter of the triangle $\triangle DEF$ and then we have $EC \perp DF$ and let be the point $B' \equiv DF \cap EC$.

• Because of now $\angle CR'F = 90^\circ = \angle CR'D = \angle FR'D$, we conclude that the point R' lies on the circle (P) and

Since P and Q are points on the circle (P) , we conclude that the point B' lies on the circle (P) , and simultaneously on the circle (Q) .

Hence, we conclude that $B' \equiv B \equiv (P) \cap (Q)$ and the proof is completed.

Kostas Vittas.

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77ant

#4 Sep 8, 2009, 10:26 pm

Dear luisgeometria and vittasko

Thank you for interests. Your nice answers help my study a lot. 😊

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Incircles and parallel segments X

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sterghiu

#1 Sep 7, 2009, 12:31 am

In a right angled triangle ABC ($\angle A = 90^\circ$) we draw the altitude AH . If I, K are the incenters of triangles

ABC, AHC respectively and the circle (I) touches side BC at P , prove that $KP \parallel AB$

Babis



Luis González

#2 Sep 7, 2009, 1:37 am

D, E are the tangency points of the incircles $(K), (J)$ of $\triangle AHC, \triangle AHB$ with BC

$$PD = PC - DC = \frac{1}{2}(BC + AC - AB - AC - HC + AH)$$

$$PD = \frac{1}{2}(BC - AB - HC + AH)$$

On the other hand, we have:

$$2JE + AB = BH + AH \implies JE = \frac{1}{2}(BH + AH - AB)$$

$$JE = \frac{1}{2}(BC - AB - HC + AH) = PD$$

Similarly, we have $KD = PE \implies \triangle KPD \cong \triangle PJE$. Then it follows that $\angle KPJ = 90^\circ$, which implies that $KPHJ$ is cyclic $\implies \angle KPD = \angle KJH$.

Since $\triangle AHC \sim \triangle BHA$ and $\triangle KHD \sim \triangle JHE \implies \frac{KD}{JE} = \frac{AC}{AB} = \frac{HK}{HJ}$

Thus, $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle HJK \implies \angle KJH = \angle ABC = \angle KPD \implies KP \parallel AB$.



vittasko

#3 Sep 8, 2009, 1:54 am

We denote the points $E \equiv (O) \cap CI$ and $F \equiv (O) \cap EP$ and $K \equiv CI \cap AF$ and we will prove that K is the incenter of the right triangle $\triangle DAC$, where AD (instead of AH) is the altitude of the given right triangle $\triangle ABC$ and (O) its circumcircle.

The quadrilateral $BPIE$ is cyclic, because of $\angle CEB = 90^\circ = \angle BPI$ and so, we have that $\angle IBP = \angle CEF = \angle CAF$, (1)

Because of now, $\angle CAD = 90^\circ - \angle C = \angle B$ and $\angle IBP = \frac{\angle B}{2}$ we conclude that $\angle CAF = \frac{\angle CAD}{2}$, (2) and then, the point $K \equiv CI \cap AF$, is the incenter of $\triangle DAC$.

• It is easy to Show now, that the quadrilateral $CKPF$ is cyclic, because of $\angle KFP = \angle KCA = \angle KCP$ and so, we have $\angle KPC = \angle KFC$, (3)

But, $\angle KFC \equiv \angle AFC = \angle B$, (4)

From (3), (4) $\implies \angle KPC = \angle B \implies KP \parallel AB$ and the proof is completed.

Kostas Vittas.

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livetolove212

#4 Sep 13, 2009, 12:47 pm

Let J be the incenter of triangle AHB.

This result is well-known: $\Delta JHK \sim \Delta BAC$

Let P' be a point such that JKP' is a right isosceles triangle. Since JHP'K is cyclic we get

$$\angle KHP' = \angle KJP' = 45^\circ = \angle KHC$$

Therefore P' lies on BC.

$$\angle JIK = 135^\circ = 180^\circ - 1/2\angle JP'K.$$

$$\text{So } P'I = P'K = P'J$$

Note that AC = AL and CK is the bisector of angle ACB thus $KI \perp AJ$, similar we obtain I is the orthocenter of triangle AJK.

$$\angle P'IJ = \angle SIK = \angle C/2 + 45^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle JP'I = \angle B$$

But $\angle KP'C = \angle KJH = \angle B$ hence $\angle IP'C = 90^\circ \Rightarrow P' \equiv P \Rightarrow KP \parallel AB$

Attachments:

[picture1.pdf \(5kb\)](#)



jayme

#5 Sep 13, 2009, 6:47 pm

Dear Stergiu and Mathlinkers,

I think that this problem is a consequence of

<http://www.mathlinks.ro/viewtopic.php?t=300127>.

Sincerely

Jean-Louis



zool007

#6 Sep 14, 2009, 12:42 pm

note that $CK = (c(b^2) \div (a)) / ((a + b + c) \sin(C/2))$ and $CP = (bc \div (a + b + c)) / \tan(C/2)$

$CK/CP = b / (a \cos(C/2)) = \sin KPC / \sin CKP = \sin KPC / \sin((45 - B/2 + KPC)) = (\sin B / \cos(45 - B/2))$

let $x = KPC$

hence $\cos(x + 45 - 3B/2) = \cos(45 + B/2 - x)$

which implies that $B = x$

therefore $KP \parallel AB$



ma 29

#7 Sep 15, 2009, 10:43 am

(K) touches AC at M.

$MK \cap BC = P'$

We have :

$$\frac{CP'}{CB} = \frac{CM}{CA} = \frac{CA + CH - AH}{2.CA} \Rightarrow CP' = \frac{CB.CA + CB.CH - CB.AH}{2.CA} = \frac{CB.CA + CA^2 - CA.AB}{2.CA} = \frac{CB + CA - AB}{2} =$$

$CP \Rightarrow P' \equiv P$

the proof is completed. 😊



Virgil Nicula

#8 Sep 16, 2009, 12:27 am

stergiu wrote:

Let ABC be an A-right triangle with the incircle w . Denote the point $P \in BC \cap w$, $H \in BC$

for which $AH \perp BC$ and the incircle $\theta = C(K)$ of $\triangle AHC$. Prove that $KP \parallel AB$.



Proof. Denote $L \in AC \cap \theta$. Observe that $\triangle ABC \stackrel{(*)}{\sim} \triangle HAC \implies \frac{LA}{LC} = \frac{PB}{PC}$ because the points L, P are

analogously in a similarity $(*) \implies PL \parallel AB \implies PL \perp AC$. Since $KL \perp AC$ obtain $K \in PL$, i.e. $KP \parallel AB$.

“ Quote:

An easy extension. Let ABC be a triangle with the incircle w . Suppose $a > b$. Denote the point $P \in BC \cap w$,

$H \in (BC)$ for which $\widehat{HAC} \equiv \widehat{ABC}$ and the incircle θ of $\triangle AHC$, $L \in AC \cap \theta$. Prove that $PL \parallel AB$.



jayme

#9 Oct 3, 2009, 1:57 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,
a synthetic proof of this result can be seen
on: <http://perso.orange.fr/jl.ayme> vol. 5 Le théorème de Feuerbach-Ayme p. 19
Sincerely
Jean-Louis



sunken rock

#10 Dec 13, 2009, 11:22 pm

See that K and I are analogous in the similarity $\triangle AHC \sim \triangle BAC$, hence $\frac{CK}{CI} = \frac{AC}{BC}$ (1).
If $D = CI \cap AB$, then $\frac{CI}{CD} = \frac{a+b}{a+b+c}$ (2), from (1) & (2) we get $\frac{CK}{CD} = \frac{b \cdot (a+b)}{a \cdot (a+b+c)}$ (3), but $\frac{PC}{BC} = \frac{s-c}{a}$ (4),
where $s = \frac{a+b+c}{2}$, from (3) & (4) we see that $\frac{CK}{CD} = \frac{CP}{BC}$, i.e. $PK \parallel AB$.

Best regards,
sunken rock

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easy geometry 

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aadil

#1 Sep 6, 2009, 5:45 pm

a point p inside an equilateral triangle of side s has distances 3,5,4 from the vertice A,B,C respectively.find s?



Dr Sonnhard Graubner

#2 Sep 6, 2009, 8:51 pm

hello, let E, F, D be the orthopoles form the point P to the sides \overline{AB} , \overline{BC} and \overline{CA} of the given triangle, then we have to solve the following equationsystem

$$u^2 + x^2 = 9$$

$$(s - u)^2 + x^2 = 25$$

$$v^2 + y^2 = 25$$

$$(s - v)^2 + y^2 = 16$$

$$w^2 + z^2 = 16$$

$$z^2 + (s - w)^2 = 9$$

$$x + y + z = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}s$$

with $u = \overline{AE}$, $v = \overline{BF}$, $w = \overline{CD}$, $x = \overline{PE}$, $y = \overline{PF}$, $z = \overline{PD}$ and $s = \overline{AB} = \overline{BC} = \overline{CA}$.

Sonnhard.



Luis González

#3 Sep 6, 2009, 10:38 pm

We use [tripolar coordinates](#) with respect to $\triangle ABC$.

In the equilateral triangle $\triangle ABC$, the tripolar coordinates of $P(x, y, z)$ satisfy the relation:

$$a^2(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + x^2y^2 + y^2z^2 + x^2z^2 - (x^4 + y^4 + z^4) - a^4 = 0$$

Substituting $(x, y, z) = (3, 4, 5)$ yields the biquartic equation

$$a^4 - 50a^2 + 193 = 0 \implies a^2 = 25 + 12\sqrt{3} \implies [\triangle ABC] = \frac{25}{4}\sqrt{3} + 9.$$



sunken rock

#4 Mar 13, 2012, 2:04 am

Let $PA = a$, $PB = b$, $PC = c$; rotate $\triangle ABP$ about B with an angle $\alpha = 60^\circ$ so that A goes to C and P to a point X and $\triangle BPX$ is equilateral, rotate then $\triangle BCP$ of 60° about C so that B goes to A and P to Y , with $\triangle CPY$ equilateral, and $\triangle ACP$ of 60° about A so that C goes to B and P to Z and $\triangle APZ$ is equilateral.

The hexagon $AZBXCY$ has area twice the area of the $\triangle ABC$ and, joining P with its vertices, we get three congruent triangles $\triangle APY = \triangle PZB = \triangle XCP$ and three equilateral triangles of sides a, b, c respectively.

Consequently, if l is the side of the $\triangle ABC$, and s the area of $\triangle APY$ we get $\frac{l^2\sqrt{3}}{2} = 3 \cdot s + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \cdot (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)$. For the general case, the area s is calculated by Heron Formula, but in our case is about a right-angled triangle, of sides 3, 4, 5, hence its area is 6.

Best regards,
sunken rock



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an inequality regarding 4 points in space 

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**Agr_94_Math**

#1 Sep 5, 2009, 9:52 am

For any 4 points in space A, B, C, D , Prove that $AC^2 + BD^2 + AD^2 + BC^2 \geq AB^2 + CD^2$.

**Kunihiko_Chikaya**

#2 Sep 5, 2009, 10:18 am

Let $\overrightarrow{AB} = \vec{b}$, $\overrightarrow{AC} = \vec{c}$, $\overrightarrow{AD} = \vec{d}$,

$$AC^2 + BD^2 + AD^2 + BC^2 = |\vec{c}|^2 + |\vec{d} - \vec{b}|^2 + |\vec{d}|^2 + |\vec{c} - \vec{b}|^2$$

$$= 2(|\vec{b}|^2 + |\vec{c}|^2 + |\vec{d}|^2) - 2\vec{b} \cdot (\vec{c} + \vec{d})$$

$$AB^2 + CD^2 = |\vec{b}|^2 + |\vec{c}|^2 + |\vec{d}|^2 - 2\vec{c} \cdot \vec{d}$$

$$\therefore AC^2 + BD^2 + AD^2 + BC^2 - (AB^2 + CD^2)$$

$$= |\vec{c}|^2 - 2(\vec{b} - \vec{d}) \cdot \vec{c} + |\vec{b} - \vec{d}|^2$$

$$= |\vec{b} - \vec{c} - \vec{d}|^2 \geq 0 \text{ Q.E.D.}$$

**Luis González**

#3 Sep 5, 2009, 10:35 am

If M, N are the midpoints of AB and DC , according to a [Casey's theorem](#) we have

$$AC^2 + BD^2 + BC^2 + AD^2 = AB^2 + CD^2 + 4MN^2$$

The inequality obviously follows from $MN \geq 0$

**Agr_94_Math**

#4 Sep 5, 2009, 6:46 pm

luisgeometria: Shouldn't it be M, N midpoints of AC, BD ?

In the website, it is given that the points are the midpoints of the diagonals of the polygon.?

**Luis González**

#5 Sep 5, 2009, 10:11 pm

Yes, MN is the segment connecting the midpoints of the diagonals, but indeed the relation holds for both complex and simple quadrilaterals. We could state that AB, DC are diagonals of the complex quadrilateral $ADBC$ or AC, BD are diagonals of the convex/concave quadrilateral $ABCD$.

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A problem of cyclic quadrilateral of orthocenter X

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Source: using analysis geometry will be better



admire9898

#1 Sep 3, 2009, 6:37 pm



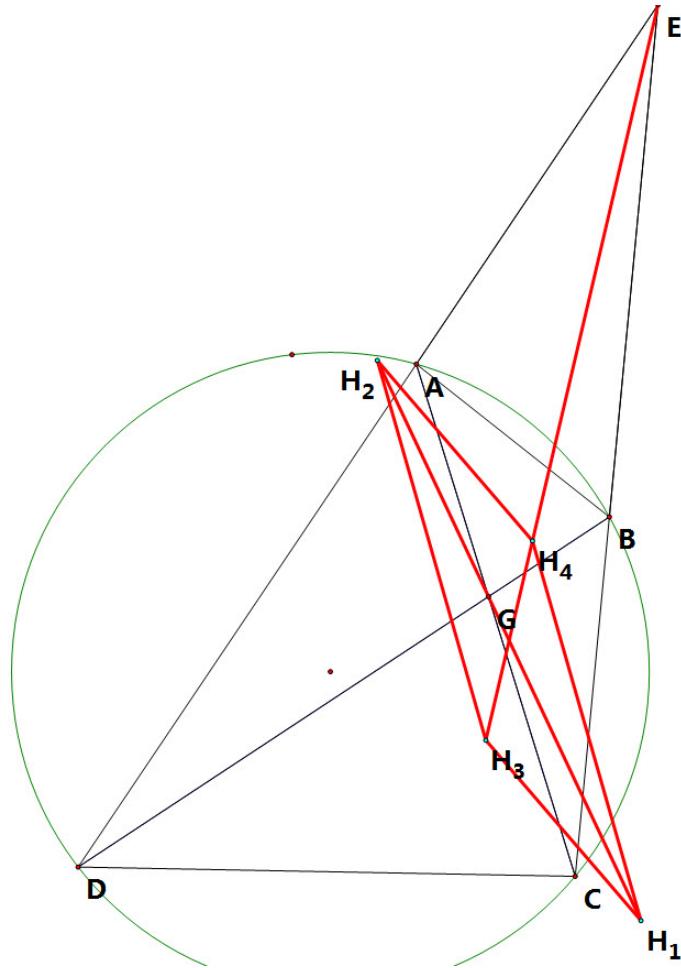
Given a cyclic quadrilateral ABCD. AD intersect BC at E. AB intersect CD at F. AC intersect BD at G. H₁, H₂, H₃, H₄ is the orthocenter of ECD, EAB, GCD, GAB separately. Try to proof H₁H₃H₂H₄ is a parallelogram.

the picture is uploaded

I tried hard for using analytic geometry. but failed.

If you have some effective way to solve this by using analytic geometry, then will be better! (I am seeking...) 😊

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livetolove212

#2 Sep 4, 2009, 7:50 pm



Solution

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#3 Sep 4, 2009, 8:47 am

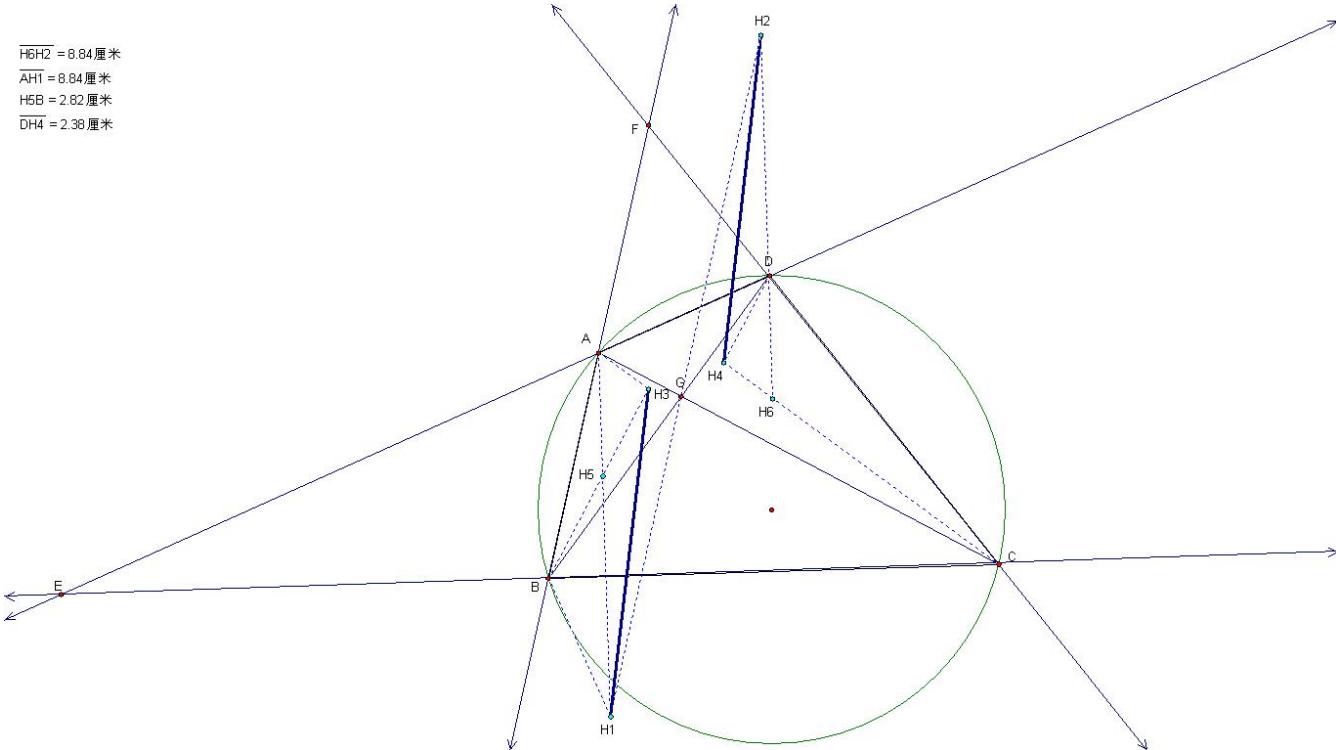
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if you know chinese ,see the proof I mentioned in floor2,

sorry, I have little time recently, I will translate my solution when I have time

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$H_6H_2 = 8.84\text{ 厘米}$
 $AH_1 = 8.84\text{ 厘米}$
 $H_5B = 2.82\text{ 厘米}$
 $DH_4 = 2.38\text{ 厘米}$

**Luis González**

#4 Sep 5, 2009, 9:48 am

Lemma. Steiner line of a cyclic quadrangle $ABCD$ with circumcircle (O) goes through its diagonal intersection P .

Proof. Let M, N, L denote the midpoints of AD, AC, BD . $\triangle MNL$ is pedal triangle of O WRT $\triangle APD$, thus the perpendiculars from D and A to ML and MN meet at the isogonal conjugate H_1 of O WRT $\triangle PAD$, which becomes orthocenter of the triangle bounded by the lines AB, AD, DC , since $MN \parallel DC$ and $ML \parallel AB$. Then it follows that lines PH_1, PO are isogonals WRT the angle between the diagonals AC, BD . In exactly the same way, we get that the orthocenter H_2 of the triangle bounded by the lines AB, BC, CD is the isogonal conjugate of O WRT $\triangle PBC \implies$ lines PH_1 and PH_2 are identical \implies Steiner line of the cyclic quadrangle $ABCD$ goes through P .

Let X, Y, Z, W be the orthocenters of $\triangle EAC, \triangle EBD, \triangle AGD, \triangle BGC$. They are collinear on the Steiner line of the complete quadrangle $EAGB$ and clearly H_2YH_1X and H_3WH_4Z are both parallelograms. From the previous lemma, the Steiner line H_1H_2 of the cyclic quadrangle $ABCD$ goes through G and since $GW \parallel H_1Y$ and $GZ \parallel H_1X$, it follows that $\triangle GWZ$ and $\triangle H_1YX$ are centrally similar through the center S of the parallelogram H_2YH_1X . Hence they have H_1S as their common median on ZW and $XY \implies XY$ bisects H_3H_4 and $H_1H_2 \implies H_1H_3H_2H_4$ is a parallelogram.

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iran(5-th round)1998 

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Source: it has an easy solution



shoki

#1 Sep 2, 2009, 3:02 am

The circle (C) and two points on it N, M are given. l_1 is tangent to C at point M and l_2 tangent to C at point N . Two lines x and y pass through M and N , respectively. Line x intersects l_2 at P_1 and line y intersects l_1 at P_2 . If P_1P_2 intersects MN at D and the tangent at the second point of intersection of x with the circle C intersects l_1 at E and the same thing for line y intersects l_2 at F , then prove the collinearity of D, E, F .



Luis González

#2 Sep 2, 2009, 3:34 am

Let B, C be the second intersections of the lines x, y with C . Let P_0 denote the diagonal intersection of the cyclic quadrilateral $MNBC$, $A \equiv l_1 \cap l_2$ and $L \equiv MN \cap AP_0$. From the concurrent cevians P_1M, P_2N, AL in the $\triangle AP_1P_2$, it follows that cross ratio (M, N, L, D) is harmonic. Suppose $D' \equiv BC \cap MN$. Then AP_0 is the polar of D' WRT $C \implies$ Cross ratio (N, M, L, D') is harmonic $\implies D \equiv D'$. D, E, F are poles of the concurrent lines $AP_0, MB, NC \implies D, E, F$ are collinear on the polar of P_0 WRT C .

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Nine-point circle's center X

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livetolove212

#1 Aug 29, 2009, 8:33 pm

Given triangle ABC with circumcircle (O). Let A_1, A_2, A_3 be the projections of A, B, C onto BC, CA, AB , respectively, X, Y, Z be the midpoints of BC, CA, AB . $XY \cap (O) = \{A_2, A_3\}$, similar for B_2, B_3, C_2, C_3 . Prove that Nine-point circle's center of triangle ABC is the radical center of three circles $(A_1A_2A_3)$, $(B_1B_2B_3)$ and $(C_1C_2C_3)$



Luis González

#2 Aug 31, 2009, 11:50 am

$\triangle AA_2A_3$ is the reflection of $\triangle A_1A_2A_3$ about YZ . Since O is the circumcenter of $\triangle AA_2A_3$, then the circumcenter O_a of $\triangle A_1A_2A_3$ is the reflection of O about YZ . Likewise, circumcenters O_b and O_c of $\triangle B_1B_2B_3$ and $\triangle C_1C_2C_3$ are the reflections of O about ZX and XY , respectively. $\triangle O_aO_bO_c$ has parallel sidelines to the orthic triangle of $\triangle XYZ$, since they are centrally similar with similarity center O and coefficient 2. Thus, radical axis ℓ_c of $(O_a), (O_b)$ goes through Z , due to $ZB_2 \cdot ZB_3 = ZA_2 \cdot ZA_3$ and it is perpendicular to the line O_aO_b antiparallel to XY WRT $ZY, ZX \implies \ell_c$ is the isogonal of ZO WRT $\angle XZY$. Similarly, ℓ_a, ℓ_b go through the isogonal conjugate of O in the medial triangle $\triangle XYZ$, i.e. the nine-point center N of $\triangle ABC \implies N$ is the radical center of the circles $(O_a), (O_b), (O_c)$.

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Help me!! 

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cphy7415

#1 Aug 30, 2009, 9:24 pm

There are two chords AB,CD that are perpendicular to each other in a circle that has a radius of R.
Prove $AC^2 + CB^2 + BD^2 + DA^2$ is constant.

p.s. I want to know what kind of process I have to think to find a strategy to solve this problem.



livetolove212

#2 Aug 30, 2009, 9:33 pm

You can draw a diameter AE then prove that CBED is a trapezoid. Prove that $AC^2 + BD^2 = AC^2 + CE^2 = 4R^2$...



cphy7415

#3 Aug 30, 2009, 9:42 pm

"*livetolove212 wrote:*

You can draw a diameter AE then prove that CBED is a trapezoid. Prove that $AC^2 + BD^2 = AC^2 + CE^2 = 4R^2$
...

I'm not quite sure how to do that. I think I have to use law of cosine but don't know how. I am thinking of making a relationship between the radius and each of the side of the quadrilateral.



Luis González

#4 Aug 30, 2009, 9:52 pm

Let the chords AB,CD meet at P. We shall show that $PA^2 + PB^2 + PC^2 + PD^2$ is independent of P. O is the center of the given circle and Q the second intersection of DO with (O). By Pythagorean theorem we get

$$PA^2 + PB^2 + PC^2 + PD^2 = \frac{1}{2}(DA^2 + AC^2 + CB^2 + BD^2)$$

But since rays DQ, DP are isogonal WRT $\angle ADB$, it follows that ACQB is an isosceles trapezoid with $CQ \parallel AB \Rightarrow AC = BQ$ and $CB = AQ$. Thus, keeping in mind that DQ is a diameter, again by Pythagorean theorem we have:

$$PA^2 + PB^2 + PC^2 + PD^2 = \frac{1}{2}(DA^2 + AQ^2 + BD^2 + BQ^2)$$

$$PA^2 + PB^2 + PC^2 + PD^2 = \frac{1}{2}(DQ^2 + DQ^2) = \frac{1}{2}(8R^2) = 4R^2.$$

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Radical center and Euler line X

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livetolove212

#1 Aug 29, 2009, 4:15 pm

Given triangle ABC . Denote A' , B' , C' the midpoints of BC , CA , AB , respectively. Prove that the radical center of (A, AA') , (B, BB') , (C, CC') lies on **Euler line** of triangle ABC .



Luis González

#2 Aug 29, 2009, 11:55 pm

Let H , O , N denote the orthocenter, circumcenter and nine-point center of $\triangle ABC$. Let P be the midpoint of \overline{HN} . By Stewart's Theorem for the cevian AP in $\triangle AHO$

$$AP^2 = \frac{1}{4}R^2 + \frac{3}{4}AH^2 - \frac{3}{16}OH^2 = \frac{1}{4}R^2 + \frac{3}{4}(2OA')^2 - \frac{3}{16}OH^2$$

$$AP^2 = \frac{1}{4}R^2 + 3(R^2 - \frac{1}{4}a^2) - \frac{3}{16}OH^2 = \frac{13}{4}R^2 - \frac{3}{4}a^2 - \frac{3}{16}OH^2$$

Let \mathcal{P}_a denote the power of P with respect to (A, AA') . Then

$$\mathcal{P}_a = AA'^2 - AP^2 = \frac{1}{2}(b^2 + c^2) - \frac{1}{4}a^2 - \frac{13}{4}R^2 + \frac{3}{4}a^2 + \frac{3}{16}OH^2$$

$$\implies \mathcal{P}_a = \frac{1}{2}(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) - \frac{13}{4}R^2 + \frac{3}{16}OH^2$$

Since this expression is symmetric in terms of (a, b, c) , we conclude that midpoint P of \overline{HN} has equal power with respect to circles (A, AA') , (B, BB') , (C, CC') .

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BCIJOH are contained in a conic! 

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Parkdoosung

#1 Aug 28, 2009, 3:59 pm

Consider a triangle ABC . Let I, J, O, H be the incenter, A -excenter, circumcenter, and orthocenter respectively.

Prove that B, C, I, J, O, H are contained in a conic.



mihai miculita

#2 Aug 28, 2009, 5:20 pm

Using barycentric coordinates, we:

$B(0; 1; 0), C(0; 0; 1); I(a; b; c), J(-a; b; c); O(\sin 2A; \sin 2B; \sin 2C); H(\tan A; \tan B; \tan C)$.

The point B, C, I, J, O, H are contained in the conic with equation:

$$Mx^2 + Ny^2 + Pz^2 + Qxy + Rxz + Syz = 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$0 = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ a^2 & b^2 & c^2 & ab & ac & bc \\ a^2 & b^2 & c^2 & -ab & -ac & bc \\ \sin^2 2A & \sin^2 2B & \sin^2 2C & \sin 2A \cdot \sin 2B & \sin 2A \cdot \sin 2C & \sin 2B \cdot \sin 2C \\ \tan^2 A & \tan^2 B & \tan^2 C & \tan A \cdot \tan B & \tan A \cdot \tan C & \tan B \cdot \tan C \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{vmatrix} a^2 & ab & ac & bc \\ a^2 & -ab & -ac & bc \\ \sin^2 2A & \sin 2A \cdot \sin 2B & \sin 2A \cdot \sin 2C & \sin 2B \cdot \sin 2C \\ \tan^2 A & \tan A \cdot \tan B & \tan A \cdot \tan C & \tan B \cdot \tan C \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} a^2 & ab & ac & bc \\ a^2 & 0 & 0 & bc \\ \sin^2 2A & \sin 2A \cdot \sin 2B & \sin 2A \cdot \sin 2C & \sin 2B \cdot \sin 2C \\ \tan^2 A & \tan A \cdot \tan B & \tan A \cdot \tan C & \tan B \cdot \tan C \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a^2 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} ab & ac & bc \\ \sin 2A \cdot \sin 2B & \sin 2A \cdot \sin 2C & \sin 2B \cdot \sin 2C \\ \tan A \cdot \tan B & \tan A \cdot \tan C & \tan B \cdot \tan C \end{vmatrix} =$$

$$= bc \cdot \begin{vmatrix} a^2 & ab & ac \\ \sin^2 2A & \sin 2A \cdot \sin 2B & \sin 2A \cdot \sin 2C \\ \tan^2 A & \tan A \cdot \tan B & \tan A \cdot \tan C \end{vmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \dots$$



Bugi

#3 Aug 28, 2009, 5:51 pm

Hint for a synthetical solution



Luis González

#4 Aug 29, 2009, 6:48 am

Let J be the antipode of I WRT $\odot(IBC)$. Its isogonal conjugate J_∞ WRT $\triangle IBC$ is the infinity point of the altitude AH_a , since the isogonal CJ_∞ of CJ WRT $\angle C$ is orthogonal to BC . Let O', H' denote the isogonal conjugates of O, H WRT $\triangle IBC$. Then, by simple angle chase we have

$$\angle H'BC = 90^\circ - \angle C - \angle IBC = 90^\circ - \angle C - \frac{1}{2}\angle B = \frac{1}{2}|\angle A - \angle C| \quad (1)$$

Analogously, $\angle H'CB = \frac{1}{2}|\angle A - \angle B|$ (2)

$\angle O'BC = \angle IBC - \angle OBC = \frac{1}{2}\angle B - (90^\circ - \angle A) = \frac{1}{2}|\angle A - \angle C|$ (3)

Analogously, $\angle O'CB = \frac{1}{2}|\angle A - \angle B|$ (4)

From (1), (2), (3), (4) we get $\angle O'BC = \angle H'BC$ and $\angle O'CB = \angle H'CB \implies BO'$ and CO' are the reflections of BH' and CH' about the sideline $BC \implies O'$ is reflection of H' about $BC \implies O'H' \perp BC$. Since O' , H' and J_∞ are collinear, then isogonal conjugation WRT $\triangle IBC$ takes O' , H' , J_∞ into O , H , J lying on a circumconic of $\triangle IBC$.

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2 angle are equal X

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#1 Aug 28, 2009, 10:25 pm

Let ABC be an acute triangle and O be its circumcenter. The tangents at A and B to (O) intersect the tangent at C at D and E respectively. AE meets BC at P and BD meets AC at R . Let S, Q be the midpoints of BR, AP respectively. Prove that $\angle ABQ = \angle BAS$.



Luis González

#2 Aug 28, 2009, 10:33 pm

Equivalent formulation: Let M, N be the feet of the B-symmedian and C-symmedian of $\triangle ABC$. D, E are the midpoints of CN and BM . Then $\angle DBC = \angle ECB$.



Using barycentric coordinates with respect to $\triangle ABC$, we get

$$M(a^2 : 0 : c^2), N(a^2 : b^2 : 0), D(a^2 : b^2 : a^2 + b^2), E(a^2 : a^2 + c^2 : c^2)$$

$BD \equiv za^2 - x(a^2 + b^2) = 0$ and $CE \equiv a^2y - x(a^2 + c^2) = 0$ meet at the point

$$P(a^2 : a^2 + c^2 : a^2 + b^2)$$

Clearly, coordinates of P satisfy the equation of the perpendicular bisector ℓ_a of BC , namely

$$\ell_a \equiv (b^2 - c^2)x + a^2(y - z) = 0$$

Thus, $\triangle PBC$ is P-isosceles $\implies \angle DBC = \angle ECB$, as desired.

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triangle ABC with $\angle C = 120^\circ$ [Reply](#)

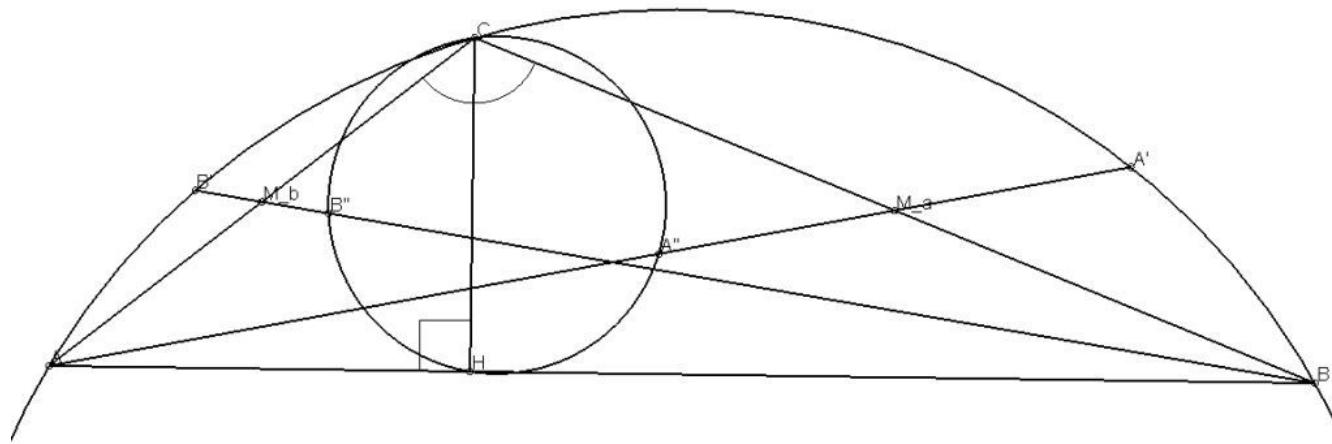
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**Nazar_Serdyuk**

#1 Aug 25, 2009, 11:22 pm

Given a triangle ABC with $\angle C = 120^\circ$ and circumcircle w . M_a, M_b are midpoints of CB, CA respectively, AM_a, BM_b meet w again at A', B' respectively, A'', B'' are reflections of A', B' on M_a, M_b respectively, H is a foot of perpendicular from C to AB . Prove that points C, A'', B'', H lie on a circle.

Attachments:

**saif**

#2 Aug 26, 2009, 4:07 am

hello it's not to hard
 see that $CB''AB'$ and $CA''BA'$ are parallelogram
 and it's very easy to prove that $AM_bB''H$ and $BMA''H$ are cocyclic
 now easily we can prove that $B''CA'' + B''HA'' = 180^\circ$
 sorry am tired i can't write the full solution

**cosinator**

#3 Aug 26, 2009, 4:34 am

“ saif wrote:

sorry am tired i can't write the full solution

Could you write up a full solution later? Some of the things you say are easy, I cannot see. I would greatly appreciate an elaboration.

**Luis González**

#4 Aug 26, 2009, 5:06 am

Lemma. In any triangle $\triangle ABC$, the orthocenter H , its orthogonal projection on the median AM and the vertices B, C are concyclic.

Proof. Let D, E be the feet of the altitudes from B, C and $Q \equiv DE \cap BC$. Line AQ is polar of H WRT the circle (M) with diameter $BC \implies QH$ is polar of A WRT $(M) \implies AM \perp QH$. Let $K \equiv AM \cap QH$. Note that H is common orthocenter of $\triangle AQM$ and $\triangle ABC$, thus $KH \cdot HQ = DH \cdot HB = CH \cdot HE$. Hence, inversion with center H and power $KH \cdot HQ$ takes K, B, C into the collinear points $Q, D, E \implies B, C, H, K$ are concyclic. Thus if AM cuts the circumcircle of $\triangle ABC$ again at L , then $KCLB$ is a parallelogram, due to $\angle BKC = \angle BLC = 180^\circ - \angle A$.

Using the lemma, we get that A'' and B'' are the orthogonal projections of the orthocenter onto the medians AM_a and BM_b , since the quadrilaterals $CA'BA''$ and $CB'AB''$ are parallelograms. Let H_c denote the foot of the altitude from C and H the orthocenter of $\triangle ABC$. By angle chase, we have:

$$\angle B''H_cA'' = \angle HAM_a + \angle HBM_b = 180^\circ - 2\angle AHB + \angle CBM_b + \angle CAM_a$$

$$\angle B''H_cA'' = 180^\circ - 120^\circ + \angle CBM_b + \angle CAM_a$$

$$\angle B''H_cA'' = 60^\circ + (120^\circ - \angle B''CA'') = 180^\circ - \angle B''CA'' \implies CA''H_cB'' \text{ is a cyclic quadrilateral.}$$



Nazar_Serdyuk

#5 Aug 26, 2009, 2:32 pm

Your solution is much more easier then mine. I proved that these points lie on a circle with diameter CL where L is a foot of bisector of $\angle ACB$.

Now I see that the problem is not hard.



Luis González

#6 Aug 27, 2009, 6:19 am

I did not notice that the foot L of the bisector of $\angle ACB$ also lies on this circle. Using the same notations, we can prove it easily by angle chase

$$\angle A''CL = \angle BCL - \angle BCA'' = 60^\circ - \angle CBA' = 60^\circ - \angle CAA' \quad (1)$$

From the cyclic quadrilateral $HA''H_cA$ we have

$$\angle CH_cA'' = \angle HAM_a = \angle CAA' + \angle HAC = \angle CAA' + 30^\circ \quad (2)$$

From (1) and (2) we get $\angle A''CL + \angle CH_cA'' = 90^\circ$ and the conclusion follows.



saif

#7 Aug 27, 2009, 7:32 pm

dear cosinator i think that you're meaning $AM_bB''H$ and $BM_aA''H$ are cocyclic
it's easy because

$$\angle M_bHA = \angle M_bAH = \angle CB'B = \angle M_bB''A$$

and by a simple angle chase we can get the result. 😊



Luis González

#8 Aug 27, 2009, 10:37 pm

saif wrote:

$$\angle M_bHA = \angle M_bAH = \angle CB'B = \angle M_bB''A$$

Dear Saif, could you justify this step?. I'm not seeing where $\angle C = 120^\circ$ is used.



saif

#9 Aug 28, 2009, 12:13 am

the condition $\angle C = 120^\circ$ we will use it later in our angle chase to prove that $\angle B''CA'' + \angle B''HA'' = 180^\circ$ but

$\angle M_bHA = \angle M_bAH = \angle CB'B = \angle M_bB''A$ to prove that $AM_bB''H$ is cyclic I think it's clear
now ill prove that $\angle B''CA'' + \angle B''HA'' = 180^\circ$

we have $\angle M_b H M_a = 120^\circ$

so to prove the result $\angle B''CA'' + \angle B''HA'' = 180^\circ$ we need to prove

$\angle M_b CB'' + \angle M_b HB'' + \angle M_a CA'' + \angle M_a HB'' = 60^\circ$

it's easy because $\angle M_b CB'' = \angle CBB'' = \angle B''AM_b$

and $\angle M_b HB'' = \angle M_b AB'' = \angle B'CA = \angle B'BA$ so

$\angle M_b CB'' + \angle M_b HB'' = \angle B$

and $\angle M_a CA'' + \angle M_a HB'' = \angle A$



Virgil Nicula

#10 Sep 6, 2009, 9:01 am



“ Quote:

Lemma. In a triangle ABC the orthocenter H , its orthogonal projection on the median AM and the vertices B, C are concyclic.

Anice and short proof. Denote $E \in BH \cap AC$ and $K \in AM$, $HK \perp AM$. Prove easily that E and K belong to the circle w with diameter $[AH]$ and ME is tangent to w . Thus, $ME^2 = MK \cdot MA$, i.e. $MC^2 = MK \cdot MA \implies MCK \sim MAC \implies \widehat{MCK} \equiv \widehat{BCA}$, i.e. $m(\widehat{HKC}) + m(\widehat{HAC}) = (90^\circ + C) + (90^\circ - C) = 180^\circ$, i.e. $BHKC$ is cyclic.



licu-an

#11 Sep 12, 2009, 7:38 pm



virgil, you killed the problem outright, your solution is very simple and direct.

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Two circles X[Reply](#)**jgnr**

#1 Aug 26, 2009, 3:54 pm

Circles Γ_1 and Γ_2 intersect at P and Q . The common tangent of Γ_1 and Γ_2 touch the circles at A and B respectively. C is an arbitrary point on ray AB . Let CP intersect Γ_1 at D . Point E is on CD such that BE is parallel to AD . Let PQ intersect the common tangent at R . Prove that $\angle RED = 90^\circ$.

edit: sorry, the problem is wrong. additional information is needed: $\angle RQC = 90^\circ$.

**plane geometry**

#2 Aug 26, 2009, 6:55 pm

thanks for the attachment

, I will have a try

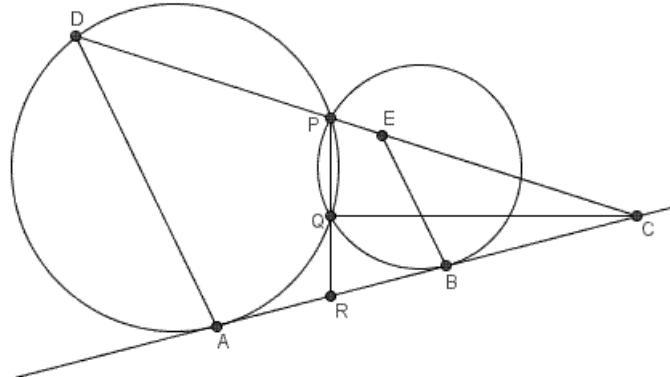
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**jgnr**

#3 Aug 26, 2009, 7:04 pm

see attachment

Attachments:

**plane geometry**

#4 Aug 26, 2009, 10:15 pm

Denote H' is the orthocenter of $\triangle PRC$, H is the orthocenter of $\triangle PBA$

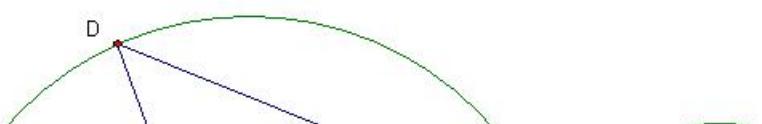
K is the foot of altitude through B to PA, F is the foot of altitude through R to PC

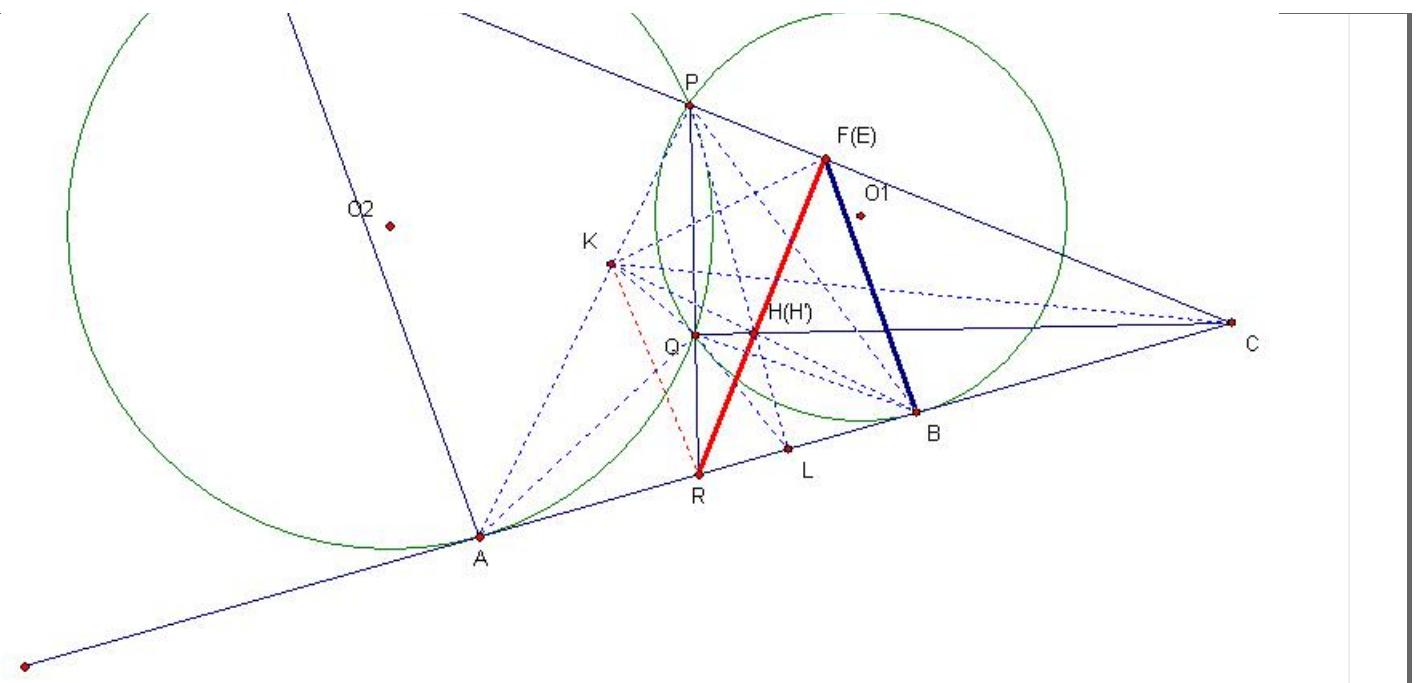
Then we have B,H,K are collinear and R,H',F are collinear

 $RA^2=RB^2=RQ^2\cdot RP \Rightarrow R$ is the midpoint of AB $\Rightarrow RK^2=RQ^2\cdot RP \Rightarrow \angle KRQ=\angle RPK=\angle QAR \Rightarrow K, Q, R, A$ are concyclic \Rightarrow $PQ\cdot PR=PK\cdot PA=PH\cdot PL=PH'\cdot PL$ $\Rightarrow H=H' \Rightarrow BH\cdot HK=PH\cdot LH=RH\cdot RF \Rightarrow K, R, B, F$ are concyclic \Rightarrow $\angle ADP=\angle KAR=\angle AKR=90^\circ-\angle RKB=90^\circ-\angle RFB=\angle BFC \Rightarrow BF\parallel AD \Rightarrow F=E$

Done!

Attachments:





Luis González

#5 Aug 27, 2009, 3:59 am

Let E' and S be the projections of R and P on PC and AB . PS , RE' and CQ concur at the orthocenter H of $\triangle PRC$. Since $RA^2 = RB^2 = RQ \cdot RP = RS \cdot RC$, it follows by Newton's theorem that cross ratio (A, B, S, C) is harmonic $\Rightarrow CB \cdot CA = CS \cdot CR$, but since $CS \cdot CR = CE' \cdot E'P \Rightarrow CB \cdot CA = CE' \cdot CP \Rightarrow PE'BA$ is cyclic. Then $\angle CE'B = \angle PAB = \angle CDA \Rightarrow BE' \parallel AD \Rightarrow E \equiv E'$.

- Another interesting result about this configuration is that, if T is the second intersection of the ray DR with Γ_1 , then circles $\odot(RTA)$ and $\odot(HRB)$ are congruent and externally tangent.

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Source: APMO



am2525

#1 Aug 23, 2009, 6:23 pm

Let ABC be a triangle with median AM and angle bisector AN. Draw the perpendicular to line NA through N, hitting lines MA and BA at Q and P, respectively. Also let O be the point where the perpendicular to line BA through P meets line AN. Prove that QO and BC are perpendicular.



Luis González

#2 Aug 24, 2009, 10:00 am

Let L be the midpoint of the arc BC of the circumcircle (O). S \equiv OP \cap LB. Since $\angle RPO = \angle CAL = \angle CBS$, it follows that BNSP is cyclic $\implies \angle BNS = 90^\circ$. Let R \equiv PN \cap AC. In the isosceles triangle $\triangle ARP$ we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{QR}{PQ} &= \frac{c}{b} \implies \frac{PR}{PQ} = \frac{b+c}{b} \implies \frac{PN}{PQ} = \frac{b+c}{2b} \implies \frac{PO \cos \frac{A}{2}}{PQ} = \frac{b+c}{2b} \\ &\implies \frac{PO}{PQ} = \frac{b+c}{2b \cos \frac{A}{2}} .(1) \end{aligned}$$

Notice that, since $\triangle ABN \sim \triangle PSN$, we have $\frac{PS}{PN} = \frac{c}{AN} = \frac{b+c}{2b \cos \frac{A}{2}}$.(2)

From (1) and (2), $\frac{PS}{PN} = \frac{PO}{PQ} \implies OQ \parallel NS \implies OQ \perp BC$.



mr.danh

#3 Feb 7, 2010, 4:28 pm

[Another solution](#)



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Geometric inequality relating to 

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Source: intersection of angle bisectors and the circumcircle



Agr_94_Math

#1 Aug 21, 2009, 11:38 pm

In a triangle ABC , the angle bisectors of angles CAB , ABC , ACB intersect the circumcircle at P , Q , R respectively. Prove that $AP + BQ + CR > AB + BC + AC$.



Luis González

#2 Aug 22, 2009, 12:36 am

Let $PB = PC = L$. By Ptolemy's theorem for cyclic quadrilateral $ABPC$ we have

$$AB \cdot L + AC \cdot L = AP \cdot BC \implies AP = \frac{L(AB + AC)}{BC}$$



On the other hand, by triangle inequality we get $PB + PC > BC \implies 2L > BC$

Therefore, $AP > \frac{1}{2}(AB + AC)$. The cyclic sum yields:

$$AP + BQ + CR > \frac{1}{2}(2AB + 2BC + 2CA) > AB + BC + CA.$$

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Mateescu Constantin

#1 Aug 20, 2009, 11:13 pm

Let M be a point inside the equilateral triangle ABC with side length a .

Prove that $MA + MB + MC < 2a$.

Marius Mainea



Luis González

#2 Aug 21, 2009, 12:17 am

We prove a more general result:

Lemma: M is a point inside $\triangle ABC$ whose shortest side is BC . Then we have that $b + c > MA + MB + MC$.

Draw the parallel to BC passing through M that cuts AC and AB at X, Y , respectively. Draw the altitude AH and WLOG assume that M lies inside $\triangle AHB$. We have $YA > MA$ (1) and since $AC > CB \implies AX > XY$, due to the similarity $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle AXY$. Thus, $AX + XC = b > XY + XC$ (2)

By triangle inequality $MX + XC > MC$, $MY + YB > MB$. Adding these two inequalities gives

$CX + XY + YB > MB + MC$ (3)

Adding (1), (2), (3) together yields

$$b + YA + YB + XC + XY > MA + MB + MC + XY + XC$$

$$\implies b + c > MA + MB + MC.$$

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**am2525**

#1 Aug 19, 2009, 8:00 pm

Let BB_1 and CC_1 be the altitudes of an acute-angled nonisosceles triangle ABC . The bisector of the acute angles between lines BB_1 and CC_1 intersects sides AB and AC at P and Q , respectively. Let H be the orthocenter of triangle ABC and let M be the midpoint of BC . Let the bisector of BAC intersect HM at R . Prove that quadrilateral $PAQR$ is cyclic.

**Luis González**

#2 Aug 20, 2009, 7:13 am



Let L be the midpoint of the arc BC of the circumcircle (O). Then $\triangle ARH \sim \triangle LRM$

$$\frac{RM}{RH} = \frac{ML}{AH} = \frac{BC \tan \frac{A}{2}}{2BC \cot A} = \frac{1}{2} \tan A \cdot \tan \frac{A}{2} \quad (1)$$

On the other hand, let K be the orthogonal projection of M onto AB .

$$PK = \frac{1}{2} BC_1 - PC_1 \implies \frac{PK}{PC_1} = \frac{BC_1}{2PC_1} - 1 = \frac{BC \cos B}{2HC_1 \tan \frac{A}{2}} - 1$$

$$\frac{PK}{PC_1} = \frac{BC \cos B}{2AH \cos B \tan \frac{A}{2}} - 1 = \frac{\tan A}{2 \tan \frac{A}{2}} - 1 = \frac{1}{2} \tan A \cdot \tan \frac{A}{2} \quad (2)$$

From (1) and (2) we have $\frac{RM}{RH} = \frac{PK}{PC_1} \implies RP \perp AB$. Analogously $RQ \perp AC$. Hence, P and Q lie on the circumference with diameter AR .

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am2525

#1 Aug 19, 2009, 7:59 pm

Let E be a point on the median CD of triangle ABC.

Let S₁ be the circle passing through E and tangent to line AB at A, intersecting side AC again at M; let S₂ be the circle passing through

E and tangent to line AB at B, intersecting side BC again at N Prove that the circumcircle of triangle CMN is tangent to circles S₁ AND S₂



Luis González

#2 Aug 19, 2009, 10:45 pm

Since D has equal power $\frac{1}{4}AB^2$ with respect to (S₁) and (S₂), it follows that CD is the radical axis of (S₁), (S₂). Inversion with center C and power equal to the power of C WRT (S₁) and (S₂) takes (S₁) and (S₂) into themselves and M, N into A, B, respectively. Therefore, circle ⊙(CMN) is taken into the common external tangent AB of (S₁) and (S₂). Then by conformity, ⊙(CMN) is tangent to (S₁), (S₂).



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Three circles externally tangent - M, N, and L are collinear X

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am2525

#1 Aug 19, 2009, 7:51 pm

The circles W_1, W_2, W_3 in the plane are pairwise externally tangent to each other. Let P_1 be the point of tangency between circles W_1 and W_3 , and let P_2 be the point of tangency between circles W_2 and W_3 . A and B , both different from P_1 and P_2 , are points on W_3 such that AB is a diameter of W_3 . Line AP_1 intersects W_1 again at X , line BP_2 intersects W_2 again at Y , and lines AP_2 and BP_1 intersect at Z . Prove that X, Y , and Z are collinear.



Luis González

#2 Aug 19, 2009, 10:07 pm

Let B', A' denote the 2nd intersections of BP_1 and AP_2 with ω_1 and ω_2 . Since P_1 and P_2 are insimilicenters of $\omega_1 \sim \omega_3$ and $\omega_2 \sim \omega_3$, it follows that $AB \parallel XB' \parallel YA'$. If a, b denote the tangents of ω_3 at A, B and a', b' the tangents of ω_2, ω_1 at A', B' , we have $a \parallel a', b \parallel b'$. Since $a \parallel b$, then $a' \parallel b' \implies b'$ is image of a' through the negative homothety that takes ω_1 into $\omega_2 \implies A', B', P_3$ are collinear. $B'X, A'Y$ are diameters of ω_1 and $\omega_2 \implies X, Y$ lie on perpendicular to $A'B'$ through P_3 . From cyclic quadrilateral ABP_2P_1 , we get

$$\angle ABP_1 = \angle BB'X = \angle AP_2P_1, \quad \angle BAP_2 = \angle AA'Y = \angle BP_1P_2$$

On the other hand, from the cyclic quadrilaterals P_1P_3XB' , P_2YP_3A' we get $\angle P_1P_3Y = \angle BB'X, \angle P_2P_3Y = \angle AA'Y \implies \angle P_2P_3P_1 = \angle AP_2P_1 + \angle BP_1P_2 \implies ZP_2P_3P_1$ is cyclic. Since $\angle P_2P_3Y = \angle ZP_1P_2$, then YX is identical with the diagonal ZP_3 of the quadrilateral $ZP_2P_3P_1$, i.e. X, Y, Z are collinear.



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**cuenca**

#1 May 11, 2007, 6:00 am • 1

En un triangulo ABC , $CA \neq CB$, los puntos A_1 y B_1 son los puntos de tangencia de las circunferencias exinscritas relativas a los lados CB y CA , respectivamente, e I es el incentro. La recta CI intersecta a la circunferencia circunscrita al triangulo ABC en el punto P . La recta que pasa por P y es perpendicular a CP intersecta a la recta AB en el punto Q . Pruebe que las rectas QI y A_1B_1 son paralelas.

**Luis González**

#2 Aug 19, 2009, 10:29 am



Quote:

En un triangulo ABC , $AB \neq AC$, los puntos B_1 y C_1 son los puntos de tangencia de las circunferencias exinscritas relativas a los lados AC y AB , respectivamente e I es el incentro. La recta AI intersecta a la circunferencia circunscrita al triángulo ABC en el punto P . La recta que pasa por P y es perpendicular a AP intersecta a la recta BC en el punto Q . Pruebe que las rectas IQ y B_1C_1 son paralelas.

Usemos coordenadas baricentricas con respecto a $\triangle ABC$. Entonces:

$$B_1 = (p - a : 0 : p - c), C_1 = (p - a : p - b : 0).$$

Luego la recta B_1C_1 tiene por punto del infinito

$$T_\infty = ((p - a)(b - c) : b(p - b) : -c(p - c))$$

Siendo P es punto medio del arco BC del circuncirculo, este tiene coordenadas

$$P = (-a^2 : b(b + c) : c(b + c))$$

La recta \mathcal{L}_a que pasa por P perpendicular a AP es paralela a la bisectriz exterior de $\angle BAC$ por ello tienen el mismo punto del infinito $(c - b : b : -c)$. Su ecuación es entonces:

$$\mathcal{L}_a \equiv bc(b + c)x - cS_Cy - bS_Bz = 0. \text{ Esta corta a } BC \text{ en } Q = (0 : bS_B : -cS_C)$$

$\Rightarrow IQ \equiv abcx - cS_Cy - bS_Bz = 0$. Las coordenadas de su punto del infinito son:

$$R_\infty = (cS_C - bS_B : b(S_B + ac) : -c(S_C + ab)). \text{ Esta la podemos reescribir teniendo presente las identidades:}$$

$$cS_C - bS_B = 2p(p - a)(b - c), S_B + ac = 2p(p - b), S_C + ab = 2p(p - c)$$

$$R_\infty = ((p - a)(b - c) : b(p - b) : -c(p - c)) \Rightarrow T_\infty \equiv R_\infty \Rightarrow IQ \parallel B_1C_1$$

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shoki

#1 Aug 19, 2009, 12:53 am

Let ABC be an acute triangle and (O) be its circumcircle. The tangents from A and B to (O) meet the tangent from C to (O) in points D and E respectively. Let AE meet BC at P and BD meet AC at R. Points Q and S are respectively the midpoints of AP and BR. Prove that $\angle ABQ = \angle BAS$.



Luis González

#2 Aug 19, 2009, 3:08 am

This "infamous" problem has been posted before. For instance, see

<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/viewtopic.php?t=275380>
<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?t=207440>
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**Tres ejes radicales concurrentes**

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**Luis González**

#1 Jun 16, 2009, 10:26 am

Sea P un punto del plano de $\triangle ABC$ y sea $\triangle A'B'C'$ el triángulo ceviano de P con respecto a $\triangle ABC$. Las circunferencias $\odot(ABB')$ y $\odot(ACC')$ se cortan en A y X . Definimos igualmente Y, Z con respecto a B y C . Mostrar que AX, BY, CZ concurren en el complemento del isogonal de P respecto a $\triangle ABC$.

**Luis González**

#2 Aug 18, 2009, 5:16 am



Véase aquí una solución del problema con coordenadas baricéntricas <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/viewtopic.php?t=282732>. También se discuten varias cuestiones interesantes sobre esta configuración.

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tangent 

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stvs_f

#1 Aug 16, 2009, 11:36 pm

let ω is circumcircle of ABC triangle and $\angle B=90^\circ$. ω is tangent to AB,BC and ω .

prove that : Radius of ω =Diagonal of incircle of ABC.



Luis González

#2 Aug 17, 2009, 1:21 am

Let X, Y denote the tangency points of $\omega \equiv (V)$ with BC, BA . It's well-known that the polar of vertex B WRT the B-mixtilinear incircle (V) (the line XY), goes through the incenter I of $\triangle ABC$, if $\angle ABC = 90^\circ \implies I$ is the center of the rectangle $BXVY$. Thus, it follows that the radius of (V) is twice the inradius of $\triangle ABC$.



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inversion,difficult

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#1 Aug 15, 2009, 10:20 am

denotefive circles c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4, c_5 . if we take c_5 as the inversion circle, then c_1 and c_4 are inversely similar, c_2 and c_3 are also inversely similar. prove: there exists a circle tangents to c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4 .
 (how to use Casey theorem to get the result?)

**bye**

#2 Aug 16, 2009, 4:15 pm

i wonder if i've described clearly.
 it's easy to calculate the tangents between c_1 and c_4, c_2 and c_3 .
 but i don't know how to deal with that of c_1 and c_3 , respectively.
 in fact, it's a conclusion in Modern Euclidean Geometry. as a direct deduction of Casey theorem. [/b]

**yetti**

#3 Aug 16, 2009, 8:00 pm

I don't think this has much in common with Casey's theorem. Suppose $\mathcal{C}_1, \mathcal{C}_2$ both intersect \mathcal{C}_5 . Since inversion preserves angles between curves, the circles $\mathcal{C}_1, \mathcal{C}_4$ form equal angles with the inversion circle \mathcal{C}_5 . The same holds for the circles $\mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_3$ WRT \mathcal{C}_5 . Invert the figure $\mathcal{C}_1 \cup \mathcal{C}_2 \cup \mathcal{C}_3 \cup \mathcal{C}_4 \cup \mathcal{C}_5$ in arbitrary circle \mathcal{O} centered on \mathcal{C}_5 . This inversion takes the previous inversion circle \mathcal{C}_5 into a line c_5 and the remaining circles $\mathcal{C}_1, \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_4$ into some other circles $\mathcal{C}'_1, \mathcal{C}'_2, \mathcal{C}'_3, \mathcal{C}'_4$. Again, inversion preserves angles between curves, therefore the circles $\mathcal{C}'_1, \mathcal{C}'_4$ form equal angles with the line c_5 and the same holds for the circles $\mathcal{C}'_2, \mathcal{C}'_3$ WRT c_5 . This means that $\mathcal{C}'_1, \mathcal{C}'_4$ are symmetrical WRT the line c_5 and $\mathcal{C}'_2, \mathcal{C}'_3$ are also symmetrical WRT c_5 . By symmetry, four circles $\mathcal{K}'_1, \mathcal{K}'_2, \mathcal{K}'_3, \mathcal{K}'_4$ exist, all centered on the line c_5 (perpendicular to this line), each tangent to all $\mathcal{C}'_1, \mathcal{C}'_2, \mathcal{C}'_3, \mathcal{C}'_4$. If $\mathcal{K}_1, \mathcal{K}_2, \mathcal{K}_3, \mathcal{K}_4$ are inversion images of $\mathcal{K}'_1, \mathcal{K}'_2, \mathcal{K}'_3, \mathcal{K}'_4$ in \mathcal{O} , then each of $\mathcal{K}_1, \mathcal{K}_2, \mathcal{K}_3, \mathcal{K}_4$ is tangent to all $\mathcal{C}_1, \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_4$.

**Luis González**

#4 Aug 16, 2009, 11:52 pm

Nice solution Vladimir, I've got this approach:

Let P_1, P_4 denote the variable tangency points of a circle \mathcal{T}_i with \mathcal{C}_1 and \mathcal{C}_4 . Let us consider the positive inversion WRT \mathcal{C}_5 , although the result is still true for both positive or negative inversion WRT \mathcal{C}_5 . Pairs P_1, P_4 , lying on a same side of the line O_1O_4 , connecting the centers of $\mathcal{C}_1, \mathcal{C}_4$ are inverse under such positive inversion, due to the conformity, or equivalently P_1P_4 passes through the center O_5 of \mathcal{C}_5 . Hence, we have a set of four circles $\mathcal{T}_i, i = 1, 2, 3, 4$, where a pair is internally and externally tangent to \mathcal{C}_2 for each pair P_1, P_4 lying on different sides of O_1O_4 . This inversion maps $\mathcal{C}_1 \mapsto \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_2 \mapsto \mathcal{C}_3$ and takes \mathcal{T}_i into itself. If \mathcal{T}_i is tangent to \mathcal{C}_2 , then \mathcal{T}_i is tangent to the inverse image \mathcal{C}_3 as well.

**yetti**

#5 Aug 17, 2009, 2:57 am

I used the following lemma before, without posting a proof:

Lemma: Let (C) be arbitrary circle, let (O) be arbitrary circle with center $O \in (C)$ and c their radical axis. Let $\mathbf{R}_{(O)}, \mathbf{R}_{(C)}, \mathbf{R}_c$ be reflections in $(O), (C), c$, respectively. Obviously, $c = \mathbf{R}_{(O)}((C))$. Let A be arbitrary point and B its reflection (inversion image) in (C) . Then

$$B = \mathbf{R}_{(C)}(A) = \mathbf{R}_{(O)} \circ \mathbf{R}_c \circ \mathbf{R}_{(O)}(A) = \mathbf{R}_{(O)}^{-1} \circ \mathbf{R}_c \circ \mathbf{R}_{(O)}(A).$$

Proof: Let A' be inversion image of the point A in (O) , let B' be reflection of the point A' in the line c , and let B be inversion image of the point B' in the circle (O) . By the basic properties of inversion in (O) , the quadrilateral $AA'B'B$ is cyclic, let (P) be its circumcircle. Since (P) passes through A and its inversion image A' in (O) $\Rightarrow (P) \perp (O)$. Since (P) is centered on the perpendicular bisector c of $A'B' \Rightarrow (P) \perp c$. Since (P) , (C) are inversion images of (P) , c in $(O) \Rightarrow (P) \perp (C)$. Let polars of A, B WRT (O) (perpendiculars to OA, OB at A', B') intersect at X . The quadrilateral $OA'B'X$ is cyclic on account of right angles at A', B' , let (Q) be its circumcircle on diameter OX . Its center Q , the midpoint of OX , is also on the perpendicular bisector c of $A'B'$. Let (Q) cut perpendicular OC to c again at C' . Then $XC' \perp OC$ and c is also perpendicular bisector of the segment $OC' \Rightarrow$ the line XC' is polar of the point C WRT (O) . Since the polars of A, B, C concur at X , these 3 points are collinear. But $A, B \in (P)$ and inversion in (C) takes $(P) \perp (C)$ to itself \Rightarrow the point B is the inversion image of the point A in the circle (C) . \square

Applying the lemma to \mathcal{C}_5 as the circle (C) and all points $A \in \mathcal{C}_1 \cup \mathcal{C}_2$, (hence $B \in \mathcal{C}_4 \cup \mathcal{C}_3$), the inversion images $\mathcal{C}'_1, \mathcal{C}'_4$ of $\mathcal{C}_1, \mathcal{C}_4$ in (O) are symmetrical with respect to the radical axis c_5 of $(O), \mathcal{C}_5$. So are the inversion images $\mathcal{C}'_2, \mathcal{C}'_3$ of $\mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_3$ in (O) . Regardless of $\mathcal{C}_1, \mathcal{C}_2$ intersecting \mathcal{C}_5 or not.

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Spain

Reto de la semana #5  Reply**Pascual2005**#1 Sep 18, 2006, 8:36 am • 1 

1. Sea ABC un triángulo isósceles con $BC = AC$. Sea P un punto de su circunferencia circunscrita situado en el arco AB que no contiene a C . Sea D el pie de la perpendicular trazada desde C a la recta PB . Demostrar que $PA + PB = 2PD$

(Problema cambiado)

2. Sean a, b enteros positivos tales que $a|b^2, b^2|a^3, a^3|b^4 \dots$ y así sucesivamente. Pruebe que $a = b$.

(Problema Cambiado)

3. Halle todos los polinomios $P(n)$ tales que existen complejos z_1, z_2, \dots, z_k tales que $\sum_{i=1}^k z_i^m = 0$ si y sólo si $m \neq P(n)$ para todo n .

4. Se tienen un número finito de segmentos en una línea de modo que entre cualesquier $m + 1$ segmentos hay dos que se intersectan. Pruebe que se pueden seleccionar m puntos en la línea de modo que cualesquier segmento contiene al menos uno de estos puntos.

This post has been edited 1 time. Last edited by Pascual2005, Sep 19, 2006, 9:47 am**conejita**#2 Sep 18, 2006, 9:07 pm 

Ola Pascual, esta vez si voa entrar al reto, ya me salieron dos problemas!!!
Donde pongo las soluciones???

Grax

**R.G.A.M.**#3 Sep 19, 2006, 1:35 am 

¿Existe algún material útil para iniciarse con polinomios? En mi país hemos dado una breve noción acerca de cómo trabajar con ellos, mas resulta insuficiente.

Por supuesto no quiero que la información necesaria para trabajar con ellos esté servida, pero me agradaría contar con un buen material de consulta.

**Pascual2005**#4 Sep 19, 2006, 2:04 am 

Las soluciones deben enviarlas a mi correo: pascual2k1@hotmail.com

Ahora estoy corrigiendo las soluciones de la cuarta edición, entonces tenganme paciencia.

Respecto a lo de polinomios, puedes buscar en internet hay muchas lecturas, inclusive aquí en el foro colgar un pdf de polinomios. Sino un buen libro puede ser *Polynomials* de Barbeau.

Suerte



hucht

#5 Sep 19, 2006, 5:49 am

“ Pascual2005 wrote:

1. Sea ABC un triángulo isósceles con $BC = AC$. Sea P un punto de su circunferencia circunscrita situado en el arco AB que no contiene a C . Sea D el pie de la perpendicular trazada desde C a la recta PB . Demostrar que $PA + PB = 2PD$

Por fin encontre donde posteaban el reto de la semana! 🎉 ... lastima que el problema de geo sea tan facil 😞

Por Ptolomeo $AC \cdot PB + CB \cdot AP = AB \cdot CP$ con lo que $AC(AP + PB) = AB \cdot CP$. Es obvio que $AB = 2AC \cdot \cos \angle CAB$ y $PD = AP \cos \angle CPB$. Desde que $m\angle CAB = m\angle CPB$ la conclusion es inmediata.



conejita

#6 Sep 19, 2006, 7:34 am

Aki mi solucion:

Supongamos que $a > b$, entonces como son enteros positivos tenemos que $a^n > b^n$ de aqui que la division de a^{n-1}/b^n es un entero menor que a . Pero ahora, dado que a es un entero positivo, entonces entre 1 y a existen $a - 1$ diferentes enteros, los cuales es claro que son finitos.

Ahora, debido a que es fnto, en algun momento, alguna de esas divisiones va a tener que ser igual a otra, supongamos que si $1 \leq k < a$ y que $a^{n-1}/b^n = a^{m-1}/b^m = k$ de ai deducimos que como a es entero positivo, entonces $a = b$

CONTRADICCION

Ahora, si empezamos suponiendo que $b > a$ usamos un argumento similar, solo que ahora usaremos las divisiones b^{n-1}/a^n y de ahí llegamos nuevamente a que $a = b$ otra *contradiccion*.

De manera que la unica forma es que $a=b$.



Pascual2005

#7 Sep 19, 2006, 8:48 am

NO CHICOS! no leyeron las reglas? los problemas no los deben discutir, en vista de que ya dieron soluciones a estos, los cambiaré! la idea es que me envien sus soluciones y dentro de una semana ya los pueden discutir, e sto es para ponerlo cierto toque competitivo al asunto.



Pascual2005

#8 Sep 19, 2006, 8:51 am

1. Pruebe que la ecuación $2x^2 - 3x = 3y^2$ tiene infinitas soluciones enteras.

2. Sea ABC un triángulo para el cual existe un punto F tal que $\angle AFB = \angle BFC = \angle CFA$. Las líneas BF y CF intersectan a los lados AC y AB en los puntos D y E , respectivamente. Demostrar que

$$AB + AC \geq 4DE.$$



aev5peru

#9 Sep 19, 2006, 10:03 am

BUENO YA QUE NO RESPETARON LAS REGLAS, Y PUBLICARON SUS SOLUCIONES, Y ESOS PROBLEMAS NO VALEN PUBLICARE MIS SOLUCIONES DEL 1 YA Q EL PROBLEMA 2 LO ISE = QUE CONEJITA 🎉

PROBLEMA 1..

PROLONGAMOS PB HASTA E TALQUE $BD = DE$, ENTONCES TENEMOS $AC = CB = CE$, SOLO FALTARIA PROBAR QUE $\angle AEP = \angle ABP$.

UNIMOS $AE \Rightarrow \angle CAE = \angle CEA$, SEA $\angle AEP = b$, POR EL ISOCELES (BCE), $\angle CBE = \angle CEA + b$, AHORA POR EL INSCRIPTIBLE $ABCD$, $\angle CAP = \angle CBE$, CON LO CUAL SE DEMUESTRA QUE $\angle EAP = \angle AEP$, POR LO TANTO ISOCELES, $AP + PB = 2PD$

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R.G.A.M.

#10 Sep 23, 2006, 7:56 am

Pascual2005, ¿podrías facilitarme la dirección del archivo .pdf de polinomios que colgaste?

Muchas gracias.



conejita

#11 Oct 6, 2006, 10:08 pm

Pascual, ya vas a poner las soluciones de los problemas del reto??

Me interesa la del punto de Fermat....

GRAX 😊



Pascual2005

#12 Oct 8, 2006, 10:09 pm

ya pueden comentar los problemas, como es usual si nadie resuelve alguno tratare de poner mi solución. Animo y espero 4 bellas soluciones!



Chen241290

#13 Oct 19, 2006, 8:38 am

Aun no cuelguen las soluciones, si me sale o no el 2, el domingo envio mis soluciones.



Pascual2005

#14 Nov 6, 2006, 11:35 am

En el segundo la idea es que P es un polinomio con coeficientes enteros y m, n son enteros. Chen, puedes colgar tus soluciones por favor ya que segun el mail que recibi las tienes todas?



Chen241290

#15 Nov 17, 2006, 8:41 am

1.- Una solucion es $x_1 = -3, y_1 = 3$ Construimos las sucesiones x_n y y_n

Así: $x_{k+1} = 5x_k - 6y_k - 3 y_{k+1} = 3 - 4x_k + 5y_k$ por inducción x_n es siempre negativo y y_n es siempre positivo, entonces $x_{k+1} < x_k$ y $y_{k+1} > y_k$ Por inducción tbn podemos demostrar que (x_n, y_n) es una solución del sistema, luego tenemos infinitas soluciones distintas.

2.- Hay que considerar que F está dentro de ABC , sino se puede encontrar un contraejemplo.

Sean: $s=FE$, $t=FD$. del triángulo ABF el ángulo BAF es menor que 60° , entonces en el triángulo AFE $AF>FE$, es decir $x>s$, analógicamente $x>t$.

$AB + AC \geq 2\sqrt{AB \cdot AC}$. Luego basta probar que $AB \cdot AC \geq 4DE^2$

Para el triángulo AFE , Fb es bisectriz exterior entonces AB es como x , BE es como s , luego $AB/AE=x/(x-s)$. AE del teorema de senos es la raíz cuadrada de $x^2 - xs + s^2 = (x-s)^2 + (x-s)s + s^2 \geq 3\sqrt{(x-s)s}$. Luego $AE \geq \frac{x\sqrt{3}}{2}$, entonces

$$AB \geq \frac{x^2\sqrt{3}}{2(x-s)}.$$

$$\text{Análogamente } AC \geq \frac{x^2\sqrt{3}}{2(x-t)}.$$

Entonces $AB \cdot AC \geq \frac{3x^4}{4(x-s)(x-t)}$. Además del teorema de senos, $DE^2 = s^2 + st + t^2$

$$\text{Sea } g(x) = \frac{x^4}{(x-s)(x-t)}$$

Si $s=t$ entonces $(x-2s)^2 \geq 0$, luego $x^2 \geq 4s(x-s)$

Entonces $x^4 \geq 16s^2(x-s)^2$ además $DE^2=3s^2$

entonces $AB \cdot AC \geq 3/4 \cdot g(x) \geq 4DE^2$.

Si s y t son distintos:

Sean: $a=\sqrt{s^2 + st + t^2}$, $2b=s+t$.

Si $x \leq a + b$:

$x > s, x > t$, sumando: $2x > 2b$.

Luego $\$0$, entonces $(x-b)^2 < a^2$.

Pero la sgte desigualdad, después de dividir todo entre $a^2 - 3b^2$ (que es $((s-t)^2)/4 > 0$) es equivalente a la anterior.
 $(x-s)(x-t)a^2 \leq (x-b)^2 3b^2$
Analogamente al caso $s=t$, podemos demostrar que
 $x^4 \geq 16b^2(x-b)^2$, el término de la derecha es mayor o igual que $16/3 \cdot (x-s)(x-t)a^2$. Luego $AB \cdot AC \geq 3/4g(x) \geq 4$
Si $x \geq a+b$:
 $g'(x) = (x^3)/2(x-s)(x-t)^2 \cdot (4x^2 - 12xb + 32b^2 - 8a^2)$.
El término de la izquierda es positivo pues $x > a$. y $a > s, t, 0$
El término de la derecha es $(2x-3b)^2 + 23b^2 - 8a^2$
Como $x \geq a+b$: $2x - 3b \geq 2a - b$ $a > s, a > t$, entonces $2a > 2b$, luego $2a-b = a+(a-b)$ es positivo. luego $(2x - 3b)^2 \geq (2a - b)^2$
Luego el término de la derecha mencionado, es mayor o igual que $24b^2 - 4ab - 4a^2 = 4(3b+a)(2b-a)$. $(s+t)^2 > a^2$, entonces $2b > a$.
Luego $g'(x) > 0$, mientras $x \geq a+b$
entonces es creciente en el intervalo de extremos $a+b$ e infinito positivo.
Luego $g(x) \geq g(a+b)$; $x \geq a+b$
Notar que $g(a+b) = \frac{a+b}{3b^2}$
pero $(a+b)^2 \geq 4ab$ entonces $(a+b)^4 \geq 16a^2b^2$.
Luego $g(a+b) \geq 16/3 \cdot a^2$.
 $AB \cdot AC \geq 3/4 \cdot g(x) \geq 3/4 \cdot g(a+b) \geq 4a^2 = 4DE^2$.

3.- una cosa mas 😊, para que no esté $0^{\wedge}0$, los complejos son no nulos, m es natural, o solo diferente de cero?

4.- Considerando intervalos cerrados a los segmentos

Por inducción:

para $m=1$. cada 2 segmentos se intersecan, entonces tomemos el segmento con extremo izquierdo, lo mayor posible., los demás supong. cierta la afirmación para $m=n$:

Entonces Si tenemos que entre cualesquiera $n+2$ segmentos hay 2 que se intersecan. Sea s el segmento con mayor extremo izq.



Luis González

#16 Aug 16, 2009, 9:02 am

“ Pascual2005 wrote:

1. Sea ABC un triángulo isósceles con $BC = AC$. Sea P un punto de su circunferencia circunscrita situado en el arco AB que no contiene a C . Sea D el pie de la perpendicular trazada desde C a la recta PB . Demostrar que $PA + PB = 2PD$.

Sea $CA = CB = L$. Aplicando teorema de Ptolomeo al cuadrilátero cíclico $CAPB$ resulta

$$PA \cdot L + PB \cdot L = PC \cdot AB \implies PA + PB = \frac{PC \cdot AB}{L} \quad (*)$$

Por otro lado si H es el pie de la perpendicular de C a AB (punto medio de AB) se tiene que

$$\angle CAH = \angle CPD \implies \triangle CPD \sim \triangle CAH \implies \frac{2PD}{AB} = \frac{PC}{L}$$

Combinando esta última con $(*)$ se obtiene $PA + PB = 2PD$.



BlAcK_CaT

#17 Aug 8, 2010, 6:36 am

“ Pascual2005 wrote:

2. Sean a, b enteros positivos tales que $a|b^2, b^2|a^3, a^3|b^4 \dots$ y así sucesivamente. Pruebe que $a = b$.

Sea $c(n)$ la cantidad de divisores primos de n . Primero, es sencillo ver que $c(n^k) = c(n)$ para todo $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Como cada divisor primo de a divide a b^2 , entonces b^2 contiene todos los divisores primos de a . Esto implica que $c(a) \leq c(b^2) = c(b)$. Con el mismo argumento, obtenemos que $c(a) = c(a^3) \geq c(b^2) = c(b)$ y por ende $c(a) = c(b)$. Es más, a, b tienen los mismos divisores primos.

Escribamos $a = \prod_{k=1}^r p_k^{\alpha_k}$ y $b = \prod_{k=1}^r p_k^{\beta_k}$ donde $p_i < p_j$ siempre que $i < j$ y cada α_k, β_k es un natural. Para cada n natural, tenemos que $a^{2n-1}|b^{2n}$, esto implica que $(1 - \frac{1}{2n})\alpha_k \leq \beta_k$. Si $n \rightarrow \infty$, tenemos que $1 - \frac{1}{2n} \rightarrow 1$ y por ende $\alpha_k \leq \beta_k$

para todo $1 \leq k \leq r$. Por otra parte, como $b^{2n} | a^{2n+1}$, tenemos que $(1 + \frac{1}{2n})\alpha_k \geq \beta_k$. Esta vez, si $n \rightarrow \infty$, tenemos que $1 + \frac{1}{2n} \rightarrow 1$ y esto significa que $\alpha_k \geq \beta_k$. Por lo tanto $\alpha_k = \beta_k$ para cada $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, r\}$, de donde se deduce que $a = b$.

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Find angles of ABC if $\angle BDE = 24^\circ$ and $\angle CED = 18^\circ$



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Source: IMO Longlist 1992 problem JPN 2, also: The Special Mathematic High School in Belgrade



grobber

#1 Nov 22, 2003, 6:51 pm • 1

Let D and E be points on the sides CA and AB of a triangle ABC such that the lines BD and CE are the interior angle bisectors of the angles ABC and BCA , respectively. Given that $\angle BDE = 24^\circ$ and $\angle CED = 18^\circ$, determine the angles $\angle A, \angle B, \angle C$ of triangle ABC .



grobber

#2 Aug 23, 2004, 8:09 am

The answer is $A=96^\circ$ (this is easy to obtain right from the beginning, the harder thing is getting the values of B and C) and $B=60^\circ$, $C=24^\circ$ (I think). I'm still working on a solution.



Line

#3 Jan 14, 2007, 11:13 pm

does anybody have a solution?

(with an image for better understanding)



Altheman

#4 Jan 15, 2007, 1:49 am

i get the nasty trig system:

$$\begin{aligned} (\sin 18 + \frac{C}{2})(\sin 96 + \sin B) &= (\sin 24 + \frac{B}{2})(\sin 96 + \sin C) \\ B + C &= 84 \end{aligned}$$

it is pretty clear that the solution $(B,C)=(60,24)$, all that remains to prove is that there is only one solution, and this should not be so bad...



Line

#5 Jan 15, 2007, 1:50 am

ohhh man!!!, very nasty, but thanks anyway!!!

anyone has a solution without trig.?



yetti

#6 Jan 15, 2007, 5:54 pm • 1

Altheman wrote:

...it is pretty clear that the solution $(B,C)=(60,24)$, ...

That's because you did not try.

$\angle A$

$$\frac{1}{2} + 90^\circ = \angle BIC = 180^\circ - (\angle BDE + \angle CED) = 138^\circ$$

Then $\angle A = 96^\circ$, $\angle B + \angle C = 84^\circ$, $\angle B$, $\angle C$ are both acute. By the sine theorem for the $\triangle BDE$, $\triangle CED$,

$$\frac{\sin \frac{B}{2}}{\sin 24^\circ} = \frac{DE}{BE}, \quad \frac{\sin \frac{C}{2}}{\sin 18^\circ} = \frac{DE}{CD},$$

$$\frac{\sin \frac{B}{2} \cdot \sin 18^\circ}{\sin \frac{C}{2} \cdot \sin 24^\circ} = \frac{CD}{BE} = \frac{ab}{c+a} \cdot \frac{a+b}{ca} = \frac{\sin B}{\sin C} \cdot \frac{\sin 96^\circ + \sin B}{\sin 96^\circ + \sin C}$$

$$\frac{\cos \frac{C}{2} \sin 18^\circ}{\cos \frac{B}{2} \sin 24^\circ} = \frac{\sin(48^\circ + \frac{B}{2}) \cos(48^\circ - \frac{B}{2})}{\sin(48^\circ + \frac{C}{2}) \cos(48^\circ - \frac{C}{2})} = \frac{\cos(42^\circ - \frac{B}{2}) \cos(48^\circ - \frac{B}{2})}{\cos(42^\circ - \frac{C}{2}) \cos(48^\circ - \frac{C}{2})}$$

$$\text{Using } \frac{\angle B}{2} = 42^\circ - \frac{C}{2},$$

$$\frac{\sin 18^\circ}{\sin 24^\circ} = \frac{\cos(48^\circ - \frac{B}{2})}{\cos(48^\circ - \frac{C}{2})} = \frac{\cos(\frac{C}{2} + 6^\circ)}{\cos(\frac{C}{2} - 48^\circ)}$$

$$\sin\left(\frac{C}{2} - 30^\circ\right) + \sin\left(66^\circ - \frac{C}{2}\right) = \sin\left(\frac{C}{2} + 30^\circ\right) + \sin\left(18^\circ - \frac{C}{2}\right)$$

$$\cos\frac{C}{2} = 2 \sin 30^\circ \cos\frac{C}{2} = 2 \cos\left(42^\circ - \frac{C}{2}\right) \sin 24^\circ = 2 \sin 24^\circ \sin\left(\frac{C}{2} + 48^\circ\right) =$$

$$= 2 \sin 24^\circ \left(\sin\frac{C}{2} \cos 48^\circ + \cos\frac{C}{2} \sin 48^\circ \right) =$$

$$= (\sin 72^\circ - \sin 24^\circ) \sin\frac{C}{2} - (\cos 72^\circ - \cos 24^\circ) \cos\frac{C}{2}$$

$$\tan\frac{C}{2} = \frac{1 + \cos 72^\circ - \cos 24^\circ}{\sin 72^\circ - \sin 24^\circ} = \frac{1 - \cos 72^\circ}{\sin 72^\circ} = \tan 36^\circ$$

because

$$\frac{1 + \cos 72^\circ - \cos 24^\circ}{\sin 72^\circ - \sin 24^\circ} = \frac{1 - \cos 72^\circ}{\sin 72^\circ} \iff$$

$$2 \sin 72^\circ \cos 72^\circ = \sin 72^\circ \cos 24^\circ + \sin 24^\circ \cos 72^\circ - \sin 24^\circ \iff$$

$$\sin 144^\circ = \sin 96^\circ - \sin 24^\circ = 2 \cos 60^\circ \sin 36^\circ = \sin 36^\circ$$

As a result, $C = 72^\circ$, $B = 12^\circ$.

Check: Let DE meet BC at F. By Menelaus theorem,

$$\frac{DC}{DA} \cdot \frac{EA}{EB} \cdot \frac{FB}{FC} = \frac{a}{c} \cdot \frac{b}{a} \cdot \frac{FC + a}{FC} = 1, \quad FC = \frac{ab}{c-b}$$

$$CE = \frac{\sqrt{ab[(a+b)^2 - c^2]}}{a+b} = \frac{\sqrt{2a^2b^2(1 + \cos C)}}{a+b} = \frac{2ab \cos \frac{C}{2}}{a+b}$$

$$\frac{CE}{FC} = \frac{2ab \cos \frac{C}{2}}{a+b} \cdot \frac{c-b}{ab} = 2 \cos \frac{C}{2} \cdot \frac{\sin C - \sin B}{\sin A + \sin B} =$$

$$= 2 \cos \frac{C}{2} \cdot \frac{\cos \frac{C+B}{2} \sin \frac{C-B}{2}}{\sin \frac{A+B}{2} \cos \frac{A-B}{2}} = \frac{2 \sin \frac{C-B}{2} \cos \frac{C+B}{2}}{\cos \frac{A-B}{2}}$$

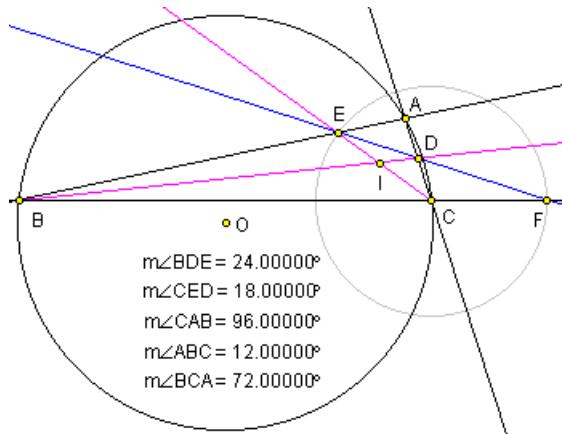
Assuming $\angle C = 72^\circ$, $\angle B = 12^\circ$,

$$\frac{CE}{FC} = \frac{2 \sin 30^\circ \cos 42^\circ}{\cos 42^\circ} = 1$$

The triangle $\triangle CEF$ is then isosceles, $2\angle CED = \angle CEF + \angle CFE = \angle BCE = \frac{\angle C}{2}$, and $\angle CED = \frac{\angle C}{4} = 18^\circ$.

The other given angle is then $\angle BDE = \angle DBF + \angle FBD = \frac{\angle B}{2} + \angle CED = 24^\circ$.

Attachments:



Luis González

#7 Aug 15, 2009, 10:48 am • 2

$I \equiv BD \cap CE$ is the incenter of $\triangle ABC$.

$$\angle BAC = 2(\angle EID - 90^\circ) = 2(180^\circ - 24^\circ - 18^\circ - 90^\circ) \implies \angle BAC = 96^\circ$$

Let P, Q be the intersections of the internal bisector of $\angle BAI$ with DE, DB . Then

$$\angle BAQ = \angle QAI = \angle EDI = 24^\circ \implies \text{quadrilaterals } AEQD, APID \text{ are cyclic}$$

$$\implies \angle DEQ = \angle DAQ = 72^\circ, \angle QIP = \angle DAQ = 72^\circ$$

$$\angle QEI = \angle DEQ - \angle DEI = 72^\circ - 18^\circ = 54^\circ, \angle EIP = \angle QIP - 42^\circ = 30^\circ$$

If R is the reflection of P about EI , we have $\angle PEI = \angle REI = 18^\circ$. Since $\angle EIP = 30^\circ$, then $\triangle PRI$ is equilateral
 $\implies \angle PRI = \angle RPI = 60^\circ$

On the other hand, $\angle ESI = \angle EQI + \angle QES = 84^\circ + 36^\circ = 120^\circ$, which implies that $PRSI$ is cyclic $\implies \angle RPS = \angle RIS = 42^\circ - 30^\circ = 12^\circ \implies \angle EPS = 84^\circ$. This means that $\triangle QES \cong \triangle PES \implies EP = EQ \implies \triangle EPQ$ is isosceles with base $PQ \implies \angle EQP = 90^\circ - 36^\circ = 54^\circ$

Since $EQIA$ is cyclic, we have $\angle AIE = \angle EQP = 54^\circ$

$$\implies \angle AIB = 42^\circ + 30^\circ + 54^\circ = 126^\circ$$

$$\angle ACB = 2(\angle AIB - 90^\circ) = 252^\circ - 180^\circ = 72^\circ \implies \angle ABC = 12^\circ.$$



biomathematics

#8 Feb 28, 2015, 9:25 pm

@Luis, $EQIA$ is not cyclic.

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collinear-shargin 

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stvs_f

#1 Aug 14, 2009, 11:41 am

let ABC be a triangle such that M_a, M_b, M_c are midpoints of BC, AC and AB.
 A_1, A_2 are 2points on BC that $A_1M_a = A_2M_a$
 same as $(A_1, A_2), (B_1, B_2)$ are on AC and (C_1, C_2) are on AB.
 if G, G_1, G_2 , be centroid of ABC, $A_1B_1C_1, A_2B_2C_2$: prove that:
 G, G_1, G_2 are collinear and $S_{A_1B_1C_1} = S_{A_2B_2C_2}$



livetolove212

#2 Aug 14, 2009, 1:01 pm

We have $3\vec{G}_2G = \sum \vec{G}_2A, 3\vec{G}_1G = \sum \vec{G}_1A$
 $\vec{G}_2A_2 = \frac{\vec{BA}_2}{BC} \cdot \vec{G}_2C + \frac{\vec{CA}_2}{BC} \cdot \vec{G}_2B$
 Similarly we get $\vec{0} = \sum \vec{G}_2A_2 = \sum (\frac{\vec{BA}_2}{BC} + \frac{\vec{AB}_2}{AC})\vec{G}_2C$
 $\sum (\frac{\vec{BA}_1}{BC} + \frac{\vec{AB}_1}{AC})\vec{G}_1C = \vec{0}$
 $\Leftrightarrow \vec{G}_1G_2 \cdot \sum (\frac{\vec{BA}_1}{BC} + \frac{\vec{CA}_1}{BC}) + \sum (\frac{\vec{BA}_1}{BC} + \frac{\vec{AB}_1}{AC})\vec{G}_2C = \vec{0}$
 $\Leftrightarrow 3\vec{G}_1G_2 + (2 - \frac{\vec{BA}_2}{BC} - \frac{\vec{AB}_2}{AC})\vec{G}_2C = \vec{0}$
 $\Leftrightarrow 3\vec{G}_1G_2 + 2\sum \vec{G}_2C = \vec{0}$
 Or $3\vec{G}_1G_2 = -6\vec{G}_2G$ therefore G, G_1, G_2 are collinear. Moreover, G is the midpoint of G_1G_2
 Let $\frac{\vec{AB}_2}{AC} = x, \frac{\vec{CA}_2}{BC} = y, \frac{\vec{BC}_2}{AB} = z$.
 We can easily calculate $S_{A_2B_2C_2} = (1 - x - y - z + xy + yz + zx)S_{ABC}$
 Note that $\frac{\vec{CB}_1}{AC} = x, \frac{\vec{BA}_1}{BC} = y, \frac{\vec{AC}_1}{AB} = z$
 Similarly we get $S_{A_1B_1C_1} = S_{A_2B_2C_2}$



Luis González

#3 Aug 14, 2009, 9:54 pm

Let $\delta(P)$ denote the oriented distance from point P to the line G_1G_2 . We know that G lies on $G_1G_2 \iff$ Sum of the oriented distances from A, B, C to G_1G_2 equals zero.

$$\delta(A_1) - \delta(B_1) - \delta(C_1) = 0, \quad \delta(A_2) + \delta(C_2) - \delta(B_2) = 0$$

$$\delta(A_1) + \delta(A_2) = \delta(B_1) + \delta(B_2) + \delta(C_1) - \delta(C_2).$$

On the other hand, we have

$$\delta(B_1) + \delta(B_2) = \delta(A) - \delta(C)$$

$$\delta(C_1) - \delta(C_2) = \delta(A) - \delta(B)$$

$$\delta(A_1) + \delta(A_2) = \delta(B) + \delta(C)$$

$$\implies \delta(B) + \delta(C) = \delta(A) - \delta(B) - \delta(C) + \delta(A)$$

$$\implies \delta(B) + \delta(C) - \delta(A) = 0 \implies G \in G_1G_2$$

$$\overrightarrow{v_1v_2} + \overrightarrow{v_2v_3} = \overrightarrow{v_1v_3} \Rightarrow v_1v_3 \perp v_1v_2.$$

Further, G_1, G_2, G are collinear such that G is the midpoint of $\overline{G_1G_2}$.

Areal coordinates of A_1, B_1, C_1 WRT $\triangle ABC$ are given by

$$A_1 (0 : v_1 : w_1), B_1 (u_2 : 0 : w_2), C_1 (u_3 : v_3 : 0)$$

$$\frac{|\triangle A_1B_1C_1|}{|\triangle ABC|} = u_2v_3w_1 + u_3v_1w_2 = \frac{AC_1 \cdot BA_1 \cdot CB_1 + AB_1 \cdot CA_1 \cdot BC_1}{BC \cdot CA \cdot AB}$$

Note that the latter ratio remains invariant after switching the areal coordinates of A_1, B_1, C_1 with the areal coordinates of A_2, B_2, C_2 . Thus, $|\triangle A_1B_1C_1| = |\triangle A_2B_2C_2|$.

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[Reply](#)**xxxxtt**

#1 Aug 14, 2009, 2:37 pm

We have two secant circles whics intersect in points A and B.
A variable line passing through the point A cuts the circles in points M and N.
Find the geometric locus of the midpoint of the segment MN!

**Luis González**

#2 Aug 14, 2009, 2:48 pm

(O_1, r_1) and (O_2, r_2) are the given circles. Let L be the midpoint of MN . Powers of L to $(O_1), (O_2)$ are given by:

$$LO_1^2 - r_1^2 = \frac{1}{2}MN \cdot AL, \quad r_2^2 - LO_2^2 = \frac{1}{2}MN \cdot AL$$

$$\Rightarrow LO_1^2 + LO_2^2 = r_1^2 + r_2^2 = \text{const}$$

Locus of L is a circle centered at the midpoint of O_1O_2 and coaxal with $(O_1), (O_2)$.

**DangChienbn**

#3 Aug 14, 2009, 2:52 pm

xxxxtt wrote:

We have two secant circles whics intersect in points A and B.
A variable line passing through the point A cuts the circles in points M and N.
Find the geometric locus of the midpoint of the segment MN!

Oh, we set AO_1 intersects (O_1) at P and AO_2 intersects (O_2) at Q

Denote H is the midpoint of PQ and the geometric locus of midpoint of the segment MN is the circumcircle of triangle ABH

**Luis González**

#4 Aug 14, 2009, 3:26 pm

DangChienbn wrote:

Oh, we set AO_1 intersects (O_1) at P and AO_2 intersects (O_2) at Q . Denote H is the midpoint of PQ and the geometric locus of midpoint of the segment MN is the circumcircle of triangle ABH

Sorry dear DangChienbn, you haven't offered any proof.

**livetolove212**

#5 Aug 14, 2009, 3:46 pm

luisgeometria wrote:

Sorry dear **DangChienbn** you haven't offered any proof

It's easy to see that IH is the midline parallel of trapezoid $PMNQ$ and note that $\angle PMA = 90^\circ$ then I lies on (AH)

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Orthocenter and concurrent lines X

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KDS

#1 Aug 14, 2009, 10:02 am

Let ABC be an acute triangle and the points A_1, B_1, C_1 are the feet of the altitudes from A, B, C respectively.

A circle passes through A_1, B_1 and touches the smaller arc AB of the circumcenter of $\triangle ABC$ in point C_2 .

Points A_2, B_2 are defined analogously.

Prove that A_1A_2, B_1B_2, C_1C_2 have a common point, which lies on the Euler line of $\triangle ABC$



Luis González

#2 Aug 14, 2009, 3:12 pm



Let \mathcal{T}_c be tangent of the circumcircle (O) at C_2 . \mathcal{T}_c is radical axis of $(K_c) \equiv \odot(A_1B_1C_2)$ and (O) , A_1B_1 is radical axis of (K_c) and $\odot(A_1B_1AB)$, AB is radical axis of (O) and $\odot(A_1B_1AB)$. Therefore \mathcal{T}_c, AB and A_1B_1 concur at the radical center P_c of $(O), (K_c), \odot(A_1B_1AB)$. Since cross ratio (P_c, C_1, A, B) is harmonic, it follows that C_2C_1 is the polar of P_c with respect to (O) . Mutatis mutandis, B_2B_1 and A_2A_1 are the polars of P_b and P_a . Since P_a, P_b, P_c are collinear on the orthic axis τ of $\triangle ABC$, then A_1A_2, B_1B_2, C_1C_2 concur at the pole of τ WRT (O) , which lies on the perpendicular to τ passing through O , i.e. the Euler line of $\triangle ABC$ and the proof is completed.

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Perpendicular segments 

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Source: solution without polars, if possible



sterghiu

#1 Aug 14, 2009, 12:01 am

Let I be the incenter of triangle ABC . Let K, L, M be the points of tangency of the incircle of ABC with BC, CA, AB , respectively. The line which passes through B and is parallel to MK meets line KL at the point S . Line IB meets line MK at R . Prove that $IS \perp RC$.

Babis



Luis González

#2 Aug 14, 2009, 5:03 am

Perhaps any other proof without using polars would be equivalent.

Let r denote the parallel line to MK from $B \implies R$ is the pole of r WRT (I) . Polar of S WRT (I) , which passes through the intersection C of the tangents of (I) at K, L , goes through the pole R of $r \implies RC \perp IS$ is therefore the polar of S WRT (I) and consequently $RC \perp IS$.

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#1 Aug 13, 2009, 10:27 am

In triangle ABC , $\angle ABC = 138^\circ$, and $\angle ACB = 24^\circ$. Point D is on AC so that $\angle BDC = 60^\circ$ and point E is on AB so that $\angle ADE = 60^\circ$. If $\angle DEC = x^\circ$, find x



Luis González

#2 Aug 13, 2009, 9:16 pm

By angle chase we obtain $\angle DBC = 96^\circ$, $\angle ABD = 42^\circ$. In $\triangle CBD$, the external bisectors of $\angle CBD$ and $\angle BDC$ form acute angles of 42° and 60° with the sideline $BD \Rightarrow BE$ and DE are identical with the external bisectors of $\angle CBD$ and $\angle BDC \Rightarrow E$ is the C-excenter of $\triangle CBD \Rightarrow CE$ is the internal bisector of $\angle BCA \Rightarrow \angle ECA = 12^\circ \Rightarrow \angle DEC = 180^\circ - 120^\circ - 12^\circ = 48^\circ$.

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Problema hermoso

[Reply](#)**Dave Vather**

#1 Jul 26, 2006, 5:06 am

Les paso este problema, trae 2 dificultades, pero en esencia es el mismo. No vean la versión fácil a menos que no les salga la versión difícil.

Versión difícil

Sea ABC un triángulo y P un punto en su interior. Se construye el punto M fuera del triángulo de manera que $\angle ABC = \angle CBM$ y que $\angle ACP = \angle BCM$. Supóngase que el área del triángulo ABC es la misma que del cuadrilátero PCMB. Demostrar que BMC es semejante a ACP.

Versión Fácil:

[Click to reveal hidden text](#)**Luis González**

#2 Aug 12, 2009, 11:46 pm

Como $\angle ABC = \angle CBM$, la simetría axial respecto a BC lleva M a un punto Q sobre AB tal que CQ es isogonal de CP respecto a $\angle C$, ya que $\angle ACP = \angle BCM = \angle QCB$. Entonces $[PCMB] = [ABC]$ implica:

$$[PBC] + [BQC] = [APB] + [APC] + [PBC]$$

$$[BQC] = [APB] + [APC] = [ABC] - [PBC] = [BQC] + [AQC] - [BPC]$$

$$[AQC] = [BPC] \implies AC \cdot QC \sin \angle ACQ = PC \cdot BC \sin \angle PCB$$

Pero como CP y CQ son rayos isogonales con respecto al ángulo C, entonces $\angle ACQ = \angle PCB$. Así

$$\frac{QC}{PC} = \frac{BC}{AC} \implies \triangle CMB \cong \triangle CQB \sim \triangle CPA.$$

**mathteam**

#3 Dec 16, 2009, 6:37 am

Mi solución es muy parecida sólo que uso la idea clave hacia afuera como se podrá observar en la figura adjunta:

Dado que $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle A'BC$, lo que hace que $[ABC] = [A'BC]$ luego $[BPCM] = [A'BC]$ por lo que $[BCP] = [MA'C]$ luego como ambos triángulos poseen un ángulo igual se usa la propiedad de áreas

$$\frac{[BCP]}{[MA'C]} = \frac{PC \times BC}{A'C \times MC} = \left(\frac{PC}{AC}\right) \times \left(\frac{BC}{MC}\right) = 1 \implies \triangle PCA \sim \triangle MCB$$

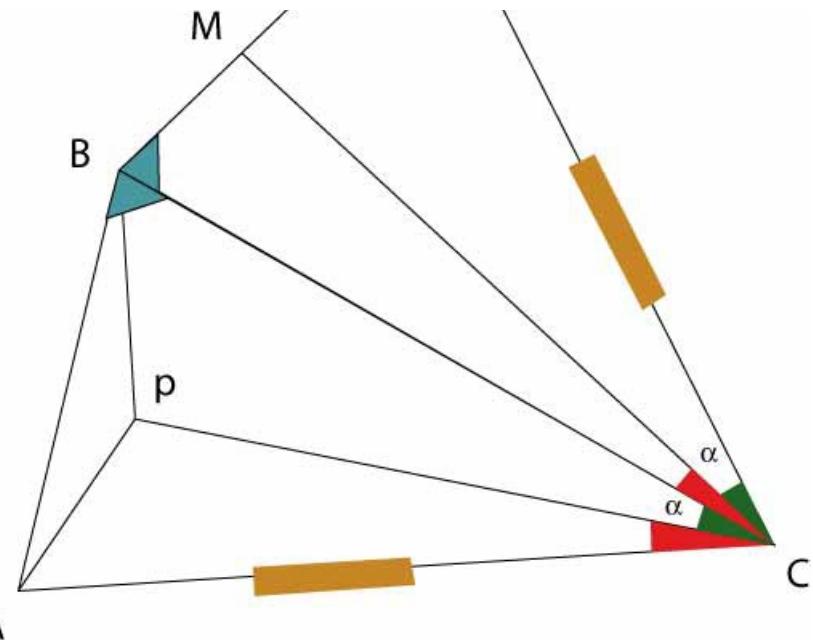
Nota:

La propiedad mencionada puede ser usada para áreas de triángulos con ángulos iguales o suplementarios, más aún este teorema se puede generalizar para volúmenes de pirámides cuyo ángulo sólido sea el mismo.

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This post has been edited 1 time. Last edited by mathteam Dec 16, 2009, 11:22 am



mathteam

#4 Dec 16, 2009, 11:20 am

Enunciado:

Sea ABC un triángulo y P un punto en su interior. La paralela a BC por P intersecta a AB en E y al circuncírculo de APC en D . Supóngase que el área del triángulo ABC es la misma que la suma de las áreas de AED y PBC . Demostrar que $\triangle EAD$ es semejante a $\triangle ACP$

Solución

Como $ED \parallel BC$ entonces $[BEC] = [BPC]$ y siendo que $[ABC] = [AED] + [PBC]$

Tenemos que $[BEC] + [AEQ] + [EQC] = [AEQ] + [QAD] + [BEC]$

por lo que: $[EQC] = [QAD]$

Así de esta forma $EA \parallel CD$ por tanto $\angle AED = \angle EDC$ y puesto que $APCD$ es concíclico concluimos que $\triangle EAD \sim \triangle ACP$

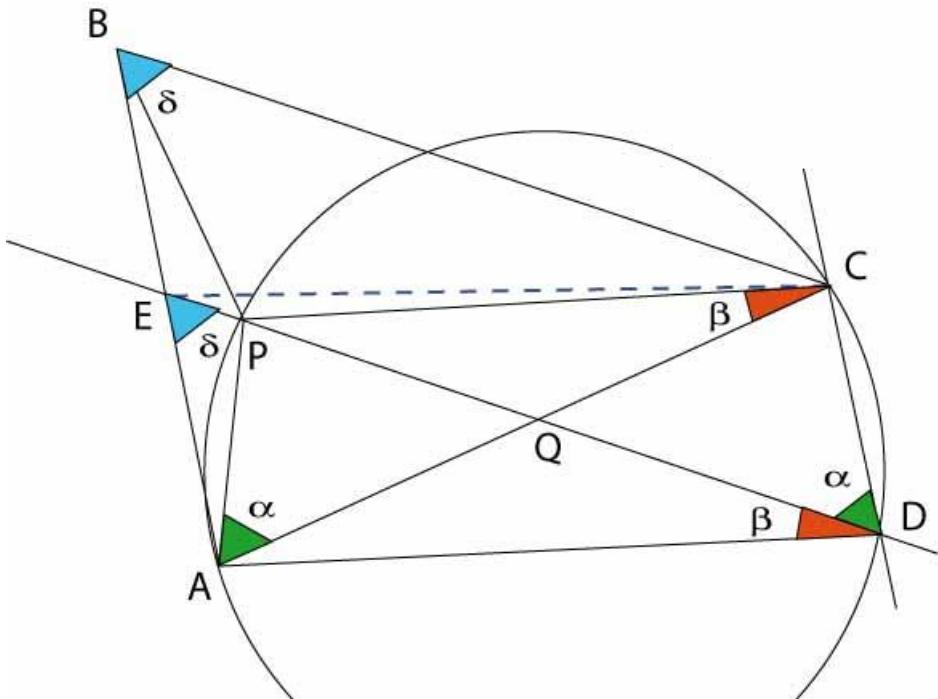
Nota:

A propio criterio personal me ha gustado más este ejercicio que el de la versión difícil, más aún me parece muy educativo.

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Reto #5 del 2006 **JOTAJOTARIM**

#1 Mar 4, 2006, 6:40 am

NIVEL BASICO**Problema 1** [Geometria]

P es un punto dentro de una esfera. Tres rayos mutuamente perpendiculares intersecan a la esfera en los puntos U , V y W . Q denota el vértice diagonalmente opuesto a P en el paralelepípedo determinado por PU , PV , PW . Encontrar los lugares de Q para todos los posibles conjuntos de tales rayos desde P . (IMO 1987)

Problema 2 [Teoría de Números]Dados $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. Mostrar que:

$$9|a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \Rightarrow 9|a^2 - b^2 \circ 9|b^2 - c^2 \circ 9|a^2 - c^2.$$

Problema 3 [Inecuaciones]

Si $a, b, c, d > 0$, entonces al menos una de las siguientes desigualdades es incorrecta:

$$a + b < c + d, \quad (a + b)(c + d) < ab + cd, \quad (a + b)cd < ab(c + d)$$

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Versión PDF y LaTeX del Reto #5 del 2006

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[Reto5.tex \(3kb\)](#)[Reto5.pdf \(46kb\)](#)**carlosbr**

#2 Mar 5, 2006, 7:40 am

Por cuestiones de tiempo ... delegue la tarea de la publicacion del reto #5 del 2006 a JOTAJOTARIM ...
(Juan Neyra)

Ahora tienen las preguntas listas en version pdf y tex, para una mejor descarga ..
esperamos sus soluciones ..

Carlos Bravo 

Lima - Peru

**Pascual2005**

#3 Mar 5, 2006, 9:45 pm

1.

El comite de seleccion de problemas de una olimpiada matematica prepara algunos formatos de la olimpiada. Cada formato tiene 4 problemas, escogidos de una lista de n problemas, y dos formatos distintos tienen maximo un problema en comun.

a) Si $n = 14$, determine el maximo numero de formatos que se pueden hacer.

b) Halle el minimo n tal que es posible hacer 10 variantes.

2.

Sean I_A e I_B los excentros de ABC opuestos a A y a B respectivamente. Sea P un punto en el circuncirculo de ABC . Pruebe que el punto medio del segmento cuyos extremos son los circuncentros de los triangulos I_ACP y I_BCP coincide con el circuncentro de ABC .

3.

Sean x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n reales positivos y t un real positivo tal que se tiene que:

$$\frac{1}{t+x_1} + \frac{1}{t+x_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{t+x_n} = \frac{1}{t}$$

Entonces se cumple que:

$$\sqrt[n]{x_1 x_2 x_3 \dots x_n} \geq (n-1)t$$



jasamper88

#4 Mar 22, 2006, 4:13 am

Que son las variantes en el problema 1??



M4RIO

#5 Mar 23, 2006, 4:04 am

jasamper88 wrote:

Que son las variantes en el problema 1??

Son los problemas que se escogen de la lista.



tipe

#6 Mar 23, 2006, 12:37 pm

Son los formatos de 4 problemas cada uno.

Tipe



Luis González

#7 Jul 25, 2009, 10:27 pm

JOTAJOTARIMwrote:

Problema 1: P es un punto en una superficie esférica. Tres rayos mutuamente perpendiculares intersecan a la esfera en los puntos U, V y W . Q denota el vértice diagonalmente opuesto a P en el paralelepípedo determinado por PU, PV , PW . Encontrar los lugares de Q para todos los posibles conjuntos de tales rayos desde P . (IMO 1987)

Sea O el centro de la esfera y M, N, L las proyecciones de O en las cuerdas PU, PV, PW . Es claro que M, N, L son puntos medios de PU, PV, PW . Aplicando teorema de Pitagoras en los triángulos rectángulos OMP, ONP y OLP con hipotenusa común $OP = r$ tenemos:

$$\frac{1}{4}PU^2 = r^2 - OM^2, \quad \frac{1}{4}PV^2 = r^2 - ON^2, \quad \frac{1}{4}PW^2 = r^2 - OL^2$$

$$PU^2 + PV^2 + PW^2 = PQ^2 = 12r^2 - 4(OM^2 + ON^2 + OL^2) = 4r^2$$

El lugar geométrico de Q es pues la superficie esférica de centro P y radio $2r$.



Luis González

#8 Aug 12, 2009, 7:11 am

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“ Pascual2005 wrote:

Sean I_A e I_B los excentros de ABC opuestos a A y a B , respectivamente. Sea P un punto en el circuncírculo de ABC . Pruebe que el punto medio del segmento cuyos extremos son los circuncentros de los triángulos I_ACP y I_BCP coincide con el circuncentro de ABC .

Sean (O_a) , (O_b) los circuncírculos de $\triangle I_aCP$, $\triangle I_bCP$ y I_c el tercer excentro de $\triangle ABC$. Como $\triangle ABC$ es el triángulo órtico de su triángulo excentral $\triangle I_aI_bI_c$, entonces el circuncírculo (O) de $\triangle ABC$ es el círculo de Feuerbach de $\triangle I_aI_bI_c$ $\implies (O)$ corta a I_bI_c en C y su punto medio C' . C' tiene igual potencia respecto a (O_a) y (O_b) ya que $CC' \cdot C'I_b = CC' \cdot C'I_a$, por ende C' ha de estar en una circunferencia coaxial con (O_a) y (O_b) cuyo centro es el punto medio de O_aO_b . Ésta circunferencia evidentemente es identica a (O) por pasar por C , C' y P .

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Fixed point



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II931110

#1 Aug 11, 2009, 9:39 am

Given a circle (O) and a line d which has not common points with (O) . Let M be a point on d . From M , we draw tangents MA and MB of (O) . Let H be the projection of O to d . Let P, Q be the projections of H to MA, MB .

Show that: PQ passes through a fixed point while M runs on d
(Sorry for my bad English)



shoki

#2 Aug 11, 2009, 12:15 pm

if PQ cuts OH at S then S is the fix point and we have
 $OS = ((OH)/(2)) + ((R^2)/(2*OH))$
 R is the radius of (O) .



Luis González

#3 Aug 11, 2009, 1:36 pm

Since $\angle MHO$ is right, then H lies on the circumcircle of $\triangle MAB \implies$ projection R of H onto AB is collinear with P, Q on the Simson line with pole H WRT $\triangle MAB$. AB goes through the fixed pole D of d WRT (O) , thus R moves on the circle with diameter DH . Let $V \equiv OH \cap PQ$. From the cyclic quadrilaterals $AMHO$ and $AQHR$, we get $\angle MOH = \angle MAH = \angle QRH$, which implies that $\angle VDR = \angle VRD \implies \triangle DVR$ is isosceles with apex $V \implies V$ is midpoint of DH .

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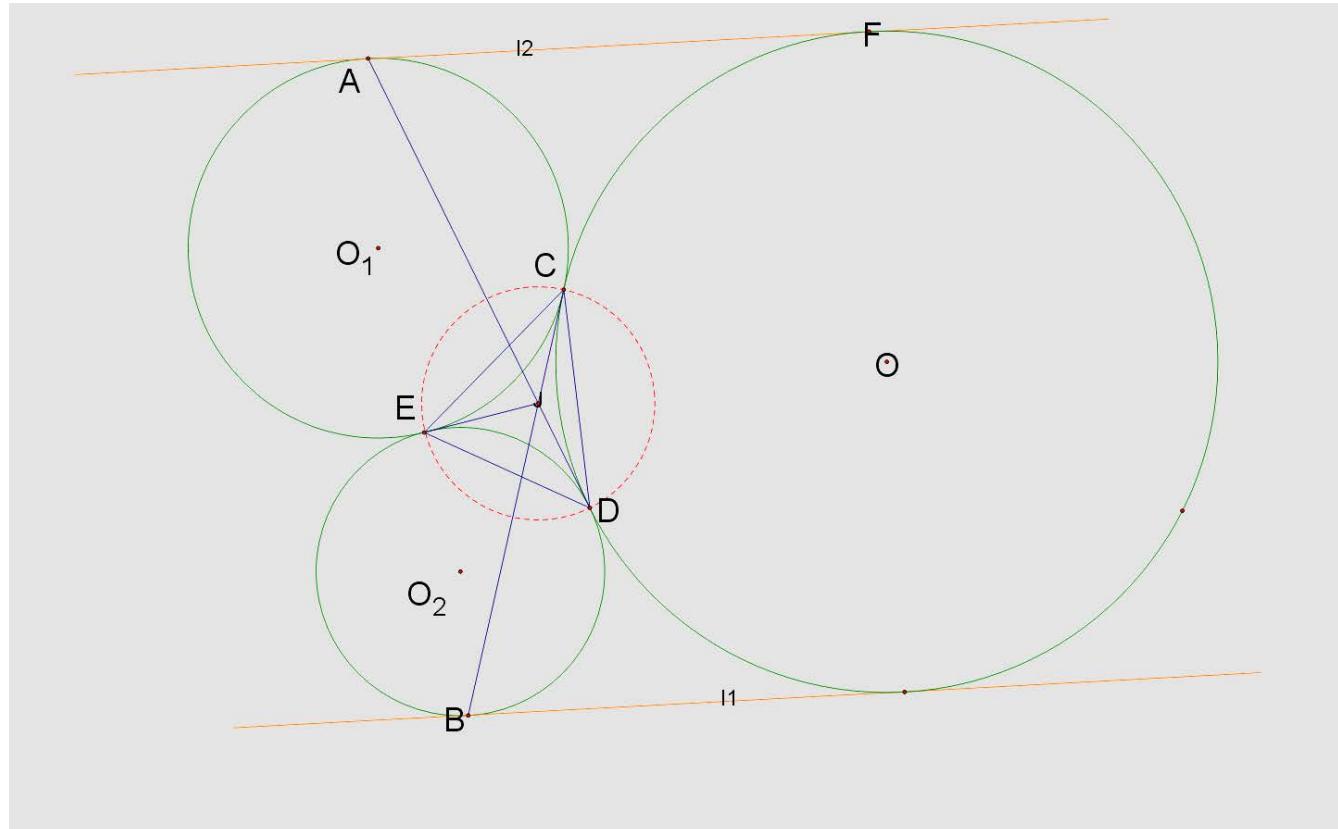
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**CCMath1**

#1 Aug 11, 2009, 12:59 am

$\square O_1$ is tangent to $\square l_2$ and $\square O_2 \square O \square O_2$ is tangent to $\square O_1 \square O$ and $\square l_1 \square O$ is tangent to $\square O_1 \square O_2$ and $\square l_1 \square l_2 \square BC \square DA$ meet at J . Prove that J is circumcentre of $\triangle ECD$.

Attachments:

**Luis González**

#2 Aug 11, 2009, 5:29 am

Inversion with center A and power equal to the power of A WRT (O) takes (O) into itself and (O_1) and l_1 into each other \implies Circle (O_2) is double, which means that AD is the radical axis of (O) , (O_2) . By similar reasoning, considering the inversion with center B and power equal to the power of B WRT (O) , we prove that CB is the radical axis of (O) , (O_1) . Then J is the radical center of (O) , (O_1) , (O_2) \implies Tangents to (O) at C , D and the common internal tangent of (O_1) , (O_2) concur at J $\implies J$ is equidistant from C , D , E .

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Geometric inequality with h, r, R X

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Source: Kürschák Competition 1978/3



Moonmathpi496

#1 Aug 10, 2009, 7:29 pm

A triangle has inradius r and circumradius R . Its longest altitude has length H . Show that if the triangle does not have an obtuse angle, then $H \geq r + R$. When does equality hold?



Luis González

#2 Aug 11, 2009, 12:16 am

Lemma. $\triangle ABC$ is acute with altitudes h_a, h_b, h_c , such that $h_a \geq h_b \geq h_c$. Let P be a point on \overline{BC} and X, Y the feet of the perpendiculars from P to AB, AC . Then

$$h_b \geq PX + PY \geq h_c$$



Proof. Let M and N be the projections of P onto the altitudes $h_b \equiv BH_b$ and $h_c \equiv CH_c$. Hence, $\angle XPB = 90^\circ - \angle B$ and $\angle H_b BC = 90^\circ - \angle C$. Since $\angle C \geq \angle B$, due to $AB \geq AC \implies \angle XPB \geq \angle H_b BC$.

Let $\triangle PM'B$ be the reflection of $\triangle PMB$ about the perpendicular bisector of PB . M' lies on the semicircle with diameter PB and PM' is an internal ray of $\angle XPB$, due to $\angle XPB \geq \angle H_b BC \geq \angle M'PB$. Then chord PM' is greater than the chord PX , i.e. $PM' = MB \geq PX$. Since $H_b MPY$ is a rectangle, we have then

$$MB + PY \geq PX + PY, \quad PY = MH_b \implies MB + MH_b = h_b \geq PX + PY.$$

Similarly, we get $PX + PY \geq h_c \implies h_b \geq PX + PY \geq h_c$.

Let O be the circumcenter of $\triangle ABC$. WLOG assume $h_a \geq h_b \geq h_c$. Let the parallel to BC through O intersects AB, AC at B', C' and the altitude h_a at D . Let M_a, M_b, M_c be the projections of O on BC, AB, AC . Since $\triangle AB'C' \sim \triangle ABC$, we use the above lemma for $\triangle AB'C'$ with shortest altitude AD . Thus

$$AD \geq OM_a + OM_b \implies AD + OM_a = h_a \geq OM_a + OM_b + OM_c.$$

By Carnot theorem for the acute triangle $\triangle ABC$, we get then

$$h_a \geq OM_a + OM_b + OM_c = R + r. \text{ Equality holds when } \triangle ABC \text{ is equilateral.}$$



Rijul saini

#3 Jun 6, 2010, 9:40 pm

» Moonmathpi496 wrote:

A triangle has inradius r and circumradius R . Its longest altitude has length H . Show that if the triangle does not have an obtuse angle, then $H \geq r + R$. When does equality hold?

It is equivalent to [INMO 2008 Problem 5](#)

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CGI is right iff $GM \parallel AB$ 

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Source: I.F.Sharygin 2009 - Final round - Problem 10.6



April

#1 Aug 3, 2009, 9:55 am

Let M, I be the centroid and the incenter of triangle ABC , A_1 and B_1 be the touching points of the incircle with sides BC and AC , G be the common point of lines AA_1 and BB_1 . Prove that angle CGI is right if and only if $GM \parallel AB$.

Author: A.Zaslavsky



yetti

#2 Aug 10, 2009, 8:24 am

Let CG cut A_1B_1 at D and AB at C_1 . G is Gergonne point $\implies C_1$ is tangency point of the incircle (I) with AB . Let (I) cut CG again at J . From quadrilateral CA_1GB_1 , the cross ratio $(C, G, D, C_1) = \frac{\overline{CC_1}}{\overline{CD}} \cdot \frac{\overline{GD}}{\overline{GC_1}} = -1$ is harmonic. A_1B_1 is polar of C WRT (I) \implies the cross ratio $(C, D, J, C_1) = \frac{\overline{CC_1}}{\overline{CJ}} \cdot \frac{\overline{DJ}}{\overline{DC_1}} = -1$ is also harmonic.

\implies : Assume $GM \parallel AB$. From the harmonic cross ratio $(C, G, D, C_1) = -1$ and $\frac{\overline{GC}}{\overline{GC_1}} = -2 \implies D$ is midpoint of CC_1 and $\frac{\overline{DC_1}}{\overline{GD}} = -2$. On the other hand, from $\frac{\overline{CJ}}{\overline{DJ}} = -\frac{\overline{CC_1}}{\overline{DC_1}} = -2 \implies D$ is also midpoint of GJ . It follows that G is midpoint of JC_1 , which means that the angle $\angle CGI = \angle JGI$ is right.

\Leftarrow : Assume $\angle CGI$ is right $\implies G$ is midpoint of JC_1 . From the harmonic cross ratio $(C, D, J, C_1) = -1$, we then have $\frac{\overline{CC_1}}{\overline{DC_1}} = \frac{\overline{GJ}}{\overline{GD}} = -\frac{\overline{GC_1}}{\overline{GD}}$. Comparing this with the harmonic cross ratio $(C, G, D, C_1) = -1$, we get $\overline{DC_1} = \overline{CD}$, which means that D is midpoint of CC_1 . From the harmonic cross ratio $(C, G, D, C_1) = -1$ then follows that $\frac{\overline{GC}}{\overline{GC_1}} = -2$ or $GM \parallel AB$.



Luis González

#3 Aug 10, 2009, 10:02 pm

Since A_1, B_1 lie on the circle with diameter \overline{IC} , the statement is equivalent to prove that Gergonne point G lies on the circle (J) with diameter $\overline{IC} \iff MG \parallel AB$. Let C_1 denote the tangency point of (I) with AB . Assume that G lies on (J). AB is the polar of intersection $P \equiv IC \cap A_1B_1$ WRT (J), thus $JP \perp AB \implies JP \parallel IC_1$. Since J is midpoint of \overline{IC} , then P is midpoint of $\overline{CC_1}$. From the harmonic division $(C, G, P, C_1) = -1$, we get $CG = 2GC_1 \implies MG \parallel AB$.

The opposite statement is immediately true, this is: If $MG \parallel AB$, from the harmonic division $(C, G, P, C_1) = -1$, P is midpoint of $\overline{CC_1} \implies JP \perp AB$. Since P is the pole of AB WRT (J), it follows that $G \in (J)$.



Virgil Nicula

#4 Aug 11, 2009, 6:56 am

Caution ! I'll use another notations.

 Quote:

Let ABC be a triangle with the centroid G and the incircle $C(I, r)$ which touches given triangle in $D \in (BC)$, $E \in (CA)$

$F \in (AB)$. Denote the **Gergonne's point** $\Gamma \in AD \cap BE \cap CF$. Prove that $\boxed{G\Gamma \parallel BC \iff \Gamma I \perp AD}$.

Proof (metric). Denote $\left\| \begin{array}{l} 2p = a + b + c \\ p - a = x > 0 \\ p - b = y > 0 \\ p - c = z > 0 \end{array} \right\|$. From $IA^2 - ID^2 = IA^2 - IE^2 = AE^2 = (p - a)^2$ obtain
 $\boxed{IA^2 - ID^2 = x^2} \quad (1)$.

Aubel's relation: $\frac{\Gamma A}{\Gamma D} = \frac{FA}{FB} + \frac{EA}{EC} = \frac{p - a}{p - b} + \frac{p - a}{p - c} = \frac{x}{y} + \frac{x}{z} = \frac{x(y + z)}{yz}$, i.e.
 $\boxed{\frac{\Gamma A}{x(y + z)} = \frac{\Gamma D}{yz} = \frac{AD}{x(y + z) + yz}} \quad (2)$.

Stewart's relation: $AD^2 \cdot (y + z) + yz(y + z) = z(x + y)^2 + y(x + z)^2$, i.e.
 $\boxed{AD^2(y + z) = x^2(y + z) + 4xyz} \quad (3)$.

Therefore, $\Gamma A^2 - \Gamma D^2 \stackrel{(2)}{=} \frac{x^2(y + z)^2 - y^2z^2}{[x(y + z) + yz]^2} \cdot AD^2 \stackrel{(3)}{\iff}$
 $\boxed{\Gamma A^2 - \Gamma D^2 = \frac{x(y + z) - yz}{x(y + z) + yz} \cdot \frac{x^2(y + z) + 4xyz}{y + z}} \quad (4)$.

► $\boxed{G\Gamma \parallel BC \iff \Gamma A = 2 \cdot \Gamma D \stackrel{(2)}{\iff} x(y + z) = 2yz}$, i.e. $\boxed{G\Gamma \parallel BC \iff x(y + z) = 2yz} \quad (5)$.

► $\Gamma I \perp AD \iff \Gamma A^2 - \Gamma D^2 = IA^2 - ID^2 \stackrel{(1) \wedge (4)}{=} \frac{x(y + z) - yz}{x(y + z) + yz} \cdot \frac{x^2(y + z) + 4xyz}{y + z} = x^2 \iff$
 $\frac{x(y + z) - yz}{x(y + z) + yz} = \frac{x^2(y + z)}{x^2(y + z) + 4xyz} \iff \frac{x(y + z)}{yz} = \frac{2x^2(y + z) + 4xyz}{4xyz}$, i.e.
 $\boxed{\Gamma I \perp AD \iff x(y + z) = 2yz} \quad (6)$.

From (5) \wedge (6) obtain the chain of equivalencies $\boxed{G\Gamma \parallel BC \iff a(p - a) = 2(p - b)(p - c) \iff \Gamma I \perp AD}$.

Remark. Exists a triangle ABC for which $G\Gamma \parallel BC$, i.e. $a(p - a) = 2(p - b)(p - c)$?! The answer is **YES**. Indeed, show easily

that $a(p - a) = 2(p - b)(p - c) \iff f(a) \equiv 2a^2 - (b + c)a - (b - c)^2 = 0$. Observe that $a > 0$ and $\frac{b + c}{4} \leq a$.

Suppose

w.l.o.g. $b < c$. Thus $f(b) = c(b - c) < 0$
 $f(c) = b(c - b) > 0 \implies \max\{c - b, b\} < a < c$ and $A < 90^\circ$, i.e.
 $f(c - b) = -2b(c - b) < 0$
 $\boxed{b < a < c < a + b}$.

If $b = c$, then $f(a) = 0 \iff 2a^2 - 2ab = 0$, i.e. $a = b = c$ and in this case $G \equiv I \equiv \Gamma$.

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A configuration with several properties X

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Luis González

#1 Aug 10, 2009, 4:59 am

$\triangle ABC$ is an equilateral triangle, M is the midpoint of BC and let P be a point on the circumference with center M and radius MA . Show the following propositions:

- B, C , the centroid and orthocenter of $\triangle PBC$ are concyclic on a circle \mathcal{K} .
- Envelope of the Euler line of $\triangle PBC$ while P varies on (M, MA) is a circle.



yetti

#2 Aug 10, 2009, 1:46 pm

Let O, H, G be circumcenter, orthocenter and centroid of $\triangle PBC$. Let PG cut (O) again at Q .

$$\frac{3}{4}BC^2 = MA^2 = MP^2 = \frac{1}{4}(2CP^2 + 2PB^2 - BC^2) \implies CP^2 + PB^2 = 2BC^2.$$

By Steiner theorem, moment of inertia of P, B, C WRT O is

$$3R^2 = OP^2 + OB^2 + OC^2 = GP^2 + GB^2 + GC^2 + 3GO^2 =$$

$$\frac{1}{3}(BC^2 + CP^2 + PB^2) + 3GO^2 = BC^2 + 3GO^2.$$

Power of G to (O) is then $\overline{GP} \cdot \overline{GQ} = R^2 - GO^2 = -\frac{1}{3}BC^2 = -GP^2 \implies$

$\overline{GQ} = -\overline{GP}$, G is midpoint of $PQ \implies OG \perp MG$, where $MG = \frac{1}{3}MP = \frac{1}{3}MA = \text{const} \implies OG$ is tangent to circle with center M and radius MG .

G is midpoint of $PQ \implies M$ is midpoint of $GQ \implies B, C, H, G$ are all on reflection of (O) in BC .



Luis González

#3 Aug 10, 2009, 7:52 pm

Thanks for your solution Vladimir, your proof is quite shorter than mine. I proved [here](#) an equivalent statement, which is: If B, C, H, G are concyclic, then locus of P is the circumference with center M and radius MA . The perpendicularity of the Euler line of $\triangle PBC$ and PG also follows easily from the latter result.

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mhuarancca

#1 Sep 4, 2006, 7:20 am

bueno un problema en el cual quiero ver varias soluciones

Dos circunferencias secantes C_1 y C_2 de radios r_1 y r_2 se cortan en los puntos A y B por B se traza una recta variable que corta de nuevo a C_1 y C_2 en dos puntos que llamaremos P_r y Q_r , respectivamente.

Demuestre la siguiente propiedad : Existe un punto M (sugerencia : que depende solo de C_1 y C_2), tal que la mediatrix del segmento P_rQ_r pasa por M .



conejita

#2 Sep 4, 2006, 7:18 pm

Oye, yo tengouna solucion de ese ejercicio, fue una tarea que nos marcaron aki en Mexico. No tengo tiempo aora para poner toda la solucion. Apenas tenga tiempo yo lo pongo!! 😊



Luis González

#3 Aug 10, 2009, 12:33 am

Proposición: Sean C_1 y C_2 dos circunferencias secantes en A, B cuyos centros son O_1, O_2 . Una recta variable que pasa por A corta a C_1 y C_2 respectivamente en P, Q . Demostrar la mediatrix de PQ pasa por un punto fijo M .

Sea N el punto medio de PQ . Las potencias de N respecto a C_1 y C_2 son respectivamente $NA \cdot NP = \frac{1}{2}AN \cdot PQ$ y $NA \cdot NQ = \frac{1}{2}AN \cdot PQ$. Es decir que N tiene igual potencia respecto a ambas. En otras palabras el lugar geométrico de M es una circunferencia K coaxial con C_1 y C_2 cuyo centro es el punto medio de O_1O_2 . La perpendicular a PQ por N (mediatrix de PQ) cortará pues a K en el antipodal M de A en ella, obviamente fijo.

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Parabolas  Reply**happyme**

#1 Aug 7, 2009, 9:15 am

Let F and V denote the focus and vertex, respectively, of the parabola $x^2 = 4py$. If PQ is a focal chord of the parabola, show that:

$$PF \cdot FQ = VF \cdot PQ$$

**Luis González**

#2 Aug 9, 2009, 11:35 pm

Let T be the intersection of the focal axis FV with the directrix τ and let M, N be the projections of P, Q onto τ . In the right trapezoid $PQNM$, we have:

$$FT = \frac{PM \cdot FQ + QN \cdot FP}{PQ}.$$

But since $FT = 2 \cdot VF$ and $PM = FP$, $QN = FQ$, it follows that

$$2 \cdot VF = \frac{PF \cdot FQ + PF \cdot FQ}{PQ} \implies PF \cdot FQ = VF \cdot PQ.$$

**mathwizarddude**

#3 Aug 10, 2009, 4:10 am

Since the parabola is of the form $x^2 = 4py$, the focus F is at $(0, p)$, vertex $V(0, 0)$, directrix eqn is $y = -p$. Then P, Q should be $(-2p, p), (2p, p)$ since PQ is the focal chord (parallel to the directrix and passing through the focus), and $PF \cdot FQ = 2p \cdot 2p = 4p^2$ while $VF \cdot PQ = p \cdot 4p = 4p^2$...

**mathwizarddude**

#4 Aug 11, 2009, 11:58 pm

Oh I was informed that my proof is wrong, what's the definition of focal chord then? (I researched that before and it returned the previous understanding, but maybe I misread).

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Fixed angle, fixed point 

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Source: Turkey NMO 2000 - Problem 5



xeroxia

#1 Aug 6, 2009, 4:39 am

The ray $[OA]$, the ray $[OB]$, and a positive number k are given. Let P be a point on $[OA]$ and Q be a point on $[OB]$ such that $OP + OQ = k$. Prove that the circumcircles of $\triangle OPQ$ pass through a fixed point.



Luis González

#2 Aug 9, 2009, 1:50 am

Let M, N be two points on the rays OA, OB such that $OM = ON = \frac{1}{2}k$. Then

$$\frac{1}{2}k - MP + \frac{1}{2}k + NQ = k \implies MP = NQ.$$

Thus, circles $\odot(OMN)$ and $\odot(OPQ)$ meet at the center K of the rotation that takes the oriented segments MP and NQ into each other. But K is the antipode of O WRT the circle $\odot(OMN)$ because of $KM = KN$. Then K is fixed.



xeroxia

#3 Aug 15, 2009, 6:15 am

Let $OM' = ON' = k/2$ and $OM'' + ON'' = k$. Let P' be the intersection of $(OM'N')$ and $(OM''N'')$. $\angle M''P'M' = N''P'N'$ and $\angle OM''P' + \angle ON''P' = 180^\circ$. Also we know $M'M'' = NN''$. Use sinus theorem, then $M'P' = P'N'$. $OM'N'$ is fixed, so its angle bisector and its circumcircle, so their intersection point is fixed. So all (OMN) s pass through a point on angle bisector of $\angle MON$.



xeroxia

#4 Aug 15, 2009, 6:26 am

We will use ptolemy. Let P be the intersection point on angle bisector of $\angle MON$ and (OMN) . Use ptolemy.

$$(OM + ON).MP = MN.OP. \text{ Use sine law at } \triangle MPN, \text{ then } \frac{MN}{\sin(180^\circ - \alpha)} = \frac{MP}{\sin(\alpha/2)}. \text{ Combine two equations.}$$

$OP = \frac{k}{2\cos(\alpha/2)}$ which is fixed. The line OP is fixed, $|OP|$ is fixed, so P is fixed. All (OMN) s pass through the fixed point P .



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lb lc K X

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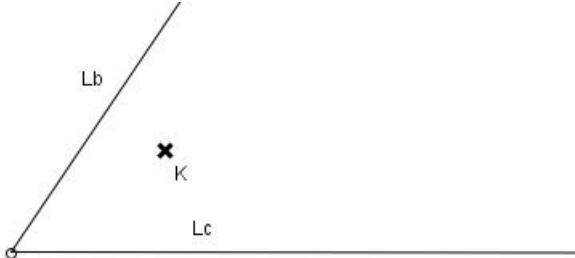


jrrbc

#1 Aug 8, 2009, 7:45 pm



Attachments:



Given the sidelines **Lb** and **Lc** and the *Lemoine point* **K**, find the vertices of the triangle ABC [Lemoine point is the point of concurrence of the symmedians (reflections of medians in corresponding angle bisectors)]



Luis González

#2 Aug 8, 2009, 9:39 pm

A-symmedian AK is the locus of points such that their ratio of distances to \mathcal{L}_b and \mathcal{L}_c equals $\frac{b}{c}$. Hence, projecting the symmedian point on \mathcal{L}_b , \mathcal{L}_c , or any point on AK , permits to find such ratio. The construction of $\triangle AB'C'$ homothetic to $\triangle ABC$ with B' , C' on the rays \mathcal{L}_b and \mathcal{L}_c follows easily. Symmedian point K' of $\triangle AB'C'$ is then constructible and since K , K' are homologous, then draw parallels through K to $K'B'$ and $K'C'$ intersecting the sidelines \mathcal{L}_b and \mathcal{L}_c at the wanted vertices B , C .



jrrbc

#3 Aug 9, 2009, 1:44 am

i constructed the median by A, then with locus the side B'C' with median point on median.

So i have the triangle homothetic AB'C', then i constructed the k' of this triangle and then the triangle ABC



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lb lc F X

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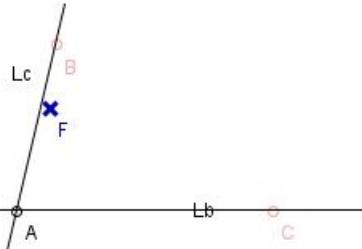


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#1 Aug 8, 2009, 3:18 am



Attachments:



Given the sidelines **Lb** and **Lc** and the Feuerbach point **F**, find the vertices of the triangle ABC [the **Feuerbach point** is the contact point between the incircle and the nine-point circle]



Luis González

#2 Aug 8, 2009, 10:57 am

Draw the incircle (I) passing through F and tangent to the sidelines \mathcal{L}_b and \mathcal{L}_c . This is the Apollonius problem (line, line, point). However, it is equivalent to the easier case (point, point, line) by reflecting F on the internal bisector of A . This yields two solutions but consider the one according to the sketch. Let Y, Z be tangency points of (I) with AC, AB . It is well-known that the reflections of the diacentral line IO about the sidelines of the intouch triangle concur at its orthopole, i.e. the Feuerbach point F . Hence, construct the reflection F' of F on $ZY \implies F'I$ is the diacentral line $d \equiv IO$. Since F is the orthopole of d , construct the projection A' of A on $d \implies FA'$ is perpendicular to BC . Construct the tangent to the incircle (at the opposite arc of ZFY) perpendicular to FA' to complete the $\triangle ABC$.



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#3 Aug 8, 2009, 7:38 pm

thanks 😊

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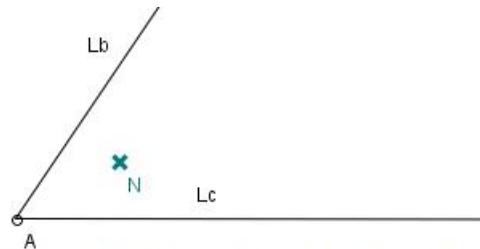


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#1 Aug 8, 2009, 4:43 am



Attachments:



Given the sidelines L_b and L_c and the nine-point circle center N , find the vertices of the triangle ABC



Luis González

#2 Aug 8, 2009, 6:50 am

Let M_a, M_b, M_c be the unknown midpoints on BC, CA, AB . N is circumcenter of the medial triangle $\triangle M_a M_b M_c$ and the angle $\angle M_b N M_c = 2\angle A$ is known (assume that A is acute). Therefore, the isosceles $\triangle N M_c M_b$ is constructible. This is, perform the rotation with center N and magnitude $2\angle A$ (regardless of the orientation) and carry one of the sidelines, say L_b , in this movement and cut the other sideline L_c at M_c . In the same way we get M_b . Parallels to L_b and L_c from M_b, M_c meet at M_a . The construction of $\triangle ABC$ follows straightforwardly from its medial triangle.



jrrbc

#3 Aug 8, 2009, 7:58 pm

Perform the rotation with center N and magnitude $2\angle A$

rotation of what ?



jrrbc

#4 Aug 9, 2009, 5:41 am

rotation the two sides of the angle

thanks 😊

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lb lc Ge X

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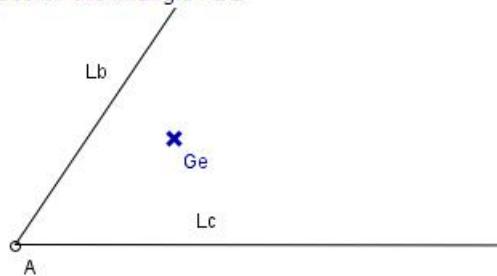
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#1 Aug 4, 2009, 4:46 am



Attachments:

Given the sidelines **L_b** and **L_c** and the Gergonne point **Ge**, find the vertices of the triangle ABC.



Luis González

#2 Aug 8, 2009, 1:37 am

$\mathcal{L}_b, \mathcal{L}_c$ denote the given sidelines meeting at the known vertex A . Let X, Y, Z be the unknown tangency points of (I) with BC, CA, AB . $\mathcal{L}_b, \mathcal{L}_c$ and the Gergonne ray AG_e are double under any direct homothety with center A . Thus, draw an arbitrary incircle (I') tangent to $\mathcal{L}_b, \mathcal{L}_c$, the ray AG_e cuts (I') at the homologous X' of X under such homothety with center A that takes $(I) \mapsto (I')$. Tangent of (I') at X' is then parallel to BC and cuts $\mathcal{L}_b, \mathcal{L}_c$ at the homologous B', C' of B, C . Gergonne point G'_e of $\triangle AB'C'$ is constructible. Since this homothety maps G_e into G'_e , then draw parallels through G_e to $B'G'_e$ and $C'G'_e$. These meet \mathcal{L}_b and \mathcal{L}_c at Y, Z and $B \equiv \mathcal{L}_c \cap YG_e, C \equiv \mathcal{L}_b \cap ZG_e$.



jrrbc

#3 Aug 8, 2009, 2:29 am

thanks 😊

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a problem of geometry 

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Source: help



duythuc_lqd

#1 Aug 7, 2009, 2:50 pm

Give an acute-angled triangle ABC. Bisector in triangle is AD. (O_1) , (O_2) is circumcircle of triangle ABD and ADC. Two tangent of (O_1) and (O_2) intersect AD at P,Q. Prove that: $PQ^2 = AB \cdot AC$







Luis González

#2 Aug 7, 2009, 6:12 pm

Assume that $PQ^2 = AB \cdot AC$ and let r_1 and r_2 the circumradii of $\triangle ABD$, $\triangle ACD$





$$BD = 2r_1 \cdot \sin \frac{A}{2} \quad (1) \quad CD = 2r_2 \cdot \sin \frac{A}{2} \quad (2)$$

$$AD^2 = AB \cdot AC - BD \cdot CD \implies PQ^2 = AD^2 + BD \cdot CD$$

$$\implies (AD + 2PA)^2 = AD^2 + BD \cdot CD \implies 4PA^2 + 4AD \cdot PA = BD \cdot CD$$

$$\implies 4PA^2 + 4(PD - PA) \cdot PA = BD \cdot CD \implies 4PD \cdot PA = BD \cdot CD$$

But $PD \cdot PA$ is the power of P to both circles, hence $XY^2 = BD \cdot CD$, where \overline{XY} is their common tangent segment. Now we express XY in terms of radii r_1, r_2 by using the formulas (1) and (2)

$$(O_1O_2)^2 - (r_1 - r_2)^2 = 4r_1r_2 \cdot \sin^2 \frac{A}{2}$$

But note that $\angle O_1DO_2 = \angle BAC$. Hence, by cosine law in $\triangle DO_1O_2$, we obtain

$$r_1^2 + r_2^2 - 2r_1r_2 \cdot \cos A - r_1^2 - r_2^2 + 2r_1r_2 = 4r_1r_2 \cdot \sin^2 \frac{A}{2}$$

Therefore, $2 \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} = 1 - \cos A$, which is true and the proof is completed.

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Bisectors and incenter X

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binaj

#1 Aug 6, 2009, 8:26 pm

ABC is a triangle which is inscribed in circle O. Bisector of angle ABC meet AC at F and O at G .
Bisector of BAC meet BC at D and O at E. Let P be a common point of lines GE and FD. Prove that AB || PI (I is a incenter of triangle ABC)



Luis González

#2 Aug 7, 2009, 12:30 am

Since I is orthocenter of its circuncevian triangle, it follows that DE is the perpendicular bisector of AI . The tangent \mathcal{T}_a to (O) through A is then the reflection of the parallel \mathcal{L}_a to BC passing through I about DE . Hence, the problem is equivalent to show that $V_b V_c$, \mathcal{T}_a and \mathcal{L}_a concur. Using barycentric coordinates, we have

$$V_b V_c \equiv bcx - acy - abz = 0, \quad \mathcal{T}_a \equiv c^2y + b^2z = 0.$$

\mathcal{L}_a passes through $I(a : b : c)$ and the infinite point of BC $(0 : 1 : -1)$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_a \equiv (b+c)x - ay - az = 0$$

Therefore, $V_b V_c$, \mathcal{T}_a , \mathcal{L}_a concur at $P(a(c-b) : -b^2 : c^2)$.



livetolove212

#3 Aug 12, 2009, 7:29 pm

Let $EG \cap AB = \{L\}$

Appying Menelaus's theorem for triangle IEG with line PDF we have:

$$\frac{PE}{PG} \cdot \frac{FG}{FI} \cdot \frac{DI}{DE} = 1$$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{PE}{PG} = \frac{FI}{FG} \cdot \frac{DE}{DI} = \frac{r}{AG \cdot \sin \angle \frac{B}{2}} \cdot \frac{BE \cdot \sin \angle \frac{A}{2}}{r} = \frac{BE \cdot \sin \angle \frac{A}{2}}{AG \cdot \sin \angle \frac{B}{2}}$$
$$\Rightarrow 1 + \frac{EG}{PE} = \frac{AG \cdot \sin \angle \frac{B}{2}}{BE \cdot \sin \angle \frac{A}{2}}$$

$$\text{On the other side, } \frac{LE}{LG} = \frac{NE}{MG} = \frac{AE \cdot \sin \angle \frac{A}{2}}{BG \cdot \sin \angle \frac{B}{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + \frac{EG}{LE} = \frac{BG \cdot \sin \angle \frac{B}{2}}{AE \cdot \sin \angle \frac{A}{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{PE}{LE} = \left(\frac{BG \cdot \sin \angle \frac{B}{2}}{AE \cdot \sin \angle \frac{A}{2}} - 1 \right) : \left(\frac{AG \cdot \sin \angle \frac{B}{2}}{BE \cdot \sin \angle \frac{A}{2}} - 1 \right) = \frac{BE}{AE} \cdot \frac{BG \cdot \sin \angle \frac{B}{2} - AE \cdot \sin \angle \frac{A}{2}}{AG \cdot \sin \angle \frac{B}{2} - BE \cdot \sin \angle \frac{A}{2}}$$

$$\text{But } \frac{BE}{AE} = \frac{EI}{AE} \text{ so } IP // AB \text{ iff } AG \cdot \sin \angle \frac{B}{2} - BE \cdot \sin \angle \frac{A}{2} = BG \cdot \sin \angle \frac{B}{2} - AE \cdot \sin \angle \frac{A}{2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow AG \cdot \sin \angle \frac{B}{2} + AE \cdot \sin \angle \frac{A}{2} = BG \cdot \sin \angle \frac{B}{2} + BE \cdot \sin \angle \frac{A}{2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow IG \cdot \sin \angle \frac{B}{2} + (AI + IE) \cdot \sin \angle \frac{A}{2} = (BI + IG) \cdot \sin \angle \frac{B}{2} + EI \cdot \sin \angle \frac{A}{2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow AI \cdot \sin \angle \frac{A}{2} = BI \cdot \sin \angle \frac{B}{2} = r \text{ (true!)}$$

We are done!

Attachments:

[picture17.pdf \(10kb\)](#)



zool007

#4 Aug 19, 2009, 5:27 pm

is there a non-trigonometric proof?

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limes123

#5 Mar 12, 2010, 3:48 am

Assume $AC < BC$ ($AC = BC$ is obvious). Apply Pascal Theorem to degenerate hexagon $ACCBGE$ to get that P is intersection of GE and tangent to O at C . We see that $PC = PI$ and $\angle PIC = \angle ICP = \angle B + \angle \frac{C}{2}$ and $\angle CIG = \angle \frac{B}{2} + \angle \frac{C}{2}$ hence $\angle GIP = \angle \frac{B}{2} = \angle GBA$.

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jayme

#6 Mar 12, 2010, 11:47 am

Dear Mathlinkers,

1. let (O) the circumcircle of ABC , Y the second point of intersection of CI with (O) , X the meet point of YE and BC , Tc the tangent to (O) at C .

2. According to a special case of Pascal's theorem applied to $ACTcBGEA$, Tc goes through P .

3. According to Pascal's theorem applied to $CYEGBCTc$, I , X and P are collinear.

4. Let Ty be the tangent to (O) at Y ; we have $Ty \parallel AB$.

5. According to a special case of Pascal's theorem applied to $CYTyEABC$, IX is parallel to AB and we are done...

Sincerely

Jean-Louis

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#1 Nov 28, 2006, 9:06 pm

Aki el problema 5:

Sea ABC un triangulo acutangulo, y AD, BE, CF sus alturas. La circunferencia con diametro AD corta a los lados AB y AC en M y N respectivamente. Sean P y Q los puntos de interseccion de AD con EF y MN respectivamente. Demuestra que Q es el punto medio de PD.

 [/img]**M4RIO**

#2 Nov 29, 2006, 3:23 am

Sea R el punto de intersección de FC y MN, T la intersección de BE y MN, con el cuadrilatero inscriptible RDCN tenemos $\angle DRC = 90^\circ$, en consecuencia MDRF es un rectángulo, de lo cual: $MD = FH + HR$

$$\text{DMN, HRT, HFE son semejantes: } \frac{FH}{PH} = \frac{HR}{HQ} = \frac{MD}{QD}$$

Luego: $PH + HQ = QD \Rightarrow [PQ = QD]$

Nota: H es el ortocentro de ABC

**Luis González**

#3 Aug 6, 2009, 9:39 am

Se puede plantear un resultado más general:

Sea X un punto del plano de $\triangle ABC$ y $\triangle DEF$ su triángulo ceviano. $D \in BC, E \in CA$ y $F \in AB$. Las paralelas por D a BE y CF cortan a AC, AB en N, M. AD corta a EF y MN en P, Q. Entonces Q es punto medio de PD.

Note que $\triangle DMN \sim \triangle XFE$ son homotéticos con centro de homotecia A y coeficiente $\frac{AD}{AX}$, por tanto $\frac{QD}{PX} = \frac{AD}{AX}$.

Por teorema de Thales se tiene $\frac{PQ}{AP} = \frac{EN}{AE} = \frac{XD}{AX}$

Combinado con la anterior resulta:

$$\frac{PQ}{QD} = \frac{AP}{PX} \cdot \frac{XD}{AD}. \text{ Pero como } (A, X, P, D) = -1 \Rightarrow \frac{AP}{PX} = \frac{AD}{XD}$$

Lo cual implica $PQ = QD$ como se quería probar.

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Concurrent and excircles X

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Source: Own



livetolove212

#1 Aug 2, 2009, 3:50 pm

Let (I_a) , (I_b) , (I_c) be the excircles of triangle ABC . (I_a) touches AB , AC at C'_a , B'_a , similar to B'_c , A'_c , C'_b , A'_b . Let O_a , O_b , O_c be circumcenters of triangle $AB'_cC'_b$, $BC'_aA'_c$, $CA'_bB'_a$. l_a be a line which passes through I_a and perpendicular to O_bO_c . Similar to l_b , l_c . Prove that l_a , l_b , l_c are concurrent.



yetti

#2 Aug 4, 2009, 12:18 pm

Let (O) be the circumcircle and (I) incircle of the $\triangle ABC$. Incircle (I) touches BC , CA , AB at D , E , F . Excircles (I_a) , (I_b) , (I_c) touch BC , CA , AB at D_a , F_b , F_c . Internal angle bisectors AI , BI , CI cut (O) again at X , Y , Z . Perpendicular bisectors OX , OY , OZ of BC , CA , AB cut these at their midpoints A' , B' , C' and the circumcircle (O) again at X' , Y' , Z' .

Lemma 1: Perpendicular bisectors of AD , BE , CF cut segments $A'X'$, $B'Y'$, $C'Z'$ at their midpoints P_a , P_b , P_c . Similarly, perpendicular bisectors of AB'_c , BC'_a , CA'_b cut segments $A'X$, $B'Y$, $C'Z$ at their midpoints O_a , O_b , O_c .

Parallel of BC through A cuts (O) again at A'' . By Ptolemy for $AA''BC$, $\overline{AA''} = \frac{c^2 - b^2}{a}$. Let ID cut AA'' at D'' and tangent of (O) at X' at X'' . $\overline{X'X''} = \overline{A'D} = \frac{1}{2}\overline{D_aD} = \frac{1}{2}(c - b)$.

$$\begin{aligned} -\overline{D''A} \cdot \overline{D''A''} &= \frac{1}{4}(\overline{A''A} - \overline{D_aD}) \cdot (\overline{A''A} - \overline{D_aD}) = \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{(c^2 - b^2)^2}{a^2} - (c - b)^2 \right) = \frac{p(p - a)(c - b)^2}{a^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} -\overline{D''D} \cdot \overline{D''X''} &= \overline{DD''} \cdot (\overline{A'X'} - \overline{DD''}) = h_a \cdot \left(\frac{r_b + r_c}{2} - h_a \right) = \\ &= \frac{2pr}{a} \left(\frac{pr}{2(p - b)} + \frac{pr}{2(p - c)} - \frac{2pr}{a} \right) = \frac{p^2r^2}{a^2} \cdot \frac{(c - b)^2}{(p - b)(p - c)} \end{aligned}$$

$\implies \overline{D''A} \cdot \overline{D''A''} = \overline{D''D} \cdot \overline{D''X''} \implies AX''A''D$ is cyclic and $D_a \in \odot(AX''A''D)$ by symmetry. Its circumcenter is the common midpoint P_a of D_aX'' and $A'X'$. Therefore, P_a is circumcenter of $\triangle ADD_a$ and similarly, O_a is circumcenter of $\triangle AB'_cC'_b$. \square

Lemma 2: Nagel lines AD_a , BE_b , CF_c of $\triangle ABC$ are perpendicular to P_bP_c , P_cP_a , P_aP_b . Similarly, Gergonne lines AD , BE , CF of $\triangle ABC$ are perpendicular to O_bO_c , O_cO_a , O_aO_b .

Let (P_b) be circle with center P_b passing through A , C and let (P_c) be circle with center P_c passing through A , B . Let (P_b) , (P_c) cut BC again at D_b , D_c , respectively. Powers of B , E to (P_b) are both equal to $-(p - a)(p - c)$ and likewise, powers of C , F to (P_c) are both equal to $-(p - a)(p - b)$ \implies

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{D_aC} \cdot \overline{D_aD_b} &= \overline{D_aC} \cdot (\overline{CB} + \overline{BD_b} - \overline{CD_a}) = -(p - b) \left(a + \frac{(p - a)(p - c)}{a} - (p - b) \right) = -\frac{(p - b)(p - c)}{a} \\ \overline{D_aB} \cdot \overline{D_aD_c} &= \overline{D_aB} \cdot (\overline{BC} + \overline{CD_c} - \overline{BD_a}) = -(p - c) \left(a + \frac{(p - a)(p - b)}{a} - (p - c) \right) = -\frac{(p - b)(p - c)}{a} \end{aligned}$$

$\implies AD_a$ is radical axis of (P_b) , (P_c) $\implies AD_a \perp P_bP_c$. \square

Lemma 3: I-symmedians of the in/excentral triangles $\triangle II_bI_c$, $\triangle II_bI_c$, $\triangle II_bI_c$ are parallel to Nagel lines AD_a , BE_b , CF_c of their common orthic triangle $\triangle ABC$. Similarly, I_a , I_b , I_c -symmedians of the excentral triangle $\triangle I_aI_bI_c$ are parallel to

Gergonne lines AD , BE , CF of its orthic triangle $\triangle ABC$.

Let D' be midpoint of AD . Newton line $A'D'$ of degenerated tangential quadrilateral $ABDC$ with diagonals AD , BC goes through its incenter I . Therefore $(A'I \equiv AD')$ $\parallel AD_a$. is midline of $\triangle AD_aD$. BC is antiparallel of I_bI_c WRT $\angle I_cII_b$. The l-symmedian of $\triangle II_bI_c$ has to cut this antiparallel in half $\Rightarrow A'I$ is the l-symmedian of this triangle.

Midpoints O_a, O_b, O_c of $A'X, B'Y, C'Z$ from lemma 1 are circumcenters of the $\triangle AB'_cC'_b$, $\triangle BC'_aA'_c$, $\triangle CA'_bB'_a$, respectively. By lemmas 2, 3, perpendiculars l_a, l_b, l_c to O_bO_c, O_cO_a, O_aO_b through I_a, I_b, I_c are symmedians of the excentral triangle $\triangle I_aI_bI_c$, concurrent at its symmedian point. \square



livetolove212

#3 Aug 4, 2009, 12:59 pm

Dear Yetti,

Thanks you for your solution, but I think that using radical center can be shorter 😊



Luis González

#4 Aug 5, 2009, 2:17 am

Let Y_a, Y_b, Y_c be the tangency points of $(I_a), (I_b), (I_c)$ with BC, CA, AB . Note that circles $(O_a), (O_b)$ and (O_c) are the reflections of the circles $\odot(AY_cY_b)$, $\odot(BY_aY_c)$ and $\odot(CY_aY_b)$ about the external bisectors of A, B, C . Circles $\odot(BY_aY_c)$, $\odot(CY_aY_b)$ obviously pass through the Bevan point B_e of $\triangle ABC$, namely the concurrency point of the perpendiculars from I_a, I_b, I_c to BC, CA, AB . Therefore, I_a has equal power WRT $(O_b), (O_c) \Rightarrow \ell_a$ is radical axis of $(O_b), (O_c)$. Mutatis mutandis, ℓ_b, ℓ_c are radical axes of the pairs $(O_a), (O_c)$ and $(O_a), (O_b)$ respectively $\Rightarrow \ell_a, \ell_b, \ell_c$ meet at the radical center of $(O_a), (O_b), (O_c)$ (Mittenpunkt of ABC).



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Maybe know one 

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#1 Aug 3, 2009, 8:45 pm

Let ABC be a triangle and M, N points on AB respectively AC such that $\frac{BM}{MA} = x$ and $\frac{CN}{NA} = y$. Prove that MN passes through the incenter I of the triangle ABC if and only if $a = bx + cy$, where a, b, c are the lengths of the sides of the triangle.

PS: Also try to prove similarly for G (centroid) or O (circumcenter) instead of I (the incenter).



Luis González

#2 Aug 3, 2009, 10:08 pm

Cristea's theorem: D, E, F are three points on the sides CB, BA, AC of $\triangle ABC$ and $M \in AD$. Then the transversal EF goes through M if and only if

$$\overline{DC} \cdot \frac{\overline{EB}}{\overline{EA}} + \overline{BD} \cdot \frac{\overline{FC}}{\overline{FA}} = \overline{BC} \cdot \frac{\overline{MD}}{\overline{MA}}$$

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a side equals to one third of triangle's perimeter 

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Source: I.F.Sharygin 2009 - Final round - Problem 9.1



April

#1 Aug 3, 2009, 9:28 am • 1 

The midpoint of triangle's side and the base of the altitude to this side are symmetric w.r.t. the touching point of this side with the incircle. Prove that this side equals one third of triangle's perimeter.

Author: A.Blinkov, Y.Blinkov



Luis González

#2 Aug 3, 2009, 11:24 am

Let H, M, X be the foot of the A-altitude, midpoint of BC and tangency point of the incircle (I) with BC . If H, M are symmetric WRT X , then the tangency point of (I) with the 9-point circle is the antipode of X on (I). Thus, Feuerbach point F_e satisfies the barycentric equation of the A-Nagel ray $AY \equiv (p - c)y - (p - b)z = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} F_e ((p - a)(b - c)^2 : (p - b)(a - c)^2 : (p - c)(a - b)^2) \\ \implies (p - c)(a - c)^2(p - b) - (p - b)(a - b)^2(p - c) = 0 \\ \implies 2a = \frac{b^2 - c^2}{b - c} \implies 3a = a + b + c \end{aligned}$$

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TRAN THAI HUNG

#1 Jul 30, 2009, 12:14 pm

Let H is the orthocentre of ABC. G is the intersection point of the medians of ABC.

Assume that B,C is the fixed points and H, G, B, C are on hte same circle. Find the locus of A 



poohthewinnie

#2 Aug 1, 2009, 1:24 pm

Hmm, first I attacked this with the euler line and ptolemy - of course, I had no progress.

The easiest way to go is probably using the angles. So here goes.

Let BHGC be concyclic(ln that order)

and Let H[C] be the foot of the perpendicular on AB. M[C] be the median of AB. and same goes with H and M, both on CA.

then

angle HBG=HCG,

and that is the same with

angle H[C] C M[C]=H B M

which is equivalent to

angle A M[C] C=A M[A] C

thus A, M[C], M[A], C are concyclic.

but since

segment M[C]M[A] // CA

angle A=B M[C] M[A]= angle C

hence BA= BC, and the locus of A is the circle that is formed with radius BC=a and the center B.



Luis González

#3 Aug 3, 2009, 1:08 am

$$\text{Let } \angle BGC = \theta_a \implies \cot \theta_a = \frac{GB^2 + GC^2 - a^2}{4[\triangle GBC]}.$$

Now, we use the well-known identities

$$\begin{aligned} GB^2 &= \frac{2}{9}(a^2 + c^2) - \frac{1}{9}b^2, \quad GC^2 = \frac{2}{9}(a^2 + b^2) - \frac{1}{9}c^2 \implies \\ \cot \theta_a &= \frac{\frac{2}{9}(2a^2 + c^2 + b^2) - \frac{1}{9}(b^2 + c^2) - a^2}{b^2 + c^2 - 5a^2} = \end{aligned}$$

4[$\triangle GBC$]

36[$\triangle GBC$]

$$B, C, H, G \text{ are concyclic} \iff \cot \theta_a = \cot(\pi - A) = -\cot A = \frac{a^2 - b^2 - c^2}{4[\triangle ABC]}$$

Therefore, keeping in mind that $[\triangle ABC] = 3[\triangle BGC]$, we obtain

$$\frac{a^2 - b^2 - c^2}{4[\triangle ABC]} = \frac{b^2 + c^2 - 5a^2}{12[\triangle ABC]} \implies b^2 + c^2 = 2a^2 \implies AM = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3}a = \text{const.}$$

Thus, if we construct the equilateral triangle $\triangle PBC$, then $MP = MA$. The locus of A is then the circle centered at the midpoint M of BC with radius \overline{MP} .



TRAN THAI HUNG

#4 Aug 4, 2009, 11:18 am

Well done, I like your proof very much. And I use transformation.

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Collinear 

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Source: nice



jayme

#1 Aug 1, 2009, 10:39 am

Dear Mathlinkers,

let ABC be a triangle, A'B'C' the orthic triangle of ABC, A''B''C'' the Euler's triangle of ABC, X the meet point of B''C' and C''B', O the center of the circumcircle of ABC and N the center of the Euler's circle of ABC.

Prove : X, A and N are collinear.

Sincerely

Jean-Louis



Luis González

#2 Aug 1, 2009, 11:02 pm

Let K be the circumcenter of $\triangle AB'C'$ lying on AH, since rays AO, AH are isogonal WRT $\angle BAC$. Let K_0 be the reflection of K about $B'C'$. Note that $\angle HC'B'' = \angle HB'C'' \implies$ Rays $C'X, C'K_0$ and $B'X, B'K_0$ form equal and oppositely directed angles with respect to the pairs of rays $C'B', C'A$ and $B'C', B'A \implies X, K_0$ are isogonal conjugates WRT $\triangle AB'C' \implies$ Rays AK_0 and AX are isogonal WRT $\angle BAC$. Since $B'C'$ is antiparallel to BC, the axial symmetry about the internal bisector of $\angle BAC$ takes $B'C'$ into $B''C''$ parallel to BC, K into K'' on the ray AO and K_0 into K'_0 on the ray AX . Then homothety with center A, that takes $B''C''$ into BC, sends K'' into O and carries K'_0 into the reflection O_a of O about the sideline BC. Since $AH = OO_a \implies AHO_aO$ is a parallelogram.



jayme

#3 Aug 2, 2009, 11:52 am

Dear Luis,

why do you haven't thought at the Pascal's theorem?

Sincerely

Jean-Louis



livetolove212

#4 Aug 2, 2009, 2:48 pm

Dear Jayme,

Yes Pascal's theorem is very useful if we let B_1, C_1 be the midpoint of AC, AB .



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Geometry(own) 

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Source: really interesting and easy



TRAN THAI HUNG

#1 Jul 30, 2009, 12:09 pm

Let G is the intersection point of the medians of ABC. (I) is the inscribed circle.

Prove that

[B,C,I,G are on the same circle] is equivalent to $AB^2 + BC^2 + AC^2 = 3AB \cdot AC$ 😊



Luis González

#2 Jul 31, 2009, 7:55 am • 1 

We use barycentric coordinates with respect to $\triangle ABC$. The circle passing through $B \equiv (0 : 1 : 0)$, $C \equiv (0 : 0 : 1)$ and $G \equiv (1 : 1 : 1)$ has equation

$$(O') \equiv a^2yz + b^2xz + c^2xy - \frac{1}{3}(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)(x + y + z)x = 0$$

B, C, I, G are concyclic $\iff I \equiv (a : b : c)$ satisfies the equation of (O') . Then

$$a^2bc + b^2ac + c^2ab + \frac{1}{3}(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)(a + b + c)a = 0$$

$$abc(a + b + c) - \frac{1}{3}(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)(a + b + c)a = 0 \implies 3bc = a^2 + b^2 + c^2.$$



TRAN THAI HUNG

#3 Jul 31, 2009, 12:25 pm

I also use coordinate (with axis O_x, O_y) to solve this problem but Sorry, I wonder what barycentric coordinate is. And how can you have 3 variables x,y,z on a plane.

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Geometry (own), quite hard! 

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Source: dedicated to everyone



TRAN THAI HUNG

#1 Apr 16, 2009, 10:31 am

Let ABC is a triangle, G is the intersection of the medians. (O) is the outcircle. Prove that [B,C,O,G is on a same circle]

$$\Leftrightarrow AB^4 + AC^4 = BC^4 + AB^2 \cdot AC^2$$



TRAN THAI HUNG

#2 Jul 30, 2009, 11:55 am

Sorry, (O) is the circumscribed circle of ABC.

No one solves my problem 😊 .It's really interesting.



Luis González

#3 Jul 30, 2009, 6:45 pm • 1



We use barycentric coordinates with respect to $\triangle ABC$. The equation of the circle that goes through $O \equiv (a^2 S_A : b^2 S_B : c^2 S_C)$, $B \equiv (0 : 1 : 0)$ and $C \equiv (0 : 0 : 1)$ is

$$(O_a) \equiv a^2 yz + b^2 zx + c^2 xy - \frac{b^2 c^2}{2S_A} x(x + y + z) = 0$$

G, O, B, C are concyclic $\Leftrightarrow G \equiv (1 : 1 : 1)$ satisfies the equation of (O_a) . Then

$$2S_A(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) - 3b^2c^2 = (b^2 + c^2 - a^2)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) - 3b^2c^2 = 0$$

$$a^2b^2 + a^2c^2 - a^4 + b^4 + b^2c^2 - a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^4 - a^2c^2 - 3b^2c^2 = 0$$

$$b^4 + c^4 = a^4 + b^2c^2.$$



Altheman

#4 Jul 31, 2009, 4:32 am



luisgeometra wrote:

The equation of the circle that goes through $O \equiv (a^2 S_A : b^2 S_B : c^2 S_C)$, $B \equiv (0 : 1 : 0)$ and $C \equiv (0 : 0 : 1)$ is

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This is really nice, how do you get this?



TRAN THAI HUNG

#5 Aug 4, 2009, 5:06 pm



To luisgeometria

How can we write the equation of a circle which goes through three points in barycentric coordinate? 

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collinearity 

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77ant

#1 Jul 29, 2009, 1:05 am

For a triangle ABC with incenter I and circumcenter O. Circles D, E, and F are congruent circles passing through point G. Circle D is tangent to AB and AC, circle E is tangent to AB and BC, and circle F is tangent to AC and BC. Prove that O, G, and I are collinear.



livetolove212

#2 Jul 29, 2009, 9:41 am

Let I_a, I_b, I_c be excenters of triangle ABC . We know that OI is **Euler's line** of triangle $I_a I_b I_c$. On the other side, $(A'), (B'), (C')$ concur at G so G is the circumcenter of triangle $A'B'C'$.

Note that $A'B' \parallel AB, A'C' \parallel AC$ and AI is the bisector of angle BAC so $A'I$ is the bisector of angle $B'A'C'$.

Similarly we get I is the incenter of triangle $A'B'C'$.

Let I'_a, I'_b, I'_c be the excenter of triangle $A'B'C'$. It's easy to see that $I'_a I'_b \parallel I_a I_b, I'_b I'_c \parallel I_b I_c, I'_c I'_a \parallel I_c I_a$ then **Euler's line** of two triangles $I_a I_b I_c$ and $I'_a I'_b I'_c$ are parallel, but they have common point I so G, I, O are collinear.

We complete the proof.

Attachments:

[picture11.pdf \(6kb\)](#)



plane geometry

#3 Jul 29, 2009, 6:37 pm

 livetolove212 wrote:

Let I_a, I_b, I_c be excenters of triangle ABC . We know that OI is **Euler's line** of triangle $I_a I_b I_c$.

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Euler's line of two triangles $I_a I_b I_c$ and $I'_a I'_b I'_c$ are parallel, but they have common point I so G, I, O are collinear.

We complete the proof.

dear **livetolove212**

why G is the circumcenter of triangle $A'B'C'?$



livetolove212

#4 Jul 29, 2009, 7:08 pm

Because $(A'), (B'), (C')$ are congruent and pass through G.



plane geometry

#5 Jul 29, 2009, 7:20 pm

 livetolove212 wrote:

Because $(A'), (B'), (C')$ are congruent and pass through G.

I am sorry ,I did not notice the condition "D, E, and F are congruent circles"!





Luis González

#6 Jul 30, 2009, 12:13 am

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“ 77ant wrote:

For a triangle ABC with incenter I and circumcenter O. Circles D, E, and F are congruent circles passing through point G. Circle D is tangent to AB and AC, circle E is tangent to AB and BC, and circle F is tangent to AC and BC. Prove that O, G, and I are collinear.

Since D, E, F are equidistant from the respective pairs of sides of $\triangle ABC$, it follows that $\triangle DEF$ and $\triangle ABC$ are homothetic with homothetic center I . X is obviously circumcenter of $\triangle DEF$. Hence O, X and the homothetic center I are collinear. In fact, the concurrency point X of the circles $(D), (E), (F)$ is the insimilicenter of $(I) \sim (O)$.

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resembling pythagorean theorem 

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77ant

#1 Jul 29, 2009, 1:11 am

ABCD is an inscribed quadrilateral in a circle O. The extensions of sides AB and DC meet at point E, and the extensions of sides AD and BC meet at point F. EG and FH are tangent to the circle O. If EG = a, FH = b and EF = c, prove that $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$



Luis González

#2 Jul 29, 2009, 5:38 am

EG, EI, FH are the tangent segments from E, F to the circle (O) . IG is the radical axis of the circles (E, EG) and (O) . Since F lies on their radical axis (polar of E WRT (O)), then it has equal power with respect to (O) and (E, EG)

$$FB \cdot FC = FH^2 = EF^2 - EG^2 \implies EF^2 = EG^2 + FH^2$$

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concurrency 

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77ant

#1 Jul 29, 2009, 1:04 am

For a quadrilateral ABCD with perpendicular diagonals intersecting at E. EF, EG, EH and EM are perpendicular to AB, BC, CD, and AD, respectively. Prove that lines FG, AC, and MH are concurrent.



Luis González

#2 Jul 29, 2009, 4:49 am

It is enough to see that $FGHM$ is cyclic due to

$$\angle FGH = \angle ABE + \angle ECD, \angle FMH = \angle EAB + \angle EDC \implies$$

$$\angle FGH + \angle FMH = \angle ABE + \angle ECD + \angle EAB + \angle EDC = 90^\circ + 90^\circ = 180^\circ$$

$FGCA$ is also cyclic due to $\angle BFG = \angle BEG = \angle BCA \implies FG$ and AC are antiparallel WRT rays BA, BC . Similarly $MHCA$ is cyclic $\implies AC, FG, MH$ concur at the radical center of $\odot(FGHM)$, $\odot(FGCA)$ and $\odot(MHCA)$

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intersection 

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Source: Ukraine 2005 grade 11



moldovan

#1 Jul 28, 2009, 9:29 pm

In an acute-angled triangle ABC , ω is the circumcircle and O its center, ω_1 the circumcircle of triangle AOC , and OQ the diameter of ω_1 . Let M and N be points on the lines AQ and AC respectively such that the quadrilateral $AMBN$ is a parallelogram. Prove that the lines MN and BQ intersect on ω_1 .



Luis González

#2 Jul 29, 2009, 3:57 am

Let L be the midpoint of AB and P the second intersection of $\odot(AOC)$ with BQ . $\angle APQ = \angle BNA = \angle ABC$. If $R \equiv BQ \cap AC$ and $D \equiv BN \cap AP$, then it follows that $PDNR$ is cyclic. Notice that PQ bisects $\angle APC$, since Q bisects the arc AC of $\odot(AOC) \Rightarrow \angle BPC = \pi - \angle ABC = \angle BNC \Rightarrow BPNC$ is cyclic, thus $\angle NPR = \angle ACB$. But since $PDNR$ is cyclic, it follows that $\angle NPR = \angle NDR = \angle ACB = \angle ABN \Rightarrow DR \parallel BA$. Therefore, cevian NP of $\triangle BNA$ passes through the midpoint L of $AB \Rightarrow M$ lies on NP as desired.

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Reto de la semana 3  Reply**Pascual2005**

#1 Aug 10, 2006, 1:42 am

Reto de la semana #3

1. Sea $a_n = [n\sqrt{2}] + [n\sqrt{3}]$, pruebe que esta sucesion contiene infinitos números pares e infinitos números impares.

2. Sea a_n una secuencia tal que $m - n \mid a_m - a_n$ y existe un polinomio q tal que $a_n < q(n)$. pruebe que existe un polinomio con coeficientes racionales P tal que $P(n) = a_n$

3. Se tiene un cuadrilatero inscribible y circunscrible a la vez, demuestre que el punto de corte de sus diagonales, y los centros de los círculos inscritos y circunscritos son colineales.

4. Sean a,b,c reales positivos, pruebe que

$$\frac{(a^2 + b^2)}{(a+b)^2} \cdot \frac{(b^2 + c^2)}{(b+c)^2} \cdot \frac{(c^2 + a^2)}{(c+a)^2} \geq \frac{3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}{8(a+b+c)^2}$$

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**Pascual2005**

#2 Aug 16, 2006, 4:27 am

Pilas, el plazo se vence esta semana y no hay soluciones aun!!!!

espero 14 soluciones proximamente!!! 

**Tony2006**

#3 Aug 16, 2006, 5:34 am

soy Juan Antonio Ríos Briceño de Mérida, Yucatán y no eh participado en los retos de la semana, todavia puedo participar? 

**Pascual2005**

#4 Aug 16, 2006, 5:51 am

por supuesto, quien quiera participar puede hacerlo en cualquier momento enviandome sus soluciones!!!

**jasamper88**

#5 Aug 22, 2006, 8:26 am

Pido perdon por no haber mandado nada la semana pasada cuando tocaba mandar soluciones.No tuve mucho tiempo pues acababa de volver a Bogota y tenia que organizar todo nuevamente.

Veo que nadie posteó nada por lo que me pregunto si se puede extender este reto hasta el viernes este reto y ahora si definitivamente mandar soluciones.

No se como será en los otros países de Latino America, pero nosotros acá en Colombia empezamos de nuevo el colegio en esta época. Se acabaron las vacaciones y hay que volver a trabajar duro para la Ibero y la IMO que viene. Espero respuesta. Saludos a todos.



Pascual2005

#6 Aug 22, 2006, 9:18 am

Petición aceptada!

El viernes se cerrará este cuestionario y se colgará uno nuevo.



Chen241290

#7 Aug 24, 2006, 7:36 am

Yo ya envie 2 soluciones, no llegaron? que yo recuerde escribí bien el correo de Pascual.

Ah, mejor pregunto aqui: la 2 no debería decir que P es de coef. racionales. Con enteros tengo un contraejemplo:

$$a_n = \frac{n^4 + n^2}{2}$$



Pascual2005

#8 Aug 24, 2006, 10:41 am

Es verdad no deben ser enteros... Si recibí tus soluciones, el plazo será hasta el proximo viernes...



Pascual2005

#9 Aug 27, 2006, 2:26 am

Gracias a quienes participaron, sobretodo a Chen y Israel Diaz 😊

Mañana colgare sus soluciones



Pascual2005

#10 Aug 29, 2006, 8:02 pm

Soluciones Chen:

$$\text{Sean } b_n = [n\sqrt{2}], c_n = [n\sqrt{3}]$$

$$a_n = b_n + c_n$$

Supongamos que existen finitos numeros de cierta paridad, entonces existe N tal que a_n es de cierta paridad(distinta a la anterior), \$\\forall m \\exists N. a_m \\neq a_N\$

Sea \$m \\exists N. a_m \\neq a_N\$ Entonces a_m es de cierta paridad, y a_{m+1} también.

$$b_{m+1} = [(m+1)\sqrt{2}] \Rightarrow b_{m+1} > (m+1)\sqrt{2} - 1 > m\sqrt{2} \geq b_m$$

$$\text{luego: } b_{m+1} \leq (m+1)\sqrt{2} < (m\sqrt{2} - 1) + 3 < b_m + 3$$

$$\text{entonces } b_{m+1} > b_m + 2$$

$$\text{Analogamente: } c_{m+1} > c_m + 2$$

$$\text{Entonces } a_{m+1} > a_m + 4$$

como $a_{m+1} - a_m$ es par, a_{m+1} es $a_m + 2$ o $a_m + 4$

$$\text{Si } a_{m+1} = a_m + 2, b_{m+1} = b_m + 1 \text{ y } c_{m+1} = c_m + 1$$

$$\text{Si } a_{m+1} = a_m + 4, b_{m+1} = b_m + 2 \text{ y } c_{m+1} = c_m + 2$$

$$\text{Luego, } b_{m+1} - c_{m+1} = b_m - c_m, \\ \\ \text{Entonces } b_{N+5} - c_{N+5} = b_N - c_N$$

$$b_{N+5} - b_N = c_{N+5} - c_N$$

$$b_{N+5} \leq (N+5)\sqrt{2} < b_N + 8 \Rightarrow b_{N+5} - b_N \leq 7$$

$$c_{N+5} > (N+5)\sqrt{3} - 1 > c_N + 7 \Rightarrow c_{N+5} - c_N \geq 8$$

(contradiccion). Por lo tanto en tal sucesion existen infinitos pares e infinitos impares.

Chen envió una solución del 4 en la que afirma que: $3 \sum_{sym} a^6 b^2 \geq 6 \sum_{sym} a^6 bc$ esto es claramente falso... 😊

3.

Lema.- Dado r natural: $[r, \dots, r+s] \geq \frac{r(r+1)\dots(r+s)}{1!2!\dots s!}$; para todo natural s . ($[a, b]$ es MCM de a y b , y (a, b) es MCD de a y b)

Dem: Por inducción:

para $s = 1$ es cierto, pues r y $r+1$ son coprimos.

Supongamos que para $s = t$ es cierto, veamos para $s = t+1$:

$$[r, \dots, r+t+1] = [r, r+t+1] \cdot [r+t+1, r+t] = \frac{a(r+t+1)}{r(r+1)\dots(r+t)} > \frac{r(r+1)\dots(r+t)}{r+r+1} = \frac{r(r+1)\dots(r+t+1)}{r+t+1}$$

$$l, \dots, l^r, l^{r+1} = l^r, l^{r+1} \cdot a = l^r, \dots, l^{r+t} = (a, r+t+1) \leq 1!2! \dots r+t! \cdot (a, r+t+1)^{r+t}$$

hipotesis inductiva.

Si demostramos que $(a, r+t+1) = d \leq (t+1)!$ completamos la induccion:

d divide a $r+t+1$ y tambien a a (de aqui, d divide a $r(r+1)\dots(r+t)$).

$r(r+1)\dots(r+t) \equiv (-t+1)(-t)\dots(-1) \pmod{r+t+1}$.

Entonces existe k entero tal que: $r(r+1)\dots(r+t) = (r+t+1)k + (-1)^{t+1}(t+1)!$

entonces d divide a $(t+1)!$, luego $d \leq (t+1)!$ y la induccion queda completada.

En el problema:

Si m es el grado de el polinomio q .

Dados a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{m+1} . Existe un polinomio p de coef racionales y de grado a lo mas m , tal que $p(i) = a_i; 1 \leq i \leq m+1$ (basta tomar el polinomio de Lagrange)

Sea N el MCM de los denominadores de los coef. de p .

Sea el polinomio P , cuya regla de corresp. es $P(x) = Np(x)$ (polinomio de coef. enteros)

Sea el polinomio Q , cuya regla de corresp. es $Q(x) = Nq(x)$

$Na_{r+m+1} \equiv Na_i \equiv P(i) \equiv P(r+m+1) \pmod{r+m+1-i}; \forall 1 \leq i \leq m+1$

entonces $[r, \dots, r+m]$ divide a $Na_{r+m+1} - P(r+m+1)$

Luego

$-[r, \dots, r+m] < -P(r+m+1) < Na_{r+m+1} - P(r+m+1) < Q(r+m+1) - P(r+m+1) < [r, \dots, r+m]$ para todo natural r mayor que T . Pues del lema podemos decir que ese mcm crece mas que un polinomio de grado $m+1$. y como P y $Q - P$ son de grado a lo mas m , lo anterior es cierto para un r suficientemente grande, es decir existe T tal que lo de arriba es cierto para $r > T$.

Se concluye que el termino del centro es cero (es un multiplo de las cotas de los extremos)

Sea $S = T + m + 1$. entonces $Na_n = P(n)$, para todo $n > S$

entonces $a_n = p(n)$, para todo $n > S$

Por ultimo:

$Na_i \equiv Na_{n+i} \equiv P(n+i) \equiv P(i) \pmod{n}$ para todo $n > S$, e i:natural

entonces $Na_i - P(i)$ tiene infinitos divisores, por lo que es cero. De alli: $a_i = p(i)$, para todo natural i .



OMM

#11 Aug 31, 2006, 5:18 am

pascual puedo postear la solucion del problema de geometria?

jeje 😊

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Tony2006

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Chen241290

#12 Aug 31, 2006, 7:16 am

las sumas que yo puse no eran sumas simetricas. Eran otro tipo de sumas. Lo aclaré en mi solucion.



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Luis González

#13 Jul 28, 2009, 8:41 am

“ Pascual2005 wrote:

3. Se tiene un cuadrilatero inscribible y circunscribible a la vez, demuestre que el punto de corte de sus diagonales, y los centros de los círculos inscritos y circunscritos son colineales.

Sea $ABCD$ un cuadrilátero bicentrico con circuncírculo (O) e incírculo (I). (I) es tangente a AB, BC, CD, DA en X, Y, Z, W . Sean $M \equiv DA \cap CB, N \equiv AB \cap DC$. Denotemos P el punto de corte de las diagonales. La recta MN es la polar de P respecto a (O). Por otro lado XZ y YW se cortan en P (Teorema de Newton), entonces las polares de M, N respecto a (I) pasan por P , lo que implica que P es el polo de MN respecto a (I). Ahora como el polo está en la recta perpendicular a su polar por el centro de la circunferencia, resulta $PO \perp MN, PI \perp MN \Rightarrow O, I, P$ están alineados.

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Spain**Reto #4 del 2006**  Reply**carlosbr**

#1 Feb 26, 2006, 2:44 am

NIVEL BASICO**Problema 1** [Geometria]

Demostrar que, si $ABCD$ es un cuadrilatero inscrito, la suma de los radios de las circunferencias inscritas en los triangulos ABC y ACD es igual a la suma de los radios de las circunferencias inscritas en los triangulos BCD y BDA .

[Sugerido por:Los Organizadores]

Problema 2 [Inecuaciones]Sean $a, b, c > 0$. Mostrar que:

$$\frac{a+b+c}{abc} \leq \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2}.$$

[Sugerido por:Carlos Bravo]

Problema 3 [Combinatorio]

Considerar todos $2^n - 1$ subconjuntos no vacíos apartir del conjunto $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$. Para cada subconjunto, encontramos el producto de los reciprocos de cada uno de sus elementos. Encontrar la suma de todos estos productos.

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Disfruten de los problemas 😊

Los Organizadores

This post has been edited 1 time. Last edited by carlosbr, May 12, 2006, 11:37 am**Pascual2005**

#2 Feb 26, 2006, 8:11 am

NIVEL AVANZADO**Problema 1**Hallar el menor entero t , tal que existen enteros x_1, x_2, \dots, x_t tales que:

$$x_1^3 + x_2^3 + \dots + x_t^3 = 2002^{2002}$$

Problema 2

Sea P un polinomio con coeficientes enteros. Pruebe que si n es un entero positivo impar y existen enteros x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n tales que $x_2 = P(x_1), x_3 = P(x_2), \dots, x_n = P(x_{n-1}), x_1 = P(x_n)$ entonces $x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_n$

Problema 3

Sea S un conjunto de n puntos en el plano no 3 colineales. Pruebe que existe un conjunto de $2n - 5$ puntos tales que todo triangulo con vertices en S contiene uno de estos puntos.

Disfruten de los problemas 😊

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carlosbr

#3 Feb 26, 2006, 9:10 pm

Aki ..

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Carlos Bravo 😊

Lima - Peru

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Pascual2005

#4 Mar 3, 2006, 5:58 pm

Esta muy dificil o que? esperocomentarios y sugerencias porque el numero de soluciones esta empezando a tender a cero.



hucht

#5 Mar 3, 2006, 7:50 pm

“ carlosbr wrote:

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[Sugerido por:Carlos Bravo]

Solucion del Problema 1.

Enunciaremos el teorema general:

Definicion. Dado un poligono $P_1P_2\dots P_n$ una triangulacion es el conjunto de triangulos determinados al unir el vertice P_k con los demas. Es obvio que resultan $n - 2$ triangulos.

Teorema 1. Sea $P_1P_2\dots P_n$ un polígono inscrito en una circunferencia. La suma de los inradios de los $n - 2$ triángulos formados por una triangulación es independiente del vértice escogido.

Para la demostracion usaremos el lema:

Lema 2. (Carnot) Dado $\triangle ABC$ de circuncentro O inradio r y circunradio R , sean M_a, M_b, M_c los puntos medios de los lados BC, AC, AB respectivamente, entonces:

- i. $OM_a + OM_b + OM_c = R + r$ si O y C están en el mismo semiplano con respecto a la recta AB
- ii. $OM_a + OM_b - OM_c = R + r$ si O y C están en diferentes semiplanos con respecto a la recta AB

Luego: Sean T_i los $n - 2$ triángulos formados en la triangulación, de inradio r_i , radio M_i el punto medio de P_iP_{i+1} y sea D_i el punto medio de $P_{i-1}P_i$. Así, aplicando el teorema de carnot en el triangulo $P_iP_{i+1}P_{i-1}$ tenemos:

$$OM_1 + OM_2 - OD_1 = R + r_1$$
$$OD_1 + OM_3 - OD_2 = R + r_2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{OD}_2 + \tilde{OM}_4 - \tilde{OD}_3 &= \tilde{R} + r_3 \\ \vdots \\ OM_{n-1} + OM_n - OD_{n-2} &= R + r_{n-2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (OM_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} (r_i + (n-2)R)$$

luego:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n-2} (r_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} (OM_i - (n-2)R) = \text{constante}$$

Desde que la distancia del centro a los puntos medios de los lados del polígono es constante y $(n-2)R$ es constante. \square

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Ahora bien, sea $ABCD$ un cuadrilátero inscrito, la D -triangulación es $[ABD, BCD]$ y la A -triangulación es $[ABC, ACD]$, de ahí que, por el teorema 1 para $n = 4$ la suma de los inradios de los triángulos ABC y ACD es igual a la suma de los inradios de los triángulos BCD y BDA . \square

Solución del problema 2.

Como la suma es cerrada en el conjunto \mathbb{P}_0 (Positivos union 0) entonces

$$(1/a - 1/b)^2 + (1/b - 1/c)^2 + (1/c - 1/a)^2 \geq 0$$

$$\text{así: } 1/a^2 + 1/b^2 + 1/c^2 \geq 1/ab + 1/bc + 1/ac$$

$$\text{y se sigue que } \frac{a+b+c}{abc} \leq \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2}.$$

PD. Coloquen problemas de geometría del nivel superior 

Atte.

Jose/Carlos



federico...

#6 Mar 4, 2006, 4:20 am

Ahi dejo el 3 de nivel superior, todavía no tengo Latex así que lo pongo en word

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Luis González

#7 Jul 28, 2009, 6:56 am

carlosbr wrote:

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Este es el llamado segundo teorema Japonés, cuyo caso más general para n -gonos es el primer teorema Japonés o [Teorema de Mikami y Kobayashi](#). Hay numerosas demostraciones para este teorema, la solución más sencilla y tal vez la más elegante es usando el teorema de Carnot reiteradamente en cada triángulo que resulta de la triangulación, tal cual como fué probado por hutch.

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77ant

#1 Jul 26, 2009, 11:58 pm

Hi, everyone



Prove the following:

if P and Q be a pair of conjugate points for a circle to which they are external,

(i) PQ^2 is equal to the sum of the squares of the tangents from P and Q

(ii) PQ is twice the tangent from the middle point of PQ

(iii) $PU \cdot UQ$ is equal to the square of the tangent from U, U being the foot of the perpendicular from the center of the circle on PQ

(iv) the circle on PQ as diameter is orthogonal to the given circle

Thanks



yetti

#2 Jul 27, 2009, 4:05 am

P, Q are conjugate WRT circle (O) and external \implies a convex $ABCD$ inscribed in (O, r) exists, such that $P \equiv AB \cap CD, Q \equiv BC \cap DA$. Let $R \equiv AC \cap BD$. PQ, QR, RP are polars of R, P, Q WRT (O) \implies $PO \perp QR, QO \perp RP \implies O$ is orthocenter of $\triangle PQR$ and $R \in OU$. Let $V \equiv PO \cap QR, W \equiv QO \cap RP$ be feet of the first 2 altitudes. Let (X) be circle with diameter PQ .

(iv) Inversion in (O) takes $P, Q \in (X)$ to $V, W \in (X)$ \implies it takes (X) to itself, $(X) \perp (O)$.

(iii) Inversion in (O) takes R to $U \implies RO \cdot UO = r^2$. Power of U to circumcircle (S) of $\triangle PQR$ is $p(U, (S)) = -PU \cdot UQ = -UR \cdot UO = -(UO - RO) \cdot UO = r^2 - UO^2$ \implies power of U to (O) is $p(U, (O)) = UO^2 - r^2 = PU \cdot UQ$.

(ii) $(X) \perp (O) \implies$ tangent length from X to (O) is then equal to the radius $\frac{1}{2}PQ$ of (X) .

(i) O is orthocenter of $\triangle PQR \implies R$ is orthocenter of $\triangle PQR$. By basic properties of inversion in (O) ,

$VW = PQ \cdot \frac{r^2}{OP \cdot OQ}$. $\triangle UVW$ is orthic triangle of $\triangle PQR \implies VW = PQ \cos \widehat{QOP} \implies$

$\cos \widehat{QOP} = \frac{r^2}{OP \cdot OQ}$. By cosine theorem for $\triangle PQR$,

$PQ^2 = OP^2 + OQ^2 - 2OP \cdot OQ \cdot \cos \widehat{QOP} = OP^2 - r^2 + OQ^2 - r^2 = p(P, (O)) + p(Q, (O))$



Luis González

#3 Jul 27, 2009, 7:28 am

This simple figure has lots of interesting things, thus I'd like to highlight other properties besides the ones mentioned by 77ant. Let PA, PB, QC be the tangent segments from P, Q to the circle (O) . AB is radical axis of the circles (P, PA) and (O) . Since Q lies on their radical axis, then it has equal power with respect to (O) and (P, PA)

$$QB \cdot QA = PQ^2 - PB^2 = QC^2 \implies PQ^2 = PB^2 + QC^2$$



The remaining properties follow directly from the fact that the circle with diameter \overline{PQ} belongs to the orthogonal pencil defined by the axis $PQ \equiv r$ and the circle (O) , thus the intersection points P, Q are homologous through an involution over r whose center is obviously the foot U of the perpendicular line from O to r . Double points (if they exist) are at most the two intersections of $r \cap (O)$. Such inversion whose radius equals the radius of the line involution takes the circle (O) into itself.

Furthermore, if we project these two conjugate points from the pole R of r , we obtain the polars p, q of P, Q WRT (O) , each one passing through the pole of the other $\implies \triangle PQR$ is autopolar WRT $(O) \implies p, q$ are conjugate lines WRT (O) . Thus they form an involution.

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77ant

#1 Jul 26, 2009, 11:48 pm

Hi, everyone 😊



Prove the following:

if a, b, p be the polars of the points A, B, P for a circle whose center is O ,

$$\frac{(P, a)}{(P, b)} \div \frac{(A, p)}{(B, p)} = \frac{(O, a)}{(O, b)} = \frac{(B, a)}{(A, b)}$$

p.s. (A, p) =distance from A to p

Thanks 😊



Luis González

#2 Jul 27, 2009, 12:54 am

By [Salmon's theorem](#) we have the following relations:

$$\frac{PO}{AO} = \frac{(P, a)}{(A, p)}, \quad \frac{PO}{OB} = \frac{(P, b)}{(B, b)}, \quad \frac{OB}{OA} = \frac{(B, a)}{(A, b)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(P, a)}{(A, p)} \cdot \frac{(B, p)}{(P, b)} = \frac{OB}{OA} = \frac{(B, a)}{(A, b)}$$

Since the polar of a point is the inverse under (O, r^2) of the circle whose diameter is the perpendicular dropped from O to its pole, we have $r^2 = (O, a) \cdot OA = (O, b) \cdot OB$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(P, a)}{(A, p)} \cdot \frac{(B, p)}{(P, b)} = \frac{(O, a)}{(O, b)} = \frac{(B, a)}{(A, b)}$$



77ant

#3 Jul 27, 2009, 12:57 am

Thank you, luisgeometria 😊

The theorem seems so beautiful. I have not seen it 😊



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**Leonardo**

#1 Feb 23, 2005, 5:25 am

Este no es un problema como tal, sino que reduce un problema que tengo a demostrar esto.

Dado el triángulo $\triangle ABC$, sea I su incentro y sean D, E, F las reflexiones de I a travez de BC, CA, AB respectivamente.

Demuestre que AD, BE, CF concurren.

**grobber**

#2 Feb 23, 2005, 1:55 pm

This is a particular case of the following:

http://www.xtec.es/~qcastell/ttw/ttweng/definicions/d_Kariya_p.html

**Leonardo**

#3 Feb 23, 2005, 10:02 pm

Ya, que chevere esta eso, pero aun no logro demostrar que el caso particular sigue sirviendo.

**salamitrosky**

#4 May 14, 2005, 6:42 am

Hola Leo, cómo andás tantos meses?, teuento algo de tu problema. Hace un tiempo Carlos me mandó una generalización, supongo que debe ser la que grobber comenta (no me fijé). Pero a su vez ese problema que pienso es un caso particular de éste (mmm ahora que reflexiono debe ser éste el problema que grobber dice): Dado un punto P, sean D, E y F los pies de las perpendiculares a BC, CA y AB, respectivamente. Sea X un punto en PD, la perpendicular de PC por X intersecta a PE en Y; la perpendicular a AP por Y intersecta a PF en Z. Bueno, no cuesta nada ver que XZ es también perpendicular a BP. Demostrar que XYZ es perspectivo con ABC.

Bueno, creo que era así, de última después lo arreglo, pero casi seguro que era así. Tengo la solución pasada en .jpg, ¿puede mandar acá?, un gran saludo amigo (seguís en [ee.uu.?](#))

**Luis González**

#5 Jul 26, 2009, 5:05 am

Como ya han mencionado previamente este es un caso particular del llamado Teorema de Kariya

Teorema: En un $\triangle ABC$, (I, r) es su incírculo y $\triangle X_aX_bX_c$ su triángulo de contacto interno. La circunferencia (I, kr) corta a los rayos IX_a, IX_b, IX_c en D, E, F . Entonces $\triangle ABC$ y $\triangle DEF$ son perspectivos y ortológicos.

La demostración es relativamente simple usando el Teorema de Jacobi, que de hecho es un caso mas general que este teorema, o bien utilizando las ecuaciones en coordenadas baricentricas de la homotecia con centro I y coeficiente k .

La expresión general del perspecto de Kariya es:

$$J \left(\frac{1}{bc + kS_A} : \frac{1}{ac + kS_B} : \frac{1}{ab + kS_C} \right)$$

En este caso en particular como D, E, F son las reflexiones de I en los lados del $\triangle ABC$, entonces $k = 2$, resultando que las rectas AD, BE, CF concurren en el conocido punto de Gray X_{79} de $\triangle ABC$.

$$X_{79} \left(\frac{1}{bc + 2S_A} : \frac{1}{ac + 2S_B} : \frac{1}{ab + 2S_C} \right)$$

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compute the angle X

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Source: Ukraine 2005 grade 8



moldovan

#1 Jul 24, 2009, 11:15 pm

Let AD be the median of a triangle ABC . Suppose that $\angle ADB = 45^\circ$ and $\angle ACB = 30^\circ$. Compute $\angle BAD$.

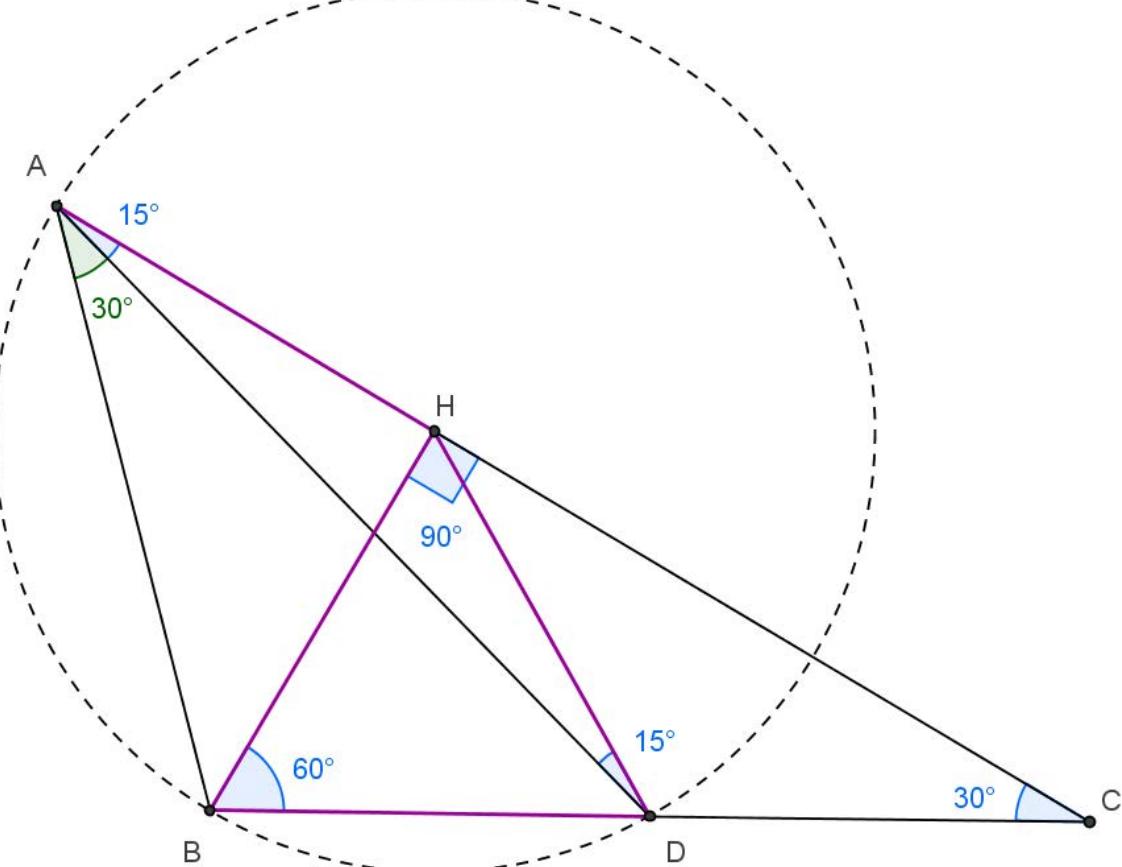


Luis González

#2 Jul 25, 2009, 12:58 am

Proof without words

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zig-zag in circle 

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hollandman

#1 Jul 21, 2009, 3:01 pm

Let A, B, C, D, E be points on a circle such that $\angle ABC = \angle BCD = \angle CDE = 45^\circ$. Prove that the region above the zig-zag line $ABCDE$ and the region below it have equal areas.



Luis González

#2 Jul 24, 2009, 12:28 pm

Let $X \equiv CB \cap AE, Y = CD \cap AE$. Then $\triangle CAE$ is right with $CA = CE = L$. Now, we shall prove that the area of $\triangle CXY$ equals the sum of the areas of $\triangle ABX$ and $\triangle EDY$. Since these triangles are similar, because of $AB \parallel CY$ and $ED \parallel CX$, we shall show $XY^2 = AX^2 + EY^2$. $\triangle CXY \sim \triangle AYC \sim \triangle EXC$ yields

$$\frac{AY}{L} = \frac{L}{EX} \implies AY \cdot EX = L^2 = \frac{1}{2}AE^2$$

$$2(AX + XY)(EY + XY) = (XY + AX + EY)^2 \implies XY^2 = AX^2 + EY^2.$$



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Hyperbola  Reply

Source: constant angle (not so easy)

**77ant**

#1 Jul 23, 2009, 12:26 am

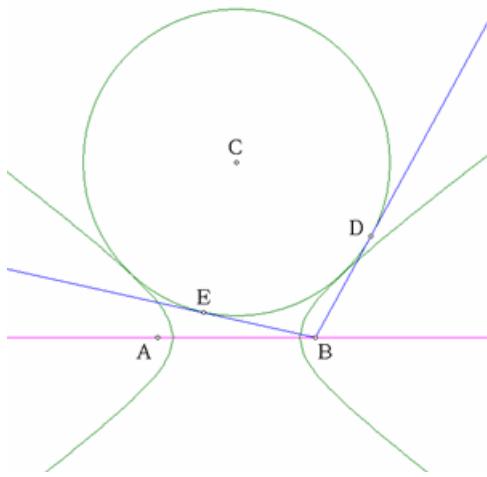
Hi, everyone.

There is a hyperbola with two foci A and B, and infinite many circles (with center C) tangent to the hyperbola. draw two tangent lines BD, BE from a focus B.

Prove that $\angle DBE$ is always constant.

with synthetic proofs (no analytic, no trigonometric)

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**yetti**

#2 Jul 23, 2009, 1:40 am

By symmetry, circle (C) is tangent to the hyperbola at 2 points S, T symmetrical WRT the hyperbola minor axis. $ST \parallel AB$ and $AS = BT \implies ASTB$ is isosceles trapezoid, cyclic, let (P) be its circumcircle centered on the minor axis. The hyperbola tangent at T is also tangent of (C) . This tangent bisects $\angle ATB \implies$ it cuts (P) again at X on the minor axis.

Angles $\angle XTC$ is right $\implies C \in (P)$. Then BC bisects $\angle SBT$. Let $Q \equiv BC \cap ST \implies \frac{SB}{SQ} = \frac{TB}{TQ}$. Since the hyperbola is locus of points with equal ratios of distances from the focus B and corresponding directrix b , it follows that $Q \in b \implies \frac{TB}{TQ} = \epsilon = \text{const}$ is equal to the hyperbola excentricity for any (C) .

Triangles $\triangle BTC \sim \triangle TQC$ are similar, having equal angles $\implies \frac{BC}{TC} = \frac{TB}{TQ} = \epsilon$. This means that the figure $(C) \cup B$ remains similar for any (C) and $\angle DBE = \text{const}$.

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**77ant**

#3 Jul 23, 2009, 1:57 am

Thanks, yetti

I am unable to take my eyes off your great solution! 



**Luis González**

#4 Jul 23, 2009, 2:29 am

By symmetry C lies on the perpendicular bisector of AB and the normal line to the hyperbola at P . In other words, C lies on the circumcircle of $\triangle PAB$ being the midpoint of the arc APB . We must prove that ratio between the distance BC and the radius $CD = CP = r$ is constant. Indeed, by Ptolemy's theorem for the cyclic quadrilateral $ABPC$, keeping in mind that $CB = CA$, we have

$$r \cdot AB + PB \cdot CB = CB \cdot AP \implies \frac{r}{CB} = \frac{AP - PB}{AB} = \text{const.}$$

**yetti**

#5 Jul 23, 2009, 7:43 am

 ampist wrote:

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A concurrent problem X

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II931110

#1 Jul 10, 2009, 7:02 pm

Let ABC be a triangle. D, E, F are in BC, CA, AB , respectively such that AD, BE, CF are concurrent. Denote A_1, B_1, C_1 be midpoints of BC, CA, AB and D_1, E_1, F_1 be midpoints of EF, FD, DE , respectively.

Show that: A_1D_1, B_1E_1, C_1F_1 are concurrent./.



livetolove212

#2 Jul 10, 2009, 7:42 pm

First, I will change the names of points such that available to my solution 😊

Let T be the intersection of AA_2, BB_2, CC_2 , G be the centroid of triangle ABC .

Applying **Gauss's** line, we have M, A_3, A_1 are collinear.

Applying **Menelaus's** theorem for triangle ATG with line (MVA_1) we get:

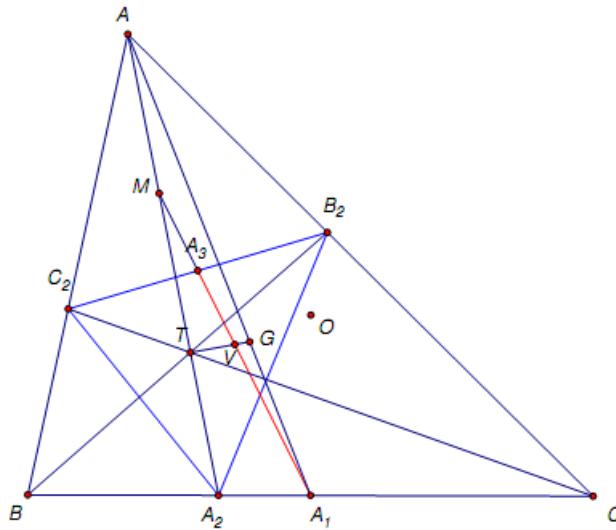
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$$\text{Then } \frac{VG}{VT} = \frac{1}{3}$$

Similarly we obtain B_1B_3, C_1C_3 also pass through V .

And we are done.

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mathVNpro

#3 Jul 10, 2009, 11:30 pm

First, let me restate the problem so that it may fits my solution.

PROBLEM-Let ABC be a triangle and A_0, B_0, C_0 respectively be the point such that AA_0, BB_0, CC_0 are concurrent at J . Let M_a, M_b, M_c respectively be the midpoints of BC, CA, AB ; P_a, P_b, P_c respectively are the midpoints of B_0C_0, C_0A_0, A_0B_0 . Prove that M_aP_a, M_bP_b, M_cP_c are concurrent.

Solution

Let N_a, N_b, N_c respectively be the midpoints of JA, JB, JC . Let H_1, H_2 respectively be the orthocenters of $\triangle C_0BJ$,

$\triangle B_0CJ$. Let C_1, J_1, B_1 respectively be the projections of H_1 onto BJ, BC_0, JC_0 . Let B_2, C_2, J_2 be the projections of H_2 onto CJ, JB_0, CB_0 . It is followed then $H_1C_1 \cdot H_1C_0 = H_1B_1 \cdot H_1B = H_1J_1 \cdot H_1J$ and $H_2C_2 \cdot H_2C = H_2B_2 \cdot H_2B_0 = H_2J_2 \cdot H_2J$, which implies that $\mathcal{P}_{H_1/(M_a)} = \mathcal{P}_{H_1/(N_a)} = \mathcal{P}_{H_1/(P_a)}$, where $(M_a), (N_a), (P_a)$ respectively are the circles with diameters BC, AJ, B_0C_0 . Similarly for H_2 . Thus H_1H_2 are the radical axes of $(M_a), (N_a), (P_a) \Rightarrow M_a, N_a, P_a$ are collinear. With the same argument, we also have $(M_b, N_b, P_b), (M_c, N_c, P_c)$ are collinear. Let d_a be the line which contains M_a, N_a, P_a , define the same for d_b, d_c .

Consider the homothety with center J , ratio $k_1 = 2$. We obtain $\mathcal{H}(J, k_1) : N_a \mapsto A, N_b \mapsto B, N_c \mapsto C$. Therefore

$\mathcal{H}(J, k_1) : \triangle N_a N_c N_c \mapsto \triangle ABC$. Now consider the homothety with center G - the centroid of $\triangle ABC$, ratio $k_2 = -\frac{1}{2}$, we obtain $\mathcal{H}(G, k_2) : A \mapsto M_a, B \mapsto M_b, C \mapsto M_c$. Hence $\mathcal{H}(G, k_2) : \triangle ABC \mapsto \triangle M_a M_b M_c$. Therefore $\mathcal{H}(G, k_2) \circ \mathcal{H}(J, k_1) : \triangle N_a N_c N_c \mapsto M_a M_b M_c$. But $\mathcal{H}(G, k_2) \circ \mathcal{H}(J, k_1) = \mathcal{H}(G', -1)$. Hence $M_a N_a, M_b N_b, M_c N_c$ are concurrent $\Rightarrow d_a, d_b, d_c$ are concurrent at G' , which implies to the result of the problem. \square

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[concurrent.pdf \(27kb\)](#)



Luis González

#4 Jul 12, 2009, 1:36 am

There is another interesting result about this configuration.

Proposition. If P is the concurrency point of the cevians AD, BE, CF , then the lines AD_1, BE_1, CF_1 concur in the center of the inconic \mathcal{K} with perspector P .

Proof. The concurrency of AD_1, BE_1, CF_1 follows immediately by the Cevian Nest Theorem. Using barycentric coordinates with respect $\triangle ABC$, we have

$$P(u:v:w), D(0:v:w), E(u:0:w), F(u:v:0)$$

$$D_1 \left(\frac{2u+w+v}{wv} : \frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{w} : \frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{v} \right)$$

$$E_1 \left(\frac{1}{v} + \frac{1}{w} : \frac{u+2v+w}{uw} : \frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{v} \right)$$

$$F_1 \left(\frac{1}{v} + \frac{1}{w} : \frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{w} : \frac{u+v+2w}{uv} \right)$$

Therefore, triangles $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle D_1E_1F_1$ are perspective through

$$U \left(\frac{1}{v} + \frac{1}{w} : \frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{w} : \frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{v} \right)$$

Complement of the isotomic conjugate of P , i.e. center of the inconic \mathcal{K} with perspector P .



thaithuan_GC

#5 Jul 13, 2009, 9:13 pm

livetolove212 wrote:

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vittasko

#6 Jul 13, 2009, 9:38 pm

See also at the topic [Concurrent lines II](#), of [April](#).

Kostas Vittas.



mathVNpro

#7 Jul 13, 2009, 9:51 pm

" vittasko wrote:

See also at the topic [Concurrent lines II](#), of [April](#).

Kostas Vittas.



" vittasko wrote:

An interesting result in this configuration, is that the points P, Q, G , where G is the centroid of $\triangle ABC$, are collinear such that $PQ = 3(QG)$, mentioned by [Little Gauss](#), in a [gemath's](#) problem at

<http://www.mathlinks.ro/Forum/viewtopic.php?t=132528>

Kostas Vittas.



The above property that you mentioned above is obvious in my proof for this problem at this topic. Since $\mathcal{H}(G, k_2) \circ \mathcal{H}(J, k_1) = \mathcal{H}(G', -1)$, where G' is the concurrent point of d_a, d_b, d_c . Hence G', J, G are concurrent



livetolove212

#8 Jul 14, 2009, 3:57 pm

" thaithuan_GC wrote:

It's not your problem. It has been posted at <http://www.mathlinks.ro/viewtopic.php?t=214231> .

Sorry I don't know it was posted on Mathlinks before. Last week I discovered it and then my friend [II931110](#) post at here



livetolove212

#9 Jul 22, 2009, 2:43 pm

More interesting result: Denote G_a, G_b, G_c the centroid of TBC, TCA, TAB . Prove that $AG_a, BG_b, CG_c, A_1A_3, B_1B_3, C_1C_3$ are concurrent.



Luis González

#10 Jul 22, 2009, 11:49 pm



" livetolove212 wrote:

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Using the same notation of your figure above. The centroid G_a of $\triangle TBC$ has barycentric coordinates $G_a(u : u + 2v + w : u + v + 2w)$. Thus AG_a passes through V ($2u + v + w : u + 2v + w : u + v + 2w$) and this point satisfies the equation of the Newton line of the quadrangle TB_2AC_2 , namely

$$\mathcal{N}_a \equiv (w - v)x + (2u + v + w)(y - z) = 0$$

Thus, $AG_a, BG_b, CG_c, \mathcal{N}_a, \mathcal{N}_b, \mathcal{N}_c$ concur at the complement of the complement of T .



vittasko

#11 Jul 23, 2009, 2:24 am



" livetolove212 wrote:

More interesting result: Denote G_a, G_b, G_c the centroid of TBC, TCA, TAB . Prove that

more interesting result: Denote G_a, G_b, G_c the centroid of $T \cup C, T \cup A, T \cup B$. Prove that $AG_a, BG_b, CG_c, A_1A_3, B_1B_3, C_1C_3$ are concurrent. 😊

- Because of $TG_b = 2G_bB_1$ and $TG_c = 2G_cC_1$, we conclude that the lines through G_b, G_c and parallel to AC, AB respectively, intersect the line segment AT , at the same point so be it A' , such that $TA' = 2A'A$.

It is easy to show now, that the points $B' \equiv TB \cap A'G_c$ and G_a and $C' \equiv TC \cap A'G_b$, are collinear and $B'C' \parallel BC$.

Because of $\triangle G_aG_bG_c$ is the medial triangle of $\triangle A'B'C'$, we have that $G_bG_c \parallel B'C' \Rightarrow G_bG_c \parallel BC$ and similarly, $G_aG_b \parallel AB$ and $G_aG_c \parallel AC$.

So, the triangles $\triangle G_aG_bG_c, \triangle ABC$ are perspective and based on the **Desarques theorem**, we conclude that the line segments AG_a, BG_b, CG_c are concurrent at one point so be it P .

- We will prove now, that the line segment A_1A_3 , where A_1, A_3 are the midpoints of the segments BC, B_2C_2 respectively, passes through the point P .

Because of $G_aG_b \parallel AB$, based on the **Thales theorem**, we have that $\frac{PA}{PG_a} = \frac{AB}{G_aG_b} = 3$, (1) because of $AB = \frac{3}{2}A'B'$ and $G_aG_b = \frac{1}{2}A'B'$

Let be the point $M \equiv AT \cap A_1P$ and applying the **Menelaos theorem**, in triangle $\triangle ATG_a$ with transversal A_1PM , we have that $\frac{MA}{MT} \cdot \frac{A_1T}{A_1G_a} \cdot \frac{PG_a}{PA} = 1 \Rightarrow MA = MT$, (2)

- Because of now, the complete quadrilateral AB_2TC_2BC , we conclude that the line segment $A_1P \equiv A_1M$, connecting the midpoints A_1, M of BC, AT respectively, based on the **Newton theorem**, passes through the midpoint A_3 of B_2C_2 .

That is, the line segment A_1A_3 as the problem states, passes through the point $P \equiv AG_a \cap BG_b \cap CG_c$ and similarly for the line segments B_1B_3 and C_1C_3 .

Hence, the line segments $AG_a, BG_b, CG_c, A_1A_3, B_1B_3, C_1C_3$, are concurrent at point P and the proof is completed.

Kostas Vittas.



livetolove212

#12 Jul 23, 2009, 6:57 am

Here is my solution:

Let M be the midpoint of BC , G be the centroid of triangle ABC , $AG_a \cap TG = \{V\}$

Applying Menelaus's theorem: $\frac{G_aT}{G_aM} \cdot \frac{AM}{AG} \cdot \frac{VG}{VT} = 1$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{VG}{VT} = \frac{1}{3} \dots$$

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Perpendicular to bases drawn through P meets line BQ at K 

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Source: Tuymaada 2009, Junior League, Second Day, Problem 2



orl

#1 Jul 20, 2009, 5:46 am

M is the midpoint of base BC in a trapezoid $ABCD$. A point P is chosen on the base AD . The line PM meets the line CD at a point Q such that C lies between Q and D . The perpendicular to the bases drawn through P meets the line BQ at K . Prove that $\angle QBC = \angle KDA$.

Proposed by S. Berlov



Luis González

#2 Jul 20, 2009, 6:17 am

Such an easy problem 😊

Let $N \equiv QB \cap AD$. Then QM is the Q-median of $\triangle QBC$. Since $BC \parallel ND$, then P is midpoint of ND . The triangle $\triangle NDK$ is isosceles. So if $R \equiv KD \cap BC$, then $\triangle KBR$ is also isosceles $\implies \angle QBC = \angle BRK = \angle KDA$.



hvaz

#3 Jun 19, 2010, 7:27 am

Let $B' = QB$ and $R = KD$.

Notice that we only need to prove that $\triangle KB'D$ is isosceles, because if this happens, $\triangle KBM$ is also isosceles (because $B'D \parallel BC$), and so $\angle KBR = \angle QBC = \angle KRB = \angle CRD = \angle RDA = \angle KDA$.

But $BC \parallel B'D$, and so there're an homothety that goes from $\triangle QBC$ to $\triangle QND$, and if M is the midpoint of BC , P is the midpoint of $B'D$, what implies that $\triangle KND$ is isosceles.

Q.E.D.



Tharun270

#4 Jun 19, 2010, 10:59 am

Angle ADK =Angle DMC =Angle KXM =Angle KBM .

This is just one situation. X is the point of intersection between DK and BC .



sunken rock

#5 Jun 19, 2010, 9:18 pm

From Luis's solution we get KP external bisector of angle $\angle QKD$, hence the parallel to the bases of trapezoid through K is the internal angle bisector of $\angle QKD$, done.

Best regards,
sunken rock

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Circumcenters, DAX = DAH 

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Source: USA TST 2009 #2



@MellowMelon

#1 Jul 19, 2009, 4:40 am

Let ABC be an acute triangle. Point D lies on side BC . Let O_B, O_C be the circumcenters of triangles ABD and ACD , respectively. Suppose that the points B, C, O_B, O_C lie on a circle centered at X . Let H be the orthocenter of triangle ABC . Prove that $\angle DAX = \angle DAH$.

Zuming Feng.

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limes123

#2 Jul 19, 2009, 7:18 am

Let $BO_B \cap CO_C = Y$. We have $\angle CBO_B = 90^\circ - \angle DAB$ and $BCO_C = 90^\circ - \angle DAC$ hence $\angle BYC = 180^\circ - (90^\circ - \angle DAB) - (BCO_C = 90^\circ - \angle DAC) = \angle BAC$ which means that point Y lies on the circumcircle of triangle ABC (1). A simple angle chase shows that $\angle BAO_B = \angle CAO_C$ which implies $\angle O_BAO_C = \angle BAC$ and point Y lies on the circumcircle of triangle AO_BO_C (2). From (1) and (2) we have AY - radical axis of circles (ABC) and (AO_BO_C) , O_BO_C - radical axis of circles (BCO_CO_B) and (AO_BO_C) and BC - radical axis of (ABC) and (BCO_CO_B) and these three lines are concurrent in point R . Let $AH \cap BC = T$ and $O_BO_C \cap AD = Q$. We know that AD is radical axis of circles (ABD) and (ACD) hence $O_BO_C \perp QR$ and $AT \perp RT$ which implies that $RTQA$ is cyclic quadrilateral and $\angle DAH = \angle RAT = \angle DRQ$ (3). We know that $AX \perp AY$ (4) (it was posted on the forum, I'll write proof later). A simple angle chase shows that RBO_BA is cyclic quadrilateral and $BO_B = AO_B$ hence QR is angle bisector of $\angle DRA$ which combined with $AD \perp QR$ implies $AR = DR$ and $\angle RDA = \angle DAR$ (5). Let $AX \cap QR = S$. Using (4) and (5) we get $\angle RDA = \angle DAR = \angle RSA$ (because $\triangle RQA$ and $\triangle RAS$ are similar) hence $RDSA$ is cyclic. Using this and (3) we get $\angle DAX = \angle DAS = \angle DRS = \angle TRQ = \angle TAQ = \angle HAD$ qed.

We can also prove that BO_C, CO_B and AX are concurrent.



yetti

#3 Jul 19, 2009, 4:06 pm

Let $F \in BC$ be foot of AH . Let A', B', C', D', F' be midpoints of BC, CA, AB, AD, AF . O_BO_C is perpendicular bisector of $AD \implies \angle AO_BO_C = \angle ABD = \angle ABC$ and $\angle AO_CO_B = \angle ACD = \angle ACB \implies \triangle AO_BO_C \sim \triangle ABC \sim \triangle AC'B'$ for any $D \in BC$. Let K, M be midpoints of $O_BO_C, C'B'$ and $AD'KL, AF'MN$ rectangles; KL, MN are perpendicular bisectors of $O_BO_C, C'B'$, respectively. Since D', F' are A-altitude feet of $\triangle AO_BO_C \sim \triangle AC'B'$, these 2 rectangles are similar $\implies \triangle ALN \sim \triangle AD'F'$ are similar by SAS and $LN \perp (AN \parallel B'C')$. Consequently, foot L of perpendicular AL to KL from A is on midparallel MN of $AH \parallel OA'$. This means that the perpendicular bisector KL of O_BO_C is tangent to a parabola with focus A , vertex tangent MN and directrix OA' . If KL cuts the directrix OA' at X , the parabola tangent KL bisects the angle $\angle OXA$. Since $AD \parallel KL \implies AD$ bisects the angle $\angle XAH$.

This is true regardless of BCO_CO_B being cyclic or not. But if it happens to be cyclic, the intersection X of the perpendicular bisectors OA', KL of BC, O_BO_C is its circumcenter.



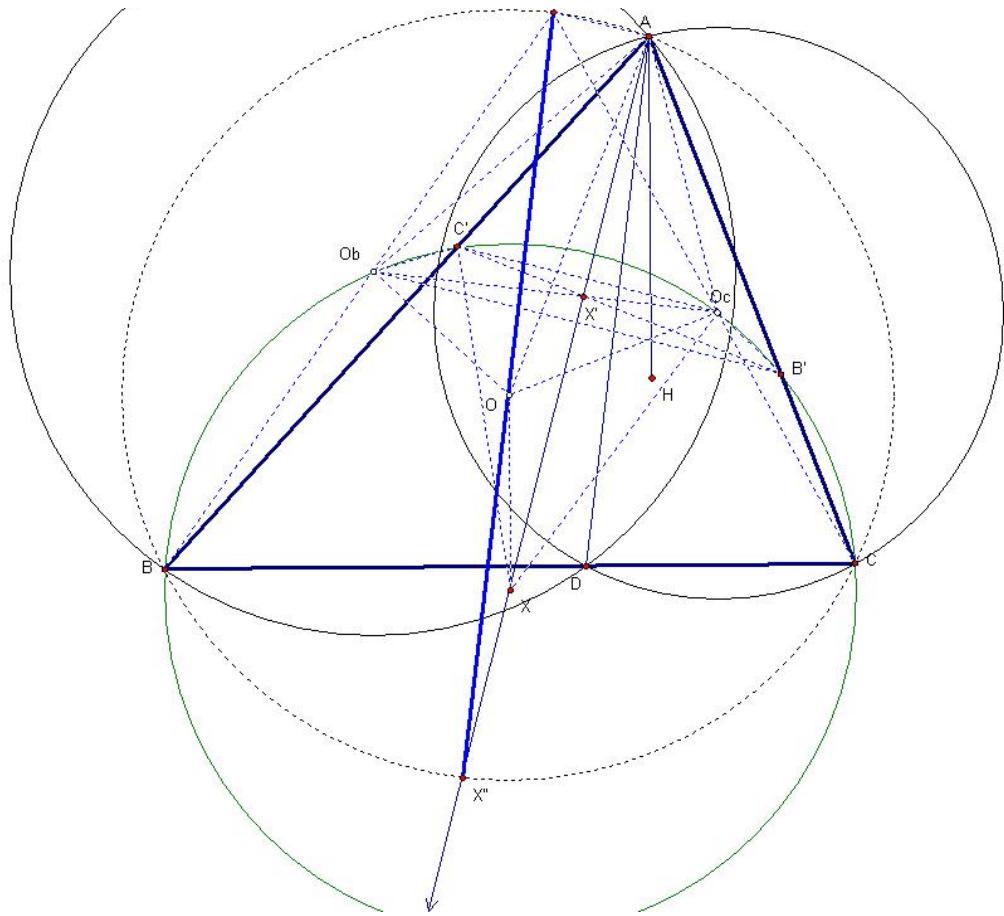
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#4 Jul 19, 2009, 4:32 pm

I will post the solution later in mind

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plane geometry

#5 Jul 19, 2009, 5:17 pm

Denote X' is the intersection of $B'C'$ and O_bO_c

$\triangle ABO_b \sim \triangle ACO_c \Rightarrow \angle O_bBC' = \angle O_cCB' \Rightarrow C'O_cB'O_b$ is an isosceles trapezoid

$\Rightarrow O_bO_c = B'C'$

$\triangle AC'B' \sim \triangle ACB \triangle AOb \sim \triangle ACB \Rightarrow$

$B'C'/BC = AB'/AC = O_bO_c/BC = AO_c/AC \Rightarrow AB' = AO_c$

Analogously, we have $AO_b = AC'$

AX' is the bisector of $\angle C'AO_c$

On the other hand, we have AX is the bisector of $\angle C'AO_c$

Thus A, X, X' are collinear

By angle chasing $\angle A'AB + \angle C'AC = 90^\circ$ which indicates A', O, X'' are collinear

Therefore $\angle OX''A = \angle OAX = \angle ABA' = \angle DAH$ (1)

Notice $\angle OAX = \angle X'AC' - \angle OAB = \angle X'AO_c - \angle O_cAD = \angle DAX$ (2)

From (1)(2) we get the result



Zhang Fangyu

#6 Jul 19, 2009, 7:32 pm

" plane geometry wrote:

Denote X' is the intersection of $B'C'$ and O_bO_c

$\triangle ABO_b \sim \triangle ACO_c \Rightarrow \angle O_bBC' = \angle O_cCB' \Rightarrow C'O_cB'O_b$ is an isosceles trapezoid

$\Rightarrow O_bO_c = B'C'$

$\triangle AC'B' \sim \triangle ACB \triangle AOb \sim \triangle ACB \Rightarrow \frac{B'C'}{BC} = \frac{AB}{AC} = \frac{O_bO_c}{BC} = \frac{AO_c}{AC} \Rightarrow AB = AO_c$

Analogously, we have $AO_b = AC'$

AX' is the bisector of $\angle C'AO_c$

On the other hand, we have AX is the bisector of $\angle C'AO_c$

Thus A, X, X' are collinear

By angle chasing $\angle A'AB + \angle C'AC = 90^\circ$ which indicates A', O, X'' are collinear

Therefore $\angle OX''A + \angle OAX + \angle ABA' + \angle DAH$ (1)

Notice $\angle OAX = \angle X'AC' - \angle OAB = \angle X'AO_c - \angle O_cAD = \angle DAX$ (2)

From (1)(2) we get the result

Very nice solution! Dear plane geometry



mathVNpro

#7 Jul 19, 2009, 11:56 pm

" MellowMelon wrote:

Let ABC be an acute triangle. Point D lies on side BC . Let O_B, O_C be the circumcenters of triangles ABD and ACD , respectively. Suppose that the points B, C, O_B, O_C lie on a circle centered at X . Let H be the orthocenter of triangle ABC . Prove that $\angle DAX = \angle DAH$.

Zuming Feng.

Dear mathlinkers! How can we construct D on BC such that O_B, O_C, B, C are on a circle where O_B, O_C is the circumcenters of triangles ABD and ACD , respectively?



Luis González

#8 Jul 20, 2009, 12:24 am

" mathVNpro wrote:

Dear mathlinkers! How can we construct D on BC such that O_B, O_C, B, C are on a circle where O_B, O_C is the circumcenters of triangles ABD and ACD , respectively?

The point D is not constructible (in general). Calculate the angles $\angle CAD$ and $\angle BAD$ in terms of the angles of $\triangle ABC$, then realize that the construction is equivalent to the angle trisection.



yeti

#9 Jul 20, 2009, 3:23 am

" Luis González wrote:

...the construction is equivalent to the angle trisection.

Calculate angle $\theta = \angle DAH$:

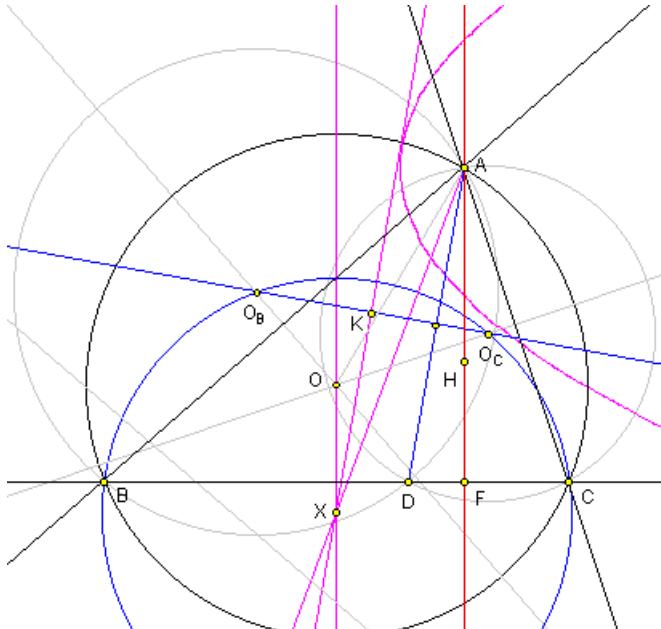
$$\angle O_B BC = \theta + \angle ABC \text{ and } \angle BCO_C = \angle BCA - \theta,$$

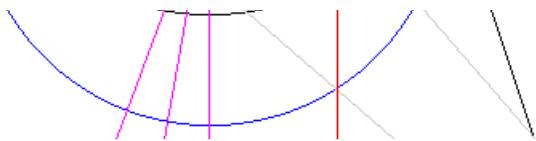
$$\angle O_C O_B B = \pi - (\angle ABC + 2\theta) \text{ and } \angle CO_C O_B = \pi - (\angle BCA - 2\theta).$$

$$BCO_C O_B \text{ is cyclic} \iff \angle O_B BC + \angle CO_C O_B = \pi \iff \theta = \frac{1}{3}(\angle BCA - \angle ABC).$$

Even though D is not constructible for a given $\triangle ABC$, you can still construct some $\triangle ABC$ with $BCO_C O_B$ cyclic, given $\triangle ABD$. (If $F \in BD$ is A-altitude foot, pick D , so that $\angle ABD + 3\angle DAF < \frac{\pi}{2}$.)

Attachments:





livetolove212

#10 Jul 20, 2009, 7:37 am

We know that AX is the bisector of $\angle BAO_c$ and $\Delta AO_b O_c \sim \Delta ABC$

On the other side, denote T the intersection of BO_c and CO_b .

We have $\frac{O_b T}{O_c T} = \frac{BO_b}{CO_c}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{O_b T}{TC} = \frac{R_b}{R_c} \cdot \frac{O_c T}{TC} = \frac{R_b}{R_c} \cdot \frac{O_b O_c}{BC} = \frac{R_b}{AC} = \frac{AO_b}{AC}$$

So AT is the bisector of $\angle O_b AC$ or $\angle BAO_c$

We obtain AX, BO_b, CO_c are concurrent.

Applying Tri-Ceva theorem for triangle $O_b O_c X$ we have:

$$\frac{\sin \angle O_c X T}{\sin \angle O_b X T} \cdot \frac{\sin \angle X O_b T}{\sin \angle O_c O_b T} \cdot \frac{\sin \angle O_b O_c T}{\sin \angle X O_c T} = 1$$

$$\text{Note that } XO_b = XO_c \text{ so } \frac{\sin \angle O_c X T}{\sin \angle O_b X T} = \frac{PO_c}{PO_b}$$

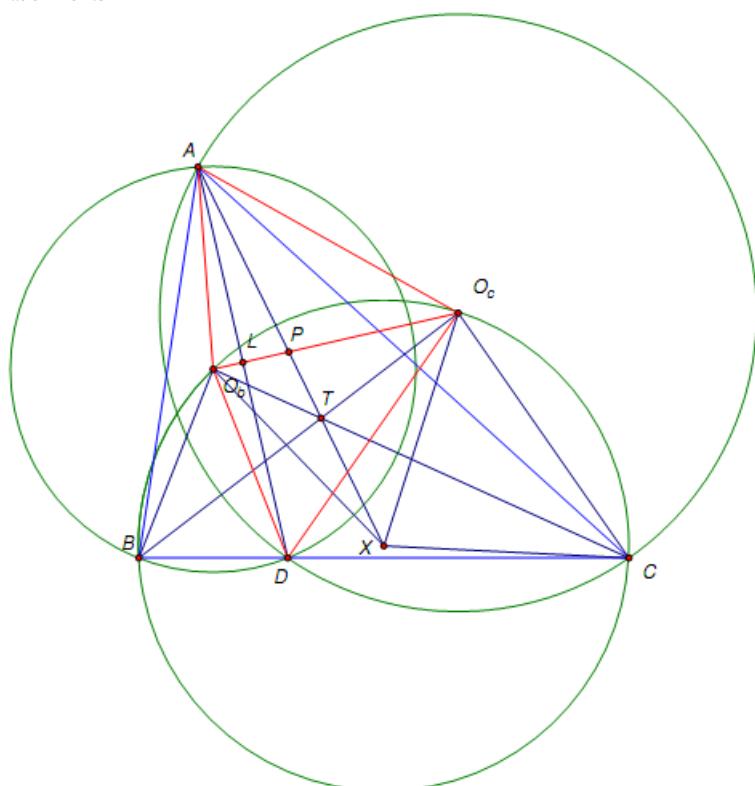
$$\text{And } \frac{\sin \angle X O_b T}{\sin \angle O_c O_b T} \cdot \frac{\sin \angle O_b O_c T}{\sin \angle X O_c T} = \frac{\sin \angle T C B}{\sin \angle T B C} \cdot \frac{\cos \angle O_b B D}{\cos \angle O_c C D} = \frac{T B}{T C} \cdot \frac{\cos \angle O_b B D}{\cos \angle O_c C D}$$

$$= \frac{R_b}{R_c} \cdot \frac{\cos \angle O_c C D}{\cos \angle O_b B D} = \frac{CD}{BD}$$

$$\text{Therefore } \frac{PO_c}{PO_b} = \frac{CD}{BD}$$

We get $\Delta ABD \sim \Delta A O_b P$ then $\angle BAD = \angle O_b A P \Rightarrow \angle DAX = \angle BAO_b = \angle DAH$

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mathVNpro

#11 Sep 3, 2009, 2:46 pm

Quote:

Let ABC be an acute triangle. Point D lies on side BC . Let O_B, O_C be the circumcenters of triangles ABD and ACD , respectively. Suppose that the points B, C, O_B, O_C lies on a circle centered at X . Let H be the orthocenter of triangle ABC . Prove that $\angle DAX = \angle DAH$.

We have $\angle AO_B B = 2(180^\circ - \angle ADB) = 2\angle ADC = \angle AO_C C$. In the other hand, since $\triangle AO_B B$ and $\triangle AO_C C$ are all isosceles triangles respectively with respect to vertexes O_B, O_C . Hence it exists a spiral similarity through center A , let denote this transformation by f_A such that $f_A : \triangle AO_B B \mapsto \triangle AO_C C$ (*). Thus $f_A : O_B \mapsto O_C$ and $B \mapsto C$. Therefore, it also exists a spiral similarity through A , let denote this by g_A such that $g_A : O_b \mapsto B, O_c \mapsto C \implies O_B O_C \mapsto BC$, which implies that $\triangle AO_B O_C \mapsto \triangle ABC$ (**). From (*) and (**), we have $(O_B O_C, BC) = (AO_c, AC)$ and $(O_B B, O_C C) = (AB, AC)$. Thus, if $P \equiv BO_B \cap CO_C$ and $Q \equiv O_B O_C \cap BC$ then we have $\{A, O_C, C, Q\}$ and $\{P, B, C, A\}$ are two sets of concyclic points, which leads to the fact that A is the *Miquel point* with respect to the complete quadrilateral (PB, PC, QO_B, QB) . Note that $O_B O_C C$ is concyclic $\implies A, P, Q$ are collinear. Further, if $G \equiv CO_B \cap BO_C$ then PQ is the polar of G with respect to $(O_A) \equiv (BO_B O_C C)$, O, A, G are collinear and $OGA \perp PQ$ at $A \implies \angle PAO_A = \angle O_A AQ = 90^\circ$.

In the other hand, we have $\angle DAH_A = \angle DAC - \angle H_A AC = \angle DAC - (90^\circ - \angle ACD)$. Also, $\angle DAO_A = \angle PAD - \angle PAO_A = \angle PAD - 90^\circ$. Therefore, in order to prove that $\angle DAH_A = \angle DAO_A$, we need to prove that $\angle PAD = \angle DAC + \angle ACD = 180^\circ - \angle ADQ = 180^\circ - \angle QAD$, which equivalent to $\angle ADQ = \angle QAD$, which is obviously true since $O_B O_C Q$ bisects AD and $Q \equiv PA \cap O_B O_C$. Our proof is completed then. \square

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math154

#12 May 23, 2011, 9:58 am

WLOG $B \geq C$.

First, by trivial angle chasing, $\angle BO_B O_C = B + 2\angle BAD$ while $\angle O_B BC = 90^\circ - \angle BAD$, so because $BO_B O_C C$ is cyclic, $\angle BAD = 90^\circ - \frac{2B+C}{3}$ and $\angle CAD = 90^\circ - \frac{B+2C}{3}$. We find that

$$\angle DAB = \angle DAB - \angle HAB = \frac{B-C}{3}, \text{ so it remains to show that } \angle DAX = \frac{B-C}{3}. (*)$$

Note that $\angle O_B XC = 2\angle O_B BC = \frac{4B+2C}{3}$ and $\angle O_C XB = 2\angle O_C CB = \frac{2B+4C}{3}$.

However, $\angle O_B AC = \angle O_B AD + \angle CAD = 180^\circ - \frac{4B+2C}{3}$, so by symmetry, $ABXO_C$ and $ACXO_B$ are cyclic.

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned} \angle DAX + \angle DAB &= \angle XAB = \angle XO_C B \\ &= \angle BO_B O_C - 90^\circ = 90^\circ - \frac{B+2C}{3} = \angle DAB + \frac{B-C}{3}, \end{aligned}$$

so we're done by (*).



subham1729

#13 Apr 25, 2013, 12:53 pm • 1

Suppose radius of $\odot BAD = r_1$ and of $\odot CAD = r_2$ and $\angle DAB = \theta$ now so $AD = 2r_1 \sin B = 2r_2 \sin C$ also $\angle O_B DO_C = \pi - (B+C) = A$ and that implies $O_B DO_C$ is similar to ABC and so $\angle O_C O_B D = B, \angle O_B O_C D = C$ now also note $B + 2\theta + C + \frac{B+\theta}{2} = \pi \implies \theta = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{2B+C}{3}$. Now suppose $\angle XBC = \alpha$ then

$a \sin(\alpha) = r_1 \sin(\frac{2B+C}{3} - \alpha)$ also $c = 2r_1 \cos(\frac{B-C}{3})$, using this we get $\frac{\sin(B-\alpha)}{\sin(C-\alpha)} = \frac{\cos(A-B)}{\cos(A-C)}$ now

apply ceva with AX, BX, CX and note $\frac{\sin \angle XAC}{\sin \angle XAB} = \frac{\cos(A-B)}{\cos(A-C)} = \frac{\cos(\frac{C+2B}{3})}{\cos(\frac{B+2C}{3})}$ and so obviously

$\angle XAB = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{B+2C}{3}, \angle XAC = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{2B+C}{3}$, and hence $\angle XAD = \frac{B-C}{3}$ and which is indeed $\angle DAH$, so done!



v_Enhance

#14 Apr 28, 2013, 10:26 am

Without loss of generality $AC > AB$. It is easy to verify via angle chasing that $\angle AO_B B = \angle AO_C C$. Since $O_B O_C C B$ is

cyclic, it follows that A is the Miquel point of $O_B O_C \cup D$. Therefore, $A O_C A D$ is cyclic.

Set $x = \angle BAD, y = \angle CAD$. Then

$$\angle BO_B O_C = \angle BO_B D + \angle D_O BC = 2x + B \implies \angle BXC = 360 - 4x - 2B \implies \angle BAX = \angle BO_C X = 2x + B - 90.$$

On the other hand, $\angle BAH = 90 - B$. From here it is easy to derive that $\angle HAD = x + B - 90 = \angle XAD$, as desired.



BBAI
#15 Apr 30, 2013, 1:23 am



v_Enhance wrote:

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Set $x = \angle BAD, y = \angle CAD$. Then

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How $A O_C X B$ is cyclic? Is it a property..



math154
#16 Apr 30, 2013, 1:29 am



Yes; see derpy.me/cyclicquad (Fact 12; thanks to Zhero for making this link)

Edit: made link clearer; also http://yufeizhao.com/olympiad/cyclic_quad.pdf

[Linked the other one as well. -- mod](#)

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BBAI
#17 Apr 30, 2013, 1:48 am



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IDMasterz
#18 Feb 5, 2014, 2:23 pm



Note that $A O_B O_C \sim ABC$ by simple angle chasing, so let $Y = O_B O_C \cap BC$ and $Z = AD \cap O_B O_C$. Notice that by miquel's theorem, we have $Y \in ABO_B$ and ACO_C so since $O_B O_C BC$ are concyclic, we have by radical axis theorem that BO_B, CO_C, AY concur, so A is miquel point of $O_B O_C CB$. Hence, $XA \perp AY$. If we let the midpoint of $O_B O_C$ be M then $\angle DAX = \angle AOM = \angle AYM$ and clearly $\angle HAD = \angle MYD$ (Let $AH \cap BC = E$, then $AYEM$ are concyclic). So, we must show YM bisects $\angle AYE$, or $AM = MQ$ which follows since M is the circumcentre of AED .



Mahi
#19 Jun 2, 2014, 10:16 pm



Sorry for a little glitch in the diagram ($AHG \perp BC, G = AH \cap BC$).

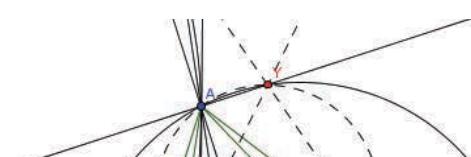
Let $BO_B \cap CO_C = Y$.

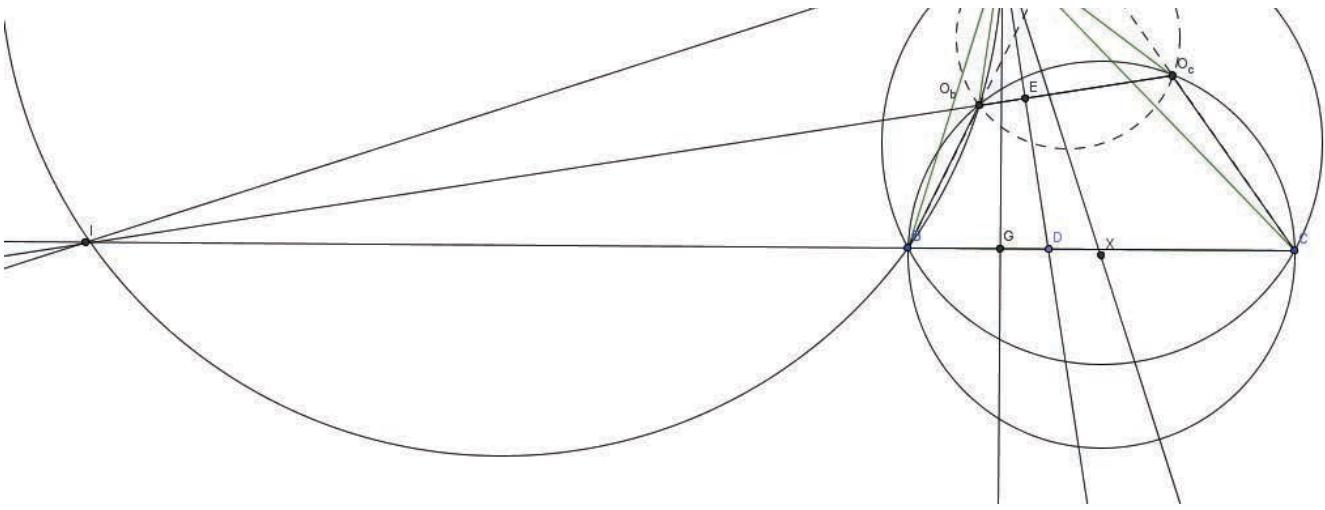
We have $A O_B O_C Y, ABCY, BO_B O_C C$ concyclic by a little angle chasing, and thus A is the miquel point of cyclic quadrilateral $BO_B O_C C$ (by http://yufeizhao.com/olympiad/cyclic_quad.pdf)

So, we have $XA \perp YA$.

Now, let $BC \cap O_C O_B = I$. Then, $A O_B BI$ is cyclic, and $A O_B = BO_B$ implies line $IO_B O_C$ is the bisector of $\angle AIB$. As $AH \perp IB, AD \perp IO_B$ and $AX \perp IA, AD$ is the bisector of $\angle HAD$, and thus $\angle DAX = \angle DAH$.

Attachments:





sayantanchakraborty

#20 Dec 12, 2014, 11:30 am

Let J be the circumcenter of $\triangle BO_BO_C$ and O be the circumcenter of $\triangle ABC$. Note that $\angle AO_BO_C = \angle AOO_C = B$ so A, O_B, O, O_C lie on a circle. Also by some angle chasing we obtain that $\triangle BO_BO_C$ is cyclic yeilds that $\angle ADC = 90 + \frac{B-C}{3}$. Next note that $BO_B \cap CO_C = K$ lie on the circumcircle of ABC as well as AO_BO_C . Let r_1, r_2, R denote the circumradii of $\triangle BO_BO_C$, $\triangle BO_BO_C$ and $\triangle ABC$ respectively.

$$\angle BOJ = \angle BKO_C = A \text{ and } \angle OBJ = \angle OBC - \angle JBC = \angle BO_C C - \angle BKO_C = \angle KBO_C. \text{ Thus } \triangle OBJ \sim \triangle KBO_C \Rightarrow \frac{OJ}{R} = \frac{KO_C}{KB} = \frac{O_BO_C}{BC} = \frac{r_1}{R} \Rightarrow OJ = r_1 = \frac{R}{2\sin \angle ADC} = \frac{R}{2\cos \frac{B-C}{3}}.$$

Extend AD and OJ so that they meet at X . We now get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{AO}{AX} &= \frac{OJ}{JX} \\ \Leftrightarrow \frac{OX}{OJ} &= \frac{AX}{JX} + 1 \\ \Leftrightarrow \frac{\frac{2\cos \frac{(B-C)}{3} \cdot R}{R}}{\frac{2\cos \frac{(B-C)}{3}}{R}} &= \frac{\sin(B-C)}{\sin \frac{(B-C)}{3}} + 1 \\ \Leftrightarrow 4\cos^2 \frac{(B-C)}{3} &= 4 - 4\sin^2 \frac{(B-C)}{3} \\ \Leftrightarrow \cos^2 \frac{(B-C)}{3} + \sin^2 \frac{(B-C)}{3} &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

which is an obvious identity. Therefore AJ bisects $\angle DAO$ and consequently $\angle DAJ = \angle DAH = \frac{B-C}{3}$.



Dukejukem

#21 Mar 23, 2015, 6:12 am

Notice that $\triangle AO_BB$ and $\triangle AO_CC$ are both isosceles. Furthermore, since O_B and O_C are circumcenters, we know that $\angle AO_BB = 2\angle ADB = 2\angle ADC = \angle AO_CC$ where the angles are directed. It follows that $\triangle AO_BB \sim \triangle AO_CC$ with similar orientation. Therefore, A is the center of spiral similarity that sends $\overline{O_BB}$ to $\overline{O_CC}$, so A is the Miquel point of cyclic quadrilateral BO_BO_CC . Hence, it is well-known (and can be proven using harmonic divisions) that A is the inverse of $Y \equiv BO_C \cap CO_B$ with respect to $\odot(BO_BO_CC)$. Then since C, Y, O_B are collinear, under inversion in $\odot(BO_BO_CC)$, it follows that X, O_B, A, C are concyclic. Then because O_B is the circumcenter of $\triangle ABD$ and the points X, O_B, A, C are concyclic, we have

$$\angle DAX = \angle O_BAX - \angle O_BAD = \angle O_BCX - (90^\circ - \angle DBA) = \angle O_BCX + \angle DBA - 90^\circ.$$

Meanwhile, since $AH \perp BC$, we have $\angle HAD = 90^\circ - \angle ADB$. Therefore,

$$\angle DAX = \angle HAD \iff \angle O_BCX + \angle DBA + \angle ADB = 180^\circ = 0.$$

Since the sum of the directed angles in $\triangle ABD$ is equal to 0, we need only show that $\angle O_BCX = \angle BAD$. But because X is the circumcenter of $\odot(BO_BO_CC)$, we have

$$\angle O_BCX = 90^\circ - \angle CBO_B = 90^\circ - \angle DBO_B = \angle BAD.$$

□



JuanOrtiz

#22 Jun 2, 2015, 3:24 am

A is Miquel point of BC(OB)(OC). Done

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hayoola

#23 Nov 24, 2015, 10:42 pm

Let W be the circumcircle of triangle ABC . and let W_1 be the circumcircle of triangle AO_bO_c . and let W_2 be the circumcircle of BO_bO_cC . and let $T = W \cap W_1$. By the known lemma we know that lines AT, O_bO_c, BC are concurrent. Let M be their intersection.

$$\angle O_bBA = \angle O_cCA$$

So we find that $T = O_bB \cap O_cC$ so we find that A is the Miquel point of $BC(OB)(OC)$.

By the known lemma if K be the circumcenter of BCO_bO_c we find that

$$MA \perp KA$$

By angle chasing we find that MAO_cC is cyclic.

Now we know that angles $KAD = AMO_c = ACO_c = ABO_b = DAH$

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K6160

#24 Apr 4, 2016, 11:30 am

We have that $\angle AO_BO_C = \frac{1}{2}\angle AO_BD = \angle B$ and likewise $\angle AO_CO_B = \angle C$. So A is the center of spiral similarity sending AO_BO_C to ABC and is hence the Miquel point of BCO_CO_B . It is well known that AO_BXC is cyclic. So

$$\angle XAC = \angle XO_BC = 90 - \angle O_BBC = \angle BAD \implies \angle XAD = \angle DAC - \angle BAD.$$

Also, $\angle BAH = 90 - \angle B = 2\angle BAD - \angle DAC$, which follows from $\angle BO_BC = \angle O_CCB$. Therefore, $\angle DAH = \angle DAC - \angle BAD$ and the result follows. □

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#1 Jul 19, 2009, 9:23 am

In a triangle ABC, BC is the smallest edge. Choose M and N on AB and AC respectively such that BM=BC and CN=CB. Prove that $\frac{MN}{BC} = \sqrt{3 - 2(\cos A + \cos B + \cos C)}$



Luis González

#2 Jul 19, 2009, 11:02 am

Proposition. Let $\triangle ABC$ be a scalene triangle and BC is its shortest side. M, N are two points on AC, AB , such that $BN = CM = BC$. Then $MN \perp OI$, where O, I are the circumcenter and incenter of $\triangle ABC$ and $\frac{MN}{BC} = \frac{OI}{R}$.

Proof. In the isosceles triangles $\triangle OAC$ and $\triangle OAB$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} R^2 - OM^2 &= AM \cdot MC, \quad R^2 - ON^2 = AN \cdot BN \\ \implies ON^2 - OM^2 &= AM \cdot MC - AN \cdot BN \\ \implies ON^2 - OM^2 &= (CA - BC)BC - (AB - BC)BC = BC(CA - AB) \end{aligned}$$

Since $\triangle MIC$ and $\triangle MIB$ are isosceles, we have $IM = IB, IN = IC$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} IN^2 - IM^2 &= IC^2 - IB^2 = BC(CA - AB) \\ \implies ON^2 - OM^2 &= IN^2 - IM^2 \implies IO \perp MN. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, $\angle NBM = \angle OCI = 90^\circ - \frac{1}{2}\angle C - \angle A$. If $L \equiv CI \cap BM$, then it follows that $\angle NMB$ and $\angle OIC$ are supplementary, which implies that $\triangle IOC$ and $\triangle MNB$ are pseudo-similar, hence

$$\frac{MN}{OI} = \frac{BN}{OC} \implies \frac{MN}{BC} = \frac{OI}{R}.$$

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#1 Jul 19, 2009, 8:46 am

A convex quadrilateral $ABCD$ satisfy $\angle B = \angle C = \angle D$. Let E, F be the projectives of A, C to BC, DA and M be midpoint of BD . prove that E, M, F are collinear.

**livetolove212**

#2 Jul 19, 2009, 9:18 am

Let O be the intersection of AD and BC .

E, M, F are collinear iff $\frac{FO}{FD} \cdot \frac{MD}{MB} \cdot \frac{EB}{EO} = 1$ (Menelaus's theorem)

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{FO}{FD} = \frac{EO}{EB}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{FO}{EO} = \frac{FD}{EB} = \frac{CF}{AE} (\Delta DFC \sim \Delta BEA)$$

But $CFAE$ is cyclic quadrilateral then $\frac{FO}{EO} = \frac{CF}{AE}$

So $(*)$ is true.

We are done!

**livetolove212**

#3 Jul 19, 2009, 9:28 am

This problem only need $\angle B = \angle D$. But if $\angle B = \angle C = \angle D$ then we have another collinear:

Let H, I be the orthocenter and circumcenter of triangle BCD . Prove that A, H, I are collinear.

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**Luis González**

#4 Jul 19, 2009, 10:43 am

Let $M' \equiv EF \cap BD, X \equiv BC \cap AD$. By Menelaus' theorem for $\triangle XBD$ cut by the transversal $\overline{EM'F}$, we have

$$\frac{EB}{EX} \cdot \frac{XF}{FD} \cdot \frac{DM'}{M'B} = 1$$

But since $\triangle EAB \sim \triangle FCD$ and CF, EA are antiparallel WRT the rays XA, XB

$$\frac{EB}{FD} = \frac{EA}{FC} = \frac{EX}{XF} \implies M'D = M'B \implies M \equiv M'$$

As Linh pointed out, in this case we only need $\angle B = \angle D$. If $\angle B = \angle C = \angle D$, then A lies on the Euler line of $\triangle CBD$. Let $Y \equiv DC \cap AB$ and N, L the midpoints of CD, CB . XN and YL are perpendicular bisectors of CD, CB .

XD, XN, XC meet at X and YD, YL, YB meet at $Y \implies$ Intersections $XN \cap YM$ (circumcenter of CBD), $BN \cap DL$ (centroid of CBD) and $A \equiv XD \cap YB$ are collinear, due to Pappus theorem.

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Spain

El reto de La semana. Semana 3.  Reply**Pascual2005**

#1 Oct 29, 2005, 12:01 am

Aqui estan los problemas, son 6 sin nivel asi que piensenlos todos:

1. (**corregido**) Sea I el incentro del $\triangle ABC$ con $AB < BC$, donde M es el punto medio de AC y N punto medio del arco ABC de la circunferencia circunscrita del triangulo. Probar que: $\angle IMA = \angle INB$.

2. (**corregido**) Sea $\triangle ABC$ un triangulo y sea $\triangle PQR$ otro triangulo **semejante al inicial** con P en BC , Q en AC y R en AB . Pruebe que el ortocentro de $\triangle PQR$ es el circuncentro de $\triangle ABC$.

3. Sea T_1 y T_2 dos circulos en el plano tal que no se tocan asi mismos. Una tangente externa a los circulos tocan a T_1 en A y a T_2 en C , y una tangente interna toca a las circunferencias T_1 en B y a T_2 en D .

Probar que la interseccion de AB y CD cae en la linea que resulta de unir los centros de las circunferencias.

4. Sea $\triangle ABC$ un triangulo y D el pie de la altura trazada desde A . Sean E y F sobre la linea que pasa por D tal que AE es perpendicular a BC y AF es perpendicular a CF , y E y F son diferentes desde D . Sean M y N los puntos medios de los segmentos BC y EF , respectivamente. Probar que: AN es perpendicular a MN .

5. Sean T_1 y T_2 dos circunferencias que se tocan en A y B . Sea PQ una recta por A tal que P esta en T_1 y Q esta en T_2 . Hallar el lugar geometrico del punto medio de PQ al variar esta recta.

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This post has been edited 1 time. Last edited by Pascual2005, Oct 31, 2005, 1:12 am

**fabycv**

#2 Oct 30, 2005, 5:41 am

Ahora si!!!.

en la mañana imprimi esto y no tenia la correccion en el prob 02
la semejanza entre $\triangle ABC$ y $\triangle PQR$ salva el problema

la k de proporcionalidad no puede ser 1 (semejanza), en este caso hablariamos de congruencia entre triangulos, ...
entonces esta bien..

FABIOLA 

**fabycv**

#3 Oct 30, 2005, 5:42 am

Cuando ponen la 6??

y cual es el tema de la siguiente semana??

ojala sea combinatorio

Fabiola





manuel

#4 Oct 30, 2005, 6:40 am

siiii tiren combinatoria la semana que viene.



Pascual2005

#5 Oct 31, 2005, 1:01 am

si la semana que viene es combinatoria, pero no cualquier combinatoria, ya van a ver...



manuel

#6 Oct 31, 2005, 7:18 am

jaja no cualquier combinatoria, suena bueno.....



mcphisto

#7 Oct 31, 2005, 7:22 am

bueno entonces estaremos esperando los problemas de combinatoria(me muero de impaciencia!)



carlosbr

#8 Oct 31, 2005, 9:33 am

Saludo el entusiasmo de varios de los participantes de esta comunidad

pero recuerden que ya existe un grupo de problemas de esta semana

GEOMETRIA

pues a intentarlas

y a enviar sus soluciones..

Gracias ...

Carlos Bravo
Lima -PERU



Pascual2005

#9 Nov 2, 2005, 7:20 pm

Soluciones hasta el viernes 4 de noviembre.



Pascual2005

#10 Nov 11, 2005, 6:51 am

ya pueden discutirlos

Gracias a este tipo que resolvio todo y me ahorro mucho trabajo!!! Felicitaciones >Chen!

Attachments:

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carlosbr

#11 Nov 12, 2005, 9:55 am

Muy buen trabajo Chen ..

espero que sigamos recibiendo su aporte en esta comunidad ..

extiendo este saludo a todos los chicos de los talleres del local de Huanquica (Lima)
y esperamos una mayor participacion de alumnos y entrenadores. ..

Gracias

Carlos Bravo 
Lima -PERU



Luis González

#12 Jul 11, 2009, 9:33 am

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" Pascual2005 wrote:

1. Sea I el incentro del $\triangle ABC$ con $AB < BC$, donde M es el punto medio de AC y N punto medio del arco ABC de la circunferencia circunscrita del triángulo. Probar que: $\angle IMA = \angle INB$.

La mediatrix MN de AC corta la bisectriz BI en P , estando P en la circunferencia circunscrita (O). Es sabido que la circunferencia K con centro P que pasa por A, C pasa también por el incentro I . Ahora considerando la inversión respecto a K , ésta transforma $M \rightarrow N$ y como I es un punto doble, entonces la circunferencia $K' \equiv (IMN)$ es invariable, es decir K' es ortogonal al círculo doble K . Por consiguiente, PI es tangente a K' en $I \implies \angle NIB = \angle IMN$. De aquí deducimos que $\angle INB = \angle IMA$ en vista que $\angle NBI$ y $\angle NMA$ son rectos.



Luis González

#13 Jul 16, 2009, 12:43 am

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" Pascual2005 wrote:

2. Sea $\triangle ABC$ un triángulo y sea $\triangle PQR$ otro triángulo **semejante al inicial** con P en BC , Q en AC y R en AB . Pruebe que el ortocentro de $\triangle PQR$ es el circuncentro de $\triangle ABC$.

Las circunferencias $\odot(ARQ)$, $\odot(BPR)$ y $\odot(CQP)$ concurren en el [Punto de Miquel](#) M . Luego por relaciones angulares en cuadrilateros cíclicos tenemos:

$\angle BMC = \angle BMP + \angle CMP = \angle PQC = \angle BAC + \angle RPQ = 2\angle BAC$. Analogamente se tiene $\angle AMC = 2\angle ABC \implies M$ es circuncentro de $\triangle ABC$.

Si PM corta RQ en H , entonces se tendrá

$\angle RHP = \angle RQP + \angle MPQ = \angle RQP + \angle MCA = 90^\circ \implies PM \perp RQ$. Mutatis mutandi $RM \perp PQ \implies M$ es ortocentro de $\triangle PQR$.



Luis González

#14 Jul 17, 2009, 12:32 pm

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" Pascual2005 wrote:

3. Sea T_1 y T_2 dos círculos en el plano tal que no se tocan así mismos. Una tangente externa a los círculos tocan a T_1 en A y a T_2 en C y una tangente interna toca a las circunferencias T_1 en B y a T_2 en D . Probar que la intersección de AB y CD cae en la linea que resulta de unir los centros de las circunferencias.

Si denotamos O_1, O_2 los centros de las circunferencias T_1, T_2 y $E \equiv BD \cap AC, P \equiv AB \cap CD$, el resultado es directo aplicando el teorema degenerado de Pappus. Note que $EO_1 \parallel CD, EO_2 \parallel AB, AO_1 \parallel CO_2$. CD, EO_1 se cortan en el punto del infinito U de CD . EO_2, AB se cortan en el punto del infinito V de AB . AO_1, CO_2 se cortan en el punto del infinito W del gradiente perpendicular a AC . U, V, W están en la recta del infinito y A, E, C están alineados, así P, O_1, O_2 son colineales.



Luis González

#15 Jul 17, 2009, 11:16 pm

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" Pascual2005 wrote:

4. Sea $\triangle ABC$ un triángulo y D el pie de la altura trazada desde A . Sean E y F sobre la linea que pasa por D tal que AE es perpendicular a ED y AF es perpendicular a FC y E y F son diferentes desde D . Sean M y N los puntos medios de los segmentos BC y EF , respectivamente. Probar que: AN es perpendicular a MN .

Como los cuadriláteros $AEBD$ y $ADFC$ son cílicos, resulta que $\angle AEF = \angle ABC$ y $\angle AFE = \angle ACB \Rightarrow \triangle ABC \sim \triangle AEF$. A es pues centro de la semejanza espiral con ángulo de giro $\angle EDB = \angle AEB = \angle CAF$. Como los puntos medios de BC y EF son homólogos en la semejanza, entonces el ángulo $\angle ANM$ es igual al ángulo de giro, por tanto $\angle ANM = \angle CDF \Rightarrow ANDM$ es cíclico $\Rightarrow \angle ANM = \angle ADM = 90^\circ$.



Luis González

#16 Jul 18, 2009, 10:10 am

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“ Pascual2005 wrote:

5. Sean T_1 y T_2 dos circunferencias que se tocan en A y B . Sea PQ una recta por A tal que P está en T_1 y Q está en T_2 . Hallar el lugar geométrico del punto medio de PQ al variar ésta recta.

Denotemos $T_1 \equiv (O_1, r_1)$, $T_2 \equiv (O_2, r_2)$ y M punto medio de PQ . Las potencias de M respecto a T_1 y T_2 son

$$\frac{1}{2}PQ \cdot AM = (r_1)^2 - (MO_1)^2, \quad \frac{1}{2}PQ \cdot AM = (MO_2)^2 - (r_2)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (MO_1)^2 + (MO_2)^2 = (r_1)^2 + (r_2)^2$$

El lugar geométrico de M es pues la circunferencia de centro en el punto medio de O_1O_2 coaxial con T_1, T_2 .



Luis González

#17 Jul 19, 2009, 2:38 am

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“ Pascual2005 wrote:

6. Los círculos C_1 y C_2 están dentro de otro círculo grande C y son tangentes a él en M, N respectivamente. C_1 pasa por el centro de C_2 . La cuerda común de C_1 y C_2 al extenderse corta a C en A y B . MA y MB cortan a C_1 en E y F . Pruebe que EF es tangente a C_2 .

Denotemos O_1, O_2 los centros de C_1, C_2 , PQ la cuerda común y G el segundo corte de AN con C_2 . M es centro de la homotecia positiva que transforma C_1 en C , por consiguiente $AB \parallel EF$. Entonces los arcos EP y FQ son iguales y como los arcos O_2P y O_2Q también son iguales, deducimos pues que MO_2 es bisectriz de $\angle EMF$. Por otra parte, la inversión con centro A y potencia igual a la que tiene A respecto a C_1, C_2 , deja a éstas invariables y transforma a C en una tangente común que pasa por los puntos inversos E, G de M, N . Por tanto, EG es tangente a C_1 en $E \Rightarrow$

$$\angle GEO_2 = \angle EMO_2 = \angle FMO_2 = \angle FEO_2$$

$\Rightarrow EF$ es la simétrica de EG respecto a $EO_2 \Rightarrow EF$ es tangente a C_2 .

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Equal angles. 

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Virgil Nicula

#1 Jul 16, 2009, 8:41 am

Let ABC be a triangle ($b > c$) with the incenter I . Denote the midpoint M of the side $[BC]$, $D \in BC$

so that $AD \perp BC$, $S \in MI \cap AD$ and $X \in MI \cap AB$. Prove that $A = 2B \iff \widehat{SDI} \equiv \widehat{SDX}$.

This post has been edited 2 times. Last edited by Virgil Nicula, Jul 17, 2009, 2:39 am



Virgil Nicula

#2 Jul 16, 2009, 9:42 am

Sorry, I corrected above the initial enunciation.



Luis González

#3 Jul 16, 2009, 11:12 pm

Let V be the foot of the A-angle bisector and let the perpendicular bisector of BC meet the arc BC of the circumcircle at N . Perpendicular line to BC through B meets AN at B' . If $\angle A = 2\angle B$, then $\angle CBN = \angle ABC \implies BV$ and BB' bisect $\angle ABN$ internally and externally \implies Division (A, N, V, B') is harmonic and so is its orthogonal projection onto BC , namely (D, M, V, B) . Pencil $A(D, M, V, B)$ is harmonic $\implies (S, M, I, X)$ is harmonic and since $AD \perp BC$, then AD and BC bisect $\angle XDI$ internally and externally $\implies \angle SDI = \angle SDX$. The converse is proved with the same arguments.



Virgil Nicula

#4 Jul 17, 2009, 2:39 am

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so that $AD \perp BC$, $S \in MI \cap AD$ and $X \in MI \cap AB$. Prove that $A = 2B \iff \widehat{SDI} \equiv \widehat{SDX}$.

Proof. I'll use also the **harmonical division**. Denote $L \in AI \cap BC$. Since $LC = \frac{ab}{b+c}$ obtain

$$A = 2B \iff \widehat{CAL} \equiv \widehat{CBA} \iff b^2 = a \cdot LC \iff a^2 = b(b+c) \text{. Thus, } A = 2B \iff a^2 = b(b+c).$$

Ascertain easily $LD = \frac{2p(p-a)(b-c)}{a(b+c)}$, $LM = \frac{a(b-c)}{2(b+c)}$, $BD = \frac{a^2 + c^2 - b^2}{2a}$. Observe that $\widehat{SDI} \equiv \widehat{SDX} \iff$

the division $\{X, S, I, M\}$ is harmonically $\iff \{B, D, L, M\}$ is harmonically $\iff \frac{LD}{LM} = \frac{BD}{BM} \iff$

$$4p(p-a) = a^2 + c^2 - b^2 \iff (b+c)^2 - a^2 = a^2 + c^2 - b^2, \text{i.e. } \widehat{SDI} \equiv \widehat{SDX} \iff a^2 = b(b+c).$$

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jrrbc

#1 Jul 16, 2009, 3:31 am



Attachments:



Find the vertices of the triangle ABC given the center **N** of the nine-points circle, the midpoint **Ma** of the side BC and the foot **Ta** of the internal bisector of angle A



Luis González

#2 Jul 16, 2009, 5:01 am

Draw the nine-point circle (N, NM_a) intersecting the line $T_a M_a$ again at the foot H_a of the A-altitude. Let X_a, Y_a be the unknown tangency points of the incircle (I) and the A-exincircle (I_a) with BC . Since cross ratio (A, T_a, I, I_a) is harmonic, then so is the orthogonal projection on BC , namely (H_a, T_a, X_a, Y_a) . M_a is also midpoint of $X_a Y_a$, thus by Newton's theorem, we have $M_a Y_a^2 = M_a T_a \cdot M_a H_a \implies$ segment $\varrho = M_a Y_a$ is constructible. Circle (M_a, ϱ) meets $M_a T_a$ at X_a, Y_a , such that X_a lies between H_a, T_a . Construct the incircle (I) tangent to $M_a T_a$ at X_a and internally tangent to (N) in the upper halfplane. Draw the angle bisector of $\angle BAC$ passing through I, T_a . This cuts the perpendicular line to $M_a H_a$ through H_a at vertex A . Tangents from A to (I) complete $\triangle ABC$.



jrrbc

#3 Jul 16, 2009, 7:47 am

thanks 😊

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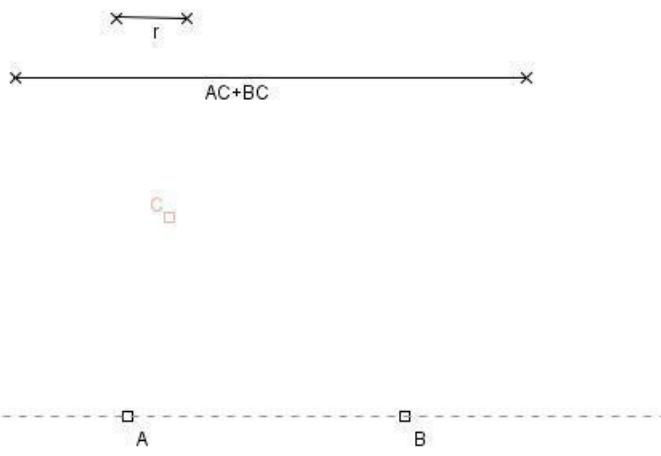
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jrrbc

#1 Jul 15, 2009, 1:52 am



Attachments:



side AB, the length of BC+AC, and the incircle radius, draw vertex C of triangle ABC



livetolove212

#2 Jul 15, 2009, 7:06 am

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Luis González

#3 Jul 15, 2009, 9:46 am

Based on given data, the segments $(p - c, p)$ can be constructed. Then the construction of $\triangle A'B'C'$ congruent to $\triangle ABC$ follows. Incircle (I') touches $A'C', B'C'$ at X, Y . The quadrilateral $C'XI'Y$ is then constructible. On the rays $C'X$ and $C'Y$ pick the points M, N , such that $C'M = C'N = p \implies$ C' -excircle (I'_c) is tangent to the sidelines $C'X$ and $C'Y$ at $M, N \implies$ common internal tangents of $(I'), (I'_c)$ complete the two possible $\triangle A'B'C'$. From this we get the desired sides $CA = C'A'$ and $CB = C'B'$. Thus the construction of $\triangle ABC$ follows straightforwardly.



jrrbc

#4 Jul 15, 2009, 10:10 pm

how is the intersection I' with ellipse construction?

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admire9898

#1 Jul 14, 2009, 9:19 pm

P is a point that in the triangle ABC, $\angle APB - \angle ACB = \angle APC - \angle ABC$, and D is the incenter of APB. E is the incenter of APC. Proof that AP, BD, CE all intersect at one point

I'm puzzled at how to use the condition



Luis González

#2 Jul 14, 2009, 9:54 pm

Let X, Y, Z be the orthogonal projections of P onto BC, CA, AB . Then

$$\angle APB = \angle ACB + \angle XZY, \quad \angle APC = \angle ABC + \angle XYZ$$

$$\angle APB - \angle ACB = \angle APC - \angle ABC \implies \angle XZY = \angle XYZ$$

Therefore, pedal triangle $\triangle XYZ$ of P with respect to $\triangle ABC$ is isosceles with apex $X \implies P$ lies on the A-Apollonius circle of $\triangle ABC \implies \frac{AC}{PC} = \frac{AB}{PB}$. By angle bisector theorem, it follows that bisectors BD, CE of $\angle ABP$ and $\angle ACP$ cut AP at the same point.



prime04

#3 Jul 14, 2009, 10:12 pm

Attachments:

Let AP meet the circumcircle at T.

$$\text{Clearly, } \angle PBT = \angle APB - \angle PTB = \angle APB - \angle ACB \dots \text{(1)}$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \angle PCT = \angle APC - \angle PTC = \angle APC - \angle ABC \dots \text{(2)}$$

But it is given that: $\angle APB - \angle ACB = \angle APC - \angle ABC$

$$\text{hence we have } \angle PBT = \angle PCT \dots \text{(3)}$$

Now:

In triangle PBT:

$$\frac{PT}{\sin(\angle PBT)} = \frac{PB}{\sin(\angle C)}$$

In triangle PCT:

$$\frac{PT}{\sin(\angle PCT)} = \frac{PC}{\sin(\angle B)}$$

$$\text{From the above equations: } \frac{BP}{BA} = \frac{CP}{CA} \dots \text{(4)}$$

Thus angle bisectors BD and CE of triangles APB and APC divide AP in the same ratio implies AP, BD, CE are concurrent



admire9898

#4 Jul 15, 2009, 3:44 pm

Thanks for the perfect solutions! 😊

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equilateral triangle X

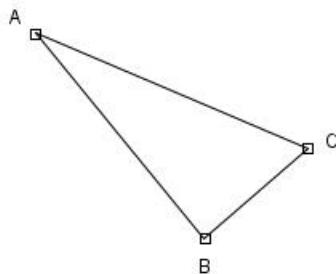
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**jrrbc**

#1 Jul 14, 2009, 7:19 pm

**Attachments:**

Circumscribe triangle ABC with the equilateral triangle of maximum size.

**Luis González**

#2 Jul 14, 2009, 9:45 pm

The desired triangle $\triangle XYZ$ is centrally similar to the outer Napoleon triangle of $\triangle ABC$. This is, construct outwardly on the sides of $\triangle XYZ$ the equilateral triangles $\triangle BCP$, $\triangle CAQ$ and $\triangle ABR$. Centers O_1 , O_2 , O_3 of these triangles form the outer Napoleon triangle. Through A , B , C draw parallels to O_2O_3 , O_3O_1 , O_1O_2 , respectively. These three lines bound $\triangle XYZ$.

Proof: Let $\triangle X_0Y_0Z_0$ be any equilateral triangle circumscribed to $\triangle ABC \implies X_0 \in (O_1), Y_0 \in (O_2)$ and $Z_0 \in (O_3)$. If M, N are the midpoints of AY_0, AZ_0 , then from the right trapezoid O_2O_3NM , we have $O_2O_3 \geq MN = \frac{1}{2}Y_0Z_0 \implies 2 \cdot O_2O_3 = YZ \geq Y_0Z_0 \implies [XYZ] \geq [X_0Y_0Z_0]$.

**jrrbc**

#3 Jul 15, 2009, 1:29 am

thanks 😊

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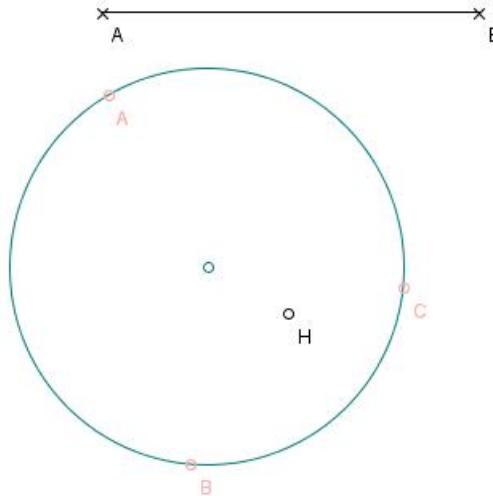
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triangle X[Reply](#)**jrrbc**

#1 Jul 14, 2009, 2:27 am

*Attachments:*

Inscribe into the given circle a triangle with its orthocenter on the given point H and a side of given length

**Luis González**

#2 Jul 14, 2009, 8:32 am

Circle passing through A, B, H is congruent to the given circumcircle (O) , thus we can construct a triangle $\triangle A'B'C'$ congruent to $\triangle ABC$. This is, construct a chord $A'B'$ equal to AB on (O) and reflect (O) about $A'B'$ into (O') $\Rightarrow (O')$ contains the orthocenter H' of $\triangle A'B'C'$. Circle (O, OH) cuts (O') at the possible orthocenters H' . The construction of $\triangle A'B'C'$ is then straightforward. Now carry A', B', C' in the rotation with center O , taking H' into H , to get the desired A, B, C .

**jrrbc**

#3 Jul 14, 2009, 6:43 pm

thanks 😊

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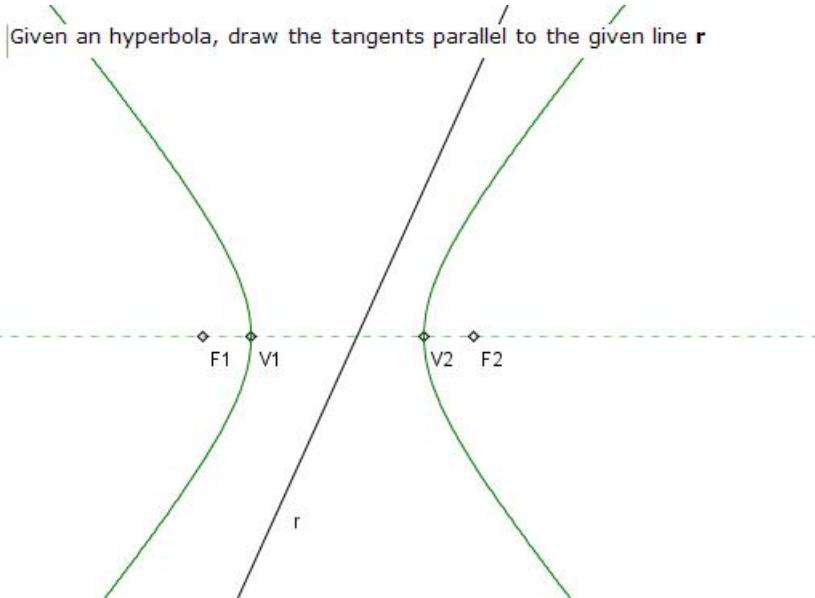
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jrrbc

#1 Jul 14, 2009, 2:22 am



Attachments:

Given an hyperbola, draw the tangents parallel to the given line r 

Luis González

#2 Jul 14, 2009, 7:27 am

Let P be one of the unknown tangency points, say on the left branch of the hyperbola. Its corresponding tangent τ bisects $\angle F_1 P F_2$ internally. Let X be the reflection of F_1 about $\tau \implies X$ lies on PF_2 . Note that $F_2 X$ is the length of the major axis, therefore $\triangle X F_1 F_2$ is constructible, since the sides $F_1 F_2, F_2 X = V_1 V_2$ and the angle $\angle X F_1 F_2 = 90^\circ - \varphi$ are known, where φ is the acute angle formed by the given direction r of the tangent and the focal axis $F_1 F_2$. Such construction permits to find the vertex $X \implies \tau$ is the perpendicular bisector of $F_1 X$. Reflect τ about the center of the hyperbola to get the another solution.



jrrbc

#3 Jul 14, 2009, 7:08 pm

thanks 😊

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Perpendicular with symmedian X

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#1 Jul 14, 2009, 5:43 am • 1

Given triangle ABC , with circumcenter O , let the A -symmedian hit BC at S . Let the parallel through S to AO hit the A -altitude at X . Prove that $OX \perp AS$.



Luis González

#2 Jul 14, 2009, 6:51 am • 1

Let the A -symmedian cut the circumcircle again at T . Tangents to (O) at A, T meet at a point V on BC , i.e. the center of the A -Apollonius circle of $\triangle ABC$. Let $OY \perp AS$ and define $X' \equiv OY \cap AH_a$. From the cyclic quadrilaterals AYH_aV and YSH_aX' we get $\angle YSX' = \angle YH_aA = \angle YVA = \angle OAY \implies OA \parallel SX' \implies X \equiv X'$.



TelvCohl

#3 Feb 18, 2015, 9:21 pm • 1

My solution:

Let Z be the projection of X on AS .

Let the tangent of $\odot(ABC)$ through A intersect BC at Y .

It suffices to prove $O \in XZ$.

From $SX \parallel AO \implies SX \perp AY$,
so X is the orthocenter of $\triangle AYS \implies Y \in XZ$.

Since AS is the polar of Y WRT $\odot(O)$,
so we get $YO \perp AS \implies O, X, Y, Z$ are collinear.

Q.E.D



buratinogigle

#4 Feb 19, 2015, 12:33 am • 1

An extension

Let O be circumcenter of triangle ABC . P is a point on OA . (K) is circumcircle of triangle PBC . PQ is diameter of (K) . AQ cuts BC at S . T is a point such that $AT \perp BC$ and $ST \parallel AO$. Prove that PT and AS intersect on (K) .



drmzjoseph

#5 Feb 19, 2015, 1:58 pm • 1

“ *buratinogigle wrote:*

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Reformulation

Let O be circumcenter of triangle ABC . S is a point on BC ; T is a point such that $AT \perp BC$ and $ST \parallel AO$; P a point on AO such that $PT \perp AS$ and $PT \cap AS = F$. Prove that B, C, F and P are cyclic.

Proof

$BC \cap TP = Z$ and T is orthocenter of $\triangle AZS$ then $TS \perp AZ$ ie. $AO \perp AZ \Rightarrow ZP \cdot ZF = AZ^2$ and AZ is tangent to circumcircle of $\triangle ABC$ ie. $ZB \cdot ZC = AZ^2$

$ZP \cdot ZF = ZB \cdot ZC = AZ^2 \Rightarrow B, C, F$ and P are cyclic.

Done!



TelvCohl

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" buratinogigle wrote:

An extension

Let O be circumcenter of triangle ABC . P is a point on OA . (K) is circumcircle of triangle PBC . PQ is diameter of (K) . AQ cuts BC at S . T is a point such that $AT \perp BC$ and $ST \parallel AO$. Prove that PT and AS intersect on (K) .

My solution:

Lemma:

Let O be the circumcenter of $\triangle ABC$ and P be a point on AO .

Let Q be the antipode of P in $\odot(PBC)$ and M be the projection of P on BC .

Then AM, AQ are isogonal conjugate of $\angle BAC$.

Proof:

Let R be the isogonal conjugate of Q WRT $\triangle ABC$.

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

Let B^*, C^* be the projection of R on AC, AB , respectively.

It suffices to prove A, M, R are collinear.

Since PM, PQ are isogonal conjugate of $\angle BPC$,

so we get $\angle C^*BR = \angle QBC = \angle BPM = \angle BZM \Rightarrow MZ \parallel RB$.

Similarly we can prove $MY \parallel RC$.

From $P \in AO$ we get $YZ \parallel CB$,

so $\triangle MYZ$ and $\triangle RCB$ are homothetic with center $A \Rightarrow R \in AM$.

Back to the main problem:

Let the tangent of $\odot(ABC)$ through A intersect BC at X .

Let Y be the projection of T on AS and M be the projection of P on BC .

From $ST \parallel AO \Rightarrow ST \perp AX$,

so T is the orthocenter of $\triangle AXS \Rightarrow Y \in XT$.

Since A, P, M, X lie on a circle with diameter XP ,

so combine with the lemma we get $\angle MXY = \angle TAS = \angle MAP = \angle MXP$,
hence P, T, X, Y are collinear $\Rightarrow \angle QYP = 90^\circ$. i.e. $Y \equiv AS \cap PT \in \odot(K)$

Q.E.D

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**moldovan**

#1 Jul 12, 2009, 1:42 am

Let ϵ be a plane and k_1, k_2, k_3 be spheres on the same side of ϵ . The spheres k_1, k_2, k_3 touch the plane at points T_1, T_2, T_3 , respectively, and k_2 touches k_1 at S_1 and k_3 at S_3 . Prove that the lines S_1T_1 and S_3T_3 intersect on the sphere k_2 . Describe the locus of the intersection point.

**Luis González**

#2 Jul 12, 2009, 3:35 am

Consider the diametral section α of the spheres k_2, k_3 containing their centers O_2, O_3 and the right trapezoid $O_3O_2T_2T_3$. Since S_3 is the insimilicenter of $k_3 \sim k_2$, then T_3S_3 goes through the antipode P of T_2 on the sphere k_2 . Similarly, by considering the diametral section β of the sphere k_1, k_2 orthogonal to e , then T_1S_1 goes through P . Since

$$\frac{(T_2T_1)^2}{(T_2T_3)^2} = \frac{4r_1r_2}{4r_2r_3} = \frac{r_1}{r_3} = \text{const}$$

It follows that $T_2 \in e$ moves on the Apollonian circle \mathcal{C} of the segment T_1T_3 with ratio $\sqrt{\frac{r_1}{r_3}}$. As a result, P moves on the surface of the right cylinder with base \mathcal{C} on the plane e . On the other hand, in the right trapezoid $PO_3T_3T_2$, we have:

$$PO_3^2 = 4r_2r_3 + (2r_2 - r_3)^2 = 4r_2^2 + r_3^2. \text{ Similarly, } PO_1^2 = 4r_2^2 + r_1^2$$

$\implies PO_3^2 - PO_1^2 = r_3^2 - r_1^2 = \text{const} \implies P$ lies on the radical plane π of k_2, k_3 . Thus, locus of P is a Ellipse \mathcal{E} , i.e. intersection of the right cylinder \mathcal{C} with the plane π .

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**moldovan**

#1 Jul 10, 2009, 9:37 pm

We are given a circle k and nonparallel tangents t_1, t_2 at points P_1, P_2 on k , respectively. Lines t_1 and t_2 meet at A_0 . For a point A_3 on the smaller arc P_1P_2 , the tangent t_3 to k at P_3 meets t_1 at A_1 and t_2 at A_2 . How must P_3 be chosen so that the triangle $A_0A_1A_2$ has maximum area?

**Luis González**

#2 Jul 10, 2009, 11:57 pm



Let us change the notation in order to use the standard triangle notation.

Problem: (I_a, r_a) is a fixed circle and b, c are fixed tangents to (I_a) through N, M meeting at A . Variable tangent τ to (I_a) through the small arc MN meets AN, AM at C, B . Construct tangent τ such that $\triangle ABC$ has maximum area.

Using the well-known relation $[\triangle ABC] = r_a(p - a)$, keeping in mind that $AN = AM = p = \text{const}$, we deduce that $[\triangle ABC]$ is maximum $\iff a$ has minimum length. Let h_a be the length of altitude issuing from A . We have then

$$a = \frac{2r_a p}{h_a + 2r_a} \implies a \text{ is minimum} \iff h_a \text{ is maximum.}$$

If BC cuts AI_a at P' and P is the midpoint of the arc MN , then $AP \geq AP' \geq h_a \implies h_a$ has maximum length $AP \implies \tau$ forms the isosceles triangle $\triangle ABC$ with apex A .

**Virgil Nicula**

#3 Jul 11, 2009, 9:37 am



moldovan wrote:

We are given a circle w and nonparallel tangents AE, AF at points $\{E, F\} \subset w$. For a point mobile M on the smaller arc EF

the tangent to w at M meets AE at B and AF at C . How must M be chosen so that the triangle ABC has maximum area?

Proof. I'll use the standard notations for the triangle ABC with the A -exincircle $w = C(I_a, r_a)$. Therefore, $AE = AF = p$ (constant)

$$\begin{aligned} & a = (p - b) + (p - c) \\ \text{and } & p - b = r_a \tan \frac{C}{2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad a = r_a \left(\tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2} \right). \text{ In conclusion,} \\ & p - c = r_a \tan \frac{B}{2} \\ S = [ABC] = r_a(p - a) & - \text{ maximum} \iff \\ a - \text{minimum} & \iff \left(\tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2} \right) - \text{minimum, where } \left(\frac{B}{2} + \frac{C}{2} \right) = 90^\circ - \frac{A}{2} \text{ (constant)} \iff B = C \\ \iff BC & \parallel EF. \end{aligned}$$

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compute the distance X

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moldovan

#1 Jul 10, 2009, 10:14 pm

A convex pentagon $ABCDE$ is inscribed in a circle. The distances of A from the lines BC, CD, DE are a, b, c , respectively. Compute the distance of A from the line BE .



Luis González

#2 Jul 10, 2009, 11:14 pm

Lemma: $ABCD$ is cyclic and P is a point lying on its circumcircle. Let X, Y, Z, V the orthogonal projections of P on sides AD, AB, BC, CD . Then $PX \cdot PZ = PY \cdot PV$.



$$\frac{PX}{PY} = \frac{\sin \widehat{PAX}}{\sin \widehat{PAB}}, \quad \frac{PZ}{PV} = \frac{\sin \widehat{PCB}}{\sin \widehat{PCD}}$$

$\angle PAB = \angle PCD$ and $\angle PAX = \angle PCD$ implies that $PX \cdot PZ = PY \cdot PV$.

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libros para preparacion de olimpiadas X[Reply](#)**lambert**

#1 Jul 10, 2009, 8:58 am

bueno soy de colombia y la cosa es que acabo de comenzar ing.quimica y pues me entere de las olimpiadas de matematica universitaria y me gustaria presentarme para las del proximo año pero no manejo los temas que se requieren para la resolucion de los problemas:Calculo,teoria de numeros,algebra abstracta,algebra lineal,geometria. entonces queria pedirles me ayudaran aconsejandome libros sobre cada uno de los temas que debo estudiar para comenzar a prepararme.hable con un profesor y me recomendaba mas que estudiara librosn de analisis pues es mas riguroso que uno de calculo ahi si pues lo dejo a su [opinion.en](#) todo caso les agradezco cualquier ayuda

**Luis González**

#2 Jul 10, 2009, 10:03 am

Hola Lambert, personalmente creo que una de las mejores maneras de mejorar es participando activamente en los foros de olimpiadas de AoPS, donde se han posteado numerosísimos problemas de las IMO. Allí podrás apreciar la gran variedad de soluciones y herramientas disponibles para la resolución de problemas. En cuanto a geometría, mi experiencia me indica que la esencial para las olimpiadas es la sintética, es decir, aquella que no involucra el análisis puramente algebraico para las resoluciones sino que ésta emplea recursos puramente geométricos como: relaciones angulares, razones simples y dobles, transformaciones en el plano, etc.



Tengo un material muy bueno (en inglés) sobre las diversas técnicas que se emplean para resolver los problemas geométricos de nivel de olimpiadas. Es pesado para adjuntarlo por aquí. Yo con mucho gusto te lo enviaré a algún correo que me indiques a través de un mensaje privado.

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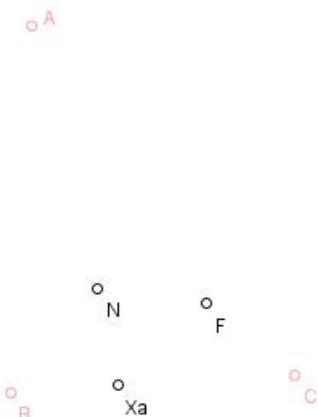
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NFXa [Reply](#)**jrrbc**

#1 Jul 9, 2009, 5:20 am



Attachments:



Given F, N, & Xa, the Feuerbach point, the nine-point center and an intouch point, find the vertices of triangle ABC.

**Luis González**

#2 Jul 9, 2009, 8:09 am

Perpendicular bisector of FX_a meets the line FN at the incenter I . Draw the incircle (I) with center I and radius IF and the nine-point circle (N) with center N and radius NF . Tangent to (I) through X_a meets (N) at the midpoint M_a and the foot of the A-altitude H_a (decide which are M_a and H_a according to your sketch). Construct the reflection Y_a of X_a about M_a and the reflection J_a of X_a about I . Vertex A is the intersection of $J_a Y_a$ with the perpendicular to $H_a X_a$ through H_a . Draw the two tangents from A to (I) to complete $\triangle ABC$.

**jrrbc**

#3 Jul 9, 2009, 11:43 am

thanks 😊

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constructible 

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moldovan

#1 Jul 9, 2009, 12:38 am

The sides a, b and the bisector of the included angle γ of a triangle are given. Determine necessary and sufficient conditions for such triangles to be constructible and show how to reconstruct the triangle.



Luis González

#2 Jul 9, 2009, 3:50 am

Let $CV = w_c$ be the length of the angle bisector of $\angle C$. Take the point M on ray BC such that $AC = CM = b$. Then $\triangle AMB \sim \triangle WCB \implies AM = \frac{w_c(a+b)}{a}$.

The length of this segment is constructible, therefore isosceles triangle $\triangle ACM$ with known sides is constructible. Construct B on the ray MC such that $CB = a$, then $\triangle ABC$ is completed. The necessary condition for $\triangle ABC$ to be constructible is that $\triangle ACM$ is also constructible, that is $AC + CM > AM \implies \frac{2ab}{a+b} > w_c$.



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moldovan

#1 Jun 29, 2009, 4:57 pm

A line l is tangent to a circle S at A . For any points B, C on l on opposite sides of A , let the other tangents from B and C to S intersect at a point P . If B, C vary on l so that the product $AB \cdot AC$ is constant, find the locus of P .



Luis González

#2 Jul 8, 2009, 10:08 am



Let us rewrite the problem in order to use the common triangle notation

Problem: Let (I, r) be a fixed circle tangent to a fixed line \mathcal{L} at X . B, C are points on \mathcal{L} such that $X \in \overline{BC}$ and $BX \cdot CX = k^2 = \text{const}$. Tangents from B, C to (I) different from \mathcal{L} meet at A . Find the locus of A .

Since $BX = p - b$, $CX = p - c \implies (p - b)(p - c) = k^2 = \text{const}$

From the identity $r = \sqrt{\frac{(p - a)(p - b)(p - c)}{p}}$ we get

$$r^2 = \frac{(p - a)k^2}{p} = \left(1 - \frac{a}{p}\right)k^2 \implies \frac{p}{a} = \frac{k^2}{k^2 - r^2}$$

$$a \cdot h_a = 2rp \implies h_a = \frac{2rp}{a} = \frac{2r \cdot k^2}{k^2 - r^2} = \text{const}$$

\implies A-altitude has constant length, hence the locus of A is a parallel line to BC .

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collinear points (maybe posted before) 

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moldovan

#1 Jul 8, 2009, 2:18 am

A line meets the lines containing sides BC, CA, AB of a triangle ABC at A_1, B_1, C_1 , respectively. Points A_2, B_2, C_2 are symmetric to A_1, B_1, C_1 with respect to the midpoints of BC, CA, AB , respectively. Prove that A_2, B_2 , and C_2 are collinear.



Luis González

#2 Jul 8, 2009, 5:56 am

If A_1' is the harmonic conjugate of A_1 WRT BC , then the harmonic conjugate A_2' of its reflection A_2 about the midpoint M_a is clearly the reflection of A_1' about M_a . By similar reasoning, AA_2', BB_2', CC_2' concur at the isotomic conjugate U' of the tripole U of the transversal $\overline{A_1B_1C_1}$. Then, A_2, B_2, C_2 are collinear on the trilinear polar of U' .



mathVNpro

#3 Jul 8, 2009, 1:09 pm

Let M, N, P respectively be the midpoint of BC, CA, AB . Since A_1, B_1, C_1 are collinear, we obtain:

$$\frac{A_1B}{A_1C} \cdot \frac{B_1C}{B_1A} \cdot \frac{C_1A}{C_1B} = 1$$

Since A_2, B_2, C_2 respectively are the symmentric points of A_1, B_1, C_1 wrt M, N, P , therefore, we obtain:

$$\frac{A_2B}{A_2C} \cdot \frac{B_2C}{B_2A} \cdot \frac{C_2A}{C_2B} = 1, \text{ which follows that } A_2, B_2, C_2 \text{ are collinear. } \square$$

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fixed point 

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Source: Ireland 2007



moldovan

#1 Jul 7, 2009, 3:31 am

The point P is a fixed point on a circle and Q is a fixed point on a line. The point R is a variable point on the circle such that P, Q , and R are not collinear. The circle through P, Q , and R meets the line again at V . Show that the line VR passes through a fixed point.



yetti

#2 Jul 7, 2009, 10:35 am

Let l be the fixed line and \mathcal{K} the fixed circle. Inversion with center P and arbitrary power takes l into a fixed circle \mathcal{L}' through P and \mathcal{K} through P into a fixed line k' . The fixed point $Q \in l$ goes to a fixed point $Q' \in \mathcal{L}'$ and the variable point $R \in \mathcal{K}$ goes to a variable point $R' \in k'$. Circumcircle $\odot(PQR)$ goes to the line $Q'R'$ cutting \mathcal{L}' again at the image V' of V , and line VR goes to the circumcircle $\odot(PV'R')$. Let S be its center. $\angle PSR' = 2\angle PV'R' = 2\angle PV'Q' = \text{const} \implies$ the isosceles triangle $\triangle PSR'$ with the fixed vertex P and $R' \in k'$ remains similar for all $R' \in k' \implies$ locus of S is a fixed line $s \implies$ circles $\odot(PV'R')$ intersecting at P form a pencil, they also intersect at the reflection W' of P in $s \implies$ lines VR go through the fixed image W of W' .



Luis González

#3 Jul 7, 2009, 11:53 pm

Denote k the fixed circle and k' the variable circle (PQR) . Let M be the second intersection of PQ with k . The parallel line through M to the fixed line cuts k again in the fixed point S . By Reim's theorem applied to k, k' with common chord PR , the points R, S, V are collinear. The line VR goes through the fixed point S



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another collinearity X

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nsato

#1 Feb 25, 2009, 10:46 am

(Inspired by <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?t=260225>)

Let I be the incentre of triangle ABC , and let M_1, M_2, M_3 be the midpoints of the sides. Let Q_1 be the point on M_2M_3 such that $Q_1I \perp AI$, and define points Q_2, Q_3 similarly. Show that Q_1, Q_2 , and Q_3 are collinear.

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yetti

#2 Feb 25, 2009, 11:30 pm

Incircle (I) touches BC, CA, AB at D, E, F . (I_a) is the A-excircle, tangent to BC at D_a . Midline M_2M_3 , angle bisector BI , and the intouch triangle sideline DE concur at a point P_a [1]. Their poles WRT (I) are therefore collinear. C is the pole of DE , direction perpendicular to BI is the pole of BI , therefore the pole of M_2M_3 WRT (I) is intersection K_a of perpendicular to BI through C with the line $DI \perp M_2M_3$. M_1 is also midpoint of $DD_a \implies BD_a = CD \implies$ the right $\triangle BD_a I_a \cong \triangle CDK_a$, having parallel sides, are centrally congruent with similarity center M_1 and coefficient -1 $\implies M_1$ is midpoint of $I_a K_a$.

Let G, M be centroid and Nagel point of $\triangle ABC$ and J incenter of the medial $\triangle M_1M_2M_3$. Since I is the Nagel point of the medial triangle, the points G, I, J, M are collinear and M is reflection of I in J . ($\overline{GM} = -2\overline{GI}$ and $\overline{GI} = -2\overline{GJ} \implies \overline{JM} = -\overline{JI}$) K_a is the pole of M_2M_3 , direction perpendicular to IQ_1 , i.e., parallel to IA is the pole of IQ_1 , therefore parallel q_1 to IA through K_a is polar of Q_1 . As q_1 is reflection of IA in M_1 , midparallel of $IA \parallel q_1$ is the internal bisector of the angle $\angle M_3M_1M_2$, passing through the medial triangle incenter J . Consequently, q_1 goes through reflection M of I in J . Similarly, polars q_2, q_3 of Q_2, Q_3 WRT (I) go through M , therefore their poles Q_1, Q_2, Q_3 are collinear and the line $Q_1Q_2Q_3$ is the polar of M WRT (I).

Reference:

[1] <http://www.mathlinks.ro/viewtopic.php?t=255001>



Luis González

#3 Feb 26, 2009, 6:41 am

We can also use barycentric coordinates WRT $\triangle ABC$. Orthocenter O_3 of $\triangle IAB$ is the pole of the C-midline M_1M_2 WRT the incircle (I). Barycentric coordinates of O_3 are given by $O_3(b-c : a-c : c)$, thus polar τ_c of Q_3 WRT (I) passes through O_3 orthogonally to IQ_3 , i.e. parallel to the C-angle bisector $bx - ay = 0$. Hence, equation of τ_c is

$$\tau_c \equiv (a^2 + ab - ac)x + (-b^2 + bc - ab)y + (a^2 - b^2 + bc - ac)z = 0$$

We verify that the Nagel point $X_8(b + c - a : a + c - b : a + b - c)$ satisfies the equation of τ_c . By analogous reasoning, we conclude that Q_1, Q_2, Q_3 lie on the polar of X_8 WRT (I) and the proof is completed.



gb2124

#4 Jul 5, 2009, 9:43 am

Why the barycentric coordinate of orthocenter of IAB is (b-c:a-c:c)



Luis González

#5 Jul 5, 2009, 10:30 am

There are different ways to find the the coordinates of O_3 . One is intersecting the line joining $I(a+b+c)$ with $I(0+a+b+c)$.

There are different ways to find the coordinates of O_3 , e.g. intersecting the line joining I ($a : b : c$) with $(a \cdot p - c \cdot p = 0)$ and the line ℓ passing through $A(1 : 0 : 0)$ and the infinite point P_∞ of the gradient $\perp IB$, namely

$$P_\infty(aS_B + a^2c : aS_A - cS_C : -ac^2 - cS_B) \implies$$

$$IJ \equiv (bc^2 + cS_A)x - (ac^2 + cS_B)y + (bS_B - aS_A)z = 0$$

$$\ell \equiv (ac^2 + cS_B)y + (aS_A - cS_C)z = 0$$

By solving these two latter equations we get O_3 ($b - c : a - c : c$).

**gb2124**

#6 Jul 7, 2009, 6:18 pm

Sorry I don't quite understand the "infinite point of the perpendicular gradient"

What is it ? What is the gradient of a line in barycentric?

I feel quite confused. 😕

**Luis González**

#7 Jul 7, 2009, 6:25 pm

Infinite point of any perpendicular line to $px + qy + rz = 0$ is given by

$$(S_B(r - p) - S_C(p - q) : S_C(p - q) - S_A(q - r) : S_A(q - r) - S_C(r - p))$$

$$S_A = \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2}, \quad S_B = \frac{c^2 + a^2 - b^2}{2}, \quad S_C = \frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2}$$

**gb2124**

#8 Jul 7, 2009, 6:50 pm • 1 reply

Thank you, I think I got to know it.

There is really a lot for me to learn in the barycentric world.

I wonder if there is some useful materials to help me learn the barycentric method?

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carlosbr

#1 May 6, 2007, 4:56 am • 2 **Pregunta 01:**

Sabado 05 de mayo

Sea P un punto interior de un semicírculo de diámetro AB (el ángulo $\angle APB$ es obtuso). La circunferencia inscrita al triángulo ABP es tangente a los lados AP y BP en los puntos M y N , respectivamente. La recta MN corta a la semicircunferencia en los puntos X e Y . Pruebe que la medida del arco \widehat{XY} es igual a la medida del ángulo $\angle APB$.

LaTEXed by carlosbr



Jutaro

#2 May 7, 2007, 9:35 am • 1 

Probaremos primero que BX es la bisectriz de $\angle ABP$. Pongamos $\angle BAP = 2\alpha$, $\angle ABP = 2\theta$. Entonces, si I es el incentro del triángulo ABP , $\angle AIB = \pi - \alpha - \theta$. Por otra parte, tenemos que $\angle AXB = \pi/2$, dado que AB es diámetro, y también $\angle AMI = \pi/2$. Luego el cuadrilátero $AIMX$ es cíclico, de donde $\angle AIX = \angle AMX$. Pero como $\angle APB = \pi - 2\alpha - 2\theta$, se sigue que $\angle PMN = \alpha + \theta$, y en consecuencia $\angle PMN = \angle AMX = \angle AIX = \alpha + \theta$. Luego $\angle AIX + \angle AIB = \pi$, esto es, B, I, X están alineados; así que X está sobre la bisectriz de $\angle ABP$. Esto implica que $\angle PBX = \angle XBA = \theta$. Pero si O es el centro del semicírculo, tenemos que $\angle AOX = 2\angle XBA = 2\theta = \angle PBA$. Por tanto BP y OX son paralelas.

De manera semejante podemos probar que AP y OY son paralelas; luego el cuadrilátero determinado por las rectas OX , OY , AP , BP es un paralelogramo, y podemos concluir que $\angle APB = \angle XOY$, como queríamos demostrar. 



M4RIO

#3 May 7, 2007, 11:42 am • 1 

Me parece que para decir que el cuadrilátero $AIMX$ es cíclico luego que tienes $\angle AXB = \frac{\pi}{2}$ y $\angle AMI = \frac{\pi}{2}$ estas asumiendo que BX corta a AI en I .

O sera q estoy con sueño  , podrias responderme esa duda  :



Jutaro

#4 May 8, 2007, 3:35 am • 1 

ahhh si, tenes razon... estoy asumiendo lo q queria probar  perdon x el post vacio, voy a tratar de remediar ese "pequeño" detalle mas tarde xq no estoy en mi casa ahorita! gracias x el comentario 



cuenca

#5 May 11, 2007, 6:21 am

mi solucion:

Sean A_1, B_1 los pies de las perpendiculares de A, B a la recta MN , sea $2a = \angle APB$ entonces $\angle NBB_1 = a = \angle MAA_1$, se sabe que siendo $AB = 2R, BP = l, AP = t$ y sea p el semiperímetro del triángulo ABP , entonces $NP = p - t$ entonces $BB_1 = (p - t) \cos \theta$ tambien $AA_1 = (p - t) \cos \theta$ cosa K el rincón de la perpendicular de

entonces $\nu D = p - t$, entonces $DD_1 = (p - t)\cos\alpha$, tambien $AA_1 = (p - t)\cos\alpha$, sea R el radio de la perpendicular de O(centro de la semicircunferencia) a MN, luego $OK = \frac{(p - l)\cos\alpha + (p - t)\cos\alpha}{2} = R\cos\alpha$, siendo que R es el radio de la semicircunferencia, luego $OY = R$, en el triangulo OYK, se tiene $\angle YOK = a$, luego $\angle XOK = 2a = \angle APB$



Luis González

#6 Jul 6, 2009, 10:11 pm

Proposición: Sea $\triangle ABC$ un triángulo obtusángulo. El incírculo (I) es tangente a BC, CA, AB en D, E, F , y la recta EF corta a la semicircunferencia \overarc{BC} en X, Y . Si M es punto medio de BC , pruebe que $\angle XMY = \angle BAC$.

Sean T, P, Q, K las proyecciones ortogonales de A, B, C, M en la recta XY , respectivamente.

De las semejanzas $\triangle BPF \sim \triangle ATF$ y $\triangle CQE \sim \triangle ATE$ obtenemos:

$$\frac{BP}{AT} = \frac{p - b}{p - a}, \quad \frac{CQ}{AT} = \frac{p - c}{p - a} \implies BP + CQ = 2MK = \frac{BC \cdot AT}{(p - a)}$$

En otras palabras, $\frac{MK}{AT} = \frac{MX}{AE} \implies$ Los triángulos isósceles $\triangle AFE$ y $\triangle MPX$ son semejantes.

Por consiguiente $\angle XMY = \angle BAC$, como se deseaba probar.

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moldovan

#1 Jul 6, 2009, 1:31 am

In an acute-angled triangle ABC , D is the foot of the altitude from A , and P a point on segment AD . The lines BP and CP meet AC and AB at E and F respectively. Prove that AD bisects the angle EDF .



Luis González

#2 Jul 6, 2009, 2:29 am

This is a particular case of the following fact:

P is a point on the plane of $\triangle ABC$. Lines PA, PB, PC cut BC, CA, AB at D, E, F . Define $U \equiv EF \cap AD$ and let V be the orthogonal projection of U onto BC . Then lines VU, BC bisect $\angle FVE$.



mathVNpro

#3 Jul 6, 2009, 8:01 am

Let $H_a \equiv EF \cap BC$. It is well-known that $(H_a DBC) = -1$. Let $G_a \equiv EF \cap AD \implies (H_a G_a EF) = -1$. Hence $D(H_a G_a EF) = -1$, but $DH_a \perp DG_a$, thus DG_a is the internal bisector of $\angle EDF \square$



sunken rock

#4 Aug 4, 2010, 11:31 pm

Let DF and DE intersect the parallel through A to BC at X and Y respectively and, as $XY \parallel BC \perp AD$, we need to prove $AX = AY$.

But $\frac{AX}{BD} = \frac{AF}{BF}$ and $\frac{AY}{DC} = \frac{AE}{CE}$, or, dividing side by side the two equalities: $\frac{AX}{AY} = \frac{AF \cdot BD}{BF} \cdot \frac{CE}{AE \cdot DC}$, but, as from Ceva for $\triangle ABC$ with P , the right side of the last equality is 1, hence our goal has been achieved.

Best regards,
sunken rock

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**gb2124**

#1 Jul 5, 2009, 9:14 am

How to identify the infinity point by the barycentric equation???
And what is the Conway's formula ?

**Luis González**

#2 Jul 5, 2009, 10:47 am

The line $px + qy + rz = 0$ has infinite point $P_\infty(q - r : r - p : p - q)$.



The Conway formula gives the barycentric coordinates of a point P , for instance, defined by the balanced angles $\angle CBP = \phi$, $\angle BCP = \theta \implies P \equiv (-a^2 : S_C + S_\theta : S_B + S_\phi)$.



Keeping in mind the general Conway notation $S_\theta = S \cot \theta$.

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nice exercise (maybe posted before) 

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moldovan

#1 Jul 4, 2009, 9:50 pm



The distances from a point P inside an equilateral triangle to the vertices of the triangle are 3, 4, and 5. Find the area of the triangle.



Luis González

#2 Jul 4, 2009, 10:55 pm



Assume that $PA = 5$, $PB = 3$ and $PC = 4$. Let Q be the homologous of P under the rotation with center B and rotational angle 60° counterclockwise. Then $\triangle QBC \cong \triangle PBA$ and $\triangle BPQ$ is equilateral. Consequently, $QC = 5$ and $PQ = 3 \implies \triangle PQC$ is right at $P \implies \angle BPC = 150^\circ$. Hence, by cosine law in $\triangle PBC$ we get

$$AB^2 = 4^2 + 3^2 - 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot \cos 150^\circ = 25 + 12\sqrt{3} \implies |\triangle ABC| = \frac{25\sqrt{3}}{4} + 9$$

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ratio along a side of a triangle X

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CatalystOfNostalgia

#1 Jul 4, 2009, 3:46 am

In triangle non-isosceles ABC, let AB=c, BC=a, CA=b. The A-altitude, angle bisector, and median meet BC at D, E, M, respectively. Prove that $\frac{DM}{ME} = \frac{(b+c)^2}{a^2}$.

Looking for a synthetic solution; it's pretty easy to just compute the lengths, but it's somewhat ugly and I think it requires the law of cosines. Also I know of a pretty contrived solution that involves taking MI and intersecting it with AD, but perhaps there is something simpler?



Luis González

#2 Jul 4, 2009, 1:20 pm

Perpendicular bisector of BC and angle bisector AE meet at the midpoint N of the arc BC and $\frac{DM}{ME} = \frac{AN}{EN}$. Power of E to (O) is $EB \cdot EC = AE \cdot EN$ and since AN is self-isogonal WRT $\angle A$, it follows that $AN \cdot AE = AB \cdot AC$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{DM}{ME} = \frac{AN}{NE} = \frac{AE \cdot AB \cdot AC}{BE \cdot EC \cdot AE} = \frac{AB \cdot AC}{BE \cdot EC}$$

Using angle bisector theorem we get:

$$BE = \frac{ac}{b+c}, CE = \frac{ab}{b+c} \Rightarrow \frac{DM}{ME} = \frac{bc(b+c)^2}{a^2bc} = \frac{(b+c)^2}{a^2}$$

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Inspired by Ramanujan 

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jayme

#1 Jul 2, 2009, 3:17 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,
 let ABC be a triangle rectangular at A, (0) the circumcircle of ABC,
 (1) the circle centered at B and cutting the segment BC at Q,
 (2) the circle centered at C and cutting the segment BC at P,
 D the second point of intersection of AQ with (0),
 (3) the circle passing through A, P, D and
 E the second point of intersection of BC with (3).
 Prove that PQ = 2.CE.
 Sincerely



vittasko

#2 Jul 3, 2009, 2:29 am

Dear **Jean Louis**, I guess that you mean the circle centered at B with radius BA and similarly, the circle centered at C , with radius CA .

So, it is enough to prove that $(PQ)^2 = 2(BP)(QC)$, (1) which is well known result, in the configuration of a right triangle $\triangle ABC$, with $\angle A = 90^\circ$ and two points on the side-segment BC , such that $BQ = BA$ and $CP = CA$.

If I am not mistaken, I will post here later the proof of (1) I have in mind, based on the fact that the circles (B) (centered at B with radius BA) and (C) (centered at C with radius CA), are orthogonal each other and then, the points F, P, Q, Z , where $F \equiv (B) \cap BC$ (the other than Q) and $Z \equiv (C) \cap BC$ (the other than P), are in harmonic conjugation.

Kostas Vittas.

This post has been edited 1 time. Last edited by vittasko, Jul 4, 2009, 12:45 am



jayme

#3 Jul 3, 2009, 10:40 am

Dear Kostas,
 sorry for my forgetfullness... You are right.
 Is it possible to prove first the result of my problem, then to deduct the relation (of Ramanujan) you have mentioned?
 Sincerely
 Jean-Louis



vittasko

#4 Jul 4, 2009, 12:09 am

Let me dear **Jean Louis** to restate the notations of your nice problem.



Let $\triangle ABC$ be a right triangle with $\angle A = 90^\circ$ and circumcircle (O) . We denote the points P, Q on the side-segment BC , such that $BQ = BA$ and $CP = CA$ and let be the point $D \equiv (O) \cap AQ$. The circumcircle (O_1) of the triangle $\triangle APD$, intersects the sideline BC of $\triangle ABC$, at point so be it E . Prove that $PQ = 2(CE)$.

PROOF. - We draw the circles (B) , (C) , centered at vertices B , C of the given triangle $\triangle ABC$, with radii $BA = BQ$ and $CA = CP$ respectively and we denote the points $F \equiv (B) \cap BC$ (the other than Q) and $Z \equiv (C) \cap BC$ (the other than P).

From the powers of the point Q , with respect to the circles (O) , (O_1) , we have $(PQ)(QE) = (AQ)(QD) = (BQ)(QC)$, (1)

From (1) $\Rightarrow (PQ)(QC + CE) = (BP + PQ)(QC) \Rightarrow (PQ)(CE) = (BP)(QC)$, (2)

From (2), in order to be $PQ = 2(CE)$ it is enough to prove $(PQ)^2 = 2(BP)(QC)$, (3) (I didn't know that this relation, is a result by the famous **Ramanujan**).

From (3) $\Rightarrow (PQ)^2 = 2(BQ - PQ)(PC - PQ) \Rightarrow (PQ)^2 + 2(BQ)(PC) = 2(PQ)(BQ + PC)$, (4)

We will prove that the relation (4) is true.

• Because of BA tangents to the circle (C) at point A , we have that $(BP)(BZ) = (BA)^2 = (BQ)^2 = (BF)^2$, (5)

From (5), based on the **Newton theorem**, we conclude that the points F , P , Q , Z , are in harmonic conjugation as well.

So, we have that $\frac{QP}{QZ} = \frac{FP}{FZ} \Rightarrow (PQ)(FZ) = (FP)(QZ)$, (6)

From (6) $\Rightarrow (PQ)[2(BQ) + 2(PC) - PQ] = [2(BQ) - PQ][2(PC) - PQ] \Rightarrow 4(PQ)(BQ + PC) = 4(BQ)(PC) + 2(PQ)^2$, (7)

From (7) $\Rightarrow (PQ)^2 + 2(BQ)(PC) = 2(PQ)(BQ + PC)$ and the proof is completed.

 jayme wrote:

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Although I have the proof of some results, probably useful, however I don't know if I can prove first the relation $PQ = 2(CE)$ of the proposed problem.

Best regards, Kostas Vittas.

Attachments:

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Luis González

#5 Jul 4, 2009, 3:44 am

Notice that $BP \cdot CQ = (a - b)(a - c) = a^2 + bc - ac - ab$ and

$$PQ = a - (a - b) - (a - c) = b + c - a$$

$$\Rightarrow PQ^2 = b^2 + c^2 + a^2 + 2bc - 2ac - 2ab$$

$$\text{Since } a^2 = b^2 + c^2 \Rightarrow PQ^2 = 2(a^2 + bc - ac - ab)$$

$$\text{But } BQ \cdot QC = (a - b)(a - c) = a^2 + bc - ab - ac \Rightarrow PQ^2 = 2BP \cdot QC \text{ (*)}$$

Inversion with center Q and power $BQ \cdot QC$ maps $C \mapsto B$ and $E \mapsto P$. Therefore

$$CE = BP \cdot \frac{BQ \cdot QC}{BQ \cdot PQ} \Rightarrow CE \cdot PQ = BP \cdot QC$$

Then combinig with (*) yields $CE \cdot PQ = \frac{1}{2}PQ^2 \Rightarrow PQ = 2CE$.



Virgil Nicula

#6 Jul 4, 2009, 3:58 am

 Virgil Nicula wrote:

Let ABC be a triangle for which $a > b$, $a > c$. Consider the points $\{P, Q\} \subset [BC]$ so that $PC = b$, $BQ = c$.

The line AQ cut again the circumcircle of $\triangle ABC$ in D and the line BC cut again the circumcircle of $\triangle APD$ in E .

Prove that $\left| \frac{PQ}{CE} = 2 + \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{a^2 - b^2 - c^2} \right|$ and $A = 90^\circ \iff PQ = 2 \cdot CE$.

$\cup E$

$(a - v)(a - c)$

Proof. Using the power of a point w.r.t. a circle obtain : $QB \cdot QC = QA \cdot QD = QP \cdot QE$. Since $QB = c$,

$$QC = a - c, QP = b + c - a \text{ results } QE = \frac{c(a - c)}{b + c - a} \text{ and } CE = QE - QC \implies CE = \frac{(a - b)(a - c)}{b + c - a}.$$

Therefore, $\frac{PQ}{CE} = \frac{(b + c - a)^2}{(a - b)(a - c)} = 2 + \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{(a - b)(a - c)}$ a.s.o.

Remarks.

1 ► If $A = 120^\circ$, then $PQ < CE$.

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$$\sum \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{(a - b)(a - c)} = -2, \text{ where } \{a, b, c\} \subset \mathbb{C} \text{ and } a \neq b \neq c \neq a.$$

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Prove that

$$\frac{\overline{PQ}}{\overline{CE}} = 2 + \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{(a - b)(a - c)}, \text{ where } X(x), \overline{XY} = y - x - \text{an analytical geometry on the orientated line } d = BC$$

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This post has been edited 4 times. Last edited by Virgil Nicula, Jul 5, 2009, 1:31 am



jayme

#7 Jul 4, 2009, 6:05 pm

Dear Kostas, Luis, Virgil and Mathlinkers,
thank you for all your nice proofs.

The result involves by Kostas comes from Ramanujan (Bernd, B.C. (1994): Ramanujan's Notebooks, Part IV. Springer -Verlag).
For my problem, I had in mind the Haruki's result : $BP \cdot CQ / PQ = CE$... which comes from a more general case.

Sincerely
Jean-Louis



Virgil Nicula

#8 Jul 5, 2009, 5:42 am

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“ Virgil Nicula wrote:

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6 ► Prove similarly that :

“ Virgil Nicula wrote:

Let ABC be a A -right triangle and consider the points $\{X, Y, Z, T\} \subset BC$ (line !) so that

$$\left\| B \in (XY), Y \in (BC), BX = BY = AB \right\|. \text{ Prove that } \widehat{XAZ} \equiv \widehat{ZAY} \equiv \widehat{YAT}.$$

$\parallel C \in (ZT) \quad , \quad Z \in (BC) \quad , \quad CZ = CT = AC \parallel$



jayme

#9 Jul 5, 2009, 11:59 am

Dear Virgil and Mathlinkers,
your last message is very interesting.
The Ramanujan's problem after my source is:

let ABC be a triangulo rectangular at A. On the side BC take to points P and Q so that $BQ=BA$ and $CP=CA$.
Prove: $PQ^2=2BP \cdot QC$.

Sincerely
Jean-Louis



jayme

#10 Jul 9, 2009, 1:48 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,
my proof of Ramanujan's problem:
according to Haruki's theorem, $BP \cdot CQ = PQ \cdot CE$
See email : <http://www.mathlinks.ro/Forum/viewtopic.php?p=1555284#1555284>

$PQ = 2 \cdot CE$
and we are done

Sincerely
Jean-Louis



armpist

#11 Jul 18, 2009, 10:24 pm

It seems to me that Ramanujan came up with this identity $PQ^2 = 2 \cdot BP \cdot CQ$

immediately after reading Propositions 5 thru 8

of Book II of the Elements. That one, after all, is concerned with Geometric Algebra.

It is hard to tell which of the above Propositions affected Srini the most.

If it turns out that his is a new Proposition, then maybe we can squeeze it right between

Props. 8 and 9 in the same Book II on the account of its great importance.

And it will be another confirmation of Fermat's notion that those bearded Greeks

did not know everything.

It is also worth while investigating the "2r" connection of this problem with the Sangakus

see http://www.mathlinks.ro/Forum/viewtopic.php?search_id=1150708027&t=264276

http://www.mathlinks.ro/Forum/viewtopic.php?search_id=1150708027&t=270926

Historical note:

Young Srini failed math tests to make the Indian team to IMO two years in a row.
He managed to do Geometry problems, yet Number Theory tasks proved to be beyond
his abilities.

Also, his last name points towards Armenian origin Ramanujan. It is interesting that Armenian
mathematicians haven't yet claimed him to be their own.

M.T.

Attachments:

[Srini.doc \(24kb\)](#)



jayme

#12 Jul 19, 2009, 10:52 am

Dear Mark,

thank you for your historical note and references.

You attached figure suggest an area approach...

Sincerely

Jean-Louis

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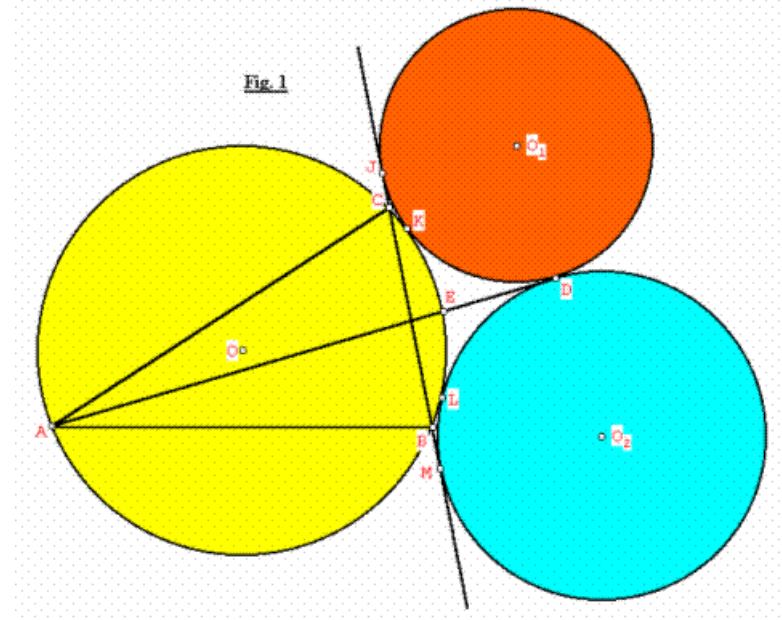
juancarlos

#1 Apr 27, 2005, 5:18 am

Drawn two external tangent circles (O_1, r_1) and (O_2, r_2) also tangents to the line BC and circumcircle (O) of ABC triangle such that the common internal tangent of (O_1) and (O_2) passes through A . Similarly drawn two external tangent circles (O_3, r_3) and (O_4, r_4) and tangents to the line AC and (O) with common internal tangent of (O_3) and (O_4) passes through B and also drawn the external tangent circles (O_5, r_5) and (O_6, r_6) and tangents to the line AB and (O) with common internal tangent of (O_5) and (O_6) passes through C . If r is the inradius of ABC , prove that: $\frac{2}{r} = \frac{1}{r_1} + \frac{1}{r_2} + \frac{1}{r_3} + \frac{1}{r_4} + \frac{1}{r_5} + \frac{1}{r_6}$

See Fig.1, drawing the circles (O_1, r_1) and (O_2, r_2) :

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jhaussmann5

#2 Apr 28, 2005, 5:27 pm

Can you give us a hint?



juancarlos

#3 Apr 29, 2005, 2:57 am

In Fig. 1, D is excenter.



juancarlos

#4 Jan 26, 2006, 5:33 am

Please see:

<http://www.personal.us.es/rbarroso/trianguloscabri/sol/sol293sal.htm>



Luis González

#5 Jul 3, 2009, 11:52 pm



From Thebault/Sawayama theorem $D \equiv I_a$ is the A-excenter. Letting P, Q, Y be the tangency points of $(O_1), (O_2), (I_a)$ with BC , then in the trapezoid $O_1O_2QP, I_aY = r_a$ is the harmonic mean between its bases \implies

$$\frac{1}{r_1} + \frac{1}{r_2} = \frac{2}{r_a}$$

Thus, the cyclic sum yields:

$$\frac{1}{r_1} + \frac{1}{r_2} + \frac{1}{r_3} + \frac{1}{r_4} + \frac{1}{r_5} + \frac{1}{r_6} = 2 \left(\frac{1}{r_a} + \frac{1}{r_b} + \frac{1}{r_c} \right) = \frac{2}{r}$$

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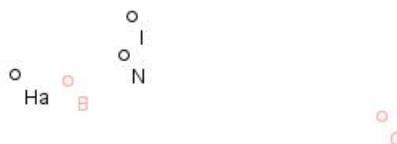
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jrrbc

#1 Jul 2, 2009, 4:06 am



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Find the vertices of the triangle ABC given the center **N** of the nine-point circle, the foot **Ha** of the altitude AH_a and the incenter **I**.



Luis González

#2 Jul 2, 2009, 5:59 am

Draw the 9-point circle with center N and radius $NH_a = \frac{1}{2}R$. Draw the incircle with center I internally tangent to (N) . Tangent from H_a to (I) meets (N) again at the midpoint M_a of BC (we have two possibilities). Perpendicular line to the chord M_aH_a through M_a is the perpendicular bisector \mathcal{L}_a of BC . Since the distance $IO = \sqrt{R^2 - 2Rr}$ is known, the intersections of the circle $(I, \sqrt{R^2 - 2Rr})$ with \mathcal{L}_a gives the possible circumcenters O . The circle (O, R) meets the line M_aH_a at B, C and the perpendicular to M_aH_a through H_a at A .



jrrbc

#3 Jul 2, 2009, 7:31 am

please the IO construction



Luis González

#4 Jul 2, 2009, 9:26 am

It is a basic ruler-compass construction 😊

On an arbitrary line \mathcal{L} take three points X, Y, Z such that $XY = 2r$ and $YZ = R$. Draw a semicircle with diameter XZ . Perpendicular through Y meets the semicircumference at $M, MY = z$. Now, construct a right-angled triangle with cathetus z and hypotenuse R . The other cathetus measures IO .



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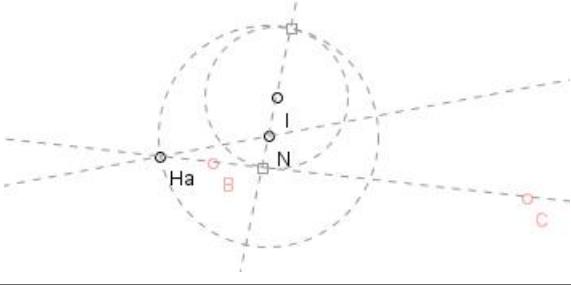
#5 Jul 2, 2009, 10:51 pm

is this the tangent circles construction ?



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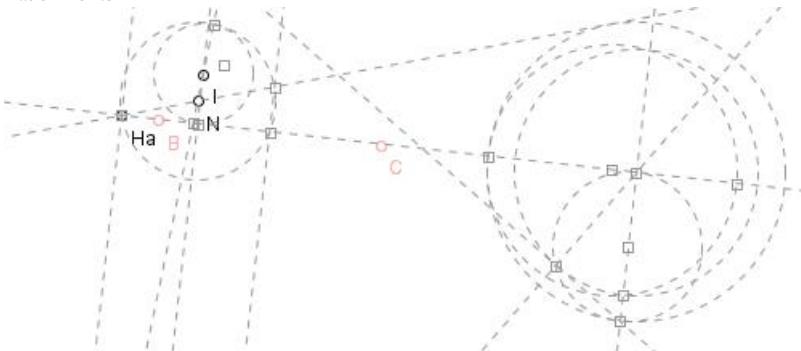
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#6 Jul 2, 2009, 11:54 pm

the construction is not ok



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Luis González

#7 Jul 3, 2009, 12:15 am

I really don't see what isn't clear in my resolution. The incircle and nine-point circle are internally tangent (celebrated Feuerbach theorem). Ray NI cuts (N) at Fe (Feuerbach point). (I,IFe) is the incircle of ABC. Tangent from Ha to (I) cuts (N) again at Ma (choose Ma according to your sketch). Finally make sure that you constructed the segment IO well.



yetti

#8 Jul 6, 2009, 1:08 am

Circle (N) with center N and radius NH_a is 9-point circle. Ray \overrightarrow{NI} cuts (N) at the Feuerbach point F . Circle (I) with center I and radius IF is the incircle. Let a, a' be tangents to (I) from H_a , with tangency points D, D' , leading to 2 solutions. Consider only one tangent a , cutting (N) again at M_a . Perpendicular m_a to a at M_a is the perpendicular bisector of BC and perpendicular h_a to a at H_a is the A-altitude line. Parallel $p \parallel a$ through I cuts h_a at K . DK cuts m_a at $X \in (O)$ on the triangle circumcircle. IX is internal bisector of $\angle CAB$, cutting h_a at A . Tangents to (I) from A cut a at B, C .



jrrbc

#9 Jul 6, 2009, 3:23 am

thanks 😊😊😊

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moldovan

#1 Jul 2, 2009, 12:18 am

Let F be the midpoint of the side BC of a triangle ABC . Isosceles right-angled triangles ABD and ACE are constructed externally on AB and AC with the right angles at D and E . Prove that the triangle DEF is right-angled and isosceles.



Luis González

#2 Jul 2, 2009, 12:31 am



Let D and E be the centers of the squares $ABXY$ and $ACPQ$. Then $\triangle ABQ$ and $\triangle ACY$ are congruent by SAS criterion, due to $AB = AY, AC = AQ$ and $\angle BAQ = \angle YAC$. Therefore, $BQ = CY$ and $\angle ACY = \angle AQB$. If $M \equiv YC \cap BQ$, then quadrilateral $AMCQ$ is cyclic $\implies \angle QMC$ is right. Lines FD and FE are respectively parallel to CY and BQ since D, E are midpoints of BY, CQ . Hence $FD \perp FE \implies \triangle DEF$ is isosceles right at F .



dgreenb801

#3 Jul 4, 2009, 11:22 pm



Let M and N be the midpoints of AB and AC . Then $DM = NF = AB/2$ and $EN = MF = AC/2$, and $\angle DFE = \angle DMB + \angle BFM = 90 + \angle A = \angle ENF$, so $\triangle DMF$ is congruent to $\triangle ENF$, so $DF = FE$. Also we know $\angle MFN = \angle A$ and $\angle MFD + \angle NFE = \angle MFD + \angle MDF = 180 - \angle DMF = 180 - (90 + \angle A) = 90 - \angle A$, so $\angle DFE = 90$.



mathVNpro

#4 Jul 4, 2009, 11:48 pm



We have $\mathcal{R}_E^{-90^\circ} : C \mapsto A, \mathcal{R}_D^{-90^\circ} : A \mapsto B$. Therefore $\mathcal{R}_D^{-90^\circ} \circ \mathcal{R}_E^{-90^\circ} : C \mapsto B$. But $\mathcal{R}_D^{-90^\circ} \circ \mathcal{R}_E^{-90^\circ} = \mathcal{R}_M^{-180^\circ}$.

Therefore $M \equiv F$ which is the midpoint of BC . but $\angle DFE = \angle DEF = \frac{90^\circ}{2} = 45^\circ$. Hence $\triangle DEF$ is right-angled and isosceles \square .

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juancarlos

#1 May 25, 2006, 2:48 am

En el triángulo ABC el incírculo y el excírculo opuesto al vértice A determinan los puntos de tangencia $(D, E), (M, J), (N, K)$ sobre BC, AC y AB respectivamente. Si DP y EQ son perpendiculares a MN y JK , probar que $\angle BAP = \angle CAQ$.



M4RIO

#2 May 25, 2006, 6:14 am

P y Q son puntos arbitrarios 😊:



juancarlos

#3 May 25, 2006, 8:12 pm

Favor considerar P sobre MN y Q sobre JK 

José

#4 May 31, 2006, 5:34 am

alguna sugerencia? y el gráfico?



Ashegh

#5 May 31, 2006, 2:30 pm

im cures to solve it. could any body plz trans late it?

thanks my dears.

senioritta.... 😊



skuge

#6 Jun 13, 2006, 8:39 am

juancarlos wrote:

En el triángulo ABC el incírculo y el excírculo opuesto al vértice A determinan los puntos de tangencia $(D, E), (M, J), (N, K)$ sobre BC, AC y AB respectivamente. Si DP y EQ son perpendiculares a MN y JK , probar que $\angle BAP = \angle CAQ$.

Trazo la perpendicular a BC que es tangente al excírculo en H y corta a la bisección interna por A en S . Trazo la perpendicular a JK por H y esta cora al excírculo en E' .

I es el centro del excírculo. Al es bisectriz entonces es perpendicular a JK . Al es paralela a HE' .

De lo anterior $\angle AIE' = \angle IE'H$ como $IE'H$ es isóceles $\angle IE'H = \angle IHE'$.

Otra vez por ser paralelas $\angle IHE' = \angle HIS$

$\angle AIE' = \angle HIS$

Reflejo H sobre IA y obtengo H' sobre el excírculo. que es colinear con Q y E . (Esto no es fácil de ver, pero E es opuesto diametralmente a H y H' es opuesto a E' porque $\angle AIE' = \angle HIS$)

Ahora hago una homotecia de toda la figura superior sobre A de manera que el incírculo caiga sobre el excírculo.

Definamos las coordenadas baricentricas con respecto a $\triangle ABC$.

$$D(0 : p - c : p - b), M(p - c : 0 : p - a), N(p - b : p - a : 0)$$

$$E(0 : p - b : p - c), K(p - c : -p : 0), J(p - b : 0 : -p)$$

$$MN \equiv (p - a)x - (p - b)y - (p - c)z = 0, KJ \equiv px + (p - c)y + (p - b)z = 0$$

Las rectas \mathcal{L}_1 y \mathcal{L}_2 que pasan por D, E perpendiculares a MN y KJ tienen por punto del infinito $(b + c : -b : -c)$ que es el de la bisectriz de $\angle A$. Por tanto sus ecuaciones son:

$$\mathcal{L}_1 \equiv (c(p - c) - b(p - b))x - (b + c)(p - b)y + (b + c)(p - c)z = 0$$

$$\mathcal{L}_2 \equiv (b(p - c) - c(p - b))x + (b + c)(p - c)y - (b + c)(p - b)z = 0$$

\mathcal{L}_1 y \mathcal{L}_2 intersectan MN y KJ en

$$P (** : b(p - a)(p - c) : c(p - b)(p - a)), Q (** : b(p - b) : c(p - c))$$

En otras palabras, los rayos AP y AQ pasan por

$$X_{57} = (a(p - b)(p - c) : b(p - a)(p - c) : c(p - b)(p - a))$$

$$X_9 = (a(p - a) : b(p - b) : c(p - c))$$

Estos puntos son isogonales y en consecuencia $\angle BAP = \angle CAQ$

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equilateral triangle X

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moldovan

#1 Jun 30, 2009, 12:56 am

Let A, B, C be collinear points on the plane with B between A and C . Equilateral triangles ABD, BCE, CAF are constructed with D, E on one side of the line AC and F on the other side. Prove that the centroids of the triangles are the vertices of an equilateral triangle, and that the centroid of this triangle lies on the line AC .



Luis González

#2 Jun 30, 2009, 6:21 am

Let $(O_1) \equiv (ADB), (O_2) \equiv (BCE)$ and $O \equiv (O_1) \cap (O_2)$. It is enough to see that $\angle AOC = 120^\circ \implies O$ lies on the circumcircle (O_3) of $\triangle CAF$. OA, OB and OC are radical axes of $(O_1) \cup (O_3), (O_1) \cup (O_2)$ and $(O_2) \cup (O_3) \implies OA \perp O_1O_3, OB \perp O_1O_2$ and $OC \perp O_2O_3$. As a result, we have $\angle O_2O_1O_3 = \angle AOB = 60^\circ$ and $\angle O_1O_2O_3 = \angle BOC = 60^\circ \implies \triangle O_1O_2O_3$ is equilateral.

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Centroid of $\triangle O_1O_2O_3$ lies on the line $AC \iff$ Sum of the oriented distances from O_1, O_2, O_3 to AC equals zero. Letting M, N, L be the midpoints of AB, BC, AC

$$O_1M = \frac{1}{3}DM, O_2N = \frac{1}{3}EN, O_3L = \frac{1}{3}FL \implies$$

$$O_1M + O_2N - O_3L = \frac{1}{3}(DM + EN - FL) = \frac{1}{6}\sqrt{3}(AC - AC) = 0$$

\implies The centroid of $\triangle O_1O_2O_3$ lies on the line AC , as desired.



plane geometry

#3 Jun 30, 2009, 8:40 am

using cos law

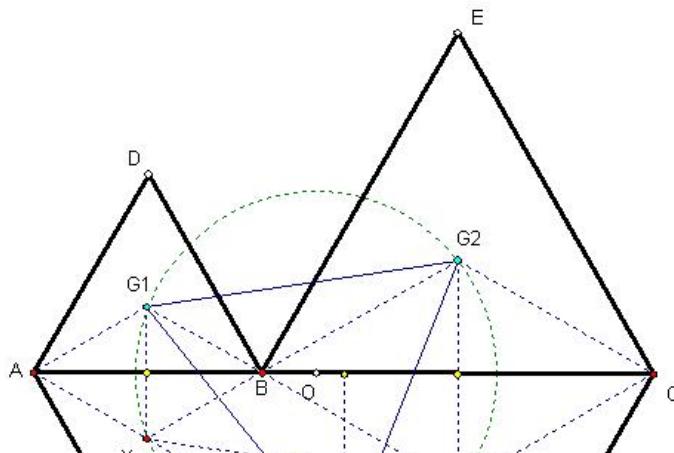
we acquire $G1G2=G2G3=G1G3$

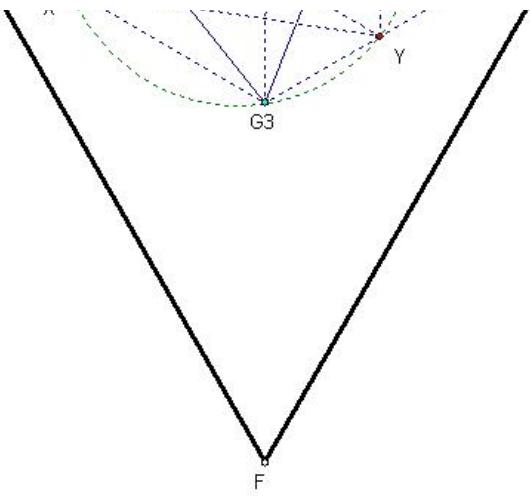
we can also prove $G1AX G2CY$ are both equilateral triangles

$G1G2G3XY$ are concyclic further, $G1G2YX$ is an isosceles trapezoid thus the circumcenter lies on the perpendicular bisector of $XG1, YG2$

done

Attachments:





mathVNpro

#4 Jun 30, 2009, 10:55 am

Denote G_1, G_2, G_3 respectively by the centroid of $\triangle DAB, \triangle EBC, \triangle FAC$. Consider the rotation around $G_i, i \in \{1, 2\}$ with the angle 120° , we have $\mathcal{R}_{G_1}^{120^\circ} : A \mapsto B$. Similarly, we also have $\mathcal{R}_{G_2}^{120^\circ} : B \mapsto C \implies \mathcal{R}_{G_1}^{120^\circ} \circ \mathcal{R}_{G_2}^{120^\circ} : A \mapsto C$. But $\mathcal{R}_{G_1}^{120^\circ} \circ \mathcal{R}_{G_2}^{120^\circ} = \mathcal{R}_G^{240^\circ} = \mathcal{R}_G^{-120^\circ}$. Therefore $\mathcal{R}_G^{-120^\circ} : A \mapsto C \implies G \equiv G_3$. But we also have

$$\angle GG_1G_2 = \angle GG_2G_1 = \frac{120^\circ}{2} = 60^\circ \implies \triangle G_3G_1G_2 \text{ is an equilateral triangle.}$$

Now, let $\mathcal{Z}\left(B, -120^\circ, \frac{BE}{BA}\right) : A \mapsto E, D \mapsto C, \triangle BDA \mapsto \triangle BCE$. Hence $G_1 \mapsto G_2$. Therefore,

$\angle G_1BG_2 = 120^\circ$. Let the circumcircle (O) of $\triangle G_1BG_2$ intersects AC at G_4 as the second point. We have $\angle G_1OG_2 = G_1BG_2 = 120^\circ$, but $\angle G_4G_1G_2 = \angle G_2BG_4 \equiv \angle G_2BC = 60^\circ, \angle G_4G_2G_1 = \angle G_1BA = 60^\circ$. Then it is followed that through the rotation with center G_4 , angle -120° , we have $\mathcal{R}_{G_4}^{-120^\circ} : G_1 \mapsto G_2$. Hence G_4 must be the centroid of $\triangle G_1G_2G_3$. The result is lead as follow. \square



Virgil Nicula

#5 Jul 2, 2009, 8:03 am

“ Napoleon wrote:

Let A, B, C be three points on the plane. Equilateral triangles ABD, BCE, CAF are constructed outside of given triangle.

Prove that $AE = BF = CD, AE \cap BF \cap CD \neq \emptyset$, the centroids G_c, G_a, G_b of the triangles ABD, BCE, CAF

are the vertices of an equilateral triangle and the triangles ABC and $G_aG_bG_c$ have a common centroid G and ... another properties.

Indication.

Particular case. When $B \in (AC)$ obtain the proposed problem in which the common centroid of the triangles ABC

(degenerated !) and $G_aG_bG_c$ is the point $G \in (BM)$, where M is the midpoint of $[AC]$ and $BG = 2 \cdot GM$.

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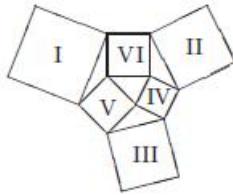


moldovan

#1 Jun 28, 2009, 4:43 pm

Consider the configuration of six squares as shown on the picture. Prove that the sum of the area of the three outer squares (*I*, *II* and *III*) equals three times the sum of the areas of the three inner squares (*IV*, *V* and *VI*).

Attachments:



EcstaticPotter

#2 Jun 28, 2009, 11:47 pm

use the law of cosines repeatedly, and the fact that $\cos(180-x) = -\cos(x)$



Luis González

#3 Jun 29, 2009, 6:04 am • 1 ↳

Problem: On the sides of $\triangle ABC$, we construct outwardly the squares $ABED$, $CHFB$, $ALKC$. Let S_1 , S_2 , S_3 be the areas of the squares with side length LD , EF , HK . Prove that

$$[ABED] + [CHFB] + [ALKC] = \frac{1}{3}(S_1 + S_2 + S_3)$$

Solution: Let B' be the reflection of B about A . Then it is easy to see that $\triangle ADL$ and $\triangle AB'C$ are congruent. Thus if M is the midpoint of BC , we have $DL = B'C = 2AM$. This means that DL , FE , HK are twice the corresponding medians m_a , m_b , m_c of $\triangle ABC$. From $m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2 = \frac{3}{4}(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)$, we deduce then the desired relation.



jayme

#4 Oct 24, 2014, 2:38 pm • 1 ↳

Dear Mathlinkers,
you can see
<http://jl.ayme.pagesperso-orange.fr/> vol. 5 la figure de Vecten p. 104-106

Sincerely
Jean-Louis

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Source: IMO Shortlist 1993, Indonesia 1



orl

#1 Mar 26, 2006, 4:23 am

The vertices D, E, F of an equilateral triangle lie on the sides BC, CA, AB respectively of a triangle ABC . If a, b, c are the respective lengths of these sides, and S the area of ABC , prove that

$$DE \geq \frac{2 \cdot \sqrt{2} \cdot S}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 4 \cdot \sqrt{3} \cdot S}}.$$



tweedledum

#2 Apr 8, 2006, 3:33 am

does anyone know how to solve this problem??
because i've tried a lot and i couldn't solve it...



yetti

#3 Apr 14, 2006, 2:33 pm

The pedal triangle of the 1st isodynamic point Q (the intersection of the 3 Apollonius circles inside the triangle $\triangle ABC$) is equilateral. For example: Let D, E, F be the feet of normals from Q to BC, CA, AB. The A-Apollonius circle is a locus of points with the ratio of distances $\frac{AB}{AC}$ from the triangle vertices B, C and similarly for the B- and C-Apollonius circles. Hence $\frac{QB}{QC} = \frac{AB}{AC}, \frac{QC}{QA} = \frac{BC}{BA}, \frac{QA}{QB} = \frac{CA}{CB}$. The quadrilateral AEQF is cyclic with the right angles at the vertices E, F, hence its circumradius is $R_A = \frac{AQ}{2}$, so that $EF = 2R_A \sin A = AQ \sin A$ and similarly $FD = BQ \sin B, DE = CQ \sin C$. Consequently,

$$\frac{DE}{EF} = \frac{CQ \sin C}{AQ \sin A} = \frac{BC \sin C}{AB \sin A} = 1, \quad DE = EF$$

and similarly $EF = FD$. From the cyclic quadrilaterals AEQF, BFQD,

$$\begin{aligned} \angle AQB &= \angle AQF + \angle BQF = \angle AEF + \angle BDF = \\ &= 180^\circ - \angle A - \angle AFE + 180^\circ - \angle B - \angle BFD = \\ &= 180^\circ - (\angle A + \angle B) + 180^\circ - (\angle AFE + \angle BFD) = \angle C + 60^\circ \end{aligned}$$

and similarly, $\angle BQC = \angle A + 60^\circ, \angle CQA = \angle B + 60^\circ$. Let $e = DE = EF = FD$ be the side length of the equilateral pedal triangle $\triangle DEF$. The area S of the triangle $\triangle ABC$ with circumradius R is

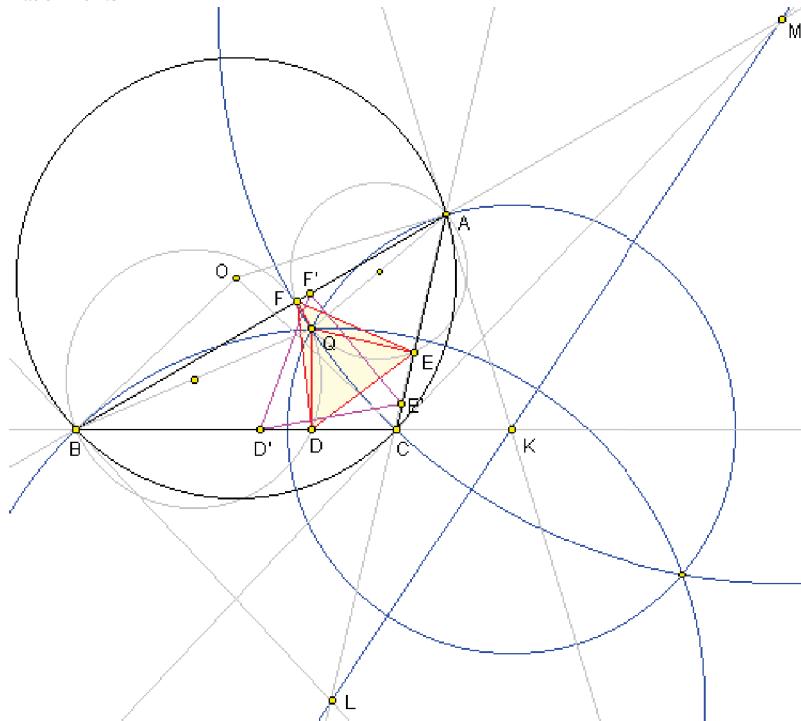
$$\begin{aligned} S &= \frac{1}{2}[AQ \cdot BQ \sin(C + 60^\circ) + BQ \cdot CQ \sin(A + 60^\circ) + CQ \cdot AQ \sin(B + 60^\circ)] = \\ &= \frac{e^2}{2} \left[\frac{\sin(C + 60^\circ)}{\sin A \sin B} + \frac{\sin(A + 60^\circ)}{\sin B \sin C} + \frac{\sin(B + 60^\circ)}{\sin C \sin A} \right] = \\ &= \frac{4R^3 e^2}{\sin A \sin B \sin C} [\sin A \sin(A + 60^\circ) + \sin B \sin(B + 60^\circ) + \sin C \sin(C + 60^\circ)] = \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{R^2 e^2}{S} \left[\frac{1}{2} (\sin^2 A + \sin^2 B + \sin^2 C) + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} (\sin A \cos A + \sin B \cos B + \sin C \cos C) \right] = \\
&= \frac{e^2}{8S} [a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + \frac{4\sqrt{3}R^2}{2} (\sin 2A + \sin 2B + \sin 2C)] = \\
&= \frac{e^2}{8S} (a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 4S\sqrt{3})
\end{aligned}$$

$$e = \frac{2S\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 4S\sqrt{3}}}$$

Thus the expression on the right side of the inequality in question is precisely the side length of the equilateral pedal triangle $\triangle DEF$ of the 1st isodynamic point Q. Any other equilateral triangle $\triangle D'E'F'$ inscribed in the triangle $\triangle ABC$, so that $D' \in BC$, $E' \in CA$, $F' \in AB$ is obviously obtained from the equilateral pedal triangle $\triangle DEF$ by a spiral similarity with the center Q and similarity coefficient greater than 1, hence its side $e' = D'E'$ is greater than the side $e = DE$.

Attachments:



Albanian Eagle

#4 Aug 1, 2006, 5:54 pm

if M is the fermat point of $\triangle ABC$ then the inequality reduces to :

$$\sum |DE| \cdot |MC| \geq 2S$$

this is kind of obvious because the product of the diagonals of a quadrilateral is \geq twice its area...



yetti

#5 Aug 4, 2006, 8:28 pm

Not true in general, namely if the 1st Fermat point M is outside the triangle $\triangle ABC$, say, if $\angle C > 120^\circ$. Then the inequality is reduced to

$$|EF| \cdot |MA| + |FD| \cdot |MB| - |DE| \cdot |MC| \geq 2S$$

and the "obvious" argument fails.

The 1st isodynamic point Q is then also outside the triangle $\triangle ABC$ (inside its circumcircle) and the angle $\angle AQB$, the convex one, is equal to

$$\angle AQB = \angle AQF + \angle BQF = 180^\circ - \angle AEF + 180^\circ - \angle BDF =$$

$$\angle A + \angle AFE + \angle B + \angle BFD = 180^\circ - \angle C + 120^\circ = 360^\circ - (\angle C + 60^\circ)$$

so that the concave $\angle AQB = \angle C + 60^\circ$, as before. The area S of the triangle $\triangle ABC$ is still

$$S = \frac{1}{2} [AQ \cdot BQ \sin(C + 60^\circ) + BQ \cdot CQ \sin(A + 60^\circ) + CQ \cdot AQ \sin(B + 60^\circ)] = \\ \dots = \frac{e^2}{8S} (a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 4S\sqrt{3})$$

etc.



Luis González

#6 Jun 28, 2009, 5:27 am

It is known that among all the equilateral triangles circumscribed in $\triangle ABC$, the triangle $\triangle XYZ$ homothetic to the outer Napoleon triangle of $\triangle ABC$ has the maximum area (side length). Hence, its side is twice the measure of the side L of the outer Napoleon triangle.

$$L = \sqrt{\frac{1}{6}(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}[\triangle ABC]}.$$

For every circumscribed equilateral triangle Δ , we can associate an equilateral triangle Δ' homothetic to Δ and inscribed in $\triangle ABC$. Thus, by Gergonne-Arn theorem, it follows that $[\triangle ABC]^2 = [\Delta][\Delta']$. The area (side L') of Δ' will be minimum if the area (side) of Δ is maximum. In other words, $[\triangle ABC]^2 = \frac{3}{16}(L')^2(4L^2)$.

Substituting the value of the side length L of the Napoleon triangle yields:

$$[\triangle ABC]^2 = \frac{1}{8}(L')^2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 4\sqrt{3}[\triangle ABC])$$

$$\Rightarrow L' = \frac{2\sqrt{2}[\triangle ABC]}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 4\sqrt{3}[\triangle ABC]}}.$$



SUPERMAN2

#7 Jun 28, 2009, 5:42 pm

Here is my solution:

Denote by T the Toricelli point of triangle ABC . Let $DE = EF = FD = x$

Applying Ptolemy's theorem

$$S = [AEFT] + [CDTE] + [BDTF] \leq \frac{1}{2}(TA \cdot EF + TC \cdot DE + TB \cdot FD) = \frac{x(TA + TB + TC)}{2}$$

$$\text{Hence } x \geq \frac{2S}{TA + TB + TC} = \frac{2S\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 4S\sqrt{3}}}$$



Luis González

#8 Jun 28, 2009, 11:48 pm

" SUPERMAN2 wrote:

$$S = [AEFT] + [CDTE] + [BDTF] \dots$$

This only works when the Fermat point lies inside ABC. See post #5

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maximum area 

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Source: Canada 1981



moldovan

#1 Jun 23, 2009, 6:23 pm

A line l is tangent to a circle of radius r at a point P . From a variable point R on the circle, a perpendicular RQ is drawn to l with $Q \in l$. Determine the maximum area of triangle PQR .



Luis González

#2 Jun 28, 2009, 4:19 am

Let O be the center of the circle and M the midpoint of the chord \overline{PR} . Note easily that $\triangle PQR \sim \triangle OMP$.

$$\frac{[\triangle PQR]}{[\triangle OMP]} = \frac{PR^2}{OP^2} \implies [\triangle PQR] = [\triangle POR] \cdot \frac{PR^2}{2r^2}$$

Let $\angle POR = \theta$. Then we have

$$[\triangle POR] = \frac{1}{2}r^2 \sin \theta, \quad PR^2 = 2r^2(1 - \cos \theta)$$

$$[\triangle PQR] = \frac{1}{2}r^2(\sin \theta - \sin \theta \cos \theta)$$

$[\triangle PQR]$ is maximum $\iff f(\theta) = \sin \theta - \sin \theta \cos \theta$ is maximum.

$$\text{Note that } \frac{\partial f(\theta)}{\partial \theta} = \cos \theta - 2\cos^2 \theta + 1$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \frac{\partial f(\theta)}{\partial \theta} = 0 \text{ yields } \cos \theta = -\frac{1}{2} \text{ and } \cos \theta = 1$$

As a result, $[\triangle PQR]$ is maximum when $\theta = 120^\circ$, ($180^\circ \geq \theta \geq 0^\circ$)

$$\text{Then, the maximum area is given by } [\triangle PQR] = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{8}r^2$$

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Meets at the midpoint X

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**Unidranix**

#1 Jun 18, 2009, 7:23 am

Let ABC be a triangle ($\hat{A} = 90^\circ$). Draw $Ax \parallel BC$. Let $D \in Ax$ such that $BD = BA$. Draw $AH \perp BD$. Prove that CD meets AH at the midpoint of AH .

Edit: $AH \perp BD$

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**dvtvd**

#2 Jun 18, 2009, 10:17 am • 1 ↗

I think that's not correct 😞

**Unidranix**

#3 Jun 18, 2009, 3:08 pm

NO. IT'S TRUE.

Can you tell me the reason why you said it's not correct, dvtvd?

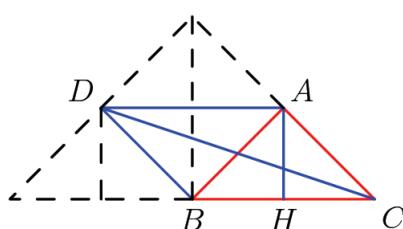
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Kouichi Nakagawa

#4 Jun 18, 2009, 3:43 pm

This problem is incorrect.

For example,

**Unidranix**

#5 Jun 18, 2009, 3:47 pm

Sorry 😊 😊

I have edited the problem: $AH \perp BD$

**Unidranix**

#6 Jun 21, 2009, 6:21 am

Now the problem is true, can someone help me ? 😊

**dgreenb801**

#7 Jun 21, 2009, 9:49 am

Nice problem!

We know $\angle BDA = \angle DAB = \angle B$. Let CD intersect AB at X.

By Menelaus, we have to show $\frac{DH}{DB} \cdot \frac{BX}{XA} = 1$.

We know $DH = DA \cdot \cos B$ and $DB = \frac{DA}{2\cos B}$, so $\frac{DH}{DB} = 2\cos^2 B$

Also $\frac{AX}{XB} = \frac{[ADC]}{[DBC]} = \frac{AD \cdot AC \sin(90 + B)}{BD \cdot BC \sin(180 - B)}$. Write everything in terms of AB, this cancels to $2\cos^2 B$, which finishes the proof.

My method is messy, but I believe there is a nice proof by taking the midpoint of a side and using the orthocenter (haven't found it, just have a feeling).

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panos_lo

#8 Jun 21, 2009, 10:57 pm

I'd like to post my solution, which I found after a lot of time. Correct me if I am mistaken 😊

Suppose that CD meets AH at M. We draw the circle (B,BD), which will be referred as C1. If E is the second point that DH meets C1 we have: $\angle EBC = \angle EDA$

$\angle CBA = \angle BAD$, $\angle BAD = \angle EDA$. Clearly, the triangles EBC, CAB are equal. Thus, as CA is tangent to C1, CE is also tangent to C1.

So CB is perpendicular to AE and CB meets AE in its midpoint K. If CD C1 again at P we have: $CA^2 = CP \cdot CD$

$CA^2 = CK \cdot CB$. So: $CP \cdot CD = CK \cdot CB$ and P, B, K, D lie on the same circle. So $\angle KPD = \angle EBC = \angle ABC = \angle ADB$. $\angle HAE = 90^\circ - \angle HEA = \angle ADB$, as DE is a diameter of C1. So $\angle KMP = \angle KAP = \angle EDP$ and KM is obviously parallel to ED. Thus, $KM \parallel EH$ and as K is the midpoint of AE, the proof is completed. 😊



Unidranix

#9 Jun 22, 2009, 8:53 am

panos_lo, your solution is very nice but it'll be nicer if you use *Latex*

And thank you dgreenb801 too



Luis González

#10 Jun 27, 2009, 9:21 am

Let $M \equiv AH \cap DC$ and $N \equiv AB \cap DC$. By Menelaus' theorem for $\triangle AHB$ cut by line \overline{DMN} , we get

$$\frac{AM}{MH} = \frac{AB}{DH} \cdot \frac{NA}{BN}$$

But since $\triangle ADN \sim \triangle BCN$ and $\triangle ADH \sim \triangle CBA$, we obtain

$$\frac{NA}{BN} = \frac{AD}{BC} = \frac{DH}{AB} \implies \frac{AM}{MH} = \frac{AB}{DH} \cdot \frac{DH}{AB} = 1 \implies AM = MH.$$



Unidranix

#11 Jun 27, 2009, 10:17 am

luis, thanks for your very nice solution 😊

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Six circles tangent to the nine-point circle X

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Luis González

#1 Jun 22, 2009, 6:09 am

Let $\triangle ABC$ be an acute-angled triangle with circumcircle (O, R) and nine-point circle (N) . Let R_a, R_b, R_c be the radii of the circles internally tangent to (O) at A, B, C and internally tangent to (N) . Let r_a, r_b, r_c be the radii of the circles internally tangent to (O) at A, B, C and externally tangent to (N) . Show the following relations:

$$1) \frac{1}{R_a} + \frac{1}{R_b} + \frac{1}{R_c} = \frac{4}{R}$$

$$2) \frac{1}{r_a} + \frac{1}{r_b} + \frac{1}{r_c} = \frac{1}{R}(\sec A \sec B \sec C + 4)$$



yetti

#2 Jun 26, 2009, 12:22 pm

Lemma: Let (R, ϱ) be a circle with a chord UV . Let (P, ϱ_1) and (Q, ϱ_2) be circles internally tangent to (R) at U, V and externally tangent to each other at W . Inversion with center U and power ϱ^2 takes $(R), (P)$ into 2 parallel lines $r \parallel p$, perpendicular to UR . (Q) goes to a circle (Q') tangent to r, p at V', W' , with radius

$$\varrho'_2 = \frac{V'W'}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\varrho}{2} - \frac{\varrho^2}{2\varrho_1} \right) = \frac{\varrho(\varrho - \varrho_1)}{4\varrho_1}$$

(Q') cuts UV at $V' \in UV$ and again at T' . Since $V'W'$ is diameter of (Q') , $W'T' \perp V'T'$. Power of U to (Q') is

$$\begin{aligned} UV' \cdot UT' &= UV' \cdot (UV' + V'T') = UV' \cdot \left(UV' + V'W' \cdot \frac{UV}{2 \cdot UR} \right) = \\ &= \frac{\varrho^2}{UV} \cdot \left(\frac{\varrho^2}{UV} + 2\varrho'_2 \cdot \frac{UV}{2\varrho} \right) = \varrho^2 \cdot \left(\frac{\varrho^2}{UV^2} + \frac{\varrho'_2}{\varrho} \right) \end{aligned}$$

U is homothety center of $(Q), (Q')$ with coefficient $\frac{\varrho^2}{UV' \cdot UT'}$, hence

$$\frac{1}{\varrho_2} = \frac{1}{\varrho'_2} \cdot \frac{UV' \cdot UT'}{\varrho^2} = \frac{1}{\varrho} + \frac{1}{\varrho'_2} \cdot \frac{\varrho^2}{UV^2} = \frac{1}{\varrho} + \frac{4\varrho\varrho_1}{(\varrho - \varrho_1) \cdot UV^2}$$

Problem: Let H be orthocenter and D, E, F feet of altitudes AH, BH, CH . Let AH, BH, CH cut (O) again at X, Y, Z . Midpoints K, L, M of AH, BH, CH are on 9-point circle (N) . Let DN, EN, FN cut AO, BO, CO at O_a, O_b, O_c . $AO \parallel KN \implies \angle ADO_a = \angle KDN = \angle DKN = \angle DAO = \angle DAO_a \implies$ circle (O_a) with radius $R_a = O_aD = O_aA$ is internally tangent to both $(O), (N)$ at A, D , respectively. Similarly for the circles $(O_b), (O_c)$ with radii R_b, R_c . A is similarity center of $(O_a), (O)$ $\implies R_a = R \cdot \frac{AD}{AX}$ and likewise for R_b, R_c .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{R_a} + \frac{1}{R_b} + \frac{1}{R_c} &= \frac{1}{R} \left(\frac{AX}{AD} + \frac{BY}{BE} + \frac{CZ}{CF} \right) = \frac{1}{R} \left(3 + \frac{HD}{AD} + \frac{HE}{BE} + \frac{HF}{CF} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{R} \left(3 + \frac{[HBC] + [HCA] + [HAB]}{[ABC]} \right) \implies \boxed{\frac{1}{R_a} + \frac{1}{R_b} + \frac{1}{R_c} = \frac{4}{R}} \end{aligned}$$

Let A', B', C' be midpoints of BC, CA, AB . Let $(P_a), (P_b), (P_c)$ be circles internally tangent to (O) at A, B, C and externally tangent to (N) . Then A' is similarity center of $(O_a), (P_a)$ and B' is similarity center of $(O_b), (P_b)$ and C' is similarity center of $(O_c), (P_c)$.

externally tangent to Γ_a . Obviously, Γ_a is internally tangent to (O_a) at A , etc. Applying the lemma with $(R), (P), (Q), UV \rightarrow (O_a), (N), (P_a), AD$, etc.,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{r_a} &= \frac{1}{R_a} + \frac{4R_a R}{(2R_a - R) \cdot AD^2} = \frac{1}{R_a} + \frac{4R}{(2AD - AX) \cdot AD} = \frac{1}{R_a} + \frac{4R}{AH \cdot AD} \\ \frac{1}{r_a} + \frac{1}{r_b} + \frac{1}{r_c} &= \frac{4}{R} + 4R \left(\frac{1}{AH \cdot AD} + \frac{1}{BH \cdot BE} + \frac{1}{CH \cdot CF} \right) = \\ &= \frac{4}{R} + \frac{2R}{[ABC]} \left(\frac{a}{AH} + \frac{b}{BH} + \frac{c}{CH} \right) = \\ &= \frac{4}{R} + \frac{8R^2}{[ABC]} \cdot \frac{[HBC] + [HCA] + [HAB]}{AH \cdot BH \cdot CH} \implies \\ \boxed{\frac{1}{r_a} + \frac{1}{r_b} + \frac{1}{r_c} = \frac{4}{R} \left(1 + \frac{2R^3}{AH \cdot BH \cdot CH} \right) = \frac{4}{R} \left(1 + \frac{R^3}{4 \cdot OA' \cdot OB' \cdot OC'} \right)} \end{aligned}$$



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#3 Jun 26, 2009, 11:09 pm

Thanks for your nice solution, this is what I did:

Let H_a, H_b, H_c the feet of the altitudes and P_a, P_b, P_c the second intersections of the corresponding altitudes with the circumcircle (O) . Consider the circle (O'_a) internally tangent to (N) at H_a passing through A . Negative inversion with center H and power $HH_a \cdot HA$ takes (N) into (O) and (O'_a) into itself $\implies (O)$ is internally tangent to (O'_a) , which implies that (O'_a) is identical with (O_a, R_a) . Thus cevians of the circumcenter are diameters of $(O_a), (O_b), (O_c)$. Let D_a, D_b, D_c be the feet of the cevians of the circumcenter. Since rays AP_a and AD_a are isogonal WRT $\angle BAC$, it follows that:

$$\begin{aligned} AB \cdot AC &= AD_a \cdot AP_a \implies \frac{1}{AD_a} = \frac{1}{2R_a} = \frac{BC \cdot AP_a}{BC \cdot CA \cdot AB} \\ \frac{1}{AD_a} &= \frac{2[ABP_a C]}{BC \cdot CA \cdot AB} = \frac{2[\triangle ABC] + 2[\triangle HBC]}{BC \cdot CA \cdot AB} \end{aligned}$$

The cyclic sum yields

$$\frac{1}{R_a} + \frac{1}{R_b} + \frac{1}{R_c} = \frac{16[\triangle ABC]}{BC \cdot CA \cdot AB} = \frac{4}{R}$$

Inversion with center A and power k_a^{-2} equal to the power of A WRT (N) takes (O_a, R_a) and (K_a, r_a) into two parallel lines τ and k tangent to (N) . If d_a and d_a' denote the distances from A to k and τ , by inversion properties we have

$$d_a \cdot 2r_a = d_a' \cdot 2R_a = k_a^{-2}. \text{ Since } R = d_a - d_a' \implies \frac{1}{r_a} - \frac{1}{R_a} = \frac{2R}{k_a^{-2}}$$

The cyclic sum yields

$$\frac{1}{r_a} + \frac{1}{r_b} + \frac{1}{r_c} - \frac{4}{R} = 2R \left(\frac{1}{k_a^{-2}} + \frac{1}{k_b^{-2}} + \frac{1}{k_c^{-2}} \right)$$

Powers of A, B, C with respect to (N) are given by

$$k_a^{-2} = [\triangle ABC] \cot A, \quad k_b^{-2} = [\triangle ABC] \cot B, \quad k_c^{-2} = [\triangle ABC] \cot C$$

$$\frac{1}{r_a} + \frac{1}{r_b} + \frac{1}{r_c} = \frac{2R}{[\triangle ABC]} \cdot (\tan A + \tan B + \tan C) + \frac{4}{R}$$

$$\frac{1}{r_a} + \frac{1}{r_b} + \frac{1}{r_c} = \frac{1}{R} \cdot \frac{\tan A \cdot \tan B \cdot \tan C}{\sin A \cdot \sin B \cdot \sin C} + \frac{4}{R}$$

$$\frac{1}{r_a} + \frac{1}{r_b} + \frac{1}{r_c} = \frac{1}{R} (\sec A \sec B \sec C + 4)$$

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Inequality in a convex quadrilateral 

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#1 Jun 18, 2009, 10:05 pm

A convex quadrilateral $ABCD$ is inscribed in a circle whose center O is inside the quadrilateral. Let $MNPQ$ be the quadrilateral whose vertices are the projections of the intersection point of the diagonals AC and BD onto the sides of $ABCD$. Prove that $2[MNPQ] \leq [ABCD]$.



plane geometry

#2 Jun 23, 2009, 5:25 pm

Is there a synthetical proof?



Moonmathpi496

#3 Jun 26, 2009, 7:34 am

 plane geometry wrote:

Is there a synthetical proof?



Most probably the answer is no. 



Luis González

#4 Jun 26, 2009, 7:56 am

Let $S \equiv AC \cap BD$ and k^2 denotes the power of S WRT (O) . By Euler's theorem for pedal triangles $\triangle SMN, \triangle SNP, \triangle SPQ, \triangle SQM$ of S WRT $\triangle ABC, \triangle BCD, \triangle CDA, \triangle DAB$, we get

$$[\triangle SMN] = \frac{k^2}{4R^2} \cdot [\triangle ABC]. \text{ Then the cyclic sum yields:}$$

$$[MNPQ] = \frac{k^2}{4R^2} \cdot [ABCD + ABCD] = \frac{k^2}{2R^2} \cdot [ABCD]$$

k^2 is maximum $\iff S \equiv O$, i.e. $k^2 = R^2 \implies [ABCD] \geq 2[MNPQ]$.

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