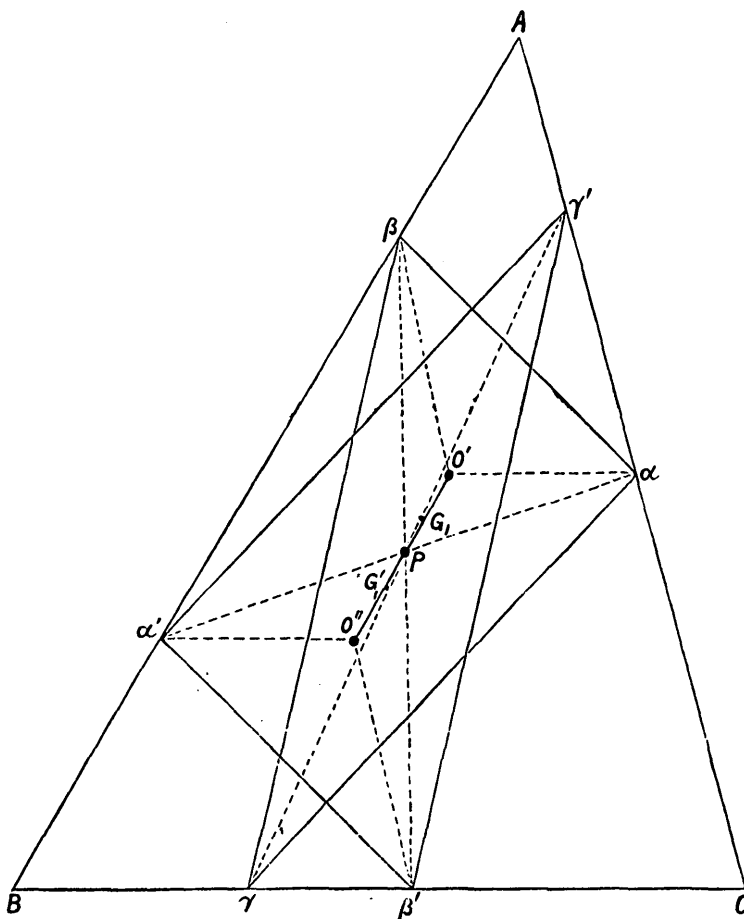


*Two In-Triangles which are similar to the Pedal Triangle.*

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1. If  $ABC$  is the primitive triangle, then the angles of the pedal triangle are  $\pi - 2A, \pi - 2B, \pi - 2C$ . The in-triangles, whose sides are anti-parallel, are triangles which are similar to the pedal triangle.



The in-triangles  $a\beta\gamma$ ,  $a'\beta'\gamma'$ , whose sides are perpendicular to anti-parallel, are another pair of similar triangles.

For we have  $Aa\beta = \frac{\pi}{2} - B$ ,  $Aa\gamma = \frac{\pi}{2} - A + C$ ;

therefore  $\angle a = Aa\gamma - Aa\beta = \pi - 2A$ ,

and so for the other angles.

Again,  $B\beta a' = \frac{\pi}{2} - A$ ,  $B\beta'\gamma' = \frac{\pi}{2} - B + C$ ;

therefore  $\angle \beta' = \pi - 2B$ ,

and so for the other angles.

Hence  $a\beta\gamma$ ,  $a'\beta'\gamma'$  are similar to the pedal triangle.

2. If  $\lambda$  be a constant to be determined, and if, for brevity, we write  $p, q, r$  for  $\sin 2A, \sin 2B, \sin 2C$ , we have

$$B\gamma \sin B = \lambda \cdot p \cos C \quad \text{and} \quad C\gamma \sin C = \lambda \cdot q \cos (C - A),$$

then  $2a \sin B \sin C = 2\lambda [p \sin C \cos C + q \sin B \cos (C - A)]$   
 $= \lambda \cdot \Sigma (qr) = 2\lambda [\Pi \cos A + \Pi \cos (B - C)],$

and  $\lambda = 4R \cdot \Pi \sin A / \Sigma (qr)$ . (i.)

If  $\lambda'$  corresponds to  $\lambda$ , then

$$B\beta' \sin B + C\beta' \sin C = \lambda' [r \cos (A - B) + p \cos B],$$

whence, as before,  $\lambda' = 4R \cdot \Pi \sin A / \Sigma (qr) = \lambda$ ,

i.e.,  $a\beta\gamma$ ,  $a'\beta'\gamma'$  are congruent.

3. Now  $\beta'\gamma = B\beta' - B\gamma = \lambda [r \cos (A - B) - p \cos C] / \sin B$   
 $= \lambda \cos C \cdot q / \sin B = 2\lambda \cos B \cos C \propto \sec A$ .

4. Using trilinear coordinates, we have

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{(a)} \quad q \cos A \quad 0 \quad r \cos (A - B) \\ \text{(}\beta\text{)} \quad p \cos (B - C) \quad r \cos B \quad 0 \\ \text{(}\gamma\text{)} \quad 0 \quad q \cos (C - A) \quad p \cos C \\ \text{(a')} \quad r \cos A \quad q \cos (C - A) \quad 0 \\ \text{(}\beta'\text{)} \quad 0 \quad p \cos B \quad r \cos (A - B) \\ \text{(}\gamma'\text{)} \quad p \cos (B - C) \quad 0 \quad q \cos C \end{array} \right\} \text{(ii.)}$$

5. The lines  $\alpha\alpha'$ ,  $\beta\beta'$  are

$$-qr \cos(A-B) \cos(C-A) \alpha + r^2 \cos A \cos(A-B) \beta \\ + q^2 \cos A \cos(C-A) \gamma = 0, \\ r^2 \cos B \cos(A-B) \alpha - rp \cos(B-C) \cos(A-B) \beta \\ + p^2 \cos B \cos(B-C) \gamma = 0;$$

hence  $\alpha\alpha'$ ,  $\beta\beta'$ ,  $\gamma\gamma'$  conintersect in  $P$ , the centre of similitude\* of the triangles, given by

$$\alpha/p \cos(B-C) = \dots = \dots \quad (\text{iii.})$$

6. The equations to  $\alpha\beta$ ,  $\gamma'a'$  are respectively

$$-r \cos B [\cos(A-B) \alpha + p \cos(A-B) \cos(B-C) \beta + q \cos A \cos B \cdot \gamma = 0, \\ (\text{iv.})$$

$$-q \cos C \cos(C-A) \alpha + r \cos A \cos C \beta + p \cos(B-C) \cos(C-A) \gamma = 0. \\ (\text{v.})$$

Let their point of intersection be  $P'$  ( $Q'$ ,  $R'$  for the analogous pairs); then  $AP'$ ,  $BQ'$ ,  $CR'$  meet in

$$\alpha/\cos(B-C), \dots, \dots, \text{i.e., in the nine-point centre.} \quad (\text{vi.})$$

7. The equations to  $\alpha'\beta'$ ,  $\gamma\alpha$  are

$$q \cos(A-B) \cos(C-A) \alpha - r \cos A \cos(A-B) \beta + p \cos A \cos B \cdot \gamma = 0, \\ (\text{vii.})$$

$$r \cos(C-A) \cos(A-B) \alpha + p \cos C \cos A \cdot \beta - q \cos A \cos(C-A) \gamma = 0. \\ (\text{viii.})$$

Let their point of intersection be  $P''$  ( $Q''$ ,  $R''$  for the analogous pairs); then  $AP''$ ,  $BQ''$ ,  $CR''$  meet in

$$\alpha/\cos A = \dots = \dots, \text{i.e., in the circumcentre.} \quad (\text{ix.})$$

\* [Many of the geometrical results follow at once from this fact, but the equations to the lines and points are given, as they may suggest other properties. Further,  $P$  is the  $P'$  of my paper "On a Group of Triangles inscribed in a given Triangle  $ABC$ , &c.," Vol. xxiv., pp. 131-142, whence other properties can be derived than those given in the present paper.]

8. The centroids of  $a\beta\gamma$ ,  $a'\beta'\gamma'$  respectively are given by

$$\frac{a}{\cos A} (2q+r) = \dots = \dots (G_1) \left. \vphantom{\frac{a}{\cos A} (2q+r)} \right\}; \tag{x.}$$

and

$$\frac{a}{\cos A} (q+2r) = \dots = \dots (G'_1)$$

therefore their join is given by the equation

$$\Sigma \cos B \cos C (qr-p^2) a = 0, \tag{xi.}$$

and this passes through  $(q+r) \cos A$ , ..., ..., *i.e.*, through  $p \cos (B-C)$ , ..., ..., *i.e.*, the point  $P$  [*cf.* (iii.)].

9. If  $O'$ ,  $O''$  are the in-centres of  $a\beta\gamma$ ,  $a'\beta'\gamma'$  respectively, then, since

$$\angle CaO' = Ca\gamma + \gamma aO' = \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - C + A\right) + \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - A\right) = \pi - C,$$

$aO'$  is parallel to  $BC$ , and similarly  $\beta O'$  is parallel to  $CA$ , and  $\gamma O'$  is parallel to  $AB$ .

In like manner,  $a'O''$ ,  $\beta'O''$ ,  $\gamma'O''$  are respectively parallel to  $BC$ ,  $CA$ ,  $AB$ . Hence their coordinates are given by

$$\left. \begin{aligned} q \cos A, \quad r \cos B, \quad p \cos C \\ r \cos A, \quad p \cos B, \quad q \cos C \end{aligned} \right\}. \tag{xii.}$$

and

Hence the equation to  $O'O''$  is

$$\Sigma a \cos B \cos C (qr-p^2) = 0, \dots [\textit{cf.} (xi.)],$$

and the mid-point of  $O'O''$  is  $P$  (iii.).

10. The symmedian line through  $a$  [*cf.* (iv.) and (viii.)] is

$$-r \cos B \cos (A-B) a + p \cos (A-B) \cos (B-C) \beta + q \cos A \cos B \cdot \gamma = \lambda [r \cos (C-A) \cos (A-B) a + p \cos C \cos A \cdot \beta - q \cos A \cos (C-A) \gamma].$$

If, for the moment, this line cuts  $\beta\gamma$  in  $D$ , then

$$\beta D : D\gamma = r^2 : q^2;$$

hence, from (ii.), we get the coordinates of  $D$  to be proportional to

$$pq^2 \cos (B-C), \quad q^2 r \cos B + qr^2 \cos (C-A), \quad r^2 p \cos C.$$

Substituting in the above equation to  $aD$ , we get, after dividing by  $S [\equiv \Sigma (qr)]$ ,

$$\lambda r = -q;$$

and the equation to  $\alpha D$  becomes

$$\begin{aligned} ar \cos (A-B) [r \cos (O-A) + q \cos B] \\ + \beta p [r \cos O \cos A - q \cos (A-B) \cos (B-O)] \\ - \gamma q \cos A [q \cos B + r \cos (O-A)] = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{xiii.})$$

The symmedian through  $\beta$  then is

$$\begin{aligned} -ar \cos B [r \cos O + p \cos (A-B)] \\ + \beta p \cos (B-O) [p \cos (A-B) + r \cos O] \\ + \gamma q [p \cos A \cos B - r \cos (B-O) \cos (O-A)] = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the symmedian point of  $\alpha\beta\gamma$  is

$$pq [p \cos A + q \cos (B-O)], \dots, \dots; \quad (\text{xiv.})$$

and similarly of  $\alpha'\beta'\gamma'$  is

$$rp [p \cos A + r \cos (B-O)], \dots, \dots$$

11. Drawing  $\alpha X$ , perpendicular to  $\beta\gamma$ , to meet it in  $X$  (*i.e.*, parallel to an anti-parallel), we get  $X$  given by

$$q \cos 2O \cos (B-O), \quad -qr \sin B, \quad r \cos 2B \cos 2C;$$

and from  $a$  and  $X$  we can find the coordinates of  $H_1$  (the orthocentre of  $\alpha\beta\gamma$ ) to be

$$\left. \begin{aligned} a \cos 2O, \quad b \cos 2A, \quad c \cos 2B; \\ \text{similarly } H_2 \text{ (for } \alpha'\beta'\gamma') \text{ is given by} \\ a \cos 2B, \quad b \cos 2C, \quad c \cos 2A. \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (\text{xv.})$$

Hence the equation to  $H_1H_2$  is

$$\Sigma bca (\cos^2 2A - \cos 2B \cos 2C) = 0, \quad (\text{xvi.})$$

a line which passes through  $P$ .

12. The circles  $\alpha\beta\gamma$ ,  $\alpha'\beta'\gamma'$  are given by

$$\left. \begin{aligned} S^2 \cdot \Sigma a\beta\gamma = 2\Sigma aa [ \Sigma qr \sin C \cos (A-B) \sin (2C-A) a ] \\ S^2 \cdot \Sigma a\beta\gamma = 2\Sigma aa [ \Sigma qr \sin B \cos (C-A) \sin (2B-A) a ] \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (\text{xvii.})$$

(*cf.* § 10)

Their radical axis is

$$\Sigma [aqr \sin A \sin (B-C) (\cos 3A - 2 \cos B \cos C)] = 0, \quad (\text{xviii.})$$

and it passes through the circumcentre.

13. The circles  $O\beta'\gamma'$ ,  $A\gamma'a'$  have for equations

$$S. \Sigma a\beta\gamma = 2\Sigma aa [p \sin Ba + (p+q) \sin A\beta] \cos C, \quad (\text{xix.})$$

$$S. \Sigma a\beta\gamma = 2\Sigma aa [q \sin C\beta + (q+r) \sin B\gamma] \cos A; \quad (\text{xx.})$$

and the circles  $B\beta\gamma$ ,  $C\gamma a$  are given by

$$S. \Sigma a\beta\gamma = 2\Sigma aa [r \sin Ca + (r+p) \sin A\gamma] \cos B, \quad (\text{xxi.})$$

$$S. \Sigma a\beta\gamma = 2\Sigma aa [p \sin A\beta + (p+q) \sin Ba] \cos C. \quad (\text{xxii.})$$

Hence the radical axis of  $O\beta'\gamma'$  and  $C\gamma a$  is

$$a/a = \beta/b;$$

and therefore it, and the analogous radical axes, pass through  $K$ , the symmedian point of  $ABC$ .

14. From the above we see that the radical axis of the circles  $B\beta\gamma$ ,  $O\beta'\gamma'$  is

$$a [p \sin B \cos C - r \sin C \cos B] \\ + [\beta(p+q) \cos C - \gamma(r+p) \cos B] \sin A = 0; \quad (\text{xxiii.})$$

hence, if it cuts  $BC$  in  $L$ , and the analogous radical axes cut  $CA$ ,  $AB$  in  $M$ ,  $N$  respectively, then these axes meet in  $P$ .

15. The circles  $Aa'a'$ ,  $B\beta\beta'$ ,  $C\gamma\gamma'$  have their equations

$$S. \Sigma a\beta\gamma = \Sigma aa (cr\beta + bq\gamma) \cos A, \quad (\text{xxiv.})$$

$$S. \Sigma a\beta\gamma = \Sigma aa (ap\gamma + cru) \cos B, \quad (\text{xxv.})$$

$$S. \Sigma a\beta\gamma = \Sigma aa (bqa + ap\beta) \cos C. \quad (\text{xxvi.})$$

The radical axis of (xxiv.) and (xxv.) is

$$cr(a \cos B - \beta \cos A) + (ap \cos B - bq \cos A) \gamma = 0.$$

If this cuts  $AB$  in  $N'$  (and  $L'$ ,  $M'$  are analogous points), then  $AL'$ ,  $BM'$ ,  $CN'$  pass through the circumcentre.

16. The equation to the conic through the six points is

$$\Sigma [qra^2/\cos A \cos(B-C)] = \Sigma [(S+2p^2)\beta\gamma/\cos(C-A) \cos(A-B)]. \quad (\text{xxvii.})$$

17. It may be noted that

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \angle A\alpha\beta &= \frac{\pi}{2} - B = C\gamma'\beta' \\ \angle B\beta\gamma &= \frac{\pi}{2} - C = A\alpha'\gamma' \\ \angle C\gamma\alpha &= \frac{\pi}{2} - A = B\beta'\alpha' \end{aligned} \right\}.$$

18. To construct the figure, let  $DEF$  be the pedal triangle; then its sides are  $Rp$ ,  $Rq$ ,  $Rr$ .

If  $DK$ ,  $EL$ ,  $FM$  are the perpendiculars of  $DEF$ , then

$$DK = Rqr, \quad EL = Rrp, \quad FM = Rpq. \quad (a)$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda &= 4R\Pi(\sin A)/\Sigma(qr), \\ &= R(p+q+r)/\Sigma(qr), \\ &= R \frac{DE+EF+FD}{DK+EL+FM}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the sides of  $\alpha\beta\gamma$ ,  $\alpha'\beta'\gamma'$  (i.e.,  $\lambda.Rp$ ,  $\lambda.Rq$ ,  $\lambda.Rr$ ) are known.

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$$\begin{aligned} B\gamma' : \gamma\beta' : \beta'O &= \operatorname{cosec} 2B : \operatorname{cosec} 2A : \operatorname{cosec} 2C, \\ \text{i.e., by (a),} \quad &= EL : FM : DK. ] \end{aligned}$$

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From any function  $P$  of  $n$  variables may be obtained  $n!$  functions, not necessarily all different, by permuting the variables in  $P$  in all possible ways; or, what is the same thing, by operating on  $P$  with each of the  $n!$  substitutions of the symmetric group of the variables. It frequently happens that between these functions linear relations with constant coefficients exist; such may be written

$$(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 s_2 + \lambda_3 s_3 + \dots) P = 0,$$