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Angle bisector 

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Source: it is a unknown lemma



Pedram-Safaei

#1 Mar 12, 2012, 8:22 pm

ABCD is a convex circumscribed quadrilateral with center I such that AD and BC intersect each other at P and circumcircles of PAB and PCD intersect each other at a point T prove that TI is angle bisector of angles BTD and CTA.

This post has been edited 2 times. Last edited by PedramSafaei, Mar 15, 2012, 1:56 am



Luis González

#2 Mar 14, 2012, 5:31 am

Please do not double/triple post and use meaningful subjects.

Incircle (I) of $ABCD$ touches AB, BC, CD, DA at M, N, L, K . Inversion with respect to (I) takes P, A, B, C, D into the midpoints of NK, KM, MN, NL, LK , respectively. Thus, the inverse images of $\odot(PAB)$ and $\odot(BCD)$ are the 9-point circles of $\triangle MNK$ and $\triangle NKL$ meeting at the midpoint of NK and the Poncelet point of $MNLK$, i.e. Anticenter U of the cyclic $MNLK$. So if E is the midpoint of LK , then $EU \perp MN$, i.e. $EU \parallel IB$. Therefore, the inverse $\odot(IDT)$ of EU is tangent to IB at $I \implies \angle TDI = \angle BIT$. Analogously, $\angle TBI = \angle DIT \implies \triangle TID \sim \triangle TBI \implies \angle DTI = \angle BTI$, i.e. TI bisects $\angle BTD$. By similar reasoning, TI bisects $\angle CTA$.



hatchguy

#3 Mar 15, 2012, 2:02 am

My proof is wrong, I thought $ABCD$ was cyclic. It's just a coincidence that it works too. This is the proof for $ABCD$ cyclic:

Clearly PT, AB and CD concur. Suppose their point of concurrence is K .

It is well known that $\angle ITP = 90^\circ$

(It is actually IMO 1985 problem 5 <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?p=366594&sid=cc99cea9d1a879a4b4909fde5248e61e#p366594>)

So it is enough to prove $\angle PTB = \angle KTD$ and $\angle PTC = \angle KTA$.

This is easy since $\angle PTB = \angle PAB = \angle PCD = \angle KTD$.

and $\angle PTC = \angle PDC = \angle PBA = \angle KTA$ and we are done.

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Acute again 

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Source: own



jayme

#1 Mar 13, 2012, 4:51 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,

1. ABC a triangle
2. (I) the incircle
3. DEF the contact triangle
4. Pb the parallel to AC through B
5. R, S the points of intersection of Pb wrt EF, ED

Prouve : $\angle RIS$ is acute.

Sincerely

Jean-Louis



Luis González

#2 Mar 13, 2012, 11:07 pm

$\angle BSD = \angle CED = \angle BDS \implies \triangle BDS$ is isosceles with legs $BS = BD = s - a$. Similarly $\triangle BFR$ is isosceles with legs $BR = BF = s - a \implies B$ is midpoint of \overline{RS} . Since $BI > BD$, it follows that I is always outside the circle (B, BD) with diameter $\overline{RS} \implies \angle RIS < 90^\circ$.

P.S. See also the related problem: [IMO revisited](#) and [Geometry](#).



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Isogonal conjugate of the De-Longchamps point X

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r1234

#1 Mar 13, 2012, 12:39 am

Show that the isogonal conjugate of the De-Longchamps point of a triangle is the reflection of the Nagel Point of the tangential triangle wrt the circumcenter of the main triangle.



Luis González

#2 Mar 13, 2012, 1:38 am

Let H, O, G, L denote the orthocenter, circumcenter, centroid and De Longchamps point of the reference triangle $\triangle ABC$. $\triangle O_A O_B O_C$ is the anticevian triangle of O WRT $\triangle ABC$. Let D be the foot of the A-altitude, M the midpoint of BC , $P \equiv AO \cap BC$ and $L_A \equiv AL \cap BC$. Since the pencil $A(O, H, G, L)$ is harmonic, then $(P, D, M, L_A) = -1$. But projections P, D, M, Q_A of P, A, O, O_A on BC are harmonically separated $\implies L_A \equiv Q_A$. Likewise, L_B, L_C are the projections of O_B, O_C on CA, AB . According to the topic [A nice concurrent](#) (see post #12), $O_A L_A, O_B L_B$ and $O_C L_C$ concur at the Nagel point U of the tangential triangle of $\triangle ABC$.



According to the topic [Find relation](#) (see problem a), perpendiculars to $O_B O_C, O_C O_A, O_A O_B$ through A, B, C concur at the isogonal conjugate V of L WRT $\triangle ABC$. Hence, U and V are isogonal conjugates WRT $\triangle O_A O_B O_C$, being (O) their pedal circle WRT $\triangle O_A O_B O_C \implies O$ is the midpoint of UV .



r1234

#3 Mar 13, 2012, 3:14 pm

My proof:-

Let O, G, H, L, S be the circumcenter, centroid, orthocenter, De-longchamps point and Symmedian point of $\triangle ABC$. Clearly $A(O, G, H, L) = -1$. Let L^* be the Isogonal conjugate of the De-Longchamps point. Since AL, AL^* and AG, AS are also isogonal wrt $\angle OAH$ we conclude that $A(O, S, H, L^*) = -1$ (1). Now let $\triangle A_1 B_1 C_1$ be the tangential triangle of $\triangle ABC$. Then S is the Gergonne point of $\triangle A_1 B_1 C_1$. Let $\triangle A_2 B_2 C_2$ be the reflected triangle of $\triangle A_1 B_1 C_1$ wrt O . Suppose N is the Nagel Point of $\triangle A_1 B_1 C_1$. Then $A_1 N$ cuts $\odot ABC$ at the antipode of A , let it be A' . Then $AA_2 A' A_1$ is a parallelogram which implies $AA_2 \parallel A_1 N \implies AA_2$ passes through the reflection of N wrt O , let it be N' . Now $AH \parallel OA_1$. Clearly $A(A_2, O, A_1, \infty) = -1 \implies A(A_2, O, A_1, H) = -1$. Since A, A_2, N' and A, S, A_1 are collinear we conclude $A(N', O, S, H) = -1$. But from (1) we conclude $N' \equiv L^*$. (Since same thing holds for B,C). So done.

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With the Feuerbach's point 

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jayme

#1 Mar 11, 2012, 8:15 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,

1. ABC a triangle
2. B', C' the midpoints of AC, AB
3. I the incenter of ABC
4. A*the point of intersection of the perpendicular to BI through B' with the perpendicular to CI through C'
5. Fe the Feuerbach's point of ABC

Prouve : the Euler line of A*B'C' goes through Fe.

Sincerely

Jean-Louis



Luis González

#2 Mar 11, 2012, 8:49 pm

This is the same as your former post [With the Feuerbach's point](#). If A' denotes the midpoint of BC, then A* is clearly the A-excenter of A'B'C'. Similarly B* and C* are the B' and C' excenters of A'B'C', i.e. A'B'C' becomes orthic triangle of A*B*C*. Euler lines of A*B'C', B*C'A', C*A'B' concur at X(100) of A'B'C', i.e. the Feuerbach point of ABC.



jayme

#3 Mar 11, 2012, 8:57 pm

Dear Luis and Mathlinkers,

yes you are right... I come back to this configuration while searching another result...

Sincerely

Jean-Louis



IDMasterz

#4 Aug 29, 2015, 11:09 pm

Let DEF be the intouch triangle. Let H be the orthocentre of DEF , and H_A be the orthocentre of $AB'C'$. Let O be the circumcentre of $\odot AB'EFC'I$. D_1, D_2, D_3, K denote the reflection of I over EF , $DH \cap \odot DEF$, $DI \cap \odot DEF$, $AH_A \cap BC$ respectively.

Since $\angle F_e D_1 I = \angle F_e D_2 D = \angle F_e D_3 I \implies F_e D_1 I D_3$ are concyclic. As a result, O, F_e, D_3 are collinear. Also, notice that $KDF_e H_A$ are concyclic, since it is the reflection of the circle $\odot AB'EFC'I$ over the A-midline of ABC (notice that $B'C'$ is the A-midline). Hence, $\angle H_A F_e D = 90^\circ = \angle D_3 F_e D \implies H_A, F_e, D_3$ are collinear. The conclusion follows.

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**applepi2000**

#1 Mar 8, 2012, 7:40 pm

Let ABC be a triangle, and let E, F be points on AC, AB respectively of $\triangle ABC$. Let the circumcircles of triangles AFC, AEB meet again at Y , and let AY intersect the circumcircle of AEF again at X . Prove that $\frac{AF}{FB} + \frac{AE}{EC} = \frac{AX}{XY}$.

**Luis González**#2 Mar 10, 2012, 9:58 pm • 1 

Perform an inversion with center A and arbitrary power k^2 . Label inverse points with primes. Circles $\odot(ACF), \odot(ABE), \odot(AEF)$ go to the lines $C'F', B'E', E'F'$. Thus $Y' \equiv B'E' \cap C'F'$ and $X' \equiv AY' \cap E'F'$ are the inverse images of Y, X . By Van Aubel theorem for $\triangle AE'F'$ with concurrent cevians $AX', E'B', F'C'$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{AY'}{X'Y'} &= \frac{AB'}{F'B'} + \frac{AC'}{E'C'} \implies \frac{\frac{k^2}{AY}}{k^2(\frac{1}{AY} - \frac{1}{AX})} = \frac{\frac{k^2}{AB}}{k^2(\frac{1}{AB} - \frac{1}{AF})} + \frac{\frac{k^2}{AC}}{k^2(\frac{1}{AC} - \frac{1}{AE})} \\ \implies \frac{AX}{AY - AX} &= \frac{AX}{XY} = \frac{AF}{AB - AF} + \frac{AE}{AC - AE} = \frac{AF}{FB} + \frac{AE}{EC}. \end{aligned}$$

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Two parallels 

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jayme

#1 Feb 28, 2012, 8:51 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,

1. ABC a triangle
2. (O) the circumcircle of ABC
3. I the incenter of ABC
4. X the symmetric of I wrt BC
5. D the midpoint of the arch BC which doesn't contain A
6. E the second point of intersection of XD with (O)
7. P the second point of intersection of EI with (O)

Prouve : PD is parallel to AE.

Sincerely
Jean-Louis



Luis González

#2 Feb 29, 2012, 10:56 pm • 2

Power of I with respect to (O) is $\overline{IA} \cdot \overline{ID} = -2Rr \implies \frac{AI}{AO} = \frac{IX}{ID}$. Since $\angle XID = \angle IAO$, it follows that $\triangle XID \sim \triangle IAO$ by SAS criterion. Hence $\angle AOI = \angle ADE = \angle API \implies A, I, O, P$ are concyclic and O is midpoint of the arc AIP of their circumcircle $\implies OI$ bisects the angle between AD and PE , i.e. cyclic quadrilateral $APDE$ is an isosceles trapezoid with $PD \parallel AE$.



buratinogigle

#3 Mar 1, 2012, 10:11 pm

Here is general problem

Let ABC be triangle with circumcircle (O, R) . P, P^* are two isogonal conjugate points with respect to triangle ABC . Q is reflection of P through BC . AP, AP^* cut (O) again at D, D' . DQ cuts (O) again at E . EP^* cuts (O) again at E' . Prove that $AE \parallel D'E'$.



Sayan

#4 Mar 2, 2012, 6:09 pm

Can anyone please explain why $\angle XID = \angle IAO$ and if OI bisects why $AEPD$ is isosceles trapezium?



r1234

#5 Mar 3, 2012, 3:20 pm

From [here](#) we know that $OIDE$ is cyclic. Now invert wrt I with power $-IA \cdot ID = -2Rr$. Now if $I' = OI \cap DE$ then from the above link its easy to get that $IO \cdot II' = 2Rr$. Hence after inversion $\odot OIDE$ goes to the line ACI' . Hence A, P, I' are collinear. But I, A, P are the inverse of I, A, P respectively. So $OIAP$ is cyclic. Now $\angle AIP = \angle DIE \implies \angle AOP = \angle DOE$. Hence $AP = DE$. Hence $APDE$ is an isosceles trapezium $\implies AE \parallel PD$.



Luis González



“ buratinogigle wrote:

Let ABC be triangle with circumcircle (O, R) . P, P^* are two isogonal conjugate points with respect to triangle ABC . Q is reflection of P through BC . AP, AP^* cut (O) again at D, D' . DQ cuts (O) again at E . EP^* cuts (O) again at E' . Prove that $AE \parallel D'E'$.

Easy angle chase reveals that $\angle CP^*D' = \angle DCP$, thus $\triangle CP^*D' \sim \triangle PCD$

$$\frac{PD}{CD'} = \frac{CP}{CP^*} \implies \frac{PD}{2R} = \frac{CP}{CP^*} \cdot \sin \widehat{CAP'} = \frac{CP}{AP^*} \cdot \sin \widehat{BCP} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{PQ}{AP^*}$$

Hence, we have $\frac{AO}{AP^*} = \frac{PD}{PQ}$. Since $\angle OAP^* = \angle DPQ$, it follows that $\triangle OAP^*$ and $\triangle DPQ$ are similar by SAS criterion $\implies \angle AOP^* = \angle PDE = \angle AE'E \implies P^*$ is on perpendicular bisector of $\overline{AE} \implies AED'E'$ is isosceles trapezoid with $AE \parallel D'E'$.

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angle BCM=angle DBA in a convex quad X

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Source: ItaMO 2010, p3



Sayan

#1 Feb 28, 2012, 9:37 pm

Let $ABCD$ be a convex quadrilateral such that $\angle CAB = \angle CDA$ and $\angle BCA = \angle ACD$. If M be the midpoint of AB , prove that $\angle BCM = \angle DBA$.



Luis González

#2 Feb 29, 2012, 12:38 am



Let $\odot(ACD)$ cut BC again at P . Then A is the midpoint of the arc PD of $\odot(ACD) \implies$ tangent AB of $\odot(ACD)$ at A is parallel to DP . If Q is the 2nd intersection of DB with $\odot(ACD)$, we have $\angle BCQ = \angle PDQ = \angle DBA \implies \odot(CQB)$ is tangent to AB . Thus, radical axis CQ of $\odot(ACD)$ and $\odot(CQB)$ passes through the midpoint M of their common tangent $\overline{AB} \implies \angle BCM \equiv \angle BCQ = \angle DBA$.



avatarofakato

#3 Mar 8, 2012, 9:12 pm

Let N be the midpoint of AD . It is easy to see that $\angle MCN = \angle BCA$ and $\angle MAN = \angle MAC + \pi - \angle ADC - \angle ACD = \pi - \angle ACD = \pi - \angle MCN$ so $MCNA$ is cyclic $\implies \angle BCM = \angle ACN = \angle AMN$ but obviously $MN \parallel BD$ hence $\angle BCM = \angle AMN = \angle ABD$. qed



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geometry 

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huyhoang

#1 Dec 23, 2010, 9:43 am

Let ABC be an acute triangle but not isosceles. Let D be the foot of the altitude from A and ω the circumcircle of the triangle. Let ω_1 be the circle tangent to AD , BD and ω . Let ω_2 be the circle tangent to AD , CD and ω . Let l be the interior common tangent to ω_1 and ω_2 different from CD . Prove that l passes through the midpoint of BC if and only $2BC = AB + AC$



huyhoang

#2 Dec 23, 2010, 8:16 pm

Is this problem hard ?



Luis González

#3 Feb 28, 2012, 3:49 am • 1 

It's problem 4 of Romanian IMO TST 2006. Posted many times before.



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huyhoang

#1 Aug 11, 2011, 1:04 pm

Triangle ABC is scalene with $BC > AC$. M is an arbitrary point on $[AC]$ and C', A' in segments AB, BC such that $MC' = MB, MA' = MC$. Prove that the center of the circle $A'BC'$ runs in a line.



huyhoang

#2 Sep 15, 2011, 7:53 pm

Can someone help me find the locus and I solve the rest



Luis González

#3 Feb 28, 2012, 2:58 am • 1 

 huyhoang wrote:

Triangle ABC is scalene with $BC > AC$. M is an arbitrary point on $[AC]$ and C', A' in segments AB, BC such that $MC' = MA$, $MA' = MC$. Prove that the center of the circle $A'BC'$ runs in a line.

Let P be the 2nd intersection of $\odot(MA'C')$ with AC . $\odot(PCA'), \odot(PAC')$ and $\odot(BA'C')$ concur at the Miquel point H of $\triangle ABC \cup A'MC'$. $\angle PHA' = 180^\circ - \angle BCA = 90^\circ + \frac{1}{2}\angle PC'A' \Rightarrow \odot(PCA')$ passes through the incenter of $\triangle PA'C'$. Likewise, $\odot(PAC')$ passes through the incenter of $\triangle PA'C'$, i.e. H is incenter of $\triangle PA'C' \Rightarrow \angle HCB = \angle HPA' = \frac{1}{2}\angle A'MC' = 90^\circ - \angle ABC$. Similarly, $\angle HAB = 90^\circ - \angle ABC \Rightarrow H$ is orthocenter of $\triangle ABC$. So the center of $\odot(BA'C')$ runs through the perpendicular bisector of \overline{BH} .

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Tangential quadrilateral $EDF = ADC/2$ 

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scarface

#1 Feb 26, 2012, 2:10 am

$ABCD$ is a circumscribed quadrilateral to a circle. O is the center. E is a point on OA and F is a point on OC . If $\angle EBF = \frac{\angle ABC}{2}$, then prove that $\angle EDF = \frac{\angle ADC}{2}$



Luis González

#2 Feb 26, 2012, 5:18 am • 1 

Since $AB - AD = CB - CD$, then A and C lie on a hyperbola \mathcal{H} with foci B, D . Internal bisectors OA, OC of $\angle BAD, \angle DCB$ are then tangents of \mathcal{H} at A, C . Let the tangent from E to \mathcal{H} , different from OA , cut OC at F' . $P \equiv \mathcal{H} \cap EF'$. According to [this problem](#) (post #3), BE, DE, BF', DF' bisect $\angle PBA, \angle PDA, \angle PBC, \angle PDC$, respectively. Thus $\angle EDF' = \frac{1}{2}\angle ADC, \angle EBF' = \frac{1}{2}\angle ABC \implies F \equiv F'$.

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Perpendicular in Quadrilateral 

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FoolMath

#1 Feb 25, 2012, 10:56 pm

Give a quadrilateral ABCD with AB//CD, AC meet BD at E. d is bisector of AB, d intersec CD at F. P and Q are circumcenter of triangles ADF and BCF. Prove that PQ is perpendicular to EF



Luis González

#2 Feb 26, 2012, 3:29 am

Please do a search before posting. This has been submitted many times before.



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four points are cyclic 

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Source: 2009 China Western Mathematic Olmpiad



horizon

#1 Feb 25, 2012, 9:40 pm

Let H be the orthocenter of acute triangle ABC and D the midpoint of BC . A line through H intersects AB , AC at F , E respectively, such that $AE = AF$. The ray DH intersects the circumcircle of $\triangle ABC$ at P . Prove that P, A, E, F are concyclic.



Luis González

#2 Feb 25, 2012, 11:46 pm

This is P3 (10th grade) from All-Russian olympiad 2000 and also a problem from the Swiss Imo Selection 2006. Posted many times before, so thread locked.



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tangency circumcircle 

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MBGO

#1 Feb 15, 2012, 12:01 am

In triangle ABC , P and Q are in AB and AC . Let M and N and K be the midpoint of BQ and CP and PQ , and PQ intersect BC at D . Then if the circumcircle of ABC and APQ and MKN are W_1 , W_2 and W_3 , and W_1 and W_2 meet each other at F and W_3 tangent to line PQ , prove that W_1 is tangent to FD .



Luis González

#2 Feb 15, 2012, 1:41 am

Let O be the circumcenter of $\triangle ABC$ and R the projection of O on PQ . According to the topic [Cyclic and the symmetry point is in Euler circle](#) (problem a), the points M, N, K, R are concyclic. Therefore if $\odot(MKN)$ is tangent to PQ , then $K \equiv R$, i.e. OK is perpendicular bisector of PQ . By symmetry $AFPQ$ is then an isosceles trapezoid with $AF \parallel PQ$. Since F is Miquel point of \overline{DPQ} WRT $\triangle ABC$, then F, P, B, D are concyclic $\implies \angle DFB = \angle DPB = \angle FAP \implies FD$ is tangent to (O) .



hatchguy

#3 Feb 15, 2012, 2:50 am

Showing that $OP = OQ$ is problem 2 of IMO 2009. This shows $PQ \parallel AF$ and the rest is an angle chase.

I have a question Luis, I usually angle chase facts suchs as $FPBD$ being concyclic. I noticed you used Miquel's theorem for this, however I don't see how to apply the version of the Miquel's theorem I know in such configuration.

The version I know is for example, given a triangle ABC and points P, Q, R in BC, AC, AB , respectively, then the circumcircles of ARQ, BPR and CQP share a common point.

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A tangent parallel to BC 

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Source: own ?



jayme

#1 Feb 14, 2012, 5:22 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,
1. ABC a triangle
2. I the incenter of ABC
3. B', C' the feet of the B, C-inner bisectors of ABC
4. (0) the circumcircle of ABC
5. M, N the points of intersection of B'C' with (0)
6. (1) the circumcircle of the triangle IMN
7. Ti the tangent to (1) at I.

Prouve : Ti is parallel to BC.

Sincerely
Jean-Louis



Luis González

#2 Feb 14, 2012, 10:44 pm

I can be an arbitrary point on the angle bisector of $\angle BAC$. IB, IC cut CA, AB at B', C' and cut the circumcircle of $\triangle ABC$ again at D, E . L is the midpoint of the arc BC of the circumcircle and LD, LE cut CA, AB at U, V . According to [Srmc](#) (post #4), the lines $B'C', UIV, DE$ concur at P and $UIV \parallel BC$. Therefore, $\angle EDI = \angle ECB = \angle EIP \implies PI^2 = PE \cdot PD = PM \cdot PN \implies PI \parallel BC$ is tangent to $\odot(IMN)$.



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[Reply](#)**Kunihiko_Chikaya**

#1 Feb 11, 2012, 11:32 pm

Given two triangles PAB and PCD such that $PA = PB$, $PC = PD$, P , A , C and B , P , D are collinear in this order respectively.

The circle S_1 passing through A , C intersects with the circle S_2 passing through B , D at distinct points X , Y .

Prove that the circumcenter of the triangle XY is the midpoint of the centers of S_1 , S_2 .

**buratinogiggle**

#2 Feb 12, 2012, 12:47 am

Here is a general problem

Let ABC be triangle. M is a point on side AB . N is a point on AC such that MN is parallel to A -symmedian of triangle ABC . The circle (O_1) passing through M, B intersects circle (O_2) passing through N, C at t distinct points X, Y . Prove that circumcenter of triangle AXY is midpoint of O_1O_2 .

**Luis González**

#3 Feb 12, 2012, 4:23 am • 1

**buratinogiggle** wrote:

Let ABC be triangle. M is a point on side AB . N is a point on AC such that MN is parallel to A -symmedian of triangle ABC . The circle (O_1) passing through M, B intersects circle (O_2) passing through N, C at t distinct points X, Y . Prove that circumcenter of triangle AXY is midpoint of O_1O_2 .

Let K denote the foot of the A -symmedian and $D \equiv MN \cap BC$. Then

$$\frac{\overline{AN}}{\overline{AC}} = \frac{\overline{KD}}{\overline{KC}}, \quad \frac{\overline{AM}}{\overline{AB}} = \frac{\overline{KD}}{\overline{KB}} \implies \frac{\overline{AN} \cdot \overline{AC}}{\overline{AM} \cdot \overline{AB}} = \frac{\overline{KD}}{\overline{KC}} \cdot \frac{\overline{KB}}{\overline{KD}} \cdot \frac{\overline{AC}^2}{\overline{AB}^2} = -1$$

This means that the ratio of the powers of A WRT (O_1) and (O_2) equals $-1 \implies A$ is on the circle coaxal with $(O_1), (O_2)$ whose center O divides $\overline{O_1O_2}$ in the ratio $\overline{OO_1} : \overline{OO_2} = -1$, i.e. circumcenter O of $\triangle AXY$ is midpoint of O_1O_2 .

**SnowEverywhere**

#4 Feb 13, 2012, 9:52 pm • 4

Let O_1, O_2 be the circumcenters of S_1 and S_2 , respectively. Let M be the midpoint of O_1O_2 and let $MO_1 = MO_2 = m$. Let r_1 and r_2 be the radii of S_1 and S_2 , respectively. By power of a point, it follows that $PA \cdot PC = PO_1^2 - r_1^2$ and $PB \cdot PD = r_2^2 - PO_2^2$ and hence that $PO_1^2 + PO_2^2 = r_1^2 + r_2^2$. Also note that $XO_1^2 + XO_2^2 = YO_1^2 + YO_2^2 = r_1^2 + r_2^2$. By Stewart's theorem, it now follows that $2PM^2 + 2m^2 = PO_1^2 + PO_2^2 = r_1^2 + r_2^2 = 2XM^2 + 2m^2 = 2YM^2 + 2m^2$. Hence $XM = YM = PM$ and M is the circumcenter of $\triangle PXY$.

**horizon**

#5 Feb 28, 2012, 9:25 pm

Let K be the midpoint of segment S_1S_2 , then by $PB * PD = PA * PC$, we get $R_1^2 - O_1P^2 = O_2P^2 - R_2P^2$, then we have $PK^2 = R_1^2 + R_2^2 - \frac{1}{2}OO_2^2 = XK^2 = YK^2$

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Cyclic quadrilateral X

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buratinogiggle

#1 Feb 12, 2012, 12:56 am

Let $ABCD$ be cyclic quadrilateral. d is perpendicular bisector of BD . P is a point on d . Q is reflection of P through bisector of angle $\angle BAD$. R is reflection of P through bisector of angle $\angle BCD$. Prove that AQ, CR and d are concurrent.

See more [Problem 5 \(Second Day\)](#) IMO 2004.



Luis González

#2 Feb 12, 2012, 3:20 am

Let d cut the circumcircle of $ABCD$ again at M, N . Obviously the perpendicular lines $AN \perp AM$ bisect $\angle PAQ$ internally and externally \implies Pencil of lines $A(P, Q, N, M)$ is harmonic $\implies AQ$ passes through the harmonic conjugate of P WRT M, N . By similar reasoning, CR passes through the harmonic conjugate of P WRT M, N , i.e. lines AQ, CR and d are concurrent.



genxium

#3 Feb 13, 2012, 11:27 pm

Solution from luisgeometra is perfect, I solved this problem in a similar but ugly approach.

Assume $d \cap \odot ABCD = N$ such that AN bisects $\angle BAD$, $AQ \cap d = X$, $AN \cap PQ = Y$,

$$\frac{XM}{XN} = \frac{\Delta XMA}{\Delta XNA} = \frac{AM \cdot \sin \angle XAM}{AN \cdot \sin \angle XAN} = \frac{AM \cdot \sin(\frac{\pi}{2} + \angle XAN)}{AN \cdot \sin \angle XAN} = \frac{\tan \angle ANM}{\tan \angle XAN} = \frac{YA}{YN} = \frac{PM}{PN}.$$

Similar process for point C . Then d, AQ, CR concurrent.



phuongtheong

#4 Feb 18, 2012, 11:18 pm

M, N is the intersection of d and $(ABCD)$. $M \in \text{arc } DCB, N \in \text{arc } BAD$.

I is the intersection of AQ and MN . We have $(MNPI) = -1$

J is the intersection of CR and MN . We have $(MNPJ) = -1$

$\Rightarrow I \equiv J$.

$\Rightarrow AQ, CR, MN$ are concurrent.

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Bulgaria, winter competition '99... nice circle geometry X

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ivanbart-15

#1 Feb 11, 2012, 6:34 pm

Let O and R be the circumcenter and the circumradius of the triangle ABC . The incircle of this triangle is tangent to BC, CA and AB at A_1, B_1 and C_1 respectively. The lines determined by the midpoints of the line segments AB_1 and AC_1, BC_1 and BA_1, CA_1 and CB_1 intersect at A_2, B_2 and C_2 . Prove that the triangle $A_2B_2C_2$ has circumcenter O and circumradius $R + \frac{r}{2}$



Luis González

#2 Feb 11, 2012, 10:43 pm • 2

Let ℓ_A be the line passing through the midpoints of AB_1 and AC_1 . ℓ_B and ℓ_C are defined similarly. ℓ_B is radical axis of the incircle (I) and the circle (B) with zero radius. Likewise, ℓ_C is the radical axis of (I) and $(C) \implies A_2 \equiv \ell_B \cap \ell_C$ is the radical center of $(I), (A), (B) \implies A_2$ is on radical axis of $(B), (C)$, i.e. A_2 is on perpendicular bisector of BC . Similarly, B_2 and C_2 lie on the perpendicular bisectors of CA, AB . Now, since $\triangle A_1B_1C_1$ and $\triangle A_2B_2C_2$ are obviously homothetic and $OA_2 \parallel IA_1, OB_2 \parallel IB_1, OC_2 \parallel IC_2$, it follows that O is circumcenter of $\triangle A_2B_2C_2$.

Let M_a, M_b, M_c be the midpoints of BC, CA, AB and let P, Q be the midpoints of BA_1, CA_1 . A-excircle (I_a, r_a) of $\triangle ABC$ touches BC at X_a . $\triangle I_aBC$ and $\triangle A_2PQ$ are obviously similar, even homothetic, with corresponding altitudes I_aX_a and A_2M_a

$$\frac{A_2M_a}{I_aX_a} = \frac{A_2M_a}{r_a} = \frac{PQ}{BC} = \frac{1}{2} \implies A_2M_a = \frac{1}{2}r_a.$$

Analogously, we have $B_2M_b = \frac{1}{2}r_b$ and $C_2M_c = \frac{1}{2}r_c$. If ϱ denotes the circumradius of $\triangle A_2B_2C_2$, we have then $\varrho = OM_a + \frac{1}{2}r_a = OM_b + \frac{1}{2}r_b = OM_c + \frac{1}{2}r_c \implies$

$$\varrho = \frac{1}{3}[OM_a + OM_b + OM_c + \frac{1}{2}(r_a + r_b + r_c)] = \frac{1}{3}[R + r + \frac{1}{2}(4R + r)] = R + \frac{1}{2}r$$

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Power of a point X

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Ali-mes

#1 Feb 4, 2012, 12:24 am • 1

Let $ABCD$ be a non-cyclic quadrilateral, show that:

$$\frac{1}{P_{(BCD)}(A)} + \frac{1}{P_{(ACD)}(B)} + \frac{1}{P_{(ABD)}(C)} + \frac{1}{P_{(ABC)}(D)} = 0$$

$P_{(XYZ)}(M)$ denotes the power of point M wrt the circumcircle of $\triangle XYZ$.



Luis González

#2 Feb 10, 2012, 11:02 am

Let $(u : v : w)$ be the barycentric coordinates of D WRT $\triangle ABC$. Thus, barycentric equations of the circumcircles $\Omega_A, \Omega_B, \Omega_C, \Omega_D$ of $\triangle BCD, \triangle ACD, \triangle ABD, \triangle ABC$ WRT $\triangle ABC$ are given by

$$\Omega_A \equiv a^2yz + b^2xz + c^2xy - x(x+y+z) \frac{(a^2vw + b^2wu + c^2uv)}{u(u+v+w)} = 0$$

$$\Omega_B \equiv a^2yz + b^2xz + c^2xy - y(x+y+z) \frac{(a^2vw + b^2wu + c^2uv)}{v(u+v+w)} = 0$$

$$\Omega_C \equiv a^2yz + b^2xz + c^2xy - z(x+y+z) \frac{(a^2vw + b^2wu + c^2uv)}{w(u+v+w)} = 0$$

$$\Omega_D \equiv a^2yz + b^2xz + c^2xy = 0$$

Power of A WRT Ω_A is then $p(A, \Omega_A) = \frac{a^2vw + b^2wu + c^2uv}{u(u+v+w)}$

Adding the reciprocals of the cyclic expressions together yields

$$\frac{1}{p(A, \Omega_A)} + \frac{1}{p(B, \Omega_B)} + \frac{1}{p(C, \Omega_C)} = \frac{(u+v+w)^2}{a^2vw + b^2wu + c^2uv}$$

The RHS is precisely the negative reciprocal of the power of D WRT Ω_D .

$$\frac{1}{p(A, \Omega_A)} + \frac{1}{p(B, \Omega_B)} + \frac{1}{p(C, \Omega_C)} + \frac{1}{p(D, \Omega_D)} = 0.$$



Ali-mes

#3 Feb 10, 2012, 7:59 pm • 1

Here's my solution without the use of barycentric coordinates:

Suppose WLOG that we have the configuration given in the figure, other cases may be treated analogically:

Let $I = (AC) \cap (BD)$, and let A' be the second intersection of line (AC) with (BCD) .

thus, we have: $P_{(BCD)}(A) = AA'.AC = (AI - IA').AC = (AI - \frac{IB.ID}{IC}).AC$.

And by the same way we define point B' as the second intersection of line (BD) with (ACD) .

$\Rightarrow P_{(ACD)}(B) = BB'.BD = -(IB' - IB).BD = -(\frac{IA.IC}{ID} - IB).BD = (IB - \frac{IA.IC}{ID}).BD$

Let C' be the second intersection of (AC) with (ABD) .

$$\implies P_{(ABD)}(C) = CC'.AC = (IC - IC').AC = \left(IC - \frac{IB.ID}{IA}\right).AC$$

Let D' be the second intersection of (BD) with (ABC) .

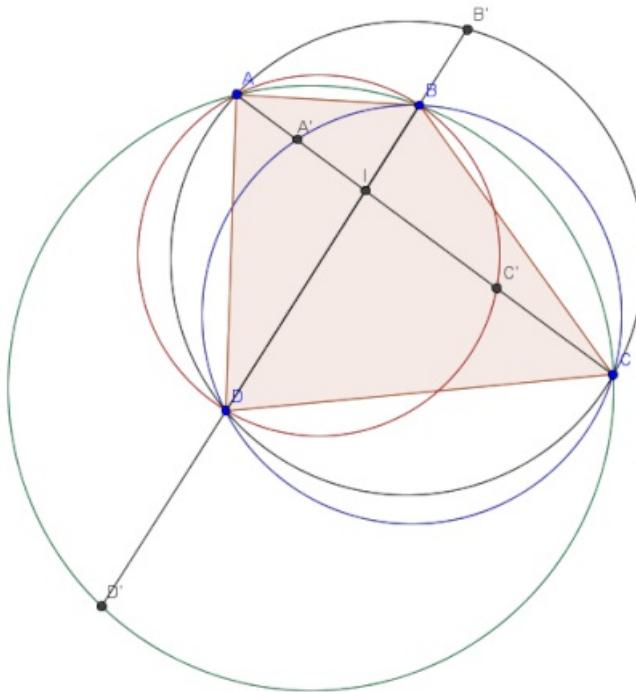
$$\implies P_{(ABC)}(D) = -DD'.BD = -(ID' - ID).BD = (ID - ID').BD = \left(ID - \frac{IA.IC}{IB}\right).BD$$

And hence:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{P_{(BCD)}(A)} + \frac{1}{P_{(ACD)}(B)} + \frac{1}{P_{(ABD)}(C)} + \frac{1}{P_{(ABC)}(D)} = \frac{1}{\left(AI - \frac{IB.ID}{IC}\right).AC} + \frac{1}{\left(IB - \frac{IA.IC}{ID}\right).BD} + \frac{1}{\left(IC - \frac{IB.ID}{IA}\right).AC} + \frac{1}{\left(ID - \frac{IA.IC}{IB}\right).BD} \\ &= \frac{1}{(IA.IC - IB.ID).AC} + \frac{(IB.ID - IA.IC).BD}{IA.IC - IB.ID} + \frac{(IA.IC - IB.ID).AC}{IA.IC - IB.ID} + \frac{(IB.ID - IA.IC).BD}{IA.IC - IB.ID} \\ &= \frac{1}{IA.IC - IB.ID} \left(\frac{IC}{AC} - \frac{ID}{BD} + \frac{IA}{AC} - \frac{IB}{BD} \right) = \frac{1}{IA.IC - IB.ID} \left(\frac{IA+IC}{AC} - \frac{IB+ID}{BD} \right) = \frac{1}{IA.IC - IB.ID} \left(\frac{AC}{AC} - \frac{BD}{BD} \right) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

QED..

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Gergonne Point  Reply**syk0526**

#1 Feb 9, 2012, 9:11 am

Let $\triangle ABC$ be a scalene triangle with its incircle I . AB, BC, CA meet incircle I at D, E, F . Let $X = BC \cap EF, Y = CA \cap FD, Z = AB \cap DE, G_e = AD \cap BE \cap CF$. M is the midpoint of YZ and $N = AM \cap EF$.

(a) Prove that N, I, G_e collinear(b) Let $AM \cap BC = T$, and F_e be a Feurbach point of $\triangle ABC$. Prove that TF_e is a tangent line of I .(c) (My own,,, maybe wrong) AM, BE, DF concurrent $\iff N, I, G_e, Y$ collinear**Luis González**

#2 Feb 10, 2012, 7:02 am

It's clear that AD, BE, CF are polars of X, Y, Z WRT (I) $\implies G_e$ is the pole of \overline{XYZ} WRT (I) $\implies IG_e \perp \overline{XYZ}$. Thus, line ℓ_A parallel to YZ from A is the polar of $N' \equiv EF \cap IG_e$ WRT (I) \implies Pencil of lines AE, AF, AN', ℓ_A is harmonic $\implies AN' \equiv AM \implies N \equiv N'$, i.e. N, I, G_e are collinear.

Let P, Q, R be the midpoints of BC, CA, AB . $U \equiv RQ \cap EF$ is the A-vertex of the side triangle of $\triangle DEF$ and $\triangle PQR$ WRT $\triangle ABC$ $\implies AU$ passes through the intersection of the trilinear polars of the centroid G and Gergonne point G_e of $\triangle ABC$ $\implies AU \parallel YZ$, i.e. $AU \equiv \ell_A$. By 1st Fontené theorem, DU cuts (I) again at the Feuerbach point $F_e \equiv (I) \cap \odot(PQR)$. Since $(E, F, U, N) = -1$, then AT is the polar of U WRT (I) . Thus, polar of F_e WRT (I) passes through T , i.e. TF_e is tangent to (I) .

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projection on areal coordinates X

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**KittyOK**

#1 Jan 31, 2012, 3:46 pm

Let ABC be a triangle of reference and define the barycentric (areal) coordinates as usual. Define a point $P(x_0 : y_0 : z_0)$ and a line $\ell : px + qy + rz = 0$. What is the coordinate of the projection of P on ℓ ?

**Luis González**

#2 Feb 1, 2012, 9:39 am • 1

Barycentric coordinates of the projection Q of P on ℓ are actually rather complicated. Infinite point of $\perp \ell$ is $(pa^2 - qS_C - rS_B : qb^2 - rS_A - pS_C : rc^2 - pS_B - qS_A)$. Thus equation of the perpendicular from P to ℓ is

$$\begin{bmatrix} pa^2 - qS_C - rS_B & qb^2 - rS_A - pS_C & rc^2 - pS_B - qS_A \\ x_0 & y_0 & z_0 \\ x & y & z \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

This line cuts $\ell \equiv px + qy + rz = 0$ at Q , whose first coordinate x_1 is given by

$$x_1 = pq(a^2x_0 + x_0S_C) + pr(a^2y_0 + y_0S_B) - qr(y_0S_B + z_0S_C - 2x_0S_A) - q^2(b^2x_0 - y_0S_C) - r^2(c^2x_0 + z_0S_B)$$

Coordinates y_1, z_1 are obtained by cyclic permutations $a \rightarrow b, b \rightarrow c, c \rightarrow a, p \rightarrow q, q \rightarrow r, r \rightarrow p, S_A \rightarrow S_B, S_B \rightarrow S_C, S_C \rightarrow S_A, x_0 \rightarrow y_0, y_0 \rightarrow z_0, z_0 \rightarrow x_0$.

**KittyOK**

#3 Feb 1, 2012, 7:33 pm

Thanks very much, luisgeometra

Some silly questions : What is S_A ? And how can you show that the infinite point of $\perp \ell$ is $(pa^2 - qS_C - rS_B : qb^2 - rS_A - pS_C : rc^2 - pS_B - qS_A)$?

**Luis González**

#4 Feb 2, 2012, 9:52 am • 1

Let $\ell_1 \equiv p_1x + q_1y + r_1z = 0$ and $\ell_2 \equiv p_2x + q_2y + r_2z = 0$ be the barycentric equations of two lines WRT $\triangle ABC$. Vectors $\vec{v}_1 = (\lambda_1, \mu_1, \nu_1)$ and $\vec{v}_2 = (\lambda_2, \mu_2, \nu_2)$ are parallel to ℓ_1, ℓ_2 , respectively.

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_2 &= (\mu_1 \overrightarrow{AB} + \nu_1 \overrightarrow{AC}) \cdot (\mu_2 \overrightarrow{AB} + \nu_2 \overrightarrow{AC}) = \\ &= c^2\mu_1\mu_2 + b^2\nu_1\nu_2 + bc(\mu_1\nu_2 + \mu_2\nu_1) \cos A = \\ &= (S_A + S_B)\mu_1\mu_2 + (S_A + S_C)\nu_1\nu_2 + S_A(\mu_1\nu_2 + \mu_2\nu_1) = \\ &= S_A(\mu_1 + \nu_1)(\mu_2 + \nu_2) + S_B\mu_1\mu_2 + S_C\nu_1\nu_2 = \\ &= S_A\lambda_1\lambda_2 + S_B\mu_1\mu_2 + S_C\nu_1\nu_2 \end{aligned}$$

Keeping in mind that the norm of \vec{v} is $|\vec{v}| = \sqrt{S_A\lambda^2 + S_B\mu^2 + S_C\nu^2}$, then the angle θ between \vec{v}_1 and \vec{v}_2 is given by $\vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_2 = |\vec{v}_1| \cdot |\vec{v}_2| \cos \theta$. Thus

$$S_A\lambda_1\lambda_2 + S_B\mu_1\mu_2 + S_C\nu_1\nu_2$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\sqrt{S_A \lambda_1^2 + S_B \mu_1^2 + S_C \nu_1^2} \cdot \sqrt{S_A \lambda_2^2 + S_B \mu_2^2 + S_C \nu_2^2}}{\sqrt{S_A \lambda_1^2 + S_B \mu_1^2 + S_C \nu_1^2} \cdot \sqrt{S_A \lambda_2^2 + S_B \mu_2^2 + S_C \nu_2^2}}$$

Hence, $\vec{\mathbf{v}_1}$ and $\vec{\mathbf{v}_2}$ are orthogonal $\iff S_A \lambda_1 \lambda_2 + S_B \mu_1 \mu_2 + S_C \nu_1 \nu_2 = 0$. Since the components of $\vec{\mathbf{v}_1}$ and $\vec{\mathbf{v}_2}$ are proportional to the coordinates of the infinite points of ℓ_1 and ℓ_2 , then it follows that $\ell_1 \perp \ell_2 \iff$

$$S_A(q_1 - r_1)(q_2 - r_2) + S_B(r_1 - p_1)(r_2 - p_2) + S_C(p_1 - q_1)(p_2 - q_2) = 0$$

Thus, coordinates of the infinite point P_∞ of a line perpendicular to $\ell \equiv px + qy + rz = 0$ are found by solving $S_A(q - r)x + S_B(r - p)y + S_C(p - q)z = 0$ and $x + y + z = 0$. Which yields

$$P_\infty(pa^2 - qS_C - rS_B : qb^2 - rS_A - pS_C : rc^2 - pS_B - qS_A).$$

P.S. $S_A, S_B, S_C, S_\omega, S_\varphi$, etc is Conway triangle notation.

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High School Olympiads**Construction** **Shravu**

#1 Jan 21, 2012, 7:52 pm

Construct the triangle given
 $\angle AAB - AC$ and the inradius r

**vanstraelen**

#2 Jan 26, 2012, 8:26 pm

$\triangle ACD : AC = AD = b$ (not given), see picture.

$PD = b \sin \frac{\alpha}{2}$, $CD = 2b \sin \frac{\alpha}{2}$, $\alpha = \angle A$ (given).

$\angle ADC = 90^\circ - \frac{\alpha}{2}$, $\angle CDB = 90^\circ + \frac{\alpha}{2}$.

$\triangle CDB : DB = c - b = t$ (given).

$$BC^2 = a^2 = (2b \sin \frac{\alpha}{2})^2 + (c - b)^2 - 2(2b \sin \frac{\alpha}{2})(c - b) \cos(90^\circ + \frac{\alpha}{2}).$$

$$a^2 = (c - b)^2 + 4bc \sin^2 \frac{\alpha}{2} \quad (1).$$

$$\triangle AMM' : AM' = r \cot \frac{\alpha}{2} \text{ (r given)}, BM' = c - r \cot \frac{\alpha}{2} = BQ.$$

$$\triangle AMN' : AN' = r \cot \frac{\alpha}{2}, N'C = b - r \cot \frac{\alpha}{2} = CQ.$$

$$BC = a = BQ + QC = b + c - 2r \cot \frac{\alpha}{2} \quad (2).$$

(1) and (2), with $c - b = t$ and $c = b + t$:

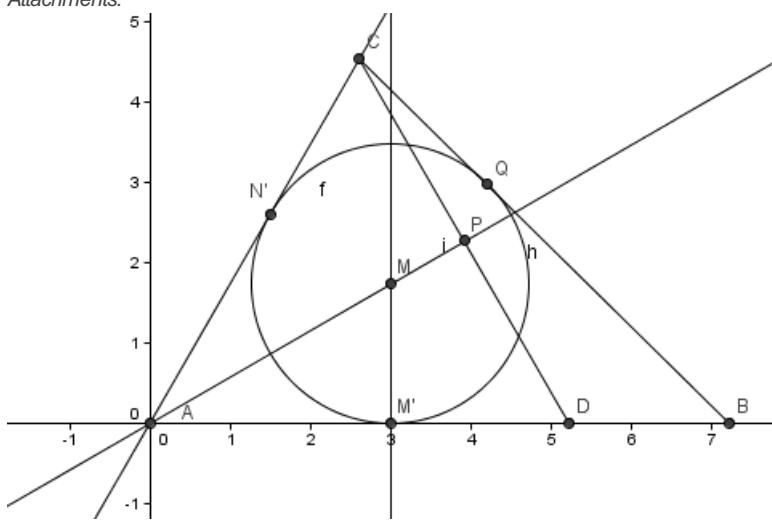
$$t^2 + 4bc \sin^2 \frac{\alpha}{2} = (2b + t - 2r \cot \frac{\alpha}{2})^2$$

an equation in b ; after calculating:

$$\left[b + \frac{1}{2}(t - \frac{4r}{\sin \alpha}) \right]^2 = \frac{r^2}{\cos^2 \frac{\alpha}{2}} + \frac{t^2}{4}$$

One solution for b , then $c = b + t$ and a .

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Luis González

#3 Feb 1, 2012, 11:00 am

1st solution. Incircle (I) touches BC at X and M is midpoint of BC . Since $PM = \frac{1}{2}|AB - AC|$, then the right triangle $\triangle IXM$ with known catheti is constructible. Let J be the reflection of I about M , i.e. $BICJ$ is a parallelogram $\implies \angle IBJ = \angle ICJ = 180^\circ - \angle BIC = 90^\circ - \frac{1}{2}\angle A$. Hence, B, C are intersections of XM with the two circular arcs that see \overline{IJ} under $90^\circ - \frac{1}{2}\angle A$. Tangents from B, C to the incircle (I, IX), different from BC , meet at A .

2nd solution (projective). Construct two rays b, c such that $\angle(b, c) = \angle A$ and construct the incircle (I) with radius r tangent to b, c at Y, Z . Pick an arbitrary C' on b (not lying on AY). Tangent from C' to (I), different from b , cuts c at B' . Then the serie C' is projective with the serie B' . We can construct a new point B'' , such that $|AB'' - AC'|$ equals the given difference. The serie B'' is also projective, even congruent, with the serie C' . Thus, the double points of the projectivity between B' and B'' give the possible vertices B .



Shravu

#4 Apr 27, 2012, 9:58 am

Mu solution was same as your first solution.luisgeometra

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D,E,I collinear 

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r1234

#1 Jan 20, 2012, 2:56 pm • 2 

In a triangle ABC , AD, BE are its altitudes from A to BC and B to CA respectively. Let I, O be the incenter and circumcenter of $\triangle ABC$. Show that if D, E, I are collinear then O, P, Q are also collinear where $P \in BC, Q \in CA$ and AP, BQ are the angle bisectors of $\angle A$ and $\angle B$.



Luis González

#2 Feb 1, 2012, 2:44 am

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concurrency  Reply**Babai**

#1 Feb 1, 2012, 1:07 am

let X be a point.A,B,C arbitary points.A circle passing through X mee XA, XB, XC at P,Q,R.The circle cuts circumcircles of BXC, CXA, AXB at K,L,M.Prove that PK,QL,RM are concurrent.[i tried using invetsion.but now confused what has to be proved in the new [figure.so](#) i will be happy if some one tries it using inversion.]

**Luis González**

#2 Feb 1, 2012, 2:10 am

Invert about X with arbitrary power. Denote inverse images with primes. Circles $(BXC), (CXA)$ and (AXB) go to lines $B'C', C'A'$ and $A'B'$. The arbitrary circle (U) , passing through X, goes to an arbitrary line u cutting $B'C', C'A', A'B'$ at K', M', L' . XA', XB', XC' cut u at P', Q', R' . Lines PK, QL, RM go to the circles $(XP'K'), (XQ'L'), (XR'M')$. Thus, you have to prove that these latter circles meet at another point besides X. See [Geometry Problem \(13\)](#).

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horizon

#1 Jan 29, 2012, 10:06 pm

let ABC be an acute triangle with H as its orthocenter,circle ω passes through A and H and meets sides AB and AC at E and F ,respectively,let O be the circumcenter of triangle AEF ,the circumcircle of triangle OEF meet side BC at two points.prove that there must be one point D satisfy that $ED + FD = BC$



Luis González

#2 Jan 30, 2012, 1:53 am

Let OH cut BC at P . $\angle OHE = 90^\circ - \angle EAH = \angle B \Rightarrow EBPH$ is cyclic. Similarly, $FCPH$ is cyclic. Thus, $\angle EPH = \angle EBH = \angle FCH = \angle FPH \Rightarrow PH$ bisects $\angle EPF \Rightarrow O$ is midpoint of the arc EF of $\odot(PEF)$. Hence if $\odot(PEF)$ cuts BC again at D , we have $\angle FDC = \angle PEF = 180^\circ - 2\angle C \Rightarrow \triangle CDF$ is isosceles with legs $DF = DC$. Similarly, $DE = DB$ and the conclusion follows.



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Circles intersecting on PA X

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buratinogiggle

#1 Jan 22, 2012, 5:22 pm

Let ABC be triangle and P is a point. E, F are projections of P on lines CA, AB , resp. Q is isogonal conjugate of P with respect to triangle ABC . FP cuts EQ at K , EP cuts FQ at L . Prove that circumcircle (PEK) and (PFL) intersects again on line PA .

Note that, it is generalization of problem on the post [circles intersecting on CH](#).



Luis González

#2 Jan 29, 2012, 12:13 pm • 1

This is basically a slight variation of my proof given in the referred reference.

Let $\odot(PEK)$ and $\odot(PFL)$ cut AP at U, V . If the perpendiculars to QE, QF at E, F cut AB, AC at M, N , then U and V are the second intersections of $\odot(AME)$ and $\odot(ANF)$ with AP . Let S, T denote the projections of Q on AC, AB . Since E, F, S, T lie on the pedal circle of P, Q WRT $\triangle ABC$, we have $\angle ESF = \angle ATE \Rightarrow \angle QSF = \angle QTE \Rightarrow \angle QNF = \angle QME$. But since P, Q are isogonal conjugates WRT $\triangle AME$ and $\triangle ANF$, then $\angle PNE = \angle PMF$, i.e. the right $\triangle PNE$ and $\triangle PMF$ are similar $\Rightarrow \frac{PE}{PF} = \frac{EN}{FM}$.

Circles $\odot(AME)$ and $\odot(ANF)$ meet at A and the center X of the spiral similarity that takes \overline{EN} into \overline{MF} . Hence $\frac{XE}{XM} = \frac{EN}{FM} = \frac{PE}{PF}$. As a result, $\triangle XEM$ and $\triangle PEF$ are similar by SAS $\Rightarrow \angle PAF = \angle XEM = \angle XAM \Rightarrow X \in AP \Rightarrow X \equiv U \equiv V$.



panos_lo

#3 Feb 2, 2012, 1:14 am

Note that the idea of my solution in the link can also be easily applied here. I will post a complete solution of this claim later, so try using my method if you want.

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Mn=ae+af

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Source: 17-th Iranian Mathematical Olympiad 1999/2000

**Anir.S**

#1 Dec 14, 2005, 6:42 pm

Circles C_1 and C_2 with centers at O_1 and O_2 respectively meet at points A and B . The radii O_1B and O_2B meet C_1 and C_2 at F and E . The line through B parallel to EF intersects C_1 again at M and C_2 again at N . Prove that $MN = AE + AF$.

**Andreas**

#2 Dec 14, 2005, 9:12 pm

 $\angle BAE = 90^\circ = \angle BAF.$

AB is in common between ΔBAF and ΔBAE , so $A \in FE$.

Now $\angle AEB = \angle EBN$ and $\angle BNE = \angle BAE = 90^\circ$.

For ASA $\Delta BAE \equiv \Delta BNE \Rightarrow AE = BN$.

Also $\Delta BAF \equiv \Delta BMF \Rightarrow AF = BM$.

Adding this $MN = AF + AE$.

**Mashimaru**

#3 Feb 11, 2009, 11:07 pm

Since $\widehat{BAF} = \widehat{BAE} = \widehat{ABM} = \widehat{ABN}$ we obtain that $ABMF$ and $ABNE$ are rectangles, i.e., $AF = MB$, $AE = NB$. Thus: $MN = MB + BN = AE + AF$ and we are done.

**Mashimaru**

#4 Feb 12, 2009, 12:15 am

I think the problem has been stated wrong. It should have been $O_1B \cap (O_2) = \{B, E\}$ and $O_2B \cap (O_1) = \{B, F\}$

**Amir Hossein**

#5 Jan 29, 2012, 2:11 am

Please someone post a solution to this problem (to the correct version). Thanks.

**Luis González**

#6 Jan 29, 2012, 3:30 am • 1

Isosceles triangles ΔBFO_1 and ΔBEO_2 with apices O_1, O_2 are clearly similar $\Rightarrow \angle FO_1E = \angle EO_2F \Rightarrow EFO_1O_2$ is cyclic $\Rightarrow \angle BFE = \angle BO_1O_2$. But $\angle BO_1O_2 = \frac{1}{2}\angle BO_1A = \angle BMA$, thus $\angle BMA = \angle BFE \Rightarrow AM \parallel BF$, i.e. $ABFM$ is an isosceles trapezoid with congruent diagonals $AF = BM$. Similarly, $AE = BN$ and the conclusion follows.

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#1 Jan 28, 2012, 6:34 pm

The circles k_1 and k_2 with respective centers O_1 and O_2 are externally tangent at the point C , while the circle k with center O is externally tangent to k_1 and k_2 . Let l be the common tangent of k_1 and k_2 at the point C and let AB be the diameter of k perpendicular to l . Assume that O and A lie on the same side of l . Show that the lines AO_2 , BO_1 and l have a common point.



Luis González

#2 Jan 28, 2012, 11:00 pm

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Pass through incenter and concurrent 

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buratinogiggle

#1 Jan 27, 2012, 9:53 pm

Let ABC be a triangle and a circle (ω) passes through B, C . The circle (K) touches to segment AC, AB at E, F and externally tangent to (ω) at T . Prove that intersection other than T of circumcircle (TEC) and (TFB) is incenter of triangle ABC .

Source: the post [Bisector](#) by jayme.

More general problem

Let ABC be triangle with incenter I . A circle (ω) passes through B, C . T is a point on (ω) . Circumcircle (BIT) cuts AB again at F . Circumcircle (CIT) cuts AC again at E . (K) is circumcircle of triangle TEF .

a) Prove that K lies on AI .

b) (K) cuts AB, AC again at P, Q , resp. Prove that PQ, EF, AI are concurrent.



Luis González

#2 Jan 28, 2012, 12:58 pm • 1

T can be an arbitrary point on the plane of $\triangle ABC$, so get rid of ω . From the cyclic quadrilaterals $BITF$ and $CITE$ we obtain that $\angle FTE = \frac{1}{2}(\angle B + \angle C) \implies \angle FKE = 2\angle FTE = \angle B + \angle C \implies A, E, F, K$ are concyclic and K is midpoint of the arc EF of $\odot(AEF)$, since $KE = KF$. Thus, AK bisects $\angle EAF$, i.e. $K \in AI$.

Proposition b) is trivial. $FPEQ$ is an isosceles trapezoid with symmetry axis AI .

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Source: tingyan tian



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#1 Jan 25, 2012, 8:24 pm

$ABCD$ is a quadrilateral, and let N_A, N_B, N_C, N_D be the centers of the nine-point circles of triangles BCD, ACD, ABD, ABC respectively, then we have the angles between $N_A N_C$ and $N_B N_D$ equal to the angle between AC and BD .



Luis González

#2 Jan 28, 2012, 12:32 am

Let $O \equiv AC \cap BD$ and M, N, E denote the midpoints of AC, BD, CD . For the sake of ease we assume that $ABCD$ is convex. $(N_A), (N_B), (N_C), (N_D)$ concur at the Poncelet point P of $ABCD$. Since $PN \perp N_A N_C$ and $PM \perp N_B N_D$, then it suffices to prove that $\angle MPN = \angle COD$. Indeed, simple angle chase gives



$$\angle MPN = \angle EPN - \angle EPM = 180^\circ - \angle BDC - \angle ACD = \angle COD.$$

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Pass through midpoint and parallel 

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buratinogiggle

#1 Jan 27, 2012, 6:58 pm

Let ABC be a triangle with circumcenter (O). P is a point on line OA . Circumcircle (PAB) cuts AC again at E . Circumcircle (PCA) cuts AB again at F . Prove that perpendicular bisector of BC passes through midpoint of EF .

Source: The post [Perpendicular](#) by 77ant.

General problem

Let ABC be a triangle with point P . Circumcircle (PAB) cuts AC again at E . Circumcircle (PCA) cuts AB again at F . M, N are midpoints of BC, EF , resp. Q is isogonal conjugate of P with respect to triangle ABC . Prove that $MN \parallel AQ$.



Luis González

#2 Jan 27, 2012, 11:05 pm • 1 

Let $D \equiv BE \cap CF$. Then MN is Newton line of the quadrangle $ACDB$ and P is its Miquel point $\implies P \in \odot(EDC)$. If U, V denote the orthogonal projections of P on AC, AB , then UV is Simson line of P WRT $\triangle ABE$ and $\triangle ECD \implies UV$ bisects the segments connecting P with the orthocenters H_1, H_2 of $\triangle ABE, \triangle ECD \implies UV \parallel H_1H_2$. Since the Steiner line H_1H_2 of $ACDB$ is perpendicular to its Newton line MN , then $AQ \parallel MN$.

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#1 Jan 25, 2012, 7:53 pm

given triangle ABC and D be an arbitrary point on segment BC , O_1, O_2 are the circumcenters of triangles ABD and ACD respectively. DO_1 intersects circle O_2 at E ,and DO_2 intersects circle O_1 at F , let the circumcenter of triangle ABC be O ,prove that

- (1) A, O_1, O_2, E, F are cyclic
- (2) B, O, F are collinear
- (3) E, O, C are collinear

**Luis González**#2 Jan 27, 2012, 8:27 am • 1 

Isosceles triangles $\triangle AO_1B$ and $\triangle AO_2C$ with apices O_1, O_2 are clearly spirally similar with center $A \implies \triangle ABC$ and $\triangle AO_1O_2$ are spirally similar with center A . Since $OO_1 \perp AB$ and $OO_2 \perp AC$, then $\angle O_1OO_2 = \angle O_1AO_2 \pmod{\pi} \implies O \in \odot(AO_1O_2)$. Further, $\angle AED = \angle ACD = \angle AO_2O_1 \pmod{\pi} \implies E \in \odot(AO_1O_2)$. Similarly, $F \in \odot(AO_1O_2)$. Since D is reflection of A about O_1O_2 , we get $\angle DAE = \angle ACD - \angle ADO_1 = \angle C - (90^\circ - \angle B) = \angle DCO \implies O \in CE$. Similarly, $O \in BF$.

**buratinogiggle**

#3 Jan 27, 2012, 8:17 pm

More general

Let ABC be triangle with circumcircle (O) and a point D . $(O_1), (O_2)$ are circumcircles of triangles ABD, ACD , resp. DO_1 cuts (O_2) again at E . DO_2 cuts (O_1) again at F .

a) Prove that A, E, F, O_1, O_2 lie on a circle (K) .

b) DB cuts (O_2) again at M , DC cuts (O_1) again at N , EM cuts (K) again at P , FN cuts (K) again at Q . Prove that $B, P, F; C, Q, E; P, O, O_1; Q, O, O_2$ are collinear, resp.

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Concurrent  Reply**mathismylove**

#1 Jan 10, 2012, 6:43 am

Hello. Can anyone help me this problem:

Let ABC is a non-isosceles triangle with incentre I , circumcentre O . Let x_1, y_1, z_1 be the line obtained by reflecting BC, CA, AB in the lines AI, BI, CI , respectively. Let x_2, y_2, z_2 be the tangents of (O) at A, B, C .

$$x_1 \cap y_1 = C_1, y_1 \cap z_1 = A_1, z_1 \cap x_1 = B_1$$

$$x_2 \cap y_2 = C_2, y_2 \cap z_2 = A_2, z_2 \cap x_2 = B_2$$

Prove that A_1A_2, B_1B_2, C_1C_2 concurrent.

**Luis González**#2 Jan 10, 2012, 9:26 am • 1 

AI, BI, CI cut BC, CA, AB at D, E, F . x_1 is the tangent of the incircle (I) passing through D . Analogously, y_1 and z_1 are tangents of (I) passing through E, F . Since x_1, y_1, z_1 are clearly antiparallel to BC, CA, AB , then $x_1 \parallel x_2, y_1 \parallel y_2$ and $z_1 \parallel z_2 \Rightarrow \triangle A_1B_1C_1$ with incircle (I) is homothetic to $\triangle A_2B_2C_2$ with incircle $(O) \Rightarrow A_1A_2, B_1B_2$ and C_1C_2 concur at their homothetic center, i.e. the insimilicenter X_{55} of their incircles $(I), (O)$.

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Kenmotu point 

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Source: mathworld.wolfram.com



Leon

#1 Jan 25, 2005, 3:21 am

(1) Given a triangle ABC, find a construction by ruler and compass of three equal squares such that each square touches two sides and all three squares touch at a single common point (Kenmotu point)

(2) Prove that the edge lengths of inscribed squares are

$$\ell = \frac{\sqrt{2}abc}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 4\Delta}$$

where a, b, c, Δ are the sides and the area of triangle ABC.

Thanks in advance

Leon



Luis González

#2 Jan 9, 2012, 9:52 pm

Assume that $\triangle KTS, \triangle KRQ, \triangle KPU$ are congruent isosceles right triangles with common apex K . $(P, Q) \in BC, (R, S) \in CA, (T, U) \in AB$ (See the diagram below). Hexagon $PQRSTU$ is obviously cyclic with circumcenter K and $UPQR$ is an isosceles trapezoid with $UR \parallel PQ \Rightarrow TS$ is antiparallel to $UR \parallel BC$ WRT AB, AC . If M_A, M_B, M_C denote the apices of the isosceles right triangles erected outside $\triangle ABC$, then $ABM_AC \sim ASKT \Rightarrow \angle BAM_A = \angle SAK$, i.e. AM_A and AK are isogonals WRT $\angle A$. Similarly, BM_B and CM_C are the isogonals of BK and CK WRT $\angle B$ and $\angle C$. Hence, K is the isogonal conjugate of the 1st Vecten point $V \equiv AM_A \cap BM_B \cap CM_C$, i.e. the 1st Kenmotu point of $\triangle ABC$.

For the second part, we resort to calculations with barycentric coordinates with respect to $\triangle ABC$. Using Conway's notation, the coordinates of M_A, M_B and M_C are

$$M_A(-a^2 : S_C + S : S_B + S)$$

$$M_B(S_C + S : -b^2 : S_A + S)$$

$$M_C(S_B + S : S_A + S : -c^2)$$

Therefore, $K(a^2(S_A + S) : b^2(S_B + S) : c^2(S_C + S))$

$$\frac{|\triangle KAC|}{|\triangle ABC|} = \frac{b^2}{2S^2 + S(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)} \Rightarrow d(K, AC) = \frac{b(S_B + S)}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}$$

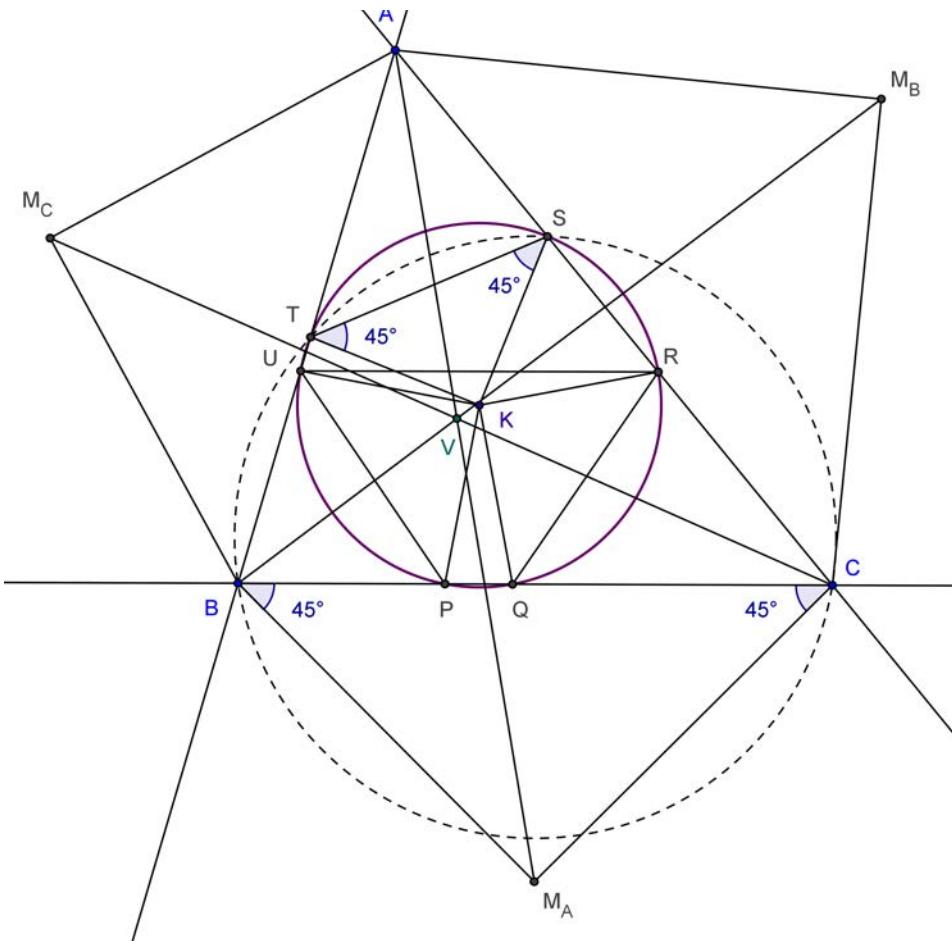
$$\frac{|\triangle M_A BA|}{|\triangle ABC|} = \frac{S_B + S}{2S} \Rightarrow d(M_A, AB) = \frac{S_B + S}{2c}$$

From $ABM_AC \sim ASKT$ we deduce that $\frac{\ell}{BM_A} = \frac{d(K, AC)}{d(M_A, AB)}$. Then

$$\ell = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}a \cdot \frac{2bc}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2S} = \frac{\sqrt{2}abc}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 4|\triangle ABC|}.$$

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Makaveli

#1 Jun 13, 2006, 11:25 pm

Assume that a triangle ABC is not equilateral, and let $0 < t < \frac{1}{2}$ be a real number. Let points A_1 and A_2 be given on the side AB , points B_1 and B_2 on the side BC , and points C_1 and C_2 on the side CA such that $\frac{AA_1}{AB} = \frac{A_2B}{AB} = \frac{BB_1}{BC} = \frac{B_2C}{BC} = \frac{CC_1}{CA} = \frac{C_2A}{CA} = t$.

Prove that the radical axis of the circumcircles of the triangles $A_1B_1C_1$ and $A_2B_2C_2$ depends only of the triangle ABC , but does not depend on the value of t .



Luis González

#2 Jan 9, 2011, 1:07 am

For convenience redefine the points such that A_1, A_2 lie on BC , B_1, B_2 lie on CA and C_1, C_2 lie on AB respectively. Then $\omega_1 \equiv \odot(A_1B_1C_1)$ and $\omega_2 \equiv \odot(A_2B_2C_2)$. Using barycentric coordinates with respect to $\triangle ABC$, we get

$$A_1(0 : 1 - t : t), B_1(t : 0 : 1 - t), C_1(1 - t : t : 0)$$

$$A_2(0 : t : 1 - t), B_2(1 - t : 0 : t), C_2(t : 1 - t : 0)$$

Plugging the coordinates of A_1, B_1, C_1 and A_2, B_2, C_2 , respectively into the general equation of the circle $a^2yz + b^2zx + c^2xy - (x + y + z)(\alpha_i x + \beta_i y + \gamma_i z) = 0$ yields the parameters of ω_1, ω_2 as

$$\alpha_1 = \frac{b^2t^3(1-t) + c^2t(1-t)^3 - a^2t^2(1-t)^2}{t^3 + (1-t)^3}$$

$$\alpha_2 = \frac{b^2t(1-t)^3 + c^2t^3(1-t) - a^2t^2(1-t)^2}{t^3 + (1-t)^3}$$

$$\beta_1 = \frac{c^2t^3(1-t) + a^2t(1-t)^3 - b^2t^2(1-t)^2}{t^3 + (1-t)^3}$$

$$\beta_2 = \frac{c^2t(1-t)^3 + a^2t^3(1-t) - b^2t^2(1-t)^2}{t^3 + (1-t)^3}$$

$$\gamma_1 = \frac{a^2t^3(1-t) + b^2t(1-t)^3 - c^2t^2(1-t)^2}{t^3 + (1-t)^3}$$

$$\gamma_2 = \frac{a^2t(1-t)^3 + b^2t^3(1-t) - c^2t^2(1-t)^2}{t^3 + (1-t)^3}$$

$$\alpha_1 - \alpha_2, \beta_1 - \beta_2, \gamma_1 - \gamma_2 \text{ have common factor } \frac{t^3(1-t) - t(1-t)^3}{t^3 + (1-t)^3}$$

Thus, equation of the radical axis τ of ω_1, ω_2 is indeed independent of t . Namely,

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

Which is the trilinear polar of the Steiner's point X_{99} of $\triangle ABC$. Therefore, τ passes through the centroid $G(1 : 1 : 1)$ and symmedian point $K(a^2 : b^2 : c^2)$ of $\triangle ABC$.



darij grinberg

#3 Jan 8, 2012, 10:32 pm

I have just discovered the source of this problem:

R. Tucker, *Geometrical Note*, Proceedings of the Edinburgh Mathematical Society / Volume 11 / pp 57 - 60. (With public-readable PDF.)

According to some of my notes from 4 years ago, the midpoint between the symmedian points of triangles $A_1B_1C_1$ and $A_2B_2C_2$ also seems to lie on the line joining the centroid and the symmedian point of triangle ABC . I have never checked or proved this, but maybe somebody else can come up with an idea (or a counterexample) now. (He/she would have my blessing to publish it then; there is nothing I have done for this conjecture except of conjecturing it.)



Luis González

#4 Jan 9, 2012, 11:55 am

darij grinberg wrote:

According to some of my notes from 4 years ago, the midpoint between the symmedian points of triangles $A_1B_1C_1$ and $A_2B_2C_2$ also seems to lie on the line joining the centroid and the symmedian point of triangle ABC .

This conjecture is true, unfortunately I don't have a synthetic proof. Again, using the barycentric coordinates of A_1, B_1, C_1 WRT $\triangle ABC$, we get that

$$|B_1C_1|^2 = S_A(1-2t)^2 + S_Bt^2 + S_C(t-1)^2$$

$$|C_1A_1|^2 = S_A(t-1)^2 + S_B(1-2t)^2 + S_Ct^2$$

$$|A_1B_1|^2 = S_At^2 + S_B(t-1)^2 + S_C(1-2t)^2$$

Thus, barycentric coordinates $(x_1 : y_1 : z_1)$ of the symmedian point K_1 of $\triangle A_1B_1C_1$ WRT $\triangle ABC$ are given by

$$K_1 \equiv |B_1C_1|^2 \cdot (0 : 1-t : t) + |C_1A_1|^2 \cdot (t : 0 : 1-t) + |A_1B_1|^2 \cdot (1-t : t : 0)$$

$$x_1 = S_A(1-t)t + S_B(3t^3 - t^2 - 2t + 1) + S_C(-3t^3 + 8t^2 - 5t + 1)$$

$$y_1 = S_A(-3t^3 + 8t^2 - 5t + 1) + S_B(1-t)t + S_C(3t^3 - t^2 - 2t + 1)$$

$$z_1 = S_A(3t^3 - t^2 - 2t + 1) + S_B(-3t^3 + 8t^2 - 5t + 1) + S_C(1-t)t$$

Similarly, barycentric coordinates $(x_2 : y_2 : z_2)$ of the symmedian point K_2 of $\triangle A_2B_2C_2$ WRT $\triangle ABC$ are given by

$$x_2 = S_A(1-t)t + S_B(-3t^3 + 8t^2 - 5t + 1) + S_C(3t^3 - t^2 - 2t + 1)$$

$$y_2 = S_A(3t^3 - t^2 - 2t + 1) + S_B(1-t)t + S_C(-3t^3 + 8t^2 - 5t + 1)$$

$$z_2 = S_A(-3t^3 + 8t^2 - 5t + 1) + S_B(3t^3 - t^2 - 2t + 1) + S_C(1-t)t$$

Clearly, $x_1 + y_1 + z_1 = x_2 + y_2 + z_2$, thus coordinates $(\bar{x} : \bar{y} : \bar{z})$ of midpoint \bar{K} of K_1K_2 are found by just adding the homogeneous coordinates of K_1, K_2 .

$$\bar{x} = 2S_A(1-t)t + a^2(7t^2 - 7t + 2)$$

$$\bar{y} = 2S_B(1-t)t + b^2(7t^2 - 7t + 2)$$

$$\bar{z} = 2S_C(1-t)t + c^2(7t^2 - 7t + 2)$$

Eliminating t from the coordinates of \bar{K} , we get that the locus of \bar{K} is precisely the line through X_2 and X_6 , namely $(b^2 - c^2)x + (c^2 - a^2)y + (a^2 - b^2)z = 0$.

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High School Olympiadscircumscribed quadrilateral  Reply**crystallfire**

#1 Jan 7, 2012, 11:47 am

Let $ABCD$ is a circumscribed quadrilateral. Let M be a point obtained by reflecting A in the line BD . Suppose $BC \cap DM = E$, $DC \cap BM = F$. Prove that $MECF$ is a circumscribed quadrilateral

**unexpectedtrigbash**

#2 Jan 7, 2012, 12:33 pm

Let all angles be directed.

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{angle}(EMF) &= \text{angle}(DMB) = \text{angle}(BAD) \text{ (b/c it's symmetric)} \\ &= \text{angle}(BCD) \text{ (b/c } ABCD \text{ is circumscribed)} \\ &= \text{angle}(ECF) \\ \text{QED} \end{aligned}$$
**notbroken**

#3 Jan 7, 2012, 4:00 pm

Why "angle(BAD)=angle(BCD)"?

**Petry**

#4 Jan 7, 2012, 10:05 pm

Solution:

Let (I) be the circle inscribed in $ABCD$.So, BI, CI, DI are the bisectors of the angles $\angle ABC, \angle BCD, \angle CDA$ respectively.

$$\{K\} = CI \cap BD.$$

$$CK \text{ is the bisector of } \angle BCD \Rightarrow \frac{KB}{KD} = \frac{CB}{CD} \Rightarrow \frac{BK}{BC} = \frac{DK}{DC} \quad (1)$$

The bisector of $\angle MBC$ intersects CI at J_1 .

$$\begin{aligned} \angle IBJ_1 &= \angle IBC + \angle CBJ_1 = \frac{\angle ABC}{2} + \frac{\angle CBM}{2} = \frac{\angle ABM}{2} = \\ &= \angle ABD = \angle MBD \end{aligned}$$

$$\angle IBJ_1 = \angle MBD \Rightarrow \angle IBK = \angle MBJ_1 = \angle CBJ_1 \Rightarrow \frac{IK}{IC} \cdot \frac{J_1 K}{J_1 C} = \left(\frac{BK}{BC}\right)^2 \quad (2)$$

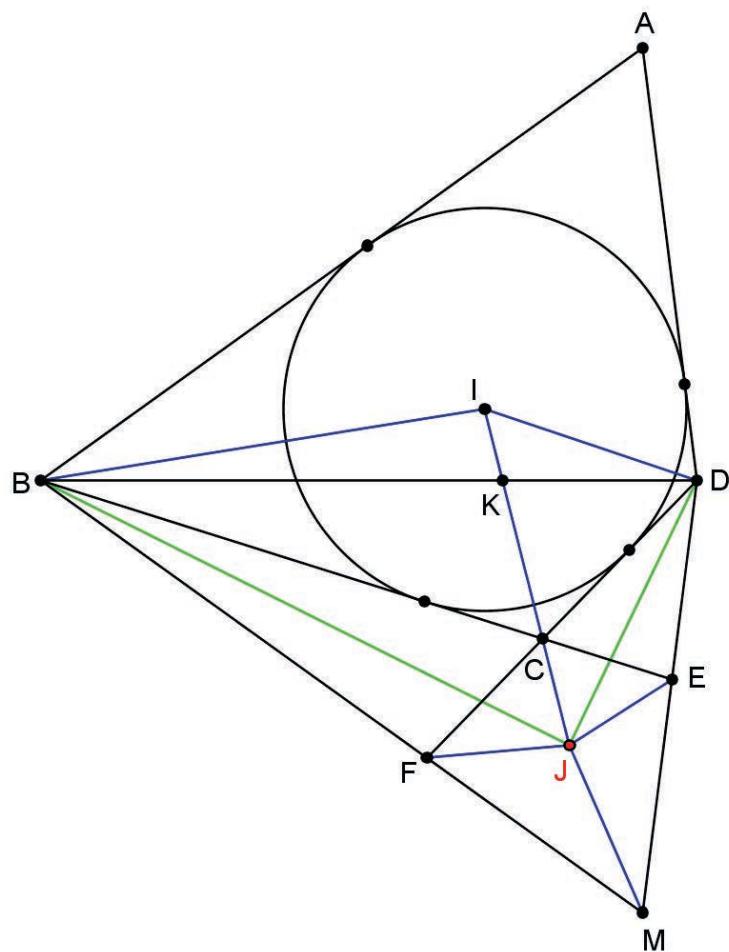
$$\text{The bisector of } \angle MDC \text{ intersects } CI \text{ at } J_2. \text{ Similarly } \Rightarrow \frac{IK}{IC} \cdot \frac{J_2 K}{J_2 C} = \left(\frac{DK}{DC}\right)^2 \quad (3)$$

$$(1), (2), (3) \Rightarrow \frac{J_1 K}{J_1 C} = \frac{J_2 K}{J_2 C} \Rightarrow J_1 = J_2 = J. \text{ So, } J \in CI.$$

 CJ is the bisector of $\angle ECF$. J is the B -excenter of $\triangle BCF \Rightarrow FJ$ is the bisector of $\angle CFM$. J is the D -excenter of $\triangle DCE \Rightarrow EJ$ is the bisector of $\angle CEM$.It's easy to prove that MJ is the bisector of $\angle EMF$.So, $CEMF$ is a circumscribed quadrilateral and J is the center of the circle inscribed in $CEMF$.

Best regards,
Petrisor Neagoe 😊

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Luis González

#5 Jan 8, 2012, 12:37 am

(I) is incircle of $ABCD$. Internal angle bisectors of $\angle CBM$ and $\angle CDM$ meet at K .

$\angle CBK = \frac{1}{2}(\angle DBC - \angle DBA) = \frac{1}{2}(\angle DBI + \angle ABI - \angle DBA) = \angle DBI$. Similarly, we have

$\angle CDK = \angle BDI \implies BI, BK$ are isogonals WRT $\angle CBD$ and DI, DK are isogonals WRT $\angle CDB \implies I, K$ are isogonal conjugates WRT $\triangle BDC \implies K \in CI$. Thus, K is common incenter of $\triangle CBF$ and $\triangle CDE \implies EK, FK$ bisect $\angle MEC$ and $\angle MFC$. So $CEMF$ is tangential with incircle centered at K .



unexpectedtrigbash

#6 Jan 9, 2012, 1:46 pm

Sorry for my mistake.

Consider a point X on line CD such that $DA=DM=DX$, and that C and X are on the same direction from D.

Similarly, consider a point Y on line CB such that $BA=BM=BY$, and that C and Y are on the same direction from B.

Now, since $BA+DC=DA+BC$ (due to $ABCD$ being circumscribed), or $(YC=BC-BY=) BC-BA=DC-DA=(DC-DX=XC)$, we have $YC=XC$.

Also, $DM=DX$, and $BM=BY$.

Thus, the circumcenter of XY , or the intersection of the perpendicular bisectors of MX , MY , and XY , which is the intersection of the angle bisectors of MBC , MDC , and BCD , is of equal distance from BM (or FM), BC (or EC), CD (or CF), and DM (or ME), so consider a circle centered about the circumcenter of XY and having the radius the distance from the center to BC . That circle is circumscribed by $MECF$.

(Again, sorry for my messy solution)

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Common tangent and a simple relation. 

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Virgil Nicula

#1 Jan 7, 2012, 4:45 pm

PP. Let ABC be a triangle with $A \leq 90^\circ$. Denote the orthocenter H of $\triangle ABC$, the midpoint M of the side $[BC]$ and the

projection P of H on AM . Prove that the line BC is a common tangent to the circumcircles of $\triangle APB$, $\triangle APC$ and

$$\frac{PB}{PC} = \frac{AB}{AC}.$$



yetti

#2 Jan 7, 2012, 8:11 pm

(O) is circumcircle of $\triangle ABC$. AM cuts (O) again at Q . BH, CH cut CA, AB at E, F . EF cuts BC at R . (M) on diameter BC is circumcircle of $BCEF$.

HR is polar of A WRT (M) $\Rightarrow HR \perp AM \Rightarrow P \equiv HR \cap AM$ and $\overline{MP} \cdot \overline{MA} = MB^2 = MC^2$.

Power of M to (O) is $\overline{MQ} \cdot \overline{MA} = \overline{MB} \cdot \overline{MC} = -MB^2 = -MC^2 \Rightarrow \overline{MQ} = -\overline{MP} \Rightarrow BQCP$ is parallelogram.

$\angle QPB = \angle PQC = \angle AQC = \angle ABC \Rightarrow BC$ is tangent of $\odot(APB)$ at B . Similarly, $\angle QPC = \angle ACB \Rightarrow CB$ is tangent of $\odot(ACP)$ at C .

$$\triangle BPQ \sim \triangle ABC \sim \triangle CQP \Rightarrow \frac{PB}{PC} = \frac{PB}{QB} = \frac{AB}{AC}.$$



Luis González

#3 Jan 7, 2012, 10:30 pm

Let D, E, F be the feet of the altitudes on BC, CA, AB . Inversion with center A and power $\overline{AH} \cdot \overline{AD}$ carries circumcircle of $HEAF$ into BC and $\odot(HBC)$ into 9-point circle $\odot(DEF)$. Thus, 2nd intersection of $\odot(HEF)$ and $\odot(HBC)$ is the inverse of $M \Rightarrow P \in \odot(HBC)$. Since $\odot(HBC)$ is reflection of circumcircle (O) of $\triangle ABC$ about M , then AM cuts (O) again at the reflection Q of P about $M \Rightarrow \frac{PB}{PC} = \frac{QC}{QB} = \frac{AB}{AC}$.

From parallelogram $PBQC$ we get $\angle PBM = \angle BCQ = \angle ABP \Rightarrow \odot(PAB)$ is tangent to BC . Similarly, $\odot(PAC)$ is tangent to BC .



Petry

#4 Jan 8, 2012, 8:30 am • 1 

The proposed problem can be generalized:

Let ABC be a triangle. A circle (M) through the points B, C intersects AC, AB at E, F respectively.

$\{H\} = BE \cap CF$ and $HP \perp AM, P \in AM$. Prove that MB is tangent to the circumcircle of $\triangle APB$,

MC is tangent to the circumcircle of $\triangle APC$ and $\frac{PB}{PC} = \frac{AB}{AC}$.

Solution:

$$\{V\} = EF \cap BC$$

AV is the polar of H wrt (M) $\Rightarrow MH \perp AV$

AH is the polar of V wrt (M) $\Rightarrow MV \perp AH$

$\Rightarrow H$ is the orthocenter of $\triangle AVM \Rightarrow VH \perp AM$

So, the points V, H, P are collinear.

$$\{K\} = MH \cap AV$$

$$MH \cdot MK = MP \cdot MA \text{ and } MH \cdot MK = MB^2 = MC^2 \Rightarrow MP \cdot MA = MB^2 = MC^2 \Rightarrow$$

$\Rightarrow MB$ is tangent to the circumcircle of ΔAPB and MC is tangent to the circumcircle of ΔAPC .

$$\frac{PB}{AB} = \frac{\sin(\angle PAB)}{\sin(\angle APB)} = \frac{\sin(\angle PBM)}{\sin(\angle MPB)} = \frac{PM}{MB} \Rightarrow \frac{PB}{AB} = \frac{PM}{MB} (*)$$

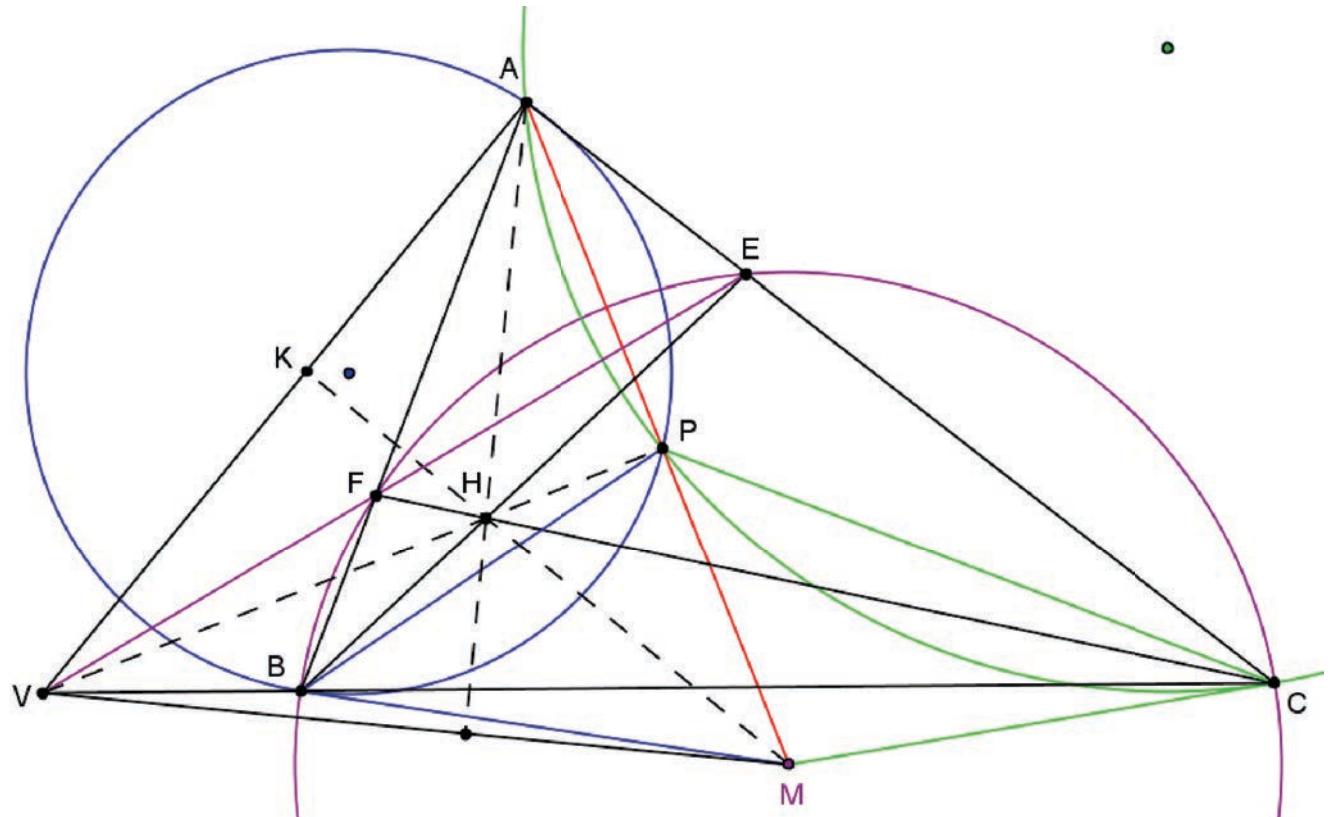
$$\text{Similarly } \Rightarrow \frac{PC}{AC} = \frac{PM}{MC} (**)$$

$$(*), (**) \text{ and } MB = MC \Rightarrow \frac{PB}{AB} = \frac{PC}{AC} \Rightarrow \frac{PB}{PC} = \frac{AB}{AC}$$

Best regards,

Petrisor Neagoe 😊

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Line of centroids are collinear



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**Goutham**

#1 Jan 6, 2012, 9:47 pm

In a triangle ABC , choose points D, E, F on sides BC, CA, AB such that BD, CE and AF are equal in length. Prove that the locus of centroids of triangle DEF is a straight line.

**Luis González**

#2 Jan 7, 2012, 10:54 am • 1

We assume that $\triangle ABC$ is non-equilateral with centroid G . K denotes the centroid of $\triangle DEF$ and let $\overline{BD} = \overline{CE} = \overline{AF} = k$. Using barycentric coordinates with respect to $\triangle ABC$, we have

$$D \equiv (0 : a - k : k), \quad E \equiv (k : 0 : b - k), \quad F \equiv (c - k : k : 0)$$

$$K \equiv \left(0 : \frac{a - k}{a} : \frac{k}{a}\right) + \left(\frac{k}{b} : 0 : \frac{b - k}{b}\right) + \left(\frac{c - k}{c} : \frac{k}{c} : 0\right)$$

$$K \equiv \left(\frac{k(c - b) + bc}{bc} : \frac{k(a - c) + ca}{ca} : \frac{k(b - a) + ab}{ab}\right)$$

Eliminating k from the coordinates of K , we obtain that the locus of K is

$$\tau \equiv [a(b + c) - 2bc]x + [b(c + a) - 2ca]y + [c(a + b) - 2ab]z = 0$$

Which is the line τ passing through the centroid $G \equiv X_2(1 : 1 : 1)$ of $\triangle ABC$ and the isogonal conjugate $X_{513}(a(b - c) : b(c - a) : c(a - b))$ (at infinity) of the Feuerbach point of the antimedial triangle of $\triangle ABC$.

**Goutham**

#3 Jan 7, 2012, 11:06 am

Thanks, but is there a pure geometric proof for this nice result?

**swaqr**

#4 Jan 8, 2012, 7:54 pm • 2

Let M be the midpoint of BC and let M' be a point on AC such that MCM' is isosceles with vertex C and it can be easily seen that the locus of the midpoints of DE is the line MM' . Also note that $MD = M'E$ for all such choices and taking T to be the midpoint of DE , this gives that $\frac{AF}{MT}$ is constant. Now, consider the spiral similarity which sends the line segment AF to MT and let this similarity have center S . Now, S is also the center of spiral similarity which sends AM to FT and so, it also sends the centroid G of triangle ABC to the centroid G' of triangle DEF . Now, if there is a spiral similarity which sends A to F and G to G' with center S , then there is a spiral similarity which sends A to G and F to G' which also has S as its center. So, the segment GG' is the image of AF under the spiral similarity which has a constant center S and as spiral similarity sends lines to lines, it must send the whole line AF to the whole line GG' which makes the direction of GG' independent of the choice of F and thus, the claim is proven.

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Square cut by perpendicular lines X

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Source: Ibero-American Olympiad 1991, Problem 2



Jutaro

#1 May 3, 2007, 9:22 am • 1

A square is divided in four parts by two perpendicular lines, in such a way that three of these parts have areas equal to 1. Show that the square has area equal to 4.



Wichking

#2 Jul 2, 2009, 1:03 pm

Let the side of the square be a .

Then let the sides of one of the parts(the part that is between the other two) be x, y .

We know the following

$$\begin{aligned} xy &= 1 \\ (a - y)x &= ax - xy = 1 \\ (a - x)y &= ay - xy = 1 \end{aligned}$$

If we look at the last two (and put in the first one)

$$\begin{aligned} ax - 1 &= 1 \\ ay - 1 &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

It follows that $x = y$. And from here $x = y = 1$

$a - 1 = 1$ so $a = 2$ so the area is indeed 4.



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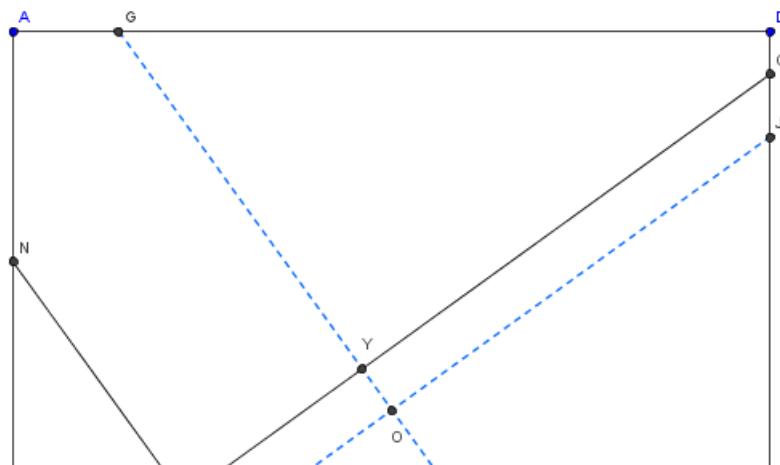
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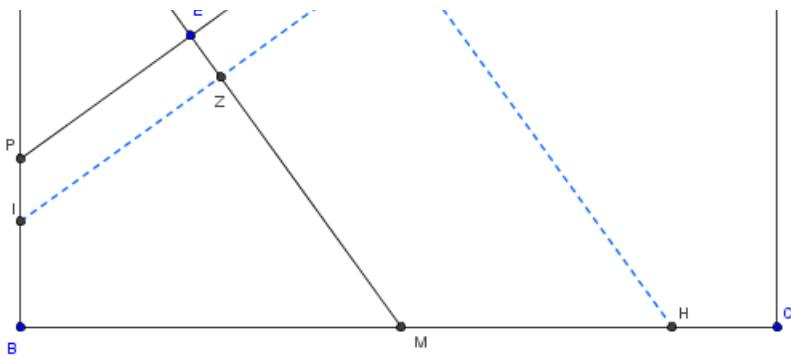
@Wichking, the perpendicular lines are not necessarily parallel to sides of square. 😊



iTAQ

#4 Jul 2, 2009, 7:33 pm





Hmmm... Name the points as in the figure above. O is the center of the square. GH // NM and IJ // PQ. Y and Z are the lines' intercepts.

WLOG, assume that E lies in the left section of the square (in the pentagon OGAI).

Denote [polygon] be the area of the polygon.

It's easy to see that [MEPB] <= [HYPB] <= [MEQC]. Equality holds when E lies on GH. Do this similarly to the remain parts.

Then, we can show that there are 3 parts of the square having equal areas iff E is the center, which means the area of the square is 4.



ITAQ

#5 Jul 4, 2009, 11:59 pm

Is my solution correct? 😊



Raúl

#6 Dec 6, 2009, 5:19 pm

That solution seem to lose some generality, suppose that Q lie on the segment [AD]. Then it's to hard to prove the inequality [EYHM]=<[YHCQ].

It's an god solution, anyway. Those geometric problemas are very hard, it seems that is no way to prove...



Avid

#7 Sep 11, 2010, 2:19 pm

We name the lines a and b. a and b are perpendicular, and each divides the square in two parts, one of which has area 2. This means that line b is a 90° rotation of a about the center of the square, O. We draw the other 90° rotation, c, and the 180° rotation, d. This divides the square in 9 parts.

Because each line is a rotation about O of the other lines, there are two groups of four parts that are rotations of the other ones, and therefore have the same area. Let the area of those parts be r and s, and the area of the central part be t. a and b divide the square in four parts of area r, r+s, r+s and r+2s+t. Three of them can only be equal if s=0, which means that b and c are the same line, and so are a and d, and therefore the central part has area 0. All four parts have area r=1.



Luis González

#8 Jan 4, 2012, 11:33 pm • 1

Label $P_1P_2P_3P_4$ the given square and M is a point inside it. A line through M cuts $\overline{P_1P_2}$, $\overline{P_3P_4}$ at P, T and another line through M perpendicular to PT cuts $\overline{P_2P_3}$, $\overline{P_4P_1}$ at S, U . O is the center of $P_1P_2P_3P_4$. Parallel through O to PT cuts $\overline{P_1P_2}$, $\overline{P_3P_4}$ at E, G and parallel through O to SU cuts $\overline{P_2P_3}$, $\overline{P_4P_1}$ at F, H . Let $X \equiv EG \cap SU$, $Y \equiv FH \cap TP$. Denote $S, S_A, S_B, S_C, S_D, S_R$ the areas of $P_1P_2P_3P_4$, $UHYM$, $PEOY$, $SFOX$, $TGXM$, $OXMY$, respectively.

WLOG assume that O lies inside the quadrilateral MPP_2S . Clearly, the lines EG and FH divide $P_1P_2P_3P_4$ into four quadrilaterals with equal areas. Therefore, we have

$$\frac{1}{4}S - S_B + S_A = \frac{1}{4}S - S_A - S_C - S_R = \frac{1}{4}S - S_D + S_C = 1.$$

From these expressions we obtain $S_A + S_D = S_B + S_C \Rightarrow$ parallelograms $PEGT$ y $SFHU$ have equal areas. But since they have equal altitudes, then it follows that $PE = FS \Rightarrow OXMY$ is a square. Thus, $S_A = S_C$ and $S_B = S_D$. Again, using the expressions found previously, we obtain $S_A = S_B = S_C = S_D = 0 \Rightarrow O \equiv M$ and the conclusion follows.



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Need euclidean prove 

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newbie

#1 Jan 1, 2008, 4:47 pm • 1 

The diagonals AC and BD of a cyclic quadrilateral $ABCD$ meet at O . The circumcircles of triangles AOB and COD intersect again at K . Point L is such that the triangles BLC and AKD are similar and equally oriented. Prove that if the quadrilateral $BLCK$ is convex, then it is tangent [has an incircle].



newbie

#2 Jan 3, 2008, 4:53 pm

Why no one answered 😞 Is this to hard? Or because no sketch from me?



Vo Duc Dien

#3 Jan 4, 2012, 7:09 am

Need better translation as my graphic does not agree with the problem.



yetti

#4 Jan 4, 2012, 4:58 pm

See <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=47&t=105470>.



Luis González

#5 Jan 4, 2012, 10:15 pm

Let $P \equiv OK \cap BC$. $\angle BKP = \angle BAO = \angle CDO = \angle CKP \implies KP$ bisects $\angle BKC$. Let the angle bisectors of $\angle KBL$ and $\angle KCL$ cut LC, LB at U, V . Then

$$\angle KCL = \angle KCB + \angle ADK = \angle ACB - \angle KCO + \angle ADB + \angle ODK$$

$$\implies \angle KCL = 2\angle BCA = 2\angle KCV$$

Similarly, $\angle KBU = \angle CBD$. Hence CA, CV and BD, BU are isogonals WRT $\angle KCB$ and $\angle KBC$, respectively. If $I \equiv BU \cap CV$, then O, I are isogonal conjugates WRT $\triangle KBC$, but since KO bisects $\angle BKC$, it follows that $I \in KP$ \implies Internal angle bisectors of the convex $BLCK$ concur at I , i.e. $BLCK$ has an incircle centered at I .

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[Reply](#)**paul1703**

#1 Jan 2, 2012, 8:10 pm

Let H be the orthocentre and O be the circumcentre of an acute triangle ABC . Let AD and BE be the altitudes of the triangle with D on BC and E on CA . Let $K = OD \cap BE$, $L = OE \cap AD$. Let X be the second point of intersection of the circumcircles of triangles HKD and HLE . Prove that X lies on CH .

**hatchguy**

#2 Jan 3, 2012, 6:41 am

I have that the problem is equivalent to showing $(LBC) = (KAC)$.

Maybe someone has any thought on this? I am having some trouble with lines OE and OD ...

**paul1703**

#3 Jan 3, 2012, 4:59 pm

I have also found this \Leftrightarrow (but no prove).

There exists a trigonometric solution (not very long by showing that C has equal power to those 2 circles)

For synthetic solution i guess you have to intersect this 2 circles the second time with CA , CB in S, T . and find that $X-S-T$ are collinear, i have tested in geogebra and the only importance of O is that is isogonal conjugate of H with respect to C .

**Luis González**

#4 Jan 3, 2012, 11:33 pm

Perpendiculars to OD , OE through D , E cut CA , CB at P , Q , respectively. KP and LQ cut CH at U , V . Since $PDKE$ and $CDHE$ are both cyclic, we have $\angle UHD = \angle PED = \angle PKD \Rightarrow U \in \odot(HKD)$. Further, $\angle DPU = 90^\circ - \angle UHD = \angle DCU \Rightarrow U$ is the 2nd intersection of CH with $\odot(CPD)$. Similarly, V is the 2nd intersection of CH with $\odot(CQE)$.

On the other hand, DO , DH are isogonals WRT $\angle CDP$ and CO , CH are isogonals WRT $\angle PCD \Rightarrow O, H$ are isogonal conjugates WRT $\triangle PCD$. If N is the midpoint of AC (projection of O on PC), we have then $HP \perp DN \Rightarrow \angle DHP = \angle AHE \Rightarrow HP$ is the reflection of HB about HD . Likewise, HQ is the reflection of HA about $HE \Rightarrow$ right triangles $\triangle HDQ$ and $\triangle HEP$ are similar. Hence if X is the second intersection of $\odot(CPD)$ and $\odot(CQE)$ (center of the spiral similarity that takes DQ into PE), we obtain then $\frac{XD}{XP} = \frac{DQ}{PE} = \frac{HD}{HE} \Rightarrow \triangle XDP \sim \triangle HDE$ by SAS $\Rightarrow \angle XPD = \angle XCD = \angle HED \Rightarrow X \in CH \Rightarrow U \equiv V \equiv X$.

**panos_lo**

#5 Jan 4, 2012, 9:52 pm • 2

I found a little bit different proof for this statement. It goes as follows:

Consider points X, Y on CB, CA such that $LY//BC, KX//CA$. Then $XKHD, LEHY$ are cyclic. It suffices to show that C belongs to the radical axis of the circumscribed circles of these quadrilaterals, or equivalently $CD * CX = CE * CY$, which is equivalent to the claim that $XYED$ is cyclic. As $ABDE$ is cyclic it is enough to show that $AB//XY$. By converse of Thales theorem, we need to show that $\frac{YA}{YC} = \frac{XB}{XC}$. By Thales theorem we need to show that $\frac{KB}{KE} = \frac{LA}{LD}$. Let S, T be the projections of B, A to OD, OE respectively and Z, W the projections of D, E to OE, OD respectively. It suffices to show that $\frac{AT}{BS} = \frac{DZ}{EW} = \frac{OD}{OE}$. This is equivalent to showing that $\text{area}(OBD) = \text{area}(OAE)$, true because (if M, N are the midpoints of CB, CA we have $\frac{OM}{ON} = \frac{HA}{HB} = \frac{AE}{BD}$).

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Circumcenter of a Tetrahedron X

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Source: All-Russian MO 2001 Grade 11 #8

**v_Enhance**

#1 Jan 3, 2012, 6:39 am • 1



A sphere with center on the plane of the face ABC of a tetrahedron $SABC$ passes through A , B and C , and meets the edges SA , SB , SC again at A_1 , B_1 , C_1 , respectively. The planes through A_1 , B_1 , C_1 tangent to the sphere meet at O . Prove that O is the circumcenter of the tetrahedron $SA_1B_1C_1$.

**Luis González**

#2 Jan 3, 2012, 11:26 am



Let \mathcal{S} denote the sphere passing through A , B , C and centered on the plane ABC . Inversion with center S and power $SA \cdot SA_1 = SB \cdot SB_1 = SC \cdot SC_1$ takes \mathcal{S} into itself and swaps the circumsphere \mathcal{O} of $SA_1B_1C_1$ and the plane ABC . The angle between \mathcal{S} and the plane ABC is right, thus by conformity the angle between \mathcal{S} and \mathcal{O} is also right, i.e. \mathcal{S} and \mathcal{O} are orthogonal \implies Tangent planes of \mathcal{S} at A_1 , B_1 , C_1 pass through the center of \mathcal{O} .

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Concurrent 16  Reply**buratinogiggle**#1 Jan 2, 2012, 11:30 pm • 1 

Let ABC be a triangle and $A_1B_1C_1$ is pedal triangle of a point P with respect to triangle ABC . T is a point on circumcircle $(A_1B_1C_1)$. ℓ is line passing through T and perpendicular to PT . A_2, B_2, C_2 lie on ℓ such that $PA_2 \perp PA$, $PB_2 \perp PB$, $PC_2 \perp PC$. Prove that AA_2, BB_2, CC_2 are concurrent.

Note that, it is generalization of problem on the post [concurrent](#).

**Luis González**#2 Jan 3, 2012, 4:15 am • 3 

Let \mathcal{K} be the inconic with focus P and pedal circle $\odot(A_1B_1C_1)$. $\ell \perp PT$ is a tangent of \mathcal{K} through M . Let \mathcal{K} touch BC, CA, AB at D, E, F . According to [this topic](#) (post #3), PA bisects $\angle EPF \implies$ pencil $P(E, F, A, A_2)$ is harmonic. Hence if p is the polar of P WRT \mathcal{K} (directrix of the inconic) and $U \equiv PA \cap p$, it follows that $A_3 \equiv MU \cap EF$ is the pole of AA_2 WRT \mathcal{K} . Analogously, if PB, PC cut p at V, W , then $B_3 \equiv MV \cap FD$ and $C_3 \equiv MW \cap DE$ are the poles of BB_2 and CC_2 WRT \mathcal{K} .

Since $p \cap \mathcal{K} = \emptyset$, there exists a homography that carries \mathcal{K} into a circle (P^*) with center P^* , the homologous of P . The projected $\triangle A^*B^*C^*$ has incircle (P^*) and $U^*V^*W^* \equiv p^*$ is the line at infinity $\implies A_3^*, B_3^*, C_3^*$ become orthogonal projections of M^* on the sidelines of $\triangle D^*E^*F^*$, i.e. $A_3^*B_3^*B_3^*$ is Simson line of M^* WRT $\triangle D^*E^*F^*$. Thus, polars $A^*A_2^*, B^*B_2^*, C^*C_2^*$ of A_3^*, B_3^*, C_3^* WRT (P^*) concur $\implies AA_2, BB_2, CC_2$ concur.

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how to draw this diagram, (1) 

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Source: Geometry Unbound



myceliumful

#1 Jan 2, 2012, 6:26 pm

How do you draw the diagram for this theorem?

Theorem 4.2.3

Let ΔABC be a triangle. Suppose that the lines l_1 and l_2 are perpendicular, and meet each side (or its extension) in a pair of points symmetric across the midpoint of the side. Then, the intersection of l_1 and l_2 is concyclic with the midpoints of the three sides.



Luis González

#2 Jan 2, 2012, 9:00 pm

M, N, L denote the midpoints of BC, CA, AB . $K \equiv l_1 \cap l_2 \in \odot(MNL)$. Circle with center M and radius MK cuts BC at P, Q . KP cuts CA, AB at R, U and KQ cuts CA, AB at S, T . Thus, lines $l_1 \equiv KP$ and $l_2 \equiv KQ$ are orthogonal and verify that $\overline{MP} = -\overline{MQ}, \overline{NR} = -\overline{NS}, \overline{LU} = -\overline{LT}$.

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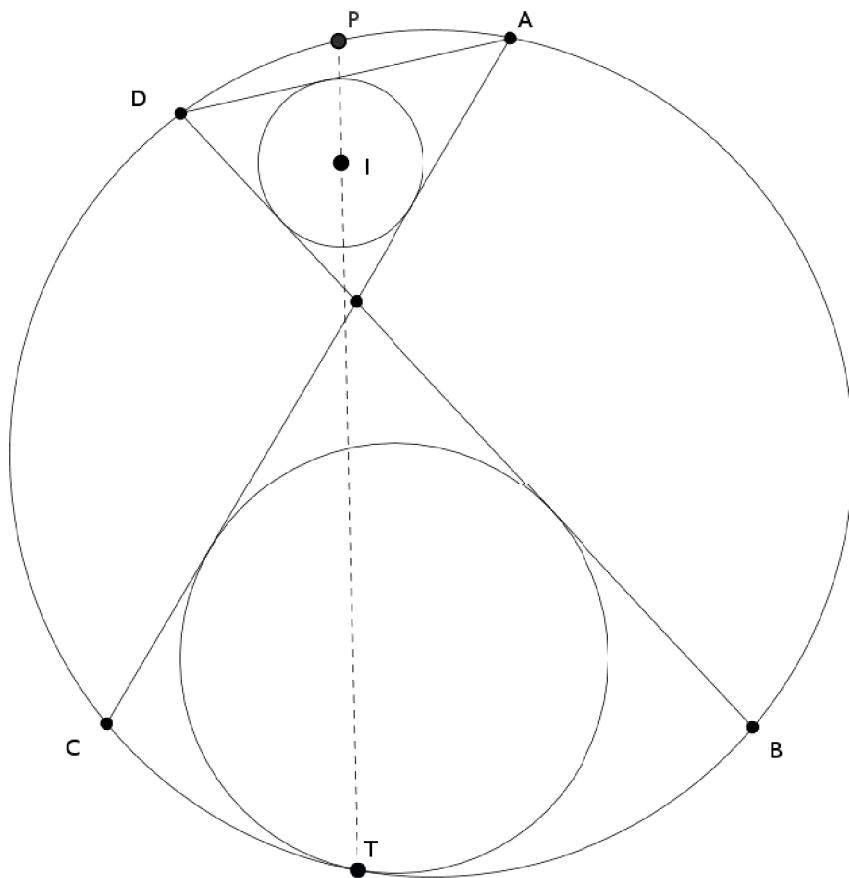
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#1 Jan 2, 2012, 2:05 am

Dear Mathlinkers!

Prove that points T, I, P are lie on a line. P -- midpoint of arc DA .

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Luis González

#2 Jan 2, 2012, 5:41 am • 2

In the given figure, let ω be the circle tangent to AC, BD and the small arc BC of $\odot(ABC)$. If X, Y denote the tangency points of ω with AC, BD , then A, I, X, T are concyclic and D, I, Y, T are concyclic, which immediately yields $\angle ATI = \angle DTI$, i.e. T, I, P are collinear. This is basically a different fashion of an old problem. See [Fairly difficult \(Iran 1999\), Concyclic points with triangle incenter, incenter of triangle, etc.](#)

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Determine circumradius of triangle 

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Goutham

#1 Dec 31, 2011, 6:04 pm

Let ABC be a triangle in which $\angle BAC = 60^\circ$. Let P (similarly Q) be the point of intersection of the bisector of $\angle ABC$ (similarly of $\angle ACB$) and the side AC (similarly AB). Let r_1 and r_2 be the inradii of the triangles ABC and APQ , respectively. Determine the circum-radius of APQ in terms of r_1 and r_2 .



Luis González

#2 Dec 31, 2011, 11:39 pm • 1

Let $I \equiv BP \cap CQ$ be the incenter of $\triangle ABC$. (U, R_A) is circumcircle of $\triangle APQ$. Since $\angle PIQ = 120^\circ$, then I is midpoint of the arc PQ of $(U) \Rightarrow M \equiv IU \cap PQ$ is midpoint of PQ . Let J be the incenter of $\triangle APQ$. E is the projection of I on AC and N lies on \overline{IE} , such that $IM = IN$. $IMEP$ is cyclic due to the right angles at M, E . Thus $\angle IEM = \angle IPQ = \angle IAQ \Rightarrow \triangle IEM \sim \triangle IAQ \Rightarrow \frac{IE}{IN} = \frac{IA}{IQ} = \frac{IA}{IJ} \Rightarrow JN \parallel AC \Rightarrow NE = r_2 = IE - IN = r_1 - \frac{1}{2}R_A$.

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Prove that DS bisects $\angle BSC$

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Goutham

#1 Dec 31, 2011, 6:18 pm

Let I be the incentre of a triangle ABC and Γ_a be the excircle opposite A touching BC at D . If ID meets Γ_a again at S , prove that DS bisects $\angle BSC$.



Luis González

#2 Dec 31, 2011, 10:17 pm • 2

According to [Geometry Problem \(25\)](#), ID passes through the midpoint of the A-altitude. Thus, using the extraversion of [IMO ShortList 2002, geometry problem 7](#) on the A-excircle Γ_a , we deduce that $\odot(SBC)$ is tangent to Γ_a at S . Let SB, SC cut Γ_a again at B', C' . Since S is the exsimilicenter of $\Gamma_a \sim \odot(SBC)$, we have $BC \parallel B'C' \implies$ arcs DB' and DC' of Γ_a are equal $\implies SD$ bisects $\angle BSC$.



polya78

#3 Mar 15, 2013, 2:37 am • 2

Let E, F be the other points of tangency of the ex-circle. Let S' be the intersection of the circumcircles of $\triangle ICF$ and $\triangle IBE$. Then E, F are reflections in AI , so $\angle IFC = \angle IEB$, which means $S'I$ bisects $\angle BS'C$. Also $\angle IS'F = C/2$, $\angle IS'E = B/2$, so $\angle FS'E = 90 - A/2$, which means that S' lies on the excircle also. But $\angle DS'F = \angle DEF = C/2$ as well, so I, D, S' are collinear, which makes $S = S'$.

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Virgil Nicula

#4 Mar 16, 2013, 9:22 am • 1

See PP5 from here.



MMEEvN

#5 Mar 17, 2013, 10:01 pm

Let W be the center of the ex-circle opposite A and L the midpoint of line DS . Let the incircle touch BC at E . We can easily prove that $\triangle EID \sim \triangle LDW \Rightarrow DL \cdot DI = EI \cdot DW$. Writing the formulas for A-ex-radius as $\$DW=\sqrt{\frac{s(s-b)(s-c)}{(s-a)}}\$$ and inradius as $\$r=\sqrt{\frac{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}{s}}\$$ gives $DL \cdot DI = (s-b)(s-c)$. But $DC \cdot DB = (s-b)(s-c) \Rightarrow IBLC$ is cyclic.. Let R be the midpoint of $ID \Rightarrow RBSC$ is cyclic. Let the foot of perpendicular from R on BC be J . Easy observation yields $JE = JD \Rightarrow JB = JC \Rightarrow RB = RC \Rightarrow \angle RSB = \angle CBR = \angle RCB = \angle CSR$ as desired



Virgil Nicula

#6 Mar 19, 2013, 4:07 am

An easy extension. Let $w = C(O, r)$ be a circle what is tangent to the line d in the point $A \in d$. Let

$\{B, D, A, C\} \subset d$ in this order so that $BD = AC$. Denote the point E for which $ED \perp AB$ and

$EB \perp OB$. Define $F \in AE \cap w$. Prove that the ray $[FA$ is the bisector of the angle \widehat{BFC} .

Proof. Denote the diameter $[AL]$ of w and the midpoint N, M of the segments $[AE], [BC]$ respectively. Therefore,

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \triangle BDE \sim \triangle OAB \implies \frac{BD}{OA} = \frac{DE}{AB} \implies AB \cdot AC = OA \cdot DE \\ \triangle EDA \sim \triangle AFL \implies \frac{ED}{AF} = \frac{EA}{AL} \implies OA \cdot DE = AN \cdot AF \end{array} \right| \implies AB \cdot AC = AN \cdot AF \implies$$

$BNCF$ is cyclically. Since NM is the bisector of $[BC]$ obtain that $NB = NC \implies [FA]$ is the bisector of the angle \widehat{BFC}



junioragd

#7 Nov 29, 2014, 11:03 pm

Another solution: Let I_a be the excenter and let M be the midpoint of ID . Now, since it is well known that $BM = CM$ it is enough to prove that $BSCM$ is a cyclic or $DM * DS = DB * DC$. Now, since $BD * CD = r * Ra$ (if E the point where the incircle touches BC we have that BIE and $BIaD$ are similar), since $ID = 2 * DM$, let N be on IaD such that $ND = r$ and let K be on $\$Ra\$$ such that DK is the diameter, it is enough to prove that $INSK$ is cyclic, but this is easy since $\angle INK = \angle ISK = 90^\circ$, so we are finished.



TelvCohl

#8 Nov 29, 2014, 11:22 pm • 1

My solution:

Let I_a be A —excenter of $\triangle ABC$.

Let M be the midpoint of DS and $T = I_a M \cap BC$.

Easy to see TS is tangent to (I_a) at S .

Since $\angle IBI_a = \angle ICI_a = \angle IMI_a = 90^\circ$,

so we get I, I_a, B, C, M lie on a circle with diameter II_a .

Since $TB \cdot TC = TM \cdot TI_a = TD^2 = TS^2$,

so $\triangle TSB \sim \triangle TSD \implies \angle TCS = \angle TSD = \angle TSB - \angle TSD = \angle DSB$.

Q.E.D

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#1 Dec 29, 2011, 6:02 pm • 3

Let ABC be a triangle with circumcircle (O) . (K) is a circle passing through B, C . (K) cuts CA, AB again at E, F . BE cuts CF at H_K .

- Prove that $H_K K$ and AO intersect on (O) .
- O_K is isogonal conjugate of H_K with respect to triangle ABC . Prove that O_K lies on OK .
- Let L, N be the points on CA, AB , resp such that $O_K L \parallel BE, O_K N \parallel CF$. Prove that $LN \parallel BC$.
- The line passing through N parallel to BE cuts the line passing through L parallel to CF at P . Prove that P lies on AH_K .
- Q, R lie on BE, CF , resp such that $PQ \parallel AB, PR \parallel AC$. Prove that $QR \parallel BC$.
- Prove that NQ, LR and AH_K are concurrent.
- D is projection of K on AH_K . Prove that DK, EF, BC are concurrent.
- Prove that $KN \perp BE, KL \perp CF$.
- Prove that nine points $D, E, F; P, Q, R; K, L, N$ lie on a circle (N_K) .
- Prove that N_K is midpoint of PK and KN_K is parallel to AO .
- Prove that H_K, N_K, O are collinear.

When $K \equiv M$ midpoint of BC , we get all properties of Nine-point circle.

**Luis González**

#2 Dec 29, 2011, 11:51 pm • 1

a, g) Let $S \equiv EF \cap BC$. Then AS is the polar of H_K WRT (K) and AH_K is the polar of S WRT (K) $\Rightarrow KH_K$ is perpendicular to AS through H and AH_K is perpendicular to KS through D . Hence $SH \cdot SA = SD \cdot SK = SB \cdot SC \Rightarrow H \in (O)$. Since $\angle AHH_K = 90^\circ$, then KH_K and AO meet on (O) .

b, c) $\angle O_K BC = \angle H_K BF = \angle H_K CE = \angle O_K CB \Rightarrow O_K$ is on perpendicular bisector OK of \overline{BC} . $\angle BFC = \angle BNO_K = \angle BKO_K \pmod{180} \Rightarrow N, B, K, O_K$ are concyclic $\Rightarrow \angle BNK = \angle BO_K K$. But $\angle BO_K K = 90^\circ - \angle FBE = \angle FEK \Rightarrow \angle BNK = \angle FEK$, i.e. N lies on circumcircle (N_K) of $DKEF$. Similarly, $L \in (N_K)$. Thus, LN is antiparallel to EF WRT $AE, AF \Rightarrow LN \parallel BC$.

d, f) $\triangle PLN$ and $\triangle H_K CB$, with parallel sides, are homothetic with center $A \Rightarrow A, P, H_K$ are collinear. Likewise, $\triangle ANL$ and $\triangle PQR$, with parallel sides, are homothetic with center $AP \cap NQ \cap LR$, i.e. AH_K, NQ, LR concur.

i) $\angle NKL = \angle NBO_K + \angle LCO_K = CBH_K + \angle BCH_K = \angle NPL \pmod{180} \Rightarrow P \in (N_K)$. Further, P is the midpoint of the arc EF of (N_K) , because $\angle PFK = \angle PDK = 90^\circ$, i.e. KP is perpendicular bisector of \overline{EF} . Now, since $\angle PQE = \angle FBE = \angle PKE$, it follows that $Q \in (N_K)$. Similarly, $R \in (N_K)$.

h, j) $D, E, F, P, Q, R, K, L, N$ lie then on a circle (N_K) with diameter KP perpendicular to EF , i.e. $KP \parallel AO$. Thus, KN is perpendicular to $PN \parallel BE$ and KL is perpendicular to $PL \parallel CF$.

e, k) $\triangle PQR \cup (N_K)$ and $\triangle ABC \cup (O)$ are homothetic with center $H_K \equiv AP \cap BQ \cap CR$, thus $QR \parallel BC$ and H_K, O, N_K are collinear.

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trancuong

#1 Jul 29, 2010, 11:40 am

Given convex quadrilateral ABCD with incircle (I). M, N are the midpoints of AC, BD. Prove that I, M, N are collinear



Luis González

#2 Dec 28, 2011, 11:12 pm

Locus of points P such that $[\triangle PAB] + [\triangle PCD] = \frac{1}{2}[\text{ABCD}]$ is either a line segment bounded by AB, CD or a whole line ℓ if we consider directed areas. Put $ABCD$ on a rectangular reference (x, y) and let us consider the oriented distances δ_1 and δ_2 from P to AB, CD in order not to have any issue with the area sign. Equation of the locus is obtained as $\delta_1 \cdot AB + \delta_2 \cdot CD = [\text{ABCD}]$. Since the formula of the oriented distance from $P(x, y)$ to a line in the cartesian plane is a linear function of x, y , it follows that $\delta_1 = f(x, y)$ and $\delta_2 = g(x, y)$ are linear \Rightarrow locus ℓ of $P(x, y)$ is a linear function of x, y .



Midpoints M, N of AC, BD lie on the locus ℓ , because

$$[\triangle MBA] + [\triangle MCD] = \frac{1}{2}[\triangle ABC + \triangle CDA] = \frac{1}{2}[\text{ABCD}]$$

$$[\triangle NBA] + [\triangle NCD] = \frac{1}{2}[\triangle BAD + \triangle DCB] = \frac{1}{2}[\text{ABCD}]$$

Incenter I of $ABCD$ lies on the locus ℓ , because

$$[\triangle IAB] + [\triangle ICD] = \frac{1}{2}r(AB + CD) = \frac{1}{2}r(BC + DA) = \frac{1}{2}[\text{ABCD}]$$

Therefore, M, N, I lie on a line ℓ whose points satisfy the referred condition.



Virgil Nicula

#3 Dec 29, 2011, 1:46 am

Lemma. Let $ABCD$ be a convex quadrilateral for which denote $O \in AB \cap CD$. Find the geometrical locus of the mobile point L which

belongs to the interior of the angle \widehat{AOD} for which $\alpha \cdot [AOB] + \beta \cdot [OCD] = k$ (constant), where α and β are two given positive numbers.

Proof. Denote $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} E \in (OA, OE = \alpha \cdot AB \\ F \in (OD, OF = \beta \cdot CD \end{array} \right\}$. Observe that $[LOE] = \alpha \cdot [LAB]$ and $[LOF] = \beta \cdot [LDC]$ and

$k = \alpha \cdot [AOB] + \beta \cdot [OCD] = [LOE] + [LOF] = [LEOF] = [EOF] + [ELF] \Rightarrow [ELF] = k - [EOF]$ is constant

because the triangle EOF is fixed. Since the segment $[EF]$ is fixed (with constant length) obtain that the distance of L to EF is

constant, i.e. the geometrical locus of the point L is a parallel segment with the line EF and which prop up the rays $(OA$ and $(OD$.



sunken rock

#4 Dec 20, 2014, 3:44 am

Attached, a proof by vectors, as it appeared some good years ago into Romanian Magazine "Gazeta Matematica". I found it extremely interesting.

Best regards,
sunken rock

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#1 Dec 28, 2011, 4:13 pm

let ABC is a acute triangle and its circumcircle is (O) . E is intersection of AO and BC . P is on (O) AP is symmedian. AD is perpendicular to BC (with D on BC).prove cicumcenter of triangle PDE lies on OP



Luis González

#2 Dec 28, 2011, 9:47 pm • 2 

Tangents of (O) through B and C meet on $AP \implies ABPC$ is harmonic \implies Tangents of (O) through A and P meet a point Q lying on BC , the center of the A-Apollonius circle. Since $\angle QAE$ is right, we have $QP^2 = QA^2 = QD \cdot QE \implies \odot(PDE)$ is tangent to (O) at P , i.e. circumcenter of $\triangle PDE$ lies on OP .



sunken rock

#3 Jan 4, 2012, 8:52 pm

Observation:

This property is valid for each vertex of any harmonic quad $ABPC$!

Best regards,
sunken rock



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#1 Mar 26, 2006, 8:24 pm

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Luis González

#2 Dec 11, 2009, 12:45 am

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Problema 2.i) Sea $ABCD$ un cuadrilátero cíclico y suponga que existe una circunferencia centrada en el lado BC y tangente al resto de sus lados, probar que $AB = AD + BC$.

Sea O el centro de la circunferencia centrada en BC tangente a AD , DC , CB . Los rayos OC y OD son bisectrices de $\angle BCD = \theta$ y $\angle CDA = \varphi$. Tomando un punto M en AB tal que $AD = AM$ se forma el $\triangle ADM$ isósceles del cual

$$\angle DMA = \frac{\pi - \angle DAB}{2} = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi - \theta}{2} = \frac{\theta}{2}$$

Por tanto, como $\angle DCO = \frac{\theta}{2} \Rightarrow$ El cuadrilátero $DCOM$ es cíclico y por consiguiente $\angle CMB = \angle ODC = \frac{\varphi}{2}$. Por otro lado en el $\triangle CMB$ se tiene:

$$\angle MCB = \pi - \frac{\varphi}{2} - (\pi - \varphi) = \frac{\varphi}{2} \Rightarrow \angle CMB = \angle MCB = \frac{\varphi}{2}$$

$\triangle CMB$ es pues isósceles con base CM , así $AB = AM + BM = AD + BC$.



Luis González

#3 Dec 12, 2009, 6:19 am

El problema #4 puede ser generalizado de la siguiente manera:

Problema: Construir el punto P interior al $\triangle ABC$ de modo que los rayos PA , PB , PC corten los arcos BC , CA , AB de su circunferencia circunscrita en vértices de un triángulo acutángulo $\triangle XYZ$ (triángulo circunceviano de P) que sea semejante a otro dado.

Solución: Denotemos α' , β' , γ' los ángulos dados en X , Y , Z . Usando el Teorema generalizado de Simson, una inversión con centro en P y potencia arbitraria transformará los vértices de $\triangle ABC$ en vértices de otro triángulo semejante al triángulo pedal $\triangle A'B'C'$ de P con respecto a $\triangle ABC$. Particularmente X , Y , Z son pues los inversos de A , B , C a través de la inversión centrada en P con potencia igual a la que tiene P respecto a el circuncírculo (O) de $\triangle ABC$. Así, el problema consiste en hallar el P cuyo triángulo pedal sea semejante al dado.

Las perpendiculares a $A'B'$ y $A'C'$ desde C y B concurren en el en conjugado isogonal Q de P en $\triangle ABC$, entonces de los

cuadriláteros cíclicos $PAB'C$ y $PAC'BC$ tenemos que

$$\angle QBA = \angle PBC' = \angle PA'C', \quad \angle QCA = \angle PCB' = \angle PA'B'$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle B'A'C' = \angle PBC = \angle PCB = \pi - \angle BQC$$

$$\text{Analogamente obtenemos } \angle CQA = \pi - \angle C'B'A', \quad \angle AQB = \pi - \angle B'C'A'.$$

Así, Q es construible ya que mira a los lados BC, CA, AB bajo ángulos suplementarios a los dados α', β', γ' . Bastará pues con construir, por ejemplo, los arcos que miran a BC, CA bajo $\pi - \alpha'$ y $\pi - \beta'$, éstos se cortan en Q . Luego se sigue la construcción de P y su triángulo circunceviano buscado $\triangle XYZ$.



Luis González

#4 Dec 26, 2011, 10:35 pm

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Problema 5. Sean n, r dos enteros positivos. Se quiere formar r subconjuntos A_1, A_2, \dots, A_r del conjunto $\{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$, de modo que todos los subconjuntos contengan exactamente k elementos tal que, para todo entero x con $0 \leq x \leq n-1$ existe $x_1 \in A_1, x_2 \in A_2, \dots, x_r \in A_r$ (un elemento de cada conjunto) con $x = x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_r$. Además, hallar el valor mínimo de k en función de n y r .

Para todo $x_i \in A_i$, considere la función $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n$. Se quiere encontrar el valor más pequeño de k tal que la imagen de f incluya a todos los números $0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$.

El tamaño óptimo ocurre pues cuando f es injectiva, pero inclusive asumiendo ésto, se tiene que la imagen de f es a lo más k^r . Entonces, si $k^r < n$, existen $x \in [0, n-1]$ que no pueden ser calculados. Ahora, considérese $k = \lceil n^{\frac{1}{r}} \rceil$. Si probamos que ésto es posible, entonces el problema se habrá resuelto. Entonces, consideremos los r conjuntos

$$\begin{aligned}A_1 &= \{0, 1, \dots, k-1\}, \\A_2 &= \{0, k, 2k, \dots, k(k-1)\}, \dots \\A_r &= \{0, k^{r-1}, 2k^{r-1}, \dots, (k-1)k^{r-1}\}.\end{aligned}$$

Finalmente, si ninguno de los elementos de A_r son mayores que $n-1$, entonces simplemente remplazelos, por decir, con 1. Es fácil probar que ésto es equivalente a escribir x en base k con r dígitos y de hecho todo $x \in [0, n-1]$.

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skytin

#1 Dec 17, 2011, 4:14 pm • 2 

Given triangle ABC , AB = BC = AC

Let points P , Q are on (ABC) , such that PQ is diameter of (ABC)

A' , B' , C' are midpoints of sides of ABC

P' , Q' are isogonal to P , Q wrt A'B'C'

(a) Prove that P'Q' || PQ

(b) AC = 1 , find P'Q'



yetti

#2 Dec 21, 2011, 7:45 am

Incircle (O, r) of equilateral $\triangle A'B'C'$ touches $B'C'$ at its midpoint D' . Coordinate origin at O , positive x-, y-axes parallel to $\overrightarrow{OD'}, \overrightarrow{B'C'}$.

Point $P = (4r \cos \phi, 4r \sin \phi)$ is on circumcircle $(O, 4r)$ of equilateral $\triangle ABC$. Foot F_0 of perpendicular from P to $B'C'$ has coordinates $F_0 = (r, 4r \sin \phi)$.

Coordinates of feet F_+, F_- of perpendiculars from P to $C'A', A'B'$ are obtained as rotations

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{F}_+ &= \mathbf{R}(+\frac{1}{2}\pi)(r, 4r \sin(\phi - \frac{1}{2}\pi)) = r(-\frac{1}{2} + \sqrt{3} \sin \phi, \frac{1}{2} + \sqrt{3} \cos \phi) \\ &= r(-\frac{1}{2} + \sqrt{3} \sin \phi, \frac{1}{2} + \sqrt{3} \cos \phi) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{F}_- &= \mathbf{R}(-\frac{1}{2}\pi)(r, 4r \sin(\phi + \frac{1}{2}\pi)) = r(-\frac{1}{2} - \sqrt{3} \sin \phi, -\frac{1}{2} - \sqrt{3} \cos \phi) \\ &= r(-\frac{1}{2} - \sqrt{3} \sin \phi, -\frac{1}{2} - \sqrt{3} \cos \phi) \end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow perpendicular bisector of $F_+ F_-$ through its midpoint has equation $y(1 + 2 \cos \phi) + x(2 \sin \phi) = 4r \sin 2\phi$ (1).

Equation of perpendicular bisector of $F_+ F_0$ is obtained by substituting $\phi \rightarrow \phi + \frac{2}{3}\pi$ and

$$(x, y) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^{-1}(-\frac{2}{3}\pi)(x, y) = \mathbf{R}(+\frac{2}{3}\pi)(x, y)$$

$$\begin{aligned} y(-\frac{1}{2} - \cos \phi + \sqrt{3} \sin \phi) + x(+\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{3} \cos \phi - \sin \phi) &= -4r (\frac{1}{2} \sin 2\phi + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cos 2\phi) \\ &\quad \parallel (2) \end{aligned}$$

Solving equations (1), (2) of the two perpendicular bisectors yields coordinates of circumcenter U of the pedal $\triangle F_- F_0 F_+$ of P .

Multiplying (2) by 2, adding (1) and dividing the result by $\sqrt{3}$ leads to $y(2 \sin \phi) + x(1 - 2 \cos \phi) = -4r \cos 2\phi$ (3).

Solving equations (1), (3) and labeling $\rho = \frac{4}{3}r$ leads to $x = \rho(2 \cos \phi + \cos 2\phi)$, $y = \rho(2 \sin \phi - \sin 2\phi)$, which are parametric equations of **deltoid** \mathcal{D} , or **hypocycloid** with 3 cusps, inscribed in circle $(O, 4r)$, the locus of U .

Circumcenter V of pedal triangle of Q is also on \mathcal{D} .

Its coordinates are obtained from coordinates of U by substitution $\phi \rightarrow \phi \pm \pi$: $x = \rho(-2 \cos \phi + \cos 2\phi)$, $y = \rho(-2 \sin \phi - \sin 2\phi)$.

Slopes of PQ, UV are both equal to $\tan \phi \Rightarrow UV \parallel PQ$. In addition, $UV = 4\rho$.

Since isogonal conjugates P^*, Q^* of P, Q WRT $\triangle A'B'C'$ are reflections of P, Q in $U, V \Rightarrow P^*Q^* \parallel UV \parallel PQ$.

UV is midline of trapezoid $PQQ^*P^* \Rightarrow P^*Q^* = 2UV - PQ = 8\rho - 6\rho = 2\rho$.

$$\frac{P^*Q^*}{BC} = \frac{P^*Q^*}{\rho} \cdot \frac{3\rho}{3BC} = \frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}}$$

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skytin

#3 Dec 21, 2011, 11:56 pm

Very strange and interesting solution 😊 😊 Thank you



yetti

#4 Dec 22, 2011, 3:47 pm • 2

$(O, R), (O, 2R)$ are circumcircles of equilateral $\triangle A'B'C'$, $\triangle ABC$, respectively.

Rays $(OA, (OP, (OQ$ cut (O, R) at A_0, P_0, Q_0 . a, p, q are Simson lines of $\triangle A'B'C'$ with the poles A_0, P_0, Q_0 . Parallels through P, Q to a cut $(O, 2R)$ again at E, F . Since $p \perp q$, parallels through P, Q to p, q meet at $S \in (O, 2R)$. Since $a \parallel B'C' \Rightarrow a \perp A'O \Rightarrow E$ is reflection of P in $A'O$ and $A'E$ is reflection of $A'P$ in $A'O$.

$\angle EOS = 2\angle EPS = \angle P_0 OA_0 = \angle POA \Rightarrow AE \parallel PS$. Parallel to these lines through A' cuts (O, R) again at E' $\Rightarrow A'E' = \frac{1}{2}AE$.

Let $X \equiv AE^2 \cap A'E$, $K \equiv XE'A \cap PS$ and $L \equiv XA'E \cap PS$. $PK = LS$ by symmetry. Let M, N be midpoints of AE, PS . Label $\phi = \angle POA = \angle AOE = \angle EOS$.

$$\frac{KL}{PS} = \frac{KL}{AE} \cdot \frac{AE}{PS} = \frac{XN}{XM} \cdot \frac{AE}{PS} = \frac{2OM + ON}{3OM} \cdot \frac{AE}{PS} = \frac{\sin \frac{1}{2}\phi + \cos \frac{3}{2}\phi}{3 \cos \frac{1}{2}\phi} \cdot \frac{\sin \frac{1}{2}\phi}{\sin \frac{3}{2}\phi} = \frac{2 \sin \phi + (\sin 2\phi - \sin \phi)}{3(\sin 2\phi + \sin \phi)} = \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow PK = KL = LS = \frac{1}{3}PS.$$

Thus reflection $A'E$ of $A'P$ in $A'O$ cuts PS at L in the ratio $\frac{LS}{PS} = \frac{1}{3}$. Similarly, reflections of $B'P, C'P$ in $B'O, C'O$ cut PS in the same ratio \Rightarrow

these reflections concur at L , which is therefore identical with isogonal conjugate P^* of P WRT $\triangle A'B'C' \Rightarrow \frac{P^*S}{PS} = \frac{1}{3}$.

In exactly the same way, isogonal conjugate Q^* of Q WRT $\triangle A'B'C'$ divides QS in the ratio $\frac{Q^*S}{QS} = \frac{1}{3}$.

It follows that $P^*Q^* \parallel PQ$ and $\frac{P^*Q^*}{BC} = \frac{P^*Q^*}{PQ} \cdot \frac{PQ}{BC} = \frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}}$.



Luis González

#5 Dec 26, 2011, 9:15 pm • 2

The problem can be generalized as follows

Proposition. P is an arbitrary point on the plane of the scalene triangle $\triangle ABC$. Q is the reflection of P about the centroid G of $\triangle ABC$. P' and Q' are the isotomic conjugates of P and Q WRT $\triangle ABC$. Then $PQ \parallel P'Q'$.

Proof. Let $(u : v : w)$ be the barycentric coordinates of P WRT $\triangle ABC$. Then the coordinates of its reflection Q about $G \equiv (1 : 1 : 1)$ are $Q \equiv (2v + 2w - u : 2u + 2w - v : 2u + 2v - w)$.

Coordinates of the isotomic conjugates P', Q' of P, Q are then

$$P' \left(\frac{1}{u} : \frac{1}{v} : \frac{1}{w} \right), Q' \left(\frac{1}{2v + 2w - u} : \frac{1}{2u + 2w - v} : \frac{1}{2u + 2v - w} \right)$$

Barycentric coordinates of line $P'Q'$ are given by

$$[u(v - w)(2v + 2w - u) : v(w - u)(2w + 2u - v) : w(u - v)(2u + 2v - w)]$$

Infinity point of $P'Q'$ is then $P_\infty(w + v - 2u : u + w - 2v : u + v - 2w)$, which coincides with the infinite point of line $PG \equiv (v - w)x + (w - u)y + (u - v)z = 0$.

Bonus. $R \equiv PQ' \cap QP'$ lies on the Steiner circum-ellipse of $\triangle ABC$.

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hvez

#1 Dec 24, 2011, 11:34 pm • 1 

Let $ABCD$ to be a quadrilateral inscribed in a circle Γ . Let r and s to be the tangents to Γ through B and C , respectively, M the intersection between the lines r and AD and N the intersection between the lines s and AD . After all, let E to be the intersection between the lines BN and CM , F the intersection between the lines AE and BC and L the midpoint of BC . Prove that the circuncircle of the triangle DLF is tangent to Γ .



Luis González

#2 Dec 25, 2011, 12:05 am

Assume that E is inside $\Gamma \implies$ There exists a homology carrying Γ into a circle (E) with center E . Thus, $ABCD$ and $BCNM$ become isosceles trapezoids with $BC \parallel MN$. Let $P \equiv BM \cap CN$ and $G \equiv PD \cap BC$. Since EP bisects $\angle NEC$ externally, by Angle Bisector Theorem we have then $\frac{EN}{EC} = \frac{PN}{PC} = \frac{ND}{CG}$. Hence, $\triangle EDN \sim \triangle EGC$ by SAS $\implies \angle DEN = \angle GEC$, i.e. EG is the reflection of ED about $PE \implies G \equiv F \equiv DG$ is the D-symmedian of $\triangle DBC$. Now, in the original figure, we have $\angle DLC = \angle DBC + \angle FDC \implies \odot(DLF)$ is tangent to Γ .

See also <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=47&t=359561>.



horizon

#3 Feb 5, 2012, 9:34 pm • 2 

the keypoint is to prove that K, F, D is collinear

$$\frac{\sin \angle BKF}{\sin \angle FKC} = \frac{BF}{FC} = \frac{BE \sin \angle AEN}{EC \sin \angle MEA} = \frac{BE}{EC} \frac{AN}{AM} \frac{ME}{EN} = \frac{ME}{EC} \frac{BE}{EN} \frac{AN}{AM} = \frac{MB}{BK} \frac{NK}{NC} \frac{MB}{MK} \frac{CK}{CN} \frac{AN}{AM} = \frac{MB^2}{NC^2} \frac{NK}{MA} \frac{NA}{MK} = \frac{MD}{MK} \frac{NK}{ND} =$$

$$\frac{\sin \angle DKN}{\sin \angle MKD}$$

so K, D, F is collinear

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tkraas

#1 Feb 12, 2010, 9:16 pm

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number one: prove that AE, DG, CF meet in one point

number two: prove that AF, HE, BG meet in one point

number three: M is the midpoint of DC and AE. prove that DC and BE are perpendicular



Luis González

#2 Dec 24, 2011, 12:21 pm

1) The result is still true for arbitrary parallelograms $ABDC$ and $BFGF$.

Let $M \equiv CF \cap DG$ and $N \equiv BC \cap DG$. From $\triangle MGF \sim \triangle MNC$ and $\triangle CND \sim \triangle ENG$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{FM}{MC} &= \frac{GF}{CN} = \frac{EB}{CN}, \quad \frac{EG}{CD} = \frac{EN}{CN} \\ \implies \frac{EG + CD}{CD} &= \frac{EC}{CN} \implies \frac{AF}{CD} = \frac{CE}{CN} \\ \implies \frac{AB}{AF} \cdot \frac{FM}{MC} \cdot \frac{CE}{EB} &= \frac{CD}{AF} \cdot \frac{EB}{CN} \cdot \frac{CE}{EB} = \frac{CN}{CE} \cdot \frac{CE}{CN} = 1 \end{aligned}$$



By Menelaus' theorem for $\triangle BCF$, we conclude that A, E, M are collinear, i.e. AE, DG, CF concur at M .



Luis González

#3 Dec 24, 2011, 12:22 pm

2) Let $P \equiv AF \cap BG$. $\triangle CGB$ and $\triangle CAF$ are congruent by SAS, due to $\overline{CG} = \overline{CA}$, $\overline{CF} = \overline{CB}$ and $\angle GCB = \angle ACF = 90^\circ + \angle ACB$. Therefore, $\angle CAP = \angle CGP$ and $\angle CFP = \angle CBP$. Which implies that $CPAG$ and $CPBF$ are both cyclic, i.e circumcircles of $ACGH$ and $BCFE$ meet at C, P . Since $\overline{HG} = \overline{HA}$, it follows that PH bisects $\angle GPA$. Likewise, PE bisects $\angle FPB$ $\implies H, P, E$ are collinear, i.e. lines AF, HE, BG concur at P .



3) Obviously, $EDAC$ is a parallelogram, thus $ED \parallel CA$ and $EC \parallel AD$. But since $AD \perp DB$ and $AC \perp CB$, we have $EC \perp DB$ and $BC \perp ED \implies C$ is orthocenter of $\triangle EDB \implies DC \perp EB$.



sayantan

#4 Dec 24, 2011, 2:02 pm

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Virgil Nicula

#5 Dec 24, 2011, 2:04 pm

1. Let $ABCD$ and $BEGF$ be two parallelograms so that $E \in (BC)$ and BC separates A, F . Denote



$AB = a$, $AD = b$, $BF = c$, $BE = d$ and $H \in CD \cap FG$, $K \in CF \cap AE$, $L \in CF \cap DG$.
 Apply the Menelaus' theorem to mentioned transversals and triangles :

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \overline{AEK}/\triangle BCF : \frac{AB}{AF} \cdot \frac{KF}{KC} \cdot \frac{EC}{EB} = 1 \implies \frac{a}{a+c} \cdot \frac{KF}{KC} \cdot \frac{b-d}{d} = 1 \implies \frac{KC}{KF} = \frac{a(b-d)}{d(a+c)} \\ \overline{DGK}/\triangle HCF : \frac{DC}{DH} \cdot \frac{GH}{GF} \cdot \frac{LF}{LC} = 1 \implies \frac{a}{a+c} \cdot \frac{b-d}{d} \cdot \frac{LF}{LC} = 1 \implies \frac{LC}{LF} = \frac{a(b-d)}{d(a+c)} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\implies \frac{KC}{KF} = \frac{LC}{LF} \implies K \equiv L \implies AE \cap DG \cap CF \neq \emptyset.$$

Remark. See PP15 from [here](#).

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sayantan

#6 Dec 24, 2011, 9:28 pm



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#1 Mar 26, 2006, 11:15 am

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Luis González

#2 Oct 29, 2009, 8:52 am

 Quote:

Problema 3. Un triángulo equilátero de lado 2 está circunscrito en una circunferencia Γ . Probar que: a) Para todo punto P sobre Γ , la suma de los cuadrados de sus distancias a A, B, C es 5. b) Para todo punto P existe un triángulo con lados PA, PB, PC y cuya área es $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}$.

a) En un triángulo $\triangle ABC$, P es un punto variable sobre una circunferencia centrada en su baricentro G y radio ρ . Entonces $PA^2 + PB^2 + PC^2$ es una cantidad constante igual a $3\rho^2 + \frac{1}{3}(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)$.

b) Si P es un punto del plano del triángulo equilátero $\triangle ABC$, entonces existe un triángulo $\triangle XYZ$ cuyos lados tienen longitudes iguales a PA, PB, PC . Este triángulo llamado de Pompeiu tiene varias propiedades, entre ellas:

- Cuando P yace en la circunferencia circunscrita de $\triangle ABC$ tal triángulo se degenera.
- $\triangle XYZ$ es siempre inscriptible en $\triangle ABC$ y con esto se entiende de que siempre existe al menos una posición de $\triangle XYZ$ de modo que sus vértices X, Y, Z estén en las rectas BC, CA, AB .
- El área de $\triangle XYZ$ equivale a cuatro tercios del área del triángulo pedal de P respecto $\triangle ABC$. Lo cual implica que su área puede ser calculada usando el teorema de Euler, conociendo el circunradio de $\triangle ABC$ y la distancia de P a su circuncentro.



Luis González

#3 Nov 1, 2009, 9:40 am

 Quote:

Problema 5. Sea Γ una circunferencia y h, m dos cantidades positivas tales que existe un trapecio $ABCD$ inscrito en Γ con altura h y tal que la suma de sus bases $AB + CD$ es igual a m . Construir tal trapecio.

Sean K, L, M, N los puntos medios de AB, BC, CD, DA . Es claro que como $ABCD$ es un trapecio isósceles, entonces $KLMN$ es un rombo con diagonales conocidas, la altura $KM = h$ y la base $LN = \frac{1}{2}(AB + CD) = \frac{1}{2}m$. Así la construcción del rombo $KLMN$ es inmediata y de ella se desprende la longitud KL que vale la mitad de la diagonal AC .

El triángulo $\triangle ACD$ de lado $AC = 2KL$, altura sobre DC igual a h y circuncírculo Γ es determinable.

Se fija la cuerda AC en Γ y se traza la circunferencia de diámetro AC . La circunferencia centrada en A con radio h corta a la

circunferencia de diámetro AC en la proyección H de A en DC , luego el rayo CH corta a Γ en D . La paralela a CD que pasa por A corta a Γ en B completándose el trapecio.



Luis González

#4 Dec 24, 2011, 11:15 am

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“” Quote:

Problema 6. En un $\triangle ABC$ se toman los puntos A_1, A_2 en las prolongaciones $\overrightarrow{BA}, \overrightarrow{CA}$, tales que $AA_1 = AA_2 = BC$. Se definen los pares de puntos B_1, B_2 y C_1, C_2 del mismo modo. Probar que el área del hexágono convexo $A_1A_2B_1B_2C_1C_2$ es mayor o igual a 13 veces el área de $\triangle ABC$.

Usando que la razón entre las áreas de dos triángulos con un par de ángulos iguales o suplementarios es igual a la razón entre el producto de los lados correspondientes que los forman, obtenemos

$$\frac{[AA_1A_2]}{[ABC]} = \frac{a^2}{bc}, \quad \frac{[BCC_1B_2]}{[ABC]} = \frac{[AB_2C_1]}{[ABC]} - 1 = \frac{(b+c)^2}{bc} - 1 = \frac{b^2 + c^2}{bc} + 1$$

Entonces, teniendo en cuenta las expresiones simétricas para el resto de las áreas, el área S del hexágono $A_1A_2B_1B_2C_1C_2$ viene dada por

$$\frac{S}{[ABC]} = \frac{a^2}{bc} + \frac{b^2}{ca} + \frac{c^2}{ab} + \frac{b^2 + c^2}{bc} + \frac{c^2 + a^2}{ca} + \frac{a^2 + b^2}{ab} + 4$$

Entonces, la desigualdad pedida equivale a $(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)(a + b + c) \geq 9abc$, la cual se deduce por media aritmética-media geométrica aplicada sobre a, b, c y a^2, b^2, c^2 , respectivamente.

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Bisector 

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mastergeo

#1 Dec 22, 2011, 8:18 pm

Let (O) and (O') are two tangent circle, and T is the tangent point. M is an arbitrary point lies in (O) and A, B lie in (O') such that A, B, M are collinear and \overline{ABM} is the tangent of (O) (B lies between A, M). Denote $MT \cap (O') = N$ and C is an arbitrary point on arc NT that does not contain A . D lies in (O) such that CD is tangent to (O) . $NC \cap MD = E$. Prove that AE is the internal bisector of $\angle BAC$.



Luis González

#2 Dec 23, 2011, 2:31 am • 2

We assume that (O) and (O') are externally tangent at T . Lines TA, TB cut (O) again at P, Q . Since T is the exsimilicenter of $(O) \sim (O')$, then $PQ \parallel AB \implies$ Arcs MP, MQ of (O) are congruent, i.e. M is midpoint of the arc PQ of (O) not containing $D \implies N$ is midpoint of the arc AB of (O') containing $C \implies CN$ bisects $\angle ACB$ externally. Now, using the extraversion of Sawayama's Lemma on the circle (O) externally tangent to $(O)'$ and tangent to AB and the C-cevian CD of $\triangle ABC$, it follows that MD passes through the A-excenter of $\triangle ABC \implies E \equiv NC \cap MD$ is the A-excenter of $\triangle ABC \implies AE$ bisects $\angle BAC$ internally.



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Moment of inertia 

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erkamseker

#1 Dec 22, 2011, 7:38 pm

Let ABC be a triangle and H is orthocenter, F is nine points circle, R is radius of circumcircle of ABC.

Prove that;

$$FA^2 + FB^2 + FC^2 + FH^2 = 3R^2$$

Hint

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Luis González

#2 Dec 23, 2011, 12:32 am

This relation and a generalization have been discussed before

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Equal sum X

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mastergeo

#1 Dec 22, 2011, 8:15 pm

Let ABC be a triangle with excircle (I_a) with respect to A . P, Q are two points on external side AB, AC such that P, I, Q are collinear. Prove that $BP + CQ = PQ$.

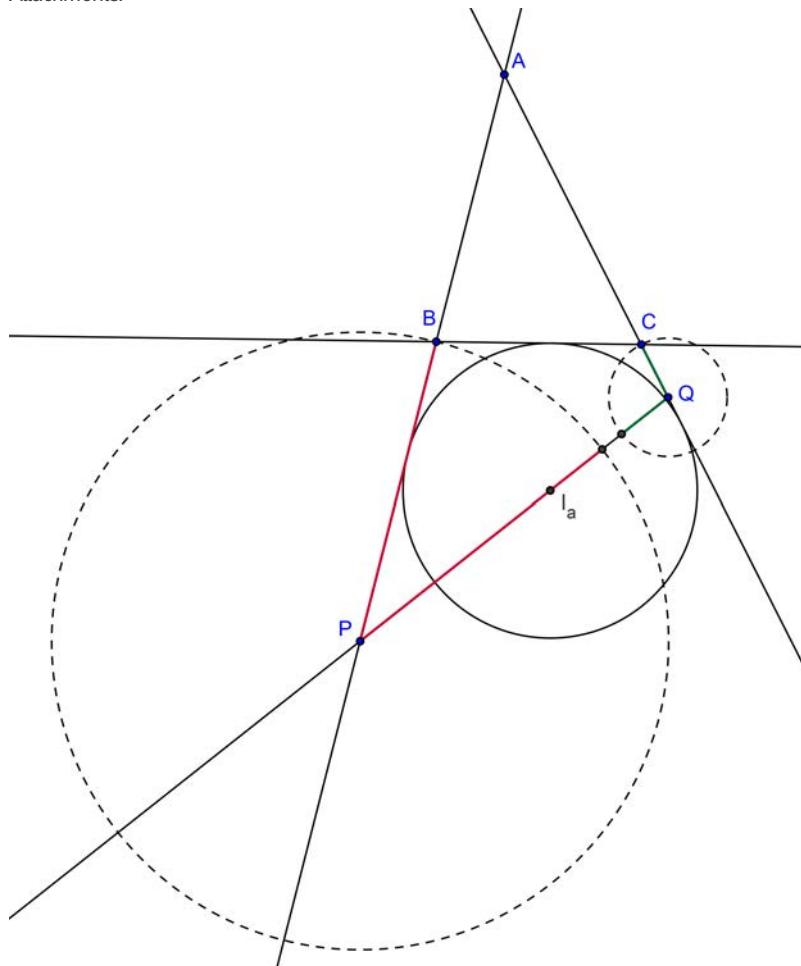


Luis González

#2 Dec 22, 2011, 11:59 pm

There must be an extra condition here. My diagram reveals the result is not true.

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$|SA'| |SB'| = |SN|^2$ 

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Source: Baltic Way 1994



WakeUp

#1 Dec 22, 2011, 9:55 pm

Let NS and EW be two perpendicular diameters of a circle \mathcal{C} . A line ℓ touches \mathcal{C} at point S . Let A and B be two points on \mathcal{C} , symmetric with respect to the diameter EW . Denote the intersection points of ℓ with the lines NA and NB by A' and B' , respectively. Show that $|SA'| \cdot |SB'| = |SN|^2$.



Luis González

#2 Dec 22, 2011, 11:26 pm

ℓ is obviously the inverse of \mathcal{C} under the inversion with center N and power NS^2 . Thus, A, A' and B, B' are pairs of inverse points $\Rightarrow AA'B'B$ is cyclic $\Rightarrow \angle NA'B' = \angle NBA$. But since $AB \parallel NS$, we have $\angle BNS = \angle NBA = \angle NA'B'$ $\Rightarrow \odot(NA'B')$ is tangent to NS at $N \Rightarrow SN^2 = SA' \cdot SB'$.



sunken rock

#3 Dec 23, 2011, 11:04 am

$\angle NA'B' = \frac{\text{arc}NES - \text{arc}SWA}{2} = \frac{\text{arc}AN}{2} = \frac{\text{arc}BS}{2} = \angle B'NS$, implying SN tangent to the circle $\odot A'B'N$ at N , wherefrom we get the desired relation.



Best regards,
sunken rock

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carlosbr

#1 Mar 26, 2006, 11:05 am

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Luis González

#2 Nov 13, 2010, 10:44 pm

 Quote:

Problema 1. A cada vértice de un cubo se asigna el valor de +1 o -1, y a cada cara el producto de los valores asignados a cada vértice. ¿Qué valores puede tomar la suma de los 14 números así obtenidos?

Al cambiar el número de un vértice se modifican 4 valores, el vértice que se cambió y las tres caras que comparten dicho vértice, $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \lambda_4$. Si $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = \lambda_4$, la nueva suma S' es $S \pm 8$. Si $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3$ y $\lambda_4 = -\lambda_4$, la nueva suma S' es $S \pm 4$. Si $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2$ y $\lambda_3 = \lambda_4 = -\lambda_4$, la nueva suma S' es S .

Como toda asignación puede obtenerse a partir de una dada mediante sucesivos cambios en un vértice y $-14 \leq S \leq 14$, entonces los valores posibles de S son 14, 10, 6, 2, -2, -6, -10 y -14.

No se puede obtener -14 pues no se puede lograr que los 14 números sean negativos, ya que si los 8 vértices son negativos las caras son positivas. No se puede obtener 10 pues para ello debe haber 12 positivos y 2 negativos. Con un vértice negativo, $S = 6$ y con dos vértices negativos hay además dos caras (por lo menos) negativas, que son las que tienen a uno de los vértices pero no al otro.



Luis González

#3 Dec 12, 2010, 10:48 pm

 Quote:

Problema 2. Dos rectas perpendiculares dividen un cuadrado en cuatro partes, tres de las cuales tienen cada una área igual a 1. Demostrar que el área del cuadrado es cuatro.

Sea $P_1P_2P_3P_4$ el cuadrado dado. M es un punto interior a éste por el cual pasa una recta que corta a $\overline{P_1P_2}$ y $\overline{P_3P_4}$ en P, T y otra recta perpendicular a la anterior que corta a $\overline{P_2P_3}$ y $\overline{P_4P_1}$ en S, U . O es el centro de $P_1P_2P_3P_4$. La paralela por O a PT corta a $\overline{P_1P_2}$ y $\overline{P_3P_4}$ en E, G y la paralela a SU por O corta a $\overline{P_2P_3}$ y $\overline{P_4P_1}$ en F, H . Sean $X \equiv EG \cap SU$ y $Y \equiv FH \cap TP$. Denotemos $S, S_A, S_B, S_C, S_D, S_R$ las áreas de $P_1P_2P_3P_4, UHYM, PEOY, SFOX, TGXM, OXMY$.

Asumimos sin perdida de generalidad que O yace en el interior de MPP_2S . Es claro que las rectas EG y FH dividen $P_1P_2P_3P_4$ en cuatro cuadriláteros con igual área. Por lo tanto, se tendrá

$$\frac{1}{4}S - S_B + S_A = \frac{1}{4}S - S_A - S_C - S_R = \frac{1}{4}S - S_D + S_C = 1.$$

De éstas, se desprende que $S_A + S_D = S_B + S_C \implies$ los paralelogramos $PEGT$ y $SFHU$ tienen igual área. Como además, éstos tienen alturas iguales, entonces se sigue que $PE = FS \implies OXMY$ es un cuadrado. Por tanto $S_A = S_C$ y $S_B = S_D$. Luego, usando las expresiones conseguidas anteriormente, se llega a que $S_A = S_B = S_C = S_D = 0 \implies O \equiv M$ y la conclusión se sigue.



Luis González

#4 Nov 19, 2011, 8:33 am

“ Quote:

Problema 4. Encontrar un número N de cinco cifras diferentes y no nulas, que sea igual a la suma de todos los números de tres cifras distintas que se pueden formar con cinco cifras de N .

El número buscado $N = abcde$ habrá de ser igual a la suma $abc + abd + \dots + cde$. Esta suma tendrá $3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 = 60$ sumandos; como primera cifra de los sumandos aparecerá igual número de veces las cinco cifras a, b, c, d y e , es decir habrá $60/12$ sumandos cuya primera cifra es a , 12 sumandos cuya primera cifra es b , etc. Igual ocurrirá con las segundas y terceras cifras de los sumandos, de modo que se tendrá

$$\begin{aligned} N &= (100a + 10b + c) + (100a + 10b + d) + \dots + (100c + 10d + e) = \\ &= (1200a + 120a + 12a) + (1200b + 120b + 12b) + \dots + (1200e + 120e + 12e) = \\ &= (1200 + 120 + 12)(a + b + c + d + e) = 12 \cdot 111(a + b + c + d + e) \end{aligned}$$

Llamando $S = a + b + c + d + e$ resultará $N = 12 \cdot 111 \cdot S$.

S será máximo cuando las cifras de N sean $9, 8, 7, 6, 5$. Así, $S = 35$. S será mínimo cuando las cifras de N sean $1, 2, 3, 4, 5$. Así, $S = 15$.

Luego, S debe estar comprendido entre 15 y 35 ; pero la primera igualdad indica que N debe ser múltiplo de 9 , ya que tanto 12 como 111 son divisibles por 3 . Por lo tanto, también debe ser múltiplo de 9 la suma S de las cifras de N . Ahora bien, los únicos múltiplos de 9 comprendidos entre 15 y 35 son 18 y 27 . Para $S = 18$ resulta $N = 23976$, solución no válida pues tiene $S = 27 \neq 18$. Para $S = 27$ resulta $N = 35961$, que es la solución buscada pues $S = 27$.



Luis González

#5 Nov 19, 2011, 10:59 am

“ Quote:

Problema 5. Sea $P(x, y) = 2x^2 - 6xy + 5y^2$. Diremos que un número entero a es un valor de P si existen números enteros b y c tales que $a = P(b, c)$.

I) Determinar cuántos elementos entre 1 y 100 son valores de P .

II) Probar que el producto de valores de P es un valor de P .

Los valores de P son los enteros que pueden expresarse como suma de los cuadrados de dos enteros. Observemos en primer lugar que $P(x, y)$ puede expresarse en la forma $P(x, y) = (x - y)^2 + (x - 2y)^2$, con lo cual los valores de P son sumas de dos cuadrados. Por otro lado si $A = B^2 + C^2$, resolviendo $x - y = B \cup x - 2y = C$, resulta $P(2B - C, B - C) = A$, lo cual prueba nuestra afirmación. La parte I) se resuelve pues contando los elementos entre 1 y 100 que son sumas de dos cuadrados.

II) Suponemos que A y A' son valores de P . Con lo establecido previamente, A y A' pueden expresarse como $A = B^2 + C^2$ y $A' = B'^2 + C'^2$. Multiplicando éstos se llega a la conclusión.



Luis González

#6 Nov 19, 2011, 9:00 pm

“ Quote:

Problema 6. Se dan tres puntos nos alineados M, N, H . Si M, N son los puntos medios de los lados AC, AB de un triángulo $\triangle ABC$ cuyo ortocentro es H , probar que tal triángulo es construible con regla y compás.

Sea D el pie de la altura (desconocido) y $P = AH \cap MN$ es decir la proyección ortogonal de H en MN . Consideraremos

Vea Δ el pie de la A-altura (desconocido), y H — su proyección orthogonal en MN , es decir la proyección ortogonal de A en MN . Consideremos el $\triangle ABC$, en el cual A y H yacen en lados distintos de la recta MN , la otra solución posible se tratará por analogía. Es bien conocida la relación métrica $AD \cdot HD = DB \cdot DC = 4PN \cdot PM$, por consiguiente

$$HP = PD - HD = \frac{AD}{2} - HD = \frac{AD}{2} - \frac{4PN \cdot PM}{AD} \implies$$
$$\frac{AD^2}{2} - AD \cdot HP = 4PN \cdot PM \implies AD = HP + \sqrt{HP^2 + 8PN \cdot PM}$$

Se podrá pues construir un segmento de igual medida que la A-altura, consiguientemente determinar el vértice A y completar fácilmente el $\triangle ABC$ reflejando A en M y N .

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Geometry



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Gleek-00

#1 Nov 19, 2011, 2:25 am

Let $\triangle ABC$ be an isosceles triangle with $AB = AC$, let the tangents to the circumcircle of $\triangle ABC$ in A and B meet in D . Show that $\angle DCB \leq 30^\circ$



Luis González

#2 Nov 19, 2011, 4:59 am

M is the midpoint of the side AB . CM , CD are the C-median and C-symmedian of $\triangle ABC \Rightarrow \angle DCB = \angle MCA$. E is the foot of the C-altitude and P is the projection of M on AC . The right triangles $\triangle AMP$ and $\triangle ACE$ are similar with similarity coefficient $\frac{AC}{AM} = \frac{AB}{AM} = 2 \Rightarrow CE = 2MP$. Thus, $CM \geq CE = 2MP \Rightarrow \angle MCP \leq 30^\circ \Rightarrow \angle DCB \leq 30^\circ$, as desired.

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Gleek-00

#1 Nov 19, 2011, 2:40 am

Consider two circles (C_1) and (C_2) which intersect in A and B

A tangent to (C_1) in A cuts (C_2) in D , and a tangent to (C_2) in A cuts (C_1) in C .

A ray that begins with A and found inside $\angle CAD$ cuts (C_1) in M and (C_2) in N and the circumcircle of $\triangle ACD$ in P .

Show that $AM = NP$

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Luis González

#2 Nov 19, 2011, 3:29 am

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Help me a geometry problem !!! 

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hoangkute96

#1 Nov 18, 2011, 2:50 pm

Give quadrilateral ABCD have angle ABC = angle ADC = 90 and AB+AD=AC . The intersection point of AC and BD is K. Prove that radii of incircles of triangle ADK and triangle ABK are equal.



Luis González

#2 Nov 18, 2011, 8:48 pm • 1 

Let (I, r) and (O, R) be the incircle and circumcircle of $\triangle BCD$. M, N, L are the midpoints of BD, DC, CB . Then $AC = AB + AD \Rightarrow ON + OL = R$, but by Carnot's theorem $OM + ON + OL = R + r \Rightarrow OM = r$. If (I, r) touches BD at X and Y is the antipode of X WRT (I) , then OM and YI are congruent and parallel $\Rightarrow OYIM$ is a parallelogram $OY \parallel MI \Rightarrow CK$ is the C-Nagel cevian of $\triangle BCD \Rightarrow$ Inradii of $\triangle ABK$ and $\triangle ADK$ are equal.



yetti

#3 Nov 19, 2011, 1:03 am • 1 

Let $S(\triangle XYZ), p(\triangle XYZ), r(\triangle XYZ)$ be area, (semi)perimeter and inradius of $\triangle XYZ$.
 (O) on diameter AC is circumcircle of $\triangle BCD$. Parallels to CD, DB, BC through B, C, D form $\triangle B'C'D'$ anticomplementary to $\triangle BCD$.

$AB + AD = AC \Rightarrow A$ is Feuerbach point of $\triangle B'C'D'$, the tangency point of its 9-point circle (O) and incircle (J') \Rightarrow incenter J' of $\triangle B'C'D'$, identical with Nagel point of $\triangle BCD$, is on radius OA of (O)

$\Rightarrow p(\triangle CBK) = p(\triangle CDK) \Rightarrow$

$$\frac{r(\triangle ABK)}{r(\triangle ADK)} = \frac{S(\triangle ABK)}{S(\triangle ADK)} \cdot \frac{p(\triangle ADK)}{p(\triangle ABK)} = \frac{BK}{DK} \cdot \frac{AK}{BK} \cdot \frac{DK}{AK} \cdot \frac{p(\triangle CBK)}{p(\triangle CDK)} = 1$$



skytin

#4 Nov 20, 2011, 12:04 am

Solution :

Let I is insenter of BCD , W , J are midpoints of smalest arcs BC , CD of (ABCD)

Well known that WC = WI = WB and JC = JI = JP , I is intersection point of JB , WD

Reflect point D wrt JA and get point D' , reflect B wrt WA and get point B'

B' , D' are on CA

J is center of (D'ICD) , W is center of (CB'IB)

After Reim's theorem for (D'ICD) and (ABCD) we get that ID' || WA

Like the same IB' || JA

Let O is circumcenter of (ABC) , easy to see that O is midpoint of B'D' and CA

Reflect I wrt O and get point I'

Let lines thru D , B and || to JA , AW intersects at point X

DX , BX intersects with CA at points Y , Z

Easy to see that AY = D'A = DA and AZ = AB' and YX || I'D' , B'I' || XZ , so A is midpoint of IX

AX || IA || CI || to angle bissector of BCD || to angle bissector of DAB

Let U is incenter of ABD , N , F are incenters of BKA , KDA

NA || BX , FA || DX , U is on BN , DF , AX , so U is homotety center of NFA and BDX

NF || BD . done



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thanhluan_LTTM

#1 Nov 16, 2011, 6:32 pm

Give circle with center O , a point M move on circle , the tangent at M cut the tangent at A at P . A circle with center B passing P ,M and BP perpendicular AP . Prove that the circle with center B exposure with a fixed circle .



tobash_co

#2 Nov 16, 2011, 7:34 pm

What is 'exposure'?



yetti

#3 Nov 16, 2011, 8:27 pm • 1 

Perpendicular bisector of PM through B cuts PO at its midpoint Q . $PO \perp AM$ cuts AM at its midpoint N .

$$\triangle NAO \sim \triangle APO \implies AN = AP \cdot \frac{AO}{PO}.$$

$$\triangle PBQ \sim \triangle APM \implies PB = AP \cdot \frac{PQ}{AM} = AP \cdot \frac{PO}{4AN} = \frac{PO^2}{4AO} = \frac{AP^2 + AO^2}{4AO} \implies PB - \frac{AO}{4} = \frac{AP^2}{4AO}$$

Let $\overline{AV} = \frac{\overline{AO}}{4}$, $\overline{VF} = \overline{AO}$ and $\overline{VD} = -\overline{AO}$. Let $v, d \perp AO$ at $V, D \implies$

B is on parabola with focus F and vertex tangent v and directrix $d \implies BF = \text{dist}(B, d)$.

Since circle (B) is tangent to AP at P , it is also tangent to circle (F) with radius equal to $\text{dist}(P, d) = AD = \frac{3}{4}OA$.



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#4 Nov 16, 2011, 11:35 pm

U, V are the antipodes of A, P WRT (O) , (B) . PU, PO cut (B) again at Q, R . Since $2\angle RVP = \angle MPA = \angle MVP$, then VR bisects $\angle OVP$, i.e. R is the midpoint of \overline{PO} . Let $N \equiv VQ \cap UA$. Since $VP \parallel UA$, by Reim's theorem, it follows that O, Q, R, N and U, M, Q, O are concyclic. Then

$$\angle OQU + \angle RQP = \angle OMU + \angle RVP = \angle AUM + \angle UAM = 90^\circ$$

Thus, $\angle ONR$ is right, i.e. $RN \parallel PA \implies N$ is the midpoint of \overline{OA} . Hence, (B) is always tangent to the circle with diameter $UN = \frac{3}{4}UA$.

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#1 Mar 26, 2006, 10:51 am

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#2 Dec 24, 2009, 11:25 am

 Quote:

Problema 2. En un triángulo $\triangle ABC$ sean D, E, F los puntos de tangencia de su incírculo (I) con BC, CA, AB . La recta AD corta por segunda vez a (I) en P . Si M es el punto medio de EF , probar que los puntos P, D, I, M son concíclicos o están alineados.

Como es claro que AM es mediatrix de EF , por teorema del cateto en el triángulo rectángulo $\triangle AEI$ en E se tiene $AE^2 = AM \cdot AI$. Por otro lado de la potencia de A con respecto al incírculo (I) resulta $AE^2 = AP \cdot AD$. Entonces $AM^2 = AP \cdot AD \implies P, D, I, M$ son concíclicos o están alineados si evidentemente $AB = AC$.



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#3 Dec 24, 2009, 11:28 pm

 Quote:

Problema 4. Se da un circunferencia C_1 y AB un diámetro fijo de ella. t es la tangente a C_1 en B y M es un punto en C_1 diferente de A, B . C_2 es la circunferencia tangente a C_1 en M y a t en un punto P .

- Construir el punto de tangencia P de C_2 con t y hallar el lugar del centro de C_2 al variar M .
- Probar que existe una circunferencia ortogonal al haz C_2 .

a) La inversión positiva con respecto a la circunferencia centrada en B con radio BA transforma a t en si misma y a C_1 en la tangente t' a C_1 por A . Entonces, el haz C_2 se transforma en una cadena de círculos iguales tangentes al par de paralelas t y t' . El rayo BM corta pues a t' en el inverso M' de M . La circunferencia inversa C'_2 de C_2 que pasa por M es pues construible ya que es tangente a t' en M' con su centro en la mediatrix ℓ de AB . Hallado el punto de tangencia P' de C'_2 con t , que es el inverso de P , entonces bastará trazar la circunferencia que pasa por M, M' y P' , esta cortará a t nuevamente en el punto buscado P . Por otro lado, para observar el lugar del centro O_2 de C_2 basta considerar la simétrica ℓ' de la mediatrix ℓ de AB con respecto a t . Entonces si O_2P corta a ℓ' en Q , se tiene $O_2Q = O_2O_1 = r_1 + r_2 \implies O_2$ equidista de ℓ' y O_1 . Su lugar es pues la parábola con foco O_1 y directriz ℓ' .

b) Es sabido que la inversión es una transformación conforme, es decir que preserva ángulos entre curvas. Note que el lugar geométrico de los centros O'_2 del haz C'_2 inverso del haz C_2 es al mediatrix ℓ de AB . El ángulo entre ℓ y C'_2 es recto, por tanto el ángulo entre C_2 y la circunferencia inversa C'_2 de ℓ será también recto $\implies C_2 \perp C'_2$.



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Problema 5. Sean A y B vértices opuestos de un tablero cuadriculado de n por n casillas ($n \geq 1$), a cada una de las cuales se añade su diagonal de dirección AB , formándose así $2n^2$ triángulos iguales. Se mueven una ficha recorriendo un camino que va desde A hasta B formado por segmentos del tablero, y se coloca, cada vez que se recorre, una semilla en cada uno de los triángulos que admite ese segmento como lado. El camino se recorre de tal forma que no se pasa por ningún segmento más de una vez, y se observa, después de recorrido, que hay exactamente dos semillas en cada uno de los $2n^2$ triángulos del tablero. Hallar tal valor de n .

Primero observamos que como cada triángulo debe tener dos semillas necesariamente se debe pasar por sólo dos lados de cada triángulo. Además, cualquier vértice distinto de A y de B debe pertenecer a una cantidad par de aristas del camino, puesto que, por no ser puntos terminales, cada vez que se llega se tiene que salir. Por el contrario, los vértices A y B pertenecen a un número impar de aristas del camino.

Para el caso en que $n = 1$, sean P y O los otros vértices del cuadrado. Para que haya 2 semillas en $\triangle AQB$ y 2 semillas en $\triangle APB$, por lo menos un cateto de $\triangle AQB$ y un cateto de $\triangle APB$ deben pertenecer al camino. Entonces deben estar los dos catetos de los dos triángulos porque P, Q pertenecen a un número par de aristas del camino; y no puede estar la diagonal AB porque ya hay 2 semillas en cada triángulo. En consecuencia, el vértice A pertenece a dos aristas del camino. Contradicción.

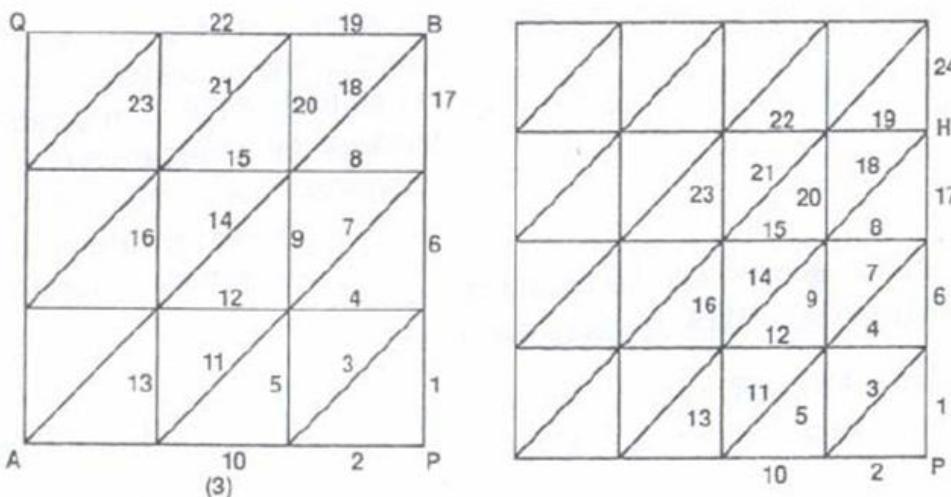
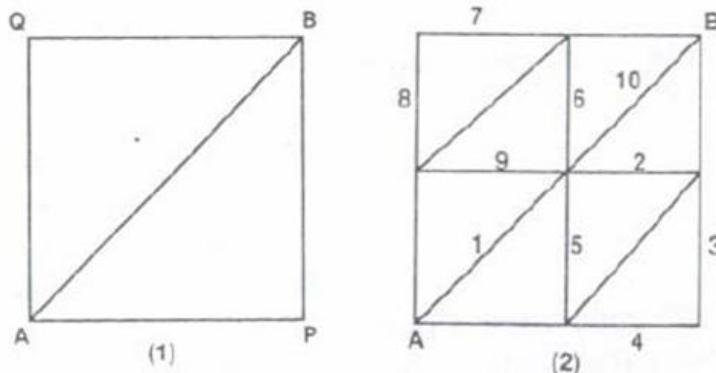
Si $n = 2$, una solución es la secuencia de aristas de 1 a 10 como se muestra en la figura 2. Para el caso $n = 3$, llamamos P y Q a los otros dos vértices extremos del tablero, numeramos las aristas como se indica en la figura 3.

Vemos lo siguiente: Como P no es un punto terminal debemos pasar por las aristas 1 y 2. Como en cada triángulo no se pueden utilizar más de dos aristas, no se usa la arista 3 y por lo tanto se deben usar la 4 y la 5. Por paridad, no se pueden utilizar ni la 10, ni la 6, lo cual obliga a usar la 11 y la 7. Por paridad, las aristas 12 y 9, o están ambas en el camino o no está ninguna. Para que haya 2 semillas en el triángulo del que son lados, deben estar ambas en el camino, lo cual obliga a que la 14 y la 8 no se utilicen. Ahora, Como 8 no se usa, estamos obligados a usar 18 y 17.

Razonando analogamente, se obliga a usar las aristas 20 y 15 y a no pasar por la 19, con lo cual el vértice B no puede ser un punto terminal, pues hay exactamente 2 aristas del camino que inciden en él. Con esto, el caso $n = 3$ no es posible.

Para $n \geq 4$, utilizando la misma notación que en el caso 3, pero llamando H a lo que era el vértice B . Como el 19 no se usó se debe utilizar el 24 (ver figura 4). Así, el vértice H no es terminal y sin embargo hay un número impar de aristas del camino que inciden en él. Con esto se ve que el caso $n \geq 4$ tampoco es posible. Así se concluye que el único caso posible es $n = 2$.

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#5 Nov 16, 2011, 9:21 am

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Problema 6. Sea $f(x)$ un polinomio de grado 3 con coeficientes racionales. Probar que si el gráfico de f es tangente al eje x , entonces $f(x)$ tiene sus 3 raíces racionales.

f es tangente al eje $x \iff f$ tiene una raíz doble real α . Si β denota la otra raíz, entonces $f(x) = a(x - \beta)(x - \alpha)^2$. siendo a el coeficiente de x^3 , entonces $a \in \mathbb{Q}$, exceptuando 0.

Así, $(x - \beta)(x - \alpha)^2 = x^3 - (2\alpha + \beta)x^2 + (\alpha^2 + 2\alpha\beta)x - \alpha^2\beta$ tiene coeficientes racionales, i.e. $2\alpha + \beta, \alpha^2 + 2\alpha\beta$ y $\alpha^2\beta$ son racionales. Por otro lado, sabemos que en el polinomio $P(x) = x^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$ con b, c, d racionales, la sustitución $x \rightarrow x - \frac{b}{3}$ es una traslación que elimina el término de 2do grado. Como $\frac{b}{3}$ es racional, las raíces racionales corresponden a raíces racionales, y las raíces irracionales corresponden a raíces irracionales. Por ende, no se pierde generalidad si consideramos $2\alpha + \beta = 0$, i.e. $\beta = -2\alpha$. Así, $\alpha^2 + 2\alpha\beta \in \mathbb{Q} \implies \alpha^2 \in \mathbb{Q}$ y $\alpha^2\beta \in \mathbb{Q} \implies \alpha^3 \in \mathbb{Q}$. De ésto deducimos pues que $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Q}$.

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#2 Dec 7, 2009, 5:36 am

 Quote:**Problema 1.** Hallar todas las ternas reales (x, y, z) que satisfacen

$$-x - y + z = x^2 - y^2 + z^2 = x^3 - y^3 - z^3 = 1$$

$$x = z - y - 1 \cup x^2 - y^2 + z^2 = 1 \implies (z - 1)(z - y) = 0 \implies z = 1 \text{ ó } y = z.$$

Si $z = 1$, entonces de $x = z - y - 1$ se tiene que $x + y = 0$. Al combinar esta última con la ecuación $x^3 - y^3 - z^3 = 1$ resulta $x = 1, y = -1$. Si $y = z$, entonces $x = -1$ y $y = z = -1$. Por tanto, las soluciones son $(x, y, z) = (1, -1, 1)$ ó $(-1, -1, -1)$.



Luis González

#3 Nov 7, 2011, 5:29 am

 Quote:**Problema 2.** x, y, z son números reales tales que $0 < x < y < z < \frac{\pi}{2}$. Pruebe que

$$2 \sin z \cos x + 2 \sin x \cos y + 2 \sin y \cos z \geq \sin 2x + \sin 2y + \sin 2z$$

Usando las fórmulas de adición de ángulos, la desigualdad dada equivale a

$$\sin(x + y) + \sin(y + z) + \sin(z + x) \geq \sin 2x + \sin 2y + \sin 2z.$$

Como $(2x, 2y, 2z) \succ (x + y, x + z, y + z)$ y $\sin \theta$ es concava para $\theta \in (0, \pi)$, entonces por [Desigualdad de Karamata](#), se deduce la desigualdad deseada.



Luis González

#4 Nov 7, 2011, 8:56 am

 Quote:

Problema 3. a, b, c son lados de un triángulo. Probar que $\frac{a-v}{a+b} + \frac{v-c}{b+c} + \frac{c-u}{c+a} < \frac{1}{20}$.

Denotemos $f(a, b, c)$ el lado izquierdo de la desigualdad deseada y sean A, B, C las permutaciones de a, b, c , con $A \leq B \leq C$. Si $(A, B, C) = (b, a, c), (a, c, b)$ ó (c, b, a) , entonces $f(a, b, c) = \delta$, donde

$$\delta = \frac{B-A}{B+A} + \frac{C-B}{C+B} - \frac{C-A}{C+A}$$

Si $(A, B, C) = (a, b, c), (b, c, a)$ ó (c, a, b) , entonces $f(a, b, c) = -\delta$. Ahora, suponemos que $B = A + h$, $C = B + k = A + h + k$, donde $h, k \geq 0$. Siendo A, B, C los lados de un triángulo, entonces tenemos $A + B > C$ ó $A > K$. Por consiguiente

$$\delta = \frac{h}{2A+h} + \frac{k}{2A+2h+k} - \frac{h+k}{2A+h+k}$$

$$\delta = \frac{h^2k + hk^2}{(2A+h)(2A+2h+k)(2A+h+k)}$$

Así, debemos probar que $20h^2k + 20hk^2 < (2k+h)(2k+2h+k)(2k+h+k)$, ya que $k < A$. Entonces, será suficiente probar que $18k^3 + 7hk^2 - 7h^2k + 2h^3 \geq 0$. Pero

$$7k^2 - 7hk + 2h^2 = 7\left(k - \frac{h}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{h^2}{4} \geq 0.$$

Así, establecemos que $\frac{1}{20} > \delta \geq 0$, que implica que $f(a, b, c) < \frac{1}{20}$.



Luis González

#5 Nov 8, 2011, 10:59 am

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Problema 4. El incírculo (I) de $\triangle ABC$ es tangente a AC, BC en M, N . Las bisectrices de los ángulos A y B intersectan la recta MN en P y Q . Probar que $MP \cdot IA = BC \cdot IQ$.

Si D, E son los puntos medios de BC, BA , es ya sabido que DE, AI, MN y la perpendicular desde B a AI concurren en P . Por la misma razón, resulta pues que el ángulo $\angle AQI$ es recto. Como $DE \parallel CA$, es fácil ver que $\triangle DNP \sim \triangle CNM$ y de ésta obtenemos la proporción:

$$\frac{NP}{MN} = \frac{ND}{CN} \implies \frac{MP}{BC} = \frac{MN}{2CN}$$

Si $T \equiv MN \cap CI$ es claro que CT es mediatrix de MN . Entonces $\frac{MP}{BC} = \frac{TN}{CN}$

Como $\triangle CNT \sim \triangle AIQ$, ya que $\angle QAI = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi - \gamma}{2} = \frac{\gamma}{2} = \angle TCA$

$$\implies \frac{IQ}{IA} = \frac{TN}{CN} = \frac{MP}{BC}.$$



Luis González

#6 Nov 15, 2011, 11:03 pm

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Problema 5. Sea f una función definida sobre el conjunto $\{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$, tal que $f(1) = 1$, $f(2n+1) = f(2n) + 1$ y $f(2n) = 3f(n)$. Hallar todos los posibles valores de f .

Escribimos n en base 2 y después la leemos en base 3. La función $g(n)$ definida de esta forma, ciertamente cumple que $g(1) = 1$. Luego, $2n+1$ tiene la misma expansión binaria que $2n$ a excepción de un 1 final, por tanto $g(2n+1) = g(2n) + 1$. Analogamente, $2n$ tiene la misma expansión binaria que n con la adición de un cero final. Así, $g(2n) = 3g(n)$. Por tanto, g es igual que f . Así, el conjunto de todos los m , tales que $m = f(n)$ para cierto n son los que se pueden escribir en base 3 sin un dígito 2.



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Luis González

#7 Nov 16, 2011, 2:26 am



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Problema 6. Probar que hay infinidad de pares naturales que satisfacen $2x^2 - 3x = 3y^2$.

Necesitamos $3 \mid x$, así $x = 3a$ y la ecuación toma la forma $6a^2 - 3a = y^2$. Necesitamos $3 \mid y$, así $y = 3b$ y la ecuación toma la forma $2a^2 - a = 3b^2$.

Re-escribimos $16a^2 - 8a = 24b^2$, ó $(4a - 1)^2 - 6(2b)^2 = 1$. Ésta es una ecuación de Pell con solución mínima $(A_0, B_0) = (5, 2)$, siendo el resto de las soluciones $(A_{n+1}, B_{n+1}) = (5A_n + 12B_n, 2A_n + 5B_n)$. En efecto, B_0 siendo par, todo B_n será pues par. Sin embargo, como $A_0 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, se tendrá que $A_n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$. Por ende, la condición $4a - 1 = A_n$ no puede ser cumplida. La ecuación no tiene pues soluciones enteras positivas. Para tener infinitas soluciones enteras positivas debemos tomar $2x^2 + 3x = 3y^2$. Pero si permitimos cualquier solución entera, la ecuación original tendrá también infinitas soluciones.

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#1 Nov 15, 2011, 3:39 am

Let $ABCD$ be a quadrilateral, and let H_1, H_2, H_3, H_4 be the orthocenters of the triangles DAB, ABC, BCD, CDA , respectively. Prove that the area of the quadrilateral $ABCD$ is equal to the area of the quadrilateral $H_1H_2H_3H_4$.



Luis González

#2 Nov 15, 2011, 6:00 am

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**livetolove212**

#1 Aug 23, 2009, 2:35 pm

Given triangle ABC with medians AA' , BB' , CC' . $B'C' \cap (O) = \{A_1, A_2\}$, similar for B_1, B_2, C_1, C_2 . Prove that the radical center of $(A'A_1A_2)$, $(B'B_1B_2)$ and $(C'C_1C_2)$ lies on **Brocard axis** of triangle ABC .

**livetolove212**

#2 Aug 23, 2009, 2:47 pm

And AA'', BB'', CC'' are the symmedians of triangle ABC , $B''C'' \cap (O) = \{A'_1, A'_2\}$, similar for B'_1, B'_2, C'_1, C'_2 then the radical center of $(A''A'_1A'_2)$, $(B''B'_1B'_2)$, $(C''C'_1C'_2)$ lies on **Brocard axis** of triangle ABC too

**Luis González**

#3 Nov 14, 2011, 3:59 am

Two nice problems forgotten for too long!.

The general barycentric coordinates of the radical center R of this triad of circles were given in the topic [Radical center and line IG](#) (see post #6). If P coincides with the centroid $X_2(1 : 1 : 1)$, then R is the Brocard midpoint (midpoint of the segment connecting the 2 Brocard points) $X_{39}(a^2(b^2 + c^2) : b^2(c^2 + a^2) : c^2(a^2 + b^2))$, which obviously lies on the Brocard axis X_3X_6 .

If P coincides with the symmedian point $X_6(a^2 : b^2 : c^2)$, then R is given by

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

This isn't in the current edition of ETC, but it certainly lies on the Brocard axis X_3X_6

$$\begin{bmatrix} a^2 & b^2 & c^2 \\ a^2S_A & b^2S_B & c^2S_C \\ a^2(b^2 + c^2 + 2a^2) & b^2(c^2 + a^2 + 2b^2) & c^2(a^2 + b^2 + 2c^2) \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

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find the angle 

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#1 Nov 13, 2011, 4:05 pm

given a triangle, AB is not equal to AC, the incircle of triangle ABC tangents to line AB, AC at P, Q respectively, M, N is on line BC satisfy that $MC = NB = \frac{AB + AC + BC}{2}$
 (B is between M and C, and C is between B and N) if P, Q, M, N are cyclic, find all possible $\angle A$



Luis González

#2 Nov 13, 2011, 10:38 pm

Clearly, M and N are the tangency points of the C- and B- excircles with BC. Thus, perpendicular bisectors of BC and MN coincide \Rightarrow circumcenter L of PQNM is always the midpoint of the arc BC of $\odot(ABC)$, due to $AB \neq AC$. Since $AP = BM$, $LP = LM$ and $\angle LBC = \angle LAP$, then $\triangle ALP$ and $\triangle BLM$ are pseudo-congruent \Rightarrow $\angle ALP = \angle BLM$, i.e. $\angle ALB = \angle PLM = 2\angle PNM$. This implies that NP is parallel to the internal angle bisector of $\angle ACB \Rightarrow$ NP passes through the tangency point of the B-excircle with AC. This latter property clearly characterizes the right triangles ABC with hypotenuse BC, i.e. $\angle A = 90^\circ$.



yetti

#3 Nov 14, 2011, 2:50 am

With the same notation: L $\in \odot(ABC)$, the intersection of perpendicular bisectors of PQ, MN, is circumcenter of PQNM. Reflect A in PQ into Z \Rightarrow LP = LM, ZP = AP = BM and $\frac{\pi}{2} < \angle LZP = \pi - \frac{\angle A}{2} = \angle LBM \Rightarrow$
 $\triangle LZP \cong \triangle LBM$ by Ssa \Rightarrow
 $LZ = LB \Rightarrow Z$ is incenter of $\triangle ABC \Rightarrow$ rhombus APZQ has right angles at P, Q \Rightarrow it is a square $\Rightarrow \angle A$ is right.



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Conjecture with Thebault's circles and incircles X

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#1 Nov 11, 2011, 11:43 am

Dear Mathlinkers,

1. ABC a triangle
2. P a point in the segment BC
3. (O) the circumcircle of ABC
4. Q the second point of intersection of AP with (O)
5. (Ob), (Oc) the Thebault's circles of ABC wrt P
5. (Ib), (Ic) the incircles of PQB, PQC.

Conjecture : (Ob) and (Oc) are equal if, and only if, (Ib) and (Ic) are equal.

Can we imagine a synthetic proof.

Sincerely

Jean-Louis



Luis González

#2 Nov 11, 2011, 12:23 pm

The conjecture is indeed true. (Ob),(Oc) are congruent iff AP is the A-Nagel cevian of ABC iff (Ib), (Ic) are congruent. See the following threads

<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=47&t=201858>
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jayme

#3 Nov 11, 2011, 1:55 pm

Dear Luis and Mathlinkers,

thank you for your last reference

<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=47&t=244007>

where I can found the nice proof of Leonhard Euler.

I come up to this conjecture after reading again my articles on Protassov and Mixtilinear incircles I and III... where I have the differents results of Euler but not the idea to consider the Pascal theorem...

Thank again for your help.

Sincerely

Jean-Louis



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EF parallel to AB. X

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thanhnam2902

#1 Nov 10, 2011, 1:46 pm

My own!

Let (O) is the circum circle of ABC triangle. Let D is the midpoint of BC arc not contain point A , let S is the intersect of the tangents of (O) at B and C . The perpendicular bisector of AB meet AD at point E , The perpendicular bisector of AD meet AS at point F . Prove that $EF \parallel AB$.



Luis González

#2 Nov 11, 2011, 1:50 am

M is the midpoint of BC . AM , AS are the A-median and A-symmedian of $\triangle ABC \implies AD$ bisects $\angle FAM$. Since $\triangle FAD$ is F-isosceles, it follows that $FD \parallel AM$. If FD cuts AB at P , we have then

$$\frac{DF}{FP} = \frac{AF}{FP} = \frac{\sin \widehat{APF}}{\sin \widehat{BAF}} = \frac{\sin \widehat{BAM}}{\sin \widehat{CAM}} = \frac{AC}{AB}$$

But $\triangle EBD \sim \triangle ABC$ yields $\frac{DE}{EB} = \frac{DE}{EA} = \frac{AC}{AB} = \frac{DF}{FP} \implies EF \parallel AB$.



skytin

#3 Nov 17, 2011, 2:58 pm

Solution :

AD is simmedian of ABC

OS intersect BC at Y

Let N is midpoint of BD O is circumcenter of (ABC) , X is midpoint of YD

L is intersection point of OF , DA

(ONX) intersect NL at points N , N' , $NL \parallel AB$, N' is on OE

Easy to see that $XN' \parallel DE$, $XL \parallel DF$, so O is homotety center of $N'XL$, EDF , so $N'L \parallel EF \parallel AB$. done

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Circle inscribed in a quadrangle 

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Stephen

#1 Nov 10, 2011, 5:56 pm

Let w a circle inscribed in $ABCD$. Let P the intersection point of AC and BC .

Prove that the incenters of triangles ABP , BCP , CPD , DPA are on a circle.



Luis González

#2 Nov 10, 2011, 9:50 pm

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Hard Innercircle property 

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my_name_is_math

#1 Nov 10, 2011, 12:56 am

Let be ABC a triangle with circumcircle (O) . Consider M the symmetric of I with respect to BC , N the midpoint of the arc BC of (O) which doesn't contain A and P the symmetric of A with respect to OI . Prove that M, N, P are collinear.



Luis González

#2 Nov 10, 2011, 6:15 am

Let NP cut OI at Q . Since QIO bisects $\angle AQN$ and $OA = ON$, we deduce that O is the midpoint of the arc AN of $\odot(AQN) \Rightarrow \angle AOI = \angle ANP$. Power of I WRT (O) is $IA \cdot IN = 2Rr = IM \cdot OA$, i.e. $\frac{OA}{IA} = \frac{IN}{IM}$. Since $\angle MIN = \angle OIA$, then it follows that $\triangle OAI \sim \triangle NIM$ by SAS $\Rightarrow \angle INM = \angle AOI = \angle ANP \Rightarrow M \in PN$.



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Two similar triangles X

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livetolove212

#1 Nov 9, 2011, 3:05 pm • 2

Given two triangles ABC and XYZ with their circumcircle (O). YZ intersects AB , AC at P , N , respectively. Let J be the projection of O on YZ . Let K , L be the midpoints of BN , CP . A' be the reflection of J wrt KL . Similarly we define B' , C' . Prove that two triangles XYZ and $A'B'C'$ are similar.



Luis González

#2 Nov 9, 2011, 11:50 pm • 3

XY cuts BC , CA at Q , M and XZ cuts AB , BC at L , R . Tangents of $\odot(APN)$, $\odot(BRL)$, $\odot(CMQ)$ at A , B , C cut (O) again at X_0 , Y_0 , Z_0 . $\angle X_0AZ_0 = \angle APN + \angle CQM - \angle ABC = \angle XYZ \implies XZ = X_0Z_0$. Similarly, $YX = Y_0X_0$ and $ZY = Z_0Y_0 \implies \triangle XYZ \cong \triangle X_0Y_0Z_0$. Let D , E , F be the midpoints of BC , CA , AB . According to [this topic](#) (see post #2), A' , B' , C' lie on 9-point circle $\odot(DEF)$ and $AX_0 \parallel DA'$, $BY_0 \parallel EB'$ and $CZ_0 \parallel FC'$. Therefore, $\triangle ABC \cup \triangle X_0Y_0Z_0$ is similar to $\triangle DEF \cup \triangle A'B'C' \implies \triangle XYZ$ and $\triangle A'B'C'$ are similar with similarity coefficient 2.

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Concurrent in bicentric hexagon 

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buratinogiggle

#1 Nov 8, 2011, 11:09 pm

Let $ABCDEF$ be a hexagon with circumcircle (O) and incircle (I) . P_1, P_2 are two points on OI . AP_1 cuts (O) again at A_1 . A_1P_2 cuts (O) again at A_2 . Similarly we have $B_1, B_2, C_1, C_2, D_1, D_2, E_1, E_2, F_1, F_2$. Prove that $A_2D_2, B_2E_2, C_2F_2, OI$ are concurrent.

Note that, there are some nice other problems in the post [Nice : D](#).



Luis González

#2 Nov 9, 2011, 12:34 pm • 1 

By Poncelet porism, AD, BE, CF, OI concur at the limiting point P of (I) and (O) . By Pascal theorem for AB_1BED_1D , the intersections $S \equiv AB_1 \cap ED_1, P_1 \equiv BB_1 \cap DD_1, P \equiv AD \cap BE$ are collinear. By Pascal theorem for $AE_2E_1EA_2A_1$, the intersections $Q \equiv AE_2 \cap EA_2, P_2 \equiv E_1E_2 \cap A_1A_2, P_1 \equiv AA_1 \cap EE_1$ are collinear. By Pascal theorem for $AD_2D_1EB_2B_1$, the intersections $T \equiv AD_2 \cap EB_2, P_2 \equiv D_1D_2 \cap B_1B_2, S \equiv AB_1 \cap ED_1$ are collinear $\implies Q, T \in OI$. Now, by Pascal theorem for $AE_2B_2EA_2D_2$, the intersections $Q \equiv AE_2 \cap EA_2, U \equiv A_2D_2 \cap B_2E_2, T \equiv AD_2 \cap EB_2$ are collinear $\implies A_2D_2, B_2E_2$ and OI concur at U . By similar reasoning, $U \in C_2F_2$.

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problem on symmedians 

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palashahuja

#1 Nov 8, 2011, 8:54 pm

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



Luis González

#2 Nov 8, 2011, 10:28 pm

See <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=47&t=164755>

P.S. In general, the cevian circle of a point P with respect to ABC is tangent to BC if and only if, the A-cevians of P and its cyclocevian conjugate coincide, i.e. the A-cevians of P and the isotomic conjugate of the anticomplement of the isogonal conjugate of the isotomcomplement of P coincide.

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Bacteria

#1 Nov 8, 2011, 7:54 am

Let ABC be a scalene triangle. The inscribed circle of ABC touches the sides BC , CA , and AB at the points A_1 , B_1 , C_1 respectively. Let I be the incenter, O be the circumcenter, and lines OI and BC meet at point D . The perpendicular line from A_1 to B_1C_1 intersects AD at point E . Prove that B_1C_1 passes through the midpoint of EA_1 .



Luis González

#2 Nov 8, 2011, 8:12 am

This problem and its generalizations were discussed before

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Mongolia TST 2011 Test 1 #3 

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Bacteria

#1 Nov 8, 2011, 4:28 am • 1 

We are given an acute triangle ABC . Let (w, I) be the inscribed circle of ABC , (Ω, O) be the circumscribed circle of ABC , and A_0 be the midpoint of altitude AH . w touches BC at point D . A_0D and w intersect at point P , and the perpendicular from I to A_0D intersects BC at the point M . MR and MS lines touch Ω at R and S respectively [note: I am not entirely sure of what is meant by this, but I am pretty sure it means draw the tangents to Ω from M]. Prove that the points R, P, D, S are concyclic.

(proposed by E. Enkzaya, inspired by Vietnamese olympiad problem)



Luis González

#2 Nov 8, 2011, 5:23 am • 2 

According to IMO ShortList 2002, geometry problem 7, the incircle (I) and $\odot(BPC)$ are internally tangent at P . MP is then the common tangent (radical axis) of (I) and $\odot(BPC)$. Therefore, M is the radical center of (I) , (O) and $\odot(BPC)$ \Rightarrow Circle (M, MR) is orthogonal to (O) and (I) , i.e. R, P, D, S lie on a circle with center M .

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#1 Mar 26, 2006, 10:26 am

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Luis González

#2 May 4, 2010, 11:25 am • 1  Quote:

Problema 1. Los ángulos de un triángulo están en progresión aritmética y sus alturas también. Demostrar que tal triángulo es equilátero.

Sean h_A, h_B, h_C las alturas del $\triangle ABC$ referentes a A, B, C . Asumimos que tanto los ángulos A, B, C como las alturas h_A, h_B, h_C forman progresión aritmética con términos intermedios A, h_A , respectivamente. Así:

$$2A = B + C \implies A = 60^\circ \implies a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - bc \quad (1)$$

$$2h_A = h_B + h_C \implies \frac{2}{a} = \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \implies a = \frac{2bc}{b+c} \quad (2)$$

$$(1) \cup (2) \quad \frac{4b^2c^2}{(b+c)^2} - b^2 - c^2 + bc = 0 \implies \frac{(b-c)^2(b^2 + c^2 + 3bc)}{(b+c)^2} = 0$$

Como $b^2 + c^2 + 3bc > 0$, entonces $b = c \implies \triangle ABC$ es equilátero.



Luis González

#3 Dec 14, 2010, 10:49 am

 Quote:

Problema 2. Sean a, b, c, d, p, q números naturales no nulos positivos tales que $ad - bc = 1$ y $\frac{a}{b} > \frac{p}{q} > \frac{c}{d}$. Demostrar que $q \geq b + d$, y si $q = b + d$, entonces $p = a + c$.

De $\frac{p}{q} > \frac{c}{d}$ se deduce que $pd > cq$, entonces $pd \geq cq + 1 \implies \frac{p}{q} \geq \frac{c}{d} + \frac{1}{qd}$. Analogamente, de $\frac{a}{b} > \frac{p}{q}$ tenemos $\frac{a}{b} > \frac{p}{q} + \frac{1}{bq}$. También, $\frac{a}{b} - \frac{c}{d} \geq \frac{b+d}{qbd}$. Pero $\frac{a}{b} - \frac{c}{d} = \frac{1}{bd} \implies q \geq b + d$.

Asumiendo que $q = b + d$, resulta $ad - bc = 1 \leq d$. Así, $ad + cd - d \leq bc + cd$ y de lo anterior tenemos $d(a + c - 1) \leq c(b + d)$. Entonces $p \geq a + c$. Analogamente, $ad - bc \leq b$. Ahora, $bc + b + ab \geq ad + ab$

$$\implies \frac{a + c + 1}{b + d} \leq \frac{a}{b} \wedge p \leq a + c \implies p = a + c.$$



Luis González

#4 Dec 16, 2010, 11:41 pm

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Problema 3. Probar que entre todos los triángulos tal que la distancias de sus vértices a un punto dado P son 3, 5 y 7, el que tiene mayor perímetro es aquel que tiene incentro P .

Sea \mathcal{E} la elipse con focos B, C y se ubica un punto A' tal que la bisectriz de $\angle BA'C$ pasa por P . Por propiedad reflexiva de la tangente a una cónica, se sigue que AP' es la normal a la elipse \mathcal{E} con focos B, C que pasa por A' , i.e. el círculo ω con centro P y radio PA' es tangente internamente a \mathcal{E} por A' . Así, todo punto de ω excepto A' yace en el interior de \mathcal{E} y por ende se cumplirá $A'B + A'C \geq AB + AC$. Razonamiento analogo permite concluir que el $\triangle ABC$ con perímetro máximo es aquel que tiene a P por incentro.



Luis González

#5 Oct 18, 2011, 3:05 am

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Problema 4. Sea $\triangle ABC$ un triángulo cuyos lados son a, b, c . Se divide cada lado del triángulo en n segmentos iguales. Sea S la suma de los cuadrados de las distancias de cada vértice a cada uno de los puntos de división del lado opuesto distintos de los vértices. Demuestre que $\frac{S}{a^2+b^2+c^2}$ es un número racional.

Supongamos el lado BC dividido en n segmentos iguales mediante $n - 1$ puntos $P_1, P_2, P_3, \dots, P_k$. Así por el teorema de Stewart se obtiene la expresión general:

$$(AP_k)^2 = \left(\frac{k}{n}\right)b^2 + \left(1 - \frac{k}{n}\right)c^2 - \frac{k}{n}\left(1 - \frac{k}{n}\right)a^2, \quad k = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots, n$$

$$(AP_k)^2 = c^2 + \left(\frac{a \cdot k}{n}\right)^2 - \frac{k}{n}(a^2 + c^2 - b^2)$$

La sumatoria S_A de los cuadrado de las las $n - 1$ cevianas AP_k se plantea entonces como:

$$S_A = nc^2 + \frac{a^2}{n^2} \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n k^2 - \left(\frac{a^2 + c^2 - b^2}{n}\right) \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n k - b^2$$

Note que para $k = n$, la ceviana AP_n se vuelve identica al lado AC . Así en la anterior sumatoria se ha sustraído b^2 puesto que no debe figurar en ésta. Desarrollando las sumatorias resultantes se obtiene la expresión:

$$S_A = nc^2 + \frac{a^2}{n^2} \cdot \left[\frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}\right] - \left(\frac{a^2 + c^2 - b^2}{n}\right) \cdot \left[\frac{n(n+1)}{2}\right] - b^2$$

$$S_A = \frac{(n-1)(b^2 + c^2)}{2} - \frac{(n^2 - 1)a^2}{6n}$$

Por permutación cíclica de letras, se obtienen analogamente las expresiones:

$$S_B = \frac{(n-1)(a^2 + c^2)}{2} - \frac{(n^2 - 1)b^2}{6n}, \quad S_C = \frac{(n-1)(b^2 + a^2)}{2} - \frac{(n^2 - 1)c^2}{6n}$$

$$S = S_A + S_B + S_C = \left[(n-1) - \frac{(n-1)(n+1)}{6n}\right] \cdot (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{S}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} = \frac{(n-1)(5n-1)}{6n}.$$



Luis González

#6 Nov 6, 2011, 11:46 am

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Problema 5. Sea $k^3 = 2$ y x, y, z racionales cualesquiera, tal que $x + yk + zk^2 > 0$. Probar que existen racionales u, v, w , tales que $(x + yk + zk^2)(u + vk + wk^2) = 1$.

Primeramente, es facil ver que $x + yk + zk^2 = 0 \iff x = y = z = 0$. Así,

$$(x + yk + zk^2)(x + y\epsilon k + z\epsilon^2 k^2)(x + y\epsilon^2 k + z\epsilon k^2) = t \in \mathbb{Q}^*$$

Siendo ϵ una raiz de $x^2 + x + 1 = 0$. Esto se debe a que $x + yk + zk^2 \neq 0 \implies (x, y, z) \neq (0, 0, 0) \implies x + y\epsilon k + z\epsilon^2 k^2, x + y\epsilon^2 k + z\epsilon k^2 \neq 0$. Así, probamos que $1, \epsilon k, \epsilon^2 k^2$ y $1, \epsilon^2 k, \epsilon k^2$ son independientes sobre \mathbb{Q} , en el mismo modo que lo probamos para $1, k, k^2$. Debido a que, en general,

$$(a + b + c)(a + \epsilon b + \epsilon^2 c)(a + \epsilon^2 b + \epsilon c) = a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc.$$

Por otro lado, $(x + y\epsilon k + z\epsilon^2 k^2)(x + y\epsilon^2 k + z\epsilon k^2) = a + bk + ck^2$, $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Q}$ y así $\$(u,v,w)=\left(\frac{a}{b}, \frac{b}{c}, \frac{c}{a}\right)$.

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#1 Mar 26, 2006, 10:10 am

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Luis González

#2 Oct 25, 2009, 10:53 pm

 Quote:**Problema 1.** Hallar todas las ternas de números enteros (a, b, c) , tales que:

$$\begin{aligned}abc &= 440 \\a + b + c &= 24 \\a^2 + b^2 + c^2 &= 210\end{aligned}$$

$24^2 - 210 = (a + b + c)^2 - a^2 - b^2 - c^2 = 2(ab + bc + ca) \Rightarrow ab + bc + ca = 183$. Por tanto los números a, b, c son las tres raíces de $x^3 - 24x^2 + 183x - 440 = 0$, que factorizando resulta $(x - 5)(x - 8)(x - 11) = 0 \Rightarrow (a, b, c) = (5, 8, 11)$ y sus permutaciones.



Luis González

#3 Dec 18, 2010, 5:48 am

 Quote:**Problema 2.** Sea P un punto interior en un triángulo equilátero $\triangle ABC$ tal que $PA = 5, PB = 7, PC = 8$. Calcular BC .

Sea Q el homólogo de P bajo la rotación con centro C y ángulo de rotación 60° antihorario. $\triangle PQC$ es equilátero con lado 8 y $AQ = PB = 7$. Por ley del coseno en $\triangle PAQ$ resulta

$$\cos \widehat{APQ} = \frac{PA^2 + PQ^2 - AQ^2}{2 \cdot PA \cdot PQ} = \frac{5^2 + 8^2 - 7^2}{2 \cdot 5 \cdot 8} = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \widehat{APQ} = 60^\circ$$

Por lo tanto, $\widehat{APC} = 120^\circ$. Luego, por ley del coseno en $\triangle PAC$

$$AC^2 = PC^2 + PA^2 - 2 \cdot PA \cdot PC \cdot \cos 120^\circ = 5^2 + 8^2 + 5 \cdot 8 \Rightarrow AC = \sqrt{129}$$



Luis González

#4 Oct 12, 2011, 10:33 am

“ Quote:

Problema 3. Hallar las raíces r_1, r_2, r_3, r_4 de $4x^4 - ax^3 + bx^2 - cx + 5 = 0$, sabiendo que son reales y que

$$\frac{r_1}{2} + \frac{r_2}{4} + \frac{r_3}{5} + \frac{r_4}{8} = 1$$

En primer lugar, el producto de tales raíces es $\frac{5}{4}$. Así, usando la desigualdad media geométrica y media aritmética para $\frac{r_1}{2}, \frac{r_2}{4}, \frac{r_3}{5}$ y $\frac{r_4}{8}$, obtenemos.

$$\frac{1}{4} = \frac{\frac{r_1}{2} + \frac{r_2}{4} + \frac{r_3}{5} + \frac{r_4}{8}}{4} \geq \sqrt[4]{\frac{r_1}{2} \cdot \frac{r_2}{4} \cdot \frac{r_3}{5} \cdot \frac{r_4}{8}} = \sqrt[4]{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{8} \cdot \frac{5}{4}} = \frac{1}{4}$$

Es decir, la media geométrica y aritmética son iguales y sabemos que ello ocurre si y solo si los números son iguales. Así

$$\frac{r_1}{2} = \frac{r_2}{4} = \frac{r_3}{5} = \frac{r_4}{8} = \frac{1}{4} \implies r_1 = \frac{1}{2}, r_2 = 1, r_3 = \frac{5}{4}, r_4 = 2.$$



Luis González

#5 Oct 22, 2011, 9:24 am

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“ Quote:

Problema 4. Si $x \neq 1, y \neq 1, x \neq y \wedge \frac{yz - x^2}{1-x} = \frac{xz - y^2}{1-y}$. Probar que ambas fracciones son iguales a $x + y + z$.

$$\frac{yz - x^2}{1-x} = \frac{xz - y^2}{1-y} \implies z = \frac{x+y-xy}{x+y-1} \implies x+y+z = \frac{x^2+y^2+xy}{x+y-1}$$

Ahora, sustituyendo z en ambas fracciones, se consigue que en efecto son iguales a la expresión anterior

$$\frac{yz - x^2}{1-x} = \frac{xz - y^2}{1-y} = \frac{x^2+y^2+xy}{x+y-1} = x+y+z.$$



Luis González

#6 Oct 23, 2011, 11:25 am

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“ Quote:

Problema 5. A cada entero positivo n se asigna un entero no negativo $f(n)$ tal que $f(rs) = f(r) + f(s)$, $f(n) = 0$ (siempre que la cifra en las unidades sea 3) y que $f(10) = 0$. Calcular $f(1985)$.

Si $f(mn) = 0$, entonces $f(m) + f(n) = 0$. Pero como $f(m)$ y $f(n)$ son siempre positivos, se sigue que $f(m) = f(n) = 0$. Así, $f(10) = 0$ implica que $f(5) = 0$. Analogamente, se tendrá $f(3573) = 0$. Entonces $f(397) = 0$. Por consiguiente, $f(1985) = f(5) + f(397) = 0$.



Luis González

#7 Nov 6, 2011, 8:26 am

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“ Quote:

Problema 6. $\triangle ABC$ es acutángulo con circuncírculo (O, R) . D, E, F son puntos que yacen en BC, CA, AB tal que AD, BE, CF pasan por O . Probar que

$$\frac{1}{AD} + \frac{1}{BE} + \frac{1}{CF} = \frac{2}{R}$$

Sean P, Q, R los pies de las alturas desde A, B, C . Los rayos AP, BQ, CR cortan a (O) en M, N, L . Es sabido que M, N, L son los simétricos del ortocentro H de $\triangle ABC$ respecto a BC, CA, AB y como AD, AM son isogonales respecto a $\angle ABC$, se sigue que

$$AD \cdot AM = AB \cdot AC = 2R \cdot AP \implies \frac{1}{AD} = \frac{AM}{2R \cdot AP}$$

$$\frac{1}{AD} = \frac{1}{2R} \left(\frac{AP + HP}{AP} \right) = \frac{1}{2R} \left(1 + \frac{[\triangle BHC]}{[\triangle ABC]} \right)$$

Entonces, sumando las expresiones cíclicas obtenemos:

$$\frac{1}{AD} + \frac{1}{BE} + \frac{1}{CF} = \frac{1}{2R} \left(3 + \frac{[\triangle BHC] + [\triangle CHA] + [\triangle AHB]}{[\triangle ABC]} \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{AD} + \frac{1}{BE} + \frac{1}{CF} = \frac{1}{2R} \left(3 + \frac{[\triangle ABC]}{[\triangle ABC]} \right) = \frac{2}{R}$$

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inversion problem 

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palashahuja

#1 Nov 2, 2011, 5:01 pm

How can we solve using inversion?

In a quadrilateral $ABCD$, let $\angle A + \angle C = 90^\circ$, then

$$(AB \cdot CD)^2 + (BC \cdot AD)^2 = (AC \cdot BD)^2$$

please solve it, I am waiting for a solution.



Luis González

#2 Nov 3, 2011, 6:34 am

See <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=48&t=285053>.

Alternate proof: Construct points P, Q outside $ABCD$, such that $\triangle PAD \sim \triangle BCA$ and $\triangle QAB \sim \triangle DCA$. If the parallel from A to BQ cuts BD at E , we have $\angle EAB = \angle QBA = \angle CAD$, which implies that $\angle EAD = \angle CAB = \angle PDA \implies BQ \parallel PD$. Further, $\frac{BQ}{AD} = \frac{AB}{AC} = \frac{PD}{AD} \implies BQ = PD$. Hence, $BQPD$ is a parallelogram $\implies BD = PQ$. Now, since $\angle BAD + \angle DCB = 90^\circ$, it follows that $\angle PAQ = 90^\circ$. Therefore, by Pythagorean theorem we get

$$PQ^2 = BD^2 = AP^2 + AQ^2 = \left(\frac{BC \cdot DA}{AC} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{AB \cdot CD}{AC} \right)^2$$

$$(AC \cdot BD)^2 = (AB \cdot CD)^2 + (BC \cdot DA)^2$$

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Prove the equality(geometry) 

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Source: Kazakhstan city olymp(2010)



mudok

#1 Oct 30, 2011, 8:01 pm

Given a quadrilateral which has inscribed circle with center I . Intersection point of AD and BC is R . Inscribed circle is tangent to AB and CD at points P and Q respectively. Perpendicular line to PR which passes through P cuts AI and BI at A_o and B_o respectively. Perpendicular line to RQ which passes through Q cuts CI and DI at C_o and D_o respectively. Prove that

$$A_oD_o = B_oC_o$$



Luis González

#2 Oct 30, 2011, 9:17 pm • 2

Let the incircle (I) touch BC , AD at M , N . If $X \equiv MN \cap CD$, then RQ is the polar of X WRT (I) $\Rightarrow IX \perp RQ$. Since $I(C, D, Q, X)$ is harmonic, $IX \parallel C_0QD_0$ implies that Q is the midpoint of $\overline{C_0D_0}$, i.e. $\triangle RD_0C_0$ is isosceles with legs $RD_0 = RC_0$. Since C_0 and D_0 lie on the perpendicular bisectors of \overline{QM} and \overline{QN} , we have $C_0M = C_0Q = D_0Q = D_0N$, which yields $\triangle RMC_0 \cong \triangle RND_0$ by SSS $\Rightarrow \angle MRN = \angle C_0RD_0$. Similarly, $\triangle RA_0B_0$ is R-isosceles with $\angle A_0RB_0 = \angle MRN$. As a result, $\triangle RB_0C_0 \cong \triangle RA_0D_0$ by SAS $\Rightarrow B_0C_0 = A_0D_0$.



mahanmath

#3 Oct 31, 2011, 9:42 am

Nice... Congrats Luis 😊 !

[Complex Bashing](#)



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Concurrency of circles on a line X

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Source: Own and inspired by Czech-Polish-Slovak Match 2011 Day 2 P2



swaqar

#1 Oct 29, 2011, 11:40 am • 1

Let $ABCD$ be a cyclic quadrilateral and let M and N , respectively, be the midpoints of AD and BC . Suppose K and L are points on AB and CD respectively such that MK , LN and BD are concurrent. Show that the circumcircles of $\triangle BKM$ and $\triangle DML$ intersect at DB .

P.S. The problem can be generalized.



sunken rock

#2 Oct 29, 2011, 8:10 pm

My observations:

1) It's about the circles (BKN) , (DML) .

$$2) \frac{AK}{BK} = \frac{DL}{CL}$$

3) KN , ML , AC are concurrent as well hence, as per the problem, the circles (AKM) , (CLN) concur on AC .

4) Regarding the generalisation, most probable we may have M , N on AD , BC respectively such as $\frac{AM}{MD} = \frac{BN}{CN}$.

That's (almost) all I can do!

Best regards,
sunken rock



Luis González

#3 Oct 29, 2011, 10:36 pm • 2

Let $\odot(BKN)$ and $\odot(DML)$ cut \overline{BD} again at X and Y . By Ptolemy's theorem for $BKXN$ and $DMLY$, keeping in mind that $\triangle KXN \sim \triangle ADC$ and $\triangle MYL \sim \triangle ABC$, we deduce that

$$BX \cdot AC = BK \cdot CD + BN \cdot DA, \quad DY \cdot AC = DL \cdot AB + DM \cdot BC$$

$$\Rightarrow AC(BX + DY) = BC \cdot DA + BK \cdot CD + DL \cdot AB$$

Using that $\frac{BK}{BA} = \frac{CL}{CD}$, which follows by Menelaus theorem for $\triangle ABD \cup KM$ and $\triangle CBD \cup NL$, we get

$$AC(BX + DY) = BC \cdot DA + AB \cdot CL + DL \cdot AB = BC \cdot DA + AB \cdot CD$$

$$\Rightarrow BX + DY = BD, \text{i.e. } X \equiv Y \text{ and the conclusion follows.}$$



swaqar

#4 Oct 30, 2011, 12:17 am • 1

Proof: We generalize the problem for the case when M and N satisfy the condition $\frac{AM}{MD} = \frac{BN}{NC}$.

Lemma: The circumcircles of $\triangle CNL$, $\triangle AMK$, $\triangle DML$ and $\triangle BKN$ are concurrent.

Proof: Let AB and CD intersect in Q and AD and BC in R . Consider the circumcircles ω of $\triangle QKL$ and γ of $\triangle RMN$. One point of intersection is obviously M , the center of spiral symmetry which sends A to B and D to C or the Miquel Point of

$ABCD$ which lies on RQ . Let S be other intersection point of these two circles. Let SR intersect ω in T . As, QT can be seen as the inverse of γ with center of inversion being R , we have $QT \cap AD = X$ the inverse of M and so $MKTX$ is cyclic. So $\angle AKS = 180 - \angle STQ = 180 - \angle STX = 180 - \angle SMA$, proving that $AMSK$ is cyclic. \square

Let's prove our main result. With S as the center, apply the spiral symmetry \mathcal{S} that sends the point Q to O_ω and R to O_γ . This will send the whole quadrilateral $ABCD$ to the respective centers of the four circles and so, there is a symmetry that sends the point D to B and the circumcenter of $\triangle LMD$ to the circumcenter of $\triangle BNK$ and so the intersection of the circles $\text{\circlearrowleft LMD}$ and $\text{\circlearrowleft BNK}$ other than S is collinear with DB .

Remark: If the concurrency point of the circumcircles of $\triangle CNL$ and AMK is G and that of the other pair of circles is H and if $AC \cap BD = P$, then $SGPH$ is cyclic with the image of P under the spiral symmetry \mathcal{S} is the center of this circle.

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Circumcenter 

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Source: Yufei Zhao Winter Camp Document - Spiral Similarity



yunustuncibilek

#1 Oct 29, 2011, 12:34 am

Let $ABCD$ be a quadrilateral. Let diagonals AC and BD meet at P . Let O_1 and O_2 be the circumcenters of APD and BPC . Let M , N and O be the midpoints of AC , BD and O_1O_2 . Show that O is the circumcenter of MPN .



Luis González

#2 Oct 29, 2011, 3:29 am

Assume that M , N , O divide \overline{AC} , \overline{DB} , $\overline{O_1O_2}$ in the same ratio k . Thus, the ratio of the powers of M and N with respect to (O_1) and (O_2) is also k , because

$$\frac{MA \cdot MP}{MC \cdot MP} = \frac{ND \cdot NP}{NB \cdot NP} = k$$



Therefore, M and N lie on a circle coaxal with (O_1) , (O_2) whose center divides $\overline{O_1O_2}$ in the ratio k . In other words, O is circumcenter of $\triangle PMN$, as desired.

P.S. The proposed problem is just the case $k = -1$ discussed before in the topic [Circles](#).

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Points on a chord of fixed length 

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sunken rock

#1 Oct 28, 2011, 9:44 pm

Let M, N be points on the chord $AB = R\sqrt{3}$ of the circle $C(O, R)$, order $A - M - N - B$ such that $\angle MON = 60^\circ$. Prove that $MN^2 + AM \cdot BN = AM^2 + BN^2$.

Best regards,
sunken rock



diks94

#2 Oct 28, 2011, 10:52 pm

going by basics..

drop perpendicular from O to AB let it be D .

now let $\angle MOD = x$ find all sides in terms of x and R using basic trigonometry and then just prove $L.H.S = R.H.S$
well i am thinking about a solution by geometry. but angle MON making some trouble.



Luis González

#3 Oct 29, 2011, 12:29 am • 1 

$\triangle OAB$ is obviously O -isosceles with $\angle AOB = 120^\circ$. K is the projection of O on \overline{AB} and P is the reflection of A about OM . $\angle MON = \angle AOK$ implies that $\angle ONA = \angle OAP = \angle OPA \Rightarrow ONPA$ is cyclic. Since $OA = OP = OB$, then O is circumcenter of $\triangle PAB \Rightarrow \angle POB = 2\angle PAN = 2\angle PON \Rightarrow ON$ bisects $\angle POB$, i.e. P is reflection of B about ON . Thus, $OMPB$ is also cyclic $\Rightarrow \angle MPN = \angle OBM + \angle OAN = 60^\circ$, i.e. lengths MN, AM, BN form a triangle $\triangle PMN$ with $\angle MPN = 60^\circ$. The conclusion follows.



sunken rock

#4 Oct 29, 2011, 2:50 am

Although almost similar with Luis', my solution:

Take P a random point on smaller arc \widehat{AB} ; the angle bisectors of $\angle AOP$ and $\angle BOP$ intersect \overline{AB} at M, N . $MP = AM$ and $\angle OPM = \angle OAM$ by symmetry; similarly $NP = BN$ and $\angle OPN = \angle OBN$ and, consequently $\triangle MNP$ has the sides AM, MN, NB and $\angle MPN = 60^\circ$.

Best regards,
sunken rock



yetti

#5 Oct 29, 2011, 3:08 pm • 1 

(O') is circumcircle of O -isosceles $\triangle ABO$. $AB = R\sqrt{3} \Rightarrow \angle BOA = 120^\circ$ and circumcenter O' is reflection of O in AB .

Perpendiculars to $O'M, O'N$ through A, B meet at C . $\angle BCA = 180^\circ - \angle MO'N = 180^\circ - \angle NOM = 120^\circ \Rightarrow C \in (O') \Rightarrow O'M, O'N$ are perpendicular bisectors of $AC, BC \Rightarrow \triangle AMC, \triangle BNC$ are M, N -isosceles $\Rightarrow AM = MC, BN = NC$ and $\angle NCM = \angle BCA - (\angle BCN + \angle MCA) = \angle BCA - (\angle ABC + \angle CAB) = 60^\circ \Rightarrow AM^2 + BN^2 - AM \cdot BN = MC^2 + NC^2 - MC \cdot NC = MN^2$.

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#1 Oct 27, 2011, 3:04 pm

Given $ABCD$ is a convex quadrilateral such that $AB = BC = CD = a$. Find AD and the angle of $ABCD$ such that the area of $ABCD$ is maximum

**diks94**

#2 Oct 28, 2011, 1:11 am

I think I got it ..

$$\text{by cosine rule } \cos\left(\frac{\pi - C}{2}\right) = \frac{a^2 + BD^2 - a^2}{2 \cdot a \cdot BD} = \frac{BD}{2a} = \sin\frac{C}{2}$$

$$\text{also } \cos C = 1 - \frac{BD^2}{2a^2}$$

From these two equations you get $\angle C$ and BD

$$\text{now use the formulae for area of quadrilateral } \sqrt{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)(s-d) - abcd(\cos\frac{A+C}{2})^2}$$

you will get area as a function of x

rest is differentiation.

that's one approach

**Luis González**

#3 Oct 28, 2011, 3:17 am

Let O, M, N be the midpoints of BC, AC, BD . Then $OM = ON = \frac{1}{2}a$. Furthermore, $[ABCD] = 4[BCNM]$. Thus, $[ABCD]$ is maximum $\iff [BCNM]$ is maximum. Denote $\angle BOM = \varphi_1, \angle MON = \varphi_2$ and $\angle NOC = \varphi_3$.

$$[BCNM] = [BOM] + [MON] + [NOC] = \frac{1}{8}a^2(\sin \varphi_1 + \sin \varphi_2 + \sin \varphi_3)$$

Obviously, $\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \varphi_3 < \pi$. Thus, by Jensen inequality for $\sin \varphi, \varphi \in (0, \pi)$, the area of $BCNM$ is maximum when $\varphi_1 = \varphi_2 = \varphi_3 = \frac{1}{3}(\varphi_1 + \varphi_2 + \varphi_3) = 60^\circ$, i.e. when $ABCD$ is isosceles trapezoid with $\angle BAD = \angle CDA = 60^\circ$, $AD = 2a$.

**newsun**

#4 Oct 29, 2011, 9:53 pm

Maybe here is more simpler..

Setting $\widehat{BAC} = x, \widehat{ACD} = y$ and let $BH \perp AC, H \in AC$

Then

$$S_{ABCD} = S_{ABC} + S_{ACD} = \frac{1}{2}AC \cdot BH + \frac{1}{2}AC \cdot CD \cdot \sin y \leq BH \cdot AH + AH \cdot CD \leq a \cdot \sin x \cdot a \cdot \cos x + a^2 \cos x$$

$$\text{Therefore, } S_{ABCD}^2 \leq a^4 \cos^2 x (1 + \sin x)^2 = \frac{1}{3}a^4(3 - 3\sin x)(1 + \sin x)(1 + \sin x)(1 + \sin x)$$

$$\text{Now apply the Cauchy's inequality for 4 non-negative numbers we have } S_{ABCD} \leq \frac{3a^2\sqrt{3}}{4}.$$

**oneplusone**

#5 Nov 4, 2011, 7:27 am

An even simpler one without trigonometry.

Fix A, B, C and vary D . For $[ABCD]$ to be max, $[ACD]$ has to be max, so $\angle ACD = 90^\circ$. Similarly $\angle DBA = 90^\circ$. So $ABCD$ is cyclic with AD as the diameter. Since $AB = BC = CD$, we get $\angle A = \angle D = 60^\circ, \angle B = \angle C = 120^\circ$ and $AD = 2a$.

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Nice locus 

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Omez

#1 Oct 27, 2011, 3:53 am

O is the center of inscribed circle of triangle ABC. P is a point. PA,PB and PC intersect the lines CB,AC and BA in P,Q and R. angle RPQ=90°. The symmetrics of PB and PC towards OB and OC intersect in P'. Describe the locus of P'



JSGandora

#2 Oct 27, 2011, 5:18 am



 Omez wrote:

O is the center of inscribed circle of triangle ABC. P is a point. PA,PB and PC intersect the lines CB,AC and BA in P,Q and R.



Are you sure that this is correct? So you're saying that P is on CB?



Luis González

#3 Oct 27, 2011, 12:49 pm

Probably, the OP asks for the locus of the isogonal conjugate of the point P whose cevian triangle has a right angle against A (?). Denote by $\triangle P_1P_2P_3$ the cevian triangle of P and let $(u : v : w)$ be the barycentric coordinates of P with respect to $\triangle ABC$. Then $P_1(0 : v : w)$, $P_2(u : 0 : w)$, $P_3(u : v : 0)$



$$P_1P_2 \equiv vwz + uwz - uvz = 0, \quad P_1P_3 \equiv vwx - uwz + uvz = 0$$

We know that two lines ℓ_1 and ℓ_2 with infinite points $(f_1 : g_1 : h_1)$ and $(f_2 : g_2 : h_2)$ are perpendicular if and only if $S_A f_1 f_2 + S_B g_1 g_2 + S_C h_1 h_2 = 0$. Thus, the lines P_1P_2 and P_1P_3 are perpendicular if and only if

$$a^2y^2z^2 - b^2x^2z^2 - c^2x^2y^2 - (b^2 + c^2 - a^2)yzz^2 = 0$$

Locus of P is an unicursal quartic with three double points, namely A, B, C. The isogonal conjugate of this quartic is then a conic with barycentric equation

$$\mathcal{K} \equiv a^2c^2y^2 + a^2b^2z^2 - b^2c^2x^2 + a^2(b^2 + c^2 - a^2)yz = 0$$

Its discriminant is negative, so \mathcal{K} is always a hyperbola with focal axis $S_B y - S_C z = 0$, i.e. the A-altitude of $\triangle ABC$. The traces of \mathcal{K} on the sides $y = 0$ and $z = 0$ are $(a : 0 : c)$, $(a : 0 : -c)$ and $(a : b : 0)$, $(a : -b : 0)$, i.e. the feet of the internal and external bisectors of $\angle ABC$ and $\angle ACB$.

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Calculation of Areas 

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silvergrasshopper

#1 Oct 27, 2011, 9:07 am

Please help me to solve the following problem. =)

Triangle $T_a = \Delta A_1 A_2 A_3$ is inscribed in triangle $T_b = \Delta B_1 B_2 B_3$ and triangle T_b is inscribed in triangle $T_c = \Delta C_1 C_2 C_3$ so that the sides of triangle T_a and T_c are pairwise parallel. Express the area of triangle T_b in terms of the areas of triangle T_a and T_c .

Any help will be greatly appreciated. Thank you so much =)



Luis González

#2 Oct 27, 2011, 10:45 am

This is usually known as Gergonne-Ann theorem, which states that: If a triangle T2 is inscribed in a triangle T1, and a triangle T3 is inscribed in triangle T2 such that T1 and T3 are homothetic, then the area of T2 equals the geometric mean between the areas of T1 and T3.

For a proof see the topic [Area of a triangle is a GM of area of two other triangles](#).

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Nice geometry



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AndreiAndronache

#1 Oct 26, 2011, 11:51 pm

Let acute triangle $\triangle ABC$, $M \in (\angle ABC)$, $E = pr_{AB} M \in (AB)$; $F = pr_{AC} M \in (AC)$; $N \in (EF)$; $MN \perp BC$.
Prove that $(AM$ bisect angle $\angle A$ if and only if $(AN$ bisects BC .



Luis González

#2 Oct 27, 2011, 5:37 am

$$\frac{d(N, AB)}{d(N, AC)} = \frac{NE}{NF} \cdot \frac{\sin \widehat{AEF}}{\sin \widehat{AFE}} = \frac{AF}{AE} \cdot \frac{ME}{MF} \cdot \frac{\sin \widehat{EMN}}{\sin \widehat{FMN}} = \frac{ME}{MF} \cdot \frac{AF}{AE} \cdot \frac{\sin B}{\sin C}$$

$$\frac{d(N, AB)}{d(N, AC)} = \frac{\sin B}{\sin C} \iff \frac{ME}{AE} = \frac{MF}{AF}, \text{ i.e. } AN \text{ bisects } BC \iff AM \text{ bisects } \angle A.$$

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collinear 3 some 

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goodguy

#1 Oct 16, 2011, 4:31 pm

give triangle ABC inscribed a circle (O) with center O, AJ is the angle bisector of $\angle BAC$. JE, JF is perpendicular with CA, BA, at E,F. AO cut JE at Q, AO cut JF at N. CF cut BE at M, FN cut BQ at P, CN cut EQ at S. Prove that M,S,P are collinear



Luis González

#2 Oct 26, 2011, 10:43 pm

Let D be the foot of the A-altitude of $\triangle ABC$. $AQJB$ is cyclic due to $\angle BAO = \angle CJE = 90^\circ - \angle ACB$. Thus, $\angle JBA = \angle JAQ = \angle JAD \Rightarrow BQ$ is B-altitude of $\triangle BAJ \Rightarrow P$ is orthocenter of $\triangle BAJ$, i.e. $P \in AD$. By similar reasoning, $S \in AD$. $AEJDF$ is clearly cyclic and A is the midpoint of the arc EF of its circumcircle $\Rightarrow DA, BC$ bisect $\angle EDF \Rightarrow$ pencil $D(E, F, A, B)$ is harmonic $\Rightarrow M \equiv BE \cap CF \cap AD \Rightarrow M, S, P$ lie on AD .

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About triangle centers X

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Stephen

#1 Oct 25, 2011, 11:32 am • 1 ↳

In triangle ABC , let A_1, B_1, C_1 the foots of perpendicular that match with A, B, C .

w, w_a, w_b, w_c are the incircle, A-excircle, B-excircle, C-excircle.

l_a is the common tangent of w, w_a that is not BC . In same way, define l_b, l_c .

A_2 is the intersection of l_b, l_c . In same way, define B_2, C_2 .

(1) Prove that A_1A_2, B_1B_2, C_1C_2 is concurrent.

(Let this intersection point T_1 .)

Let I, O the incenter and circumcenter. AD is the diameter of ABC 's circumcircle.

D_0 is the intersection of BC and ID . In same way, define E_0, F_0 .

(2) Prove that AD_0, BE_0, CF_0 is concurrent.

(Let this intersection point T_2 .)

(3) Prove that T_1, T_2 is isogonal conjugate in triangle ABC .



nsato

#2 Oct 26, 2011, 6:39 am • 1 ↳

Are you sure? I find that T_1 is the [Clawson Point](#), and that T_2 is point X_{77} in the [ETC](#), which are not isogonal conjugates.



Luis González

#3 Oct 26, 2011, 7:01 am • 1 ↳

Dear Naoki, $\triangle A_2B_2C_2$ is not the [extangents triangle](#) of $\triangle ABC$, but its [intangents triangle](#), which is homothetic to the orthic triangle through

$$X_{33} \left(\frac{a(S_A + bc)}{S_A} : \frac{b(S_B + ca)}{S_B} : \frac{c(S_C + ab)}{S_C} \right)$$

The perspector of $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle A_0B_0C_0$ is indeed X_{77} (see the topic [Concurrent lines](#)). X_{33} and X_{77} are then isogonal conjugates with respect to $\triangle ABC$.



nsato

#4 Oct 26, 2011, 11:29 pm • 1 ↳

Thanks, that makes more sense.

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#1 Oct 25, 2011, 2:35 pm

Prove that the orthocenter H , the symmedian K and the symmedian K' of the orthic triangle are collinear.



yetti

#2 Oct 25, 2011, 5:35 pm

Let I_a, I_b, I_c be excenters of $\triangle ABC$ in $\angle A, \angle B, \angle C \implies$ orthocenter H of $\triangle I_a I_b I_c$ is incenter of $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle ABC$ is orthic triangle of $\triangle I_a I_b I_c$.

$I_b I_c BC$ is cyclic $\implies BC$ is antiparallel of $I_b I_c$ WRT $\angle I_c I_a I_b \implies$ symmedians $I_a K, I_b K, I_c K$ of $\triangle I_a I_b I_c$ cut BC, CA, AB at their midpoints A', B', C' .

Barycentric equation of line $I_a A'$ WRT $\triangle ABC$ is

$$(\vec{I}_a \times \vec{A}') \cdot \vec{X} = ((-a, b, c) \times (0, 1, 1)) \cdot (x, y, z) = (b - c)x + ay - az = 0.$$

Similarly, barycentric equations of lines $I_b B', I_c C'$ WRT $\triangle ABC$ are $-bx + (c - a)y + bz = 0$ and $cx - cy + (a - b)z = 0$.

Eliminating x from the last 2 equations, $\frac{y}{z} = \frac{b(p - b)}{c(p - c)}$, where $p = \frac{1}{2}(a + b + c) \implies$ barycentric coordinates of K WRT $\triangle ABC$ are $a(p - a) : b(p - b) : c(p - c)$.

Barycentric equation of line HK' WRT $\triangle ABC$ is $(\vec{H} \times \vec{K}') \cdot \vec{X} = ((a, b, c) \times (a^2, b^2, c^2)) \cdot (x, y, z) = bc(c - b)x + ca(a - c)y + ab(b - a)z = 0$.

Barycentric coordinates of K obviously satisfy this equation.



jayme

#3 Oct 25, 2011, 5:37 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,

this is the H.H. van Aubel line. A pure synthetic proof is possible.

Sincerely

Jean-Louis



Luis González

#4 Oct 25, 2011, 8:24 pm • 2

This is equivalent to show that the incenter, Mittenpunkt and symmedian point of any $\triangle ABC$ are collinear. Denote by $O, H, I, K, M, N_a, G_e, R$ the circumcenter, orthocenter, incenter, symmedian point, Mittenpunkt, Nagel point, Gergonne point and Retrocenter of $\triangle ABC$, respectively. It's well-known that I, K, M become Nagel point, Retrocenter and Gergonne point of the medial triangle of $\triangle ABC$. So it suffices to prove that N_a, G_e, R are collinear.

H, G_e, N_a lie on a same circum-hyperbola \mathcal{F} (Feuerbach hyperbola of ABC), since their isogonal conjugates, namely O and the two similitude centers of $(I) \sim (O)$ are collinear. Then the isotomic conjugation WRT $\triangle ABC$ takes N_a, G_e into each other and H into $R \implies N_a, G_e, R$ lie on the isotomic line of \mathcal{F} .

P.S. The product of the isogonal and isotomic conjugation is a collineation.



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#5 Oct 26, 2011, 12:34 am

 **jayme** wrote:

Dear Mathlinkers,
this is the H.H. van Aubel line. A pure synthetic proof is possible.
Sincerely
Jean-Louis

Dear, Jean-Louis where I can read it?



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#6 Oct 26, 2011, 12:42 am

 **luisgeometra** wrote:

P.S. The product of the isogonal and isotomic conjugation is a collineation.

How can we prove that?



Luis González

#7 Oct 26, 2011, 1:43 am

The proof is rather simple using barycentric coordinates with respect to $\triangle ABC$. Mappings Isogonal conjugation \mathcal{I} and Isotomic conjugation \mathcal{L} WRT ABC are given by

$$\mathcal{I} : (x : y : z) \mapsto \left(\frac{a^2}{x} : \frac{b^2}{y} : \frac{c^2}{z} \right), \quad \mathcal{L} : (x : y : z) \mapsto \left(\frac{1}{x} : \frac{1}{y} : \frac{1}{z} \right)$$

Thus, $\mathcal{I} \circ \mathcal{L}$ carries a line ℓ with equation $px + qy + rz = 0$ into a line τ with equation $a^2px + b^2qy + c^2rz = 0$. As a result, a big group of remarkable collinearities can be derived without going into calculations.

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#1 Oct 25, 2011, 10:19 pm

Let ABC be a triangle and let D be a point on the side AC . If $\angle CBD - \angle ABD = 60^\circ$, $\angle BDC = 30^\circ$, and $\overline{AB} \cdot \overline{BC} = \overline{BD}^2$, find $\angle ABC$, $\angle ACB$ and $\angle BAC$.

**Luis González**

#2 Oct 25, 2011, 11:23 pm • 1

Let the isogonal ray of BD WRT $\angle ABC$ cut AC and the circumcircle of $\triangle ABC$ at P, T , respectively. Then $\angle PBD = 60^\circ \Rightarrow \triangle PBD$ is right at P and $BD = 2BP$. $\triangle BAD \sim \triangle BTC$ implies that $BD \cdot BT = AB \cdot BC$. Thus, $AB \cdot BC = BD^2$ yields $BD = BT \Rightarrow BP = \frac{1}{2}BT$, i.e. T is the reflection of B about $AC \Rightarrow \angle ABC = 90^\circ \Rightarrow D$ is circumcenter of $\triangle ABC \Rightarrow \angle BAC = 15^\circ, \angle BCA = 75^\circ$.

**diks94**

#3 Oct 26, 2011, 12:01 am

let angle $ABD=x$
by sin rule

$$BD = \frac{\cos x BC}{\sin 30} = \frac{\sin(30-x)AB}{\sin 150}$$

Putting in $AB \cdot BC = BD^2$ we get
 $\sqrt{3}\sin 2x = \cos 2x$
hence ur question is done.

**hatchguy**

#4 Oct 28, 2011, 4:55 am

Set $ABD = \angle \alpha$. From $\frac{AB}{BD} = \frac{BD}{BC}$ we have

$$\frac{\sin 150}{\sin 30 - \alpha} = \frac{\cos \alpha}{\sin 30}$$

so

$$2 \sin(30 - \alpha) \cos \alpha = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \sin 30 + \sin(30 - 2\alpha) = \frac{1}{2}$$

and $\alpha = 15$. The rest is angle chase.**sunken rock**

#5 Oct 28, 2011, 11:30 am

Something similar to Luis' (reverse judgement)

Take B' the reflection of B in AC , obviously BDB' is an equilateral triangle and BB' the isogonal of BD . With $BB' = BD$, the given relation becomes $\frac{AB}{BB'} = \frac{BD}{BC}$, i.e. $\triangle ABD \sim \triangle BB'C$, or $BD = AD$.

Further, just angle chasing.

Best regards,
sunken rock

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Square-square 

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Source: own



jayme

#1 Jul 17, 2011, 12:10 pm • 1 

Dear Mathlinkers,

ABCD a square, E a point on the segment AD, AEFG a square externally to ABCD, I the midpoint of DE, K the point of intersection of BE and DG. Prove that IK, CE and AB are concurrent.

Sincerely

Jean-Louis



skytin

#2 Jul 17, 2011, 6:43 pm



BE intersect DG at Y

CE intersect perpendicular thru G on CE at X

HG is altitude of BDG

Easy to see that H is on YC

O is center of (ABCD)

YI intersect CD at J

From angle YJD = YOD = 2*YCD , so IYC = YCD = YBD = YGH = YXE = YXC , so (CYX) is tangent to IY
CE , YI , AG intersect at radical center of (BYG) , (CYX) , (GBCX) . done



jayme

#3 Jul 17, 2011, 8:18 pm



Dear skytin (A?),

thankf for your proof and tour interest...

In my proof I consider the Euler's circle of the triangle BDG and finish with the Pascal's theorem.

For me the skeleton of this problem is the geometry problem proposed in the first OIM in 1959.*Sincerely

Jean-Louis



yetti

#4 Jul 17, 2011, 11:57 pm



KI cuts AB at J. M is midpoint of GB.

$\triangle ADG \sim \triangle ABE \implies GK \perp KB$.

$\triangle KBG \sim \triangle ABE \implies \frac{GK}{KB} = \frac{GA}{AB} \implies KA$ bisects $\angle BKG$.

$\triangle KBG \sim \triangle KDE \implies KM \perp KI \implies JK$ I is tangent to $\odot(KBG)$ and $JK = JA$.

$\implies \triangle JKG \sim \triangle JBK \implies \frac{JA}{JB} = \frac{JK}{JB} = \frac{GK}{KB} = \frac{EA}{CB} \implies J \in CE$.



jayme

#5 Oct 8, 2011, 4:23 pm



Dear Mathlinkers,

an remastered article concerning the "Geometric miniatures" has been put on my website
with 10 more examples.

<http://perso.orange.fr/jl.ayme> vol. 7 p. 74

You can use Google translator

Sincerely

**erfan_Ashorion**

#6 Oct 23, 2011, 11:05 pm

oh...!

suppose CE and AB intersect each other at X we must proof I, K, X are on same line! we use Menelaus theorem!! we must proof:

$$\frac{XA}{XB} \cdot \frac{KB}{KE} \cdot \frac{IE}{IA} = 1$$

we know that:

$$\frac{XA}{AB} = \frac{AE}{ED} \rightarrow \frac{XA}{XB} = \frac{AE}{AD} !!!$$

and we know that:

$$\frac{KE}{KB} \cdot \frac{GB}{GA} \cdot \frac{DA}{DE} = 1$$

so we must proof:

$$\frac{AE}{AD} \cdot \frac{GB}{GA} \cdot \frac{AD}{DE} \cdot \frac{IE}{IA} = 1$$

other of it is easy 😊

**Virgil Nicula**

#7 Oct 25, 2011, 12:17 pm • 1

PP (An easy extension). Let $ABCD$ be a rhombus. For $E \in (AD)$ construct externally the rhombus $AEFG$. Denote the middlepoint I of $[DE]$ and $K \in BE \cap DG$. Prove that $IK \cap CE \cap AB \neq \emptyset$.

Proof. Denote $L \in CE \cap AB$. Observe that $\frac{LA}{LB} = \frac{EA}{BC}$ (1) and $GB = GA + AB = AE + AD = 2 \cdot AI \implies$

$$\frac{IE}{IA} = \frac{2 \cdot IE}{2 \cdot IA} \implies \frac{IE}{IA} = \frac{DE}{GB} \text{ (2). Apply the Menelaus' theorem to } \overline{DKG}/\triangle AEB : \frac{GA}{GB} \cdot \frac{KB}{KE} \cdot \frac{DE}{DA} = 1 \implies \frac{KB}{KE} = \frac{DA}{DE} \cdot \frac{GB}{GA} \text{ (3). Therefore, } \frac{LA}{LB} \cdot \frac{KB}{KE} \cdot \frac{IE}{IA} \stackrel{(1) \wedge (2) \wedge (3)}{=} \frac{EA}{BC} \cdot \left(\frac{DA}{DE} \cdot \frac{GB}{GA} \right) \cdot \frac{DE}{GB} = 1 \implies L \in IK.$$

In conclusion, the lines IK , CE and AB are concurrently. Nice problem! Thank you, Jayme.

**Luis González**

#8 Oct 25, 2011, 9:03 pm

Since $\triangle DAG \cong \triangle BAE$ by SAS, then $\angle KDA = \angle KBA \implies K \in \odot(ABCD) \implies \angle BKD = 90^\circ \implies K \in \odot(AEFG)$ and C, K, F are collinear. If IK cuts AB at L , we have $\angle LKG = \angle KDA = \angle KBG$ and $\angle LAK = \angle KDB = 45^\circ + \angle IKD = \angle LKA \implies LK^2 = LA^2 = LG \cdot LB$. But if $N \equiv CK \cap AB$, then $(A, N, G, B) = -1$, since KG, KB bisect $\angle AKN$. Therefore L is midpoint of AN .

On the other hand, if $M \equiv AC \cap EF$, then $\triangle AFM$ is obviously isosceles right at $A \implies E$ is midpoint of MF . Since $MF \parallel AN$, then C, E, L are collinear $\implies AB, IK, CE$ concur at L .

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Symmedian point 

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mathtician

#1 Oct 23, 2011, 4:04 pm

Prove that the circumcentre of $\triangle ABC$ and the centroid of the anti pedal $\triangle A'B'C'$ of the symmedian point of $\triangle ABC$, coincide. Find the circumradius of $\triangle ABC$ in terms of parameters of $\triangle A'B'C'$.



Luis González

#2 Oct 24, 2011, 7:27 am

G, O, K are the centroid, circumcenter and symmedian point of $\triangle ABC$. E, F are midpoints of AC, AB . $\angle OBA' = 90^\circ - \angle KBC + \angle OBC = \angle BEA$. Similarly, we have $\angle OCA' = \angle CFA$. So, if X, Y, Z are the projections of G on BC, CA, AB , we have then

$$\frac{d(O, A'C')}{d(O, A'B')} = \frac{\sin \widehat{GEY}}{\sin \widehat{GFZ}} = \frac{GY}{GZ} \cdot \frac{GF}{GE} = \frac{AB}{AC} \cdot \frac{GC}{GB} = \frac{XY}{XZ} = \frac{A'B'}{A'C'}$$

The last equality follows from the fact that $\triangle XYZ \sim \triangle A'B'C'$ are homothetic. Hence, $A'O$ is the A' -median of $\triangle A'B'C'$. Similarly, $B'O, C'O$ are the medians of $\triangle A'B'C'$ issuing from $B', C' \implies O$ is the centroid of $\triangle A'B'C'$.



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triangle with bisectors and midpoints X

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KittyOK

#1 Oct 23, 2011, 9:54 pm

A triangle ABC has $\angle ACB = 60^\circ$. Let AA_1 and BB_1 ($AA_1 \in BC$, $BB_1 \in CA$) are internal angle bisectors of $\angle BAC$ and $\angle ABC$, respectively. Line A_1B_1 cuts the circumcircle of the triangle ABC at A_2 and B_2 . Denote by R the midpoint of arc AB which does not contain C and P , Q midpoints of segments A_1B_1 and A_2B_2 . Prove that $RP = RQ$.



Luis González

#2 Oct 23, 2011, 11:31 pm

Let I and I_a, I_b, I_c be the incenter and three excenters of $\triangle ABC$. I and the circumcircle (O) of $\triangle ABC$ become orthocenter and 9-point circle of $\triangle I_a I_b I_c$. Thus, R is midpoint of $\overline{II_c}$ and the circumcircle (D) of $\triangle I_a I_b$ is the image of (O) under the homothety with center I_c and coefficient 2. Since $A_1B \cdot A_1C = A_1I_a \cdot A_1I$ and $B_1A \cdot B_1C = B_1I_b \cdot B_1I$, then A_1, B_1 have equal powers WRT (O) and (D) , i.e. A_2B_2 is the radical axis of (O) and $(D) \Rightarrow I_c Q D \perp A_2B_2$.

Since $\angle B_1IA_1 = 120^\circ$, the quadrilateral CA_1IB_1 is cyclic and I is the midpoint of the arc A_1B_1 of its circumcircle $\Rightarrow IP \perp A_1B_1$ is the perpendicular bisector of A_1B_1 . So, $IPQI_c$ is a right trapezoid with $IP \parallel QI_c \Rightarrow$ Perpendicular bisector of \overline{PQ} passes through the midpoint R of $\overline{II_c} \Rightarrow RP = RQ$.



skytin

#3 Oct 24, 2011, 12:15 pm

Solution :

Tangents to (ABC) thru A, B intersect at K

Let point X is such that X is on BC , angle $BKX = B_1BC$

Not hard to prove that $BKX = B_1AB$, $KX \parallel AA_1$ and angle $A_1AK = XA_1A$

$KA_1 = XA = B_1K$

R is midpoint of KO , so use midline of trapezoid . done



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2 more geometry problems 

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votjnhtjensjnh

#1 Oct 22, 2011, 10:19 pm

- 1) Given an acute triangle $\triangle A_1B_1C_1$. A, B, C lie on B_1C_1, C_1A_1, A_1B_1 and satisfy the conditions: $\angle ABC = \angle A_1B_1C_1$, $\angle BAC = \angle B_1A_1C_1$, $\angle BCA = \angle B_1C_1A_1$. Let H and H_1 be the orthocenters of $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle A_1B_1C_1$. Prove that H and H_1 are equidistant from O - the center of the circumscribed circle of $\triangle ABC$
- 2) (Maybe simple) $\triangle ABC$, $c \leq b$, ($AB = c$, $AC = b$), $M, N \in AB, AC$ such that MN divides $\triangle ABC$ into 2 parts with the same areas. Find $\min MN$



Luis González

#2 Oct 23, 2011, 12:45 am • 1 reply

1) Posted several times before, e.g. [Similar triangles, Bulgaria 1999](#), etc.

2) By cosine rule for $\triangle AMN$, we get $MN^2 = AM^2 + AN^2 - 2 \cdot AM \cdot AN \cos A$

$$MN^2 = AM^2 + AN^2 - 2 \cdot \frac{[ABC]}{\sin A} \cdot \cos A = AM^2 + AN^2 - 2[ABC] \cot A$$

But $AM^2 + AN^2 \geq 2 \cdot AM \cdot AN = 2[ABC] \csc A \implies$

$$MN^2 + 2[ABC] \cot A \geq 2[ABC] \csc A \implies MN \geq \sqrt{2[ABC] \tan \frac{A}{2}}$$

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Concurrence of angle bisectors X

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Source: Brazil MO #5



proglote

#1 Oct 20, 2011, 6:40 am

Let ABC be an acute triangle and H is orthocenter. Let D be the intersection of BH and AC and E be the intersection of CH and AB . The circumcircle of ADE cuts the circumcircle of ABC at $F \neq A$. Prove that the angle bisectors of $\angle BFC$ and $\angle BHC$ concur at a point on BC .



Luis González

#2 Oct 20, 2011, 7:39 am • 2

Clearly, the reflection P of H about the midpoint M of \overline{BC} is the antipode of A WRT $\odot(ABC)$. If PH cuts $\odot(ABC)$ again at F' , then $\angle AF'H \equiv \angle AF'P = 90^\circ$, i.e. $F' \in \odot(ADE) \implies F \equiv F'$. Since MD, ME are tangents of $\odot(AED)$ at D, E , then $FDHE$ is harmonic $\implies FE \cdot HD = FD \cdot HE$, but $\triangle FBC$ and $\triangle FED$ are similar, due to $\angle EFD = \angle EAD = \angle BFC$ and $\angle FDE = \angle FAE = \angle FCB \implies \frac{FB}{FC} = \frac{FE}{FD} = \frac{HE}{HD} = \frac{HB}{HC} \implies$ bisectors of $\angle BFC$ and $\angle BHC$ meet on BC .



Zhero

#3 Oct 20, 2011, 8:55 am • 3

Let P_1 and P_2 be the points of intersection of the angle bisectors of $\angle BFC$ and $\angle BHC$ with BC , respectively. Since F is the Miquel point of quadrilateral $EDCB$, we have $\triangle FEB \sim \triangle FDC$, so

$$\frac{BP_1}{P_1C} = \frac{FB}{FC} = \frac{EB}{DC} = \frac{\frac{EB}{BC}}{\frac{DC}{BC}} = \frac{\sin \angle ECB}{\sin \angle DBC} = \frac{\sin \angle HCB}{\sin \angle HBC} = \frac{HB}{HC} = \frac{BP_2}{P_2C},$$

so $P_1 = P_2$, as desired.



dragon96

#4 Oct 20, 2011, 9:11 am • 1

Let H' be the reflection of H about BC and I the foot of A on BC . We start with two lemmas:

Lemma 1: AF, DE , and BC concur at a point Q .

Note that $AFED, BCDE$, and $ACBF$ are all cyclic. Use the radical axis theorem.

Lemma 2: $(B, C; Q, I)$ is a harmonic bundle.

From Ceva's Theorem with H as concurrency point, we get:

$$-\frac{IC}{IB} = -\frac{DA}{CD} \cdot \frac{EB}{AE}$$

Similarly, Menelaus' Theorem about Q yields:

$$\frac{QB}{QC} = -\frac{DA}{CD} \cdot \frac{EB}{AE}$$

Hence, we have that $\frac{QB}{QC} = -\frac{IC}{IB}$, as desired.

Proof:

Let G be the intersection point of the angle bisector of $\angle BHC$ and BC. We wish to show that $HC/HB = FC/FB$, so the result would follow by the Angle Bisector Theorem. This is equivalent to showing that $H'C/H'B = FC/FB$, or that cyclic quadrilateral $FBH'C$ is harmonic. We consider point A on its circumcircle and project the four points onto line BC. From Lemma 1, AF intersects BC at Q. Applying Lemma 2 directly gives us the desired.



hatchguy

#5 Oct 20, 2011, 10:04 am • 1

Clearly we have $\angle FBE = \angle FBA = \angle FCA = \angle FCD$ (1)

Also $\angle EFD = \angle EAD = \angle BAC = \angle BFC$ hence we have

$$\angle CFD + \angle EFC = \angle EFD = \angle BFC = \angle EFC + \angle BFE$$

and therefore $\angle BFE = \angle CFD$ (2)

From (1) and (2) we have $\triangle BFE \sim \triangle CFD \Rightarrow \frac{BF}{FC} = \frac{BE}{CD}$

But clearly, since $\triangle BHE \sim \triangle CHD$ we have $\frac{BE}{CD} = \frac{BH}{CH}$ and therefore

$$\frac{BF}{FC} = \frac{BE}{CD} = \frac{BH}{CH}$$

and we are done.



sunken rock

#6 Oct 21, 2011, 2:37 pm • 1

As before, H, M, P are respectively the orthocenter of $\triangle ABC$, midpoint of BC and antipode of A , it is well known that F, H, M, P are collinear and $BPHC$ is a parallelogram.

M being the midpoint of BC , it follows that the triangles $\triangle FBP, \triangle FCP$ have equal areas; as $\sin \angle FBP = \sin \angle FCP$, we shall get $BF \cdot BP = CF \cdot PC$; from the parallelogram property, $CP = BH, BP = CH$, hence $\frac{BF}{CF} = \frac{BH}{CH}$, done.

Best regards,
sunken rock



r1234

#7 Oct 21, 2011, 4:26 pm

Also there's a proof by inversion. Let $X \equiv DE \cap BC$. Now we invert this figure WRT A with power $AD \cdot AB = k^2$. Note that F goes to X . So A, F, X are collinear. Now $BF = \frac{k^2 DX}{AD \cdot AX}$ and

$CF = \frac{k^2 EX}{AE \cdot AX}$. This gives $\frac{FB}{FC} = \frac{AD \cdot XE}{AE \cdot DX}$. Let $G \equiv AH \cap DE$. Since

$(XG; ED) = -1$, so we get $\frac{FB}{FC} = \frac{AD \cdot EG}{AE \cdot DG}$. Now it's easy to get that $\frac{AD \cdot EG}{AE \cdot DG} = \frac{BH}{CH}$. Hence the result follows.



v_Enhance

#8 Oct 22, 2011, 9:16 am • 1

Note that the circumcircle of AED is simply the circle with diameter AH . Let R be the midpoint of AH . Then F is the reflection of A across RO by radical axis, where O is the circumcenter of ABC .

Now place everything on the complex plane with $o = 0$. Then $r = a + \frac{b+c}{2}$ and $f = \frac{r}{\bar{r}}\bar{a}$. We need to verify that

$$\left| \frac{f-b}{f-c} \right|^2 = \left| \frac{h-b}{h-c} \right|^2 \text{ or}$$

$$(f-b)(\bar{f}-\bar{b})(a+b)(\bar{a}+\bar{b}) = (f-c)(\bar{f}-\bar{c})(a+c)(\bar{a}+\bar{c})$$

We will now make the simplifying assumption that $r \in \mathbb{R}$; this can be done by simply rotating the triangle. Thus, $r = \bar{r}$ and $f = \bar{a}$. Now the LHS of the above is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} LHS &= (1/a - b)(a - 1/b)(a + b)(1/a + 1/b) \\ &= \text{kaboom} \\ &= 4 - 2ba - 2/ba + 2b/a + 2a/b - b^2 - 1/b^2 - a^2 - 1/a^2 \\ &= 4 - a^2 - 1/a^2 + (2/b - 2b)a + (2b - 2/b)/a - (b^2 + 1/b^2) \end{aligned}$$

Now the fact that $r = \bar{r}$ can be rearranged to

$$b - 1/b = 1/c - c + (2/a - 2a)$$

and also

$$b^2 + 1/b^2 = (c^2 + 1/c^2) + (4/a^2 + 4a^2 - 8) + (4/a - 4a)(1/c - c) = (c^2 + 1/c^2) + (4/a^2 + 4a^2 - 8) - (4c - 4/c)(1/a) - (4/c - 4c)(a)$$

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned} LHS &= 4 - a^2 - 1/a^2 + (2/b - 2b)a + (2b - 2/b)/a - (b^2 + 1/b^2) \\ &= 4 - a^2 - 1/a^2 + (2c - 2/c + 4/a - 4a)a + (2/c - 2c + 4a - 4/a)/a \\ &\quad - (c^2 + 1/c^2) - (4/a^2 + 4a^2 - 8) + (c - 1/c)(4/a) + (c - 1/c)(4a) \\ &= 4 - a^2 - 1/a^2 + ((2c - 2/c) + (4/c - 4c))a + ((2/c - 2c) + (4c - 4/c))/a \\ &\quad + (4/a - 4a)a + (4a - 4/a)/a - (4/a^2 + 4a^2 - 8) \\ &= 4 - a^2 - 1/a^2 + (2/c - 2c)a + (2c - 2/c)/a - (c^2 + 1/c^2) \\ &= RHS \end{aligned}$$

and I can now start on my English homework we are done.

(For the record, the above calculations were all done by hand.)



SCP

#9 Nov 4, 2011, 12:28 am

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thumb up

“ dragon96 wrote:

Hence, we have that $\frac{QB}{QC} = -\frac{IB}{IC}$

It has to be this, you missed in the Ceva theorem.



cnyd

#10 Nov 6, 2011, 6:35 pm

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thumb up

Here is my solution.

From the chasing angle ,we find that ; $\angle BFH = \angle HBC$ and $\angle HFC = \angle HCB$

It means BC tangents of circumcircles of $\triangle BHF$ and $\triangle HFC$

Therefore, HF bisects BC .

$$BH = BF$$

If we use sinus theorem in $\triangle BHF$, we find that $\frac{HC}{FC} = \frac{FB}{FC}$

The rest is obvious.



sayantanchakraborty

#11 Apr 7, 2014, 9:02 am

Trigo Bashing!!!

Let $\angle ABF = \theta$. Applying the sine rule in $\triangle AFE$ and $\triangle ABF$ we have

$$\frac{AF}{sin(\theta - B)} = 2RcosA \Rightarrow \frac{sin\theta}{sinC + \theta - B} = cosA$$

$$\Rightarrow tan\theta = \frac{sin(B - C)}{2cosBcosC}$$

$$\text{Now } \frac{BF}{CF} = \frac{sin(C + \theta)}{sin(B - \theta)} = \frac{sinC + cosCtan\theta}{sinB - cosBtan\theta} = \frac{cosB}{cosC}$$



jayme

#12 Apr 7, 2014, 7:17 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,
sorry, I rewrite the problem wrt the point A...

1. ABC an acute triangle
2. (O) the circumcircle of ABC
3. M the midpoint of BC
4. B', C' the feet of the B, C-altitudes of ABC
5. F the second point of intersection of (O) with the circumcircle of AB'C' (F, H and M are collinear, well known)

Prove : the F, H-inner bissector of FBC, HBC intersect on BC

An outline of my proof

1. (O') the symmetric of (O) wrt BC
2. X the midpoint of the arc BC which doesn't contain A
3. Y the second point of intersection of the H-inner bissector of HBC with (O')
4. by an angle chasing, we prove that F, H, X and Y are concyclic
5. by a converse of the three chords theorem, we are done...

Sincerely
Jean-Louis



IDMasterz

#13 Apr 8, 2014, 7:21 pm

Let the reflection of H on BC be H' . By direct application of radical axis theorem, AF, DE, BC concur at the harmonic conjugate of $AH \cap BC = T$ wrt BC, hence BFCH' is an harmonic quadrilateral, and clearly the angle bisectors of $\angle BFC, \angle BH'C$ will meet at BC, but then again, the angle bisector of $\angle B'HC$ meets the angle bisector of $\angle BHC$ at BC as well due to reflexive properties.



SmartClown

#14 Apr 28, 2015, 4:14 am

By easy angle chase we get $\triangle FDB \sim \triangle FEC$ so we have $\frac{FB}{FC} = \frac{BD}{CE} = \frac{BH}{CH}$ so we are finished.

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3 concurrent lines 

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syk0526

#1 Oct 19, 2011, 1:40 pm

Let $\triangle ABC$ be an acute scalene triangle with its nine-point circle Γ . Let A_1 be the midpoint of BC , and A_2 be the foot of perpendicular from A to BC . Define B_1, C_1, B_2, C_2 , respectively. It is well known that $A_1, B_1, C_1, A_2, B_2, C_2$ is on Γ . Two tangent lines from A_1, A_2 meet at point A_3 . Define B_3, C_3 respectively. Prove that AA_3, BB_3, CC_3 are concurrent.



Luis González

#2 Oct 20, 2011, 12:16 am

This is a particular case of **Conway's theorem**, which states that: If \mathcal{C} is a non-degenerate conic section and $\triangle ABC$ is not self-polar with respect to \mathcal{C} , then $\triangle ABC$ and its polar triangle with respect to \mathcal{C} are in perspective. For a synthetic proof see [this thread](#). Naturally, once we've proved the theorem for a circle \mathcal{C} , then it can be extended to any conic through homology. When \mathcal{C} coincides with the 9-point circle (N) of $\triangle ABC$, the perspector $U \equiv AA_3 \cap BB_3 \cap CC_3$ is the isotomic conjugate of X_{1078} .

[General expression of the perspector](#)

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Intersection of excircles and circumcircle X

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proglote

#1 Oct 19, 2011, 7:39 am

In $\triangle ABC$, let A_1 and A_2 be the intersection points of the excircle tangent to BC and the circumcircle of $\triangle ABC$, and similarly define B_1, B_2, C_1 and C_2 . Let A_3 be the intersection of lines B_1B_2 and C_1C_2 , and similarly define B_3 and C_3 . Prove that lines AA_3, BB_3 and CC_3 concur at a single point.

Maybe it's well-known, but I have not seen it anywhere.. 😊



Luis González

#2 Oct 19, 2011, 8:23 am • 1

(O) is the circumcircle and $(I_a), (I_b), (I_c)$ are the three excircles tangent to BC, CA, AB at D, E, F , respectively. EF, FD, DE cut BC, CA, AB at D', E', F' . Thus, $\ell \equiv \overline{D'E'F'}$ is the perspectrix of $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle DEF$. Since A_1A_2 is the radical axis of (O) and (I_a) , then $A_0 \equiv BC \cap A_1A_2$ has equal power WRT (O) and $(I_a) \Rightarrow A_0D^2 = \overline{A_0B} \cdot \overline{A_0B} \Rightarrow A_0$ is the midpoint of $\overline{DD'}$, due to $(B, C, D, D') = -1$. Analogously, $B_0 \equiv CA \cap B_1B_2$ and $C_0 \equiv AB \cap C_1C_2$ are midpoints of $\overline{EE'}$ and $\overline{FF'} \Rightarrow A_0B_0C_0$ is Newton line of the complete quadrangle bounded by ℓ and the sidelines of $\triangle DEF \Rightarrow \triangle A_3B_3C_3$ and $\triangle ABC$ are perspective through $\overline{A_0B_0C_0}$. Thus, by Desargues theorem, AA_3, BB_3, CC_3 concur.



jayme

#3 Oct 19, 2011, 12:11 pm

Dear Luis and Mathlinkers,
as I see the Clawson point is not easy to approach it synthetically... for the moment...
I see this result in
Yiu P., The Clawson point and excircles, Theorem 1.
The chase continues.
Sincerely
Jean-Louis

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Parallels 

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jayme

#1 Oct 16, 2011, 5:46 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,
1. ABC a triangle,
2. I the incenter of ABC,
3. DEF the incentral triangle of ABC (I-cevian),
4. (O) the circumcircle of ABC,
5. Y, Z the points of intersection of EF with (O) (Y opposite to B),
6. (Ob), (Oc) the circumcircles of AIY, AIZ,
7. S the second point of intersection of YZ with (Ob).

Prouve: OcZ // ObS.

Sincerely
Jean-Louis



Luis González

#2 Oct 16, 2011, 11:41 pm



This is merely a consequence of [Circle tangent to line](#). If I_a is the A-excenter of $\triangle ABC$, then I_aY, I_aZ are tangents of $\odot(AIY)$ and $\odot(AIZ)$ at $Y, Z \implies$ there exists a circle ω internally tangent to $\odot(AIY)$ and $\odot(AIZ)$ at Y, Z . Thus, YZ are the exsimilicenters of $\omega \sim \odot(AIY)$ and $\omega \sim \odot(AIZ) \implies YZ$ passes through the exsimilicenter of $\odot(AIY)$ and $\odot(AIZ) \implies$ their radii O_bS and O_cZ are parallel.

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Prove that concurrent 

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Sutuxam

#1 Oct 16, 2011, 4:07 pm

Given triangle ABC , its centroid G and its symmedian point L . Let A_1, B_1, C_1 be the midpoints of BC, CA, AB , respectively. A_2, B_2, C_2 are reflections of G through B_1C_1, C_1A_1, A_1B_1 , respectively. Prove that AA_2, BB_2, CC_2 concurrent at a point lies GL

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Luis González

#2 Oct 16, 2011, 10:02 pm

Let P_1, P_2, P_3 be the orthogonal projections of A_1, B_1, C_1 on B_1C_1, C_1A_1, A_1B_1 . According to the topic [Two perspective triangles](#) (see post #2), AA_2, BB_2, CC_2 coincide with AP_1, BP_2, CP_3 , respectively. So, in general, AA_2, BB_2, CC_2 , concur at the Begonia point of G . AP_1, BP_2, CP_3 are clearly the isotomic cevians of the A-, B- and C- altitudes of $\triangle ABC$ $\implies Q_1 \equiv BC \cap AP_1, Q_2 \equiv CA \cap BP_2$ and $Q_3 \equiv AB \cap CP_3$ are midpoints of the corresponding altitudes of the antimedial triangle $\triangle A_0B_0C_0 \implies AA_2, BB_2, CC_2$ are Schawtt lines of $\triangle A_0B_0C_0$ concurring at its symmedian point L_0 , i.e. the anticomplement of L (For a proof see the topic [Lemoine point](#)). Therefore, G, L, L_0 are collinear, such that $GL : GL_0 = -1 : 2$.



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Tangents and parallel lines X

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borislav_mirchev

#1 Oct 16, 2011, 3:38 am

Let quadrilateral ABCD with intersection points of the diagonals P is inscribed in a circle k. M is the intersection point of the tangent to k through C and a line through P, parallel to BC. N is the intersection point of the tangent to k through D and a line through P, parallel to AD. Prove that CM=DN.



Luis González

#2 Oct 16, 2011, 4:00 am • 3



Let $E \equiv AD \cap BC$ and $F \equiv AB \cap DC$. EP is the polar of F with respect to k \implies Tangents of k at C, D meet at a point Q lying on EP . Thus, from $PM \parallel EC$ and $PN \parallel ED$, we deduce that $\triangle ECD$ and $\triangle PMN$ are homothetic with center $Q \implies MN \parallel DC$. Since $\triangle QDC$ is isosceles with legs $QD = QC$, then $MNDC$ is an isosceles trapezoid with legs $CM = DN$.



borislav_mirchev

#3 Oct 16, 2011, 4:07 am

It is an excellent solution. Can the problem be solved without using polar properties?

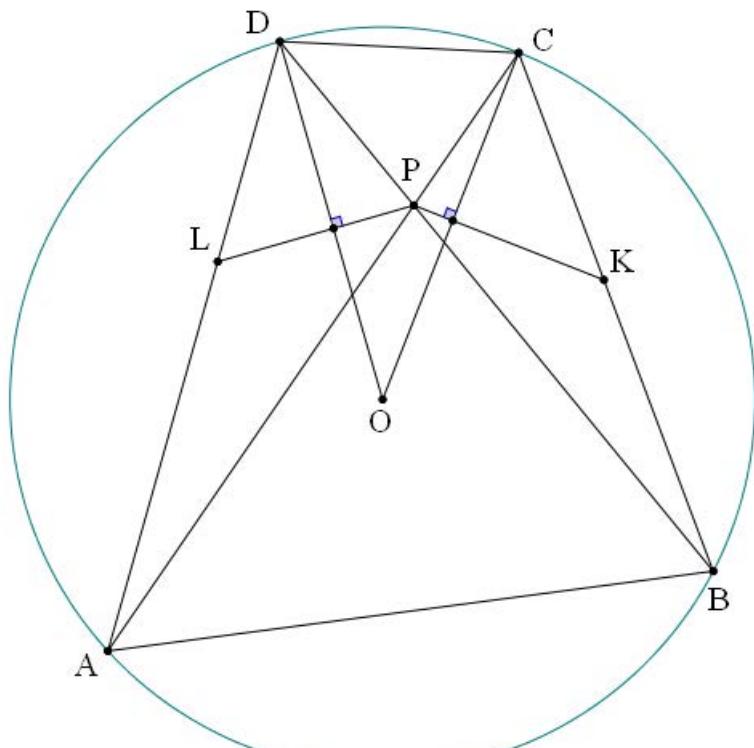


estoyanovvd

#4 Oct 17, 2011, 9:10 pm

I think that is better one:
Prove that $PL = PK$.

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erfan_Ashorion

#5 Oct 17, 2011, 9:35 pm • 1

“ borislav_mirchev wrote:

It is an excellent solution. Can the problem be solved without using polar properties?

yes!!

it is easy to show that $\triangle CPM \sim \triangle ABC$ other hand it is easy to show that $\triangle DPN \sim \triangle ABD$
so we have:

$CM/AB = PC/BC$ and $DN/AB = PD/AD$ and we know that $PC/PD = BC/AD \dots!$

so it is easy to show that $CM = DN$

so the problem is solve!

excuse me for my bad english!



erfan_Ashorion

#6 Oct 17, 2011, 10:12 pm • 1

“ estoyanovvd wrote:

I think that is better one:

Prove that $PL = PK$.

oh estoyanovvd you are make a problem nice!

i think that dont need to say solution but i say it!

let the intersection of tangent to circle at D and parallel line to AD meets each other at M and tangent to circle at C and a parallel line to BC meet each other at N it is easy to see that $DMPL$ and $CNPK$ are parallelogram!we know that by up solution $DM = CN$ and we know that $LP = DM$ and $PK = CN$ so $PL = PK \dots!$

so it is so easy problem!but nice exchange by estoyanovvd



yunxiu

#7 Oct 18, 2011, 5:59 pm

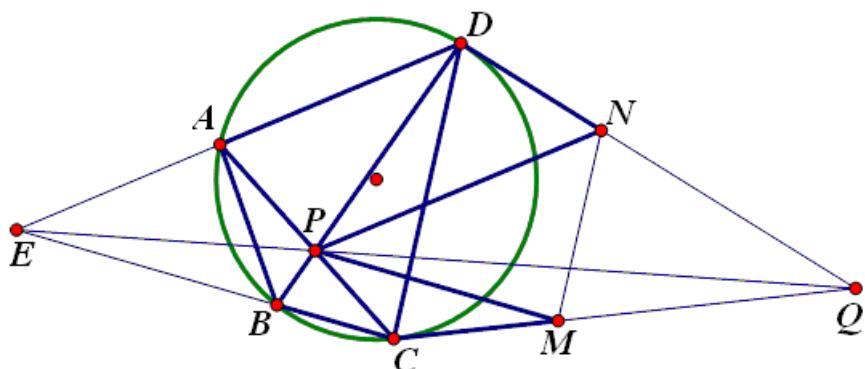
“ borislav_mirchev wrote:

It is an excellent solution. Can the problem be solved without using polar properties?

By Pascal theorem for $BDDACC$, $P = BD \cap AC$, $Q = DD \cap CC$, $E = DA \cap CB$ are collinear.

So $\frac{QN}{ND} = \frac{QP}{PE} = \frac{QM}{MC}$, hence $MN \parallel CD$, so $DM = CN$.

Attachments:



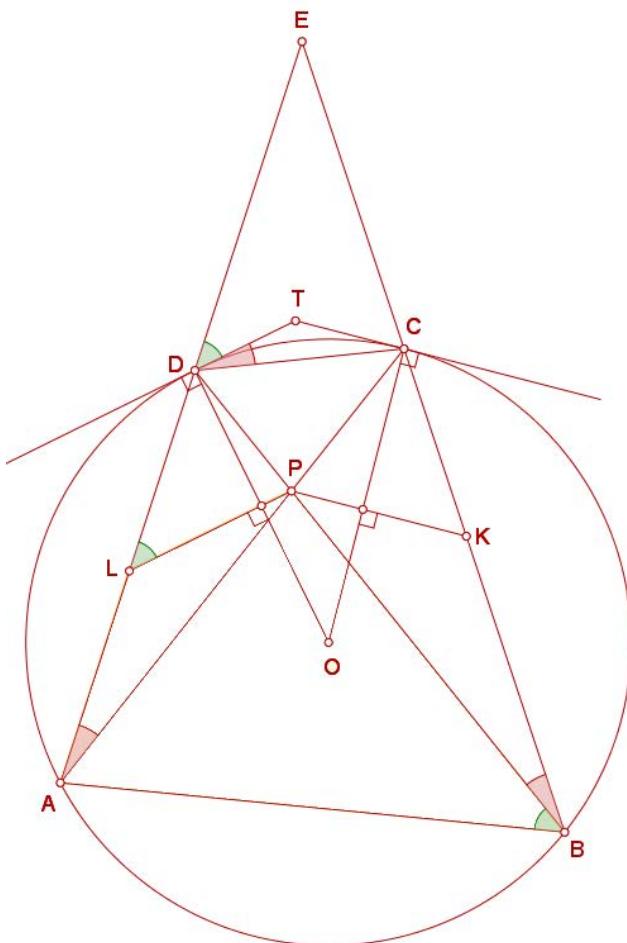
estoyanovvd

#8 Oct 19, 2011, 1:24 pm • 1

“ erfanc_Ashorion wrote:

oh estoyanovvd you are make a problem nice!

Special for you **erfan_Ashorion!**



$\angle DBC = \angle CDT, \angle ABC = \angle CDE \Rightarrow \angle ABD = \angle TDE$. But

$\angle TDE = \angle PLD \Rightarrow \Delta PLD \sim \Delta ABD \Rightarrow \frac{PL}{AB} = \frac{DP}{DA}$ (1).

Analogous $\frac{PK}{AB} = \frac{CP}{BC}$ (2). From (1) and (2) and $\Delta DAP \sim \Delta CBP$ we obtain $PL = PK$.

Now it is easy to prove from $TD = TC$ and $TD \parallel PL, TC \parallel PK$ that E, T and P lie on a same line(that is for **luisgeometra's** solution), and even $CD \parallel KL$ 😊

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Ellipse X

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hurricane

#1 Oct 15, 2011, 10:45 am

Let (E) be an ellipse with F_1, F_2 are two foci. (E) inscribed in a quadrilateral $ABCD$. Prove that $\angle AF_1B + \angle CF_1D = 180^\circ$



Luis González

#2 Oct 16, 2011, 12:21 am

We assume that $ABCD$ is convex. (E) touches AB, BC, CD, DA at P, Q, R, S . According to [this topic](#) (post #3), the lines AF_1, BF_1, CF_1, DF_1 bisect $\angle SF_1P, \angle PF_1Q, \angle QF_1R, \angle RF_1S$. Hence, by simple angle chase we get

$$\angle AF_1B + \angle CF_1D + \angle BF_1C + \angle AF_1D = 360^\circ \implies$$

$$2(\angle AF_1B + \angle CF_1D) = 360^\circ \implies \angle AF_1B + \angle CF_1D = 180^\circ.$$

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very nice (MOP98) 

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Sutuxam

#1 Oct 15, 2011, 9:01 pm

(MOP98) Let ω_1 and ω_2 be two circles of the same radius, intersecting at A and B. Let O be the midpoint of AB. Let CD be a chord of ω_1 passing through O, and let the segment CD meet ω_2 at P. Let EF be a chord of ω_2 passing through O, and let the segment EF meet ω_1 at Q. Prove that AB, CQ, EP are concurrent.



Luis González

#2 Oct 15, 2011, 10:55 pm • 1 

Let CD and EF cut ω_2 and ω_1 again at P' , Q' , respectively. Since O is center of symmetry of $\omega_1 \cong \omega_2$, then O bisects $\overline{CP'}$ and $\overline{EQ'}$. Hence, $\overline{OA} \cdot \overline{OB} = \overline{OP} \cdot \overline{OP'} = -\overline{OP} \cdot \overline{OC}$ and $\overline{OA} \cdot \overline{OB} = \overline{OQ} \cdot \overline{OQ'} = -\overline{OQ} \cdot \overline{OE} \implies \overline{OP} \cdot \overline{OC} = \overline{OQ} \cdot \overline{OE} \implies P, Q, E, C$ are concyclic. If $S \equiv EP \cap CQ$, then $\overline{SE} \cdot \overline{SP} = \overline{SC} \cdot \overline{SQ}$, i.e. S has equal power WRT ω_1 and $\omega_2 \implies S \in AB$.



yetti

#3 Oct 16, 2011, 2:37 am • 1 

C is outside and D inside of ω_2 . E is outside and F inside of ω_1 .

$\omega_1 \cong \omega_2 \implies$ midpoint O of AB is also midpoint of $PD, QF \implies PQDF$ is parallelogram $\implies PF = QD \implies \angle QCP = \angle QCD = \angle FEP = \angle QEP \implies CPQE$ is cyclic with circumcircle ω_3 .

Pairwise radical axes AB, CQ, EP of $\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3$ are concurrent at their radical center.



Goutham

#4 Oct 18, 2011, 1:46 am

Let CD, EF intersect ω_2, ω_1 again at V, U respectively. Let CQ, EP intersect AB at S, T and let K be intersection point of UD and AB . Now, by butterfly, O is the midpoint of SK and by a half turn about O , K maps to T . So, $S \equiv T$ and we are done.

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MOP 1997,nice 

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Sutuxam

#1 Oct 15, 2011, 9:32 pm

(MOP97) Let P be a point in the plane of a triangle ABC. A circle Γ passing through P intersects the circumcircles of triangles P BC, P CA, P AB at A₁, B₁, C₁, respectively, and lines P A, P B, P C intersect Γ at A₃, B₃, C₃. Prove that: the lines A₁A₃, B₁B₃, C₁C₃ are concurrent



Luis González

#2 Oct 15, 2011, 10:07 pm • 1 



 Sutuxam wrote:

(MOP97) Let P be a point in the plane of a triangle ABC. A circle Γ passing through P intersects the circumcircles of triangles P BC, P CA, P AB at A₁, B₁, C₁, respectively, and lines P A, P B, P C intersect Γ at A₃, B₃, C₃. Prove that: the lines A₁A₂, B₁B₂, C₁C₂ are concurrent



Typo corrected in red color. See the topic [Geometry problem \(13\)](#).

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number of circles 

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hungnsl

#1 Oct 15, 2011, 8:46 pm

Given two circles (O) and (P) such that (P) is completely in the interior of (O) . Suppose there exist n different circles $(C_1), (C_2), \dots, (C_n)$ which are tangent to both (O) and (P) , moreover, C_{i+1} is externally tangent to $C_i \forall 1 \leq i \leq n$, where (C_{n+1}) is (C_1) . Find the minimum possible value of n



Luis González

#2 Oct 15, 2011, 9:42 pm

Inversion centered at one of the limiting points of $(O), (P)$ takes these circles into two concentric circles (U, r_1) and (U, r_2) . The chain of n circles (C_i) is taken into a chain of n congruent circles (A_i) inscribed between $(U, r_1), (U, r_2)$ and tangent to each other externally $\implies A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4, \dots, A_n$ are obviously consecutive vertices of a regular n -gon with center U and circumradius $\frac{1}{2}(r_1 + r_2) \implies n \geq 3$.



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MOP 98 X

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Sutuxam

#1 Oct 15, 2011, 4:57 pm

The bisectors of angles A, B, C of triangle ABC meet its circumcircle again at the points K, L, M, respectively. Let R be an internal point on side AB. The points P and Q are defined by the conditions: RP is parallel to AK and BP is perpendicular to BL; RQ is parallel to BL and AQ is perpendicular to AK. Show that the lines KP, LQ, MR concur.



Luis González

#2 Oct 15, 2011, 8:03 pm • 1

MR cuts the circumcircle (O) again at U . $\angle AUR = \angle MBR = \angle MAR$. But, $\angle AQR = \frac{1}{2}\angle ACB = \angle MAR \Rightarrow \angle AQR = \angle AUR \Rightarrow A, R, U, Q$ are concyclic. Hence, $\angle AUQ = \angle ARQ = \angle ABL = \angle AUL \Rightarrow Q, L, U$ are collinear. Similarly, B, R, U, P are concyclic and P, K, U are collinear \Rightarrow Lines KP, LQ, MR concur at a point U lying on the circumcircle (O).

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midpoint 

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elegant

#1 Oct 14, 2011, 6:13 pm

Two circles meet at points A and B. A line through A intersects the first circle at C and the second at D. Let M and N be the midpoints of the arcs BC and BD not containing A, and let K be the midpoint of the segment CD. Prove that the angle $\angle MKN$ is right. (It can be assumed that C and D lie on different sides of A.)



Luis González

#2 Oct 14, 2011, 11:02 pm

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Concyclic points X

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Manolescu

#1 Oct 14, 2011, 8:31 pm

In an acute triangle ABC, B < C
I the incenter , O the circumcenter , H the orthocenter
D the tangential point at BC on circle I
If AO is parallel to HD , OD intersects AH at E
F the midpoint of CI
Prove that: E,F,I,O are concyclic



Thanks in advance ! Luis, and can you offer me some articles about cross-ratio



Luis González

#2 Oct 14, 2011, 10:16 pm • 1



Dear Manolescu, next time use meaningful subjects. Post subjects like "Help me", "Luis González see this", etc, do not describe the purpose of the problem. So, subject edited. The problem was posted before [here](#).

As for the cross ratio article, you may see <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=50&t=161310>

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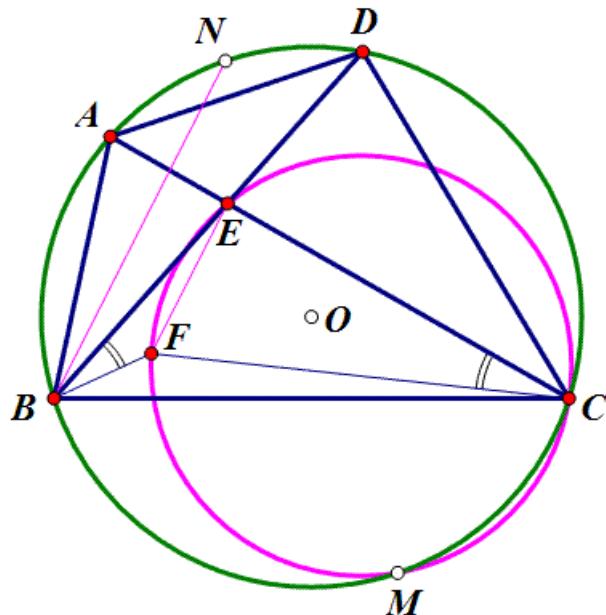


lym

#1 Oct 14, 2011, 1:21 am 1

Quadrilateral $ABCD$ is circumscribed on $\odot O$, $AC \cap BD = E$, M is midpoint of \widehat{ABD} and N is the another midpoint of \widehat{AD} . Now give a point F is satisfied taht $\angle EBF = \angle ECF$ and $EF \parallel BN$. Then prove that C, E, F, M are concyclic

Attachments:



Luis González

#2 Oct 14, 2011, 7:51 am

Let G, H be the midpoints of $\overline{BC}, \overline{AD}$. Isogonal conjugate K of F WRT $\triangle BEC$ lies on perpendicular bisector OG of \overline{BC} . $\angle CEK = \angle BEF = \angle DBN = \angle ACN \Rightarrow EK \parallel CN$, i.e. EK is perpendicular to CM at T . From $\triangle EDH \sim \triangle ECG$ and $\triangle CET \sim \triangle DMH$, we get

$$\frac{CG}{DH} = \frac{CE}{ED}, \frac{DH}{DM} = \frac{CT}{CE} \Rightarrow \frac{CG}{DM} = \frac{CT}{ED}$$

Since $\angle TCG = \angle EDM$, then $\triangle TCG \sim \triangle EDM$ by SAS $\Rightarrow \angle TGC = \angle DME$. But $TGKC$ is cyclic, due to the right angles at G and T , so $\angle CKT = \angle DME$. Hence, $\angle EFC = \angle CKT + \angle DMC = \angle EMC \Rightarrow C, E, F, M$ are concyclic.



skytin

#3 Oct 14, 2011, 6:33 pm

Solution :

Reflect C wrt line FE and get point C'

Easy to see that F is on $(BC'E)$, so there exist only one point F, such that angle FBE = ECF and $FE \parallel BN$

Let point X is on FE, such that MX perpendicular to EB

Easy to see that X is orthocenter of MBE

Angle MXE = $90 + BEF = 90 + NCE = 180 - ECM$, so X is on (CME)

Easy to see that angle XBE = EMX = ECX, so X = F . done

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Intersect on circle 

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buratinogiggle

#1 Oct 13, 2011, 11:18 pm

Let ABC be a triangle. D is a point on BC such that $\angle BAD = \angle ACB$. E is a point on circumcircle (ACD) such that $DE \parallel AC$. P is a point on AE . PB cuts DE at F . Prove that AF and CP intersect on circumcircle (ACD) .

Note that, this is generalization of a problem in the post [Two perpendicular lines](#)



Luis González

#2 Oct 14, 2011, 12:01 am • 1

$DE \parallel AC$ is unnecessary. Since $\angle BAD = \angle ACB$, then the circumcircle of $\triangle ADC$ is tangent to AB at A . Let AF cut $\odot(ADC)$ again at Q . By Pascal theorem for the degenerate cyclic hexagon $AAQCDE$, the intersections $B \equiv AA \cap DC$, $F \equiv AQ \cap DE$ and $P^* \equiv QC \cap AE$ are collinear $\implies P$ and P^* coincide. Thus, AF and CP meet at a point Q lying on $\odot(ADC)$.

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Gergonne, Nagel and Incenter. X

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Virgil Nicula

#1 Oct 13, 2011, 1:10 am • 2

Let ABC be a triangle with incircle $w = (I)$. Denote $D \in BC \cap w$ and $\Gamma(\text{Gergonne})$, $N(\text{Nagel})$

points of $\triangle ABC$. Prov that $\widehat{ID\Gamma} \equiv \widehat{IDN} \iff \frac{a}{b+c} = \frac{s-a}{s} = \tan \frac{\pi}{8}$, where $2s = a+b+c$.

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yetti

#2 Oct 13, 2011, 5:51 pm • 1

K is foot of perpendicular from A to BC . AI cuts BC at X . Excircle (I_a) in $\angle A$ touches BC at E and $N \in AE$. ID cuts (I) again at F . M is common midpoint of BC, DE .

$(I) \sim (I_a)$ are centrally similar with center A and coefficient $\frac{s-a}{s} \implies F \in AE$ and $\overline{NA} = -2\overline{IM} = -\overline{FE} \implies \overline{FA} = -\overline{NE}$.

Since $DF \perp DE$, DIF bisects $\angle NDI \equiv \angle NDA \iff$ cross ratio $(A, N, F, E) = -1$ is harmonic \iff

$\frac{\overline{AF}}{\overline{AE}} = -\frac{\overline{NF}}{\overline{NE}} = \frac{\overline{AE} - 2\overline{AF}}{\overline{AF}} \iff \left(\frac{\overline{AF}}{\overline{AE}}\right)^2 + 2\frac{\overline{AF}}{\overline{AE}} - 1 = 0 \iff 0 < \frac{s-a}{s} = \frac{\overline{AF}}{\overline{AE}} = \sqrt{2} - 1 = \tan \frac{\pi}{8}$.

Cross ratio $(K, X, D, E) = -1$ is always harmonic. See <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=47&t=435414> for one way to show it.

Therefore, $(A, N, F, E) = -1 \iff NX \parallel FID \parallel AK \iff \frac{s-a}{s} = \frac{\overline{AF}}{\overline{AE}} = -\frac{\overline{NF}}{\overline{NE}} = \frac{\overline{NF}}{\overline{FA}} = \frac{\overline{XI}}{\overline{IA}} = \frac{a}{b+c}$.



Luis González

#3 Oct 13, 2011, 6:43 pm • 1

Let A^* be the reflection of A about BC . Thus, DI bisects $\angle \Gamma DN \iff N, D$ and A^* are collinear. Barycentric coordinates of A^*, N and D WRT $\triangle ABC$ are given by $N(b+c-a : c+a-b : a+b-c)$, $D(0 : a+b-c : c+a-b)$ and $A^*(-a^2 : a^2+b^2-c^2 : a^2+c^2-b^2)$. These points are collinear \iff

$$\begin{bmatrix} -a^2 & a^2+b^2-c^2 & a^2+c^2-b^2 \\ b+c-a & c+a-b & a+b-c \\ 0 & a+b-c & c+a-b \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$\iff 2a(c-b)[(b+c-a)^2 - 2a^2] = 0 \iff$ Either $b=c$ or $2a^2 = (b+c-a)^2$

$\iff a = \sqrt{2}(s-a) \iff \frac{a}{b+c} = \frac{s-a}{s} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}+2} = \tan \frac{\pi}{8}$.



Virgil Nicula

#4 Oct 14, 2011, 10:40 pm • 1

My proof I. Suppose w.l.o.g. that $b > c$ and denote : the orthocenter

H ; $S \in BC \cap AH$; $X \in AN \cap w$; $L \in AN \cap BC$ and $K \in BC$ for which $NK \perp BC$. Show easily that $\frac{SD}{s-a} = \frac{KL}{s-a} = \frac{DK}{2a-s} = \frac{b-c}{a}$ and $NK = \frac{h_a(s-a)}{a}$. Therefore, $\widehat{ID\Gamma} \equiv \widehat{IDN} \iff \widehat{XDA} \equiv \widehat{XD\bar{N}} \iff \tan \widehat{XDA} = \tan \widehat{XD\bar{N}} \iff \frac{SD}{SA} = \frac{KD}{KN} \iff \frac{(b-c)(s-a)}{ah_{\bar{N}}} = \frac{(b-c)(2a-s)}{a} \cdot \frac{s}{h_{\bar{N}}(s-a)} \iff$

$$(s-a)^2 = s(2a-s) \iff [(b+c)-a]^2 = [a+(b+c)][3a-(b+c)] \iff$$

$$a^2 + 2a(b+c) - (b+c)62 = 0 \iff \boxed{\frac{a}{b+c} = \sqrt{2}-1}.$$

My proof II. Suppose w.l.o.g. that $b > c$. Is well-known that $X \in \overline{ANL}$. Show easily that $LS = \frac{s(b-c)}{a}$. Thus

$$\left\| \begin{array}{l} \widehat{XDA} \equiv \widehat{XDN} \\ DX \perp DL \end{array} \right\| \iff \text{the division } (A, N; X, L) \text{ is harmonically} \iff \text{the division } (S, K; D, L) \text{ is harmonically}$$

$$\iff \frac{DS}{DK} = \frac{LS}{LK} \iff DS^2 = DK \cdot LS \iff (b-c)^2(s-a)^2 = (2s-a)(b-c)^2s \iff$$

$$(s-a)^2 = s(2s-a) \iff \dots \iff \frac{a}{b+c} = \sqrt{2}-1.$$

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**Manolescu**

#1 Oct 11, 2011, 8:27 pm

Give a triangle ABC, AP is the tangent line of its circumcircle (P lies on BC), PEF intersects AC, AB at E F, respectively with the condition that $\angle APE = \angle EPC$, BE intersects CF at D, define that $d(X, YZ)$ is the distance between point X and line YZ. Prove that $d(D, AP) = 2 d(D, BC)$

**Luis González**

#2 Oct 11, 2011, 10:45 pm • 1



The result is true for any point P on the extensions of BC . Let AD cut BC and EF at M, Q , respectively. From the harmonic cross ratio (A, D, Q, M) , we get

$$\frac{DA}{DM} \cdot \frac{QM}{QA} = \frac{DA}{DQ} \cdot \frac{QM}{AM} = 2$$

$$\frac{DA}{QA} = \frac{d(D, AP)}{d(Q, AP)}, \frac{QM}{DM} = \frac{d(Q, BC)}{d(D, BC)} \implies \frac{d(D, AP)}{d(Q, AP)} \cdot \frac{d(Q, BC)}{d(D, BC)} = 2$$

Since $d(Q, AP) = d(Q, BC)$, then $d(D, AP) = 2 \cdot d(D, BC)$.

**erfan_Ashorion**

#3 Oct 18, 2011, 3:15 pm

nice solution luis but i think that you can make your solution so easier!

let the altitude from D to PC meet it on X and the altitude from D to PA meet it on Y ..!

we know that $\frac{\sin APD}{\sin DPM} = \frac{DY}{DX}$ if $DX \cdot 2 = DY \rightarrow \frac{\sin APD}{\sin DPM} = 2 \rightarrow$ we must to proof $\frac{PA}{PM} \cdot 2 = \frac{AD}{DM}$ we know that

$$\frac{PA}{PM} = \frac{AQ}{QM}$$

$$\frac{DA}{DM} \cdot \frac{QM}{QA} = 2 \text{ oh it is really easy! } \smiley$$

excuse me luis for my Interference 😊

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Two middles 

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borislav_mirchev

#1 Oct 11, 2011, 3:03 am

Let PA and PB are the tangents from a point P to a circle k . From A is drawn a diameter AC . M is the middle of the arc AC not containing B . D is the intersection point of BM and AC . N is the intersection point AC and MP . Prove that N is the middle of AD .



Luis González

#2 Oct 11, 2011, 3:23 am • 2



Let the tangent of k at M cut PA , PB at Q , R . k becomes the incircle of $\triangle PQR \implies$ Lines PM , QB and RA concur at the Gergonne point of $\triangle PQR$. Thus, if $E \equiv MB \cap PQ$, then the cross ratio (P, Q, A, E) is harmonic \implies Pencil $M(N, Q, A, D)$ is harmonic. So, $MQ \parallel AD$, implies that N is the midpoint of AD .



borislav_mirchev

#3 Oct 11, 2011, 3:26 am

It is a short and elegant solution but can it be solved without cross ratio?



sunken rock

#4 Oct 11, 2011, 9:00 am • 1

MP is the symmedian of $\triangle AMB$, so, if $\{K\} \in PM \cap AB$, then $\frac{AK}{BK} = \frac{AM^2}{MB^2}$. Applying Menelaos to $\triangle ABD$ with the transversal \overline{MNK} it will remain to prove $AM^2 = MB \cdot MD$, which is true (inversion of pole M and power AM^2 sends the circle to its diameter AC , i.e. $B \rightarrow D$, or, even easier, see that $\triangle ABM \sim \triangle DAM$).



Best regards,
sunken rock



armpist

#5 Oct 11, 2011, 9:32 am • 1

Dear Borislav and MLs



see post #11 (and other solutions too) in

<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=47&t=74386>

M.T.



MariusBocanu

#6 Oct 11, 2011, 6:37 pm • 1

Denote S the midpoint of AB . We have that MS , MP are isogonal in $\triangle AMB$, so $\widehat{AMN} = \widehat{DMS}$, so is enough to prove that AS is symmedian in $\triangle AMD$, but a well-known property of symmedian tells us, that in a $\triangle ABC$, X belongs to the symmedian of A if and only if $d(X, AB) \cdot AC = d(X, AC) \cdot AB$, but in our case, denoting $\widehat{BAC} = x$, we have

$\widehat{ABM} = 45^\circ$, $\widehat{ADM} = 135^\circ - x$, so all we have to do is to prove that $SU \cdot AM = SV \cdot MD$, which is easy only using the law of sines, (we denote by U , V the projections of S on MD , AM).

REMARK. Indeed, the solution given by **luisgeometra** is nicer and shorter, but I tried to prove without cross ratio.





erfan_Ashorion

#7 Oct 18, 2011, 2:03 pm • 2

oh nice problem!

lemma:

$$\frac{\sin \angle AMP}{\sin \angle BMP} = \frac{AM}{BM}$$

proof:

oh it is really easy lemma and i sure that you can proof it 😊

proof of problem:

we want to proof that:

$$\frac{\sin \angle AMP}{\sin \angle BMP} = \frac{MD}{AM}$$

so by lemma we want to proof:

$MD \cdot MB = MA^2 \rightarrow$ we want to proof AM is tangent to circumcircle of $\triangle ABD$

we know that $\angle ABD = \angle MAC = 45$ so AM is tangent to circumcircle of $\triangle ABD$



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Diameter and a middle 

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borislav_mirchev

#1 Oct 10, 2011, 4:19 am • 1

From point P are drawn the tangents PA and PB to a circle k. AC is a diameter of k. A line through B perpendicular to CP intersects AC and the ray PA at the points D and E respectively. Prove that D is the middle of BE.



Luis González

#2 Oct 10, 2011, 8:48 am • 2

M is the midpoint of \overline{AB} . CM, CP are the median and symmedian of $\triangle ABC$ issuing from $C \Rightarrow \angle DCM = \angle BCF$. But from $BF \perp CP$ and $AB \perp BC$, we have $\angle DBM = \angle BCF \Rightarrow \angle DBM = \angle DCM \Rightarrow BCDM$ is cyclic. Now, since $EAFC$ is also cyclic, due to the right angles at A, F , we have $\angle AED = \angle FCD = \angle MCB = \angle MDB \Rightarrow MD \parallel AE \Rightarrow D$ is midpoint of BE .



estoyanovvd

#3 Oct 11, 2011, 2:54 pm • 1

It is easy to prove that $\Delta ABE \sim \Delta TAB \Rightarrow \frac{BE}{AB} = \frac{AE}{TA}$ (1),

$\Delta ABD \sim \Delta TCB \Rightarrow \frac{BD}{AB} = \frac{CB}{TC}$ (2).

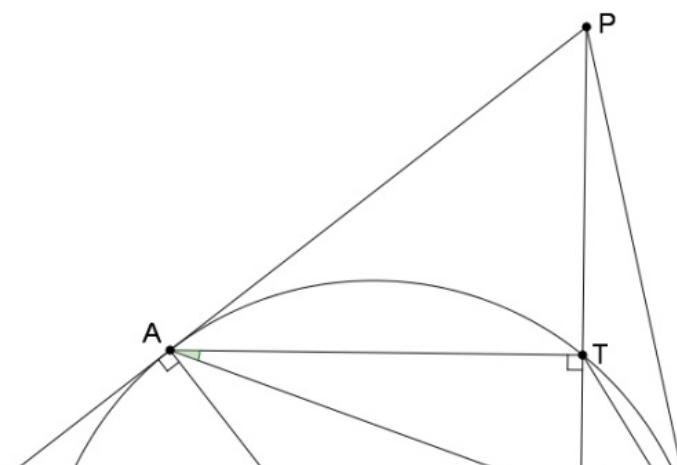
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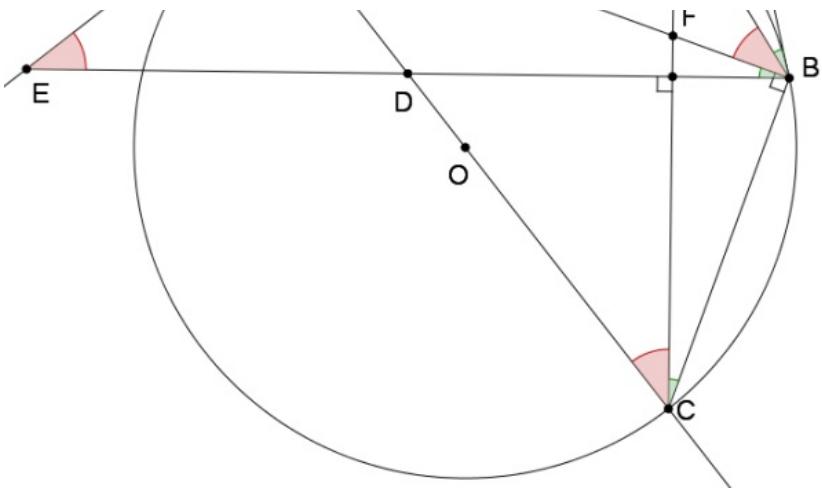
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$\Delta CBP \sim \Delta BTP \Rightarrow \frac{CB}{BT} = \frac{PC}{PB} \Rightarrow CB = \frac{BT \cdot PC}{PA}$ (5).

From (4) and (5) we obtain $TA \cdot CB = \frac{AP \cdot AC}{PC} \cdot \frac{BT \cdot PC}{PA}$ and from (3) $\frac{BE}{ED} = 1 + 1 = 2$. Done.

Attachments:





vittasko

#4 Oct 17, 2011, 12:55 pm

Because of AB is the polar of P , with respect to the circle (k) , we have that the points P, T, F, C are in harmonic conjugation, where $T \equiv (k) \cap PC$ and $F \equiv AB \cap PC$ and so, the pencil $A.PTFC$ is also harmonic.

Hence, because of $AT \perp PC \implies AT \parallel BE$ we conclude that $DB = DE$, where $D \equiv AC \cap BE$ and the proof is completed.

Kostas Vittas.



skytin

#5 Oct 17, 2011, 9:09 pm

Solution :

Let O is circumcenter of (ABC)

O is midpoint of AC

Let N is midpoint of CP

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estoyanovvd

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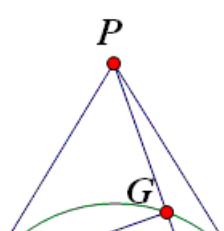


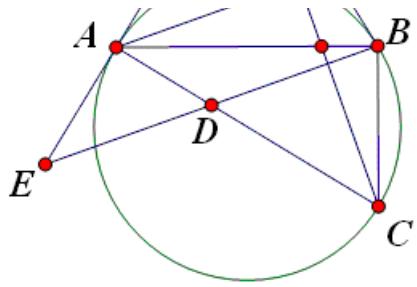
yunxiu

#7 Oct 18, 2011, 6:20 pm

Let $G = PC \cap k$, then $AG \parallel BE$. Because $ACBG$ is harmonic, so $A(EB; CG) = A(AB; CG) = -1$, hence $BD = DE$.

Attachments:





dgreenb801

#8 Nov 12, 2011, 9:10 pm

Since AC is a diameter, $AC \perp PE$.

Let O be the center of the circle.

Let X be the intersection of OP and AB .

Note that $AB \perp PO$ and $AB \perp BC$ (since AC is a diameter), so $BC \parallel XO$.

Note that $\triangle BXO \sim \triangle APO$, so

$$\frac{AP}{AO} = \frac{BX}{XO}, \text{ or}$$

$$\frac{AP}{AP} = \frac{BX}{2XO}, \text{ or}$$

$$\frac{AC}{AP} = \frac{BC}{BX}$$

Thus, $\triangle APC \sim \triangle BXC$, so $\angle APC = \angle BXC$.

Then $\angle BDC = \angle APC = \angle BXC$.

Thus $BXDC$ is cyclic, so $\angle XDC = 90^\circ$.

Thus, $DX \parallel AE$, so since X is the midpoint of AB , D is the midpoint of BE .

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armpist

#9 Nov 14, 2011, 4:40 am

Dear MLs

It turns out to be an old configuration,
a 'spiralled' out of recognition Archimedes Prop. 2
(see attachment).

This post is dedicated to Jean-Louis Ayme and Feuerbach's brother Ludwig.

Attachments:

[Archi Prop. #2.doc \(24kb\)](#)

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estoyanovvd

#10 Jan 20, 2012, 12:02 pm

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Coaxal circles 

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buratinogiggle

#1 Oct 9, 2011, 11:58 pm • 1 

Let ABC be a triangle and point P . $A'B'C'$ is pedal triangle of P with respect to triangle ABC . O is circumcenter of triangles ABC , (O') is circumcircle of triangle $A'B'C'$. PA' , PB' , PC' intersects (O') again at A_1, B_1, C_1 , respectively. Assume that P, O, O' are collinear. Prove that circumcircles (PAA_1) , (PBB_1) , (PCC_1) have a common point other than P .

This is generalization of a problem in the post [A nice problem](#).



Luis González

#2 Oct 10, 2011, 5:11 am • 1 

Let PA, PB, PC cut B_1C_1, C_1A_1, A_1B_1 at X, Y, Z , respectively. From the cyclic quadrilaterals $B'C'B_1C_1$ and $PB'AC'$ we have $\angle PB_1X = \angle PC'B'$ and $\angle XPB_1 = \angle AC'B'$. Thus, $\angle PB_1X + \angle XPB_1 = \angle PC'A = 90^\circ$, i.e. $PX \perp B_1C_1$. Likewise, $PY \perp C_1A_1$ and $PZ \perp A_1B_1$, i.e. $\triangle XYZ$ is pedal triangle of P WRT $\triangle A_1B_1C_1$. Inversion with center P and power equal to the power of P WRT (O') carries A_1, B_1, C_1 into A', B', C' and the circles $\odot(AB'C')$, $\odot(BC'A')$, $\odot(CA'B')$ into the lines B_1C_1, C_1A_1, A_1B_1 , respectively. Therefore, X, Y, Z are the inverses of $A, B, C \Rightarrow \odot(PAA_1), \odot(PBB_1), \odot(PCC_1)$ are taken into the lines XA', YB', ZC' , respectively \Rightarrow Circumcircle (U) of $\triangle XYZ$ is the inverse of (O) under the referred inversion $\Rightarrow P, U, O, O'$ are collinear \Rightarrow Pedal triangle $\triangle XYZ$ and circumcevian triangle $\triangle A'B'C'$ of P WRT $\triangle A_1B_1C_1$ are perspective, even homothetic $\Rightarrow XA', YB', ZC', UO'$ concur at the homothetic center of $\triangle XYZ \sim \triangle A'B'C'$. Hence, their inverses $\odot(PAA_1), \odot(PBB_1), \odot(PCC_1)$ are coaxal with common radical axis the line OP .

P.S. Locus of points P satisfying the coaxiality is then the [McCay cubic](#) of ABC .

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jayme

#1 Aug 8, 2008, 8:05 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,

let ABC be a triangle, Q, Q' the first and second Brocard's points of ABC, K the Lemoine's point of ABC and K# the isotomcomplément of K wrt ABC.

Prove that K# is the midpoint of QQ'.

Sincerely

Jean-Louis



Luis González

#2 Oct 9, 2011, 10:55 pm

We'll use barycentric coordinates WRT $\triangle ABC$. Let δ_{AB} be the circle passing through A, B tangent to BC. Its equation satisfies $A(1 : 0 : 0)$ and $B(0 : 1 : 0) \implies \delta_{AB} \equiv a^2yz + b^2zx + c^2xy - rz(x + y + z) = 0$. Since δ_{AB} is tangent to $x = 0$ at $B(0 : 1 : 0)$, then $z(a^2y - ry - rz) = 0$ has double root equal to zero $\implies r = a^2$.

$$\implies \delta_{AB} \equiv a^2yz + b^2zx + c^2xy - a^2z(x + y + z) = 0$$

Similarly, we get the equation of the circle δ_{BC} passing through B, C tangent to CA and the circle δ_{CA} passing through C, A tangent to AB.

$$\delta_{BC} \equiv a^2yz + b^2zx + c^2xy - b^2x(x + y + z) = 0$$

$$\delta_{CA} \equiv a^2yz + b^2zx + c^2xy - c^2y(x + y + z) = 0$$

Thus, circles δ_{AB} , δ_{BC} , δ_{CA} concur at the 1st Brocard point $\Omega_1 \left(\frac{1}{b^2} : \frac{1}{c^2} : \frac{1}{a^2} \right)$. Analogously, the another triad of circles δ_{BA} , δ_{CB} , δ_{AC} concur at the 2nd Brocard point $\Omega_2 \left(\frac{1}{c^2} : \frac{1}{a^2} : \frac{1}{b^2} \right)$.

Midpoint of $\overline{\Omega_1\Omega_2}$ is then $\left(\frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} : \frac{1}{c^2} + \frac{1}{a^2} : \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} \right)$, which indeed coincide with the coordinates of the isotomcomplement of the symmedian point $K(a^2 : b^2 : c^2)$.



lym

#3 Oct 10, 2011, 2:34 am

Let K' be the isotomic conjugate of K with relation to $\triangle ABC$, $\triangle A_1B_1C_1$ the First brocard triangle of $\triangle ABC$. M, N, L respectively the midpoints of BC, AC, AB , M', N', L' respectively the midpoints of B_1C_1, A_1C_1, A_1B_1 . Then AA_1 pass through K' and easy to prove the midpoint of QQ' , $M M'$ are collinear, it means that MM', NN', LL' are concurrent at the midpoint of QQ' and use congruent we can get $M'N = M'L$. $\angle NM'L = \angle BA_1C$, so $MM' \parallel AA_1$ i.e. $MM' \parallel AK'$, so the midpoint of QQ' is the isotomcomplément of K .

PS. Let O and H respectively be the circumcenter and orthocenter of $\triangle ABC$, then $OK \parallel HK'$. I let Fang-jh posted my proof is here: <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=46&t=182853>



TelvCohl

#4 Oct 22, 2014, 10:05 pm • 1

Notice that the isotomcomplement of P is the center of the conic which is tangent to BC, CA, AB at $AP \cap BC, BP \cap CA, CP \cap AB$. Since the Brocard ellipse is an conic tangent to BC, CA, AB at the vertices of the cevian triangle of the Symmedian point, so the isotomcomplement of the Symmedian point is the center of the Brocard ellipse which is the midpoint of the first Brocard point and the second Brocard point .

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problem 

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robinson123

#1 Oct 9, 2011, 9:04 pm

Given quadrilateral $ABCD$ inscribed in circle (O) . AB meets CD at P . AD and BC meet at Q . Prove that $\overrightarrow{OP} \cdot \overrightarrow{OQ} = R^2$.



Luis González

#2 Oct 9, 2011, 10:49 pm

Let $E \equiv AC \cap BD$. Since the pencil $Q(A, B, E, P)$ is harmonic, it follows that QE is the polar of P with respect to (O, R)
 $\implies QE$ is perpendicular to OP at S . If $M, N \equiv QE \cap (O)$, then PM, PN are tangents of $(O) \implies$

$$OM^2 = R^2 = |OS| \cdot |OP| = |OP| \cdot |OQ| \cdot \cos \angle POQ = \overrightarrow{OP} \cdot \overrightarrow{OQ}.$$

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Common midpoint  Reply

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**yetti**#1 Aug 18, 2011, 5:47 pm • 2 

G is centroid, (I) is incircle and (N) 9-point circle of $\triangle ABC$. GI cuts BC at P . Radical axis of (I) , (N) cuts BC at Q . Show that midpoint of BC is also midpoint of PQ .

**jayme**#2 Aug 18, 2011, 6:07 pm • 2 

Dear Mathlinkers,
nice problem...
we have to consider the Nagel point N
Sincerely
Jean-Louis

**Luis González**#3 Aug 19, 2011, 12:09 am • 4 

Very nice problem Vladimir, alas, I don't have a synthetic approach yet. We use barycentric coordinates with respect to ABC . Equations of (I) and (N) are given by

$$(I) \equiv a^2yz + b^2zx + c^2xy - (x+y+z)((s-a)^2x + (s-b)^2y + (s-c)^2z) = 0$$

$$(N) \equiv a^2yz + b^2zx + c^2xy - \frac{1}{2}(x+y+z)(S_Ax + S_By + S_Cz) = 0$$

We obtain the equation of the radical axis τ of (I) , (N) by subtracting their equations

$$\tau \equiv [S_A - 2(s-a)^2]x + [S_B - 2(s-b)^2]y + [S_C - 2(s-c)^2]z = 0 \implies$$

$$\tau \equiv \frac{x}{b-c} + \frac{y}{c-a} + \frac{z}{a-b} = 0 \implies Q \equiv BC \cap \tau \equiv \left(0 : \frac{1}{a-b} : \frac{1}{a-c}\right).$$

$$IG \equiv (b-c)x + (c-a)y + (a-b)z = 0 \implies P \equiv IG \cap BC \equiv (0 : a-b : a-c)$$

Coordinates of P, Q reveal that they are isotomic points in the sideline BC , i.e. midpoints of \overline{BC} and \overline{PQ} coincide.

**yetti**

#4 Aug 19, 2011, 3:29 am

AI cuts BC at K and circumcircle (O) of $\triangle ABC$ again at X . OX is perpendicular bisector of BC , cutting it at its midpoint A' .

Incircle (I) and A-excircle (I_a) touch BC at D, D_a . I is Nagel point of the complementary triangle $\implies L \equiv IG \cap AD_a$ is Nagel point of $\triangle ABC$. By van Aubel theorem, $\frac{AL}{LD_a} = \frac{p-b}{p-a} + \frac{p-c}{p-a} = \frac{a}{p-a}$. In addition, $AL = 2IA'$ and $AL \parallel IA'$

$$\implies \frac{PD_a}{PA'} = \frac{LD_a}{IA'} = \frac{b+c-a}{a}$$

J is reflection of I in BC . Radical axis of (I) , (N) is their single common tangent at the Feuerbach point. By the problem <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=46&t=215210>, X, J, Q are collinear. $XB = XC = XI \implies$ by Ptolemy for cyclic $ABXC$, $\frac{XA}{AC} = \frac{b+c}{a}$. By inversion with center X and power XI^2 ,



$$\frac{QD}{QA'} = \frac{JD}{XA'} = \frac{DI}{XA'} = \frac{XI}{KI} = \frac{g}{XK} - 1 = \frac{XA}{XI} - 1 = \frac{b+c-a}{a}$$

As a result, $\frac{D_a A'}{PA'} = 1 - \frac{PD_a}{PA'} = 1 - \frac{QD}{QA'} = \frac{DA'}{QA'}$. Since midpoint A' of BC is also midpoint of DD_a , it follows that it is also midpoint of PQ .



skytin

#5 Aug 19, 2011, 6:01 pm

You can find another solution with using first Fontene theorem



lym

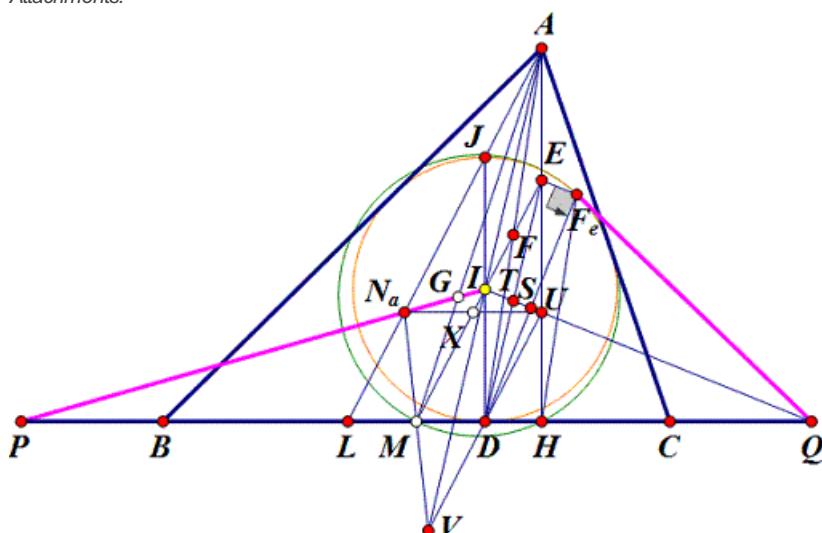
#6 Aug 22, 2011, 1:55 am

Let M be the midpoint of BC , $ID \perp BC$, $AH \perp BC$, MI cut AH , AD at E, F , $DI \cap (I) = J$, AJ cut BC , IG at L , N_a . F_e is the feuerbach point of $\triangle ABC$, IQ cut AH , DF_e , DE at U, S, T , DU intersect AI at V , UN_a cut IM at X .

Solution

As well known, $MD = ML$, so $IM \parallel JL$, so F is the midpoint of AD , so $AIDE$ is a parallelogram. So $\angle DEH = \angle DF_e H = \frac{\angle C - \angle B}{2}$, hence $DEF_e H$ is a circle, so $DF_e \perp EF_e$, but $IQ \perp DF_e$. So $IU \parallel EF_e$ and S is the midpoint DF_e , so T is the midpoint DE . Then $IEDU$ is a parallelogram, so $DU = DV, AI = IV$. So G is the centroid of $\triangle AN_a V$, V, M, N_a , are collinear $MV = MN_a$. But $LN_a \parallel IE \parallel UV$, So $LN_a = DV = DU$, so $LDUN_a$ is a parallelogram, so $UN_a \parallel PQ$. Cuz M is the midpoint of DL , so X is the midpoint of UN_a , so M is the midpoint of PQ . Done.

Attachments:



Luis González

#7 Oct 6 2011 10:06 pm • 3

Okay, I found a proof without barycentric coordinates.

Incircle (I) and A-excircle touch BC at D, E , respectively, M is the midpoint of BC and $V \equiv AI \cap BC$ is the foot of the internal bisector of $\angle BAC$. $\triangle A_0B_0C_0$ is the anticomplementary triangle of $\triangle ABC$ with incenter N_a (Nagel point of ABC), i.e. $N_a \in GI$, such that $\overline{GI} : \overline{GN_a} = -1 : 2$. $A_0N_a \parallel AI$ and $AI = \frac{1}{2}A_0N_a \implies MN_a$ passes through the reflection A^* of A about I . Thus if $U \equiv A_0N_a \cap BC$, then $N_a(A, A^*, I, U)$ is harmonic $\implies (E, M; P, U) = -1$.

On the other hand, radical axis of (I) , (N) is their common tangent through the Feuerbach point F_e . Tangent from V to (I) , different from BC , touches (I) at F . If $X \equiv QF_e \cap VF$, then $\triangle DFF_e$ becomes the X-extouch triangle of $\triangle XQV$. Since $M \in FF_e$ (well-known), it follows that $(D, M, Q, V) = -1$, so the reflections E, M, Q^*, U of D, M, Q, V about M are also harmonically separated, i.e. $(E, M, Q^*, U) \equiv -1 \implies P \equiv Q^*$.

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perpendiculars 

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elegant

#1 Oct 4, 2011, 6:55 am

In a circle with radii R is inscribed a quadrilateral with perpendicular diagonals. From the intersecting point of the diagonals are drawn perpendiculars to the sides of the quadrilateral. (a) Prove that the feet of these perpendiculars P₁, P₂, P₃, P₄ are vertices of the quadrilateral that is inscribed and circumscribed. (b) Prove the inequalities: $2r_1 \leq R\sqrt{2} \leq R$, where R₁ and r₁ are radii respectively of the circumcircle and incircle to the quadrilateral P₁P₂P₃P₄. When does equality hold?



Luis González

#2 Oct 5, 2011, 6:51 am

Label the given quadrilateral ABCD with circumcircle (O, R). Diagonals AC and BD are perpendicular at P and P₁, P₂, P₃, P₄ are the projections of P on AB, BC, CD, DA. Quadrilaterals PP₁AP₄, PP₂BP₁, PP₃CP₂, PP₄DP₃ are clearly cyclic. Thus, $\angle PP_1P_2 = \angle PBC = \angle PAD = \angle PP_1P_4 \implies PP_1$ bisects $\angle P_4P_1P_2$. Similarly PP_2 , PP_3 bisect $\angle P_1P_2P_3$, $\angle P_2P_3P_4 \implies P_1P_2P_3P_4$ has incircle (P).

Further, $\angle P_4P_1P_2 + \angle P_2P_3P_4 = \angle PAD + \angle PBC + \angle PCB + \angle PDA = 180^\circ \implies P_1P_2P_3P_4$ is also cyclic with circumcircle (U). If M \equiv PP₁ \cap CD, then $\angle CP_3P_2 = \angle CBD = \angle PP_1P_2$ implies that M \in $\odot(P_1P_2P_3)$ and from $\angle BPP_1 = \angle PAB = \angle PDC$, we get that $\triangle MPD$ is isosceles with apex M, i.e. M is the midpoint of CD. Similarly, (U) cuts AB, BC, DA again at their midpoints K, L, N. Thus, (U) is circumcircle of the rectangle KLMN \implies

$$4R_1^2 = KN^2 + KL^2 = \frac{1}{4}(AC^2 + BD^2) \leq 2R^2 \implies \sqrt{2}R_1 \leq R.$$

On the other hand, by Fuss theorem for the bicentric quadrilateral P₁P₂P₃P₄, we get

$$\frac{1}{r_1^2} = \frac{1}{(R_1 + UP)^2} + \frac{1}{(R_1 - UP)^2} \geq \frac{2}{R_1^2} \implies 2r_1 \leq \sqrt{2}R_1.$$

Obviously, the equalities hold if and only if P \equiv U \equiv O, i.e. ABCD is a square.

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squares 

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elegant

#1 Oct 4, 2011, 4:44 am

On the sides BC, CA, AB of acute angled triangle ABC externally are constructed squares which centers are denoted by M, N, P. Find k : $[MNP] \geq k [ABC]$.



Luis González

#2 Oct 4, 2011, 8:06 am

According to the topic [Triangle](#), we have $[MNP] = \frac{1}{8}(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + [ABC]$

Thus, from $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \geq 4\sqrt{3}[ABC]$ (Weitzenbock) we get $\frac{[MNP]}{[ABC]} \geq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + 1$.

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common point 

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elegant

#1 Oct 4, 2011, 5:45 am

The opposite sides AB and CD of inscribed in the circle k quadrilateral ABCD intersect at a point M. Tangent MN (N belongs to k) is parallel to the diagonal AC. NB intersects AC at the point P. Prove that the lines AN, DB and PM intersect at a common point.



Luis González

#2 Oct 4, 2011, 7:02 am

The condition $MN \parallel AC$ is unnecessary. By Pascal theorem for the degenerate cyclic hexagon NNBDC, the intersections $M \equiv NN \cap DC, P \equiv NB \cap CA$ and $Q \equiv BD \cap AN$ are collinear, in other words, AN, DB and PM concur at Q , as desired.



dragon96

#3 Oct 4, 2011, 7:21 am

[Big Diagram](#)

Alternative solution that uses $MN \parallel AC$:

[Solution](#)



skytin

#4 Oct 4, 2011, 5:46 pm

Hint :

Let (MDN) intersect DB at points $D, X, MBNX$ is parallelogram

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CP=2AP X[Reply](#)

Source: (mpdb)

**borislav_mirchev**

#1 Oct 3, 2011, 3:33 am

Triangle ABC is inscribed in a circle k. The height from C intersects AB and k at the points D and E respectively. F is the middle of the segment BD. A line l through D, perpendicular to EF intersects the segment AC at the point P. Prove that CP=2AP.

**Luis González**

#2 Oct 3, 2011, 9:34 am • 1

$$\frac{PC}{PA} = -\frac{DC}{DA} \cdot \frac{\sin \widehat{PDC}}{\sin \widehat{PDA}} = -\frac{DC}{DA} \cdot \frac{\cos \widehat{DEF}}{\cos \widehat{DFE}} = -\frac{DC}{DA} \cdot \frac{DE}{DF} = -2.$$

The last equality follows from $p(D, k) = DC \cdot DE = DB \cdot DA = 2 \cdot DF \cdot DA$.

**armpist**

#3 Oct 3, 2011, 4:55 pm • 2

Dear Borislav and MLs

This problem is a play on a parallelogram property
(see attachment).

Attachments:

[435505.doc \(24kb\)](#)

**borislav_mirchev**

#4 Oct 4, 2011, 12:23 am

This problem is definitely not for this section - it is too easy but I think it is useful to see different approaches to solve it. You can see more ways.

<http://www.math10.com/f/viewtopic.php?f=10&t=7341>

<http://dxdy.ru/topic49705.html>

The problem can be solved also using trigonometry.

Hope you like the problem.

**sunken rock**

#5 Oct 7, 2011, 3:09 am

I was not able to open the suggested links (by the way, if a problem is known to have solution(s), why is it posted under 'Open Questions' Section??) hence I come with this idea:

Take Q the midpoint of CD, see that, obvious, $\triangle ADQ \sim \triangle EDF$ and it is well known that PD passes through R, the midpoint of AQ. Next, apply Menelaos to $\triangle QAC$ with the transversal PRD and get the required relation.

Best regards,
sunken rock

**borislav_mirchev**

#6 Oct 7, 2011, 3:34 am

Because when I posted it I didn't know a solution. Indeed I'm not good in geometry.

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estoyanovvd

#7 Oct 7, 2011, 3:14 pm

“ampist wrote:

...This problem is a play on a parallelogram property .

They are really beautiful similar rectangles!

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An easy Geometry 

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undefeatedturk

#1 Oct 2, 2011, 7:29 pm

ABCD is cyclic quadrilateral. M and N are midpoints of AC and BD respectively. AC is bisector of angle BMD. Prove that; BD is bisector of angle ANC.



Luis González

#2 Oct 2, 2011, 9:14 pm

<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?t=50002>
<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=47&t=6557>
<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=46&t=204810>
<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=46&t=328964>



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Concurrent 1[Reply](#)**dazai**

#1 Oct 2, 2011, 2:06 pm

Let ABC be a triangle inscribed the circle of center O with the altitudes AH, BK, CL . Denote by

A_0, B_0, C_0 respectively, the midpoints of AH, BK, CL . The circle of center I inscribed in triangle

ABC , touches the sides BC, CA, AB at D, E, F respectively. Prove that the four lines

A_0D, B_0E, C_0F, OI are concurrent

**yetti**

#2 Oct 2, 2011, 3:51 pm



dazai wrote:

Let ABC be a triangle inscribed the circle of center O with the altitudes AH, BK, CL . Denote by

A_0, B_0, C_0 respectively, the midpoints of AH, BK, CL . The circle of center I inscribed in triangle

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A_0D, B_0E, C_0F, OI are concurrent

A', B', C' are midpoints of BC, CA, AB . $(I_A), (I_B), (I_C)$ are excircles in $\angle A, \angle B, \angle C$. Excircle (I_A) touches BC at D' . AI cuts BC at X .

$AX, A'B', FD$ concur at P . $B'P = B'A = B'C$ and $A'P = A'D = A'D' \Rightarrow \angle APC, \angle DPD'$ are right \Rightarrow

$\angle DPX = \frac{1}{2}\angle C$ and $\angle HPX = \frac{\pi}{2} - \angle CPH = \frac{\pi}{2} - \angle CAH = \angle C \Rightarrow PD, PD'$ bisect $\angle HPX$

internally/externally \Rightarrow cross ratio $(D, D', X, H) = -1$ is harmonic.

Line pencil $I_A(D', D, X, H) \equiv I_A(D', D, A, H)$ is harmonic and $AH \parallel I_A D' \Rightarrow I_A D$ cuts AH at its midpoint A_0 .

Likewise, $I_B E, I_C F$ cut BK, CL at their midpoints B_0, C_0 .

I is orthocenter and (O) 9-point circle of $\triangle I_A I_B I_C \Rightarrow$ reflection J of I in O is its circumcenter.

$\triangle I_A I_B I_C \sim \triangle DEF$ with their circumcircles $(J), (I)$ are centrally similar $\Rightarrow I_A D A_0, I_B E B_0, I_C F C_0, JOI$ concur at their similarity center.

**Luis González**

#3 Oct 2, 2011, 8:18 pm

<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=46&t=331144>

<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=47&t=265276>

<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=46&t=230481>

<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=49&t=48453>

<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=49&t=42412>

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Prove perpendicular X[Reply](#)**shorin**

#1 Oct 2, 2011, 9:12 am

Let M, N be two points interior circle (O) such that O is the midpoint of MN . Let S is an arbitrary point on (O) . Denote by E, F, G the intersection of line SM, SN, SO with (O) . EF intersect MN at K such that K lie on rays NM, FE . SO intersect (O) at G . Prove that KG, GS are perpendicular.

Moderator edit: Do not change the problem once a solution is given. If you want to discuss other problems then submit a new thread. The original proposition was

shorin wrote:

Let ABC be a triangle and H be a orthocenter, O be a center of circumcircle of its. Take the point I lie on BC . The circle with diameter AI intersect (O) at K and KH intersect (O) at M . The line through K and perpendicular OI intersect (O) at T . The line through O and perpendicular TM intersect BC at N . Prove that AM, MN are perpendicular.

This post has been edited 2 times. Last edited by shorin, Oct 2, 2011, 1:55 pm

**Luis González**

#2 Oct 2, 2011, 12:10 pm • 1

D is the foot of the A-altitude and AD cuts (O) again at the reflection P of H about D . AO cuts (O) again at S and SI obviously cuts (O) again at K . Let $R \equiv MK \cap BC$ and PR cuts (O) again at T^* . Since AO, AH are isogonals WRT $\angle BAC$, then $BC \parallel PS \implies \angle KIR = \angle KSP = \angle KT^*R \implies K, T^*, I, R$ are concyclic and I is the midpoint of the arc KRT^* since BC bisects $\angle PRH$. Consequently, OI is the perpendicular bisector of $\overline{KT^*} \implies T \equiv T^*$. Hence, BC and the perpendicular bisector of \overline{MT} meet at the midpoint N of the arc MT of $\odot(RMT) \implies \angle AMN = \angle TMN + \angle TMA = \angle PRD + \angle RPD = 90^\circ$.

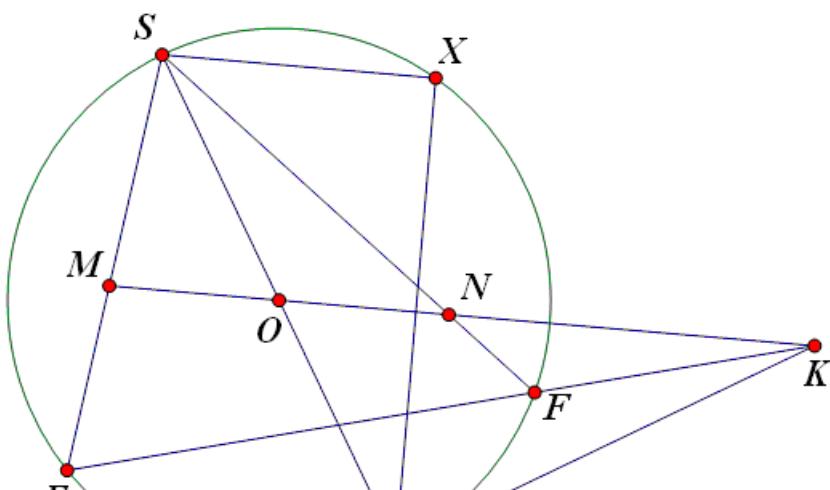
**yunxiu**

#3 Oct 2, 2011, 6:21 pm • 1

Let X on the circle and $XG \perp MN$, than $\angle SXG = 90^\circ$, so $SX \parallel MN$. As $MO = NO$, $S(XG; FE) = S(XO; NM) = -1$, so $XFGE$ is Harmonic.

Let PG, PX tangent to the circle, then P is on EF , and by the symmetry of G, X, P is also on MN , so $P = K$, hence $KG \perp SG$.

Attachments:





mahanmath

#4 Oct 2, 2011, 8:38 pm • 1

Dear **yunxiu** , here is what I said in PM 😊

I worked backward and prove that :

If b, c lie on unit circle and bc intersects the line tangent to unit circle at 1 at p and op intersect lines passing through $-1, b$ and $-1, c$ at m, n then m, n are symmetric wrt o .

First we calculate p :

It lies on $bc \implies p + \bar{p}bc = b + c$

It lies on tangent line to unit circle at 1 $\implies p + \bar{p} = 2$

$$\implies p = \frac{b + c - 2bc}{1 - bc}.$$

Now we calculate m :

It lies on the line passing through $-1, b \implies m - \bar{m}b = b - 1$ (#)

$$\text{It lies on } op \text{ so has same argument as } p \implies \frac{m}{\bar{m}} = \frac{p}{\bar{p}} = \frac{\frac{b+c-2bc}{1-bc}}{\frac{b+c-2}{bc-1}} = \frac{b+c-2bc}{2-b-c}$$

So from (#) we have $\bar{m}\left(\frac{b+c-2bc}{2-b-c} - b\right) = b - 1$ but $\frac{b+c-2bc}{2-b-c} - b = \frac{(b-1)(b-c)}{2-b-c}$ and it shows the symmetry that we wanted !

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PA²+PB²=4PT² 

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WakeUp

#1 Oct 1, 2011, 10:02 pm

Let C_1 be a circle with centre O , and let AB be a chord of the circle that is not a diameter. M is the midpoint of AB . Consider a point T on the circle C_2 with diameter OM . The tangent to C_2 at the point T intersects C_1 at two points. Let P be one of these points. Show that $PA^2 + PB^2 = 4PT^2$.



Luis González

#2 Oct 1, 2011, 11:21 pm • 1 

Label $C_1 \equiv (O, R)$ and $C_2 \equiv (U, r)$. By [Apollonius theorem](#), we have

$$PA^2 + PB^2 = 2(PM^2 + MA^2), \quad R^2 + PM^2 = 2(PU^2 + r^2) \implies$$

$$PA^2 + PB^2 = 4PU^2 + 4r^2 - 2R^2 + 2MA^2$$

But by Pythagorean theorem in $\triangle OAM$, we obtain $AM^2 = R^2 - 4r^2$. Hence

$$PA^2 + PB^2 = 4PU^2 + 4r^2 - 2R^2 + 2R^2 - 8r^2 = 4(PU^2 - r^2) = 4PT^2.$$

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If DEF is equilateral then AD, BE and CR are concurrent X

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Source: Pan African Olympiad 2009



WakeUp

#1 Oct 1, 2011, 9:32 pm

Point P lies inside a triangle ABC . Let D, E and F be reflections of the point P in the lines BC, CA and AB , respectively. Prove that if the triangle DEF is equilateral, then the lines AD, BE and CF intersect in a common point.



Luis González

#2 Oct 1, 2011, 10:17 pm

Clearly, if DEF is equilateral, then the pedal triangle of P WRT ABC is also equilateral, i.e. P is an isodynamic point of ABC . Thus, according to the problem <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=47&t=304719>, AD, BE, CF concur at the isogonal conjugate of P , namely a Fermat point of ABC .

P.S. For a generalization, see [Reflections of a point M](#).



r1234

#3 May 4, 2012, 11:01 pm

Since $\triangle DEF$ is equilateral we conclude that P is the first Isodynamic point of $\triangle ABC$. We will prove that AD, BE, CF concur at the Fermat point of $\triangle ABC$ i.e at P' , the isogonal conjugate of P wrt $\triangle ABC$. For this note that D is isogonal conjugate of A wrt $\triangle P'BC$. We know that AP' bisects $\angle BP'C$. Hence $A, P'D$ are collinear. So done.



jred

#4 Mar 13, 2015, 1:32 pm

Wow, I don't know what it is "isodynamic point", however this problem can be solved by some basic knowledge.

Easily we see $AE = AP = AF$, and also $DE = DF$, thus $\triangle ADE$ is congruent to $\triangle ADF$, so we have DA is the bisector of $\angle EDF$, similarly we get BE, CF are bisectors of $\angle DEF, \angle DFE$ respectively. hence we know lines AD, BE and CF are concurrent at the incenter of $\triangle DEF$.

This post has been edited 1 time. Last edited by jred, Mar 13, 2015, 1:33 pm
Reason: minor typo

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Turkey NMO 2001 Problem 1 X

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Source: Turkey NMO 2001 Problem 1



mestavk

#1 Sep 30, 2011, 2:11 pm

Let $ABCD$ be a convex quadrilateral. The perpendicular bisectors of the sides $[AD]$ and $[BC]$ intersect at a point P inside the quadrilateral and the perpendicular bisectors of the sides $[AB]$ and $[CD]$ also intersect at a point Q inside the quadrilateral. Show that, if $\angle APD = \angle BPC$ then $\angle AQB = \angle CQD$



yetti

#2 Oct 1, 2011, 9:56 am

P-isosceles $\triangle DPA \sim \triangle BPC$ are similar. Let points $B_0 \in (PB, C_0 \in (PC$ be such that $\triangle DPA \cong \triangle B_0PC_0$ are congruent $\Rightarrow B_0C_0 \parallel BC$. P is circumcenter of AB_0C_0D with $DA = B_0C_0 \Rightarrow$ it is isosceles trapezoid with $AB_0 \parallel DC_0$. Let $Q_0 \equiv AC_0 \cap B_0D$ be its diagonal intersection. Let S be circumcenter of $\triangle DPA$. Undefine Q . S-isosceles $\triangle ASP \cong \triangle PSD$ and Q_0 -isosceles $\triangle AQ_0B_0 \sim \triangle C_0Q_0D$ are all similar \Rightarrow segment $|SQ_0|$ is spirally similar to segments $|PB_0|, |PC_0|$ with centers A, D and the same coefficient $\frac{AQ_0}{AB_0} = \frac{AS}{AP} = k = \frac{DS}{DP} = \frac{DQ_0}{DC_0}$. Since $\frac{\overline{BP}}{\overline{BB_0}} = \frac{\overline{CP}}{\overline{CC_0}}$, these spiral similarities take $B \in PB_0, C \in PC_0$ to the same point $Q \in SQ_0$, such that $\angle QAB = \angle SAP = \angle PDS = \angle QDC$ and $\frac{AQ}{AB} = k = \frac{DQ}{DC} \Rightarrow \triangle AQB \sim \triangle CQD$ are Q-isosceles and similar $\Rightarrow Q$ is intersection of perpendicular bisectors of $|AB|, |CD|$ and $\angle AQB = \angle CQD$.



Luis González

#3 Oct 1, 2011, 10:33 am

If $\angle APD = \angle BPC$, then $\angle APC = \angle DPB \Rightarrow \triangle APC \cong \triangle DPB$ are congruent by SAS criterion, since $PA = PD$ and $PC = PB$. Therefore, $AC = BD$, which implies that $\triangle AQC \cong \triangle BQD$ are congruent by SSS criterion, due to $QA = QB$ and $QC = QD \Rightarrow \angle AQC = \angle BQD \Rightarrow \angle AQB = \angle CQD$.



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Show that the area of $A'B'C'D'$ is twice that of $ABCD$ X

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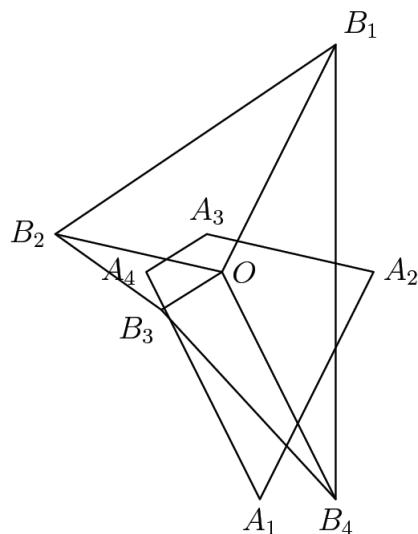
Source: Canada National Mathematical Olympiad 1982 - Problem 1



Amir Hossein

#1 Sep 30, 2011, 3:13 pm

In the diagram, OB_i is parallel and equal in length to A_iA_{i+1} for $i = 1, 2, 3$, and 4 ($A_5 = A_1$). Show that the area of $B_1B_2B_3B_4$ is twice that of $A_1A_2A_3A_4$.



Luis González

#2 Oct 1, 2011, 6:53 am

$\overline{AB} \cong \overline{PA'}$, $\overline{BC} \cong \overline{PB'}$ and $\angle A'PB' = \angle ABC \pmod{\pi}$ yield $[PA'B'] = [ABC]$. Similarly, $[PB'C'] = [BCD]$, $[PC'D'] = [CDA]$ and $[PD'A'] = [DAB]$. Thus

$$\begin{aligned}[A'B'C'D'] &= [PA'B'] + [PB'C'] + [PC'D'] + [PD'A'] = \\ &= [ABC] + [BCD] + [CDA] + [DAB] = [ABCD] + [ABCD] = 2[ABCD].\end{aligned}$$

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Turkey NMO 2001 Problem 5, locus of point P_G X

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Source: Turkey NMO 2001 Problem 5



mestavk

#1 Sep 30, 2011, 2:17 pm

Two nonperpendicular lines through the point A and a point F on one of these lines different from A are given. Let P_G be the intersection point of tangent lines at G and F to the circle through the point A, F and G where G is a point on the given line different from the line FA . What is the locus of P_G as G varies.



Luis González

#2 Sep 30, 2011, 9:22 pm

Let the perpendicular bisector of \overline{AF} cut AG at E . The isosceles triangles $\triangle EAF$ and $\triangle P_GGF$ are similar due to $\angle EFA = \angle EAF = \angle P_GGF = \angle P_GFG$. Therefore, $\angle AEF = \angle GP_GF \implies$ The points E, F, G, P_G are concyclic $\implies \angle FEP_G = \angle FGP_G = \angle EFA \implies EP_G \parallel AF$, i.e. Locus of P_G is the parallel line to AF through E .



Number1

#3 Oct 2, 2011, 10:16 pm

Let M be midpoint of GF . Then as G varies, M describes line ℓ parallel to AF , since: $d(M, AF) = \frac{1}{2}d(G, AF) = \text{const.}$

Now $\angle GFP_G = \angle(FA, GA) = \alpha$ is also constant, since lines FA and GA are fixed.

Finally, map $M \mapsto P_G$ is spiral similarity with center at F , and since M describes line ℓ , then P_G describes line ℓ' which we get with rotating ℓ by angle α around F . So ℓ' is parallel to AG .



xeroxia

#4 Jan 12, 2013, 3:34 am

Trigonometric Approach:

$$\angle FAG = \angle P_GFG = \angle P_GGF.$$

$$\frac{AF}{FG} = \frac{\sin \angle AGF}{\sin \angle FAG}.$$

$$\frac{FG}{P_GF} = \frac{\sin \angle FP_GG}{\sin \angle P_GFG} = \frac{\sin 2 \cdot \angle FAG}{\sin \angle FAG} = 2 \cos \angle FAG$$

$$\frac{AF}{FG} \cdot \frac{FG}{P_GF} = \frac{AF}{P_GF} = 2 \cot \angle FAG \cdot \sin \angle AGF.$$

$$\angle(FA, FP_G) = \angle AGF \text{ or } \angle(FA, FP_G) = 180^\circ - \angle AGF.$$

So the distance of P_G to AF is

$$d(P_G, AF) = P_GF \cdot \sin \angle AGF = \frac{AF \cdot \tan \angle FAG}{2} \text{ which is constant. So locus of } P_G \text{ is a line parallel to } AF \text{ with distance } \frac{AF \cdot \tan \angle FAG}{2}. \blacksquare$$

Now, we will show for every point on the line parallel to AF with distance $\frac{AF \cdot \tan \angle FAG}{2}$, we can find G on the given line.

Let the line perpendicular to AF at F meet the line AG (Here G is not defined, but the line AG is constant) at Q . Let H be the foot of perpendicular from P_G to QF .

Since $HF = \frac{AF \cdot \tan \angle FAG}{2}$ and $QF = AF \tan \alpha$, H is the midpoint of QF .

So $P_G Q = P_G F$. Let the circle with center P_G and radius $P_G F = P_G Q$ cut AQ at G .

Since $\angle GP_G F = 2 \cdot \angle FQA = 180^\circ - 2 \cdot \angle FAG$, and $P_G F = P_G G$, then $\angle P_G FG = \angle P_G GF = \angle FAG$. So $P_G F$ and $P_G G$ are tangent to the circumcircle of $\triangle AFG$.

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Cyclic Quads 

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mastergeo

#1 Sep 29, 2011, 8:52 pm

Let $ABCD$ be a convex quadrilateral. P, Q are two points lie inside $ABCD$ such that $ABQP$ and $CDPQ$ are concyclic. Assume that there exists $E \in [PQ]$ such that $\angle PAE = \angle QBE, \angle PDE = \angle QCE$. Prove that $ABCD$ is concyclic.



Luis González

#2 Sep 29, 2011, 9:48 pm

<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=46&t=356615>

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Turkey NMO 1997 Problem 5, PQ=m X

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mestavk

#1 Sep 28, 2011, 3:43 pm

In a triangle ABC , the inner and outer bisectors of the $\angle A$ meet the line BC at D and E , respectively. Let d be a common tangent of the circumcircle (O) of $\triangle ABC$ and the circle with diameter DE and center F . The projections of the tangency points onto FO are denoted by P and Q , and the length of their common chord is denoted by m . Prove that $PQ = m$



Luis González

#2 Sep 29, 2011, 11:06 am

Let d touch $(O), (F)$ at U, V . R is the second intersection of $(O), (F)$ and $M \equiv AR \cap OF$ is the midpoint of \overline{PQ} . K and $J \equiv UV \cap OF$ are the insimilicenter and exsimilicenter of $(O) \sim (F)$, respectively. Since $(B, C, D, E) = -1$, then $(O) \perp (F)$, thus if UF cuts (O) and (F) again at T and X, Y , we have $(U, T, X, Y) = -1 \Rightarrow VT$ is the polar of U WRT $(F) \Rightarrow VT \perp FU \Rightarrow VT$ goes through the antipode U^* of U WRT $(O) \Rightarrow K \in VT$. Since $U(J, K, O, F) = -1$, then $(V, K, U^*, T) = -1 \Rightarrow VP \perp OF$ is the polar of K WRT $(O) \Rightarrow OA^2 = OK \cdot OP \Rightarrow \angle APK = \angle OAK$. But $\frac{OA}{FA} = \frac{KO}{KF}$ implies that AK bisects $\angle OAF$, i.e. $\angle OAK = 45^\circ$, so $\angle APK = 45^\circ \Rightarrow$ the right $\triangle MPA$ is isosceles with $MA = MP$, i.e. $PQ = m$.



yetti

#3 Sep 29, 2011, 12:10 pm • 1 ↳

WLOG $AB > AC$. $\angle FAC = \angle FAD - \angle CAD = \angle ADF - \angle DAB = \angle ABC \Rightarrow AF$ is tangent of $(O) \Rightarrow AO \perp AF$.

The common tangent touches $(O), (F)$ at U, V . $PQ = \frac{UV^2}{OF} = \frac{OF^2 - (AO - AF)^2}{OF} = \frac{2 \cdot AO \cdot AF}{OF} = m$.

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Ineq-G134 - Geometry X

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Ligouras

#1 May 15, 2011, 9:10 pm

Suppose AA_1 , BB_1 and CC_1 are the altitudes of an acute-angled triangle ABC , AA_1 meets B_1C_1 in a point K . The circumcircles of triangles A_1KC_1 and A_1KB_1 intersect the lines AB and AC for the second time at points N and L respectively.

Prove that

$$\frac{BB_1}{NA_1} + \frac{CC_1}{LA_1} \geq 4$$



Luis González

#2 Sep 28, 2011, 12:16 am • 1 ↳

From $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle AB_1C_1$ and $\triangle AKC_1 \sim \triangle ANA_1$, we obtain

$$\frac{AC}{AC_1} = \frac{BC}{B_1C_1}, \quad \frac{NA_1}{KC_1} = \frac{AA_1}{AC_1} \implies \frac{NA_1}{BB_1} = \frac{KC_1}{AC_1} \cdot \frac{AA_1}{BB_1} = \frac{KC_1}{AC_1} \cdot \frac{AC}{BC} = \frac{KC_1}{B_1C_1}$$

Similarly, we have $\frac{LA_1}{CC_1} = \frac{KB_1}{B_1C_1}$. Therefore, using AM-HM we get

$$\frac{BB_1}{NA_1} + \frac{CC_1}{LA_1} \geq \frac{4}{\frac{KC_1}{B_1C_1} + \frac{KB_1}{B_1C_1}} = \frac{4 \cdot B_1C_1}{KC_1 + KB_1} = 4.$$

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Turkey TST 2005 Problem 5, BD is tangent to circle of ADZ X

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Source: Turkey TST 2005 Problem 5



mestavk

#1 Sep 27, 2011, 9:36 pm

Let ABC be a triangle such that $\angle A = 90$ and $\angle B < \angle C$. The tangent at A to its circumcircle Γ meets the line BC at D . Let E be the reflection of A across BC , X the foot of the perpendicular from A to BE , and Y be the midpoint of AX . Let the line BY meet Γ again at Z . Prove that the line BD is tangent to circumcircle of triangle ADZ .



Luis González

#2 Sep 27, 2011, 10:19 pm

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Ayme's theorem or the four points theorem



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jayme

#1 Sep 26, 2011, 6:37 pm



Dear Mathlinkers,

I present a new theorem which I have proved synthetically (next on my site) and lead to new centers

1. ABC a triangle
2. (O) the circumcircle of ABC
3. P, Q, R three points
4. P1P2P3 the P-cevian triangle of ABC
5. Q1Q2Q3 the Q-cevian triangle of ABC
6. R1R2R3 the R-circumcevian triangle of ABC
7. (O1) the circumcircle of P1Q1R1 and circularly
8. S1 the second point of intersection of (O1) with (O) and circularly.

Conclusion : AS1, BS2 and CS3 are concurrent at a point S.

Other proofs or ideas are welcome

Thank to Francisco Javier Garcia Capitan for the coordinate of S and the remark that

P=X(1), Q=X(3) and R=X(5) lead to a new center

P=X(1), Q=X(4) and R=X(6) lead to X(19) the Clawson point.

We have constructed a map from a triangle PQR to a point S. Is this map known?

Sincerely

Jean-Louis



Luis González

#2 Sep 26, 2011, 10:49 pm



AS₁, AR₁ cut BC at A₁, A₂ and R₁S₁ cut BC at A₃. From the problem [Three collinear points](#), we get that

$$\frac{\overline{A_3B}}{\overline{A_3C}} = \frac{\overline{BP_1}}{\overline{P_1C}} \cdot \frac{\overline{BQ_1}}{\overline{Q_1C}} = \frac{\overline{S_1B}}{\overline{S_1C}} \cdot \frac{\overline{R_1B}}{\overline{R_1C}} = \frac{AC^2}{AB^2} \cdot \frac{\overline{BA_1}}{\overline{A_1C}} \cdot \frac{\overline{BA_2}}{\overline{A_2C}} \implies$$

$$\frac{\overline{BA_1}}{\overline{A_1C}} = \frac{AB^2}{AC^2} \cdot \frac{\overline{BP_1}}{\overline{P_1C}} \cdot \frac{\overline{BQ_1}}{\overline{Q_1C}} \cdot \frac{\overline{A_2C}}{\overline{BA_2}}$$

Thus, if $(u_1 : v_1 : w_1), (u_2 : v_2 : w_2), (u_3 : v_3 : w_3)$ are the barycentric coordinates of P, Q, R with respect to $\triangle ABC$, then AS₁, BS₂, CS₃ concur at the barycentric product of $P \cdot Q$ and the isogonal conjugate of R. Namely

$$S \left(\frac{a^2 u_1 u_2}{u_3} : \frac{b^2 v_1 v_2}{v_3} : \frac{c^2 w_1 w_2}{w_3} \right)$$



jayme

#3 Nov 24, 2011, 4:56 pm



Dear Mathlinkers,

an article concerning the "Ayme's theorem" has been put on my website.

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

You can use Google translator

Sincerely

Jean-Louis

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Two perspective triangles X

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jayme

#1 Sep 25, 2011, 8:36 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,
 ABC a triangle,
 H the orthocenter of ABC,
 A'B'C' the orthic triangle of ABC,
 1a, 1b, 1c the resp. circle with center A', B', C' and passing through H
 A+, B+, C+ the second point of intersection of 1b and 1c, 1c and 1a, 1a and 1b.
 Prouve that ABC and A+B+C+ are perspective at perhaps a new center.
 Sincerely
 Jean-Louis



Luis González

#2 Sep 25, 2011, 9:35 pm



Thanks for the dedication dear Jean Louis. We can generalize the problem as follows: $\triangle A'B'C'$ is the cevian triangle of P WRT $\triangle ABC$. Circles $(B', B'P)$, $(C', C'P)$ meet again at A^+ . We define B^+ and C^+ cyclically. Then $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle A^+B^+C^+$ are perspective.

Proof: Let $\triangle A_1B_1C_1$ be the orthic triangle of $\triangle A'B'C'$. Since A^+ is clearly the reflection of P about the line $B'C'$, then we have $A_1(P, A^+, C'A') = -1$, but $A_1(P, A, C'A') = -1 \implies A^+ \in AA_1$. Similarly, $B^+ \in BB_1$ and $C^+ \in CC_1$. Thus, by Cevian Nest theorem AA^+, BB^+, CC^+ concur at a point B_e , which is usually known as Begonia Point of P WRT $\triangle ABC$. When P coincides with the orthocenter of $\triangle ABC$, as your problem states, then B_e is X_{24} of $\triangle ABC$.

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Collinear X

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dazai

#1 Sep 25, 2011, 6:25 am

Let ABC be a triangle and BD, CE are altitudes of its. Denote by M, I, K be the midpoints of segments BC, MD, ME . Denote by d be the line through A and parallel BC . The intersection of d and the perpendicular bisector of AM is N . Prove that N, I, K are collinear

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Luis González

#2 Sep 25, 2011, 9:31 am • 3

$H \equiv BD \cap CE$ and P is the midpoint of \overline{AH} . Since P, M are the centers of the circles $\odot(ADHE)$ and $\odot(BCD)$, then $\angle ADP = \angle DAH = \angle DBM = \angle BDM \implies \angle MDP = \angle BDA = 90^\circ$, i.e. MD is tangent to $\odot(ADHE)$. Likewise, ME is tangent to $\odot(ADHE)$. Thus, IK is the radical axis of $\odot(ADHE)$ and the circle (M) with zero radius $\implies N' \equiv IK \cap d$ has equal power WRT (M) and $\odot(ADHE)$, but d is obviously tangent to $\odot(ADHE)$ at A , so $N'M = N'A \implies N \equiv N'$.



sunken rock

#3 Sep 25, 2011, 2:02 pm • 1

w.l.o.g. suppose $AB < AC$; call P the midpoint of DE . Then, if $m(\angle AMB) = \alpha$, the following yields:
 $\angle AMB = \angle MAN = \angle AMN = \angle APD = \alpha$ and, subsequently $\angle ANM = 180^\circ - 2\alpha$ and $\angle APM = 90^\circ + \alpha$, or N is the circumcenter of $\triangle APM$ and, as KI is the perpendicular bisector of the chord MP , it passes through the circumcenter N , done.

Best regards,
sunken rock



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 **Goutham** #1 Sep 24, 2011, 11:11 pm • 1 

In triangle ABC , let $A'B'C'$ be the circumcevian triangle of a point P , and $A''B''C''$ be the triangle formed by the orthogonal projections of $A'B'C'$ on the sides of ABC . Find the locus of P so that $A''B''C''$ is a Cevian triangle.

 **Luis González** #2 Sep 25, 2011, 6:30 am • 2 

First of all, thanks for this dedication dear Goutham!

P^* is the isogonal conjugate of P . $\triangle P_1P_2P_3$ is the pedal triangle of P WRT $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle A_1B_1C_1$ is the pedal triangle of P WRT $\triangle P_1P_2P_3$. Lines AP^*, BP^*, CP^* cut P_2P_3, P_3P_1, P_1P_2 at A_2, B_2, C_2 . $\triangle PP_2P_3$ and $\triangle A'CB$ are similar with corresponding altitudes $PA_1, A'A'' \implies \frac{BA''}{A''C} = \frac{P_3A_1}{A_1P_2} = \frac{P_2A_2}{A_2P_3}$. So, multiplying the symmetric ratios together and using the converse of Ceva's theorem, we conclude that if AA'', BB'', CC'' concur, then P_1A_2, P_2B_2, P_3C_2 concur. Thus, by Cevian nest theorem, AP_1, BP_2, CP_3 concur, i.e. $\triangle ABC$ and the pedal triangle of P are perspective \implies Locus of P is the Darboux cubic of the scalene $\triangle ABC$.

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A Problem of Ramanujan X

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tc1729

#1 Sep 23, 2011, 3:48 am • 1 ↑

Let AB be a diameter and BC be a chord of a circle ABC . Bisect the minor arc BC at M ; and draw a chord BN equal to half of the chord BC . Join AM . Describe two circles with A and B as centers and AM and BN as radii, cutting each other at S and S' , and cutting the given circle again at the points M' and N' respectively. Join AN and BM intersecting at R , and also join AN' and BM' intersecting at R' . Through B draw a tangent to the given circle, meeting AM and AM' produced at Q and Q' respectively. Produce AN and $M'B$ to meet at P , and also produce AN' and MB to meet at P' . Show that the eight points $P, Q, R, S, S', R', Q', P'$ are cyclic, and that the circle passing through these eight points is orthogonal to the given circle ABC .



Luis González

#2 Sep 25, 2011, 3:45 am

O is the center of the circle with diameter \overline{AB} , D is the midpoint of \overline{BC} and F is the projection of M on AB . Clearly, $D \in OM$, thus $MBFD$ is an isosceles trapezoid with $DF \parallel MB$. Hence if $V \equiv DF \cap QB$, then $\angle BDF = \angle BMF = \angle BVF \implies \triangle BDV$ is isosceles with legs $\overline{BD} = \overline{DV}$, i.e. V is on the circle (B) with center B and radius $\overline{BD} = \overline{BN}$. If $T \equiv DF \cap MA$, then $\overline{AT} \cdot \overline{AQ} = \overline{AF} \cdot \overline{AB} = AM^2 \implies FDT \perp MA$ is the polar of Q WRT the circle (A) with center A and radius $AM \implies p(T, (A)) = \overline{TA} \cdot \overline{TQ}$. Thus, $\frac{p(T, (A))}{p(T, (B))} = \frac{\overline{TA} \cdot \overline{TQ}}{\overline{TD} \cdot \overline{TV}}$. But on the other hand, we have

$$\frac{\overline{TQ}}{\overline{TV}} = \frac{\overline{MQ}}{\overline{MB}}, \quad \frac{\overline{FA}}{\overline{TA}} = \frac{\overline{MQ}}{\overline{FB}}, \quad \frac{\overline{TD}}{\overline{FB}} = \frac{\overline{FB}}{\overline{MB}} \implies$$

$$\frac{\overline{TA} \cdot \overline{TQ}}{\overline{TD} \cdot \overline{TV}} = \frac{\overline{FA}}{\overline{FB}} \implies \frac{p(T, (A))}{p(T, (B))} = \frac{\overline{FA}}{\overline{FB}}$$

Which means that the circle (F) with center F and radius FT is coaxal with (A) and $(B) \implies S, S' \in (F)$. Inversion with center A and radius $AM = AS$ carries Q into T and S, S' into themselves $\implies (F)$ is the inverse of $\odot(QSS') \equiv \omega$. Since (O) is taken into the line MF perpendicular to (F) , then by conformity $(O) \perp \omega$.

If QV cuts (B) again at U , then clearly $MU \parallel AB$. Thus

$$\frac{p(Q, (A))}{p(Q, (B))} = \frac{\overline{QT} \cdot \overline{QA}}{\overline{QU} \cdot \overline{QV}} = \frac{\overline{QB} \cdot \overline{QV}}{\overline{QU} \cdot \overline{QV}} = \frac{\overline{QB}}{\overline{QU}} = \frac{\overline{QA}}{\overline{QM}} = \frac{\overline{AB}}{\overline{FB}}$$

$$\frac{p(R, (A))}{p(R, (B))} = \frac{RM^2}{RN^2} = \frac{MA^2}{NB^2} = \frac{MA^2}{MF^2} = \frac{\overline{AF} \cdot \overline{AB}}{\overline{AF} \cdot \overline{FB}} = \frac{\overline{AB}}{\overline{FB}}$$

$$\implies \frac{p(Q, (A))}{p(Q, (B))} = \frac{p(R, (A))}{p(R, (B))}$$

Which implies that P, Q lie on a same circle coaxal with (A) and $(B) \implies R \in \omega$. Let AR cut ω again at P^* . Since ω is the inverse of (F) under the inversion (A, AM^2) , then ω is tangent to AM at $Q \implies QB \perp AB$ is the polar of A WRT $\omega \implies B(R, P^*, Q, A) = -1$. But by obvious symmetry, BQ, BA bisect $\angle MBP$, so $B(R, P, Q, A) = -1 \implies P \equiv P^*$, i.e. $P \in \omega$. Now, P', R', Q' are obviously the reflections of P, Q, R across AB , thus, we conclude that $P, Q, R, S, P', Q', R', S'$ lie on a circle ω orthogonal to (O) .



skytin

#3 Sep 25, 2011, 9:33 pm

Solution :

Let a is circle which is tangent to AQ' , AQ at points Q' , Q

O is center of a , $OB \cdot OA = OQ \cdot OQ'$, so a is orthogonal to (ABC)

O' is center of (ABC)

I is incenter of $Q'AQ$, easy to see that I is on AB , a

a is Apollonius circle of segment AB and point I on it

$O'M$ intersect BC at point N

MH is a altitude of MOB

$HM = BN$, $BN'/AM = MH/AM = BM/AB = BQ/AQ$, so intersections of circles with centers A , B and radii MA , BN are placed on a

S , S' are on a

$RB/RA = NB/MA = BQ/AQ$, so R , R' are on a

$PB/AP = BN'/MA = BQ/AQ = IB/AI$, so P , P' are on a . done

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Fixed circle X

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buratinogiggle

#1 Sep 23, 2011, 12:23 am

Let ABC be a triangle. Incircle (I) touches BC, CA, AB at D, E, F . M is a point on circle center A which passes through E, F .

- Prove that pedal triangle XYZ of M with respect to triangle DEF is right triangle.
- DM cuts IA at K . MI cuts EF at T . Prove that K lies on circumcircle (DEF) if and only if T lies on circumcircle (XYZ) .
- M^* is isogonal conjugate of M with respect to triangle DEF . Prove that M^* always lies on fixed circle.



Luis González

#2 Sep 23, 2011, 12:27 pm • 1

It's clear that $\angle EDF = 90^\circ - \frac{1}{2}\angle A$ and $\angle EMF = 180^\circ - \frac{1}{2}\angle A$, but by properties of isogonal conjugates we have $\angle EMF + \angle EM^*F = 180^\circ + \angle EDF \implies \angle EM^*F = 90^\circ \implies M^*$ lies on the circle with diameter \overline{EF} and $XZ \perp EM^*, XY \perp FM^*$ implies that $\angle YXZ$ is also right, i.e. $\triangle XYZ$ is right at X . Now, assume that $K \in (I)$, thus DK bisects $\angle EDF$ internally and $M^* \in DK$. If T^* is the projection of M^* onto EF , then

$$\sqrt{\frac{ET^*}{FT^*}} = \frac{EM^*}{FM^*} = \frac{\sin \widehat{DFM^*}}{\sin \widehat{DEM^*}} \cdot \frac{d(M^*, DE)}{d(M^*, DF)} = \frac{\sin \widehat{DFM^*}}{\sin \widehat{DEM^*}} = \frac{EM}{FM}$$

Which means that T^* coincides with the foot of the M-symmedian MI of $\triangle MEF \implies T \equiv T^* \implies T \in \odot(XYZ)$. The converse is proved with the same arguments.

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