

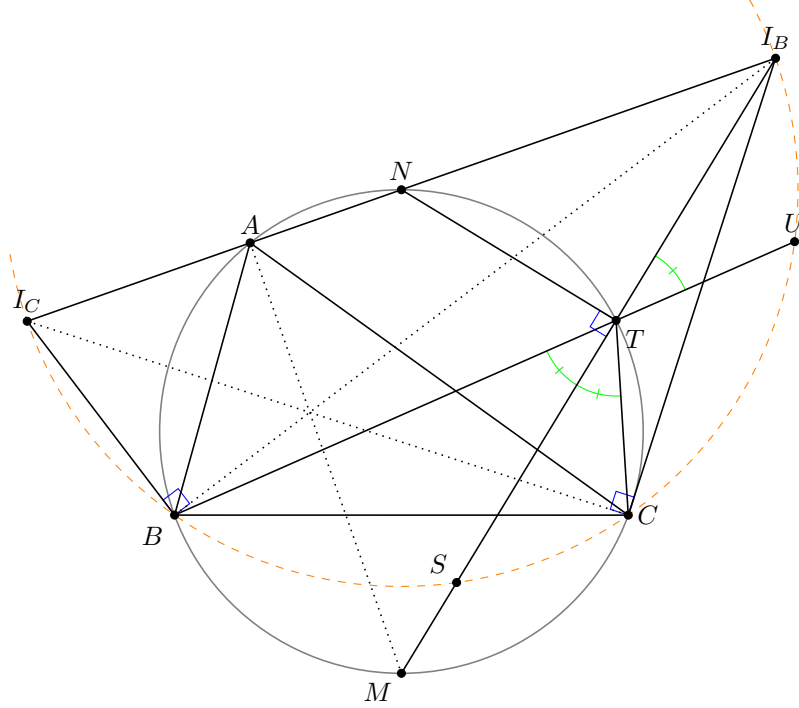
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After trying to solve the problem on your own, you can find a possible solution on the next page.

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*Proof.* Let  $I_C$  be the excenter opposite to vertex  $C$ . We know that  $BI_B$  is the angle bisector of  $\angle CBA$  and  $BI_C$  is the exterior angle bisector of  $\angle CBA$ . Thus,  $\angle I_B B I_C$  is a right angle. In the same way, we get  $\angle I_B C I_C = 90^\circ$ . This implies that the Points  $C, B, I_C$  and  $I_B$  lie on a circle  $\Omega$  with center on  $I_B I_C$ . Since  $I_B I_C$  is the exterior angle bisector of  $\angle BAC$ , we know that it passes through the midpoint  $N$  of arc  $BC$ , which contains  $A$ .  $N$  lies on the perpendicular bisector of  $BC$ . Thus, the  $N$  is the midpoint of  $\Omega$ .

Let  $S$  and  $U$  be the second intersections of  $I_B T$  and  $BT$  with  $\Omega$ . Since  $N$  and  $M$  lie on opposite sides on  $\omega$ , we know

$$\angle NTM = 90^\circ.$$

This implies that  $T$  is the midpoint of  $I_B S$  since  $N$  is the center of  $\Omega$ . Moreover,

$$\angle UTI_B = \angle BTM = \angle MTC = \angle STC.$$

Here, the second equality follows from the fact that  $M$  is the midpoint of arc  $BC$ , and thus,  $MT$  is the angle bisector of  $\angle BTC$ . We get  $\angle NTC = \angle UTN$ , and since  $U$  and  $C$  lie on a circle with center  $N$ , they are symmetric with respect to the perpendicular bisector  $NT$  of  $SI_B$ . Thus,  $TU = TC$ . Putting everything together, we conclude

$$TB \cdot TC = TB \cdot TU = TS \cdot TI_B = TI_B^2.$$

q.e.d.