

Introduction to Euclidean Geometry

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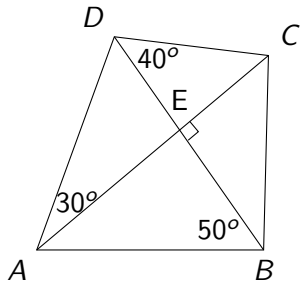
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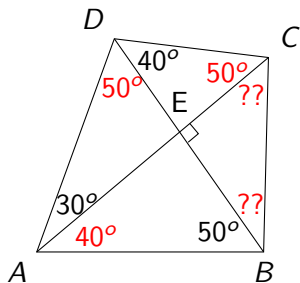


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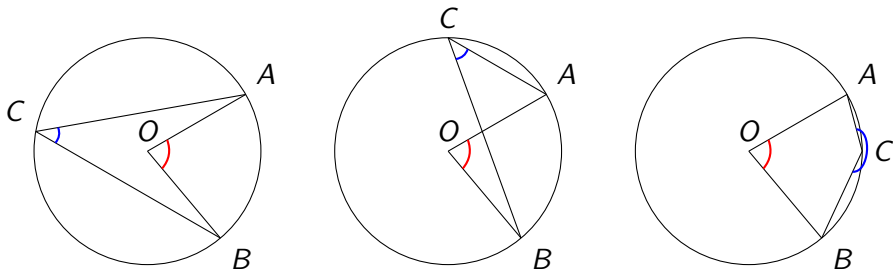


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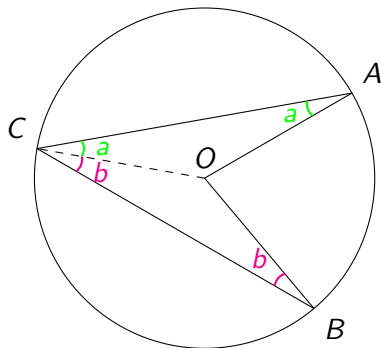
Inscribed angle theorem



Theorem (Inscribed Angle Theorem)

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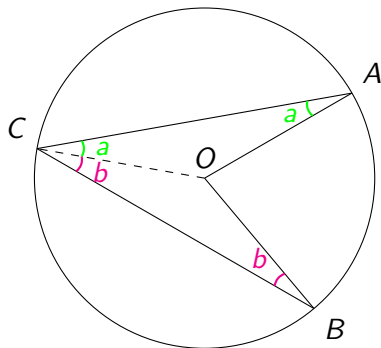
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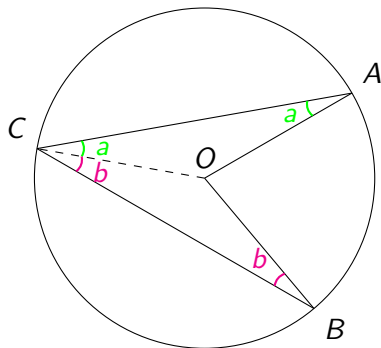
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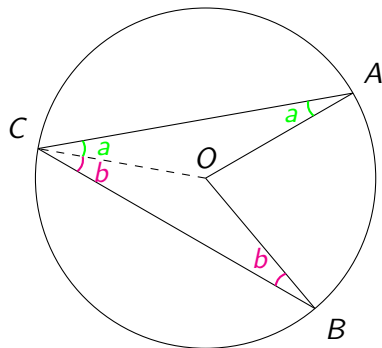
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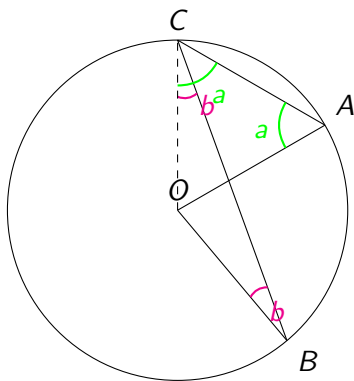
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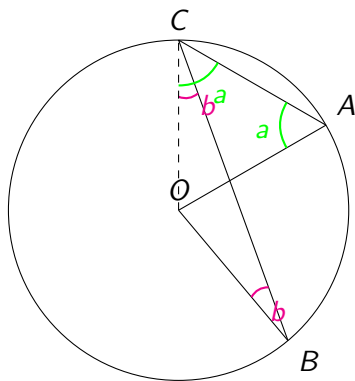
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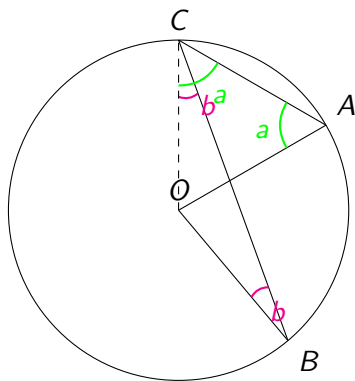
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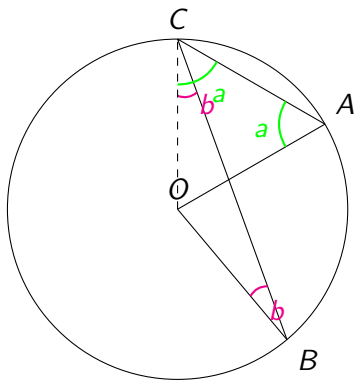
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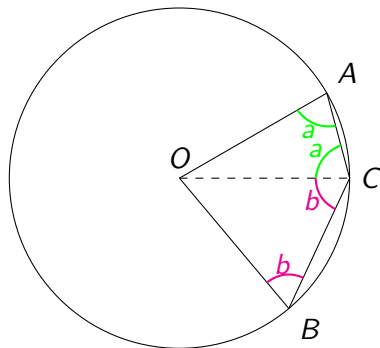
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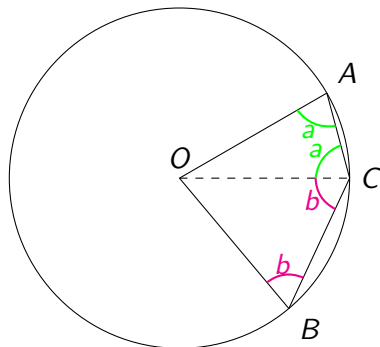
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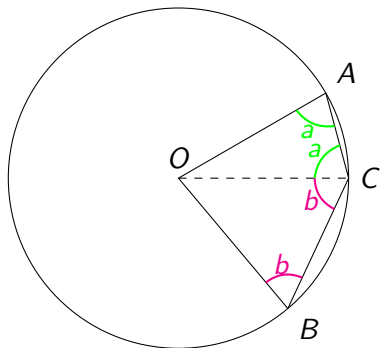
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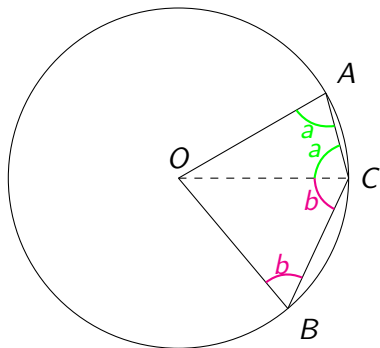
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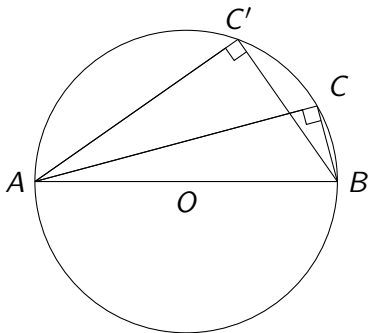
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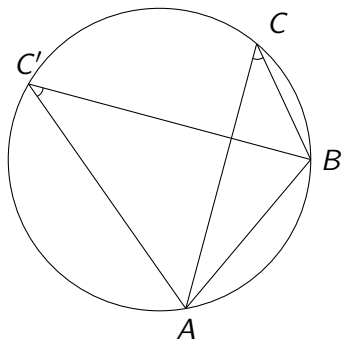
Inscribed Angle Theorem (Corollary I)



Corollary (\angle in semi circle)

Let AB be a diameter of circle, C be any point on a circle. Then $\angle ACB = 90^\circ$ (because the angle at centre is 180°).

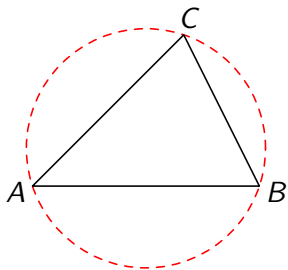
Inscribed Angle Theorem (Corollary II)



Corollary (angle at circumference \propto arc length)

The angle subtended by an arc of a circle at the circumference is fixed (because the angle at centre is the same).

The Extended Law of Sine



Naming Convention

By convention, in $\triangle ABC$, the opposite side to angle A is named a (similarly for B and C), \mathcal{R} denotes the circumradius of $\triangle ABC$, and r denotes the inradius of $\triangle ABC$.

Theorem (The Extended Law of Sine)

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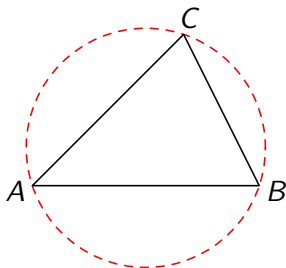
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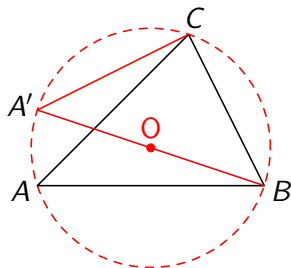
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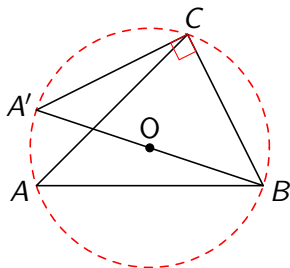
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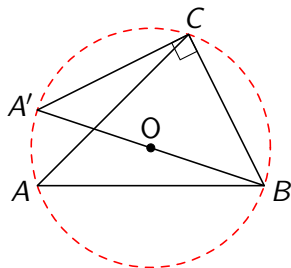


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- 4 We have

$$\frac{a}{\sin BAC} = \frac{CB}{\angle BA'C} = A'B = 2\mathcal{R}$$

Relationship between Circumradius and Area

Naming Convention

$[ABC]$ denotes the area of ABC .

Theorem (Area of a triangle)

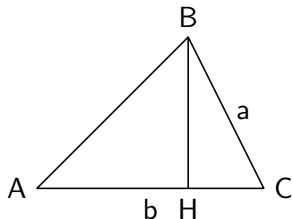
$$[ABC] = \frac{1}{2}ab \sin C.$$

Proof:

- 1 $BH = a \sin C$, $AC = b$
- 2 $[ABC] = \frac{1}{2}BH \cdot AC = \frac{1}{2}ab \sin C$.

Theorem (Circumradius and Area)

By the extended law of sine, we also have $\sin C = \frac{c}{2R}$, hence, $[ABC] = \frac{abc}{4R}$



Relationship between Circumradius and Side Lengths

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s denotes the semi-parameter of $\triangle ABC$, i.e. $\frac{a+b+c}{2}$.

We state the Heron's formula without proof:

Theorem (Heron's formula)

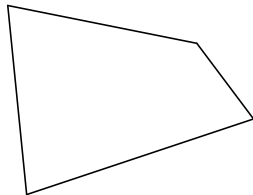
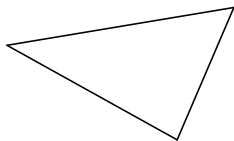
In $\triangle ABC$, we have $[ABC] = \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}$.

Together with the result in the previous slide, we can find the circumradius of a triangle if we know all 3 side lengths:

Theorem (Circumradius and Side Lengths)

$$[ABC] = \frac{abc}{4\mathcal{R}}$$
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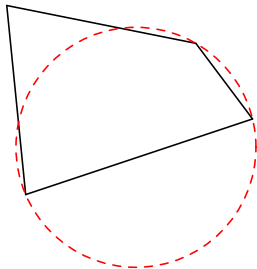
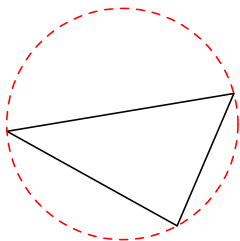
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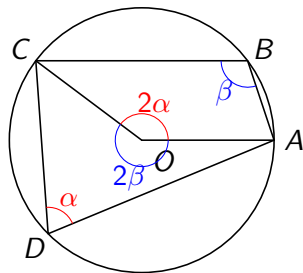
Answers

Yes, a circumcentre always exists for a triangle;

No, not possible if a point does not lie on the circumcentre formed by the other three points.

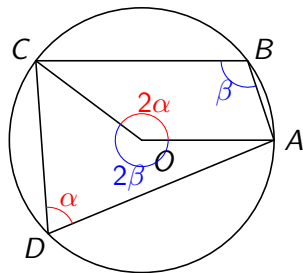
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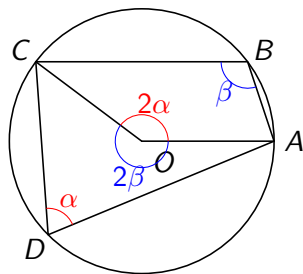
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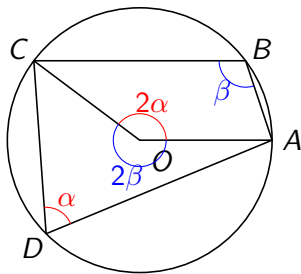


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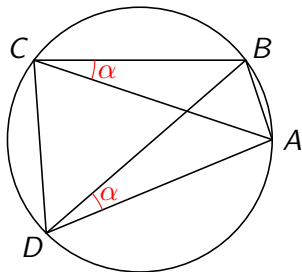
Theorem (Supplementary opposite angles)

Opposite angles inside a cyclic quadrilateral adds up to 180° .

Corollary

Exterior angle equals to the opposite interior angle inside a cyclic quadrilateral.

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It turns out that the mentioned 3 properties are also tests for cyclic quadrilateral.

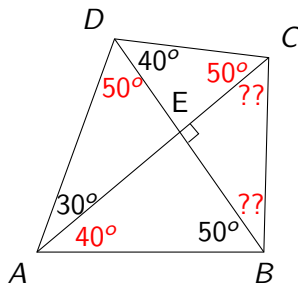
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*This means that if **any** of the above 3 statement is true, then the quadrilateral is a cyclic quadrilateral.*

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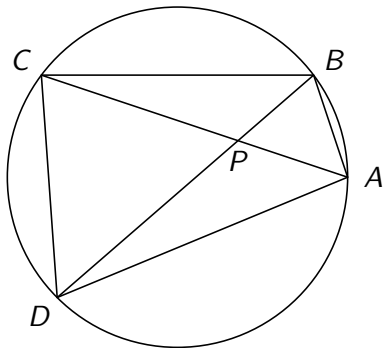
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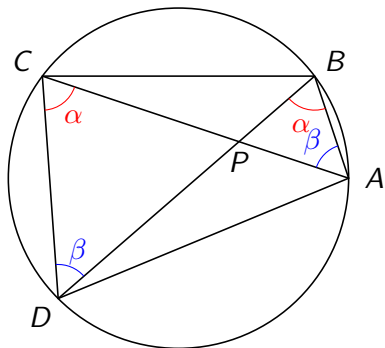


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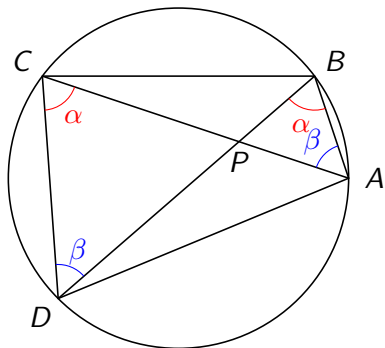
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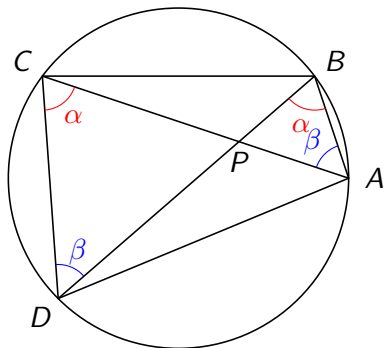
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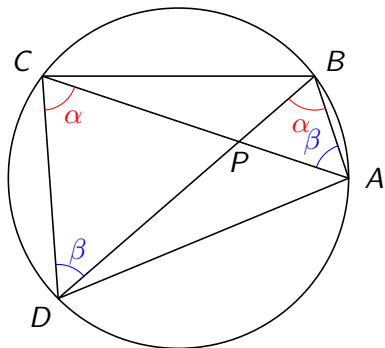
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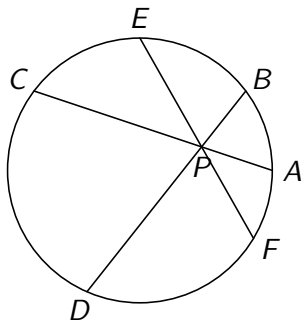
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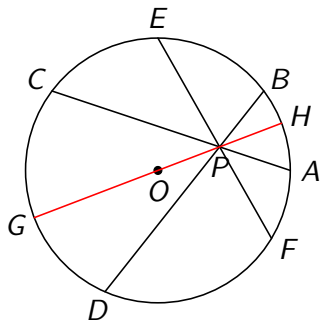
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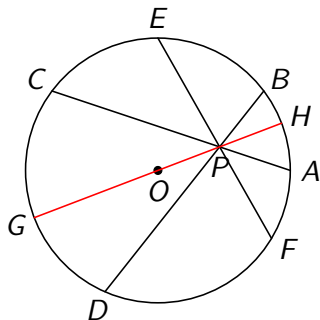
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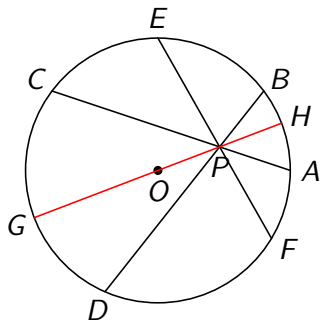
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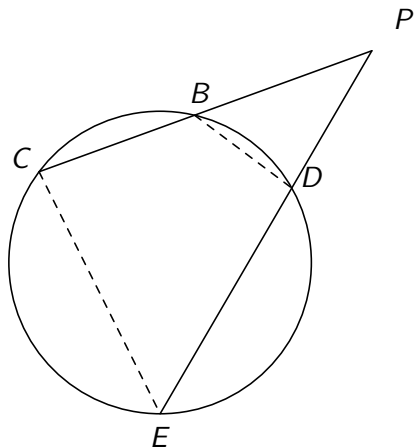
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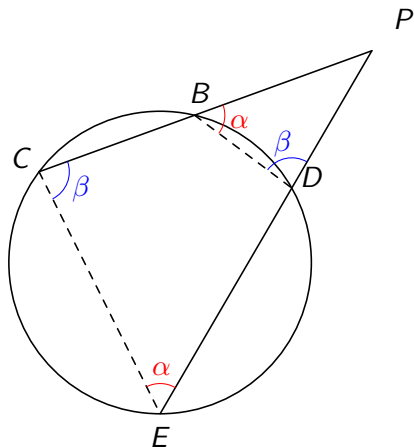
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- ② Draw a diameter GH through P
- ③ $\text{Pow}_\omega(P) = PG \cdot PH$
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 $\cdot (\mathcal{R} - OP) = \mathcal{R}^2 - OP^2$

Power Chord Theorem (II)



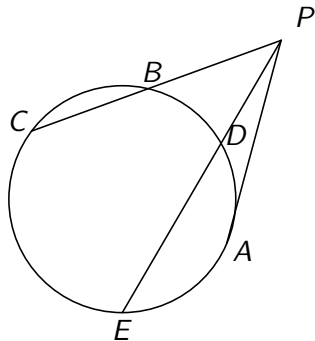
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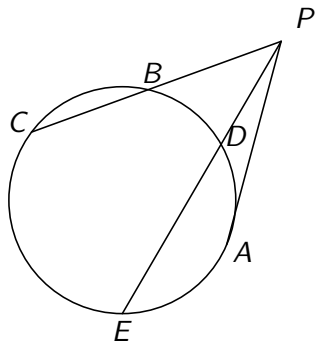
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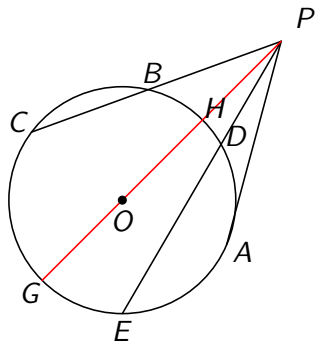
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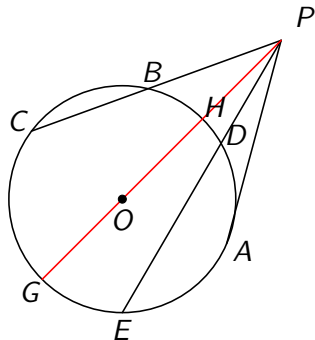
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$\text{Pow}_\omega(P)$ with respect to the circle ω is equal to 0. (Why does this makes sense?)

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As expected.

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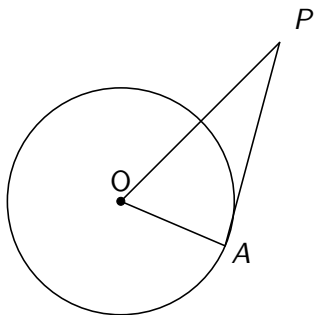
In fact, the converse of power chord theorem is also true.

Theorem (Converse of the Power Chord Theorem)

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This serves as another test for cyclic quadrilateral. The proof is omitted here.

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Tangent of a circle at A is perpendicular to OA . (Why?)

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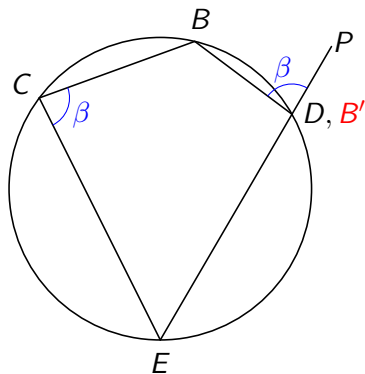
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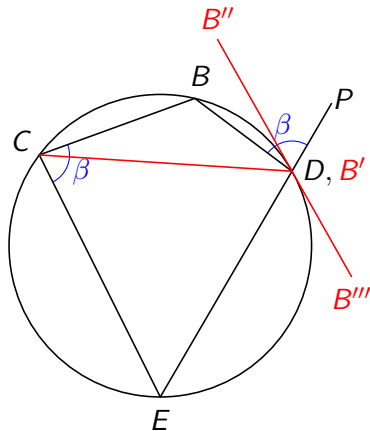


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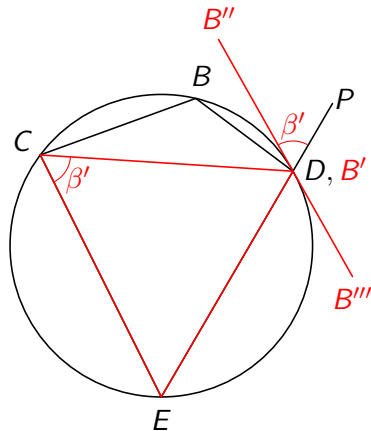


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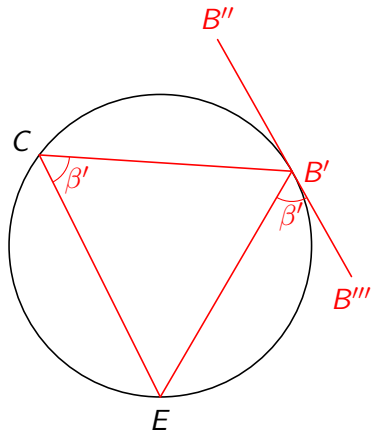


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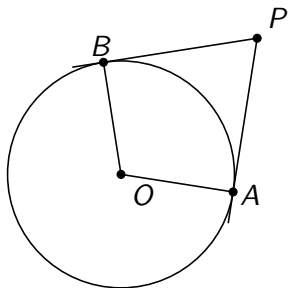
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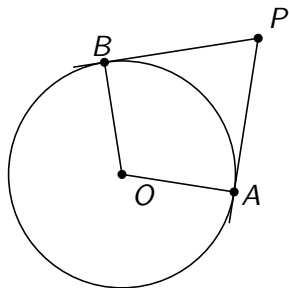
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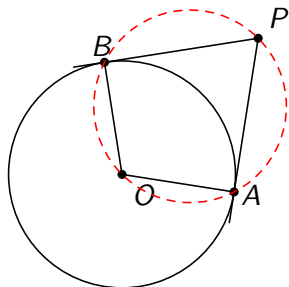


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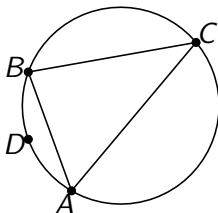
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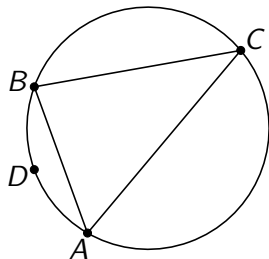
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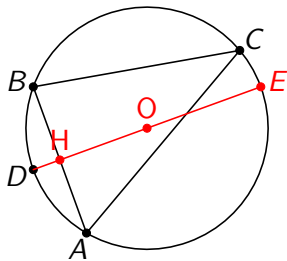
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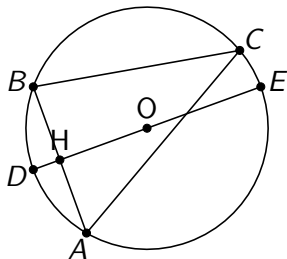
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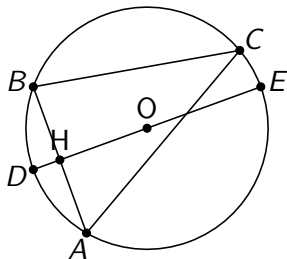


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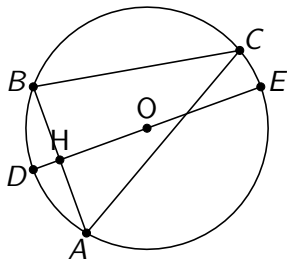


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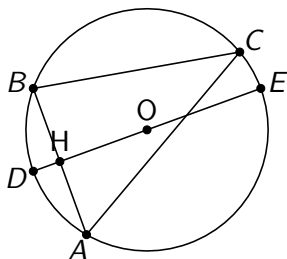


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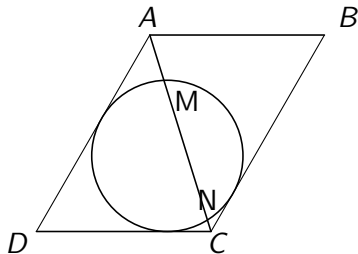
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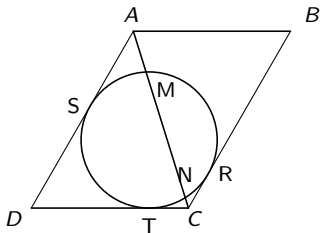
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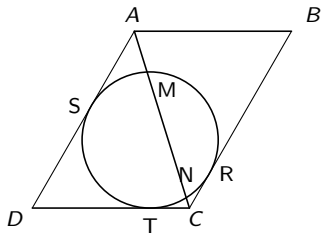
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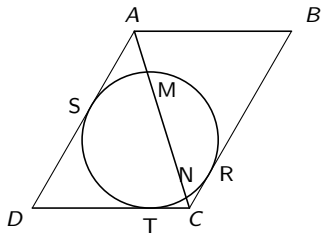


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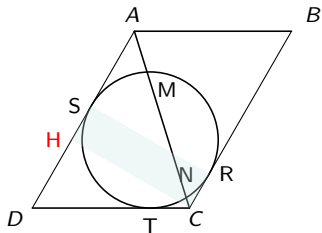


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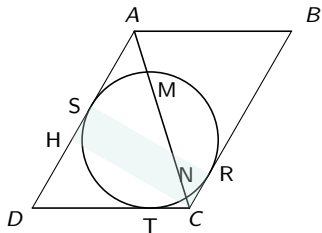


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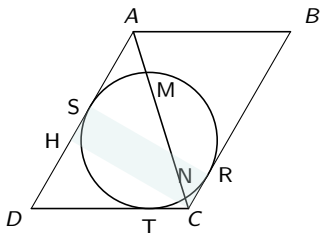


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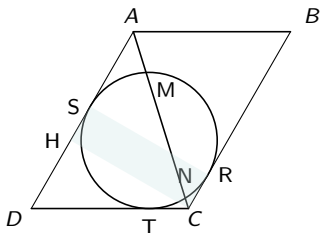


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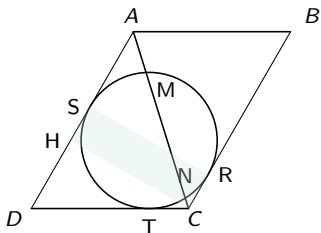


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(Prelim 2021 Q12) $OABC$ is a trapezium with $OC \parallel AB$ and $\angle AOB = 37^\circ$. Furthermore, A, B, C all lie on the circumference of a circle centered at O . The perpendicular bisector of OC meets AC at D .

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(Prelim 2018 Q13) Let O be the circumcentre of $\triangle ABC$. Suppose $AB = 1$ and $AO = AC = 2$. D and E are points on the extensions of AB and AC respectively such that $OD = OE$ and $BD = \sqrt{2}EC$. Find the value of OD^2 .

Thank You!