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LAST TIME SAW THAT IF P IS A POINT NOT ON CIRCLE C WITH CENTER O, RADIUS r ANY LINE CONTAINING P INTERSECTING C AT A AND B (A=B OK) THEN

$$\text{Pow}(P, C) = |PA| \cdot |PB| = |OP|^2 - r^2$$

THE POWER OF P WITH RESPECT TO C

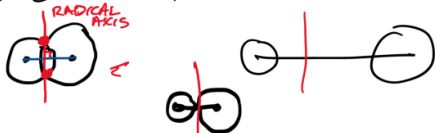


GIVES RISE TO

DEF GIVEN CIRCLES  $C_1, C_2$  WITH DISTINCT CENTERS  $O_1, O_2$  & RADII  $r_1, r_2$ . DEFINE THE RADICAL AXIS OF  $C_1, C_2$  IS THE SET OF ALL P WITH  $\text{Pow}(P, C_1) = \text{Pow}(P, C_2)$

THM THE RADICAL AXIS IS A LINE PERPENDICULAR TO  $\overline{O_1 O_2}$

IF  $C_1$  INTERSECTS  $C_2$  THEN THE RADICAL AXIS CONTAINS POINTS OF INTERSECTION.



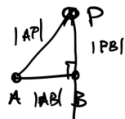
PROOF USES LEMMA:

GIVEN A & B AND A CONSTANT  $\beta$ . THE SET  $\{P : |PA|^2 - |PB|^2 = \beta\}$  IS A LINE PERPENDICULAR TO  $\overline{AB}$

IDEA OF OF PROOF: (CAN ASSUME WLOG  $\beta > 0$ )

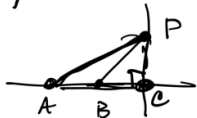
• IF  $\beta = |AB|^2$  THEN BY PYTHAGOREAN THEOREM

$$\beta = |PA|^2 - |PB|^2 = |AB|^2$$



• IF  $\beta < |AB|^2$

$$\begin{aligned} |PA|^2 - |PB|^2 &= (|PC|^2 + |CA|^2) - (|PC|^2 + |CB|^2) \\ &= |CA|^2 - |CB|^2 = \beta \end{aligned}$$



IF  $\beta > |AB|^2$

$$\begin{aligned} |PA|^2 - |PB|^2 &= (|PC|^2 + |CA|^2) - (|PC|^2 + |CB|^2) \\ &= |CA|^2 - |CB|^2 \end{aligned}$$

SO LINE IS ALWAYS  $\perp$  TO  $\overline{AB}$   $\square$

PF OF THM

$O_1, O_2$  CENTERS  $O_1 \neq O_2$   
 $r_1, r_2$  RADII

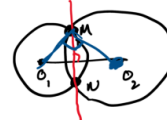
SINCE  $\text{Pow}(P, C_1) = \text{Pow}(P, C_2)$

$$|OP|^2 - r_1^2 = |OP|^2 - r_2^2$$

$$|O_1P|^2 - |O_2P|^2 = r_1^2 - r_2^2 = \text{CONST. } \beta$$

SO ANY SUCH P IS ON LINE  $\perp$  TO  $\overline{O_1 O_2}$

IF  $C_1, C_2$  INTERSECT AT M, N

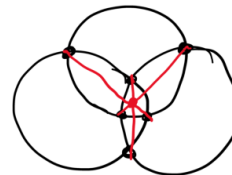


SO USE HOMEWORK PROBS TO SEE THIS -

APPLICATIONS:

SPOKE 3 CIRCLES MEETING IN PAIRS AT 3 PTS

LINES JOINING THESE PTS ARE CONCURRENT



MIQUEL POINT

THM: LET D, E, F BE POINTS ON  $\overrightarrow{AB}, \overrightarrow{BC}$  AND  $\overrightarrow{AC}$ . THEN CIRCUMCIRCLES OF  $\triangle ADF, \triangle DBE,$  AND  $\triangle CEF$  HAVE A POINT M IN COMMON (THE MIQUEL POINT)

PP/ LET  $C_{DAF}$  &  $C_{DBE}$  BE THE CIRCUMCIRCLES OF  $\triangle DAF$  &  $\triangle DBE$ .

LET M BE THEIR POINT OF INTERSECTION ( $\neq D$ )

TO SHOW RESULT, MUST SHOW THAT  $\square MFC$  IS CYCLIC

IF  $\angle A$  IS RIGHT ANGLE THEN  $M = E$  DONE SO  $\square MFC = \square MEC$

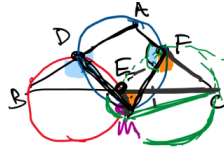
CASE  $\angle A$  IS ACUTE



$\angle BEM = \angle MDA$  SINCE  $\square BEMD$  IS CYCLIC &  $\angle MDA$  IS EXTERIOR ANGLE, OPPOSITE  $\angle BEM$  SIMILARLY  $\angle MDA = \angle MFC$  SINCE  $\angle MFC$  EXT TO  $\square ADMF$  OPPOSITE TO  $\angle MDA$

SO,  $\angle BEM = \angle MFC$  &  $\square MFC$  IS CYCLIC.  $\checkmark$

IF  $\angle A$  IS OBTUSE & SO  $M$  IS OUTSIDE  $\triangle ABC$



AS BEFORE, LET  $M$  BE THE INTERSECTION OF CIRCUMCIRCLES OF  $\triangle BDM$  &  $\triangle AFM$ .

& SHOW  $\square M E F C$  IS CYCLIC. WANT  $\angle M E C = \angle M F C$   
 TO DO THAT, CAN SHOW  $\angle M E B = \angle M F A$   
 (TRUE SINCE SUPPLEMENTARY LIE ADD TO  $180^\circ$ )  
 BUT  $\angle M F A = \angle M D B$  (SINCE  $\angle M D B$  EXTERNAL TO QUAD  $M D A F$ )  
 AND  $\angle M D B = \angle M E B$  SINCE OPP EXTERNAL. □

NINE POINT CIRCLE  $\triangle ABC$

RECALL  $G =$  CENTROID = INTERSECTION OF MEDIANS  
 $H =$  ORTHOCENTER = INTERSECT OF ALTITUDES  
 $O =$  CIRCUMCENTER = INTERSECT OF PERPENDICULAR BISECTORS OF SIDES  
 IF  $G=O$ , THEN  $\triangle ABC$  IS EQUILATERAL  $G=H=O$ .  
 ASSUME  $G \neq O$ .  $\overline{HO}$  IS EULER SEGMENT

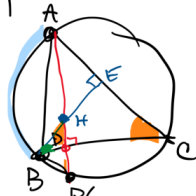
THM: LET  $\Delta$  BE THE DILATION BY  $\frac{1}{2}$  CENTERED AT  $H$ . LET  $C$  BE THE CIRCUMCIRCLE OF  $\triangle ABC$  (CENTER  $= O$ ) LET  $\mathcal{N} = \Delta(C)$   
THEN: THE CENTER OF  $\mathcal{N}$  IS THE MIDPOINT OF  $\overline{HO}$   
 $\mathcal{N}$  CONTAINS  
 (a) THE 3 FEET OF ALTITUDES  
 (M) THE 3 MIDPOINTS OF SIDES  
 (N) THE MIDPOINTS OF  $\overline{AH}$ ,  $\overline{BH}$  AND  $\overline{CH}$

FEURBACH'S THM: INCIRCLE OF  $\triangle ABC$  IS TANGENT TO 9 PT CIRCLE. [ WE WANT PROVE THIS ]

PROOF NEEDS A LEMMA

LET  $\overline{AD}$  BE AN ALTITUDE OF  $\triangle ABC$  (FOOT  $D$ ), AND LET  $\overline{AD}$  INTERSECT THE CIRCUMCIRCLE AT  $D'$ .  $H$  IS THE ORTHOCENTER OF  $\triangle ABC$ . THEN  $|HD| = |DD'|$

PA/ OBSERVE THAT  $\angle BHD = \angle ACB$   
 SINCE  $\triangle BEC$  IS RIGHT  
 SO  $\angle CBE + \angle BCE = 90^\circ$   
 ALSO  $\triangle BHD$  IS RIGHT, SO  $\angle CBD + \angle BHD = 90^\circ \Rightarrow \angle BHD = \angle BCE$   
 BUT  $\angle ACB$  &  $\angle AD'B$  BOTH SUBTEND  $\overline{AB}$   
 SO  $\triangle BD'H$  IS ISOSCELES.  
 SO  $\overline{BD}$  IS  $\perp$  BISECTOR OF  $\overline{HD}$  □



PF OF 9-PT CIRCLE:

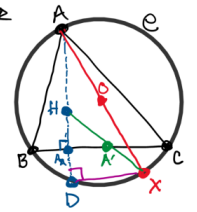
(h) IMMEDIATE SINCE  $\Delta(A) = H_A$  SCALE TOWARDS H BY  $\frac{1}{2}$   
 $H_A$  IS HALFWAY

(a) FOLLOWS FROM LEMMA & DILATION:  
 SINCE  $A_H$  LIES ON  $\overline{AH}$   
 LEMMA SAY IT IS MIDPOINT OF  $|HD|$  WHERE  $D$  IS ON CIRCUMCIRCLE

(M) TO SHOW THE RESULT ABOUT MIDPOINTS OF SIDES TAKES LONGER, BUT WE ARE OUT OF TIME. I WILL ADD THIS WHEN I POST THE NOTES.

RECALL THAT  $O$  IS THE CENTER OF THE CIRCUMCIRCLE  $C$ . LET  $X$  BE THE OPPOSITE END OF THE DIAMETER FROM  $A$ .

DRAW  $\overline{HX}$ , AND LET THE INTERSECTION WITH  $\overline{BC}$  BE  $A'$ .  
 WE WANT TO SHOW THAT  $|HA'| = |AX|$ ,  
 (THAT IS, THAT  $\Delta(X) = A'$ , SO  $A'$  LIES ON  $\mathcal{N}$ )



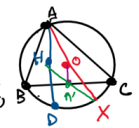
JOIN  $D$  (THE INTERSECTION OF THE ALTITUDE WITH  $C$ ) TO  $X$ . THEN  $\angle ADX = 90^\circ$  SINCE  $\overline{AX}$  IS A DIAMETER.

BOTH  $\overline{DX}$  AND  $\overline{BC}$  ARE PERPENDICULAR TO  $\overline{AD}$  AND SO  $\overline{DX} \parallel \overline{BC}$ .

WE'VE SHOWN THAT  $A_H$  (THE FOOT OF THE ALTITUDE FROM  $A$ ) IS THE MIDPOINT OF  $\overline{HD}$ , SO BY FTS,  $A'$  IS THE MIDPOINT OF  $\overline{HX}$ .

TO SEE THAT  $A'$  IS THE MIDPOINT OF  $\overline{BC}$ , CONSIDER  $\triangle AHX$ .

OBSERVE THAT  $\overline{OA'}$  JOINS THE MIDPOINTS OF TWO SIDES OF  $\triangle AHX$ , AND SO  $\overline{OA'} \parallel \overline{AH}$ . BUT ALSO,  $\overline{AH} \perp \overline{BC}$  WE KNOW  $\overline{OA'}$  IS PERPENDICULAR TO  $\overline{BC}$ . SINCE WE HAVE A SEGMENT FROM THE CENTER  $O$  PERPENDICULAR TO CHORD  $\overline{BC}$ ,  $\overline{OA'}$  IS IN FACT THE PERPENDICULAR BISECTOR.



LASTLY, WE HAVE TO SHOW THAT THE CENTER  $N$  OF THE NINE-POINT CIRCLE IS THE MIDPOINT OF THE EULER SEGMENT  $\overline{HO}$ . BUT THIS IS IMMEDIATE, SINCE  $N = \Delta(O)$  AND  $\Delta$  SCALES DISTANCES FROM  $H$  BY  $\frac{1}{2}$ . □

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IN ADDITION TO BEING TANGENT TO THE INCIRCLE AT ONE POINT AS STATED EARLIER, THE NINE-POINT CIRCLE  $\mathcal{N}$  IS ALSO TANGENT TO EACH OF THE THREE EXCIRCLES.

HISTORICALLY (AND OFTEN IN OTHER PRESENTATIONS), THE 9-POINT CIRCLE IS NOT CONSTRUCTED VIA A DILATION OF THE CIRCUMCIRCLE, BUT VIA OTHER OF THE SIGNIFICANT POINTS.

IT HAS MANY OTHER PROPERTIES & NAMES (FEURBACH'S CIRCLE, EULER'S CIRCLE, TERQUEM'S CIRCLE, THE MEDITRISIBED CIRCLE, THE MIDCIRCLE, THE 12-POINT CIRCLE, ...)

ITS DISCOVERY WAS A LONG PROCESS AND SIGNIFICANT IN EARLY 19<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY GEOMETRY.