

More Circles centred on the Brocard Axis

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Abstract: Circles through B and C and the Brocard points lead to two circles centred on the Brocard axis and several concurrences.

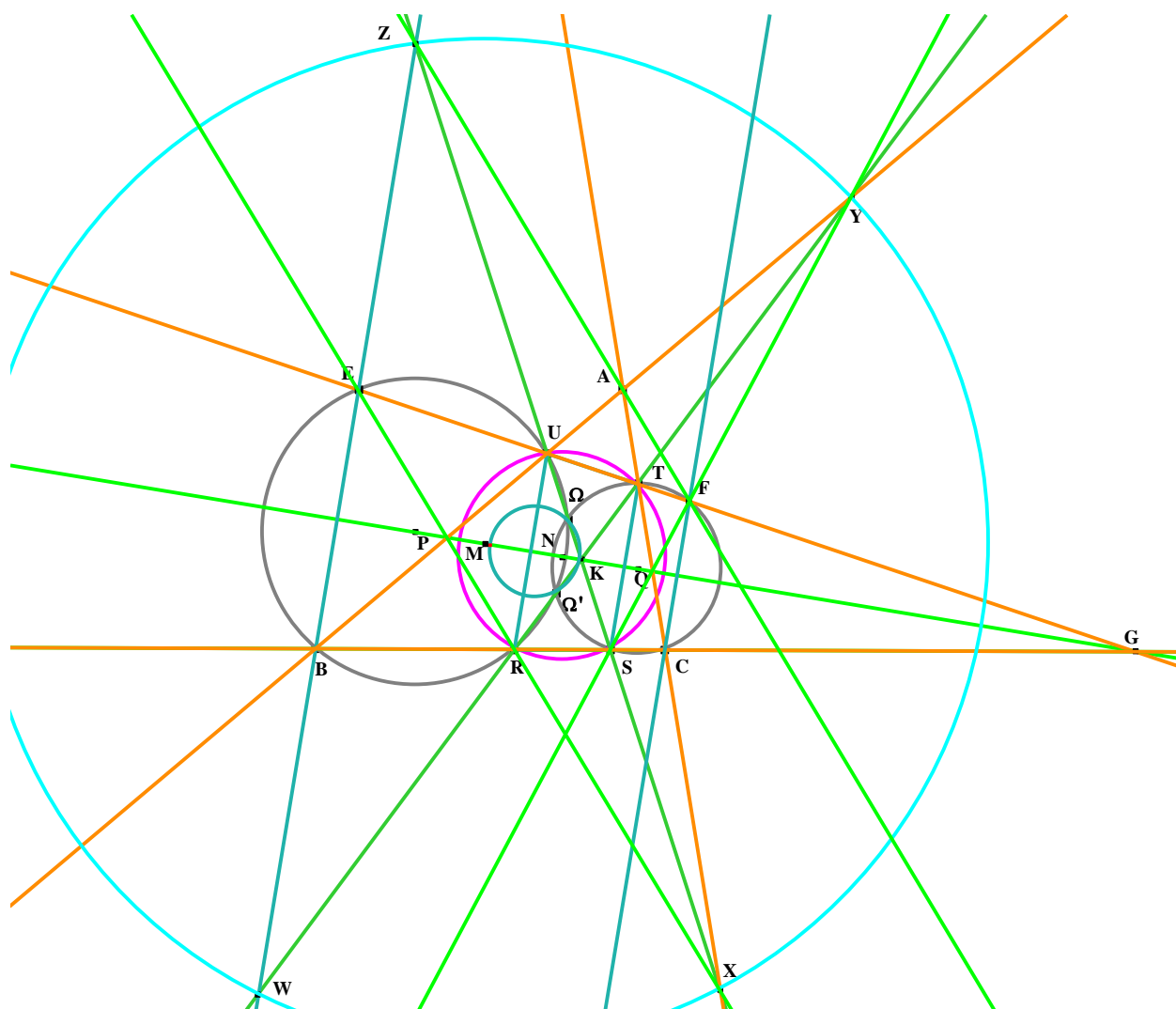


Fig.1
Circles centred on the Brocard axis

Detailed description

What is described now has been verified using areal co-ordinates with ABC as triangle of reference. We use the notation for the Brocard points $\Omega(1/b^2, 1/c^2, 1/a^2)$ and $\Omega'(1/c^2, 1/a^2, 1/b^2)$.

First circles $B\Omega\Omega'$ and $C\Omega\Omega'$ are drawn. $B\Omega\Omega'$ meets BC at R and AB at U . $C\Omega\Omega'$ meets BC at S and CA at T . It then transpires that points R, S, T, U are concyclic. The line TU is now drawn and it meets $B\Omega\Omega'$ at E , $C\Omega\Omega'$ at F and BC at G .

It may now be proved that the four lines BE, RU, ST, CF are parallel.

The diagonals of $RSTU$ are now drawn and it turns out that US passes through Ω and the symmedian point K and that RT passes through Ω' and K .

Points W, X, Y, Z are now obtained with $W = BE \wedge RT$, $X = ER \wedge US \wedge CT$, $Y = AB \wedge TR \wedge FS$ and $Z = BE \wedge US \wedge AF$. It then turns out that W, X, Y, Z are concyclic.

Finally the four circles $B\Omega\Omega'$, $C\Omega\Omega'$, $RSTU$ and $WXYZ$ may be shown to have centres on the Brocard axis OK , where O is the circumcentre of ABC .

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