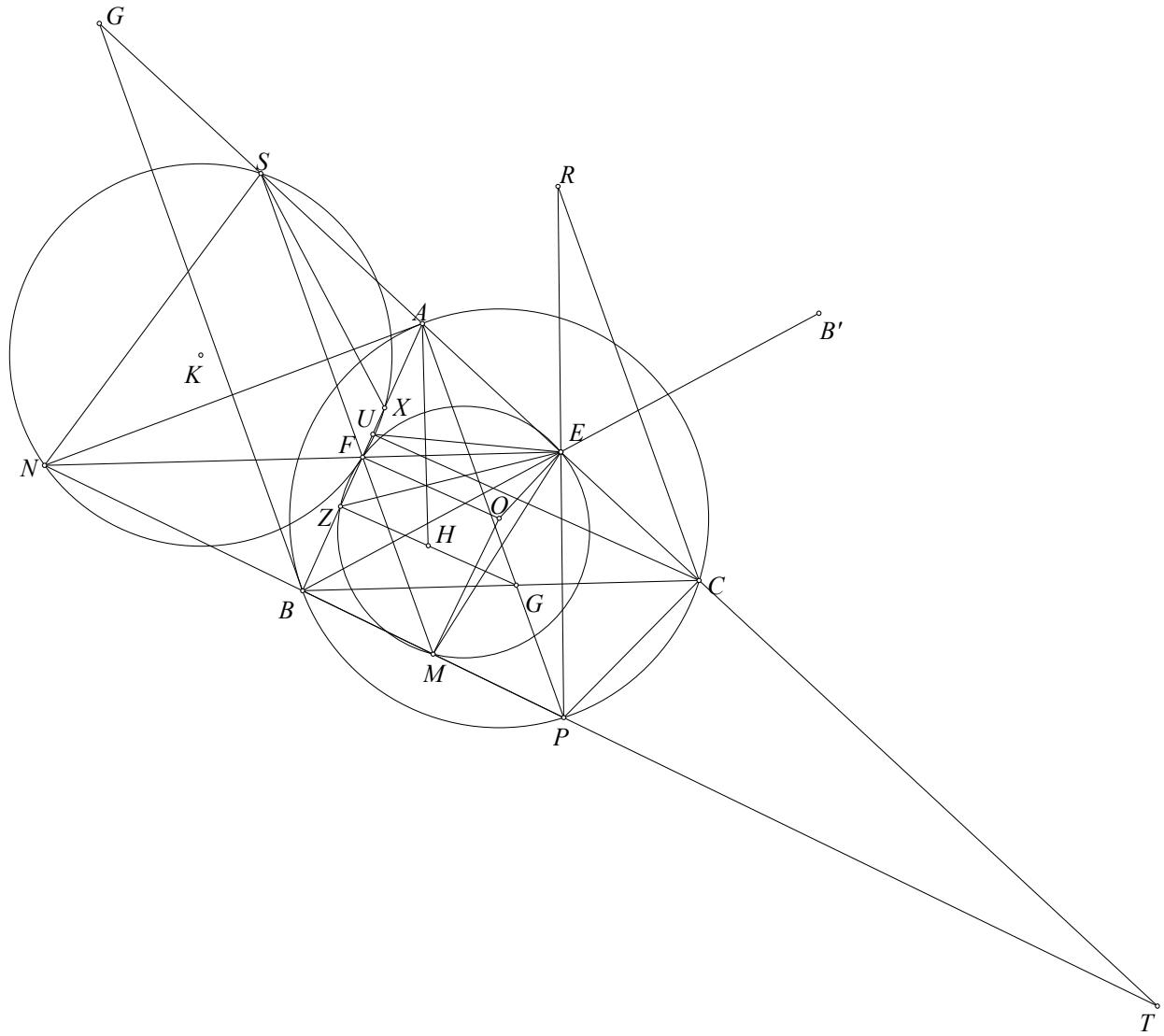


Notation:  $\triangle ABC \cup (D)$   $\triangle A_1B_1C_1 \cup (D_1)$  means that triangles  $ABC$  and  $A_1B_1C_1$  are similar, with points  $D$  and  $D_1$  having corresponding roles.



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,  $\triangle PBC \cup (R) \sim \triangle ASF \cup (N)$ .

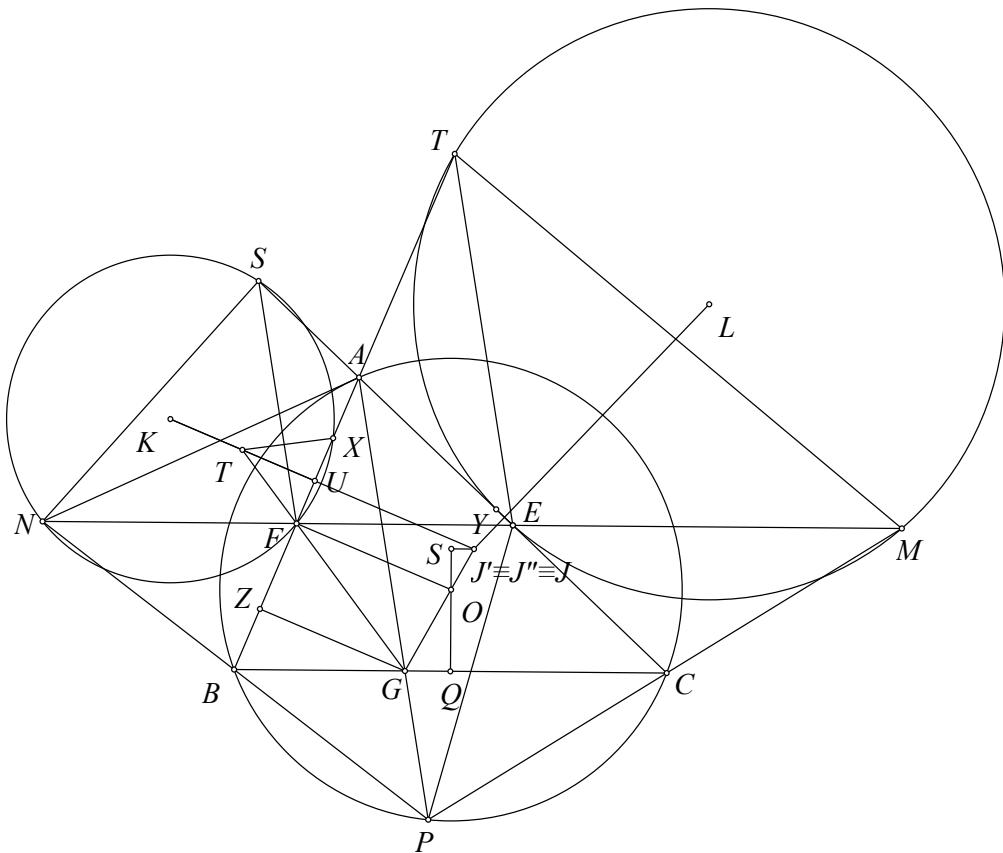
Let  $B'$  be the reflection of  $B$  across  $E$ . Then triangles  $BR'C$  and  $B'PA$  are symmetric with respect to  $E$ . The homothety centered at  $B$  with ratio  $1/2$  maps triangle  $B'PA$  to triangle  $EMF$ , hence  $\triangle EMF \sim \triangle BRC \sim \triangle SNF$  (where  $M$  is the 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  $\frac{GC}{GB} = \frac{AC}{AG} = \frac{AS}{AE}$  (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