

Quadrilaterals

MA 341 - Topics in Geometry
Lecture 23



Theorems

1. A convex quadrilateral is cyclic if and only if opposite angles are supplementary.
(Circumcircle, maltitudes, anticenter)
2. A convex quadrilateral is tangential if and only if opposite sides sum to the same measure.
(Incircle, incenter)

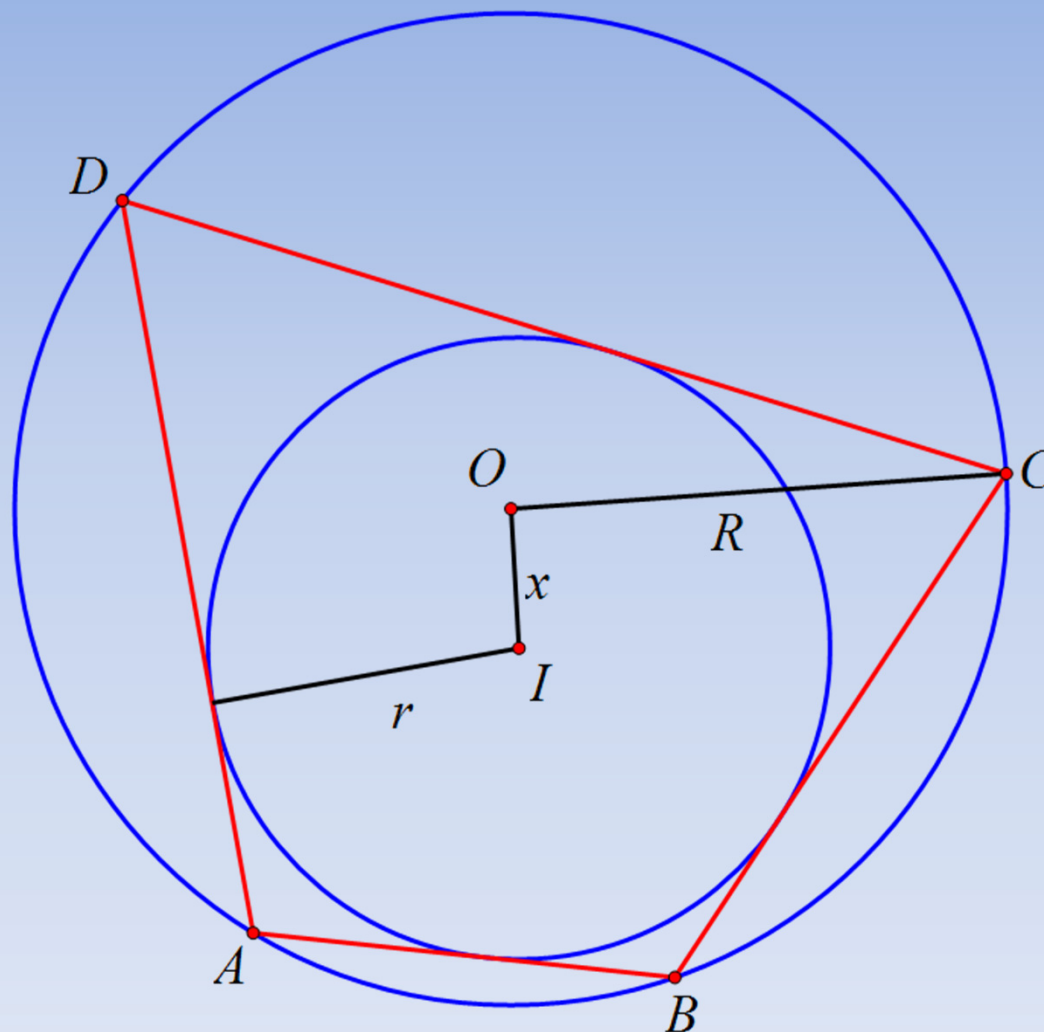
Bicentric Quadrilaterals

A convex quadrilateral is bicentric if it is both cyclic and tangential.

A bicentric quadrilateral has both a circumcircle and an incircle.

A convex quadrilateral is bicentric if and only if $a + c = b + d$ and $A + C = 180 = B + D$

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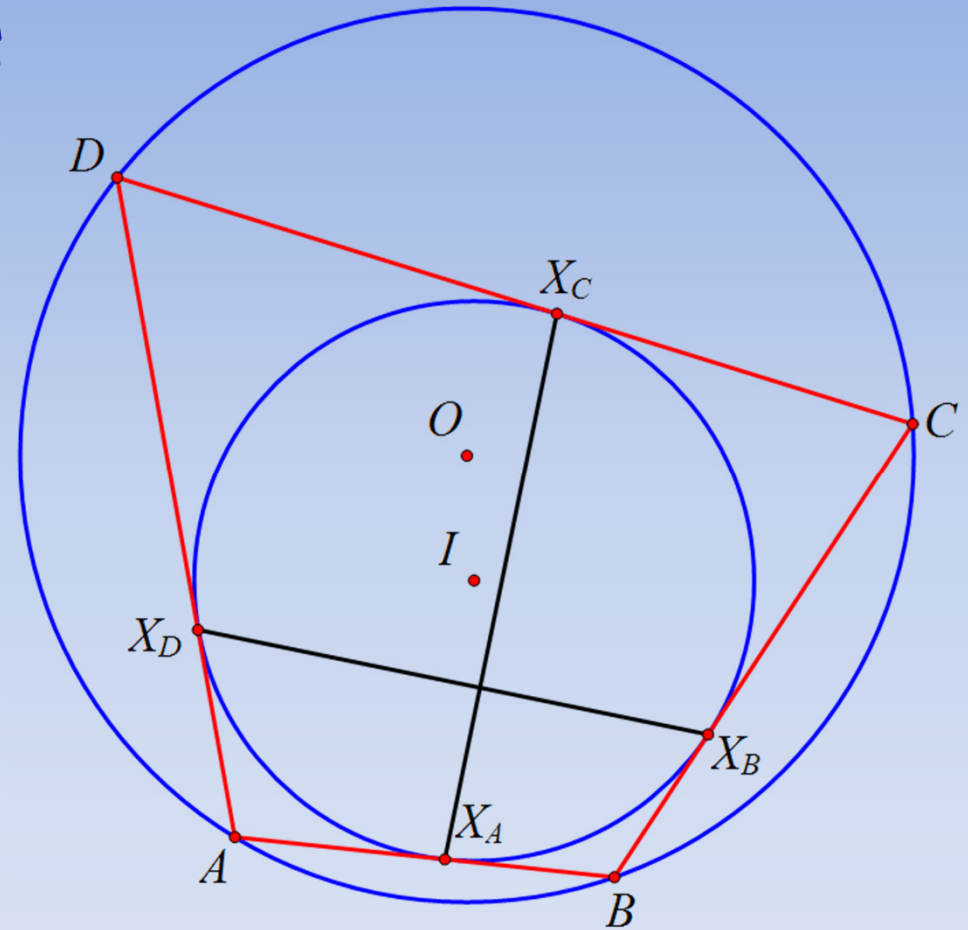
X_A, X_B, X_C, X_D points
of contact of
incircle and
quadrilateral

Bicentric iff

$X_A X_C \perp X_B X_D$ or

$$\frac{AX_A}{X_A B} = \frac{DX_D}{X_D C} \text{ or}$$

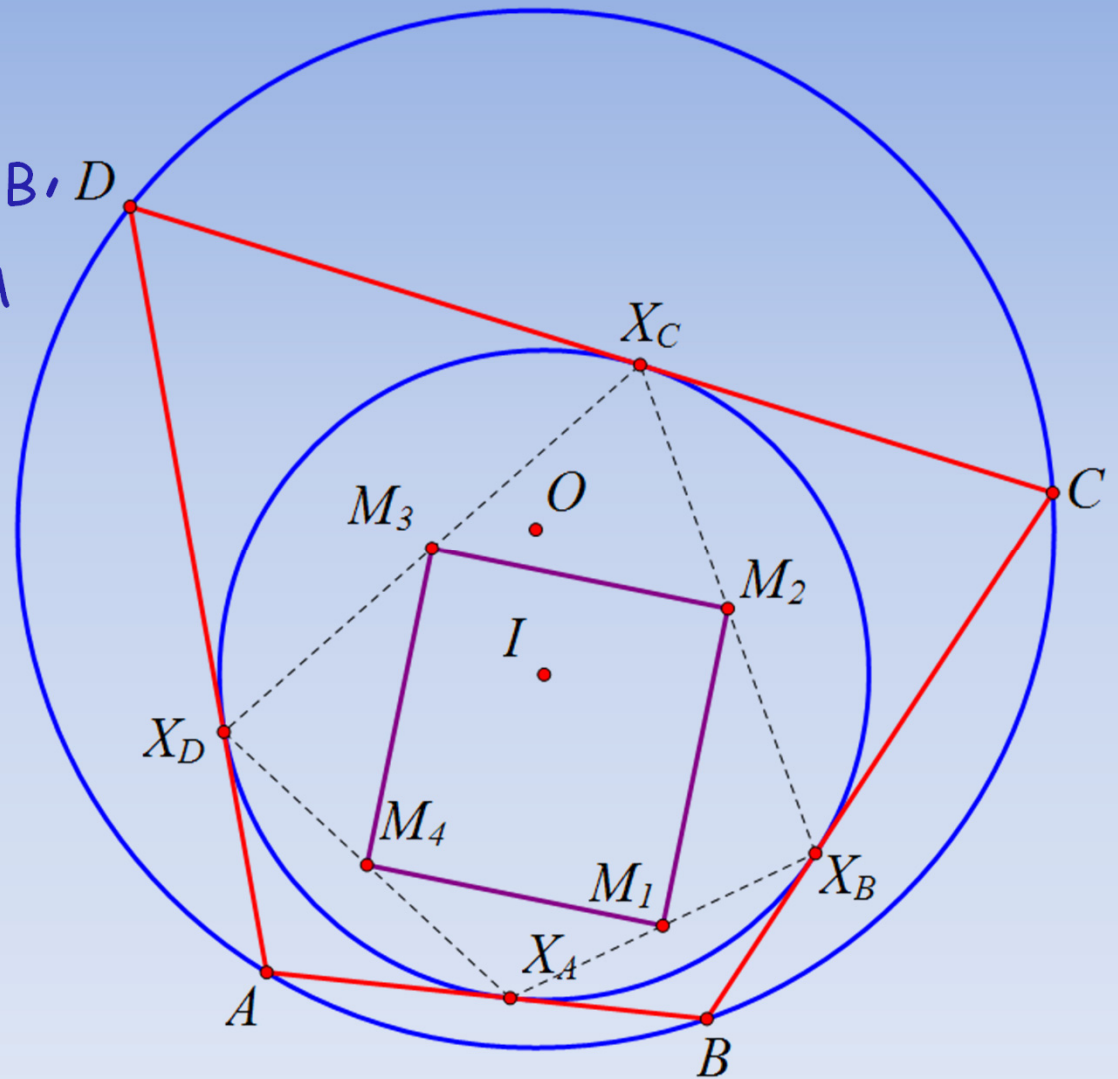
$$\frac{AC}{BC} = \frac{AX_A + CX_C}{BX_B + DX_D}$$



Bicentric Quadrilaterals

M_1, M_2, M_3, M_4
midpoints of $X_A X_B, X_B X_C, X_C X_D, X_D X_A$

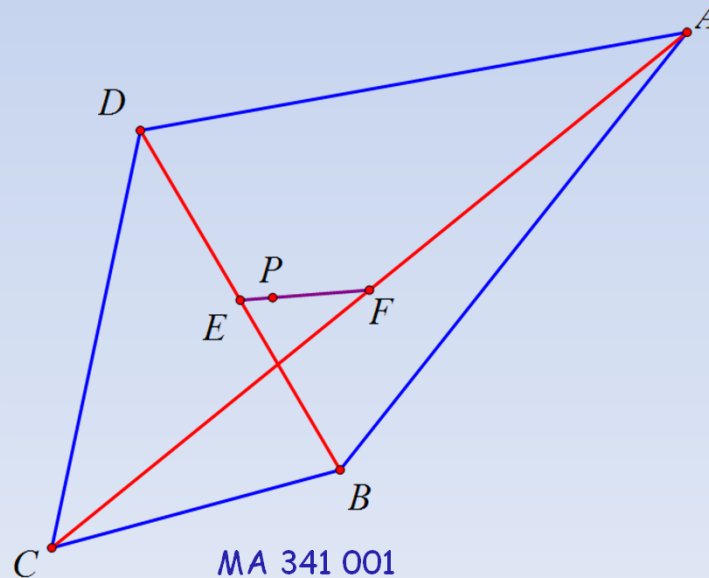
Bicentric iff
 $M_1 M_2 M_3 M_4$ is a
rectangle.



Newton Line

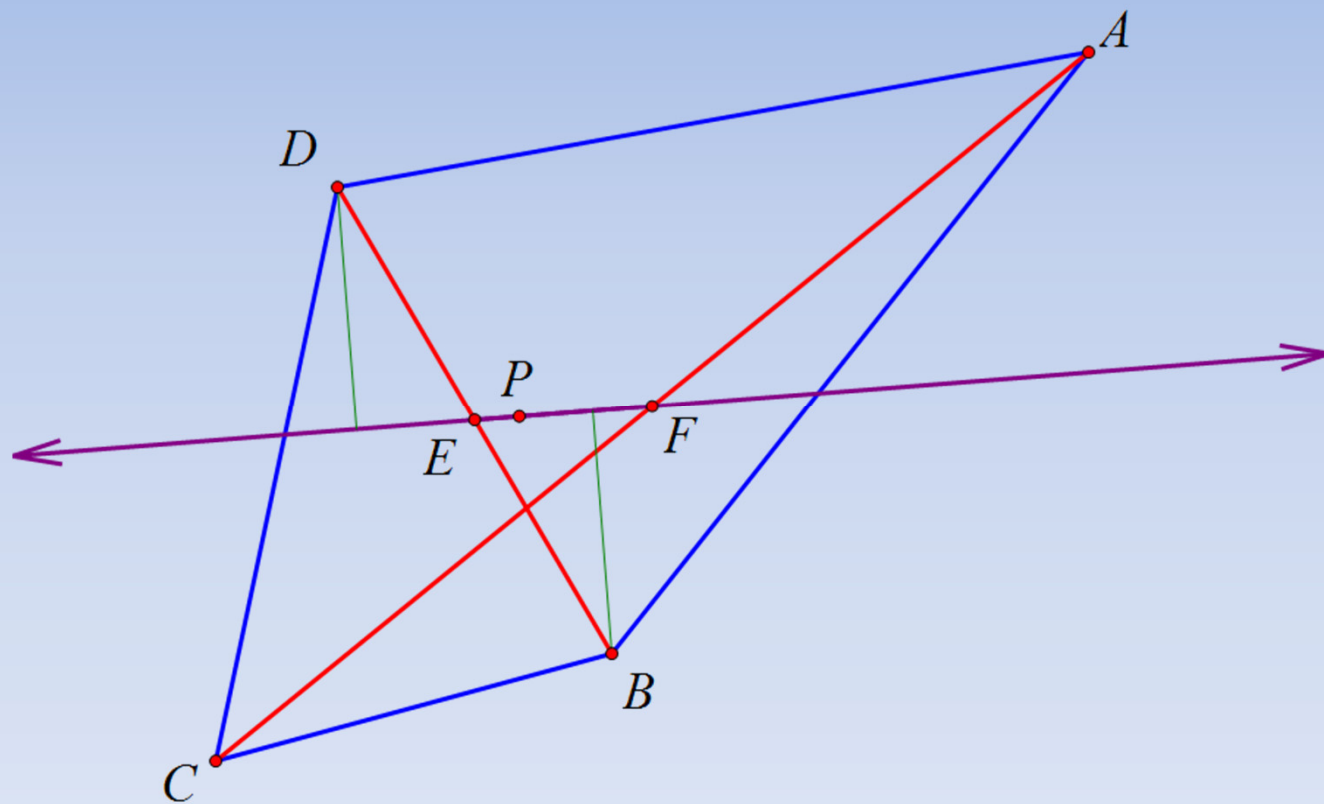
Theorem: (Léon Anne) Let $ABCD$ be a quadrilateral that is not a parallelogram. P lies on the line joining the midpoints of the diagonals iff

$$K_{APB} + K_{CPD} = K_{BPC} + K_{APD}$$



Proof

Drop perpendicular from B & D to EF.



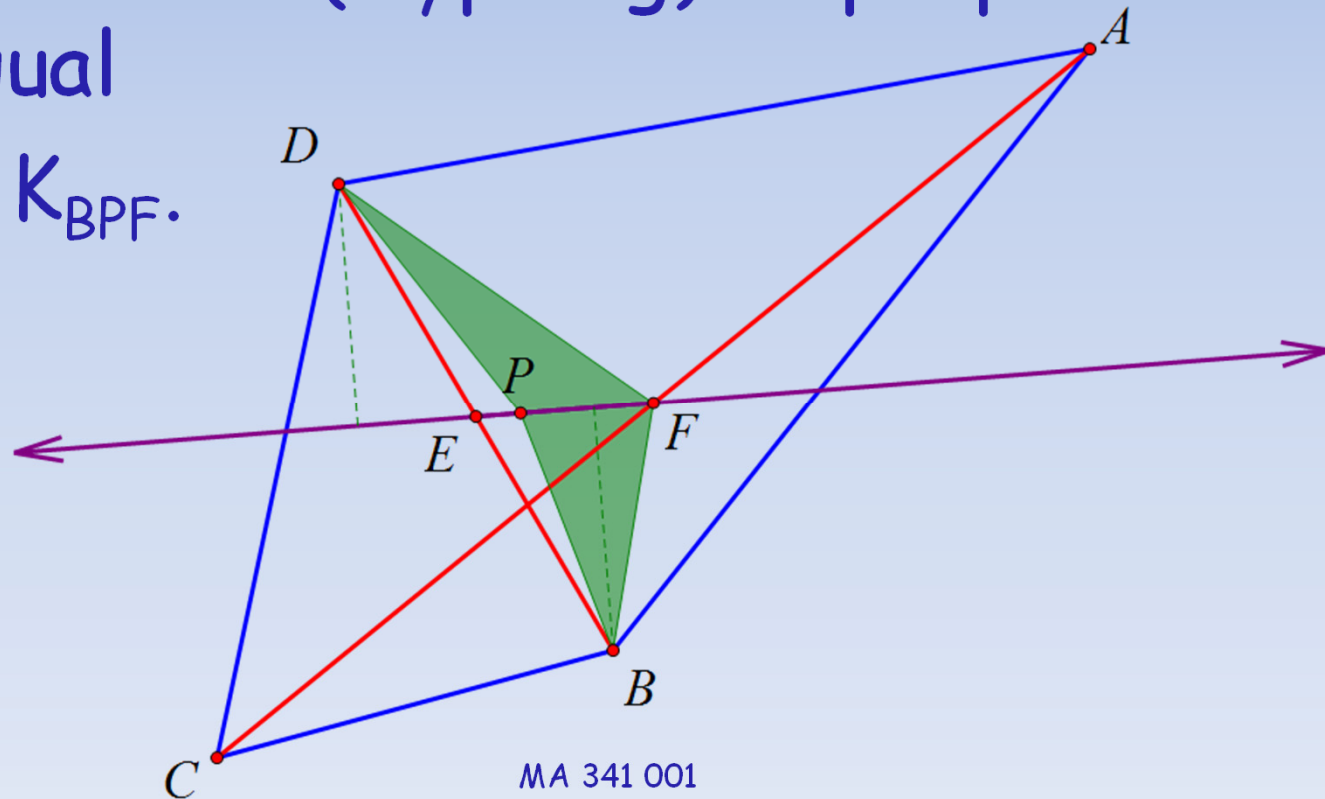
Proof

E midpoint of BD,

$\angle EPB = \angle DEX$ (vertical angles),

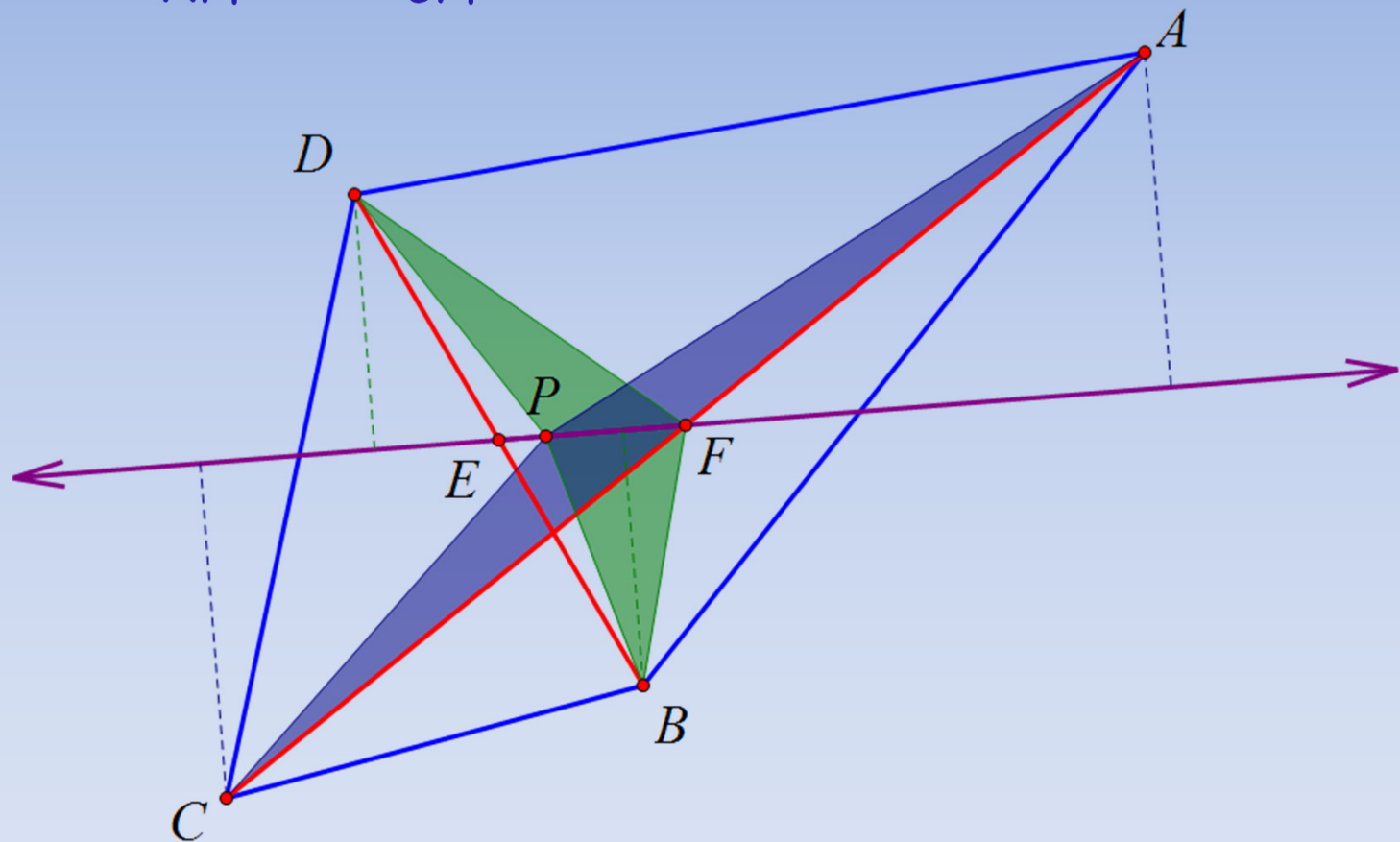
$\Delta EPB = \Delta DEX$ (Hyp-ang) $\Rightarrow$ perpendiculars are equal

$$K_{DPF} = K_{BPF}.$$



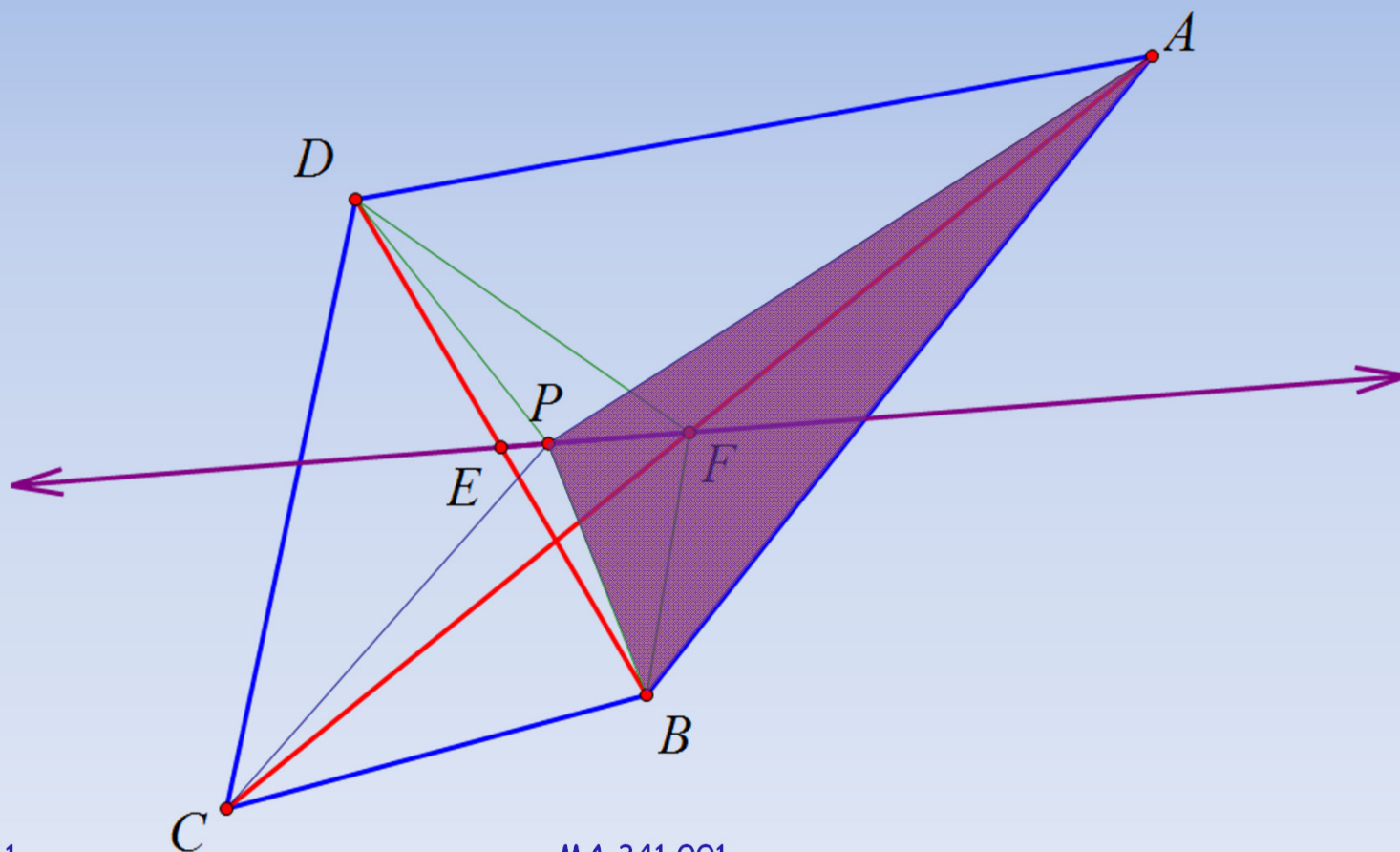
Proof

Likewise $K_{APF} = K_{CPF}$.



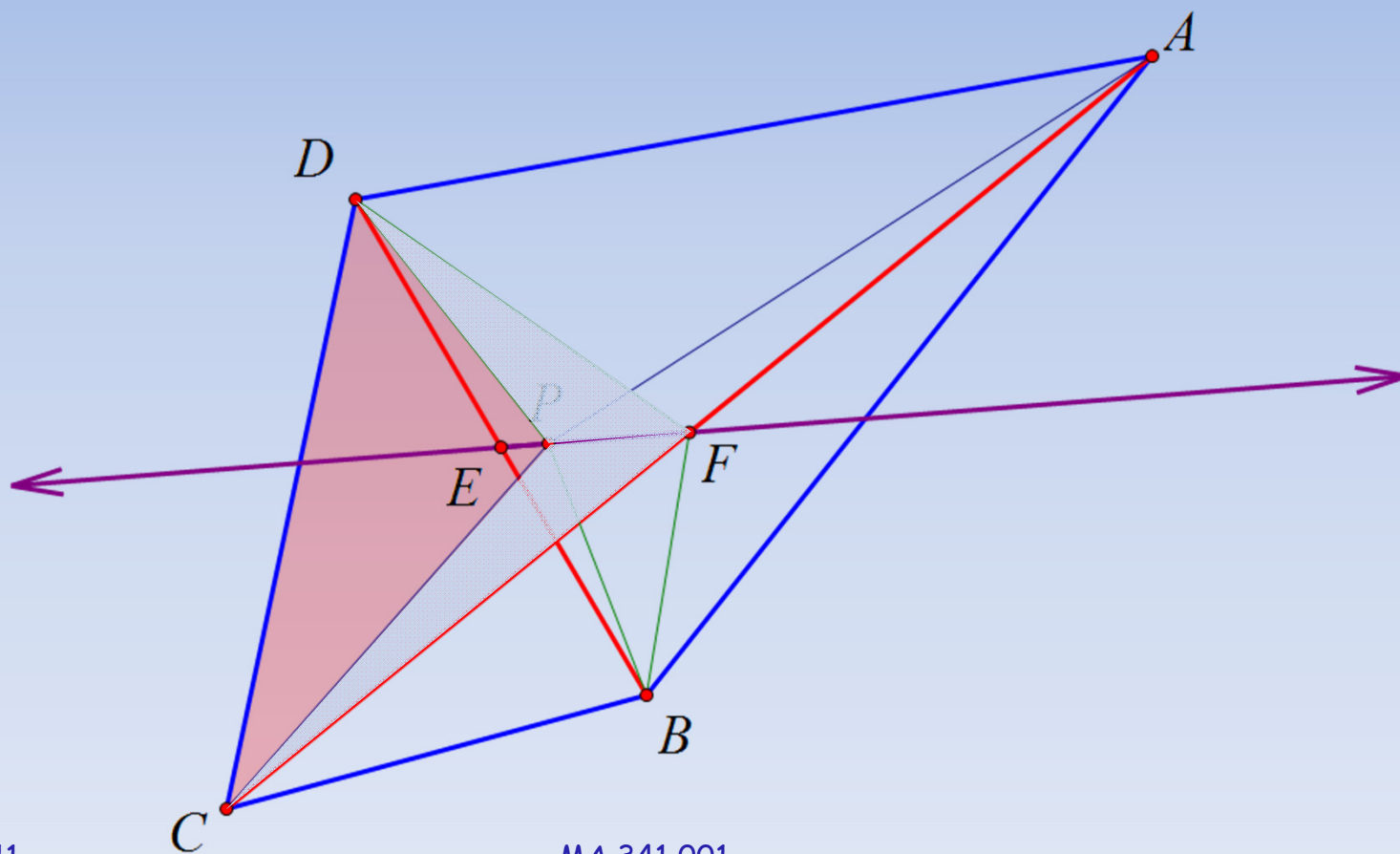
Proof

$$K_{APB} = K_{AFB} + K_{APF} + K_{BPF}$$



Proof

$$K_{DPC} = K_{DFC} - K_{CPF} - K_{DPF}$$



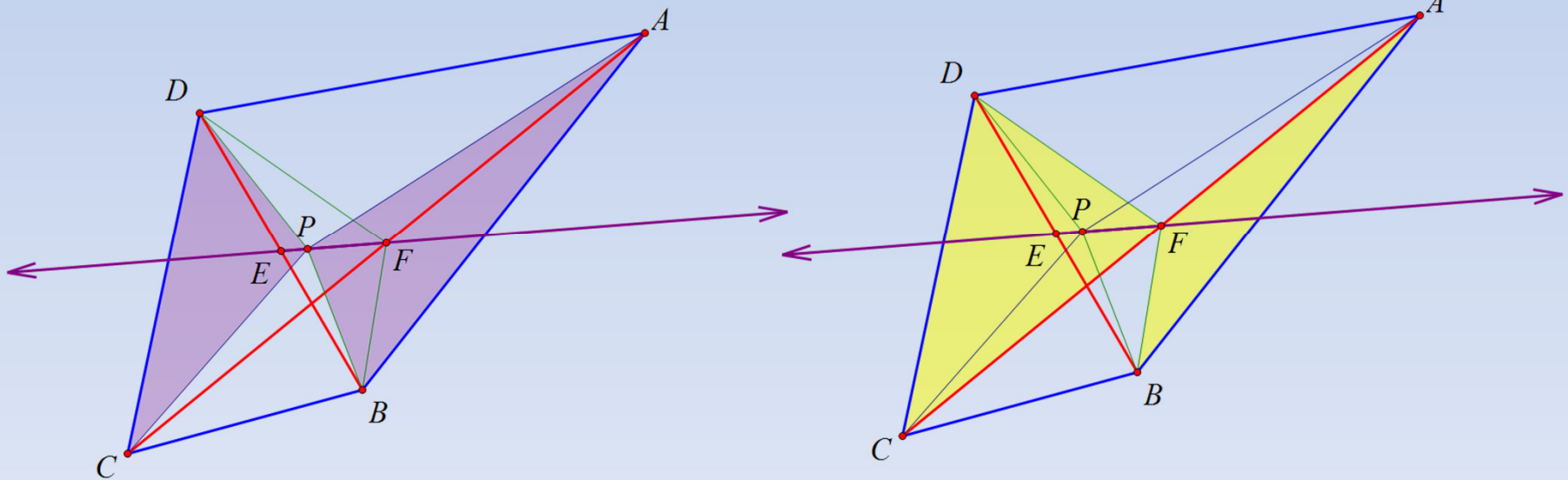
Proof

$$K_{APB} = K_{AFB} + K_{APF} + K_{BPF}$$

$$K_{DPC} = K_{DFC} - K_{CPF} - K_{DPF}$$

So

$$K_{APB} + K_{DPC} = K_{AFB} + K_{DFC}$$



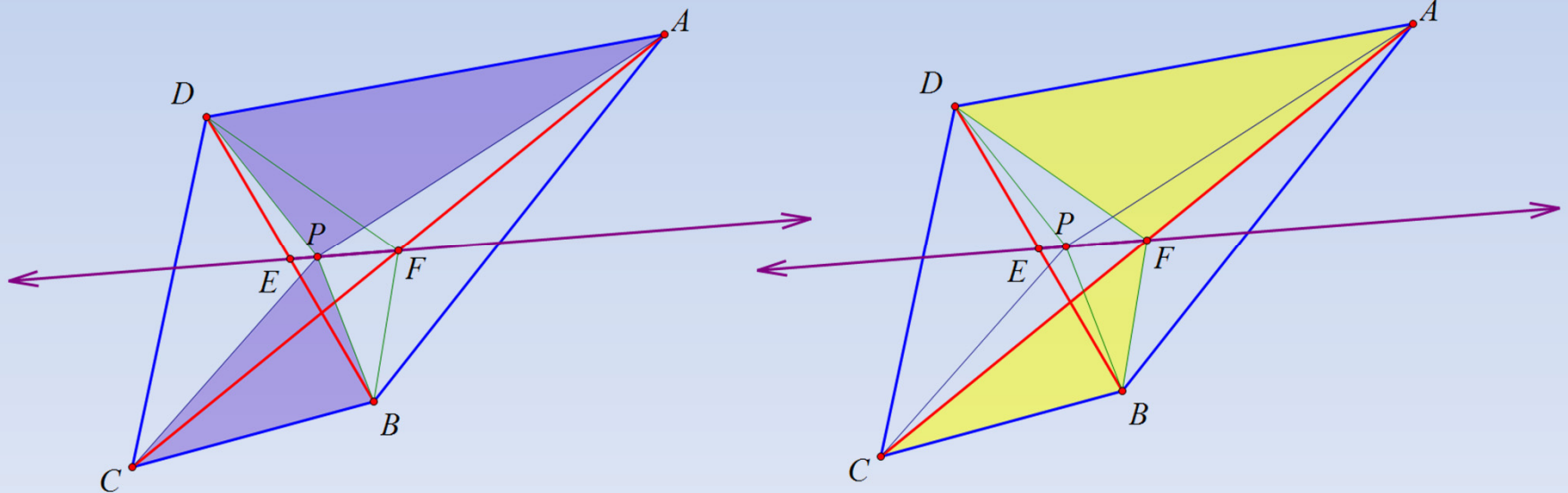
Proof

$$K_{APD} = K_{AFD} + K_{DPF} + K_{APF}$$

$$K_{BPC} = K_{BFC} - K_{BPF} - K_{CPF}$$

So

$$K_{APD} + K_{BPC} = K_{AFD} + K_{CFB}$$



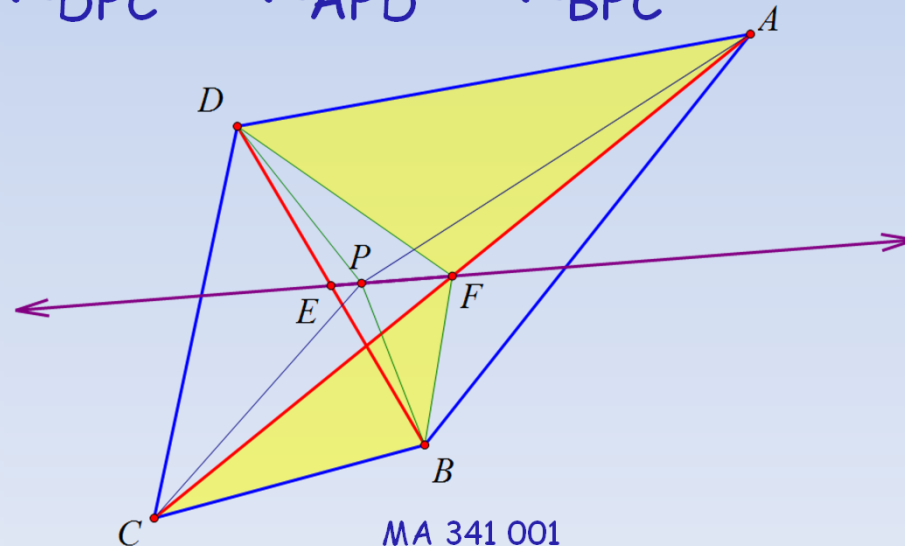
Proof

$$K_{APB} + K_{DPC} = K_{AFB} + K_{DFC}$$

$$K_{APD} + K_{BPC} = K_{AFD} + K_{CFB}$$

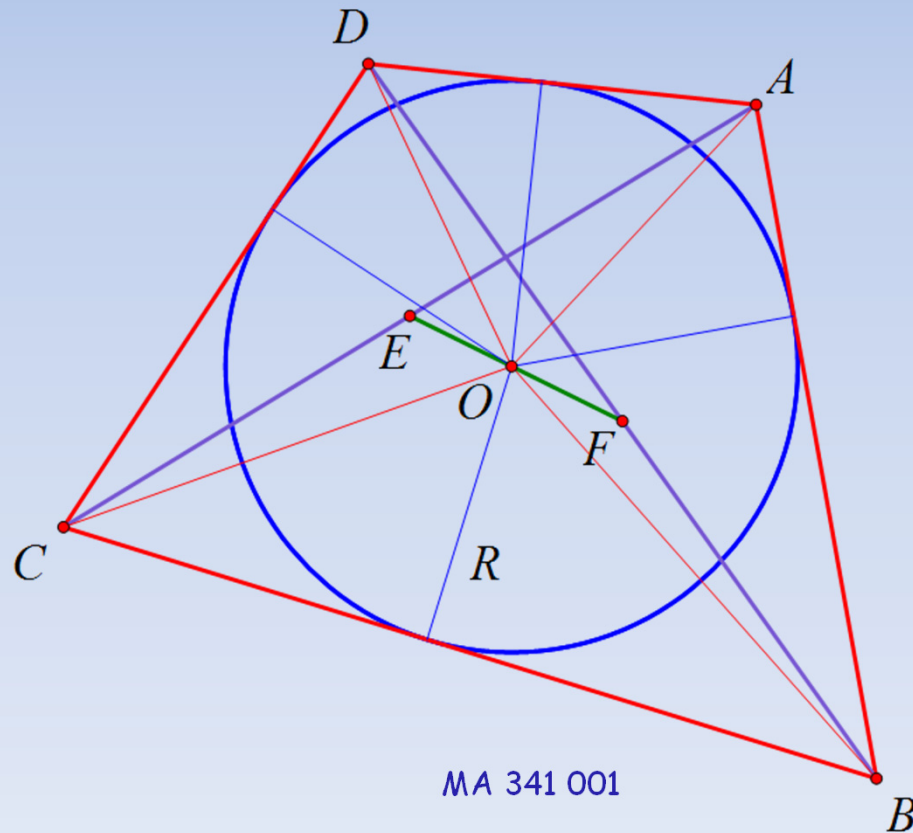
Also $K_{AFB} = K_{CFB}$ (equal bases, same height)
and $K_{DFC} = K_{AFD}$ (equal bases, same height)

$$\text{So } K_{APB} + K_{DPC} = K_{APD} + K_{BPC}$$



Newton Line

Theorem: The center of the circle inscribed into a quadrilateral lies on the line joining the midpoints of the diagonals.



Proof

The distance from O to each side is R .

The area of each triangle then is

$$K_{AOB} = \frac{1}{2} R|AB| \quad K_{BOC} = \frac{1}{2} R|BC|$$

$$K_{COD} = \frac{1}{2} R|CD| \quad K_{DOA} = \frac{1}{2} R|AD|$$

Since $AB + CD = BC + AD$, multiplying both sides by $\frac{1}{2}R$, we get that

$$K_{AOB} + K_{COD} = K_{BOC} + K_{DOA}$$

Thus, O lies on the Newton Line.

Area

A bicentric quadrilateral is a cyclic quadrilateral, so Brahmagupta's Formula applies:

$$K = \sqrt{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)(s-d)}$$

Since it is a tangential quadrilateral we know that $a + c = s = b + d$. Thus:

$s - a = c$, $s - b = d$, $s - c = a$ and $s - d = b$ or

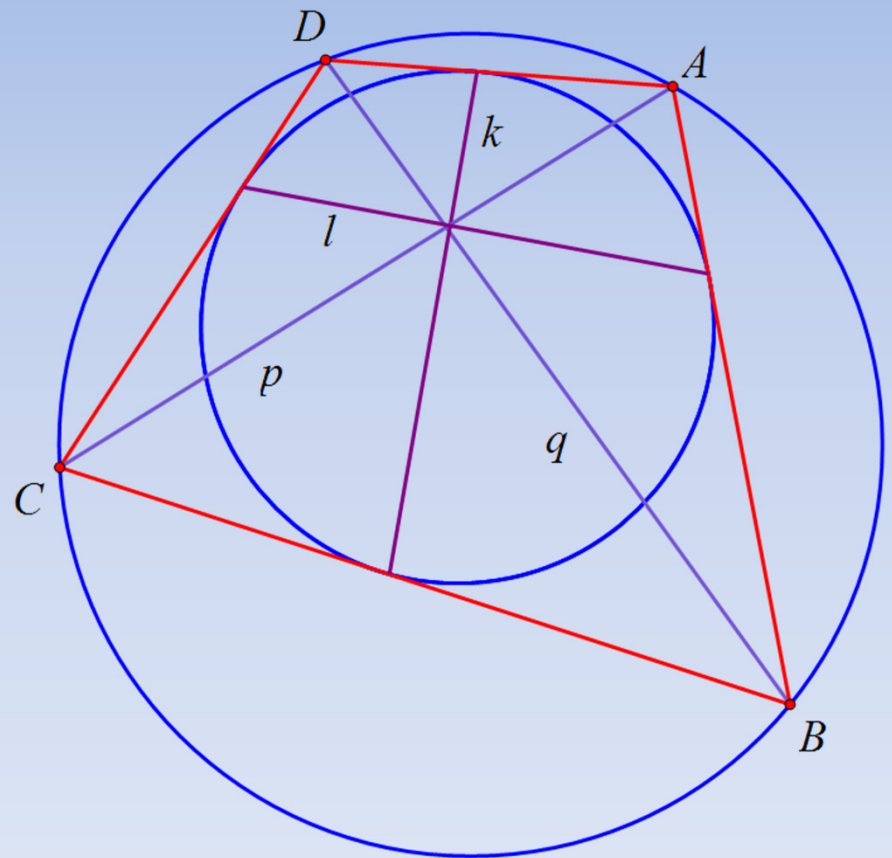
$$K = \sqrt{abcd}$$

Area

k, l = tangency chords

p, q = diagonals

$$K = \frac{klpq}{k^2 + l^2}$$

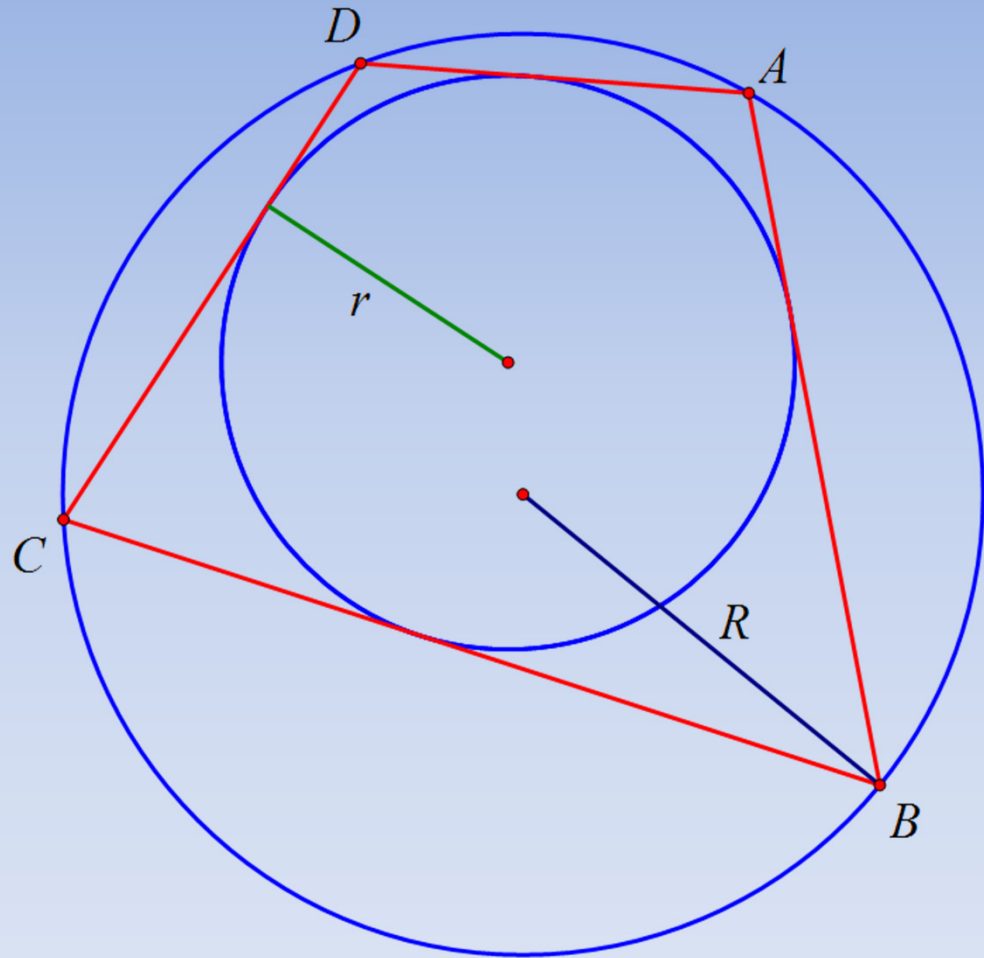


Area

r = inradius

R = circumradius

$$4r^2 \leq K \leq 2R^2$$



Inradius & Circumradius

Since it is a tangential quadrilateral

$$r = \frac{K}{a+c}$$

Since it is bicentric, we get

$$r = \frac{\sqrt{abcd}}{a+c}$$

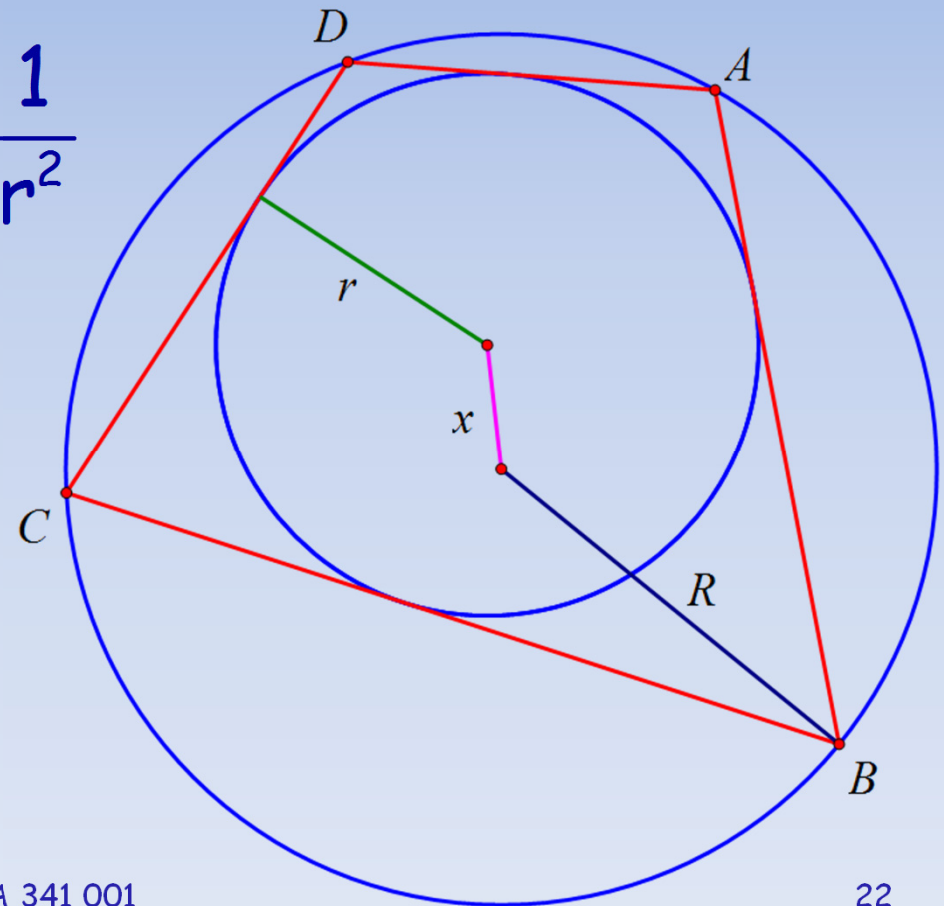
We gain little for the circumradius

$$R = \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{(ab+cd)(ac+bd)(ad+bc)}{abcd}}$$

Fuss' Theorem

Let x denote the distance from the incenter, I , and circumcenter, O . Then

$$\frac{1}{(R-x)^2} + \frac{1}{(R+x)^2} = \frac{1}{r^2}$$



NOTE

Let d denote the distance from the incenter, I , and circumcenter, O , in a triangle, then Euler's formula says

$$\frac{1}{R-d} + \frac{1}{R+d} = \frac{1}{r}$$

or

$$2Rr = R^2 - d^2$$

Proof

Let K, L be points of tangency of incircle

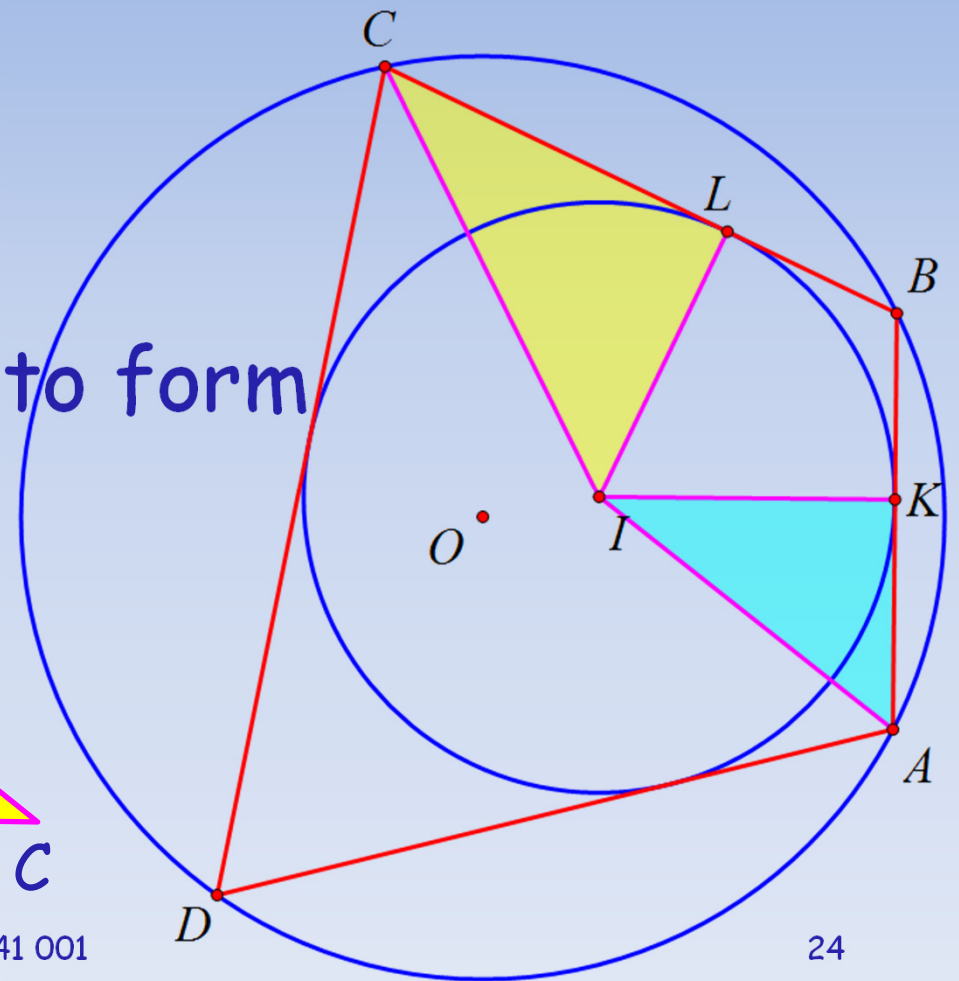
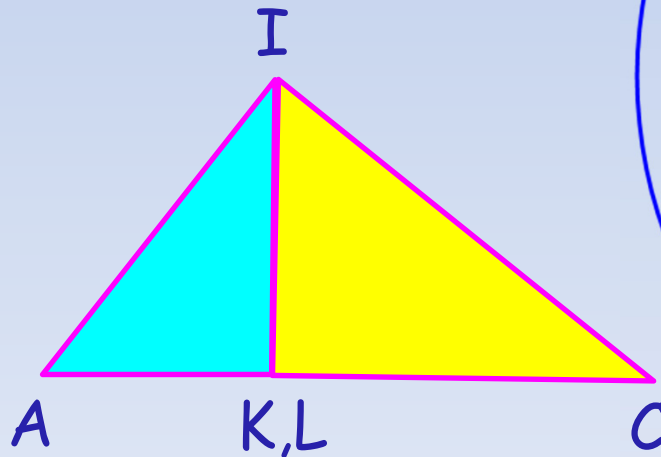
$$A + C = 180$$

$$IL = r = IK \text{ and}$$

$$\angle ILC = \angle IKA = 90$$

Join $\triangle ILC$ and $\triangle IKA$ to form

$\triangle CIA$



Proof

What do we know about $\triangle CIA$?

$$A + C = 180$$

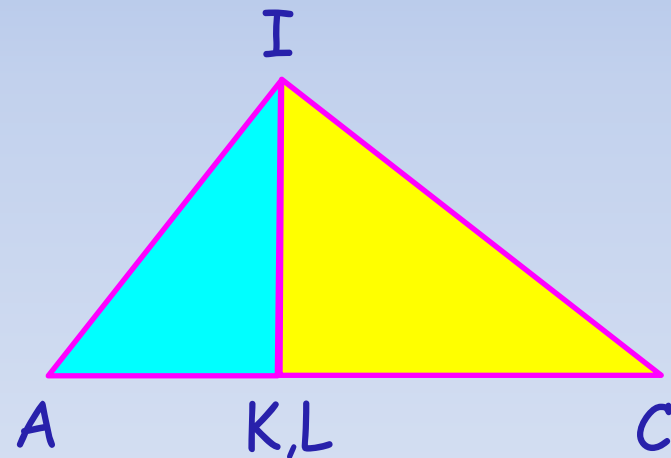
$$\angle LCI = \frac{1}{2}C \text{ and } \angle IAK = \frac{1}{2}A$$

$$\angle LCI + \angle IAK = 90$$

$$\angle CIA = 90$$

$\triangle CIA$ a right triangle

$$\text{Hypotenuse} = AK + CL$$



Proof

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2}r(AK+CL) = \frac{1}{2} AI \ CI \text{ or}$$

$$r(AK+CL) = AI \ CI$$

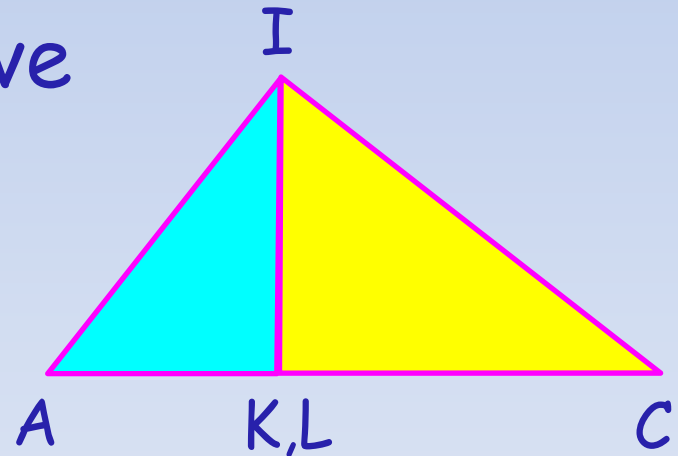
Pythagorean Theorem gives

$$(AK+CL)^2 = AI^2 + CI^2$$

From first equation we have

$$r^2(AI^2 + CI^2) = AI^2 \ CI^2$$

$$\frac{1}{r^2} = \frac{1}{AI^2} + \frac{1}{CI^2}$$

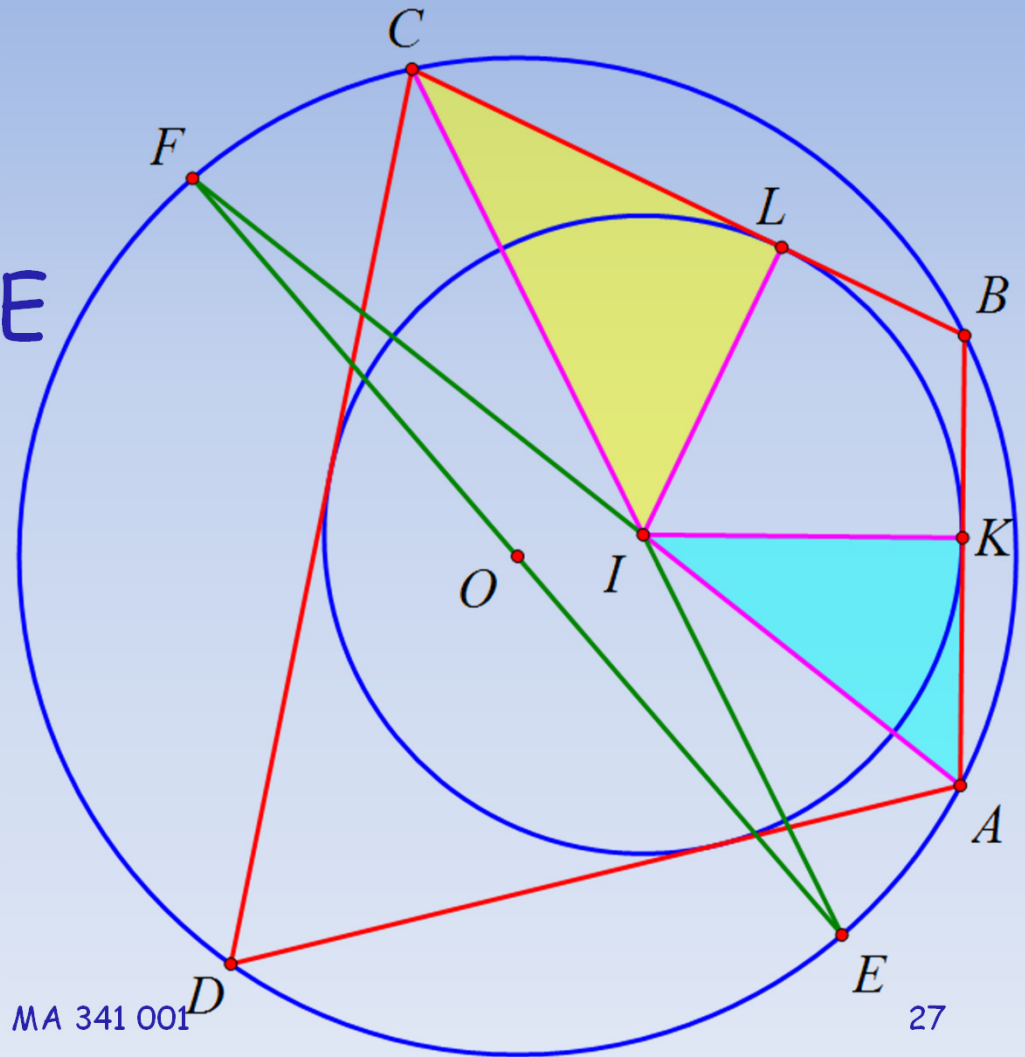


Proof

Extend AI and CI to meet circumcircle at F and E.

$$\begin{aligned}\angle DOF + \angle DOE &= \\ &2\angle DAF + 2\angle DCE \\ &= \angle BAD + \angle BCD \\ &= 180\end{aligned}$$

EF is a diameter!



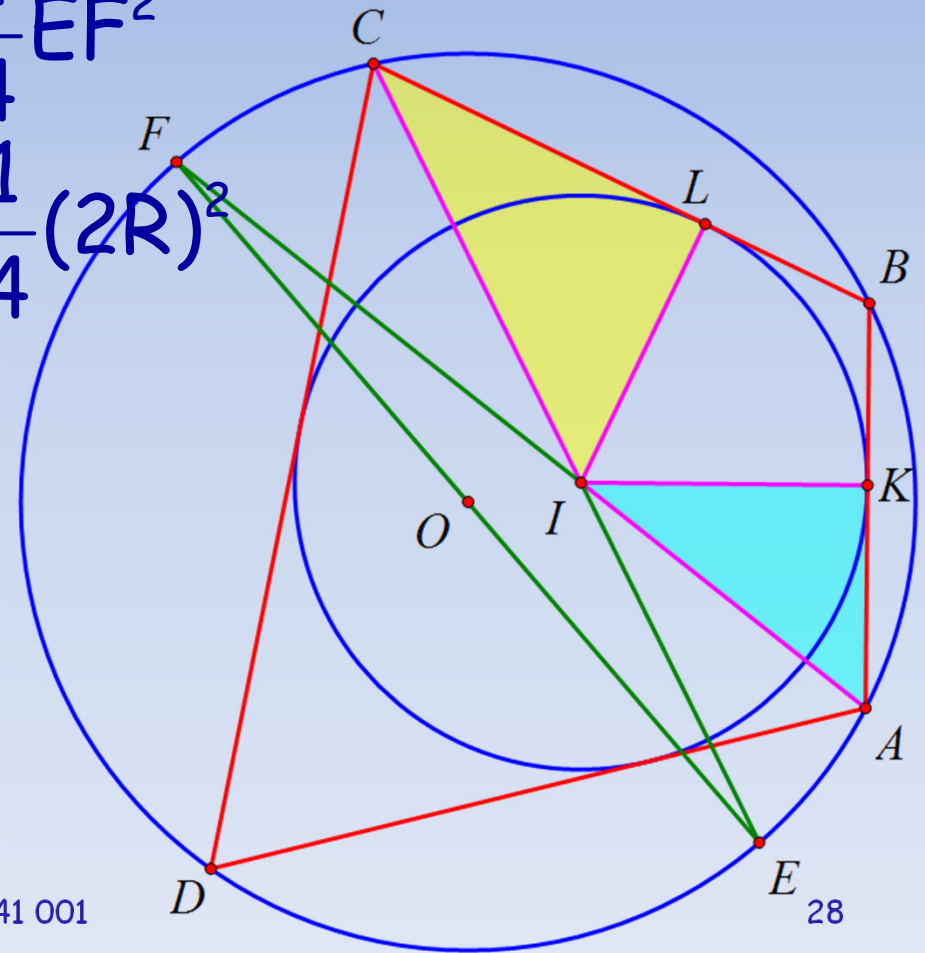
Proof

$X = IO = \text{median in } \triangle IFE.$

$$IO^2 = \frac{1}{2}(IE^2 + IF^2) - \frac{1}{4}EF^2$$

$$IO^2 = \frac{1}{2}(IE^2 + IF^2) - \frac{1}{4}(2R)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} IE^2 + IF^2 &= 2IO^2 + 2R^2 \\ &= 2(x^2 + R^2) \end{aligned}$$



Proof

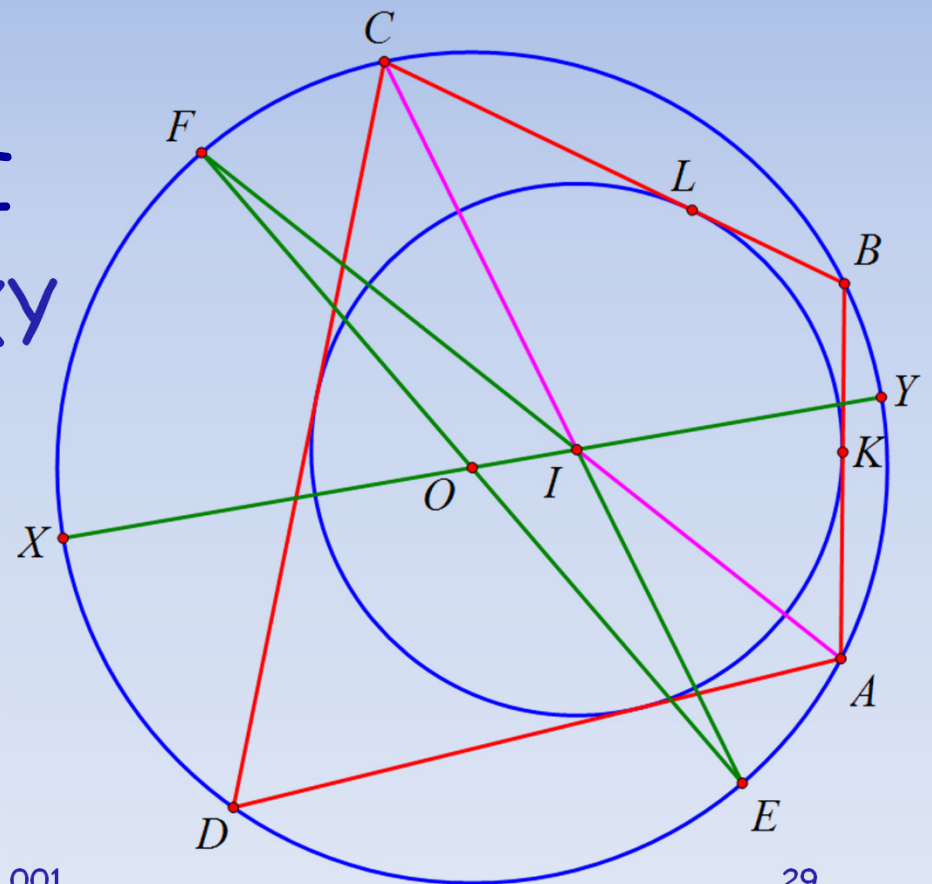
From chords CE and AF , we have

$$\frac{CI}{FI} = \frac{AI}{EI}$$

$$AI \cdot FI = CI \cdot EI$$

From chords CE and XY

$$\begin{aligned} CI \cdot EI &= XI \cdot YI \\ &= (R + x)(R - x) \\ &= R^2 - x^2 \end{aligned}$$



Proof

$$AI \cdot FI = R^2 - x^2$$

$$AI \cdot FI = CI \cdot EI$$

$$\frac{1}{AI^2} + \frac{1}{CI^2} = \frac{FI^2}{CI^2 \cdot EI^2} + \frac{EI^2}{CI^2 \cdot EI^2}$$

$$= \frac{EI^2 + FI^2}{(R^2 - x^2)^2}$$

$$= \frac{2(R^2 + x^2)}{(R^2 - x^2)^2}$$

Proof

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{r^2} &= \frac{2(R^2 + x^2)}{(R^2 - x^2)^2} \\ &= \frac{((R+x)^2 + (R-x)^2)}{(R^2 - x^2)^2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{r^2} = \frac{1}{(R+x)^2} + \frac{1}{(R-x)^2}$$

$$2r^2(R^2 + x^2) = (R^2 - x^2)^2$$

$$x = \sqrt{R^2 + r^2 - r\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2}}$$

Other results

In a bicentric quadrilateral the circumcenter, the incenter and the intersection of the diagonals are collinear.

Given two concentric circles with radii R and r and distance x between their centers satisfying the condition in Fuss' theorem, there exists a convex quadrilateral inscribed in one of them and tangent to the other.

Other results

Poncelet's Closure Theorem:

If two circles, one within the other, are the incircle and the circumcircle of a bicentric quadrilateral, then every point on the circumcircle is the vertex of a bicentric quadrilateral having the same incircle and circumcircle.