

# Easier than Vladimir *OI*

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Convex quadrilateral  $ABCD$  is inscribed in a circle  $\Omega$  centered at  $O$ , and circumscribed about a circle  $\omega$  with center  $I$ . Let  $\omega$  be tangent to side  $AB$  at  $E$  and side  $CD$  at  $F$ . Suppose the exterior angle bisectors of  $\angle DAB$  and  $\angle ABC$  meet at a point  $X$ , while the exterior angle bisectors of  $\angle BCD$  and  $\angle CDA$  meet at a point  $Y$ . Prove that lines  $XE$ ,  $YF$ , and  $OI$  are concurrent.

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Let  $W$  be the intersection of the  $A$ - and  $D$ -exterior angle bisectors, and  $Z$  the intersection of the  $B$ - and  $C$ -exterior angle bisectors. Let  $\omega$  touch  $AD$  at  $G$  and  $BC$  at  $H$ .

The key claim is that  $GEHF$  and  $WXZY$  are homothetic. The sides are clearly parallel because, for example,  $GE \perp AI$  and  $WX \perp AI$ . Note that  $AIBX$  is cyclic because of opposite right angles. In addition,  $X, I, Y$  are collinear on the interior angle bisector of the angle formed by lines  $AD$  and  $BC$ . Thus

$$\angle GEF = \angle DGF = \frac{\pi}{2} - \angle IDA = \angle ABI = \angle AXI = \angle WXY$$

so since  $GE \parallel WX$  we have that  $EF \parallel XY$ . Similarly,  $GH \parallel WZ$ , so the diagonals are parallel too. So the quadrilaterals are homothetic as claimed.

Now, let the diagonals of  $GEHF$  meet at  $P$ . The diagonals of  $WXZY$  meet at  $I$  since  $X, I, Y$  and  $W, I, Z$  are collinear from before. Thus the homothety implies that  $XE$ ,  $YF$ , and  $IP$  are concurrent. But it is well-known (by polars) that  $I, P, O$  are collinear, so the conclusion follows. ■