

Another Generalization of the Simson line

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Abstract. We introduce a generalization of the Dao's generalization of the Simson line and a proof by Fedor Petrov.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In 2014, I published without proof a remarkable generalization of the Simson line theorem:

Theorem 1.1. ([1]). *Let ABC be a triangle, line ℓ pass through the circumcenter O ; point P lie on the circumcircle. Let AP, BP, CP meet ℓ at A', B', C' , respectively. Denote A_0, B_0, C_0 the projections of A', B', C' onto BC, CA, AB , respectively. Then A_0, B_0, C_0 are collinear. Moreover, the new line passes through the midpoint of OH , where H the orthocenter of ABC (Figure 1).*

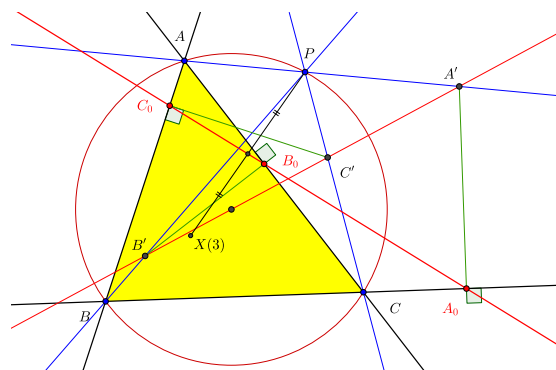


FIGURE 1.

Remark. *If ℓ passes through P , the line coincides with the Simson.*

There are many proof, You can see in [2]-[8].

The author also discovered another generalization of the Simson line and many other theorems, You can see in [9]-[12].

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In this paper we introduce a projective of Theorem 1.1 is as follows:

Theorem 1.2. ([13]). *Let ABC be a triangle, let P be a point in the circumcircle, the circumcenter is O . Let Q be the point in the plane. The circles (APQ) , (BPQ) , (CPQ) meet OQ again at A' , B' , C' respectively. Let A_1, B_1, C_1 be the projections of A', B', C' onto BC, CA, AB respectively. Then A_1, B_1, C_1 are collinear, and the new line through a fixed point on the Nine points circle when Q be moved on the given line (or P be moved in the circumcircle).*

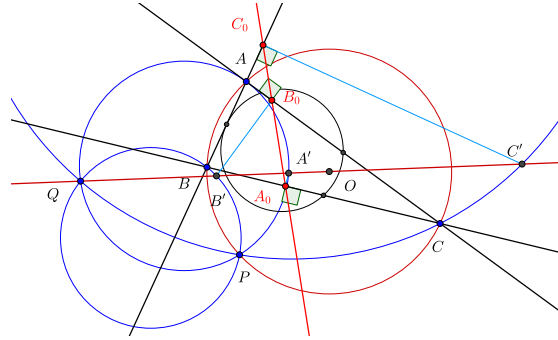


FIGURE 2.

Remark. *When Q in infinity, then the Theorem 1.2 become the Theorem 1.1*

In section 2, we introduce a proof of Theorem 1.2 by Fedor Petrov in [13].

2. PROOF THEOREM 1.2

Let CC' meet a circle $\omega = (ABC)$ in a point $S \neq C'$. Then $\angle(CP, CS) = \angle(CP, CC') = \angle(QP, QC') = (QP, QO)$. Thus AA', BB' pass through the same point S . The following argument is not synthetic, but it explains what is this fixed point on an Euler circle and what is another point in which $A_1B_1C_1$ meets Euler circle. Thus it hopefully may help with a synthetic argument too.

Consider the complex coordinates for which $\omega = \{z : |z| = 1\}$, A, B, C correspond to complex numbers a, b, c , OQ to a real line, S to s . Then C' corresponds to $c' = (c + s)/(1 + cs)$ (this is a formula for central projection from ω to a real line from the point s , as may be checked for three points $1, -1, -s$). Next, a projection of z to a line between a, b is $(z - \bar{z}ab + a + b)/2$, as may be checked for points $a, b, 0$. So, C_1 corresponds to $c_1 = (c'(1 - ab) + a + b)/2$. Denote $c_2 = 2c_1 - (a + b + c)$. Note that $z \rightarrow 2z - (a + b + c)$ is a homothety which sends Euler circle of ABC to ω . Thus for points a_2, b_2, c_2 we should prove that they are collinear and the line passes through a point on ω not depending on s . We get $c_2 = c'(1 - ab) - c$ and I claim that c_2 lies on a line between s and $-abc$. Indeed, the direction between s and $-abc$ is a direction of $s + abc$. The direction between s and c_2 is a direction of $c_2 - s = -c'(ab + cs)$, that is, direction of $ab + cs$, but the ratio of $s + abc$ and $ab + cs$ is indeed real.

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