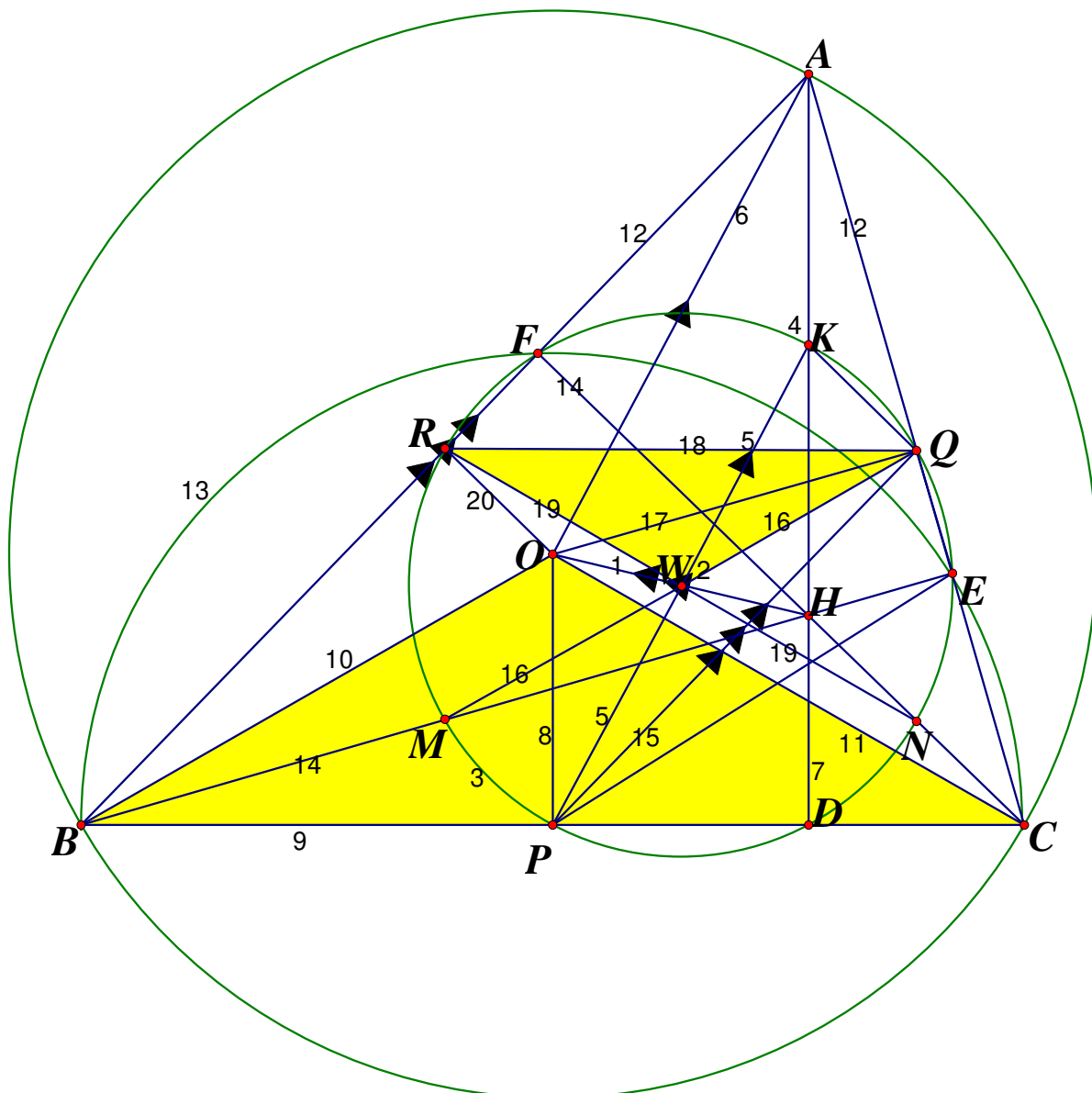


**Given a circle centre  $O$ , radius  $r$  and a point  $H$  inside the circle.  
To construct a triangle  $ABC$  on the circle and  $H$  as the orthocentre.**

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- (1) Join  $OH$ .
- (2) Locate the mid-point of  $OH$  as  $W$ .
- (3) Use  $W$  as centre, radius  $\frac{1}{2}r$  to draw a circle (nine-point circle).
- (4) Let  $K$  be any point on the nine-point circle.
- (5) Join  $KW$  and produce it to the other end  $P$  of the nine-point circle.
- (6) Draw a line segment through  $O$  and parallel to  $WK$  cutting the circumcircle at  $A$ .  
( $A, K$  lies on the same side of  $OH$ )

$\triangle WHK \sim \triangle OHA$  (S.A.S.)

$\angle WKH = \angle OAH$  (corr.  $\angle$ s,  $\sim \Delta$ s)

$KH \parallel AH$  (corr.  $\angle$ s eq.)

$A, K, H$  are collinear. (Playfair's axiom)

- (7) Join  $AH$  and produce  $AH$  to meet the nine-point circle at  $D$ .
- (8) Join  $OP$ .
- (9) Extend  $PD$  on both sides to cut the circumcircle at  $B$  and  $C$ .
- (10) Join  $OB$ .
- (11) Join  $OC$ .

$$\triangle WHK \cong \triangle WOP \text{ (S.A.S.)}$$

$$\angle WHK = \angle WOP \text{ (corr. } \angle\text{s, } \cong \Delta\text{s)}$$

$$AD \parallel OP \text{ (alt. } \angle\text{s eq.)}$$

$$\angle KDP = 90^\circ \text{ (}\angle \text{ in semi-circle)}$$

$$\angle OPD = 90^\circ \text{ (int. } \angle\text{s, } AD \parallel OP)$$

$$BP = PC \text{ (}\perp \text{ from centre bisect chord)}$$

$\therefore OP$  is the  $\perp$  bisector of  $BC$  and  $AD$  is an altitude of  $\triangle ABC$ .

(12) Join  $AB, AC$ .

(13) Use  $P$  as centre,  $PB = PC$  as radius to draw a semi-circle, cutting  $AB$  at  $F$  and  $AC$  at  $E$ .

(14) Join  $BE$  and  $CF$ .

$$\angle BEC = 90^\circ = \angle BFC \text{ (}\angle \text{ in semi-circle)}$$

$\therefore AD, BE$  and  $CF$  are the altitudes of  $\triangle ABC$  ..... (\*)

$\therefore$  The 3 altitudes are concurrent at  $H$

$\therefore B, H, E$  and  $C, H, F$  are collinear respectively.

(15) Through  $P$  draw a line segment parallel to  $BA$ , cutting  $AC$  at  $Q$ .

(16) Join  $QW$  and produce it to cut  $BH$  at  $M$ .

$\therefore BP = PC$  and  $BA \parallel PQ \therefore AQ = QC$  (intercept theorem)

$$PQ = \frac{1}{2} AB \text{ (mid-point theorem)}$$

$$\angle QPW = \angle BAO \text{ (corr. } \angle\text{s, } AB \parallel QP \text{ and } AO \parallel WP)$$

$$WP = \frac{1}{2} OA \text{ (by step (3))}$$

$$\triangle WPQ \sim \triangle OAB \text{ (S.A.S.)}$$

$$\therefore WQ = \frac{1}{2} OB = \frac{1}{2} r \text{ (ratio of sides, } \sim \Delta\text{s)}$$

$\Rightarrow Q$  lies on the nine-point circle.

$$\angle WQP = \angle OBA \text{ (corr. } \angle\text{s, } \triangle WQP \sim \triangle OBA)$$

$\therefore PQ \parallel BA \therefore BO \parallel MQ$  (alt.  $\angle\text{s eq.)} \dots\dots (**)$

$\therefore BM = MH$  (intercept theorem)

i.e.  $M$  is the mid-point of  $BH$ .

$$\text{Also, } MW = \frac{1}{2} OB = \frac{1}{2} r \text{ (mid-point theorem)}$$

$\therefore M$  lies on the nine-point circle.

(17) Join  $OQ$ .

$$MQ = \text{diameter of the nine-point circle} = OB \text{ (by step (3))}$$

$\therefore OBMQ$  is a  $\parallel$ -gram (opp. sides are eq. and  $\parallel$ )

$$OQ \parallel BE \text{ (property of } \parallel\text{-gram)}$$

$$\angle OQC = \angle BEC = 90^\circ \text{ (by (*), corr. } \angle\text{s, } OQ \parallel BE)$$

$\therefore AQ = QC$  ( $\perp$  from centre bisects chord)

$\Rightarrow OQ$  is the  $\perp$  bisector of  $AC$ .

(18) Through  $Q$  draw a line segment parallel to  $BC$ , cutting  $AB$  at  $R$ .

(19) Join  $RW$  and produce it to cut  $CF$  at  $N$ .

$\therefore AQ = QC$  and  $BC \parallel RQ \therefore AR = RB$  (intercept theorem)

$$RQ = \frac{1}{2} BC \text{ (mid-point theorem)}$$

$$\angle RQW = \angle OBC \text{ (alt. } \angle\text{s, } RQ \parallel BC \text{ and by (**), } BO \parallel WQ)$$

$$WQ = \frac{1}{2} OB \text{ (by step (3))}$$

$$\triangle WQR \sim \triangle OBC \text{ (S.A.S.)}$$

$$\therefore WR = \frac{1}{2} OC = \frac{1}{2} r \text{ (ratio of sides, } \sim \Delta s)$$

$\Rightarrow R$  lies on the nine-point circle.

$$\angle WRQ = \angle OCB \text{ (corr. } \angle s, \triangle WQR \sim \triangle OBC)$$

$$\therefore RQ \parallel BC \therefore OC \parallel RN \text{ (alt. } \angle s \text{ eq.)}$$

$$\therefore HN = NC \text{ (intercept theorem)}$$

i.e.  $N$  is the mid-point of  $CH$ .

$$\text{Also, } WN = \frac{1}{2} OC = \frac{1}{2} r \text{ (mid-point theorem)}$$

$\therefore N$  lies on the nine-point circle.

(20) Join  $OR$ .

$$RN = \text{diameter of the nine-point circle} = OC \text{ (by step (3))}$$

$$\therefore ORNC \text{ is a // -gram (opp. sides are eq. and //)}$$

$$OR \parallel CF \text{ (property of // -gram)}$$

$$\angle ORB = \angle CFB = 90^\circ \text{ (corr. } \angle s, OR \parallel CF)$$

$$\therefore AR = RB \text{ (} \perp \text{ from centre bisects chord)}$$

$\Rightarrow OR$  is the  $\perp$  bisector of  $AC$ .

Since  $K$  is arbitrary, there are infinite many different triangles satisfying the given conditions.