

# About two geometry problems in IMO year 2015

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## Abstract

The article resolve and gives the ideas for expanding and applications of the geometry problems in IMO year 2015.

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## 1 Geometry problem on the first day

### 1.1 Introduction

The IMO exam on first day in the year 2015 [1] has interesting geometric problem as following

**Problem 1.1.** Let the acute triangle  $ABC$  inscribed in the circle  $(O)$  with the orthocenter  $H$ , the altitude  $AF$  and  $M$  is the midpoint of  $BC$ . The circle with the diameter  $HA$  cuts  $(O)$  at  $Q$  differently from  $A$ . The circle with the diameter  $HQ$  cuts  $(O)$  at  $K$  differently from  $Q$ . Prove that the circumcircles of the triangles  $KHQ$  and  $KFM$  touch each other.

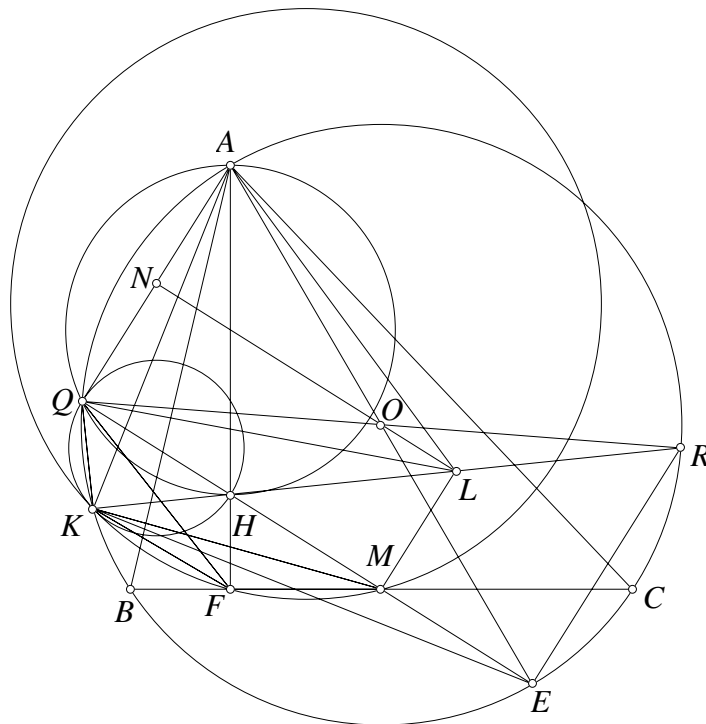


Figure 1.

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**Problem 1.2.** Let the acute triangle  $ABC$  inscribed in the circle  $(O)$  with the orthocenter  $H$ , the altitude  $AF$  and  $M$  is the midpoint of  $BC$ . The circle with the diameter  $HA$  cuts  $(O)$  at  $Q$  differently from  $A$ . The circle with the diameter  $HQ$  cuts  $(O)$  at  $K$  differently from  $Q$ .  $KQ$  cuts the circumcircle of the triangle  $KFM$  at  $N$  differently from  $K$ . Prove that  $MN$  bisects  $AQ$ .

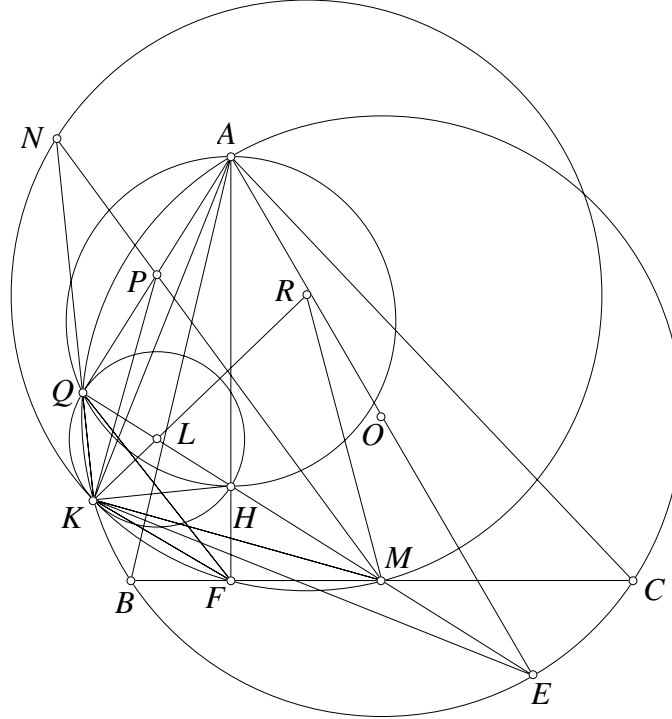


Figure 4.

**Solution.** Call by  $L, R$  the centers of the circumcircle of the triangles  $KQH$  and  $KFM$  then  $L$  is the midpoint of  $QH$  and according to the first problem then  $K, L, R$  are collinear. Call by  $P$  the midpoint of  $QA$ , we will prove  $M, N, P$  collinear. Indeed, call by  $AE$  the diameter of  $(O)$  then  $Q, H, M, E$  are collinear. Thence  $\angle KQH = \angle KAE$  so two right triangles  $KQH$  and  $KAE$  are similar, deduce two triangles  $KQA$  and  $KHE$  are similar, their medians are  $KP, KM$  so  $\angle QPK = \angle QMK$  and  $\angle QKP = \angle HKM$ . Then the quadrilateral  $QPMK$  is cyclic. We have  $\angle CMN = \angle QKF = \angle QKL + \angle LKM + \angle MKF = \angle KPM + \angle RMK + 90^\circ - \angle RMF = 90^\circ - \angle PMK + \angle RMK = 90^\circ - \angle PMK + \angle RMK + 90^\circ_{\text{arc}} - \angle RMF = 180^\circ - \angle BMP = \angle CMP$ . Then  $M, N, P$  are collinear. We are done.  $\square$

Thanks for the idea of this problem we can see the interesting when the tangent point was hidden in the origin problem

**Problem 1.3.** Let the acute triangle  $ABC$  with the orthocenter  $H$ , the altitude  $AF$  and  $M$  is the midpoint of  $BC$ . The circle with the diameter  $HA$  cuts  $HM$  at  $Q$  differently from  $A$ .  $X$  is on  $BC$  such that  $XH \perp QM$ .  $L, P$  are the midpoints of  $QH, QA$ . The straight line through  $Q$  and parallel to  $LX$  cuts  $MP$  at  $N$ . Prove that the circumcircle of the triangle  $NFM$  touches the circle with the diameter  $QH$ .

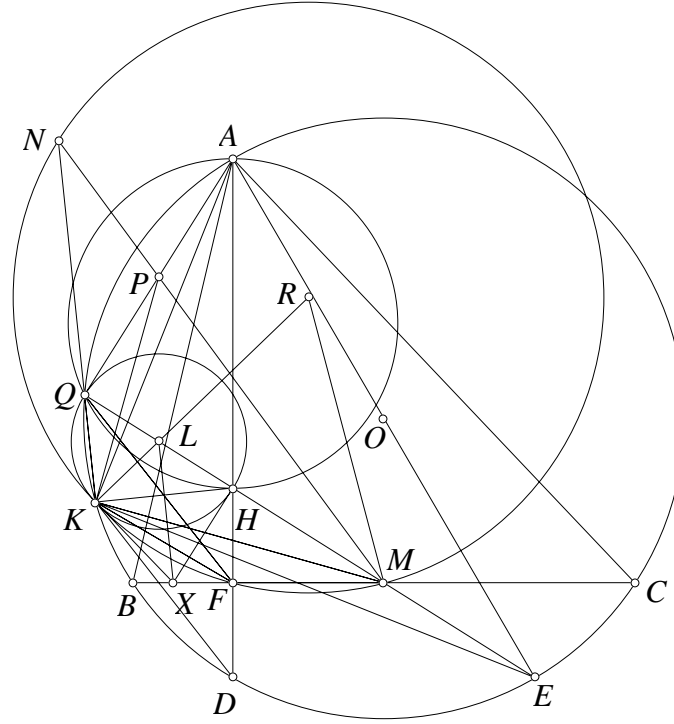


Figure 5.

**The first proof.** Call by  $(O)$  the circumcircle of the triangle  $ABC$ . Call by  $AE$  the diameter of  $(O)$  then  $Q, H, M, E$  are collinear. Call by  $D$  the reflection of  $H$  through  $BC$ . The circle  $(X, XH)$  touches the circle  $(O)$  at  $K$  differently  $D$ . We have  $\angle XKH = \angle XHK = 90^\circ - \angle KDH = 90^\circ - \angle KEA = \angle KAE = \angle KQE$ , then  $KH, KX$  touches the circumcircle of the triangle  $QKH$ . Moreover, we have  $\angle KQH = \angle KHX = 90^\circ - \angle KHQ$  so  $\angle QKH = 90^\circ$ .  $K$  is on the circle with the diameter  $QH$  so  $LX \perp KH \perp QK$  deduce  $QK \parallel LX \parallel QN$  so  $K, Q, N$  are collinear. From the similar triangle  $KQH$  and the triangle  $KAE$  deduce  $KQA$  and  $KHE$  are similar, else  $KP, KM$  are their medians respectively so the triangles  $KQP$  and  $KHM$  are similar or  $KQH$  and  $KPM$  are similar. Else have  $XK^2 = XH^2 = XM \cdot XF$  deduce  $XK$  touches the circumcircle  $(R)$  of the triangle  $KFM$ . Thence  $K, L, R$  are collinear. So  $\angle LKQ = \angle LQK = \angle KPM = 90^\circ - \angle KHQ = 90^\circ - \angle PMK$  from this easily deduce  $\angle KRM = 2\angle N$ . Thence  $N$  is on  $(R)$  or  $(R)$  is the circumcircle of the triangle  $NFM$ . Evidently  $(R)$  touches the circle with the diameter  $QH$ . We are done.  $\square$

**The second proof .** The circle with the diameter  $QH$  cuts  $(O)$  at  $K$  differently from  $A$  and  $D$  is the reflection of  $H$  through  $BC$ . Prove analogously the origin problem then  $QE$  touches the circumcircle of the triangle  $KHD$  but  $HX \perp QE$  so the center of the circumcircle of the triangle  $KHD$  is laying on  $HX$ , else have  $X$  is on the perpendicular bisector  $HD$  so the center of the circumcircle of the triangle  $KHD$  is just  $X$  so  $XH = XK$ . Easily seen  $XH$  touches the circumcircle of the triangle  $QHK$  so  $XK$  is the same. Then  $KH \perp LX \perp QK$  so  $QK \parallel LX \parallel QN$ . Thence  $Q, K, N$  are collinear. We have  $\angle QKF + \angle FMN = \angle QKL + \angle RKM + \angle MKF + \angle FMP = 90^\circ - \angle KHQ + \angle RMK + 90^\circ - \angle RMF + \angle FMP = 180^\circ$  or the quadrilateral  $NKFM$  is cyclic. Thence the circumcircle of the triangle  $NFM$  touches the circle with the diameter  $QH$ .  $\square$

We have another idea for expanding IMO problem as following

**Problem 1.4.** Let the acute triangle  $ABC$  inscribed in the circle  $(O)$  with the orthocenter  $H$  and the altitude  $AD$ . The circle with the diameter  $HA$  cuts  $(O)$  at  $G$  differently from  $A$ . The circle with the diameter  $HG$  cuts  $(O)$  at  $K$  differently from  $G$ .  $S$  is the reflection of  $D$  through  $HK$ . Prove that the straight line  $SK$  is perpendicular to  $BC$ .

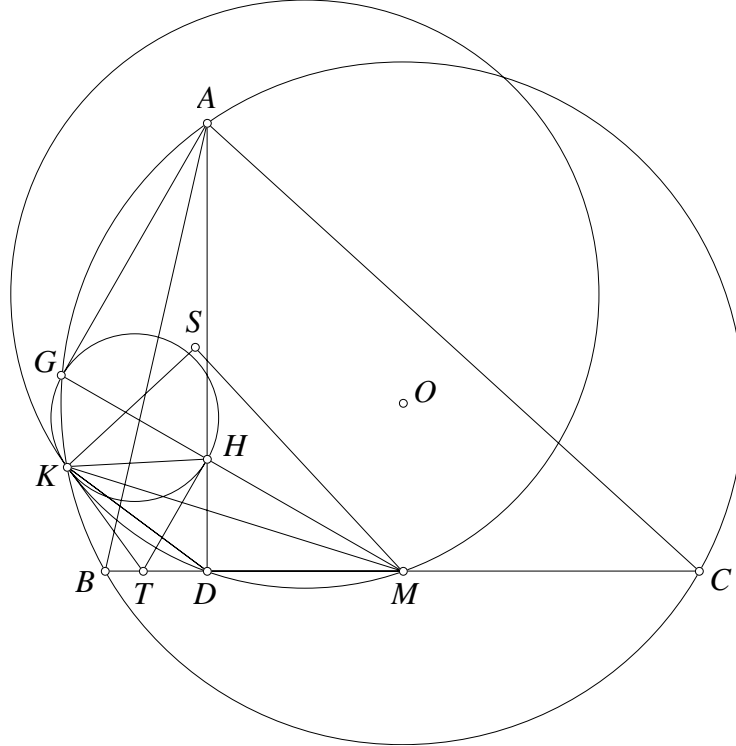


Figure 6.

**Solution.** Call by  $M$  the midpoint of  $BC$ , we prove that the triangle  $KSM$  is right at  $S$ . Indeed in the problem IMO, the circumcircles of the triangles  $KGH$  and  $KDM$  touch each other at  $K$ . We get  $T$  on  $BC$  such that  $KT$  is common tangent of two that circles. We have  $\angle SKM = \angle SKH + \angle HKM = \angle HKD + \angle GHK - \angle GMK = \angle HKT - \angle DKT + \angle GHK - \angle GMK = \angle HGK + \angle GHK - \angle KMD - \angle GMK = 90^\circ - \angle HMD = \angle DHM$ . Also according to the origin problem we also have  $TK$  and  $TH$  are the tangents of the circumcircles of the triangle  $KGH$  and two triangles  $TKD$  and  $TMK$  are similar. Then  $\frac{KS}{KM} = \frac{KD}{KM} = \frac{TK}{TM} = \frac{TH}{TM} = \frac{HD}{HM}$ . From that easily seen two triangles  $KSM$  and  $HDM$  are similar, so  $\angle KSM = 90^\circ$ .  $\square$

From two above problems, go to the following expanding

**Problem 1.5.** Let the acute triangle  $ABC$  inscribed in the circle  $(O)$  with the orthocenter  $H$  and the altitude  $AD$ , the median  $AM$ . The circle with the diameter  $HA$  cuts  $(O)$  at  $G$  differently from  $A$ . The circle with the diameter  $HG$  cuts  $BC$  at  $K$  differently from  $G$ .  $KG$  cuts the circumcircle of the triangle  $KDM$  at  $N$  differently from  $K$ .  $KH$  cuts  $MN$  at  $Q$ . Prove that  $QD = QM$ .

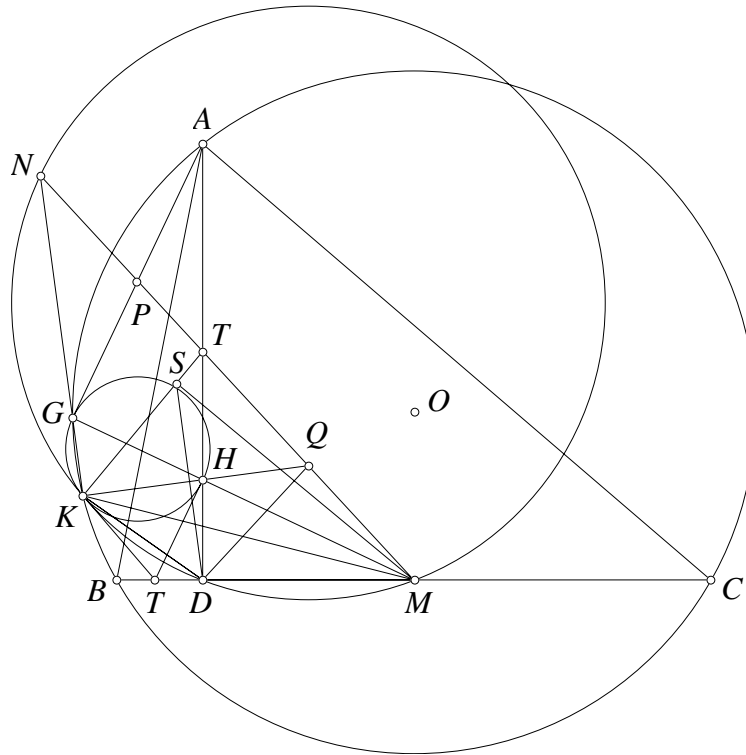


Figure 7.

The first proof based on the previous result

**The first proof.** Call by  $S$  the reflection of  $D$  through  $KH$  and  $KS$  cuts  $MM$  at  $T$ . According to the previous problem,  $MN$  goes through the midpoint  $P$  of  $GA$  so  $\angle QHM = \angle GHK = \angle KMQ$ . From this  $\angle QMH = \angle QKM$ . Then  $\angle HKD = 90^\circ - \angle HMD - \angle HKM = 90^\circ - \angle QMD$ . Thence  $\angle KSD = 90^\circ - \angle SKH = 90^\circ - \angle HKD = \angle QMD$  deduce the quadrilateral  $STMD$  is cyclic. Also according to the previous problem  $\angle TSK = 90^\circ$ . From this deduce  $\angle TDM = 90^\circ$  or  $T$  belong to  $AH$ . And from  $\angle HKD = 90^\circ - \angle QMD = \angle MTD$  so the quadrilateral  $KTQD$  is cyclic, we receive  $\angle DQM = \angle TKD$  or two triangles  $QDM$  and  $KDS$  are similarly or  $QD = QM$ .  $\square$

The second proof was proved by **Trinh Huy Vu** the pupil from 12A1 Math, Special school of natural science.



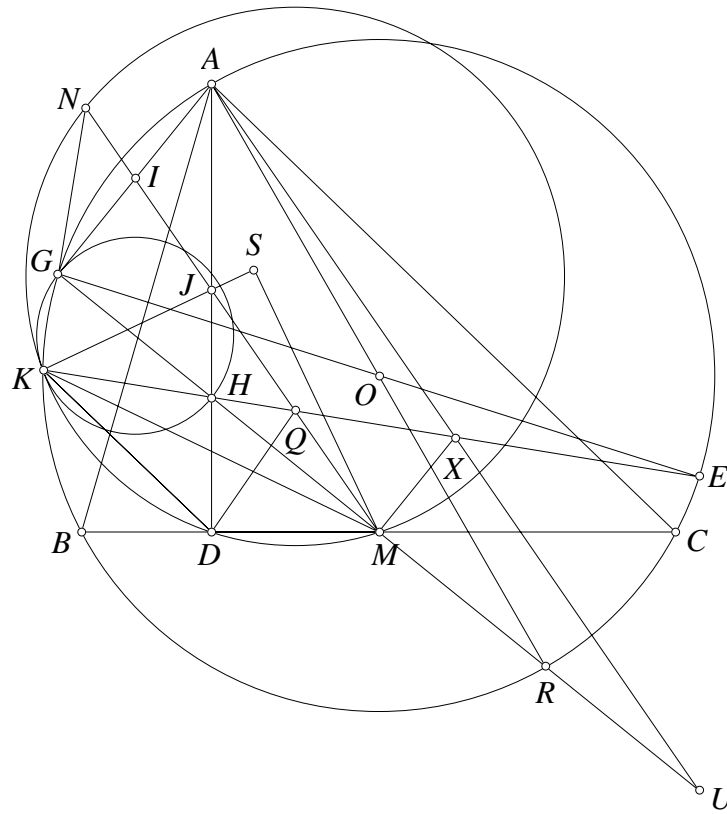


Figure 8.

**proof.** Draw the diameters  $AR, GE$  of  $(O)$ . Call by  $I$  the midpoint of  $GA$ . From the previous problem we had  $I$  laying on  $MN$ . Call by  $X$  the midpoint of  $HE$ . We have familiar result  $G, H, M, R$  are collinear. From this deduce  $MX \parallel GA$  v  $MX = \frac{1}{2}RE = \frac{1}{2}.GA = IA = IG$  so  $AIMX, IGMX$  is parallelogram. Thence  $AX \parallel MI$  and  $XI \perp GA$ . From that, we receive  $XA = XG$ . Call by  $J$  the intersection of  $MI$  and  $AD$ . Get  $U$  symmetry of  $A$  through  $X$ . From  $XA = XG$  deduce  $\angle AGU = 90^\circ$ . Then  $U$  is lying on the straight line  $HM$ . So  $KH$  bisects  $MJ$  but  $MJ \parallel AU$  and  $KH$  bisects  $AU$  at  $X$ . Deduce  $Q$  the midpoint of  $MJ$ , combine with  $\angle JDM = 90^\circ$ , we receive  $QD = QM$ .  $\square$

From the result of this problem **Vu** gives the other proof for previous problem as following

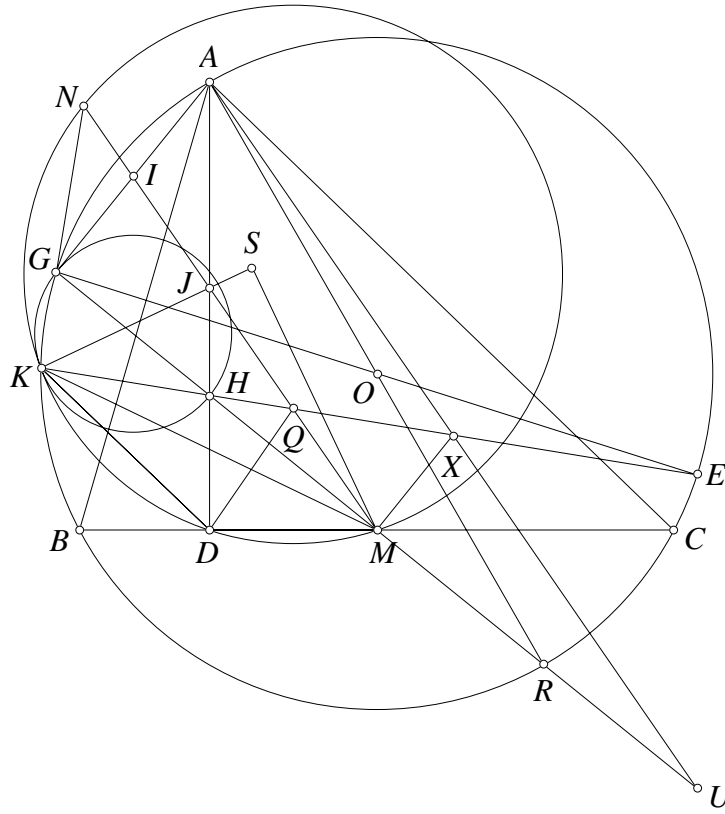


Figure 9.

**Solution of the previous problem.** We still use a symbol as in the second proof above. From this problem deduce  $Q$  is center of the circumcircles of the triangle  $DMS$ . Deduce  $\angle DSM = \frac{1}{2}\angle DQM$ . We have  $HK.HX = HK.\frac{1}{2}HE = HG.\frac{1}{2}HR = HG.HM = HA.HD$ . Deduce the quadrilateral  $AXDK$  cyclic. So we have  $\angle KSD = \angle KDS = 90^\circ - \angle DKH = 90^\circ - \angle DAX = 90^\circ - \angle DJM = 90^\circ - \frac{1}{2}\angle DQM = 90^\circ - \angle DSM$ . So  $\angle KSM = \angle KSD + \angle DSM = 90^\circ$ .  $\square$

If use the butterfly theorem we have two applications as following

**Problem 1.6.** Let the acute triangle  $ABC$  with the center of the circumcircles  $O$  with the orthocenter  $H$ , the altitude  $AD$  and the median  $AM$ .  $G$  is the projector of  $A$  on  $HM$ .  $L$  is the midpoint of  $HG$ .  $K$  is reflection of  $G$  through  $OL$ .  $KL$  cuts perpendicular bisector  $DM$  at  $S$ .  $KG$  cuts  $BC$  at  $T$ . Get  $X$  belong to  $MK$  such that  $TX \perp ST$ .  $Y$  is symmetric of  $X$  through  $T$ .  $P$  is the midpoint of  $AG$ . Prove that  $KG, YD, MP$  concurrent.

We can present the above problem in other way, this problem also has a lot of meaning

**Problem 1.7.** Let the acute triangle  $ABC$  with the center of the circumcircles  $O$  with the orthocenter  $H$ , the altitude  $AD$  and the median  $AM$ .  $G$  is projector of  $A$  on  $HM$ .  $L$  is the midpoint of  $HG$ .  $K$  is the reflection of  $H$  through  $OL$ .  $KL$  cuts the perpendicular bisector  $DM$  at  $S$ .  $P$  is the midpoint of  $GA$ .  $N$  is symmetry of  $M$  through the projector of  $S$  on  $MP$ .  $NG$  cuts  $BC$  at  $T$ . Get  $X$  belong to  $ND$  such that  $XT \perp ST$ .  $Y$  is symmetry of  $X$  through  $T$ . Prove that  $MY, NG, KL$  concurrent.

So from the origin problem we receive some other problems, they have nice result and meaning .

### 1.3 Some applications

This IMO problem is nice in sense having a lot of expanding development. In [1] was given many expanding, in this article I would like to present my expanding, let go to the first expanding as following

**Problem 1.8.** Let the acute triangle  $ABC$  inscribed in the circle  $(O)$ .  $P$  is one point in the triangle such that  $\angle BPC = 180^\circ - \angle A$ .  $PB, PC$  cut  $CA, AB$  at  $E, F$ . The circumcircles of the triangle  $AEF$  cuts  $(O)$  at  $G$  differently from  $A$ . The circle with the diameter  $PG$  cuts  $(O)$  at  $K$  differently from  $G$ .  $D$  is the projector of  $P$  on  $BC$  and  $M$  is the midpoint of  $BC$ . Prove that The circumcircles of the triangles  $KGP$  and  $KDM$  touche each other.

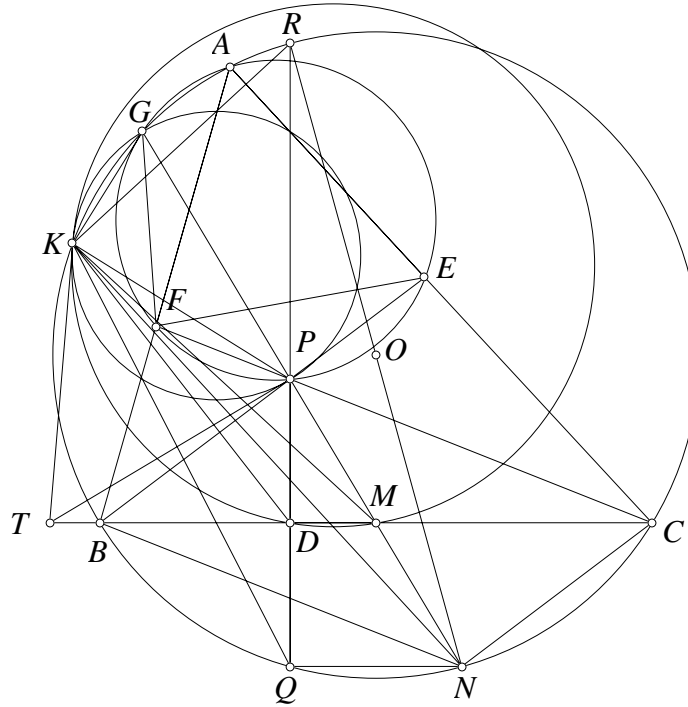


Figure 10.

**Solution.** Call by  $Q$  the symmetry of  $P$  through  $D$ , then  $Q$  is laying on  $(O)$ .  $GP$  cuts  $(O)$  at  $N$  differently from  $G$ . We see  $\angle NPC = \angle FPG = \angle FAG = \angle BNP$  deduce  $BN \parallel PC$ . Similarly,  $CN \parallel BP$ . From this  $M$  is the midpoint of  $PN$ . Call by  $AS, NR$  the diameter of  $(O)$ . We easily see  $\angle PQN = 90^\circ$  so  $P, Q, R$  are collinear. Thence,  $GN$  is the tangent of the circumcircle of the triangle  $KPQ$ . Call the tangent at  $K, P$  of the circumcircle of the triangle  $KPG$  cut each other at  $T$ . We have  $\angle KTP = 180^\circ - 2\angle KGP = 2(90^\circ - \angle KRN) = 2\angle RNK = 2\angle KQP \vee TK = TP$ . From this  $T$  is the center of the circumcircle of the triangle  $KPQ$  but, as  $BC$  is the perpendicular bisector of  $PQ$  so  $T$  is on  $BC$ . From this, we have  $TK^2 = TP^2 = TD \cdot TM$  deduce  $TK$  is common tangent of the circumcircles of the triangles  $KDM$  and  $KHP$  or two circles touch each other at  $K$ .  $\square$

**Remark.** Above expand was published first time in [1] and after that it was revised shortly. When given  $P$  the orthocenter or given the angle  $A$  specially, we will receive many separate case with meaning. In other point of view, it is easier when  $P$  is the orthocenter of the triangle  $RBC$  so, we

apply directly the origin problem on the triangle  $RBC$  then receive the above problem. The other expand for this problem as following

**Problem 1.9.** Let the triangle  $ABC$  inscribed on the circle  $(O)$ .  $P$  is one point on the chord  $\widehat{BC}$  not contain  $A$ .  $AP$  cuts  $BC$  at  $D$ .  $Q$  is symmetry of  $P$  through  $D$ . The circle with the diameter  $AQ$  cuts  $(O)$  at  $G$  differently from  $A$ . The circle with the diameter  $GQ$  cuts  $(O)$  at  $K$  differently from  $G$ .  $GQ$  cuts the straight line through  $O$  and parallel to  $AP$  at  $M$ . Prove that the circumcircles of the triangles  $KGQ$  and  $KDM$  touch each other.

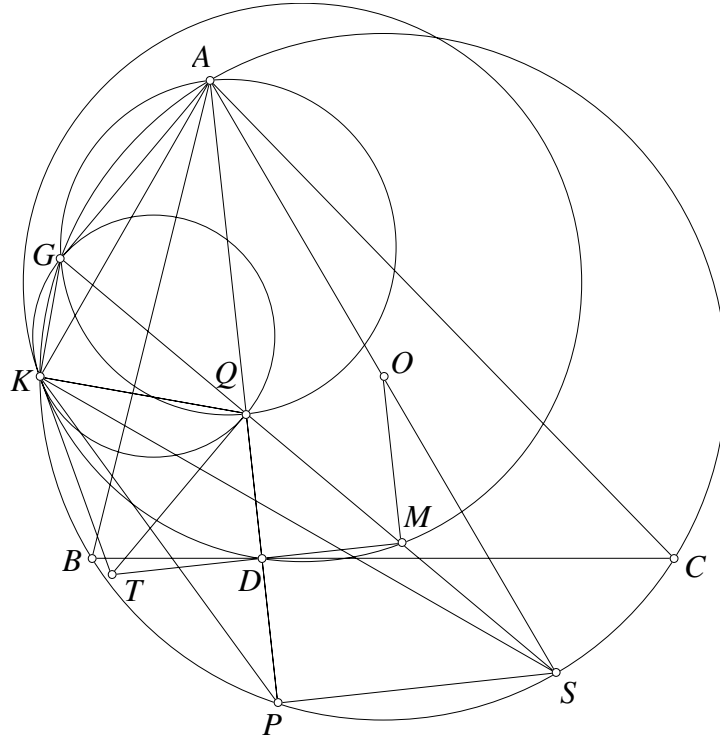


Figure 11.

**Solution.** Call by  $S$  the intersection again of  $GQ$  cut  $(O)$ , as  $\angle AGQ = 90^\circ$  so  $AS$  is the diameter of  $(O)$ . As  $OM \parallel AP$  and  $O$  is the midpoint of  $AS$  so  $M$  is the midpoint of  $QS$ . Thence  $DM \parallel PS \perp PA$  so  $DM$  is the perpendicular bisector of  $PA$ . Else have  $\angle KQG = 90^\circ - \angle KGQ = 90^\circ - \angle KAS = \angle ASK = \angle QPK$ . Thence  $GS$  touches the circumcircle of the triangle  $KQP$ . Call the tangent at  $K, Q$  of the circumcircle of the triangle  $GKQ$  cut each other at  $T$ . We have  $\angle KTQ = 180^\circ - 2\angle KGQ = 2\angle KQG = 2\angle KPQ$ . Then  $T$  is the center of the circumcircle of the triangle  $KPQ$ . We prove that  $DM$  is the perpendicular bisector of  $PQ$  so  $T$  belongs to  $DM$ . From this, we have  $TK^2 = TP^2 = TD \cdot TM$  deduce  $TK$  is the common tangent of the circumcircles of the triangles  $KGQ$  and  $KDM$  or two that circles touch each other at  $K$ . We are done.  $\square$

**Remark.** This expanding is rather important because it bases on the same models as the origin problem. So the applications of the origin problem could developed on this model. However, we can see it more simple when we prolong the perpendicular bisector  $PQ$  cuts  $(O)$  at two points  $Y, Z$  then  $Q$  is the orthocenter of the triangle  $AYZ$  so apply the origin problem IMO into the triangle  $AYZ$ . We receive this problem. By the same way, you can do the following expanding problem

**Problem 1.10.** Let the triangle  $ABC$  and  $P$  is the point in the triangle.  $X, Y, Z$  are the reflections of  $P$  through  $BC, CA, AB$ .  $PX$  cuts the circumcircle ( $Q$ ) of the triangle  $XYZ$  at  $T$  differently from  $X$ . The circle with the diameter  $PT$  cuts ( $Q$ ) at  $G$  differently from  $T$ . The circle with the diameter  $PG$  cuts ( $Q$ ) at  $K$  differently from  $G$ .  $D, M$  are the projectors of  $P, Q$  on  $BC$ . Prove that the circumcircles of the triangles  $KDM$  and  $KPG$  touch each other.

So, through two above problems we can see the IMO origin problem plays an important role , when apply that problem into different models then give many very interesting expanding problems .

We continue some aspect of general problem as expanding of IMO problems

**Problem 1.11.** Let the triangle  $ABC$  inscribed in the circle ( $O$ ).  $P$  is one point on the chord  $\widehat{BC}$  not contain  $A$ .  $AP$  cuts  $BC$  at  $D$ .  $Q$  is symmetry of  $P$  through  $D$ . The circle with the diameter  $AQ$  cuts ( $O$ ) at  $G$  differently from  $A$ . The circle with the diameter  $GQ$  cuts ( $O$ ) at  $K$  differently from  $G$ .  $GQ$  cuts the straight line through  $O$  and parallel to  $AP$  at  $M$ .  $KG$  cuts the circumcircle of the triangle  $KDM$  at  $N$  differently from  $K$ . Prove that  $MN$  bisects  $GA$ .

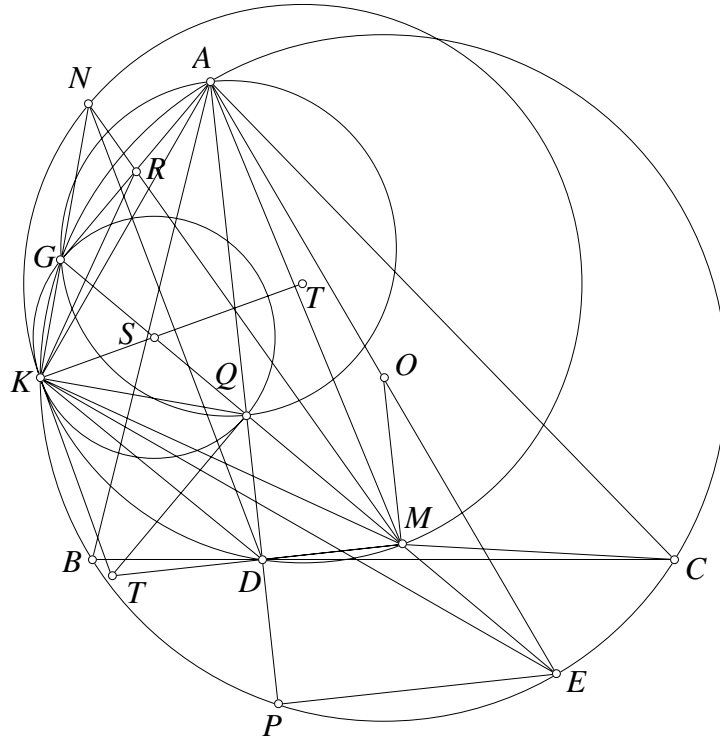


Figure 12.

**Solution.** Call by  $AE$  the diameter of ( $O$ ). Similar proof of the problem 1.9 we have  $G, Q, M, E$  are collinear and  $M$  is the midpoint of  $QE$ . So, easily seen the right triangles  $KGQ$  and  $KAE$  are similar, deduce the triangles  $KGQ$  and  $KQE$  are similar. Call by  $R$  the midpoint of  $GA$ , so two triangles  $KGR$  and  $KQM$  are similar. So easily seen the quadrilateral  $KGRM$  is cyclic. We have  $\angle DMN = 180^\circ - \angle DKN = 180^\circ - (\angle GKS + \angle TKM + \angle MKD) = 180^\circ - (90^\circ - \angle KMR + \angle TMK + 90^\circ - \angle TMD) = \angle DMR$ . Thence, we have  $M, N, R$  collinear.  $\square$

**Problem 1.12.** Let the triangle  $ABC$  inscribed in the circle  $(O)$ .  $P$  is the point on the chord  $\widehat{BC}$  not contain  $A$ .  $AP$  cuts  $BC$  at  $D$ .  $Q$  is the symmetry of  $P$  through  $D$ . The circle with the diameter  $AQ$  cuts  $(O)$  at  $G$  differently from  $A$ .  $GQ$  cuts the straight line through  $O$  and parallel to  $AP$  at  $M$ . The straight line through  $Q$  and perpendicular to  $GM$  cuts  $DM$  at  $T$ .  $S, R$  are the midpoints of  $GQ, GA$ . The straight line through  $G$  and parallel to  $ST$  cuts  $MR$  at  $N$ . Prove that the circumcircle of the triangle  $MND$  touches the circle with the diameter  $GQ$ .

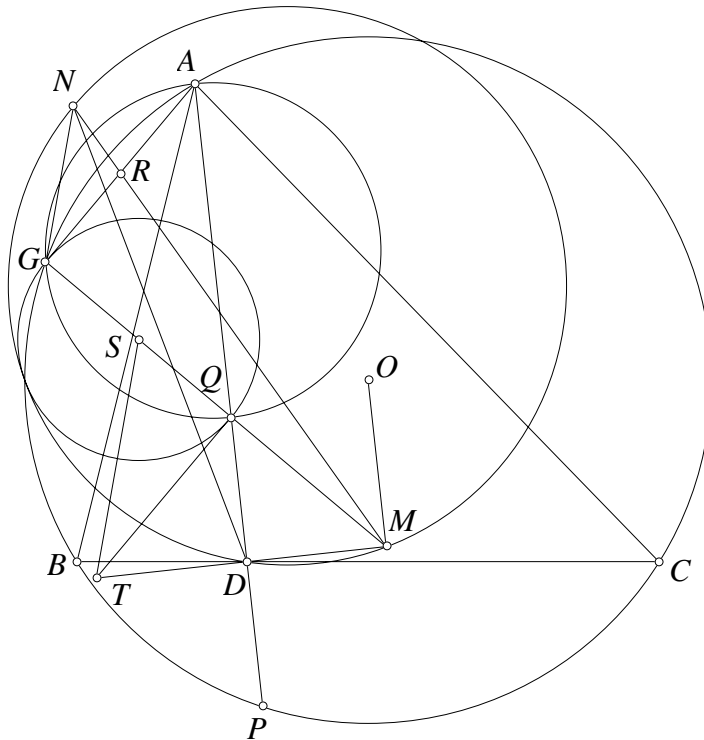


Figure 13.

We create more some other models for IMO problems as following

**Problem 1.13.** Let the triangle  $ABC$  right at  $A$ .  $P$  is one point on  $BC$ . The circle with the diameter  $BP$  cuts the circumcircle  $(K)$  of the triangle  $APC$  at  $Q$  differently from  $P$ . Call by  $M, N$  are the midpoints of  $BC, AB$ .

- Prove that the circumcircle of the triangles  $QMN$  and  $QPB$  touch each other.
- $PQ$  cuts the circumcircle of the triangle  $QMN$  at  $R$  differently from  $Q$ .  $MR$  cuts the straight line through  $P$  and perpendicular to  $BC$  at  $S$ . Prove that  $KS \parallel BC$ .
- $T$  is the reflection of  $N$  through  $BQ$ . Prove that  $\angle QTM = 90^\circ$ .
- $BQ$  cuts  $ST$  at  $L$ . Prove that the triangle  $LMN$  is isosceles.



We use once more to hide the tangent point and receive interesting problem as following

**Problem 1.14.** Let the triangle  $ABC$  right at  $A$ .  $M, N$  are the midpoints of  $BC, AB$ . The straight line perpendicular to  $BC$  at  $P$  cuts  $AB$  at  $X$ .  $S, T$  are the midpoints of  $PB, PX$ . Get the point  $L$  on  $MN$  such that  $BL \perp BC$ . Get the point  $R$  on  $MT$  such that  $PR \parallel LS$ . Prove that the circumcircle of the triangle  $RMN$  touch the circle with the diameter  $PB$ .

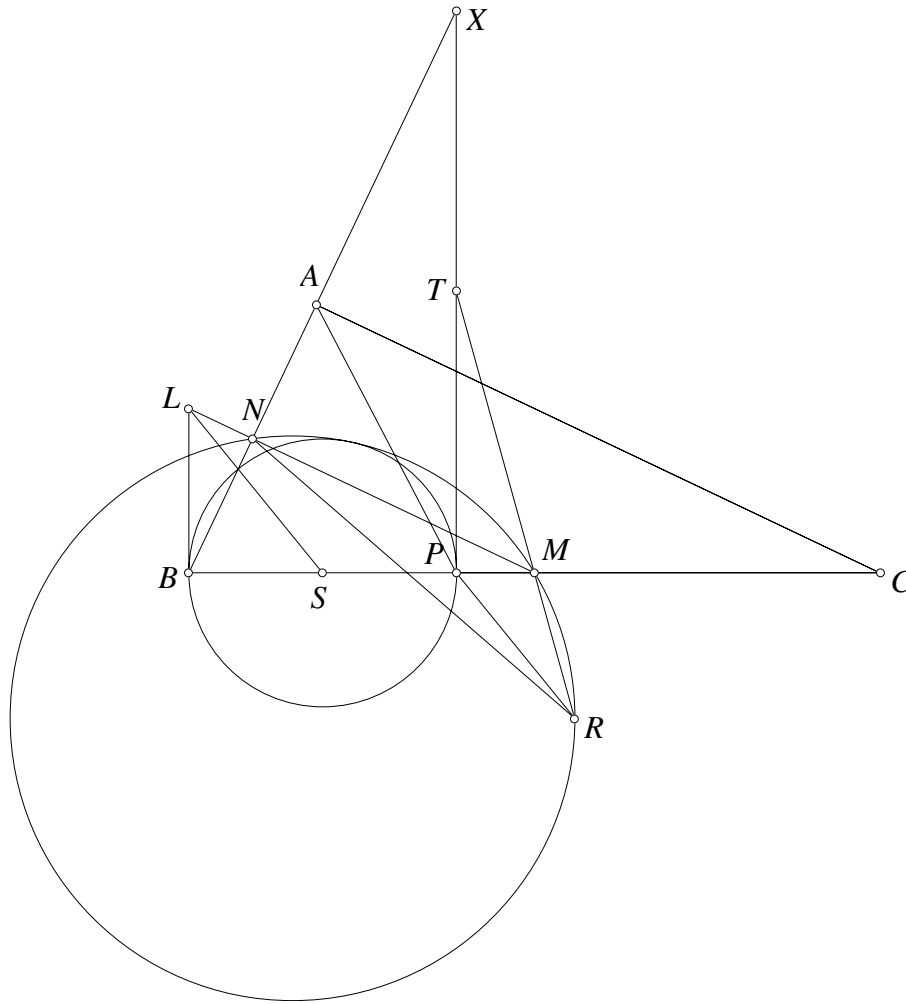


Figure 15.

In other hand, the origin problem still has many developments and expanding, do the following exercises

**Problem 1.15.** Let the triangle  $ABC$  inscribed in the circle  $(O)$  with the diameter  $AD$ .  $M$  is one point on  $BC$ .  $MD$  cuts  $(O)$  at  $G$  differently from  $D$ .  $Q$  is symmetry of  $D$  through  $M$ . The circle with the diameter  $QG$  cuts  $(O)$  at  $K$  differently from  $G$ .  $N$  is the projector of  $M$  on  $AQ$ .

- Prove that the circumcircles of the triangles  $KMN$  and  $KQG$  touch each other.
- $KG$  cuts the circumcircle of the triangle  $KMN$  at  $P$  differently from  $K$ . Prove that  $MP$  bisects  $AG$ .
- $R$  is the reflection of  $N$  through  $QK$ . Prove that  $\angle KRM = 90^\circ$ .

**Problem 1.16.** Let the triangle  $ABC$  has  $\angle A = 60^\circ$  inscribed in the circle  $(O)$ . The altitudes  $BE, CF$  cut each other at  $H$ .  $M$  is the midpoint of the chord  $\widehat{BC}$  contain  $A$ .  $MH$  cuts  $(O)$  at  $N$  differently from  $M$ . The circle with the diameter  $HN$  cuts  $(O)$  at  $K$  differently from  $N$ .  $P$  is the reflection of  $H$  through  $EF$  and  $Q$  is the midpoint of  $HM$ .

- a) Prove that the circumcircles of the triangles  $KPQ$  and  $KHN$  touch each other.



- b)  $KN$  cuts the circumcircle of the triangle  $KPQ$  at  $L$  differently from  $K$  and  $R$  is the midpoint of the chord  $\widehat{BC}$  not contain  $A$ . Prove that  $QL$  bisects  $KR$ .
- c)  $Z$  is the reflection of  $P$  through  $KH$ . Prove that  $\angle KZQ = 90^\circ$ .

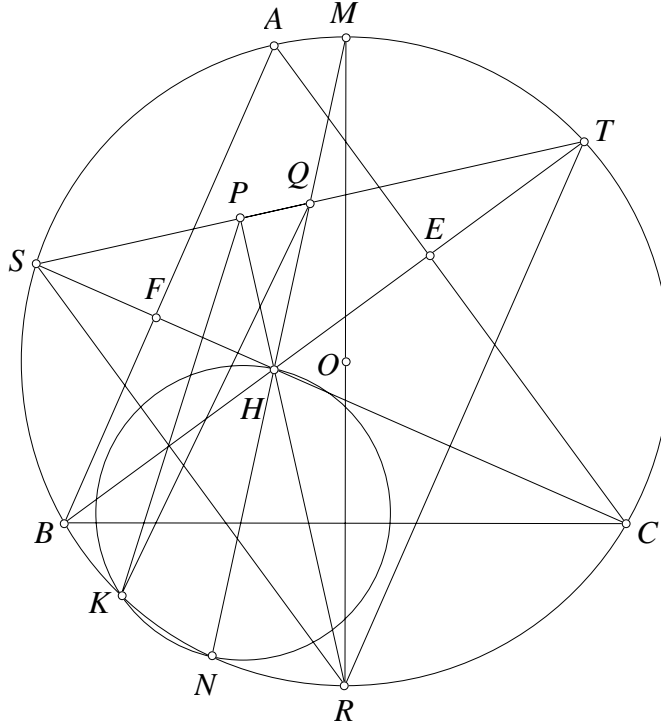


Figure 16.

**Solution.** Call by  $S, T$  the reflection of  $H$  through  $F, E$  and  $MR$  is the diameter of  $(O)$ . From  $\angle BAC = 60^\circ$  we see  $H$  the orthocenter of the triangle  $RST$ . From that, apply the problem above for the triangle  $RST$ . We receive the thing done.  $\square$

**Problem 1.17.** Let the triangle  $ABC$  inscribed in the circle  $(O)$  the incircles center is  $I$ . The circle  $A$ -mixtilinear touches  $(O)$  at  $P$ . The circle with the diameter  $PI$  cuts  $(O)$  at  $K$  differently from  $P$ .  $N$  is the midpoint of  $AI$  and the perpendicular bisector  $AI$  cuts  $PI$  at  $M$ .

- Prove that the circumcircles of the triangles  $KMN$  and  $KPI$  touch each other.
- $KP$  cuts the circumcircle of the triangle  $KMN$  at  $L$  differently from  $K$ .  $AI$  cuts  $(O)$  at  $D$  differently from  $A$ . Prove that  $ML$  bisects  $PD$ .
- $Q$  is the reflection of  $N$  through  $KI$ . Prove that  $\angle KQM = 90^\circ$ .

**Problem 1.18.** Let the acute triangle  $ABC$  inscribed in the circle  $(O)$  has the altitudes  $BE, CF$ .  $K, L$  are the reflection of  $O$  through  $CA, AB$ .  $KE$  cuts  $LF$  at  $H$ .  $T$  belongs to the perpendicular bisector  $BC$  such that  $HT \parallel OA$ .  $M$  is the midpoint of  $AT$ .  $MO$  cuts the tangent through  $A$  of  $(O)$  at  $N$ . The straight line  $N$  parallel to  $OA$  cuts Euler line of the triangle  $ABC$  at  $P$ .  $G$  is the projector of  $T$  on  $NH$ .  $Q$  is the midpoint of  $HG$ .  $S$  is the reflection of  $G$  through  $PQ$ .  $TH$  cuts  $AN$  at  $D$ .

- Prove that the circumcircles of the triangles  $SDN$  and  $SGH$  touch each other.

b)  $GS$  cuts the circumcircle of the triangle  $SDN$  at  $R$  differently from  $S$ . Prove that  $NR$  bisects  $TG$ .

c)  $W$  is the reflection of  $D$  through  $SH$ . Prove that  $\angle SWN = 90^\circ$ .

In the end, one expand model in [1] was found by **Trinh Huy Vu**.

**Problem 1.19.** Let the triangle  $ABC$  inscribed in the circle  $(O)$ . One any circle  $(D)$  passing through  $B, C$  cuts  $CA, AB$  at  $E, F$ . Draw the diameter  $AP$  of the circumcircle of the triangle  $AEF$ .  $K$  is the projector of  $D$  on  $AP$ . The circumcircle of the triangle  $AEF$  cuts  $(O)$  again at  $G$ . The circle with the diameter  $GP$  cuts  $(O)$  again at  $J$ .

a) Prove that the circumcircles of the triangles  $JGP$  and  $JKD$  touch each other.

b)  $JG$  cuts the circumcircle of the triangle  $JKD$  again at  $M$ . Prove that  $DM$  bisects  $GA$ .

c)  $L$  is the reflection of  $K$  through  $JP$ . Prove that  $\angle JLD = 90^\circ$ .

## 2 Geometry problem on the second day

### 2.1 Introduction

Exam IMO second day, 2015 [2] has geometric problem interesting as following

**Problem 2.1.** Let the triangle  $ABC$  inscribed in the circle  $(O)$ . The circle  $(A)$  with the center  $A$  cuts  $BC$  at  $D, E$  and cuts  $(O)$  at  $G, H$  such that  $D$  is between  $B, E$  and the ray  $AB$  is laying between  $AC, AG$ . The circumcircle of the triangle  $BDG$  and  $CEH$  cuts  $AB, AC$  respectively at  $K, L$  differently from  $B, C$ . Prove that  $GK$  and  $HL$  cut each other on  $AO$ .

I would like to present my proof for this problem

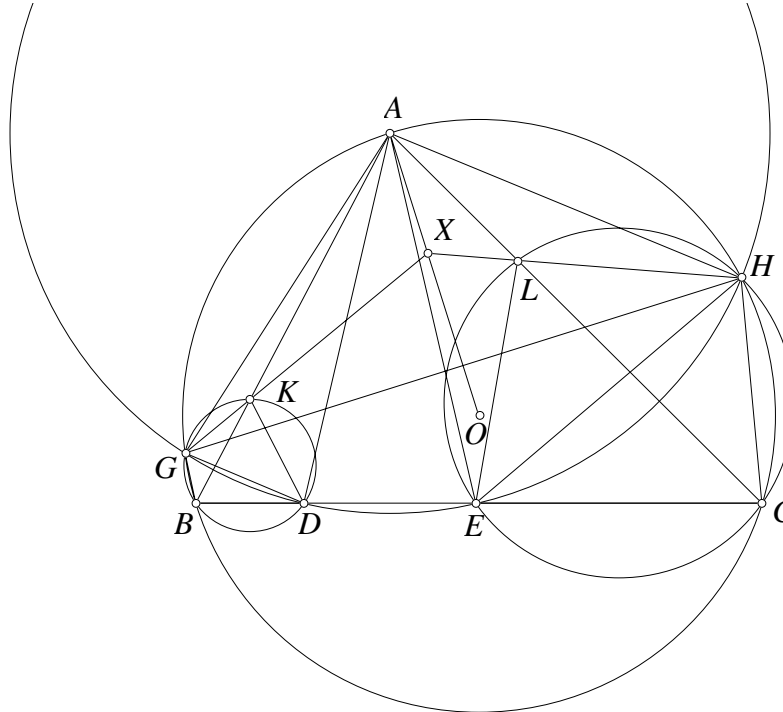


Figure 17.

**Solution.** Call by  $X$  the intersection of  $GK$  cuts  $LH$  we easily seen  $AO$  is the perpendicular bisector of  $GH$ . We need prove only  $X$  belong the perpendicular bisector of  $GH$  thence we are done. Indeed, we see  $\angle EHC = \angle GHC - \angle GHE = 180^\circ - \angle GBD - \angle GDB = \angle BGD$ . Thence  $\angle XGH = \angle XGD - \angle HGD = \angle KBD - \angle HEC = 180^\circ - (\angle GBA + \angle BGD + \angle BDG) - \angle HEC = 180^\circ - (\angle HCA + \angle EHC + \angle EHG) - \angle HEC = \angle ACB - \angle GHE = \angle XHE - \angle GHE = \angle XHG$ . From that, the triangle  $XGH$  is isosceles, we are done.  $\square$

**Remark.** This problem is the forth in second day, it is supposed easily. Its proof used the way of angle added. It is nice problem, simple configuration, and has meaning for exam and development of thinking. This problem has some expanding and application, we recognize it in the next part.

## 2.2 Extensions and applications

At first, we can change the circle with the center  $A$  by the other with any center on the straight line  $AO$  and its proof is just the same. We see another expanding with more meaning

**Problem 2.2.** Let the triangle  $ABC$  inscribed in the circle  $(O)$ , the altitude  $AD$ .  $(A)$  is the circle with any center  $A$ . Call by  $E, F$  two points on  $(A)$  such that  $E, F$  are the reflections through  $AD$  and the ray  $AE$  is between  $AB, AF$ . The circle  $(A)$  cuts  $(O)$  at  $G, H$  such that the ray  $AB$  is laying between two rays  $AG, AC$ .  $CE, BF$  cut the circle  $(A)$  at  $P, Q$  respectively, differently from  $E, F$ . The circumcircles of the triangles  $BPG$  and  $CQH$  cut  $BA, CA$  at  $K, L$  respectively, differently from  $B, C$ . Prove that  $GK$  and  $HL$  cut each other on  $AO$ .

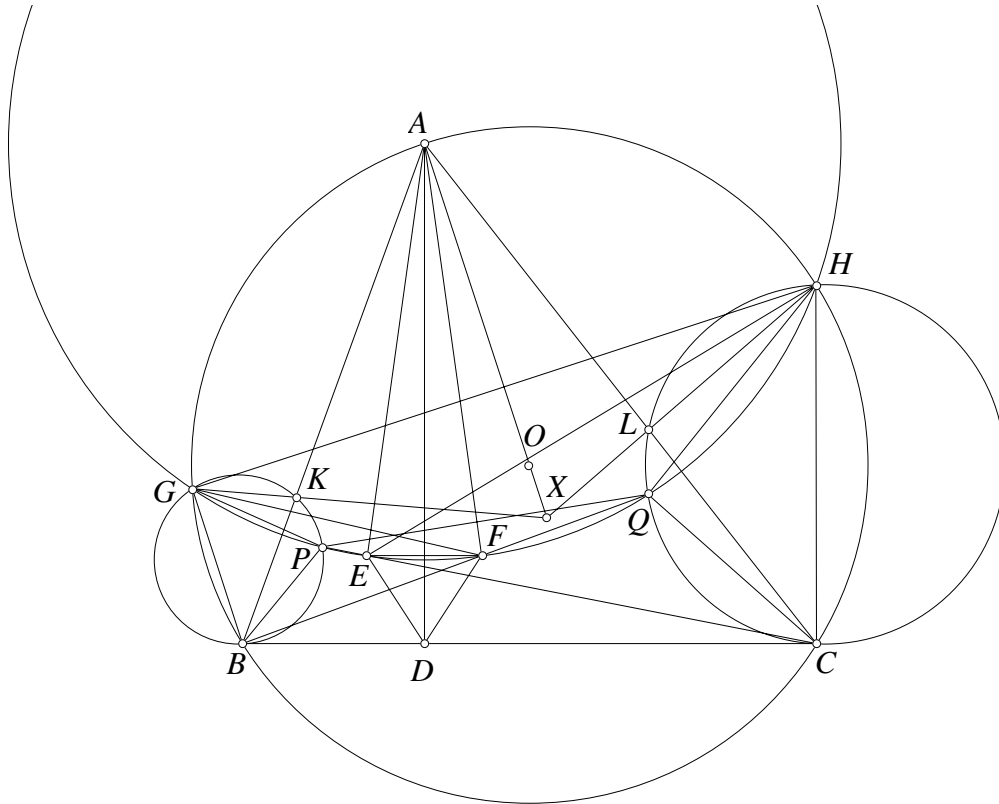


Figure 18.

**Solution.** At first, we have  $EF \parallel BC$  so  $\angle QPE = \angle EFB = \angle FBC$ . Thence, the quadrilateral  $PQCB$  is cyclic. Else have  $\angle EHC = 180^\circ - \angle GBC - \angle GHE = 180^\circ - \angle GBP - \angle PBC - \angle GFE = \angle BGP + \angle GPB - (180^\circ - \angle BPC - \angle PCB) + 180^\circ - \angle GPE = \angle BGP + \angle FEC = \angle BGP + \angle PGF = \angle BGF$ .

Thence  $\angle HGX = \angle HGP - \angle PGK = \angle HEC - \angle PBK = \angle HEC - (\angle GBF - \angle GBA - \angle PBF)(1)$ .

Similarly,  $\angle GHX = \angle GFB - (\angle HCE - \angle HCA - \angle QCE) \quad (2)$ .

Easily have  $\angle GBA = \angle HCA, \angle PBF = \angle QCE \vee \angle BGF = \angle CHE$  so  $\angle GBF + \angle GFB = \angle HEC + \angle EHC$  or  $\angle HEC - \angle GBF = \angle GFB - \angle EHC \quad (3)$ .

From (1),(2),(3) easily deduce  $\angle HGX = \angle GHX$ . We are done.  $\square$

**Remark.** The general problem is still right when we change the circle  $(A)$  by any circle with the center belong  $OA$  and the proof with the change similar angle. To pay attention carefully in this proof as the same with the proof of the origin problem, so the change of the angle for showing  $\angle EHC = \angle FGB$  that is important step.

We can see, in nature  $G, H$  are lying on  $(O)$  that is not so important, we go to the more general problem as following

**Problem 2.3.** Let the triangle  $ABC$  inscribed in the circle  $(O)$ , the altitude  $AD$ .  $(A)$  is any circle with the center  $A$ . Call by  $E, F$  two points on  $(A)$  such that  $E, F$  are the reflection through  $AD$  and the ray  $AE$  is laying between two rays  $AB, AF$ . On the circle  $(A)$  get two points  $G, H$  such that  $GH \perp OA$  in the same time, the ray  $AB$  is laying between two rays  $AG, AC$ . Call by  $P, Q$  the intersection again of  $CE, BF$  the circle  $(A)$  respectively, differently from  $E, F$ . The circumcircles of the triangles  $BPG$  and  $CQH$  cut  $BA, CA$  at  $K, L$  respectively, differently from  $B, C$ . Prove that  $GK$  and  $HL$  cut each other on  $AO$ .

On the other hand, we can see that, in the above problem we can change the circle  $(A)$  by any circle with the center belong  $OA$ . Thence, we think that, we can change the straight line  $OA$  by the perpendicular bisector of the chord of  $(O)$ , we have the following problem

**Problem 2.4.** Let the quadrilateral  $XYBC$  cyclic in the circle  $(O)$ .  $(A)$  is any circle with the center  $A$  belong to the perpendicular bisector  $XY$ .  $D$  is the projector of  $A$  on  $BC$ . Call by  $E, F$  two points on  $(A)$  such that  $E, F$  are the reflection through  $AD$  and the ray  $AE$  is laying between two rays  $AB, AF$ . On the circle  $(A)$  get two points  $G, H$  such that  $GH \perp OA$  in the same time, the ray  $AB$  is laying between two rays  $AG, AC$ . Call by  $P, Q$  the intersection again of  $CE, BF$  cut the circle  $(A)$  at  $P, Q$  respectively, differently from  $E, F$ . The circumcircles of the triangles  $BPG$  and  $CQH$  cut  $BY, CX$  at  $K, L$  respectively, differently from  $B, C$ . Prove that  $GK$  and  $HL$  cut each other on  $AO$ .

Hence we can exploit the problem by many ways, we present some exploiting based on the model of the problem as following

**Problem 2.5.** Let the triangle  $ABC$  inscribed in the circle  $(O)$ . The circle  $(A)$  with the center  $A$  cuts  $BC$  at  $E, F$  and cut  $(O)$  at  $G, H$  such that  $E$  is laying between  $B, E$  and the ray  $AB$  is laying between two rays  $AC, AG$ .  $GH$  cuts the circumcircles of the triangles  $BEG$  and  $CFH$  at  $M, N$  respectively, differently from  $G, H$ . Call by  $P, Q$  the intersection of  $GE, HF$  cut  $BM, CN$ . Call by  $S, T$  the intersection of  $ME, GB$  cut  $NF, HC$  respectively. Prove that  $ST$  bisects  $PQ$ .

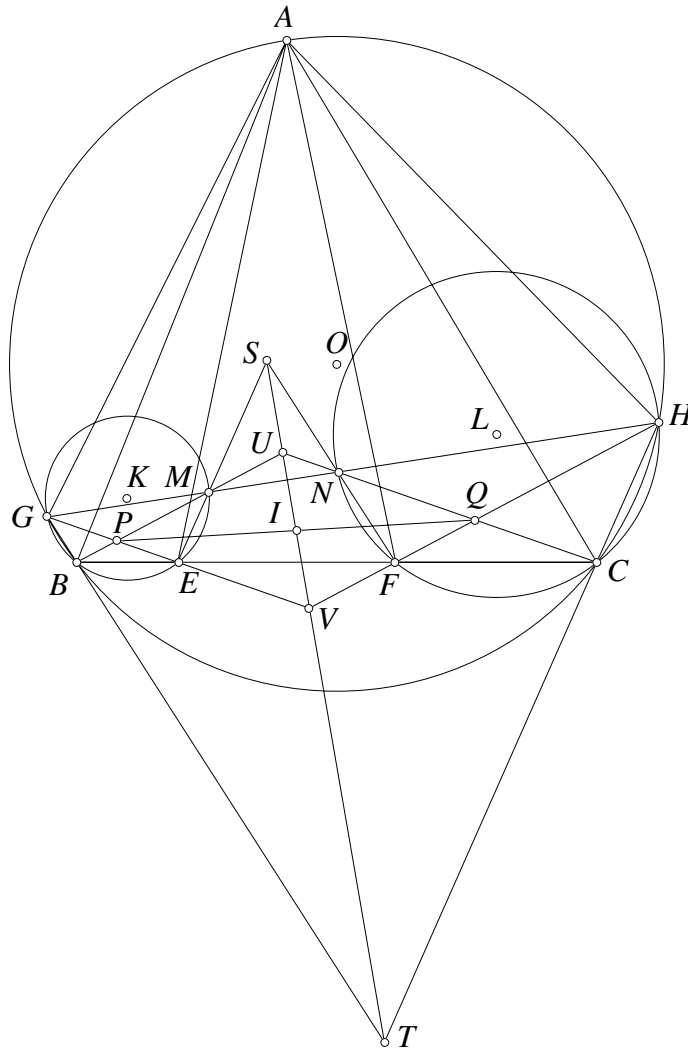


Figure 19.

**Solution.** According to the proof of the origin problem to show that  $\angle BGE = \angle CHF$ . Thence have  $\angle FNH = \angle FNC + \angle CFH = \angle FHC + \angle CFH = \angle EGB + \angle EGM = \angle BGM = \angle MEF$ . Then the quadrilateral  $MNFE$  is cyclic. Easily have  $\angle HNC = \angle HFC = \angle EGH = \angle MBE$  deduce the quadrilateral  $BMNC$  is cyclic. Call by  $(K)$ ,  $(L)$  the circumcircles of the triangles  $BEG$  and  $CFH$  then from the quadrilateral  $EMNF$  and  $BGHC$  cyclic, deduce  $ST$  is radical axis of  $(K)$  and  $(L)$ . We easily have  $\angle GEB = \angle GMB = \angle NCB$  so  $GE \parallel NC$ , similarly  $HF \parallel MB$ . Call by  $U, V$  the intersection of  $BM, GE$  cut  $CN, HF$  then  $PUQV$  is the parallelogram, so  $UV$  bisects  $PQ$ . From the quadrilaterals  $BMNC$  and  $GEFH$  cyclic, deduce  $U, V$  also belongs to the radical axis of  $(K), (L)$  is just  $ST$ . So  $ST$  bisects  $PQ$ . We are done.  $\square$

By the same way, we receive the problem about the bisection of the segment on the interesting model of general problem

**Problem 2.6.** Let the triangle  $ABC$  inscribed in the circle  $(O)$ , the altitude  $AD$ .  $(A)$  is any circle with the center  $A$ . Call by  $E, F$  two points on  $(A)$  such that  $E, F$  are the reflection through  $AD$  and the ray  $AE$  is laying between  $AB, AF$ . The circle  $(A)$  cuts  $(O)$  at  $G, H$  such that the ray  $AB$

is laying between two rays  $AG, AC$ .  $CE, BF$  cut the circle  $(A)$  at  $P, Q$  respectively, differently from  $E, F$ .  $GH$  cuts the circumcircles of the triangles  $BPG$  and  $CQH$  at  $M, N$  respectively.  $MP, GB$  cut  $NQ, HC$  respectively at  $S, T$ . To get the points  $U, V$  on the straight lines  $MB, NC$  such that  $UG \parallel NC$  and  $VH \parallel MB$ . Prove that  $ST$  bisects  $UV$ .

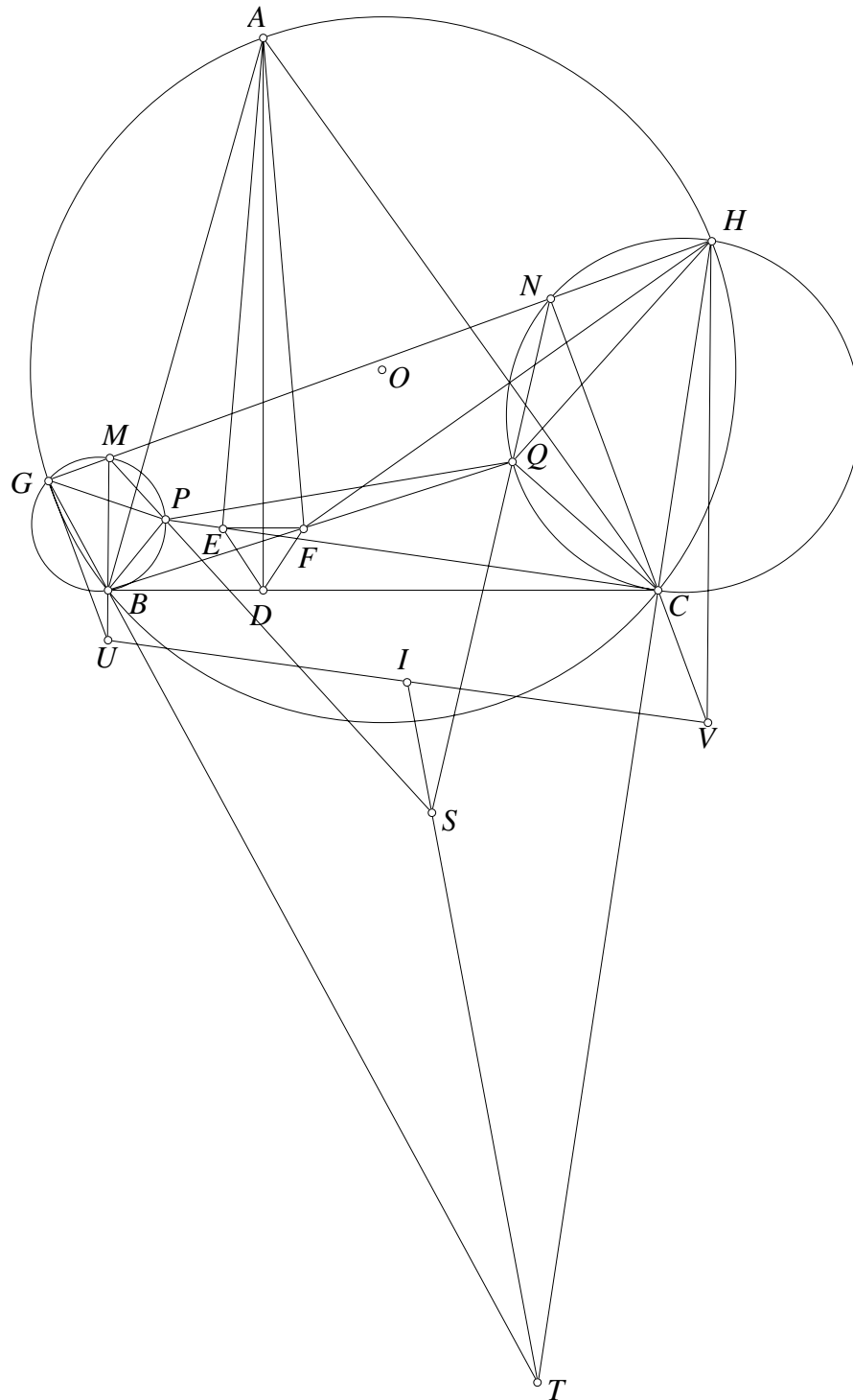


Figure 20.

If you know use the inversion you could to do the problem for exercise

**Problem 2.7.** Let the triangle  $ABC$  inscribed in the circle  $(O)$ . The circle  $(A)$  with the center  $A$  cuts  $BC$  at  $E, F$  and cuts  $(O)$  at  $G, H$  such that  $E$  is laying between  $B, F$  and the ray  $AB$  is laying between two rays  $AC, AG$ . The circle through  $H, C$  and touches  $HA$  cuts  $CA$  at  $Q$  differently from  $C$ . The circle through  $G, B$  and touches  $GA$  cuts  $AB$  at  $P$  differently from  $B$ . The circumcircles of the triangles  $GPE$  and  $HQF$  cut  $AB, AC$  at  $M, N$  differently from  $P, Q$ . Prove that the diameter the circumcircles of the triangles  $AGM$  and  $AHN$  equally.

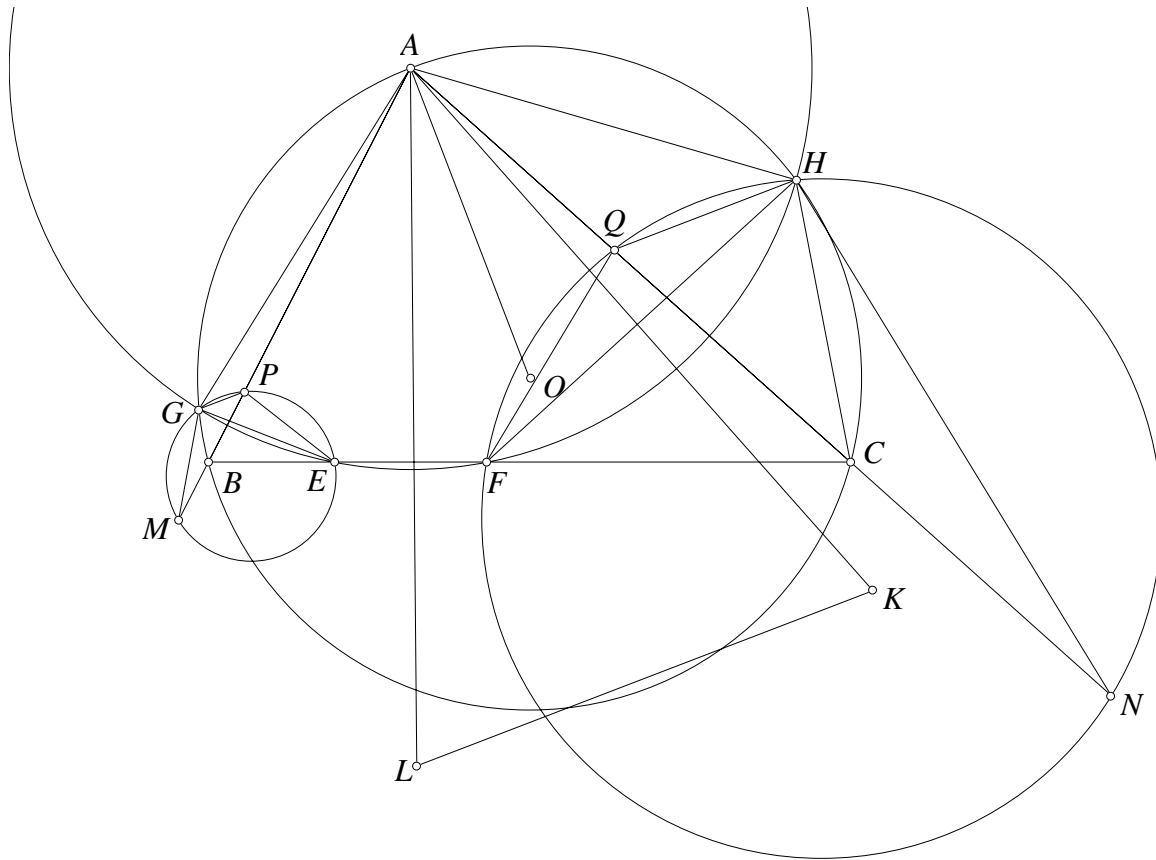


Figure 21.

### 3 Conclusion

The IMO exam in this year still have two geometric problem in the third and forth positions. They are interesting and have high meaning. Beside given different expanding, this article also written so nice about the problem with the bisection of the segment. And from the problem with the bisection of the segment in the first day, we receive one interesting presentation about two touching circles and thence we have the presentation of the second general problem, it gives more attraction for the problem of IMO exam. The problem with the bisection of the segment in the second day is no less interesting in comparison with the first day. That is the application of the radical axis and the parallelogram. Two geometric problem in the IMO exam this year are nice and have high suggestive and development, it is worthy to IMO exam.

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