

## A theorem by Dao Thanh Oai

*Let  $ABC$  and  $A'B'C'$  be two not homothetic triangles. Let  $A''B''C''$  be any other triangle perspective to  $ABC$  and homothetic to  $A'B'C'$ . Then the perspectors of  $ABC$  and  $A''B''C''$  lie on a circumconic of  $ABC$ . (Dao Thanh Oai, March 17, 2018)*

For building a such triangle  $A''B''C''$ , let  $Q = U : V : W$  (trilinears coordinates) be any point in the plane of  $ABC$  and  $q$  a line through  $Q$ . Denote  $A^*$ ,  $B^*$ ,  $C^*$  the intersections of  $q$  with  $BC$ ,  $CA$  and  $AB$ , respectively. Through  $A^*$ ,  $B^*$ ,  $C^*$  trace parallel lines to the sidelines of  $A'B'C'$ . Then these parallel lines bound a triangle  $A''B''C''$  homothetic to  $A'B'C'$  and perspective to  $ABC$  with perspectrix  $q$ .

Let  $P$  be the perspector of  $ABC$  and  $A''B''C''$  and assume that the sidelines of  $A'B'C'$  are the lines

$r_i = (l_i, m_i, n_i), i = 1..3$ . Denote  $R = \begin{pmatrix} l_1 & m_1 & n_1 \\ l_2 & m_2 & n_2 \\ l_3 & m_3 & n_3 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\delta_{i,j} = (-1)^{i+j} \cdot \text{Minor}(R, i, j)$ . Then the

calculus shows that the locus of  $P$  when  $q$  rotates around  $Q$  has equation:

$$\begin{aligned} & (b \cdot n_1 - c \cdot m_1) \cdot (a \cdot \delta_{1,1} + b \cdot \delta_{1,2} + c \cdot \delta_{1,3}) \cdot v \cdot w + \\ & (c \cdot l_2 - a \cdot n_2) \cdot (a \cdot \delta_{2,1} + b \cdot \delta_{2,2} + c \cdot \delta_{2,3}) \cdot w \cdot u + \\ & (a \cdot m_3 - b \cdot l_3) \cdot (a \cdot \delta_{3,1} + b \cdot \delta_{3,2} + c \cdot \delta_{3,3}) \cdot u \cdot v = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

This equation corresponds to a circumconic of  $ABC$ . Note that this circumconic does not depend on the choice of  $Q$ . Therefore the locus of the perspectors  $P$  of  $ABC$  and all built triangles  $A''B''C''$ , homothetic to  $A'B'C'$  and perspective to  $ABC$ , is a fixed circumconic  $\mathcal{C}$  of  $ABC$ .

Expressions for coordinates of the center and perspector of this conic are simplified if coefficients of  $v \cdot w, w \cdot u, u \cdot v$  in (1) are replaced with  $F_1, F_2, F_3$ , respectively, i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} F_1 &= (b \cdot n_1 - c \cdot m_1) \cdot (a \cdot \delta_{1,1} + b \cdot \delta_{1,2} + c \cdot \delta_{1,3}) \\ F_2 &= (c \cdot l_2 - a \cdot n_2) \cdot (a \cdot \delta_{2,1} + b \cdot \delta_{2,2} + c \cdot \delta_{2,3}) \\ F_3 &= (a \cdot m_3 - b \cdot l_3) \cdot (a \cdot \delta_{3,1} + b \cdot \delta_{3,2} + c \cdot \delta_{3,3}) \end{aligned}$$

With this notation the perspector  $K$  of the conic is

$$K = F_1 : F_2 : F_3$$

and its center  $O$  is:

$$O = F_1 \cdot (-a \cdot F_1 + b \cdot F_2 + c \cdot F_3) : F_2 \cdot (a \cdot F_1 - b \cdot F_2 + c \cdot F_3) : F_3 \cdot (a \cdot F_1 + b \cdot F_2 - c \cdot F_3)$$

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