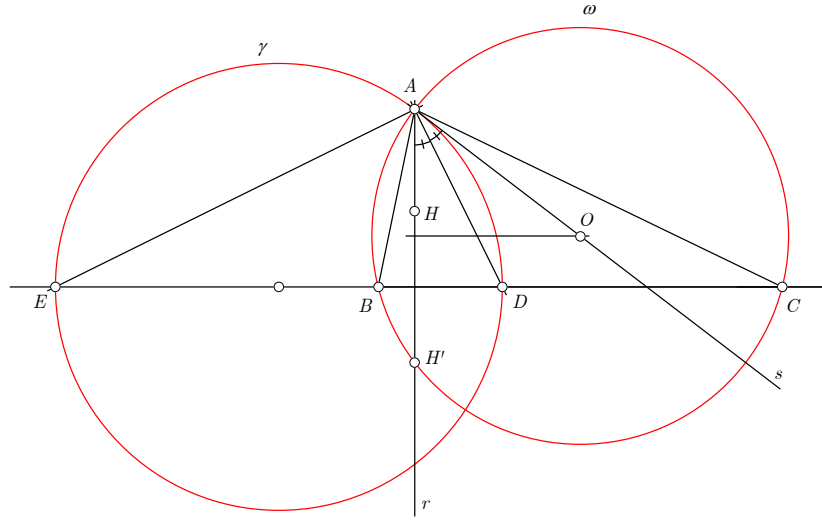


**Problema J222.** Give a ruler and straightedge construction of a triangle  $ABC$  given its orthocenter and the intersection points of the internal and external angle bisectors of one of its angles with the corresponding opposite side.

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ANALYSIS. Let  $ABC$  be the required triangle and denote by  $D, E$  the intersection points of the internal and external angle bisectors of  $\angle BAC$  with  $BC$ . Let  $H$  be the orthocenter of  $ABC$  and draw a figure in order to find some relation between the given elements and the unknown parts.



Observe that the vertices  $B, C$  lie on the line  $DE$ , whereas the vertex  $A$  is the meeting point of the line through  $H$  perpendicular to  $DE$  with the circle having for diameter  $DE$  (since  $AE$  and  $AD$  are perpendicular).

Let  $O$  be the circumcentre of  $\triangle ABC$  and note that  $\angle BAH = 90^\circ - B = \angle OAC$ , so  $\angle HAD = \angle DAO$ . Therefore  $O$  belongs to the line symmetric of  $AH$  with respect to  $AD$ .

Let  $H'$  be the symmetric of  $H$  with respect to  $DE$ . It is well known that  $H'$  lies on the circumcircle  $(O)$ . Hence  $O$  belongs to the mediator of segment  $AH'$ .

The vertices  $B, C$  are the intersection points of  $(O)$  with  $DE$ .

CONSTRUCTION. The vertices  $A, B, C$  of the required triangle can be constructed in the following way:

- draw the line  $DE$ ;
- draw the circle  $\gamma$  having for diameter  $DE$ ;
- draw the line  $r$  perpendicular to  $DE$  through  $H$ ;
- construct the point  $A = r \cap \gamma$ ;
- draw the line  $s$  symmetric of  $r$  wrt  $AD$ ;
- construct the point  $H'$  symmetric of  $H$  wrt  $DE$ ;

- draw the line  $a$  mediator of the segment  $AH'$ ;
- construct the point  $O = a \cap s$ ;
- draw the circle  $\omega$  through  $A$  and having center  $O$ ;
- construct the points  $\{B, C\} = \omega \cap DE$ .

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