

A One-Line Proof of Leversha's "Quartet of Isogonal Conjugates" Theorem

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In [L], Gerry Leversha spent quite a few pages, using human ingenuity and lots of previous knowledge, to prove the following elegant theorem (see [W] for the definition of *Isogonal Conjugate*).

Leversha's Quartet Theorem ([L]): Let $ABCD$ be a quadrilateral which is not cyclic. Let A^* be the isogonal conjugate of A with respect to $\triangle BCD$, and similarly let B^* , C^* , D^* the isogonal conjugates of $\triangle ADC$, $\triangle ABD$, $\triangle ABC$ respectively. Then A, B, C , and D are the circumcenters of $\triangle B^*C^*D^*$, $\triangle A^*C^*D^*$, $\triangle A^*B^*D^*$, and $\triangle A^*B^*C^*$.

Proof: Download the Maple package `RENE.txt` freely available from Doron Zeilberger's website <https://sites.math.rutgers.edu/~zeilberg/PAGE/RENE.txt> , start Maple, and type `read 'RENE.txt'`: followed by `Leversha()`; and in **one nano-second**, you would get that it is `true`. The Maple code for proving Leversha's theorem is as follows:

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T1 := Te(m, n); T2 := Te(m1, n1); A := [0, 0]; B := T1[3]; C := T2[3];
evalb(DeSq(IsogonalConjugate(m1, n1, B), A) = DeSq(IsogonalConjugate(m, n, C), A));
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Explanation by Doron Zeilberger

Without loss of generality (by translating, rotating, and shrinking) we can assume that $A = (0, 0)$, $D = (1, 0)$,

$$\tan\left(\frac{1}{2}\angle BAD\right) = m \quad , \quad \tan\left(\frac{1}{2}\angle ADB\right) = n \quad , \quad \tan\left(\frac{1}{2}\angle CAD\right) = M \quad , \quad \tan\left(\frac{1}{2}\angle ADC\right) = N \quad ,$$

so now $\triangle ADB$ and $\triangle ADC$ are what are called (in `RENE.txt`), `Te(m,n)` and `Te(M,N)`. Using the straightforward `IsogonalConjugate macro` we get B^* and C^* and we just check that the 'distance-squared' (`DeSq`), between A and B^* and A and C^* are the same. Of course, this is also true about the distance between A and B^* and A and D^* , and by the *transitivity* of the $=$ relation, all three distances are equal and hence indeed A is the circumcenter of $\triangle B^*C^*D^*$.

But using this 'analytic' approach (rather than Leversha's *synthetic* approach) gives much more. `LevershaRadius(m,n,M,N)` gives that the **exact** value of the circumradius of $\triangle B^*C^*D^*$ is

$$\frac{(N - n)(Nn + 1)(m^2 + 1)(M^2 + 1)}{((MN - 1)(mn - 1) + (M + N)(n + m))(MN(n + m) - mn(M + N) + M + N - m - n)} \quad .$$

`RENE.txt` can also tell you the exact locations of B^* and C^* :

$$B^* = \left(\frac{(Mm + M - m + 1)(Mm - M + m + 1)(Nn + 1)(N - n)}{(MN(mn - 1) + (M + N)(m + n) - mn + 1)(MN(m + n) - mn(M + N) + M + N - m - n)} \right) ,$$

$$\frac{2(Nn + 1)(N - n)(Mm + 1)(M - m)}{(MN(mn - 1) + (M + N)(m + n) - mn + 1)(MN(m + n) - mn(M + N) + M + N - m - n)} \quad ,$$

$$C^* = \left(\frac{(Mm + M - m + 1)(Mm - M + m + 1)(Nn + 1)(N - n)}{(MN(mn - 1) + (M + N)(m + n) - mn + 1)(MN(m + n) - mn(M + N) + M + N - m - n)} \right. \\ \left. - \frac{2(Nn + 1)(N - n)(Mm + 1)(M - m)}{(MN(mn - 1) + (M + N)(m + n) - mn + 1)(MN(m + n) - mn(M + N) + M + N - m - n)} \right) .$$

References

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