Automated Generation of Planar Geometry Olympiad Problems

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Motivation

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The **International Mathematical Olympiad** is the most prestigious mathematical contest.



http://imo-official.org/

- 100+ countries
- 600+ participants
- 6 difficult problems
- 2 planar geometry problems
- Writing these problems is:
 - Difficult
 - Time-consuming
 - Requires years of experience

Main challenges

- Very little prior work in automation
- Multitude of possible problems
- Only a minority of them is suitable
- No universal way of recognizing them

Methods

1. Generation of geometry problems

Complex algorithm with efficient memory usage

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- Allowed for arbitrarily long-running experiments
- Formally proven to be correct
- 2. Filtering unsuitable problems
 - Ulitizes geometry theorem proving methods
 - Filtered out **95%** of the easy problems in the performed test-case experiment
- 3. Ranking of the remaning problems
 - Heuristic ranking system
 - 4 rated aspects selected based on the author's years of experience in writing geometry problems

Implementation

- C# .NET Core 3.1
- No external libraries for the main logic
- Visualization via MetaPost and TeX
- <u>https://github.com/PatrikBak/GeoGen</u>

Results

- Tested in long-running (40+ hours) parallel generations (45,000+ CPU hours)
- More than 100,000 problems
- 5 problems proposed to the International Mathematical Olympiad 2020
- 1 problem accepted to the Czech-Slovak-Polish Match 2020
- 4 problems accepted to the Czech-Slovak Olympiad 2020

Accepted problem



Let *ABC* be an acute triangle. Suppose that points *D* and *E* lie on the side *BC* such that *D* is between *B* and *E*, *AD* = *CD*, and *AE* = *BE*. Point *F* is a point satisfying *FD* || *AB* and *FE* || *AC*. Prove that *FB* = *FC*.