

01.08.2023 – Cash Award Rider – Third Prize Winner Mr.Hara Gopal’s Solution

Given : SM is parallel to CR

To Prove : RM = PT

Construction: Join OS

Proof:

As B, F, E, C are cyclic, $\angle ABE = \angle ACF = \alpha$ ----- (1)

As A, R, P, C are cyclic, $\angle ACR = \angle APR = \alpha$ ----- (2)

As A, F, E, C are cyclic, $\angle ABQ = \angle APQ = \alpha$ ----- (3)

From (1), (2) & (3), $\angle ABQ = \angle ACR = \angle APR = \angle APQ = \alpha$

Let, $\angle PAC = \beta \Rightarrow \angle PRC = \beta$ (Same Segment Angles)

Here, we use a well known property of orthocenter, $OD = DP$ ----- (4)

In $\triangle ODS$ & $\triangle PDS$,

$OD = DP$ (from (4))

$\angle D = \angle D = 90^\circ$

$DS = DS$ (Common Side)

$\triangle ODS \cong \triangle PDS$ (SAS Congruency)

$PS = SO$ ----- (5)

In $\triangle PDS$ & $\triangle PDT$,

$\angle D = \angle D = 90^\circ$

$DP = DP$ (Common Side)

$\angle DPS = \angle DPT$ (proved)

$\triangle PDS \cong \triangle PDT$ (ASA Congruency)

$PS = PT$ ----- (6)

From (5) & (6)

$PT = OS$ ----- (7)

Now, In $\triangle OSP$, as $OS = SP$

$\Rightarrow \angle SOP = \angle SPO = \alpha$ [Base angles of Isos. \triangle]

In $\triangle AEO$, as $\angle A = \beta \Rightarrow \angle AOE = 90 - \beta$

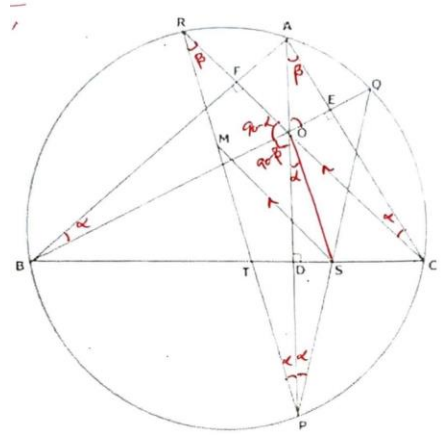
$\Rightarrow \angle BOD = 90 - \beta$ [V.O.A]

In $\triangle FBO$, as $\angle B = \alpha \Rightarrow \angle FOB = 90 - \alpha$

$\therefore \angle ROS = 90 - \alpha + 90 - \beta = 180 - \beta$ implies $\angle OSM = \beta$

According to angle sum property of Quadrilateral, In ROSM, $\angle RMS = 180 - \beta$

In the quadrilateral ROSM



$$\angle R + \angle O = \beta + 180 - \beta$$

Which means one pair & adjacent angles are supplementary and

$RO \parallel SM$ [As $SM \parallel CR$] & opposite angles are equal.

\Rightarrow ROSM is a parallelogram

And $OS = RM$ and they are parallel

But $OS = PT$ [Proved from (7)]

$\therefore RM = PT$

----- Hence Proved.