

01.05.2023 – Cash Award Rider III Prize winner Mrs.Madhu Mitha's Soln

Given: ABC is a triangle.

O is the orthocentre of ΔABC .

From the given figure A is the orthocentre for ΔOBC .

Let $\angle BOC = a, \angle OBC = b, \angle OCB = c$

$\angle ECO = 90 - a, \angle ECB = 90 - b$

$\Rightarrow 90 - a + 90 - b = c$

$180 - (a + b) = c$

$\Rightarrow \angle BAC = c + b$

$\angle IQO = \angle IBC = b$ ($\because IQCB$ is cyclic quadrilateral)

$\angle OIQ = \angle QCB = c$ ($IQCB$ is cyclic quadrilateral)

As $\angle PAC = b = \angle PQC$ (same segment)

$\angle PQC = \angle OQR = b$ (vertically opp angle)

$\Rightarrow OQ$ is angle bisector of $\angle IQR$

As $\angle PQC = b$ & $\angle QCD = c \Rightarrow \angle QJC = a$

$\Rightarrow \angle DJP = a \Rightarrow \angle DPJ = 90 - a$

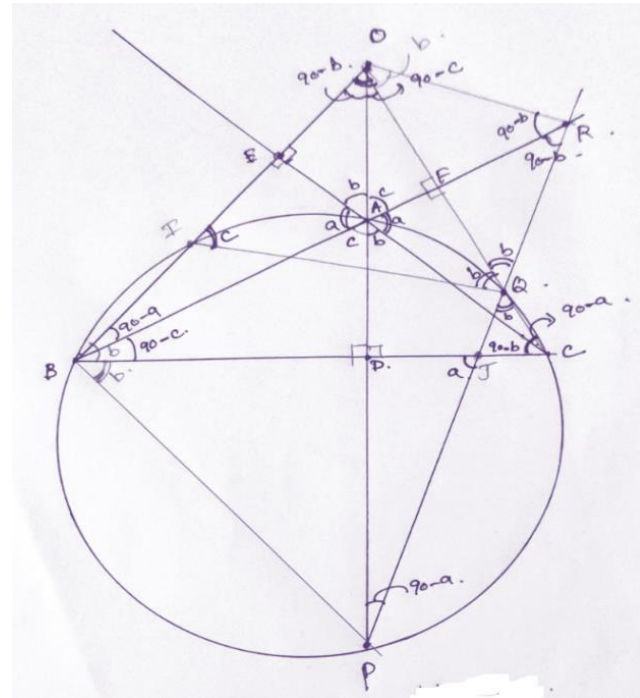
construction: Join OR & IQ, BP

$\angle OBR = \angle OPR = 90 - a \Rightarrow ORPB$ is concyclic

$\angle BOP = 90 - b = \angle BRP$

consider ΔOBA & ΔOBR

$\angle OBA = 90 - A, \angle BOA = 90 - b, \angle BAO = a + b$



$$\angle PBC = \angle PAC = b \Rightarrow \angle PBR = 90 - c + b = \angle POR \text{ same segment}$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle COR = b \text{ as } \angle DOC = 90 - c$$

$$\text{In } \triangle OFR \therefore \angle FOR = b \Rightarrow \angle ORF = 90 - b$$

Now consider $\triangle OBA$ & $\triangle OBR$

$$\angle OBA = \angle OBA = 90 - a \text{ (common)}$$

$$\angle BOA = \angle ORB = 90 - b$$

$$\angle BAO = a + b = \angle BOR = a + b$$

Hence by AA similarity

$$\triangle OBA \sim \triangle RBO$$

$$\frac{OB}{RB} = \frac{AB}{OB} = \frac{OA}{RO}$$

$$\Rightarrow OB^2 = AB \times RB$$