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Problem

Let ABC be a triangle with $AC > AB$, and denote its circumcircle by Ω and incenter by I . Let its incircle meet sides BC, CA, AB at D, E, F respectively. Let X and Y be two points on minor arcs \widehat{DF} and \widehat{DE} of the incircle, respectively, such that $\angle BXD = \angle DYC$. Let line XY meet line BC at K . Let T be the point on Ω such that KT is tangent to Ω and T is on the same side of line BC as A . Prove that lines TD and AI meet on Ω .

Video

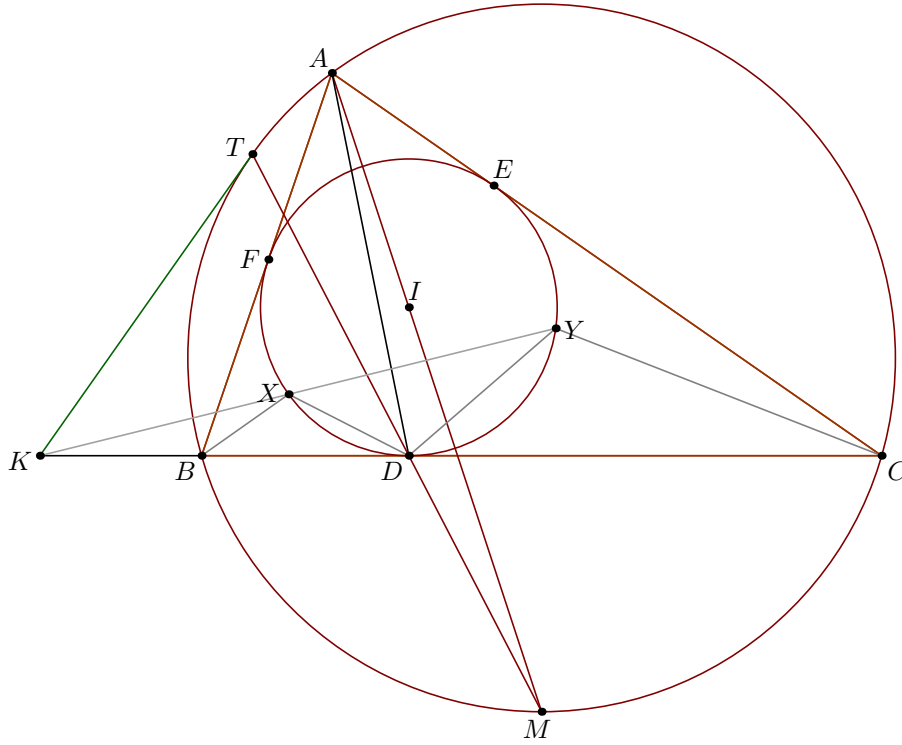
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Solution

We redefine the points in the reverse order: let M be the arc midpoint of minor arc BC , let T be the second intersection of ray TD with Ω , and let K be the point on line BC such that \overline{KT} is tangent to Ω . Then we will show that if a line through K meets the incircle again at X and Y , then $\angle BXD = \angle DYC$. A phantom point argument will then show the original result.



Claim. $KT = KD$.

Proof. Note $\angle KTD = \frac{1}{2}\widehat{TM} = \frac{1}{2}(\widehat{TB} + \widehat{MC}) = \angle TDK$. □

Hence, it follows that

$$KX \cdot KY = KD^2 = KT^2 = KB \cdot KC$$

so quadrilateral $BXYC$ is cyclic. From this we deduce the inverse similarities

$$\triangle KXD \sim \triangle KDY$$

$$\triangle KXB \sim \triangle KCY.$$

Hence,

$$\angle BXD = \angle XKD - \angle KXB = \angle YDK - \angle YCK = \angle DYC$$

as needed.