

Submission for DGW-ELEMGE0

OTIS (internal use)

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Example (Monge's theorem, 0♣). Let $\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3$ be three pairwise incongruent circles, and let X_{12}, X_{23}, X_{31} be the pairwise exsimilicenters. Show that X_{12}, X_{23}, X_{31} are collinear.

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Walkthrough. Let h_{12} denote the homothety sending ω_1 to ω_2 , which is a function from the plane to itself. Define h_{23} and h_{13} similarly.

- (a) The function composition $h_{23} \circ h_{12}$ is a homothety too. Which is it?
- (b) Show that $h_{13}(X_{12})$ is collinear with X_{12} and X_{31} .
- (c) Show that $h_{23}(X_{12})$ is collinear with X_{12} and X_{23} .
- (d) Conclude.

Example (USEMO 2021/4, Sayandeep Shee, 0♣). Let ABC be a triangle with circumcircle ω , and let X be the reflection of A in B . Line CX meets ω again at D . Lines BD and AC meet at E , and lines AD and BC meet at F . Let M and N denote the midpoints of AB and AC .

Can line EF share a point with the circumcircle of triangle AMN ?

21USEMO4

Walkthrough. There are lots of different approaches. We'll give the most classical one presented by the author, but there are plenty of other things that could work too!

- (a) Let P be the midpoint of \overline{AD} . Where else does P lie?
- (b) Show that $FB^2 = FP \cdot FA$.
- (c) Show that $EB^2 = EN \cdot EA$.
- (d) Using radical axis with a circle of radius zero at B , prove that line EF is disjoint from (AMN) .

Example (JMO 2018/3, Ray Li, 0♣). Let $ABCD$ be a quadrilateral inscribed in circle ω with $\overline{AC} \perp \overline{BD}$. Let E and F be the reflections of D over \overline{BA} and \overline{BC} , respectively, and let P be the intersection of \overline{BD} and \overline{EF} . Suppose that the circumcircles of EPD and FPD meet ω at Q and R different from D . Show that

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$$EQ = FR.$$

Walkthrough. Most of this problem is about realizing where the points P , Q , R are.

- (a) Using what you know about the Simson line, figure out where point P is.
- (b) Determine the circumcenters of $\triangle EPD$ and $\triangle FPD$.
- (c) Figure out where the points Q and R are.
- (d) Finish the problem.

17TSTST5

Example (TSTST 2017/5, Ray Li, 0♣). Let ABC be a triangle with incenter I . Let D be a point on side BC and let ω_B and ω_C be the incircles of $\triangle ABD$ and $\triangle ACD$, respectively. Suppose that ω_B and ω_C are tangent to segment BC at points E and F , respectively. Let P be the intersection of segment AD with the line joining the centers of ω_B and ω_C . Let X be the intersection point of lines BI and CP and let Y be the intersection point of lines CI and BP . Prove that lines EX and FY meet on the incircle of $\triangle ABC$.

Walkthrough. Let ω denote the incircle of $\triangle ABC$.

- (a) Identify the point $Z = \overline{EX} \cap \overline{FY}$ in a good diagram. (This was worth a point! Despite this, many contestants were unable to find it.)
- (b) Consider the positive homothety sending ω to ω_C . Determine its center.
- (c) Consider the negative homothety sending ω_C to ω_B . Determine its center.
- (d) The composition of the previous two homotheties in (b) and (c) is a negative homothety sending ω to ω_B . Determine with proof the center of this homothety. This is not as simple as the previous two parts; you will need to *use* (b) and (c) to do this part, as well as the simple observation that the center should lie on the $\angle B$ bisector.
- (e) Conclude that \overline{FY} passes through the point you claimed in (a).

Experts may notice that this walkthrough gives what is essentially a proof of Monge d'Alembert theorem.

16TSTST2

Example (TSTST 2016/2, Evan Chen, 0♣). Let ABC be a scalene triangle with orthocenter H and circumcenter O and denote by M , N the midpoints of \overline{AH} , \overline{BC} . Suppose the circle γ with diameter \overline{AH} meets the circumcircle of ABC at $G \neq A$, and meets line \overline{AN} at $Q \neq A$. The tangent to γ at G meets line OM at P . Show that the circumcircles of $\triangle GNQ$ and $\triangle MBC$ intersect on \overline{PN} .

Walkthrough. Let DEF be the orthic triangle of ABC .

- (a) Show that P is really just the intersection of the tangents to γ at A and G (and thus the line \overline{OM} is just a distraction).
- (b) Show that lines \overline{AG} , \overline{EF} , \overline{BC} are concurrent, say at R .
- (c) Prove that $(PAMG)$, (MBC) , $(MFDNE)$ are concurrent at a point $T \neq M$.
- (d) Show that $T = \overline{PN} \cap \overline{MR}$.
- (e) Show that $R \in \overline{HQ}$.
- (f) Show that R , G , T , Q , N are concyclic, completing the proof.

Practice problems

Instructions: Solve [42♣]. If you have time, solve [56♣].

Life is full of surprises, but never when you need one.

Calvin in *Calvin and Hobbes*

Problem 1 (India TST 2015/1, 3♣)

Diagonals \overline{AC} and \overline{BD} of convex quadrilateral $ABCD$ meet at P . Prove that the incenters of the triangles $\triangle PAB$, $\triangle PBC$, $\triangle PCD$, $\triangle PDA$ are concyclic if and only if their P -excenters are also concyclic.

15INDTST1

Problem 2 (Added by Atul Shatavart Nadig, 3♣)

Let ABC be a triangle with $\angle A = 120^\circ$. The angle bisectors of ABC meet the opposite sides at A_1 , B_1 , C_1 . Find the measure of $\angle B_1A_1C_1$.

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Problem 3 (Iran TST 2020, added by Leonardo Wang, 2♣)

Let ABC be an isosceles triangle with $AB = AC$ and incenter I . Circle ω passes through C and I and is tangent to AI . Circle ω intersects AC and circumcircle of ABC at Q and D , respectively. Let M be the midpoint of AB and N be the midpoint of CQ . Prove that AD , MN and BC are concurrent.

20IRNTST10

Problem 4 (Shortlist 2021 G1, 5♣)

Let $ABCD$ be a parallelogram with $AC = BC$. A point P is chosen on the extension of ray AB past B . The circumcircle of triangle ACD meets the segment PD again at Q . The circumcircle of triangle APQ meets the segment PC at R . Prove that lines CD , AQ , BR are concurrent.

21SLG1

Required Problem 5 (IMO 2000/1, 3♣)

Two circles G_1 and G_2 intersect at two points M and N . Let AB be the line tangent to these circles at A and B , respectively, so that M lies closer to AB than N . Let CD be the line parallel to AB and passing through the point M , with C on G_1 and D on G_2 . Lines AC and BD meet at E ; lines AN and CD meet at P ; lines BN and CD meet at Q . Show that $EP = EQ$.

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Considering a homothety at N taking PQ to AB . The point M is taken to the midpoint of AB by radical axis, so thus, M is the midpoint of PQ .

It then suffices to show that $EM \perp CD$. Draw radii from the centers of the circles to the tangency points. Then, we see that $CD = 2AB$, and the desired result shortly follows.

Problem 6 (APMO 2000/3, 3♣)

Let ABC be a triangle. Let M and N be the points in which the median and the angle bisector, respectively, at A meet the side BC . Let Q and P be the points in which the perpendicular at N to NA meets \overline{MA} and \overline{BA} , respectively. Let O be the point in which the perpendicular at P to BA meets ray AN . Prove that $\overline{QO} \perp \overline{BC}$.

00APM03

Problem 7 (APMO 2004/2, 2♣)

Let O be the circumcenter and H the orthocenter of an acute triangle ABC . Prove that the area of one of the triangles AOH , BOH and COH is equal to the sum of the areas of the other two.

04APM02

Problem 8 (China 2021/4, added by Leonardo Wang, 5♣)

In acute triangle ABC with $AB > AC$, point M is the midpoint of minor arc BC , O is the circumcenter of (ABC) and AK is its diameter. The line parallel to AM through O meets segment AB at D , and CA extended at E . Lines BM and CK meet at P , lines BK and CM meet at Q . Prove that $\angle OPB + \angle OEB = \angle OQC + \angle ODC$.

21CHN4

Problem 9 (Germany 2015, added by Joel Gerlach, 2♣)

Fix a real number $\ell > 0$ and two rays in the plane with common endpoint S . Point A moves along one ray, while point B moves along the other ray, such that $AS + SB = \ell$. Prove that the perpendicular bisector of AB passes through a fixed point in the plane.

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Problem 10 (GaussJMO 2022/1, by Qiao Zhang, 3♣)

Let $ABCDE$ be a cyclic pentagon with $AB = CD$ and $BC = DE$. Let P and Q be points on \overline{CB} and \overline{CD} , respectively, such that $BPQD$ is cyclic. Let M be the midpoint of \overline{BD} . Prove that lines CM , AP , and EQ concur.

22GAUSSMOJ1

Problem 11 (Mexico 2023, added by Alan Alejandro L³pez Grajales, 3♣)

Let $ABCD$ be a convex quadrilateral. Let M , N , K be the midpoints of the segments AB , BC , and CD , respectively. Suppose there is also a point P inside the quadrilateral $ABCD$ such that $\angle BPN = \angle PAD$ and $\angle CPN = \angle PDA$. Show that $AB \cdot CD = 4PM \cdot PK$.

23MEX3

Problem 12 (CGMO 2007/5, 3♣)

Point D lies inside triangle ABC such that $\angle DAC = \angle DCA = 30^\circ$ and $\angle DBA = 60^\circ$. Point E is the midpoint of segment BC . Point F lies on segment AC with $AF = 2FC$. Prove that $\overline{DE} \perp \overline{EF}$.

07CGM05

Required Problem 13 (EGMO 2016/4, 5♣)

Two circles ω_1 and ω_2 , of equal radius intersect at different points X_1 and X_2 . Consider a circle ω externally tangent to ω_1 at T_1 and internally tangent to ω_2 at point T_2 . Prove that lines X_1T_1 and X_2T_2 intersect at a point lying on ω .

16EGMO4

Required Problem 14 (BrMO 2013/2, 3♣)

Let ABC be a triangle and let P be a point inside it satisfying $\angle ABP = \angle PCA$. Let Q be the reflection of P across the midpoint of \overline{BC} . Prove that $\angle BAP = \angle CAQ$.

13BRMO2

Problem 15 (Poland 2018, added by Kevin Wang, 3♣)

An acute triangle ABC in which $AB < AC$ is given. Points E and F are feet of its heights from B and C , respectively. The line tangent in point A to the circumcircle of ABC crosses BC at P . The line through A parallel to BC crosses EF at Q . Prove that PQ is perpendicular to the median from A of triangle ABC .

18POL5

Problem 16 (Korea Junior 2014, added by Kevin Wang, 5♣)

Let ABC be a triangle with incenter I . Line AI meets BC at D . The incenters of $\triangle ABD$ and $\triangle ADC$ are E and F , respectively. Line DE meets the circumcircle of $\triangle BCE$ again at P , while line DF meets the circumcircle of $\triangle BCF$ again at Q . Show that the midpoint of BC lies on the circumcircle of $\triangle DPQ$.

14KOR2J1

Problem 17 (HMMT 2017, 5♣)

Let ABC be an acute triangle. The altitudes BE and CF intersect at the orthocenter H , and point O denotes the circumcenter. Point P is chosen so that $\angle APH = \angle OPE = 90^\circ$, and point Q is chosen so that $\angle AQH = \angle OQF = 90^\circ$. Lines EP and FQ meet at point T . Prove that points A, T, O are collinear.

17HMMT5

Problem 18 (Shortlist 2004 G3, 5♣)

Let O be the circumcenter of an acute-angled triangle ABC with $\angle B < \angle C$ and let $D = \overline{AO} \cap \overline{BC}$. Let E and F denote the circumcenters of triangles ABD and ACD . Extend the sides BA and CA beyond A , and choose on the respective extensions points G and H such that $AG = AC$ and $AH = AB$. Prove that the quadrilateral $EFGH$ is a rectangle if and only if $\angle ACB - \angle ABC = 60^\circ$.

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Problem 19 (ARML 2019 T-10, 5♣)

Triangle ABC with $AB = 14$, $AC = 30$, $BC = 40$ is inscribed in a circle ω . The tangents to ω at B and C meet at a point T . The tangent to ω at A intersects the perpendicular bisector of \overline{AT} at point P . Compute the area of triangle PBC .

19ARMLT10

Problem 20 (Shortlist 2012 G2, 3♣)

Let $ABCD$ be a cyclic quadrilateral and let $E = \overline{AC} \cap \overline{BD}$. The extensions of the sides AD and BC beyond A and B meet at F . Let G be the point such that $ECGD$ is a parallelogram, and let H be the image of E under reflection in AD . Prove that the points D, H, F, G are concyclic.

12SLG2

Problem 21 (China 2019/3, 5♣)

Let ABC be a triangle with circumcenter O and circumcircle Γ . Point D lies on the internal $\angle A$ -bisector. Point E is chosen on line BC such that $\overline{DE} \perp \overline{BC}$ and $\overline{AD} \parallel \overline{OE}$. Point K lies on ray EB with $AE = KE$. The circumcircle of triangle AKD meets line BC again at P , and meets Γ again at Q . Show that \overline{PQ} is tangent to Γ .

19CHN3

Required Problem 22 (Shortlist 2007 G3, 5♣)

Let $ABCD$ be a trapezoid whose diagonals meet at P . Point Q lies between parallel lines BC and AD , and line CD separates points P and Q . Given that $\angle AQD = \angle CQB$, prove that $\angle BQP = \angle DAQ$.

07SLG3

Problem 23 (Shortlist 2020 G5, 9♣)

Let $ABCD$ be a cyclic quadrilateral. Points K, L, M, N are chosen on $\overline{AB}, \overline{BC}, \overline{CD}, \overline{DA}$ such that $KLMN$ is a rhombus with $\overline{KL} \parallel \overline{AC}$ and $\overline{LM} \parallel \overline{BD}$. Let $\omega_A, \omega_B, \omega_C$, and ω_D be the incircles of $\triangle ANK, \triangle BKL, \triangle CLM$, and $\triangle DMN$. Prove that the common internal tangents to ω_A and ω_C and the common internal tangents to ω_B and ω_D are concurrent.

20SLG5

Problem 24 (Shortlist 2011 G3, 9♣)

Let $ABCD$ be a convex quadrilateral whose sides AD and BC are not parallel. Suppose that the circles with diameters AB and CD meet at points E and F inside the quadrilateral. Let ω_E be the circle through the feet of the perpendicular from E to the lines AB, BC, CD . Let ω_F be the circle through the feet of the perpendiculars from F to the lines CD, DA , and AB . Prove that the midpoint of the segment EF lies on the line through the two intersection points of ω_E and ω_F .

11SLG3

Required Problem 25 (Shortlist 2020 G8, added by Guanjie Lu, 9♣)

Let ABC be a triangle with incenter I and circumcircle Γ . Circles ω_B passing through B and ω_C passing through C are tangent at I . Let ω_B meet minor arc AB of Γ at P and AB at $M \neq B$, and let ω_C meet minor arc AC of Γ at Q and AC at $N \neq C$. Rays PM and QN meet at X . Let Y be a point such that YB is tangent to ω_B and YC is tangent to ω_C .

Show that A, X, Y are collinear.

20SLG8

Problem 26 (Added by Lasitha Vishwajith Jayasinghe and Shreya Sharma, 3♣)

Let ABC be a triangle with circumcircle γ . Let ω be a circle passing through B intersecting AB at D , γ at E , and line BC at F . Let G be the intersection of AF and ω . Let M and N be the intersections of lines DF and DG with the tangent to γ at A . Finally, let L be the second intersection of MC and (ABC) . Prove that M , L , D , E and N are concyclic.

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