

The Nagel, Gergonne, and Feuerbach points and their properties

2. Main problems

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14. A_0B_0, C_0I, CC'' are concurrent.

Suppose P be an arbitrary point not lying on the sidelines of ABC . Then lines symmetric to AP, BP, CP in bisectors of angles A, B, C , respectively, have a common point (perhaps a point at infinity). This point is called *isogonally conjugate* to P with respect to ABC .

Further notation. Let $I_1, I_{A_1}, I_{B_1}, I_{C_1}, H_1$ be isotomically conjugates to I, I_A, I_B, I_C, H , respectively; let G_2, N_2 be isogonally conjugates to G, N , respectively. Similarly define $G_{A_2}, N_{A_2}, G_{B_2}, N_{B_2}, G_{C_2}, N_{C_2}$. Let L' be the Lemoine point of $\triangle A'B'C'$.

15. N_2 and G_2 are centers of homotheties taking the incircle of ABC to the circumcircle of ABC .

16. H_1, I_1, N, G are collinear and form a harmonic quadruple.

16'. Same for quadruples H_1, I_{A_1}, N_A, G_A , etc.

17. $I_{A_1}I_1, NN_A, BC$ are concurrent.

17'. $I_{B_1}I_{C_1}, N_BN_C, BC$ are concurrent.

18. $I_{A_1}I_1, NN_A, BC, GG_A$ are concurrent.

18'. $I_{B_1}I_{C_1}, N_BN_C, BC, G_BG_C$ are concurrent.

19. $NG, N_AG_A, N_BG_B, N_CG_C$ meet at L' .

Corollary: Triangles $N_A N_B N_C$ and $G_A G_B G_C$ are perspective with perspector L' .

20. Lines IL and NG are parallel.

20'. $N_A G_A \parallel I_A L, N_B G_B \parallel I_B L, N_C G_C \parallel I_C L$.

Let XYZ and $X_1 Y_1 Z_1$ be perspective triangles. By Desargue theorem, $XY \cap$

X_1Y_1 , $XZ \cap X_1Z_1$, $ZY \cap Z_1Y_1$ lie on a line called *the perspective axis* of given triangles.

21. The perspective axis of $N_A N_B N_C$ and ABC coincides with the perspective axis of $G_A G_B G_C$ and ABC . This axis is perpendicular to IG .

(*Sondat theorem*). Suppose triangles XYZ and $X_1Y_1Z_1$ are perspective and orthologic simultaneously. Then two centers of orthology and the perspector lie on a line одновременно и перспективны и ортогологичны, то два центра ортогологичности и центр перспективы этих треугольников лежат на одной прямой, перпендикулярной оси перспективы $\triangle XYZ$ и $\triangle X_1Y_1Z_1$

22. I is the orthology center of triangles $N_A N_B N_C$ and ABC .

23. Solve the problem 20 using problems 21 and 22 (and perhaps some of previous).

3. Additional problems

Let U be an arbitrary point not lying on XY , YZ , ZX . The perspective axis of triangle XYZ and the cevian triangle of U is called *the trilinear polar line* of U with respect to $\triangle XYZ$.

24. The trilinear polar line of G is perpendicular to IG .

25. Let U be a point of the circumcircle of $\triangle XYZ$, $U \neq X, U \neq Y, U \neq Z$. Suppose L_0 is the Lemoine point of triangle $\triangle XYZ$. Then the trilinear polar line of U with respect to $\triangle XYZ$ passes through L_0 .

26. Given a triangle XYZ and a point Q not lying on the sidelines of XYZ . Suppose that $XQ \cap YZ = X_1; YQ \cap XZ = Y_1; ZQ \cap YX = Z_1; Y_1Z_1 \cap YZ = X_2$; then Y, Z, X_1, X_2 is a harmonic quadruple.

27. Let U and V be points not lying on XY , XZ , YZ . Let U' and V' be its isogonally (or isotomically) conjugates with respect to $\triangle XYZ$. If V lies on the trilinear polar line of U' , then U lies on the trilinear polar line of V' .

28. Perspective axis of $N_A N_B N_C$ and ABC , or $G_A G_B G_C$ and ABC , is the trilinear polar line of I_1 with respect to ABC .

29. The trilinear polar lines of I_1 and G with respect to ABC are parallel.

30. Solve the problem 20 using problems 24-28 (and perhaps some other previous problems) WITHOUT applying Sondat theorem.

31. If P lies on the trilinear polar line of G , then the trilinear polar line of P touches the incircle.

The Feuerbach theorem. The nine-point circle of triangle ABC touches its incircle and excircles. The touching points F, F_A, F_B, F_C are called *the Feuerbach points*.

31'. Suppose P is the point at infinity of the trilinear polar line of G ; then the trilinear polar line of P touches the incircle at F .

32. The reflections of F in the sidelines of $\triangle A_0B_0C_0$ lies on OI .

33. A_A, B_B, C_C , and F are concyclic.

34. Formulate analogues of problems 31', 32, 33 for points F_A, F_B, F_C .