

## IMO Geomety Problems

- (IMO 1999/1) Determine all finite sets  $S$  of at least three points in the plane which satisfy the following condition:

for any two distinct points  $A$  and  $B$  in  $S$ , the perpendicular bisector of the line segment  $AB$  is an axis of symmetry for  $S$ .

- (IMO 1999/5) Two circles  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are contained inside the circle  $G$ , and are tangent to  $G$  at the distinct points  $M$  and  $N$ , respectively.  $G_1$  passes through the center of  $G_2$ . The line passing through the two points of intersection of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  meets  $G$  at  $A$  and  $B$ . The lines  $MA$  and  $MB$  meet  $G_1$  at  $C$  and  $D$ , respectively. Prove that  $CD$  is tangent to  $G_2$ .
- (IMO 1998/1) In the convex quadrilateral  $ABCD$ , the diagonals  $AC$  and  $BD$  are perpendicular and the opposite sides  $AB$  and  $DC$  are not parallel. Suppose that the point  $P$ , where the perpendicular bisectors of  $AB$  and  $DC$  meet, is inside  $ABCD$ . Prove that  $ABCD$  is a cyclic quadrilateral if and only if the triangles  $ABP$  and  $CDP$  have equal areas.
- (IMO 1998/5) Let  $I$  be the incenter of triangle  $ABC$ . Let the incircle of  $ABC$  touch the sides  $BC$ ,  $CA$ , and  $AB$  at  $K$ ,  $L$ , and  $M$ , respectively. The line through  $B$  parallel to  $MK$  meets the lines  $LM$  and  $LK$  at  $R$  and  $S$ , respectively. Prove that angle  $RIS$  is acute.
- (IMO 1997/2) The angle at  $A$  is the smallest angle of triangle  $ABC$ . The points  $B$  and  $C$  divide the circumcircle of the triangle into two arcs. Let  $U$  be an interior point of the arc between  $B$  and  $C$  which does not contain  $A$ . The perpendicular bisectors of  $AB$  and  $AC$  meet the line  $AU$  at  $V$  and  $W$ , respectively. The lines  $BV$  and  $CW$  meet at  $T$ . Show that

$$AU = TB + TC.$$

- (IMO 1996/2) Let  $P$  be a point inside triangle  $ABC$  such that

$$\angle APB - \angle ACB = \angle APC - \angle ABC.$$

Let  $D, E$  be the incenters of triangles  $APB, APC$ , respectively. Show that  $AP, BD, CE$  meet at a point.

- (IMO 1996/5) Let  $ABCDEF$  be a convex hexagon such that  $AB$  is parallel to  $DE$ ,  $BC$  is parallel to  $EF$ , and  $CD$  is parallel to  $FA$ . Let  $R_A, R_C, R_E$  denote the circumradii of triangles  $FAB, BCD, DEF$ , respectively, and let  $P$  denote the perimeter of the hexagon. Prove that

$$R_A + R_C + R_E \geq \frac{P}{2}.$$

- (IMO 1995/1) Let  $A, B, C, D$  be four distinct points on a line, in that order. The circles with diameters  $AC$  and  $BD$  intersect at  $X$  and  $Y$ . The line  $XY$  meets  $BC$  at  $Z$ . Let  $P$  be a point on the line  $XY$  other than  $Z$ . The line  $CP$  intersects the circle with diameter  $AC$  at  $C$  and  $M$ , and the line  $BP$  intersects the circle with diameter  $BD$  at  $B$  and  $N$ . Prove that the lines  $AM, DN, XY$  are concurrent.
- (IMO 1995/5) Let  $ABCDEF$  be a convex hexagon with  $AB = BC = CD$  and  $DE = EF = FA$ , such that  $\angle BCD = \angle EFA = \pi/3$ . Suppose  $G$  and  $H$  are points in the interior of the hexagon such that  $\angle AGB = \angle DHE = 2\pi/3$ . Prove that  $AG + GB + GH + DH + HE \geq CF$ .
- (IMO 1994/2)  $ABC$  is an isosceles triangle with  $AB = AC$ . Suppose that
  - $M$  is the midpoint of  $BC$  and  $O$  is the point on the line  $AM$  such that  $OB$  is perpendicular to  $AB$ ;
  - $Q$  is an arbitrary point on the segment  $BC$  different from  $B$  and  $C$ ;
  - $E$  lies on the line  $AB$  and  $F$  lies on the line  $AC$  such that  $E, Q, F$  are distinct and collinear.
- (IMO 1993/2) Let  $D$  be a point inside acute triangle  $ABC$  such that  $\angle ADB = \angle ACB + \pi/2$  and  $AC \cdot BD = AD \cdot BC$ .
  - (a) Calculate the ratio  $(AB \cdot CD)/(AC \cdot BD)$ .
  - (b) Prove that the tangents at  $C$  to the circumcircles of  $\triangle ACD$  and  $\triangle BCD$  are perpendicular.
- (IMO 1993/4) For three points  $P, Q, R$  in the plane, we define  $m(PQR)$  as the minimum length of the three altitudes of  $\triangle PQR$ . (If the points are collinear, we set  $m(PQR) = 0$ .) Prove that for points  $A, B, C, X$  in the plane,
 
$$m(ABC) \leq m(ABX) + m(AXC) + m(XBC).$$
- (IMO 1992/4) In the plane let  $C$  be a circle,  $L$  a line tangent to the circle  $C$ , and  $M$  a point on  $L$ . Find the locus of all points  $P$  with the following property: there exists two points  $Q, R$  on  $L$  such that  $M$  is the midpoint of  $QR$  and  $C$  is the inscribed circle of triangle  $PQR$ .
- (IMO 1991/1) Given a triangle  $ABC$ , let  $I$  be the center of its inscribed circle. The internal bisectors of the angles  $A, B, C$  meet the opposite sides in  $A', B', C'$  respectively. Prove that
 
$$\frac{1}{4} < \frac{AI \cdot BI \cdot CI}{AA' \cdot BB' \cdot CC'} \leq \frac{8}{27}.$$
- (IMO 1991/5) Let  $ABC$  be a triangle and  $P$  an interior point of  $ABC$ . Show that at least one of the angles  $\angle PAB, \angle PBC, \angle PCA$  is less than or equal to  $30^\circ$ .

- (IMO 1990/1) Chords  $AB$  and  $CD$  of a circle intersect at a point  $E$  inside the circle. Let  $M$  be an interior point of the segment  $EB$ . The tangent line at  $E$  to the circle through  $D$ ,  $E$ , and  $M$  intersects the lines  $BC$  and  $AC$  at  $F$  and  $G$ , respectively. If

$$\frac{AM}{AB} = t,$$

find

$$\frac{EG}{EF}$$

in terms of  $t$ .

- (IMO 1989/2) In an acute-angled triangle  $ABC$  the internal bisector of angle  $A$  meets the circumcircle of the triangle again at  $A_1$ . Points  $B_1$  and  $C_1$  are defined similarly. Let  $A_0$  be the point of intersection of the line  $AA_1$  with the external bisectors of angles  $B$  and  $C$ . Points  $B_0$  and  $C_0$  are defined similarly. Prove that:
  - (i) The area of the triangle  $A_0B_0C_0$  is twice the area of the hexagon  $AC_1BA_1CB_1$ .
  - (ii) The area of the triangle  $A_0B_0C_0$  is at least four times the area of the triangle  $ABC$ .

- (IMO 1989/4) Let  $ABCD$  be a convex quadrilateral such that the sides  $AB$ ,  $AD$ ,  $BC$  satisfy  $AB = AD + BC$ . There exists a point  $P$  inside the quadrilateral at a distance  $h$  from the line  $CD$  such that  $AP = h + AD$  and  $BP = h + BC$ . Show that

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{h}} \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{AD}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{BC}}.$$

- (IMO 1988/1) Consider two coplanar circles of radii  $R$  and  $r$  ( $R > r$ ) with the same center. Let  $P$  be a fixed point on the smaller circle and  $B$  a variable point on the larger circle. The line  $BP$  meets the larger circle again at  $C$ . The perpendicular  $l$  to  $BP$  at  $P$  meets the smaller circle again at  $A$ . (If  $l$  is tangent to the circle at  $P$  then  $A = P$ .)

(i) Find the set of values of  $BC^2 + CA^2 + AB^2$ .

(ii) Find the locus of the midpoint of  $BC$ .

- (IMO 1988/5)  $ABC$  is a triangle right-angled at  $A$ , and  $D$  is the foot of the altitude from  $A$ . The straight line joining the incenters of the triangles  $ABD$ ,  $ACD$  intersects the sides  $AB$ ,  $AC$  at the points  $K$ ,  $L$  respectively.  $S$  and  $T$  denote the areas of the triangles  $ABC$  and  $AKL$  respectively. Show that  $S \geq 2T$ .

- (IMO 1987/2) In an acute-angled triangle  $ABC$  the interior bisector of the angle  $A$  intersects  $BC$  at  $L$  and intersects the circumcircle of  $ABC$  again at  $N$ . From point  $L$  perpendiculars are drawn to  $AB$  and  $AC$ , the feet of these perpendiculars being  $K$  and  $M$  respectively. Prove that the quadrilateral  $AKNM$  and the triangle  $ABC$  have equal areas.

- (IMO 1986/2) A triangle  $A_1A_2A_3$  and a point  $P_0$  are given in the plane. We define  $A_s = A_{s-3}$  for all  $s \geq 4$ . We construct a set of points  $P_1, P_2, P_3, \dots$ , such that  $P_{k+1}$  is the image of  $P_k$  under a rotation with center  $A_{k+1}$  through angle  $120^\circ$  clockwise (for  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ). Prove that if  $P_{1986} = P_0$ , then the triangle  $A_1A_2A_3$  is equilateral.
- (IMO 1986/4) Let  $A, B$  be adjacent vertices of a regular  $n$ -gon ( $n \geq 5$ ) in the plane having center at  $O$ . A triangle  $XYZ$ , which is congruent to and initially coincides with  $OAB$ , moves in the plane in such a way that  $Y$  and  $Z$  each trace out the whole boundary of the polygon,  $X$  remaining inside the polygon. Find the locus of  $X$ .
- (IMO 1985/5) A circle with center  $O$  passes through the vertices  $A$  and  $C$  of triangle  $ABC$  and intersects the segments  $AB$  and  $BC$  again at distinct points  $K$  and  $N$ , respectively. The circumscribed circles of the triangles  $ABC$  and  $KBN$  intersect at exactly two distinct points  $B$  and  $M$ . Prove that angle  $OMB$  is a right angle.
- (IMO 1984/4) Let  $ABCD$  be a convex quadrilateral such that the line  $CD$  is a tangent to the circle on  $AB$  as diameter. Prove that the line  $AB$  is a tangent to the circle on  $CD$  as diameter if and only if the lines  $BC$  and  $AD$  are parallel.
- (IMO 1983/2) Let  $A$  be one of the two distinct points of intersection of two unequal coplanar circles  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  with centers  $O_1$  and  $O_2$ , respectively. One of the common tangents to the circles touches  $C_1$  at  $P_1$  and  $C_2$  at  $P_2$ , while the other touches  $C_1$  at  $Q_1$  and  $C_2$  at  $Q_2$ . Let  $M_1$  be the midpoint of  $P_1Q_1$ , and  $M_2$  be the midpoint of  $P_2Q_2$ . Prove that  $\angle O_1AO_2 = \angle M_1AM_2$ .
- (IMO 1982/2) A non-isosceles triangle  $A_1A_2A_3$  is given with sides  $a_1, a_2, a_3$  ( $a_i$  is the side opposite  $A_i$ ). For all  $i = 1, 2, 3$ ,  $M_i$  is the midpoint of side  $a_i$ , and  $T_i$  is the point where the incircle touches side  $a_i$ . Denote by  $S_i$  the reflection of  $T_i$  in the interior bisector of angle  $A_i$ . Prove that the lines  $M_1S_1, M_2S_2$ , and  $M_3S_3$  are concurrent.
- (IMO 1981/1)  $P$  is a point inside a given triangle  $ABC$ .  $D, E, F$  are the feet of the perpendiculars from  $P$  to the lines  $BC, CA, AB$  respectively. Find all  $P$  for which
 
$$\frac{BC}{PD} + \frac{CA}{PE} + \frac{AB}{PF}$$
 is least.
- (IMO 1981/5) Three congruent circles have a common point  $O$  and lie inside a given triangle. Each circle touches a pair of sides of the triangle. Prove that the incenter and the circumcenter of the triangle and the point  $O$  are collinear.
- (IMO 1979/3) Two circles in a plane intersect. Let  $A$  be one of the points of intersection. Starting simultaneously from  $A$  two points move with constant speeds, each point travelling along its own circle in the same sense. The two points return to  $A$  simultaneously after one revolution. Prove that there is a

fixed point  $P$  in the plane such that, at any time, the distances from  $P$  to the moving points are equal.

- (IMO 1979/4) Given a plane  $\pi$ , a point  $P$  in this plane and a point  $Q$  not in  $\pi$ , find all points  $R$  in  $\pi$  such that the ratio  $(QP + PR)/QR$  is a maximum.
- (IMO 1978/2)  $P$  is a given point inside a given sphere. Three mutually perpendicular rays from  $P$  intersect the sphere at points  $U, V$ , and  $W$ ;  $Q$  denotes the vertex diagonally opposite to  $P$  in the parallelepiped determined by  $PU, PV$ , and  $PW$ . Find the locus of  $Q$  for all such triads of rays from  $P$
- (IMO 1978/4) In triangle  $ABC$ ,  $AB = AC$ . A circle is tangent internally to the circumcircle of triangle  $ABC$  and also to sides  $AB, AC$  at  $P, Q$ , respectively. Prove that the midpoint of segment  $PQ$  is the center of the incircle of triangle  $ABC$ .
- (IMO 1977/1) Equilateral triangles  $ABK, BCL, CDM, DAN$  are constructed inside the square  $ABCD$ . Prove that the midpoints of the four segments  $KL, LM, MN, NK$  and the midpoints of the eight segments  $AKBK, BL, CL, CM, DM, DN, AN$  are the twelve vertices of a regular dodecagon.
- (IMO 1976/1) In a plane convex quadrilateral of area 32, the sum of the lengths of two opposite sides and one diagonal is 16. Determine all possible lengths of the other diagonal.
- (IMO 1975/3) On the sides of an arbitrary triangle  $ABC$ , triangles  $ABR, BCP, CAQ$  are constructed externally with  $\angle CBP = \angle CAQ = 45^\circ, \angle BCP = \angle ACQ = 30^\circ, \angle ABR = \angle BAR = 15^\circ$ . Prove that  $\angle QRP = 90^\circ$  and  $QR = RP$ .
- (IMO 1974/2) In the triangle  $ABC$ , prove that there is a point  $D$  on side  $AB$  such that  $CD$  is the geometric mean of  $AD$  and  $DB$  if and only if

$$\sin A \sin B \leq \sin^2 \frac{C}{2}.$$

- (IMO 1972/2) Prove that if  $n \geq 4$ , every quadrilateral that can be inscribed in a circle can be dissected into  $n$  quadrilaterals each of which is inscribable in a circle.
- (IMO 1971/4) All the faces of tetrahedron  $ABCD$  are acute-angled triangles. We consider all closed polygonal paths of the form  $XYZTX$  defined as follows:  $X$  is a point on edge  $AB$  distinct from  $A$  and  $B$ ; similarly,  $Y, Z, T$  are interior points of edges  $BC, CD, DA$ , respectively. Prove:
  - (a) If  $\angle DAB + \angle BCD \neq \angle CDA + \angle ABC$ , then among the polygonal paths, there is none of minimal length.
  - (b) If  $\angle DAB + \angle BCD = \angle CDA + \angle ABC$ , then there are infinitely many shortest polygonal paths, their common length being  $2AC \sin(\alpha/2)$ , where  $\alpha = \angle BAC + \angle CAD + \angle DAB$ .

- (IMO 1970/1) Let  $M$  be a point on the side  $AB$  of  $\triangle ABC$ . Let  $r_1, r_2$  and  $r$  be the radii of the inscribed circles of triangles  $AMC, BMC$  and  $ABC$ . Let  $q_1, q_2$  and  $q$  be the radii of the escribed circles of the same triangles that lie in the angle  $ACB$ . Prove that

$$\frac{r_1}{q_1} \cdot \frac{r_2}{q_2} = \frac{r}{q}.$$

- (IMO 1970/5) In the tetrahedron  $ABCD$ , angle  $BDC$  is a right angle. Suppose that the foot  $H$  of the perpendicular from  $D$  to the plane  $ABC$  is the intersection of the altitudes of  $\triangle ABC$ . Prove that

$$(AB + BC + CA)^2 \leq 6(AD^2 + BD^2 + CD^2).$$

For what tetrahedra does equality hold?

- (IMO 1969/4) A semicircular arc  $\gamma$  is drawn on  $AB$  as diameter.  $C$  is a point on  $\gamma$  other than  $A$  and  $B$ , and  $D$  is the foot of the perpendicular from  $C$  to  $AB$ . We consider three circles,  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3$ , all tangent to the line  $AB$ . Of these,  $\gamma_1$  is inscribed in  $\triangle ABC$ , while  $\gamma_2$  and  $\gamma_3$  are both tangent to  $CD$  and to  $\gamma$ , one on each side of  $CD$ . Prove that  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2$  and  $\gamma_3$  have a second tangent in common.
- (IMO 1968/4) Prove that in every tetrahedron there is a vertex such that the three edges meeting there have lengths which are the sides of a triangle.
- (IMO 1967/1) Let  $ABCD$  be a parallelogram with side lengths  $AB = a, AD = 1$ , and with  $\angle BAD = \alpha$ . If  $\triangle ABD$  is acute, prove that the four circles of radius 1 with centers  $A, B, C, D$  cover the parallelogram if and only if

$$a \leq \cos \alpha + \sqrt{3} \sin \alpha.$$

- (IMO 1967/4) Let  $A_0B_0C_0$  and  $A_1B_1C_1$  be any two acute-angled triangles. Consider all triangles  $ABC$  that are similar to  $\triangle A_1B_1C_1$  (so that vertices  $A_1, B_1, C_1$  correspond to vertices  $A, B, C$ , respectively) and circumscribed about triangle  $A_0B_0C_0$  (where  $A_0$  lies on  $BC, B_0$  on  $CA$ , and  $C_0$  on  $AB$ ). Of all such possible triangles, determine the one with maximum area, and construct it.
- (IMO 1966/3) The sum of the distances of the vertices of a regular tetrahedron from the center of its circumscribed sphere is less than the sum of the distances of these vertices from any other point in space.
- (IMO 1965/3) Given the tetrahedron  $ABCD$  whose edges  $AB$  and  $CD$  have lengths  $a$  and  $b$  respectively. The distance between the skew lines  $AB$  and  $CD$  is  $d$ , and the angle between them is  $\omega$ . Tetrahedron  $ABCD$  is divided into two solids by plane  $\varepsilon$ , parallel to lines  $AB$  and  $CD$ . The ratio of the distances of  $\varepsilon$  from  $AB$  and  $CD$  is equal to  $k$ . Compute the ratio of the volumes of the two solids obtained.
- (IMO 1965/5) Consider  $\triangle OAB$  with acute angle  $AOB$ . Through a point  $M \neq O$  perpendiculars are drawn to  $OA$  and  $OB$ , the feet of which are  $P$  and  $Q$

respectively. The point of intersection of the altitudes of  $\triangle OPQ$  is  $H$ . What is the locus of  $H$  if  $M$  is permitted to range over (a) the side  $AB$ , (b) the interior of  $\triangle OAB$ ?

- (IMO 1964/3) A circle is inscribed in triangle  $ABC$  with sides  $a, b, c$ . Tangents to the circle parallel to the sides of the triangle are constructed. Each of these tangents cuts off a triangle from  $\triangle ABC$ . In each of these triangles, a circle is inscribed. Find the sum of the areas of all four inscribed circles (in terms of  $a, b, c$ ).
- (IMO 1964/6) In tetrahedron  $ABCD$ , vertex  $D$  is connected with  $D_0$  the centroid of  $\triangle ABC$ . Lines parallel to  $DD_0$  are drawn through  $A, B$  and  $C$ . These lines intersect the planes  $BCD, CAD$  and  $ABD$  in points  $A_1, B_1$  and  $C_1$ , respectively. Prove that the volume of  $ABCD$  is one third the volume of  $A_1B_1C_1D_0$ . Is the result true if point  $D_0$  is selected anywhere within  $\triangle ABC$ ?
- (IMO 1963/2) Point  $A$  and segment  $BC$  are given. Determine the locus of points in space which are vertices of right angles with one side passing through  $A$ , and the other side intersecting the segment  $BC$ .
- (IMO 1962/5) On the circle  $K$  there are given three distinct points  $A, B, C$ . Construct (using only straightedge and compasses) a fourth point  $D$  on  $K$  such that a circle can be inscribed in the quadrilateral thus obtained.
- (IMO 1961/4) Consider triangle  $P_1P_2P_3$  and a point  $P$  within the triangle. Lines  $P_1P, P_2P, P_3P$  intersect the opposite sides in points  $Q_1, Q_2, Q_3$  respectively. Prove that, of the numbers

$$\frac{P_1P}{PQ_1}, \frac{P_2P}{PQ_2}, \frac{P_3P}{PQ_3}$$

at least one is  $\leq 2$  and at least one is  $\geq 2$ .

- (IMO 1961/5) Construct triangle  $ABC$  if  $AC = b, AB = c$  and  $\angle AMB = \omega$ , where  $M$  is the midpoint of segment  $BC$  and  $\omega < 90^\circ$ . Prove that a solution exists if and only if

$$b \tan \frac{\omega}{2} \leq c < b.$$

- (IMO 1960/3) In a given right triangle  $ABC$ , the hypotenuse  $BC$ , of length  $a$ , is divided into  $n$  equal parts ( $n$  an odd integer). Let  $\alpha$  be the acute angle subtending, from  $A$ , that segment which contains the midpoint of the hypotenuse. Let  $h$  be the length of the altitude to the hypotenuse of the triangle. Prove:

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{4nh}{(n^2 - 1)a}.$$

- (IMO 1960/5) Consider the cube  $ABCD A' B' C' D'$  (with face  $ABCD$  directly above face  $A' B' C' D'$ ).

- (a) Find the locus of the midpoints of segments  $XY$ , where  $X$  is any point of  $AC$  and  $Y$  is any point of  $B'D'$ .
- (b) Find the locus of points  $Z$  which lie on the segments  $XY$  of part (a) with  $ZY = 2XZ$ .
- (IMO 1959/5) An arbitrary point  $M$  is selected in the interior of the segment  $AB$ . The squares  $AMCD$  and  $MBEF$  are constructed on the same side of  $AB$ , with the segments  $AM$  and  $MB$  as their respective bases. The circles circumscribed about these squares, with centers  $P$  and  $Q$ , intersect at  $M$  and also at another point  $N$ . Let  $N'$  denote the point of intersection of the straight lines  $AF$  and  $BC$ .
    - (a) Prove that the points  $N$  and  $N'$  coincide.
    - (b) Prove that the straight lines  $MN$  pass through a fixed point  $S$  independent of the choice of  $M$ .
    - (c) Find the locus of the midpoints of the segments  $PQ$  as  $M$  varies between  $A$  and  $B$ .
  - (IMO 1959/6) Two planes,  $P$  and  $Q$ , intersect along the line  $p$ . The point  $A$  is given in the plane  $P$ , and the point  $C$  in the plane  $Q$ ; neither of these points lies on the straight line  $p$ . Construct an isosceles trapezoid  $ABCD$  (with  $AB$  parallel to  $CD$ ) in which a circle can be inscribed, and with vertices  $B$  and  $D$  lying in the planes  $P$  and  $Q$  respectively.