

# Angle Chasing

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## 1 Facts you should know

1. Let  $ABC$  be a triangle and extend  $BC$  past  $C$  to  $D$ . Show that  $\angle ACD = \angle BAC + \angle ABC$ .
2. Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with  $\angle C = 90$ . Show that the circumcenter is the midpoint of  $AB$ .
3. Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with orthocenter  $H$  and feet of the altitudes  $D, E, F$ . Prove that  $H$  is the incenter of  $\triangle DEF$ .
4. Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with orthocenter  $H$  and feet of the altitudes  $D, E, F$ . Prove (i) that  $A, E, F, H$  lie on a circle diameter  $AH$  and (ii) that  $B, E, F, C$  lie on a circle with diameter  $BC$ .
5. Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with circumcenter  $O$  and orthocenter  $H$ . Show that  $\angle BAH = \angle CAO$ .
6. Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with circumcenter  $O$  and orthocenter  $H$  and let  $AH$  and  $AO$  meet the circumcircle at  $D$  and  $E$ , respectively. Show (i) that  $H$  and  $D$  are symmetric with respect to  $BC$ , and (ii) that  $H$  and  $E$  are symmetric with respect to the midpoint  $BC$ .
7. Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with altitudes  $AD, BE$ , and  $CF$ . Let  $M$  be the midpoint of side  $BC$ . Show that  $ME$  and  $MF$  are tangent to the circumcircle of  $AEF$ .
8. Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with incenter  $I$ ,  $A$ -excenter  $I_a$ , and  $D$  the midpoint of arc  $BC$  not containing  $A$  on the circumcircle. Show that  $DI = DI_a = DB = DC$ .
9. Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with incenter  $I$  and  $D$  the midpoint of arc  $BC$  not containing  $A$  on the circumcircle. Define  $E$  and  $F$  similarly. Show (i) that  $I$  is the orthocenter of  $DEF$ , and (ii) that  $A, B, C$  are the reflections of  $I$  across  $EF, FD, DE$  respectively.
10. Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with incenter  $I$  and excenters  $I_a, I_b, I_c$ . Prove that in triangle  $I_a I_b I_c$ ,  $A, B, C$  are the feet of the altitudes and  $I$  is the orthocenter.

11. Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with incenter  $I$ , and whose incircle is tangent to sides  $BC, AC, AB$  at  $D, E, F$ , respectively. Let  $M, N$  be midpoints of  $BC, AC$ , respectively. Prove that  $EF, BI, MN$  concur.
12. (Simson Line) Let  $ABC$  be a triangle and  $D$  a point on its circumcircle. Prove that the feet of the perpendiculars from  $D$  to lines  $AB, AC$ , and  $BC$  are collinear.
13. (Nine Point Circle) Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with orthocenter  $H$ , altitudes  $AA_1, BB_1$ , and  $CC_1$ , and midpoints  $A_2, B_2, C_2$ . Let the midpoints of  $AH, BH, CH$  be  $A_3, B_3, C_3$ . Show that  $A_1, A_2, A_3, B_1, B_2, B_3, C_1, C_2, C_3$  lie on a circle.

## 2 Problems

1. In parallelogram  $ABCD$ , let the bisector of  $\angle BCD$  intersect lines  $AB$  and  $AD$  at  $E$  and  $F$ , respectively. Prove that  $BE = AD$  and  $DF = AB$ .
2. Let  $ABC$  be a right triangle, let  $\angle C$  be the right angle, and let  $D$  be the foot of the altitude from  $C$ . Prove that the circumcenters of  $ACD, CBD$ , and  $ABC$  form a triangle that is similar to  $ABC$ .
3.  $\omega_1, \omega_2$  are two circles intersecting at  $P$  and  $Q$ . Let  $A$  be a variable point on  $\omega_1$ , and  $B, C$  be the intersections of  $AP, AQ$  with  $\omega_2$ . Show that the size of  $\widehat{BC}$  is independent of  $A$ .
4. (British Math Olympiad 2000) Two intersecting circles  $C_1, C_2$  have a common tangent  $PQ$  with  $P$  on  $C_1, Q$  on  $C_2$ . The two circles intersect at  $M, N$ , where  $PQ$  is nearer to  $M$ . The line  $PN$  meets the circle  $C_2$  again at  $R$ . Prove that  $MQ$  bisects  $\angle PMR$ .
5. ("Largely Artistic Math Olympiad") Two circles  $\omega_1, \omega_2$  intersect at  $P, Q$ . If a line intersects  $\omega_1$  at  $A, B$  and  $\omega_2$  at  $C, D$  such that  $A, B, C, D$  lie on the line in that order, and  $P$  and  $Q$  lie on the same side of the line, compute  $\angle APC + \angle BQD$ .
6. Let  $P$  be a point inside circle  $\omega$ . Consider the set of chords of  $\omega$  that contain  $P$ . Prove that their midpoints all lie on a circle.
7. (British Math Olympiad 2005) The triangle  $ABC$ , where  $AB < AC$ , has circumcircle  $S$ . The perpendicular from  $A$  to  $BC$  meets  $S$  again at  $P$ . The point  $X$  lies on the line segment  $AC$ , and  $BX$  meets  $S$  again at  $Q$ . Show that  $BX = CX$  iff  $PQ$  is a diameter of  $S$ .
8. (Own) In triangle  $ABC$ ,  $M$ , and  $N$  are midpoints of  $AC$ , and  $AB$ . Point  $D$  is on  $BC$  such that  $MD = MC$ . Extend lines  $MD$  and  $ND$  to meet  $AB$ , and  $AC$  at  $F$ , and  $E$ , respectively. Prove that  $EF$  is perpendicular to  $BC$ .

9. (ELMO 2012) In acute triangle  $ABC$ , let  $D, E, F$  denote the feet of the altitudes from  $A, B, C$ , respectively, and let  $\omega$  be the circumcircle of  $\triangle AEF$ . Let  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  be the circles through  $D$  tangent to  $\omega$  at  $E$  and  $F$ , respectively. Show that  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  meet at a point  $P$  on  $BC$  other than  $D$ .
10. (USA(J)MO 2010) Let  $AXYZB$  be a convex pentagon inscribed in a semicircle of diameter  $AB$ . Denote by  $P, Q, R, S$  the feet of the perpendiculars from  $Y$  onto lines  $AX, BX, AZ, BZ$ , respectively. Prove that the acute angle formed by lines  $PQ$  and  $RS$  is half the size of  $\angle XOZ$ , where  $O$  is the midpoint of segment  $AB$ .
11. (IMO Shortlist 2010) Let  $ABC$  be an acute triangle with  $D, E, F$  the feet of the altitudes lying on  $BC, CA, AB$  respectively. One of the intersection points of the line  $EF$  and the circumcircle is  $P$ . The lines  $BP$  and  $DF$  meet at point  $Q$ . Prove that  $AP = AQ$ .
12. Let  $ABCDE$  be a convex pentagon such that  $BCDE$  is a square with center  $O$  and  $\angle A = 90$ . Prove that  $AO$  bisects  $\angle BAE$ .
13. (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  $AP \geq AI$  and that equality holds if and only if  $P = I$ .
14. (IMO 2002) The circle  $S$  has center  $O$ , and  $BC$  is a diameter of  $S$ . Let  $A$  be a point of  $S$  such that  $\angle AOB < 120^\circ$ . Let  $D$  be the midpoint of the 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  $S$  at  $E$  and  $F$ . Prove that  $I$  is the incenter of the triangle  $CEF$ .
15. (Balkan MO 2012) Let  $A, B$  and  $C$  be points lying on a circle  $\Gamma$  with centre  $O$ . Assume that  $\angle ABC > 90$ . Let  $D$  be the point of intersection of the line  $AB$  with the line perpendicular to  $AC$  at  $C$ . Let  $l$  be the line through  $D$  which is perpendicular to  $AO$ . Let  $E$  be the point of intersection of  $l$  with the line  $AC$ , and let  $F$  be the point of intersection of  $\Gamma$  with  $l$  that lies between  $D$  and  $E$ . Prove that the circumcircles of triangles  $BFE$  and  $CFD$  are tangent at  $F$ .
16. (APMO 2007) Let  $ABC$  be an acute angled triangle with  $\angle BAC = 60^\circ$  and  $AB > AC$ . Let  $I$  be the incenter, and  $H$  the orthocenter of the triangle  $ABC$ . Prove that  $2\angle AHI = 3\angle ABC$ .
17. In scalene triangle  $ABC$ ,  $H, I$ , and  $O$  are the orthocenter, incenter, and circumcenter respectively. Prove one of the angles of the triangle is  $60^\circ$  if and only if  $IH = IO$ .
18. (EGMO 2012) Let  $ABC$  be an acute-angled triangle with circumcircle  $\Gamma$  and orthocenter  $H$ . Let  $K$  be a point of  $\Gamma$  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 the circumcircle of triangle  $BLM$ . Show that the lines  $KH, EM$  and  $BC$  are concurrent.

19. (CGMO 2012) In triangle  $ABC$ ,  $AB = AC$ . Point  $D$  is the midpoint of side  $BC$ . Point  $E$  lies outside the triangle  $ABC$  such that  $CE \perp AB$  and  $BE = BD$ . Let  $M$  be the midpoint of segment  $BE$ . Point  $F$  lies on the minor arc  $\widehat{AD}$  of the circumcircle of triangle  $ABD$  such that  $MF \perp BE$ . Prove that  $ED \perp FD$ .
20. In triangle  $ABC$ , let  $D \in BC$ ,  $E \in AC$ ,  $F \in AB$  be the points of tangency of the incircle to the sides. Let  $I$  be the incenter. The parallel line through  $A$  to  $BC$  intersects  $DE$  and  $DF$  at  $M$  and  $N$ , respectively. Let  $L$  and  $T$  be the midpoints of the segments  $ND$  and  $DM$ . Show that  $A, L, I, T$  lie on a circle.
21. (EGMO 2012) Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with circumcenter  $O$ . The points  $D, E, F$  lie in the interiors of the sides  $BC, CA, AB$  respectively, such that  $DE$  is perpendicular to  $CO$  and  $DF$  is perpendicular to  $BO$ . Let  $K$  be the circumcenter of triangle  $AFE$ . Prove that the lines  $DK$  and  $BC$  are perpendicular.
22. (IMO 2010) Given a triangle  $ABC$ , with  $I$  as its incenter and  $\Gamma$  as its circumcircle,  $AI$  intersects  $\Gamma$  again at  $D$ . Let  $E$  be a point on arc  $BDC$ , and  $F$  a point on the segment  $BC$ , such that  $\angle BAF = \angle CAE < \frac{1}{2}\angle BAC$ . If  $G$  is the midpoint of  $IF$ , prove that the intersection of lines  $EI$  and  $DG$  lies on  $\Gamma$ .
23. (Romanian TST 1996) Let  $ABCD$  be a cyclic quadrilateral and let  $\mathcal{M}$  be the set of incenters and excenters of the triangles  $BCD, CDA, DAB, ABC$  (16 points in total). Prove that there are two sets  $\mathcal{K}$  and  $\mathcal{L}$  of four parallel lines each, such that every line in  $\mathcal{K} \cup \mathcal{L}$  contains exactly four points of  $\mathcal{M}$ .