

**XVII GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF  
I.F.SHARYGIN  
Solutions. Final round. First day. 8 form**

1. (B.Frenkin) Let  $ABCD$  be a convex quadrilateral. The circumcenter and the incenter of triangle  $ABC$  coincide with the incenter and the circumcenter of triangle  $ADC$  respectively. It is known that  $AB = 1$ . Find the remaining sidelengths and the angles of  $ABCD$ .

**Answer.**  $BC = CD = DA = 1$ ,  $\angle A = \angle C = 72^\circ$ ,  $\angle B = \angle D = 108^\circ$ .

**Solution.** Since the incenters of triangles  $ABC$  and  $ADC$  lie on the perpendicular bisector to  $AC$  these triangles are isosceles. Also since the circumcenters lie outside these triangles angles  $B$  and  $D$  are obtuse. Let  $O$  be the circumcenter of triangle  $ABC$ . Then  $\angle AOC = 360^\circ - 2\angle B$ . On the other hand since  $O$  is the incenter of triangle  $ADC$ , we have  $\angle AOC = 90^\circ + \angle D/2$ . Similarly we obtain that  $360^\circ - 2\angle D = 90^\circ + \angle B/2$ , which yields that  $\angle B = \angle D = 108^\circ$  and  $ABCD$  is a rhombus (fig. 8.1).

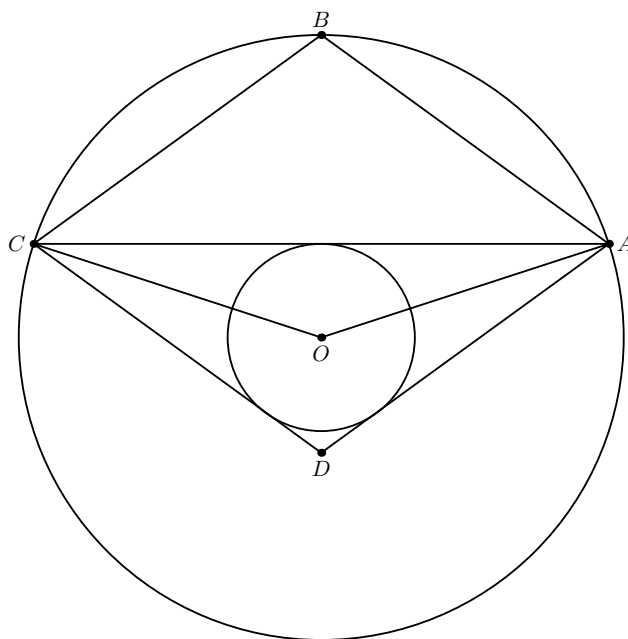


Fig. 8.1.

2. (P.Kozhevnikov) Three parallel lines  $l_a, l_b, l_c$  pass through the vertices of triangle  $ABC$ . A line  $a$  is the reflection of altitude  $AH_a$  about  $l_a$ . Lines  $b, c$  are defined similarly. Prove that  $a, b, c$  are concurrent.

**Solution.** Since the angle between  $a$  and  $b$  equals the angle between the altitudes we obtain that these lines meet at the circle which is the reflection of

the circle  $ABH$  about  $AB$  ( $H$  is the orthocenter of  $ABC$ ), i.e. their common point lies on the circumcircle of  $ABC$ . The line  $c$  meets the circumcircle at the same point (fig. 8.2).

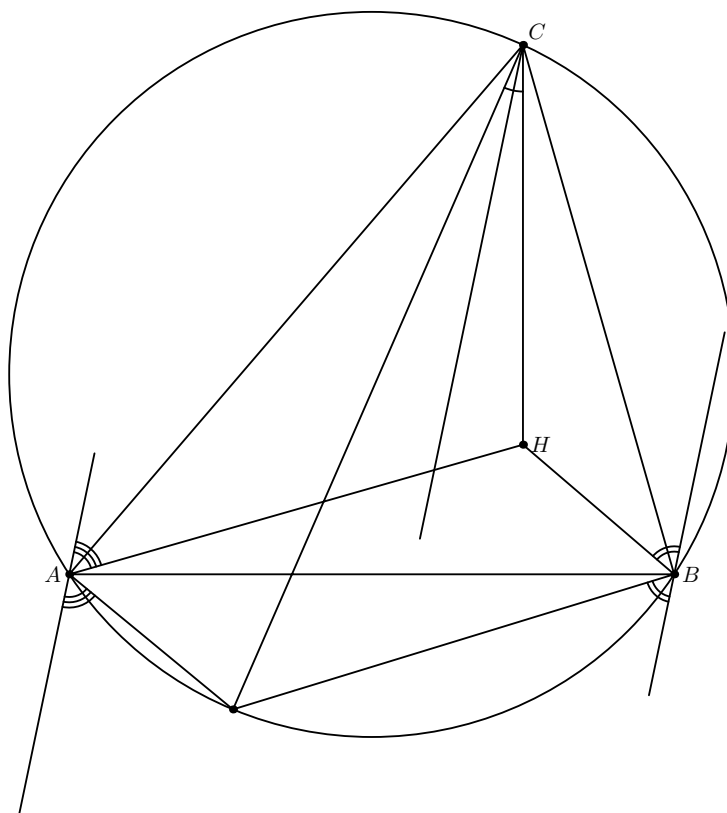


Fig. 8.2.

3. (A.Zaslavsky) Three cockroaches run along a circle in the same direction. They start simultaneously from a point  $S$ . Cockroach  $A$  runs twice as slow than  $B$ , and three times as slow than  $C$ . Points  $X, Y$  on segment  $SC$  are such that  $SX = XY = YC$ . The lines  $AX$  and  $BY$  meet at point  $Z$ . Find the locus of centroids of triangles  $ZAB$ .

**Answer.** The center  $O$  of the given circle.

**Solution.** Let points  $U, V$  lie on the line  $AB$  in such a way that  $UA = AB = BV$ . Then lines  $US$  and  $CV$  pass through  $Z$ , and parallel lines passing through  $A$  and  $B$  respectively meet at the centroid  $M$  of triangle  $ABZ$ . Since  $UA = AS, VB = BC$ , we obtain that  $\angle AUS = \angle ASU = \angle MAB = \angle MBA$  and  $\angle AMB = \angle UAS = \angle ASC = 2\angle ASB = \angle AOB$ . Thus  $M$  coincides with  $O$  (fig. 8.3).

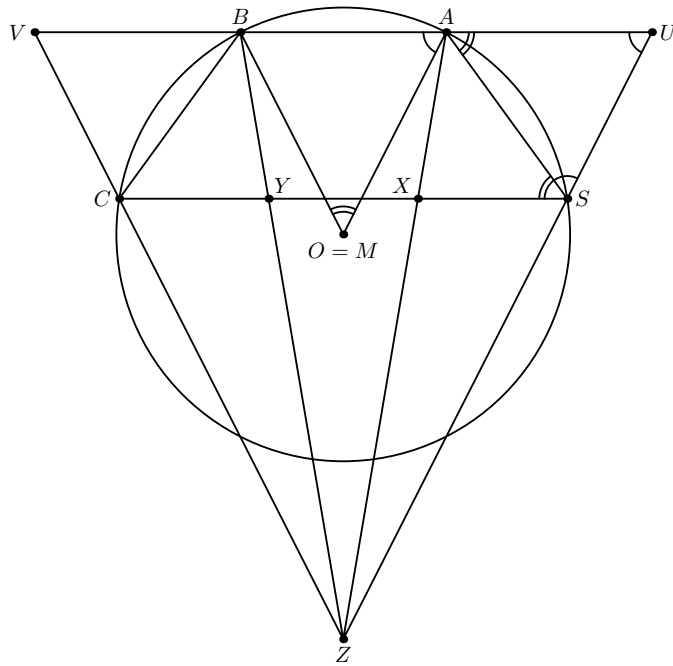


Fig. 8.3.

**Remark.** The solution does not change if segments  $AX$  and  $BY$  intersect.

4. (I.Kukharchuk) Let  $A_1$  and  $C_1$  be the feet of altitudes  $AH$  and  $CH$  of an acute-angled triangle  $ABC$ . Points  $A_2$  and  $C_2$  are the reflections of  $A_1$  and  $C_1$  about  $AC$ . Prove that the distance between the circumcenters of triangles  $C_2HA_1$  and  $C_1HA_2$  equals  $AC$ .

**Solution.** Let  $M$  be the midpoint of  $AC$ , and  $B_1$  be the foot of altitude from  $B$ . Then  $MA_1 = MC_1 = MA_2 = MC_2 = MA$ , and lines  $A_1C_2, A_2C_1$  meet at  $B_1$ . Therefore the perpendicular bisector to  $A_2C_1$  coincides with the perpendicular from  $M$  to  $B_1C_1$  which is parallel to the radius  $OA$  of the circumcircle of triangle  $ABC$ . Hence it meets the perpendicular to  $AC$  from  $A$  at point  $P$  such that  $AP = OM = BH/2$ . The perpendicular bisector to  $C_1H$  also passes through this point, thus  $P$  is the circumcenter of triangle  $C_1HA_2$  (fig. 8.4). Similarly the circumcenter of triangle  $A_2HC_1$  coincides with point  $Q$  lying on the perpendicular to  $AC$  from  $C$  and such that  $CQ = OM$ . Since  $APQC$  is a rectangle, we obtain that  $PQ = AC$ .

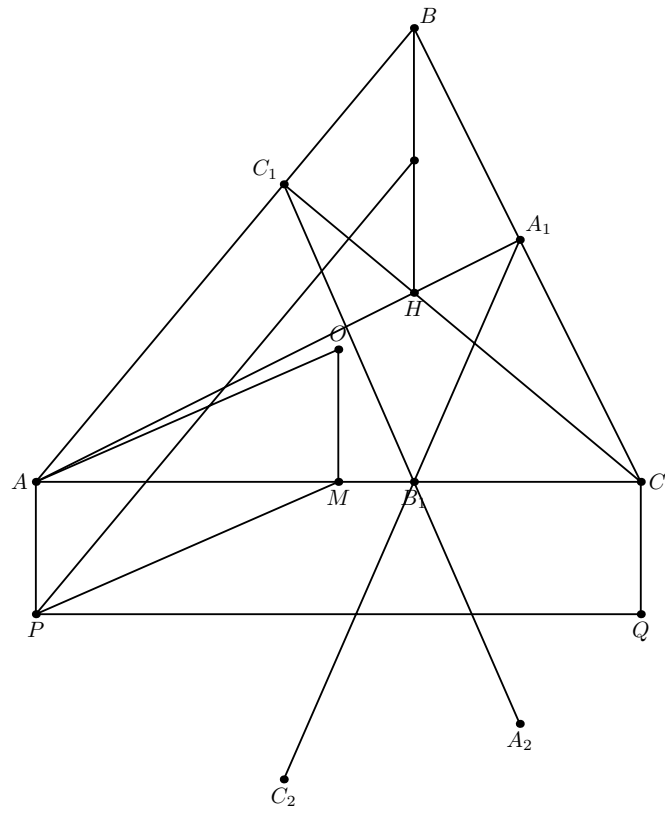


Fig. 8.4.

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## Solutions. Final round. Second day. 8 form

5. (M.Saghafian) Points  $A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4$  are not concyclic, the same for points  $B_1, B_2, B_3, B_4$ . For all  $i, j, k$  the circumradii of triangles  $A_iA_jA_k$  and  $B_iB_jB_k$  are equal. Can we assert that  $A_iA_j = B_iB_j$  for all  $i, j$ ?

**Answer.** No.

**First solution.** Let  $A_1A_2A_3, B_1B_2B_3$  be two non-congruent triangles with equal circumradii  $R$ , and  $A_4, B_4$  be their orthocenters. Then the circumradii of all triangles  $A_iA_jA_k$  and  $B_iB_jB_k$  are equal to  $R$ , but several equalities  $A_iA_j = B_iB_j$  are not correct.

**Second solution.** Let  $A_1B_1A_2B_2$  be a rectangle, points  $A_3, A_4$  lie on a line parallel to  $A_1B_2$  and are symmetric with respect the center of this rectangle,  $B_3$  coincide with  $A_4, B_4$  coincide with  $A_3$  and  $A_3A_4 \neq A_1A_2$ . Then  $A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4$  ( $B_1, B_2, B_3, B_4$ ) are not concyclic, triangles  $A_iA_jA_k$  and  $B_iB_jB_k$  are congruent for all  $i, j, k$ , but  $A_1A_3 \neq B_1B_3$ .

6. (M.Didin) Let  $ABC$  be an acute-angled triangle. Point  $P$  is such that  $AP = AB$  and  $PB \parallel AC$ . Point  $Q$  is such that  $AQ = AC$  and  $CQ \parallel AB$ . Segments  $CP$  and  $BQ$  meet at point  $X$ . Prove that the circumcenter of triangle  $ABC$  lies on the circle  $(PXQ)$ .

**Solution.** Let  $D$  be the vertex of parallelogram  $ABDC$ . Then  $APDC$  and  $AQDB$  are isosceles trapezoids. Therefore the perpendicular bisectors to segments  $PD$  and  $QD$  coincide with the perpendicular bisectors to  $AC$  and  $AB$  respectively, the circumcenter  $O$  of triangle  $ABC$  is also the circumcenter of  $DPQ$  and  $\angle POQ = 2\angle A$ . Also since  $\angle XPD = \angle ADP, \angle XQD = \angle ADQ$  we obtain that  $\angle PXQ = 2\angle A$  (fig.8.6). Thus  $O, P, Q, X$  are concyclic.

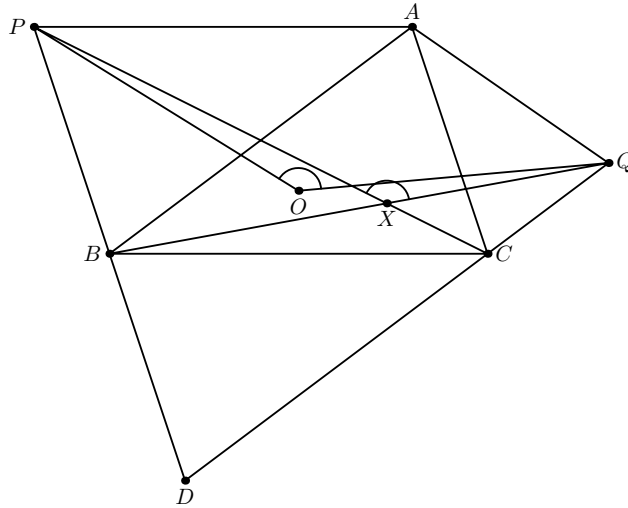


Fig. 8.6.

7. (I.Kulharchuk) Let  $ABCDE$  be a convex pentagon such that angles  $CAB$ ,  $BCA$ ,  $ECD$ ,  $DEC$  and  $AEC$  are equal. Prove that  $CE$  bisects  $BD$ .

**Solution.** From the assumption we have  $CD \parallel AE$ . Let the line passing through  $B$  and parallel to  $AE$  meet  $AC$  and  $CE$  at points  $P$  and  $Q$  respectively. Then  $P$  and  $Q$  divide the bases  $CA$  and  $CE$  of similar isosceles triangles  $ABC$  and  $CDE$  in the same ratio. hence  $\angle CBQ = \angle CDQ$ ,  $BCDQ$  is a parallelogram, and the midpoints of segments  $BD$  and  $CQ$  coincide (fig. 8.7).

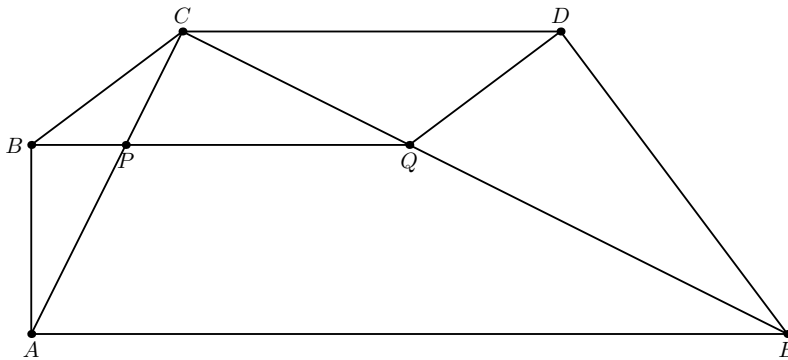


Fig. 8.7.

8. (S.Berlov) Does there exist a convex polygon such that all its sidelengths are equal and all triangle formed by its vertices are obtuse-angled?

**Answer.** No.

**Solution.** Suppose the opposite. Let the sidelengths of the polygon are equal to 1. Suppose that the side  $AB$  is horizontal and the polygon lies above

it. Consider the stripe between the perpendiculars to segment  $AB$  at its endpoints. Since the angles  $A$  and  $B$  are obtuse the vertices adjacent with  $A$  and  $B$  lie on the different sides of this stripe. Hence there is a vertex  $C$  lying inside the stripe. Only angle  $C$  of triangle  $ABC$  may be obtuse, thus the distance from  $C$  to  $AB$  is less than  $1/2$ . At least one of two vertices adjacent with  $C$  lie below than  $C$ , Let this is a right vertex. Consider the most right vertex  $D$  of the polygon. Two adjacent vertices lie between  $AB$  and parallel line passing through  $C$  (fig. 8.8). Since the distance between these lines is less than  $1/2$ , the angles between the corresponding sides and the vertical are greater than  $60^\circ$ , therefore  $\angle D < 60^\circ$  contradiction.



Fig. 8.8.

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## Solutions. Final round. First day. 9 form

1. (F.Ivlev, A.Mardanov) Three cevians concur at a point lying inside a triangle. The feet of these cevians divide the sides into six segments, and the lengths of these segments form (in some order) a geometric progression. Prove that the lengths of the cevians also form a geometric progression.

**Solution.** Suppose the the minimal length of the segments equals 1. Then the remaining lengths are  $q, q^2, q^3, q^4$  and  $q^5$ , where  $q \geq 1$  is the denominator of the progression. By the Ceva theorem the product of several three of these numbers equals the product of the remaining ones i.e.  $\sqrt{q^{15}}$ . This is possible only if  $q = 1$ . Thus the given triangle is regular and the cevians are its medians, i.e. their lengths are equal.

2. (M.Volchkevich) A cyclic pentagon is given. Prove that the ratio of its square to the sum of the diagonals is not greater than the quarter of the circumradius.

**Solution.** Let  $A_1A_2A_3A_4A_5$  be a cyclic pentagon with circumcenter  $O$ . Then for each  $i = 1, \dots, 5$   $S_{OA_{i-1}A_iA_{i+1}} \leq OA_i \cdot A_{i-1}A_{i+1}/2$  (we suppose that  $A_{i+5} = A_i$ ). The sum of these five areas is not less than the doubled area of the pentagon which yields the required inequality.

3. (M.Didin, I.Frolov) Let  $ABC$  be an acute-angled scalene triangle and  $T$  be a point inside it such that  $\angle ATB = \angle BTC = 120^\circ$ . A circle centered at point  $E$  passes through the midpoints of the sides of  $ABC$ . For  $B, T, E$  collinear find angle  $ABC$ .

**Answer.**  $30^\circ$

**Solution.** Let  $A_0, B_0, C_0$  be the midpoints of  $BC, CA, AB$  respectively and  $D$  be the vertex of a regular triangle  $ACD$  lying outside  $ABC$ . It is known that  $T$  lies on  $BD$ . The homothety with center  $B$  and coefficient  $1/2$  maps the line  $B_0D$  to the perpendicular bisector to  $A_0C_0$ , therefore  $E$  is the midpoint of  $BD$  and  $\angle C_0EA_0 = 60^\circ$  (fig.9.3). Thus  $\angle ABC = \angle A_0B_0C_0 = 30^\circ$ .



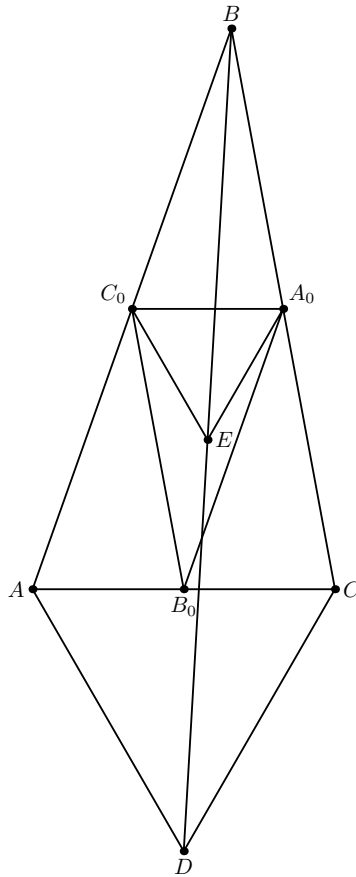


Fig. 9.3.

4. (M.Saghafian) Define the distance between two triangles to be the closest distance between two vertices, one from each triangle. Is it possible to draw five triangles in the plane such that for any two of them, their distance equals the sum of their circumradii?

**Answer.** No.

**Solution.** Call a *cloud* of triangle the union of three discs centered at its vertices with radii equal to its circumradius. The distance between two triangles equals the sum of their circumradii if and only if the corresponding clouds touche. But five pairwise touching clouds do not exist because the graph  $K_5$  is not planar.

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## Solutions. Final round. Second day. 9 form

5. (P.Kozhevnikov) Let  $O$  be the circumcenter of triangle  $ABC$ . Points  $X$  and  $Y$  on side  $BC$  are such that  $AX = BX$  and  $AY = CY$ . Prove that the circumcircle of triangle  $AXY$  passes through the circumcenters of triangles  $AOB$  and  $AOC$ .

**Solution.** By the assumption we obtain that  $OX$  is the perpendicular bisector to  $AB$ , i.e. the circumcenter  $O_1$  of triangle  $AOB$  lies on  $OX$  and  $\angle AO_1X = \angle AO_1B/2 = \pi - 2\angle C = \angle AYZ$  (fig.9.5). Another dispositions of points are considered similarly.

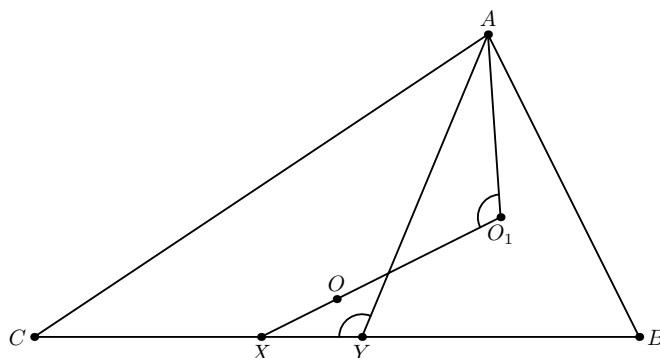


Fig. 9.5.

6. (P.Ryabov) The diagonals of trapezoid  $ABCD$  ( $BC \parallel AD$ ) meet at point  $O$ . Points  $M$  and  $N$  lie on the segments  $BC$  and  $AD$  respectively. The tangent to the circle  $AMC$  at  $C$  meets the ray  $NB$  at point  $P$ ; the tangent to the circle  $BND$  at  $D$  meets the ray  $MA$  at point  $R$ . Prove that  $\angle BOP = \angle AOR$ .

**Solution.** Note that  $\angle NBD = \angle ADR$  and  $\angle MAC = \angle BCP$  (fig.9.6). Therefore points  $P$  and  $R$  are isogonally conjugated in similar triangles  $BOC$  and  $AOD$ , which yields the required equality.

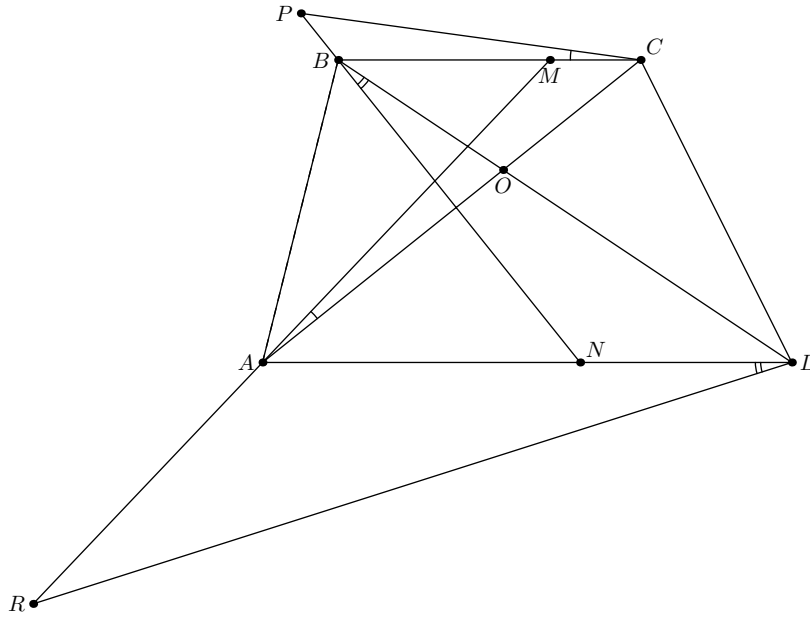


Fig. 9.6.

7. (M.Didin, F.Ivlev, I.Frolov) Three sidelines of an acute-angled triangle are drawn on the plane. Fyodor wants to draw the altitudes of this triangle using a ruler and a compass. Ivan obstructs him using an eraser. For each move Fyodor may draw one line through two marked points or one circle centered at a marked point and passing through another marked point. After this Fyodor may mark an arbitrary number of points (the common points of drawn lines, arbitrary points on the drawn lines or arbitrary points on the plane). For each move Ivan erases at most three of marked points. (Fyodor may not use the erased points in his constructions but he may mark them for the second time). They move by turns, Fyodor begins. Initially no points are marked. Can Fyodor draw the altitudes?

**Answer.** Yes.

**Solution.** Note that Fyodor may mark sufficiently much points on the given line, draw circles centered at these points and mark the common point of these circles, and finally drawing the lines through these common points he obtains sufficiently much perpendiculars to the given line. Repeating these operations for a perpendicular line Fyodor may obtain sufficiently much lines parallel to the given one. Thus he may construct many lines parallel to the side  $AB$  of the given triangle  $ABC$  and mark their common points  $A_i, B_i$  with  $BC, AC$  respectively. Now drawing circles centered at  $A_i$  and passing through  $A_i$  and marking the common points of such circles Fyodor may construct the reflections of  $A_i$  about  $AC$  and the perpendiculars from  $A_i$

to  $AC$ . The perpendiculars from  $B_i$  to  $BC$  may be constructed similarly. The common points of these perpendiculars — the orthocenters of triangles  $CA_iB_i$  lie on the altitude from  $C$ .

8. (A.Dadgarnia) A quadrilateral  $ABCD$  is circumscribed around a circle  $\omega$  centered at  $I$ . Lines  $AC$  and  $BD$  meet at point  $P$ , lines  $AB$  and  $CD$  meet at point  $E$ , lines  $AD$  and  $BC$  meet at point  $F$ . Point  $K$  on the circumcircle of triangle  $EIF$  is such that  $\angle IKP = 90^\circ$ . The ray  $PK$  meets  $\omega$  at point  $Q$ . Prove that the circumcircle of triangle  $EQF$  touches  $\omega$ .

**Solution.** Let  $W, X, Y, Z$  be the touching points of  $AB, BC, CD, DA$  with  $\omega$ . Then  $P$  is the common point of diagonals of quadrilateral  $WXYZ$ . The inversion about  $\omega$  maps  $E, F$  to the midpoints  $M, N$  of these diagonals and maps the circle  $IEF$  to the Gauss line  $MN$ . Since  $K$  lies on the circle with diameter  $IP$  its image  $K'$  lies on the polar of  $P$  — the line  $EF$ , which is the radical axis of  $\omega$  and the circle with diameter  $IP$  passing through  $M, N$ . This inversion maps  $PK$  to the circle with diameter  $IK'$ , therefore  $K'Q$  touches  $\omega$  (fig. 9.8), thus it touches the circle  $MNQ$ .

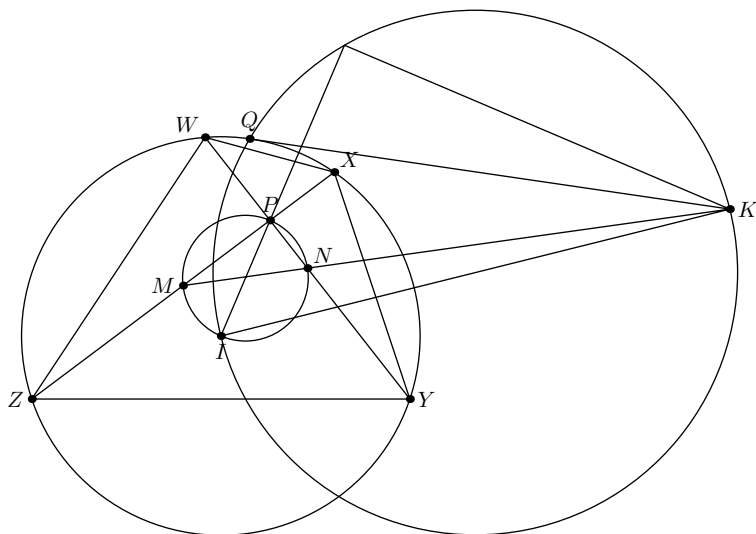


Fig. 9.8.

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## Solutions. Final round. First day. 10–11 form

1. (D.Shvetsov) Let  $CH$  be an altitude of right-angled triangle  $ABC$  ( $\angle C = 90^\circ$ ),  $HA_1, HB_1$  be the bisectors of angles  $CHB, AHC$  respectively, and  $E, F$  be the midpoints of  $HB_1$  and  $HA_1$  respectively. Prove that the lines  $AE$  and  $BF$  meet on the bisector of angle  $ACB$ .

**First solution.** Let  $M$  be the midpoint of bisector  $CL$  of triangle  $ABC$ . Then from the similarity of triangles  $ABC, ACH$  and  $CHB$  we obtain that  $\angle BAF = \angle MAC, \angle ABE = \angle MBC$ . Therefore the common point of lines  $AE$  and  $BF$  is isogonally conjugated to  $M$ , i.e. it lies on  $CL$  (fig. 10.1).

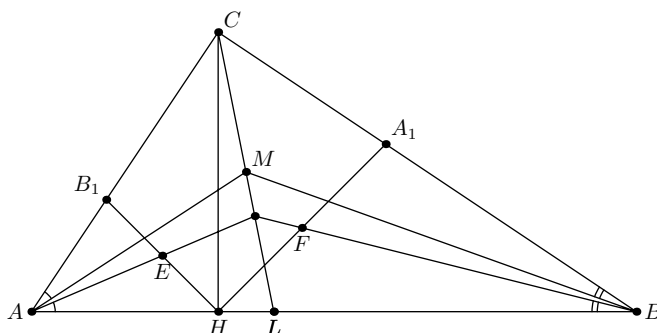


Fig. 10.1.

**Second solution.** Since  $AE$  is a median of triangle  $AHB_1$  we have  $\sin \angle B_1AE : \sin \angle HAE = AH : AB_1 = (AH + CH) : AC$  (the second equality follows from the bisector property). Similarly  $\sin \angle A_2BF : \sin \angle HBF = (CH + HB) : BC$ . From the similarity of triangles  $AHC$  and  $CHB$  we obtain that these ratios are equal and by the Ceva theorem  $AE$  and  $BF$  meet on the bisector.

2. Let  $ABC$  be a scalene triangle, and  $A_0, B_0, C_0$  be the midpoints of  $BC, CA, AB$  respectively. The bisector of angle  $C$  meets  $A_0C_0$  and  $B_0C_0$  at points  $B_1$  and  $A_1$  respectively. Prove that the lines  $AB_1, BA_1$  and  $A_0B_0$  concur.

**Solution.** Points  $A_1, B_1$  are the projections of  $A, B$  to the bisector  $CL$ , i.e.  $AB_1BA_1$  is a trapezoid. Hence the common point  $T$  of  $AB_1$  and  $A_1B$ ,  $L$ , and the midpoints of segments  $AA_1, BB_1$  are collinear and form a harmonic quadruple (fig. 10.2). Projecting these points to  $CL$  by the lines parallel to  $AB$  and using the homothety with center  $L$  and coefficient 2 we obtain the harmonic quadruple  $C, L, A_1, B_1$ . Thus  $T$  lies on  $A_0B_0$ .

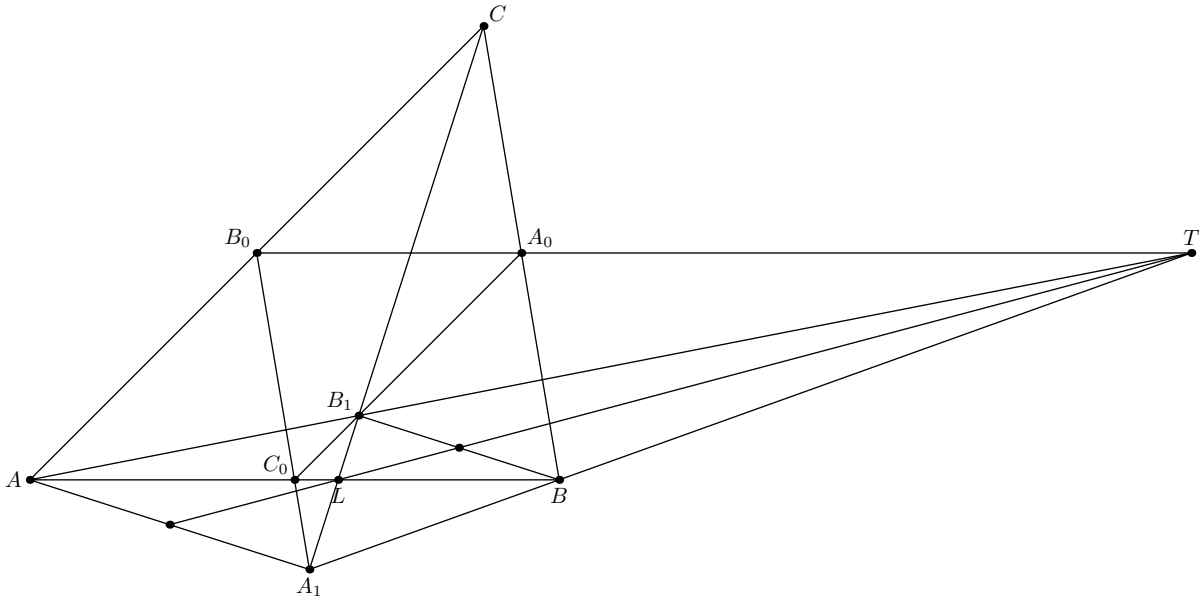


Fig. 10.2.

3. K.Knop, G.Chelnokov) The bisector of angle  $A$  of triangle  $ABC$  ( $AB > AC$ ) meets its circumcircle at point  $P$ . The perpendicular to  $AC$  from  $C$  meets the bisector of angle  $A$  at point  $K$ . A circle with center  $P$  and radius  $PK$  meets the minor arc  $PA$  of the circumcircle at point  $D$ . Prove that the quadrilateral  $ABDC$  is circumscribed.

**Solution.** The arc  $AB$  not containing  $C$  is greater than the arc  $AC$  not containing  $B$  because  $AB > AC$ . The minor arc  $BP$  equals the minor arc  $CP$  because  $AP$  is a bisector. therefore the arc  $ACP$  is less than  $180^\circ$  and  $K$  lies on the chord  $EC$  where  $E$  is opposite to  $A$ . From this we obtain that  $PK < PC$  and so  $D$  lie on the minor arc  $PC$ .

We have to prove that  $AB + DC = AC + BD$ .

Let the circle centered at  $P$  with radius  $PD$  meet for the second time  $DB$  at point  $M$ . Construct the perpendicular  $PH$  from  $P$  to  $BD$ . By the Archimedes lemma  $H$  bisects the length of the broken line  $BDC$ , i.e.  $BH = HD + DC$ , but since  $MH = HD$  we obtain that  $BM = DC$ .

Consider the reflection  $N$  of  $C$  about the bisector  $AP$ . We have  $AC = AN$ , also  $PC = PN$ , i.e  $C, N, B$  lie on a circle centered at  $P$ . Now wt have to prove that  $BN = DM$ .

Let  $PL$  be the perpendicular to  $EC$  and  $PR$  be the perpendicular to  $BA$ . Then  $BN = 2BR = 2PL = 2DH = DM$  (fig.10.3).

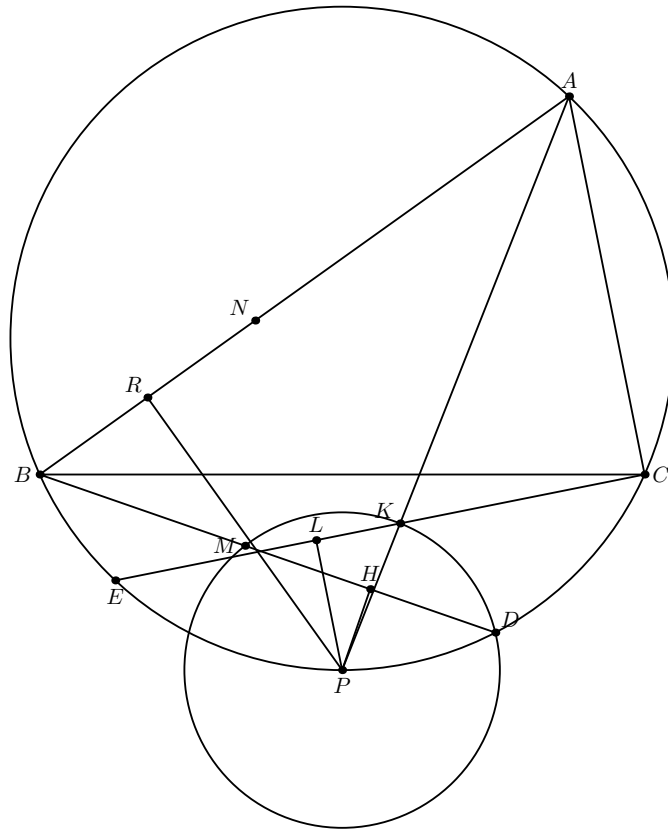


Fig. 10.3.

The second equality is correct because the triangles  $PRB$  and  $CLP$  are congruent ( $\angle BPR = 90^\circ - \angle PBA = \angle PCE = \angle PCL$ ). The third equality is correct because the triangles  $PLK$  and  $DHP$  are congruent ( $\angle LPK = \angle PAC = \angle PAB = \angle PDH$ ).

4. (T.Korchyomkina) Can a triangle be a development of a quadrangular pyramid?

**Answer.** Yes.

**Solution.** Take a triangle  $SAB$  with  $SA = SB > AB$ . Let  $S'$  be the midpoint of  $AB$ ,  $A'$ ,  $B'$  be the points on the sides  $SA$ ,  $SB$  such that  $SA' = SB' = S'A$ , and  $C$ ,  $D$  be the midpoints of  $BB'$ ,  $AA'$  respectively. Then we can bend the triangle by segments  $A'B'$  and  $CD$  in such a way that  $S$  will be joined with  $S'$ . Now the triangles  $SAD$ ,  $SA'D$ ,  $SBC$  and  $SB'C$  are congruent, hence we can bending by  $SC$  and  $SD$  join  $A$  with  $A'$  and  $B$  with  $B'$ . As result we obtain the pyramid  $SABCD$  (fig.10.4).

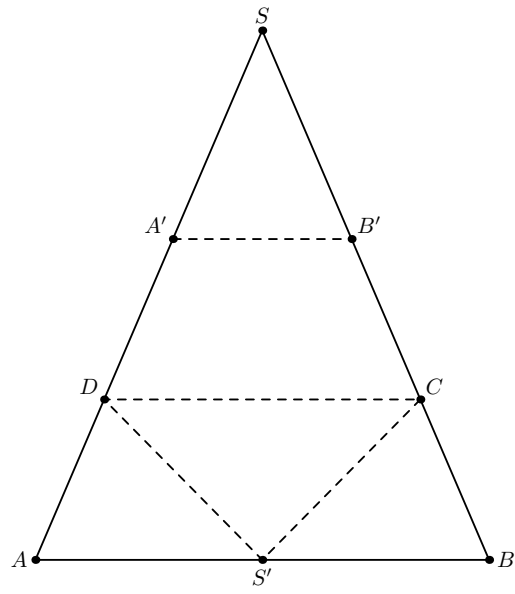


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# XVII GEOMETRICAL OLYMPIAD IN HONOUR OF I.F.SHARYGIN

## Final round. Second day. 10–11 form

5. (P.Kozhevnikov) A secant meets one circle at points  $A_1, B_1$ , this secant meets a second circle at points  $A_2, B_2$ . Another secant meets the first circle at points  $C_1, D_1$  and meets the second circle at points  $C_2, D_2$ . Prove that points  $A_1C_1 \cap B_2D_2, A_1C_1 \cap A_2C_2, A_2C_2 \cap B_1D_1, B_2D_2 \cap B_1D_1$  lie on a circle coaxial with two given circles.

**Solution.** Let  $X$  be the common point of  $A_1C_1$  and  $A_2C_2$ . Then the degree of  $X$  with respect to the first circle equals to  $XA_1 \cdot XC_1$ , and its degree with respect to the second circle equals  $XA_2 \cdot XC_2$ . The ratio of these degrees equals (fig. 10.5)

$$\frac{XA_1 XC_1}{XA_2 XC_2} = \frac{\sin \angle B_2 A_2 C_2 \sin \angle D_2 C_2 A_2}{\sin \angle B_1 A_1 C_1 \sin \angle D_1 C_1 A_1} = \frac{A_2 D_2 \cdot B_2 C_2}{R_2^2} \cdot \frac{A_1 D_1 \cdot B_1 C_1}{R_1^2}.$$

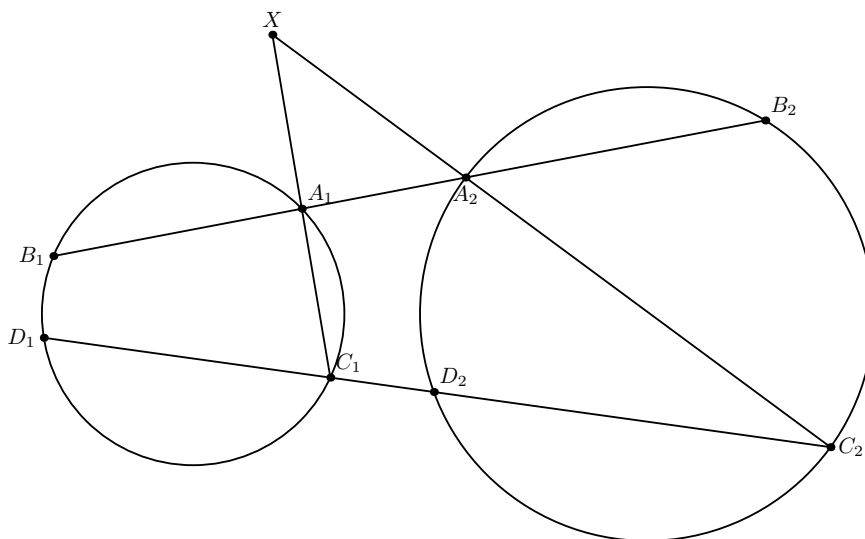


Fig. 10.5.

For the remaining three points the ratios of degrees are the same. The locus of points with fixed ratio of degrees is a circle coaxial with two given ones.

6. (D.Brodsky) The lateral sidelines  $AB$  and  $CD$  of trapezoid  $ABCD$  meet at point  $S$ . The bisector of angle  $ASC$  meets the bases of the trapezoid at points  $K$  and  $L$  ( $K$  lies inside segment  $SL$ ). Point  $X$  is chosen on segment



**Solution.** Since the quadruple  $A, B, H, P$  is orthocentric we obtain that  $H$  lies on the polar of  $P$  with respect to the circle with diameter  $AB$ , i.e. the circumcircle of  $ABC$ . It is clear that  $C$  also lies on this polar, therefore  $MP \perp CH$ . Prove that  $CH$  passes through the homothety center  $Q$  of the incircle and the circumcircle of  $ABC$ .

Let  $S$  be the midpoint of arc  $AB$  of the circumcircle,  $T$  be the projection of  $M$  to  $PI$ , and  $T'$  be the reflection of  $T$  about the circumcircle. Since  $T$  and  $C$  lie on the circle with diameter  $MP$ , we obtain that  $T'$  lies on the inversion image of this circle – the line  $CH$ . Note that  $T', C, Q$  lie on lines  $MS, SI, MI$  respectively and  $T'M : T'S = R^2/r : (R^2/r + R) = R : (R + r)$ ,  $CS : CI = (R+r) : r$  (because  $SI = SA = SB = R\sqrt{2}$ ),  $QI : QM = r : R$ . By the Menelaos theorem  $Q, T', C$  are collinear.

Now let  $F$  be the Feuerbach point of triangle  $ABC$ . Since  $MC$  is a diameter of nine-points circle, points  $C, Q, F$  are the pairwise homothety centers of three circles: the nine-points circle, the circumcircle, and the incircle. Therefore  $F$  lies on  $CH$  and since  $\angle CFM = 90^\circ$ , we obtain that  $F$  is the common point of  $CH$  and  $MP$  (fig. 10.7).

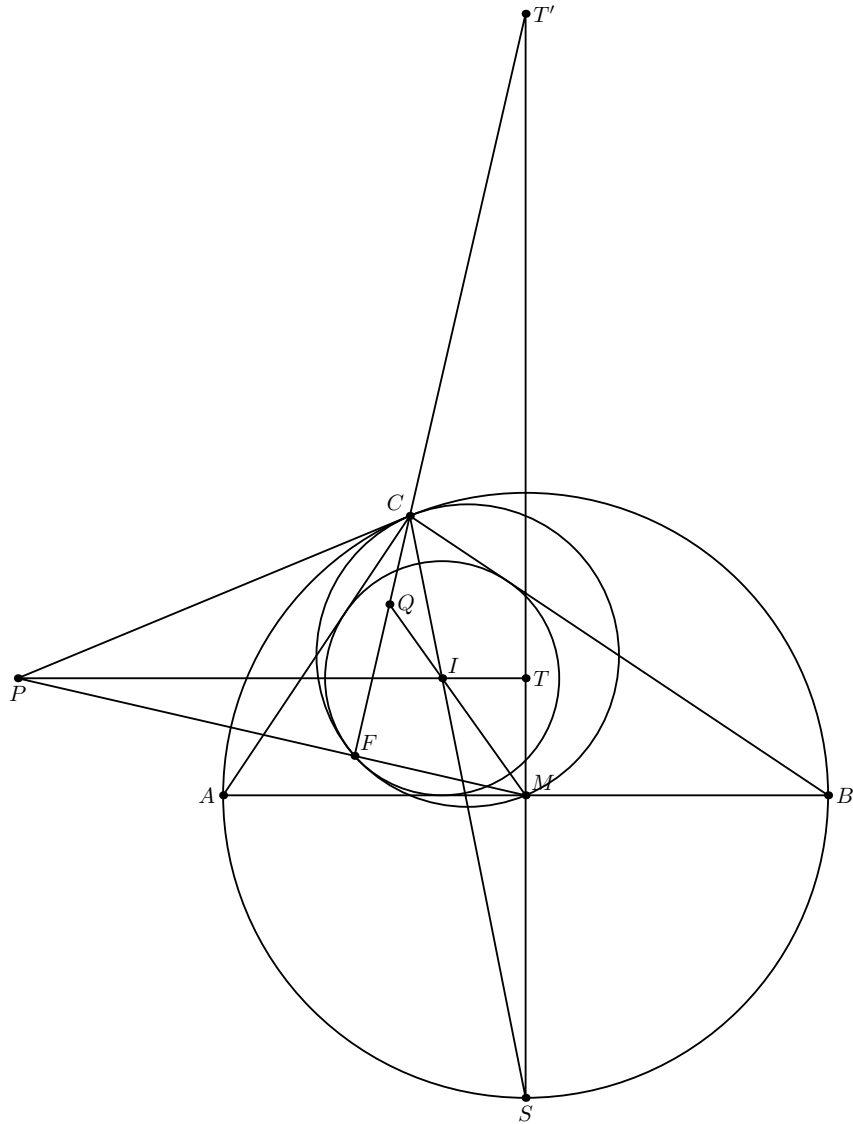


Fig. 10.7.

8. (M.Didin) On the attraction "Merry parking" the auto has only two positions of a steering wheel: "right" and "strongly right". So the auto can move along an arc with radius  $r_1$  or  $r_2$ . The auto started from a point  $A$  to the Nord, it covered the distance  $l$  and rotated to the angle  $\alpha < 2\pi$ . Find the locus of its possible endpoints.

**Solution.** Since the length of the trajectory and the rotation angle are known we can find the sum of arc of each radius. Hence reformulate the problem.

A point  $A$  and a ray  $\ell$  with origin  $A$  are given on the plane. Also two numbers  $r_1 > r_2$  and two angles  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 < \pi$  are given. Find the locus of the endpoints  $B$  of the following trajectories  $\Gamma$ :

- $\Gamma$  has the begin point  $A$  and touches  $\ell$  at  $A$ ;

- $\Gamma$  is the union of arcs with radii  $r_1$  and  $r_2$ , and the sums of angle measures of these arcs are equal to  $2\alpha_1$  and  $2\alpha_2$  respectively;
- two adjacent arcs have the common tangent at their common endpoint and lie on the same side of this tangent.

**Answer.** Let  $O_1, O_2$  be the endpoints of arcs satisfying to the first condition with radii  $r_1, r_2$  respectively and angle measures  $2(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)$ . Consider two discs  $W_1, W_2$  centered at  $O_1, O_2$  with radii  $2(r_1 - r_2) \sin \alpha_2, 2(r_1 - r_2) \sin \alpha_1$  respectively. The required locus is the intersection of these discs.

**Proof.** Let  $PQ$  be an arbitrary arc of  $\Gamma$  with radius  $r_1$ , and  $R$  be a point of segment  $PQ$  such that  $PR : PQ = r_2 : r_1$ . An arc  $PR$  touching  $\Gamma$  at  $P$  has radius  $r_2$  and the tangent to it at  $R$  is parallel to the tangent to  $\Gamma$  at  $Q$ . Replace the arc  $PQ$  to  $PR$  and translate the part  $QB$  of  $\Gamma$  to  $\vec{QR}$ . Repeating this operation for each arc with radius  $r_1$  we translate  $B$  to  $O_2$ , and  $O_2\vec{B} = \frac{r_1 - r_2}{r_1} \sum P_i\vec{Q}_i$ . Similarly  $O_1\vec{B} = \frac{r_2 - r_1}{r_2} \sum Q_i\vec{P}_{i+1}$  (we suppose that  $Q_0 = A, P_{n+1} = B$ ).

Put off all arcs of  $\Gamma$  on the unit circle starting from point  $X$ . The endpoint of the last arc is a point  $Y$  such that  $\sphericalangle XY = 2(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)$  and the homothety  $H$  with coefficient  $1/(r_1 - r_2)$  maps vector  $O_1O_2$  to  $XY$ . Color all arcs obtained from the arcs with radius  $r_1$  red, and color blue the remaining arcs. Compare to each arc the vector from its begin point to the endpoint. The homothety  $H$  maps vector  $O_2B$  to the sum of red vectors and maps  $BO_1$  to the sum of blue vectors. Let  $Z$  be a point on arc  $XY$  such that  $\sphericalangle XZ = 2\alpha_1$ . The homothety  $H$  maps the boundary circles of  $W_2$  and  $W_1$  to the circles centered at  $X, Y$  respectively and passing through  $Z$ .

Prove that the length of  $O_2B$  is maximal if the red vector is unique. Let the tangent  $m$  to the unit circle parallel to  $O_2B$  toche the circle at  $E$ . Consider an arc  $T$  with length  $2\alpha_1$  and midpoint  $E$ . If the endpoints of  $T$  lie on red arcs divide these arcs into two parts. The projection to  $m$  of a red vector with length  $\varphi$  lying outside  $T$  is less than  $\varphi \cos \alpha_1$ , therefore the sum of projections to  $m$  of all red vectors is less than the projection of  $T$ . Similarly the length of  $O_1B$  is maximal if the blue vector is unique. Thus  $B$  lies inside the intersection of two discs.

Clearly the common points of boundary circles of  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  correspond to the trajectories containing exactly one arc of each radius, and the points of these circles correspond to the trajectories containing one arc of some radius and two arc of the remaining one. Prove that each point  $B$  inside both discs

correspond to the unique trajectory containing four arc and starting from the arc with radius  $r_1$ .

Let  $D$  be the image of  $B$  in homothety  $H$ . Find on arc  $XY$  such points  $E, F, G$  that  $\vec{XE} + \vec{FG} = \vec{XD}$ . Let  $E, G$  be the common points of the perpendicular bisector to  $DZ$  with arcs  $XZ, YZ$ , and  $F$  be the second common point of arc  $XY$  with the line passing through  $Z$  and parallel to  $EG$ . Then  $DEFG$  is a parallelogram which is equivalent to the required equality. It is easy to see that  $E, F, G$  are uniquely defined by  $D$  (fig. 10.8).

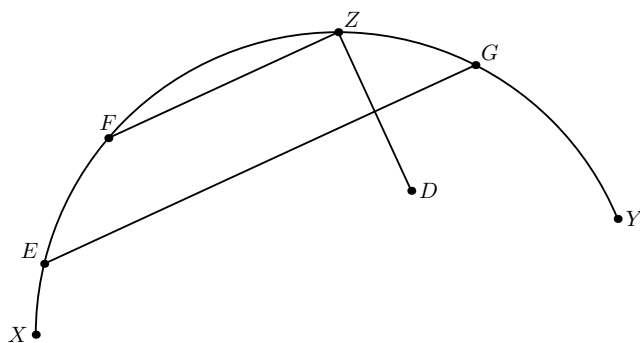


Fig. 10.8.