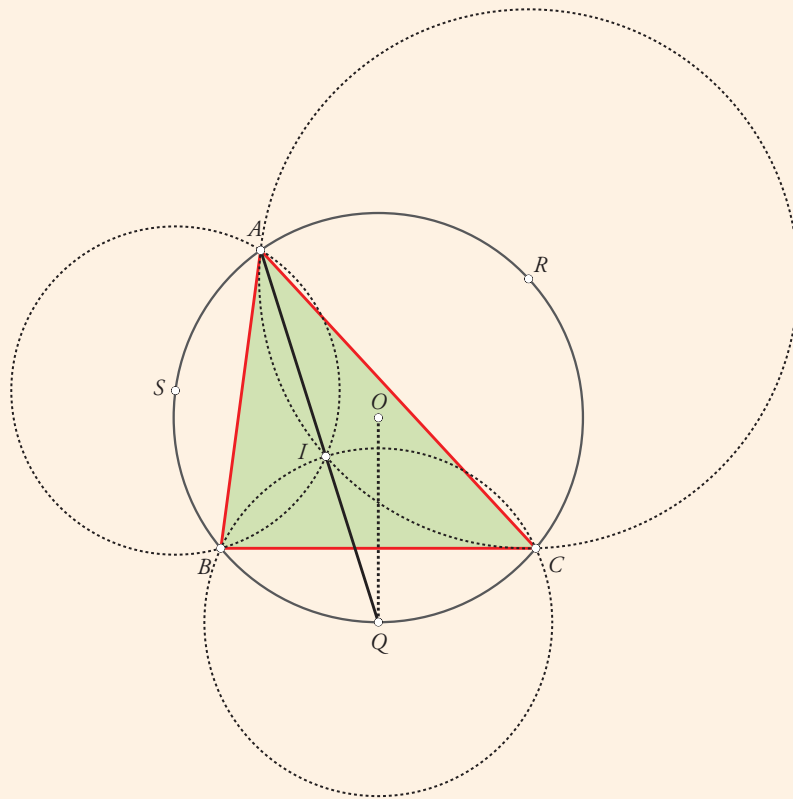


## Addendum to “Lessons from Proofs . . .”

In connection with the above article which makes an in-depth study of a popular fallacy in which it is proved that every triangle is isosceles, readers may be interested in the following result.

The figure shows a  $\triangle ABC$  inscribed in its circumcircle (centre  $O$ ); the bisector of  $\angle A$  cuts the circumcircle again at point  $Q$ . Let  $I$  be the incentre of  $\triangle ABC$ . Then it turns out that  $Q$  is the circumcentre of  $\triangle IBC$ . This may be proved by computing the angles of  $\triangle QBI$  and verifying that  $QB = QI$  (and thus by symmetry that  $QC = QI$  as well). After drawing the circumcircle of  $\triangle IBC$ , we see that the circumcircles of  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle IBC$  share the common chord  $BC$ .



Two more such circles can be drawn: the circumcircles of  $\triangle ICA$  and  $\triangle IAB$  (centres  $R$  and  $S$  respectively). The configuration makes for an interesting composition.