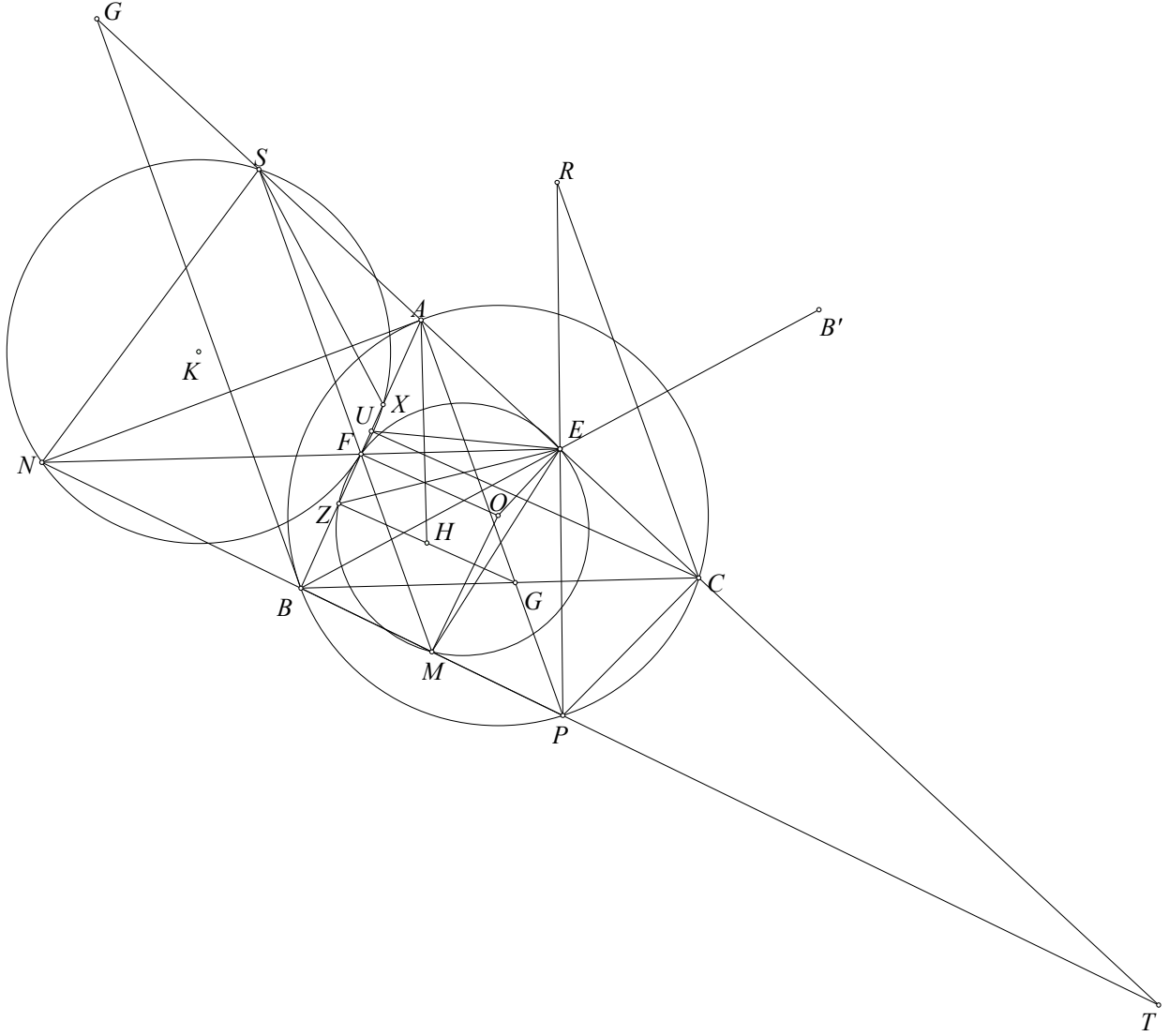


Notation: $\triangle ABC \cup (D) \triangle A_1B_1C_1 \cup (D_1)$ means that triangles ABC and $A_1B_1C_1$ are similar, with points D and D_1 have corresponding roles.



First, let AP intersect BC at G , (NSF) intersect AB at X , Z be the projection of G on AB . We will prove that F is the midpoint of XZ .

Let PE intersect the line through C parallel to AP at R . Since quadrilateral $AEPN$ is cyclic, we have $\angle SAF = \angle BPC$, $\angle PCB = \angle PAB = \angle SFA$, $\angle PRC = \angle APE = \angle ANF$, hence $\triangle PBC \sim \triangle ASF$, and $\triangle PRC \sim \triangle ANF$. Therefore, $\triangle PBC \cup (R) \sim \triangle ASF \cup (N)$.

Let B' be the reflection of B across E . Then triangles BRC and $B'PA$ are symmetric with respect to E . The homothety centered at B with ratio $1/2$ maps triangle $B'PA$ to triangle EMF , hence $\triangle EMF \sim \triangle BRC \sim \triangle SNF$ (where M is the midpoint of BP).

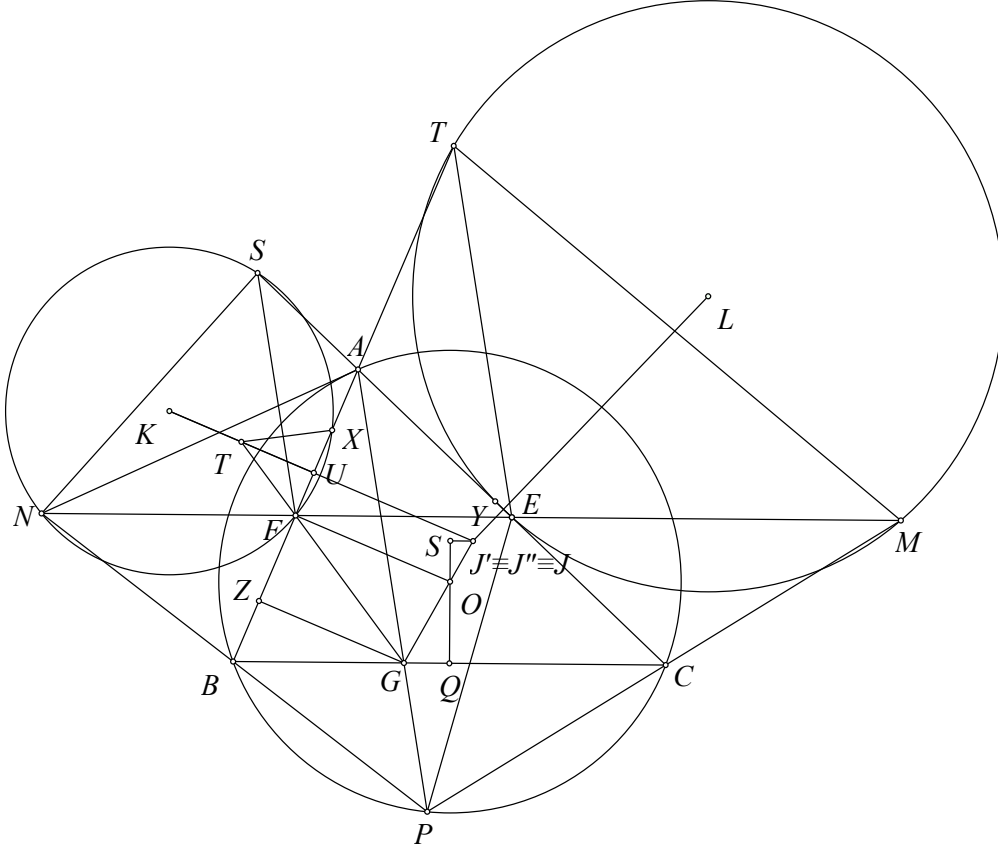
Let H be the orthocenter of triangle ABC , and let AC intersect BP at T . Then H and O are isogonal conjugates in triangle ABT , so $MFEZ$ is cyclic.

Let U be the projection of C on AB . We have $EA = EU$, thus $\angle UEZ = \angle AUE - \angle UZE = \angle BAC - \angle FME = \angle BAC - \angle SNF = \angle BAC - \angle SXA = \angle XSA$. Hence

$$\triangle SAX \sim \triangle EUZ, \text{ so } \frac{AX}{AS} = \frac{UZ}{UE} = \frac{UZ}{AE} \quad (1).$$

On the other hand, through B , draw a line parallel to AP intersecting AC at G . Then S is the midpoint of AG , hence $\frac{GC}{GB} = \frac{AC}{AG} = \frac{AS}{AE} \quad (2).$

Therefore, from (1) and (2) we get $\frac{AX}{BZ} = \frac{ZU}{ZB} \cdot \frac{AS}{AE} = \frac{GC}{GB} \cdot \frac{GB}{GC} = 1$, so $AX = BZ$, hence F is the midpoint of XZ .



Returning to the problem, let G be the intersection of AP and BC , and let J' be the intersection of the line through K perpendicular to AB with OG . Line GF intersects KJ' at T , and KJ' bisects FX at U . By Thales' theorem, we have $\frac{OJ'}{OG} = \frac{FT}{FG} = \frac{FU}{FZ} = \frac{1}{2}$.

Similarly, let the line through L perpendicular to AC intersect OG at J'' . Then $\frac{OJ''}{OG} = \frac{1}{2}$, so J'' coincides with J' , hence also with J . Thus, J lies on the ray opposite to OG and satisfies $\frac{OJ}{OG} = \frac{1}{2}$.

Let Q be the midpoint of BC , and S be the point on the ray opposite to OQ satisfying $\frac{OS}{OQ} = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{OJ}{OG}$. Then $JS \parallel BC$, and since S is fixed, J moves along a fixed line through S parallel to BC , as desired.

Therefore, the problem is proven