

1. Let  $\omega$  be a circle with radius 1. Equilateral triangle  $\triangle ABC$  is tangent to  $\omega$  at the midpoint of side  $BC$  and  $\omega$  lies outside  $\triangle ABC$ . If line  $AB$  is tangent to  $\omega$ , compute the side length of  $\triangle ABC$ .

**Answer:**  $\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}$

**Solution:** Let the center of  $\omega$  be point  $O$  and let line  $AB$  be tangent to  $\omega$  at point  $D$ . We see that  $\triangle ADO$  is a 30-60-90 triangle with  $OD = 1$ , so  $OA = 2$ . Then, the height of  $\triangle ABC$  is 1. We can then compute that half the side length of  $\triangle ABC$  is  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$ , so the side length of

$$\triangle ABC \text{ is } \boxed{\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}}.$$

2. Triangle  $\triangle ABC$  has side lengths  $AB = 3, AC = 2$  and angle  $\angle CBA = 30^\circ$ . Let the possible lengths of  $BC$  be  $l_1$  and  $l_2$ , where  $l_2 > l_1$ . Compute  $\frac{l_2}{l_1}$ .

**Answer:**  $\frac{17+3\sqrt{21}}{10}$

**Solution:** Let  $\angle BCA = \theta$ . By the Law of Sines, we have  $\frac{\sin \theta}{\sin \angle CBA} = \frac{AB}{AC}$ , which gives  $\sin \theta = \sin(30^\circ) \cdot \frac{3}{2} = \frac{3}{4}$ . Let the locations of point  $C$  corresponding to  $l_1$  and  $l_2$  be  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ , and the resulting measures of  $\angle BCA$  be  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$ . Then, we have  $l_2/l_1 = \frac{\sin(180^\circ - \theta_1 - 30^\circ)}{\sin(180^\circ - \theta_2 - 30^\circ)} = \frac{\sin(\theta_1 + 30^\circ)}{\sin(\theta_1 - 30^\circ)}$ . Since  $\theta_2 = 180^\circ - \theta_1$ , we get  $l_2/l_1 = \frac{\sin(\theta_1 + 30^\circ)}{\sin(\theta_1 - 30^\circ)}$ . We know that  $\sin \theta_1 = \frac{3}{4}$ , and since  $\theta_1$  corresponds to the shorter length of  $BC$ , we have  $\cos \theta_1 = \sqrt{1 - (3/4)^2} = \frac{\sqrt{7}}{4}$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} l_2/l_1 &= \frac{\sin(\theta_1 + 30^\circ)}{\sin(\theta_1 - 30^\circ)} \\ &= \frac{\sin \theta_1 \cos 30^\circ + \cos \theta_1 \sin 30^\circ}{\sin \theta_1 \cos 30^\circ - \cos \theta_1 \sin 30^\circ} \\ &= \frac{(3/4)(\sqrt{3}/2) + (\sqrt{7}/4)(1/2)}{(3/4)(\sqrt{3}/2) - (\sqrt{7}/4)(1/2)} \\ &= \boxed{\frac{17 + 3\sqrt{21}}{10}}. \end{aligned}$$

3. Triangle  $\triangle ABC$  has side lengths  $AB = 5, BC = 8$ , and  $CA = 7$ . Let the perpendicular bisector of  $BC$  intersect the circumcircle of  $\triangle ABC$  at point  $D$  on minor arc  $BC$  and point  $E$  on minor arc  $AC$ , and  $AC$  at point  $F$ . The line parallel to  $BC$  passing through  $F$  intersects  $AD$  at point  $G$  and  $CE$  at point  $H$ . Compute  $\frac{[CHF]}{[DGF]}$ . (Given a triangle  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $[ABC]$  denotes its area.)

**Answer:**  $\frac{10}{21}$

**Solution:** Note that  $F$  is the midpoint of the chord of  $(ABC)$  passing through  $F$  and parallel to  $BC$ . By the Butterfly Theorem,  $F$  is also the midpoint of  $GH$ . Then,  $\frac{[CHF]}{[DGF]}$  is equal to the ratio of the heights of  $\triangle CHF$  and  $\triangle DGF$ . Let the midpoint of  $BC$  be  $M$ . The height of  $\triangle CHF$  is  $FM = \frac{1}{2}BC \tan \angle C$  and the height of  $\triangle DGF$  is  $FD = FM + MD = \frac{1}{2}BC \tan \angle C + \frac{1}{2}BC \tan \angle A/2$  since  $\angle MCD = \angle BCD = \angle A/2$ .

Using the Law of Cosines on  $\triangle ABC$ , we have  $\cos \angle A = \frac{5^2 + 7^2 - 8^2}{2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7} = \frac{1}{7}$  and  $\cos \angle C = \frac{7^2 + 8^2 - 5^2}{2 \cdot 7 \cdot 8} = \frac{11}{14}$ . Then,  $\tan \angle A/2 = \sqrt{\frac{1-1/7}{1+1/7}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$  and  $\tan \angle C = \frac{5\sqrt{3}}{11}$ .

Our answer is  $\frac{FM}{FM+MD} = \frac{5\sqrt{3}/11}{5\sqrt{3}/11 + \sqrt{3}/2} = \boxed{\frac{10}{21}}$ .