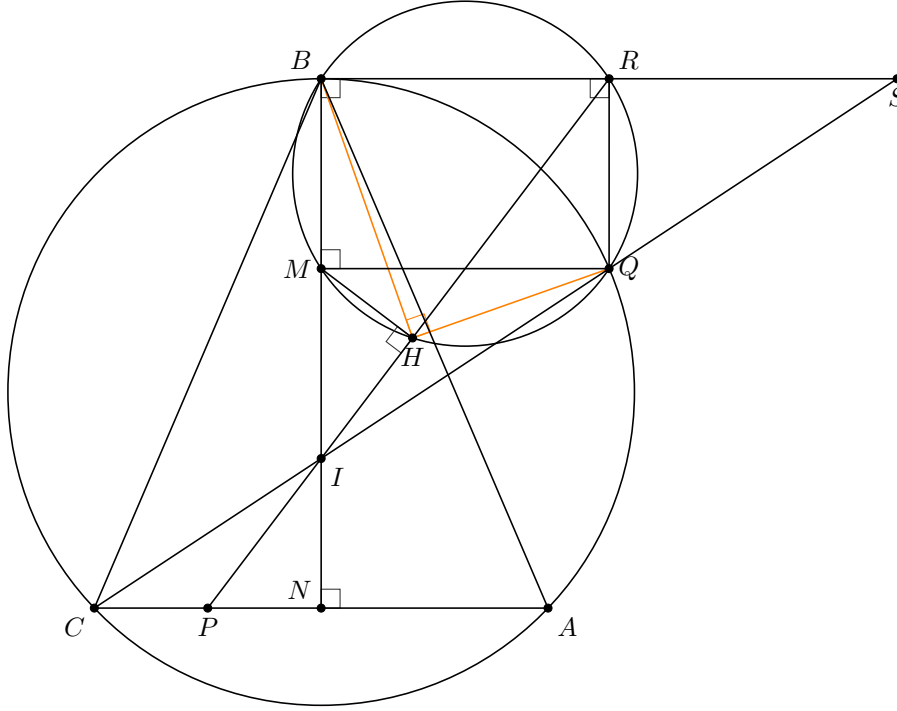


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After trying to solve the problem on your own, you can find a possible solution on the next page.

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Proof. We use directed angles mod 180° .¹ Let R be the second intersection of PI with the circumcircle of BMH beside H and let S be the intersection of BR with CI . Moreover, let N be the midpoint of AC . This means $AC \perp BN$ since ABC is isosceles.

Since

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we get that lines AC and BR are parallel. Moreover, BR is the exterior angle bisector of $\sphericalangle CBA$ and since CI is the interior angle bisector of $\sphericalangle ACB$, we get that S is the C -excenter of triangle ABC . Thus by the incenter/excenter lemma² we get

$$QA = QB = QI = QS. \quad (1)$$

Since $AP = 3PC$ we know that P is the midpoint of AN . Now since AC and BS are parallel R is the midpoint of BS . We also know that m is the midpoint of BI by definition. Because of **1** we get that QM is perpendicular to BI and QR is perpendicular to BS . Therefore the points $MBRQ$ lie on the circle with diameter BQ . Now since $HMBR$ is concyclic, H must also lie on the circle with diameter BQ . Thus $\sphericalangle QHB = 90^\circ$, which gives the desired result.

q.e.d.

¹<https://calimath.org/wiki/directed-angles>

²<https://calimath.org/wiki/incenter-excenter-lemma>