

## Segments Ratio in Right-angled Triangle



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**sunken rock**

#1 Mar 30, 2014, 3:15 pm

Incircle of a  $A$ -right-angled triangle  $ABC$  intersects its sides at  $D, E, F$  respectively. If  $H, K$  are the feet of perpendiculars from  $A$  to  $BC$  and from  $D$  to  $EF$  respectively, then  $IH = IK\sqrt{2}$  ( $I$  is the incenter).

Best regards,  
sunken rock



**jayme**

#2 Mar 30, 2014, 5:22 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,  
an outline of the begining of my proof...

1.  $D'$  the midpoint of  $EF$
2. Triangles  $IDH$  and  $ID'K$  are similar
- 3.....

Sincerely  
Jean-Louis



**sunken rock**

#3 Apr 1, 2014, 10:21 am

**jayme wrote:**

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Well, I proved  $\triangle AHI \sim \triangle DKI$ , not entirely synthetic, I had to use metrical relations as well, hence I am eager to see the ending of your proof.

Best regards,  
sunken rock



**Luis González**

#4 Apr 11, 2014, 11:28 am

Let  $U, V$  be the reflections of  $I$  on  $DF, DE$ . Since  $A$  is reflection of  $I$  on  $EF$ , then clearly  $\triangle AUV \cong \triangle DEF$  are congruent with parallel sides and  $I$  is orthocenter of  $\triangle AUV \Rightarrow \widehat{UAV} = \widehat{EDF} = 45^\circ$ . Since  $D$  is circumcenter of  $\triangle IUV$ , which has  $\widehat{UIV} = 135^\circ$ , then  $\triangle DUV$  is isosceles right at  $D \Rightarrow DK \perp UV$  is perpendicular bisector of  $\overline{UV}$ . But  $\widehat{UAH} = \widehat{ICH} = \widehat{IED} = \widehat{IAV}$ , which implies that  $J \equiv DK \cap AH$  is circumcenter of  $\triangle AUV \Rightarrow \triangle JUV$  is isosceles right at  $J \Rightarrow JUDV$  is a square with circumcircle passing through  $H$ . Thus if  $L, M$  are the projections of  $A, U$  on  $UV, VA$ , we have  $AI \cdot IL = AM \cdot AV = AJ \cdot AH \Rightarrow I, J, L, H$  are concyclic  $\triangle AIH \sim \triangle AJL \Rightarrow \frac{IH}{LJ} = \frac{IH}{IK} = \frac{AI}{AJ} = \frac{AI}{AE} = \sqrt{2}$ .

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**MexicOMM**

#1 Apr 10, 2014, 10:40 pm

Let  $ABC$  be an acute triangle such that, the centroid  $G$  has the property that  $\angle AGB = 2\angle ACB$ . Proof that  $\angle ACB \geq 60^\circ$ .



**Luis González**

#2 Apr 10, 2014, 11:06 pm • 1



Let  $H$  and  $O$  be the orthocenter and circumcenter of  $\triangle ABC$ , lying inside  $\triangle ABC$ , since it's acute.

$\angle AGB = 2\angle ACB = \angle AOB \implies G$  is on the circle  $\odot(OAB)$ . Now, since  $G$  is always between  $O$  and  $H$ , it follows that  $H$  is outside  $\odot(OAB) \implies \angle AHB \leq \angle AOB \implies 180^\circ - \angle ACB \leq 2\angle ACB \implies \angle ACB \geq 60^\circ$ . Clearly, equality holds iff  $G \equiv H$ , i.e. when  $\triangle ABC$  is equilateral.

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Source: Turkey TST 2014 Day 2 Problem 5



**emregirgin35**

#1 Mar 12, 2014, 5:12 pm • 1

A circle  $\omega$  cuts the sides  $BC$ ,  $CA$ ,  $AB$  of the triangle  $ABC$  at  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ ;  $B_1$  and  $B_2$ ;  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ , respectively. Let  $P$  be the center of  $\omega$ .  $A'$  is the circumcenter of the triangle  $A_1A_2P$ ,  $B'$  is the circumcenter of the triangle  $B_1B_2P$ ,  $C'$  is the circumcenter of the triangle  $C_1C_2P$ . Prove that  $AA'$ ,  $BB'$  and  $CC'$  concur.



**IDMasterz**

#2 Mar 12, 2014, 6:08 pm • 1

Consider the circles  $B_1B_2P$ ,  $C_1C_2P$ . By radical axis they concur at  $A$ . So the perpendiculars from the  $A'B'C'$  to  $ABC$  vice versa coincide, so the triangles are perspective.



Alternatively, consider the polar of  $A'$  as  $\ell_{A'}$  and the polar of  $A$  as  $\ell_A$ , inverse of  $A$  be  $A''$ . let they intersect at  $A_3$ . Let the the triangles formed by  $\ell_{A'}, \ell_{B'}, \ell_{C'}$  be  $A_4B_4C_4$  and note it is homothetic to  $ABC$ . Let the orthocentre of  $A_4B_4C_4$  be  $H$  and consider the circles with diametres  $A_4A_3$ . They have radical centre  $H$  clearly, and note  $PA'' \cdot PA_4 = PA'' \cdot PA \cdot k = PB'' \cdot PB \cdot k = r^2 \cdot k$  etc... where  $k$  is the homothety mapping  $ABC \rightarrow A_4B_4C_4$ ,  $r$  is radius of  $(P)$ , so  $P$  is on the radical centre of those circles, or they are co-axial with radical axis  $PH$  so done.



**mathuz**

#3 Mar 13, 2014, 12:54 am

very nice proof! Thank you, @IDMasterz 😊



**yunxiu**

#4 Mar 13, 2014, 7:28 am

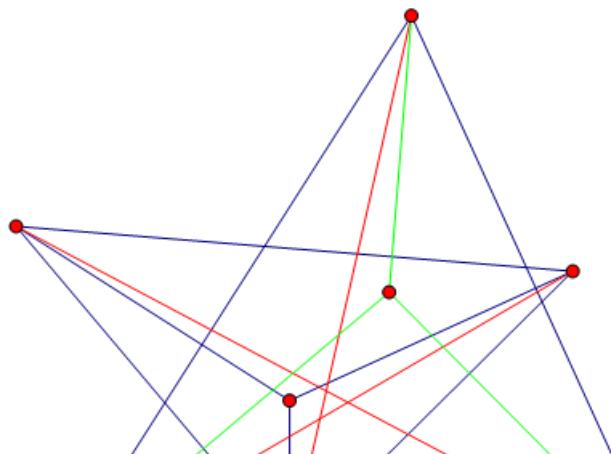
“ **IDMasterz** wrote:

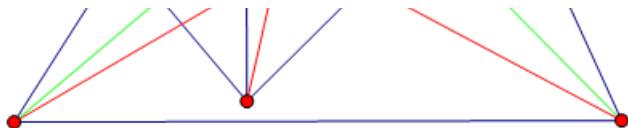
So the perpendiculars from the  $A'B'C'$  to  $ABC$  vice versa coincide, **so** the triangles are perspective.



It is wrong.

Attachments:





**IDMasterz**

#5 Mar 13, 2014, 12:59 pm • 1

Ahh, I understand your supposed counter example...

Read carefully before you claim something is wrong, because when "the perpendiculars coincide", I am referring to all of them meet at a point.

Thank you very much my dear, aops, math-friendly, good hearted, heavenly moyen, friend.



**vlad1m1r**

#6 Mar 21, 2014, 2:39 am

Can someone explain the last step in the solution, cause I couldn't understand it clearly.

Tnx 😊



**IDMasterz**

#7 Mar 23, 2014, 7:46 am

I showed both  $P, H$  are the radical centres of the circles, so the circles must be co-axial with radical axis  $PH$ .



**anti-inequality**

#8 Mar 23, 2014, 4:23 pm • 1

Let  $D, E, F$  be the feet of the perpendiculars from  $A, B, C$  to  $BC, CA, AB$  and  $Q, R, S$  be the midpoints of the segments  $[A_1A_2], [B_1B_2], [C_1C_2]$ , respectively. Obviously,  $A' \in [PQ], B' \in [PR], C' \in [PS]$ .

Let the midpoint of  $[PA_1]$  be  $M$ . Then triangles  $PA'M$  and  $PA_2Q$  are similar, i.e.  $PA'.PQ = PM.PA_2 = \frac{PA_1.PA_2}{2}$ .

Similarly, we can find  $PB'.PR = \frac{PB_1.PB_2}{2}$  and  $PC'.PS = \frac{PC_1.PC_2}{2}$ . So,  $PA'.PQ = PB'.PR = PC'.PS$ .

Let  $BC = a, CA = b, AB = c, PQ = x, PR = y, PS = z$ , and  $PA' = \frac{k}{x}, PB' = \frac{k}{y}, PC' = \frac{k}{z}$ .

By Ceva's Theorem, the problem is equivalent to prove  $\frac{A(ABA')}{A(ACA')} \cdot \frac{A(BCB')}{A(BAB')} \cdot \frac{A(CAC')}{A(CBC')} = 1$ .

Since  $A(ABP) = \frac{zc}{2}, A(BPA') = \frac{BQ.k}{2x}, A(APA') = A(QPA') = \frac{QD.k}{2x}$ , we get

$A(ABA') = \frac{z.c}{2} + \frac{BD.k}{2x} = \frac{zc}{2} + \frac{k.c \cos B}{2x} = \frac{c}{2x}(zx + k \cos B)$ . Similarly, we can find the other areas.

So,  $\frac{A(ABA')}{A(ACA')} \cdot \frac{A(BCB')}{A(BAB')} \cdot \frac{A(CAC')}{A(CBC')} = 1$ . and the proof is completed.



**vittasko**

#9 Mar 31, 2014, 11:32 pm • 1

“ IDMasterz wrote:

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I wonder about if it is a well known fact with also known proof. I have in mind only a reference in greek bibliography by a friend of mine **Nikos Kyriazis** who published a proof of this result in 1996.

Than you in advance, Kostas Vittas.



**Luis González**

#10 Apr 9, 2014, 11:25 pm • 5

Here is a strong generalization of the problem:

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a conic with center  $K$  on the plane of  $\triangle ABC$ .  $\triangle A_0B_0C_0$  is the polar triangle of  $\triangle ABC$  WRT  $\mathcal{C}$ . Then any triangle  $\triangle A_1B_1C_1$  homothethic to  $\triangle A_0B_0C_0$  under a homothety with center  $K$  is perspective with  $\triangle ABC$ .

**Proof:** Throughout the proof we use polarity WRT  $\mathcal{C}$ . Let  $Z \equiv KB_0 \cap AB$  and  $Y \equiv KC_0 \cap AC$ . Polars of  $Z, B_0, K$  concur at the line at infinite  $\Rightarrow$  polar  $\tau_Z$  of  $Z$  passes through the pole  $C_0$  of  $AB$  parallel to  $AC$ . Likewise, polar  $\tau_Y$  of  $Y$  is the parallel to  $AB$  through  $B_0$ . If  $U \equiv \tau_Y \cap \tau_Z$ , then  $\triangle AZY$  becomes the polar triangle of  $\triangle U B_0 C_0 \Rightarrow K \equiv AU \cap ZB_0 \cap YC_0$  is the perspector of  $\mathcal{C}$  WRT  $\triangle U B_0 C_0$ , i.e.  $A, K, U$  are collinear  $\Rightarrow$  their polars  $B_0 C_0, YZ$  and line at infinity concur  $\Rightarrow$   $YZ \parallel B_0 C_0$  ( $\star$ ).

As  $\triangle A_1B_1C_1$  varies, the series  $A_1, B_1, C_1$  are similar inducing a homography  $BB_1 \mapsto CC_1 \Rightarrow J \equiv BB_1 \cap CC_1$  is on a fixed conic  $\mathcal{K}$  through  $B, C$ . When  $B_1 \equiv C_1 \equiv K$ , then  $J \equiv K$  and when  $B_1 \equiv B_0, C_1 \equiv C_0$ , then  $J$  becomes the perspector  $P \equiv AA_0 \cap BB_0 \cap CC_0$  of  $\mathcal{C}$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$ . When  $B_1 \equiv Z$ , then  $C_1 \equiv Y$ , due to ( $\star$ ), therefore  $J \equiv A \Rightarrow$  all  $J$  lie on unique conic  $\mathcal{K}$  through  $A, B, C, P, K$ . By similar reasoning,  $J' \equiv AA_1 \cap BB_1$  will lie on the same conic  $\mathcal{K} \Rightarrow J \equiv J' \Rightarrow J \equiv AA_1 \cap BB_1 \cap CC_1$ , as desired.



**IDMasterz**

#11 Apr 10, 2014, 9:38 pm

" vittasko wrote:

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Dear Mr Vittas,

I know what I used was a generate form of Sondat's theorem, which states that:

If two triangles are mutually orthologic and perspective, then the centres of orthology and perspectivity lie on a line.

Indeed, when the centres of orthology coincide, then the line always exists.

Kindest Regards,

Ivan



**mefake**

#12 Sep 1, 2014, 12:45 am • 1

Same as **anti-inequality**'s solution:

**Lemma:**

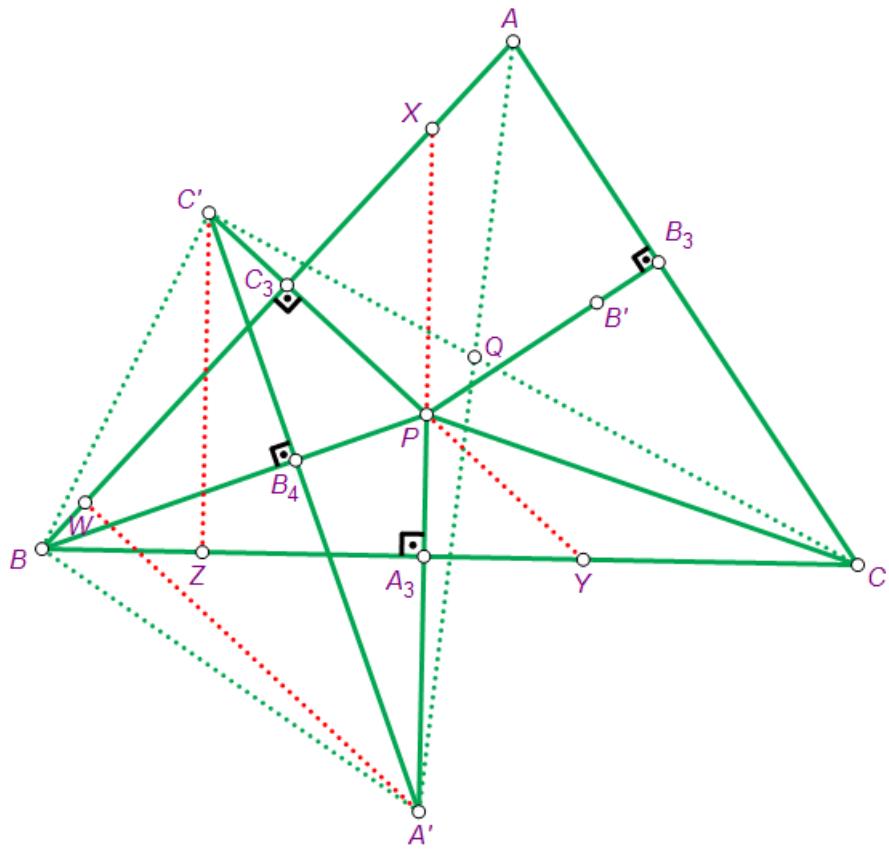
$$\frac{[ABP]}{[ABA']} = \frac{[CBP]}{[CBC']}$$

If our lemma is true, then it should be

$$\frac{[ABA']}{[ABC]} \cdot \frac{[ACC']}{[ACB]} \cdot \frac{[BCB']}{[BCA]} = \frac{[ABP]}{[ABC]} \cdot \frac{[ACP]}{[ACB]} \cdot \frac{[BCP]}{[BCA]} = 1.$$

So  $AA'$ ,  $BB'$ ,  $CC'$  will be concurrent.

Let's prove the lemma:



Let  $A_3$  be the midpoint of  $A_1A_2$ . So  $A_3 \in PA'$ .

$B_3, C_3$  are defined similarly.

Let  $PA_3$  and  $AB$  meet at  $X$ ,  $PC_3$  and  $BC$  meet at  $Y$ .

Let  $Z$  be the foot of altitude from  $C'$  to  $BC$  and  $W$  be the foot of altitude from  $A'$  to  $AB$ .

$A'C' \perp BP$  because  $BP$  is the radical axis of circles with center  $A'$  and  $C'$ .

$P$  is the orthocenter of  $\triangle BXY$ . So  $XY \perp BP$  and  $A'C' \parallel XY$ , that is  $\frac{XP}{XA'} = \frac{YP}{YC'}$ .

$$\frac{XP}{XA'} = \frac{PC_3}{A'W} = \frac{[ABP]}{[ABA']}$$

$$\frac{YP}{YC'} = \frac{PA_3}{C'Z} = \frac{[CBP]}{[CBC']}$$

$$\frac{[ABP]}{[ABA']} = \frac{[CBP]}{[CBC']} \blacksquare$$



**jayme**

#13 Sep 1, 2014, 7:08 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,

you can see a synthetic proof concerning the perspectivity when the orthology centers coincide.

<http://jl.ayme.pagesperso-orange.fr/> vol. 1 Le théorème de Sondat p. 1.

Sincerely

Jean-Louis

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## High School Olympiads

How prove \$G,H,T\$ are collinear. X

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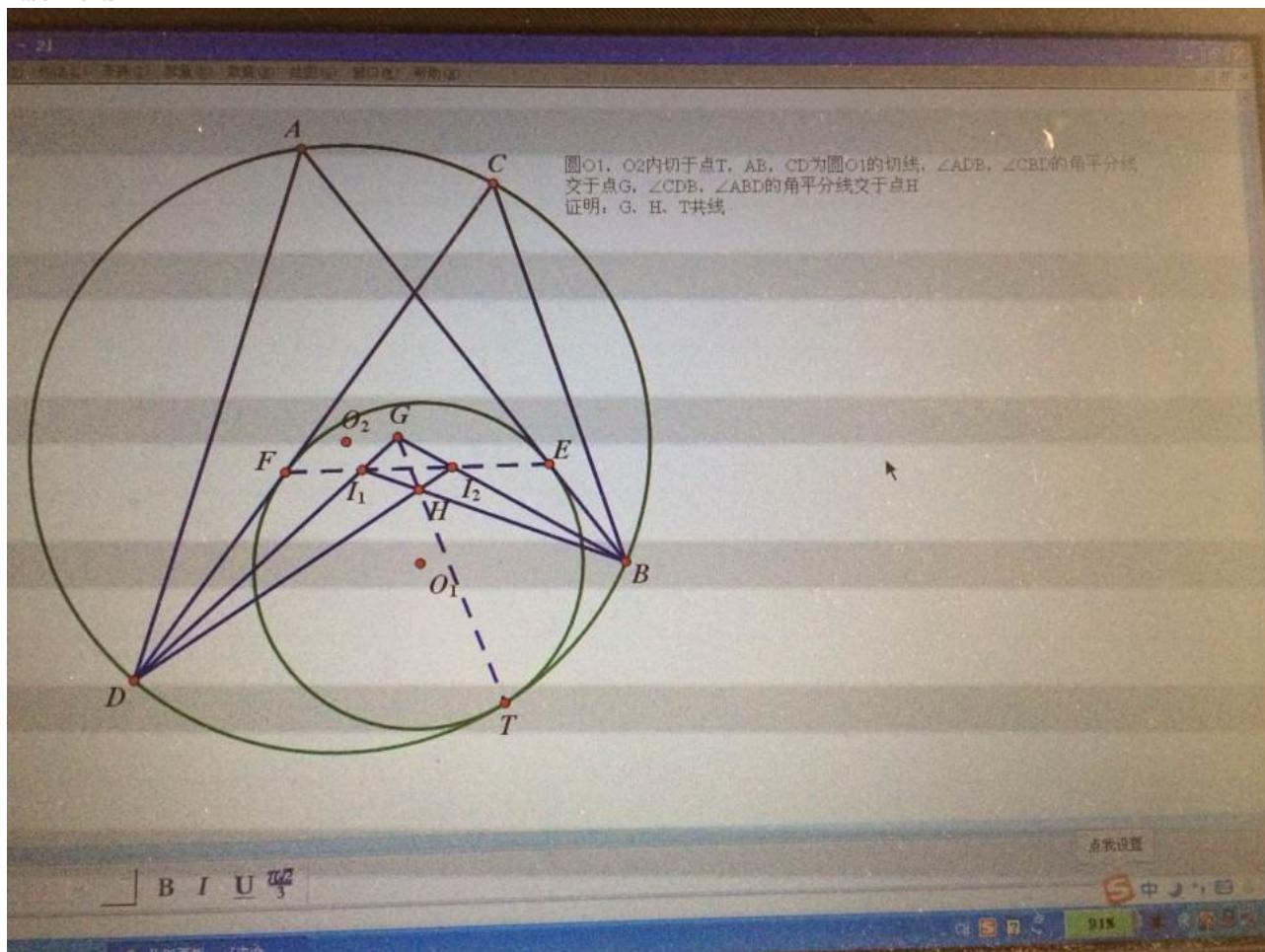
#1 Apr 2, 2014, 9:57 pm

Circle  $O_1$  and  $O_2$  are internally tangent at point  $T$ .  $AB$  and  $CD$  are tangents of circle  $O_1$ , the angle bisectors of Angle  $\angle ADB$  and  $\angle CBD$  intersect at point  $G$ , while the angle bisectors of angle  $\angle CDB$  and  $\angle ABD$  intersect at point  $H$ .

Prove that :

$G, H, T$  are collinear.

Attachments:



Luis González

#2 Apr 9, 2014, 8:03 am

If  $P \equiv AB \cap CD$  and  $Q \equiv AD \cap BC$ , then  $G$  and  $H$  are the incenters of  $\triangle PBD$  and  $\triangle QBD$ . According to problem 3 circles with common tangency point, there is a circle  $(O_3)$  tangent to  $AD$ ,  $BC$  and tangent to  $(O_1)$  internally at  $T$ , thus according to problem incenter of triangle, both  $TH$  and  $TG$  bisect  $\angle BTD \implies G, H, T$  are collinear.

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Two parallels 

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**jayme**

#1 Apr 8, 2014, 2:35 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,

1. ABC a triangle
2. (O) the circumcircle of ABC
3. X, D the midpoints of the arch BC which contains, doesn't contain A
4. H the orthocenter of ABC
5. F the midpoint of HD
6. M the midpoint of BC
7. L the midpoint of BL
8. L the second point of intersection of the parallel to AC through X with (O)

Prove : FM is parallel to BL.

Sincerely

Jean-Louis



**Luis González**

#2 Apr 8, 2014, 8:16 pm • 2

Let  $N, K$  be the midpoints of  $AC, AB$  and  $P$  the foot of the A-altitude. 9-point circle  $\odot(MNK)$  is image of  $(O)$  under homothety with center  $H$  and coefficient  $\frac{1}{2} \implies F$  is midpoint of the arc  $PM$  of  $\odot(MNK)$ . Since  $\triangle MNK$  and  $\triangle ABC$  are homothetic, then we deduce that  $FM \parallel AX$ .

On the other hand, let  $XL$  cut  $AB$  at  $E$ .  $\widehat{EXA} = \widehat{CAX} = \widehat{EAX} \implies \triangle EAX$  is E-isosceles, therefore the cyclic quadrilateral  $ABLX$  is an isosceles trapezoid with bases  $AX \parallel BL \implies FM \parallel BL$ .



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### Stereometry and isogonal conjugate X

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**osetekuas**

#1 Apr 7, 2014, 9:26 pm

In tetrahedron  $ABCD$  with inscribed sphere touching  $ABC$  at  $T$  and exscribed sphere against  $D$  (i.e. touching all planes of tetrahedron and plane  $ABC$  touching from other side than where  $D$  is) touching  $ABC$  at  $S$ , prove that  $\angle ABT = \angle CBS$ .



**Luis González**

#2 Apr 7, 2014, 9:52 pm

Similar problem was posted before; Poland MO 2003, if I'm not mistaken.



Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be the cone with vertex  $D$  tangent to the insphere and D-exsphere of  $ABCD$  (both spheres lie inside the cone). The planes  $DBC, DCA, DAB$  are clearly tangent to  $\mathcal{C}$  along generatrices of  $\mathcal{C} \implies$  intersection  $\omega$  of  $\mathcal{C}$  with the plane  $ABC$  is a conic section inscribed in  $\triangle ABC$  with foci  $T, S$  ([Dandelin theorem](#))  $\implies \angle ABT = \angle CBS$ .



**randomusername**

#3 Apr 8, 2014, 1:34 am



“ Luis González wrote:

$\omega$  is a conic section inscribed in  $\triangle ABC$  with foci  $T, S \implies \angle ABT = \angle CBS$ .



I'm not too well established in the study of conic sections - could you please explain this last step?



**Luis González**

#4 Apr 8, 2014, 4:20 am • 1



randomusername, it's a known property of the conic tangents. Assume the case where  $\omega$  is an ellipse with foci  $S, T$ , remaining cases are proved similarly.  $BP, BQ$  are tangents of  $\omega$ , where  $P, Q \in \omega$ . Then  $\angle PBS = \angle QBT$ , in other words  $BS, BT$  are isogonals WRT  $BP, BQ$ .



By the reflective property of conics (see post #4 at [tangent line of a ellipse](#)),  $BP$  and  $BQ$  bisect  $\angle SPT$  and  $\angle SQT$  externally. Hence, reflections  $M, N$  of  $S$  on  $BP, BQ$  lie on  $PT, QT$ , respectively.  $MT = PS + PT = QS + QT = NT \implies T$  is on perpendicular bisector of  $MN$ . But since  $BP, BQ$  are perpendicular bisectors of  $SM, SN$ , then  $B$  is circumcenter of  $\triangle SMN \implies BT$  is perpendicular bisector of  $MN$ , i.e.  $BT \perp MN$  and this yields the desired isogonality.

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Circumscribed Pyramid 

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**muscleman**

#1 Apr 2, 2014, 8:44 pm

A circumscribed pyramid ABCDS is given. The opposite sidelines of its base meet at points P and Q in such a way that A and B lie on segments PD and PC respectively. The inscribed sphere touches faces ABS and BCS at points K and L. Prove that if PK and QL are coplanar then the touching point of the sphere with the base lies on BD.



**pi37**

#2 Apr 7, 2014, 7:15 am

weird solution



**Luis González**

#3 Apr 7, 2014, 10:55 pm

Let  $\mathcal{S}$  denote the insphere of  $ABCDS$  touching the planes  $SCD, SDA$  and  $ABCD$  at  $M, N, R$ . Plane  $MNKL$  cuts  $\mathcal{S}$  along a circle  $\omega$  and  $SA, SB, SC, SD$  at  $A', B', C', D' \implies A'B'C'D'$  has incircle  $\omega$  tangent to  $B'C', C'D', D'A', A'B'$  at  $L, M, N, K$ , thus by Newton's theorem  $A'C', B'D', NL, MK$  concur at  $T$ .

Planes  $p \equiv RNL$  and  $q \equiv RMK$  are the polar planes of  $P$  and  $Q$  WRT  $\mathcal{S} \implies PQ$  and  $RT \equiv p \cap q$  are conjugate lines WRT  $\mathcal{S}$ . If  $PK$  and  $QL$  are coplanar,  $PQ$  and  $KL$  are coplanar  $\implies$  their conjugate lines  $RT$  and  $SB$  WRT  $\mathcal{S}$  are coplanar as well. Therefore projecting from  $S$  on the plane  $ABCD$  takes  $T \equiv A'C' \cap B'D'$  into  $E \equiv AC \cap BD$  and  $TR$  into the line  $BER$ , i.e.  $R \in BD$ , as desired.

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**Blitzkrieg97**

#1 Apr 6, 2014, 11:05 pm

$AD$  is the bisector of the triangle  $ABC$ .  $I$  is the line, which tangents circumcircles of triangles  $ADB$  and  $ADC$  in  $M$  and  $N$ , respectively. Show, that  $I$  line also tangents circle, which goes over midpoints of  $BD, DC, MN$ .

**Luis González**#2 Apr 7, 2014, 12:35 am • 1 

Let  $(O_1), (O_2)$  denote the circumcircles of  $\triangle ABD, \triangle ACD$ .  $X, Y$  are the midpoints of  $\overline{BD}, \overline{DC}$  and  $Z$  is the midpoint of  $\overline{MN}$  (intersection of  $MN$  with the radical axis  $AD$ ).

$\angle BO_1D = 2\angle BAD = \angle BAC = 2\angle DAC = \angle DO_2C \implies$  isosceles  $\triangle O_1BD \sim \triangle O_2DC$  are similar, even homothetic  $\implies O_1D \parallel O_2C \implies DC$  goes through the exsimilicenter of  $(O_1) \sim (O_2)$ , i.e.  $H \equiv MN \cap O_1O_2 \cap BC$ .

Let  $E$  be the midpoint of  $\overline{AD}$  and  $F$  the midpoint of  $\overline{O_1O_2}$  (intersection of perpendicular bisectors of  $XY$  and  $MN$ ). Since  $EX \parallel AB, EY \parallel AC$ , it follows that  $ED \perp O_1O_2$  bisect  $\angle XEY \implies F$  is midpoint of the circular arc  $XEY \implies HX \cdot HY = HE \cdot HF$ . But since  $ZF \perp MN$ , we have  $HZ^2 = HE \cdot HF \implies HZ^2 = HX \cdot HY$  and the conclusion follows.

**sunken rock**#3 Apr 7, 2014, 3:01 am • 1 

Let  $O_1, O_2$  be the circumcenters of  $\triangle ABD, \triangle ADC$  respectively, and  $Q, R, S$  midpoints of  $\overline{BD}, \overline{CD}, \overline{MN}$ .  $\angle BDO_1 = 90^\circ - \angle BAD = 90^\circ - \angle DAC = \angle DCO_2 \implies DO_1 \parallel CO_2$ , so the two circles are homothetic and  $P \in BC \cap O_1O_2$  is the exsimilicenter of these circles, consequently  $P \in MN$ . Since  $P$  lies onto the perpendicular bisector of  $AD$ , the perpendicular at  $A$  onto  $AD$  intersects  $BC$  at  $D'$ , symmetrical of  $D$  w.r.t.  $P$ , hence  $AD'$  is the external angle bisector of  $\angle BAC$  and  $AP$  is tangent to the circle  $(ABC)$ , consequently  $PB \cdot PC = PA^2 = PD'^2$  (1). Also as given,  $PB \cdot PD = PM^2$  (2) and  $PD \cdot PC = PN^2$  (3). Multiply (2) by (3) side by side and, with (1) get  $PM \cdot PN = PD'^2$  (4).

We need to prove  $PQ \cdot PR = PS^2$  (\*), but  $PQ = \frac{PB + PD}{2}, PR = \frac{PD + PC}{2}, PS = \frac{PM + PN}{2}$  which, substituted into (\*), with (1), (2), (3), (4) getting an equality, hence (\*) was true.

Best regards,  
sunken rock

**Blitzkrieg97**

#4 Apr 7, 2014, 7:40 pm

thank you 😊

**nima-amini**

#5 Apr 9, 2014, 10:04 pm

it is russia 2000-2001

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# High School Olympiads

## Nice perpendicular



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fml1st\_cqt

#1 Apr 3, 2014, 12:05 pm

Dear mathlinkers,

1. Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with  $(O)$  is its circumcircle.
  2.  $H$  is its orthocenter, the internal bisector of  $\angle BAC$  cuts  $(O)$  at  $D$ .
  3.  $E \in AB, OE \parallel AD, F$  is midpoint of  $HD$ .

Prove that  $EF \perp FC$ .



jayme

#2 Apr 3, 2014, 8:55 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,  
just a beginning of a synthetic proof

1. X the midpoint of the arc BC which contains A
  2. B, O, X and E are concyclic
  - 3....

Sincerely  
Jean-Louis



Luis González

#3 Apr 6, 2014, 3:11 am • 3

Homothety with center  $H$  and coefficient  $\frac{1}{2}$  takes  $(O)$  into the 9-point circle  $(N)$  of  $\triangle ABC \implies F \in (N)$  and  $H$  is also center of inversion that swaps  $(N)$  and  $(O)$ . Hence if  $DH$  cuts  $(O)$  again at  $M$ , this inversion takes  $F$  to  $M$  and  $C$  to the foot  $T$  of the C-altitude  $\implies M, T, F, C$  are concyclic  $(\star)$ .

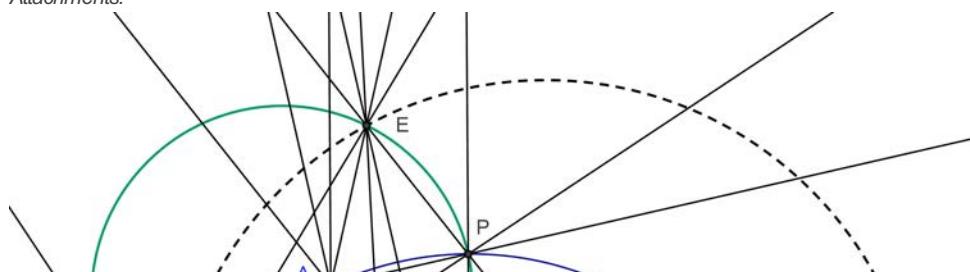
Let  $P$  be the midpoint of the arc  $BAC$  of  $(O)$  and  $OE$  cuts  $AC$  at  $L$ . Clearly  $AEPPL$  a rhombus. If  $DM$  cuts  $AP$  at  $U$ , then from  $AH \parallel PD$ , we get

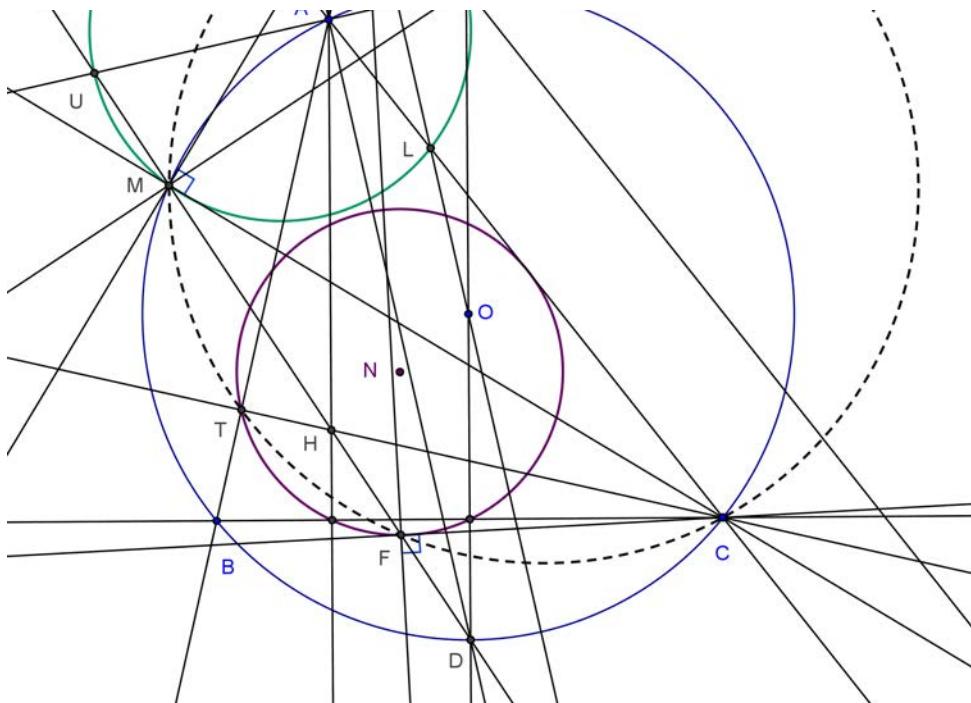
$$\frac{UA}{UP} = \frac{AH}{PD} = \frac{AH}{2R} = \cos \hat{A} = -\cos \widehat{EPL} \implies AP = (1 + \cos \widehat{EPL}) \cdot UP$$

$$\text{But } \tan \frac{\widehat{EPL}}{2} = \frac{LE}{AP} \implies \frac{LE}{UP} = \tan \frac{\widehat{EPL}}{2} \cdot (1 + \cos \widehat{EPL}) = \sin \widehat{EPL},$$

which means that  $PU$  is circumdiameter of the P-isosceles  $\triangle PEL \Rightarrow \widehat{PEU} = \widehat{PLU} = 90^\circ$ . Since  $\widehat{PMD} = 90^\circ$ , then  $E, P, L, M, U$  are concyclic  $\Rightarrow \widehat{EMP} = \widehat{ELP} = \frac{\widehat{A}}{2} \Rightarrow \widehat{EMC} = \widehat{EMP} + \widehat{PMC} = \frac{\widehat{A}}{2} + 90^\circ - \frac{\widehat{A}}{2} = 90^\circ \Rightarrow E, M, T, C$  are concyclic. Together with  $(\star)$ ,  $E, M, T, C, F$  are concyclic  $\Rightarrow \widehat{EFC} = \widehat{EMC} = 90^\circ$ , i.e.  $EF \perp FC$ .

### *Attachments:*





**shinny98NT**

#4 Apr 6, 2014, 12:23 pm

What a fabulous solution! It's nice from the additional points to the way to link every right angle together. From this, the problem that Mr Jean-Louis has just posted before is no longer a tough result. I really appreciate Mr Luis González!!



**IDMasterz**

#5 Apr 7, 2014, 10:20 am

Suppose  $\angle B > \angle C$ . Let  $D'$  be the antipode of  $D$ , and  $A'$  be the antipode of  $A$  wrt  $\odot ABC$ . Let the perpendicular from  $D$  to  $AB$  be  $X$  and the midpoint of  $BC$  be  $M$ . Since the isogonal of a point is perpendicular to its simson line,  $AD \perp XM \implies OE \perp DA' \parallel AD'$ , thus  $ED' \parallel AC$ . Let  $ED' \cap XM = L$ , and the perpendicular from  $D'$  to  $AC$  be  $Y$ . By simple angle chasing,  $EL = EX$ , and due to  $EA = ED'$ , we have  $D'L = AX$  which by corollary 1 [here](#) is equal to  $YC$ , so  $CYD'L$  is a rectangle, or  $\angle ELC = 90^\circ$ . Hence, if the altitude from  $C$  to  $AB$  is  $Z$ , then  $L \in \odot CZE$ . Since  $F \in (N)$  (the nine point circle), it follows by letting  $M_C$  be the midpoint of  $AB$ , and the converse of Reim's theorem on circles  $\odot CZEL$ ,  $(N)$  and lines  $EZ$ ,  $ML$ , that due to  $M_C M \parallel EL \implies$  the other intersection of  $(N) \cap \odot CZEL \in ML$ , which is clearly just  $F$ .



**jayme**

#6 Apr 9, 2014, 4:03 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,  
can some one precises the origine of this problem : China....?  
Very sincerely  
Jean-Louis



**sunken rock**

#7 Apr 10, 2014, 2:00 am

Remark:  $m(\widehat{FEC}) = \frac{m(\hat{A})}{2}$  !

Best regards,  
sunken rock



**jayme**

#8 Apr 10, 2014, 3:49 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,  
I come back with my question :

can some one present the problem in chinese with a reference.

Thank in advance...

This problem is very interesting...

Sincerely

Jean-Louis

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## High School Olympiads

Concurrent problem 

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Source: own .... ?



**BlackSelena**

#1 Apr 5, 2014, 12:18 am

Let triangle ABC with L, O are the Lemoine point, circumcenter respectively. D is the intersection of AL and BC. Let E, F on AB, AC such that DE, DF parallel to AC, AB respectively. Easy to see that B,E,F,C are concyclic, denote it center X. Construct Y, Z similarly. Prove that AX, BY, CZ are concurrent.

p/s: Can somebody prove that DX is parallel to LO?



**Luis González**

#2 Apr 5, 2014, 12:28 am

It's exactly a problem from China TST 2005 (P2 quiz 4).



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Viet Nam TST 2014 day 1 problem 3 X

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**lehungvietbao**

#1 Mar 31, 2014, 1:07 pm

Let  $ABC$  be triangle with  $A < B < C$  and inscribed in a circle  $(O)$ . On the minor arc  $ABC$  of  $(O)$  and does not contain point  $A$ , choose an arbitrary point  $D$ . Suppose  $CD$  meets  $AB$  at  $E$  and  $BD$  meets  $AC$  at  $F$ . Let  $O_1$  be the incenter of triangle  $EBD$  touches with  $EB, ED$  and tangent to  $(O)$ . Let  $O_2$  be the incenter of triangle  $FCD$ , touches with  $FC, FD$  and tangent to  $(O)$ .

- a)  $M$  is a tangency point of  $O_1$  with  $BE$  and  $N$  is a tangency point of  $O_2$  with  $CF$ . Prove that the circle with diameter  $MN$  has a fixed point.
- b) A line through  $M$  is parallel to  $CE$  meets  $AC$  at  $P$ , a line through  $N$  is parallel to  $BF$  meets  $AB$  at  $Q$ . Prove that the circumcircles of triangles  $(AMP), (ANQ)$  are all tangent to a fixed circle.

**shinny98NT**

#2 Mar 31, 2014, 6:24 pm

You could try using Lyness-Sawayama Theorem (this time's much harder).

To prove the second question, we use the Inversion.

**lehungvietbao**

#3 Apr 4, 2014, 8:31 am

Anyone can post full solution for this problem ?

**Luis González**

#4 Apr 4, 2014, 9:58 am • 1

a) Let  $U, V$  be the tangency points of  $(O_1)$  and  $(O_2)$  with  $DE$  and  $DF$ , respectively.  $(O_1)$  is a Thebault circle of the cevian  $CD$  of  $\triangle ABC$  externally tangent to its circumcircle  $(O)$ , thus by extraversion of Sawayama's lemma  $UM$  goes through the A-excenter  $I_a$  of  $\triangle ABC$  and similarly  $VN$  goes through  $I_a$ . Now, in any cyclic  $ABDC$ , the external bisectors of  $\angle AEC$  and  $\angle AFB$  are perpendicular (this is easy to prove via angle chase), thus  $UM$  and  $VN$ , being parallel to these bisectors, are perpendicular to each other, i.e.  $\angle MI_a N = 90^\circ \implies$  all circles with diameter  $MN$  go through  $I_a$ .

b) Since  $\angle PMU = \angle MUE = \angle EMU \implies MU \equiv MI_a$  bisects  $\angle AMP$  externally  $\implies I_a$  is also A-excenter of  $\triangle AMP$ , therefore  $\triangle AMP, \triangle ABC$  have common A-mixtilinear excircle  $\omega_A$  tangent to  $AB, AC$  at points  $S, T$ , such that  $I_a \in ST \implies \odot(AMP)$  always touches  $\omega_A$  and similarly  $\odot(ANQ)$  touches  $\omega_A$  as well.

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## High School Olympiads

Euler line and perspective X

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**Stephen**

#1 Apr 1, 2014, 4:20 pm

$P, Q$  are two points in  $ABC$  which are in isogonal conjugate relationship. Prove that the following two statements are equivalent:

(1)  $PQ$  is parallel to Euler line of  $ABC$

(2) 'The triangle formed by circumcenters of  $PAB, PBC, PCA$ ' and  $ABC$  are perspective.



**Luis González**

#2 Apr 1, 2014, 6:28 pm

The proposition isn't complete, it should state that the triangle formed by circumcenters of  $PAB, PBC, PCA$  and  $ABC$  are perspective iff either  $PQ$  is parallel to the Euler line or one of the points  $P$  or  $Q$  lie on the circumcircle of  $ABC$ .

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circles [Reply](#)**andrejilievska**

#1 Mar 31, 2014, 9:22 pm

Triangle  $ABC$  is given such that  $AC > AB$ . Let  $k$  be a circle touching  $AB$  and  $AC$  at  $M$  and  $N$  and intersects the circumcircle of  $ABC$  at  $P$  and  $Q$ . Let  $S, T$  be points on  $BA, AC$  respectively, such that  $\frac{AS}{AB} = \frac{CN}{BM + CN}$  and  $\frac{AT}{AC} = \frac{BM}{BM + CN}$ . Prove that  $ST, BC, PQ$  intersect at one point.

**Luis González**

#2 Apr 1, 2014, 9:13 am

Let  $\{D, E\} \equiv k \cap BC, X \equiv MN \cap BC$  and  $J \equiv BN \cap CM$ . Since  $A(M, N, J, X) = -1$ , it follows that  $AJ$  is the polar of  $X$  WRT  $k$ . Hence if  $AJ$  cuts  $BC$  at  $Y$ , then  $X, Y$  are harmonic conjugates WRT  $B, C$  and  $D, E \implies UX^2 = UY^2 = UB \cdot UC = UD \cdot UE$  (where  $U$  is the midpoint of  $XY$ ), thus  $U$  has equal power WRT  $\odot(ABC)$  and  $k \implies$  it's on their radical axis  $PQ$ . So, it suffices to prove that  $ST$  goes through  $U$ .

By Menelaus' theorem for  $\triangle ABC, \overline{XMN}$ , keeping in mind that  $AM = AN$ , we get  $\frac{YB}{YC} = \frac{XB}{XC} = \frac{BM}{CN} \implies \frac{BY}{YC} = \frac{BS}{SA} \implies YS \parallel AC$  and likewise  $YT \parallel AB \implies ASYT$  is parallelogram  $\implies V \equiv AY \cap ST$  is midpoint of  $ST$ . Since  $A(S, T, Y, X) = -1$ , then we deduce that  $AX \parallel ST \implies ST$  is  $Y$ -midline of  $\triangle AXY$ , hitting  $\overline{XY}$  at its midpoint  $U$ , as desired.

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## Equivalent areas

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Source: maybe new?



**sunken rock**

#1 Mar 14, 2014, 11:28 pm

Let  $M, N$  be points onto the sides  $AB, CD$  respectively of the convex quadrilateral  $ABCD$  such that  $\frac{AM}{BM} = \frac{CN}{DN}$  and  $P \in AN \cap DM, Q \in BN \cap CM$ .

Prove that  $[APD] + [BCQ] = [MQNP]$ , where  $[XYZT]$  means the area of  $XYZT$ .

Best regards,  
sunken rock



**sunken rock**

#2 Mar 20, 2014, 9:52 pm

It seems it is not attractive! [hint](#)

Best regards,  
sunken rock



**Luis González**

#3 Mar 25, 2014, 8:06 am

$$\frac{[AMD]}{[ABD]} = \frac{AM}{AB} = \frac{CN}{CD} = \frac{[CNB]}{[CDB]} \implies$$

$$[AMD] + [CNB] = \frac{AM}{AB} ([ABD] + [CDB]) = \frac{AM}{AB} \cdot [ABCD] \quad (1).$$

$$\text{Similarly we have } [BMC] + [DNA] = \frac{BM}{BA} \cdot [ABCD] \quad (2).$$

Adding the expressions (1) and (2) together gives

$$[AMD] + [CNB] + [BMC] + [DNA] = [ABCD] \implies$$

$$[DNA] + [CNB] = [DMC] \implies [APD] + [BCQ] = [MQNP].$$



**sunken rock**

#4 Mar 25, 2014, 4:14 pm

My solution was little bit uglier: Let  $AM = a, MB = b, CN = ka, DN = kb$  and  $J, K, L$  the projections of  $A, M, B$  respectively onto  $CD$ . We can easily prove that  $(a + b)MK = b \cdot AJ + a \cdot BL$  ( $\star$ ) or, multiplying by  $k$ ,  $k(a + b)MK = kb \cdot AJ + ka \cdot BL$  (1). The relation (1) means  $[CMD] = [AND] + [BCN]$  (2), or  $[MQNP] + [CNQ] + [NDP] = [BCQ] + [CNQ] + [APD] + [NDP]$ , hence  $[MQNP] = [BCQ] + [APD]$ .

Note: relation ( $\star$ ) can be proved by extending  $AB, CD$  until they meet, and taking similar triangles.

Best regards,  
sunken rock

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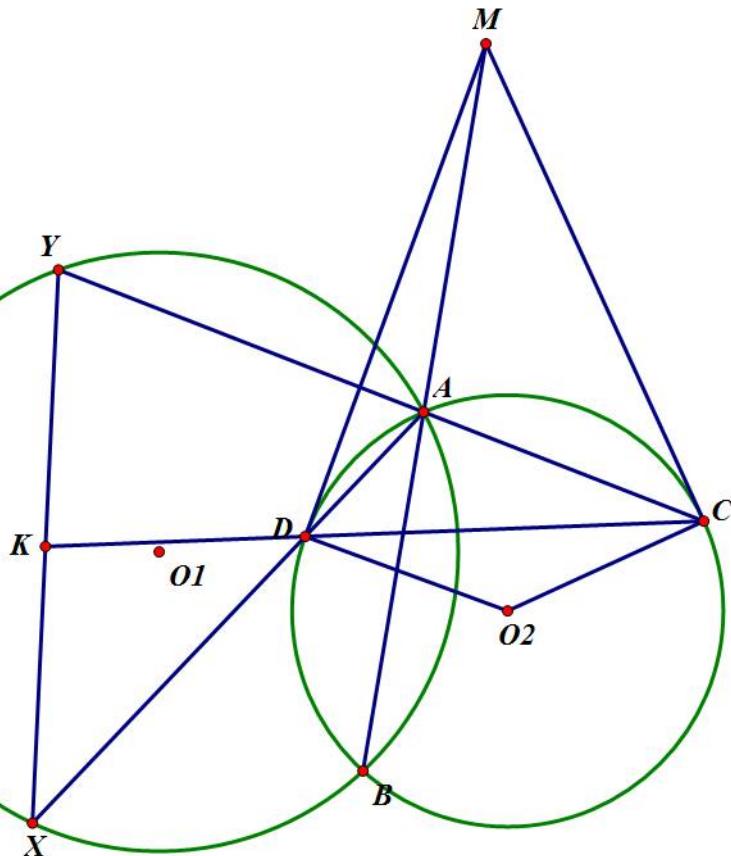
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thomas99

#1 Mar 23, 2014, 10:27 pm

Let  $(O_1)$  and  $(O_2)$  meet at A and B. M  $\in$  AB, D and C  $\in$   $(O_2)$  such that  $O_2D \perp MD$ ;  $O_2C \perp MC$ . AD meets  $(O_1)$  at X; AC meets  $(O_1)$  at Y and DC meets XY at K. Prove :  $KY = KX$

Attachments:



Luis González

#2 Mar 24, 2014, 6:18 am 1 like

Since  $\angle YCB = \angle XDB$  and  $\angle CYB = \angle DXB \Rightarrow \triangle BCY \sim \triangle BDX \Rightarrow \frac{CB}{DB} = \frac{CY}{DX}$ . But since  $ADBC$  is harmonic, we have  $\frac{CB}{BD} = \frac{CA}{AD} \Rightarrow \frac{CA}{CY} = \frac{AD}{DX}$ . By Menelaus' theorem for  $\triangle AXK$ ,  $\overline{KDC}$ , we get then

$$\frac{KY}{KX} = \frac{CY}{CA} \cdot \frac{DA}{DX} = \frac{CY}{CA} \cdot \frac{CA}{CY} = 1 \Rightarrow KY = KX.$$



IDMasterz

#3 Mar 24, 2014, 12:35 pm

B is the miquel point of complete quad  $XKYACD$ , so  $B \in \odot KXD$ . So,  $\angle XKB = \angle XDB = \angle ACB = \angle BMD$  where M is the midpoint of DC. Spiral similarity dictates  $BDC \sim BXY \Rightarrow BMD \sim BKX$ , so the result follows.



**PROF65**

#4 Mar 24, 2014, 10:32 pm

Let BC intersect C\_1 at an other pt Z

MC // YZ

the harmonic bundle of lines(CD,CA,CB , CM) intersect YZ at K', Y,Z and the infinite pt then K' midpoint of YZ  
it remain to prove that XZ // DC which is easy....



**jayme**

#5 Mar 25, 2014, 2:47 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,

1. ADBC is harmonic
2. DC is the D-symmedian of DAB
3. Z the second point of intersection of BD with (O1)
4. DC is the D-median of DXZ
5. According to the Reim's theorem YZ // DC
6. According to the midline theorem applied to XYZ, K is the midpoint of XY.

Sincerely  
Jean-Louis



**shinny98NT**

#6 Mar 27, 2014, 7:53 pm

$ADBC$  is a harmonic quadrilateral.  $CD$  is a symmedian from  $C$ . Also,  $XY$  is the antiparallel of  $AB$ . From the features of the symmedian and the antiparallel, we have  $KY = KX$ .

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## High School Olympiads

tangent circles 

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math4evernever

#1 Mar 24, 2014, 1:58 am

Let  $E$  be a point on the median  $CD$  of triangle  $ABC$ . Let  $S_1$  be the circle passing through  $E$  and tangent to line  $AB$  at  $A$ , intersecting side  $AC$  again at  $M$ ; let  $S_2$  be the circle passing through  $E$  and tangent to line  $AB$  at  $B$ , intersecting side  $BC$  again at  $N$ . Prove that the circumcircle of triangle  $CMN$  is tangent to circles  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ .

I also suppose that  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are tangent at  $E$ , but I don't know if it is necessarily true...



Luis González

#2 Mar 24, 2014, 2:11 am

It's a problem from All-Russian Olympiads (2000). Use the search before posting contest problems.

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 math4evernever wrote:

I also suppose that  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are tangent at  $E$ , but I don't know if it is necessarily true

This is false in general. They are tangent iff  $DA=DB=DE$ .

## High School Olympiads

Nice problems 

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Source: unknown



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#1 Mar 23, 2014, 10:18 am

Given  $C$  is a circle,  $L$  is a line tangent to  $C$ , and  $M$  is a point at  $L$ . Find all locus  $P$  so that: There are 2 points  $Q, R$  at  $L$  such that  $M$  midpoint  $QR$  and  $C$  is incircle of  $PQR$ .



Luis González

#2 Mar 23, 2014, 11:31 pm • 2

It's almost trivial; If  $X$  is the tangency point of the circle with the line  $L$ , then the locus of  $P$  is the line passing through the antipode of  $X$  on  $C$  and the reflection of  $X$  on  $M$ , in other words, all triangles  $PQR$  have common P-Nagel cevian.



Stronger result:  $\mathcal{C}$  is a fixed conic and  $\ell$  is a fixed tangent of  $\mathcal{C}$  at  $X$ .  $Q, R$  vary on  $\ell$ , such that  $Q \mapsto R$  is an involution. Second tangents from  $Q, R$  to  $\mathcal{C}$  meet at  $P$ . Locus of  $P$  is a fixed line.

Proof: Denote  $O$  the center of  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $U, V$  the tangency points of  $PQ, PR$  with  $\mathcal{C}$ , respectively.  $OQ, XU$  have conjugate directions WRT  $\mathcal{C} \implies XU \mapsto OQ$  is involutive and likewise  $XV \mapsto OR$  is involutive. Since  $OQ \mapsto OR$  is an involution, then  $XU \mapsto XV$  is then an involutive homography taking  $\mathcal{C}$  into itself  $\implies$  all lines  $UV$  go through a fixed point  $K \implies P$  runs on the polar  $\kappa$  of  $K$  WRT  $\mathcal{C}$ , clearly fixed.



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#3 May 24, 2014, 9:41 pm

Mmm i still do not understand sorry



yunxiu

#4 May 28, 2014, 8:25 am

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#5 May 28, 2014, 1:49 pm

Ok i am sorry

Pist doubles



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## High School Olympiads

Kazakhstan national 2014, problem 2; 10 grades X

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**rightways**

#1 Mar 21, 2014, 12:44 am

Given triangle  $ABC$  with a circumscribed circle  $\omega$ . Points  $D$  and  $D_1$  on  $AC$  are given such that a midpoint of  $AC$  is a midpoint of  $DD_1$ .  $BD$  and  $BD_1$  intersect  $\omega$  again at points  $E$  and  $E_1$ . Show that all such  $EE_1$  lines meet at a fixed point on a plane



**Luis González**

#2 Mar 21, 2014, 2:14 am

Valid for any arbitrary conic  $\omega$  through  $A, B, C$  (not necessarily the circumcircle) and the fixed point is always on line  $AC$ .

As  $D$  varies on  $AC$ ,  $D \mapsto D_1$  is clearly an involution  $\implies BD \equiv BE \mapsto BD_1 \equiv BE_1$  is an involution  $\implies E \mapsto E_1$  is then an involutive homography carrying the conic  $\omega$  into itself  $\implies$  all  $EE_1$  pass through the fixed pole  $P$  of the involution. When  $D \equiv A$ , then obviously  $D_1 \equiv C$ , thus  $P$  is on  $AC$ .



**mathuz**

#3 Mar 21, 2014, 2:50 pm

let  $EE_1$  and  $AC$  meet at point  $P$ . Then

$$\frac{PC}{PA} = \left(\frac{AB}{BC}\right)^2.$$



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## High School Olympiads

very nice problem 2 

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Source: vankhea



vankhea

#1 Mar 4, 2014, 9:01 pm

Let  $P, Q, R$  be points on the sides  $BC, CA, AB$  of triangle  $\Delta ABC$ . Let  $A', B', C'$  be reflection points of  $P, Q, R$  on  $A, B, C$ .

Prove that  $[A'B'C'] = 6[ABC] + [PQR]$



Luis González

#2 Mar 5, 2014, 3:42 am

It's similar to the previous [very nice problem](#); area chase using  $[QRB'C'] = 4[QRBC]$  and cyclic expressions.

$$[A'B'C'] = [PQR] + [A'QR] + [B'RP] + [C'PQ] + [PB'C'] + [QC'A'] + [RA'B']$$

Substituting  $[PB'C'] = [QRB'C'] - [PQR] - ([B'RP] + [C'PQ])$  and cyclic expressions, we get

$$[A'B'C'] = [QRB'C'] + [RPC'A'] + [PQA'B'] - [A'QR] - [B'RP] - [C'PQ] - 2[PQR] \rightarrow$$

$$[A'B'C'] = 4([QRBC] + [RPCA] + [PQAB]) - [A'QR] - [B'RP] - [C'PQ] - 2[PQR] \quad (1)$$

On the other hand, we have  $[QRBC] = [PQR] + [BRP] + [CPQ]$  and adding the cyclic expressions together gives

$$[QRBC] + [RPCA] + [PQAB] = 3[PQR] + 2([ABC] - [PQR]) = 2[ABC] + [PQR] \quad (2)$$

In the quadrilateral  $A'RPQ$ , we have  $[A'QR] = 2[AQR] + [PQR]$ . Adding cyclic expressions together gives

$$[A'QR] + [B'RP] + [C'PQ] = 2([ABC] - [PQR]) + 3[PQR] = 2[ABC] + [PQR] \quad (3)$$

Combining (1), (2) and (3), we get

$$[A'B'C'] = 4(2[ABC] + [PQR]) - (2[ABC] + [PQR]) - 2[PQR] = 6[ABC] + [PQR].$$

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## High School Olympiads

Moldova TST triangle geometry 

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Source: Moldova TST 2014, First Day, Problem 3



TheBottle

#1 Mar 4, 2014, 10:55 pm

Let  $\triangle ABC$  be an acute triangle and  $AD$  the bisector of the angle  $\angle BAC$  with  $D \in (BC)$ . Let  $E$  and  $F$  denote feet of perpendiculars from  $D$  to  $AB$  and  $AC$  respectively. If  $BF \cap CE = K$  and  $\odot AKE \cap BF = L$  prove that  $DL \perp BF$ .



hyperbolictangent

#2 Mar 5, 2014, 12:09 am • 1 

First, we'll show  $AK$  is perpendicular to  $BC$  so that  $AK \cap BC = H$  is the foot of the altitude from  $A$  to  $BC$ . We'll use Ceva's Theorem; we want

$$\frac{AF}{FC} \times \frac{CH}{HB} \times \frac{BE}{EA} = 1$$

Triangles  $AED$  and  $AFD$  are clearly congruent, so  $AF = EA$ . Then it's enough to show

$$\frac{CH}{HB} = \frac{FC}{BE}$$

Of course

$$\frac{CH}{HB} = \frac{\tan \angle B}{\tan \angle C}$$

On the other hand,  $FC = DF / \tan \angle C$  and  $BE = DE / \tan \angle B$  so that

$$\frac{FC}{BE} = \frac{\tan \angle B}{\tan \angle C}$$

By Ceva's theorem, the cevians from  $A, B, C$  to  $H, E, F$  are concurrent; in other words,  $AK$ , and therefore  $KH$ , is perpendicular to  $BC$ .

Now, consider the circles  $(AEKL)$ ,  $(AEFD)$ , and  $(DKL)$ . Their radical axes, pairwise, must concur. The radical axis of the first two is line  $AE$ , and the radical axis of the first and the third is  $KL$ . Both lines go through  $B$ , so  $B$  must be the radical center of the three circles. Thus the radical axis of  $(AEFD)$  and  $(DKL)$ , i.e. the line through  $D$  and the other intersection of these two circles, must go through  $B$ . It follows that the second intersection of these two circles must lie on  $BD$ . Yet the second intersection of  $(AEFD)$  with  $BD$  is none other than  $H$ , since this second intersection  $X$  must satisfy  $X \in BD$  and  $\angle AXD + \angle AED = 180^\circ$ . Then  $(DKL)$  intersects  $BD$  again  $H$ , so that  $DHKL$  is cyclic. It follows that

$$\angle DKL = 180^\circ - \angle KHD = 180^\circ - \angle AHD = 180^\circ - 90^\circ = 90^\circ$$

Thus  $DL \perp BF$ , as desired.



Luis González

#3 Mar 5, 2014, 12:41 am

Circle  $\odot(AEDF)$  with diameter  $\overline{AD}$  cuts  $BC$  again at the projection  $P$  of  $A$  on it. Since  $D$  is clearly midpoint of the arc  $EPF$ , then  $PD, PA$  bisect  $\widehat{EPF}$ . Hence if  $Q \equiv EF \cap BC, R \equiv EF \cap AP$ , the pencil  $P(E, F, R, Q) = -1$  is harmonic  $\Rightarrow (B, C, P, Q) = -1$ . Thus from the complete quadrilateral  $BCFE$ , it follows that  $K \equiv BF \cap CE$  is on  $AP$ . Now  $BP \cdot BD = BE \cdot BA = BK \cdot BL \Rightarrow PDLK$  is cyclic, so  $\widehat{DLK} = \widehat{DPK} = 90^\circ$ .

**hyperbolictangent** wrote:

First, we'll show  $AK$  is perpendicular to  $BC$  so that  $AK \cap BC = H$  is the foot of the altitude from  $A$  to  $BC$ . We'll use Ceva's Theorem; we want

$$\frac{AF}{FC} \times \frac{CH}{HB} \times \frac{BE}{EA} = 1$$

Triangles  $AED$  and  $AFD$  are clearly congruent, so  $AF = EA$ . Then it's enough to show

$$\frac{CH}{HB} = \frac{FC}{BE}$$

Of course

$$\frac{CH}{HB} = \frac{\tan \angle B}{\tan \angle C}$$

On the other hand,  $FC = DF / \tan \angle C$  and  $BE = DE / \tan \angle B$  so that

$$\frac{FC}{BE} = \frac{\tan \angle B}{\tan \angle C}$$

By Ceva's theorem, the cevians from  $A, B, C$  to  $H, E, F$  are concurrent; in other words,  $AK$ , and therefore  $KH$ , is perpendicular to  $BC$ .

Now, consider the circles  $(AEKL)$ ,  $(AEFD)$ , and  $(DKL)$ . Their radical axes, pairwise, must concur. The radical axis of the first two is line  $AE$ , and the radical axis of the first and the third is  $KL$ . Both lines go through  $B$ , so  $B$  must be the radical center of the three circles. Thus the radical axis of  $(AEFD)$  and  $(DKL)$ , i.e. the line through  $D$  and the other intersection of these two circles, must go through  $B$ . It follows that the second intersection of these two circles must lie on  $BD$ . Yet the second intersection of  $(AEFD)$  with  $BD$  is none other than  $H$ , since this second intersection  $X$  must satisfy  $X \in BD$  and  $\angle AXD + \angle AED = 180^\circ$ . Then  $(DKL)$  intersects  $BD$  again  $H$ , so that  $DHKL$  is cyclic. It follows that

$$\angle DLK = 180^\circ - \angle KHD = 180^\circ - \angle AHD = 180^\circ - 90^\circ = 90^\circ$$

Thus  $DL \perp BF$ , as desired.

Neat and very well explained ! Thank you.

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very nice problem 

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vankhea

#1 Mar 2, 2014, 9:26 pm

Let  $P, Q, R$  be points on sides  $BC, CA, AB$  such that  $P, Q, R$  collinear. Let  $X, Y, Z$  be reflection points of  $A, B, C$  on  $P, Q, R$ .

Prove that  $[XYZ] = 3[ABC]$



vankhea

#2 Mar 3, 2014, 8:03 pm

this one is harder than

Let  $P, Q, R$  be point on the sides  $BC, CA, AB$  respectively. Let  $X, Y, Z$  be reflection points of  $A, B, C$  on  $P, Q, R$ . Then we get:  $[XYZ] = 4[PQR] + 3[ABC]$



Luis González

#3 Mar 4, 2014, 3:23 am



 vankhea wrote:

Let  $P, Q, R$  be point on the sides  $BC, CA, AB$  respectively. Let  $X, Y, Z$  be reflection points of  $A, B, C$  on  $P, Q, R$ . Then we get:  $[XYZ] = 4[PQR] + 3[ABC]$

The area chase is very figure-dependent, so we assume that  $C$  is outside  $XYZ$ , while  $A$  and  $B$  are inside. The remaining possibilities are treated similarly.

$$4[ABPQ] = 2 \cdot AP \cdot BQ \cdot \sin \widehat{AP, BQ} = \frac{1}{2} AX \cdot BY \cdot \sin \widehat{AP, BQ} = [ABXY]$$

But since  $[ABC] = [AYC] = [BXC]$ , then  $[ABXY] = 3[ABC] - [CXY] \Rightarrow$

$$4([ABC] - [CPQ]) = 3[ABC] - [CXY] \Rightarrow 4[CPQ] - [ABC] = [CXY] \quad (1).$$

On the other hand, we have

$$[CZY] = 2[CYR] = 4[CQR] + 2[BCR] \quad (2)$$

$$[CXZ] = 2[CXR] = 4[CPR] + 2[ACR] \quad (3).$$

Adding the expressions (1), (2) and (3) together gives:

$$([ABC] + 2[BCR] + 2[ACR]) + 4 ([CPR] + [CQR] - [CPQ]) =$$

$$= [CYZ] + [CXZ] - [CXY] = [XYZ] \Rightarrow$$

$$3[ABC] + 4[PQR] = [XYZ].$$

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**livetolove212**

#1 Dec 17, 2009, 3:32 pm

Given triangle  $ABC$  and an arbitrary point  $P$  inside. Let  $l_1, l_2$  be two lines through  $P$  such that  $l_1 \perp l_2$ . Let  $X_1, X_2$  be two orthopoles of triangle  $ABC$  wrt  $l_1, l_2$ , respectively. When  $l_1, l_2$  move, prove that  $X_1X_2$  passes through a fixed point.

**ma 29**

#2 Dec 17, 2009, 10:05 pm

Denote points  $M = AC \cap l_2, N = AB \cap l_2$ .

$A', C'$  be two points lie on  $l_1$  such that  $AA' \perp l_1, CC' \perp l_1$ .

Let  $H, K$  be the orthocenters of  $ABC, AMN$ , respectively.

Call  $S = AK \cap CH$ .

We see that  $A'X_1//AH, X_1C'//SH, A'C'//AS$ , so triangles  $A'X_1C', AHS$  are homothetic.

On the other hand ,by **Thales' theorem** we have:

$$\frac{PA'}{PC'} = \frac{MA}{MC} = \frac{KA}{KS}$$

So triangles  $A'X_1P, AHK$  are homothetic,we obtain  $PX_1//HK$ ( Because that both  $A'P//AK$  and  $A'X_1//AH$  ).

But from the **Goormaghtigh's theorem**,we have  $H, K, X_2$  are collinear.

Therefore ,  $PX_1//HX_2$ (1)

Similarly,  $PX_2//HX_1$ (2)

Since (1) and (2) then  $X_1X_2$  passes through midpoint of  $PH$  which is a fixed point.

Thank to [Linh](#) for your nice result.😊

**livetolove212**

#3 Dec 18, 2009, 4:48 pm

Dear Mr.Khanh,

This result comes from two lemmas:

**Lemma 1:** Denote  $X_1, X_2$  the orthopoles of two orthogonal lines through the orthocenter  $H$  wrt  $\Delta ABC$ . Then  $H$  is the midpoint of  $X_1X_2$ .

**Lemma 2:** Denote  $X_1, X_2$  the orthopoles of two parallel lines  $l_1, l_2$  then  $X_1X_2 \perp l_1$  and  $X_1X_2$  is equal to the distant of  $l_1, l_2$ .  
Thanks you for your nice solution.

**Luis González**

#4 Mar 3, 2014, 9:39 am

Let  $H$  be the orthocenter of  $\Delta ABC$  and  $A', B', C'$  the projections of  $P$  on  $BC, CA, AB$ . From the problem [Orthopole lies on ellipse](#) (post #2), we know that  $X_1, X_2$  move on a ellipse  $\mathcal{E}$  circumscribed to  $\Delta A'B'C'$ , further  $A'X_1 \mapsto l_1$  and  $A'X_2 \mapsto l_2$  are homographic. But since  $l_1 \mapsto l_2$  is clearly an involution, then  $X_1 \mapsto X_2$  is an involutive homography on  $\mathcal{E} \Rightarrow X_1X_2$  goes through a fixed point. Making  $l_1 \equiv PA'$  and  $l_1 \equiv PB'$ , we figure out that the fixed point is none other than the center of  $\mathcal{E}$ , i.e. the midpoint of  $\overline{PH}$ .

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## High School Olympiads

An old but hard result 

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shinny98NT

#1 Mar 2, 2014, 8:22 pm

Triangle ABC with H is the orthocenter and M is the midpoint of BC. D, E, F are the feet of altitudes from A, B, C on BC, AC, AB, respectively. MH cuts EF at K. Tangents at B and C meet at S. Prove that K, D, S are collinear.

From this result we can prove others nice problem about orthocenter H and midpoint of BC, such as:

1/ EF cuts BC at I. KD cuts circumscribe circle of triangle ABC at X and Y. Then IX and IY are tangents of circle.

2/ Assume Y is on the other side of A from the line BC. Then YA is the bisector of angle FYE.



Luis González

#2 Mar 2, 2014, 9:29 pm • 1 

(O) is circumcircle of  $\triangle ABC$  and L is antipode of A on (O). From parallelogram BHCL, it follows that H, M, L are collinear, thus if LH cuts (O) again at P, then  $\angle APH \equiv \angle APL = 90^\circ \implies P$  is also on circle  $\odot(AEF)$  with diameter  $\overline{AH} \implies BC, EF$  and AP concur at radical center R of (O),  $\odot(AEF)$  and the circle with diameter  $\overline{BC}$ .

EF cuts (O) at U, V and  $\overline{AOL}$  is perpendicular bisector of  $\overline{UV}$  cutting it at its midpoint N. From cyclic APKN, we get  $RU \cdot RV = RP \cdot RA = RK \cdot RN \implies (U, V, K, R) = -1 \implies K$  is on the polar of R WRT (O). But  $(B, C, D, R) = -1 \implies SD$  is the polar of R WRT (O)  $\implies K, D, S$  are collinear.



shinny98NT

#3 Mar 2, 2014, 9:57 pm

Thank you so much for a very short but sharp answer. I initially think that this can be proved by ordinary knowledge and method, such as Menelaus or Using Angle, and now I know the power of POLE AND POLAR in these simple structures. This is my first post, and I'm so impressed of the help and hospitality of people here. Thank you again.

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## High School Olympiads

Orthopole lies on ellipse X

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**buratinogiggle**

#1 Sep 15, 2012, 11:36 pm • 1

Let  $ABC$  be a triangle, orthocenter  $H$  and a point  $P$ . Let  $A'B'C'$  be pedal triangle of  $P$ . ( $E$ ) is circumellipse of triangle  $A'B'C'$  with center is midpoint of  $PH$ . Prove that orthopole of any line passing though  $P$  lies on ( $E$ ).



**Luis González**

#2 Mar 1, 2014, 10:49 am • 3

Let  $\tau$  be a variable line through  $P$  and  $R$  its orthopole WRT  $\triangle ABC$ .  $O$  is the circumcenter of  $\triangle ABC$  and  $OA, OB$  cut  $\tau$  at  $O_A, O_B$ , respectively.  $U, V$  are the projections of  $O_A$  on  $AC, AB$  and  $X, Z$  are the projections of  $O_B$  on  $BC, BA$ .



Intersection  $A_0 \equiv B'C' \cap UV$  is on  $A'R$  and likewise,  $B_0 \equiv C'A' \cap XZ$  is on  $B'R$  (see the 1st two paragraphs of the solution of [radical axis and Simpson's lines are concurrent](#)). Hence, as  $\tau$  spins around  $P$ ,  $O_A \mapsto U$  is a perspectivity from the infinity point of  $\perp AC$  and  $U \mapsto A_0$  is a perspectivity from the infinite point of  $BC \implies O_A \mapsto A_0$  is a homography between  $OA$  and  $B'C'$ . Similarly,  $O_B \mapsto B_0$  is a homography between  $OB$  and  $C'A'$ . But  $O_A \mapsto O_B$  is perspectivity from  $P \implies A_0 \mapsto B_0$  is a homography between  $B'C'$  and  $C'A' \implies$  pencils  $A'A_0 \equiv A'R$  and  $B'B_0 \equiv B'R$  are homographic  $\implies R$  moves on a conic  $\mathcal{E}$  passing through  $B', C'$ , which is clearly an ellipse, since  $R$  never goes to infinity for an ordinary  $\tau$ . When  $\tau \equiv PA'$ , then  $R \equiv A'$ , i.e.  $\mathcal{E}$  is circumscribed to  $\triangle A'B'C'$ .

Consider the position  $\tau \parallel BC$  and let  $D$  be the projection of  $B$  on  $\tau$ . Since  $DB \parallel RH$  (both perpendicular to  $BC$ ) and  $DR \parallel BH$  (both perpendicular to  $AC$ ), then  $RHBD$  is parallelogram  $\implies RH = DB = PA' \implies RPA'H$  is parallelogram  $\implies R$  is reflection of  $A'$  on the midpoint  $E$  of  $PH$ . Likewise,  $R$  will coincide with the reflections of  $B'$  and  $C'$  on  $E$ , when  $\tau \parallel CA$  and  $\tau \parallel AB \implies E$  is center of  $\mathcal{E}$ , i.e.  $R$  moves on ellipse  $\mathcal{E}$  circumscribed to  $\triangle A'B'C'$ , whose center is the midpoint  $E$  of  $PH$ .

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Incenter on Simson Line X

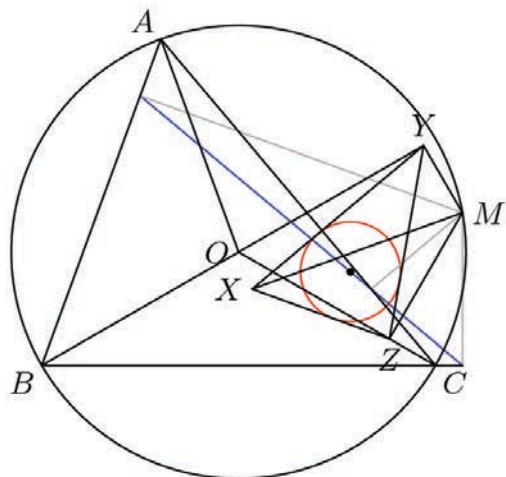
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nsato

#1 Jun 15, 2012, 6:08 am • 1 ↑

Let  $O$  be the circumcenter of acute triangle  $ABC$ , and let  $M$  be a point on the circumcircle of triangle  $ABC$ . Let  $X, Y$ , and  $Z$  be the projections of  $M$  onto  $OA, OB$ , and  $OC$ , respectively. Prove that the incenter of triangle  $XYZ$  lies on the Simson line of  $M$ . (Mongolia, 1996)



Find the locus of the incenter of triangle  $XYZ$  as  $M$  varies along the circumcircle. (I conjecture that the locus is an inconic whose center is  $O$ .)

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[asy] import geometry; unitsize(3 cm); pair O, A, B, C, M, X, Y, Z; pair[] I; O = (0,0); A = dir(110); B = dir(210); C = dir(-30); for(int i = 0; i <= 4; ++i) { M[i] = circumcenter(A,B,C) + circumradius(A,B,C)*dir(360/5*i); X = (M[0] + reflect(O,A)*(M[0]))/2; Y = (M[0] + reflect(O,B)*(M[0]))/2; Z = (M[0] + reflect(O,C)*(M[0]))/2; I[i] = incenter(X,Y,Z); } conic inc = conic([I[0],I[1],I[2],I[3],I[4]]); draw(incticks,red); draw(Circle(O,1)); draw(A--B--C--cycle); label("$A$", A, NW); label("$B$", B, SW); label("$C$", C, SE); dot("$O$"); label("$X$"); label("$Y$"); label("$Z$"); for(int i = 0; i <= 4; ++i) { dot(I[i]); } [/asy]
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SnowEverywhere

#2 Jun 15, 2012, 9:04 am • 2 ↑

Here is an outline of a solution to the Mongolian problem. I am sorry for any omitted details.

Assume without the loss of generality that  $M$  lies on arc  $AC$  and let  $m(a)$  denote the clockwise measure of an arc  $a$  around the circumcircle of  $ABC$ . Since  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  lie on a circle with diameter  $OM$ , homothetizing with centre  $M$  and ratio 2 sends  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  to points  $X', Y'$  and  $Z'$  on the circumcircle of triangle  $ABC$ . Note that lines  $OA, OB$  and  $OC$  are the perpendicular bisectors of  $MX', MY'$  and  $MZ'$ , respectively. Therefore  $m(MA) = m(AX')$ ,  $m(MB) = m(BY')$  and  $m(MC) = m(CZ')$ . Now let  $P, Q$  and  $R$  denote the midpoints of arcs  $Y'Z', X'Z'$  and  $X'Y'$  not containing  $X', Y'$  and  $Z'$ , respectively. Angle chasing with the given directed arc lengths yields that  $PM$  is perpendicular to  $BC$ ,  $QM$  is perpendicular to  $AC$  and  $RM$  is perpendicular to  $AB$ . Further angle chasing yields that  $ABC$  and  $PQR$  are congruent and of opposite orientation. This implies that they are reflections in a line perpendicular to  $AP, BQ$  and  $CR$ . Angle chasing with cyclic quadrilaterals implies that the simson line of  $M$  with respect to  $ABC$  is parallel to  $AP, BQ$  and  $CR$ . It is well known that this simson line homothetized with ratio 2 about  $M$  contains the orthocenter  $H$  of  $ABC$ . If  $I'$  denotes the orthocenter of  $PQR$ , then  $H$  and  $I'$  are reflections of one another in a line perpendicular to  $AP, BQ$  and  $CR$ , which implies that  $HI'$  is parallel to  $AP, BQ$  and  $CR$ . Therefore  $I'$  lies on this simson line homothetized with ratio 2 about  $M$ . However, since  $P, Q$  and  $R$  denote the midpoints of arcs  $Y'Z', X'Z'$  and  $X'Y'$  not containing  $X', Y'$  and  $Z'$ , respectively,  $I'$  is the incenter of  $X'Y'Z'$ .

Homothetizing with ratio 1/2 yields the desired result.



RSM

#3 Jun 15, 2012, 2:58 pm • 1

As the solution of the first part has been posted already, I am posting a solution for the second part.

Note that, if  $I$  is the incenter of the moving triangle  $XYZ$ , then reflection of  $M$  on  $I$  (call it  $I'$ ) moves on the circle centered at  $O$  and passing through  $H$  where  $H$  is the orthocenter of  $ABC$ .

Also note that,  $I'$  and  $M$  move with same speed but in opposite directions. So  $I$  moves on a conic with center  $O$ . Call this conic  $\Omega$ .

If we take  $M = A, B, C$ , then we get that the reflections of  $H$  on the sides of the medial triangle of  $ABC$  lies on  $\Omega$ . Call these reflections as  $A', B', C'$ . Reflect  $A', B', C'$  on  $O$  to get  $A_1, B_1, C_1$ . Note that,  $A_1B_1C_1$  is the cevian triangle of  $H'$  (isotomic point of  $H$  wrt  $ABC$ ) wrt  $ABC$ .

We know that, for any point  $P$  and a triangle  $ABC$  there exists an inconic of  $ABC$  passing through the feet of the cevians through  $P$  and the center of the conic is the isotomocomplement of  $P$  wrt  $ABC$ .

Now, in this case,  $O$  is the isotomocomplement of  $H'$  wrt  $ABC$ . So the conic passing through  $A_1, B_1, C_1$  with center  $O$  is an inconic of  $ABC$ . So done.



Luis González

#4 Feb 26, 2014, 11:08 pm

" nsato wrote:

Let  $O$  be the circumcenter of acute triangle  $ABC$ , and let  $M$  be a point on the circumcircle of triangle  $ABC$ . Let  $X, Y$ , and  $Z$  be the projections of  $M$  onto  $OA, OB$ , and  $OC$ , respectively. Prove that the incenter of triangle  $XYZ$  lies on the Simson line of  $M$ . (Mongolia, 1996)

If  $D, E, F$  are the reflections of  $M$  on  $OA, OB, OC$ , then it is enough to show that the incenter  $J$  of  $\triangle DEF$  is on the Steiner line  $\tau$  of  $M$ .

Since  $B$  and  $C$  are the midpoints of the arcs  $ME$  and  $MF$  of  $(O)$ , then line  $BC$  bisects both  $\angle MBF$  and  $\angle MCF \Rightarrow U \equiv BF \cap CE$  is reflection of  $M$  on  $BC \Rightarrow U \in \tau$ . Further  $EC$  and  $FB$  bisect  $\angle MEF$  and  $\angle MFE \Rightarrow U$  is incenter of  $\triangle MEF \Rightarrow R \equiv MU \cap DJ$  is midpoint of the arc  $EF$  of  $(O)$ . By similar reasoning,  $V \equiv AF \cap CD \in \tau$  and  $S \equiv MV \cap EJ$  is midpoint of the arc  $FD$ . Now by Pascal theorem for cyclic hexagon  $DRMSEC$ , the intersections  $J \equiv DR \cap SE, U \equiv RM \cap EC$  and  $V \equiv MS \cap CD$  are collinear, i.e.  $J \in \tau$ , as desired.



Luis González

#5 Feb 27, 2014, 12:12 am

" nsato wrote:

Find the locus of the incenter of triangle  $XYZ$  as  $M$  varies along the circumcircle. (I conjecture that the locus is an inconic whose center is  $O$ .)

If  $R$  denotes the circumradius of  $\triangle ABC$ , then  $YZ = R \cdot \sin 2\hat{A}, ZX = R \cdot \sin 2\hat{B}$  and  $XY = R \cdot \sin 2\hat{C} \Rightarrow \triangle XYZ$  are all congruent  $\Rightarrow \triangle KYZ$  are all congruent (where  $K$  is incenter of  $XYZ$ ). Hence according to problem [Given Triangle And Locus](#), locus of  $K$  is an ellipse  $\mathcal{O}$  with center  $O$ .

When  $M$  coincides with the antipodes  $A_0, B_0, C_0$  of  $A, B, C$ , then  $K$  coincides with the projections of  $A_0, B_0, C_0$  on  $BC, CA, AB$ , respectively, hence  $\mathcal{O}$  is identical with the inconic with center  $O$  whose perspector is the retrocenter.



livetolove212

#6 Mar 1, 2014, 8:12 am

Hi Luis, this is another proof.

Let  $H_a, H_c$  be the projections of  $M$  on  $BC, AB$ ;  $P, Q$  be the intersections of  $MH_c, MH_a$  and the circle with diameter  $OM$ . Note that  $X, Y, Z, O, M$  are concyclic. Since  $\angle YMP = \angle ABO = \angle BAO = \angle PMX$  we get  $P$  is the midpoint of arc  $YX$ . Similarly,  $Q$  is the midpoint of arc  $YZ$ .

Denote  $T$  the intersection of  $H_cX$  and  $H_aZ$ . We have:

$(TX, TZ) \equiv (TX, H_c M) + (H_c M, H_a M) + (H_a M, TZ) \equiv (AO, AM) + (BA, BC) + (CM, CO)$

$\equiv (BA, BC) + (AO, CO) + (CM, AM) \equiv (BA, BC) + (XO, ZO) + (BC, BA) \equiv (XO, ZO) \pmod{\pi}$

This means  $T$  lies on  $(OM)$ . Applying Pascal theorem for 6 points  $P, M, Q, Z, X, T$  we get  $H_c, I, H_a$  are collinear.

Attachments:

[Mongolia 1996.pdf \(20kb\)](#)



**Wolstenholme**

#7 Aug 29, 2014, 7:01 pm

This problem is easily done with complex numbers. Let the homothety centered at  $M$  with ratio 2 send  $X, Y, Z$  to  $M_a, M_b, M_c$  respectively. Let  $A', B', C'$  be the reflections of  $M$  over  $BC, CA, AB$  respectively. It suffices to show that the  $I$ , the incenter of  $\triangle M_a M_b M_c$ , lies on the Steiner line of  $M$  - namely the line passing through  $A', B',$  and  $C'$ .

WLOG let the circumcircle of  $\triangle ABC$  be the unit circle and let  $A, B, C, M, M_a, M_b, M_c, A', B', C', I$  have complex coordinates  $a, b, c, m_a, m_b, m_c, a', b', c', x$  respectively. We easily find that  $m_a = \frac{a^2}{m}$  and  $m_b = \frac{b^2}{m}$  and  $m_c = \frac{c^2}{m}$  so the incenter of  $\triangle M_a M_b M_c$  has coordinate  $x = -\frac{1}{m}(ab + bc + ca)$ .

Now  $b' = a + c - \frac{ac}{m}$  and  $c' = a + b - \frac{ab}{m}$  and we want to show that  $\frac{x - b'}{\bar{x} - \bar{b'}} = \frac{b' - c'}{\bar{b}' - \bar{c}'}$ . We have that  $b' - c' = \frac{(b - c)(a - m)}{m}$  so  $\frac{b' - c'}{\bar{b}' - \bar{c}'} = \frac{abc}{m}$ . We have that  $x - b' = \frac{(a + c)(b + m)}{m}$  and so  $\frac{x - b'}{\bar{x} - \bar{b}'} = \frac{abc}{m}$  as well so we are done.

*This post has been edited 1 time. Last edited by Wolstenholme, Sep 13, 2014, 10:56 pm*



**jayme**

#8 Sep 11, 2014, 11:29 am

Dear Mathlinkers,  
where can I find the original or link of the Mongolian Olympiad 1996?

Thank in advance.

Sincerely  
Jean-Louis

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## High School Olympiads

Constant Area X

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**BlackSelena**

#1 Feb 25, 2014, 9:03 pm

Let  $(O)$  with  $AB$  is the constant diameter.  $C$  runs on  $(O)$ . The excircles of  $A$  and  $B$  touch  $AB$  at  $M, N$  respectively. Let  $P, Q$  are the circumcenter of triangle  $ACM$  and triangle  $ABM$  respectively. Prove that the area  $S_{CPQ}$  is constant.



**Luis González**

#2 Feb 25, 2014, 9:40 pm

$$S_{CPQ} = \frac{1}{16}|AB|^2 = \text{const.}$$

See <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=47&t=334812>. There was also a solution given by hxy09 in post #2, but the link there became stale.



**Arab**

#3 Feb 25, 2014, 10:17 pm

Let  $BC = a, CA = b, AB = 2R$  and denote by  $r$  the radius of the incircle of  $\triangle ABC$ , then  $AN = BM = r$ , and  $OA \cdot OM = OB \cdot ON$ , so  $O$  lies on the radical axis of the circumcircles of  $\triangle ACM, \triangle BCN$ , which is exactly  $OC$ , and therefore  $OC \perp PQ$ .

Moreover,  $\triangle OAC \sim \triangle QNC$  due to  $OA = OC, QN = QC$  and  $\angle AOC = 2\angle ABC = \angle NQC$ , then  $\triangle CAN \sim \triangle COQ$ . Similarly,  $\triangle CBM \sim \triangle COP$ , and hence  $OP = \frac{BM}{BC} \cdot OC = \frac{Rr}{a}, OQ = \frac{Rr}{b}$ . Since  $AC \perp BC, OP \perp AC, OQ \perp BC$ , we get  $OP \perp OQ$ , so  $PQ = Rr \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2}} = \frac{2R^2r}{ab}$ .

Consequently, from  $a + b = 2(R + r)$  and  $\frac{1}{2}r \cdot (a + b + 2R) = r \cdot (2R + r) = [ABC] = \frac{1}{2}ab$ , we obtain that  $\frac{r \cdot (2R + r)}{ab} = \frac{1}{2}$ , then  $[CPQ] = \frac{1}{2} \cdot (OC \cdot PQ + OP \cdot OQ) = \frac{R^2r \cdot (2R + r)}{2ab} = \frac{1}{4}R^2$ , as desired.

*Q.E.D.*

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## High School Olympiads

Intersection of Simson Line(Own) 

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Arab

#1 Aug 28, 2012, 2:14 pm • 1 

$BC$  is a fixed chord of  $\Gamma$  the circumcircle of  $\triangle ABC$ .  $P, Q$  are on  $\Gamma$  such that  $PQ \perp \ell_1$  the Simson Line of  $P$  wrt  $\triangle ABC$ . Let  $\ell_2$  be the Simson Line of  $Q$  wrt  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\ell_1$  meets  $\ell_2$  at  $R$ . Find the locus of  $R$ , where all the movements are caused by  $A$ .



Luis González

#2 Feb 25, 2014, 8:50 am • 3 

Let  $X, Z$  be the projections of  $P$  on  $BC, AB$ , respectively and  $PX$  cuts  $\Gamma$  again at  $S$ . From cyclic quadrilaterals  $PXBZ$  and  $PSAB$ , we get  $\angle PXZ = \angle PBZ = \angle PSA \implies AS \parallel XZ \equiv \ell_1 \implies PQ$  is perpendicular to  $AS$  at  $K$ .

Intersection  $R$  of Simson lines of  $P, Q$  is orthopole of  $PQ$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$  (see the lemma at [Six orthopoles lie on a circle](#))  $\implies KR \perp BC$ , i.e.  $KR \parallel SXP$ . Therefore, if the perpendicular to  $\ell_1$  at  $R$  cuts  $PX$  at  $M$ , then from parallelograms  $KSRX$  and  $KPMR$ , we get  $PM = KR = SX = \text{const} \implies M$  is fixed  $\implies R$  runs on circle with diameter  $\overline{XM}$ .

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## High School Olympiads

Three nine-point circles 

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Sardor

#1 Feb 24, 2014, 8:22 pm

Let  $ABC$  be a triangle and let points  $P$  and  $Q$  lie on sides  $AB$  and  $AC$ , respectively. Let  $M$  and  $N$  be the midpoints of  $BP$  and  $CQ$ , respectively. Prove that the centers of the nine-point circles of triangles  $ABC, APQ, AMN$  are collinear.



Luis González

#2 Feb 24, 2014, 9:48 pm • 1 

The property holds for all points  $M, N$  satisfying  $\overline{MP} : \overline{MB} = \overline{NQ} : \overline{NC} = k$ .

Denote  $O, O_1, O_2$  the circumcenters of  $\triangle ABC, \triangle APQ, \triangle AMN$  and  $H, H_1, H_2$  the orthocenters of  $\triangle ABC, \triangle APQ, \triangle AMN$ . Since  $BH \parallel PH_1 \parallel MH_2$  and  $CH \parallel QH_1 \parallel NH_2$ , it follows that  $H, H_1, H_2$  are collinear, such that  $\overline{H_2H_1} : \overline{H_1H} = k$ . Moreover, ratio of powers of  $M$  and  $N$  WRT  $(O)$  and  $(O_1)$  clearly equals  $k \implies (O_2)$  is coaxal with  $(O), (O_1)$ ; its center  $O_2$  lies on  $\overline{OO_1}$ , such that  $\overline{O_2O_1} : \overline{O_2O} = k \implies \overline{HH_1H_2}$  is directly similar to  $\overline{OO_1O_2} \implies$  midpoints  $N, N_1, N_2$  of  $\overline{OH}, \overline{O_1H_1}$  and  $\overline{O_2H_2}$  (9-point centers of  $ABC, APQ$  and  $AMN$ ) form then a figure similar to  $\overline{HH_1H_2} \sim \overline{OO_1O_2} \implies N, N_1, N_2$  are collinear.

P.S. See also [centre of nine point circle](#) for more solutions.



mathuz

#3 Feb 25, 2014, 1:23 pm

we have all lines have same Miquel's point. So easily get  $H, H_1, H_2$  and  $O, O_1, O_2$  are collinear. 

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## High School Olympiads

Geometry2014-02 

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Source: Old



Ligouras

#1 Feb 24, 2014, 4:09 am • 1 

Let  $AD, BE, CF$  are the medians and the point  $G$  is the centroid of an triangle  $ABC$ .

Prove that

$$\cot A \cdot GF + \cot B \cdot GD + \cot C \cdot GE = \cot A + \cot B + \cot C.$$



Luis González

#2 Feb 24, 2014, 4:57 am • 3 

If  $X$  is the reflection of  $G$  on  $D$ , then  $BGCX$  is a parallelogram, thus  $\widehat{AGF} = \widehat{CGX}, \widehat{BGD} = \widehat{GXC}$  and  $\widehat{CGE} = \widehat{XCG}$ . Moreover,  $[CGX] = [GBC] = \frac{1}{3}[ABC]$ . Hence in the  $\triangle CGX$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \cot \widehat{AGF} + \cot \widehat{BGD} + \cot \widehat{CGE} &= \frac{GX^2 + XC^2 + GC^2}{4[CGX]} = \\ &= \frac{GA^2 + GB^2 + GC^2}{4 \cdot \frac{1}{3}[ABC]} = \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{4[ABC]} = \cot \widehat{A} + \cot \widehat{B} + \cot \widehat{C}. \end{aligned}$$



Arab

#3 Feb 24, 2014, 3:13 pm • 1 

This is a lemma of Romanian Masters In Mathematics 2012 Day1 Problem 2 official solution 1.



Ligouras

#4 Feb 24, 2014, 3:50 pm • 1 

**Problem n. 2**

$$\cot B \cdot AD + \cot C \cdot BE + \cot A \cdot CF = \cot C \cdot AD + \cot A \cdot BE + \cot B \cdot CF$$



Arab

#5 Feb 24, 2014, 4:07 pm • 1 

See page 3 of the attachment.

Attachments:

[Romanian Masters In Mathematics 2012.pdf \(62kb\)](#)



Ligouras

#6 Feb 24, 2014, 11:16 pm • 1 

Nice Luis, Thanks!! 😊

“ Luis González wrote:

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$\Delta ABC \sim \Delta GDC$ . Moreover,  $[\Delta GDC] = [\Delta ABC] = \frac{1}{3}[\Delta ABC]$ . Hence in the  $\Delta GDC$ , we have

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**Ligouras**

#7 Feb 26, 2014, 1:24 am

Dear Arab, then bring the solution in this space? you have a better solution? I thank you in advance 😊

“ Arab wrote:

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## High School Olympiads

Parallelogram 

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Source: Teacher



**gobathegreat**

#1 Feb 24, 2014, 2:33 am

Let  $ABC$  be acute scalene triangle and let  $H$  and  $O$  be its orthocenter and circumcenter, respectively. Let  $K$  be an arbitrary point inside triangle  $ABC$  different from  $O$  and  $H$ , and let  $L$  and  $M$  be points such that quadrilaterals  $AKCL$  and  $AKBM$  are parallelograms. If  $BL$  intersects  $CM$  at point  $N$ , and  $J$  is midpoint of  $HK$ , prove that quadrilateral  $KONJ$  is parallelogram



**Luis González**

#2 Feb 24, 2014, 3:19 am

Source: Teacher ?. It's Indonesia National Science Olympiad 2010, Day 2 Problem 8 proposed by Raja Oktovin. Notations are even exactly the same. Kindly, use the search before posting contest problems.

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## High School Olympiads

Incenter and excenter 

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Source: Iran MO 2001 3rd round P5



Nazar\_Serdyuk

#1 Feb 24, 2014, 12:42 am

In a triangle  $ABC$ ,  $I$  and  $I_a$  denote the incenter and the excenter corresponding to side  $BC$ . Let  $A'$  and  $M$  respectively be the intersections of  $II_a$  with  $BC$  and the circumcircle of  $\triangle ABC$ , let  $N$  be the midpoint of arc  $MBA$ , and let  $S, T$  be the intersection points of rays  $NI$  and  $NI_a$  with the circumcircle of  $\triangle ABC$ . Prove that  $S, T$  and  $A'$  are collinear.



Luis González

#2 Feb 24, 2014, 12:57 am

Please, use the search before posting contests problems. This has been posted at least 8 times before!.



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## High School Olympiads

prove perpendicular 

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mad

#1 Feb 23, 2014, 9:25 pm

$O$  is the center of  $\bigcirc ABC$  and  $T$  is that of  $\bigcirc AOC$ .  $M$  is the mid-point of  $AC$ . On lines  $AB$  and  $BC$  there are points  $D$  and  $E$ , respectively, such that  $\angle BDM = \angle BEM = \angle ABC$ . Prove that  $BT \perp DE$



Arab

#2 Feb 23, 2014, 9:54 pm

See [here](#) (the Problem 1 under Property 8).



Luis González

#3 Feb 23, 2014, 11:08 pm • 1 

Let  $A'$ ,  $C'$  be the reflections of  $A$ ,  $C$  across  $BC$ ,  $BA$ , respectively.  $\angle A'BC = \angle ABC = \angle BEM \implies ME \parallel BA'$  and likewise  $MD \parallel BC'$ . By sine law for  $\triangle MEC$  and  $\triangle MDA$ , we get

$$\frac{ME}{\sin \widehat{C}} = \frac{MC}{\sin \widehat{B}} = \frac{MA}{\sin \widehat{B}} = \frac{MD}{\sin \widehat{A}} \implies \frac{ME}{MD} = \frac{\sin \widehat{C}}{\sin \widehat{A}} = \frac{AB}{CB} = \frac{BA'}{BC'}.$$

Hence, it follows that  $\triangle MED$  and  $\triangle BA'C'$  are homothetic  $\implies A'C' \parallel ED$ . Thus, it suffices to prove that  $BT \perp A'C'$ , i.e. that the isogonal of  $BT$  WRT  $\angle ABC$  passes through the circumcenter of  $\triangle BA'C'$ . This is a problem that has been posted before, e.g. [Tuyamaada 2009, Senior League, Second Day, Problem 3](#) and see also [Reflections and two symmetric points](#) (1st paragraph of the solution).



IDMasterz

#4 Feb 24, 2014, 1:14 pm • 1 

Rephrase as follows:

Let  $ABC$  be a triangle,  $M$  be midpoint of  $BC$ . Let  $D$  be point on  $AC$  s.t.  $\angle BAC = \angle MDA$  and define  $E$  on  $AC$  similarly. Let the circumcenter of  $BOC$  be  $O_A$ . Prove  $AO_A \perp DE$ .

To do this, note that if  $M_B, M_C$  are the midpoints of  $AC, AB$  respectively, and  $MD \cap AB = X$  then  $XDA$  is isosceles, so  $XMM_C$  is isosceles. Hence,  $X$  is the intersection of the perpendicular bisector of  $MM_C$ , and similar for the other. They concur at ninepoint centre  $N$ , to letting the pedals on  $AB, AC$  be  $N_C, N_B$ , we have  $DE$  is the result of  $N_BN_C$  through a dilation about  $A$  with scale factor 2, hence  $N_BN_C \parallel DE$ . But,  $AO_A$  is isogonal to  $AN$ , so  $AO_A \perp N_BN_C$ .



Arab

#5 Feb 28, 2014, 6:08 pm

For more solutions, see [here](#).

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## High School Olympiads

very hard geometry 

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Source: own



vankhea

#1 Feb 21, 2014, 7:19 pm

Let  $O$  be circumcenter of triangle  $\Delta ABC$ . Let  $D, E, F$  be midpoints of  $BC, CA, AB$ . The rays  $DO, EO, FO$  meet circumcircle of  $\Delta ABC$  at  $X, Y, Z$  respectively. Let  $X', Y', Z'$  be midpoints of  $DX, EY, FZ$  respectively.

Prove that  $[X'Y'Z'] = \frac{1}{4}[DEF]$



triskaidecahedron

#2 Feb 21, 2014, 8:37 pm

Just for clarity, the line  $DO$  meets the circumcircle at  $X$ , where  $X$  is on the same side of  $BC$  as  $A$ .



vankhea

#3 Feb 21, 2014, 9:52 pm

Can you post your full solution please ?



Luis González

#4 Feb 22, 2014, 8:49 pm • 1 

Let  $P, Q, R$  be the midpoints of  $EF, FD, DE$ . Then  $PX'$  is D-midline of  $\triangle DAX \implies PX \parallel AX$ , thus since  $AX$  is external bisector of  $\angle BAC$ , then  $PX'$  is external bisector of  $\angle QPR$ . Similarly  $QY'$  and  $RZ'$  bisect  $\angle RQP$  and  $\angle QRP$  externally. If  $M \equiv QY' \cap RZ', N \equiv RZ' \cap PX'$  and  $L \equiv PX' \cap QY'$ , then  $\triangle PQR$  is orthic triangle of  $\triangle MNL$ . Hence perpendicular bisector of  $QR$  is P-midline of  $\triangle PDX$ , cutting both  $NL$  and  $PX'$  at their midpoint, i.e.  $P, X'$  are isotomic points WRT  $NL$ . Similarly,  $Q, Y'$  and  $R, Z'$  are isotomic points WRT  $LM$  and  $MN$ , respectively  $\implies [X'Y'Z'] = [PQR] = \frac{1}{4}[DEF]$ .



vankhea

#5 Feb 24, 2014, 7:55 pm

thanks you very much Luis González



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## High School Olympiads

nice concurrent 

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**DonaldLove**

#1 Feb 21, 2014, 10:47 pm

triangle ABC. M is a point inside triangle. X,Y,Z are respectively the euler center of triangle MBC,MCA,MAB. prove that the line through X perpendicular to AM, line through Y perpendicular to BM, line through Z perpendicular to CM are concurrent



**fmasroor**

#2 Feb 22, 2014, 3:33 am

Euler Center is the centroid?



**Luis González**

#3 Feb 22, 2014, 4:42 am • 1 

The poster means the center of the 9-point circle, I believe.

Let  $M'$  be the isogonal conjugate of  $M$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle DEF$ ,  $\triangle D'E'F'$  the pedal triangles of  $M, M'$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$ . Let  $\omega$  be the pedal circle of  $M, M'$ , i.e. common circumcircle of  $\triangle DEF, \triangle D'E'F'$ . 9-point circles  $(X), (Y), (Z)$  of  $\triangle MBC, \triangle MCA, \triangle MAB$  and  $\omega$  concur at the Poncelet point  $P$  of  $ABCM$  (see post #2 at [intersection of Simson lines /K.K 6.4 /2](#) and elsewhere).

If  $U$  is the midpoint of  $AM$  and  $DM$  cuts  $\omega$  again at  $L$ , then  $P, U, L$  are collinear (see post #4 at [Intersect on circle](#)). Hence  $\angle D'PU = \angle D'PL = \angle LDD' = 90^\circ$ , i.e.  $D'P \perp PU$ , but  $PU \perp YZ \implies YZ \parallel D'P$ . Similarly, we have  $E'P \parallel ZX, F'P \parallel XY \implies \triangle D'E'F'$  and  $\triangle XYZ$  are parallel logic, being  $P$  a parallel logic center  $\implies$  parallels from  $X, Y, Z$  to  $E'F', F'D', D'E'$  (perpendiculars from  $X, Y, Z$  to  $MA, MB, MC$ ) concur at the another parallel logic center.



**mathuz**

#4 Feb 22, 2014, 6:04 am

the problem is equivalent to:

Let  $ABCDEF$  is hexagon with opposite sides are parallel and equal.  $X, Y, Z, X', Y', Z'$  are circumcenter of the triangles  $ABC, CDE, EFA, DEF, FAB, BCD$  respectively.

Then the line through  $X$  perpendicular to  $CD$ , the line through  $Y$  perpendicular to  $EF$ , the line through  $Z$  perpendicular to  $AB$  are collinear.

It's obvious! Because we have  $Z'Y = ZY', Y'X = YX', X'Z = XZ$ .



**Arab**

#5 Feb 22, 2014, 9:57 am

Moreover,  $X, Y, Z$  and the point of concurrency are concyclic (easy to prove by angle chasing).

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## High School Olympiads

Radical Center 

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**lambosama**

#1 Feb 21, 2014, 8:13 pm

Let triangle  $ABC$  with  $(I)$ ,  $(O)$  are the incircle, circumcircle respectively.  $(I)$  touch  $BC, CA, AB$  at  $D, E, F$  respectively. Let  $M, N$  are the intersections of  $EF$  with  $(O)$ ;  $P, Q$  are the intersections of  $FD$  with  $(O)$ .  $R, S$  are the intersections of  $DE$  with  $(O)$ .  $X, Y, Z$  are the mid-point of  $BC, CA, AB$  respectively.  $H$  is the orthocenter of  $\triangle DEF$   
Prove that  $H$  is radical center of  $(XMN), (YPQ), (ZRS)$



**Luis González**

#2 Feb 21, 2014, 8:50 pm

$MN \equiv EF$  cuts  $BC$  at the harmonic conjugate  $U$  of  $D$  WRT  $B, C \implies UD \cdot UX = UB \cdot UC = UM \cdot UN \implies M, N, D, X$  are concyclic. Similarly, circles  $\odot(YPQ)$  and  $\odot(ZRS)$  pass through  $E, F$ , resp. Now, it is the same as



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## High School Olympiads

Concurrent problem  Reply

lambosama

#1 Nov 20, 2013, 12:34 am

Let  $E, F$  be the intersections of  $(O_1)$  and  $(O_2)$ .  $I, S$  are 2 points lie on  $EF$ . Let  $IA, IB$  be the tangents of  $I$  to  $(O_1)$  and  $(O_2)$  respectively.  $IA, IB$  cut  $O_1O_2$  at  $C, D$  respectively.  $SC$  cut  $(O_1)$  at  $M, N$  such that  $M$  is between  $N$  and  $S$ .  $SD$  cut  $(O_2)$  at  $Q, R$  such that  $Q$  is between  $S$  and  $R$ . Prove that  $AM, BQ, EF$  are concurrent. (By this similarly we have  $AN, BR, EF$  are concurrent)



fmasroor

#2 Nov 20, 2013, 3:18 am

I believe you are incorrect...



lambosama

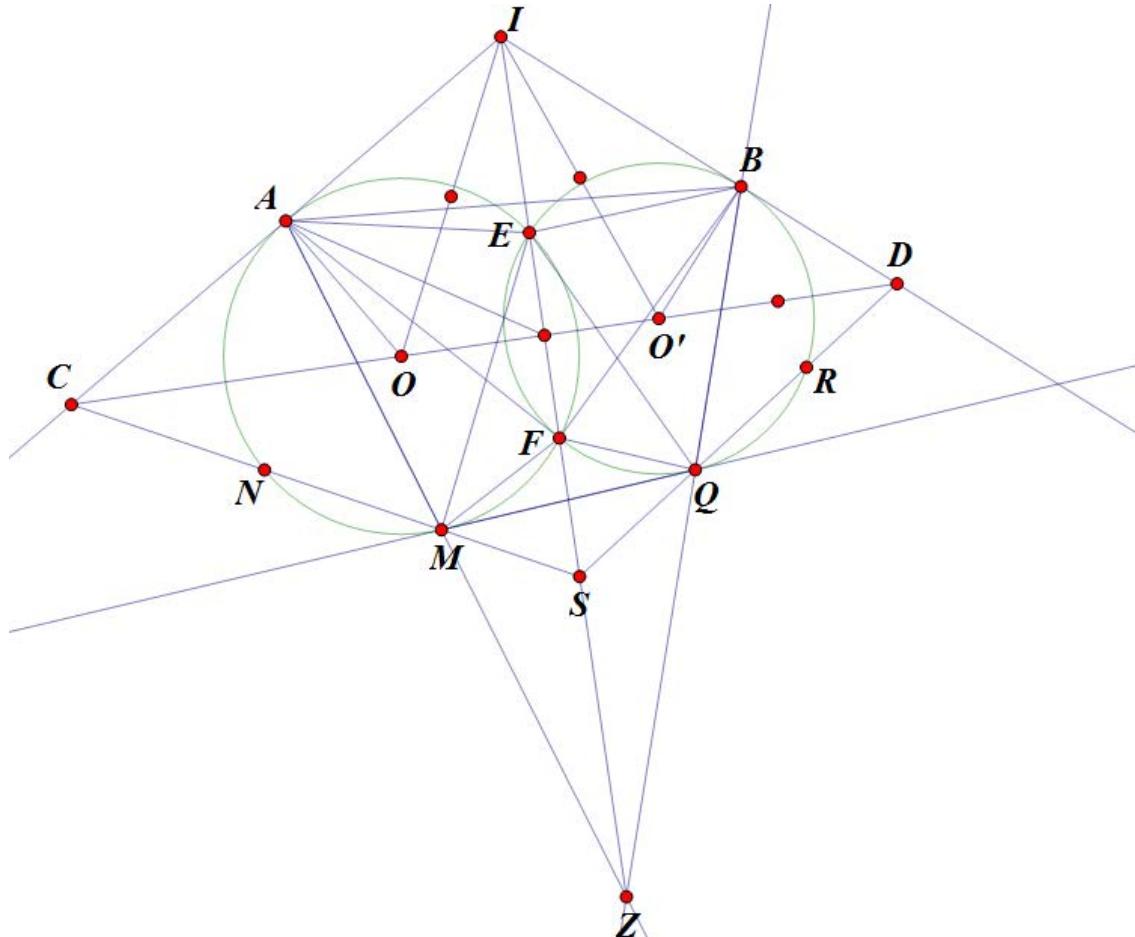
#3 Nov 20, 2013, 10:23 am

 fmasroor wrote:

I believe you are incorrect...

Is there sth wrong??

Attachments:



**Luis González**

#4 Feb 21, 2014, 10:57 am • 2

The property remains true even if the circles are disjoint, i.e. we only need I,S on their radical axis  $\tau$ .

$I$  is on radical axis  $\tau$  of  $(O_1), (O_2) \Rightarrow IA = IB \Rightarrow$  there is a circle  $\omega$  tangent to  $IA, IB$  at  $A, B$ .  $A$  is exsimilicenter of  $\omega \sim (O_1)$  and  $B$  is exsimilicenter of  $\omega \sim (O_2)$ , thus by Monge & d'Alembert theorem,  $AB$  always cuts  $O_1O_2$  at the exsimilicenter  $H$  of  $(O_1) \sim (O_2)$ .

Animate the point  $I$  on  $\tau$ . If  $AB$  cuts  $(O_2)$  again at  $A'$  and the tangent of  $(O_2)$  at  $A'$  cuts  $IB$  at  $J$ , then the line  $JA'$  is the homothetic image of  $IA$  and  $J$  runs on the polar  $h$  of  $H$  WRT  $(O_2) \Rightarrow JA' \mapsto JB$  is an involutive homology fixing the pencil  $H$  and  $h$ , therefore the correspondence  $\mathbb{H} : IA \mapsto IB \equiv JB$  is homographic with a double serie on  $\tau \Rightarrow$  it is a homology fixing the pencil  $H$  and  $\tau \Rightarrow (O_1)$  and  $(O_2)$  are then homologic under  $\mathbb{H} \Rightarrow SC, SD$  are homologous under  $\mathbb{H}$  and so are  $M, Q$  consequently  $\Rightarrow AM, BQ$  are homologous lines intersecting on  $\tau$ .

**fmasroor**

#5 Feb 22, 2014, 3:31 am

Oh certainly there's a proof with simple radical axis that you can formulate? without homology and homography?

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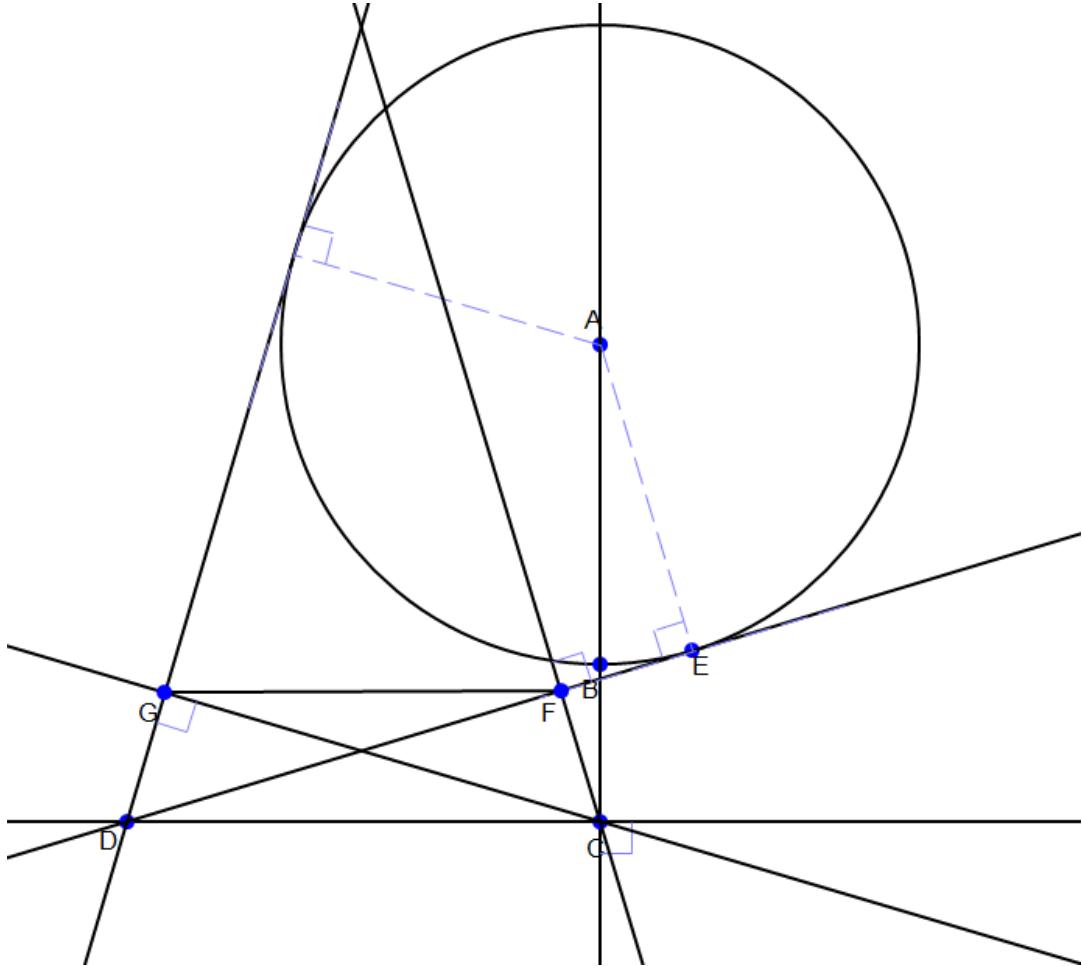


kazi

#1 Feb 12, 2014, 12:34 am

prove when D moving on the line CD ,GF passes through a fixed point

Attachments:



Luis González

#2 Feb 12, 2014, 1:37 am

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## High School Olympiads

Bicentric Quadrilateral 2 

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**juancarlos**

#1 May 10, 2005, 11:48 pm • 1 

Let  $ABCD$  bicentric quadrilateral,  $I$  is the incenter,  $X, Y, Z, W$  are the touch points of the incircle ( $I$ ) and  $AB, BC, CD, DA$ . Further  $E, F$  are the pedal points of the perpendiculars from  $I$  to  $BD, AC$ . Prove that  $[XEY] = [WFX]$ .



**yetti**

#2 May 11, 2005, 12:29 pm • 1 

Let  $P$  be the common diagonal intersection of the bicentric quadrilateral  $ABCD$  and its contact cyclic quadrilateral  $XYZW$ . The pentagons  $AXIFW, BYIEX$  are both cyclic, because the angles  $\angle AXI = \angle AFI = \angle AWI = 90^\circ$  spanning a circle with the diameter  $AI$  are right and the angles  $\angle BYI = \angle BEI = \angle BXI = 90^\circ$  spanning a circle with the diameter  $BI$  are also right. Hence,

$$\angle FXW = \angle FAW \equiv \angle PAD, \quad \angle FWX = \angle FAX \equiv \angle PAB$$

$$\begin{aligned} \angle XFW &= 180^\circ - (\angle FXW + \angle FWX) = 180^\circ - (\angle PAD + \angle PAB) = \\ &= 180^\circ - \angle A = \angle C \end{aligned}$$

$$\angle EYX = \angle EBX \equiv \angle PBA, \quad \angle EXY = \angle EBY \equiv \angle PBC$$

$$\begin{aligned} \angle YEX &= 180^\circ - (\angle EYX + \angle EXY) = 180^\circ - (\angle PBA + \angle PBC) = \\ &= 180^\circ - \angle B = \angle D \end{aligned}$$

where we used the fact that the quadrilateral  $ABCD$  is cyclic and  $\angle A + \angle C = \angle B + \angle D = 180^\circ$ . Let  $r = IX = IY = \dots$  be the quadrilateral inradius. From the isosceles triangles  $\triangle WXI, \triangle XYI$ , the segments  $WX, XY$  are equal to

$$WX = 2IX \cos \widehat{IXW} = 2r \cos \frac{\widehat{A}}{2}$$

$$XY = 2IY \cos \widehat{IYX} = 2r \cos \frac{\widehat{B}}{2}$$

Using the sine theorem for the triangle  $\triangle FWX, \triangle EXY$ , their remaining sides  $FW, FX, EX, EY$  are

$$FW = WX \frac{\sin \widehat{FXW}}{\sin \widehat{XFW}} = 2r \cos \frac{\widehat{A}}{2} \frac{\sin \widehat{PAD}}{\sin \widehat{C}}$$

$$FX = WX \frac{\sin \widehat{FWX}}{\sin \widehat{XFW}} = 2r \cos \frac{\widehat{A}}{2} \frac{\sin \widehat{PAB}}{\sin \widehat{C}}$$

$$EX = XY \frac{\sin \widehat{EYX}}{\sin \widehat{YEX}} = 2r \cos \frac{\widehat{B}}{2} \frac{\sin \widehat{PBA}}{\sin \widehat{D}}$$

$$EY = XY \frac{\sin \widehat{EXY}}{\sin \widehat{YEX}} = 2r \cos \frac{\widehat{B}}{2} \frac{\sin \widehat{PBC}}{\sin \widehat{D}}$$

The areas of the triangles  $\triangle FWX, \triangle EXY$  are then

$$|\triangle FWX| = \frac{1}{2} FW \cdot FX \sin \widehat{C} = 2r^2 \cos^2 \frac{\widehat{A}}{2} \frac{\sin \widehat{PAD} \sin \widehat{PAB}}{\sin \widehat{C}} = r^2 \frac{\sin \widehat{PAD} \sin \widehat{PAB}}{\tan \frac{\widehat{A}}{2}}$$

$$|\triangle EXY| = \frac{1}{2} EX \cdot EY \sin \widehat{D} = 2r^2 \cos^2 \frac{\widehat{B}}{2} \frac{\sin \widehat{PBA} \sin \widehat{PBC}}{\sin \widehat{D}} = r^2 \frac{\sin \widehat{PBA} \sin \widehat{PBC}}{\tan \frac{\widehat{B}}{2}}$$

where we again used the fact that the quadrilateral  $ABCD$  is cyclic,  $\angle C = 180^\circ - \angle A$ ,  $\angle D = 180^\circ - \angle B$  and

$$\sin \widehat{C} = \sin \widehat{A} = 2 \sin \frac{\widehat{A}}{2} \cos \frac{\widehat{A}}{2}, \quad \sin \widehat{D} = \sin \widehat{B} = 2 \sin \frac{\widehat{B}}{2} \cos \frac{\widehat{B}}{2}$$

The ratio of areas of these 2 triangles is then

$$\frac{|\triangle FWX|}{|\triangle EXY|} = \frac{\sin \widehat{PAD} \sin \widehat{PAB}}{\sin \widehat{PBA} \sin \widehat{PBC}} \cdot \frac{\tan \frac{\widehat{B}}{2}}{\tan \frac{\widehat{A}}{2}} = \frac{\sin \widehat{PAB}}{\sin \widehat{PBA}} \cdot \frac{\tan \frac{\widehat{B}}{2}}{\tan \frac{\widehat{A}}{2}}$$

where we used equality of the angles  $\angle PAD \equiv CAD = \angle DBC \equiv \angle PBC$  spanning the same arc  $CD$  of the quadrilateral circumcircle ( $O$ ). To complete the proof, we have to show that

$$(?) \quad \frac{\sin \widehat{PAB}}{\sin \widehat{PBA}} = \frac{\tan \frac{\widehat{A}}{2}}{\tan \frac{\widehat{B}}{2}}$$

because then the ratio of areas of the 2 triangles will be equal to 1. Obviously,

$$\frac{BX}{AX} = \frac{r}{\tan \frac{\widehat{B}}{2}} \cdot \frac{\tan \frac{\widehat{A}}{2}}{r} = \frac{\tan \frac{\widehat{A}}{2}}{\tan \frac{\widehat{B}}{2}}$$

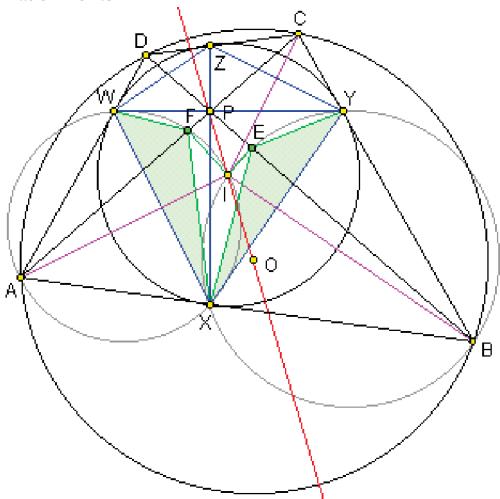
On the other hand, using the sine theorem for the triangle  $\triangle ABP$ , we get

$$\frac{\sin \widehat{PAB}}{\sin \widehat{PBA}} = \frac{BP}{AP} = \frac{BX}{AX}$$

The last equality is due to the fact that the diagonals of the contact quadrilateral of a bicentric quadrilateral are perpendicular to each other, i.e.,  $XZ \perp YW$  and that they bisect the angles formed by the diagonals of the bicentric quadrilateral. For a proof, see the problem [Bicentric quadrilateral](#), steps 1, 2, and 3. Consequently, the line  $PX$  bisects the angle  $\angle APB$  and divides the opposite side  $AB$  of the triangle  $\triangle ABP$  in the ratio of the adjacent sides  $AP, BP$ . As a result

$$\frac{|\triangle FWX|}{|\triangle EXY|} = \frac{BX}{AX} \cdot \frac{AX}{BX} = 1$$

Attachments:



Luis González

#3 Feb 11, 2014, 8:37 pm • 1

From cyclic  $\underline{IEXBY}$  and  $\underline{IFXAW}$ , we get  $\widehat{EXY} = \widehat{EBY} = \widehat{FAW} = \widehat{FXW} \Rightarrow \widehat{FXY} = \widehat{EXW}$ . Moreover

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$\widehat{BEX} = \widehat{BYX}$  and  $\widehat{DEW} = \widehat{DZW} \implies \widehat{BEX} + \widehat{DEW} = 90^\circ - \frac{1}{2}\widehat{ABC} + 90^\circ - \frac{1}{2}\widehat{ADC} = 90^\circ \implies \widehat{XEW} = 90^\circ$  and similarly  $\widehat{XFY} = 90^\circ$ . Therefore, the right  $\triangle XFY$  and  $\triangle XEW$  are similar  $\frac{XF}{XE} = \frac{XY}{XW}$ , i.e.  $XF \cdot XW = XE \cdot XY$  and together with  $\widehat{EXY} = \widehat{FXW}$ , it follows that  $[XEY] = [WFX]$ .



**jayme**

#4 Feb 11, 2014, 8:45 pm • 3

Dear Mathlinkers,  
just to remember that the beloved Juan Carlos Salazar of Venezuela was a great contributor to this site.  
He died in South Africa the 30 Marz 2008.

Sincerely  
Jean-Louis

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## High School Olympiads



[Reply](#)**Shayanhas**

#1 Feb 10, 2014, 8:32 pm

Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with incenter  $I$  and  $I$  is on the line  $l$ .  $A_1$  is Symmetric of  $A$  with respect  $l$  and  $A_2$  is on the  $BC$  such that  $\angle AA_1A_2 = 90^\circ$ .  $B_2, C_2$  define similarly. Prove that  $A_2, B_2, C_2$  are collinear and tangent to incircle.

**Luis González**

#2 Feb 10, 2014, 11:00 pm

**Generalization:**  $P$  is an arbitrary point on the plane of  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\ell$  is an arbitrary line through  $P$ .  $A_1$  is the reflection of  $A$  on  $\ell$  and  $A_2 \in BC$ , such that  $\angle AA_1A_2 = 90^\circ$ . Points  $B_2$  and  $C_2$  are defined cyclically. Then  $A_2, B_2, C_2$  are collinear and this line touches the conic  $\mathcal{C}$  inscribed in  $\triangle ABC$  with center  $P$ .

$\ell$  is A-midline of  $\triangle AA_1A_2 \implies$  reflection  $X$  of  $A$  on  $P$  is on  $A_1A_2$  and likewise, reflections  $Y$  and  $Z$  of  $B$  and  $C$  on  $P$  lie on  $B_1B_2$  and  $C_1C_2 \implies XA_2 \parallel YA_2 \parallel ZA_2 \parallel \ell$ . Thus, as  $\ell$  spins around  $P$  the series  $A_2, B_2, C_2$  are projective, inducing a homography between  $BC, CA, AB \implies \tau \equiv A_2B_2$  touches a fixed conic tangent to base lines  $BC, CA$ .

When  $A_2$  is taken to  $B, XZ \cap BC, XY \cap BC$  and  $\infty$ , respectively, then it's easy to see that  $\tau$  coincides with  $AB, XZ, XY$  and  $YZ$ , respectively. Hence  $\tau$  touches the conic  $\mathcal{C}$  inscribed in the hexagon bounded by  $BC, CA, AB, YZ, ZX, XY$ , whose center is none other than  $P$ . By similar reasoning  $B_2C_2$  will touch the same conic  $\mathcal{C} \implies A_2, B_2, C_2$  are collinear and this line touches  $\mathcal{C}$ .

**jayme**

#3 Feb 11, 2014, 7:05 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,

for the first part of this problem, we can use a converse of the Gauss-Newton line theorem.

Sincerely  
Jean-Louis**jayme**

#4 Feb 11, 2014, 7:36 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,

for the second part, we can begin with the nice idea of Luis and finish with the Brianchon theorem.

Sincerely  
Jean-Louis**TelvCohl**

#5 Mar 3, 2015, 10:46 am

Another proof to the Generalization mentioned by Luis :

Let  $A^*, B^*, C^*$  be the reflection of  $A, B, C$  in  $P$ , respectively .Let  $A_\infty, B_\infty, C_\infty$  be the infinity point on  $BC, CA, AB$ , respectively .Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a conic tangent to  $BC, CA, AB, B^*C^*, C^*A^*, A^*B^*$  ( $P$  is the center of  $\mathcal{C}$ ) .Easy to see  $A^* \in A_1A_2, B^* \in B_1B_2, C^* \in C_1C_2$ .From Brianchon theorem (for  $B_2B_\infty C^*B^*C_\infty C_2$ ) we get  $B_2C_2$  is tangent to  $\mathcal{C}$  .Similarly we can prove  $C_2A_2$  is tangent to  $\mathcal{C} \implies A_2, B_2, C_2$  are collinear at a line tangent to  $\mathcal{C}$  .*This post has been edited 1 time. Last edited by TelvCohl, Nov 6, 2015, 3:16 pm*[Quick Reply](#)

## High School Olympiads

Tangent circle problem X[Reply](#)

daothanhhoai

#1 Feb 9, 2014, 9:18 pm

Let  $ABC$  be a triangle.  $A_c, B_c$  lie on  $AB$ ;  $B_a, C_a$  lie on  $BC$ ;  $C_b, A_b$  lie on  $AC$ . Such that  $(BB_aB_c), (CC_aC_b), (AA_bA_c)$  tangent with  $(ABC)$ .  $BcBa$  meets  $CaCb$  at  $A'$ ;  $BcBa$  meets  $AcAb$  at  $C'$ .  $AcAb$  meets  $C_bC_a$  at  $B'$ .

1- $(C'B_cA_c)$  tangent with  $(A'B'C')$ ,  $(BB_cBa)$ ,  $(AA_cAb)$

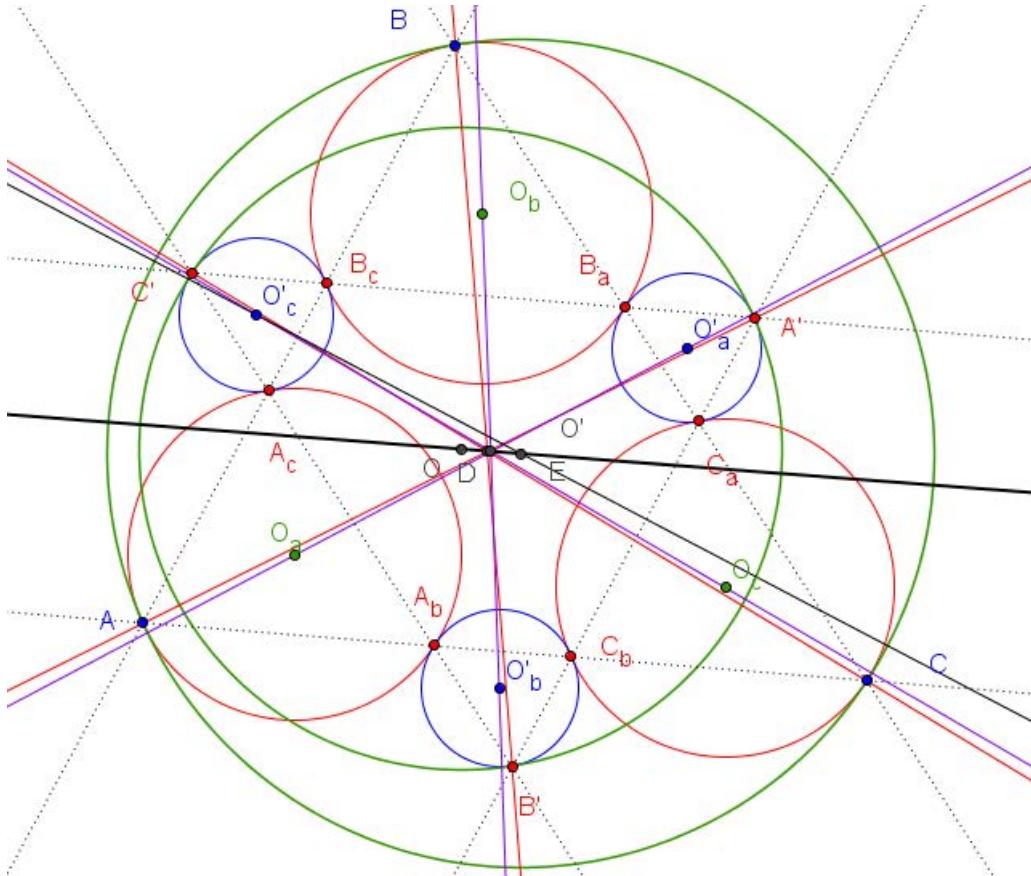
2- $BB', AA', CC'$  are concurrent at  $D$

3- $O_a, O'_a$  are center of  $(AA_cA_b)$  and  $(A'B_aC_a)$  respectively. Denote  $O_c, O'_c; O_b, O'_b; O_cO'_c$  cyclically then  $O_aO'_a; O_bO'_b; O_cO'_c$  are concurrent at  $E$ .

4- $O, O'$  are center of  $(ABC)$  and  $(A'B'C')$ . Then  $O, O', D, E$  collinear

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Attachments:



Luis González

#2 Feb 10, 2014, 7:23 am

Since  $A$  is the exsimilicenter of  $(O) \sim (O_a)$ , then  $BC \parallel A_bA_c \equiv B'C'$ . Similarly  $CA \parallel C'A'$  and  $AB \parallel A'B'$ .  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle A'B'C'$  are then homothetic  $\implies AA', BB'$  and  $CC'$  concur at their homothetic center  $D$ , which is also insimilicenter of their circumcircles  $(O)$  and  $(O')$   $\implies D \in OO'$ .

$\triangle B_cA_cC'$  and  $\triangle A'B'C'$  are homothetic with center  $C'$ , which is also exsimilicenter of their circumcircles  $(O'_c)$  and  $(O')$   $\implies (O'_c)$  and  $(O')$  are tangent at  $C'$  and similarly we prove that  $(O'_c)$  touches  $(O_a)$  and  $(O_b)$ .

AM - DC and  $O\cap O'$  coincide at the intersection  $D$  of  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle A'B'C'$  and similarly  $AM - B'C'$  and  $O'\cap O$  coincide at the intersection  $C'$  of  $\triangle B_cA_cC'$  and  $\triangle A'B'C'$ .

$AA_c, DU$  and  $OO_a'$  concur at the insimilicenter  $P$  of  $\triangle A'DU \sim \triangle A_cU_aD_a$  and similarly  $AA_b, DU$  and  $OO_a$  concur at the insimilicenter  $Q$  of  $\triangle A'B'C' \sim \triangle AA_cA_b$ . Since  $AQ$  and  $A'P$  are corresponding cevians of  $\triangle AA_cA_b \sim \triangle A'C_aB_a$ , then it follows that  $O_aQO' \parallel O_a'PO$ . Since  $AO_aO \parallel A'O_a'O'$ , then  $OO_aO'O_a'$  is a parallelogram  $\implies O_aO_a'$  passes through the midpoint  $E$  of  $OO'$  and likewise,  $O_bO_b'$  and  $O_cO_c'$  pass through  $E$ . Thus  $O, O', D, E$  are collinear being  $E$  midpoint of  $\overline{OO'}$ .



daothanhoai

#3 Feb 10, 2014, 9:00 am

Thank to Mr Luis Gonzalez.

Other word:

Let two triangle  $ABC$  and  $A_1B_1C_1$ . Such that  $AB//A_1B_1, BC//B_1C_1, AC//A_1C_1$ .  $B_1C_1$  meet  $AB, AC$  at  $A_c, A_b$ . Define  $B_c, B_a, C_a, C_b$  cyclically. Denote  $O, O_1$  is center of circumcircle  $(ABC)$  and  $(A_1B_1C_1)$ . Denote  $O_a$  is center of circle  $(AA_bA_c)$ . Define  $O_b, O_c$  cyclically.  $O_{a1}$  is center of  $(A_1B_aC_a)$ . Define  $O_{b1}, O_{c1}$  cyclically.

Prove that:

1- $(C_1B_cA_c)$  tangent with three circle  $(A_1B_1C_1), (AA_cA_b), (BB_cB_a)$   
 2- $O_aO_{a1}, O_bO_{b1}, O_cO_{c1}$  are concurrent at  $D$  and  $D$  is midpoints of  $OO_1$ ; when  $A_1B_1C_1$  are median triangle then  $D$  is midpoints of center Nine point circle and Circumcircle

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## High School Olympiads

Coaxial (well known?) 

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xiaotabuta

#1 Feb 9, 2014, 12:13 am

Hello !

Give triangle ABC, (O) is the circumcircle of ABC

D, E, F on BC, CA, AB respectively such that D, E , F is collinear

X is the foot of O on  $\overline{D, E, F}$

Prove that  $(AXD)$ ,  $(BXE)$ ,  $(CXF)$  are coaxial (actually they have 2 common points)



Luis González

#2 Feb 9, 2014, 2:57 am • 3 

This was posted before by livetolove212 (in 2010~2011), but I just realized that the whole thread was deleted and the reason is unknown to me. I even remember giving two solutions. Here is yet another solution:

Let  $\odot(AXD)$ ,  $\odot(BXE)$ ,  $\odot(CXF)$  cut  $(O)$  again at  $P, Q, R$ .  $AP, BQ, CR$  cut  $\tau \equiv DEF$  at  $D_0, E_0, F_0$ . Assume that  $\tau$  cuts  $(O)$  at  $U, V$ , i.e.  $X$  is midpoint of  $UV$ . Since  $D_0D \cdot D_0X = D_0A \cdot D_0P = D_0U \cdot D_0V$ , it follows that  $(U, V, D, D_0) = -1 \Rightarrow$  polar of  $D$  WRT  $(O)$  passes through  $D_0$ . Similarly, polars of  $E, F$  WRT  $(O)$  pass through  $E_0, F_0 \Rightarrow (D, E, F) \mapsto (D_0, E_0, F_0)$  is an involution. But if  $Y \equiv BQ \cap CR$ , then by Desargues involution theorem,  $\tau$  cuts the opposite sidelines of the quadrangle  $ABYC$  at pairs of point in involution, forcing  $D_0 \in AYP$ .

Now, powers of  $X$  and  $Y$  WRT  $\odot(AXD)$ ,  $\odot(BXE)$ ,  $\odot(CXF)$  are 0 and  $YA \cdot YP = YB \cdot YQ = YC \cdot YR \Rightarrow$  they are coaxal with common radical axis  $XY$ .



xiaotabuta

#3 Feb 9, 2014, 2:42 pm

Sorry for being a dumb but what is "involution" and "Desargues involution theorem" ?



Luis González

#4 Feb 10, 2014, 1:07 am • 1 

That's not a dumb question xiaotabuta. In general, involution is a projectivity that interchanges elements (points on a line, rays in a pencil, etc). It can be proved that the involution on a line  $\ell$  coincides with an inversion on  $\ell$ .

Desargues involution theorem states that: Given a quadrangle  $ABCD$ , any line  $\ell$  on its plane cuts its opposite sidelines  $(AB, CD)$ ,  $(BC, DA)$  and  $(AC, BD)$  at pairs of points in involution. Furthermore, the pencil of conics through  $A, B, C, D$  also induces an involution on  $\ell$ , but we didn't need this latter result.

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## High School Olympiads

Right triangle 

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Mirus

#1 Feb 8, 2014, 9:47 pm

$ABC$  is a right triangle,  $\angle C = 90^\circ$ .  $D$  is a point on the ray  $AB$  such that  $B$  is between  $A$  and  $D$ , and  $\angle BDC = 2\angle BCD$ . Midpoint of  $DC$  is  $M$ . Prove that  $\angle BMD = \angle AMC$ .



Luis González

#2 Feb 9, 2014, 12:15 am • 1 

Posted before with a different formulation:

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## High School Olympiads

Three circumcircles have a second common point



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**Math-lover123**

#1 Feb 6, 2014, 2:57 pm

Point  $O$  is the circumcenter and point  $H$  is the orthocenter in an acute non-isosceles triangle  $ABC$ . Circle  $\omega_A$  is symmetric to the circumcircle of  $AOH$  with respect to  $AO$ . Circles  $\omega_B$  and  $\omega_C$  are defined similarly. Prove that circles  $\omega_A, \omega_B$  and  $\omega_C$  have a common point, which lies on the circumcircle of  $ABC$ .



**jayme**

#2 Feb 6, 2014, 3:53 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,  
just for history this result comes from Auguste Boutin in 1891.  
For a synthetic proof, I have used the Schoute's theorem.  
Sincerely  
Jean-Louis



**Luis González**

#3 Feb 6, 2014, 11:59 pm

Let  $E, F$  be the midpoints of  $CA, AB$ .  $(A_1) \equiv \odot(AOH)$  cuts  $CA, AB$  at  $U, V$  and  $(A_2) \equiv \omega_A$  cuts  $CA, AB$  at  $R, S$ .  $(A_2)$  cuts circumcircle  $(O)$  again at  $P$ .



$\angle(HA, HO) = \angle(VA, VO) = \angle(SO, SA) \implies \triangle OSV$  is O-isosceles with symmetry axis  $OF \perp AB \implies F$  is midpoint of  $VS$ . Similarly,  $E$  is midpoint  $UR \implies \odot(OEAF)$  is midcircle of  $(A_1)$  and  $(A_2)$ , thus its center, midpoint of  $OA$ , is midpoint of  $A_1 A_2 \implies AA_1 O A_2$  is parallelogram  $\implies AA_1 \parallel OA_2 \perp AP \implies AP$  is tangent to  $(A_1) \implies \angle PAB = \angle AOV = \angle AUV$ . But  $UV \parallel OH$ , since  $AO, AH$  are isogonals WRT  $\angle UAV$ , thus it follows that the isogonal of  $AP$  WRT  $\angle BAC$  is parallel to  $OH \implies P \equiv X_{74}$  is then the isogonal conjugate of the Euler's infinite point. Similarly,  $\omega_B$  and  $\omega_C$  pass through  $X_{74}$ .



**TuzelovDimmukhammet**

#4 Feb 7, 2014, 9:10 am

let made an inversion centred at  $O$  and with radius  $OH$ . take  $B$  maps to  $B'$  and  $A', C'$  are similarly. let  $H_B$  be symmetric to  $H$  with respect to  $BO$  and  $H_A, H_C$  are similarly. then  $\omega_A$  maps to  $H_A A'$  others are similarly. after some angle calculating we get that  $H_A A', H_B B'$  and  $H_C C'$  are concurrent and this point will be on circle centred at  $O$  and with radius  $OA'$



**Math-lover123**

#5 Feb 7, 2014, 1:44 pm

My solution is much simpler:

Suppose that the second point of intersection of  $\odot(ABC)$  and  $\omega_A$  is  $T$ .  
Then by easy angle-chasing we conclude that  $T$  also belongs to  $\omega_B$  and  $\omega_C$ .

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## High School Olympiads

Concyclic X

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**gobathegreat**

#1 Feb 6, 2014, 12:52 am

Quadrilateral  $ABCD$  is inscribed in circle such that  $AC$  is diameter of that circle and his diagonals are perpendicular at  $E$ . Extend  $DA$  and  $BA$  over  $A$  to points  $F$  and  $G$ , such that  $DG$  is parallel to  $BF$ . Foot of perpendicular from  $C$  on  $FG$  is  $H$ . Prove that  $B, E, F$  and  $H$  are concyclic



**Luis González**

#2 Feb 6, 2014, 8:28 am • 3

Since  $CBHG$  is cyclic due to the right angles at  $B, H$ , then  $\angle BHF = \angle BCG$ . Hence  $BEHF$  is cyclic  $\iff \angle BEF = \angle BHF = \angle BCG$ , i.e. it is enough to prove that  $\angle BEF = \angle BCG$ .

As  $F$  varies, the pencils  $BF, DG$  having parallel rays are homographic  $\implies$  they induce a homography  $\mathbf{H}_1 : AD \mapsto AB$  and if  $F^*, G^*$  vary along  $AD, AB$ , such that  $\angle BEF^* = \angle BCG^*$ , the pencils  $EF^*, CG^*$  are homographic, inducing a homography  $\mathbf{H}_2 : AD \mapsto AB$ . Hence, all we need to prove is that they are identical.

When  $F \equiv A$ , then  $G$  becomes infinite point of  $\perp BC \implies \angle BEF = \angle BCG = 90^\circ$ . When  $F \equiv D$ , then  $G \equiv B \implies \angle BEF = \angle BCG = 180^\circ$  and finally, when  $F$  is at infinity, then  $G \equiv A \implies \angle BEF = \angle BDG = \angle BCG$ . Hence  $\mathbf{H}_1 \equiv \mathbf{H}_2$ , as desired.



**Arab**

#3 Feb 6, 2014, 12:20 pm

See [China Girls Math Olympiad 2003](#).



**mathuz**

#4 Feb 7, 2014, 12:26 pm • 2

my proof:

Let point  $K$  be the symmetry point of  $G$  respect to the line  $CA$ . We have that  $K \in AF$ (line) and  $BD \parallel GK$ ,  $\triangle EKG$  is isosceles. Since  $AD^2 = AE \cdot AC = AG \cdot AF = AK \cdot AF$  we get  $CFKE$  is cyclic. So since  $CDHF$  is cyclic, we get that  $\angle DHG = \angle DCF = 90^\circ - \angle CFD = 90^\circ - \angle KEA = \angle KEB = \angle GED \Rightarrow HEDG$  is cyclic.



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## High School Olympiads

The extangents triangle X

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Source: From Mr Ye



Fang-jh

#1 Mar 28, 2010, 4:46 pm • 1

Let  $T_A T_B T_C$  be the extangents triangle of triangle  $ABC$ . Let  $D$  be an arbitrary point on the side  $T_B T_C$ . The tangent (different from  $T_B T_C$ ) from  $D$  to  $C$ -excircle intersects  $T_C T_A$  at  $E$ . The tangent ( different from  $T_B T_C$ ) from  $D$  to  $B$ -excircle intersects  $T_A T_B$  at  $F$ . Prove that the line  $EF$  is tangent to  $A$ -excircle.

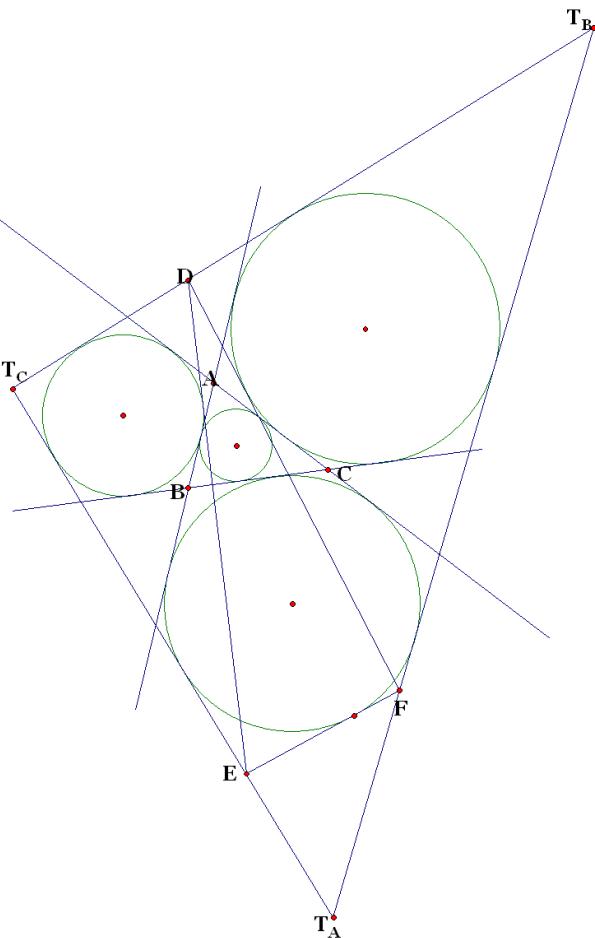


Zhang Fangyu

#2 Mar 30, 2010, 5:24 pm

Is the following picture right?

Attachments:



Fang-jh

#3 Apr 26, 2010, 6:42 pm

An amazing proof! (from Mr.Li)

Denote by  $I_a, I_b, I_c$  the centers of  $A-$ ,  $B-$ ,  $C-$  excircle, respectively. Let  $L$  be the intersection of  $DE$  with  $AB$ ;  $N$  be the intersection of  $DF$  with  $CA$ .

Let  $l$  be the reflection of  $DE$  with respect to  $I_a I_c$ , which meets  $BC, CA$  at  $L', E'$ , respectively.



Let  $\ell$  be the reflection of  $EF$  wrt  $I_aI_b$ , which meets  $BC$ ,  $AB$  at  $N$ ,  $R$ , respectively.

Let  $I_cE'$  meet  $BC$  at  $D'$ .

Because

$$\angle BD'I_c = \angle E'L'D' + \frac{1}{2}\angle AE'L' = \frac{1}{2}(\angle E'L'D' + \angle AE'L' + \angle DLA) = \frac{1}{2}(\angle ACB + \angle DLA) = \frac{1}{2}\angle T_CD.$$

Thus, two point  $D$ ,  $D'$  are symmetric wrt  $I_bI_c$ .

Similarly,  $I_bF'$  also passes through  $D'$ , that means three lines  $I_cE'$ ,  $BC$ , and  $I_bF'$  concur at  $D'$ .

By Pappus's hexagon theorem, we yield three points  $E'$ ,  $I_a$ , and  $F'$  are collinear.

On the other hand, since  $E$ ,  $E'$  are symmetric wrt  $I_aI_c$ ;  $F$ ,  $F'$  are symmetric wrt  $I_aI_b$ .

thus  $\angle T_CEI_a + \angle T_BFI_a = \angle AE'I_a + \angle AF'I_a = \pi - \angle CAB$  (i).

By (i), we get the desired result!



wangmengqi

#4 May 27, 2010, 1:57 pm

I can't understand this proof, can anyone help me?



Luis González

#5 Feb 4, 2014, 3:12 am • 3

Denote  $(I_A)$ ,  $(I_B)$ ,  $(I_C)$  the excircles of  $\triangle ABC$  against  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ . The mapping sending  $D$  to the intersection  $E$  of the tangent from  $D$  to  $(I_C)$  with  $T_AT_C$  is a homography between  $T_BT_C$  and  $T_CT_A$  and likewise the mapping sending  $D$  to  $F$  is a homography between  $T_BT_C$  and  $T_AT_B$   $\Rightarrow E \mapsto F$  is then a homography between  $T_BT_A$  and  $T_AT_C$   $\Rightarrow EF \equiv \tau$  envelopes a conic tangent to the base lines  $T_BT_A$ ,  $T_AT_C$  as  $D$  varies.

When  $D$  coincides with intersections of  $AB$ ,  $AC$  with  $T_BT_C$ , then  $\tau$  coincides with  $AB$  or  $AC$ . When  $D \equiv BC \cap T_BT_C$ , then  $\tau \equiv BC \Rightarrow \tau$  touches unique conic  $(I_A)$  inscribed in pentagon  $BC, CA, AB, T_BT_A, T_AT_C$ .

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## High School Olympiads



## Points dividing an arc 3 equal parts. X

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Source: N.I.Beluhov



baysa

#1 Feb 25, 2013, 7:53 pm

Given a circle  $\omega$  and point  $P$  outside of it. Draw a tangent  $PA$  and a secant  $PBC$  to circle  $\omega$ . Points  $D, E$  lying on arc  $BC$  not containing point  $A$  and divide it into 3 equal arcs (points  $A, B, D, E, C$  are lying on the circle  $\omega$  in this order). The line passing through point  $B$  perpendicular to line  $AD$  intersects  $AE$  at  $K$ . The line passing through point  $C$  perpendicular to line  $AE$  intersects  $AD$  at  $L$ . The lines  $PA, KL$  intersect at  $Q$ . Prove that  $A$  is midpoint of segment  $PQ$ .



yetti

#2 Mar 9, 2013, 12:03 pm

Let  $[BC] = a$ ,  $[AC] = b$ ,  $[AB] = c$  and WLOG  $c > b$ . Let  $(P)$  be circle with radius  $[PA]$ , the A-Apollonius circle of  $\triangle ABC$ , cutting  $[BC]$  at  $F \implies$

$AF$  bisects  $\angle CAB = \hat{A}$  and  $\overline{FC} = \frac{ab}{b+c}$ . Since radius of  $(P)$  is  $[PF] = \frac{abc}{c^2 - b^2} \implies \overline{CP} = \overline{FP} - \overline{FC} = \frac{ab^2}{c^2 - b^2}$ .

Let  $KL$  cut  $BC, AC, AB$  at  $X, Y, Z$ . Let  $M \in AL, N \in AK$  be midpoints of  $[BK], [CL]$ .

By Menelaus for  $\triangle ABM$  cut by transversal  $KLZ \implies \frac{\overline{ZB}}{\overline{ZA}} = \frac{\overline{KB}}{\overline{KM}} \cdot \frac{\overline{LM}}{\overline{LA}} = -2 \cdot \frac{c \cos \frac{\hat{A}}{3} - b}{b}$  and likewise,

$$\frac{\overline{YC}}{\overline{YA}} = -2 \cdot \frac{b \cos \frac{\hat{A}}{3} - c}{c}.$$

By Menelaus for  $\triangle ABC$  cut by transversal  $KL \equiv XYZ \implies \frac{\overline{XB}}{\overline{XC}} = \frac{\overline{ZB}}{\overline{ZA}} \cdot \frac{\overline{YA}}{\overline{YC}} = \frac{c}{b} \cdot \frac{c \cos \frac{\hat{A}}{3} - b}{b \cos \frac{\hat{A}}{3} - c}$ .

Using  $\overline{XC} = \overline{BC} - \overline{BX} = a + \overline{XB} \implies \overline{XB} = -\frac{ac}{c^2 - b^2} \cdot \frac{c \cos \frac{\hat{A}}{3} - b}{\cos \frac{\hat{A}}{3}}$  and likewise,

$$\overline{XC} = -\frac{ab}{c^2 - b^2} \cdot \frac{b \cos \frac{\hat{A}}{3} - c}{\cos \frac{\hat{A}}{3}}.$$

Then  $\overline{XP} = \overline{XC} + \overline{CP} = \frac{ab^2}{c^2 - b^2} - \frac{ab}{c^2 - b^2} \cdot \frac{b \cos \frac{\hat{A}}{3} - c}{\cos \frac{\hat{A}}{3}} = \frac{abc}{(c^2 - b^2) \cos \frac{\hat{A}}{3}} \implies \frac{\overline{XB}}{\overline{XP}} = -\frac{c \cos \frac{\hat{A}}{3} - b}{b}$ .

By Menelaus for  $\# \triangle ABP$  cut by transversal  $KL \equiv XZQ \implies \frac{\overline{QP}}{\overline{QA}} = \frac{\overline{ZB}}{\overline{ZA}} \cdot \frac{\overline{XP}}{\overline{XB}} = 2 \implies A$  is midpoint of  $[PQ]$ .

(Mar 09, 2013)

" Luis González wrote:

... Hence the problem is equivalent to <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=47&t=570916> for the triangle  $AKL$ .

(Jan 12, 2014)



Luis González

#3 Feb 3, 2014, 10:56 am

Since  $\angle BAL = \angle LAK$  and  $BK$  is perpendicular to  $AL$ , it follows that  $B$  is the reflection of  $K$  across  $AL$  and likewise,  $C$  is the reflection of  $L$  across  $AK$ . Hence the problem is equivalent to <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=47&t=570916> for the triangle  $AKL$ . In addition, if  $U$  is the intersection of  $BK$  with  $AL$  and  $V$  is the intersection of  $CL$  with  $AE$ , the line  $UV$  goes through the midpoint of  $AP$ .

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## High School Olympiads

Externally tangent circles X

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Source: Romania TST 2009, Day 6, Problem 1



**Maxim Bogdan**

#1 May 21, 2009, 3:27 pm • 1 ↳

In triangle  $ABC$  with  $m(\angle C) = 2 \cdot m(\angle A)$ , ( $CD$  is the internal bisector of  $\angle C$ ,  $(D \in [AB])$ ). Let  $S$  be the center of the circle located on the same side of line  $AC$  as  $B$ , which is tangent to  $AC$  and externally tangent to the circumcircles of  $\triangle ACD$  and  $\triangle BCD$ , respectively. Prove that  $AB \perp CS$ .



**pohoatza**

#2 May 21, 2009, 4:23 pm

I've seen the problem in Crux Mathematicorum, but I don't remember exactly the reference. Can someone help?

[Main idea of the solution I have in mind](#)



**FelixD**

#3 May 21, 2009, 5:17 pm

What does  $m(\angle C)$  mean?



**Maxim Bogdan**

#4 May 21, 2009, 5:19 pm

**FelixD** wrote:

What does  $m(\angle C)$  mean?



It means the measure of angle  $C$ .



**Luis González**

#5 May 23, 2009, 1:49 am • 1 ↳

Let  $(S)$  be the circle tangent to  $AC$ ,  $(K_1) \equiv \odot(DAC)$  and  $(K_2) \equiv \odot(DBC)$  externally. Since  $\angle DAC = \angle BCD$ , then ray  $CB$  is tangent to  $K_1$  at  $C$ . Inversion with center  $C$  and power equal to the power of  $C$  WRT  $(S)$  takes  $(K_1)$  into the line  $k_1$  passing through the inverse  $A'$  and tangent to  $(S)$ . Similarly,  $(K_2)$  is taken into the line  $k_2$  passing through  $B'$  and tangent to  $(S)$ . Further,  $k_1 \equiv \overline{A'D'}$  is parallel to  $CB'$ , since  $CB$  is tangent to  $(K_1)$ .  $k_1, k_2$  meet at the inverse  $D'$  of  $D$  and since  $A, D, B$  are collinear, then  $AB$  is taken into the circumcircle  $\omega$  of the isosceles trapezoid  $A'D'B'C$ . By conformity, angle between  $AB$  and  $AC$  equals the angle between  $\omega$  and  $A'C$ . Thus,  $\angle D'CA' = \angle A'D'C \Rightarrow \triangle A'D'C$  and  $\triangle D'B'A'$  are isosceles with apices  $A'$  and  $D'$ . Thus,  $S$  is the center of  $\omega \Rightarrow AB \perp CS$ .



**leader**

#6 Jan 29, 2014, 1:49 am • 1 ↳

Very nice problem.

Consider the composition  $P$  of symmetry wrt to line  $CD$  and inversion with center  $C$  and square radius  $CA * CB$  now let  $CD$  cut circle  $ABC$  again at  $E$ . Then  $P(D) = E$   $P(A) = B$  so circles  $ADC$  and  $BDC$  go to  $BE$  and  $AE$  and line  $CA$  goes to  $CB$  so the circle which is externally tangent to circles  $ADC$  and  $BDC$  and line  $AC$ (circle  $k$ ) goes to circle  $m$  which is tangent to segments  $BE, EA, BC$ . However  $\angle BCE = \angle ECA = \angle BAC$  so  $BC = BE = EA$  and the circumcenter of  $ABC$  is identical to  $P(C)$  or the center of  $m$ . So  $P(S)$  is a point on  $CA$  and therefore



or  $AB \cup$  point  $O$  is equidistant from  $DE$ ,  $EA$ ,  $EC$ . So the center of  $m$  is  $O$ . So now  $F(S)$  is a point on  $CO$  and therefore  $\angle SCA = \angle BCO = 90 - \angle CAB$  so  $CS \perp AB$ .



**sunken rock**

#7 Jan 29, 2014, 9:53 pm • 1

**Remark:** The circle  $S$  touches  $AC$  at the symmetrical of  $C$  about  $A$ !

Best regards,  
sunken rock



**Luis González**

#8 Feb 3, 2014, 6:58 am • 2

Here is another approach that also proves sunken rock's remark.

Let  $P, Q, R$  be the tangency points of  $(S)$  with  $AC, \odot(DAC), \odot(BDC)$ , respectively.  $D$  is clearly midpoint of the arc  $AQC$  and if  $\odot(BCD)$  cuts  $AC$  again at  $E$ , then  $B$  is midpoint of the arc  $CRE$ . Inversion WRT  $(D, DC)$  swaps  $AC$  and  $\odot(DAC)$  leaving  $(S)$  fixed and inversion WRT  $(B, BC)$  swaps  $AC$  and  $\odot(BCE)$  leaving  $(S)$  fixed  $\implies P \in DQ$ ,  $P \in BR$  and  $DC^2 = DP \cdot DQ, BC^2 = BP \cdot BR \implies B, D$  have equal powers WRT  $C$  and  $(S) \implies BDA$  is radical axis of  $C$  and  $(S) \implies CS \perp AB$  and  $AB$  bisects the tangent from  $C$  to  $(S)$ , i.e.  $P$  is reflection of  $C$  on  $A$ .

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## High School Olympiads



# Rhombus in Bicentric quadrilateral



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daothanhhoai

#1 Jan 25, 2014, 7:05 pm

Dear Mathlinkers

Rhombus in Bicentric quadrilateral, please see problem in file ggb at here:

<http://www.geogebraTube.org/student/m79325>

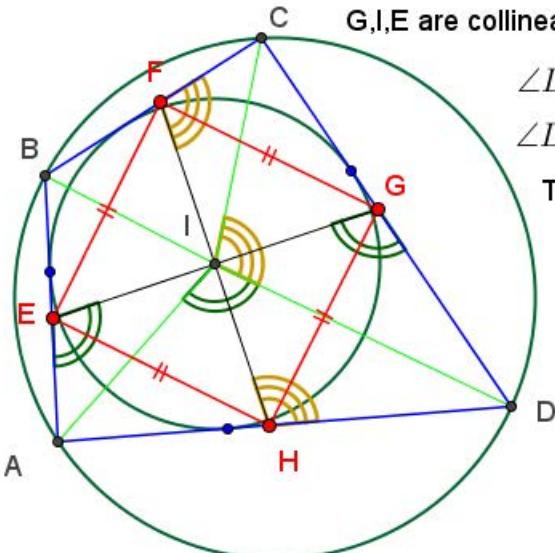
Best regards

Sincerely

Dao Thanh Oai

*Attachments:*

Let ABCD be bicentric quadrilateral, I is center of circumscribed, let E,F,G,H lie on AB,BC,CD,DA. Such that F,I,H are collinear, G,I,E are collinear and



$$\angle DHF = \angle DIC$$

$$\angle DGE = \angle DIA$$

Then EFGH are Rhombus and

$$\angle CFH = \angle DHF$$

$$\angle AEG = \angle DGE$$



Luis González

#2 Feb 3, 2014, 12:29 am • 1



Let  $P \equiv BC \cap DA$  and  $Q \equiv AB \cap CD$ . By angle chase, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \widehat{IQP} + \widehat{IPQ} = \frac{1}{2}(\widehat{AQD} + \widehat{CPD}) + \widehat{PQB} + \widehat{QPB} = \\
& = \frac{1}{2}(\widehat{AQD} + \widehat{CPD}) + \widehat{PBA} = 180^\circ - \frac{1}{2}(\widehat{BCD} + \widehat{BAD}) - \widehat{CDA} + \widehat{PBA} = \\
& = 180^\circ - \frac{1}{2}(\widehat{BCD} + \widehat{BAD}) = 180^\circ - 90^\circ = 90^\circ \implies \widehat{PIQ} = 90^\circ.
\end{aligned}$$

If  $QI$  cuts  $BC, DA$  at  $F', H'$ , then from the isosceles  $\triangle PF'H'$ , we get  $\widehat{DH'F'} = \widehat{CF'H'} = 90^\circ + \frac{1}{2}\widehat{CPD} = \widehat{DIC}$   
 $\implies H \equiv H'$  and  $F \equiv F'$ . Analogously,  $E, G$  are the intersections of  $PI$  with  $AB, CD$ . Hence  $I$  is midpoint of  $\overline{FH}, \overline{EG}$  and  $\widehat{EIF} \equiv \widehat{PIQ} = 90^\circ \implies EFGH$  is a rhombus.

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## High School Olympiads

### Geometry problem 2 X

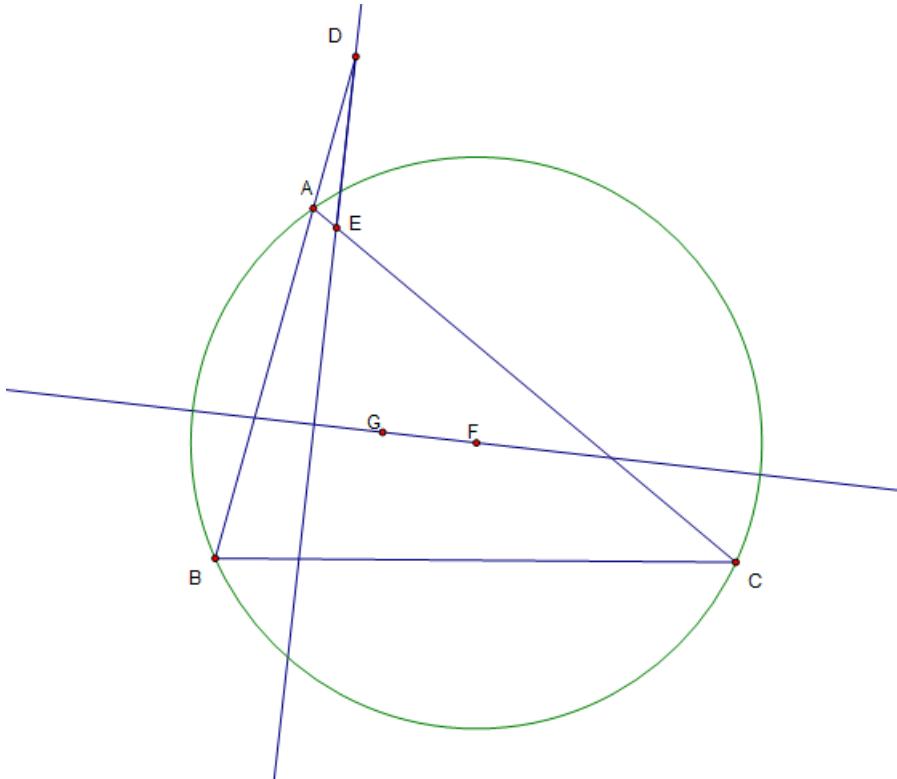
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**Parnpaniti**

#1 Feb 2, 2014, 10:44 pm

F , G are circumcenter ,incenter of triangle ABC respective. D,E are point on AB ,AC respective. BD=BC=CE prove that GF is perpendicular with DE.

Attachments:

**Luis González**

#2 Feb 2, 2014, 11:05 pm

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## High School Olympiads

Concurrent with pole 

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Source: Own



**buratinogiggle**

#1 Jan 31, 2014, 12:43 am

Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with mixtilinear incircles  $(O_a)$ ,  $(O_b)$ ,  $(O_c)$ . Let  $D$  be pole of  $O_bO_c$  with respect to  $(O_a)$ . Similarly we have  $E, F$ . Prove that  $AD, BE, CF$  are concurrent.



**Luis González**

#2 Feb 1, 2014, 4:59 am • 1 



$I$  is the incenter of  $\triangle ABC$ .  $(O_a), (O_b), (O_c)$  touch the circumcircle  $(O)$  at  $X, Y, Z$ .  $(O_a)$  touches  $AC, AB$  at  $U, V$ , resp and  $(O_b), (O_c)$  touch  $BC$  at  $R, S$ , resp. From the internal tangencies of  $(O)$  with  $(O_b), (O_c)$ , it follows that  $YR, ZS$  bisect  $\angle BYC$  and  $\angle BZC \implies M \equiv YR \cap ZS$  is midpoint of the arc  $BC$  of  $(O)$ . Furthermore  $MB^2 = MC^2 = MR \cdot MY = MS \cdot MZ \implies YZSR$  is cyclic.

According to problem [Concurrent](#),  $UIV, BC, MX$  concur at a point  $P$ . Since  $\angle BIV = \angle AIB - 90^\circ = \angle ICB$ , then  $UV$  is tangent to  $\odot(BIC)$  and since  $IR, IS$  are isogonals WRT  $\angle BIC$  (due to  $\angle BIR = \angle CIS = 90^\circ$ ), it follows that  $\odot(ISR)$  is internally tangent to  $\odot(BIC) \implies PR \cdot PS = PI^2 = PB \cdot PC = PX \cdot PM \implies RSXM$  is cyclic  $\implies YZ, RS, XM$  concur at the radical center  $P$  of  $(O)$ ,  $\odot(RSXM)$  and  $\odot(YZSR)$ , i.e.  $P \in YZ$ . But  $Y, Z$  are the exsimilicenters of  $(O) \sim (O_b), (O) \sim (O_c) \implies$  by Monge & d'Alembert theorem,  $P$  is the exsimilicenter of  $(O_b) \sim (O_c)$ , i.e.  $P \in O_bO_c$ .

Polars of  $O_b, O_c, P$  WRT  $(O_a)$  concur then at  $D \implies AD$  is polar of  $P$  WRT  $(O_a) \implies A(V, U, D, P) = A(B, C, D, P) = -1$ . Since  $P$  is on the orthopolar  $\tau_I$  of  $I$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$ , then  $AD$  passes through the triple of  $\tau_I$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$ ; the orthocorrespondent  $X_{57}$  of  $I$ . Similarly,  $BE$  and  $CF$  pass through  $X_{57}$ .

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## High School Olympiads

Two nice parallels 

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Source: Own



**jayme**

#1 Jan 31, 2014, 7:36 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,

1. ABC a triangle
2. EAB, DAC two similar triangles outer ABC
3. J the point of intersection of BD and CE
4. U, V the orthocenters of EAB, DAC
5. X, Y the orthocenters of BJE, CJD.

Prove : UV is parallel to XY

Sincerely  
Jean-Louis



**Luis González**

#2 Jan 31, 2014, 11:14 pm

Let  $M, N, L, K$  be the midpoints of  $BC, CA, AB, DE$ , respectively and let  $R, S$  be the projections of  $A$  on  $CD, BE$ , respectively.  $\angle MNC = \angle BAC$  and  $\angle CNR = 2\angle CAR \implies \angle MNR = \angle BAC + 2\angle CAR$ . Similarly  $\angle MLS = \angle BAC + 2\angle BAS$ , but  $\angle CAR = \angle BAS \implies \angle MNR = \angle MLS$ . Since  $MN = LA = LS$  and  $ML = NA = NR$ , then it follows that  $\triangle MNR \cong \triangle SLM \implies MR = MS$ . Using the same reasoning for  $\triangle ADE$ , we get  $KR = KS \implies MK$  is perpendicular bisector of  $RS$ , i.e.  $MK \perp RS$ .

$\triangle EAB \sim \triangle DAC$  gives  $\frac{AU}{US} = \frac{AV}{VR} \implies UV \parallel RS \perp MK$ . Now, since  $MK$  and  $XY$  are the Newton line and Steiner line of  $BDEC$ , respectively, we have  $XY \perp MK \implies UV \parallel XY$ .



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## High School Olympiads

Two perpendiculars 

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Source: own



**jayne**

#1 Jan 30, 2014, 7:56 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,

1. ABC a triangle
2. IBC, JCA, KAB three I, J, K-isocelles similar triangles, outer ABC
3. B'', C'' the feet of the A-altitudes of JCA, KAB

Prove : AI is perpendicular to B''C''.

Sincerely  
Jean-Louis



**Luis González**

#2 Jan 30, 2014, 9:16 pm

Let  $P \equiv BC'' \cap CB''$ . Since  $\angle ACB'' = \angle BCI$  and  $\angle ABC'' = \angle CBI$ , it follows that  $I$  and  $P$  are isogonal conjugates WRT  $\triangle ABC \Rightarrow AI, AP$  are isogonals WRT  $\angle BAC$ , but  $AB'', AC''$  are isogonals WRT  $\angle BAC \Rightarrow AI, AP$  are isogonals WRT  $\angle B''AC''$ . Since  $AP$  is diameter of the circumcircle of  $\triangle AB''C''$ , due to right angles at  $B'', C''$ , then  $AI$  is A-altitude of  $\triangle AB''C''$ , i.e.  $AI \perp B''C''$ .

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## High School Olympiads

Circumscribed quadrilateral 1 

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Source: own



livetolove212

#1 Jan 30, 2014, 12:48 am

Given circle  $(O)$ . Let  $(O_1)$  and  $(O_2)$  be two circles that internally touch  $(O)$  at  $A$  and  $B$  respectively;  $d_1, d_2$  be two tangents from  $A$  to  $(O_2)$ ,  $d_3, d_4$  be two tangents from  $B$  to  $(O_1)$ . Prove that  $d_1, d_2, d_3, d_4$  form a circumscribed quadrilateral.



Luis González

#2 Jan 30, 2014, 8:08 am

$A$  is the exsimilicenter of  $(O) \sim (O_1)$  and  $B$  is the exsimilicenter of  $(O) \sim (O_2) \implies$  by Monge & d'Alembert theorem,  $AB$  passes through the exsimilicenter  $C$  of  $(O_1) \sim (O_2)$ . Consider the circle  $(O_3)$  tangent to lines  $d_1, d_2$  and  $d_3$ , such that  $A$  is the exsimilicenter of  $(O_2), (O_3)$ , hence by Monge & d'Alembert theorem,  $B \equiv CA \cap d_3$  is the exsimilicenter of  $(O_1) \sim (O_3) \implies d_4$  is then the 2nd tangent from  $B$  to  $(O_3) \implies d_1, d_2, d_3, d_4$  touch  $(O_3)$ .



livetolove212

#3 Jan 30, 2014, 8:45 am

Thanks Luis for your proof. That's the idea to creat this problem.



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## High School Olympiads

Antipodes with respect to pedal circle X

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Source: known but with no synthetic proof



pohoatza

#1 Jan 30, 2014, 2:30 am

Let  $ABC$  be a triangle and let  $P$  be a point in its interior. Let  $D, E, F$  be the feet of the perpendiculars from  $P$  to  $BC, CA, AB$ , and let  $X, Y, Z$  be the antipodes of  $D, E, F$  with respect to the circumcircle of triangle  $DEF$ . Prove that the lines  $AX, BY, CZ$  are concurrent.

I know this has been on the forum before, but I don't remember having seen any nice proof for it. I would really like to see a short solution.



fmasroor

#2 Jan 30, 2014, 5:21 am

would a homothety centered at the isogonal conjugate with ratio -1/2 work?



Luis González

#3 Jan 30, 2014, 5:45 am

A more general result has been discussed before. See the links below, it's Pascal-Desargues madness.

<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=47&t=366219>

<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=47&t=431409>



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## High School Olympiads

Another right angle triangle 

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**jayme**

#1 Jan 28, 2014, 7:03 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,

1. ABC a triangle
2. B'AC, C'AB two similar triangles, outer ABC
3. (1), (2) the circumcircles of B'AC, C'BA
4. X the second point of intersection of (1) and (2)
5. (3) the circle passing through B, C, X
6. (4) the circle passing through B', C', X
7. Y the second point of intersection of (3) and (4).

Prove : the triangle XYA is X-right angle.

Sincerely  
Jean-Louis



**Luis González**

#2 Jan 29, 2014, 2:14 am

See <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=47&t=557966>, precisely the solution to problem 1. AX bisects  $\angle BXC$  and the circular arcs  $BXC$  and  $B'XC'$  meet at X and their common midpoint Y, i.e.  $XA$  and  $XY$  bisect  $\angle BXC$ , therefore  $\angle AXY$  is right.



**jayme**

#3 Jan 29, 2014, 10:46 am

Dear Mathlinkers,  
this problem I have posted comes from IMO Shortlist... but I haven't the year?  
Can some one precise this reference?  
Sincerely  
Jean-Louis

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## High School Olympiads

Perspective with the orthic triangle. X

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Source: Own.



**mohohoho**

#1 Jan 25, 2014, 10:23 am • 1 ↳

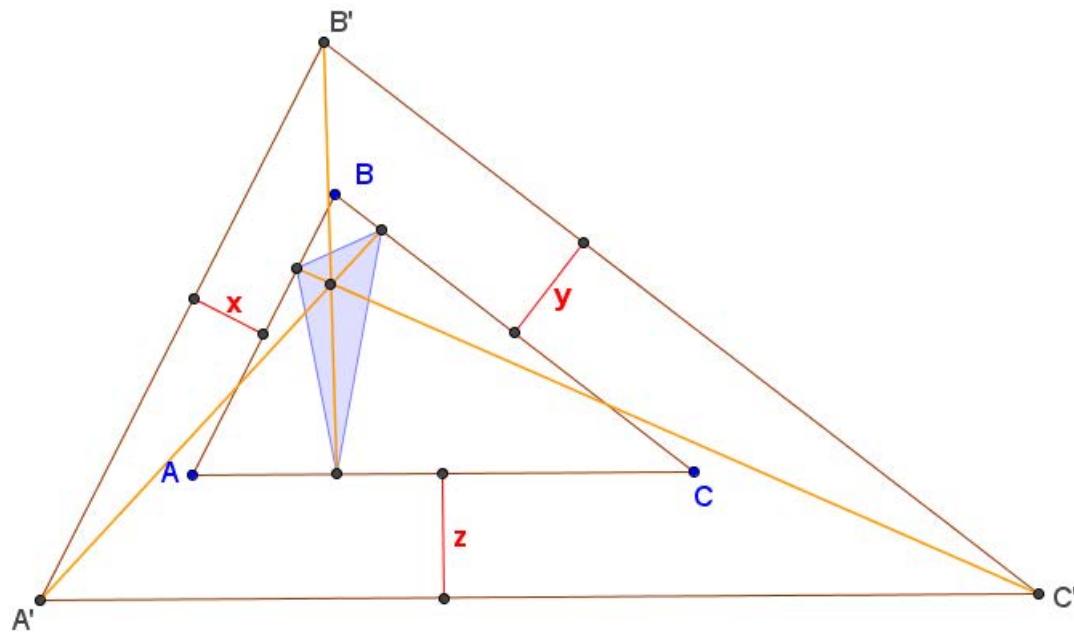
Let  $ABC$  be a triangle. Let  $AB = a$ ,  $BC = b$ ,  $AC = c$ .

Let  $x, y, z$  be three distances from the sides of triangle  $ABC$  to the sides of triangle  $A'B'C'$ , such that  $x/a = y/b = z/c$ .

Prove that the triangle  $A'B'C'$  is in perspective with the orthic triangle of  $ABC$ .

Emmanuel.

Attachments:



**mohohoho**

#2 Jan 26, 2014, 10:23 pm • 1 ↳

Any taker?



**mohohoho**

#3 Jan 27, 2014, 11:05 am

Sorry, Now I know that this configuration is associated with the Grebe Triangle (which is about squares erected on the sides). After all, "Own" only means: "I have come up with this by my own". Here is a link <http://mathforum.org/kb/message.jspa?messageID=1071652>

This post has been edited 1 time. Last edited by mohohoho, Feb 2, 2014, 8:47 pm



**Luis González**

#4 Jan 28, 2014, 8:52 am • 1 ↳

Let  $A_0 \in BC, B_0 \in CA, C_0 \in AB$  be the vertices of the orthic triangle of  $\triangle ABC$ .  $B_0C_0$  cuts  $C'A', A'B'$  at  $A_1, A_2$ ;

$C_0A_0$  cuts  $A'B', B'C'$  at  $B_1, B_2$  and  $A_0B_0$  cuts  $B'C', C'A'$  at  $C_1, C_2$ .

Using that the distances from the symmedian point  $K$  of  $\triangle ABC$  to its sidelines  $BC, CA, AB$  are proportional to  $b, c, a$ , it follows that  $\triangle A'B'C'$  and  $\triangle ABC$  are homothetic through  $K$ . Since  $AK$  bisects  $\overline{B_0C_0}$  (symmedian line property), then  $A'K$  bisects  $\overline{A_1A_2} \implies A_1, A_2$  are isotomic points WRT  $B_0C_0$ . Similarly  $B_1, B_2$  and  $C_1, C_2$  are isotomic points WRT  $C_0A_0$  and  $A_0B_0$ . Hence by Carnot's theorem in  $\triangle A_0B_0C_0$ , we deduce that  $A_1, A_2, B_1, B_2, C_1, C_2$  lie on a same conic. By Pascal theorem for hexagon  $A_1A_2B_1B_2C_1C_2$ , the intersections  $A_1A_2 \cap B_2C_1, A_2B_1 \cap C_1C_2$  and  $B_1B_2 \cap C_2A_1$  are collinear  $\implies \triangle A'B'C'$  and  $\triangle A_0B_0C_0$  are perspective  $\implies A'A_0, B'B_0, C'C_0$  concur.

Remark:  $A'A_0 \cap B'B_0 \cap C'C_0$  is a Kariya perspector of the orthic  $\triangle A_0B_0C_0$ .



**mohohoho**

#5 Jan 28, 2014, 9:45 am

Thank you for your solution, Luis.

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## High School Olympiads

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Source: new



**mathuz**

#1 Jan 26, 2014, 3:54 pm

In a triangle  $ABC$ ,  $(O)$ - circumcircle,  $(I_a)$ - excircle(opposite to angle  $BAC$ ). Let  $P, Q$  are midpoints of the arcs  $BAC$ (including A),  $BC$  of the  $(O)$ , respectively. Suppose that tangents from  $P$  to the circle  $(I_a)$  intersect the line  $BC$  at points  $X, Y$  and circles  $(PXY)$ ,  $(O)$  intersect at points  $P, R$ . Let  $QR \cap BC = A'$ .

Analogously, defined  $B', C'$ ...

Prove that the circles  $(AI_aA')$ ,  $(BI_bB')$ ,  $(CI_cC')$  are coaxal.



**Arab**

#2 Jan 27, 2014, 10:15 am • 1 

Denote by  $A_1, B_1, C_1, B_2, C_2$  the point of tangency of  $BC, CA, AB, YP, PX$  and  $\omega$  the  $A$ -excircle of  $\triangle ABC$  respectively. Let  $R_a$  be the circumradius of  $\omega$ , and  $\omega_1$  is the circumcircle of  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\omega_2$  is the circumcircle of  $\triangle PXY$ . Under the inversion  $\mathcal{I}(I_a, R_a)$ , we obtain that  $\mathcal{I}(\omega_1) = \omega_3$  and  $\mathcal{I}(\omega_2) = \omega_4$ , where  $\omega_3, \omega_4$  with centers  $N_1, N_2$  are the nine point circles of  $\triangle A_1B_1C_1, \triangle A_1B_2C_2$ .

Let  $H_1$  be the orthocenter of  $\triangle A_1B_1C_1$  and  $H_2$  be that of  $\triangle A_1B_2C_2$ , then  $H_1A_1 \perp B_1C_1, H_2A_1 \perp B_2C_2$ , hence  $H_1A_1 \parallel AI_a$  and  $H_2A_1 \parallel PI_a$ . Denote by  $S, T$  the midpoints of  $B_1C_1, B_2C_2$ , it follows that  $S$  is the polar of  $PA$  with respect to  $\omega$ , thus  $S = B_1C_1 \cap B_2C_2$ . Moreover,  $H_1A_1 = 2I_aS, H_2A_1 = 2I_aT$ , so  $\triangle A_1H_1H_2 \sim \triangle I_aST$  and  $N_1N_2 \parallel H_1H_2 \parallel ST$ , therefore,  $N_1N_2 \perp PI_a$ . Combining the fact that  $T = \mathcal{I}(P) = \mathcal{I}(\omega_1 \cap \omega_2) = \omega_3 \cap \omega_4$ , we get that  $PI_a$  is the radical axis of  $\omega_3, \omega_4$ . Consequently,  $U$  the second point of intersection of  $\omega_3, \omega_4$  lies on  $PI_a$  and  $\mathcal{I}(U) = R$  imply that  $P, R, I_a$  are collinear. Denote by  $M$  the midpoint of  $BC$ . From  $PQ \perp BC, PB \perp BQ, PR \perp RQ$  we get that  $P, M, R, A'$  are concyclic, so  $I_aQ^2 = BQ^2 = QM \cdot QP = QR \cdot QA'$ , and hence  $AI_a \perp A'I_a$ , thus  $O_1$  the circumcenter of  $\triangle AI_aA'$  is the midpoint of  $AA'$ , and similarly define  $O_2, O_3$ .

Since  $A'I_a^2 = A'R \cdot A'Q = A'B \cdot A'C$ , we obtain that  $\triangle BA'I_a \sim \triangle I_aA'C$ , so  $\frac{BA'}{A'C} = \frac{[BA'I_a]}{[I_aA'C]} = \frac{BI_a^2}{CI_a^2}$ . From

Menelaus' Theorem, and the equation  $\frac{AC'}{C'B} \cdot \frac{BA'}{A'C} \cdot \frac{CB'}{B'A} = \frac{AI_c^2}{BI_c^2} \cdot \frac{BI_a^2}{CI_a^2} \cdot \frac{CI_b^2}{AI_b^2} = 1$  (note that

$\triangle BCI_a \sim \triangle CAI_b \sim \triangle ABI_c$ ), and hence  $A', B', C'$  are collinear. From Newton's Theorem,  $O_1, O_2, O_3$  are collinear, as desired.

*Q.E.D.*



**Luis González**

#3 Jan 28, 2014, 1:19 am • 3 

Actually  $P$  can be any point on  $(O)$  outside the A-excircle, not necessarily the midpoint of the arc  $BAC$ , as the proposition states. All circles  $\odot(PXY)$  go through the tangency point of the A-mixtilinear excircle with  $(O)$  (this is an extraversion of [Incircle & Mixtilinear circle](#), [Mixtilinear incircles and somehow Poncelet's porism](#), etc). Hence  $R$  is the tangency point of the A-mixtilinear excircle with  $(O) \Rightarrow AI_a \perp A'I_a$  (this is again an extraversion of [Concurrent](#)), thus  $\odot(AI_aA')$  goes through the foot  $H_a$  of the A-altitude. Similarly  $\odot(BI_bB')$  and  $\odot(CI_cC')$  go through the feet of the altitudes  $H_b, H_c$  on  $CA, AB$ .

If  $H, I$  denote the orthocenters of  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle I_aI_bI_c$  (incenter of  $ABC$ ), then we have  
 $\overline{HA} \cdot \overline{HH_a} = \overline{HB} \cdot \overline{HH_b} = \overline{HC} \cdot \overline{HH_c}$  and  $\overline{IA} \cdot \overline{II_a} = \overline{IB} \cdot \overline{II_b} = \overline{IC} \cdot \overline{II_c} \Rightarrow \odot(AI_aA'), \odot(BI_bB')$  and  $\odot(CI_cC')$  are coaxal with common radical axis  $HI$ .



**mathuz**

#4 Jan 28, 2014, 9:08 am • 1 

very-very nice!

Thank you, Luis.



**IDMasterz**

#5 Jan 29, 2014, 12:30 pm

Nice Problem Mathuz... I solved it during school today, and I noticed like Luis the direct similarity with the other problem you gave me:

<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/blog.php?u=118092&b=94396>

Indeed, using this result, it can easily be adjusted to the external case and then by Pascal's theorem we obtain that  $A'$  lies on the line through  $I_a$  perpendicular to  $AI_a$ . However, I just have this feeling that this problem admits to generalisation, further than the fact  $P$  can be any point on  $(O)$ . Anyone up for finding it 😊?



**mathuz**

#6 Jan 31, 2014, 12:54 pm

OK 😊, you are right IDMasterz!

My solution is same with your idea.

$R$  is constant, it's exmixtilinear point.

But, its proof is harder!

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## High School Olympiads

incircles and tangents problem 

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**epsilon07**

#1 Jan 26, 2014, 12:13 am

In a triangle ABC, D and E are points on [BC] such that  $\angle BAD = \angle CAE$ . M and N are the tangent points (on [BC]) of incircles of ABD and ACE, respectively.

if  $MB = \frac{2}{3}$ ,  $MD = \frac{2}{5}$ ,  $NC = \frac{1}{3}$  then find the length of NE



**Luis González**

#2 Jan 27, 2014, 9:40 pm

According to [G4 IMO Shortlist 1993](#), we have the relation:

$$\frac{1}{MB} + \frac{1}{MD} = \frac{1}{NC} + \frac{1}{NE} \implies \frac{3}{2} + \frac{5}{2} = 3 + \frac{1}{NE} \implies NE = 1.$$



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## High School Olympiads

Tangential quadrilateral in quadrilateral(well known??) X

Reply



daothanhhoai

#1 Jan 24, 2014, 10:27 pm

Dear Mathlinkers

Let  $ABCD$  be a any quadrilateral.  $E, F, G, H$  are intersection of angle bisector of four vertex  $\angle A, \angle B, \angle C, \angle D$  (Show in the figure attachment.  $M, N, P, Q$  are intersection of four line through  $E, F, G, H$  and perpendicular with  $AB, AD, DC, CB$  (show in the figure).

1-Prove that  $MNPQ$  are tangential quadrilateral.

2-Prove that if  $ABCD$  is cyclic, then  $MNPQ$  is a point  $T$ , and center of circle  $(ABCD)T$  and intersection of  $AC, BD$  are collinear

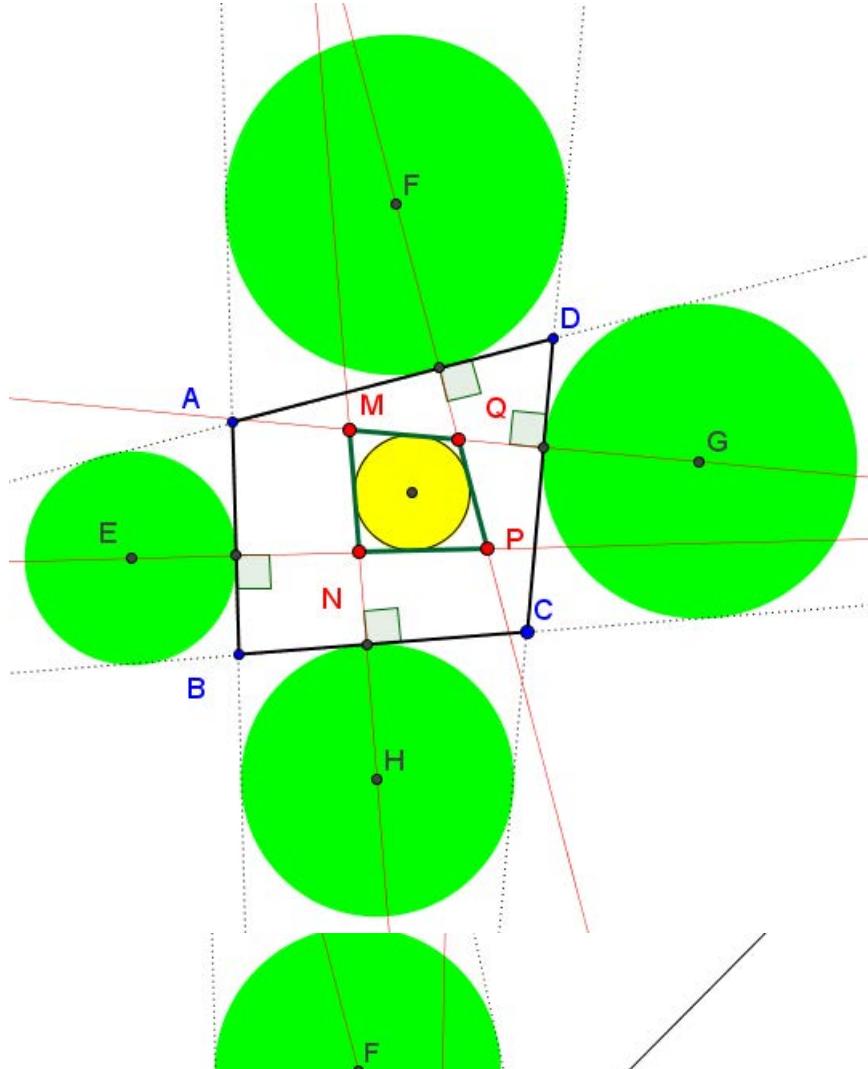
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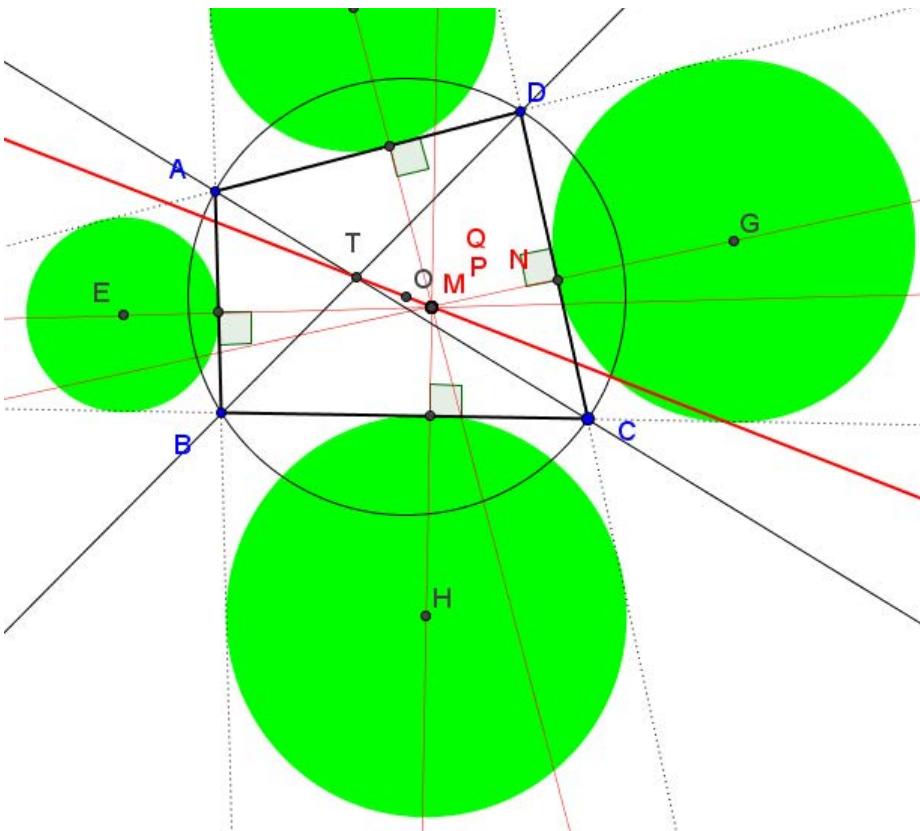
Best regards

Sincerely

Dao Thanh Oai

Attachments:





Luis González

#2 Jan 27, 2014, 1:58 am

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1) Label  $\hat{A}, \hat{B}, \hat{C}, \hat{D}$  the angles of  $ABCD$ . Then  $\widehat{FAD} = 90^\circ - \frac{1}{2}\hat{A}$  and  $\widehat{FDA} = 90^\circ - \frac{1}{2}\hat{D} \Rightarrow \widehat{EFG} = \frac{1}{2}(\hat{A} + \hat{D})$ . Similarly we have  $\widehat{EHG} = \frac{1}{2}(\hat{C} + \hat{B}) \Rightarrow \widehat{EFG} + \widehat{EHG} = \frac{1}{2}(\hat{A} + \hat{B} + \hat{C} + \hat{D}) = 180^\circ \Rightarrow EFGH$  is cyclic and let  $T$  be its circumcenter.

Since  $PF \perp AD$ ,  $PE \perp AB$ , we get  $\widehat{PFA} = \widehat{PEA} = \frac{\hat{A}}{2} \Rightarrow \triangle PEF$  is P-isosceles  $\Rightarrow PT$  is perpendicular bisector of  $EF \Rightarrow PT$  bisects  $\widehat{NPQ}$ . Similarly,  $QT, MT, NT$  bisect  $\widehat{PQM}, \widehat{QMN}, \widehat{MNP} \Rightarrow MNPQ$  is tangential with incenter  $T$ .

2) Let  $X \equiv BC \cap AD$  and WLOG assume that  $E$  is incenter of  $\triangle XAB$  and  $G$  is X-excenter of  $\triangle XDC$ . Then  $\widehat{DGE} \equiv \widehat{DGX} = \frac{\hat{C}}{2}$ . When  $ABCD$  is cyclic, we have then  $\widehat{DGE} = \widehat{FAD} = \frac{\hat{C}}{2} \Rightarrow ADGE$  is cyclic, i.e.  $AD$  is antiparallel to  $EG$  WRT  $FE, FG \Rightarrow$  perpendicular from  $F$  to  $AD$  goes through the circumcenter  $T$  of  $\triangle FGE$ . Similarly, perpendiculars from  $G, H, E$  to  $DC, CB, BA$  pass through  $T$ .

From cyclic  $ADGE$ , we get  $XA \cdot XD = XE \cdot XG \Rightarrow X$  has equal power WRT  $(O)$  and  $\odot(EFGH) \equiv (T)$ . Likewise, intersection  $Y \equiv AB \cap DC$  has equal power WRT  $(O)$  and  $(T) \Rightarrow XY$  is radical axis of  $(O), (T) \Rightarrow OT \perp XY$ . But as  $XY$  is the polar of  $Z \equiv AC \cap BD$  WRT  $(O)$ , we have  $OZ \perp XY \Rightarrow O, T, Z$  are collinear.

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## High School Olympiads

circles thru feet of altitudes and antipodes 

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**ThirdTimeLucky**

#1 Jan 26, 2014, 4:31 pm

For a  $\triangle ABC$  with circumcircle  $(O)$  let  $A_1$  be the foot of the altitude from  $A$  to  $BC$  and let  $A_2$  be the diametric opposite of  $A$  in  $(O)$ . Let  $\omega_A$  be the circumcircle of  $\triangle AA_1A_2$  and similarly define  $\omega_B, \omega_C$ . Then show that  $\omega_A, \omega_B, \omega_C$  have two common points.



**Luis González**

#2 Jan 26, 2014, 9:29 pm • 1 

Here it's too easy to identify two points having equal powers WRT the 3 given circles, namely  $O$  and the orthocenter  $H$ .  
 $OA \cdot OA_2 = OB \cdot OB_2 = OC \cdot OC_2 = -R^2$  and by orthocenter property  $\overline{HA} \cdot \overline{HA_1} = \overline{HB} \cdot \overline{HB_1} = \overline{HC} \cdot \overline{HC_1}$   
 $\implies \omega_A, \omega_B$  and  $\omega_C$  are coaxal with common radical axis  $OH$ .  $O$  is clearly inside these circles, thus they always intersect a two real points on  $OH$ .



**sunken rock**

#3 Jan 27, 2014, 6:45 am

Other idea:

Let  $M, N, P$  be the midpoints of  $BC, CA, AB$  respectively. The circumcenter  $\Omega_A$  of  $\triangle AA_1A_2$  is the intersection of the perpendicular bisectors of  $AA_1, AA_2$ , i.e.  $PN$  and the tangent at  $O$  to circle  $\odot(APN)$ , hence  $\frac{\Omega_A P}{\Omega_A N} = \frac{OP^2}{ON^2}$  and other 2 similar relations which, multiplied give 1, or  $\Omega_A, \Omega_B, \Omega_C$  are collinear.



Best regards,  
sunken rock

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**High School Olympiads**Similar tangential quadrilateral in X← Reply**daothanhhoai**

#1 Jan 24, 2014, 7:05 pm

Dear Mathlinkers

Let  $ABCD$  be a tangential quadrilateral,  $AC$  meets  $BD$  at  $G$ . Construct a circle  $(G)$  center at  $G$ .  $N, M, P, Q$  are intersection of four polar line of  $ABCD$  to  $(G)$ . Easily show that  $NMPQ$  are parallelogram.  $MQ$  meets  $NP$  at  $R$ .

Prove that  $R, G$ , and center of circumscribed  $(ABCD)$  are collinear.

The polar of  $A, C$  meet  $BD$  at  $J, I$ ; The polar of  $B, D$  meet  $AC$  at  $K, L$

Prove that  $KJLI$  are tangential quadrilateral similar  $ABCD$  (but not homothetic)

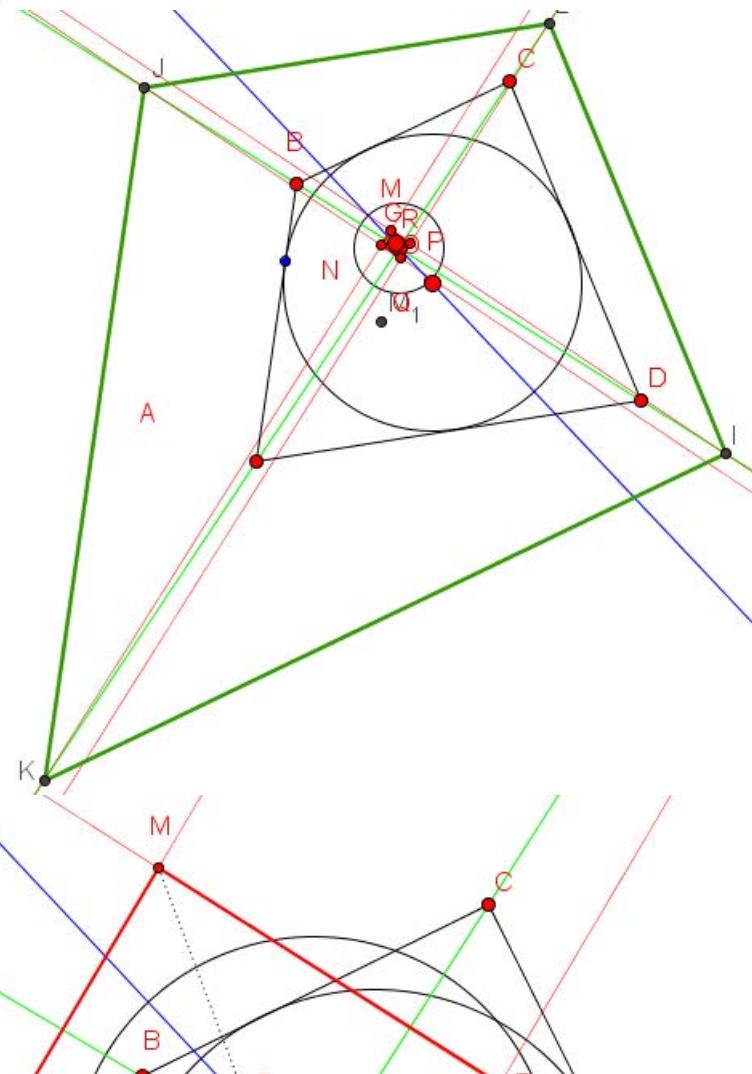
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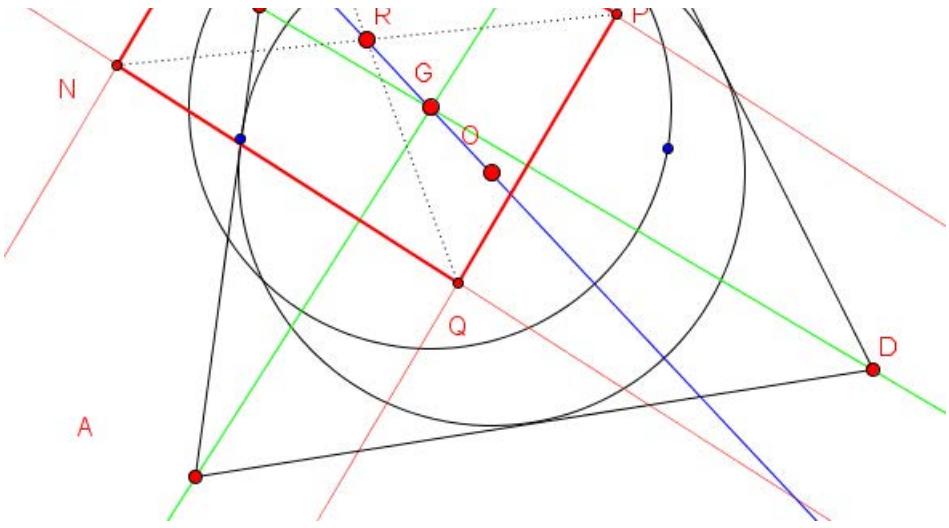
Best regards

Sincerely

Dao Thanh Oai

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Luis González

#2 Jan 26, 2014, 2:29 am

$N, M, P, Q$  are then the poles of  $AB, BC, CD, DA$  WRT  $(G) \Rightarrow PN$  and  $QM$  are the polars of  $X \equiv AB \cap CD$  and  $Y \equiv BC \cap DA$  WRT  $(G) \Rightarrow R \equiv PN \cap QM$  is the pole of  $XY$  WRT  $(G) \Rightarrow RG \perp XY$ . But, as  $XY$  is the polar of  $G$  WRT  $(O)$ , we have  $OG \perp XY$  and therefore  $R, G, O$  are collinear.

The second proposition is not completely true.  $KJLI$  is indeed tangential but not similar to  $ABCD$  in general.

Let  $A', C'$  be the projections of  $A, C$  on  $BD$  and  $B', D'$  the projections of  $B, D$  on  $AC$ . Then  $AA', BB', CC', DD'$  are the polars of  $J, K, I, L$  WRT  $(G)$ , i.e.  $A', B', C', D'$  are the inverses of  $J, K, I, L$  WRT  $(G)$ . Hence, from cyclic  $KJA'B'$ ,  $ABA'B'$ , we get  $\angle JKG = \angle GA'B' = \angle GAB \Rightarrow KJ \parallel BA$ . Similarly  $JL \parallel AD$ ,  $LI \parallel CD$ ,  $IK \parallel BC$ , so  $KJLI$  are all homothetic with center  $G$ .

Dilatate  $KJLI$  carrying  $KJ$  onto  $AB$ , i.e.  $K \equiv A, J \equiv B$  (note here that  $ABCD$  and  $ABLI$  are not similar). If  $(O)$  touches  $BC, DA, AB$  at  $U, V, W$  and  $UV$  cuts  $BL, AI$  at  $U', V'$ , then  $\triangle BUU'$  and  $\triangle YUV$  are homothetic  $\Rightarrow \triangle BUU'$  is B-isosceles  $\Rightarrow BU' = BU = BW$ . Similarly  $AV' = AV = AW \Rightarrow$  there is a circle  $(O')$  touching  $LB, IA, AB$  at  $U', V', W$ . By Newton's theorem (degenerate Brianchon theorem) in  $ABCD$ , the lines  $BD \equiv BI, AC \equiv AL$  and  $UV \equiv U'V'$  concur, thus by the converse of Newton's theorem in  $ABLI$ , it follows that  $LI$  touches  $(O')$ , i.e.  $ABLI$  is tangential  $\Rightarrow$  the original  $KJLI$  is tangential.



livetolove212

#3 Apr 26, 2015, 11:30 am

Let  $A_1, B_1, C_1, D_1$  be the inverses of  $A, B, C, D$  wrt  $(G)$ . The polars of  $A, B, C, D$  cuts  $AC, BD$  at  $A_2, B_2, C_2, D_2$ . We know that the inversion center  $G$  take the vertices of  $ABCD$  to the vertices of other circumscribed quadrilateral. Since  $GA.GA_1 = GB.GB_1 = GC.GC_1 = GD.GD_1 = R_{(G)}^2$  then  $A_1B_1C_1D_1$  is the circumscribed quadrilateral.

$A_1, B_1$  lies on  $(A_2B_2)$ , similar with  $B_1, C_1; C_1, D_1; D_1, A_1$ .

Let  $\angle A_1A_2B_1 = \angle A_1B_2B_1 = \angle B_1C_2C_1 = \angle A_1D_2D_1 = \alpha$ . We have

$A_1D_1 + B_1C_1 = \sin \alpha(A_2D_2 + B_2C_2)$ ,  $A_1B_1 + C_1D_1 = \sin \alpha(A_2B_1 + C_2D_2)$ . Therefore  $A_1B_1C_1D_1$  is circumscribed quadrilateral iff  $A_2B_2C_2D_2$  is circumscribed quadrilateral.

**Remark:** If  $ABCD$  is a bicentric quadrilateral then  $A_2B_2C_2D_2$  is also a bicentric quadrilateral.

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## High School Olympiads

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#1 Jan 25, 2014, 2:33 am

In triangle ABC,  $\omega$  is its circumcircle and  $O$  is the center of this circle. Points  $M$  and  $N$  lie on sides  $AB$  and  $AC$  respectively.  $\omega$  and the circumcircle of triangle  $AMN$  intersect each other for the second time in  $Q$ . Let  $P$  be the intersection point of  $MN$  and  $BC$ . Prove that  $PQ$  is tangent to  $\omega$  if and only if  $OM = ON$ .

**Luis González**

#2 Jan 25, 2014, 3:20 am

gobathegreat, please next time give your topics meaningful subjects and use the search before posting contest problems. If you already know the source, then check the [Olympiad Resources page](#). It's Iran 3rd round 2011 P2 (geometry exam).

<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=47&t=429223>

## High School Olympiads

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**gobathegreat**

#1 Jan 25, 2014, 2:28 am

Let  $ABCD$  be a quadrilateral, and  $E$  be intersection points of  $AB, CD$  and  $AD, BC$  respectively. External bisectors of  $DAB$  and  $DCB$  intersect at  $P$ , external bisectors of  $ABC$  and  $ADC$  intersect at  $Q$  and external bisectors of  $AED$  and  $AFB$  intersect at  $R$ . Prove that  $P, Q, R$  are collinear



**Luis González**

#2 Jan 25, 2014, 2:54 am

This comes from Iran National Olympiad third round (2008). Use the search before posting contest problems.

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## High School Olympiads

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supama97

#1 Sep 13, 2012, 7:51 pm

Let acute triangle ABC, not isosceles, (O) is a circle pass through A,B,C. AD is a height of ABC. (A;AD) is a circle pass through D and cuts (O) at P,Q. PQ cuts AD at G. AO cuts BC at E and K is the midpoint of AD. Prove that

- a) GE//OK
- b) H is a orthocenter of ABC. M is a midpoint of BC. Prove that HM, GE, OD meet at a point

**Moderator says:** Please use LaTeX in your posts.

Let  $\triangle ABC$  be acute, not isosceles. ( $O$ ) is a circle passing through  $A, B, C$ .  $AD$  is a height of  $\triangle ABC$ .

( $A; [AD]$ ) is a circle passing through  $D$  and cutting ( $O$ ) at  $P, Q$ .  $PQ$  cuts  $AD$  at  $G$ .  $AO$  cuts  $BC$  at  $E$  and  $K$  is the midpoint of  $[AD]$ . Prove that

- a)  $GE \parallel OK$ .

b)  $H$  is an orthocenter of  $\triangle ABC$ .  $M$  is a midpoint of  $[BC]$ . Prove that  $HM, GE, OD$  meet at a point.



yetti

#2 Sep 14, 2012, 8:01 am

(a) Inversion in circle ( $A, [AD]$ ) takes line  $BC$  to circle ( $K$ ) on diameter  $[AD]$  and circumcircle ( $O$ ) of  $\triangle ABC$  to line  $PQ$ . Intersections  $B \equiv AB \cap BC \cap (O), C \equiv AC \cap BC \cap (O)$  go to intersections

$S \equiv AB \cap (K) \cap PQ, T \equiv AC \cap (K) \cap PQ$ , resp.  $\Rightarrow G \equiv AD \cap PQ \equiv AD \cap ST$ .

Let parallel to  $BC$  through  $G$  cut  $AB, AC$  at  $B', C'$ , resp. Since  $DG \perp B'C', DS \perp AB', DT \perp AC' \Rightarrow SGT$  is Simson line of  $\triangle AB'C'$  with pole  $D \Rightarrow D$  is on circumcircle ( $O'$ ) of  $\triangle AB'C'$ .

Since  $\triangle AB'C' \sim \triangle ABC$ , are centrally similar with similarity center  $A$ , having parallel sides,  $O' \in AO$ . Since  $A, D \in (O'), E \in AO'$  and  $\overline{AD} \perp \overline{ED} \Rightarrow [AE]$  is diameter of ( $O'$ ).

Let  $AO$  cut ( $O$ ) again at  $X$ .  $\frac{\overline{AE}}{\overline{AX}} = \frac{\overline{AO'}}{\overline{AO}} = \frac{\overline{AG}}{\overline{AD}} \Rightarrow \triangle AEG \sim \triangle AXD$  are also centrally similar with similarity center  $A \Rightarrow EG \parallel XD$ . Line  $OK \parallel XD$  is midline of  $\triangle AXD \Rightarrow EG \parallel OK$ .

(b) Let  $AD$  cut ( $O$ ) again at  $Y$ .  $[AX]$  is diameter of ( $O$ )  $\Rightarrow XY \parallel (BC \equiv MD)$  (both  $\perp ADY$ ). Common perpendicular bisector  $OM \parallel AD$  of  $[BC]$ ,  $[XY]$  cuts  $[XY]$  at its midpoint  $Z \Rightarrow [XY] = 2[ZY] = 2[MD]$ . Combined with  $XY \parallel MD \Rightarrow XM$  cuts  $ADY$  at reflection of  $Y$  in  $BC \equiv MD$ , identical with orthocenter  $H$  of  $\triangle ABC$ .

Let  $J \equiv EG \cap OD$ . Opposite sides  $DJ, EX$  of trapezoid  $DJEX$  with diagonals  $DE, JX$  meet at  $O$ .  $OM \parallel AD$  is midline of  $\triangle AXD$ ,

cutting trapezoid side  $[XD]$  at its midpoint  $N \Rightarrow M \in DE$  is trapezoid diagonal intersection  $\Rightarrow M \in JX \Rightarrow J \in XMH \Rightarrow J \equiv MH \cap EG \cap OD$ .



Luis González

#3 Jan 25, 2014, 12:22 am

a)  $AO$  is perpendicular bisector of  $\overline{PQ}$ , cutting it at its midpoint  $N$ , and cuts ( $O$ ) again at the reflection  $F$  of  $A$  on  $O$ . Inversion WRT circle ( $A, AD$ ) swaps ( $O$ ) and  $PQ \Rightarrow AD^2 = AN \cdot AF \Rightarrow \odot(DNF)$  touches  $AD \Rightarrow \angle DFN = \angle GDN$ . But from cyclic  $DENG, \angle GDN = \angle GEN \Rightarrow \angle DFN = \angle GEN \Rightarrow EG \parallel FD \parallel OK$ .

b)  $AD$  cuts ( $O$ ) again at the reflection  $X$  of  $H$  on  $BC$ . Thus  $\frac{DX}{AX} = \frac{DH}{AX} = \frac{EF}{AF} = \frac{DG}{AD} \Rightarrow \frac{DH}{DG} = \frac{AX}{AD} = \frac{AF}{AE} = \frac{AD}{AG}$ . If  $S \equiv EG \cap OM$ , then  $OSM \parallel AGD$  gives  $\frac{OS}{DG} = \frac{AD}{AG} = \frac{DH}{DG}$ , which means that  $HM, OD$  and  $GS \equiv GE$  concur.

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**Beautiful geometry** 

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**Aiscrim**

#1 Jan 22, 2014, 1:25 pm

In the convex quadrilateral  $ABCD$ , we have that  $\widehat{ABC} = \widehat{ADC} = 135^\circ$ . Let  $M, N$  be on  $AB$  and  $AD$  respectively, such that  $\widehat{MCD} = \widehat{NCB} = 90^\circ$ . If  $K$  is the second intersection point of the circles  $(AMN)$  and  $(ABD)$ , show that  $AK \perp KC$



**Luis González**

#2 Jan 23, 2014, 12:04 am • 1

Let  $CM, CN$  cut  $AD, AB$  at  $P, Q$ , respectively and let  $Y, Z$  be the projections of  $C$  on  $DP, BQ$ . Since  $\angle PCD = \angle BCQ = 90^\circ$  and  $\angle CDP = \angle CBQ = 45^\circ$ , then  $\triangle CDP$  and  $\triangle CBQ$  are isosceles right with common apex  $C \Rightarrow Y, Z$  are midpoints of  $\overline{PD}, \overline{QB}$ . Further  $\angle MCD = \angle NCB = 90^\circ \Rightarrow \angle DCN = \angle BCM \Rightarrow \triangle CDP$  and  $\triangle CQB$  are similar with corresponding cevians  $CY, CZ$  and  $CN, CM \Rightarrow \overline{YP} : \overline{YD} = \overline{ZQ} : \overline{ZB}$  and  $\overline{NP} : \overline{ND} = \overline{MQ} : \overline{MB} \Rightarrow$  circles  $\odot(ABD), \odot(APQ), \odot(AYZ)$  and  $\odot(AMN)$  concur at  $A$  and the center  $K$  of the spiral similarity that carries  $\overline{PYND}$  into  $\overline{QZMB}$ , i.e.  $K$  is on circle with diameter  $\overline{AC}$ .



**Luis González**

#3 Jan 23, 2014, 12:10 am

Problem comes from Iran 2nd round (2002). For more solutions see

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## High School Olympiads



## A circle through fixed point



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daothanhhoai

#1 Jan 20, 2014, 2:27 pm

Dear Mathlinkers

Let  $ABC$  be a triangle. Construct two triangles  $ADB, AEC$  on the two sides  $AB, AC$ . Let  $(d)$  on the plane,  $M$  is on  $(d)$

Construct two lines through  $M$ , and these two lines meet  $AB, AC$  respectively at  $B_1, C_1$ , such that angle of three line are fixed when  $M$  moved on the line  $(d)$ .

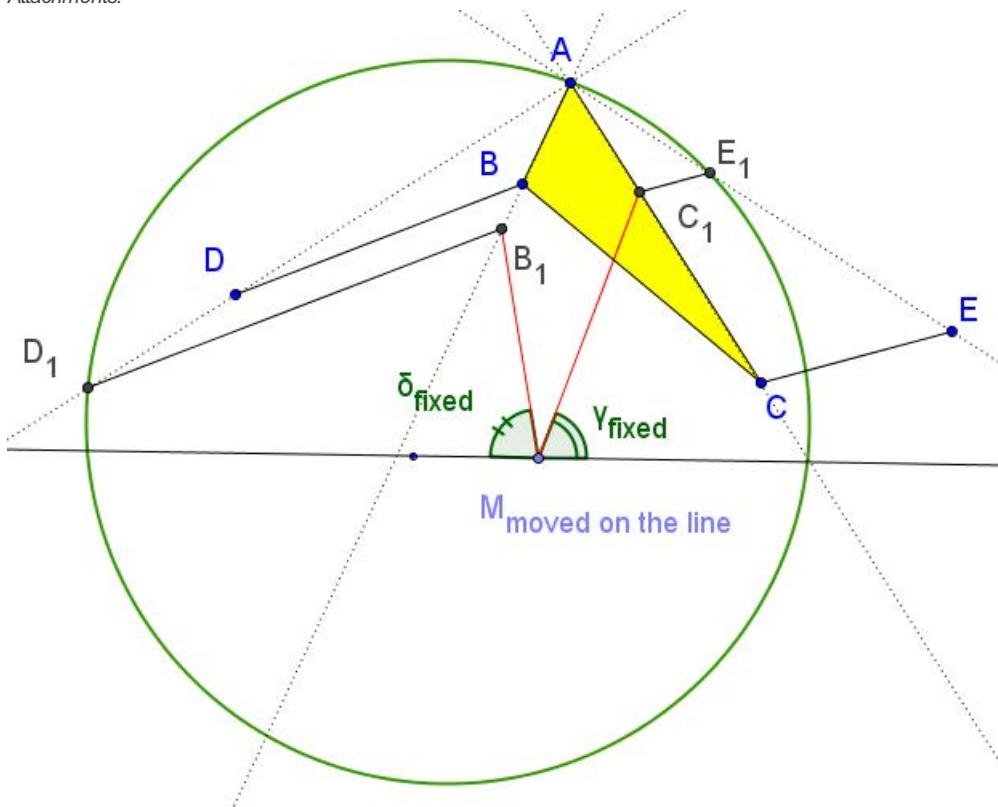
Denote  $D_1, E_1$  respectively are on  $AD, AE$  such that  $B_1D_1//BD$  and  $C_1E_1//CE$ . Prove that: When  $M$  moved on the line  $(d)$ , the circle  $(AD_1E_1)$  through fixed point.

Best regards

Sincerely

Dao Thanh Oai

Attachments:



Luis González

#2 Jan 21, 2014, 2:43 am • 1

Since  $MC_1$  and  $C_1E_1$  have constant directions, then clearly  $M \mapsto C_1$  is a perspectivity from  $d$  to  $AC$  and  $C_1 \mapsto E_1$  is a perspectivity from  $AC$  to  $AE$ . Analogously,  $M \mapsto B_1$  is a perspectivity from  $d$  to  $AB$  and  $B_1 \mapsto D_1$  is a perspectivity from  $AB$  to  $AD \implies D_1 \mapsto E_1$  is a homography from  $AD$  to  $AE$ , mapping the infinite point of  $AD$  into the infinite point of  $AE$ , when  $M$  is at infinity  $\implies D_1E_1$  envelopes a fixed parabola  $\mathcal{P}$  tangent to  $AD, AE \implies$  circles  $\odot(AD_1E_1)$  go through the focus of  $\mathcal{P}$ .

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## High School Olympiads

circumcentre, centroid and ratios 

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**AndrewTom**

#1 Jan 20, 2014, 1:46 am

The triangle  $X_1X_2X_3$  has circumradius  $R = 1$  and centroid  $G$ . The line through  $X_1$  and  $G$  meets the circumcircle again at  $Y_1$  and the points  $Y_2$  and  $Y_3$  are defined correspondingly. Prove that

$$\frac{GX_1}{GY_1} + \frac{GX_2}{GY_2} + \frac{GX_3}{GY_3} = 3.$$

Generalising to  $n$  points on the circle, prove that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{GX_i}{GY_i} = n.$$



**nikoma**

#2 Jan 20, 2014, 2:32 am • 1 

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**AndrewTom**

#3 Jan 20, 2014, 3:03 am

Thanks nikoma.

Can this be done without barycentric coordinates?



**sunken rock**

#4 Jan 20, 2014, 7:18 am • 1 

[hint](#)

Best regards,  
sunken rock



**Luis González**

#5 Jan 20, 2014, 8:57 am • 1 

We prove the general version for  $n$  points  $X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_n$  lying on a circle  $\omega \equiv (O, R)$ . If  $p(X, \omega)$  denotes the power of point  $X$  WRT  $\omega$ , then we have

$$\frac{|GX_i|}{|GY_i|} = \frac{|GX_i|^2}{|GX_i| \cdot |GY_i|} = \frac{|GX_i|^2}{p(G, \omega)} \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{|GX_i|}{|GY_i|} = \frac{1}{p(G, \omega)} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n |GX_i|^2 \quad (1).$$

Put equal masses  $m$  at  $X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_n$ , hence moments of inertia of  $\{X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_n\}$  about  $G, O$  are then

$$\mathbf{M}_G = m \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n |GX_i|^2, \quad \mathbf{M}_O = m \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n |OX_i|^2 = m \cdot n \cdot R^2.$$

But by Parallel axis theorem, we have  $\mathbf{M}_O = \mathbf{M}_G + n \cdot m \cdot |OG|^2 \implies$

$$m \cdot n \cdot R^2 = m \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n |GX_i|^2 + n \cdot m \cdot |OG|^2 \implies$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n |GX_i|^2 = n \cdot (R^2 - |OG|^2) = n \cdot p(G, \omega) \quad (2).$$

Combining the expressions (1) and (2) gives  $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{|GX_i|}{|GY_i|} = n$ .

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## High School Olympiads

Radical axis something 

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fmasroor

#1 Jan 19, 2014, 7:28 am

I have already posted this first part in the high school preolympiad section but I have another part to add here. both parts are below:

1. Let P be a variable point on line BC of triangle ABC. The circle with diameter BP intersects the circumcircle of ACP again at Q. Prove that PQ passes through a fixed point as P moves.
2. Furthermore, let H be the orthocenter of ABP, and M the intersection of PQ with AC. Prove that, as P varies, MH passes through a fixed point.



Luis González

#2 Jan 19, 2014, 9:02 am

1. Let R be the 2nd intersection of  $PQ$  with the circle  $\odot(ABQ)$ . Since  $\angle BQR = 90^\circ$  and  $\angle AQR = \angle ACB$ , we get  $\angle AQB = 90^\circ + \angle ACB = \text{const} \implies \odot(ABQ)$  is fixed  $\implies PQ$  goes through the antipode  $R$  of  $B$  WRT  $\odot(ABQ)$ .

2.  $H$  runs on the perpendicular  $h_A$  from  $A$  to  $BC$  and all lines  $PH$  go through the infinite point of  $\perp AB \implies H \mapsto P$  is a perspectivity from  $h_A$  to  $BC$ . Since  $P \mapsto M$  is another perspectivity from  $BC$  to  $CA$ , then  $H \mapsto M$  is homography from  $h_A$  to  $AC$ . When  $P$  coincides with the intersection of  $BC$  with the perpendicular to  $AB$  at  $A$ , we clearly have  $H \equiv Q \equiv M$ , thus the homography  $H \mapsto M$  is a perspectivity  $\implies MH$  passes through a fixed point.



fmasroor

#3 Jan 19, 2014, 9:54 am

1. Can you please explain why  $\angle AQR = \angle ACB$ ?
2. What are perspectivity and homography?



Luis González

#4 Jan 19, 2014, 11:03 am

1.  $\angle AQR = \angle ACB$  is pretty obvious from cyclic quadrilateral ACPQ.

2. Two 1st category figures (points on a line, pencil of lines, pencil of planes, etc) are said to be homographic or projective if one of them can be obtained from the other by composition of projections and/or sections. Hence this is a bijection preserving cross-ratios and vice versa. A homography  $X \rightarrow X'$  from a line  $L$  to another line  $L'$  is a perspectivity ( $XX'$  passing through a fixed point) iff the intersection point of  $L, L'$  is mapped into itself. Same happens in its dual planar figure; two pencils of lines are perspective iff they have a double ray.



fmasroor

#5 Jan 19, 2014, 8:15 pm

1. Oh yeah didn't see that
2. ok whatever you say... any papers introducing this topic?



Arab

#6 Jan 19, 2014, 8:30 pm

This fixed point lies on the line passing through  $B$  and perpendicular to  $BC$ .

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## High School Olympiads

nice result geometry 

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vankhea

#1 Dec 21, 2013, 7:50 am

Incircle of triangle  $\Delta ABC$  tangents to the sides  $BC, CA, AB$  at  $A', B', C'$  respectively.

$X, Y, Z$  be midpoint of  $B'C', C'A', A'B'$  respectively.

$U, V, W$  be point on the rays  $AX, BY, CZ$  such that  $UX = XA; VY = YB; WZ = ZC$ .

Prove that  $[A'B'C'] = [UVW]$  which  $[KKK]$  be area of triangle  $\Delta KKK$ .



vankhea

#2 Jan 17, 2014, 9:53 am

Generalization of this problem :

If a circle tangent to sides  $BC, CA, AB$  of a triangle  $\Delta ABC$  at  $D, E, F$  respectively and if  $X, Y, Z$  be reflection points of  $A, B, C$  on sides  $EF, FD, DE$  respectively then  $[DEF] = [XYZ]$ .



vankhea

#3 Jan 17, 2014, 10:11 am

Similarly problem :

If incircle of  $\Delta ABC$  tangent to the sides  $BC, CA, AB$  at  $D, E, F$  respectively and If excircle  $X_A, X_B, X_C$  of  $\Delta ABC$  tangent to the sides  $BC, CA, AB$  at  $P, Q, R$  respectively then  $[DEF] = [PQR]$



vankhea

#4 Jan 17, 2014, 10:14 am

See more about area

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vankhea

#5 Jan 17, 2014, 10:18 am

Nice area about reflection points

<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=47&t=568489>



Luis González

#6 Jan 19, 2014, 7:15 am • 2 



 vankhea wrote:

Generalization of this problem:

If a circle tangent to sides  $BC, CA, AB$  of a triangle  $\Delta ABC$  at  $D, E, F$  respectively and if  $X, Y, Z$  be reflection points of  $A, B, C$  on sides  $EF, FD, DE$  respectively then  $[DEF] = [XYZ]$ .

$M, N, L$  denote the midpoints of  $BC, CA, AB$ .  $I, S$  denote the incenters of  $\Delta ABC, \Delta MNL$  and  $T$  denotes the orthocenter of  $\Delta DEF$ .  $A$ ,  $B$ - an  $C$ - excircle touch  $BC, CA, AB$  at  $D', E', F'$ .

Since  $N$  and  $L$  are also midpoints of  $\overline{EE'}$  and  $\overline{FF'}$ , then it follows that parallels from  $E'$  and  $F'$  to  $NS \parallel ET$  and  $LS \parallel FT$ , resp, cut  $ST$  at the reflection  $U$  of  $T$  on  $S$ . Hence if  $B' \equiv IB \cap DF$  is midpoint of  $\overline{FD}$ , we have  
 $TE' = 2 \cdot SN \quad TF' = RT \quad 2 \cdot LR' = VR' \quad TR' = IV$  Likewise  $TE' = TZ$  which implies that

$\angle E' = \angle E = \angle I = \angle I'D = \angle D = \angle I'$ . Likewise,  $\angle F' = \angle F$ , which implies that  $\triangle UEF' \cong \triangle IYZ$ . Similarly,  $\triangle UF'D' \cong \triangle IZX$  and  $\triangle UD'E' \cong \triangle IXY \Rightarrow \triangle XYZ \cong \triangle D'E'F' \Rightarrow [XYZ] = [D'E'F'] = [DEF]$ . Last equality follows from the fact that  $\triangle DEF$  and  $\triangle D'E'F'$ , being cevian triangles of isotomic conjugates, have equal areas.



vankhea

#7 Jan 19, 2014, 4:31 pm

Thanks you very much Luis Gonzalez



buratinogigle

#8 Jan 19, 2014, 11:41 pm

" vankhea wrote:

Generalization of this problem:

If a circle tangent to sides  $BC, CA, AB$  of a triangle  $\Delta ABC$  at  $D, E, F$  respectively and if  $X, Y, Z$  be reflection points of  $A, B, C$  on sides  $EF, FD, DE$  respectively then  $[DEF] = [XYZ]$ .

If  $YZ, ZX, XY$  cut  $EF, FD, DE$  at  $K, L, M$  respectively then  $AK, BL, CM$  are concurrent.

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## High School Olympiads

Intouch and extouch triangles are orthologic X

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Source: me



pohoatza

#1 Jan 17, 2014, 6:43 pm • 1

Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with circumcenter  $O$ , incircle  $\Gamma$  and excircles  $\Gamma_a, \Gamma_b, \Gamma_c$ . Let  $D, E, F$  be the tangency points of  $\Gamma$  with  $BC, CA, AB$  and let  $X, Y, Z$  be the tangency points of  $\Gamma_a, \Gamma_b, \Gamma_c$  with  $BC, CA, AB$ , respectively. Prove that:

- a) The triangles  $DEF$  and  $XYZ$  are orthologic.
- b) The orthology centers of  $DEF$  and  $XYZ$  are symmetrical with respect to  $O$ .



fmasroor

#2 Jan 18, 2014, 2:16 am • 1

What does orthologic mean?



fmasroor

#3 Jan 18, 2014, 2:49 am

Nvm got it. Anyway this admits an obvious generalization, if  $P$  and  $Q$  are points with the midpoint  $O$ , the circumcenter, then their pedal triangles are orthologic and their orthology centers share the same midpoint  $O$ .



fmasroor

#4 Jan 18, 2014, 4:07 am

I have a computational solution

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pohoatza

#5 Jan 18, 2014, 5:07 am

Very nice, there's also a synthetic proof for a). Let  $M, N, P$  be the midpoints of the arcs  $BAC, CBA, ACB$  of the circumcircle of  $ABC$ . Then, note that 1) triangles  $DEF$  and  $MNP$  are homothetic (angle chasing) and 2) points  $M, N, P$  lie on the perpendicular bisectors of  $YZ, ZX, XY$ , respectively (the Lemma from IMO 2013 Problem 3).



What about b) ?



Luis González

#6 Jan 18, 2014, 6:08 am • 2



fmasroor wrote:

Nvm got it. Anyway this admits an obvious generalization, if  $P$  and  $Q$  are points with the midpoint  $O$ , the circumcenter, then their pedal triangles are orthologic and their orthology centers share the same midpoint  $O$ .

In fact, any line  $PQ$  through  $O$  does the work;  $O$  does not need to be midpoint of  $PQ$ .

Let  $\triangle P_1P_2P_3$  and  $\triangle Q_1Q_2Q_3$  be the pedal triangles of  $P, Q$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$ ;  $P_1, Q_1 \in BC$ , etc. Denote  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  the orthocenters of  $\triangle P_1P_2P_3$  and  $\triangle Q_1Q_2Q_3$ .  $M, N, L$  denote the midpoints of  $BC, CA, AB$ .

Perpendiculars from  $A, B, C$  to  $P_2P_3, P_3P_1, P_1P_2$  concur at the isogonal conjugate  $P^*$  of  $P$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$ , hence perpendiculars from  $M, N, L$  to  $P_2P_3, P_3P_1, P_1P_2$  concur at the complement  $P_0$  of  $P^*$  WRT  $\triangle ABC \implies$  perpendicular

from  $Q_1$  to  $P_2P_3$  cuts  $H_1P_0$  at  $R$  such that  $\overline{P_0H_1} : \overline{P_0R} = \overline{MP_1} : \overline{MQ_1} = \overline{OP} : \overline{OQ}$ . Similarly, perpendiculars from  $Q_2$  and  $Q_3$  to  $P_3P_1$  and  $P_1P_2$  hit  $H_1P_0$  at the same point  $R \implies \triangle P_1P_2P_3$  and  $\triangle Q_1Q_2Q_3$  are orthologic.



**fmasroor**

#7 Jan 18, 2014, 6:39 am

" "

like

pohoatza wrote:

2) points  $M, N, P$  lie on the perpendicular bisectors of  $YZ, ZX, XY$ , respectively (the Lemma from IMO 2013 Problem 3).

How exactly does this finish off your original problem though?



**pohoatza**

#8 Jan 18, 2014, 2:21 pm

" "

like

Well, 2) just implies that  $MNP$  and  $XYZ$  are orthologic (the circumcenter of  $XYZ$  being an orthology center). So, since  $MNP$  and  $DEF$  are homothetic, it follows that  $DEF$  and  $XYZ$  are orthologic.



**fmasroor**

#9 Jan 18, 2014, 7:28 pm

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Ah. Did not know about that theorem.

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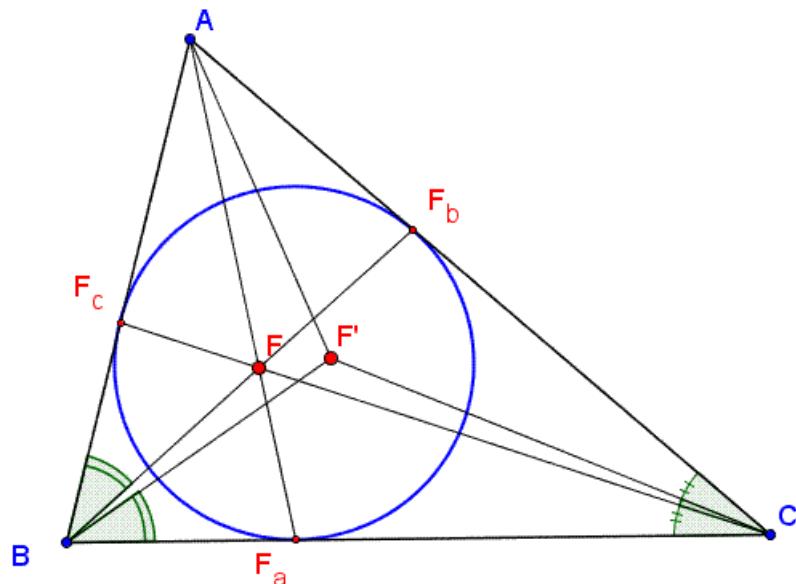
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**High School Olympiads****Focus of Ellipse tangent three sidelines at  $F_a F_b F_c$**  X[Reply](#)**daothanhaoi**

#1 Jan 15, 2014, 10:19 am

Let  $ABC$  be a triangle,  $F$  is the first Fermat point. Denote  $\triangle F_a F_b F_c$  be the cevian triangle of  $F$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$ . Prove that Focus of Ellipse tangent three sidelines at  $F_a, F_b, F_c$  is the first and isogonal conjugate of the first Fermat point

Attachments:

**Luis González**

#2 Jan 15, 2014, 11:01 am • 1

It is equivalent to show that the reflections of the isodynamic point  $F'$  on  $BC, CA, AB$  lie on  $FA, FB, FC$ . Certainly, it has been discussed before.

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**daothanhaoi**

#3 Jan 15, 2014, 11:20 am

Luis González wrote:

It is equivalent to show that the reflections of the isodynamic point  $F'$  on  $BC, CA, AB$  lie on  $FA, FB, FC$ . Certainly, it has been discussed before.

<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=47&t=175130>

<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=47&t=304719>

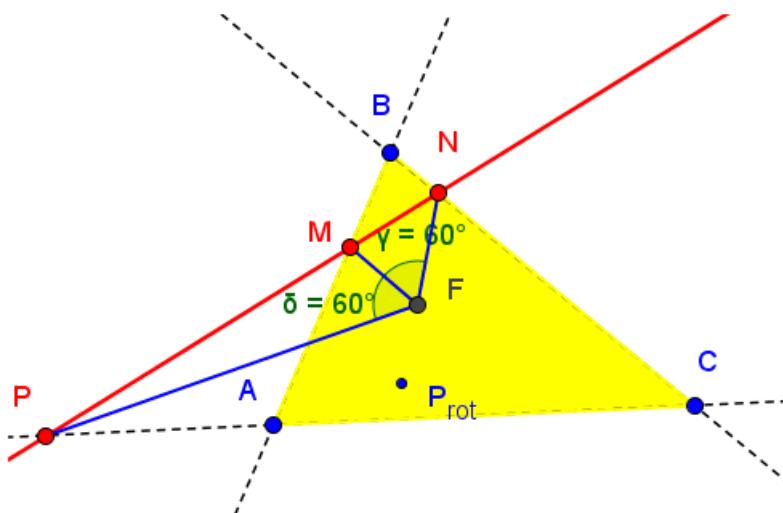
<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=47&t=435239>

Dear Mr Luis GonzaLez and Mathlinkers

Thank to you, prove that a line  $NMP$  tangents the Ellipse above

Define the line  $\overline{NMP}$  following:

Let a triangle  $ABC$  and  $F$  is Fermat point of the triangle  $ABC$ .  $N, M, P$  are on  $BC, BA, AC$  and  $\angle NFM = \angle MFP = \angle NFP = 60^\circ$  (Show in the figure attachment). Prove that  $N, M, P$  are collinear.



Synthetic proof  $N, M, P$  are collinear at here: <http://www.cut-the-knot.org/m/Geometry/2x60.shtml>

Best regards  
Sincerely  
Dao Thanh Oai



Luis González

#4 Jan 16, 2014, 10:38 am • 1

Let  $X, Y, Z, D$  be the projections of  $F$  on  $BC, CA, AB, MN$ , respectively. Using cyclic quadrilaterals  $FDNX, FDMZ$  and  $FXBZ$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}\angle XDF &= 180^\circ - (\angle NDX - \angle MDZ) = 180^\circ - (\angle NFX + \angle MFZ) = \\ &= 180^\circ - (\angle XFZ - 60^\circ) = 60^\circ + \angle ABC = 180^\circ - \angle XYZ,\end{aligned}$$

which means that  $D \in \odot(XYZ)$ . Hence, the line  $MN$  perpendicular to  $FD$  at  $D$  touches the conic with focus  $F$  and pedal circle  $\odot(XYZ)$ ; the inconic  $\mathcal{F}$  of  $\triangle ABC$  with focus  $F$ . By similar reasoning,  $MP$  is tangent to the same conic  $\mathcal{F} \implies M, N, P$  are collinear and  $\overline{NMP}$  touches the inconic  $\mathcal{F}$ .

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## High School Olympiads

Parallel tangent 

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ilovemath121

#1 Dec 19, 2013, 10:26 am

Let  $ABC$  be an acute triangle with circumcenter  $O$ , incenter  $I$ .  $IB, IC$  meet  $(O)$  at  $E, F$  ( $E \neq B, F \neq C$ ).  $BO, CO$  meet  $(O)$  at  $K, L$ , resp.  $M, N$  be projections of  $K, L$  on  $OF, OE$ , res. Prove that one of two tangent of circle  $(E, EN)$  and circle  $(F, FM)$  parallel  $BC$



Luis González

#2 Jan 15, 2014, 9:52 am 

We use standard triangle notation.  $(O, R), (I, r)$  denote the circumcircle, incircle and  $(I_a, r_a), (I_b, r_b), (I_c, r_c)$  denote the excircles against  $A, B, C$ .  $X, Y$  denote the projections of  $E, F$  on  $BC$ .

Clearly  $OE$  is perpendicular bisector of  $\overline{AC}$  cutting it at its midpoint  $Q$ , hence from rectangle  $AQNL$ , it follows that  $O$  is midpoint of  $QN \implies EN = OE + ON = R + OQ$ . But since  $E$  is midpoint between  $I$  and the B-excenter  $I_b$ , we have  $EX = \frac{1}{2}(r + r_b)$  and  $EQ = \frac{1}{2}(r_b - r)$ , which yields  $EX - EQ = r$ . As a result,  $EN + EX = R + r + OQ + EQ = 2R + r$ . Similarly, we have  $FM + FY = 2R + r$ . Hence if  $XE$  and  $YF$  cut  $\odot(E, EN)$  and  $\odot(F, FM)$  at  $U, V$ , ( $E$  between  $X, U$  and  $F$  between  $V, Y$ ), we have  $UX = EN + EX = 2R + r = FM + FY = VY \implies UVYX$  is rectangle  $\implies UV$  is common external tangent of  $\odot(E, EN), \odot(F, FM)$  parallel to  $BC$ .



sunken rock

#3 Jan 15, 2014, 2:40 pm

Remark:

It is well known the following problem:

If  $E, F$  are respectively midpoints of the arcs  $\widehat{AC}, \widehat{AB}$  of  $\odot(ABC)$  which do not contain other vertex, then one of the common tangents to the circles: a) centered at  $E$  and tangent to  $AC$  and b) centered at  $F$  and tangent to  $AB$  is parallel to  $BC$  and contains the incenter of the circle.

The problem is valid for the excenters as well, the centers of the two circles being the midpoints of the arcs containing a vertex.

Now to the problem:

If  $D \in KM \cap LN$ , we can easily conclude from Luis' proof above that  $D \in \odot(ABC)$ , the required tangent is parallel to  $KL$  and passes through  $I_D$ . Since  $KL \parallel BC$ , we are done.

Best regards,  
sunken rock

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## High School Olympiads

Coaxal Circles 

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Source: Turkey TST 2001 - P2



xeroxia

#1 Apr 4, 2013, 10:58 pm

A circle touches to diameter  $AB$  of a unit circle with center  $O$  at  $T$  where  $OT > 1$ . These circles intersect at two different points  $C$  and  $D$ . The circle through  $O, D$ , and  $C$  meet the line  $AB$  at  $P$  different from  $O$ . Show that

$$|PA| \cdot |PB| = \frac{|PT|^2}{|OT|^2}.$$

This post has been edited 1 time. Last edited by xeroxia, Jan 16, 2014, 2:13 pm







xeroxia

#2 Apr 4, 2013, 11:03 pm

Let perpendicular from  $P$  to  $OA$  meet the unit circle at  $S$ . Let  $ST$  meet the unit circle at  $U$ . In fact, it is

$$\frac{PA \cdot PB}{AO^2} = \frac{PT^2}{OT^2} \Rightarrow \frac{SP}{AO} = \frac{PT}{OT} \Rightarrow SP \parallel OU.$$

See <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=47&t=528123> for the rest.



thecmd999

#3 Jan 15, 2014, 5:37 am

Computational







Luis González

#4 Jan 15, 2014, 6:32 am • 1 

Any line intersects a pencil of circles at pairs of points in involution, thus  $T$  is a double point of the involution  $A \mapsto B, P \mapsto O$   
 $\Rightarrow (P, O, A, T) = (O, P, B, T) \Rightarrow$

$$\frac{\overline{PA}}{\overline{PT}} \cdot \frac{\overline{OT}}{\overline{OA}} = \frac{\overline{OB}}{\overline{OT}} \cdot \frac{\overline{PT}}{\overline{PB}} \Rightarrow \frac{\overline{PT}^2}{\overline{OT}^2} = \frac{\overline{PA} \cdot \overline{PB}}{\overline{OA} \cdot \overline{OB}} = \overline{PA} \cdot \overline{PB}.$$

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## High School Olympiads

R=r<sub>a</sub> iff D is on OI    

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Lampa

#1 Jan 14, 2014, 6:24 pm

Prove (synthetically if possible) that if  $D$  is the projection of  $A$  on  $BC$  and  $R$  and  $r_a$  are the circumradius and the  $A$ -excircle radius, then  $R = r_a \Leftrightarrow D \in OI$



Luis González

#2 Jan 15, 2014, 3:34 am • 1 

Circumcircle ( $O$ ) and incenter  $I$  of  $\triangle ABC$  become 9-point circle and orthocenter of its excentral triangle  $\triangle I_a I_b I_c$ . Thus, midpoint  $P$  of the arc  $BC$  of ( $O$ ) is also midpoint of  $\overline{II_a}$ . From  $AD \parallel OP$ , we deduce that  $I, O, D$  are collinear  $\Leftrightarrow$

$$\frac{OP}{AD} = \frac{IP}{IA} \Leftrightarrow \frac{2R}{h_a} = \frac{II_a}{IA} = \frac{s}{s-a} - 1 = \frac{a}{s-a} \Leftrightarrow R = \frac{a \cdot h_a}{2(s-a)} = r_a.$$

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[Reply](#)**kazakhboy**

#1 Jan 13, 2014, 11:45 pm

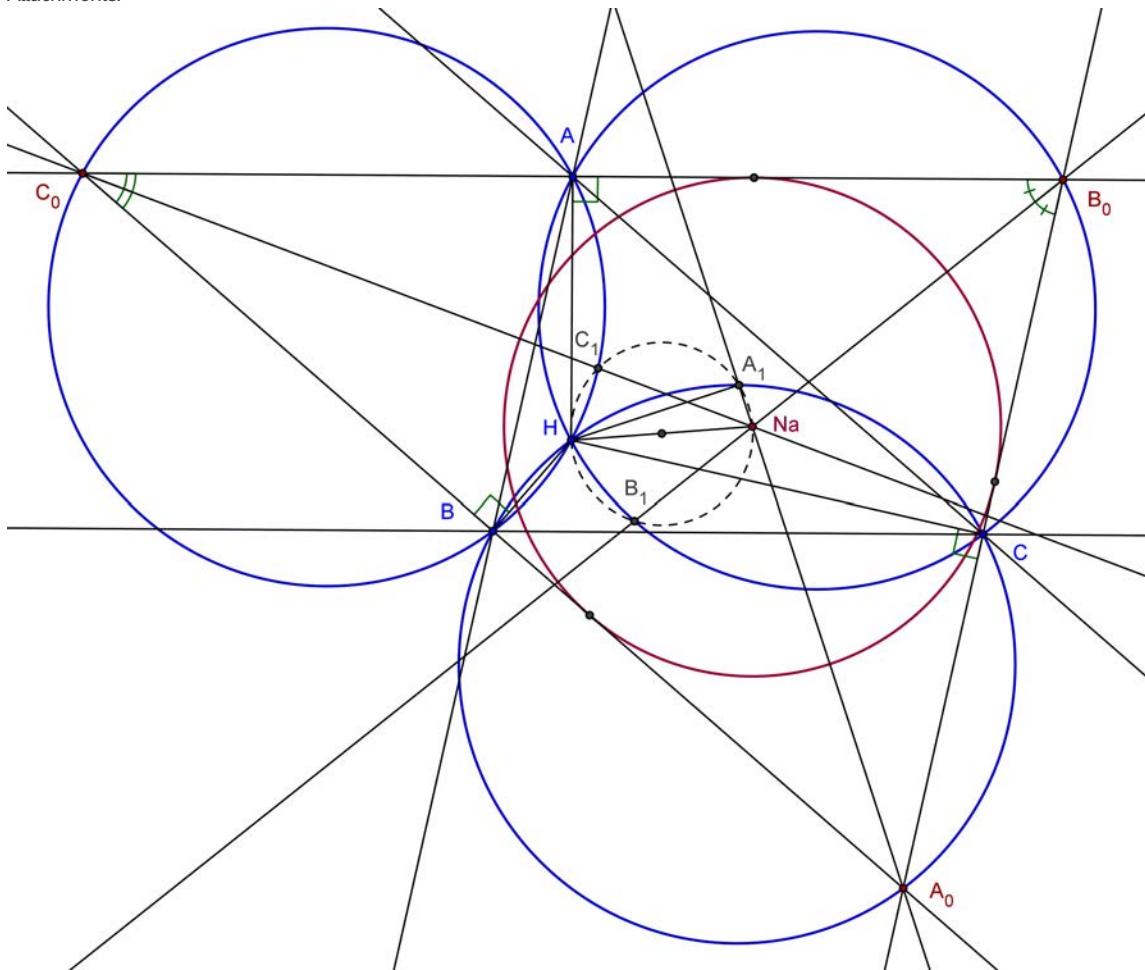
Let  $ABC$  acute-angle triangle with orthocentre  $H$ . The points  $A_1, B_1$  and  $C_1$  are the middles of arcs  $BHC, CHA$  and  $AHB$  of the circumcircles of the triangles  $BHC, AHC$  and  $AHB$  respectively. Prove that the circumcircle of the triangle  $A_1B_1C_1$  contains the Nagel's point of the triangle  $ABC$ .

**Luis González**

#2 Jan 14, 2014, 2:50 am

See the diagram for a proof without words.

Attachments:

**jayne**

#3 Jan 14, 2014, 10:44 am

Dear Mathlinkers,

this is the answer that I was waiting for

<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=50&t=570012>

Sincerely  
Jean-Louis

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## High School Olympiads

A triangle and four circle problem X

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**daothanhhoai**

#1 Jan 11, 2014, 7:18 am

Dear Mathlinkers

Let  $ABC$  be a triangle, and any circle, construct three circle tangent two sides and tangent circle at  $A_1, B_1, C_1$ . Prove that  $AA_1, BB_1, CC_1$  are concurrent

Best regards

Sincerely



**Luis González**

#2 Jan 11, 2014, 9:49 am

This is very figure-dependent. One circle and two distinct lines determine at most eight circles tangent to them, so it's important to give exact circles, otherwise the concurrency is not happening. For instance, assume that circle  $\omega$  meets segments  $\overline{BC}, \overline{CA}, \overline{AB}$ . A circle  $\omega_A$  touches rays  $AB, AC$  and touches  $\omega$  externally at  $A_1$ . Circles  $\omega_B$  and  $\omega_C$  are defined similarly.

Let  $(I)$  be the incircle of  $\triangle ABC$ .  $A$  is the exsimilicenter of  $(I) \sim \omega_A$  and  $A_1$  is the insimilicenter of  $\omega \sim \omega_A$ . Thus, by Monge & d'Alembert theorem  $AA_1$  passes through the insimilicenter  $S$  of  $(I) \sim \omega$ . Similarly,  $BB_1, CC_1$  pass through  $S$ .



**daothanhhoai**

#3 Jan 11, 2014, 11:48 am

Thank to Mr Luis González and Mathlinkers

Please see the figure:

<http://www.geogebraTube.org/student/m68574>

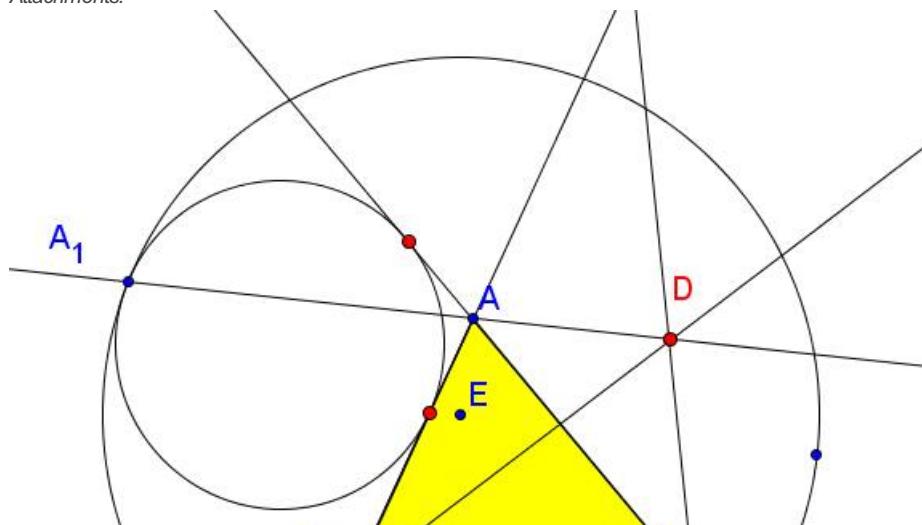
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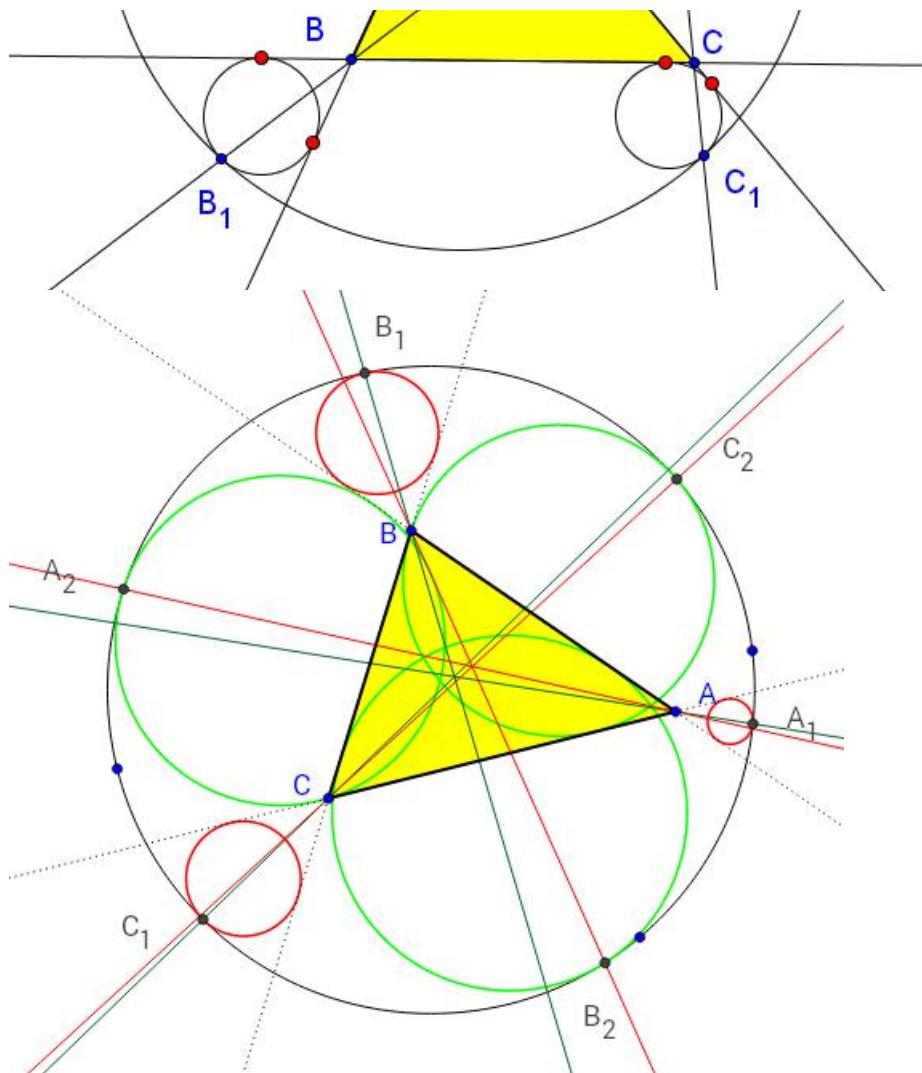
Best regards

Sincerely

Dao Thanh Oai

Attachments:





Luis González

#4 Jan 14, 2014, 2:04 am • 1

Ok, enough of these "who first discovered it" arguments that are polluting the threads. It seems that armpist just cannot let it go.

**armpist wrote:**

Why did you delete my post about Stanley Rabinowitz's paper in FG on exactly the same subject?

Did you learn to do it in your electrical engineering classes in VN ?

I hope this is a kind of pestichian sarcasm, because I can hardly believe that you, having nearly 10 years in this forum, still have no idea how all this works. Only moderators and administrators have the ability to edit/delete any message.

For now on, further messages regarding this discussion or containing air of personal attacks will be removed.

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nice problem ! 

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kazi

#1 Jan 9, 2014, 8:56 pm

Let ABC be a triangle and point K,L on AB,BC that AK=KL=LC. AL and KC meet each other on P. Draw a parallel line with bisector angle ABC from P that intersects AB on M. Now prove that AM=BC.



Luis González

#2 Jan 10, 2014, 10:17 am • 1 

We only need  $|AK| = |LC|$ . If D is the point such that ABCD is a parallelogram, it suffices to prove that P is on the internal bisector of  $\angle CDA$ .

When P varies,  $K \mapsto L$  is clearly a projectivity (the series K and L are congruent)  $\implies$  pencils AL and CK are projective with double ray AC when  $|AK| = |CL| = 0 \implies$  P describes a line. Intersections M, N of internal bisector of  $\angle CDA$  with AB, BC verify  $|AM| = |AD| = |CB|$  and  $|CN| = |CD| = |AB| \implies P \in DMN$ .



kazi

#3 Jan 12, 2014, 1:08 am

thank you luis

I realy need an elementary solution.

any another solution?



Luis González

#4 Jan 12, 2014, 1:22 am • 1 

Let Q be a point such that APCQ is a parallelogram. Since  $AL \parallel QC$ , we have  $[QCL] = [QCA]$  and similarly  $CK \parallel QA$  gives  $[QAK] = [QCA] \implies [QCL] = [QAK] \implies \frac{1}{2}\text{dist}(Q, BC) \cdot |LC| = \frac{1}{2}\text{dist}(Q, BA) \cdot |AK| \implies \text{dist}(Q, BC) = \text{dist}(Q, BA)$ , i.e. Q is equidistant from BA, BC  $\implies$  Q is on internal bisector of  $\angle ABC \implies$  reflection P of Q about midpoint of AC is then on internal bisector of  $\angle CDA$ .



kazi

#5 Jan 12, 2014, 2:06 pm

thank you luis! you are too useful in this forum ! in fact im new in geometry and I didnt think about using area . thank you again! you teach me the bests!

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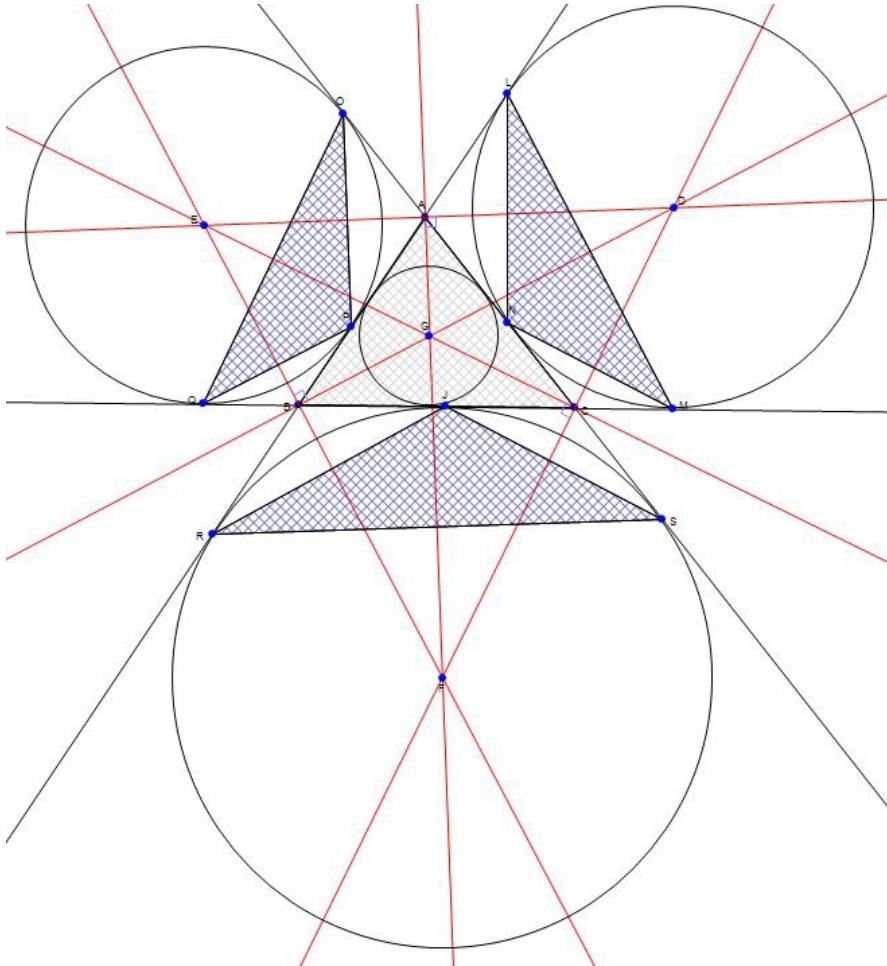


kazi

#1 Jan 9, 2014, 6:19 pm

red lines are bisectors of angles A, b, c. prove the sum of the areas triangles that make with the intersection of the big circles with AB, AC, BC (I mean blue triangles!) is equal with  $2^*$ (the area of ABC) + the area of the triangle that make with intersection of the incircle with AB, AC, BC.

Attachments:



Luis González

#2 Jan 11, 2014, 11:12 pm • 3

Let  $(O, R)$  denote the circumcircle of  $\triangle ABC$  and  $(I, r), (I_A, r_A), (I_B, r_B), (I_C, r_C)$  its incircle and 3 excircles. Let  $S$  denote the area of  $\triangle ABC$  and  $S_I, S_{I_A}, S_{I_B}, S_{I_C}$  the areas of the pedal triangles of  $I, I_A, I_B, I_C$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$ , i.e its intouch and extouch triangles. By Euler's theorem we have

$$\frac{S_I}{S} = \frac{|p(I, (O))|}{4R^2} = \frac{R^2 - IO^2}{4R^2} = \frac{R^2 - (R^2 - 2Rr)}{4R^2} = \frac{r}{2R}.$$

Similarly, we find  $\frac{S_{I_A}}{S} = \frac{r_A}{2R}, \frac{S_{I_B}}{S} = \frac{r_B}{2R}, \frac{S_{I_C}}{S} = \frac{r_C}{2R} \Rightarrow$

$$\frac{S_{I_A}}{S} + \frac{S_{I_B}}{S} + \frac{S_{I_C}}{S} - \frac{S_I}{S} - 2 = \frac{r_A + r_B + r_C - r - 4R}{4R}.$$

But  $r_A + r_B + r_C = r + 4R$  (well-known)  $\Rightarrow S_{I_A} + S_{I_B} + S_{I_C} = S_I + 2S$ .

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## High School Olympiads

Prove that F,P,O are collinear X

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Source: Extension of All Russian 2012



**PhantomLancer**

#1 Jan 11, 2014, 7:33 pm

Let  $P$  be a point in angle bisector of  $A$  of  $\Delta ABC$ .  $C'$ ,  $B'$  are the reflections of  $P$  on  $AB$ ,  $AC$  respectively.  $H$  is orthocenter of  $\Delta ABC$  and  $E$  the midpoint of  $AH$ .  $F$  is the reflection of  $E$  WRT  $B'C'$ .  $O$  is the circumcenter of  $\Delta ABC$ . Prove that  $O, P, F$  are collinear.

This extension was mentioned in the old topic of All Russian 2012. Can anyone post a solution? Thanks very much.



**mathdebam**

#2 Jan 11, 2014, 8:55 pm • 1

Please pardon me if I am wrong, but are u sure that the problem is al right ?  
because I checked in geogebra and it seemed wrong. Plzz pardon me if I m wrong once again.



**PhantomLancer**

#3 Jan 11, 2014, 9:53 pm

Hi mathdebam,

Please check again if I had any typo. Thank you.

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**Luis González**

#4 Jan 11, 2014, 10:06 pm • 1

**PhantomLancer wrote:**

Let  $P$  be a point in angle bisector of  $A$  of  $\Delta ABC$ .  $C'$ ,  $B'$  are the reflections of  $P$  on  $AB$ ,  $AC$  respectively.  $H$  is orthocenter of  $\Delta ABC$  and  $E$  the midpoint of  $AH$ .  $F$  is the reflection of  $E$  WRT  $B'C'$ .  $O$  is the circumcenter of  $\Delta ABC$ . Prove that  $O, P, F$  are collinear.

mathdebam is right, because your proposition specifies that  $C', B'$  are reflections of  $P$  on  $AB, AC$ , when they have to be projections instead. See the topic [hard question!!](#) (post #2).



**PhantomLancer**

#5 Jan 11, 2014, 10:12 pm

Thank you very much. I heard there was a simple computation solution. Never thought it would be such a tough problem.

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## High School Olympiads

Mabey Thebault have ovelooked 

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Source: Own?? I found when I construct Thebault circle



daothanhhoa

#1 Jan 11, 2014, 7:16 am • 1 

Dear Mathlinkers

Mabe Thebault have ovelooked (I don't know who discovered before)

Let  $ABC$  be a triangle, any  $P$  on the plane. Construct a circle tangent  $CP, AB$  circumcircle at  $C_A$ ; Construct another circle tangent  $CP, AB$  circumcircle at  $C_B$ . Prove that  $C_A C_B$  through fixed point, when  $P$  moved

<http://www.geogebraTube.org/student/m68511>

Best regards

Sincerely

Dao Thanh Oai



Luis González

#2 Jan 11, 2014, 12:32 pm • 4 

Label  $(J_A), (J_B)$  the Thebault circles of the cevian  $CP$ .  $(J_A)$  touches  $\overline{AB}$  at  $X$  and the circumcircle  $(O)$  at  $C_A$  while  $(J_B)$  touches  $\overline{AB}$  at  $Y$  and the circumcircle at  $C_B$ . From internal tangencies of  $(O), (J_A)$  and  $(O), (J_B)$ , we deduce that  $C_A X, C_B Y$  bisect  $\angle AC_A B, \angle AC_B B \Rightarrow M \equiv XC_A \cap YC_B$  is midpoint of the arc  $AB$  of  $(O)$ .

By Sawayama's lemma, the incenter  $I$  of  $\triangle ABC$  verifies  $IX \perp IY \Rightarrow$  pencils  $IX, IY$  are in involution  $\Rightarrow$  pencils  $MX \equiv MC_A, MY \equiv MC_B$  are in involution  $\Rightarrow C_A \mapsto C_B$  is an involutive homography on  $(O) \Rightarrow$  all lines  $C_A C_B$  pass through the fixed pole of the involution. Making  $A \equiv Y$  and  $B \equiv X$ , we figure out that the fixed point is the exsimilicenter  $X_{56}$  of  $(I) \sim (O)$ .



TelvCohl

#3 Oct 24, 2014, 11:30 pm • 4 

My solution:

Let  $D = CP \cap AB$  and  $O_1, O_2$  be the center of these two Thebault circles .

Let  $O, I$  be the circumcenter, incenter of  $\triangle ABC$  and  $S = O_1 O_2 \cap AB$  .

By **Thebault theorem** we get  $O_1, I, O_2$  are collinear,  
so the exsimicenter of  $((I), (O_1))$  and the exsimicenter of  $((O_1), (O_2))$  is the same point  $S$  .  
By D'Alembert theorem (for  $((I), (O), (O_1))$ ) we get  $S, C_A, X(56)$  are collinear . ... (1)  
By D'Alembert theorem (for  $((I), (O), (O_2))$ ) we get  $S, C_B, X(56)$  are collinear . ... (2)  
From (1) and (2) we get  $C_A C_B$  pass through a fixed point  $X(56)$  .

Q.E.D



buratinogiggle

#4 Oct 25, 2014, 9:31 pm • 1 

Circle  $(PC_A C_B)$  passes through two fix points, also.



TelvCohl



**" buratinogigle wrote:**

Circle  $(PC_A C_B)$  passes through two fix points, also.

I think you mean  $\odot(DC_A C_B)$  😊

My solution:

Let  $H$  be the projection of  $I$  on  $AB$ .

Let  $X, Y$  be the tangent point of  $\odot(O_1), \odot(O_2)$  with  $BC$  and  $D'$  be the projection of  $D$  on  $O_1 O_2$ .

It's well known that  $C_A, C_B, X, Y$  are concyclic.

Since  $\angle XIY = \angle O_2 DO_1 = 90$  and  $DO_1 \parallel IY, DO_2 \parallel IX$ ,

so  $\angle YD' O_2 = \angle YDO_2 = \angle YXI$  (i.e.  $I, D', X, Y$  are concyclic),

hence we get  $SC_A \cdot SC_B = SX \cdot SY = SI \cdot SD' = SH \cdot SD$ . i.e.  $C_A, C_B, H, D$  are concyclic

From the original problem we get  $C_A, C_B, X_{56}$  are collinear,

so  $\odot(DC_A C_B)$  from an elliptic coaxial system with common radical axis  $HX(56)$ .

i.e.  $\odot(DC_A C_B)$  pass through two fixed points when  $D$  varies on  $AB$

Q.E.D

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**buratinogigle**

#6 Oct 26, 2014, 11:02 am

Thank you for understand me 😊!

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**High School Olympiads****Fermat point and concurrent point** X[Reply](#)

Source: Own??

**daothanhhoai**

#1 Dec 22, 2013, 10:52 pm

Dear Mathlinkers

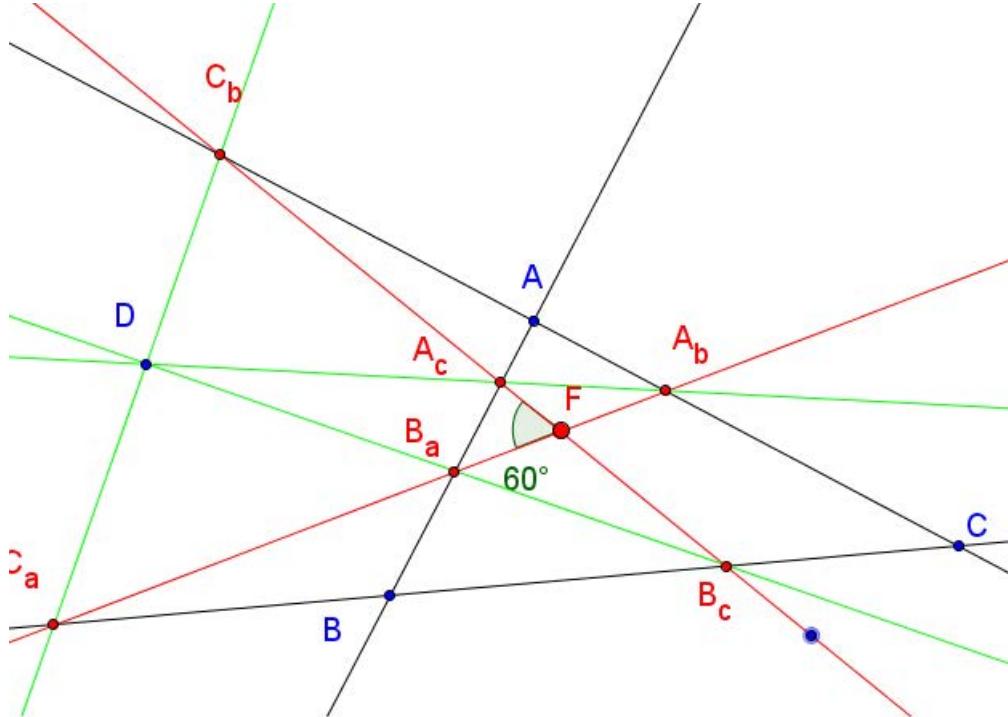
Let  $ABC$  be a triangle. Let  $F$  is the first or the second Fermat point. Construct two lines through  $F$  and angle of two lie is  $60^\circ$  degrees. Two lines meet three sideline at  $A_b, A_c, B_c, B_a, C_a, C_b$  (show in the figure attachment). Prove that  $A_a A_b, B_a B_c, C_a C_b$  are concurrent.

Best regards

Sincerely

Dao Thanh Oai

Attachments:

**Luis González**

#2 Jan 11, 2014, 8:20 am • 1



We also show that the concurrency point D of the referred lines is on the trilinear polar of F WRT ABC.

Let  $\triangle F_a F_b F_c$  be the cevian triangle of  $F$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$ .  $X \equiv F_b F_c \cap BC$  and  $Y \equiv F_c F_a \cap CA \implies XY \equiv f$  is trilinear polar of  $F$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$ , i.e. perspectrix of  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle F_a F_b F_c$ .

We use polarity WRT an arbitrary circle ( $F$ ) centered at  $F$ . Polars of  $A, B, C$  bound an equilateral triangle since they are perpendicular to  $FA, FB, FC$ , i.e. poles  $P, Q, R$  of  $BC, CA, AB$  are vertices of equilateral triangle. Polars of  $F_b, F_c$  are then the parallels through  $Q, R$  to  $PR, PQ$ , respectively, meeting at the pole  $U$  of  $F_b F_c$ . If  $V, W$  are the poles of  $F_c F_a, F_a F_b$ , then  $\triangle UVW$  is also equilateral, being the antimedial of  $\triangle PQR$ .  $PU$  and  $QV$  are polars of  $X, Y$  meeting at the pole  $O \equiv PU \cap QV$  of  $f \equiv XY$ : the center of  $\triangle PQR$ . Polars of  $A, B, C$  are two parallels through  $Q, R$  and polars of  $B_a, A_c$ .

are two parallels through  $P, Q$  (these directions forming  $120^\circ$ , due to  $\angle(A_bB_a, A_cB_c) = 60^\circ \Rightarrow$  poles  $M, L, K$  of  $A_bB_c, B_cB_a, A_cA_b$  form parallelogram  $RKML$  circumscribed to  $\triangle PQR$ .

Since  $\angle PLR = \angle POR = \angle ROQ = \angle RKQ = 60^\circ \pmod{\pi}$ , then clearly the circles  $\odot(PLR)$  and  $\odot(RKQ)$  meet at  $R$  and  $O$ , which is then midpoint of their arcs  $PR, RQ$ . If  $LO$  cuts  $\odot(RKQ)$  again at  $K'$ , we have  $\angle QK'O = 30^\circ = \angle RLO \Rightarrow QK' \parallel RL \Rightarrow K \equiv K' \Rightarrow O, K, L$  are collinear  $\Rightarrow$  their polars  $f, A_bA_c, B_aB_c$  concur at  $D$ . By similar reasoning  $C_aC_b$  goes through  $D \equiv f \cap A_bA_c \cap B_aB_c$ .

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Find the locus of P X

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xiaotabuta

#1 Jan 10, 2014, 11:08 pm

Give an equilateral triangle  $ABC$ . Find the locus of the point  $P$  inside the triangle such that  $\angle PAB + \angle PBC + \angle PCA = 90^\circ$



Luis González

#2 Jan 11, 2014, 12:51 am

Posted several times before. Locus of  $P$  is the union of the three altitudes of  $ABC$ . More general, for an scalene triangle, the locus is the Mcay cubic of  $ABC$  (see the last link).



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## High School Olympiads

my problem13!! 

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golmakani

#1 Jan 10, 2014, 1:59 am

let  $ABC$  be a triangle and  $w$  be the circumcircle and  $O$  be the circumcenter of that.

let  $M$  be the midpoint of  $BC$  and  $X$  be a point in  $w$  such  $\widehat{XAC} = \widehat{MAB}$ .

$AX$  cross  $BC$  in  $Y$ .

if  $AO$  cross  $w$  in  $P$  and  $BP$  cross  $AX$  in  $Q$  and  $CP$  cross  $AM$  in  $R$  so prove that:

$PQRX$  is cyclic quadrilateral.



Luis González

#2 Jan 10, 2014, 8:11 am • 1 reply

Let  $D, E$  be the reflections of  $A$  on  $C, B$ . Let  $K \equiv BP \cap AD$  and  $S \equiv BQ \cap AM$ . According to [Interesting geometry](#)  $X' \equiv ES \cap DR$  is on A-symmedian  $AY$  of  $\triangle ADE$ .

$PQ$  and  $PR$  bisect  $\angle RSX'$  and  $\angle SRX'$  externally  $\implies P$  is  $X'$ -excenter of  $\triangle X'RS \implies X'P$  bisects  $\angle DX'E$  externally

$\implies P \in \odot(DEX')$  is then midpoint of the arc  $DX'E$ . But from K-isosceles  $\triangle AEK$ , we have

$\angle EKD = 2\angle EAD = \angle EPD \implies K \in \odot(PED)$ . Therefore

$\angle BPX' = \angle KEX' = \angle KDR = \angle CAM = \angle BAX' \implies X' \in \odot(ABC) \implies X \equiv X' \implies Q$  is then R-excenter of  $\triangle XRS \implies R, X$  lie on circle with diameter  $\overline{PQ}$ .

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### A Straightforward Spacial Geometry Problem X

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Source: Problem 6, Brazilian MO, 1993



Davi Medeiros

#1 Jan 9, 2014, 5:13 pm

Let  $P_1P_2 \dots P_n$  a polygon inscribed on a circumference and contained in a plane  $\alpha$ . Let  $Q$  be a point outside  $\alpha$ . Consider, for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , the plane  $\beta_i$  passing through  $P_i$  and perpendicular to  $QP_i$ . Prove that all the planes  $\beta_i$  intersect at one point.



vanstraelen

#2 Jan 10, 2014, 1:49 am

Let  $P_i(r \cos t, r \sin t, 0)$  a point of the polygon in plane  $\alpha = (x, y)$ , parameter  $t$ .  
Let  $Q(a, b, c)$  with  $c \neq 0$ .

Numbers indicating the slope of  $PQ : (r \cos t - a, r \sin t - b, -c)$ .

Equation of the plane  $\beta_i : (r \cos t - a)x + (r \sin t - b)y - cz = k$ .

Calculation of  $k$ : point  $P_i \in \beta_i$

$$(r \cos t - a)r \cos t + (r \sin t - b)r \sin t = k$$

$$k = r^2 - ar \cos t - br \sin t$$

Equation of the plane  $\beta_i$ :

$$(r \cos t - a)x + (r \sin t - b)y - cz = r^2 - ar \cos t - br \sin t$$

Rearranging:

$$r \cos t(x + a) + r \sin t(y + b) - ax - by - cz - r^2 = 0$$

This equation is independent of the parameter  $t$  if

$$x + a = 0 \quad y + b = 0 \quad -ax - by - cz - r^2 = 0$$

Solving, one point  $W(-a, -b, \frac{a^2 + b^2 - r^2}{c})$ .



Luis González

#3 Jan 10, 2014, 3:27 am • 1

Label  $\omega$  the given circle on the plane  $\alpha$  and  $P$  varies on it. Inversion with center  $Q$  and arbitrary power takes  $\alpha$  into a spherical surface  $\mathcal{S}$  through  $Q$  and the spherical surface containing  $Q, \omega$  into a plane  $\gamma \implies$  inverse  $\omega'$  of  $\omega$  is a circle intersection of  $\mathcal{S} \cap \gamma$ . Thus the plane  $\beta$  orthogonal to  $QP$  at  $P$  goes to the spherical surface  $\mathcal{O}$  with diameter  $\overline{QP'}$ , where  $P' \in \omega'$  is the inverse of  $P$ . Since  $\mathcal{O}$  can be obtained by revolving a semicircle about  $\overline{QP'}$ , then it always passes through the projection  $R$  of  $Q$  on  $\gamma$ , clearly fixed  $\implies$  all  $\beta$  go through the inverse of  $R$  under the referred inversion.

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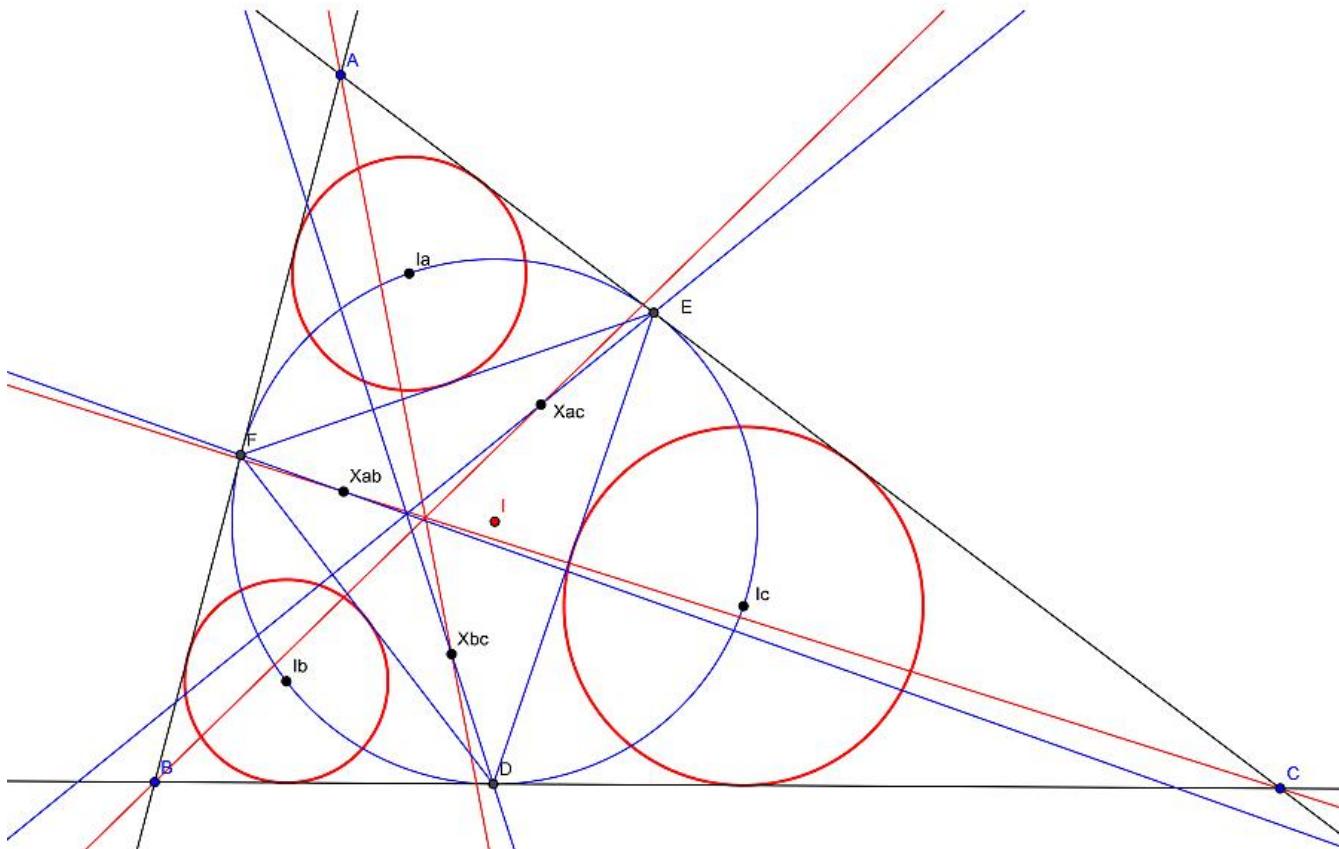
a00012025

#1 Jan 7, 2014, 10:30 pm

Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with incenter  $I$ , and the incircle of  $ABC$  intersects  $BC, CA, AB$  at  $D, E, F$ . Let the incenters of triangle  $AEF, BDF, CDE$  be  $I_a, I_b, I_c$ , and let interior common tangents of  $I_a, I_b$  intersect at  $X_{ab}$ , and  $X_{bc}, X_{ac}$  similarly. Prove that:

- (1)  $AX_{bc}, BX_{ac}, CX_{ab}$  are concurrent.
- (2)  $DX_{bc}, EX_{ac}, FX_{ab}$  are concurrent.

Attachments:



Luis González

#2 Jan 9, 2014, 4:57 am • 1

Notation is unnecessarily nasty. Rename  $X \equiv X_{bc}, Y \equiv X_{ca}$  and  $Z \equiv X_{ab}$ .

(1)  $Y$  is insimilicenter of  $(I_c) \sim (I_a)$  and  $Z$  is insimilicenter  $(I_a) \sim (I_b)$ , hence by Monge & d'Alembert theorem  $YZ$  cuts  $BC$  at the exsimilicenter  $A_0$  of  $(I_b) \sim (I_c)$ . Similarly,  $ZX$  and  $XY$  cut  $CA$  and  $AB$  at the exsimilicenters  $B_0$  and  $C_0$  of  $(I_c) \sim (I_a)$  and  $(I_a) \sim (I_b)$ .  $A_0, B_0, C_0$  are collinear on a homothety axis of  $(I_a), (I_b), (I_c)$ , i.e.  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle I_a I_b I_c$  are perspective through  $A_0 B_0 C_0$ . By Desargues theorem  $AX, BY$  and  $CZ$  concur.

(2) Trivial angle chase reveals that  $I_a, I_b, I_c$  are the midpoints of the arcs  $EF, FD, DE$  of  $(I)$ . Since  $(I_b, I_c, X, A_0) = -1$ , then it follows that  $DX$  is the polar of  $A_0$  WRT  $(I)$ . Similarly,  $EY$  and  $FZ$  are the polars of  $B_0$  and  $C_0$  WRT  $(I)$   $\Rightarrow$   $DX, EY, FZ$  concur at the pole of  $A_0 B_0 C_0$  WRT  $(I)$ .

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#1 Jan 8, 2014, 10:45 pm

Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with incenter  $I$  and  $A$ -excenter  $I_a$ . Let  $D$  be reflection of  $I$  over  $BC$ , and  $I'_a$  be on segment  $OI_a$  such that  $OI_a \times OI'_a = OA^2$ . Prove that  $\angle DAB = \angle I'_a AC$

**Luis González**

#2 Jan 8, 2014, 11:40 pm • 2



Let  $H$  be the orthocenter of  $\triangle ABC$  and let the incircle ( $I$ ) touch  $BC, CA, AB$  at  $X, Y, Z$ .  $T, U$  denote the orthocenter and 9-point center of  $\triangle XYZ$ . Midpoint  $M$  of  $\overline{IA}$  is circumcenter of  $\triangle IYZ \implies XM$  is the  $X$ -cevian of the Kosnita point of  $\triangle XYZ$ , isogonal conjugate of its 9-point center  $U$  (well-known)  $\implies XU, XM$  and  $XI, XT$  are pairs of isogonals WRT  $\triangle XYZ \implies \angle TXU = \angle IXM = \angle IDA = \angle HAD$ .

$\triangle XYZ$  with 9-point center  $U$  and orthocenter  $T$  is similar to  $\triangle I_a I_b I_c$  with 9-point center  $O$  and orthocenter  $I \implies \angle TXU = \angle II_a O$ . But  $OA^2 = OI_a \cdot OI'_a$  gives  $\angle II_a O = \angle OAI'_a \implies \angle OAI'_a = \angle TXU = \angle HAD \implies AD, AI'_a$  are isogonals WRT  $\angle OAH$ , but  $AO, AH$  are isogonals WRT  $\angle BAC \implies AD, AI'_a$  are isogonals WRT  $\angle BAC$ , or  $\angle DAB = \angle I'_a AC$ .

**a00012025**

#3 Jan 12, 2014, 8:39 pm



“ Luis González wrote:

⇒  $XM$  is the  $X$ -cevian of the Kosnita point of  $\triangle XYZ$ , isogonal conjugate of its 9-point center  $U$  (well-known)

How to prove that the Kosnita point is isogonal conjugate of nine-point center? Thanks a lot.

**jayme**

#4 Jan 12, 2014, 8:45 pm • 1



Dear Mathlinkers,  
for this result, you can see  
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Sincerely  
Jean-Louis

**Arab**

#5 Jan 12, 2014, 8:50 pm • 1



See [here](#) also.

**TelvCohl**

#6 Oct 25, 2014, 1:29 am



Let  $\Phi$  be the inversion  $I(A, \sqrt{AB \cdot AC})$  followed by reflection in  $AI$ . Since  $B, I \xrightarrow{\Phi} C, I_a$ , so we get  $BC \xleftrightarrow{\Phi} \odot(ABC)$  and  $I'_a \xrightarrow{\Phi} D \implies AD$  and  $AI'_a$  are isogonal conjugate WRT  $\angle BAC$

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They intersect on nine point circle! (hard with many lines!) X

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kazi

#1 Jan 7, 2014, 8:10 pm

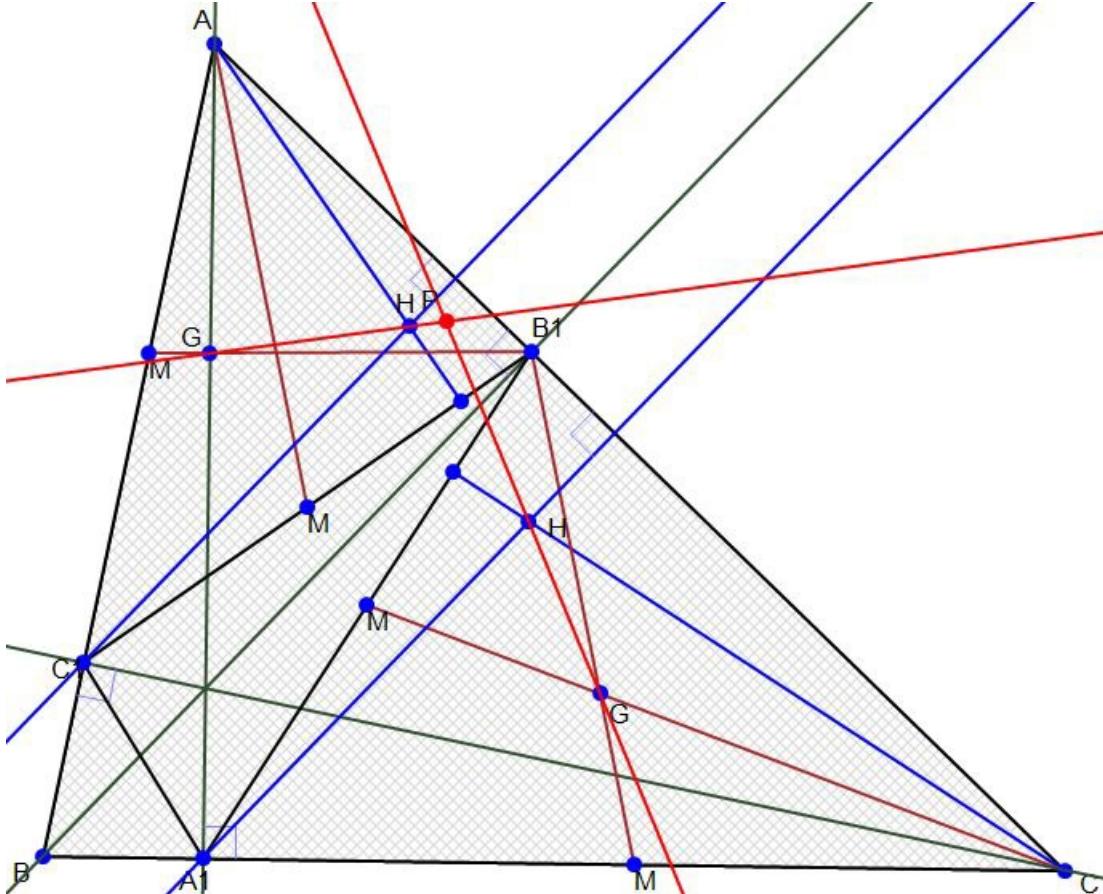


Let ABC be a triangle with the heights AA<sub>1</sub> and BB<sub>1</sub> and CC<sub>1</sub>. Now prove:

- 1) The euler lines AC<sub>1</sub>B<sub>1</sub> and CA<sub>1</sub>B<sub>1</sub> and BC<sub>1</sub>A<sub>1</sub> meet each other on one point same as P on the nine point circle of ABC.
- 2) Prove one of the PA<sub>1</sub> or PB<sub>1</sub> or PC<sub>1</sub> is the sum of two others.

The picture will be uploaded soon.

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IDMasterz

#2 Jan 7, 2014, 8:26 pm



Well-known, posted a lot of times I think. Use spiral similarity.



kazi

#3 Jan 8, 2014, 8:13 pm



I need a help for part B please  
I solved part A.



Luis González

#4 Jan 8, 2014, 10:12 pm • 1



Certainly, posted many times before. (1) Euler lines of AB<sub>1</sub>C<sub>1</sub>, BC<sub>1</sub>A<sub>1</sub> and CA<sub>1</sub>B<sub>1</sub> concur at the Feuerbach point of the antimedial triangle of A<sub>1</sub>B<sub>1</sub>C<sub>1</sub>, lying on its circumcircle. Hence (2) follows from Feuerbach point property.

- (1) <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=47&t=370155>
- (2) <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=49&t=24959>

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## High School Olympiads

Geometric Con... X

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S.E.Louridas

#1 Jan 7, 2014, 11:37 pm

An  $\angle xOy$  is given and given also an interior point  $P$  of  $\angle xOy$ .

Construct (\*) a line segment  $AB$  with  $A \in Ox$ ,  $B \in Oy$ ,  $P \in AB$ , such that the Area of the triangle  $OAB$  is  $k^2$ , when  $k$  is a given line segment.

(\*) Geometric Construction is better.



Luis González

#2 Jan 8, 2014, 6:15 am

Since  $[OAB] = \frac{1}{2}OA \cdot OB \cdot \sin \widehat{AOB}$ , then the problem boils down to the construction of the line  $\ell$  through  $P$  cutting the rays  $Ox, Oy$  at points  $A, B$ , such that  $OA \cdot OB$  equals a known quantity  $d^2$ .

The map  $\mathbf{P}_1$  sending  $A$  to the intersection  $B_1$  of  $PA$  with  $Oy$  is clearly projective and the map  $\mathbf{P}_2$  sending  $A$  to a point  $B_2$  on  $Oy$ , such that  $\overline{OA} \cdot \overline{OB}_2 = d^2$  is also projective, being the composition of the axial symmetry across the angle bisector of  $\angle xOy$  followed by involution with center  $O$  and power  $d^2$ . Hence the points  $B$  solution are nothing but the double points of the projectivity  $\mathbf{P}_1 \circ \mathbf{P}_2$ . Of course, if  $\mathbf{P}_1 \circ \mathbf{P}_2$  turns out to be elliptic there are no solutions.

Construction of double points is quite easy by transforming the series  $B_1 \mapsto B_2$  into circular series on arbitrary circle  $\omega$ . The projective axis of this projectivity cuts  $\omega$  at the double points.

P.S. See also the problem [Triangle area](#) for alternate construction.

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## High School Olympiads

Prove that  $IP \parallel OH$  X

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a00012025

#1 Jan 7, 2014, 8:45 pm

Let  $ABC$  triangle with incenter  $I$ , circumcenter  $O$  and orthocenter  $H$ . Let  $D, E, F$  be reflection of  $I$  over  $BC, CA, AB$ .

Prove that:

(1)  $AD, BE, CF$  are concurrent.

(2) Let  $AD, BE, CF$  be concurrent at  $P$ , prove that  $IP \parallel OH$



nima-amini

#2 Jan 7, 2014, 9:11 pm

1- use inversion whit center i and

$$r^2$$



IMI-Mathboy

#3 Jan 7, 2014, 9:54 pm

1) The lines through  $D, E$  and  $F$  parallel to  $BC, AC$  and  $AB$  intersects with each other at  $C_1, A_1$  and  $B_1$ . if  $AB$  and  $CB$  intersect  $B_1C_1$  and  $A_1B_1$  at  $M$  and  $N$ . then  $MD = NF$  hence it is easy by chevi!



IDMasterz

#4 Jan 7, 2014, 10:08 pm

For 1, multiple ways. Kariya's theorem, Sondats.

For 2, let  $\ell$  be the perpspectrix of  $DEF$  with  $ABC$ . By Sondats theorem,  $IP \perp \ell$  so it suffices to prove  $OH \perp \ell$ . In fact, this means it is parallel to the orthic axis. Unfortunately, so far, I only have a ratio bash proof.



Luis González

#5 Jan 8, 2014, 2:45 am • 1

The concurrency is a particular case of Jacobi's theorem, which has been posted many times before. Particularly, these lines  $AD, BE, CF$  concur at the Gray's point of  $ABC$ . As for the parallelism, it holds for all points whose reflection triangle is perspective with  $ABC$  (all points on the Neuberg cubic of  $ABC$ ).

- (1) <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=47&t=404816>
- (2) <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=47&t=269121>



jayme

#6 Jan 8, 2014, 9:43 am • 1

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Concurrent with tangent circles 

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**buratinogigle**

#1 Jan 7, 2014, 2:43 pm



Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with altitude  $AD, BF, CE$ . ( $N$ ) is Euler circle. The circle  $(K_a)$  passing through  $B, C$  and touches  $(N)$  at  $X$  such that  $X$  is inside triangle  $ABC$ . Similarly we have points  $Y, Z$ . Prove that  $DX, EY, FZ$  are concurrent.



**Luis González**

#2 Jan 7, 2014, 11:23 pm • 1 



$BC, EF$  and the common tangent of  $(N), (K_a)$  are pairwise radical axis of  $(N)$ , the circle with diameter  $\overline{BC}$  and  $(K_a)$ , concurring at their radical center  $R \equiv EF \cap BC$ . Hence in the  $\triangle XEF$ , we have the relation

$$\frac{RE}{RF} = \frac{XE^2}{XF^2} \implies \frac{XE}{XF} = \sqrt{\frac{RE}{RF}} = \sqrt{\frac{DE}{DF}}.$$

Last equality follows from the fact that  $DR \equiv BC$  bisects  $\angle EDF$ . Thus, multiplying the cyclic expressions together gives

$$\frac{XE}{XF} \cdot \frac{YF}{YD} \cdot \frac{ZD}{ZE} = \sqrt{\frac{DE}{DF}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{EF}{ED}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{FD}{FE}} = 1,$$

which means that the diagonals  $DX, EY, FZ$  of the cyclic hexagon  $FXEZDY$  concur.

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perpendicular to OI    

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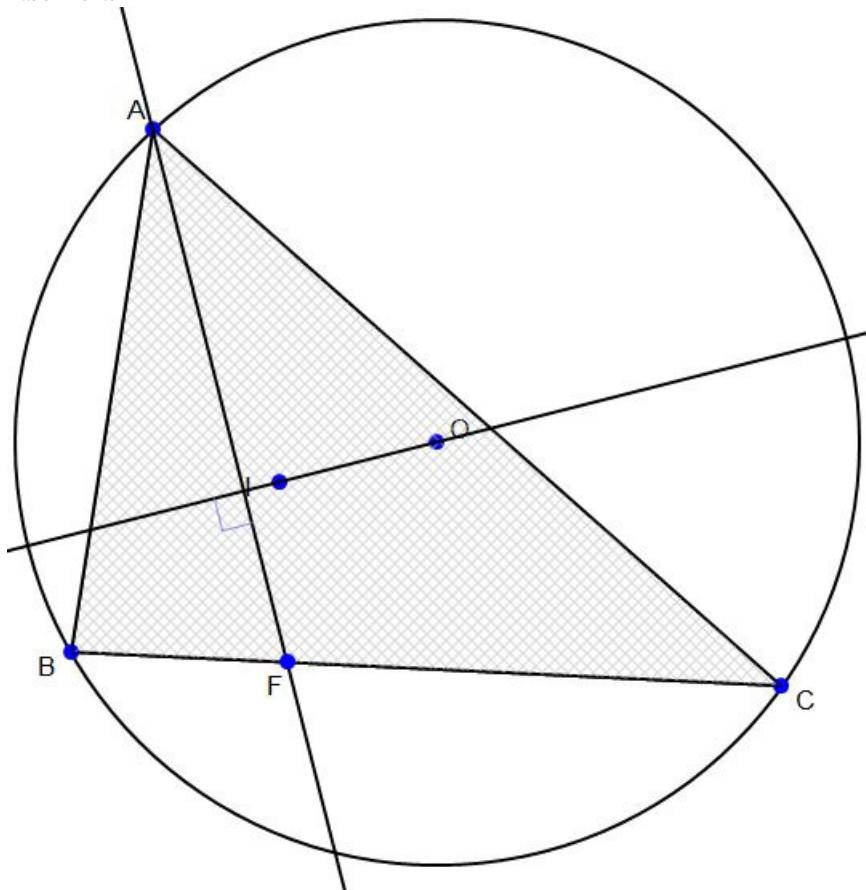
kazi

#1 Jan 5, 2014, 5:23 pm • 3 

Let ABC be a triangle with circumcenter O and incenter I. Draw a perpendicular line from A to OI that intersects BC on F. If the radius of the circumcircles ABF and ACF be K and M, prove that:  $|K-M|=|OI|$

I hate these type of problems and I dont have any idea about them. Please give me a hint before writing your solution. Thank you

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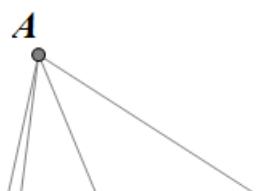
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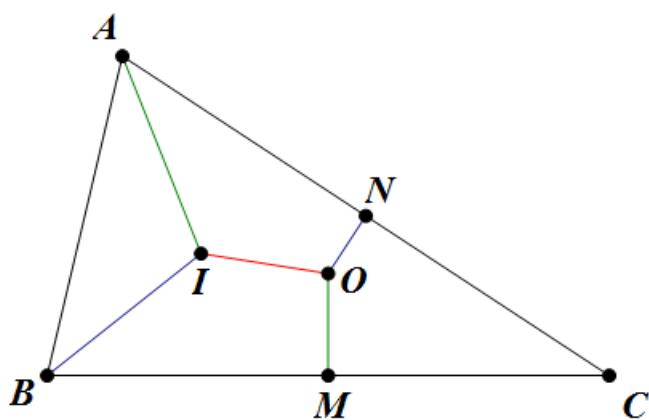
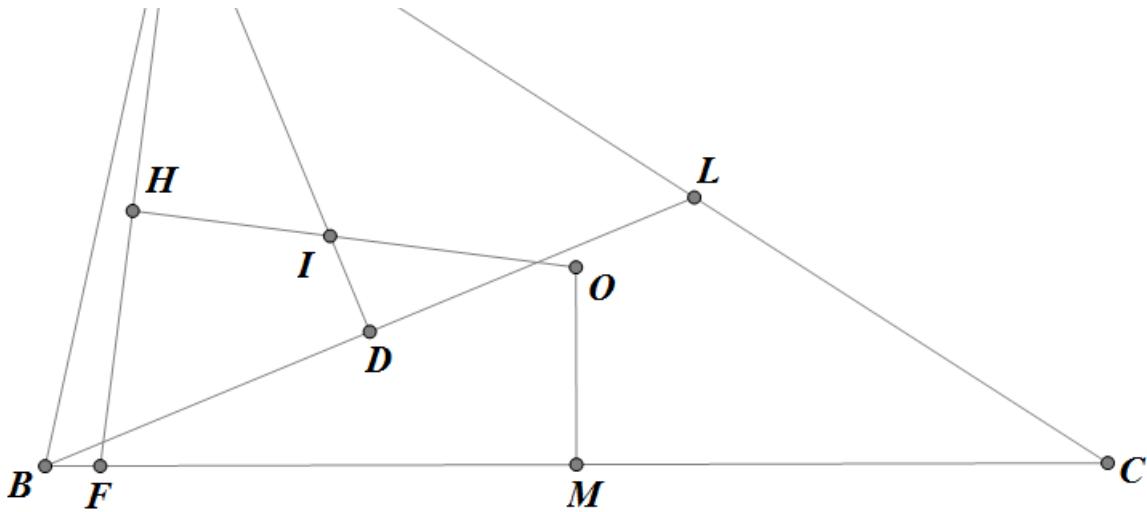
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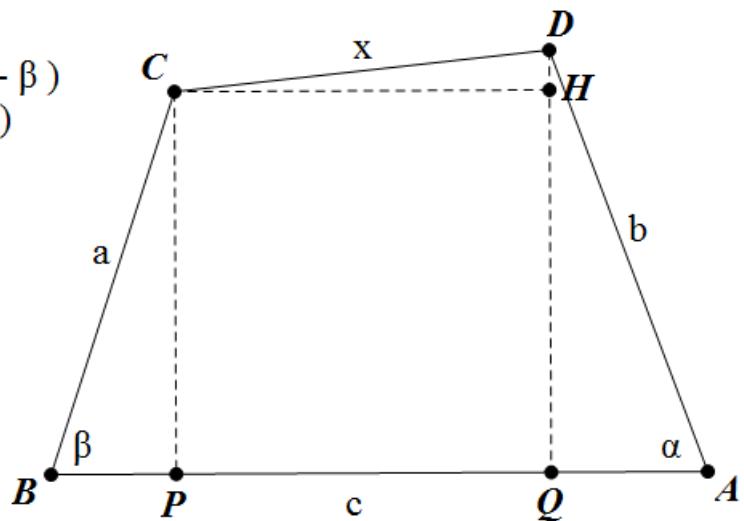
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$$\text{show that : } OI = \frac{AC - AB}{2 \cdot \sin \angle IOM}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 &= CH^2 + DH^2 \\ &= a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2ab \cdot \cos(\alpha - \beta) \\ &\quad - 2c(b \cdot \cos \alpha + a \cdot \cos \beta) \end{aligned}$$



Luis González

#3 Jan 7, 2014, 12:51 pm • 5

WLOG assume that  $AC > CB > BA$ . Take points  $P, Q$  on rays  $\overrightarrow{BA}, \overrightarrow{CA}$ , respectively, such that  $PB = BC = CQ$ . From  $OI$  is perpendicular to  $MN$  and  $R' = OI$ ,  $PQ \perp OI \Rightarrow AF \parallel PQ$  and the circumradius  $\varrho$  of  $\triangle APQ$  equals  $OI$ .

Let  $PQ$  cut  $BC$  at  $R$  and let the parallel from  $F$  to  $BQ$  meet  $AC$  at  $D$ . By Pappus theorem for  $B, F, R$  and the infinite points of  $AB, BQ, QR$ , we deduce that  $AB \parallel DR \Rightarrow \frac{AD}{DC} = \frac{BR}{RC}$ . But by Menelaus theorem for  $\triangle ABC \cup \overline{PQR}$ , using  $PB = CQ$ , gives  $\frac{BR}{RC} = \frac{AQ}{AP} \Rightarrow$

$$\frac{AD}{AQ} = \frac{DC}{AP} = \frac{FC}{AP} \Rightarrow \frac{FC}{AP} = \frac{AQ + FB}{AQ} = 1 + \frac{FB}{AQ} \quad (1).$$

For convenience denote  $\varrho_1, \varrho_2$  the circumradii of  $\triangle AFC, \triangle AFB$ , respectively.

$$FC = 2\varrho_1 \cdot \sin \widehat{CAF} = 2\varrho_1 \cdot \sin \widehat{AQP} = 2\varrho_1 \cdot \frac{AP}{\varrho_2} = \frac{\varrho_1}{\varrho_2} \cdot AP.$$

Similarly, we'll have  $FB = \frac{\varrho_2}{\varrho} \cdot AQ \implies$

$$\varrho_1 - \varrho_2 = \varrho \left( \frac{FC}{AP} - \frac{FB}{AQ} \right) = OI \left( \frac{FC}{AP} - \frac{FB}{AQ} \right) \quad (2).$$

Combining (1) and (2) yields  $\varrho_1 - \varrho_2 = OI$ , as desired.



**buratinogiggle**

#4 Jan 7, 2014, 10:23 pm

Very nice problem, here is a little extension

Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with circumcenter  $O$ , incenter  $I$ . A line which is perpendicular to  $OI$ , cuts  $BC, CA, AB$  at  $D, E, F$ , respectively. Let  $(K, R_K), (L, R_L), (N, R_N)$  be circumcircles of triangles  $AEF, EDC, FDB$ , respectively. Prove that  $OI + |R_L - R_N| = R_K$ .

I think proof is similar to Luis.



**kazi**

#5 Jan 7, 2014, 11:47 pm

Outline of a solution:

let K be the intersection of the incircle with BC and T be the intersection of AI with circumcenter. we have

$$OI = (IT \cdot \sin \angle ITO) / \sin \angle IOT (= IOM)$$

so we must prove

$$IT \cdot \sin \angle ITO = (b - c)/2 \leftrightarrow IT \cdot \sin \angle (|B - (90 - A/2)|) = IT \cdot \sin \angle (|b/2 - c/2|) = IT \cdot (\sin \angle b/2 \cdot \cos \angle c/2 - \sin \angle c/2 \cdot \cos \angle b/2)$$

we use BIC and K to write sin with IK and BK and CK . and then we reach the proof . sorry Im too slow in latex ... 😊

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## High School Olympiads

Centroid 

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Source: Bosnia and Herzegovina 2012 federal competition



gobathegreat

#1 Jan 6, 2014, 3:21 pm



Let ABC be acute triangle and T and O its centroid and circumcenter, respectively. Let D,E and F be circumcenters of triangles TAB, TBC and TAC. Prove that O is centroid of triangle DEF.



Luis González

#2 Jan 7, 2014, 9:43 am



Posted before. It's problem 2 from Greek TST 2009.

<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=46&t=499502>

<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=47&t=310743>

<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=46&t=228911>

<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=49&t=331763&start=560>

## High School Olympiads

A concurrent problem 

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xiaotabuta

#1 Jan 4, 2014, 11:18 pm

Let quadrilateral  $ABCD$  with  $(E), (F)$  are the incircles of triangle  $ABD, BCD$  respectively. Let  $M, N$  are the intersection of  $(E), (F)$  with  $BD$  respectively. Prove that  $BM = DN$  if and only if  $EF, AC, BD$  are concurrent.



Luis González

#2 Jan 5, 2014, 1:01 am

Assume that  $BM = DN \implies \frac{1}{2}(BA + BD - DA) = \frac{1}{2}(DC + DB - BC) \implies BA + BC = DA + DC \implies ABCD$  is either A- or C-tangential. WLOG assume that it is A-tangential, i.e. there is a circle  $\omega$  tangent to  $AB, AD$  and the extensions of  $BC, DC$  beyond  $C$ .  $P \equiv EF \cap BD$  is insimilicenter of  $(E) \sim (F)$ ,  $C$  is insimilicenter of  $(F) \sim \omega$  and  $A$  is exsimilicenter of  $(E) \sim \omega$ . Thus, by Monge & d'Alembert theorem,  $A, P, C$  are collinear, i.e.  $AC, BD, EF$  concur.



The converse is proved with the same arguments. WLOG assume that  $CB, CD$  cut the rays  $AD, AB$  beyond  $D, B$ . Let  $\omega$  be the circle tangent to  $AD$  and the extensions of  $CB, CD$  beyond  $C$ . The collinearity of  $A$ , the insimilicenter  $P$  of  $(E) \sim (F)$  and the insimilicenter  $C$  of  $(F) \sim \omega$  forces  $A$  to be the exsimilicenter of  $(E) \sim \omega \implies \omega$  also touches  $AB \implies AB + BC = DA + DC \implies BM = DN$ .



mathuz

#3 Jan 5, 2014, 1:05 am

more original definition:

$EF, AC, BD$  are concurrent if and only if  $AB + BC = AD + DC$ .

I have a synthetic proof, but now I am interested about projective proof. Somebody can help me?



xiaotabuta

#4 Jan 5, 2014, 12:55 pm

 Luis González wrote:

$AB + BC = AD + DC \implies ABCD$  is either A- or C-tangential. WLOG assume that it is A-tangential, i.e. there is a circle  $\omega$  tangent to  $AB, AD$  and the extensions of  $BC, DC$  beyond  $C$ .

Can you prove it?



Luis González

#5 Jan 6, 2014, 1:10 am

xiaotabuta, it is an extraversion of the so called Pitot theorem.



Let  $R, S, T, U$  be the tangency points of  $\omega$  with  $AB, BC, CD, DA$ , respectively. Then  $AB = AR - BS$  and  $BC = BS - CT \implies AB + BC = AR - CT$ . Similarly, we have  $AD + DC = AU - CS$ , but  $AU = AR$  and  $CS = CT \implies AB + BC = AD + DC$ , as desired.

As for the converse, let  $\omega'$  be the B-excircle of the triangle bounded by  $AB, BC, CD$ . 2nd tangent from  $A$  to  $\omega'$  cuts  $CD$  at  $D'$  (it is either between  $C, D$  or in the extension of  $CD$  beyond  $D$ ). Then  $AB + BC = AD + DC = AD' + D'C$  forces  $D \equiv D'$  by triangle inequality  $\implies \omega \equiv \omega' \implies ABCD$  is A-tangential.

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## High School Olympiads

Circumscribed quadrilateral X

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malilim

#1 Dec 30, 2013, 9:02 pm

$ABCD$  circumscribe  $(I)$ ,  $(I)$  intersects  $AD, BC$  at  $P, Q$ .  $AB$  intersects  $CD$  at  $S$  ( $A$  is in  $SB$ ).  $(I_1)$  is the incircle of  $SAD$ ,  $(I_1)$  intersects  $AD$  at  $K$ .  $(I_2)$  is the excircle of point  $S$  of triangle  $SBC$ ,  $(I_2)$  intersects  $BC$  at  $L$ .  $M, N$  are midpoints of  $AD, BC$ . Suppose that  $S$  is belong to  $LK$ . Prove that  $I$  is belong to  $MN$  and  $IA \cdot IC = IB \cdot ID$



Luis González

#2 Jan 4, 2014, 9:54 pm

In any triangle the line connecting the incenter with the midpoint of a side is parallel to the Nagel cevian issuing from the opposite vertex. Analogously, the line connecting an excenter with the midpoint of its corresponding side is parallel to the Gergonne cevian issuing from the opposite vertex. Hence,  $IN \parallel SL, IM \parallel SK \Rightarrow M, I, N$  lie on a parallel to  $\overline{SKL}$ .

Since  $P, Q$  are reflections of  $K, L$  on  $M, N$ , then  $PQ \parallel MN \parallel KL$ . If  $T \equiv AD \cap BC$ , then  $\triangle TMN \sim \triangle TPQ$  is isosceles with symmetry axis  $TI$ . Now, assuming WLOG that  $(I)$  becomes incircle of  $\triangle TDC$  and T-excircle of  $\triangle TAB$ , we have  $\angle TNM = 90^\circ - \frac{1}{2}\angle ATB = \angle AIB$ , which gives  $\triangle IAB \sim \triangle NIB \Rightarrow \frac{IB}{IA} = \frac{BN}{TN} = \frac{NC}{TN}$ . Similarly,  $\angle CNI = 90^\circ + \frac{1}{2}\angle DTC = \angle DIC$  gives  $\triangle INC \sim \triangle DIC \Rightarrow \frac{NC}{TN} = \frac{IC}{ID} \Rightarrow \frac{IB}{IA} = \frac{IC}{ID}$ .

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## High School Olympiads

a quickie 

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**jayme**

#1 Jan 3, 2014, 6:12 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,

This problem is well known... but how can you prove it synthetically in four steps?

1. ABC a triangle
- 2 . H the orthocenter of ABC
3. Ba, B'a the A-inner (outer) bisectors of ABC ABC
4. U, V the feet of the perpendiculars through H wrt Ba, B'a
5. N the center of the Euler's circle of ABC.

Prove : UV goes through N.

Sincerely  
Jean-Louis



**Luis González**

#2 Jan 4, 2014, 1:22 am

It has been posted many times before with short solutions. See the links below; the last one gives rise a generalization.

<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=46&t=256032>  
<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=47&t=352738>  
<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=46&t=378378>



**sunken rock**

#3 Jan 4, 2014, 3:27 am

Let  $BD, CE$  be altitudes of  $\Delta ABC$ ,  $M, N$  the midpoints of  $BC, AH$  respectively.

Clearly  $D, E$  belong to the circle  $(VAUH)$  of center  $N$ ,  $DE$  is the common chord of this circle and  $(BCDE)$ , so  $MN$  is the perpendicular bisector of  $DE$ .

$AU$  being bisector of  $\angle EAD \implies EU = UD$  and  $M - U - N$  are collinear.

$MN$  is a diameter of the 9 point circle, done.

Best regards,  
sunken rock



**jayme**

#4 Jan 4, 2014, 11:52 am

Dear Mathlinkers,

yes, you are right... but for this known problem, the Lascases theorem has not been used. This was my idea...

Sincerely  
Jean-Louis



**utkarshgupta**

#5 Jan 30, 2015, 7:55 pm

Is this the theorem being talked about

[https://books.google.co.in/books?](https://books.google.co.in/books)

<https://books.google.co.in/books?id=gPMIUd554EgC&pg=PA128&lpg=PA128&dq=lascases+theorem&source=bl&ots=XnS1jtqgvI&sig=ue9SoeZnSGs4mCTVHqAI>  
???



**jayme**

#6 Jan 30, 2015, 8:36 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,

see

<http://jl.ayme.pagesperso-orange.fr/Docs/An%20unlikely%20concurrence.pdf> p. 3-4

Sincerely

Jean-Louis

”



**jayme**

#7 Jan 30, 2015, 8:44 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,  
finally your reference is working and this is OK.

Sincerely  
Jean-Louis

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## High School Olympiads

nice concurrent 

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**DonaldLove**

#1 Jan 2, 2014, 7:00 am

triangle ABC, circumscribed circle (O).D is the reflection of A through BC. E is the intersection of tangents line at B,C to (O). prove that DE, euler lines of triangle ABC, the tangent from A to (O) are concurrent



**Luis González**

#2 Jan 2, 2014, 12:43 pm

An equivalent version has been posted before; P3 of Romania TST 2009 and P2 of Mongolia TST (Nº2) 2011. Furthermore, it has been generalized.

<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=47&t=291602>

<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=47&t=346956>

<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=47&t=495103>



**jayme**

#3 Jan 2, 2014, 12:44 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,  
a proof of this result coming from Emelyanov can be seen on  
<http://perso.orange.fr/jl.ayme> vol. 3 Le triangle sommital... p. 9-10

Sincerely  
Jean-Louis

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## High School Olympiads

Fixed point 

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leminhthang20081996

#1 Jan 2, 2014, 10:55 am

$D$  is an arbitrary point on the side  $BC$  of a fixed triangle  $ABC$ . Draw  $DE \parallel AC$ ,  $DF \parallel AB$  ( $E$  is on  $AB$ ,  $F$  is on  $AC$ ). Prove that  $(AEF)$  pass through a fixed point.



Luis González

#2 Jan 2, 2014, 12:16 pm • 1 

Posted before at [Pencil of circles from parallelograms](#).



Another proof (projective): Since  $EB : EA = DB : DC = FA : FC$ , it follows that  $E \mapsto F$  is an affine homography, i.e. where the infinite point of  $AB$  goes to the infinite point of  $AC \implies EF$  envelopes a parabola  $\mathcal{P}$  tangent to  $AB$ ,  $AC$  at  $B$ ,  $C$  (the images of  $A$  in the respective series). Therefore, circumcircles of the triangles bounded by 3 tangents  $AB$ ,  $AC$ ,  $EF$  of  $\mathcal{P}$  pass through its fixed focus.

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## High School Olympiads



## Find two fixed circles



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yumeidesu

#1 Dec 11, 2012, 11:50 pm

Let  $(O)$  is a circle and  $A, B$  is two distinct points in its,  $d$  is a line not intersect to the circle. Let  $C$  is an arbitrary point in the circle and assume that  $CA, CB$  intersect to  $d$  at  $D, E$ , respectively. Prove that the circle with the diameter  $DE$  is tangent to 2 fixed circles.



oneplusone

#2 Dec 25, 2012, 3:11 pm • 1

Drop perpendicular  $M$  from  $O$  to  $d$ . Let  $A', B'$  be reflection of  $A, B$  about  $OM$ , let  $B'A, BA'$  intersect  $d$  at  $F, G$ . Then  $M$  is the midpoint  $FG$ . Let  $X$  be on  $OM$  such that  $MX^2 = GA' \cdot GB$ .

$\angle GBE = \angle A'AC = \angle FDA$  and similarly  $\angle GEB = \angle FAD$ , so  $\triangle GBE \sim \triangle FDA$ , which means  $GE \cdot FD = GB \cdot FA = MX^2$ . Now let  $D', E'$  be on  $d$  such that  $MD' = FD$  and  $ME' = GE$ . (the direction has to be the same) Then  $MD' \cdot ME' = MX^2$  which means the circle with diameter  $D'E'$  passes through  $X$ , so the circle with diameter  $DE$  will be tangent to the fixed circle centered at  $X$  with radius  $MF$ , because  $DD' = FM = EE'$ . The second circle it tangents is just the reflection of the first about  $d$ .



stackrel37

#3 Jan 31, 2013, 8:21 pm

"yumeidesu wrote:

Let  $(O)$  is a circle and  $A, B$  is two distinct points in its,  $d$  is a line not intersect to the circle. Let  $C$  is an arbitrary point in the circle and assume that  $CA, CB$  intersect to  $d$  at  $D, E$ , respectively. Prove that the circle with the diameter  $DE$  is tangent to 2 fixed circles.

Can you tell me what is the source of this problem? Thank you 😊



yumeidesu

#4 Feb 20, 2013, 2:32 pm • 1

Dear stackrel37,

This problem are from a set of exercises to train VN team for IMO 2009. But the original form is easier than this one so much, I think this problem haven't be chosen for any competition. 😊



Luis González

#5 Jan 2, 2014, 11:07 am

The property is still true for a general projectivity  $AC \equiv AD \mapsto BC \equiv BE$ ; not necessarily congruent pencils ( $C$  running on a circle through  $A, B$ ). So the general version goes as follows:

$\mathbf{P} : D_i \mapsto E_i$  is a projectivity on a line  $\ell$  and denote  $\Gamma_i$  the circles with diameter  $\overline{D_i E_i}$ . Assume that three of these circles accept two circles  $\omega_1, \omega_2$  either internally tangent or externally to them (they are clearly symmetric WRT  $\ell$ ), then all  $\Gamma_i$  envelop  $\omega_1, \omega_2$ . The proposed problem is an example of an elliptic projectivity, where  $\omega_1, \omega_2$  always exist.

If  $\overline{UV}$  is the diameter of  $\omega_1$  parallel to  $\ell$ , then  $UD_1 \cap VE_1$  pass through the tangency point  $H_1$  of  $\omega_1$  and  $\Gamma_1$  (their center of similitude)  $\implies$  pencils  $UH_1 \equiv UD_1$  and  $VH_1 \equiv VE_1$  are congruent. Hence  $(D_1, D_2, D_3, D_4) = (E_1, E_2, E_3, E_4)$  implies that  $UD_4 \cap VE_4$  is on  $\omega_1$  and since  $UV \parallel D_4 E_4$ , it follows that  $\Gamma_4$  and  $\omega_1$  are either internally or externally tangent through  $UD_4 \cap VE_4$ , proving our claim.

External common tangents of  $\omega_1, \omega_2$  cut then  $\ell$  at the 2 limit points of the referred projectivity. These pairs of circles naturally meet  $\ell$  according to whether  $\mathbf{P}$  is elliptic, hyperbolic or parabolic.

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## High School Olympiads

Right angled kite X

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yetti

#1 Dec 19, 2011, 6:04 pm • 2

$ABCD$  is a kite with right angles at vertices  $A, C$  and with incircle  $(I)$ . Arbitrary tangent of  $(I)$  cuts  $AB, CD$  at  $X, Y$ , respectively.  $XI$  cuts  $DA$  at  $Z$ . Prove that  $AY \perp BZ$ .



tobash\_co

#2 Dec 20, 2011, 11:32 am • 2

Drop perpendicular  $ZE$  to  $XY$  with  $E$  on  $XY$ . Then  $E$  is the reflection of  $A$  w.r.t.  $XZ$ , hence  $ZE \perp EX$ . Considering circumscribed  $ADYX$ , we have  $YD - DA = YX - XA \Rightarrow$

$YC = YD - DC = YD - DA = YX - XA = YX - EX = YE$ , therefore

$YZ^2 - ZE^2 = YE^2 = YC^2 = YB^2 - BC^2 \Rightarrow YZ^2 - AZ^2 = YB^2 - AB^2$ , so  $AY \perp BZ$ , as desired.



Luis González

#3 Jan 1, 2014, 1:08 am • 1

This was pending in my favorites for so long. Here is a projective approach.

Obviously, the pencils  $IX \equiv IZ$  and  $BZ$  are perspective and the pencils  $AY$  and  $BZ$ , with mutually perpendicular rays, are projective  $\implies \mathbf{P}_1 : X \mapsto Y$  is a projectivity. So, it suffices to show that  $\mathbf{P}_1$  coincides with the projectivity  $\mathbf{P}_2$  taking any  $X$  on  $AB$  into the intersection of  $CD$  with the second tangent from  $X$  to  $(I)$ .

Clearly,  $\mathbf{P}_1 : A \mapsto D, B \mapsto C$  and the tangency point  $M$  of  $(I)$  with  $AB$  (projection of  $I$  on  $AB$ ) goes to  $E \equiv AB \cap CD$ . These are precisely homologous points under  $\mathbf{P}_2$ , because  $\angle EIM = \angle BIC = \angle AID$ . So  $\mathbf{P}_1$  and  $\mathbf{P}_2$ , sharing 3 homologous points, coincide everywhere, i.e.  $\mathbf{P}_1 \equiv \mathbf{P}_2$ .



jayme

#4 Jan 1, 2014, 3:41 pm

Dear Yetti (V.) and Mathlinkers,  
sorry, I have some difficulty to understand what is a kite? Can you make a figure if you have some time...  
Sincerely  
Jean-Louis



Lyub4o

#5 Jan 1, 2014, 7:24 pm

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kite\\_\(geometry\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kite_(geometry))



jayme

#6 Jan 1, 2014, 7:30 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,  
thank for your help... in french this is a "cerf-volant".  
Sincerely  
Jean-Louis

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## High School Olympiads

Circumcircle of  $A_1B_1C_1$  tangent to E-excircle of OEF X

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Source: Own



**Math-lover123**

#1 Jan 1, 2014, 12:16 am

In triangle  $ABC$ ,  $D, E, F$  are midpoints of sides  $BC, CA, AB$  respectively.

$A_1, B_1, C_1$  are midpoints of segments  $EF, FD, DE$  respectively.

If  $O$  is the circumcenter of  $ABC$  then prove that the circumcircle of triangle  $A_1B_1C_1$  is tangent to  $E$ -excircle of  $OEF$ .



**Luis González**

#2 Jan 1, 2014, 12:30 am

Ever heard of Feuerbach theorem ?.



<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?t=764>

<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=50&t=14927>

<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=46&t=211225>



**Math-lover123**

#3 Jan 1, 2014, 1:49 am

Yes Luis I know but here is not easy to recognise Feuerbach theorem.



**High School Olympiads****Hexagon cyclic and two concurrent points** X[Reply](#)

Source: Own?

**daothanhhoai**

#1 Dec 27, 2013, 2:45 pm • 1

Dear Mathlinkers!

Let cyclic hexagon:  $ABCDEF$ .  $AF$  meets  $BC$  at  $G$ ;  $AF$  meets  $DE$  at  $I$ ;  $DE$  meets  $BC$  at  $H$ ; $HA$  meets  $GD$  at  $P$ ;  $HA$  meets  $IB$  at  $J$ ;  $HF$  meets  $GE$  at  $L$ ;  $HF$  meets  $IC$  at  $M$ ;  $GD$  meets  $IC$  at  $N$ ;  $GE$  meets  $IB$  at  $K$ .

Prove that:

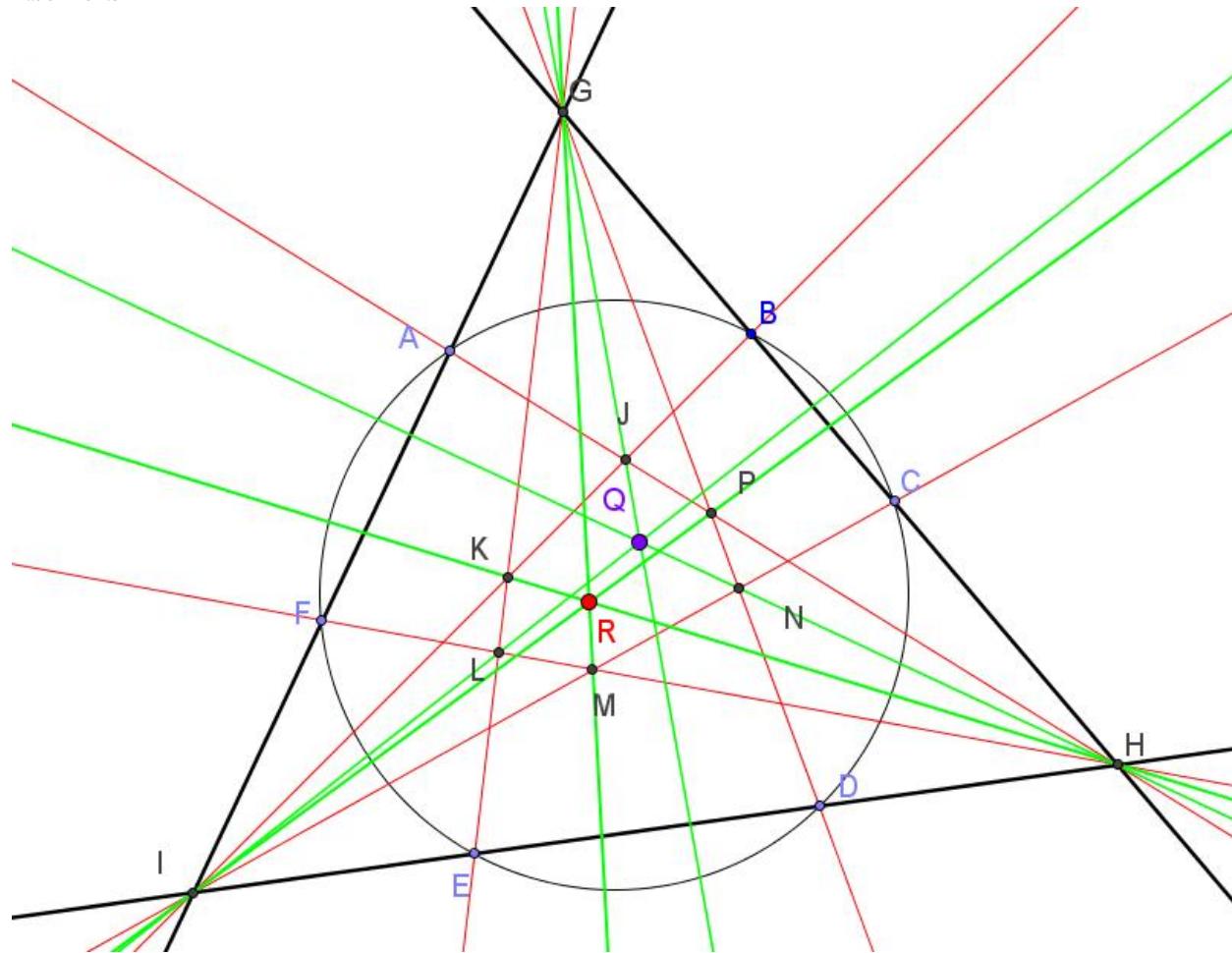
 $HN, GJ, IL$  are concurrent  
 $HK, GM, IP$  are concurrent.

Best regards

Sincerely

Dao Thanh Oai

Attachments:





Luis González

#2 Dec 31, 2013, 9:50 pm

Lines  $IB, IC, GD, GE, HF, HA$  are tangent to a same conic  $\mathcal{C}$  (see the problem [Inscribe conic](#)). Let  $X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5, X_6$  be the tangency points of  $\mathcal{C}$  with  $JP, PN, NM, ML, LK, KJ$ , respectively. Then  $HN, GJ$  and  $IL$  are the polars of  $X_1X_4 \cap X_2X_3, X_1X_6 \cap X_2X_5$  and  $X_3X_6 \cap X_4X_5$  WRT  $\mathcal{C}$ . But by Pascal theorem for the hexagon  $X_1X_4X_5X_2X_3X_6$ , the referred intersections lie on a line  $\ell \implies HN, GJ, IL$  concur at the pole of  $\ell$  WRT  $\mathcal{C}$ . In the same way, we prove that  $HK, GM, IP$  concur as well.



vittasko

#3 Jan 6, 2014, 6:06 am • 2

These results and other two are also true, in some other configurations as follows :

Beginning from a given triangle  $\Delta IHG$  as in the above figure, we denote the pairs of points  $D, E$  and  $B, C$  and  $A, F$ , on the side-segments  $IH, HG, GI$ , respectively.

So, WHEN :

(a) - The points  $A, B, C, D, E, F$ , lie on a circle ( or on a conic ).

(b) - The points  $D, E$ , are isotomic conjugates with respect to the side-segment  $IH$  and similarly for the pairs of the points  $B, C$  and  $A, F$ .

(c) - The lines  $GD, GE$ , are isogonal conjugates with respect to the angle  $\angle A$  and similarly for the pairs of the lines  $IB, IC$  and  $HA, HF$ .

(d) - Three similar rectangles  $IHX Y, HGVU, GIWZ$  are erected on the side-segments  $IH, HG, GI$  respectively and  $D, E$ , are the points of intersection of the side-segment  $IH$  from the lines  $GX, GY$  respectively and similarly for the pairs of the points  $B, C$  and  $A, F$ .

THEN :

(1) - The lines  $GJ, IL, HN$ , are concurrent at one point so be it  $Q$ .

(2) - The lines  $GM, IP, HK$ , are concurrent at one point so be it  $R$ .

(3) - The lines  $JM, KN, LP$ , are concurrent at one point so be it  $S$ .

(4) - The points  $Q, R, S$ , are collinear.

All these results are known and they can be proved by elementary ways and I will try to search for the references.

Kostas Vittas.

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## High School Olympiads

incircles of triangles 

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malilim

#1 Dec 13, 2013, 2:32 pm

Let  $ABC$  is an acute triangle,  $P$  is in the triangle such that  $AB + BP = AC + CP$ ,  $BP$  intersects  $AC$  at  $Y$ ,  $CP$  intersects  $AB$  at  $Z$ . Prove that 2 common tangents of the incircles of  $\triangle APY$ ,  $\triangle APZ$  and  $\triangle BC$  are concurrent



Luis González

#2 Dec 31, 2013, 6:40 am • 3 

Denote  $(I_1)$  and  $(I_2)$  the incircles of  $\triangle APZ$  and  $\triangle APY$ .  $J_1 \equiv PI_2 \cap AI_1$  and  $J_2 \equiv PI_1 \cap AI_2$  are then the A-excenters of  $\triangle APB$  and  $\triangle APC$ , respectively. Denote  $(J_1)$  and  $(J_2)$  the A-excircles of  $\triangle APB$  and  $\triangle APC$ .

$AB + BP = AC + CP \implies$  there is a circle  $\omega$  tangent to  $AB$ ,  $AC$  and the rays  $PB$ ,  $PC$ . Hence,  $B$  is exsimilicenter of  $\omega \sim (J_1)$  and  $C$  is the exsimilicenter of  $\omega \sim (J_2)$ . By Monge & d'Alembert theorem,  $K \equiv BC \cap J_1 J_2$  is the exsimilicenter of  $(J_1) \sim (J_2) \implies A(J_1, J_2, P, K) = -1$ . Therefore, from the complete quadrangle  $I_1 J_1 J_2 I_2$ , it follows that  $K \in I_1 I_2 \implies K$  is also exsimilicenter of  $(I_1) \sim (I_2)$ , i.e. external common tangents of  $(I_1)$ ,  $(I_2)$  meet on  $BC$ .



jayme

#3 Dec 31, 2013, 1:41 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,  
This problem has something in common with the Urquhart theorem...  
Sincerely  
Jean-Louis



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## High School Olympiads

circumscribed quadrilateral 

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**lambosama**

#1 Dec 31, 2013, 1:20 am

$ABCD$  is a cyclic quadrilateral.  $E$  is the intersection of  $AC$  and  $BD$ . Let  $(I_a)$ ,  $(I_b)$ ,  $(I_c)$ ,  $(I_d)$  be the incircle of  $EAB$ ,  $EBC$ ,  $ECD$ ,  $EDA$  respectively.

Prove that  $I_a, I_b, I_c, I_d$  is concyclic if and only if  $ABCD$  is a circumscribed quadrilateral



**Luis González**

#2 Dec 31, 2013, 1:25 am

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## High School Olympiads

A figure like Droz-Farny theorem X

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**jayme**

#1 Dec 30, 2013, 6:02 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,

1. ABC a triangle,
2. H the orthocenter of ABC
3. L, M two perpendicular lines through H
4. X, Y the points of intersection of L, M wrt BC, CA
5. Z the point of intersection of the parallel to HX through A with the parallel to HY through B.

Prove : X, Y and Z are collinear.

Sincerely  
Jean-Louis



**Luis González**

#2 Dec 30, 2013, 11:09 pm

Let  $U, V$  be the intersections of  $\ell, m$  with  $CA, CB$ , respectively. Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be the parabola tangent to  $BC, CA, AB, \ell$ . Its directrix  $\tau$  is the Steiner line of the quadrangle bounded by  $BC, CA, AB, \ell$ , passing through  $H$ . Since any point on  $\tau$  sees  $\mathcal{P}$  at right angle, it follows that  $m$  is the second tangent from  $H$  to  $\mathcal{P}$ , thus  $(A, Y, U, \dots) \mapsto (B, V, X, \dots)$  is a projectivity where the infinite point of  $CA$  goes to the infinite point of  $CB$ , because  $\mathcal{P}$  is tangent to the line at infinity. As a result,  $\overline{AU} : \overline{AY} = \overline{BX} : \overline{BV} \implies Z \in XY$ , such that  $\overline{ZX} : \overline{ZY} = \overline{AU} : \overline{AY}$ .



**IMI-Mathboy**

#3 Dec 30, 2013, 11:16 pm

Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be point of intersection of  $AZ, BH$  and  $BZ, AH$ . then  $P$  and  $Q$  are orthocenters of  $\triangle AHY$  and  $\triangle BHX$ . We have also  $\triangle AYH \sim \triangle BHX$  are similar. if  $M$  and  $N$  are intersection of  $BZ, HX$  and  $AZ, HY$ .Then we have  $\frac{MZ}{MX} = \frac{NH}{HY} = \frac{HY}{HX}$  hence  $X, Y, Z$  are collinear 😊



**jayme**

#4 Dec 31, 2013, 1:24 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,

I have solved this problem with a converse of the little Pappus theorem...

Sincerely  
Jean-Louis

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## High School Olympiads

Ratio proving 

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**ptk\_1411**

#1 Dec 29, 2013, 11:02 pm

Let circles  $(O_1)$  and  $(O_2)$  intersect at  $A, B$ ; common tangent  $EF$  ( $E \in (O_1), F \in (O_2)$ ). An arbitrary line parallel to  $EF$  intersects  $(O_1), (O_2)$  respectively at  $M, N$  such that  $M$  lies outside  $(O_2)$  and  $N$  lies outside  $(O_1)$ . Prove that  $EM/FN = EA/FA$ .



**Luis González**

#2 Dec 30, 2013, 10:22 am

Let  $AM, AN$  cut  $EF$  at  $P, Q$ , respectively. From  $PQ \parallel MN$  and the tangency of  $PQ$  with  $(O_1) \equiv \odot(EMA)$  and  $(O_2) \equiv \odot(FNA)$ , we get

$$\frac{EM^2}{EA^2} = \frac{PM}{PA} = \frac{QN}{QA} = \frac{FN^2}{FA^2} \implies \frac{EM}{FN} = \frac{EA}{FA}.$$



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## High School Olympiads

bisectors in a triangle 

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malilim

#1 Dec 27, 2013, 11:23 am

Let  $ABC$  is a triangle,  $AA_1, BB_1, CC_1$  are the bisectors of the triangle, the perpendicular bisectors of  $AA_1, BB_1, CC_1$  intersects  $AC, CB, AB$  at  $A_2, B_2, C_2$  respectively. Prove that the area of  $A_1B_1C_1$  is equal to the area of  $A_2B_2C_2$



Luis González

#2 Dec 29, 2013, 8:53 pm

Posted before. See the 2nd reply in the 1st link for a generalization.



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## High School Olympiads

Fix point involving tangent lines X

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**DonaldLove**

#1 Dec 24, 2013, 5:27 pm

Given two circles  $(O_1)$ ,  $(O_2)$  outside of each other with different radii. Let  $m$  and  $n$  be two common internal tangent lines of the two circles.  $M$  and  $N$  are arbitrary points on  $m$  and  $n$ . The other tangent line from  $M$  to  $(O_1)$  meets at  $P$ . The other tangent line from  $N$  to  $(O_2)$  meets at  $Q$ . Prove that  $PQ$  goes through a fixed point



**Luis González**

#2 Dec 29, 2013, 7:58 am

$m$  touches  $(O_1)$ ,  $(O_2)$  at  $S$ ,  $Y$  and  $n$  touches  $(O_1)$ ,  $(O_2)$  at  $V$ ,  $R$ .  $NP$  touches  $(O_1)$  at  $U$  and  $MQ$  touches  $(O_2)$  at  $X$ .

$$\begin{aligned} MQ - MP &= MY + QX - (MS - PU) = SY + QX + PU = \\ &= NV - NR + QX + PU = NU + PU - NQ = NP - NQ. \end{aligned}$$

This relation means that there exists a circle  $\omega$  tangent to the lines  $MP$ ,  $PN$ ,  $NQ$  and  $QM$ . Hence,  $P$  is exsimilicenter of  $(O_1) \sim \omega$  and  $Q$  is exsimilicenter of  $(O_2) \sim \omega$ . By Monge and d'Alembert theorem,  $PQ$  goes through the exsimilicenter of  $(O_1)$ ,  $(O_2)$ , obviously fixed.



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## High School Olympiads

Lemoine point 

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**xiaotabuta**

#1 Dec 20, 2013, 11:02 pm

Let triangle ABC inscribed in circle (O). 2 tangents of (O) from B, C cut the tangent from A of (O) at B', C' respectively. Construct a parallelogram C'B'CD. Let M be the mid-point of BC. Prove that  $ML \perp MD$  (with L is the Lemoine-point)



**xiaotabuta**

#2 Dec 21, 2013, 8:39 pm

Up!

Any idea please?



**Luis González**

#3 Dec 29, 2013, 2:09 am • 1 

Let  $A'$  be the intersection of the tangents of (O) at B, C and let U, V be the midpoints of BB', CC'. D and E are then the reflections of B' and C' on V and U, respectively. UV is B'-midline of  $\triangle DBB' \implies DB \parallel UV$  and  $UV = \frac{1}{2}BD$ . Likewise,  $CE \parallel UV$  and  $UV = \frac{1}{2}CE \implies \overline{BD} \parallel \overline{CE}$  are congruent and parallel  $\implies BECD$  is a parallelogram  $\implies M$  is also midpoint of  $\overline{DE}$  (\*).

Let the A'-excircle (J) of  $\triangle A'B'C'$  touch  $B'C'$ ,  $A'B'$  at X, Z. Then  $DC = C'B' = CZ$  and  $C'D = CB' = AB' = C'X \implies C$  and  $C'$  have equal powers WRT D and (J)  $\implies CC'$  is radical axis of D and (J). Analogously,  $BB'$  is radical axis of E and (J)  $\implies L \equiv BB' \cap CC'$  is the radical center of D, E, (J)  $\implies L$  is on the radical axis of D, E; the perpendicular bisector of  $\overline{DE}$ . Together with (\*), it follows that  $LM \perp MD$ .



**BlackSelena**

#4 Dec 31, 2013, 1:21 am

I believe that this is from IMO SL 2009

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## High School Olympiads

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TrungK40PBC

#1 Dec 18, 2013, 11:30 pm



**Problem.** Give triangle  $ABC$  with orthocentre  $H$  and a point  $Q$ .  $D, E, F$  are projections of  $Q$  on  $BC, CA, AB$  respectively. Let  $M, N, P$  are midpoints of  $HA, HB, HC; X, Y, Z$  are orthocentres of  $AEF, BFD, CDE$ . Prove that  $MX, NY, PZ$  are concurrent at the intersection of  $(DEF)$  and Euler circle wrt triangle  $ABC$



Luis González

#2 Dec 28, 2013, 10:10 am • 1 

Denote  $A_0, B_0, C_0$  the midpoints of  $BC, CA, AB$  and  $O$  the circumcenter of  $\triangle ABC$ . Let  $V$  be the projection of  $A$  on  $QO$ , i.e. the 2nd intersection of circles  $\odot(AB_0C_0)$  and  $\odot(AEF) \implies V$  is Miquel point of the quadrangle bounded by  $AB, AC, B_0C_0, EF$ . Since  $M$  is orthocenter of  $\triangle AB_0C_0$ , then  $MX$  is the Steiner line of  $V$  WRT the referred quadrangle  $\implies MX$  goes through the reflection  $U$  of  $V$  WRT  $B_0C_0$ . This is the orthopole of  $QO$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$ , which is then the intersection of  $\odot(DEF)$  and the 9-point circle  $\odot(A_0B_0C_0)$ , other than the Poncelet point of  $ABCQ$  (see the 1st Fontené theorem at [Two Yango's problem](#)). Similarly,  $NY$  and  $PZ$  go through  $U$ .

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## High School Olympiads

I think this is a very famous problem but I cant find it 

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Source: on the search. Related to IMO problem 6 (2012?)



fmasroor

#1 Dec 21, 2013, 1:11 am

The reflections across the sides of ABC of a line tangent to its incircle bound another triangle. Prove that this triangle's incenter lies on ABC's circumcircle.



fmasroor

#2 Dec 21, 2013, 1:21 am

This also holds when the line is tangent to the ninepoint circle



IDMasterz

#3 Dec 21, 2013, 8:52 am

The other was around was an Iran problem... Interesting, appears this type of "transformation" is an involution hehe.



Luis González

#4 Dec 23, 2013, 3:49 am

 fmasroor wrote:

The reflections across the sides of ABC of a line tangent to its incircle bound another triangle. Prove that this triangle's incenter lies on ABC's circumcircle.

 fmasroor wrote:

This also holds when the line is tangent to the ninepoint circle

In fact, it holds for any line in the plane of ABC. See [The incenter lies on circumcircle \[Iran Second Round 95\]](#)

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## High School Olympiads

A collinear problem X[Reply](#)**xiaotabuta**

#1 Dec 10, 2013, 1:22 am

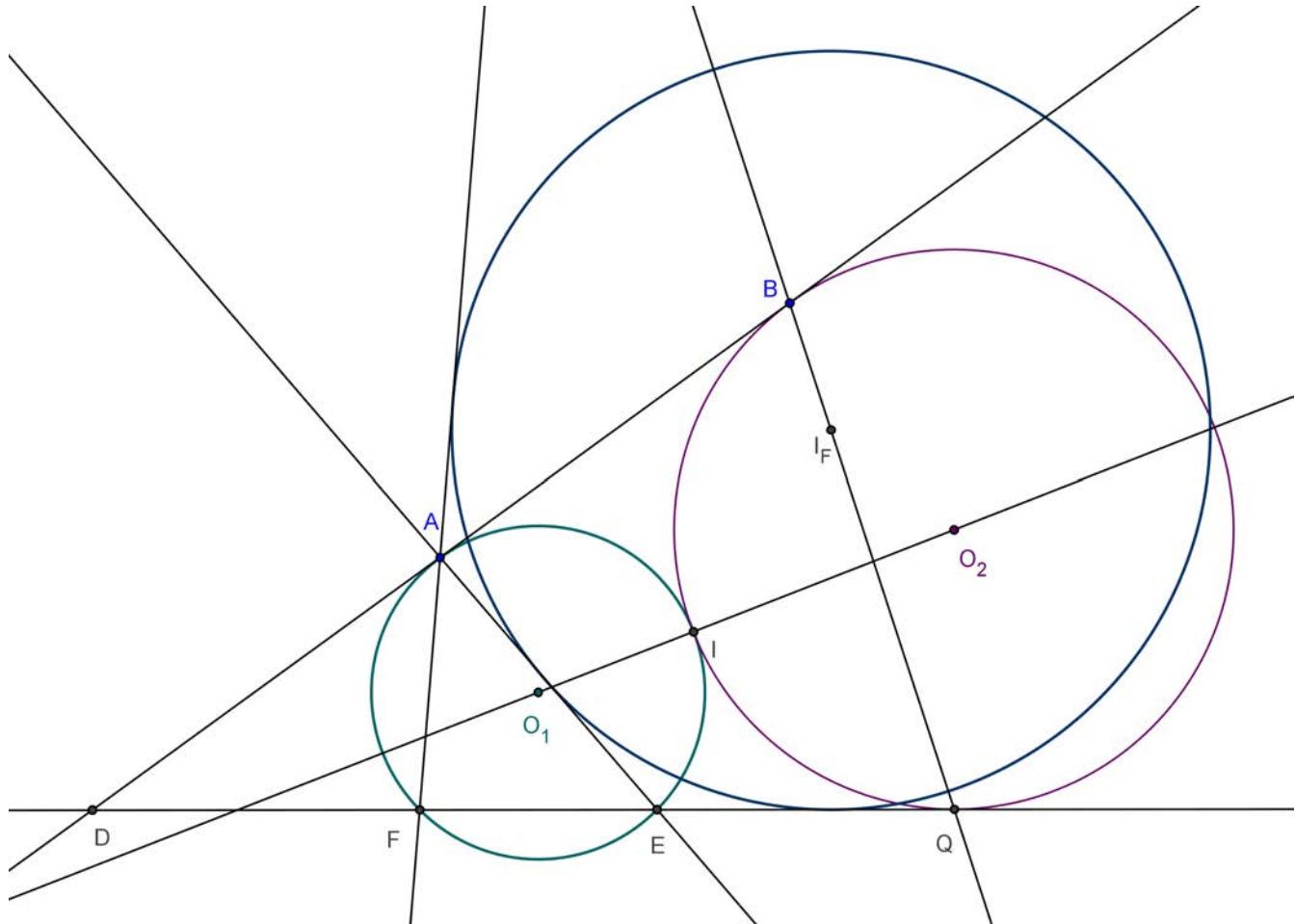
Let  $(O_1)$  and  $(O_2)$  touch at  $I$ .  $\Delta$  is common tangent of  $(O_1)$  and  $(O_2)$ , (does not pass  $I$ ) cut  $(O_1)$ ,  $(O_2)$  at  $A, B$  respectively. Assume that  $R_{O_2} < R_{O_1}$ , another tangent of  $(O_2)$  at  $K$  ( $K$  is at the other side as  $A, B$  w.r.t to  $O_1O_2$ ) cut  $\Delta$  at  $D$ , cut  $(O_1)$  at  $E, F$  respectively ( $E$  is between  $Q$  and  $F$ ). Let  $I_F$  be the escribed circle angle  $F$  of  $\triangle AEF$ . Prove that  $Q, B, I_F$  is collinear

**Luis González**

#2 Dec 10, 2013, 2:58 am

The point  $Q$  is defined nowhere, but I believe  $K=Q$ . Then, this is an extraversion of the Sawayama's lemma;  $(O_2)$  is a Thebault circle of the cevian  $AD$  of  $\triangle AEF$  externally tangent to its circumcircle  $(O_1)$ .

Attachments:

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## High School Olympiads

a triangle, circles and concurrent lines 

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Source: Yufei Zhao, circles



gev\_gev

#1 Dec 8, 2013, 1:52 am

Let  $\Omega$  be the circumcircle of  $ABC$ . A circle  $\omega$  is tangent to sides  $AB$ ,  $AC$  and circle  $\Omega$  at points  $X$ ,  $Y$  and  $Z$ , respectively. Let  $M$  be the midpoint of the arc  $BC$  of  $\Omega$  which does not contain  $A$ . Prove that lines  $XY$ ,  $BC$  and  $ZM$  have a common point.



Luis González

#2 Dec 8, 2013, 2:17 am • 1 

Posted before at

<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=151&t=145105>

For a generalization see

<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=46&t=397123>

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## High School Olympiads

escribed circle 

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malilim

#1 Dec 6, 2013, 3:23 pm

let  $ABC$  is a triangle,  $(J)$  is the escribed circle of  $A$ ,  $(O)$  is the circumcircle of  $ABC$ .  $(O)$  intersects  $(J)$  at  $P, Q$ .  $BY, CZ$  are bisectors of the triangle,  $YZ$  intersects  $(O)$  at  $D, E$ . prove that  $DP$  and  $EQ$  are tangents of  $(J)$



Luis González

#2 Dec 8, 2013, 12:26 am • 2 

From <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=47&t=385175>, the common external tangents of  $(O), (J)$  touch  $(O)$  at  $D, E$ .  $A'$  is a point on the arc  $PAQ$  of  $(O)$  and tangents from  $A'$  to  $(J)$  touch it at  $P', Q'$ .  $A'P'$  and  $A'Q'$  cut  $(O)$  again at  $B'$  and  $C'$ . By Poncelet porism for  $(O) \cup (J)$ , all  $B'C'$  touch  $(J)$ . When  $A' \equiv D \equiv C'$ , then  $P' \equiv P \equiv B'$   $\implies DP$  touches  $(J)$ . Similarly  $EQ$  touches  $(J)$ .



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## High School Olympiads

distance to O equals R/2 

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**DonaldLove**

#1 Dec 3, 2013, 10:45 pm

triangle ABC, circumscribed circle (O). M<sub>1</sub>,M<sub>2</sub> on (O) such that orthocenter H is on M<sub>1</sub>M<sub>2</sub>. A<sub>0</sub> is the reflection of A through O. A<sub>0</sub>M<sub>1</sub>,A<sub>0</sub>M<sub>2</sub> meet BC at A<sub>1</sub>,A<sub>2</sub>. Similarly we have B<sub>0</sub>,B<sub>1</sub>,B<sub>2</sub> ; C<sub>0</sub>,C<sub>1</sub>,C<sub>2</sub>. Prove that centers of circles (A<sub>0</sub>A<sub>1</sub>A<sub>2</sub>),(B<sub>0</sub>B<sub>1</sub>B<sub>2</sub>), (C<sub>0</sub>C<sub>1</sub>C<sub>2</sub>) lie on the same line and distance of that line to O equals R/2.

P/s: I need to prove that the anti steiner point S of M<sub>1</sub>M<sub>2</sub> and O lie on circle (A<sub>0</sub>A<sub>1</sub>A<sub>2</sub>)



**Luis González**

#2 Dec 4, 2013, 8:15 am

$CH$  cuts  $(O)$  again at the reflection  $F$  of  $H$  on  $AB$  and  $M_1M_2$  cuts  $AB$  at  $Z \implies FZ$  cuts  $(O)$  again at the anti-Steiner point  $S$  of  $M_1M_2$ .  $M_1M_2$  cuts  $BC$  at  $K$  and circle  $\odot(KSM_1)$  cuts  $BC$  again at  $Q$ . Angle chase (mod 180°) gives

$$\begin{aligned} \angle SM_1Q &= \angle SKQ = \angle HKQ = \angle FHZ - \angle BCH = \\ &= \angle SFC - \angle OAC = \angle SAC - \angle OAC = \angle SAA_0, \end{aligned}$$

which means that  $M_1, Q, A_0$  are collinear  $\implies Q \equiv A_1$ . Hence  $S$  is the Miquel point of the complete  $M_1M_2A_2A_1 \implies S \in \odot(A_0A_1A_2)$ . Further,  $A_1$  is then midpoint of the arc  $SM_1$  of  $\odot(KSM_1) \implies A_1M_1 = A_1S \implies OA_1$  is perpendicular bisector of  $SM_1 \implies OA_1 \perp SM_1$ . Similarly,  $OA_2 \perp SM_2 \implies \angle A_1OA_2 = \angle M_1SM_2 = \angle A_1A_0A_2$  (mod 180°)  $\implies O \in \odot(A_0A_1A_2)$ .

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## High School Olympiads

Nice result! 

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Source: Maybe own?



**hongduc\_cqt**

#1 Dec 2, 2013, 6:28 pm

Given a triangle  $ABC$ .  $O$  is center of  $(ABC)$ .  $H$  is orthocenter of  $\triangle ABC$ .  $AH \cap BC = D$ .  $K$  lies on segment  $AB$  such that  $KH \parallel BC$ . A line  $d$  through  $O$  and perpendicular with  $DK$ . Prove that  $d$  pass through midpoint of  $BD$ .



**Luis González**

#2 Dec 2, 2013, 10:07 pm • 1 

Let  $M, P, R$  denote the midpoints of  $\overline{BD}, \overline{BC}, \overline{AB}$ , respectively. Then  $KH \perp AD \parallel RM, DH \perp MP$  and  $BH \perp AC \parallel RP$ , which means that  $\triangle KBD$  and  $\triangle PMR$  are orthologic through  $H \implies$  perpendiculars to  $BD, BK$  through  $P, R$  meet at their second orthology center (these are the perpendicular bisectors of  $BC, AB$  meeting at  $O$ )  $\implies MO \perp KD$ , as desired.



**Arab**

#3 Dec 2, 2013, 10:15 pm

My solution is a little bit different. The one by **Luis** is really nice.

Let  $M$  be the midpoint of  $AB$  and  $N$  be that of  $BD$ , we obtain  $MN \perp BD, OM \perp AB$ , which implies that

$\angle OMN = \angle KBD$ . On the other hand, note that  $\triangle ABD \sim \triangle CHD$ , and hence

$\frac{OM}{BK} = \frac{CH \cdot AD}{2AB \cdot DH} = \frac{CH \cdot MN}{AB \cdot DH} = \frac{MN}{BD}$ , which follows that  $\triangle OMN \sim \triangle KBD$ . Consequently,  $ON \perp KD$ , as desired.

*Q.E.D.*



**MMEEvN**

#4 Dec 4, 2013, 1:18 pm



Let  $M$  be the midpoint of  $BD$

$$\begin{aligned} OD^2 - OK^2 - MD^2 + MK^2 &= BK \cdot KA - BD \cdot DC - MD^2 + (BM^2 + BK^2 - 2BM \cdot BK \cos B) \\ &= BK \cdot KA - BD \cdot DC + BK^2 - 2BM \cdot BK \cos B = BK \cdot BA - BD \cdot DC - 2BM \cdot BK \cos B = BK(BA - BA \cos B \cos B) - BD \cdot DC = BK \cdot BA \sin^2 B - BD \cdot DC = \frac{BA}{DA} \cdot DH \cdot BA \sin^2 B - \frac{DA}{DC} \cdot DH \cdot DC = DH \left( \frac{BA}{DA} \right) BA \sin^2 B - DA = 0 \end{aligned}$$

(Since  $DA = BA \sin B$ ). Hence  $OD^2 - OK^2 = DM^2 - MK^2$ . Therefore  $OM \perp KD$

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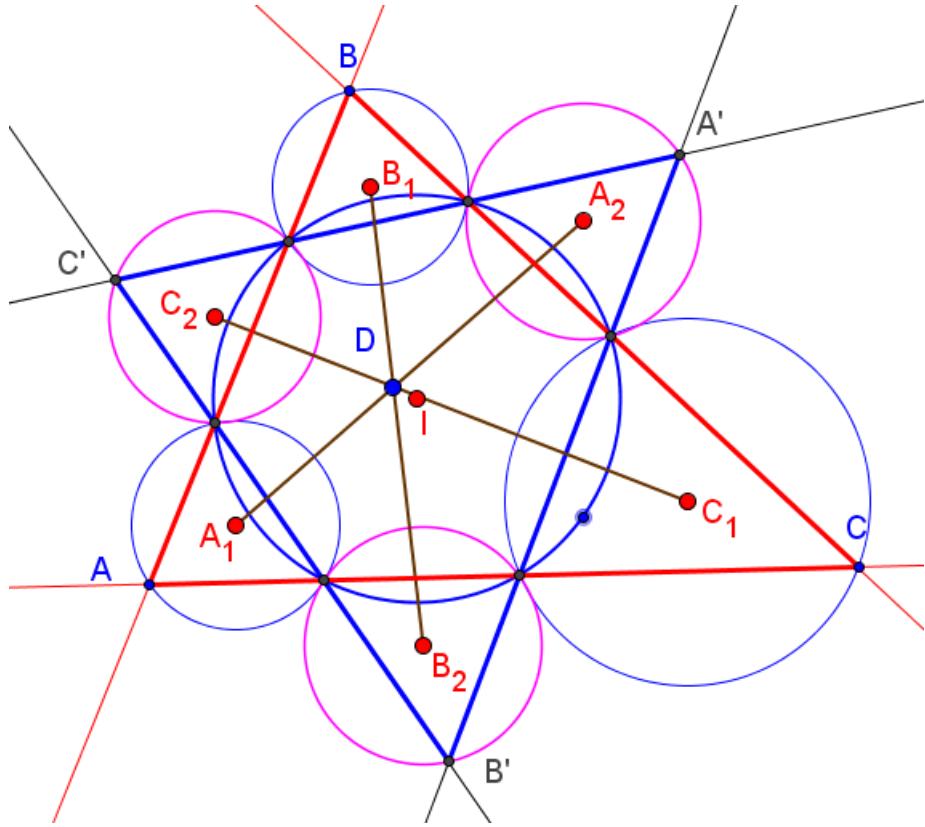
**High School Olympiads****Seven circles problem-II** X[Reply](#)**daothanhhoai**

#1 Sep 21, 2013, 3:33 pm

**Seven circles problem-II**

Let a triangle  $ABC$ . Construct circle with centre  $I$  ( $I$  is centre of incircle). The circle intersects  $AB, BC, CA$  at six points:  $M, N, P, Q, J, K$ . Three line  $NP, QJ, KM$  intersect at three points  $A', B', C'$  (respectively with  $A, B, C$ ). Denoting  $B_1, A_2, C_1, B_2, A_1, C_2$  are circumcircles of six circles  $(BNP), (A'PQ), (CQJ), (B'JK), (AKM), (MNC')$ . Prove that  $A_1A_2, B_1B_2, C_1C_2$  are concurrent.

Attachments:

**Luis González**

#2 Dec 2, 2013, 6:12 am • 1

Let the incircle ( $I$ ) touch  $BC, CA, AB$  at  $D, E, F$  and let  $A_0 \equiv MQ \cap KP, B_0 \equiv KP \cap NJ$  and  $C_0 \equiv NJ \cap QM$ . We prove that  $A_1A_2, B_1B_2, C_1C_2$  concur at a point  $X$ , which lies on the line connecting the Gergonne point of  $\triangle ABC$  and the Kosnita point of  $\triangle DEF$ .

Clearly,  $B'C' \parallel EF \parallel JN, C'A' \parallel FD \parallel MQ$  and  $A'B' \parallel DE \parallel PK$ . Thus  $\triangle DEF \sim \triangle A_0KM$  are homothetic with center  $A \implies A, A_0, D$  are collinear. Likewise,  $B, B_0, E$  are collinear and  $C, C_0, F$  are collinear  $\implies \triangle DEF \sim \triangle A_0B_0C_0$  are homothetic with center  $G_e \equiv AD \cap BE \cap CF$ , the Gergonne point of  $\triangle ABC$ .

On the other hand, let  $T$  denote the circumcenter of  $\triangle A_0PQ$  and  $A_3$  the circumcenter of  $\triangle TPQ$ . Since  $PA_0QA'$  is a parallelogram, then clearly  $A_2$  is the reflection of  $T$  across  $PQ \implies A_0A_2$  and  $A_0A_3$  are the cevians of the 9-point center and Kosnita point of  $\triangle A_0PQ$  issuing from  $A_0 \implies$  they are isogonals WRT  $\angle PA_0Q$ . But since  $A_0MA_1K \sim A_0PA_3Q$ , then  $\angle A_1A_0K = \angle A_3A_0Q = \angle A_2A_0P \implies A_0, A_1, A_2$  are collinear. Similarly,  $B_0, B_1, B_2$  are collinear and  $C_0, C_1, C_2$  are collinear.

If  $A_4, B_4, C_4$  denote the circumcenters of  $\triangle AEF, \triangle BFD, \triangle CDE$ , then  $DA_4 \parallel A_0A_1, EB_4 \parallel B_0B_1$  and  $FC_4 \parallel C_0C_1$ .  $DA_4, EB_4, FC_4$  concur at the Kosnita point  $K_S$  of  $\triangle DEF \implies A_1A_2, B_1B_2, C_1C_2$  concur at Kosnita point  $X$  of  $\triangle A_0B_0C_0$ , which is then on the line joining  $K_S$  with the homothetic center  $G_e$  of  $\triangle DEF \sim \triangle A_0B_0C_0$ .



**daothanhoai**

#4 Jan 10, 2014, 1:16 pm

2-Define  $A_2, B_2, C_2, X_2, Y_2, Z_2$  respectively are midpoints of  $A_1A, B_1B, C_1C, X_1X, Y_1Y, Z_1Z$ . Prove that  $A_2X_2, B_2Y_2, C_2Z_2$  are concurrent.

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## High School Olympiads

Intersection of two circles X

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yumeidesu

#1 Nov 25, 2013, 11:57 am • 1

Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with the circumcircle ( $O$ ) and incircle ( $I$ ). On ray  $AB$ ,  $AC$ , choose  $D, E$  such that  $AD = AE = BC$ . The circle ( $ADE$ ) cut ( $O$ ) at  $K$ .  $AI$  cuts ( $O$ ) at  $P$ . Prove that three triangles  $KBD, KCE, POI$  are pairwise similar.



Luis González

#2 Dec 1, 2013, 1:31 am

Clearly  $K$  is the center of the spiral similarity that swaps  $\triangle KBC$  with circumcircle ( $O$ ) and  $\triangle KDE$  with circumcircle ( $J$ )  
 $\implies \triangle KBD \sim \triangle KCE \sim \triangle KOJ$ . So, it suffices to show that  $\triangle KOJ$  and  $\triangle POI$  are either congruent or similar.

Since  $\angle AJD = 2\angle AED = 2(90^\circ - \frac{1}{2}\angle A) = 180^\circ - \angle A = \angle BPC$ , it follows that the isosceles  $\triangle AJD$  and  $\triangle BPC$ , with equal bases  $AD = BC$ , are congruent  $\implies JK = JA = PB = PI \implies I, J$  are equidistant from the midpoint of  $\overline{AP} \implies OJ = OI$ . Since  $OK = OP$ , then  $\triangle POI \cong \triangle KOJ$  by SSS criterion.

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## High School Olympiads



## Another new result



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**jayme**

#1 Nov 28, 2013, 5:47 pm • 1

Dear Mathlinkers

1. ABC a triangle
2. (O) the circumcircle of ABC
3. Na the Nagel point of ABC
4. A1B1C1 the Na-cevian triangle of ABC
5. (O1) the circumcircle of A1B1C1
6. Be\* the isogonal of Be wrt ABC
7. M the midpoint of the arc BAC

Prove : ABe\* is parallel to MO1

Sincerely  
Jean-Louis



**fmasroor**

#2 Nov 28, 2013, 9:28 pm

What is Be? Bevan point?



**jayme**

#3 Nov 28, 2013, 10:04 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,  
Be is the center of the excentral triangle of ABC.

Sincerely  
Jean-Louis



**Luis González**

#4 Nov 30, 2013, 10:03 pm • 2

Since  $BC_1 = CB_1 = s - a$ , then circles  $(O) \equiv \odot(ABC)$  and  $(O_2) \equiv \odot(A_1B_1C_1)$  meet at A and the center of the rotation N that swaps  $\overline{BC_1}$  and  $\overline{CB_1}$ . Thus  $NB_1 = NC_1$  and  $NB = NC \Rightarrow N \equiv M$  is midpoint of the arc  $BAC$  and  $B_1AC_1$ . Since  $\triangle A_1B_1C_1$  is pedal triangle of  $B_e$ , it follows that  $O_1$  is midpoint of  $B_eB_e^*$  and  $B_e$  is the antipode of A WRT  $(O_2) \Rightarrow O_1O_2$  is Be-midline of  $\triangle AB_eB_e^* \Rightarrow O_1O_2 \parallel AB_e^* \perp B_1C_1 \Rightarrow O_1O_2$  is perpendicular bisector of  $\overline{B_1C_1} \Rightarrow M \in O_1O_2 \Rightarrow MO_1 \parallel AB_e^*$ .



**TelvCohl**

#5 Oct 29, 2014, 9:25 pm

My solution:

Since  $BC_1 = CB_1$ ,  $MB = MC$ ,  $\angle MBC_1 = \angle MCB_1$   
so  $\triangle MBC_1$  and  $\triangle MCB_1$  are congruent, ie.  $MC_1 = MB_1$   
hence we get  $MO_1$  is the perpendicular bisector of  $B_1C_1$ .

Since  $A, B_1, C_1, B_e$  are concyclic at  $(AB_e)$ ,  
so  $\angle B_e^*AB = \angle CAB_e = \angle B_1C_1B_e = \angle(MO_1, AB)$  (notice  $B_1C_1 \perp MO_1$ ,  $B_eC_1 \perp AB$ ).  
i.e.  $AB_e^* \parallel MO_1$

Q.E.D

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## High School Olympiads

constant ratio 

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**DonaldLove**

#1 Nov 28, 2013, 4:45 pm

Triangle ABC, orthocenter H. arbitrary point M. X,Y,Z are reflections of M through BC,CA,AB. XH meets YZ at T. Prove that  
 $\frac{HX}{HT} = \text{const}$

**Luis González**

#2 Nov 30, 2013, 3:25 am

Let D, E, F be the projections of M on BC, CA, AB (midpoints of MX, MY, MZ) and  $\theta$  denotes the angle between the directions AH and YZ  $\parallel$  EF. Then, we have

$$[HYZ] = [HYAZ] - [ZYA] = AH \cdot EF \cdot \sin \theta - \frac{1}{2} MA^2 \cdot \sin 2A \implies$$

$$\frac{2[HYZ]}{\sin 2A} = \frac{2R \cdot EF \cdot \sin \theta}{\sin A} - MA^2 = MA \cdot (2R \cdot \sin \theta - MA).$$

Let AM cut the circumcircle ( $O, R$ ) of  $\triangle ABC$  again at K. Then  $\angle KCA = \angle KCB + \angle C = \angle MEF + \angle C = \theta \pmod{\pi} \implies AK = 2R \cdot \sin \theta$ .

$$\frac{2[HYZ]}{\sin 2A} = MA \cdot (AK - MA) = MA \cdot MK = |R^2 - MO^2|.$$

But by Euler's theorem, we get

$$\frac{[XYZ]}{[ABC]} = \frac{|R^2 - MO^2|}{R^2} \implies \frac{[HYZ]}{[XYZ]} = \frac{R^2 \cdot \sin 2A}{2[ABC]} = \frac{[OBC]}{[ABC]} \implies$$

$$\frac{HX}{HT} = \frac{TX}{TH} - 1 = \frac{[XYZ]}{[HYZ]} - 1 = \frac{[ABC]}{[OBC]} - 1 = \text{const.}$$

**Arab**

#3 Nov 30, 2013, 12:32 pm

I think it should be  $\frac{[ABC]}{[OBC]} + 1$  or  $\frac{[ABC]}{[OBC]} - 1$  depending on whether  $\angle A > 90^\circ$ .

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## High School Olympiads

Incircle radius. X

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**lambosama**

#1 Nov 30, 2013, 12:47 am

Give triangle  $ABC$ .  $M, N$  are 2 points on segment  $BC$ . Prove that  $r_{ABN} = r_{ACM}$  if and only if  $r_{ACN} = r_{ABM}$  where  $r$  is the incircle radius of the triangle.

I believe this is a well-known problem



**Luis González**

#2 Nov 30, 2013, 1:18 am

Let  $X, Y, J, K$  denote the centers of the incircles of  $\triangle ABM, \triangle ACN, \triangle ABN, \triangle ACM$ , respectively. In general, the lines  $BC, XY, JK$  concur (see the two references below). Hence, it follows that  $r_{ABN} = r_{ACM} \iff JK \parallel BC \iff XY \parallel BC \iff r_{ACN} = r_{ABM}$ .

<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=47&t=113885>

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## High School Olympiads

nice geometry 3 

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**ilovemath121**

#1 Nov 29, 2013, 9:26 am

Quadrilateral ABCD inscribe circle (O). AC intersects BD at X.  
Circle (O1) contact XC,XD and contact (O) at Y ; circle (O2) contact AD, BC contact (O) at Y'. Prove that: Y=Y'



**Luis González**

#2 Nov 29, 2013, 9:40 am • 1 

Why is it so difficult to use meaningful subjects ?. Subjects such as "nice geometry 1", "nice geometry 2", etc, do not describe the purpose of the problem. In addition, you did not even bother to check the second link that I posted in your latter problem [nice geometry 2](#). Because of this, the topic is locked.

## High School Olympiads

nice geometry 2 

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**ilovemath121**

#1 Nov 28, 2013, 4:57 pm

Quadrilateral ABCD inscribe circle (O). AC intersects BD at X. Circle (O1) contact XA,XB and contact (O) at Y. Circle (O2) contact XC,XD and contact (O) at Z. Prove that YZ,AD,BC are concurrent.



**Luis González**

#2 Nov 29, 2013, 8:58 am

Kindly, use meaningful subjects next time. This configuration has been discussed before.



<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=47&t=463508>

<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=47&t=474157>



**mathuz**

#3 Dec 4, 2013, 1:37 pm

thank you, Luis.

I have seen the problem. But, without solution.

Poncelet's porism! 😊

very easy solution.

Thanks to @armpist



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## High School Olympiads

A circle through the Feuerbach's point X

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**jayme**

#1 Nov 27, 2013, 11:33 pm

Dear Mathlinkers

1. ABC a triangle
2. (O) the circumcircle of ABC
3. Na the Nagel point of ABC
4. A1B1C1 the Na-cevian triangle of ABC
5. (O1) the circumcircle of A1B1C1
6. Fe the Feuerbach point of ABC.

Prove : Fe is on (O1)

Sincerely

Jean-Louis



**Luis González**

#2 Nov 29, 2013, 6:11 am

Cevian circles of the incenter, orthocenter, Nagel point, Gergonne point, Mittenpunkt, Schiffler point, etc all pass through Fe. Why is this happening ?; they all lie on the Feuerbach circum-hyperbola of ABC, whose center is is Fe.

<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?t=109112>  
<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=47&t=416192> (proof)

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## High School Olympiads

orthocenter lies on \$A\_3A\_5\$ 

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**DonaldLove**

#1 Nov 19, 2013, 9:22 pm

triangle ABC, circumscribed circle (O).  $A_1$  is on BC.  $A_2$  is the reflection of A through O.  $A_1A_2$  meets (O) at  $A_3$ .  $A_4$  is the reflection of A through  $OA_1$ . line through  $A_4$  perpendicular to BC meets (O) at  $A_5$ . prove that  $A_3A_5$  go through the orthocenter of ABC.



**Luis González**

#2 Nov 20, 2013, 12:26 am • 1 

Denote  $H$  the orthocenter of  $\triangle ABC$ .  $AH$  cuts (O) again at  $P$ . Since  $OA_1$  bisects  $\angle A_2OO_4$ , then  $OA_1 \parallel A_2A_4 \implies$  pencils  $A_2A_4$  and  $OA_1$  are similar, thus they are projective. But since the pencils  $OA_1, A_2A_1$  are perspective, then pencils  $A_2A_4$  and  $A_2A_3$  are projective  $\implies A_3 \mapsto A_4$  is a proyectivity.  $A_4 \mapsto A_5$  is an involutive homography whose center is the infinite point of  $\perp BC$ , thus  $A_3 \mapsto A_5$  is a proyectivity.

When  $A_1$  is at infinity, then  $A_3 \equiv P, A_5 \equiv A$  and when  $A_1 \equiv OA_2 \cap BC$ , then  $A_3 \equiv A, A_5 \equiv P$ . Therefore, it follows that  $A_3 \mapsto A_5$  is an involutive homography on (O)  $\implies$  all  $A_3A_5$  go through the fixed pole of the involution. When  $A_1$  coincides with the midpoint D of BC, then  $A_5 \equiv A_2$ . Hence the fixed point is  $H \equiv AP \cap DA_2$ .

P.S. For other solutions see the topic [Nice collinear](#).

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## High School Olympiads

Concurrent 1



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**jayme**

#1 Nov 15, 2013, 6:30 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,  
a very little problem for beginning...

1. ABC a triangle
2. H the orthocenter
3. (O) the circumcircle of ABC
4. A', B', C' the points of intersection of OH wrt BC, CA, AB
5. A'', B'', C'' the circumtraces of AH, BH, CH on (O).

Prove : A'A'', B'B'' and C'C'' are concurrent

Sincerely  
Jean-Louis



**Luis González**

#2 Nov 16, 2013, 3:13 am • 1

Jean Louis, I think that you're aware that this is a particular case of the following configuration:

<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=47&t=327661>  
<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=50&t=560673>



**jayme**

#3 Nov 16, 2013, 11:31 am

Dear Luis and Mathlinkers,  
Yes, of course...  
Just to remember that this point of concur is the Euler reflexion point (X110)  
and also that a little study has been put on

<http://perso.orange.fr/jl.ayme> , vol. 3, La P-transversale de Q, p. 8-12.

Sincerely  
Jean-Louis

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## High School Olympiads

AD', IH, BC are concurrent 

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thiennhan97

#1 Nov 11, 2013, 7:49 pm

Given triangle  $ABC$  with  $(I)$  be incircle.  $(I)$  tangents  $BC, AC, AB$  at  $D, E, F$  respectively.  $H$  is orthocenter of triangle  $DEF$ . Let  $D'$  be symmetric with  $D$  through  $EF$ . Prove that  $AD', IH, BC$  are concurrent.



Luis González

#2 Nov 12, 2013, 12:21 am

Posted before at

<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=47&t=291602>

For generalizations see

<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=47&t=346956>

<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=47&t=425224>

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## High School Olympiads

Show that three lines in triangle are concurrent X

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**Stefan4024**

#1 Nov 10, 2013, 5:36 am

In a triangle ABC, a circle is inscribed with center in I. The inscribed circle touches sides BC,CA,AB in D,E,F respectively. Join the points C and F, B and E. Let Q and R be the point of intersection of the segments BE and CF with the inscribed circle respectively. Let M be the intersection point between the side BC and the line that passes through ER.

Show that MF,DE,QR are concurrent



**Luis González**

#2 Nov 11, 2013, 2:25 am

Since  $G \equiv BE \cap CF$  is always inside the incircle ( $I$ ), then there exists a homology taking ( $I$ ) into another circle whose center is the image of  $G$ . The projected  $\triangle DEF$  and its tangential triangle  $\triangle ABC$  clearly become equilateral with common center  $G$ . In this figure, by symmetry,  $M$  is the midpoint of  $\overline{DC}$  and  $DE, DF$  trisect  $\overline{QR}$  through  $U, V$ , i.e.  $U$  is midpoint of  $\overline{VR}$ . Since  $DC \parallel VR$ , then it follows that  $F, U, M$  are collinear, i.e.  $MF, DE$  and  $QR$  concur.



**Stefan4024**

#3 Nov 11, 2013, 7:26 am

Luis González Your proof is great, plain and simple, I understand every part of it, but one question for you, is it possible to construct that circle whose center is the image of G after the homology?



**jayme**

#4 Nov 11, 2013, 3:55 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,  
we can also  
1. EF, BC and QR are concurrent  
2. Pascal theorem to the degenerated hexagon FDDEERF  
and we are done...  
Sincerely  
Jean-Louis



**Stefan4024**

#5 Nov 11, 2013, 5:41 pm

@jayme The problem to show that EF, CB and QR are concurrent is different from the one I've posted, but anyhow it's interesting one, but can you be more specific in your explanation. How to use the Pascal's Theorem?

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## High School Olympiads

feet of altitude, bisector etc collinear 

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cause\_im\_batman

#1 Nov 3, 2013, 9:46 pm • 1

In triangle ABC, heights AA<sub>1</sub> and BB<sub>1</sub> and angle bisectors AA<sub>2</sub> and BB<sub>2</sub> are drawn. The inscribed circle is tangent to sides BC and AC at points A<sub>3</sub> and B<sub>3</sub>, respectively. Prove that lines A<sub>1</sub>B<sub>1</sub>, A<sub>2</sub>B<sub>2</sub> and A<sub>3</sub>B<sub>3</sub> are concurrent.



mathreyes

#2 Nov 10, 2013, 9:42 pm

Does anyone know a proof for this?



Luis González

#3 Nov 10, 2013, 10:10 pm

It has been posted before,  $A_1B_1, A_2B_2$  and  $A_3B_3$  concur at the A-Pelletier point of ABC. One proof consists in proving the equality of the cross ratios  $(A_1, A_2, A_3, C)$  and  $(B_1, B_2, B_3, C)$ . See [Again again with two parallels](#) (post #8).



Another proof: orthocenter  $H \equiv AA_1 \cap BB_1$ , incenter  $I \equiv AA_2 \cap BB_2$  and Gergonne point  $G_e \equiv AA_3 \cap BB_3$  lie on a same circumconic  $\mathcal{H}$ , the isogonal of  $OI$  WRT  $\triangle ABC$ , where  $O$  is the circumcenter. Hence  $CH, CI, CG_e$  cut  $AB$  at the poles  $C_1, C_2, C_3$  of  $A_1B_1, A_2B_2, A_3B_3$  WRT  $\mathcal{H} \implies A_1B_1, A_2B_2$  and  $A_3B_3$  concur at the pole of  $AB$  WRT  $\mathcal{H}$ .



jayme

#4 Nov 11, 2013, 3:23 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,  
for more, you can also see

<http://perso.orange.fr/jl.ayme> vol. 9 Le triangle reflechi p. 12

Sincerely  
Jean-Louis



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## High School Olympiads

Fixed line 

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**buratinogiggle**

#1 Nov 8, 2013, 11:52 pm

Let  $ABC$  be a triangle and  $P$  is a fixed point.  $Q$  is a point on line  $BC$ .  $M, N$  are on line  $PA$  such that  $QM \parallel PC, QN \parallel PB$ .  $K, L$  are on  $QM, QN$  respectively such that  $NK \parallel AB, ML \parallel AC$ .

a) Prove that  $NK, ML, BC$  are concurrent.

b) Let  $BK$  cuts  $CL$  at  $R$ . Prove that  $R$  lies on a fixed line when  $Q$  moves on  $BC$ .



**Luis González**

#2 Nov 9, 2013, 4:15 am

a) Since  $\angle MQD = \angle PCB, \angle NQD = \angle PBC, \angle NML = \angle PAC, \angle QML = \angle PCA, \angle QNK = \angle PBA$  and  $\angle MNK = \angle PAB$ , we have

$$\frac{\sin \widehat{MQD}}{\sin \widehat{NQD}} = \frac{\sin \widehat{PCB}}{\sin \widehat{PBC}}, \quad \frac{\sin \widehat{NML}}{\sin \widehat{QML}} = \frac{\sin \widehat{PAC}}{\sin \widehat{PCA}}, \quad \frac{\sin \widehat{QNK}}{\sin \widehat{MNK}} = \frac{\sin \widehat{PBA}}{\sin \widehat{PAB}}$$

$$\frac{\sin \widehat{MQD}}{\sin \widehat{NQD}} \cdot \frac{\sin \widehat{NML}}{\sin \widehat{QML}} \cdot \frac{\sin \widehat{QNK}}{\sin \widehat{MNK}} = \frac{\sin \widehat{PCB}}{\sin \widehat{PCA}} \cdot \frac{\sin \widehat{PAC}}{\sin \widehat{PAB}} \cdot \frac{\sin \widehat{PBA}}{\sin \widehat{PBC}} = 1.$$

By the converse of trig Ceva theorem in  $\triangle QMN$ , the lines  $NK, ML$  and  $QD \equiv BC$  concur.



**Luis González**

#3 Nov 9, 2013, 4:49 am

b) As  $Q$  varies, all  $\triangle QMN$  with their cevian triangle  $\triangle DLK$  are homothetic with center  $D \equiv BC \cap AP$ , thus  $K$  and  $L$  run on two lines  $\tau, \ell$  through  $D$  and all  $KL$  remain parallel  $\implies$  series  $K$  and  $L$  with base lines  $\tau$  and  $\ell$  are similar, thus they are perspective  $\implies$  pencils  $BK$  and  $CL$  are perspective. So, it suffices to check 3 positions of  $R$ .

Let the parallel through  $B$  to  $KL$  cut  $\ell, \tau$  at  $U, V$  and let the parallel through  $C$  to  $KL$  cut  $\ell, \tau$  at  $X, Y$ . When  $K \equiv V$ , or  $L \equiv X$ , we have  $U \equiv R$  or  $R \equiv Y$ , respectively and when  $K$  is at infinity,  $R$  is the intersection of the parallels from  $B, C$  to  $DY, DU$ , respectively. By Pappus theorem for the hexagon  $UBRCYD$ , whose opposite sidelines are parallel, it follows that  $U, R, Y$  are collinear. Hence, all  $R$  fall on the line  $UY$ .

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## High School Olympiads

A parallel to a perspectrix 

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**jayme**

#1 Nov 7, 2013, 4:36 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,

1. ABC a triangle
2. H the orthocenter of ABC
3. DEF the orthic triangle of ABC
4. U, V the points of intersection of the Euler line of ABC with AC, AB
5. M, N the points of intersection the points of the parallels to BC through U, V with resp. BH, CH.

Prouve : MN is parallel to the perspectrix of ABC and DEF.

Sincerely  
Jean-Louis



**Luis González**

#2 Nov 8, 2013, 11:49 pm

First, we prove that the perspectrix of ABC and DEF is perpendicular to the Euler line (this is actually well-known). Let  $EF, FD, DE$  cut  $BC, CA, AB$  at  $X, Y, Z$ . If  $P$  is the midpoint of  $\overline{BC}$ , then from  $(B, C, D, X) = -1$ , we get  $XB \cdot XC = XD \cdot XP \implies X$  has equal power WRT the circumcircle  $(O)$  and the 9-point circle  $(O_9)$ . Similarly,  $Y, Z$  have equal powers WRT  $(O)$  and  $(O_9) \implies XYZ$  is radical axis of  $(O), (O_9) \implies XYZ \perp OH$ .

Let the perpendicular from  $A$  to  $UV$  cut  $BH, CH$  at  $M', N'$ . Since  $HM' \perp AU$  and  $AM' \perp HU$ , then  $M'$  is the orthocenter of  $\triangle AUH \implies UM' \perp AH \implies UM' \parallel BC \implies M' \equiv M'$ . Similarly  $N \equiv N'$ , thus  $MN \perp UV \implies MN \parallel XYZ$ .

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## High School Olympiads

geometry [Reply](#)**elegant**

#1 Sep 2, 2013, 2:34 pm

Given the quadrilateral  $ABCD$ , the inscribed circle ( $I$ ),  $A = 90^\circ$ .  $BI$  intersects  $AD$  at  $M$ ,  $DI$  intersects  $AB$  at  $N$ . Prove that :  $AC$  is perpendicular to  $MN$

**Novice\_123**

#2 Sep 2, 2013, 4:18 pm

We only need to prove that  $AM^2 - AN^2 = CM^2 - CN^2$ .

Take  $E$  of  $DC$  such that  $DE = DA$ ,  $F$  on  $CB$  such that  $BF = BA$ .

Due to symmetrical properties,  $NE$  is perpendicular to  $CD$ ,  $MF$  to perpendicular to  $BC$  and  $NE = NA$ ,  $MF = MA$ .  
 $CM^2 - CN^2 = CF^2 + MF^2 - CE^2 - EN^2 = CF^2 - CE^2 + MF^2 - NE^2 = CF^2 - CE^2 + AM^2 - AN^2 = AM^2 - AN^2$   
(since  $CF = CB - BF = CB - BA = CD - AD = CD - DE = CE$ ).

**Luis González**

#3 Nov 8, 2013, 9:39 am • 1

Let  $X \equiv AC \cap BD$ ,  $Y \equiv AB \cap CD$  and  $Z \equiv DA \cap BC$ .  $O$  denotes the midpoint of  $\overline{MN}$ .

$\angle INA = 90^\circ - \angle IDA = \frac{1}{2} \angle ADY = \angle AIY \implies YI^2 = YA \cdot YN \implies Y$  has equal power WRT the circle ( $O$ ) with diameter  $\overline{MN}$  and  $I \implies Y$  is on radical axis of  $(O)$ ,  $I$ . Similarly  $Z$  is on radical axis of  $(O)$ ,  $I \implies YZ$  is radical axis of  $(O)$ ,  $I \implies YZ \perp OI$ . But since  $YZ$  is polar of  $X$  WRT  $(I)$ , then  $YZ \perp XI \implies X \in OI$ .

$BD$  cuts  $YZ$  at the pole  $P$  of  $AC$  WRT  $(I) \implies IP \perp AC$ . Moreover, from the complete  $BDYZ$ , the cross ratio  $(B, D, X, P)$  is harmonic  $\implies I(B, D, X, P) = I(M, N, O, P) = -1 \implies MN \parallel IP \perp AC$ .

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## High School Olympiads

A nice midpoint 

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**jayme**

#1 Nov 6, 2013, 7:22 pm

Dear Mathlinkers,

1. P a point
2. D the point of contact of the incircle of ABC with BC
3. U, V the incenters of the triangles ABP, ACP

Conclusion : we know that P, D, U and V are concyclic on (L)

4. U', V' the B-excenter of ABP, the C-excenter of ACP

Conclusion : we know that P, D, U and V are concyclic on (M)

5. X, Y the second points of intersection of AP with resp. (L), (M).

Prouve that A is the midpoint of XY.

Sincerely

Jean-Louis



**Luis González**

#2 Nov 6, 2013, 11:54 pm

Let the incircle ( $I$ ) touch  $CA, AB$  at  $E, F$ . Common external tangent  $\tau$  of ( $U$ ) and ( $V$ ), different from  $BC$ , cuts  $AP$  at  $X'$ . Since  $X'V, X'U$  bisect  $\angle(AP, \ell)$  and  $PU, PV$  bisect  $\angle(AP, BC)$ , then  $\angle UX'V$  and  $\angle UPV$  are right  $\implies U, V, P, X'$  are concyclic  $\implies X$  and  $X'$  coincide. Now according to the problem [Locus of intersection](#), we have  $AX = AE = AF$ . In the same way, we will have  $AY = AE = AF$ , thus  $A$  is the midpoint of  $XY$ .



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## High School Olympiads

complete quad, cyclic property X

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**cause\_im\_batman**

#1 Nov 5, 2013, 6:48 pm

The quadrilateral ABCD is cyclic. AD and BC meet at P, AC and BD meet at R. The points X,Y,Z are the feet of the perpendiculars from D to AC,BC,PR. Prove that circle XYZ passes through M, midpoint of CD.



**Luis González**

#2 Nov 6, 2013, 3:25 am

Let  $(O)$  be the circumcircle of  $ABCD$ .  $S \equiv AB \cap CD$  and  $N, L, K, G$  are the midpoints of  $AB, PR, CP, CR$ , respectively.  $M, N, L$  are collinear on the Newton line of the complete  $PARB$ .



Since  $P, R$  are conjugate points WRT  $(O)$ , then the circle  $(L)$  with diameter  $\overline{PR}$  is orthogonal to  $(O)$  and the circle  $\odot(OMSN)$  whose diameter connects  $O$  with the pole  $S$  of  $PR$  WRT  $(O)$   $\implies LR^2 = LM \cdot LN \implies LR$  touches  $\odot(RMN) \implies \angle RMN = \angle LRN$ . But since  $\triangle RAB$  and  $\triangle RDC$  are similar with corresponding medians  $RN, RM$ , we have  $\angle GMR = \angle DRM = \angle ARN \implies \angle GML = \angle GMR - \angle RMN = \angle ARN - \angle LRN = \angle ARP = \angle GKL \pmod{180^\circ} \implies M \in \odot(GLK)$ , i.e. 9-point circles of  $\triangle CPR$  and  $\triangle DCR$  meet at  $G, M$ . Likewise, 9 point circle of  $\triangle DPR$  goes through  $M \implies M$  is the Poncelet point of  $CPDR \implies$  pedal circle  $\odot(XYZ)$  of  $D$  WRT  $\triangle CPR$  goes through  $M$ .

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## High School Olympiads

symmetric points in circle, concurrency 

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**cause\_im\_batman**

#1 Nov 3, 2013, 5:03 pm

Points  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  that lie inside a circle centered at  $O$  are symmetric through point  $O$ . Points  $P_1, P_2, Q_1, Q_2$  lie on the circle such that rays  $A_1P_1$  and  $A_2P_2$  are parallel and in the same direction, and rays  $A_1Q_1$  and  $A_2Q_2$  are also parallel and in the same direction. Prove that lines  $P_1Q_2, P_2Q_1$  and  $A_1A_2$  are concurrent.



**Luis González**

#2 Nov 5, 2013, 8:44 pm • 1 

Let  $A_2P_2$  and  $A_2Q_2$  cut the circle ( $O$ ) again at  $X$  and  $Y$ , respectively. By obvious symmetry  $A_1P_1A_2X$  is a parallelogram with diagonal intersection  $O \equiv A_1A_2 \cap XP_1$  and  $A_1Q_1A_2Y$  is a parallelogram with diagonal intersection  $O \equiv A_1A_2 \cap YQ_1$ . By Pascal theorem for the hexagon  $Q_1P_2XP_1Q_2Y$ , the intersections  $Q_1P_2 \cap P_1Q_2, A_2 \equiv P_2X \cap Q_2Y$  and  $O \equiv XP_1 \cap YQ_1$  are collinear  $\implies P_1Q_2, P_2Q_1$  and  $A_1A_2$  are concurrent.

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## High School Olympiads

triangle , concyclicity 

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**cause\_im\_batman**

#1 Nov 5, 2013, 7:05 pm

The points L,M,N are the midpoints of BC,CA,AB of triangle ABC. The points P and Q are on AB and BC. R and S are on AB and BC such that N is the midpoint PR and L is the midpoint of QS. Prove that if PS and QR meet at right angles at T, then T lies on circle LMN



**Luis González**

#2 Nov 5, 2013, 8:35 pm

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## High School Olympiads

Circle tangent to the circumcircle of triangle BHC X

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**Math-lover123**

#1 Nov 1, 2013, 11:48 pm

In triangle  $ABC$ ,  $H, I$  are orthocenter and incenter respectively.

Incircle of  $ABC$  touches side  $BC$  at  $D$ .

$E$  is a foot of perpendicular from  $H$  to the line  $AD$ .

$M$  is the midpoint of segment  $AH$ .

Lines  $ME$  and  $AI$  intersect at  $F$ .

Prove that the circle centered at  $F$  and with radius  $FE$  is tangent to the circumcircle of triangle  $BHC$ .



**Luis González**

#2 Nov 4, 2013, 9:18 am

Let  $P, Q, R$  be the feet of the altitudes on  $BC, CA, AB$ . Obviously  $E$  is on circle  $(M) \equiv \odot(AQR)$  with diameter  $\overline{AH}$ .

Since  $\triangle AQR \sim \triangle ABC$ , then it follows that  $AD \equiv AE$  is the isogonal of the A-Gergonne cevian of  $\triangle AQR \implies E$  is tangency point of the A-mixtilinear excircle of  $\triangle AQR$  with  $(M) \implies (F, FE)$ , with its center  $F$  on internal bisector of  $\angle QAR$  and externally tangent to  $(M)$  at  $E$ , coincides then with the A-mixtilinear excircle of  $\triangle AQR$ .



Inversion with center  $A$  and power  $\overline{AH} \cdot \overline{AP} = \overline{AQ} \cdot \overline{AC} = \overline{AR} \cdot \overline{AB}$  takes  $(M)$  into  $BC$  and  $\odot(BHC)$  into the 9-point circle  $\odot(PQR)$ . By conformity  $(F, FE)$  goes to  $(I)$ , which is certainly tangent to  $\odot(PQR)$  by Feuerbach theorem, thus in the original figure,  $(F, FE)$  is tangent to  $\odot(BHC)$ .



**Math-lover123**

#3 Nov 4, 2013, 10:39 pm

“ Luis González wrote:

⇒  $E$  is tangency point of the A-mixtilinear excircle of  $\triangle AQR$  with  $(M)$

Can you prove this luis?



**Luis González**

#4 Nov 5, 2013, 2:17 am • 1

It has been posted many times before. I remember submitting a proof for the mixtilinear incircle case.

In any  $\triangle ABC$ , let  $D$  be the tangency point of its incircle  $(I)$  with  $BC$ . A-mixtilinear excircle  $(J)$  touches the circumcircle  $(O)$  at  $X$ . Let  $B', C'$  be the inverses of  $B, C$  under the inversion with center  $A$  that swaps  $(I)$  and  $(J)$ . Thus  $B'C'$  is the inverse of  $(O)$ , tangent to  $(I)$  at the inverse  $X'$  of  $X$ . Since  $B'C'$  is antiparallel to  $BC$  WRT  $AB, AC$ , then we deduce that  $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle AC'B'$  are symmetric WRT  $AI \implies AD$  and  $AX' \equiv AX$  are symmetric WRT  $AI$ , i.e.  $AD, AX$  are isogonals WRT  $\angle BAC$ .



**vslmat**

#5 Nov 5, 2013, 11:10 pm

Another solution:

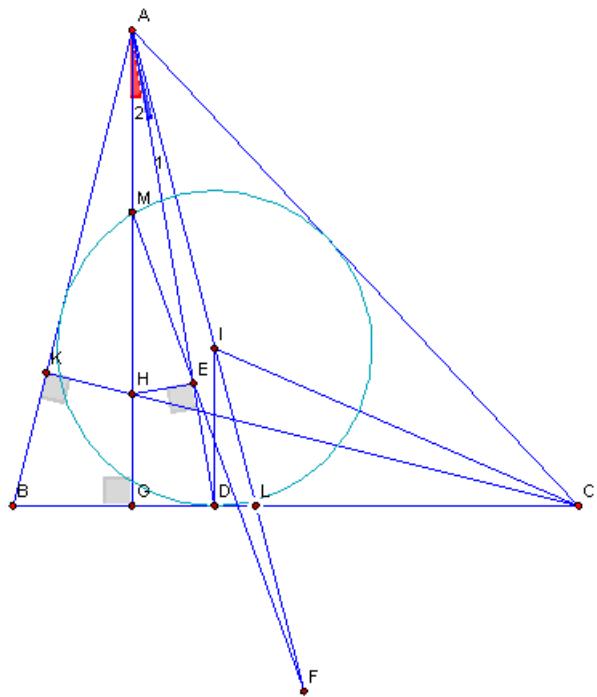
Notice that the distance from  $F$  to  $AB$  equals  $AF \cdot \sin(A/2)$ , so to get the desired, it suffices to show that  $EF = AF \cdot \sin(A/2)$  (\*). Denote the interior angles of  $\triangle ABC$  simply as  $\angle A, \angle B, \angle C$ . Let  $AG$  be the A-altitude in  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $AL$  be the angle bisector of  $\angle A$ .

By sinus rule in  $\triangle AEF$  we have  $EF/\sin A_1 = AF/\sin A_2$  (see the diagram), but also

$ID/\sin A_1 = AD/\sin(B/2 - C/2)$  and  $\sin A_2 = GD/AD$ , so (\*) is equivalent to  $ID \cdot \sin(B/2 - C/2) = GD \cdot \sin(A/2)$ .

Notice that  $\angle GAL = B/2 - C/2$ , thus easy to have  $GD = AI \cdot \sin(B/2 - C/2)$  and as  $ID/AI = \sin(A/2)$ , (\*) holds and the proof is completed.

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## High School Olympiads

Triangle 36M418 

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Source: Geoffrey Kendall 2010



Ligouras

#1 Nov 4, 2013, 8:23 pm

$E$  lies on the segment  $GQ$  and  $F$  lies on the segment  $GE$ . Let  $GEP$  be a triangle.  $A$  is on the sides  $PG$  and  $H$  lies on the segment  $GA$ .  $QA$  intersects  $PF$  at  $B$ ,  $QA$  intersects  $PE$  at  $C$ , and  $QH$  intersects  $PE$  at  $D$ . Prove that

$$\frac{AB}{BC} \cdot \frac{CD}{DE} \cdot \frac{EF}{FG} \cdot \frac{GH}{HA} = 1$$



Luis González

#2 Nov 4, 2013, 11:53 pm

Send the line  $PQ$  to infinite through central projection, the projected  $A'C'E'G'$  is then a parallelogram and  $F'B' \parallel A'G'$  and  $D'H' \parallel A'C'$ . Moreover, the product of the single ratios  $(BAC) \cdot (DCE) \cdot (FEG) \cdot (HGA)$  is invariant  $\implies$

$$\frac{AB}{BC} \cdot \frac{CD}{DE} \cdot \frac{EF}{FG} \cdot \frac{GH}{HA} = \frac{A'B'}{B'C'} \cdot \frac{C'D'}{D'E'} \cdot \frac{E'F'}{F'G'} \cdot \frac{G'H'}{H'A'}.$$

From the parallelograms  $A'B'F'G'$ ,  $B'C'E'F'$ ,  $C'D'H'A'$  and  $D'E'G'H'$ , we have  $A'B' = F'G'$ ,  $B'C' = E'F'$ ,  $C'D' = H'A'$  and  $D'E' = G'H'$ . Hence, the RHS of the latter expression equals 1, as desired.



Ligouras

#3 Nov 5, 2013, 2:45 pm

intelligent and elegant solution ... thanks LUIS!!

is similar to the solution given by me.

the problem is open aspect and other solutions from Mathlinker 😊



sunken rock

#4 Nov 5, 2013, 4:01 pm

@Ligouras:

Once you solve [this one](#), I'll show you another method!

Best regards,  
sunken rock



sunken rock

#5 Nov 6, 2013, 12:57 am • 1 

Now, thanks to **ThirdTimeLucky** I can present my solution.

Lemma:

(Menelaos theorem for quadrilaterals): Let  $ABCD$  be a quadrilateral and  $M, N, P, Q$  the intersection of a line with its sides (we can have either 2 points on the sides and the remainder on the extensions of the other sides, or all points outside the quad).

Then the following relation does exist:  $\frac{AM}{MB} \cdot \frac{BN}{CN} \cdot \frac{CP}{DP} \cdot \frac{DQ}{AQ} = 1 \quad (*)$

Proof of lemma: A parallel to the line through  $B$  intersects  $AD, CD$  at  $R, S$  respectively. Then  $\frac{AM}{MB} = \frac{AQ}{QR}, \frac{BN}{NC} = \frac{PS}{CP}$ .

Substituting in  $(*)$  we get  $\frac{PS}{PD} = \frac{RQ}{QD}$ , which is true, hence our assumption is true as well.

Now to problem:

Applying the **lemma** for quadrilateral  $AGEC$  with the transversal  $\overline{HDQ}$  we get:  $\frac{AH}{GH} \cdot \frac{GQ}{QE} \cdot \frac{ED}{DC} = 1$  ( 1 ) and for the same quadrilateral with the transversal  $\overline{FBP}$  we get  $\frac{FG}{EF} \cdot \frac{PE}{PC} \cdot \frac{BC}{AB} \cdot \frac{AP}{PG} = 1$  ( 2 ).

Multiply the 2 previous relations side by side, take into account the result from [here](#) and we are done.

Best regards,  
sunken rock

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daothanhhoai

#1 Nov 1, 2013, 11:45 am

Dear Mathlinkers!

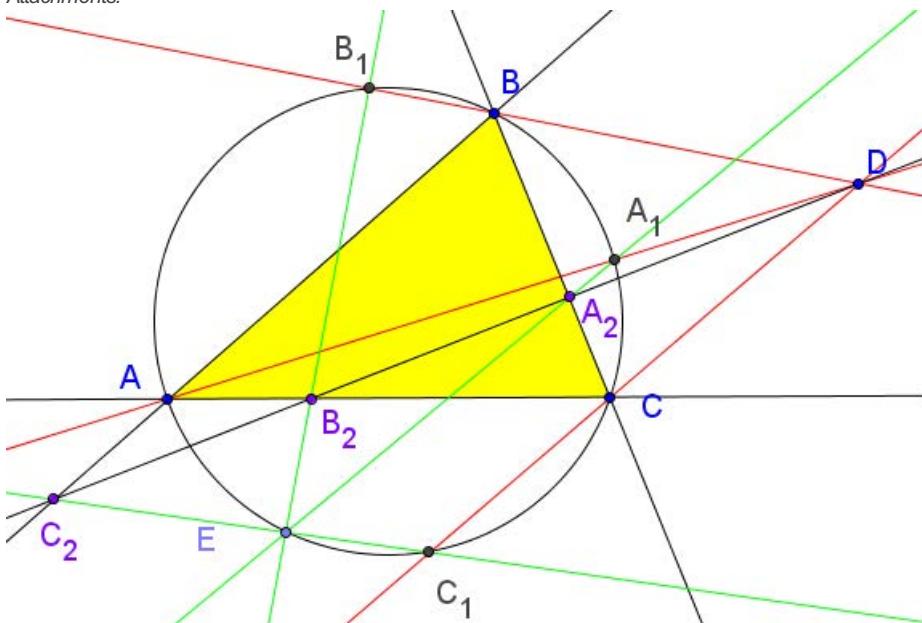
Let a conic through three point  $A, B, C$ , and any point  $D$  on the plane.  $DA, DB, DC$  respectively intersect the conic at  $A_1, B_1, C_1$ .  $E$  is a point on the conic.  $EA_1$  intersect  $BC$  at  $A_2$ ,  $EB_1$  intersect  $AC$  at  $B_2$ ,  $EC_1$  intersect  $AB$  at  $C_2$ . Then  $A_2, B_2, C_2, D$  are colinear.

Converse: Let six points  $A, B, C, A_1, B_1, C_1$  are on a conic.  $AA_1, BB_1, CC_1$  concurrent at  $D$ . Construct a line through  $D$  intersect  $BC, CA, AB$  at  $A_2, B_2, C_2$ . Then  $A_1A_2, B_1B_2, C_1C_2$  are concurrent on the conic.

Best regard

Dao Thanh Oai

Attachments:



[A Generalization Simson's line,carnot theorem, Collings-Carn theorem, Adam-Bliss-lbid problem.pdf \(194kb\)](#)



Luis González

#2 Nov 3, 2013, 10:25 pm

By Pascal theorem for the hexagon  $ABCC_1EA_1$ , the intersections  $C_2 \equiv AB \cap C_1E, A_2 \equiv BC \cap EA_1$  and  $D \equiv CC_1 \cap A_1A$  are collinear. By Pascal theorem for the hexagon  $BCAA_1EB_1$ , the intersections  $A_2 \equiv BC \cap A_1E, B_2 \equiv CA \cap EB_1$  and  $D \equiv AA_1 \cap B_1B$  are collinear  $\implies A_2, B_2, C_2$  and  $D$  are collinear.

The converse is proved in the same way, in fact, it was posted before at [The point of concurrency lies on the circumcircle](#).



fmasroor

#3 Nov 7, 2013, 9:17 am

Very cool thing here but I am unsure why D at infinity yields Simson lines...

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## High School Olympiads



## Concurrency-Three parabolas sharing common directrix.



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mohohoho

#1 Nov 3, 2013, 8:39 am

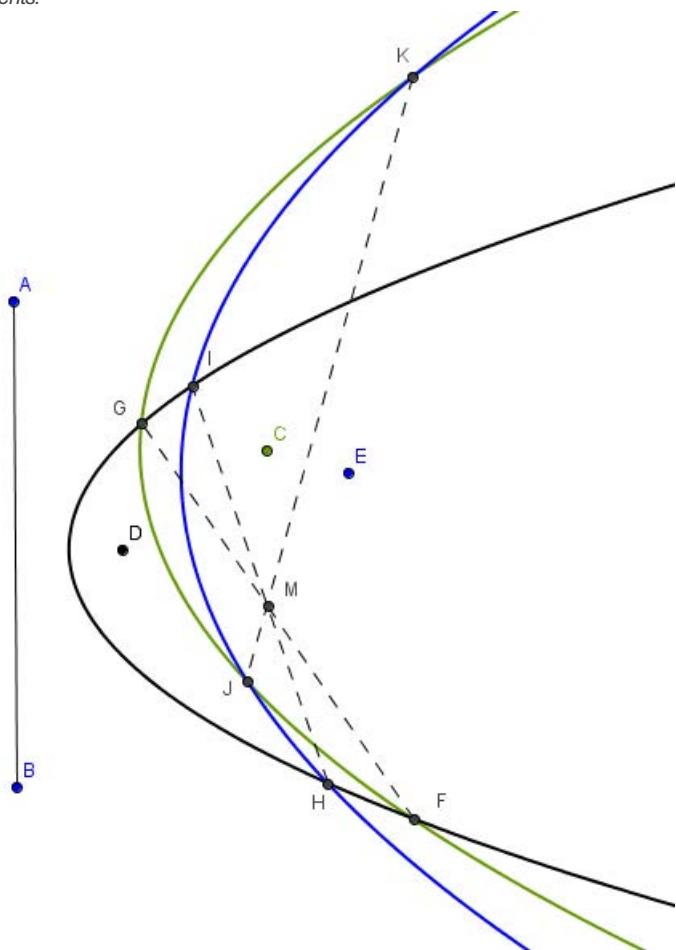
A beautiful result, indeed!

Prove the following statement:

If three parabolas share a common directrix and each pair intersect each other in two points, then, the lines joining the two intersection points of each pair of parabolas are concurrent.

By Emmanuel.

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This post has been edited 1 time. Last edited by mohohoho, Nov 5, 2013, 6:50 am



Luis González

#2 Nov 3, 2013, 9:08 am • 3

We use the same notations given in diagram.  $\ell$  denotes their common directrix and  $C, D, E$  are their respective foci.  $KC = \text{dist}(K, \ell) = KE$  and similarly  $JC = \text{dist}(J, \ell) = JE \implies JK$  is the perpendicular bisector of  $\overline{CE}$ . Analogously,  $HI$  and  $GF$  are the perpendicular bisectors of  $\overline{ED}$  and  $\overline{DC} \implies JK, HI$  and  $GF$  concur at the circumcenter of  $\triangle CDE$ .



mohohoho

#3 Nov 3, 2013, 9:14 am

Ha ha, it was pretty simple! :p

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## High School Olympiads

Radical center on Kiepert hyperbola 

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**daothanhhoai**

#1 Nov 2, 2013, 10:53 pm

Dear Mathlinkers

Let ABC be a triangle, construct isosceles similar triangle  $AC_0B, BA_0C, CB_0A$  (either all outward, or all inward), such that  $\angle BAC_0 = \angle ABC_0 = \angle BCA_0 = \angle CBA_0 = \angle CAB_0 = \angle ACB_0 = \alpha$ .

Then radical center of three circle  $((AC_0B), (BA_0C), (CB_0A))$  are on kiepert hyperbola.

Best regard

Dao Thanh Oai



**Luis González**

#2 Nov 3, 2013, 4:13 am • 1 

WLOG assume that all triangles are erected outside  $\triangle ABC$ , the remaining case is treated similarly. Let X be the 2nd intersection of  $\odot(CAB_0)$  and  $\odot(ABC_0)$ .  $\angle(XB, XA) = \angle AC_0B = \angle AB_0C = \angle(XA, XC) \implies AX$  is internal bisector of  $\angle BXC$  meeting the perpendicular bisector of  $BC$  at the midpoint  $A_1$  of the arc  $BC$  of  $\odot(BXC) \implies \angle A_1BC = \angle A_1CB = \angle BXA_1 = \angle AC_0B = \pi - 2\alpha \implies$  radical axis  $AX$  of  $\odot(CAB_0)$  and  $\odot(ABC_0)$  goes through Kiepert perspector  $K(\pi - 2\alpha)$ .

Likewise, radical axes of  $\odot(BCA_0), \odot(CAB_0)$  and  $\odot(ABC_0), \odot(BCA_0)$  go through  $K(\pi - 2\alpha) \implies$  radical center of  $\odot(BCA_0), \odot(CAB_0), \odot(ABC_0)$  is the Kiepert perspector  $K(\pi - 2\alpha)$  lying then on Kiepert hyperbola of  $\triangle ABC$ .

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