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Foci of QA-Circumscribed Conics

For a quadrilateral the locus of foci for inscribed conics is the well known cubic QL-Cu1. What about the foci of QA-circumscribed conics? Here are gathered first Cabri-observations.



- The locus for the foci of *QA*-circumscribed conics seems to be a sextic.
- This sextic has six nodal points in the vertices of the diagonal triangle *QA-Tr1* and its orthic triangle.
- The further intersections of the circle *QA-Ci2* and the sextic are the foci of the two *QA*-circumscribed parabolas *QA-2Co1*.
- The two asymptotes of the sextic are parallel to the axes of the paraboloas *QA-2Co1*, intersecting in the reflection of *QA-P6* in *QA-P1*.
- The 2^{nd} foci wrt the vertices of the orthic triangle of *QA*-*Tr1* are the further intersections of the opposite side and the sextic.
- The foci of QA-circumscribed conics are isogonal conjugates wrt the orthic triangle of the diagonal triangle QA-Tr1.

- The sextic is isogonal invariant wrt the orthic triangle of *QA-Tr1*.
- The sextic is the locus of isogonal conjugates wrt the orthic triangle of *QA-Tr1*, whose midpoints lie on the conic *QA-Co1*.



• For the 2nd intersection of an *QA-Tr1*-altitude and the conic *QA-Co1* as center of an *QA*-circumscribed conic the main axis is orthogonal to the altitude.

Now we consider for a quadrangle QA a circumscribed quadrilateral QL with sidelines tangent in the vertices to a circumscribed conic Co.

• The Newton line of the circumscribed quadrilateral *QL* is the tangent to *QA-Co1* at the center of the conic *Co*.



• The cubic *QL-Cu1* of the circumscribed quadrilateral *QL* is tangent to the sextic in the foci of the circumscribed conic *Co*. The intersections are the vertices of the orthic triangle of *QA-Tr1*.

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