

# 3D Geometry

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**Problem.** Circle  $\omega$  touches side  $BC$  of triangle  $\triangle ABC$  at point  $D$ .  $AD$  meets  $\omega$  again at  $E$ . The tangent to  $\omega$  at  $E$  meets  $AB$  and  $AC$  at  $J$  and  $I$  respectively. Both  $BI$  and  $CI$  intersect  $\omega$  at points  $K, L, M$  and  $N$  as shown in the figure below. Show that  $A = KL \cap MN$

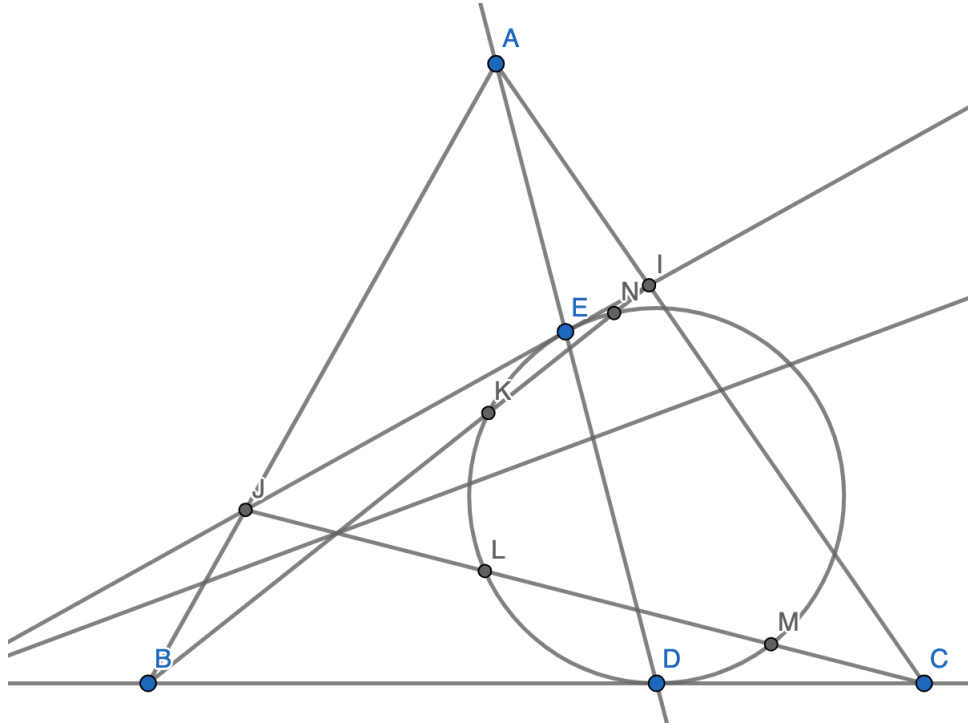


Figure 1: A is moving on the fixed median WOW!

**My Solution.** We will project the figure from this plane to another plane via the Perspective point which we can choose somewhere in the third dimension as so:

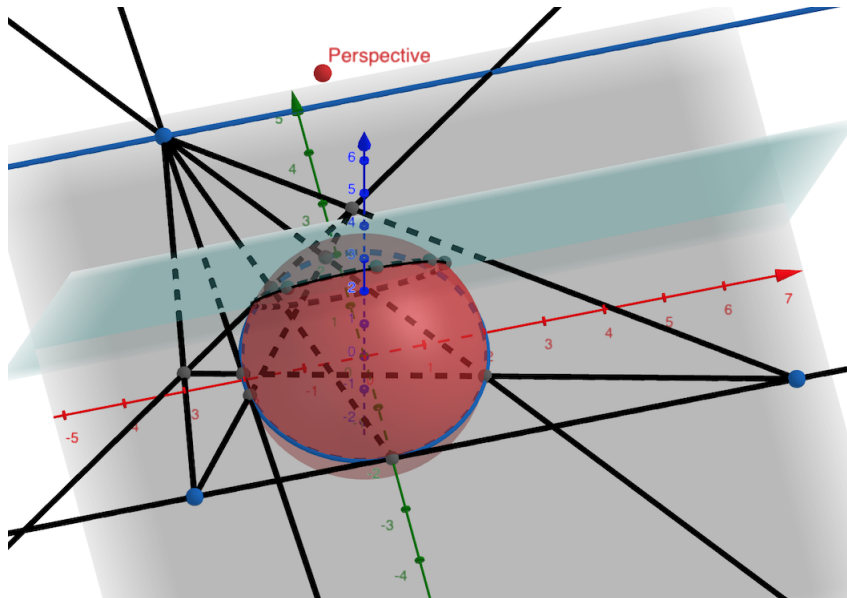


Figure 2: This figure shows initial figure and the perspective point

And since we can preserve a circle and send any point to infinity line (the rules of projective transformation which can be proved and are allowed at the IMO):

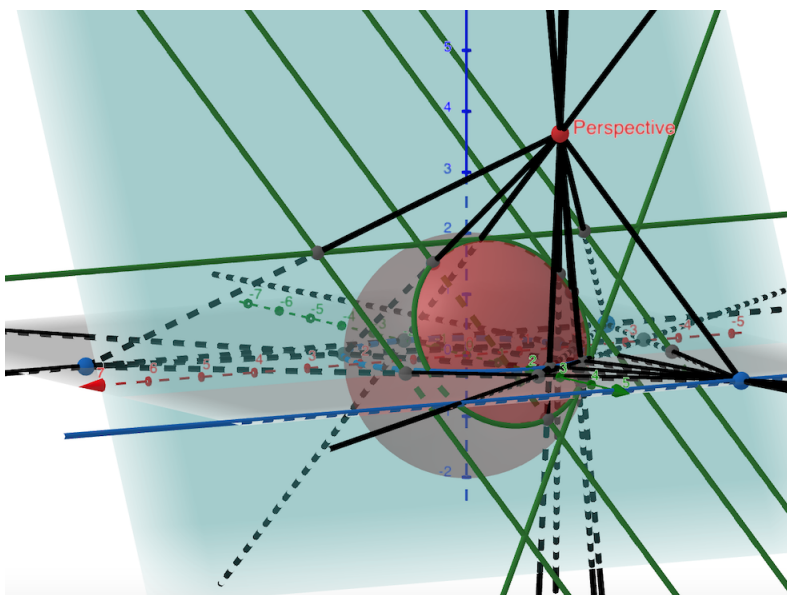


Figure 3: Here we show the figure after projection with the initial figure visible so you can visualize what's going on

And now we clear things up a bit:

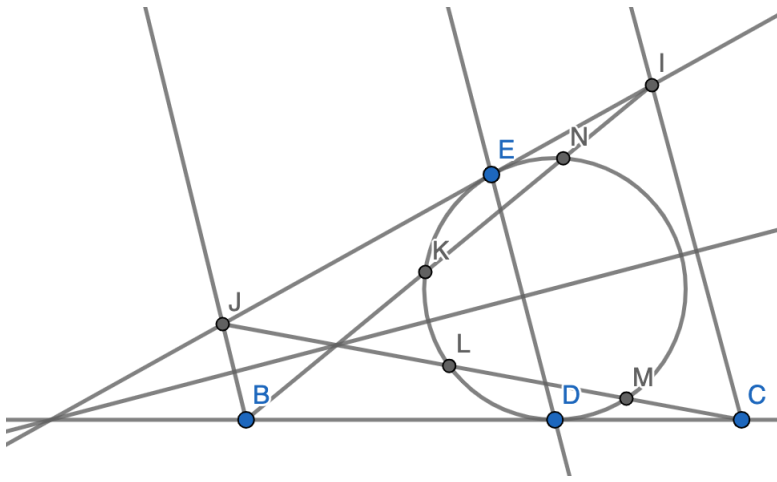


Figure 4: This is the figure after projection

and how elegant does that look, now we just need to prove  $BJ, CI, KL$  and  $MN$  are parallel which is true by symmetry.  $\square$