

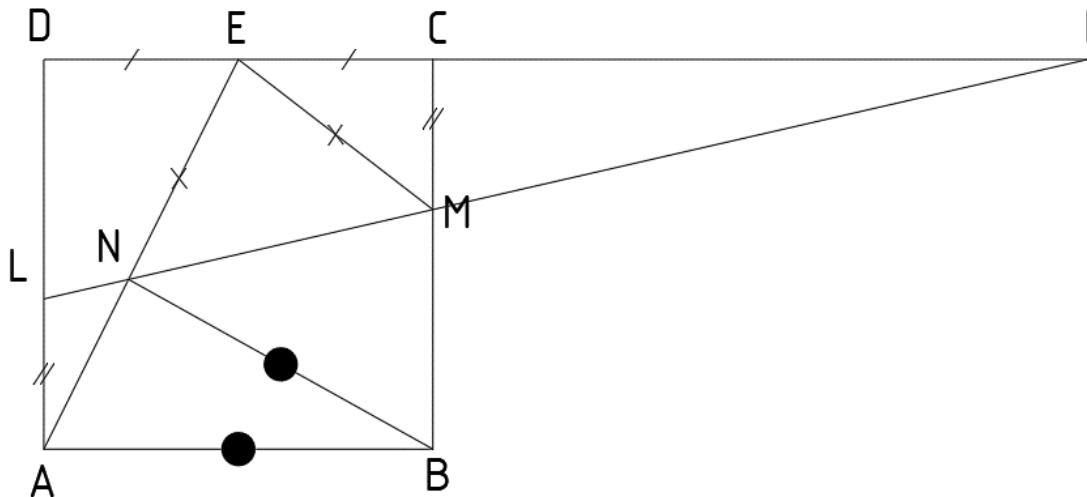
I have simplified the problem, now it can be announced that:

“Can 2 equations:  $EN = EM$  and  $AB = BN$  happen at the same time?”

### 1. Discuss 1: When will $EN = EM$ ?

Let  $AL = CM = x$ ,  $0 < x < a$  and extend LM that meets CD at I. There will be 2 cases:

**Case 1: point C between point I and D (figure below)**



Using Menelaus theorem for triangle DAE with secant L-N-I, we have:

$$\frac{AL}{DL} \cdot \frac{EN}{AN} \cdot \frac{DI}{EI} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{EN}{AN} = \frac{EI}{DI} \cdot \frac{DL}{AL} = \frac{EC+CI}{DC+CI} \cdot \frac{DL}{AL} = \frac{\frac{a}{2}+CI}{a+CI} \cdot \frac{a-x}{x}$$

Then we have to find  $CI$  by  $a, x$

Using Thales theorem in triangle DLI with CM // DL, we have:

$$\frac{CM}{DL} = \frac{CI}{DI} = \frac{CI}{a + CI}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{a-x} = \frac{CI}{a+CI}$$

$$\Rightarrow CI = \frac{ax}{a-2x}, \text{ with condition } 0 < x < a/2 \text{ (*)}$$

$$\text{Then we find that } \frac{EN}{AN} = \frac{a^2 - ax}{2ax - 2x^2}$$

$$\text{We also have, } EN + AN = AE = \sqrt{AD^2 + DE^2} = \sqrt{a^2 + \left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^2} = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}a$$

$$\Rightarrow EN = \frac{\sqrt{5}a(a^2 - ax)}{2(a^2 + ax - 2x^2)}$$

$$\text{About EM, we have: } EM = \sqrt{EC^2 + CM^2} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^2 + x^2} = \frac{\sqrt{a^2 + 4x^2}}{2}$$

$$EN = EM \Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{5}a(a^2 - ax)}{2(a^2 + ax - 2x^2)} = \frac{\sqrt{a^2 + 4x^2}}{2}$$

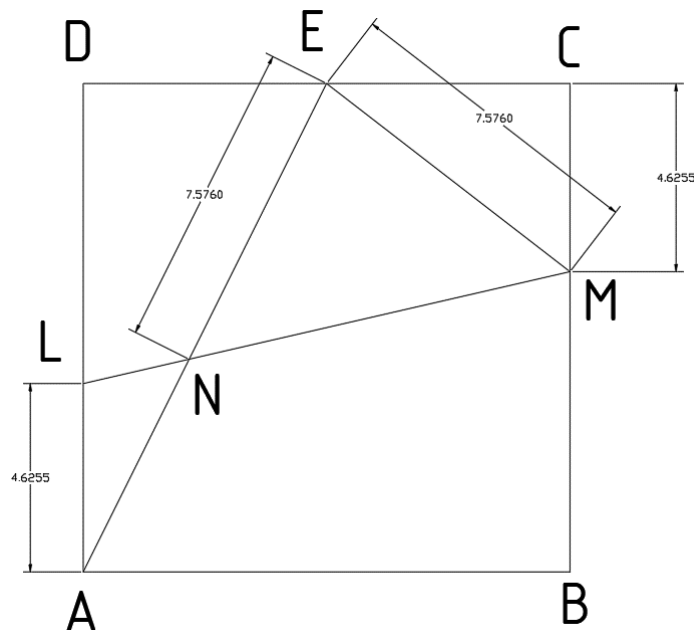
$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{5}a(a^2 - ax) = (a^2 + ax - 2x^2)\sqrt{a^2 + 4x^2}$$

Square both sides and simplified it, we have equation bellow:

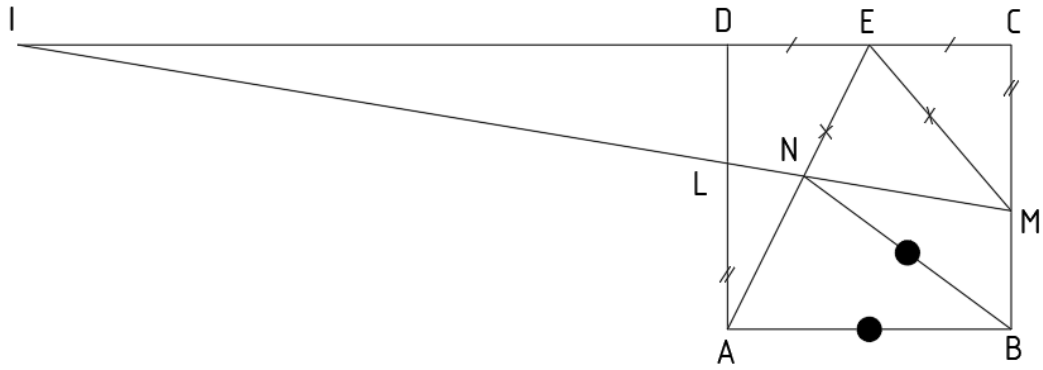
$$4x^6 - (4a)x^5 - (2a^2)x^4 + a^3x^3 - a^4x^2 + (3a^5)x - a^6 = 0 \text{ (1)}$$

That mean, if equation (1) is satisfied and root  $x$  is accepted by condition (\*), equation  $EN = EM$  will be true.

In your problem, we already have  $a = 12$ , then we can calculate  $x \approx 4,6255$  and check by drawing, we have:



**Case 2: Point D between point I and C (figure bellow)**



Using Menelaus theorem for triangle DAE with secant N-L-I, we have:

$$\frac{AL}{DL} \cdot \frac{EN}{AN} \cdot \frac{DI}{EI} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{EN}{AN} = \frac{EI}{DI} \cdot \frac{DL}{AL} = \frac{ED+DI}{DI} \cdot \frac{DL}{AL} = \frac{\frac{a}{2}+DI}{DI} \cdot \frac{a-x}{x}$$

Then we have to find  $DI$  by  $a, x$

Using Thales theorem in triangle CMI with  $CM \parallel DL$ , we have:

$$\frac{CM}{DL} = \frac{CI}{DI} = \frac{a + DI}{DI}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{a-x} = \frac{a+DI}{DI}$$

$$\Rightarrow DI = \frac{a^2 - ax}{2x - a}, \text{ with condition } \frac{a}{2} < x < a \text{ (+)}$$

$$\text{Then we find that } \frac{EN}{AN} = \frac{a}{2x}$$

$$\text{We also have, } EN + AN = AE = \sqrt{AD^2 + DE^2} = \sqrt{a^2 + \left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^2} = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} a$$

$$\Rightarrow EN = \frac{\sqrt{5}a^2}{2(2x+a)}$$

$$\text{About EM, we have: } EM = \sqrt{EC^2 + CM^2} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^2 + x^2} = \frac{\sqrt{a^2 + 4x^2}}{2}$$

$$EN = EM \Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{5}a^2}{2(2x+a)} = \frac{\sqrt{a^2 + 4x^2}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{5}a^2 = (2x + a)\sqrt{a^2 + 4x^2}$$

Square both sides and simplified it, we have equation bellow:

$$4x^4 + (4a)x^3 + (2a^2)x^2 + a^3x - a^4 = 0 \text{ (2)}$$

That mean, if equation (2) is satisfied and root  $x$  is accepted by condition (+), equation  $EN = EM$  will be true.

In your problem, we already have  $a = 12$ , then we can calculate  $x = -12$  or  $x \approx 4,6255$ . They are both rejected by condition (+) → **No solution**

**2. Discuss 2: Will equation  $EN = EM$  true when combine with condition  $BN = BA$ ?**

We have:

$$\cos(DAE + EAB) = \cos 90^\circ = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos DAE \cos EAB - \sin DAE \sin EAB = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{\left(\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}a\right)} \cos EAB - \frac{\frac{a}{2}}{\left(\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}a\right)} \sin EAB = 0$$

Because  $EAB < 90^\circ \Rightarrow \cos EAB, \sin EAB > 0$

$$\Rightarrow \cos EAB = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$$

In triangle BAN:

$$\cos BAN = \frac{BA^2 + AN^2 - BN^2}{2AB \cdot AN} = \frac{AN}{2AB} = \frac{AN}{2a} = \cos EAB$$

$$\Rightarrow AN = \frac{2a}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$\Rightarrow EN = AE - AN = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}a - \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}a = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{10}a$$

Like **Discuss 1**, we have  $EM = \frac{\sqrt{a^2 + 4x^2}}{2}$

As the result,  $\frac{\sqrt{5}}{10}a = \frac{\sqrt{a^2 + 4x^2}}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{\sqrt{5}}{5}a\right)^2 = a^2 + 4x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = -\frac{1}{5}a^2 < 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  **Impossible**

That mean, 2 equations in the title can not be true at the same time

But is there a ability that only equation  $BA = BN$  be true with fixed condition  $LA = CM$ ?

### 3. Discuss 3: When will $BA = BN$ ?

#### Case 1: Point C between point I and D

From **Dicuss 1\_Case 1**, we have  $EN = \frac{\sqrt{5}a(a^2-ax)}{2(a^2+ax-2x^2)}$

$$\Rightarrow AN = AE - EN = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}a - \frac{\sqrt{5}a(a^2-ax)}{2(a^2+ax-2x^2)} = \frac{\sqrt{5}(a^2x-ax^2)}{a^2+ax-2x^2}$$

From **Dicuss 2**, we have  $AN = \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}a$

As the result,  $\frac{\sqrt{5}(a^2x-ax^2)}{a^2+ax-2x^2} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}a$  (3)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{5}(ax-x^2)}{a^2+ax-2x^2} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}, a > 0$$

Condition:  $a^2 + ax - 2x^2 \neq 0$  (\*\*)

$$\Rightarrow x \neq a, x \neq -\frac{a}{2}$$

Transform equation (3), we have:

$$5(ax - x^2) = 2(a^2 + ax - 2x^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - (3a)x + 2a^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = a \text{ or } x = 2a \text{ (both are rejected by condition (*))}$$

That mean equation  $BA = BN$  can not be true

#### Case 2: Point D between point I and C

From **Dicuss 1\_Case 2**, we have  $EN = \frac{\sqrt{5}a^2}{2(2x+a)}$

$$\Rightarrow AN = AE - EN = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}a - \frac{\sqrt{5}a^2}{2(2x+a)} = \frac{\sqrt{5}ax}{2x+a}$$

From **Dicuss 2**, we have  $AN = \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}a$

As the result,  $\frac{\sqrt{5}ax}{2x+a} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}a$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{5}x}{2x+a} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}, a > 0$$
 (4)

Condition:  $2x + a \neq 0$ , always right because  $\frac{a}{2} < x < a$

Transform equation (4), we have:

$$5x = 2(2x + a)$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 2a \text{ (rejected by condition of } x)$$

That mean equation  $BA = BN$  can not be true

#### 4. Sum up

With fixed condition  $AL = CM$  and  $E$  is midpoint of  $CD$ , just only equation  $EN = EM$  is accepted!