

# Angle chasing

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## Warm-ups

1. Do twenty push-ups.
2. In quadrilateral  $WXYZ$  with perpendicular diagonals, we are given  $\angle WZX = 30^\circ$ ,  $\angle XWY = 40^\circ$ , and  $\angle WYZ = 50^\circ$ . Compute  $\angle WXY$ .
3. (Orthic triangle) In triangle  $ABC$ , let  $D$ ,  $E$ , and  $F$  denote the feet of the altitudes from  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$ , respectively. Let  $H$  be the orthocenter of triangle  $ABC$ .
  - a) Identify six cyclic quadrilaterals with vertices among  $\{A, B, C, D, E, F, H\}$ .
  - b) Show that  $\triangle AEF \sim \triangle ABC$ . What about other triangles?
  - c) Prove that  $H$  is the incenter of triangle  $DEF$ .
  - d) Let  $X$  be the reflection of  $H$  over  $BC$ . Show that  $X$  lies on  $(ABC)$ .
  - e) Let  $Y$  be the reflection of  $H$  over the midpoint of  $BC$ . Show that  $AY$  is a diameter of  $(ABC)$ .

## Lecture

1. A reminder of cyclic quadrilaterals and tangent circles
2. Directed angles
3. Incenter–excenter lemma
4. Drawing a diagram properly

**Required reading:** [Some Notes on Constructing Diagrams](#) 

5. Geoguessing

## Angle chasing

1. Let  $ABCDE$  be a convex pentagon such that  $BCDE$  is a square with center  $O$  and  $\angle A = 90^\circ$ . Prove that  $AO$  bisects  $\angle BAE$ .
2. Two parallel lines are tangent to a circle with center  $O$ . A third line, also tangent to the circle, meets the two parallel lines at  $A$  and  $B$ . Prove that  $AO$  is perpendicular to  $OB$ .
3. Let  $ABC$  be a triangle and let  $AO$  meet  $BC$  at  $D$ . Point  $K$  is selected so that  $KA$  is tangent to  $(ABC)$  and  $\angle KCB = 90^\circ$ . Prove that  $KD$  is parallel to  $AB$ .
4. (BAMO 1999) Points  $O$ ,  $A$ , and  $B$  are collinear in that order. Let  $P$  be a point on the circle with diameter  $AB$ . Point  $Q$  lies on line  $PA$  such that  $OQ$  and  $OA$  are perpendicular. Prove that  $\angle BQP = \angle BOP$ .
5. Let  $ABCD$  be a cyclic quadrilateral. Let  $M$  be the midpoint of arc  $BC$  not containing  $A$  or  $D$ . Let  $E$  and  $F$  be the intersections of  $AM$  and  $DM$  with  $BC$ , respectively. Show that  $A$ ,  $E$ ,  $F$ ,  $D$  lie on the same circle.

### Configuration issues

1. Suppose that the circles  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  intersect at distinct points  $A$  and  $B$ . Let  $CD$  be any chord on  $\omega_1$ , and let  $E$  and  $F$  be the second intersections of the lines  $CA$  and  $BD$ , respectively, with  $\omega_2$ . Prove  $EF$  is parallel to  $DC$ .
2. (Tritangent) Let  $ABC$  be an acute triangle with altitudes  $BE$  and  $CF$ . Let  $M$  be the midpoint of  $BC$ . Prove that  $ME$ ,  $MF$ , and the line through  $A$  parallel to  $BC$  are all tangents to  $(AEF)$ .
3. In cyclic quadrilateral  $ABCD$ , let  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  denote the incenters of  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle DBC$ , respectively. Prove that  $I_1I_2BC$  is cyclic.
4. (Simson) Let  $ABC$  be a triangle and  $P$  be a point on  $(ABC)$ . Let  $X$ ,  $Y$ , and  $Z$  be the feet of the perpendiculars from  $P$  onto  $BC$ ,  $CA$ , and  $AB$ , respectively. Prove that  $X$ ,  $Y$ , and  $Z$  are collinear.

### Incenter–excenter lemma

1. (CGMO 2012) Let  $ABC$  be a triangle. The incircle of  $\triangle ABC$  is tangent to  $AB$  and  $AC$  at  $D$  and  $E$ , respectively. Let  $O$  be the circumcenter of  $\triangle BCI$ . Prove that  $\angle ODB = \angle OEC$ .
2. (Nine-point) Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with orthocenter  $H$ . Let  $D$ ,  $E$ ,  $F$  be the altitudes from  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$  to the opposite sides. Show that the midpoint of  $AH$  lies on  $(DEF)$ .
3. (IMO 2006) Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with incenter  $I$ . A point  $P$  in the interior of the triangle satisfies  $\angle PBA + \angle PCA = \angle PBC + \angle PCB$ . Show that  $AP \geq AI$ , with equality if and only if  $P = I$ .
4. (JBMO 2010) Let  $AL$  and  $BK$  be angle bisectors of scalene triangle  $ABC$ . The perpendicular bisector of  $BK$  intersects line  $AL$  at  $M$ . Point  $N$  lies on line  $BK$  such that  $LN$  is parallel to  $MK$ . Prove that  $LN = NA$ .
5. (IMO 2002) Let  $BC$  be a diameter of circle  $\Omega$  center at  $O$ . Let  $A$  be a point of  $\Omega$  such that  $\angle AOB < 120^\circ$ . Let  $D$  be the midpoint of arc  $AB$  which does not contain  $C$ . The line through  $O$  parallel to  $DA$  meets the line  $AC$  at  $I$ . The perpendicular bisector of  $OA$  meets  $\Omega$  at  $E$  and at  $F$ . Prove that  $I$  is the incenter of triangle  $CEF$ .

### Geoguessing

1. (IMO 2004) Let  $ABC$  be an acute scalene triangle. The circle with diameter  $BC$  intersects the sides  $AB$  and  $AC$  at  $M$  and  $N$ , respectively. Denote by  $O$  the midpoint of the side  $BC$ . The bisectors of  $\angle BAC$  and  $\angle MON$  intersect at  $R$ . Prove that  $(BMR)$  and  $(CNR)$  intersect at a point on  $BC$ .
2. (Russia 1996) Points  $E$  and  $F$  are given on the side  $BC$  of a convex quadrilateral  $ABCD$  (with  $E$  closer than  $F$  to  $B$ ). It is known that  $\angle BAE = \angle CDF$  and  $\angle EAF = \angle FDE$ . Prove that  $\angle CAF = \angle EDB$ .
3. (Iran 2004) Let  $ABCD$  be a cyclic quadrilateral. The perpendiculars to  $AD$  and  $BC$  at  $A$  and  $C$  respectively meet at  $M$ , and the perpendiculars to  $AD$  and  $BC$  at  $D$  and  $B$  meet at  $N$ . If the lines  $AD$  and  $BC$  meet at  $E$ , prove that  $\angle DEN = \angle CEM$ .

4. (IMO 2013) Let  $ABC$  be an acute triangle with orthocenter  $H$ , and let  $W$  be a point on the side  $BC$ , between  $B$  and  $C$ . The points  $M$  and  $N$  are the feet of the altitudes drawn from  $B$  and  $C$ , respectively.  $\omega_1$  is the circumcircle of triangle  $BWN$  and  $X$  is a point such that  $WX$  is a diameter of  $\omega_1$ . Similarly,  $\omega_2$  is the circumcircle of triangle  $CWM$  and  $Y$  is a point such that  $WY$  is a diameter of  $\omega_2$ . Show that the points  $X$ ,  $Y$ , and  $H$  are collinear.
5. (NIMO 2013) Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with orthocenter  $H$  and let  $M$  be the midpoint of  $BC$ . Denote by  $\omega_B$  the circle passing through  $B$ ,  $H$ , and  $M$ , and denote by  $\omega_C$  the circle passing through  $C$ ,  $H$  and  $M$ . Lines  $AB$  and  $AC$  meet  $\omega_B$  and  $\omega_C$  again at  $P$  and  $Q$ , respectively. Rays  $PH$  and  $QH$  meet  $\omega_C$  and  $\omega_B$  again at  $R$  and  $S$ , respectively. Prove that  $M$ ,  $R$ ,  $S$  are collinear.
6. (EGMO 2012) Let  $ABC$  be an acute-angled triangle with circumcenter  $\Gamma$  and orthocenter  $H$ . Let  $K$  be a point on  $\Gamma$  on the other side of  $BC$  from  $A$ . Let  $L$  be the reflection of  $K$  in the line  $AB$ , and let  $M$  be the reflection of  $K$  in the line  $BC$ . Let  $E$  be the second point of intersection of  $\Gamma$  with  $(BLM)$ . Show that the lines  $KH$ ,  $EM$ , and  $BC$  concur.