

# Geometry Problems, with emphasis on Brocard

1. Let  $ABC$  be an acute angled triangle and  $D \in BC, E \in AC, F \in AB$ . Prove that circles  $\mathcal{C}(AEF) \cap \mathcal{C}(BDF) \cap \mathcal{C}(CDE) = \{P\}$ . In this case  $P$  is called the Brocard point for triangle  $DEF$  with respect to  $ABC$ . Denote this point by  $P_{DEF}$ .
2. Prove that  $P_{DEF} = P_{D'E'F'} \iff \triangle DEF \sim \triangle D'E'F'$ .
3. Prove that if  $DEF, D'E'F'$  are two similar triangles inscribed in triangle  $ABC$  then we can think of them in the following way: rotate  $DEF$  around  $P_{DEF}$  and then use a homothety to make it equal to  $D'E'F'$ .
4. Let  $ABC$  be a triangle and  $DEF, D'E'F'$  two inscribed similar triangles. Let  $\{M\} = EF \cap E'F', \{N\} = FD \cap F'D', \{P\} = DE \cap D'E'$ . Prove that  $\mathcal{C}(DD'PN), \mathcal{C}(EE'MP), \mathcal{C}(FF'NM)$  exist and they intersect in a point.
5. Let  $ABC$  be a triangle and  $DEF$  a triangle inscribed in  $ABC$  and similar to it. Prove that  $\frac{\text{area}(DEF)}{\text{area}(ABC)} \geq \frac{1}{4}$ . (Hint: take the median triangle. What is its Brocard point?)
6. Let  $ABC$  be an acute angled triangle and  $DEF, D'E'F'$  two inscribed triangles similar to  $ABC$ . Prove that  $\frac{DD'}{BC} = \frac{EE'}{AC} = \frac{FF'}{AB}$  if and only if  $ABC$  is equilateral. (Hint: same as before)
7. Let  $A_1A_2A_3$  be a triangle and  $M_{iu} \in (A_jA_k)$  for any permutation  $\{i, j, k\} = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and any  $u \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ . Also, for any  $u, v \Rightarrow \triangle M_{1u}M_{2u}M_{3u} \sim \triangle M_{1v}M_{2v}M_{3v}$ .
  - a. If  $M_{i1}M_{i2} \cdot M_{i2}M_{i3}$  is constant for all  $i$  then find the angles of triangles  $\triangle M_{1u}M_{2u}M_{3u}$ .
  - b. If  $M_{i1}M_{i2} \cdot M_{i2}M_{i3} \cdot A_jA_k^2$  is constant for all permutations  $\{i, j, k\} = \{1, 2, 3\}$  then find the angles of triangles  $\triangle M_{1u}M_{2u}M_{3u}$ . (Hint: Consider the podar triangle of  $P$ . What is its Brocard point?)

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