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$M$  is a variable point of side  $BC$  of  $\triangle ABC$ . A line through  $M$  intersects the lines  $AB$  in  $K$  and  $AC$  in  $L$  so that  $M$  is the mid-point of segment  $KL$ . Point  $K_1$  is such that  $ALKK_1$  is a parallelogram. Determine the locus of  $K_1$  as  $M$  moves on segment  $BC$ .

II. Essentially the same *solution by Tim Cross, King Edward's School, Birmigham, England; Hidetosi Fukagawa, Japan; Walther Janous, Ursulinengymnasium, Innsbruck, Austria; Mitko Christov Kunchev, Rousse, Bulgaria; Ashsih Kr. Singh, student, Kanpur, India.*

Take  $A$  to be the origin and set the vectors  $\overrightarrow{AB} = \vec{B}$ , etc. Then  $\overrightarrow{M} = t\vec{B} + (1-t)\vec{C}$ , where  $t$  varies from 0 to 1 as  $M$  moves from  $C$  to  $B$ . Suppose that  $\overrightarrow{K} = k\vec{B}$  and that  $\overrightarrow{L} = \lambda\vec{C}$ . Because  $M$  is the mid-point of  $KL$ , we have

$$\frac{k\vec{B} + \lambda\vec{C}}{2} = t\vec{B} + (1-t)\vec{C},$$

so that  $k = 2t$  and  $\lambda = 2(1-t)$  (since  $\vec{B}$  and  $\vec{C}$  are linearly independent). Since  $ALKK_1$  is a parallelogram, it follows that

$$\overrightarrow{K_1} = \overrightarrow{K} - \overrightarrow{L} = t(2\vec{B}) + (1-t)(-2\vec{C}).$$

Thus the locus of  $K_1$  is the segment joining  $-2\vec{C}$  (where  $t = 0$ ) to  $2\vec{B}$  (where  $t = 1$ ).