

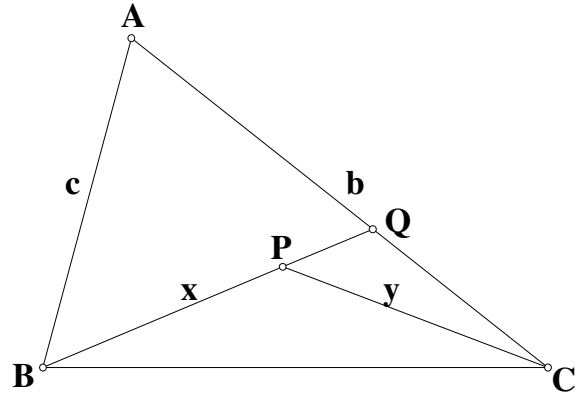
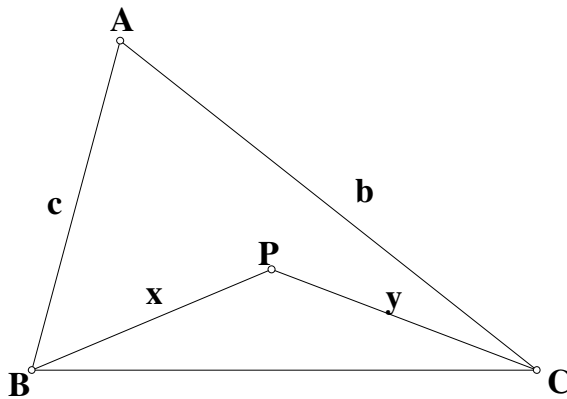
Q1 Problem $ABCD$ is a convex quadrilateral such that the diagonals are perpendicular which intersects at O and $OA > OC$ and $OB > OD$. To prove $AD + BC > AB + CD$.

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Theorem In $\triangle ABC$, $AB = c$, $AC = b$, P is a point inside $\triangle ABC$. $BP = x$, $CP = y$. Then $b + c > x + y$.

Proof:



Product BP to Q on AC

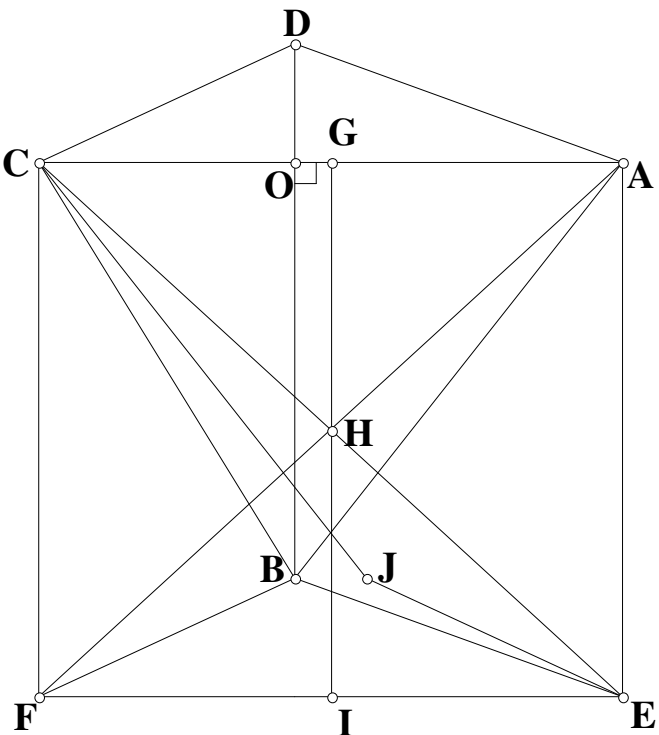
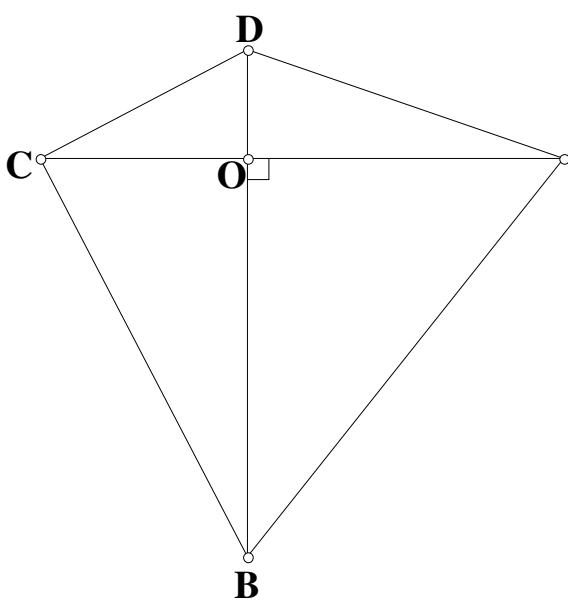
In $\triangle ABQ$, $c + AQ > x + PQ$ (\triangle inequality)(1)

In $\triangle CPQ$, $PQ + QC > y$ (\triangle inequality)(2)

(1) + (2) $PQ + (AQ + QC) + c > x + y + PQ$

$\therefore b + c > x + y$ The theorem is proved.

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Step 1 Translate $\triangle ADC$ in the direction DB to $\triangle EBF$. Join AE , CE .

Then $AE \parallel DB \parallel CF$ and $EA \perp AC$ and $FC \perp AC$ and $AE = CF$. $AEFC$ is a rectangle.

Join AF and CE . The diagonals AF and CE bisect each other at H .

Step 2 Draw a line $GHI \parallel DB$. Reflect $\triangle ABF$ along the line GHI to $\triangle CJE$.

Then $AD = BE$, $AB = CJ$, $CD = BF = EJ$.

$\therefore OA > OC$, $OB > OD$ (given) and GHI bisects the rectangle $AEFC$.

$\therefore O$ and B lie on the same side of GHI . Also B and D lie on the opposite sides of AF .

$\therefore B$ is a point inside $\triangle EFH$.

Apply Pythagoras' Theorem on $\triangle ADO$ and $\triangle CDO$.

$$DO^2 = AD^2 - OA^2 = CD^2 - OC^2 \Rightarrow AD^2 - CD^2 = OA^2 - OC^2$$

$$\therefore OA > OC \therefore AD > CD$$

Consider $\triangle BEF$, by the property of translation, $BE = AD$ and $BF = CD$

$$\therefore AD > CD \Rightarrow BE > BF \Rightarrow \angle BFE > \angle BEF \dots\dots(*)$$

By the property of diagonals of a rectangle, $\angle HFE = \angle HEF$

$$\angle HFB = \angle HFE - \angle BFE < \angle HEF - \angle BEF = \angle HEB \quad \text{by } (*)$$

$$\text{By the property of reflection, } \angle HFB = \angle HEJ \Rightarrow \angle HEB > \angle HEJ \dots\dots(1)$$

In a similar manner, we can prove that

(i) H lies inside $\triangle ABC$

(ii) $AB > AC \Rightarrow \angle BCO > \angle BAO$

(iii) Use the property that $\angle HAG = \angle HCG$ and (ii) to deduce that $\angle BCH > \angle BAH$

(iv) Use the property of reflection to deduce that $\angle BCH > \angle JCH \dots\dots(2)$

Combine (1) and (2) to conclude that J is a point inside $\triangle CBE$.

By the theorem at the beginning, $CB + BE > CJ + JE$

By the property of reflection again, we conclude that $AD + BC > AB + CD$.

The result is proved.

Method 2

Let the letters a, b, c, d, x, y be as shown.

Reflect $\triangle ACD$ along the line AC to $\triangle ACE$.

$$\therefore OD < OB \therefore OB > OE \Rightarrow E \text{ lies inside } \triangle ABC.$$

By the theorem at the beginning, $b + c > a + d$

$$b - a > d - c$$

$$b + c > a + d \dots\dots(1)$$

Apply Pythagoras' Theorem on $\triangle AEO, \triangle CEO, \triangle ABO, \triangle CBO$

$$x^2 - y^2 = a^2 - d^2 = b^2 - c^2$$

$$(a + d)(a - d) = (b + c)(b - c)$$

$$\frac{b + c}{a + d} = \frac{a - d}{b - c} \dots\dots(2)$$

$$\text{In (1)} \quad \frac{b + c}{a + d} > 1 \Rightarrow (2) \quad \frac{a - d}{b - c} > 1$$

$$a - d > b - c$$

$$a + c > b + d$$

$AD + BC > AB + CD$. The result is proved.

