

## The Brocard Points and the Brocard Angle.

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### FIGURE 6.

#### I. Construction for the Brocard points.

Let  $ABC$  be a triangle. Describe a circle touching  $AB$  in  $A$  and passing through  $C$ ; draw the chord  $AP$  parallel to  $BC$ . Join  $BP$  meeting this circle in  $\Omega$ .

Join  $A\Omega$ ,  $C\Omega$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then} \quad \angle \Omega AB &= \angle \Omega CA, \\ &= \angle \Omega PA \\ &= \angle \Omega BC. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly for  $\Omega'$ .

#### II. Characteristic property of the Brocard angle.

Draw  $AX$ ,  $PR$  perpendicular to  $BC$ .

Since  $AP$ ,  $CQ$  are parallel chords,

the triangles  $ACX$ ,  $PQR$  are congruent by symmetry;

therefore  $AX = PR$ ,  $CX = QR$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now} \quad BR &= BX + CX + CR \\ &= BX + CX + QX; \end{aligned}$$

therefore, dividing each of the terms by the equals  $AX$  or  $PR$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \cot \omega &= \cot B + \cot C + \cot AQC \\ &= \cot B + \cot C + \cot A. \end{aligned}$$

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