

# 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  $\omega_1$  to  $\omega_2$ , 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  $\omega$ , and let  $X$  be the reflection of  $A$  in  $B$ . Line  $CX$  meets  $\omega$  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  $AMN$ ?

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**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  $\omega$  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  $\omega$  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  $\omega_B$  and  $\omega_C$  be the incircles of  $\triangle ABD$  and  $\triangle ACD$ , respectively. Suppose that  $\omega_B$  and  $\omega_C$  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  $\omega_B$  and  $\omega_C$ . 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  $\omega$  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  $\omega$  to  $\omega_C$ . Determine its center.
- (c) Consider the negative homothety sending  $\omega_C$  to  $\omega_B$ . Determine its center.
- (d) The composition of the previous two homotheties in (b) and (c) is a negative homothety sending  $\omega$  to  $\omega_B$ . 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  $\gamma$  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  $\gamma$  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  $\gamma$  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.

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### 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  $\omega$  passes through  $C$  and  $I$  and is tangent to  $AI$ . Circle  $\omega$  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.

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### 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.

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### 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♣)**

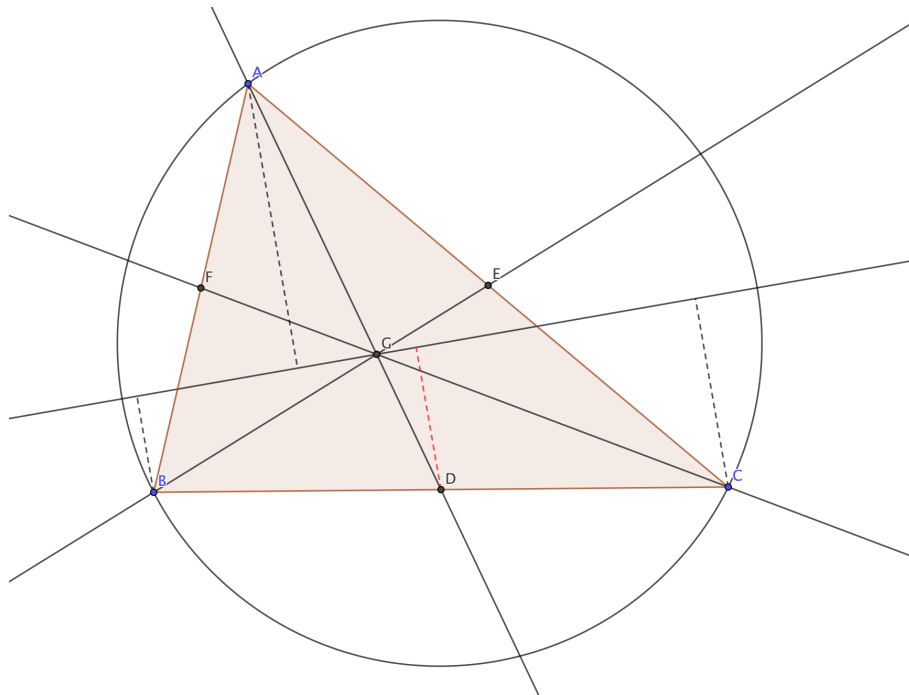
Let  $ABC$  be a triangle. Let  $M$  and  $N$  be the points in which the median and the angle bisector, respectively, at  $A$  meet the side  $BC$ . Let  $Q$  and  $P$  be the points in which the perpendicular at  $N$  to  $NA$  meets  $\overline{MA}$  and  $\overline{BA}$ , respectively. Let  $O$ 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

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**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



Note that line  $OH$  passes through  $G$ , so it suffices to prove the stronger statement that this works for any line  $l$  passing through  $G$ .

WLOG assume  $A$  is on one side of  $l$ , while  $B$  and  $C$  are on the other side. Then, consider a homothety at  $G$  with scale factor  $-\frac{1}{2}$ . The distance from  $A$  to  $l$  is transformed into the distance from  $D$  to  $l$ , which is clearly the average of the distance from  $B$  to  $l$  and the distance from  $C$  to  $l$ , so we are done.

**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  $\angle OPB + \angle OEB = \angle OQC + \angle ODC$ .

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**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 L<sup>3</sup>pez 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  $AB \cdot CD = 4PM \cdot PK$ .

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**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  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$ , of equal radius intersect at different points  $X_1$  and  $X_2$ . Consider a circle  $\omega$  externally tangent to  $\omega_1$  at  $T_1$  and internally tangent to  $\omega_2$  at point  $T_2$ . Prove that lines  $X_1T_1$  and  $X_2T_2$  intersect at a point lying on  $\omega$ .

16EGM04

**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  $\angle BAP = \angle CAQ$ .

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**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  $ABC$ .

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**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  $\omega$ . The tangents to  $\omega$  at  $B$  and  $C$  meet at a point  $T$ . The tangent to  $\omega$  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  $\Gamma$ . 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  $\Gamma$  again at  $Q$ . Show that  $\overline{PQ}$  is tangent to  $\Gamma$ .

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**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  $\omega_D$  be the incircles of  $\triangle ANK, \triangle BKL, \triangle CLM$ , and  $\triangle DMN$ . Prove that the common internal tangents to  $\omega_A$  and  $\omega_C$  and the common internal tangents to  $\omega_B$  and  $\omega_D$  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  $\omega_E$  be the circle through the feet of the perpendicular from  $E$  to the lines  $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $CD$ . Let  $\omega_F$  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  $\omega_E$  and  $\omega_F$ .

11SLG3

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

Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with incenter  $I$  and circumcircle  $\Gamma$ . Circles  $\omega_B$  passing through  $B$  and  $\omega_C$  passing through  $C$  are tangent at  $I$ . Let  $\omega_B$  meet minor arc  $AB$  of  $\Gamma$  at  $P$  and  $AB$  at  $M \neq B$ , and let  $\omega_C$  meet minor arc  $AC$  of  $\Gamma$  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  $\omega_B$  and  $YC$  is tangent to  $\omega_C$ .

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  $\gamma$ . Let  $\omega$  be a circle passing through  $B$  intersecting  $AB$  at  $D$ ,  $\gamma$  at  $E$ , and line  $BC$  at  $F$ . Let  $G$  be the intersection of  $AF$  and  $\omega$ . Let  $M$  and  $N$  be the intersections of lines  $DF$  and  $DG$  with the tangent to  $\gamma$  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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