

THICCC Homework

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Week 5

Problem 0. Review the notes and convince yourself that we didn't make everything up.

Again, problems requiring additional knowledge are marked with a star.

1 Problems

Problem 1. Prove Fontené's three theorems (in order of difficulty):

- Fontené's second theorem: If a point P moves on a fixed line through the circumcenter O , then its pedal circle passes through a fixed point on the nine-point circle.
- Fontené's third theorem: If P and Q are isogonal conjugates, then their pedal circle is tangent to the nine-point circle if and only if P , Q , and O are collinear.
- Fontené's first theorem: Let $\triangle ABC$ be a triangle such that L , M , and N are the midpoints of BC , CA , and AB , respectively. Furthermore, let P be a point such that D , E , and F are the feet of the altitudes from BC , CA , and AB . Finally, let X be the intersection of lines MN and EF , let Y be the intersection of lines NL and FD , and let Z be the intersection of lines LM and DE . Then, the lines DX , EY , and FZ , the nine-point circle of $\triangle ABC$, and the pedal circle of P intersect at a point.

Problem 2 (Anti-foreshadowing). Prove the following problem from yesterday's homework:

Let $ABCD$ be a quadrilateral such that no point is the orthocenter of the other three. Show that the nine-point circles of $\triangle ABC$, $\triangle ABD$, $\triangle ACD$, and $\triangle BCD$ intersect at a point.

Problem 3 (c6h2980996). Let ABC be a triangle with orthocenter H and circumcenter O . Let M and N be two points lying on the circumcircle of $\triangle ABC$ such that $MN \parallel BC$. Let P be the point lying on the line HM such that $OP \parallel AN$. Prove that pedal circle of P goes through midpoint of segment HM .

Problem 4 (Diameters). Suppose points A , B , P , and Q lie on a rectangular hyperbola such that PQ passes through the center of the hyperbola, and that $APBQ$ forms a convex quadrilateral in that order. Show that $\angle APB = \angle AQB$.

Problem 5 (Antigonal Conjugates)*. Let $\triangle ABC$ be a triangle with circumcenter O , and let P be a point that is not its orthocenter. Let Q be the reflection of P over the Poncelet point of P . Show that if P^* and Q^* are the isogonal conjugates of P and Q , respectively, then $OP^* \cdot OQ^* = OA^2$.

Problem 6 (USA TSTST 2020/6). Let A, B, C, D be four points such that no three are collinear and D is not the orthocenter of ABC . Let P, Q, R be the orthocenters of $\triangle BCD, \triangle CAD, \triangle ABD$, respectively. Suppose that the lines AP, BQ, CR are pairwise distinct and are concurrent. Show that the four points A, B, C, D lie on a circle.

The following problems explore some of the named rectangular circumhyperbolae of triangles:

Problem 7 (Jerabek Hyperbola). The line through the circumcenter O and the orthocenter H is called the **Euler line**; its isogonal conjugate is a rectangular circumhyperbola called the **Jerabek Hyperbola**.

- (i) Show that the nine-point circles of $\triangle AOH, \triangle BOH$, and $\triangle COH$ all intersect at two common points.
- (ii) Let D, E , and F be the feet of the altitudes from A, B , and C to the opposite side of $\triangle ABC$. Show that the Euler lines of $\triangle AEF, \triangle BDE$, and $\triangle CFD$ concur.

Problem 8 (Feuerbach Hyperbola)*. The **Feuerbach Hyperbola** is the isogonal conjugate of the line through the circumcenter O and the incenter I .

- (i) Gergonne Point*: Let D, E , and F be the points at which the incircle is tangent to sides BC, CA , and AB . Show that AD, BE , and CF concur on the Feuerbach Hyperbola.
- (ii) Nagel Point*: Let D', E' , and F' be the points at which the A -excircle, B -excircle, and C -excircle are tangent to sides BC, CA , and AB , respectively. Show that AD', BE' , and CF' concur on the Feuerbach Hyperbola.
- (iii) Kariya's Theorem**: Suppose points X, Y , and Z are in the plane such that $IX \perp BC, IY \perp CA$, and $IZ \perp AB$, and that $IX = IY = IZ$. Show that AX, BY , and CZ concur on the Feuerbach Hyperbola.

Problem 9 (Kiepert Hyperbola)*. The **Kiepert Hyperbola** is the isogonal conjugate of the line through the circumcenter O and the symmedian point K (this is the isogonal conjugate of the centroid G).

- (i) Kiepert (1869)**: Suppose X, Y , and Z are outside $\triangle ABC$ such that $\triangle BXC, \triangle CYA$, and $\triangle AZB$ are similar isosceles triangles. Show that AX, BY , and CZ concur on the Kiepert Hyperbola.
- (ii) Fermat points***: If we construct equilateral triangles $\triangle BXC, \triangle CYA$, and $\triangle AZB$ **outside** $\triangle ABC$, then the concurrency point of the lines AX, BY , and CZ is called the **First Fermat point** F^+ . Similarly, if we construct equilateral triangles $\triangle BX'C, \triangle CY'A$, and $\triangle AZ'B$ pointing **inwards**, then the concurrency point of the lines AX, BY , and CZ is called the **Second Fermat point** F^- . Show that the midpoint of segment F^+F^- is the center of the Kiepert Hyperbola.