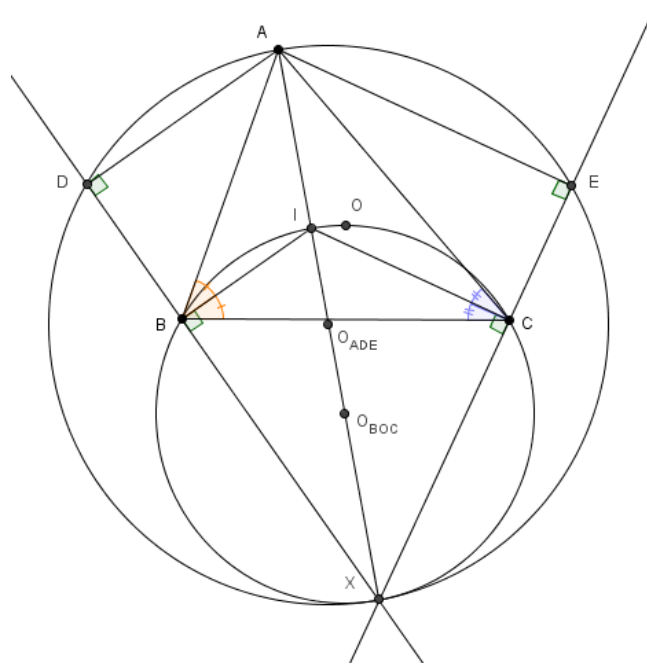


(Stefan Lozanovski) Let ABC be a triangle with $\angle BAC = 60^\circ$. Let D and E be the feet of the perpendiculars from A to the external angle bisectors at the vertices B and C in $\triangle ABC$, respectively. Let O be the circumcenter of $\triangle ABC$. Prove that the circumcircles of $\triangle ADE$ and $\triangle BOC$ are tangent to each other.

Proof. (Stefan Lozanovski) Let X be the intersection of the lines BD and CE . We will firstly prove that X lies on the circumcircles of both $\triangle ADE$ and $\triangle BOC$ and then we will prove that the centers of these circles and the point X are collinear, which is enough to prove that the circles are tangent to each other.

In this proof, we will use the notations (MNP) and O_{MNP} to denote the circumcircle and the circumcenter of a $\triangle MNP$, respectively.



$$\angle ADX + \angle AEX = 90^\circ + 90^\circ = 180^\circ$$

$$\therefore X \in (ADE), O_{ADE} \in AX \tag{1}$$

Let I be the incenter of $\triangle ABC$.

$$\angle IBX = \angle IBC + \angle CBX = \frac{\beta}{2} + \frac{180^\circ - \beta}{2} = 90^\circ$$

Similarly, $\angle ICX = 90^\circ$.

$$\angle IBX + \angle ICX = 90^\circ + 90^\circ = 180^\circ$$

$$\therefore X \in (BIC), O_{BIC} \in IX \tag{2}$$

Now, because $\alpha = 60^\circ$, we have:

$$\angle BOC = 2 \cdot \angle BAC = 2\alpha = 120^\circ$$

$$\angle BIC = 180^\circ - (\angle IBC + \angle ICB) = 180^\circ - \left(\frac{\beta}{2} + \frac{\gamma}{2}\right) = 90^\circ + \frac{\alpha}{2} = 120^\circ$$

$$\therefore \angle BOC = \angle BIC$$

$$\therefore O \in (BIC)$$

$$\therefore (BIC) \equiv (BOC), O_{BIC} \equiv O_{BOC} \tag{3}$$

It is well known that the internal angle bisector at A and the external angle bisectors at B and C are concurrent (at the A -excenter), so the points $A-I-X$ are collinear. Combining with (1), (2) and (3), we can conclude that the points $O_{ADE} - O_{BOC} - X$ are collinear. ■

Remark: In the statement of the problem, $\triangle BOC$ can be substituted with $\triangle BHC$, where H is the orthocenter of $\triangle ABC$. This is because H lies on the circumcircle of $\triangle BOC$ ($\angle BHC = 180^\circ - \alpha = 120^\circ = \angle BOC$)