

Some lines and planes of tetrahedron

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Let $Th = ABCD$ be an arbitrary tetrahedron, see Fig. 1.

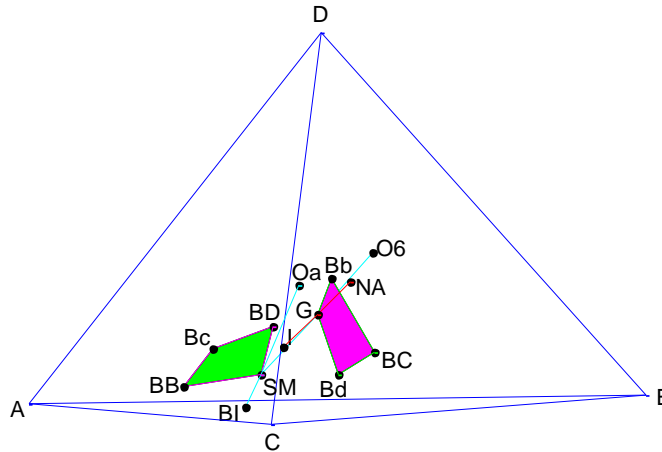


Fig. 1

We define the following points:

$I = (S_a : S_b : S_c : S_d)$, the incenter of Th in barycentric coordinates, where

S_a, S_b, S_c, S_d are areas of the respective faces of Th .

$G = (1 : 1 : 1 : 1)$, the centroid of Th .

$SM = (S_a^2 : S_b^2 : S_c^2 : S_d^2)$, the algebraic analogue of symmedian point $X(6)$.

$NA = (S_b + S_c + S_d - S_a : * : * : *)$, the algebraic analogue of the Nagel Point

$X(8)$, where $*$ means cyclicly.

$O6 = (S_b^2 + S_c^2 + S_d^2 - S_a^2 : * : * : *)$, the algebraic analogue of $X(69)$.

$Oa = (S_a^2 \cdot (S_b^2 + S_c^2 + S_d^2 - S_a^2) : * : * : *)$, the algebraic analogue of circum-center $X(3)$.

$$BI = (S_a^4 : S_b^4 : S_c^4 : S_d^4) .$$

$$Bb = \left(\frac{1}{S_b^2} : \frac{1}{S_c^2} : \frac{1}{S_d^2} : \frac{1}{S_a^2} \right), \text{ Brocard points like analogue.}$$

$$Bc = \left(\frac{1}{S_c^2} : \frac{1}{S_d^2} : \frac{1}{S_a^2} : \frac{1}{S_b^2} \right), \text{ Brocard points like analogue.}$$

$$Bd = \left(\frac{1}{S_d^2} : \frac{1}{S_a^2} : \frac{1}{S_b^2} : \frac{1}{S_c^2} \right), \text{ Brocard points like analogue.}$$

$$BB = (S_a^2 \cdot S_b^2 : S_b^2 \cdot S_c^2 : S_c^2 \cdot S_d^2 : S_d^2 \cdot S_a^2), \text{ isogonal conjugate of Bb.}$$

$$BC = (S_a^2 \cdot S_c^2 : S_b^2 \cdot S_d^2 : S_c^2 \cdot S_a^2 : S_d^2 \cdot S_b^2), \text{ isogonal conjugate of Bc.}$$

$$BD = (S_a^2 \cdot S_d^2 : S_b^2 \cdot S_a^2 : S_c^2 \cdot S_b^2 : S_d^2 \cdot S_c^2), \text{ isogonal conjugate of Bd.}$$

The following triples of points $\{I,G,NA\}$, $\{SM,G,O6\}$, $\{Oa,SM,BI\}$ are collinear respectively. Let $M_1 = [I;G;NA]$ be the 3×4 matrix formed by the coordinates of points I,G,NA , then we have

$$\det([M_1(:, 1), M_1(:, 2), M_1(:, 3)]) = 0 ,$$

$$\det([M_1(:, 1), M_1(:, 2), M_1(:, 4)]) = 0 ,$$

$$\det([M_1(:, 1), M_1(:, 3), M_1(:, 4)]) = 0 ,$$

$$\det([M_1(:, 2), M_1(:, 3), M_1(:, 4)]) = 0 ,$$

where for example $M_1(:, 1)$ is the first column of M_1 .

All these three lines have their analogue for an arbitrary triangle.

Furthermore, the following quadruples of points $\{G,Bd,BC,Bb\}$ and $\{SM,BD,Bc,BB\}$ are complanar respectively¹. This means

$$\det([G; Bd; BC; Bb]) = 0 , \text{ and}$$

$$\det([SM; BD; Bc; BB]) = 0 .$$

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