

# V. Cyclic Quadrilaterals

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## 1 All You Need To Know (sort of)

- A quadrilateral is cyclic if and only if the sum of a pair of opposite angles is 180.
- A quadrilateral is cyclic if and only if it satisfies power of a point; that is, if you let the diagonals intersect at  $X$ , then  $(AX)(CX) = (BX)(DX)$ . Also, if  $AB \cap CD = X$ , then  $(AX)(BX) = (CX)(DX)$ .
- A quadrilateral is cyclic if the problem says it is.
- But if the problem doesn't say a quadrilateral is cyclic, it might still be cyclic.
- And even if the problem doesn't seem to have any quadrilaterals at all, there might be a cyclic one.
- (Almost) all of these problems involve cyclic quadrilaterals.

## 2 Warm-Ups

1. Squat for 5 minutes straight. (note: this does not involve cyclic quadrilaterals)
2. Prove that if either of the above power-of-a-point relations hold, then the quadrilateral is cyclic.

## 3 Problems

1. (USAMO90) An acute-angled triangle  $ABC$  is given in the plane. The circle with diameter  $AB$  intersects altitude  $CC'$  and its extension at points  $M$  and  $N$ , and the circle with diameter  $AC$  intersects altitude  $BB'$  and its extensions at  $P$  and  $Q$ . Prove that the points  $M, N, P, Q$  lie on a common circle.  
**Solution:** Angle chasing.  $B'MC' = B'BN = 2B'BA$  since  $H$  reflects onto  $N$  over  $AB$  (previous problem). But  $B'BA = C'CA$  by cyclic quads, and again that's half of  $C'CQ$ , and last cyclic quad sends us into  $B'PC'$ , which solves the problem.
2. (Razvan97) In triangle  $ABC$ ,  $AB = AC$ . A circle tangent to the circumcircle is also tangent to  $AB$  and  $AC$  in  $P$  and  $Q$ . Prove that the midpoint  $M$  of  $PQ$  is the incenter of triangle  $ABC$ .
3. (Razvan98) Let  $ABCD$  be a cyclic quadrilateral with  $AC \perp BD$ . Prove that the area of quadrilaterals  $A OCD$  and  $A OCB$  are equal, where  $O$  is the circumcenter.  
**Solution:** Use Brutal Force, shifting the horizontal or the vertical.
4. (Razvan97) In a circle,  $AB$  and  $CD$  are orthogonal diameters. A variable line passing through  $C$  intersects  $AB$  in  $M$  and the circle in  $N$ . Find the locus of the intersection of the parallel to  $CD$  through  $M$  with the tangent in  $N$ .
5. (Razvan97) Let  $B$  and  $C$  be the endpoints, and  $A$  the midpoint, of a semicircle. Let  $M$  be a point on the side  $AC$  and  $P, Q \in BM$ , with  $AP \perp BM$  and  $CQ \perp BM$ . Prove that  $BP = PQ + QC$ .

6. (Razvan97) In an inscribed quadrilateral  $ABCD$ , let  $AB \cap CD = E$ . Let  $F \in AB$ ,  $G \in CD$  such that  $CF \perp AD$ ,  $DG \perp BC$ , and let  $CF \cap DG = I$ . Prove that  $EI \perp AB$ .
7. (USAMOxx) Let  $ABCD$  be a convex quadrilateral whose diagonals are orthogonal, and let  $P$  be the intersection of the diagonals. Prove that the four points that are symmetric to  $P$  with respect to the sides form a cyclic quadrilateral.
8. (Razvan97) Let  $A, B, C$  be collinear and  $M \notin AB$ . Prove that  $M$  and the circumcenters of  $MAB$ ,  $MBC$ , and  $MAC$  lie on a circle.

## 4 Harder Problems

1. (Razvan97) Let  $O$  be the circumcenter of triangle  $ABC$ , and  $AD$  the height. Project points  $B$  and  $C$  on  $AO$  in  $E$  and  $F$ . Let  $DE \cap AC = G$ ,  $DF \cap AB = H$ , and prove that  $ADGH$  is cyclic.
2. (Tucker's Circle) Prove that the six endpoints of 3 equal segments inscribed in the angles of a triangle and antiparallel with the sides lie on a circle.  
**Solution:** Use isogonal conjugacy; they are symmedians.
3. (MOP98) Let  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  be two circles of the same radius, intersecting at  $A$  and  $B$ . Let  $O$  be the midpoint of  $AB$ . Let  $CD$  be a chord of  $\omega_1$  passing through  $O$ , and let the segment  $CD$  meet  $\omega_2$  at  $P$ . Let  $EF$  be a chord of  $\omega_2$  passing through  $O$ , and let the segment  $EF$  meet  $\omega_1$  at  $Q$ . Prove that  $AB$ ,  $CQ$ , and  $EP$  are concurrent.  
**Solution:** MOP98/12/3
4. (MOP98) Let  $D$  be an internal point on the side  $BC$  of a triangle  $ABC$ . The line  $AD$  meets the circumcircle of  $ABC$  again at  $X$ . Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be the feet of the perpendiculars from  $X$  to  $AB$  and  $AC$ , respectively, and let  $\gamma$  be the circle with diameter  $XD$ . Prove that the line  $PQ$  is tangent to  $\gamma$  if and only if  $AB = AC$ .  
**Solution:** MOP98/IMO2/3