

FIGURE 5.

2. *Antiparallel to sides.*

(a) Let O and O' be two points, and let the intercepts cut off be by lines drawn antiparallel to the sides.

$\triangle ODE$ is isosceles.

$$\therefore \frac{a}{2x} = \cot ODE = \cot A.$$

$$\therefore a = 2x \cot A, \quad \beta = 2y \cot B, \quad \text{etc.}$$

$$a' = 2x' \cot A, \quad \text{etc.}$$

$$\therefore ax' = 2xx' \cot A = a'x \quad \text{or} \quad \triangle O'DE = \triangle OD'E',$$

$$\beta y' = 2yy' \cot B = \beta'y \quad \text{or} \quad \triangle O'FG = \triangle OF'G',$$

$$\gamma z' = 2zz' \cot C = \gamma'z \quad \text{or} \quad \triangle O'HI = \triangle OH'I';$$

and the six triangles will be equal if the conditions

$$xx' \cot A = yy' \cot B = zz' \cot C \quad \text{are fulfilled,}$$

$$\text{or if } xx' : yy' : zz' :: \tan A : \tan B : \tan C.$$

In analogy to parallels and antiparallels such a pair of points might be called antireciprocal points.

$$\text{Now if O be the orthocentre } x : y : z :: \frac{1}{\cos A} : \frac{1}{\cos B} : \frac{1}{\cos C},$$

and if O' be the symmedian point $x' : y' : z' :: \sin A : \sin B : \sin C$.

Hence for these two points the six triangles are equal.

(b) The intercepts made on the sides by lines drawn antiparallel to the sides will be equal, if the point through which they are drawn has its perpendiculars on the sides in the ratio

$$\tan A : \tan B : \tan C.$$

$$\text{If } a = \beta = \gamma, \text{ then } x \cot A = y \cot B = z \cot C,$$

$$\therefore x : y : z = \frac{1}{\cot A} : \frac{1}{\cot B} : \frac{1}{\cot C} \\ = \tan A : \tan B : \tan C.$$

Hence such a point might be called antireciprocal point to the incentre.

On an instrument for trisecting any angle.*

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