### Introduction

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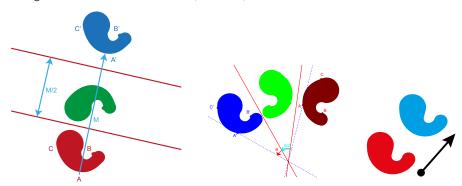
- $(1) \ {\sf October} \ 27{:} \ {\sf Geometric} \ {\sf Transformations}$
- (2) November 3: Carnot and Butterfly Theorems
- (3) November 17: Combinatorial Geometry

Definitions

A transformation is an operation that moves, flips, or changes a figure to create a new figure.

A rigid transformation (also known as an isometry or congruence transformation) is a transformation that does not change the size or shape of a figure.

The rigid transformations are reflections, rotations, and translations.

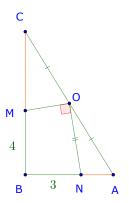


The new figure created by a transformation is called the image. The original is the preimage.

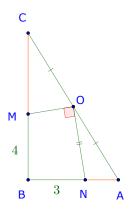
Reflection - Example 1

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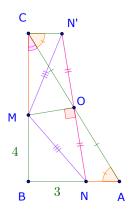
In the right triangle ABC, O is the midpoint of the hypotenuse AC. Points M and N are chosen on sides BC and BA such that  $\angle MON = 90^{\circ}$ , BM = 4, and BN = 3. Find  $AN^2 + CM^2$ .



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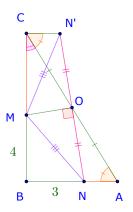


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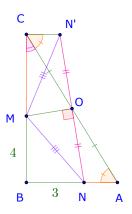
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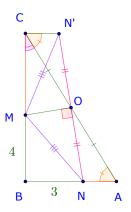
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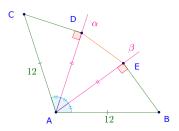


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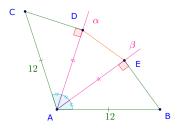
Reflection - Example 2

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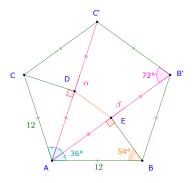
 $\triangle ABC$  is an isosceles triangle, AB=AC=12, and  $\angle BAC=108^{\circ}$ . Two rays  $\overrightarrow{\alpha}$  and  $\overrightarrow{\beta}$  starting from A, trisect the  $\angle BAC$  into three equal angles. Points D and E are the feet of the perpendiculars from C and B to rays  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , respectively. Find DE.



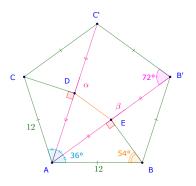
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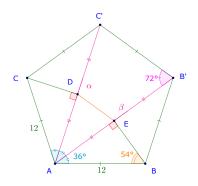


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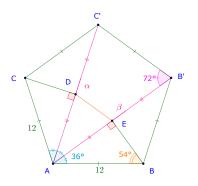
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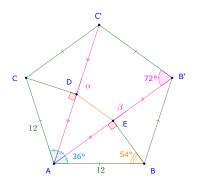


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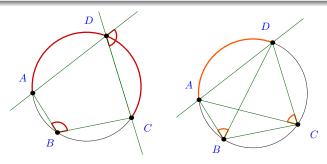
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# Theorem (Cyclic Quadrilaterals)

Let ABCD be a convex quadrilateral. Then the following are equivalent:

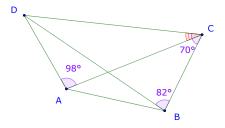
- ABCD is cyclic.
- $\angle ABC + \angle CDA = 180^{\circ}$ .
- $\angle ABD = \angle ACD$ .



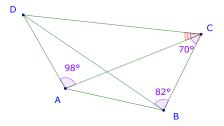
Reflection - Example 3

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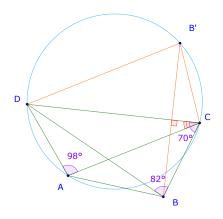
ABCD is a convex quadrilateral. BC = AD,  $\angle DAC = 98^{\circ}$ ,  $\angle DBC = 82^{\circ}$ ,  $\angle BCD = 70^{\circ}$ . Find  $\angle ACD$ .



Reflection - Example 3 - Solution

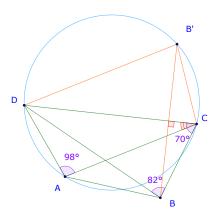


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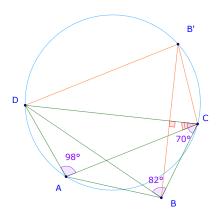
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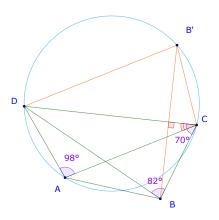
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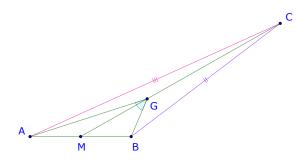
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$$\angle DCB' = \angle BCD = 70^{\circ} \Rightarrow \angle ACD = \angle ACB' - \angle DCB' = 98^{\circ} - 70^{\circ} = \boxed{28^{\circ}}.$$

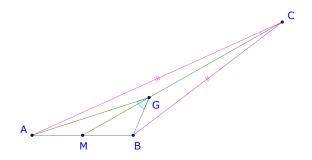
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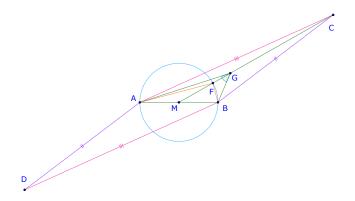
Let G be the centroid of  $\triangle ABC$ . If  $\angle AGB \le 90^{\circ}$ , find the largest possible value of n integer, such that AC + CB > nAB.



Reflection - Example 4 - Solution

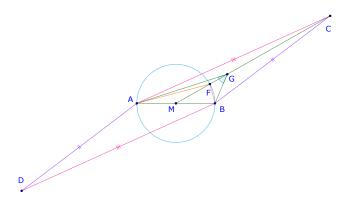


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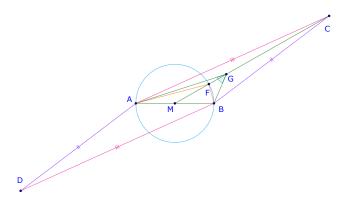
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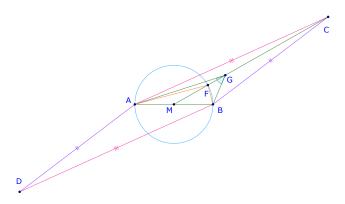
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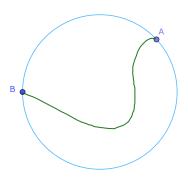


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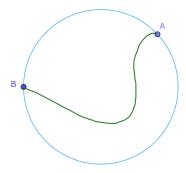
Reflection - Example 5

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A, B are two points on the circle. A curve through A, B bisects the area of the circle. Prove that the curve is at least as long as a diameter of the circle.

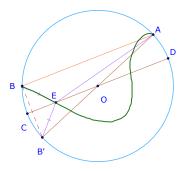


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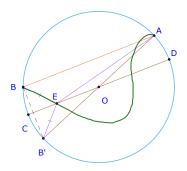
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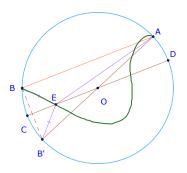
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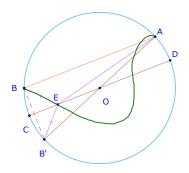


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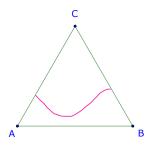
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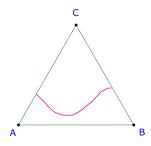
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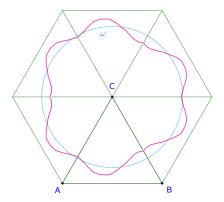
A continuous curve split an unit equilateral triangle ABC into two regions with equal area. What is the minimal length of the curve?



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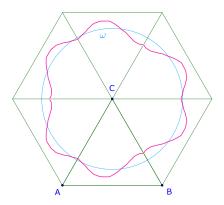


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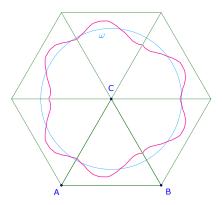
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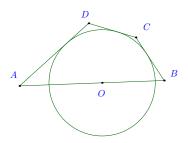


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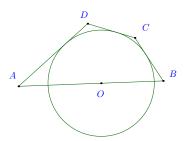
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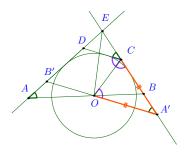
A circle has center on the side AB of the cyclic quadrilateral ABCD. The other three sides are tangent to the circle. Prove that AD + BC = AB.



Reflection - Example 7 - Solution

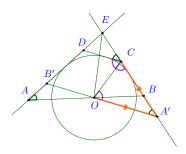


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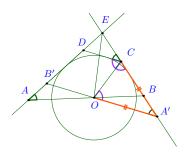
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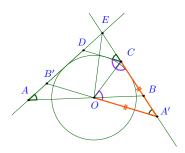
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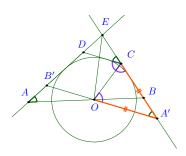
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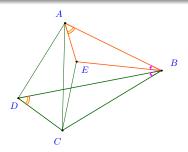
$$AB = A'B' = A'C + B'D = A'E - CE + B'E - DE = AE - ED + BE - EC = AD + BC.$$

# Theorem (Ptolemy Inequality)

The inequality states that in for four points A, B, C, D in the plane,

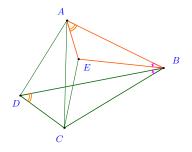
$$AB \cdot CD + BC \cdot DA \ge AC \cdot BD$$
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with equality for any cyclic quadrilateral ABCD with diagonals AC and BD.



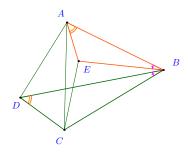
Note: this also holds if A, B, C, D are four points not in the same plane, but the equality can't be achieved.

Ptolemy Inequality - Proof



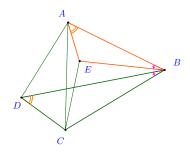
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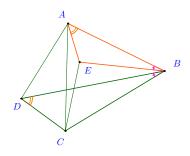
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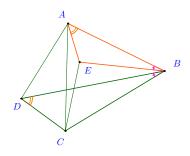


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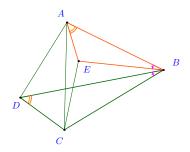


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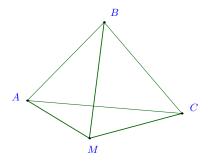
$$AE + CE \geq AC \Rightarrow AE + CE = \frac{AB \cdot CD + BC \cdot AD}{BD} \geq AC \Rightarrow AB \cdot CD + BC \cdot AD \geq AC \cdot BD.$$

The equality stands if and only if  $E \in AC$ , or  $\angle CAB = \angle EAB = \angle CDB$ , so ABCD is cyclic.

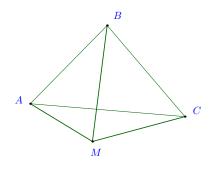
Pompeiu's Theorem

# Theorem (Pompeiu's Theorem)

 $\triangle ABC$  is equilateral. For any point M, the segments AM, BM and CM form a triangle. This triangle degenerates if and only if M lies on the circumcircle of  $\triangle ABC$ .

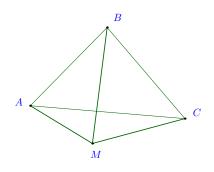


Pompeiu's Theorem - Proof



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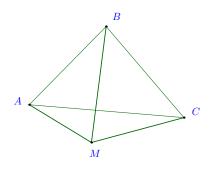
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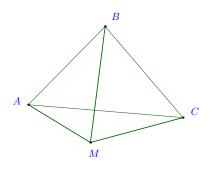


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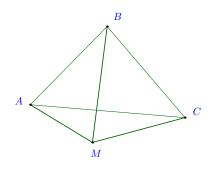
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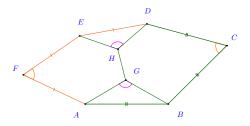
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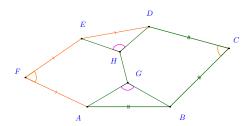
Reflection - Example 8

# Example

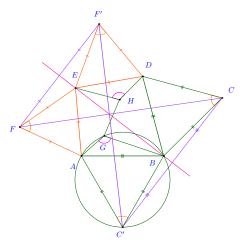
Let ABCDEF be a convex hexagon with AB=BC=CD and DE=EF=FA, such that  $\angle BCD=\angle EFA=\frac{\pi}{3}$ . Suppose G and H are points in the interior of the hexagon such that  $\angle AGB=\angle DHE=\frac{2\pi}{3}$ . Prove that  $AG+GB+GH+DH+HE\geq CF$ .



Example 8 - Solution

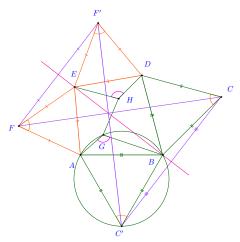


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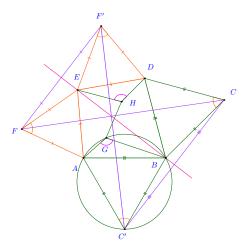
 $\triangle BCD$ ,  $\triangle EFA$  are equilateral, so AE = ED, DB = BA, thus BE is an axis of symmetry of ABDE. Let C' and F' be the reflections of C and F over the line BE, respectively.

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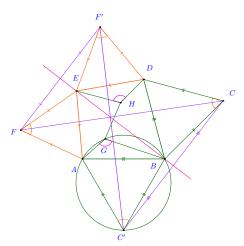


 $\triangle AC'B$  is the reflection of  $\triangle DBC$ , hence  $\angle AC'B = \angle BCD = 60^{\circ}$ .  $\angle AGB = 120^{\circ}$ , so G, by the property of cyclic-quadrilaterals, lies on the circle (ABC').

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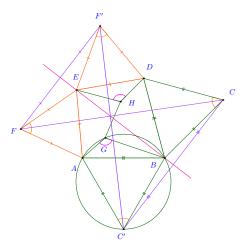
Similarly H lies on the circle (DEF').



Thus, according to by Pompeiu's Theorem, AG + GB = C'G and DH + HE = HF', so

$$AG + GB + GH + DH + HE = C'G + GH + HF' \ge C'F' = CF$$

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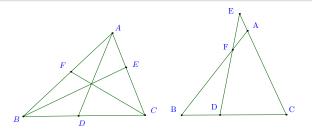


Hence,  $AG + GB + GH + DH + HE \ge CF$ .

Menelaus Theorem

# Theorem (Ceva Theorem)

Let ABC be a triangle, and let D, E, F be points on lines BC, CA, AB, respectively. Lines AD, BE, CF are concurrent if and only if:  $\frac{BD}{DC} \cdot \frac{CE}{EA} \cdot \frac{AF}{FB} = 1$ .



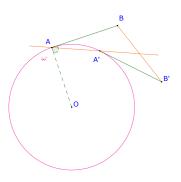
## Theorem (Menelaus Theorem)

Let ABC be a triangle, and let D, F be points on lines BC, AB, respectively. E is on the extension of CA. Points D, E, F are collinear if and only if:  $\frac{BD}{DC} \cdot \frac{CE}{EA} \cdot \frac{AF}{FB} = 1.$ 

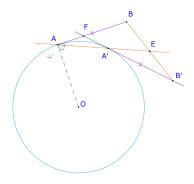
Rotation - Example 1

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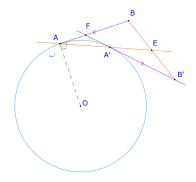
Point B lies on a line which is tangent to circle  $\omega$  at point A. The line segment AB is rotated about the center of the circle by some angle to form segment A'B'. prove that the line AA' bisects the segment BB'.



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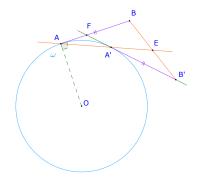


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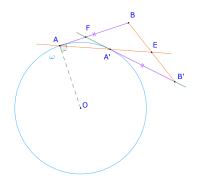
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$$\frac{B'E}{EB} \cdot \frac{BA}{AF} \cdot \frac{FA'}{A'B'} = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{B'E}{EB} = 1 \Rightarrow \boxed{AA' \text{ bisects } BB'}.$$

Rotation - Example 2

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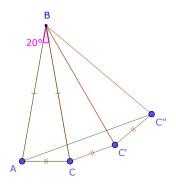
Given isosceles triangle ABC, AB=BC, and  $\angle B=20^{\circ}$ , prove that AB<3AC.



Rotation - Example 2 - Solution

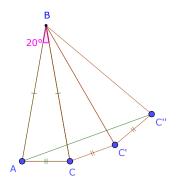


Rotation - Example 2 - Solution



Let's rotate the triangle ABC around B twice  $20^{\circ}$  as shown in the diagram above.

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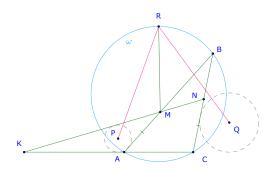


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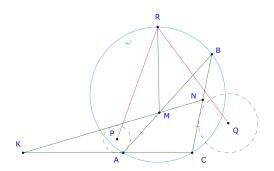
Rotation - Example 3

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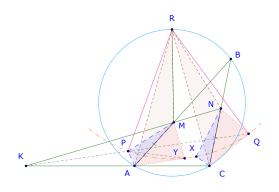
Given a triangle ABC with AB>BC, let  $\omega$  be the circumcircle. Let M, N lie on the sides AB, BC respectively, such that AM=CN. Let K be the intersection of MN and AC. Let P be the incentre of the triangle AMK and Q be the K-excentre of the triangle CNK. If R is midpoint of the arc ABC of  $\omega$  then prove that RP=RQ.



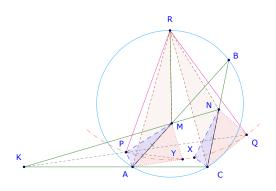
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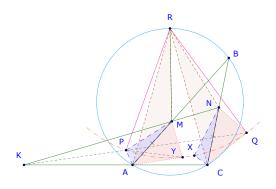
Note that  $\triangle RMA \cong \triangle RNC$ , hence R is the rotation center of  $\overline{AM} \mapsto \overline{CN}$ . Rotate about R such that  $\triangle CNQ \mapsto \triangle AMY$  and  $\triangle AMP \mapsto \triangle CNX$ . We prove that P, Q, X, Y are concyclic.



First,  $\angle APM + \angle CQN = 180^{\circ}$ , so APMY and CXNQ are congruent cyclic quadrilaterals. Since K, P, Q are colinear:

$$\angle APQ = 180^{\circ} - \angle KPA = \angle PKA + \angle PAK = \frac{1}{2} \left( \angle KAM + \angle MKA \right) = 90^{\circ} - \frac{1}{2} \angle BMN \\ \angle YPQ = \angle APQ - \angle APY = \left( 90^{\circ} - \frac{1}{2} \angle BMN \right) - \frac{1}{2} \angle BNM = \frac{1}{2} \angle ABC.$$

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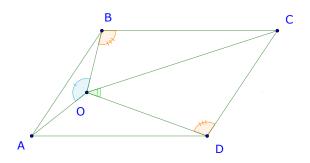


Similarly, we get  $\angle XQP = \frac{1}{2} \angle ABC$ . Thus  $\angle YPQ = \angle XQP$ . Since YP = XQ, PQXY is an isosceles trapezoid. Therefore RP = RX and RQ = RY, we conclude that R is the center of the circle  $\odot(PQXY)$ . Hence RP = RQ, as desired.

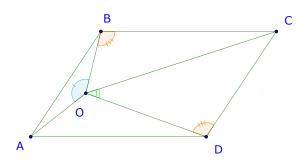
Translation - Example 1

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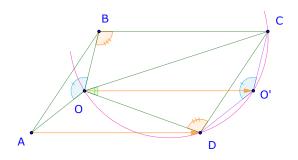
The point O is situated inside the parallelogram ABCD such that  $\angle AOB + \angle COD = 180^{\circ}$ . Prove that  $\angle OBC = \angle ODC$ .



Translation - Example 1 - Solution

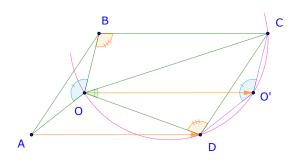


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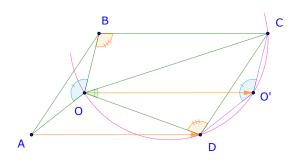
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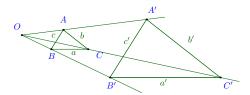
# Definition (Homothety)

A **homothety** (or homothecy) is a transformation of space which dilates distances with respect to a fixed point.

A homothety with center O and factor k sends point A to a point A', and

$$OA' = k \cdot OA$$
.

This is denoted by  $\mathcal{H}_{(O,k)}$ .

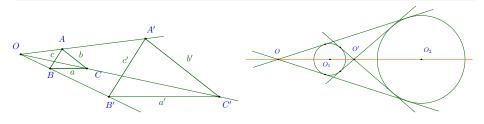


A homothety can be an *enlargement* (resulting figure is larger), *identity* transformation (resulting figure is congruent), or a *contraction* (resulting figure is smaller).

# Theorem (Homothety Images)

Let  $\mathcal{H}_{(O,k)}$  be a homothety,

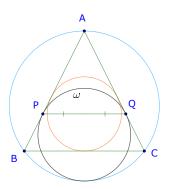
- For point A,  $\mathcal{H}_{(O,k)}(A) = A' \Rightarrow O, A, A'$  collinear. Thus, the lines connecting each point of a polygon to its corresponding point of a homothetic polygon are all concurrent.
- ② For line  $\ell$ ,  $\mathcal{H}_{(O,k)}(\ell) = \ell' \Rightarrow \ell \parallel \ell'$ .
- **9** For polygon P,  $\mathcal{H}_{(O,k)}(P) = P' \Rightarrow P \sim P'$ . Thus, the resulting image of a circle from a homothety is also a circle.



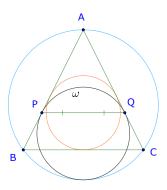
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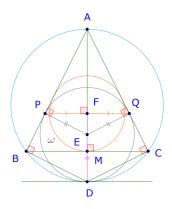
In a triangle ABC we have AB=AC. A circle which is internally tangent with the circumscribed circle of the triangle is also tangent to the sides AB, AC in the points P, respectively Q. Prove that the midpoint of PQ is the center of the inscribed circle of the triangle ABC.



Homothety - Example 1 - Solution

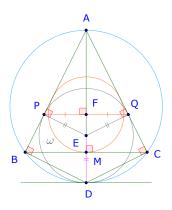


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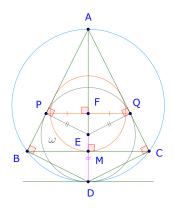
Let E be the center of the circle  $\omega$ , which is tangent with AB, AC, and (ABC). Let D be the tangent point of the two circles, M be the midpoint of BC, and F be the midpoint of PQ. It is easy to see that A, F, E, M, D are collinear.

Homothety - Example 1 - Solution



Let  $\mathcal{H}_{(A,k)}$  be a homothety centred at A and  $\mathcal{H}_{(A,k)}(D)=M$ . It is easy to see that  $\mathcal{H}_{(A,k)}(E)=F$ . Let  $\gamma$  be the image of  $\omega$ ,  $\gamma=\mathcal{H}_{(A,k)}(\omega)$ . Since  $\omega$  is tangent (ABC) at D, so both are tangent with line  $\ell$  through D parallel with BC, thus  $\gamma$  tangent with the image of  $\ell$ , which is line BC.

Homothety - Example 1 - Solution



Furthermore, the  $\mathcal{H}_{(A,k)}(D)=M$ , keeps B and C on rays AB and AC, and because  $\omega$  is tangent to AB and AC, so  $\gamma$  is also tangent to AB and AC. Therefore  $\gamma$  is tangent with all sides of  $\triangle ABC$ , so  $\gamma=I_{\triangle ABC}$ . Therefore, the image of  $\mathcal{H}_{(A,k)}(E)$  is I, the incentre of  $\triangle ABC$ , therefore  $F\equiv I$ . Hence, the midpoint of PQ is the center of the inscribed circle of the triangle ABC.

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