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Problem

Given an equilateral triangle ABC and a point P within ABC , construct the perpendicular ℓ_A to AP through P . Let A_1 and A_2 be the intersections of ℓ_A through AB and AC , respectively, and let the intersection of BA_2 and CA_1 be called A' . Construct B' and C' in a similar manner. Prove that AA' , BB' , and CC' are concurrent.

Video

https://youtu.be/_HtErqKU_zQ

Solution

Let line AA' meet line BC at X ; also let $\ell_A \cap BC = X'$.

Claim 1. $(BC; XX') = -1$.

Proof. Harmonic bundle picture. □

So by Ceva's theorem, to prove the concurrence, it's equivalent (by Menelaus) to prove the collinearity of $X'Y'Z'$.

But this line has a name: it's the *orthotransversal* of P with respect to $\triangle ABC$.