

## ANGLES AND CIRCLES

Preliminary information:

*Inscribed angle:* an angle such that its vertex lies on the circle and its sides intersect the circle.

**Fact 0.1.** Let  $\angle ABC$  be an inscribed angle with vertex  $B$  being on the circle. Then

- if  $B$  and  $O$  are on the same side of  $AC$ , we have  $\angle ABC = \frac{1}{2}\angle AOC$ .
- if  $B$  and  $O$  are on different sides of  $AC$ , we have  $\angle ABC = 180^\circ - \frac{1}{2}\angle AOC$ .

**Fact 0.2.** The angle between the chord  $AB$  and a tangent to the circle at point  $A$  is equal to half of the angle subtended by the arc  $AB$ .

**Fact 0.3.** Let  $A, B, C, D$  be 4 points in the circle, positioned in this order. Then

- (1) The angle between the chords  $AC$  and  $BD$  equals to  $\frac{\overset{\frown}{AB} + \overset{\frown}{CD}}{2}$ .
- (2) The angle between the chords  $AB$  and  $CD$  equals to  $\frac{\overset{\frown}{AD} - \overset{\frown}{BC}}{2}$ .

**Fact 0.4.** A quadrilateral  $ABCD$  is inscribed iff either of the two conditions below holds:

- (1)  $\angle ABC + \angle CDA = 180^\circ$ .
- (2)  $AB + CD = BC + AD$ .

**Fact 0.5.** Let  $A$  be a point and  $l_1$  and  $l_2$  be two lines going through  $A$  and intersecting a given circle at  $B_1, C_1$  and  $B_2, C_2$ . Show that  $AB_1 \cdot AC_1 = AB_2 \cdot AC_2$ . (Note that  $A$  can be either inside, or outside of the circle, or on the circle. In the latter case, if  $l_2$  is tangent to the circle, i.e.,  $B_2 = C_2$ , then  $AB_1 \cdot AC_1 = AB_2^2$ .)

- (1) Consider the following two problems:
  - (a) Let  $\angle BAC$  be an angle whose vertex  $A$  lies outside of a circle with center  $O$ . Let  $M, N$  be the points of intersection of ray  $AB$  with the circle, and  $P, Q$  be the points of intersection of the ray  $AC$  with the circle. Prove that

$$\angle BAC = \frac{\angle NOQ - \angle MOP}{2}.$$

- (b) Let  $\angle BAC$  be an angle whose vertex  $A$  lies inside of circle with center  $O$ . Let  $M$  and  $N$  be the points of intersection of the ray  $AB$  and its extension beyond  $A$  with the circle. Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be the points of

intersection of the ray  $AC$  and its extension beyond  $A$  with the circle. Prove that

$$\angle BAC = \frac{\angle NOQ + \angle MOP}{2}.$$

- (c) Think how the two previous parts of the problem are similar. What is happening when  $A$  is *on* the circle?
- (2) A point  $P$  is inside of an acute angle  $\angle BAC$ . Let  $C_1 \in AB$  and  $B_1 \in AC$  be such that  $PB_1 \perp AC$  and  $PC_1 \perp AB$ . Show that
- $$\angle C_1AP = \angle C_1B_1P.$$
- (3) The centers  $I$  of inscribed and  $O$  of circumscribed circles of triangle  $\triangle ABC$  are symmetric to each other with respect to the side  $AB$ . Find the angles of  $\triangle ABC$ .
- (4) Let  $ABCD$  be a quadrilateral inscribed in a circle with center  $O$ . Let  $M$  be the middle of the arc  $AB$ . Let  $E = MC \cap AB$  and  $K = MD \cap AB$ . Show that the quadrilateral  $KECD$  is inscribed.
- (5) Let  $\triangle ABC$  be a triangle,  $O$  be the center of its circumscribed circle, and  $AH$  be an altitude. Show that  $\angle BAH = \angle OAC$ .
- (6) Let  $ABCD$  and  $A'B'C'D'$  be equilateral trapezoids inscribed in the same circle. Given that the respective sides of the trapezoids are parallel to each other, show that  $AC = A'C'$ .
- (7) Let  $AB$  and  $CD$  be two diameters of a circle with center  $O$ . Let  $M$  be a point on the circle. Let  $MP$  and  $MQ$  be the perpendiculars dropped from  $M$  to  $AB$  and  $CD$  respectively. Show that the length of  $PQ$  does not depend on the position of  $M$ .
- (8) In  $\triangle ABC$  the sides  $AC$  and  $BC$  are not equal to each other. Show that the angular bisector of the angle  $C$  bisects the angle between the median and the altitude from the same point if and only if  $\angle C = 90^\circ$ .
- (9) In triangle  $\triangle ABC$  the median, the bisector and the altitude starting at  $C$  divide the angle  $\angle C$  into 4 congruent angles. Find the angles of this triangle.
- (10) Consider two circles which intersect in such a way that  $AB$  is their common chord. Let  $P \in AB$  be a point on this chord. Let  $KM$  and  $LN$  be the chords of the first and the second circles respectively, so that  $KM \cap LN = P$ . Show that the quadrilateral  $KLMN$  is inscribed.