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# A New Consequence of Van Aubel's Theorem

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**Abstract:** In this short paper we study some properties of the lines associated with van Aubel's theorem in the special case when squares are replaced with equilateral triangles constructed on the sides of an arbitrary quadrilateral.

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# **1. INTRODUCTION**

### Van Aubel's Theorem::

Consider an arbitrary quadrilateralABCD, the quadrilateral S<sub>1</sub>S<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub>S<sub>4</sub> formed by joining the four corresponding centers S<sub>1</sub>, S<sub>2</sub>, S<sub>3</sub>, S<sub>4</sub> of the squares thus constructed on each side of ABCD is an Iso Ortho Diagonal quadrilateral (see Figure.1)[**5**]. That is  $S_1S_3 = S_2S_4$  and  $S_1S_3 \perp S_2S_4$ .



From Figure.1, it is clear  $S_1S_3 = S_2S_4$  and  $S_1S_3 \perp S_2S_4$ 

The theorem we just stated above is attributed to Van Aubel (Von Aubel in [Gardner, p. 176-178]) could also be found in [de Villiers, Yaglom, Finney] among others.

In this article, we study the properties of the lines  $S_1S_3$  and  $S_2S_4$  when the squares are replaced with equilateral triangles, our present study about the special case of Van Abel's theorem when the squares are replaced with equilateral triangles and further generalization is not actually new, since some of the authors studied about this earlier in 90's ( can be found in [3], [4], [6], [7], [8] and [9]). Even though it is not a new study and the results presented in this article seems to be very elementary but are quite new and interesting.

In this article we present two results related to the lines  $S_1S_3$  and  $S_2S_4$  when the squares are replaced with equilateral triangles ( $\Delta$  ABP,  $\Delta$ BCQ,  $\Delta$ CDR and  $\Delta$ DAS) such as "*The pair of lines* ( $S_1S_3$ , QS) and ( $S_2S_4$ , PQ) are perpendicular" and "*The four points common to the lines*  $S_1S_3$ ,  $S_2S_4$ , PQ and RS are concyclic". Clearly the second result is the consequence of first.

## 2. Preliminaries

We use the following lemma's in proving the above mentioned results.

### Lemma-1

If  $\triangle ABC$  is an equilateral triangle with center S and M be any point in the plane of the triangle then  $3SM^2 = AM^2 + BM^2 + CM^2 - AB^2$ 

### **Proof:**

It is very obvious to prove above lemma if we use the relation present in [1].

### Lemma-2

A convex quadrilateral ABCD is orthodiagonal if and only if  $AB^2 + CD^2 = BC^2 + AD^2$ 

### **Proof:**

The proof of above lemma is present in [2].

### Lemma-3

If Equilateral triangles  $\triangle ABP$ ,  $\triangle BCQ$ ,  $\triangle CDR$  and  $\triangle DAS$  are constructed entirely lies out wards on the sides AB = a, BC = b, CD = c and AD = d of an arbitrary convex quadrilateral ABCD whose area is  $\triangle$  then

$$AQ^{2} + PQ^{2} + CS^{2} + RS^{2} = DQ^{2} + RQ^{2} + BS^{2} + PS^{2} = 2(a^{2} + b^{2} + c^{2} + d^{2} - \Delta)$$

**Proof:** 

In order to prove above lemma, we proceed as follows by considering a quadrilateralABCD mentioned in figure.2



Figure.2

By applying the cosine rule for the triangles  $\Delta ABQ$  ,  $\Delta PBQ$  ,  $\Delta SDC$  , and  $\Delta SDR$  we get

$$AQ^{2} = AB^{2} + BQ^{2} - 2AB.BQ.\cos(\angle ABQ) = a^{2} + b^{2} - 2ab\cos(60 + B) \qquad \dots (1)$$

$$PQ^{2} = BP^{2} + BQ^{2} - 2BP.BQ.\cos(\angle PBQ) = a^{2} + b^{2} - 2ab\cos(240 - B) \qquad \dots (2)$$

$$CS^{2} = CD^{2} + DS^{2} - 2CD.DS.\cos(\angle CDS) = c^{2} + d^{2} - 2cd\cos(60 + D) \qquad \dots (3)$$

$$RS^{2} = RD^{2} + DS^{2} - 2RD.DS.\cos(\angle RDS) = c^{2} + d^{2} - 2cd\cos(120 + D) \qquad \dots (4)$$

By computing (1)+(2)+(3)+(4), we get

$$AQ^2 + PQ^2 + CS^2 + RS^2$$

$$=2\left[a^{2}+b^{2}+c^{2}+d^{2}-ab\left(\cos(60+B)+\cos(240-B)-cd(\cos(60+D)+\cos(120+D)\right)\right]$$
....(5)

With the help of transformations of the angles and also using the fact  $2\Delta = ab \sin B + cd \sin D$ , (5) can be further simplified so as to prove  $AQ^2 + PQ^2 + CS^2 + RS^2 = 2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 - \Delta)$ 

In the similar manner we can prove  $DQ^2 + RQ^2 + BS^2 + PS^2 = 2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 - \Delta)$ 

Hence  $AQ^{2} + PQ^{2} + CS^{2} + RS^{2} = DQ^{2} + RQ^{2} + BS^{2} + PS^{2}$ 

We now state and prove our main results.

#### 3. Main Results

#### **Theorem-1**

If  $S_1$ ,  $S_2$ ,  $S_3$  and  $S_4$  are the centers of the equilateral triangles  $\triangle ABP$ ,  $\triangle BCQ$ ,  $\triangle CDR$  and  $\triangle DAS$  are constructed entirely lies out wards on the sides AB = a, BC = b, CD = c and AD = d of an arbitrary convex quadrilateral ABCD then the lines PR, QS are respectively perpendicular to the lines  $S_2S_4$ ,  $S_1S_3$ . That is  $S_1S_3 \perp QS$ ,  $S_2S_4 \perp PR$ 

#### **Proof:**

To prove the line  $S_1S_3$  is perpendicular to the line QS, it is enough to prove that the quadrilateral  $S_1QS_3R$  is a orthodiagonal,

To prove this using lemma-2 it is enough to prove  $S_1Q^2 + S_3S^2 = S_1S^2 + S_3Q^2$  ....(6)

Using lemma-1, we have  $3SM^2 = AM^2 + BM^2 + CM^2 - AB^2$ 

Fix S as S<sub>1</sub>, S<sub>3</sub> and M as Q, S we get

 $3S_{1}Q^{2} = AQ^{2} + BQ^{2} + PQ^{2} - a^{2}$  $3S_{1}S^{2} = AS^{2} + BS^{2} + PS^{2} - a^{2}$  $3S_{3}Q^{2} = CQ^{2} + DQ^{2} + RQ^{2} - c^{2}$  $3S_{3}S^{2} = CS^{2} + DS^{2} + RS^{2} - c^{2}$ 

So as to prove (6), it is enough to prove  $AQ^2 + PQ^2 + CS^2 + RS^2 = DQ^2 + RQ^2 + BS^2 + PS^2$ Which is true using lemma-3.



In the similar manner we can prove  $S_2S_4 \perp PR$ 

Figure 3

From Figure-3, it is clear  $S_1S_3 \perp QS$  and  $S_2S_4 \perp PR$ 

#### **Theorem-2**

Let  $V_1$ ,  $V_2$ ,  $V_3$  and  $V_4$  are the points of intersection of the lines PR, QS,  $S_1S_3$  and  $S_2S_4$  then the four points  $V_1$ ,  $V_2$ ,  $V_3$  and  $V_4$  are concyclic (see figure 4).

Proof:

From theorem-1, it is clear that  $V_1V_2 \perp V_2V_3$  and  $V_3V_4 \perp V_4V_1$ . Hence the four points V<sub>1</sub>,V<sub>2</sub>,V<sub>3</sub> and V<sub>4</sub> are concyclic. it completes the proof of the theorem-2.



Figure 4

From figure 4, it is clear  $V_1, V_2, V_3$  &  $V_4$  are concyclic

Remarks:

1. Theorem-1 as well as Theorem-2 are also true, even if, the reference quadrilateral is a self- interesecting. (see figure 5).



Figure 5

From figure 5, For self intersecting ABCD, it is still true V<sub>1</sub>,V<sub>2</sub>,V<sub>3</sub>,V<sub>4</sub> are concyclic and  $S_1S_3 \perp QS \quad S_2S_4 \perp PR$ 

2. Theorem-1 as well as Theorem-2 are also true, even if, the erected equilateral triangles on the sides of the quadrilateral lie inside. (see figure 6).



From figure 6, the Equi.Triangles erected inside, it is still true V<sub>1</sub>,V<sub>2</sub>,V<sub>3</sub>,V<sub>4</sub> are concyclic and  $S_1S_3 \perp QS \quad S_2S_4 \perp PR$ 

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