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Catalog of Properties of the First Isodynamic Point of a Triangle

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Abstract. The first isodynamic point of a triangle is one of many notable points associated with a triangle. It is named X(15) in the Encyclopedia of Triangle Centers. This paper surveys known results about this point and gives additional properties that were discovered by computer.

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INTRODUCTION

The first isodynamic point of a triangle is one of many notable points associated with a triangle. It is the point with trilinear coordinates

$$\left(\sin(A+\frac{\pi}{3}):\sin(B+\frac{\pi}{3}):\sin(C+\frac{\pi}{3})\right)$$

with respect to the triangle. It is named X_{15} in the Encyclopedia of Triangle Centers [37].

Geometrical definition. The interior and exterior angle bisectors of angle A of $\triangle ABC$ intersects side BC of the triangle (or its extension) in two points, A_1 and A_2 . The circle with diameter A_1A_2 is called the A-Apollonius circle and is named C_A . Circles C_B and C_C are defined similarly. The points in which the three Apollonius circles intersect are the isodynamic points of the triangle. The one inside $\odot ABC$ is the 1st isodynamic point and is named S. The other point of intersection is the 2nd isodynamic point and is named S'.



Scope of this catalog. The mathematical literature is vast. We do not attempt to catalog every property involving the 1st isodynamic point that appears somewhere in print or on the internet. We do try to catalog any property that is simple or elegant or that can be obtained from the configuration associated with one of our top-level classifications (Triangle plus S, Triangle with S and other points, Triangle plus lines through S, Quadrilateral plus S, etc.) by applying at most one common geometrical construction (drop a perpendicular, draw an angle bisector, construct a centroid, etc.) When analyzing triangle centers, we only look at the common ones, X_1 through X_{20} .

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A solid line or circle through multiple points means that it is given that these points lie on the same line or circle. A dashed line or circle through multiple points means that the conclusion of the theorem or result is that these points lie on the same line or circle.



Angles that are given to be equal are marked with the same filled circle. Angles that are concluded to be equal are shaded with the same color.



Two perpendicular brown lines at the point of intersection of two circles means that we can conclude that the circles are orthogonal (have perpendicular tangents at that point).



If the title of a section or subsection describes a feature of a figure, then we do not repeat this description if it is obvious from the figure. For example, in a subsection entitled "equilateral triangles", a triangle highlighted in yellow that looks equilateral can be assumed to be an equilateral triangle.

A right-angle marker is used to indicate two lines that are given to be perpendicular. All angles are directed angles. The 1st isodynamic point of $\triangle ABC$ is always colored green. Given information that is not obvious from the associated figure is shown in brown text directly beneath the figure.

Parts of a triangle. In order to help with the classification process, we give names for various line segments associated with a triangle. A line segment from a vertex of a triangle to a non-vertex point on the opposite side is called a *cevian*. A line segment joining points on two sides of the triangle is called a *chord*. A chord parallel to a side of the triangle is called a *parachord*. If the endpoints of a chord joining points on two sides of a triangle forms a cyclic quadrilateral with the endpoints of the third side, the chord is called an *antiparallel*.



If P is a point inside a triangle, the line segment from P to a vertex is called a *spoke*. The line segment from P to the foot of the perpendicular from P to a side of the triangle is called an *apothem*. A line segment from P parallel to a side of the triangle ending on another side of the triangle is called a *pararadius*. A line segment from P to a side of the triangle that forms an angle of n° with that side is called an n° -incline.



If P is a point inside a triangle, the line segment from a vertex passing through P and extending to the circumcircle of $\triangle ABC$ is called a *circumcevian*. The line segment from a vertex passing through P and extending to the circumcircle of $\triangle BPC$ is called a *circlecevian*. The endpoint of a cevian through P (other than a vertex) is called a *trace* and the line segment along a side from that trace to a vertex of the triangle is called a *trace segment*. The line segment from the midpoint of the side of a triangle extending outward to the furthest point on the circumcircle is called a *sagitta*.



Discoveries. An asterisk after a property number indicates that the property was discovered by computer, either by using GeometricExplorer, Mathematica, or Geometer's Sketchpad. If a reference is given, this means that the result was posted to an online forum in the hope that some forum member might find a geometrical proof of the property.

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Notation.

Notation used when describing properties		
Notation	Description	
$\triangle XYZ$	Triangle XYZ	
a, b, c	The lengths of the sides of $\triangle ABC$	
s	(a+b+c)/2	
$\odot XYZ$	The circle through points X, Y , and Z	
H	The orthocenter of $\triangle ABC$	
K	The symmetrian point of $\triangle ABC$	
K	When used in an expression, K denotes the area of $\triangle ABC$.	
Ι	The incenter of $\triangle ABC$	
M	The centroid of $\triangle ABC$	
0	The circumcenter of $\triangle ABC$	
r	The inradius of $\triangle ABC$	
R	The circumradius of $\triangle ABC$	
R(XYZ)	The circumradius of $\triangle XYZ$	
S	The 1st isodynamic point of $\triangle ABC$	
S(XYZ)	The 1st isodynamic point of $\triangle XYZ$	
S' or T	The 2nd isodynamic point of $\triangle ABC$	
Ω	The 1st Brocard point of $\triangle ABC$	
Ω'	The 2nd Brocard point of $\triangle ABC$	
[F]	The area of figure F	
ϕ	The golden ratio, $(1 + \sqrt{5})/2$	
X - Y - Z	The points X, Y , and Z colline (i.e. are collinear).	
$\angle XYZ$	Directed angle XYZ. This is the angle through which ray \overrightarrow{YX}	
	must be rotated counterclockwise in order to coincide with ray \overline{YZ} .	
X_n	The nth Kimberling center of $\triangle ABC$ (see [36])	
$X_n(XYZ)$	The nth Kimberling center of $\triangle XYZ$	

Key to the property listings.



If present, bulleted text gives notes associated with this figure.

Since there are three shaded triangles, this means that the 1st isodynamic points of these triangles will be named S_a , S_b , and S_c [or S_1 , S_2 , and S_3]. The 2nd isodynamic points will be named T_a , T_b , and T_c .

1st Isodynamic Point S



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Property 1.4.1.*



▶ A is the 2nd isodynamic point of $\triangle BCS$.

2. Triangle plus *S* and constructions

2.1 angle bisectors

Property 2.1.1.*



 $\blacktriangleright \ \angle BSE = \angle ESC$

Property 2.1.2.



 $\blacktriangleright \ \angle SCE = \angle ECB$

Property 2.1.3.*





F B E

• Circle with diameter EF passes through S.

Property 2.2.1.

Property 2.1.4.



θ = 60°
In other words, the circles meet at an angle of 60°.

Property 2.2.2.



 $\blacktriangleright \theta = 60^{\circ}.$

• This is a special case of Property 2.2.3.

Property 2.2.3.



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Property 2.2.7.

Property 2.2.4.



D is any point on AS.

- $\blacktriangleright \triangle DEF$ is equilateral.
- ▶ B, E, F, C are concyclic.

Property 2.2.5.*





▶ Common chord of $\odot ABC$ and $\odot PST$ passes through K.



P is any point

▶ $\odot ABC$ and $\odot PST$ are orthogonal.

 $\bullet~$ In particular, the Parry circle is orthogonal to the circumcircle.



P is any point

- ▶ Circle with diameter KO is orthogonal to $\odot PST$.
- In particular, the Parry circle is orthogonal to the Brocard circle.

Property 2.2.8. (1st Isodynamic-Dao Triangle) [38]



 \blacktriangleright *DEF* is an equilateral triangle.

2.3 Euler lines

Property 2.3.1.

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▶ The Euler lines of the three colored triangles concur.

• A computer analysis found that the point of intersection is X_{61} . The three Euler lines will still concur if S is replaced by any point on the circumcircle or on the Neuberg cubic. See [85].

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С

0*C*

0 **C**

Ε

BC.

Т

S

BC



 $\blacktriangleright \ \angle SA'A = \angle SAC$ • The property is true if S is replaced by any point on the $C\mbox{-}{\rm Apollonian}$ circle.

A'

A' is the reflection of A about BC



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С

°*c*

с,





- $\blacktriangleright A P Q.$
- $\blacktriangleright \angle PAC = 30^{\circ}.$

Property 3.4.4.*



 $\blacktriangleright A - S - M.$

Property 3.4.5.*



- ▶ $\bigcirc CAT$ and $\bigcirc ABS$ are tangent.
- ▶ $\bigcirc CAT$ and $\bigcirc BSC$ are tangent.

Property 3.4.6.*



- ▶ $\odot TAB$ and $\odot ASC$ are tangent.
- $\blacktriangleright \odot TAB$ and $\odot BSC$ are tangent.

Property 3.4.7.*

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▶ BS bisects $\angle CBA$.



▶ Using directed angles,

 $\sin \alpha + \sin \beta + \sin \gamma = 0.$

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Property 4.2.4.*



- D is the orthocenter of $\triangle BCS$.
- $\blacktriangleright \ \angle BEC = 60^\circ$

Property 4.2.5.*



$$H_a = X_4(BCS)$$

 $\blacktriangleright \ \angle CBS = \angle SH_aC$

Property 4.2.6.*



$$D = X_{14}(BCS)$$

 $\blacktriangleright \ \angle BCD = \angle ACS$

Property 4.2.7.*



$$\blacktriangleright AB \cdot SD = AS \cdot BD$$

Property 4.2.8.*



▶ B - I - S
• This result follows from Property 3.5.2.

Property 4.2.9.*



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▶ $SI < \frac{1}{4}R$.

• The smallest k such that SI < kR is $k \approx 0.2370406267$, where k is the positive root of $4x^6 + 36x^5 + 120x^4 + 288x^3 + 513x^2 - 72x - 16$.

Property 4.2.10. (Isogonal Conjugate) [84]



 $\blacktriangleright \angle BAX_{13} = \angle SAC$

• In other words, the isogonal conjugate of X_{15} is X_{13} . See [35, p. 296]. The isotomic conjugate of X_{15} is X_{300} . See [37].

Property 4.3.6.*



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[25]



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[21]

[37]

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 $\blacktriangleright X_4 - X_{17} - X_{15}$





 $\blacktriangleright X_2 - X_{15} - X_{14}$

Property 4.5.4.



► $X_{13}X_{15}||X_2X_3|$

• In other words, $X_{13}X_{15}$ is parallel to the Euler line of $\triangle ABC$.

Property 4.5.5.*



 $\blacktriangleright \ \angle X_{14}AX_{14} = \angle AX_{14}X_{15}$



[84]



 $\blacktriangleright X_3 - X_{15} - X_6 - X_{16}$

• A few other named points that lie on the Brocard Axis are the 3rd power point, the Brocard midpoint, the Kenmotu point, and the Taylor center. See [82].





►
$$z(x+y+z) = R^2$$

► $\frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{x+y+z} = \frac{2}{y+z}$

$$\blacktriangleright \frac{-}{x} + \frac{-}{x+y+z} = \frac{-}{x+y}$$

$$(x+y)(y+z) = 2xz$$

• See also [26, p. 103] and [21].

Property 4.6.4.



- ► SS' is the perpendicular bisector of $\Omega\Omega'$.
- The point of intersection of the two lines is X_{39} , the Brocard midpoint.

Property 4.6.5.*



 $\blacktriangleright \ O\Omega \cdot S\Omega = OS \cdot \Omega\Omega'$

Property 4.6.6.



▶ KM bisects SX_{13}



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Property 4.7.2.*



Property 4.7.3. (Evans Conic)



- $X_{13}, X_{14}, X_{15}, X_{16}, X_{17}, X_{18}$ lie on a conic.
- See also [83].



▶ $X_2, X_4, X_6, X_{13}, X_{15}, X_{18}$ lie on a conic.

Property 4.7.5. (Neuberg Cubic) [85]



▶ The following ten points lie on a cubic curve: X_1 , $X_3, X_4, X_{13}, X_{14}, X_{15}, X_{16}, I_a, I_b, I_c$, where I_a is the A-excenter of $\triangle ABC$.

• A few other points that lie on the Neuberg cubic are the reflections of the vertices of the triangle about their opposite sides and the six vertices of equilateral triangles erected on the sides of $\triangle ABC$. See [27].



Property 5.2.1. (Trilinear Coordinates) [86]







- ► $\triangle PQR$ is an equilateral triangle. ► $[PQR] = \frac{2K^2\sqrt{3}}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 4K\sqrt{3}}$
- The center of the equilateral triangle is the midpoint of SX_{13} . See [43] for the area formula.

[10]

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Property 5.3.1.* (Cevian Length)



►
$$AE = \frac{4\sqrt{2}bcK\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 4K\sqrt{3}}}{(b^2 + c^2)(4K + a^2\sqrt{3}) - \sqrt{3}(b^2 - c^2)^2}$$

Property 5.3.2.



- $\blacktriangleright \triangle XYZ$ is equilateral.
- See also [3].

5.4 circlecevians

Property 5.4.1.*



 $\blacktriangleright \angle EBA = \angle ACE = 120^{\circ}.$

Property 5.4.2.



 $\blacktriangleright A - S - S_a$

5.5 circumcevians Property 5.5.1.*

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 $\blacktriangleright \angle EBS = \angle SCE = 60^{\circ}.$

Property 5.5.2.

[35, p. 296]



• $\triangle PQR$ is an equilateral triangle.



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Property 5.5.3.

[5]



L_a is the Simson line of P_a .

• L_a, L_b, L_c bound an equilateral triangle.

• The center of the triangle is the nine-point center of $\triangle ABC$.

Property 5.5.4.

[80, Thm. 8.1.1]



- ▶ AS_a , BS_b , CS_c concur.
- ▶ P_aS_a , P_bS_b , P_cS_c concur.



Property 5.6.1.*



- $\blacktriangleright \angle DSA = \angle CBS.$
- This follows from Property 1.3.1.



 $\blacktriangleright \triangle DEF$ is equilateral.

5.7 parachords

[62]

[72]





Property 5.7.2.*



 P_a is the 2nd Napoleon point of $\triangle ASF$.

▶ DP_b , EP_c , and FP_a are concurrent.

Property 5.7.3.*

[58]



- $\blacktriangleright \Delta T_a T_b T_c$ is equilateral.
- The center of the equilateral triangle is X_{39555} .

[78]

[61]

[70]

Property 5.7.4.*



 $\blacktriangleright T_c - T_a - T_b.$

Property 5.7.5.*



 $\blacktriangleright \triangle S_a S_b S_c$ is equilateral.



Property 5.8.1.*



▶ AS_c , CS_a , and SS_b are concurrent.

Property 5.8.2.* [71]



 P_a is the incenter of $\triangle SBC$.

- ▶ AP_a , BP_b , and CP_c are concurrent.
- The result remains true if P_a is replaced by
- $X_n(SBC)$, for n = 2, 3, 6, 13, 15, 31, 32, 36, 39, or 50.



triangle)



- $\blacktriangleright \triangle S_a S_b S_c$ is equilateral.
- Result is also true when using S' instead of S. •
- See also [2]. •

Property 6.1.3.





 $\blacktriangleright \triangle S_a S_b S_c$ is equilateral.

6.2 formed by I

Property 6.2.1.





 $\blacktriangleright \triangle S_d S_e S_f$ is equilateral.

Property 6.2.2.* [54]



 \blacktriangleright B, C, S_b, S_c, T_b, T_c, I, I_a concyclic

6.3 formed by K[2]Property 6.3.1. С В $\blacktriangleright \triangle S_a S_b S_c$ is equilateral. Property 6.3.2. [32])*C* В $S^* = S(S_a, S_b, S_c)$ $\blacktriangleright K - S^* - S.$ • $S^* = X_{61}$. Property 6.3.3. [1]P₆ S₆ ⁵Р5 *S*₄ P_4 $K = K(P_1, P_3, P_5)$ $S_i = S(P_{i-1}P_iP_{i+1})$

- ▶ S_1 , S_2 , S_3 , S_4 , S_5 , S_6 are concyclic.
- ▶ P_1P_4, P_2P_5, P_3P_6 concur.
- Result is also true using S'.





Property 6.8.1.



- ▶ $S_a S_b S_c$ form an equilateral triangle.
- Result is also true using S'.

6.9 formed by six cevians





- ▶ $S_a S_b S_c$ is an equilateral triangle.
- ▶ Vertices of green angles lie on an ellipse.
- Result is also true using S'.

6.10 formed by a Tucker Hexagon

Property 6.10.1. (Tucker Hexagon)



 $\blacktriangleright \triangle S_a S_b S_c$ is equilateral.

• The result is true if S is replaced by S'. The two equilateral triangles are congruent.









 $\blacktriangleright \angle SBD + \angle DCS = 60^{\circ}$

Property 7.1.3.*



Property 7.1.4.*



► A, S, C, T concyclic

[2]

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Property 7.1.5.*



 $\blacktriangleright S - E - T$

Property 7.1.6.



 $S_a = S(BCD)$

 \blacktriangleright S_a, S_b, S_c, S_d are concyclic.

7.2 square

Property 7.2.1.*



▶ Yellow incircles are congruent.



 S_2 is the 1st isodynamic point of $\triangle ACD$.

▶ Yellow incircles are congruent.

7.3 trilateral trapezoid

Property 7.3.1.*



$$\blacktriangleright [ADC] = \frac{7}{4}[BAS]$$
$$\blacktriangleright [CDS] = 2[BCS]$$

$$[ODS] = 2[BOS]$$
$$[ACS] = 3[BDS]$$

 $\bullet [ACS] = 3[BDS]$ $\bullet [ABC] = 7[BDS]$



8.1 regular pentagon

Property 8.1.1.

[41]



► $CS/BS = \phi$ ► $SD/CS = \sqrt{2}$ [41]





 S_2

 A_4

 S_4

 $P_i = S(PA_iA_{i+1})$

A₃ʻ

 $\blacktriangleright \ \triangle S_1 S_3 S_5 \sim \triangle S_4 S_6 S_2$

 S_3

S₆

°A₅

A₆



Other Properties

Other properties of the first isodynamic point (discovered by computer) were found by Dekov [21]. A typical result is: the first isodynamic point is the isogonal conjugate of the inner Fermat point of the anticevian triangle of the outer Fermat point.

Many properties of the first isodynamic point can be found in [37]. A typical result is: X_{15} is the isogonal conjugate of the isotomic conjugate of X_{298} . Also, lists are given for many of the lines, circles, conics, and cubics that X_{15} lies on.

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