

Six Conics Theorem

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Abstract. We study a generalization of the Miquel six circles theorem and the Bundle theorem. We call the new theorem the Six Conics Theorem.

First, we refer to two famous theorems which are the Miquel six circle theorem and the Bundle theorem as follows:

Theorem 1 (Miquel [1]). *If five circles share four triple-points of intersection then the remaining four points of intersection lie on a sixth circle.*

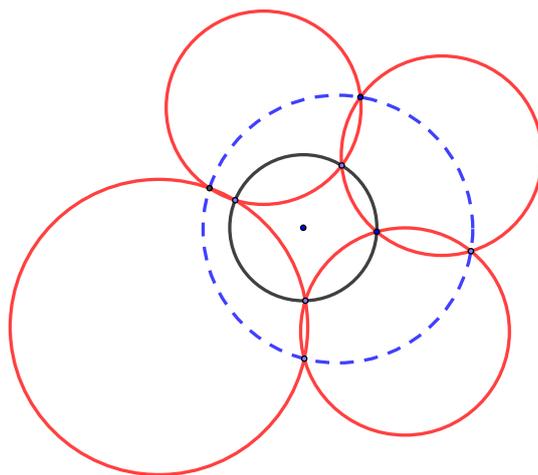


FIGURE 1.

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Theorem 2 (Bundle-[2]). *Given different points $A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4, B_1, B_2, B_3, B_4$. If five of the six quadruples $Q_{ij} := \{A_i, B_i, A_j, B_j\}$, $i < j$, are concyclic (contained in a cycle) on at least four cycles c_{ij} , then the 6th quadruple is concyclic, too.*

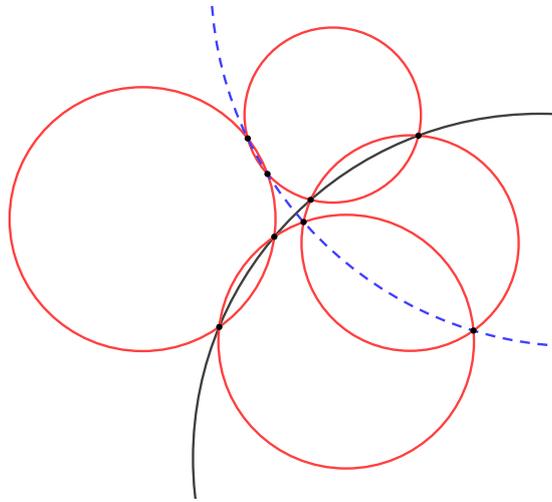


FIGURE 2.

Theorem 3 (Six Conics Theorem). *Let 16 points A_i, B_i for $i = 1, \dots, 8$ be on the plane so that*

- *Eight points A_i for $i = 1, \dots, 8$ lie on a conic.*
- *Eight points A_i, B_i for $i = 1, 2, 7, 8$ lie on conic.*
- *Eight points A_i, B_i for $i = 1, 4, 5, 8$ lie on conic.*
- *Eight points A_i, B_i for $i = 4, 5, 3, 6$ lie on conic.*
- *Eight points A_i, B_i for $i = 2, 3, 6, 7$ lie on conic.*

Then eight points B_i $i = 1, \dots, 8$ lie on a conic.

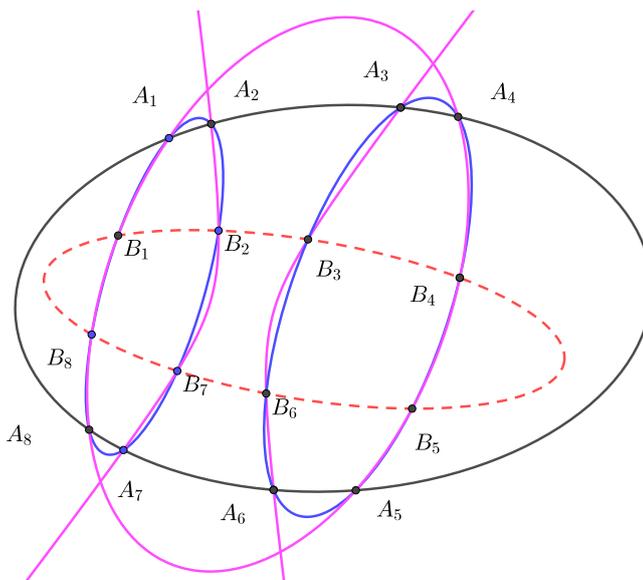


FIGURE 3.

We use a theorem as follows to prove the theorem above:

Theorem 4 ([3]). *Given a curve (K) of degree m and three curves (C_i) of degree n , for $i = 1, 2, 3$. Let (C_1) meets (K) at mn points. Let (C_2) meets (K) at mn points. Let (C_3) meet (K) at mn points.*

Let (C_1) , (C_2) and (K) have d common points. Let points $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_{mn-d}$ lie on (C_1) and (K) but do not lie on (C_2) .

Let (C_2) , (C_3) and (K) have $mn - d$ common points. Let points $Q_1, Q_2, Q_3, \dots, Q_d$ lie on (C_3) and (K) but don't lie on (C_2) .

Then the mn points $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_{mn-d}, Q_1, Q_2, Q_3, \dots, Q_d$ lie on a curve of degree n , where $mn - d < \frac{n^2+3n}{2}$ and $d < \frac{n^2+3n}{2}$.

The first figure 1, make with $m = 3$, $n = 2$ and $d = 2$, $mn - d = 4$

Theorem 4 is a problem posed by us at Mathoverflow forum. A proof by Alex Degtyarev, you can see in [3].

Another application of Theorem 4 with many votes in [4].

Note that Mathoverflow is high Math forum, with Euclidean Geometry problem posted at there with 14 votes. So the application [4] is nice question. But we think Theorem 3 is nice than the problem [4].

Theorem 3 has more signification and is symmetric and is a high version Miquel Six Circles Theorem and Bundle theorem. Therefore we consider Theorem 3 as a problem which is proposed to AMM.

Back to proof of Theorem 1.

First we namely four five conics as follows:

Eight points A_i, B_i for $i = 1, 4, 5, 8$ lie on conic (C_1)

Eight points A_i for $i = 1, \dots, 8$ lie on a conic (C_2) .

Eight points A_i, B_i for $i = 2, 3, 6, 7$ lie on conic (C_3)

Eight points A_i, B_i for $i = 1, 2, 7, 8$ lie on conic (C_4)

Eight points A_i, B_i for $i = 4, 5, 3, 6$ lie on conic (C_5)

We consider two conics (C_4) and (C_5) are quartic (K) degree 4; Application of Theorem 2 with $m = 4$, $n = 2$, $d = 2$, $mn - d = 4$.

(K) meets (C_1) at eight points A_i, B_i for $i = 1, 4, 5, 8$ (K) meets (C_2) at eight points A_i for $i = 1, \dots, 8$ (K) meets (C_3) at eight points A_i, B_i for $i = 2, 3, 6, 7$ (K) , (C_1) and (C_2) have four common points A_1, A_4, A_5, A_8 . Four points B_1, B_4, B_5, B_8 lie on (C_1) and (K) but don't lie on (C_2) .

(K) , (C_2) and (C_3) have four common points A_2, A_3, A_6, A_7 .

Four points B_2, B_3, B_6, B_7 lie on (C_3) and (K) but do not lie on (C_2) .

Therefore eight points $B_1, B_4, B_5, B_8, B_2, B_3, B_6, B_7$ lie on a curve degree 2 which is a conic named the 6th conic. So we call theorem 1 being The six Conic Theorem.

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