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SKELETON PROBLEMS IN GEOMETRY

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PREFACE

This book, intended as a companion to *Skeleton Theorems*, is designed to introduce to the pupil the more usual devices employed in the solution of geometrical problems.

In many cases the skeleton is followed by problems using the same device which the pupil should solve for himself.

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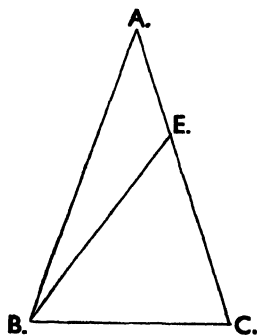
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1. ABC is a triangle in which $AB = AC$. E is a point in AC such that $CB = CE$. Find the value of $\angle ABE$ in terms of $\angle BAC$.



Since $AB = AC$.

$$\angle ABC = \angle ACB = \frac{1}{2}(180^\circ - \angle A) = 90^\circ - \frac{\angle A}{2}$$

Since $CB = CE$.

$$\angle CBE = \frac{1}{2}(180^\circ - \angle ACB) = \frac{1}{2}\left(90^\circ + \frac{\angle A}{2}\right)$$

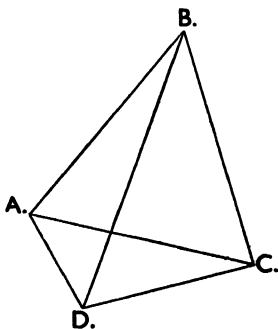
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$$\therefore \angle ABE = \angle ABC - \angle CBE = \left(90^\circ - \frac{\angle A}{2}\right) - \left(45^\circ + \frac{\angle A}{4}\right) = 45^\circ - \frac{3\angle A}{4}$$

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2. ABC is a triangle in which the angle ACB is obtuse. The internal bisector of the angle BAC meets BC at D, and the external bisector of this angle meets BC produced at E. If $AD = AE$, prove (i.) that the angle ADE is 45° , and (ii.) that the angle BCA exceeds the angle ABC by 90° . [O]
3. In a certain triangle ABC, $AB = AC$ and D is a point in AB such that $AD = DC = BC$. Prove that angle $ABC = 2$ angle BAC and find angle BAC in degrees. [L]

4. ABCD is a quadrilateral in which the side AB is equal to the diagonal AC ; prove that the side CD is less than the diagonal BD. [C]



Join BD.

Since $AB = AC$

$$\angle \quad = \angle$$

$$\therefore \angle DBC = \quad -$$

is less than

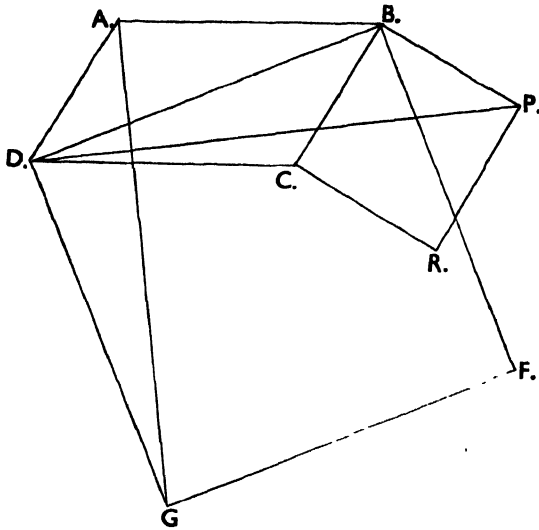
$$= \angle ACB + \quad .$$

$$\therefore DC < BD$$

because lesser side is opposite smaller angle.

5. ABC is a triangle in which AB is greater than AC and the angle ACB is acute. The perpendicular drawn to BC at C meets BA produced at D. Prove that AC is greater than AD. [O]
6. The internal bisector of the angle A of a triangle ABC, of which AB is greater than AC, meets BC at D. Prove that the angle ADB is obtuse. [L]

7. ABCD is a parallelogram with squares BPRC and BFGD drawn on the side BC and diagonal BD respectively both being on the same side of BD. Prove $AG = DP$.



$$\begin{aligned}
 BP &= \\
 &= AD \\
 \angle PBD &= 90^\circ + \\
 &= \quad + \angle BDA \\
 &=
 \end{aligned}$$

Sides of a square

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..... = Alternate

In the Δ s ADG and DBP

1. $\angle ADG = \angle DBP$: Proved

2. $AD = DB$:

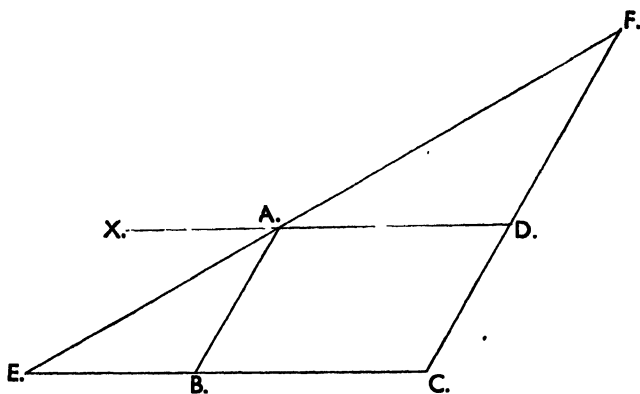
3. $AG = DP$: Sides of a square

$\therefore \Delta$ s are congruent

$\therefore AG = DP$

8. Equilateral triangles AEC and BFC are drawn on the sides AC, BC of a triangle ABC. Prove $AF = BE$.

9. AC is a diagonal of a square ABCD. P is any point within the triangle ACD and APRS is a square such that R and D are on the same side of AC. Prove triangles APB, ASD are congruent. [O]
10. ABCD is a parallelogram. DA is produced to X and the bisector of the angle BAX is drawn to meet CB produced at E and CD produced at F. Prove CE = CF = AB + AD. [O]



$$\begin{aligned} \angle CFE &= \dots\dots\dots & \text{Corresponding} \\ &= \dots\dots\dots & \text{Given} \\ &= \angle AEC \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore CE = CF$

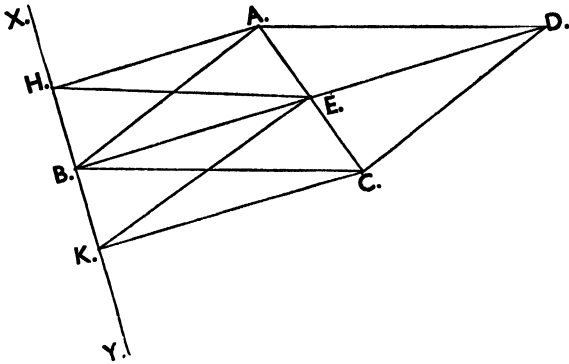
Also $EB = \dots\dots\dots$ since $\dots\dots\dots = \dots\dots\dots$

$\therefore CE = \dots\dots\dots + \dots\dots\dots$

$= AB + AD$ since $\dots\dots\dots = \dots\dots\dots$ | Opp. sides of parallelogram

11. D is the mid-point of the side AB of a triangle ABC. DE is drawn parallel to BC to meet the bisector of the angle C in E. Prove that the points A, E, C lie on a circle.

12. PQRS is a parallelogram ; the internal bisectors of the angles SPQ, PSR meet QR, produced if necessary, at X and Y respectively. Prove that the triangle PQX is isosceles and that $QY = RX$. [L]
13. The diagonals of a parallelogram ABCD intersect at E ; through B the line XBY is drawn at right angles to DB and H, K are the feet of the perpendiculars drawn to XBY from A and C respectively. Prove that $HE = KE$. [L]

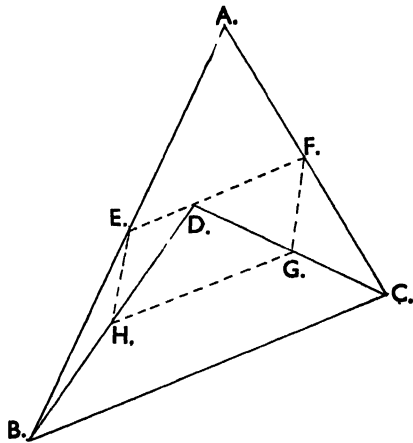


Since HA, BE and KC are all perpendicular to XY they are

AE =
 \therefore HB =
 Hence BE is the of HK
 \therefore HE = KE.

14. Two parallel chords AR and CS are drawn in a circle centre O. Through B, the mid-point of AC, a chord is drawn parallel to AR and CS cutting RS in M. OM produced cuts CS or CS produced in N. Prove triangle RNS is isosceles.

15. ABC is a triangle and D any point inside it. E, F, G, H are the mid-points of AB, AC, DC, DB respectively. Prove that EG bisects FH.



Since E is the mid-point of AB and F is the mid-point of AC
 EF is parallel to BC and EF = 1/2 BC of BC.

Similarly

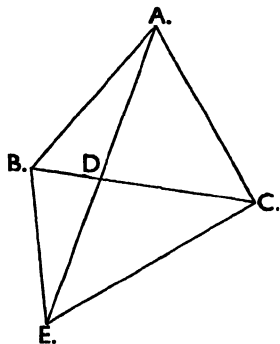
Since G is the mid-point of DC and H is the mid-point of DB
 GH is parallel to BC and GH = 1/2 BC of BC.

∴ EFGH is a parallelogram.

∴ EG bisects FH because diagonals of a parallelogram bisect each other.

16. P, Q are the middle points of the sides AB, BC respectively of a convex quadrilateral ABCD, and O is the middle point of the diagonal BD. If PO produced meets CD at M, and QO produced meets AD at N, prove MN passes through the middle point of OD. [C]

17. ABC is a triangle ; any line through B meets the perpendicular from C to AB at H ; P, Q, R are the mid-points of BH, BC and AC respectively. Prove that PQR is a right angle. [L]
18. Any point D is taken in the base BC of a triangle ABC and AD is produced to E making DE = AD. Prove that the triangle BCE is equal in area to the triangle ABC. [L]

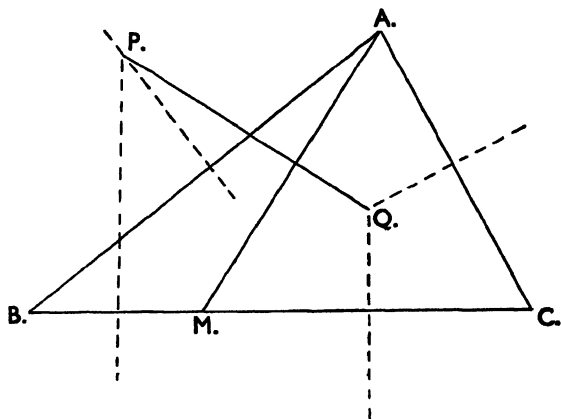


$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Area } \triangle ABD = \text{Area } \triangle ADC \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{On equal bases and between} \\ \text{same parallels} \end{array} \right\} \\ \text{Area } \triangle ABC = \text{Area } \triangle BCE \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \dots \dots \dots \end{array} \right\} \end{array}$$

Adding Area $\triangle ABC = \text{Area } \triangle BCE$.

19. ABCD is a quadrilateral whose opposite sides AB, DC are parallel. Any line through the point of intersection of the diagonals AC, BD intersects the parallels to AC through D and B in X and Y respectively. Prove (i.) that areas of XAY and DAB are equal, (ii.) that AY and XC are parallel. [O]
20. ABCD is a parallelogram. A line through A cuts CB produced at P, and CD produced at R ; the line BR cuts AD at Q. Prove that the triangles PQR, BCD are equal in area. [C]

12. M is any point on the base BC of a triangle ABC. The perpendicular bisectors of AB, BM intersect in P and the perpendicular bisectors of AC, CM intersect in Q. Prove PQ is perpendicular to AM. [O]



Join PA, PM, QA, QM.

Since P is on the perpendicular bisector of AB, it

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Since P is on the perpendicular bisector of BM, it is

.....

\therefore P is equidistant from A, B and M

\therefore PA = PM

Similarly

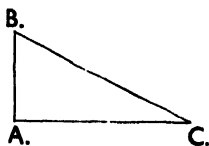
QA =

Hence both P and Q are equidistant from A and M

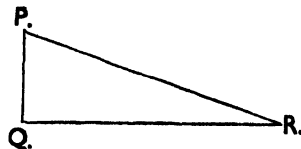
\therefore PQ is the of AM.

22. M is any point on the base BC of a triangle ABC. The bisectors of the angles BAM, ABM meet in L ; the bisectors of the angles CAM, ACM meet in N. Prove $\angle LMN = 90^\circ$. [O]

23. ABC is a right-angled triangle with angle A = 90°. A right-angled triangle is constructed in which the lengths of the sides containing the right angle are the sum and difference of the lengths of AB and AC. Prove that the hypotenuse is equal to the diagonal of the square on BC. [O]



I.



II.

$$PQ = AC - AB$$

$$QR = AC + AB$$

$$PR^2 = PQ^2 + QR^2 = (\quad)^2 + (\quad)^2$$

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Expanding

$$= 2(\quad + \quad)$$

$$\therefore PR =$$

$$BC^2 = \quad + \quad \dots$$

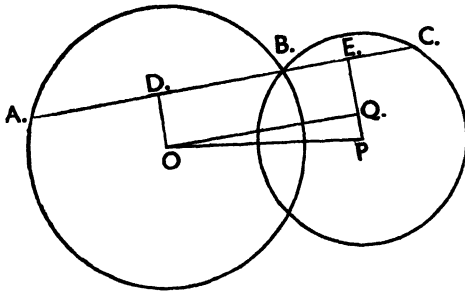
$$BC = (\quad + \quad)$$

Now diagonal of a square is equal to $\sqrt{2}$ times the side

$$\therefore \text{Diagonal of square on BC} = \sqrt{2} (\quad + \quad)$$

24. In a rectangle ABCD, AC = 2BC. F is a point in BC such that BF = $\frac{1}{4}$ BC. Prove AF = 7BF.

25. ABCD is a rectangle, in which AB = 24 in., BC = 9 in.; the point E is taken on CB produced so that BE = 7 in., and F is the middle point of CD. Prove angle AFE is a right angle. [C]
26. Prove that the straight line drawn through one of the points of intersection of two circles and terminated by those circles is greatest when it is parallel to the straight line joining their centres. [O]



Drop OD, PE perpendicular to AC.

Draw OQ parallel to AC.

DB =	AB
BE =	BC

Adding DE =

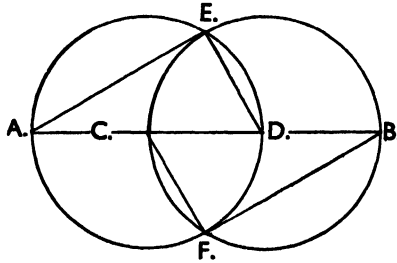
But DE = OQ
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$\angle OQP = 90^\circ$

\therefore OP is always than OQ.

\therefore DE is largest when Q and P
or AC is parallel to OP.

27. A, C, D, B are 4 points on a straight line such that $AC = CD = DB$. The circle with centre C and radius CA cuts the circle with centre D and radius DB in E and F. Prove AEBF is a parallelogram. [L]



Join CF and DE

CF =

Radii of equal circles

∴ In the triangles AED and CFB

1. AD =

2. $\angle ADE = \angle CFB$

3. ED =

∴ Δ s are congruent

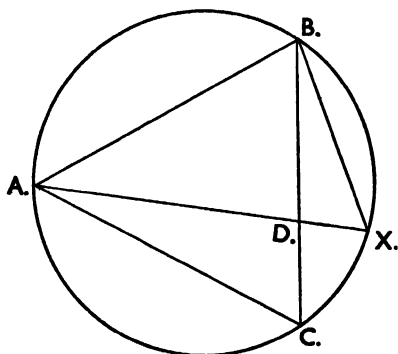
∴ AE = FB and $\angle EAD = \dots\dots\dots$

but these are alternate

∴ AE is parallel to FB

∴ AEBF is a

28. The vertices of a triangle ABC in which $AB = AC$ lie on a circle. X is any point on the arc BC. AX cuts BC in D. Prove $\angle ADB = \angle ABX$.



$$\angle ADB = \angle ACD +$$

$$\angle ACD =$$

$$\dots = \angle DBX$$

But adding

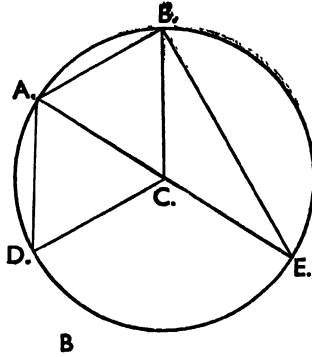
$$\dots + \dots = \angle ABX$$

$$\therefore \angle ADB = \angle ABX$$

Exterior angle of triangle is equal to sum of interior opposite angles

29. ABC is a triangle inscribed in a circle. The bisector of the angle BAC meets BC at D and the circle at E. Prove that the triangles EAC and ECD are equiangular. [O]
30. ABC is a triangle in which $AB = AC$. P is any point on the circumcircle of ABC, P and B being on opposite sides of AC. CP is produced to Q so that $CQ = BP$. Prove $AP = AQ$. [O]

31. ABCD is a parallelogram such that the circle with centre C passes through A, B, D. The diagonal AC is produced to cut the circle at E. Prove angle DAB is four times the angle AEB.



Since ABCD is a parallelogram

$$AB = DC \quad \text{and} \quad AD = BC$$

Since C is the centre of the circle

$$AC = BC \quad \text{and} \quad DC = BC$$

\therefore triangles ABC and ADC are congruent

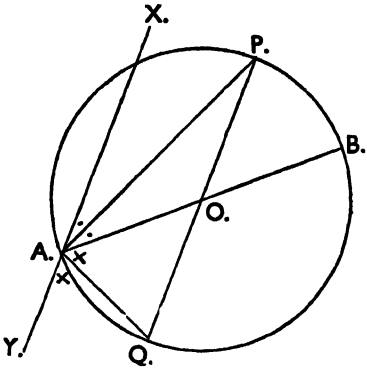
$$\therefore \angle ACB = 120^\circ$$

$$\text{But } \angle BEC = \frac{1}{2} \angle BOC = \frac{1}{2} \times 120^\circ = 60^\circ$$

$$\therefore \angle DAB = 4\angle AEB$$

32. ABC is a triangle inscribed in a circle, and the centre O of the circle lies inside the triangle; BO, CO produced meet CA, AB in E, F respectively; shew that the sum of the angles BFC, BEC is equal to three times the angle A. [C]

33. ABC are three points on a circle whose centre is O such that the angle ABC is obtuse ; AD is a diameter and BD meets AC at X. Prove that $\angle BXA + \angle OAB = \angle ABC$. [L]
34. AB is a diameter of a circle ; XAY is any line through A, and bisectors of the angles BAX, BAY cut the circle at P and Q respectively. Prove that PQ is a diameter of the circle and that it is parallel to XY. [L]



The lines PA and QA are the internal and external bisectors of $\angle XAB$.

$\therefore \angle PAQ = \dots\dots\dots$

$\therefore PQ$ is a diameter

Diameters AB and PQ will intersect at the $\dots\dots$ of the circle.

$\therefore AO = \dots\dots\dots$

$\therefore \angle OQA = \dots\dots\dots$

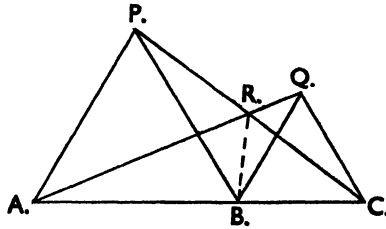
$= \dots\dots\dots$

But $\angle OQA$ and $\dots\dots\dots$ are $\dots\dots\dots$

$\therefore PQ$ is parallel to XY.

Note.—This device is the reverse of the one used in problems 10, 11, 12.

35. ABC are three points in order on a straight line. P and Q are on the same side of the line ABC such that PAB, QBC are equilateral triangles. Prove that the triangles PBC and QBA are congruent and if AQ and PC intersect in R, angle ARB = angle BRC = 60°. [O]



In Δ s ABQ and PBC

1. AB =

2. = BC

3. =

Each is \angle PBQ +

$\therefore \Delta$ s are congruent

Since the triangles are congruent

\angle RQB =

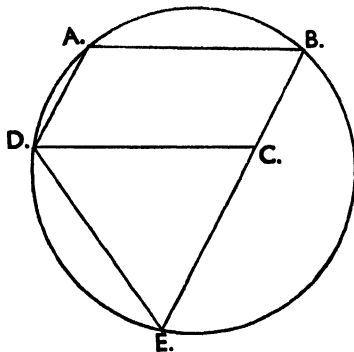
\therefore R, Q, C, B are concyclic

$\therefore \angle$ BRC = = 60°

Similarly A, P, R, B are concyclic

\therefore = = 60°

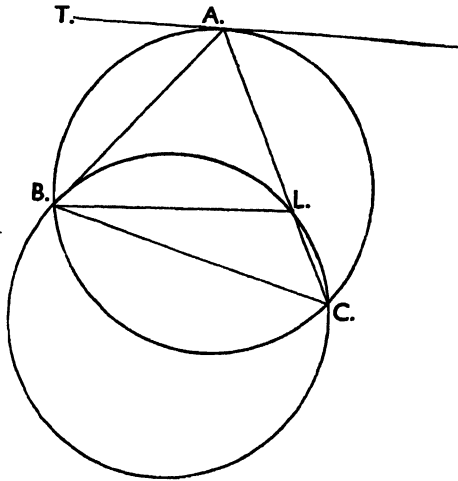
36. AB is a diameter of a circle whose centre is O and P any point inside the circle. PN is drawn perpendicular to AB, and AP, BP are joined and produced to cut the circle again at C and D respectively. Prove that PN bisects the angle DNC, and that D, O, N, C lie on the circle. [L]
37. In the figure ABCD is a parallelogram, prove that $DE = DC$. [C]



$\angle DAB = \dots\dots\dots$	$\dots\dots\dots$
$= 180^\circ - \angle DCE$	$\dots\dots\dots$
But $\angle DAB = \dots\dots\dots$	Opposite angles of cyclic quadrilateral
$\therefore \dots\dots\dots = \dots\dots\dots$	
$\therefore DE = DC$	

38. Two circles cut at Q and Y, and through Q and Y are drawn straight lines PQR, XYZ, which cut one circle at P and X and the other circle at R and Z. Prove that PX is parallel to RZ. [C]
39. If in Question 38 ZR and PX are produced to cut QY produced in G and H respectively, prove that triangles PQG and YZH are similar. [L]

42. AB, AC are two chords of a circle ABC. BL, drawn parallel to the tangent at A, cuts AC at L. Prove that the circle through BLC touches AB at B. [L]



Join BC

$$\angle TAB =$$

Alternate

$$\angle TAB =$$

Angle in the alternate segment

\therefore

$=$

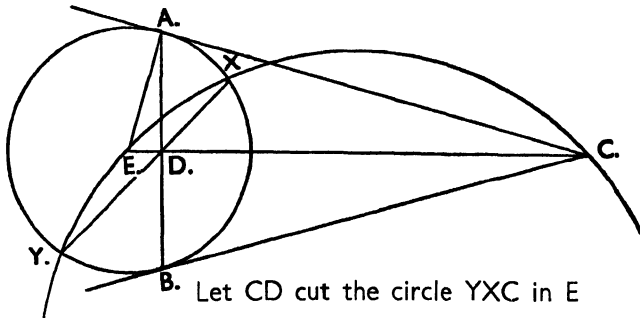
But these for circle BLC are

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\therefore BA is a tangent to circle BLC.

43. Two circles APB, ABQ which intersect at A and B, are such that AP, AQ, the tangents at A to the circles ABQ, ABP respectively, are at right angles. Prove PBQ is a straight line. [C]
44. ABC is a triangle inscribed in a circle. The angle BAC is trisected and the trisector nearest to AB cuts the circle at D. The circle with centre D and radius DC cuts CB produced at E. Prove that BE = BD, and that DE is a tangent to the circle ABC. [L]

45. The tangents to a circle at the points A and B meet at the point C, and a diameter of the circle through C meets the chord AB at D. Any chord of the circle drawn through D meets the circle at X and Y. Prove that the circle which can be drawn to pass through C, X and Y passes through the centre of the first circle. [O]



If E is centre of circle AXB

$$\begin{aligned} \angle EAC &= \dots\dots\dots | \dots\dots\dots \\ \text{and } EC^2 &= \dots\dots\dots | \dots\dots\dots \end{aligned}$$

This must be proved.

Since CD is a diameter, $AD = DB$ and $\angle ADE = 90^\circ$

$$\begin{aligned} AE^2 &= AD^2 + ED^2 \quad | \quad \dots\dots\dots \\ &= AD \cdot DB + ED^2 \quad \text{since } AD = DB \\ &= \dots\dots\dots + ED^2 \quad \text{since } AXBY \text{ are concyclic} \\ &= ED \cdot DC + ED^2 \quad \dots\dots\dots \\ &= ED (\dots\dots\dots + \dots\dots\dots) \\ &= ED \cdot \dots\dots\dots \end{aligned}$$

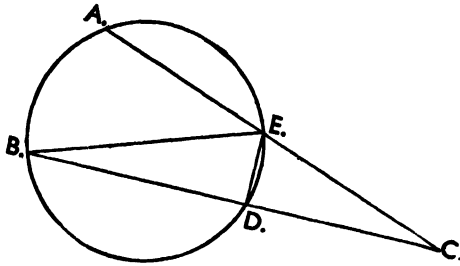
Also $AC^2 = \dots\dots\dots$ | Pythagoras' Theorem

$$\begin{aligned} &= ED \cdot DC + \dots\dots\dots \\ &= \dots\dots\dots (\dots\dots\dots + \dots\dots\dots) \\ &= \dots\dots\dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore AE^2 + AC^2 &= \dots\dots\dots + \dots\dots\dots \\ &= EC (\dots\dots\dots + \dots\dots\dots) \\ &= \dots\dots\dots \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \angle EAC = 90^\circ$
 $\therefore E$ is centre of circle AXB.

46. BE are the opposite ends of a diameter of a circle. AD are points on the circle on opposite sides of BE, and EA, DB when produced meet at C. Prove that the square on DE = the difference of the rectangles BD.DC and AE.EC. [L]



CA.CE = | Rectangles contained by segments of intersecting chords

$(CE + AE).CE = (\dots\dots\dots + \dots\dots\dots)\dots\dots$

$CE^2 + AE.CE = \dots\dots\dots + \dots\dots\dots$

$CE^2 - \dots\dots\dots = \dots\dots\dots - AE.CE$

But $\angle BDE = \dots\dots\dots$

$\therefore \angle EDC = \dots\dots\dots$

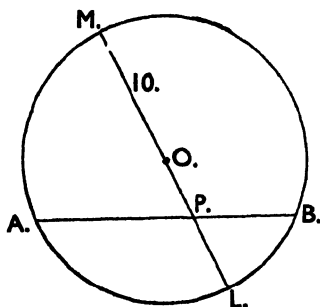
$\therefore CE^2 - \dots\dots\dots = DE^2$

$\therefore DE^2 = \dots\dots\dots$

47. E is any point on the base CB produced of an isosceles triangle ABC. Prove $AE^2 - AB^2 = EB.EC$.

48. Two circles which do not intersect are cut by a third circle in H and K and M and N respectively. HK and MN intersect in O. Prove tangents from O to the non-intersecting circles are equal. [O].

49. P is a point inside a circle of radius ten inches, and AB is a chord passing through P. The area of the rectangle contained by AP, PB is 25 square inches. Calculate in inches (to two places of decimals) the distance of P from the centre of the circle. [C]



Let O be centre of circle

Draw ML any diameter through P

AP.PB. = | Rectangles contained by segments of intersecting chords

$$\therefore 25 = (10 + OP) (\dots)$$

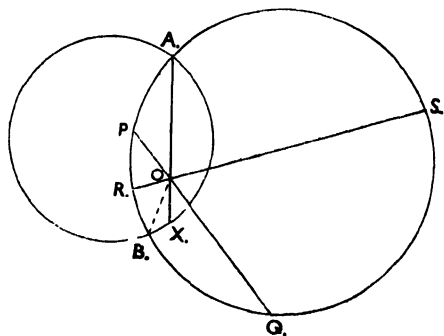
$$\therefore 25 = \dots - \dots$$

$$\therefore OP^2 \approx \dots \text{ square inches}$$

$$OP = \dots \text{ inches.}$$

50. P is a point 3 cm. from the centre of a circle radius 5 cm. AB is a chord which passes through P. Calculate the area of the rectangle AP.PB. [L]

51. Two circles intersect at points A and B. O is a point inside both circles such that the rectangles contained by the segments of chords of either circle drawn through O are equal. Prove that the line joining O to A must pass through B. [O]



Rectangles $PO.OQ$ and $OR.OS$ are both equal to
 where X is the point where AO produced cuts the circles

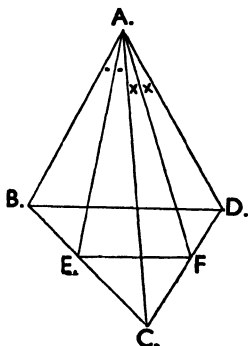
AO is fixed

$\therefore OX$ is

$\therefore X$ and B must coincide.

52. A and B are two fixed points in the plane of a circle. A straight line drawn at random through B meets the circle at the points P and Q. A circle is drawn through A, P and Q, and the straight line joining A and B meets this circle at C. Show that the point C is the same for all positions of the straight line BPQ. [O]

53. ABCD is a quadrilateral having $AB = AD$. The angles BAC and CAD are bisected by lines meeting BC and CD at E and F. Prove EF is parallel to BD. [C]



Since AE bisects $\angle BAC$

$$\frac{BE}{EC} = \frac{AB}{AC}$$

Since AF bisects $\angle CAD$

$$\frac{CF}{FD} = \frac{AC}{AD}$$

But $AB = AD$

$$\therefore \frac{BE}{EC} = \frac{CF}{FD}$$

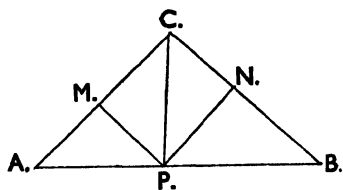
\therefore EF divides two sides of triangle BCD proportionally

$$\therefore EF \parallel BD$$

54. ABCD is a parallelogram. The bisector of the angle BAD meets BD at E, and the bisector of the angle ABC meets AC at F. Prove that $\frac{AF}{FC} = \frac{BE}{ED}$, and hence prove that EF is parallel to AB. [O]

55. The internal bisector of $\angle A$ of the triangle ABC cuts BC at D ; from D a line is drawn parallel to BA cutting AC at E ; if $AB = 3$ cm., $AC = 7$ cm. and $BC = 6$ cm., calculate the length of CD and of EC. [L]

56. The triangle ABC has AB = 8 cm., BC = 5 cm., AC = 6 cm. Calculate the distance from A of a point P in AB such that the triangle ACP may be similar to the triangle ABC. Find also the ratio of the perpendicular from P to the sides AC and BC. [L]



- (a) Since triangles ABC and APC are similar, corresponding sides are proportional and

$$\frac{AC}{AB} = \frac{AP}{AC}$$

$$\therefore \frac{6}{8} = \frac{AP}{6}$$

$$\therefore AP = 4.5 \text{ cms.} \quad PB = 3.5 \text{ cms.}$$

- (b) Areas of triangles of equal height are proportional to their

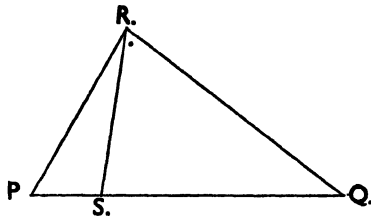
$$\therefore \frac{\text{Area } \triangle ACP}{\text{Area } \triangle CPB} = \frac{AP}{PB}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\frac{1}{2} \times AP \times PM}{\frac{1}{2} \times PB \times PN} = \frac{AP}{PB}$$

$$\therefore \frac{PM}{PN} = \frac{AP}{PB} \times \frac{PB}{AP}$$

$$= 1$$

57. In a triangle PQR, in which $\angle R$ is the greatest angle, RS is drawn cutting PQ internally at S and making the angle QRS equal to the angle RPQ. By considering the areas of two triangles, prove that $\frac{PQ}{QS} = \frac{PR^2}{RS^2}$ [L]



In triangles PRQ and SRQ

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|----|----------------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. | $\angle RPQ =$ | | | |
| 2. | .. = | | | |
| 3. | ... = | | | |

$\therefore \Delta$ s are equiangular

\therefore they are similar

$$\therefore \frac{\text{Area } \Delta \text{ PRQ}}{\text{Area } \Delta \text{ SRQ}} = \frac{PR^2}{RS^2}$$

But since Δ s PRQ and RSQ have same altitude

$$\frac{\text{Area PRQ}}{\text{Area RSQ}} = \frac{PQ}{QS}$$

$$\therefore \frac{PQ}{QS} = \frac{PR^2}{RS^2}$$


58. A straight line parallel to the side BC of a triangle ABC meets AB and AC at D and E respectively and divides the area of the triangle into two equal parts. Prove that the ratio of AD to AB is that of a side of a square to a diagonal. [O]

59. You are given the following facts about a pentagon ABCDE :—

- (i.) The vertices of the pentagon lie on a circle.
- (ii.) $AB = 2''$, $BC = 3''$, the angle ADB is 30° .
- (iii.) The area of triangle ABC is equal to the area of the triangle ABE.
- (iv.) BD bisects the angle CBE.

From (ii.) you have sufficient data to enable you to draw the circle. Draw it, and then proceed to the construction of the pentagon. [O]

Draw a rough figure, first making O the centre of the circle.

From (ii.) $\angle AOB =$ 

$\therefore \triangle AOB$ is

\therefore Radius of circle = . . . inches.

Draw the circle and put in chord $AB = 2''$.

How will you fix the point C ?

From (iii.) CE is . . . to AB.

Why ?

How will you fix the point E ?

Use (iv.) to complete the construction.

60. Draw a triangle ABC, in which $BC = CA = 2.8$ in., $AB = 2.5$ in. Construct a circle to touch AB at A and to pass through C. [C]

Draw a rough figure.

Since BA is a tangent, the centre of the required circle will lie on a line through A and _____ to AB. The centre will also be _____ from A and C. What is the locus of all points satisfying this condition ?

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Complete the construction.

61. State a method of constructing a circle that shall touch the hypotenuse of a right-angled triangle, have its centre in a side of the triangle, and pass through the vertex opposite the hypotenuse. [O]
62. AB are two points 3.4 inches apart and BC is a line such that $\angle ABC = 55^\circ$. By geometrical constructions and measurement find the distances from A of (i.) a point P in BC which is equidistant from A and B ; and (ii.) a point Q in BC which is 1.2 inches nearer B than A. [L]

63. ABCD is a square, side 2 inches. E is a point in BC 1.8 inches from B. Find a point F in CD produced such that the area of triangle FBE is equal to the area of the square. [O]

Produce AB to G so that AB = BG.

Put a circle round AEG.

Produce CB backwards to cut the circle at H.

Then GB.BA = $\frac{1}{2} \times$ Intersecting chords of a circle.

$$\therefore BA^2 = \dots$$

For a triangle to be equal in area to a rectangle on the same base, the height of the triangle must be the height of the rectangle.

Complete the construction and proof.

i.e. cut off from CD produced CF =

Join BF, EF.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then area } \triangle BEF &= \frac{1}{2} \times \dots \\ &= \dots \\ &= BA^2. \quad \text{Proved.} \end{aligned}$$

64. Draw a square ABCD with AB = $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Without any further use of the graduations on the ruler construct a rectangle AEFD whose area is two-thirds of the area of the square. [L]

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