

### Hints 5-6

- 5.2. One can reuse the same proof as for Euclidean case (considering perpendicular bisector and angle bisector as loci of something...).
- 5.3. Use polar correspondence.
- 5.6. Both sine and cosine laws will be useful.
- 6.2. Triangulate the polygon.
- 6.4. Use reflections.
- 6.5. This question is a bit more involved than the others. The main idea is to find a projection  $p$  of the spherical triangle to some plane, so that  $p$  will take a spherical triangle to a Euclidean one and a spherical median/altitude to a Euclidean one.
- (a) Project from the centre of the sphere  $O$  to the plane  $ABC$ .
- (b) Project from  $O$  to the plane  $\Pi_C$  tangent to the sphere at the point  $C$ . To prove that the altitudes of a spherical triangle are projected to the altitudes (of Euclidean triangle) one can use the following statement (prove the statement!):

*Let  $\Pi_C$  be a plane in  $\mathbb{E}^3$  tangent to the sphere at the point  $C$ .*

*Let  $\alpha$  be a plane,  $O, C \in \alpha$  and let  $\beta$  be any plane through  $O$  orthogonal to  $\alpha$ .*

*Let  $l_\alpha = \Pi_C \cap \alpha$  and  $l_\beta = \Pi_C \cap \beta$  be non-empty. Then  $l_\alpha$  is orthogonal to  $l_\beta$ .*

**Remark 1.** In fact, if  $ABC$  is a spherical triangle of a very special type then  $ABC$  has altitudes which are not concurrent! Can you find such an example? What is wrong with the proof (or more precisely, with the projection) in this case?

**Remark 2.** As the solution both for medians and altitudes refers to the corresponding Euclidean theorems, it looks reasonable to refresh/to learn the proofs of the Euclidean theorems. For example, one can find the proofs on the cut-the-knot portal:

[www.cut-the-know.org/geometry.shtml](http://www.cut-the-know.org/geometry.shtml)