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PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

11/14/00 due NOON 11/28/00

CAN YOU GIVE US A SOLUTION?

Problem No. 12 (Fall 2000 Series)

Given a triangle with vertices A, B, C and points A_1, B_1, C_1 on the sides \overline{BC} , \overline{CA} and \overline{AB} , respectively, prove that the circumcircles of the triangles $\triangle AB_1C_1$, $\triangle BA_1C_1$, and $\triangle CA_1B_1$ have a common point.

A panel in the Mathematics Department publishes a challenging problem once a week and invites college & pre-college students, faculty, and staff to submit solutions. The objective of this is to stimulate and cultivate interest in good mathematics, especially among younger students. Solutions are due within two weeks from the date of publication and should be sent by campus or U.S. mail to:

PROBLEM OF THE WEEK, **8th Floor**, Math Sciences Bldg., Purdue Univ.,
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Solvers should include their name, address, and **status at the University or school**.

The names of those who submitted correct solutions will be posted in the Math. Library, along with the best solution. Every Purdue student who submits three or more correct solutions will receive a Certificate of Merit. A prize fund of \$150.00 will be distributed among the Purdue undergraduates who have contributed at least six correct solutions for the total fall 2000 series.