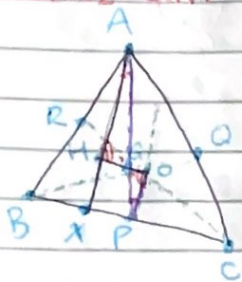


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The Centroid  $G$ , the Circumcentre  $O$ , and the (Euler) orthocentre  $H$  of  $\triangle ABC$  are collinear, and the line  $GOH$  is between  $O$  &  $H$  with  $|OG| = \frac{1}{2}|GH|$  is the Euler line.



Let  $P, Q, R$  be the midpoints of  $BC, AC, AB$  resp.

Extend  $OG$  past  $G$  to  $H$  such that  $|GH| = 2|GO|$   
Claim:  $H$  is the orthocentre of  $\triangle ABC$ , i.e. each altitude of  $\triangle ABC$

Connect  $A$  to  $H$  and extend the line past  $H$  until it meets  $BC$  at  $X$ . We'll show that  $AX$  is an altitude, i.e. that  $AX$  is perpendicular to  $BC$ .

$\angle AGH = \angle PGO$  (opposite angles) &  
 $|GH| = 2|GO|$  (by construction)  
 $|AG| = 2|PG|$  since the centroid divides each median in a  $2:1$  ratio

By S.A.S Similarity  $\triangle AGH \sim \triangle PGO$  (in a  $2:1$  ratio)

it follows that by the similarity  $\angle OPG = \angle HAG$   
By the  $z$ -theorem, since  $AP$  falls across  $AX$  and  $OP$ , we have  $AX \parallel OP$

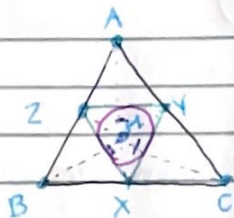
It now follows that  $AX$  &  $OP$  meet  $BC$  at the same angle, i.e.  $\angle AXP = \angle OCP = \frac{\pi}{2}$

$\therefore AX$  is an altitude, passes through  $H$ .

Similar arguments can be used to show that the altitudes from  $B$  and  $C$  also pass through  $H$ , so  $H$  is the orthocentre

**Theorem:** Suppose  $H$  is the orthocentre of  $\triangle ABC$   
 &  $x, y, z$  are the "feet" of the altitudes from  $A$ ,  
 $B, C$ , resp.

(ie  $Ax$  is the altitude from  $A$ ...)



Then  $H$  is the incentre of  $\triangle XYZ$  and  $|AH| \cdot |Hx|$   
 $= |BH| \cdot |Hy| = |CH| \cdot |Hz|$

We'll try to show  $H$  is the incentre of  $\triangle XYZ$   
 ie  $Ax, By, Cz$  are angle bisectors of  $\triangle XYZ$   
 ie  $H$  is equidistant from  $xy, yz, zx$ .