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If  $A_1A_2A_3$  is an equilateral triangle and  $X$  another point of the plane then  $XA_1$ ,  $XA_2$ ,  $XA_3$  form lengths of sides of a triangle iff  $X$  does not belong to the circumscribed circle of  $A_1A_2A_3$ .

We shall generalize now this theorem as follows:

**Theorem 8.** *Let  $A_1, \dots, A_{n+1}$  be vertices of a regular  $n$ -simplex  $\Sigma$  in  $E_n$ . If  $X$  is a point in  $E_n$  then there exists an  $n$ -simplex with vertices  $B_1, \dots, B_{n+1}$  such that edges  $B_iB_k$  ( $i \neq k$ ,  $i, k = 1, \dots, n+1$ ) have lengths proportional to  $(\varrho(A_i, X) \cdot \varrho(A_k, X))^{-1}$  iff  $X$  does not belong to the circumscribed  $(n-1)$ -sphere of  $\Sigma$ .*

**Proof.** Assume first that  $X$  belongs to the circumscribed  $(n-1)$ -sphere of  $\Sigma$ . If  $X = A_i$  for some  $i$ , the  $n$ -simplex clearly does not exist. If  $X \neq A_i$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, n+1$ , the equivalence of  $7^\circ$  and  $1^\circ$  in Thm. 7 shows that the realization of the points  $B_i$  leads to a complete isodynamic system which is linearly dependent.

Assume now that  $X$  does not belong to the circumscribed  $(n-1)$ -sphere of  $\Sigma$ . Let  $\mathcal{J}$  be any inversion with centre  $X$ . If  $B_i$  are points which correspond to the points  $A_i$  in  $\mathcal{J}$ , we have similarly as in the proof of  $5^\circ \Rightarrow 6^\circ$  in Thm. 7,

$$\varrho(B_i, B_k) = k(\varrho(A_i, X) \varrho(A_k, X))^{-1}.$$

Moreover, the points  $B_i$  do not belong to a hyperplane since this would correspond in  $\mathcal{J}$  to the circumscribed sphere of  $\Sigma$  and this would contain the centre of inversion  $X$ , a contradiction. The proof is complete.

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