

Triangles Homothetic With Triangle ABC

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Abstract. We study triangles homothetic with Triangle ABC.

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The homothety is a powerful tool for investigation of geometrical objects. Here we will accent on construction of barycentric coordinates of notable points of triangle T , provided T is the homothetic image of the reference triangle ABC under a given homothety with center O and ratios k .

We use barycentric coordinates [1]-[15]. The Kimberling points are denoted by $X(n)$ ([8]). Given triangle ABC , the side lengths are denoted $a = BC$, $b = CA$, $c = AB$. The area of ABC is denoted by Δ .

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1. GENERAL CASE

Given a homothety $h(O, k)$ with center $O = (p, q, r)$ and ratio k .

Theorem 1.1. *The barycentric coordinates of the homothetic image hP of a point $P = (u, v, w)$ wrt the homothety $h(O, k)$ are as follows:*

$$\begin{aligned} hP &= (up + pv + pw + kuq + kur - kpv - kpw, \\ &\quad uq + vq + qw + kpv + kvr - kuq - kqw, \\ &\quad ur + vr + wr + kpw + kqw - kur - kvr). \end{aligned}$$

Proof. We use the homothety formula (17), [5]. □

Denote by $T(O, k) = TaTbTc$ the triangle which is the homothetic image of triangle ABC wrt homothety $h(O, k)$.

Theorem 1.2. *The barycentric coordinates of triangle $T(O, k)$ are as follows:*

$$\begin{aligned} Ta &= (p + kq + kr, -q(-1 + k), -r(-1 + k)), \\ Tb &= (-p(-1 + k), q + kp + kr, -r(-1 + k)), \\ Tc &= (-p(-1 + k), -q(-1 + k), r + kp + kq), \end{aligned}$$

2. SPECIAL CASES

Table 1 gives a few homotheties from triangle ABC to triangle T :

	Triangle T	Center	Ratio
1	Medial Triangle	X(2)	-1/2
2	Antimedial Triangle	X(2)	-2
3	Euler Triangle	X(4)	1/2
4	Aquila Triangle	X(1)	2
5	Johnson Triangle	X(5)	-1
6	Circumcevian triangle of the Circumcenter	X(3)	-1
7	Half-Median Triangle	X(2)	1/4
8	First Stanilov Triangle Triangle	X(2)	-4/5
9	Second Stanilov Triangle	X(2)	4
10	Inner Yff Triangle	X(1)	$k > 0$
11	Outer Yff Triangle	X(1)	$k < 0$
12	Inner Grebe Triangle	X(6)	$k < 0$
13	Outer Grebe Triangle	X(6)	$k > 0$

TABLE 1.

Theorem 2.1. *Triangle ABC is homothetic with the Inner Yff triangle. The Center of the homothety is $X(1)$ the Incenter. The ratio of the homothety is*

$$k = \frac{(b + c - a)(c + a - b)(a + b - c)}{a^2b + a^2c + ab^2 + b^2c + c^2a + c^2b - a^3 - b^3 - c^3} > 0.$$

Theorem 2.2. *Triangle ABC is homothetic with the Outer Yff triangle. The Center of the homothety is X(1) the Incenter. The ratio of the homothety is*

$$k = \frac{(b+c-a)(c+a-b)(a+b-c)}{a^2b + a^2c + ab^2 + b^2c + c^2a + c^2b - 4abc - a^3 - b^3 - c^3} < 0.$$

Theorem 2.3. *Triangle ABC is homothetic with the Inner Grebe triangle. The Center of the homothety is X(6) the Symmedian Point. The ratio of the homothety is*

$$k = \frac{4\Delta - 2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}{4\Delta} < 0.$$

Theorem 2.4. *Triangle ABC is homothetic with the Outer Grebe triangle. The Center of the homothety is X(6) the Symmedian Point. The ratio of the homothety is*

$$k = \frac{4\Delta + 2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}{4\Delta} > 0.$$

By using the corresponding homothety, we can easily find the barycentric coordinates of the triangle-image of ABC under the homothety.

Example 2.1. *The barycentric coordinates of the Medial triangle are as follows:*

$$Ta = (0, 1, 1), \quad Tb = (1, 0, 1), \quad Tc = (1, 1, 0).$$

Below we give an example of calculations of barycentric coordinates of a new notable point. The selected new point is not available in [8].

Example 2.2. *The barycentric coordinates of the Clawson Point of the Medial Triangle $P = (u, v, w)$ are as follows:*

$$\begin{aligned} u &= (b+c)(b^2+c^2-a^2)(a^2+b^2+c^2-2bc), \\ v &= (c+a)(c^2+a^2-b^2)(b^2+c^2+a^2-2ca), \\ w &= (a+b)(a^2+b^2-c^2)(c^2+a^2+b^2-2ab). \end{aligned}$$

Problem 2.1. *Find the barycentric coordinates of the following new notable points of the Inner Grebe triangle: Nagel point, Spieker center, Feuerbach point.*

Problem 2.2. *Find the barycentric coordinates of the following new notable points of the Outer Grebe triangle: Nagel point, Spieker center, Feuerbach point.*

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