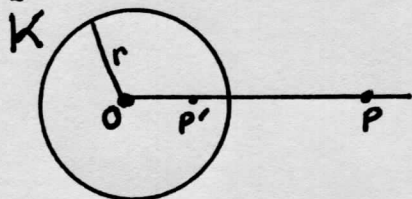


Inversion in a Circle

Inversion of a pt wrt a circle (or 'reflection' thru a circle) does not preserve Euclidean distance. [It does preserve angles, although their sense is reversed] We shall see this later.



a pt P outside circle $K(O, r)$ has an inverse P' inside K , and P' has inverse P . These points lie on a radial line and are connected by the relation $|OP| \cdot |OP'| = r^2$

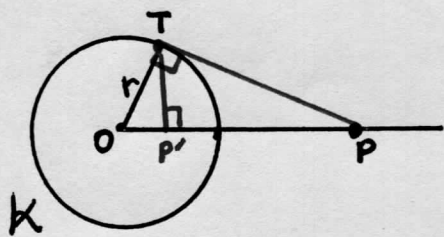
The prototype is $x \mapsto \frac{1}{x}$ on \mathbb{R} . The 'circle' is $(-1, 1)$ here.

To generalize to $(-r, r)$ take $x \mapsto r^2(\frac{1}{x})$. Then $xx' = x(\frac{r^2}{x}) = r^2$

Or think of \mathbb{R}^2 : Given radial vector \hat{u} , $\vec{p} = \alpha \hat{u}$ and thus $\vec{p}' = \beta \hat{u}$
What is β ? $\|\vec{p}\| \|\vec{p}'\| = r^2 \Rightarrow \alpha \beta = r^2 \Rightarrow \beta = \frac{r^2}{\alpha}$

▷ Construct inverse of P by Euclidean geometric techniques:

PH86
Jacobs



Given O and P and circle K

① Construct tangent line \overline{PT} to K as per sheet (32). Line meets K at pt T. Then $OT \perp PT$ by Thm 67 and 68 sheet 32

② Drop a line down from T that is perp \perp to \overline{OP} [Thru a pt not on a line $\exists!$ perp to line] where this line meets \overline{OP} is the pt P' that we seek.

③ How do we know $|OP| \cdot |OP'| = r^2$?

\triangle_{OTP} is a right \triangle with hypot \overline{OP} . $\overline{P'T}$ is altitude to hypot.

Each leg is geo mean between hypot and o.b. proj of leg onto hypot.



[Altitude wrt hypot
Thm 6 sheet (29)
COR 2]

$$\Rightarrow \frac{|OP|}{|OT|} = \frac{|OT|}{|OP'|}$$

But $|OT| = r \Rightarrow \frac{|OP|}{r} = \frac{r}{|OP'|} \Rightarrow |OP| |OP'| = r^2$

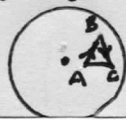
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• Let us denote inversion (or reflection) wrt circle K as \mathcal{O}_K^{\uparrow} : Plane $\cup \{\infty\} \rightarrow$ Plane $\cup \{\infty\}$

• Reflection thru a line is a special case when circle's radius = ∞

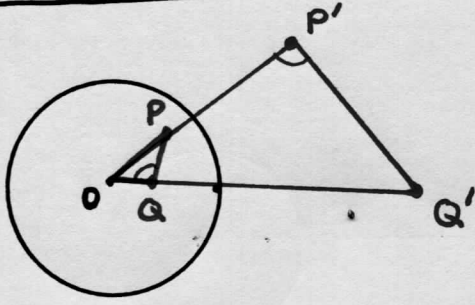
• \mathcal{O}_K^{\uparrow} is One-to-One (consider any ray from O) and Onto (although tricky at ∞)

• $\mathcal{O}_K^{\uparrow 2} = Id$ $\mathcal{O}_K^{\uparrow} = \mathcal{O}_K^{\uparrow -1}$



(↺ maps to ↻)
 \mathcal{O}_K^{\uparrow} reversing

Key Lemma for Circle Inversions



Given any 2 pts P, Q where $O-P-Q$ not a line,

THEN $\triangle_{OPQ} \sim \triangle_{OQ'P'}$

Specifically $\frac{OP}{OQ}$ corresponds to $\frac{OQ'}{OP'}$
 $\frac{PQ}{OQ}$ corresponds to $\frac{Q'P'}{OQ'}$

$$\angle_{Q'} = \angle_P$$

$$\angle_{P'} = \angle_Q$$

Pf. (1) angle \angle_O is common to both triangles

(2) we know $|OP|/|OP'| = r^2 = |OQ|/|OQ'|$ def of inversion

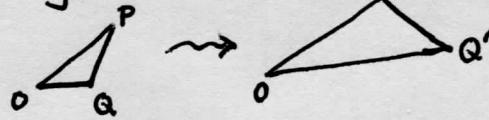
$$\Rightarrow \frac{OP \cdot OP'}{OQ'} = \frac{r^2}{OQ'} = OQ \Rightarrow \frac{OP}{OQ'} = \frac{r^2}{OP' \cdot OQ'} = \frac{OQ}{OP'}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \downarrow & \lambda & \downarrow \\ OP = \lambda OQ' & & OQ = \lambda OP' \end{array}$$

(3) By SAS for Similar Triangles,

using correspondence $OP \rightsquigarrow OQ'$
 $OQ \rightsquigarrow OP'$

and the common angle \angle_O is between
 Then the only other side must be $PQ \rightsquigarrow P'Q'$



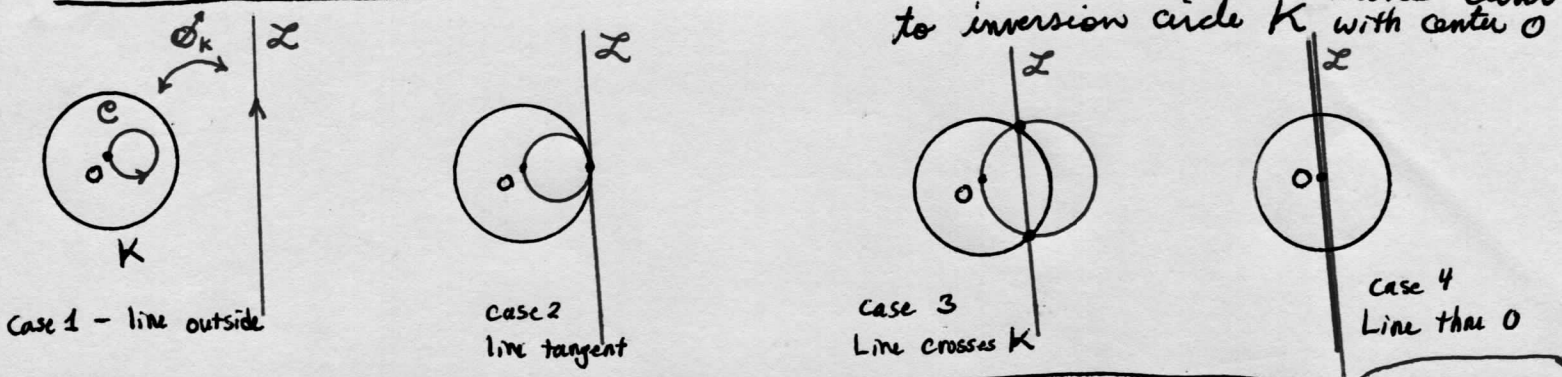
(4) We also get $\angle_Q = \angle_{P'}$

because $QP \rightsquigarrow Q'P'$
 $QO \rightsquigarrow P'O$

So the angles between these corresponding sides are $\angle_Q = \angle_{P'}$
 and likewise for the remaining angle.

□

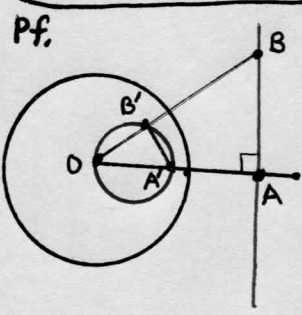
Reflections of Lines and Circles



consider a line \mathcal{L} that moves closer to inversion circle K with center O

Thm Lines reflect to Circles meeting O , and vice versa.

- Ingredients:
- Key Lemma
 - Conv Thales' Diam Thm
 - Thales Diam Thm



Case 1 Given \mathcal{L} , it has pt A , the closest pt to O (because \exists uniq \perp segment from \mathcal{L} to O)

$\mathcal{O}_K(A) = A'$ inside K $|OA| \cdot |OA'| = r^2$

Consider segment $\overline{OA'}$
 Draw uniq circle C which has diam $\overline{OA'}$. clearly C meets O .

We will show $\mathcal{O}(\mathcal{L}) \subseteq C$ and $C \subseteq \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{L})$ - Thus $C = \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{L})$
 Note: $\mathcal{O}(C) = \mathcal{O}^2(\mathcal{L}) = Id(\mathcal{L}) = \mathcal{L}$

$\triangleright \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{L}) \subseteq C$:

Choose another pt $B \in \mathcal{L}$, reflect B to B'
 B' does not lie on $\overline{OA'}$ because it is on a different ray
 Apply **Key Lemma** $\triangle_{OB'A'} \sim \triangle_{OAB}$ and $\angle_{OB'A'} = \angle_{OAB} = \perp 90^\circ$
 By **Converse Thales' Diam Thm** Sheet 36b B' must lie on circle C , since it is the uniq circle with diam $\overline{OA'}$.
Since $\overline{OA} \perp \mathcal{L}$

$\triangleright \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{L}) \supseteq C$:

Choose $B' \in C$. B' reflects to B . Is B on \mathcal{L} ?
 By Thales Diam Thm $\angle_{OB'A'} = 90^\circ$
 By Key Lemma $\angle_{OAB} = 90^\circ \Rightarrow B \in \mathcal{L}$ \square

Case 2 Same pt applies

Case 3 See next page \rightarrow

Case 4 The top half of \mathcal{L} is mapped to top half by inside of circle mapped out, flipped by the pt on the circle K . Same for bottom half.

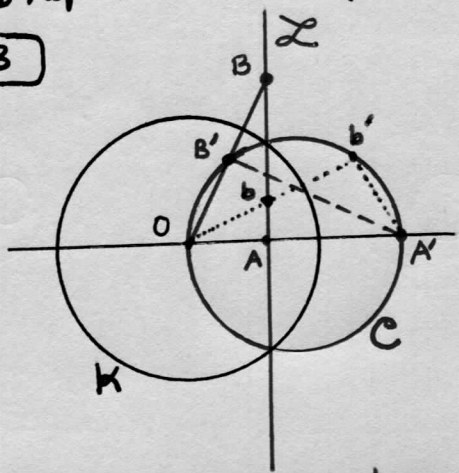
C is Line (is a circle of radius ∞)

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Really just the same pf as Case 1

Lines reflect to circles, cont'd

Case 3



For a pt b inside K , it reflects to b'
 Apply **Key Lemma** $\triangle OAb \sim \triangle Ob'A'$
 $\angle_A = 90 \Rightarrow \angle_{b'} = 90$

$\overline{OA'}$ is still diam of image circle
 Since $\angle_{b'} = 90$, apply **Conv Thales Diam**

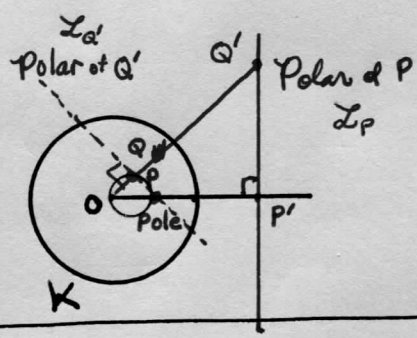
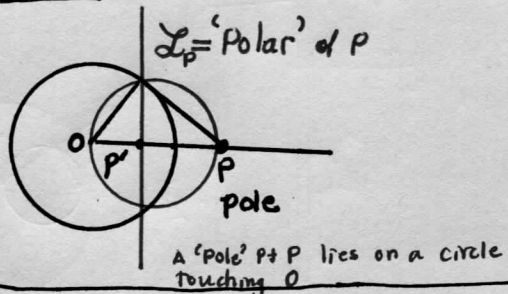
For a pt B on L but outside K , SAME PF!
 $\triangle OAB \sim \triangle OB'A'$ as $\angle_A = \angle_{B'} \Rightarrow$ Thales

QED

Duality between a pt and a Line

Smart 'Mod Geos' p.202

Pole and Polar



The terms 'pole' and 'polar' have different meanings in
 • Finite Geo of Desargues p.21
 • Projective Geo p.265

Thm 6.9 If $Q' \in (\text{Polar of } P) \text{ wrt } K \Rightarrow P \in (\text{Polar of } Q')$
 Smart MG p.202

pf. From **prev thm**, Q lies on a circle C with diam \overline{OP}
 From **Thales Diam** $\angle_{OQP} = 90$
 $\Rightarrow \overline{OQ'} \perp \overline{QP}$ \overline{QP} is the Polar of Q'

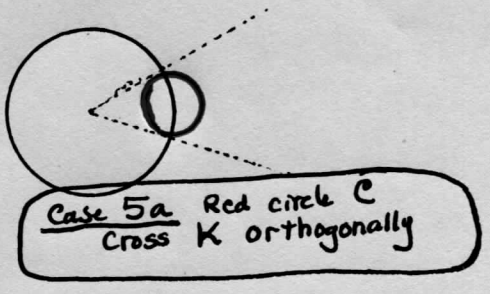
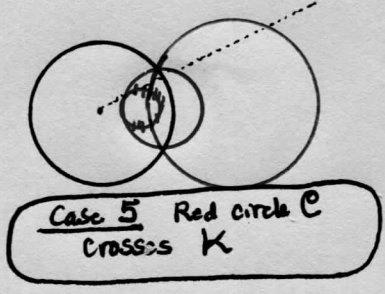
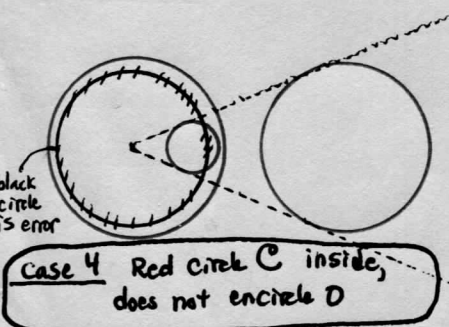
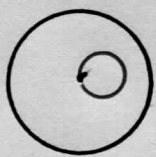
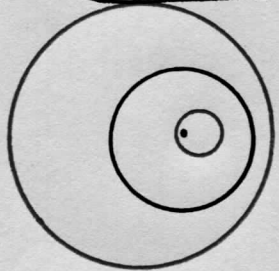
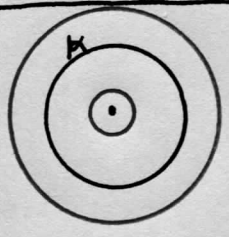
Circles reflect to Circles

Let small circle move out from being concentric with K :

Case 1 concentric circles with K

Case 2 O encircled, but off center

Case 3 red circle meets O
 This was covered on prev sheet



Case 4 Red circle C inside, does not encircle O

Case 5 Red circle C crosses K

Case 5a Red circle C cross K orthogonally

black circle is error

The following thm covers these cases
 (Main arg based on Kozai & Libeskind 'Circle Inversions and Applications to Euclidean Geo')

Thm 1.3 Circles not meeting O reflect to Circles not meeting O

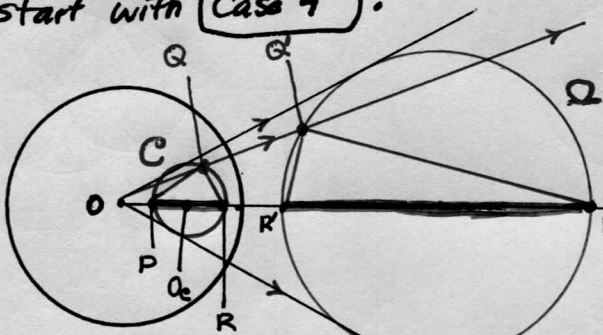
Given inversion circle K with center O
 C a circle not touching O

- $C' := \mathcal{O}_K(C)$ is again a circle, not meeting O
- If C does not encircle O , pts on the 'front' of C are flipped to pts on the 'back' of C' and vice-versa. 2 pts 'fixed' relatively speaking
- The Center pt O_C is NOT mapped to $O_{C'}$, except in cases 1 - concentric 5a - O.G. \cap

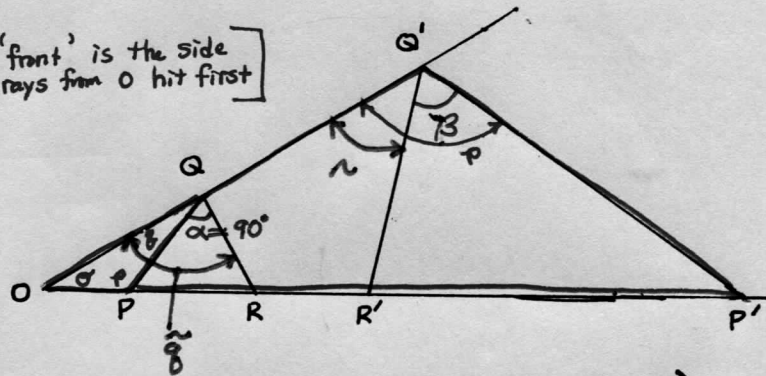
The circle is a special shape that gets flipped to another circle under inversion.

Pf. **Case 1** is obvious, a priori.
Case 3 was already covered.

Let's start with **Case 4**:



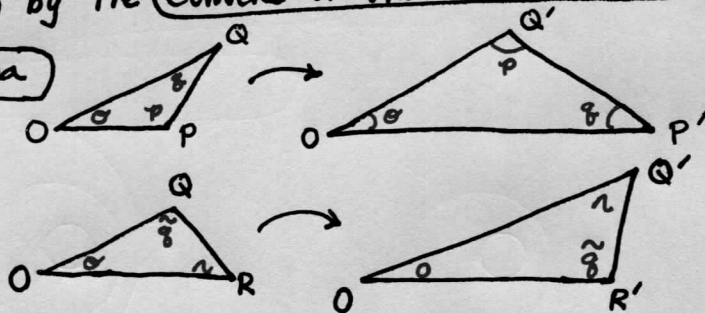
The 'front' is the side the rays from O hit first



(a) Consider the ray OO_C . P is the closest pt to O and R the furthest (on C) \overline{PR} is diam of C , and it maps to $\overline{R'P'}$. Let this segment be the diam of a circle we call Ω . We must show $C' = \Omega$.

(b) Show $\mathcal{O}_K(C) \subseteq \Omega$
 choose another pt $Q \in C$ and show Q' makes a vertex angle of 90° with the segment $\overline{R'P'}$. Then by the **Converse of Thales' Diam Thm**, $Q' \in \Omega$

From the **Key Lemma**



Write in the equal angles from Lemma use lower case letters for angles.

We want to solve for β $\beta = \rho - \nu$

We know $\theta + \rho + \gamma = \pi = 180$ from $\triangle OP'Q'$ (1)

$\theta + \nu + \tilde{\gamma} = \pi$ from $\triangle OR'Q'$ (2a)

Subtract: $\rho - \nu = \gamma - \tilde{\gamma} = 90^\circ$ since \overline{PR} is diam **(Thales)**

$\Rightarrow \beta = 90$

$\Rightarrow Q' \in \Omega$ by **Conv Thales' Diam**

$\alpha = \tilde{\gamma} - \gamma$

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(c) show $\mathcal{O}_k(\mathbb{C}) \supseteq \Omega$

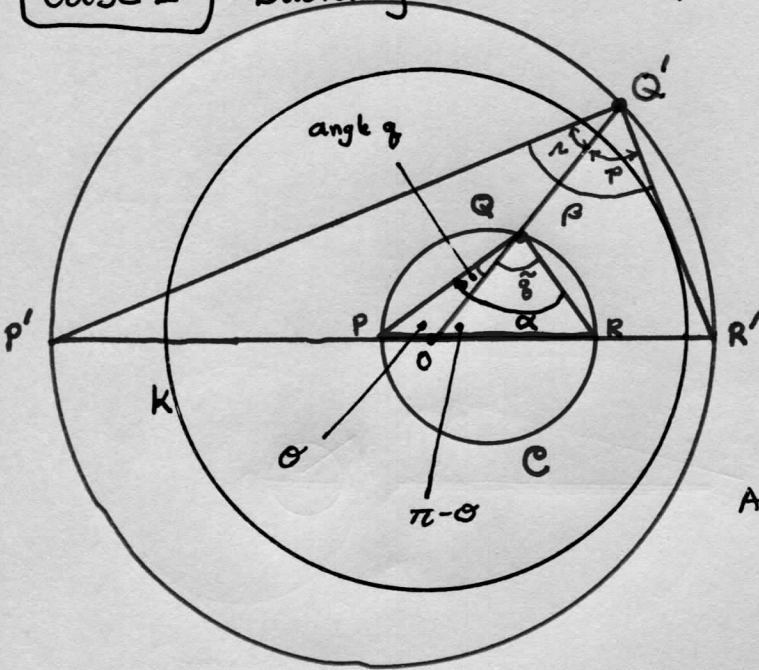
Basically the same arg but reversed. Choose $Q' \in \Omega$

then $\beta = 90^\circ \Rightarrow p - r = 90^\circ \Rightarrow \tilde{q} - \tilde{q}' = 90^\circ$

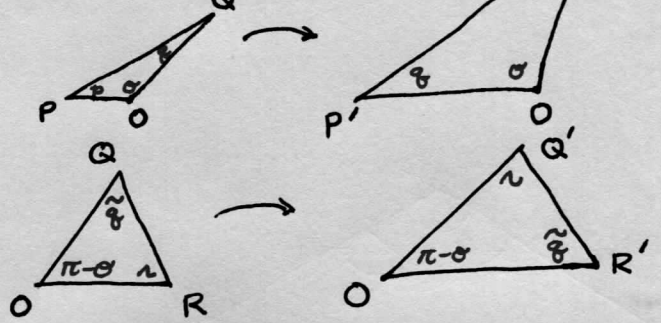
But $\alpha = \tilde{q} - \tilde{q}'$ and this is what we seek: $\alpha = 90^\circ$ so Thales says $Q \in \mathbb{C}$ \square

(d) so $\mathcal{O}_k(\mathbb{C}) = \Omega$ \square

Case 2 Basically the same idea, with a few modifications.



By the Key Lemma



Here $\alpha = \tilde{q} + \tilde{q}' = \frac{\pi}{2}$ and $\beta = p + r$

As before, we sum the angles in the 2 image triangles:

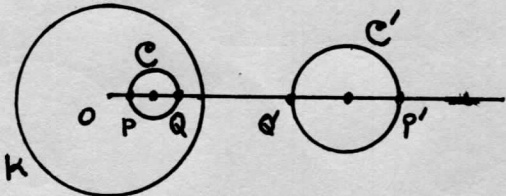
$$\begin{aligned} \theta + p + \tilde{q} &= \pi \\ + \pi - \theta + r + \tilde{q}' &= \pi \\ \hline \pi + (p+r) + (\tilde{q} + \tilde{q}') &= 2\pi \Rightarrow \beta = \frac{\pi}{2} \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

Case 5

Same idea again, similar to **Case 4**

I'm going to skip writing it here. These results also follow from the Dilation of Circles Thm, coming up. And **Case 5a** will have its own pf.

\triangleright The last thing to show is that $\mathcal{O}_k(\mathbb{C}) \neq \mathbb{C}'$. Let's work in co-ords along pos x axis



$$\begin{aligned} \theta < p < q \\ p' = \frac{r^2}{p} \quad \theta' = \frac{r^2}{q} \end{aligned}$$

C has center $O_C = \frac{p+q}{2}$

C' has center $O_{C'} = \frac{q'+p'}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{r^2}{q} + \frac{r^2}{p} \right)$

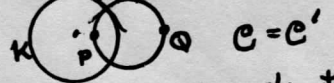
Show $\mathcal{O}_k(\mathbb{C}) < O_{C'}$ except in special cases.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{O}_k\left(\frac{p+q}{2}\right) &< \frac{q'+p'}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{r^2}{q} + \frac{r^2}{p} \right) \\ &= \frac{r^2}{\frac{p+q}{2}} \\ &= 2r^2 \left(\frac{1}{p+q} \right) < \frac{r^2}{2} \left(\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} \right) \\ \frac{2}{p+q} &< \frac{1}{2} \frac{(p+q)}{pq} \end{aligned}$$

$$4pq < (p+q)^2 = p^2 + 2pq + q^2$$

$0 < p^2 - 2pq + q^2 = (p-q)^2$ since this ineq is true, the whole chain is true (unless $p=q \Rightarrow$ circle is a pt)

There is one other special case where C crosses K Orthogonally (we will discuss this coming up)

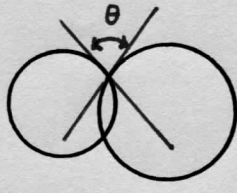


Since C is fixed, obviously the center must stay fixed $\Rightarrow O_C \in K$

$$\begin{aligned} p' = q \quad \text{so} \quad \frac{p'+q'}{2} &= \frac{p+q}{2} \\ q' = p \end{aligned}$$

\square QED

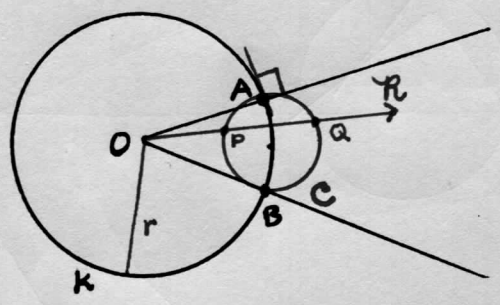
Def If 2 circles meet at a pt P, the angle between them is the angle between their unique tan lines at P (the one $\leq 90^\circ$)



Hartshorne G: EAB p. 336

Thm Circle C meets inversion Circle K O.G. $\iff C' = C$ i.e. C is invariant as a set (but pts are flipped from the front of C to the back) \iff C contains at least one pair of pts that are inverted to each other: P, P' \in C
CAK

Pf.



$(\implies) C \cap K$ O.G.

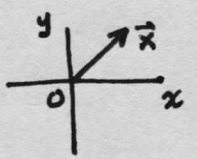
Let R be a ray from O thru C (secant line) which meets C at 2 pts P and Q
By Euclid III, 36 (my sheet 36a) Power of pt O wrt C:
 $|OA|^2 = |OP||OQ|$ and $|OA| = r$ since radius of K
 $\implies |OP||OQ| = r^2$ so P, Q inverses wrt K
Thus every pt $P \in C$ has its reflection $P' \in C$
 $\implies \phi_K(C) = C$ (but pts are flipped front to back).

Of course the radial lines \vec{OA} are tangent to C and \perp to tangent line to K at A

(\impliedby) on R, P reflects to P', one pt must be outside K and one inside (say P).
Since C is a continuous (continuum) set, C must meet K at 2 pts, A & B
Radial segment OA $|OA| = r$
Since P, P' inverses $OP \cdot OP' = r^2 (= |OA|^2)$
By Euclid III, 37 (sheet 36a) \vec{OA} is actually tangent to C at A
Thus C meets K \perp at A (and likewise at B) □

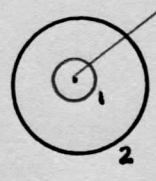
\triangleright Def: Dilation

Easiest to understand in terms of position vectors in \mathbb{R}^2



Let $\rho \geq 1$ Then the linear map $\vec{x} \mapsto \rho \vec{x}$ stretches everything a proportional amount based on the dist of pt x from origin - a Dilation
 $0 < \rho < 1$ $\vec{x} \mapsto \rho \vec{x}$ shrinks everything (contraction) but still call it a Dilation
 ρ negative - This flips pts radially thru 0 and then does a dilation of magnitude $|\rho|$
We still accept this as a Dilation here.

Dilation Lemma The composition of 2 circle inversions $\mathcal{O}_1, \mathcal{O}_2$ wrt same center O is a dilation of the plane

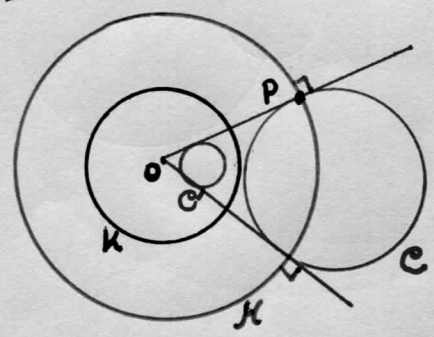


pf. Since the inversions have the same center O , it is enough to consider any radial line (call it the x axis)
 $\mathcal{O}_1: x \mapsto \frac{r^2}{x}$ and $\mathcal{O}_2: x \mapsto \frac{R^2}{x}$
 Then $\mathcal{O}_2 \circ \mathcal{O}_1(x) = \frac{R^2}{\frac{r^2}{x}} = \left(\frac{R^2}{r^2}\right)x$ and the scale factor $\lambda = \frac{R^2}{r^2}$ is the same for every radial line. \square

Hartshorne p.337

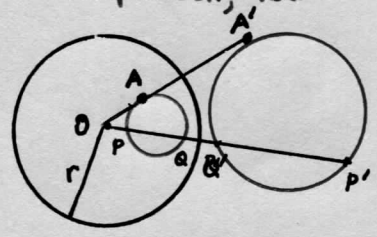
Thm $\mathcal{O}_k \Big|_C$ is a dilation wrt O of circle C (not other pts!)
 (This provides another pf that $\mathcal{O}_k(C) = C'$ another circle)

pf. Case where C does not encircle O



We can draw tan line OP where $P \in C$
 Draw big circle H with center O and radius $|OP|$
 H crosses C O.G. $\Rightarrow \mathcal{O}_H(C) = C$
 observe $C' = \mathcal{O}_k(C) = \mathcal{O}_k \circ \mathcal{O}_H(C)$
 dilation by Lemma
 Thus C' is a dilation of C , and so a circle. \square

For comparison, here is Smart MG p.195-196 pf

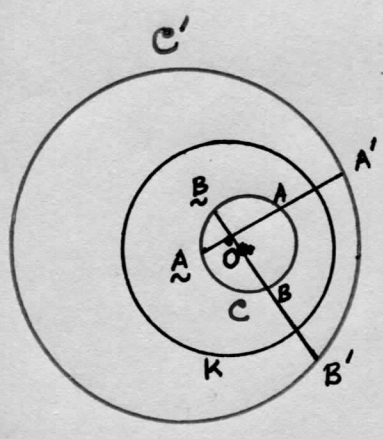


cf. Eves ASOG p.125

$OP \cdot OP' = r^2 = OQ \cdot OQ'$ by inversion \star
 Power of pt O wrt circle C $OA^2 = OP \cdot OQ = k$ const $\star\star$
 $\star \Rightarrow \frac{OP \cdot OP'}{OP \cdot OQ} = \frac{r^2}{OP \cdot OQ} = \frac{OQ \cdot OQ'}{OP \cdot OQ}$
 $\Rightarrow OP' = \left(\frac{r^2}{k}\right) OQ$ and $OQ' = \frac{r^2}{k} OP$
 "Homothety"
 This is in fact a Dilation: pt Q on back of C corresponds to pt P' on back of C'
 By the same scale factor λ , pt P on the front corresp to Q' on front
 \square

Hartshorne pnb 37.4

Case where C encircles O



Secant line
 Power of pt O wrt circle C : $OA \cdot OA' = \lambda = OB \cdot OB'$
 using signed lengths, since A and A' are in opposite directions, $\lambda < 0$
 By inversion rule $OA \cdot OA' = r^2$
 Then $OA = \frac{\lambda}{OA'}$ and $OA = \frac{r^2}{OA'}$ $\Rightarrow \frac{\lambda}{OA'} = \frac{r^2}{OA'}$ negative
 So OA' is not proportional to OA , but rather $OA' = \left(\frac{r^2}{\lambda}\right) OA$
 This is the type of dilation $\vec{x} \mapsto (-k)\vec{x}$
 \square