

**GEOMETRY ON THE PLANE (4)**  
**QUADRILATERALS INSCRIBED IN A CIRCLE**  
**&**  
**CIRCUMSCRIBED QUADRILATERALS**  
**VOCABULARY, PROPERTIES & EXERCISES**

1. QUADRILATERALS INSCRIBED IN A CIRCLE

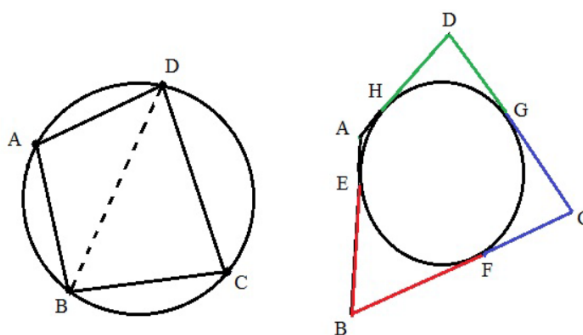
Regular geometric objects can be always imaged together with their inscribed or circumscribed circles. Another type of objects inscribed in a circle are the so - called **cyclic quadrilaterals**. **This means that the vertices are lying on the same circle.**

**Theorem 1** *The quadrilateral  $ABCD$  is a cyclic quadrilateral if and only if the sums of the opposite angles are equal.*

2. CIRCUMSCRIBED/TANGENTIAL QUADRILATERALS

A quadrilateral is called **tangential** if it has an inscribed circle which touches all the sides of the quadrilateral.

**Theorem 2** *A convex quadrilateral is tangential if and only if the sum of the opposite sides are equal.*



3. EXERCISES

**Exercise 1** *Draw a rhombus around a circle of area 100, so that the rhombus has an angle  $30^\circ$ . Calculate the area of the rhombus.*

**Exercise 2 [USAMO 1992]** *Let  $ABCD$  be a convex quadrilateral such that the diagonals  $AC$  and  $BD$  are perpendicular, and let  $P$  be their intersection. Prove that the reflections of  $P$  with respect to  $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $CD$ ,  $DA$  lie on a circle.*

**Exercise 3 [Bulgaria 1993]** *A parallelogram  $ABCD$  with an acute angle  $BAD$  is given. The bisector of  $\angle BAD$  intersects  $CD$  at point  $L$ , and the line  $BC$  at point  $K$ . Prove that the circumcenter of  $\triangle LCK$  lies on the circumcircle of  $\triangle BCD$ .*

**Exercise 4 (Ptolemy)** Let  $ABCD$  be a convex cyclic quadrilateral. Prove that

$$|AB| \cdot |CD| + |BC| \cdot |DA| = |AC| \cdot |BD|.$$

**Exercise 5 (Brahmagupta)**. Prove that if a cyclic quadrilateral has sides  $a, b, c, d$  and area  $K$ , then

$$K = \sqrt{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)(s-d)},$$

where  $s = \frac{a+b+c+d}{2}$  is the semiperimeter.

**Exercise 6 (Brahmagupta)** Let  $ABCD$  be a cyclic quadrilateral with perpendicular diagonals. Then the line through the intersection of the diagonals and the midpoint of any side is perpendicular to the opposite side.

**Exercise 7** Brahmagupta's formula implies that the area of a cyclic quadrilateral depends only on the lengths of the sides and not the order in which they occur. Can you demonstrate this fact by 'slicing and dicing'?

**Exercise 8** Use Ptolemy's theorem and the previous problem to give a formula for the lengths of the diagonals of a cyclic quadrilateral in terms of the lengths of the sides.

**Exercise 9** Let  $ABCD$  be a cyclic quadrilateral. Prove that the incenters of triangles  $ABC$ ,  $BCD$ ,  $CDA$ ,  $DAB$  form a rectangle.

**Exercise 10** With the same notation, prove that the sum of the inradii of  $ABC$  and  $CDA$  equals the sum of the inradii of  $BCD$  and  $DAB$ .

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