

# **Axial Magnification 2020**

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Friedrich Schiller, in his 27 letters on the Aesthetic Education of Man(kind), stated that *play* is the act of balancing abstract thoughts regarding what *should be*, with our perceptions of what actually *is*. He stated that it is necessary for the determination of beauty, defined as the connection between the actual, and the ideal which is unknowable in its entirety. It is with this sense of play that William Brown, PhD. introduced geometrical optics during my freshman year of optometry school in 1979. This aesthetic education provided for the continued construction of context out of the free interplay of content and form, as well as over three decades of fun.

The playground on which I present the results is that of the circle. I begin there because our heads are already full of ideas about how its pieces fit. For example, we may believe that parallel lines intersect it across equal arcs, since that makes sense to us. From there we can see that equal arcs along a circle subtend equal angles, and that certain triangles within a circle can therefore be shown to have the same shape, with their sides forming ratio equalities. Quadrilaterals with corners along the same circle can then describe equalities with multiple ratios. In 1667 Isaac Barrow used this to find triangles using other triangles, and describe tangential refraction along a line and at a circle. This approach requires no math beyond plane geometry, and encourages a spatial understanding devoid of sign convention and jargon.

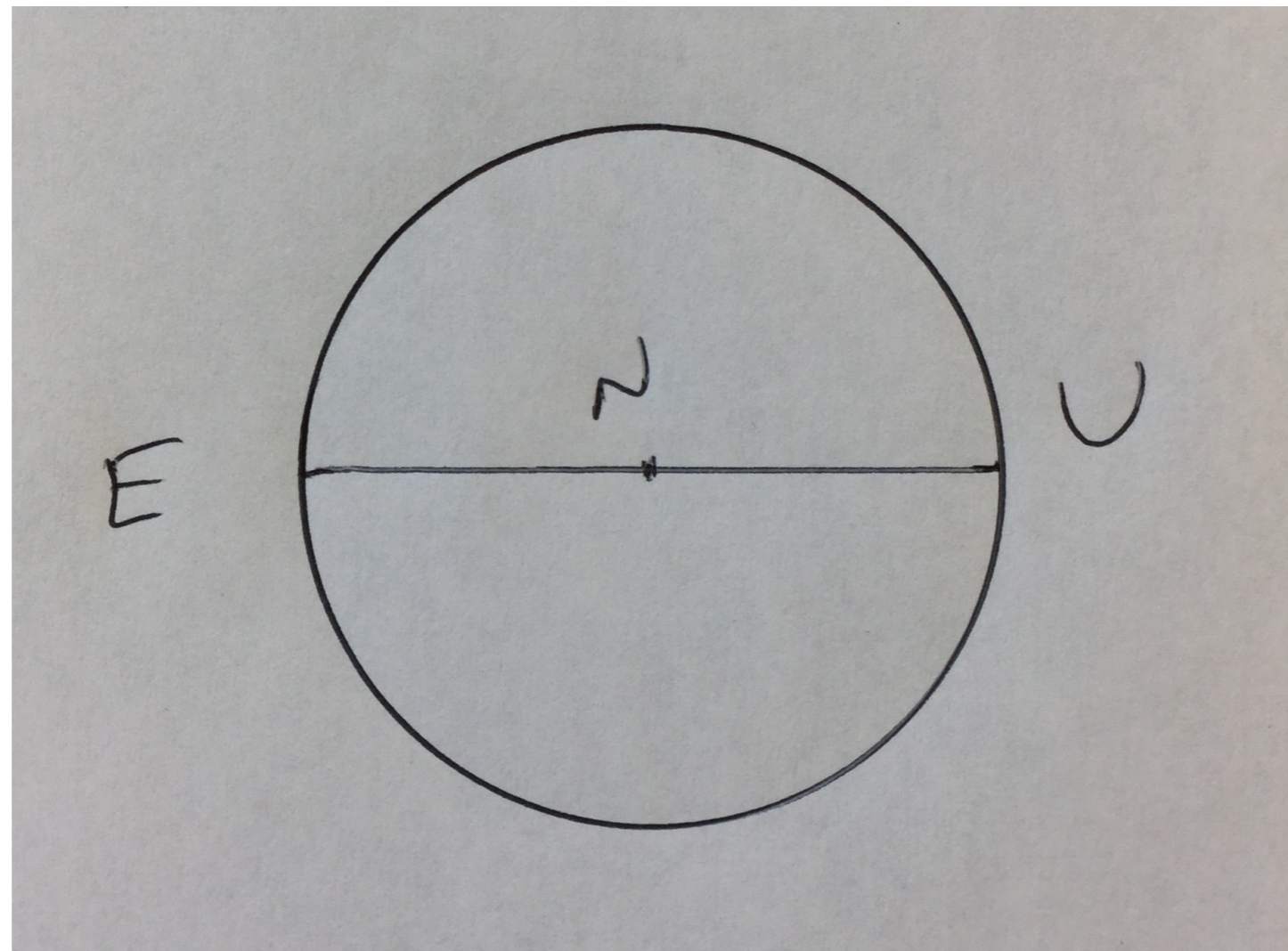
For those clinicians wishing to have more than a working knowledge of axial magnification, I have drawn geometric figures to cover the necessary preliminary concepts. Axial magnification is presented only after a thorough spatial representation of tangential refraction along a line and a circle. In order to visualize the relevant axial ratio equalities involved using triangles, the optic axis is then represented as a circle of infinite radius, and the sign convention remains unnecessary.

# Section 1

# Geometry of the Circle

**Figure 1:**

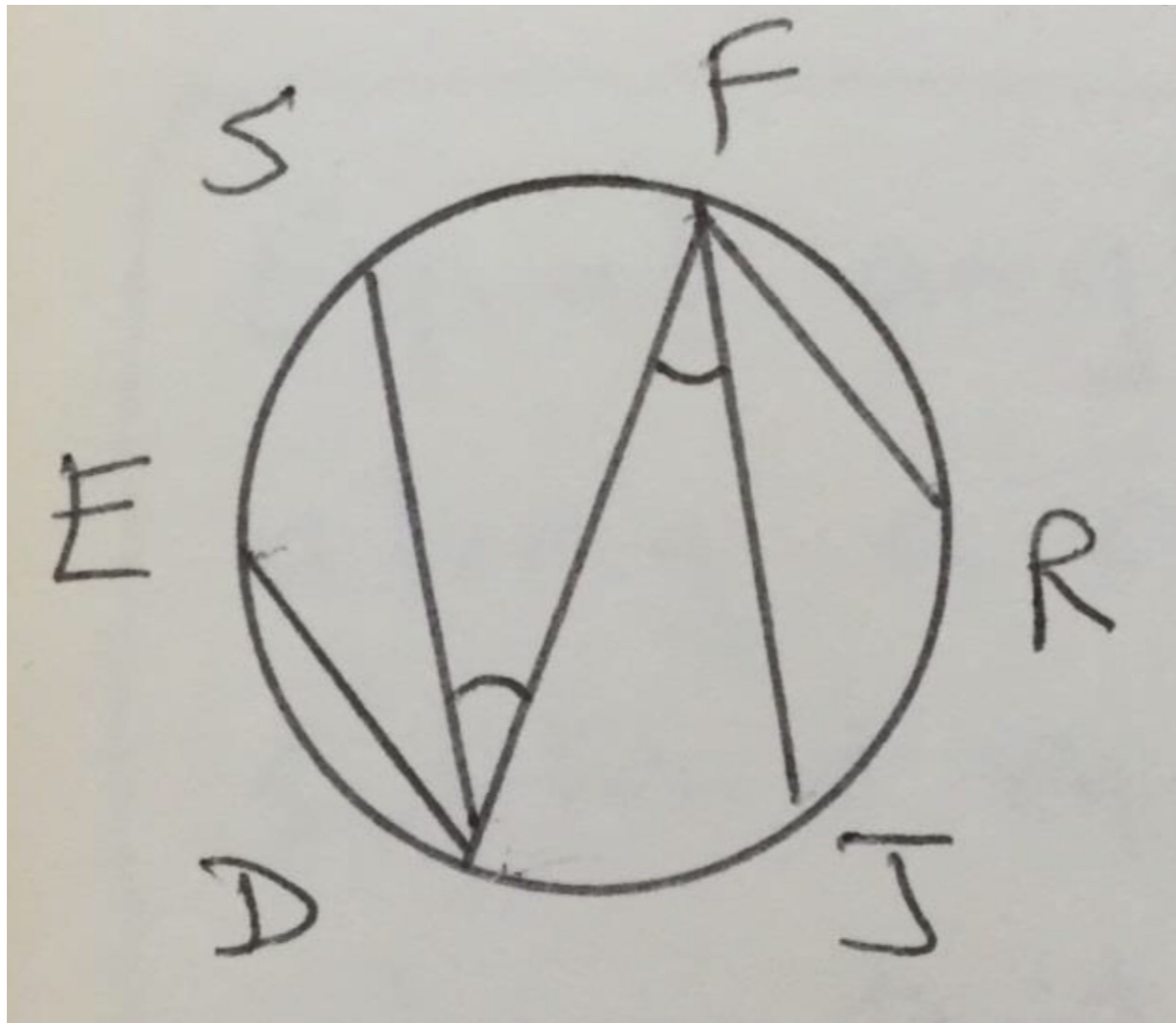
Given a circle with diameter EU and center N:





## Figure 2:

Any two equal arcs  $\sim ES$  and  $\sim RJ$  can be shown to subtend equal angles by drawing any two parallel lines  $SD$  and  $JF$ :



$$\sim SF = \sim JD$$

$$\sim ES + \sim SF = \sim RJ + \sim JD$$

$$\sim EF = \sim RD$$

$$ED \parallel RF$$

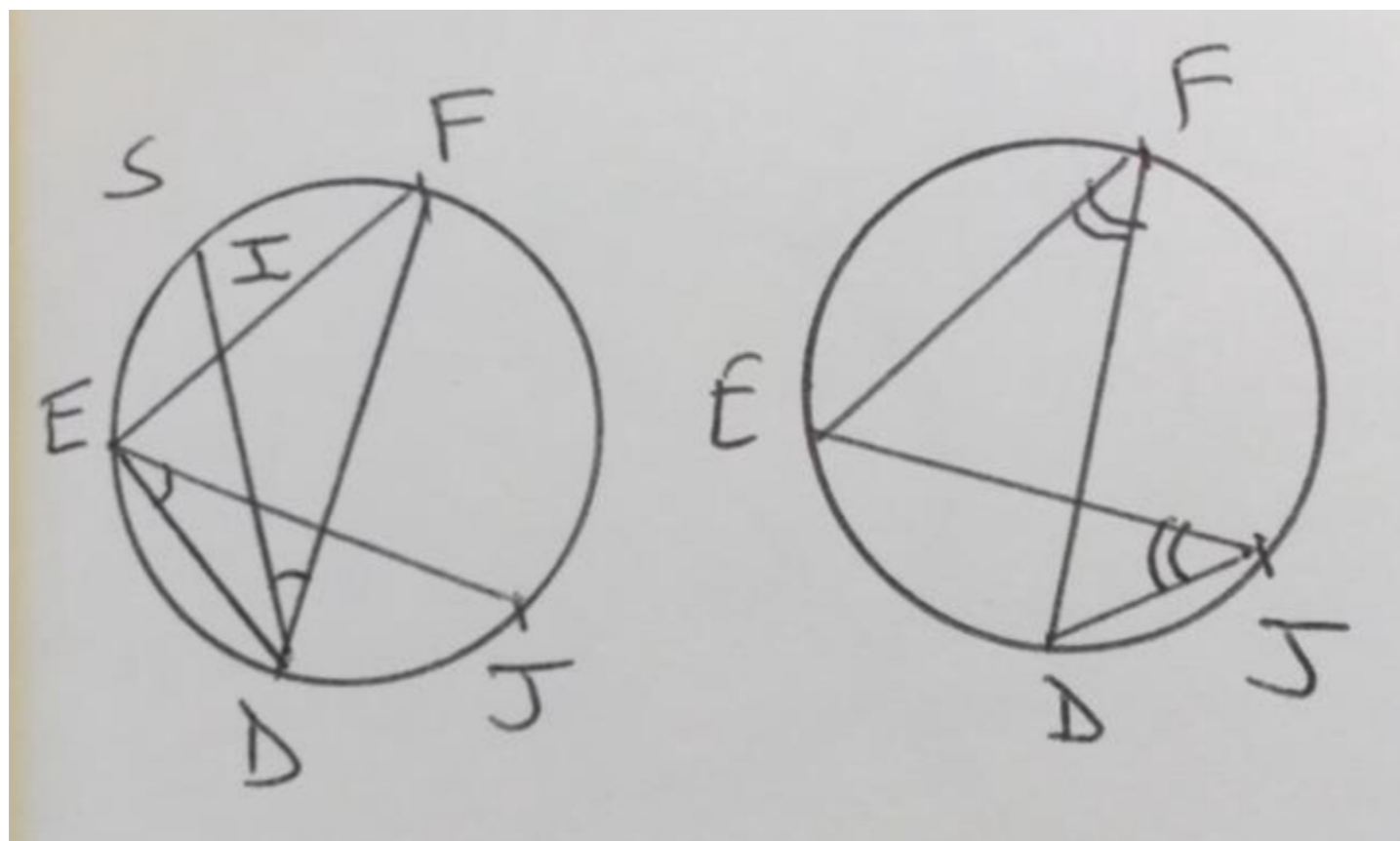
Since equal angles along a circle therefore subtend equal arcs, any angle along any circle can be defined in terms of its subtended arc and the circle's diameter. For example:

$$\angle RFJ = \sim \frac{\underline{RJ}}{EU}$$

### Figure 3:

Triangles need only two equal angles to be the same shape, (or  $\cong$ ).

Since equal arcs subtend equal angles along a circle:

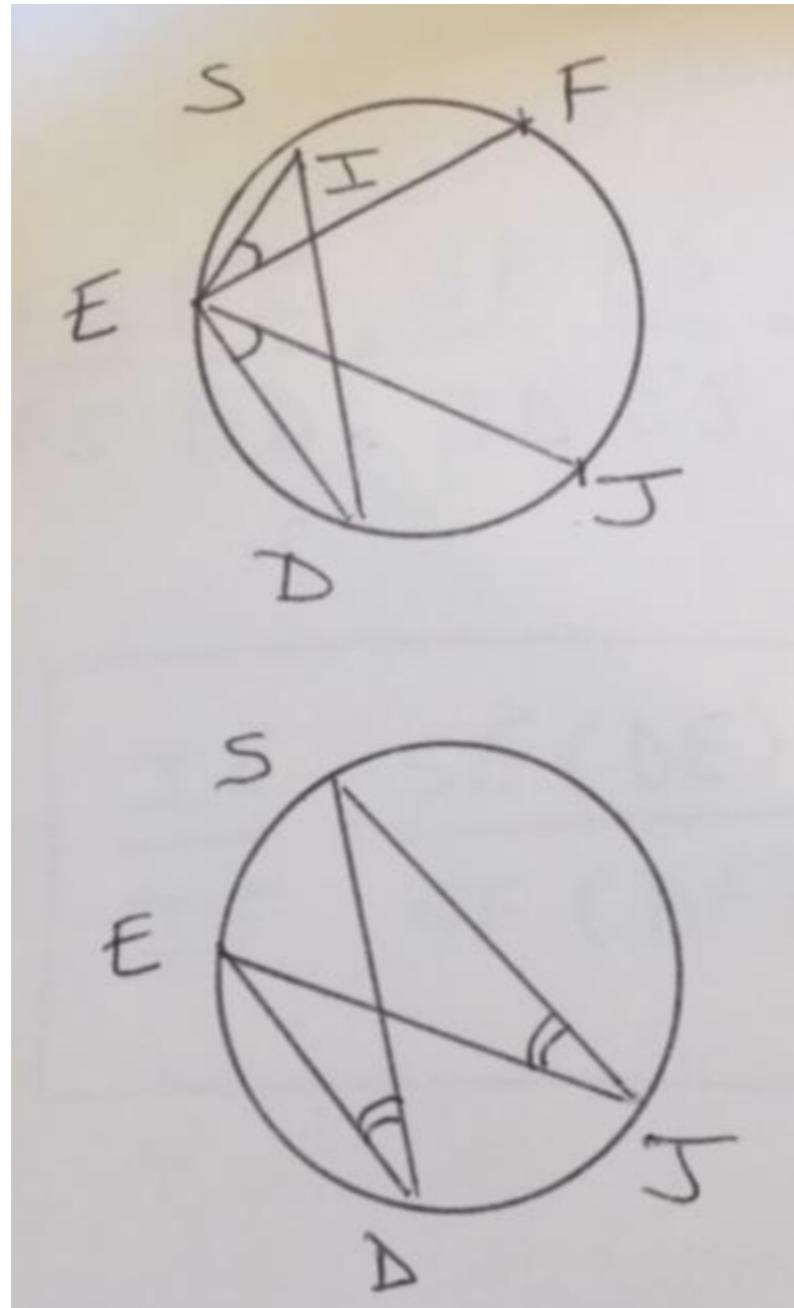


$$\triangle EJD \cong \triangle DFI$$

$$\underline{FD} = \underline{JE}$$

$$\underline{FI} = \underline{JD}$$

**Figure 4:**



$$\sim SJ = \sim FD$$

$$\triangle EJS \cong \triangle EDI$$

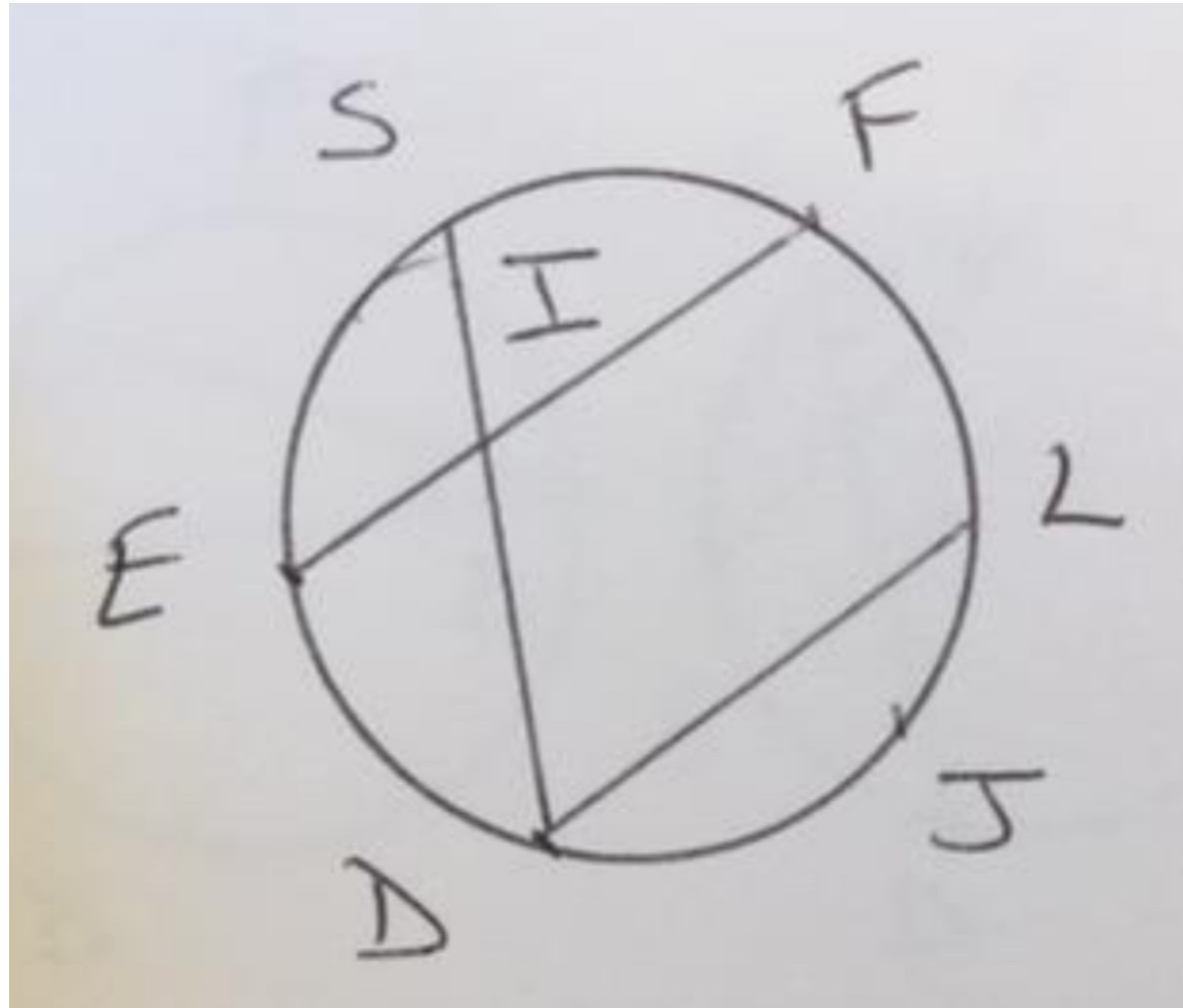
$$\frac{EI}{ED} = \frac{ES}{EJ}$$

$$\frac{FD \cdot EI}{FI \cdot ED} = \frac{JE \cdot ES}{JD \cdot EJ} = \frac{SE}{SF}$$

$$\frac{IE}{IF} = \frac{SE \cdot DE}{SF \cdot DF}$$

**which describes an important property of any cyclic quadrilateral SEDF.**

**Figure 5:**



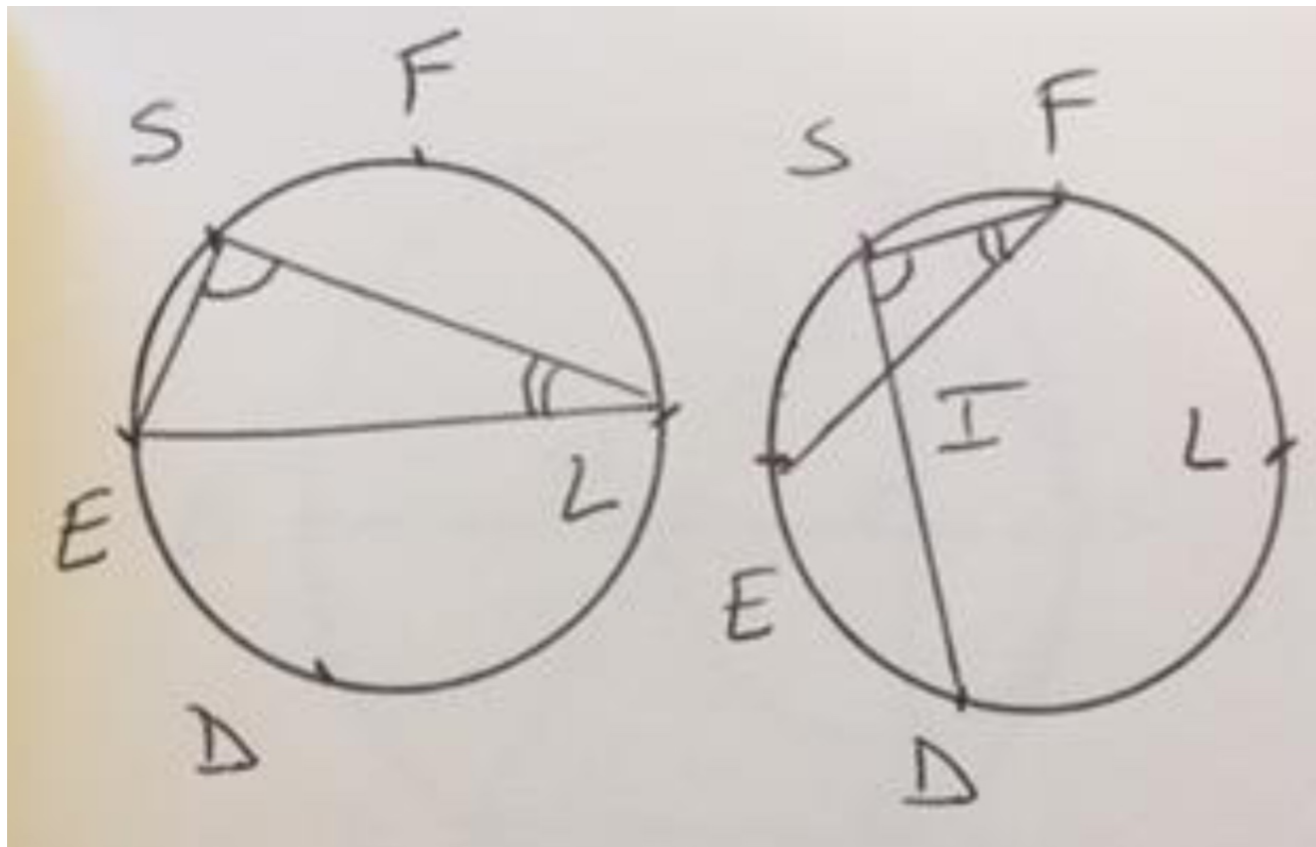
$$LD \parallel FE$$

$$\frac{DE}{DF} = \frac{LF}{LE}$$

$$\frac{IE}{IF} = \frac{SE \cdot LF}{SF \cdot LE}$$

$$\frac{FE}{FI} = \frac{SE \cdot LF + SF \cdot LE}{SF \cdot LE}$$

**Figure 6:**



$$LD \parallel FE$$

$$\sim EL = \sim FD$$

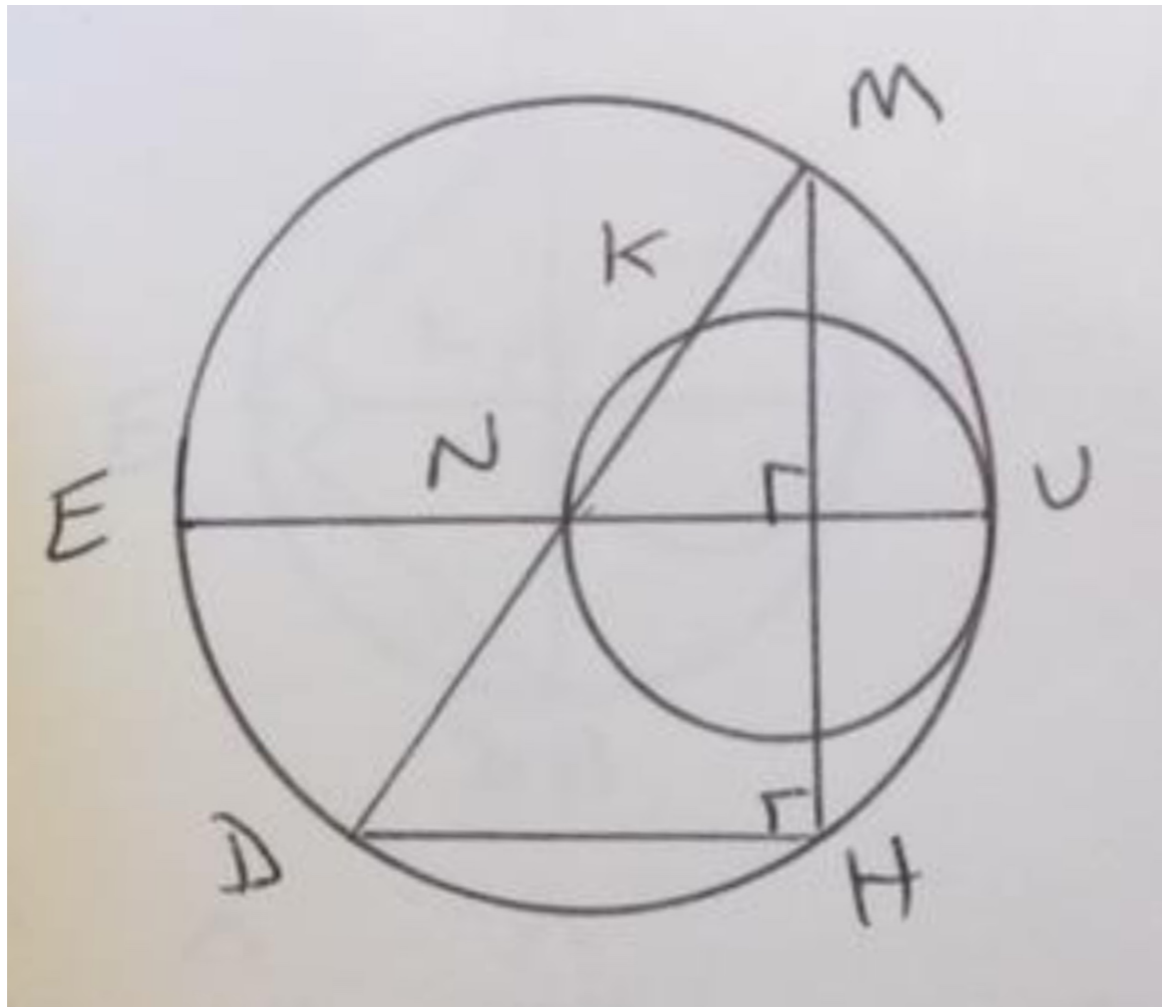
$$\triangle LSE \cong \triangle FSI$$

$$LS = \frac{FS \cdot LE}{FI}$$

$$\mathbf{FE \cdot LS = SE \cdot LF + SF \cdot LE}$$

**which describes an important property of any cyclic quadrilateral SELF.**

**Figure 7:**



$$\angle KNU = \angle MDH$$

$$\frac{\sim \underline{UK}}{\underline{UN}} = \frac{\sim \underline{MH}}{\underline{MD}} = \frac{\sim \underline{MH}}{\underline{UE}}$$

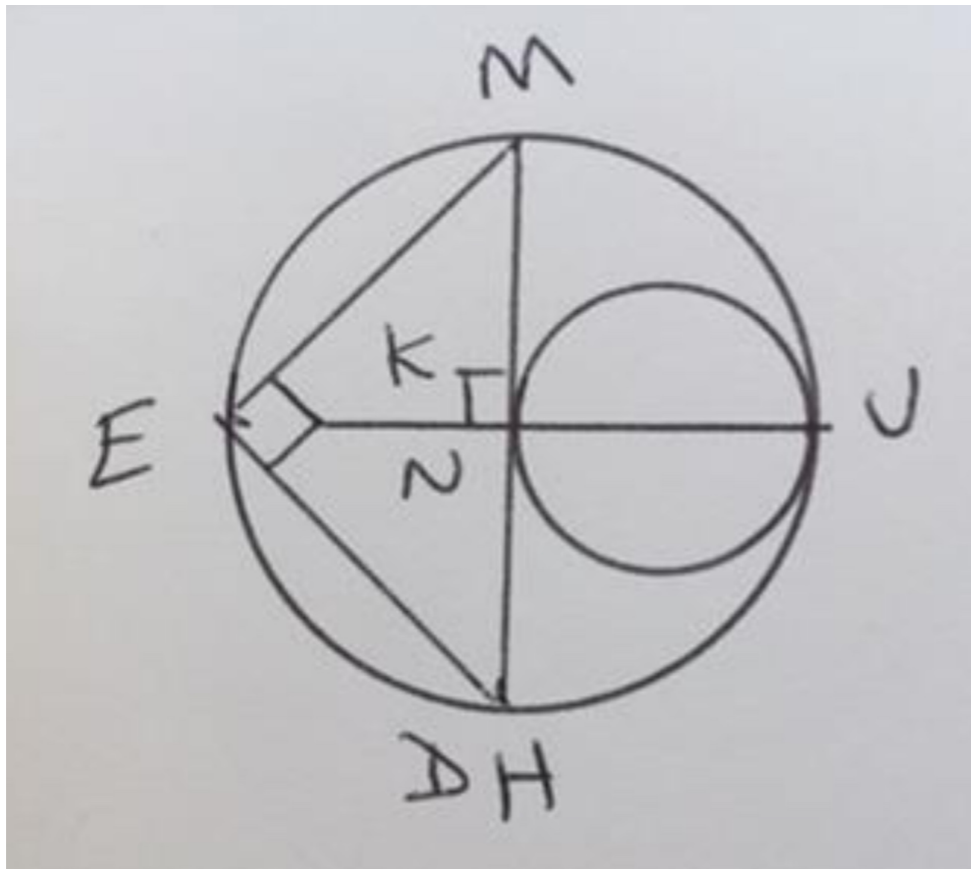
$$= \frac{2(\sim \underline{UM})}{\underline{UE}} = \frac{2(\sim \underline{UM})}{2(\underline{UN})}$$

$$\angle KNU = 2\angle MEU$$

$$\sim \underline{UK} = \sim \underline{UM}$$

## Figure 8:

Let  $K \Rightarrow N$  and  $D \Rightarrow H$ :



$$\sim \frac{\underline{UK}}{\underline{UN}} = \sim \frac{\underline{MH}}{\underline{MD}} = \sim \frac{\underline{MH}}{\underline{UE}} = \angle MEH$$

$$\sim \frac{\underline{UK}}{\underline{UN}} = \angle MNU$$

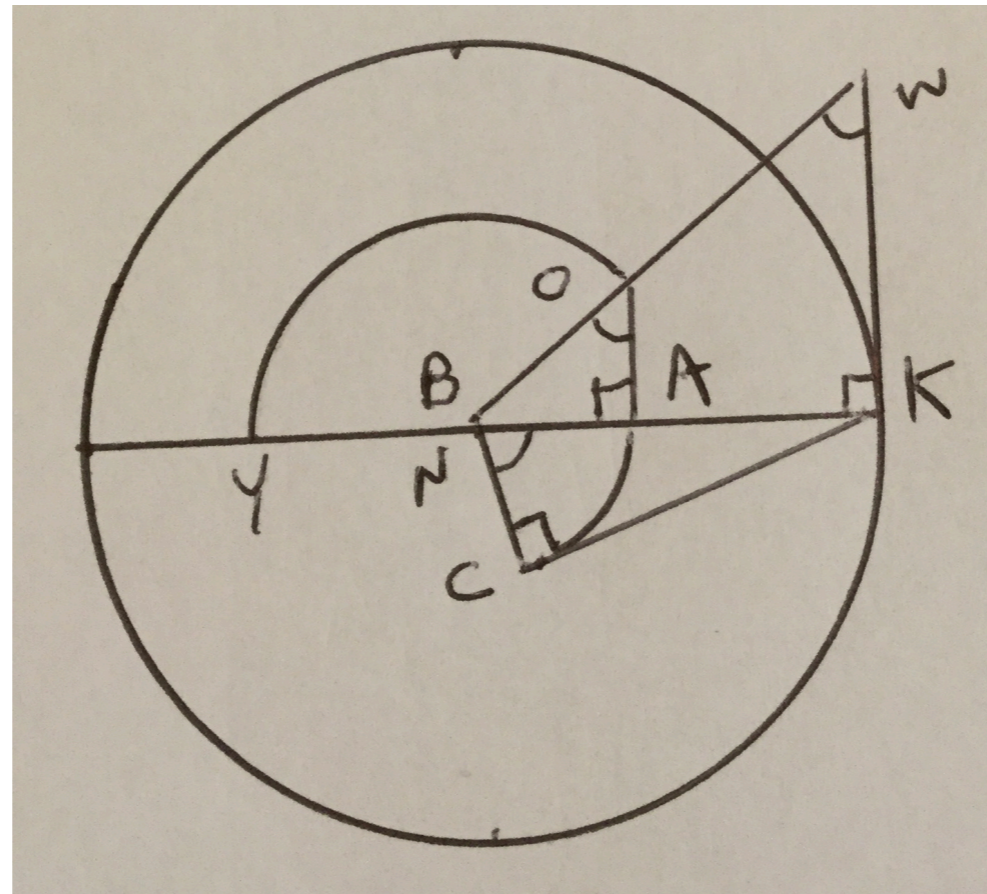
$$\frac{2(\sim \underline{UK})}{\underline{UN}} = \angle MNH = \pi$$



# Section 2

## Refraction Along a Line

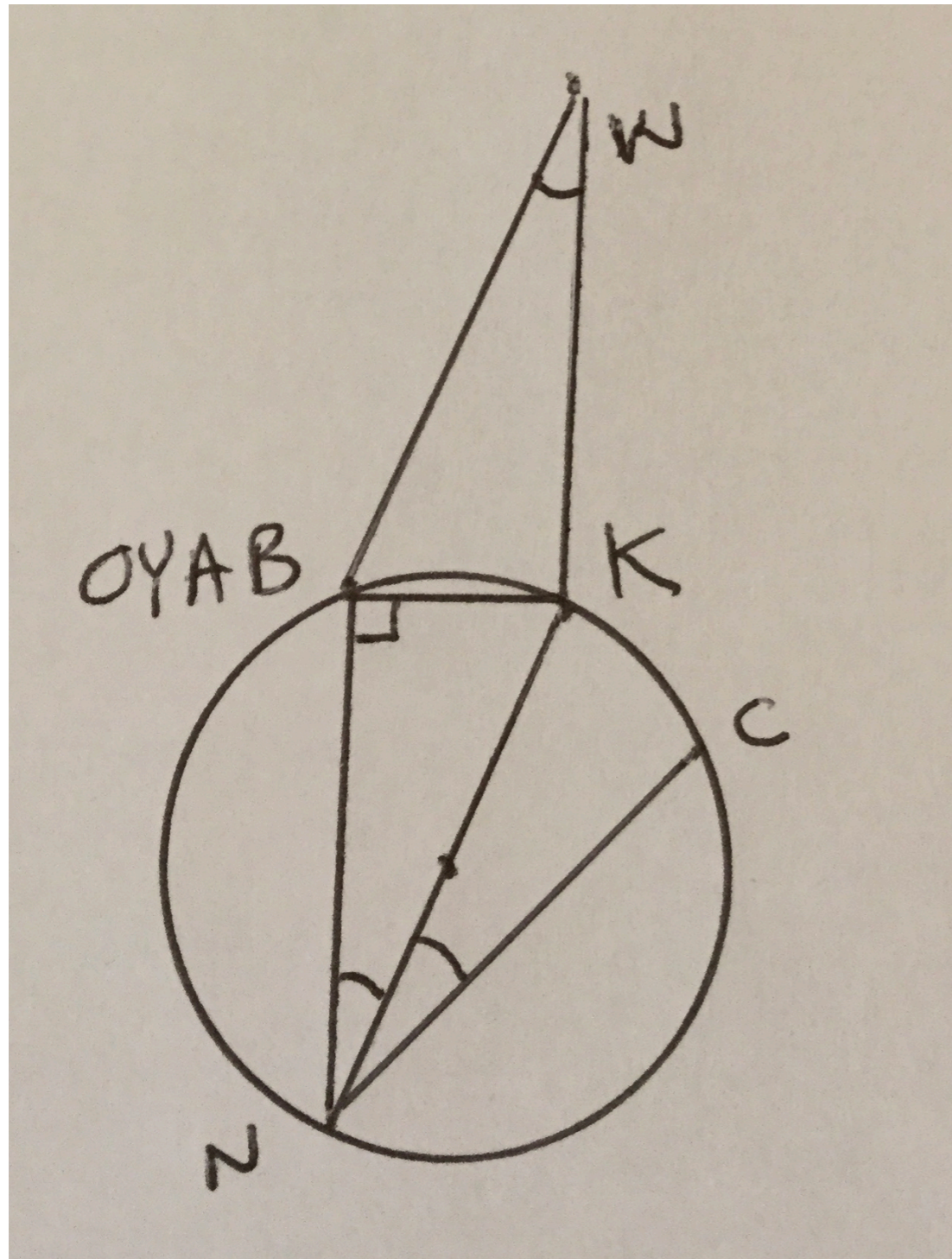
**Figure 9:**



$$\frac{(KW)}{(OA)} = \frac{NK}{NA} = \frac{NK}{NC} = \frac{OB}{OA} = \frac{WB}{WK}$$

$$KW (=OB) = YN$$

**Figure 10:**



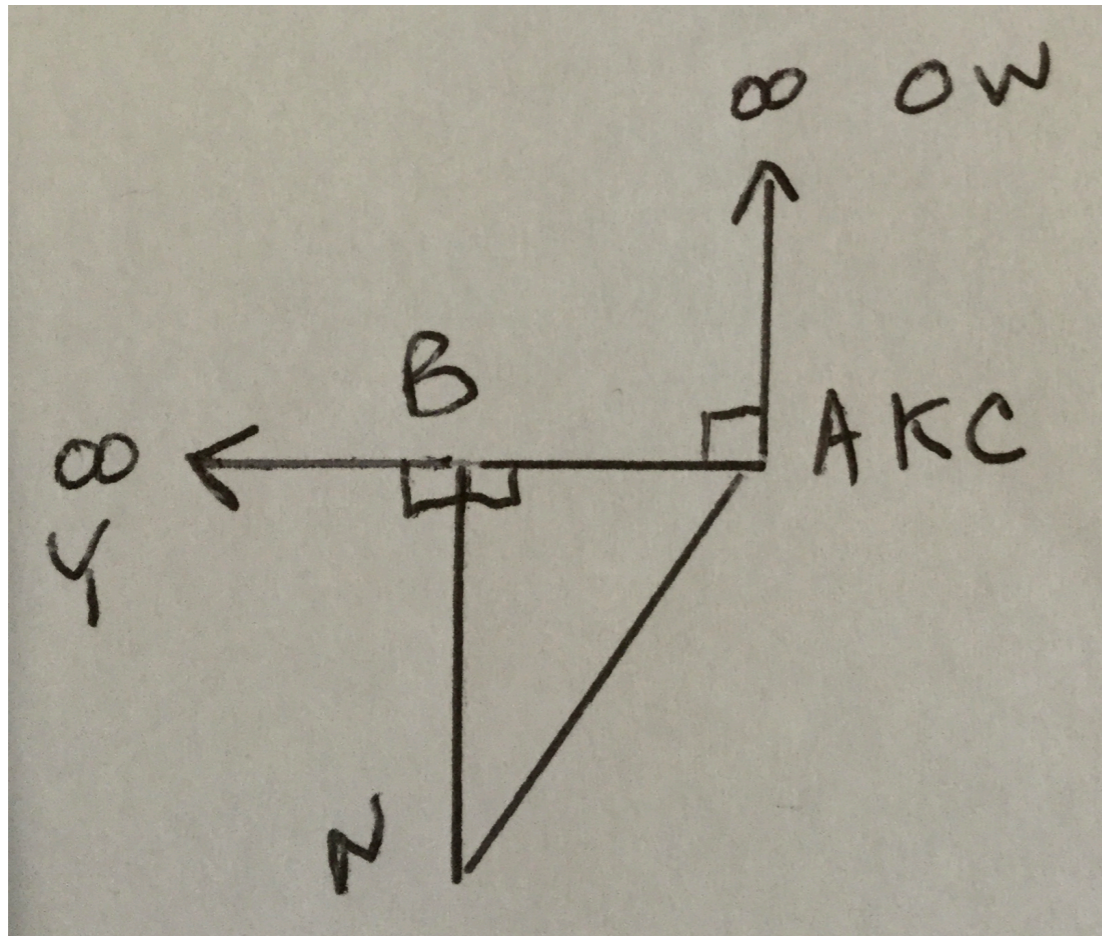
Create right triangle  $NBK$ .

When  $A$  lies at  $B$ :

$$\frac{NK}{NA} = \frac{NK}{NC} = \frac{(OB)}{(OA)} = \frac{WB}{WK}$$

$$KW = YN$$

**Figure 11:**

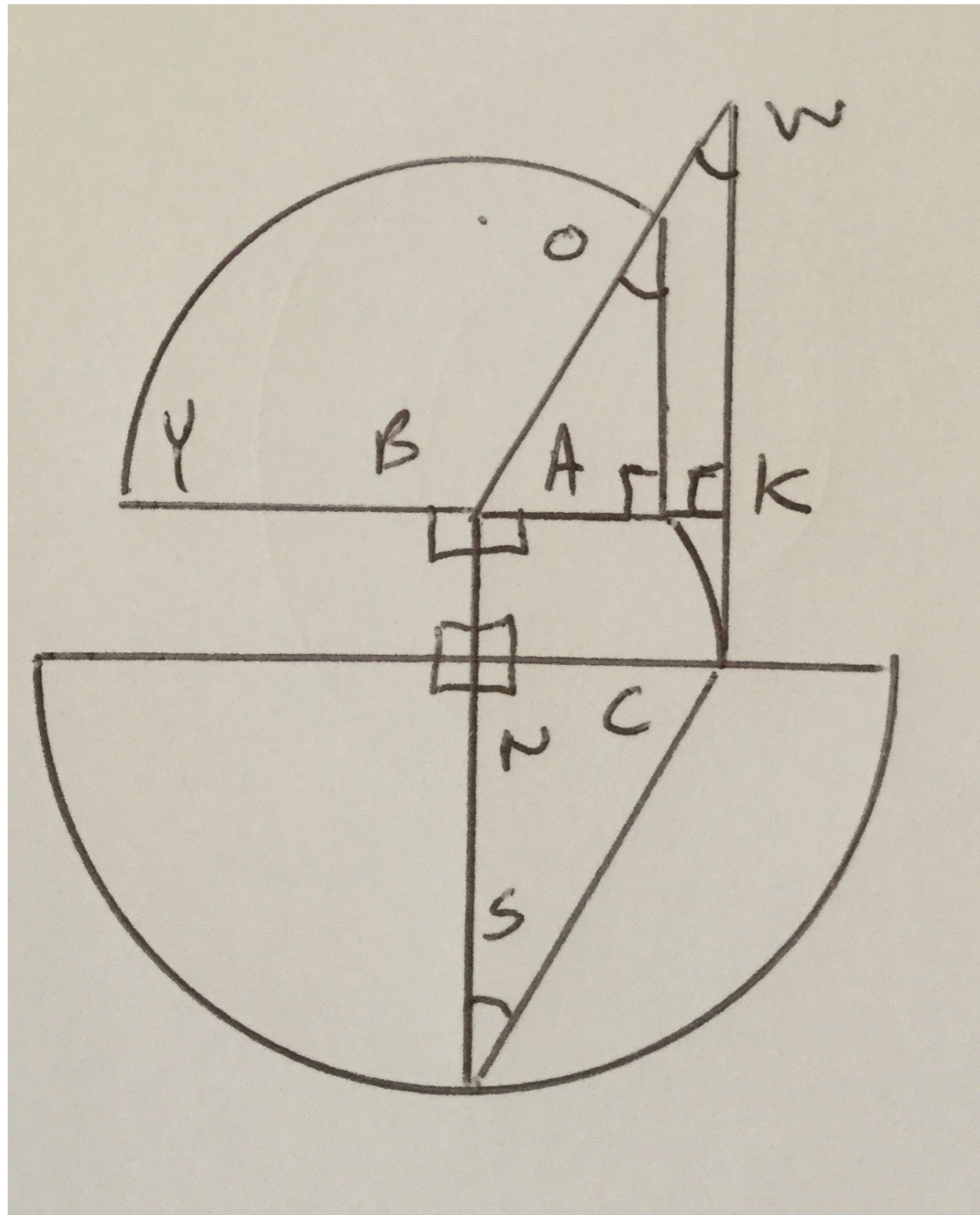


When A lies at K:

$$\frac{NK}{NA} = \frac{NK}{NC} = \frac{(OB)}{(OA)} = \frac{WB}{WK}$$

$$KW = YN = \text{infinity}$$

**Figure 12:**



when:

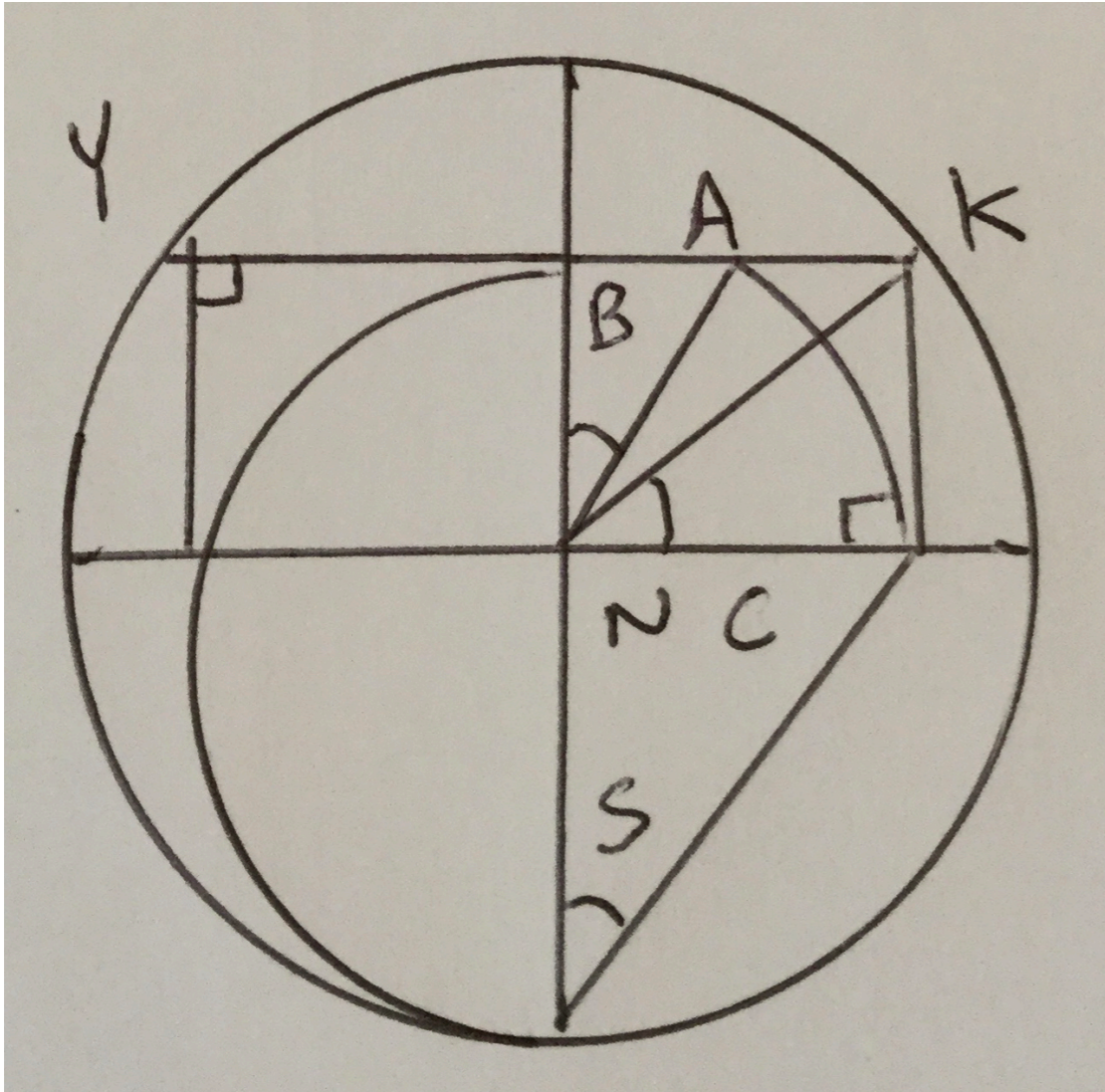
$$SC = BW \parallel SC$$

$$KW = NS$$

$$\frac{NS}{NC} = \frac{NS}{NA}$$

$$\frac{NC}{NB} = \frac{NA}{NB}$$

**Figure 13:**



if:  $\frac{NS}{NC} = \frac{NC}{NB}$

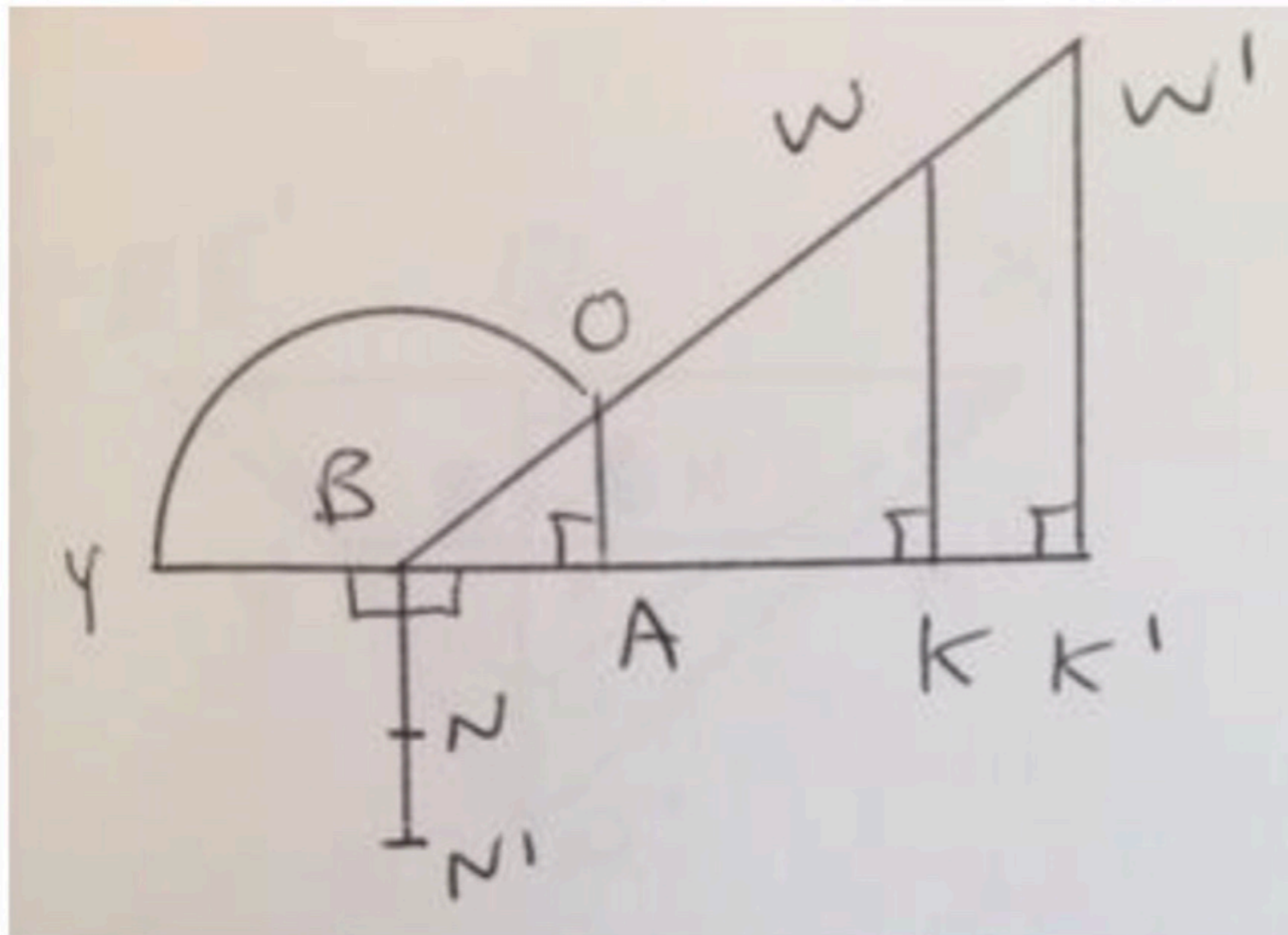
then:  $\frac{NK}{NC} = \frac{NA}{NB}$

$$NA \parallel SC$$

$$KW (= NS) = YN$$

It is obvious that as  $A$  approaches  $K$  from  $B$ , the relative rate that  $YN$  and  $KW$  approach infinity does not plateau, peak, or dip. Since we have shown that  $YN = KW$  when  $A$  lies at a point along  $BK$  other than  $B$  as well as at  $B$ , we have shown that  $YN = KW$  for all points  $A$  along  $BK$ .

**Figure 14:**



$$\frac{OB}{OA} = \frac{NK}{NA} = \frac{N'K'}{N'A}$$

$$KW = YN$$

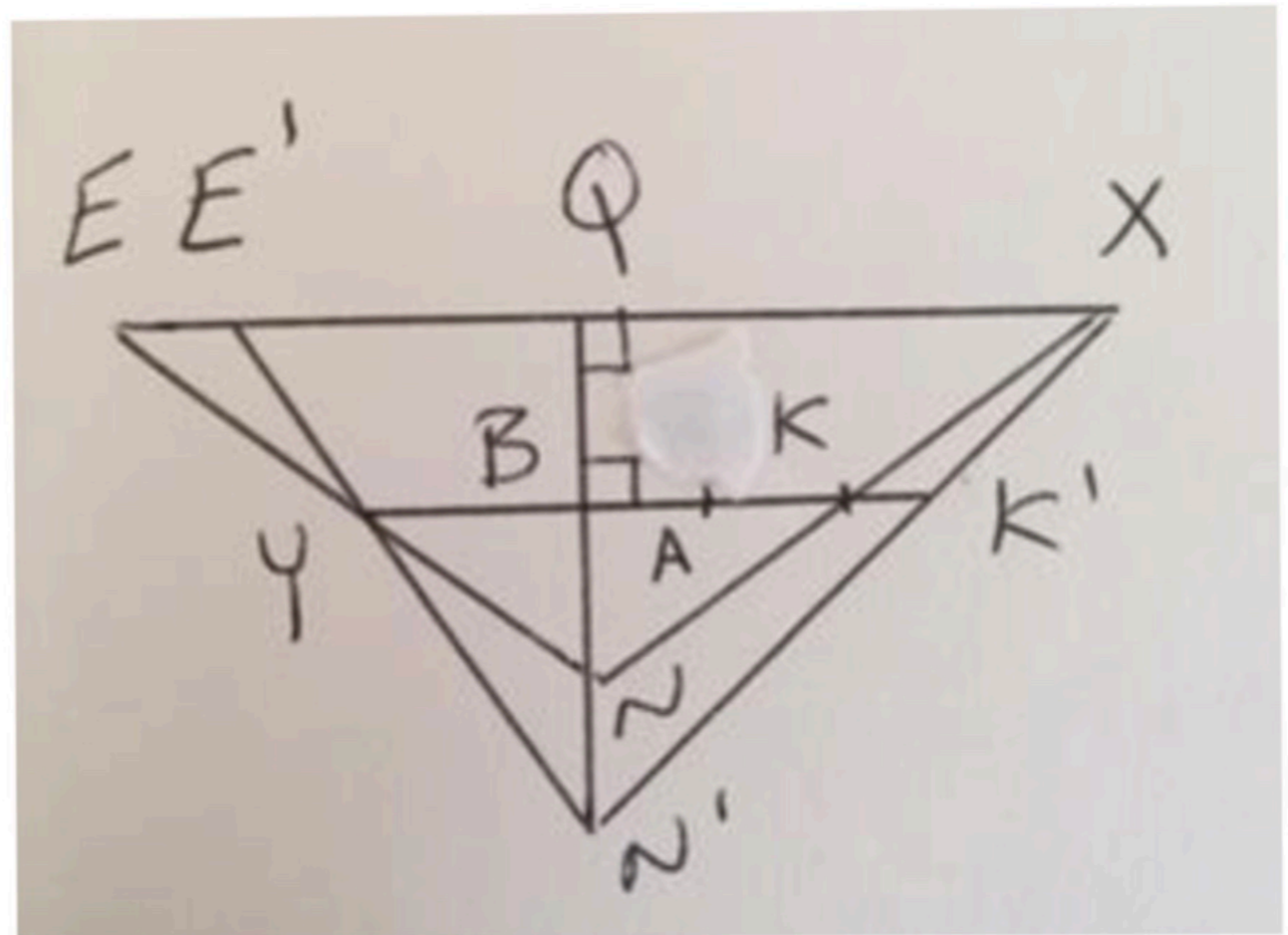
$$K'W' = YN'$$

$$\frac{KB}{YN} = \frac{K'B}{YN'}$$



## Figure 15:

As the equal lengths of EN and E'N' rotate about Y until they overlap, they approach their minimum which also occurs when N'K'X' and NKX overlap.

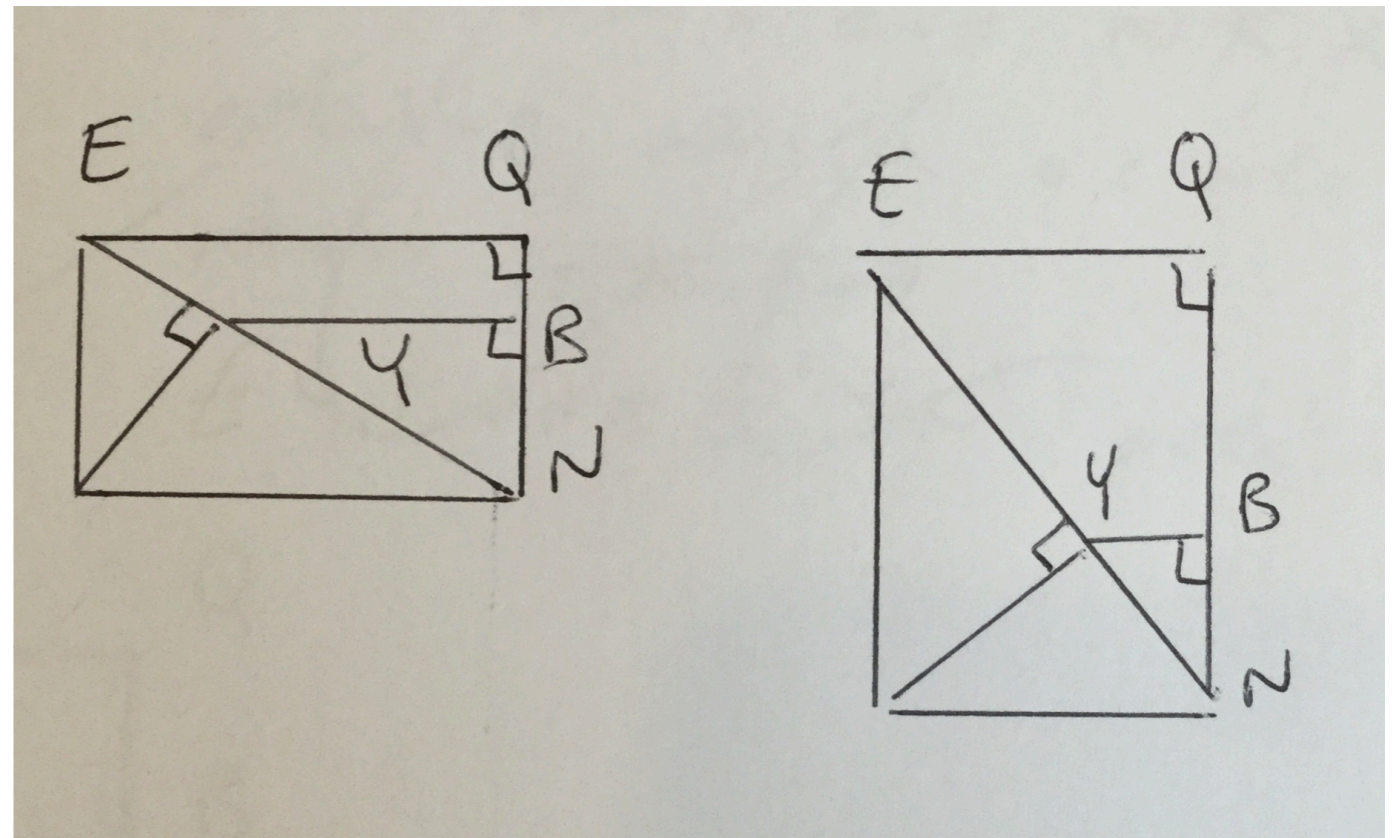


$$\frac{QX}{EN} = \frac{KB}{YN} = \frac{K'B}{YN'} = \frac{QX}{E'N'}$$

only one N'K'X exists for NKX  
because only one E'N' equals EN

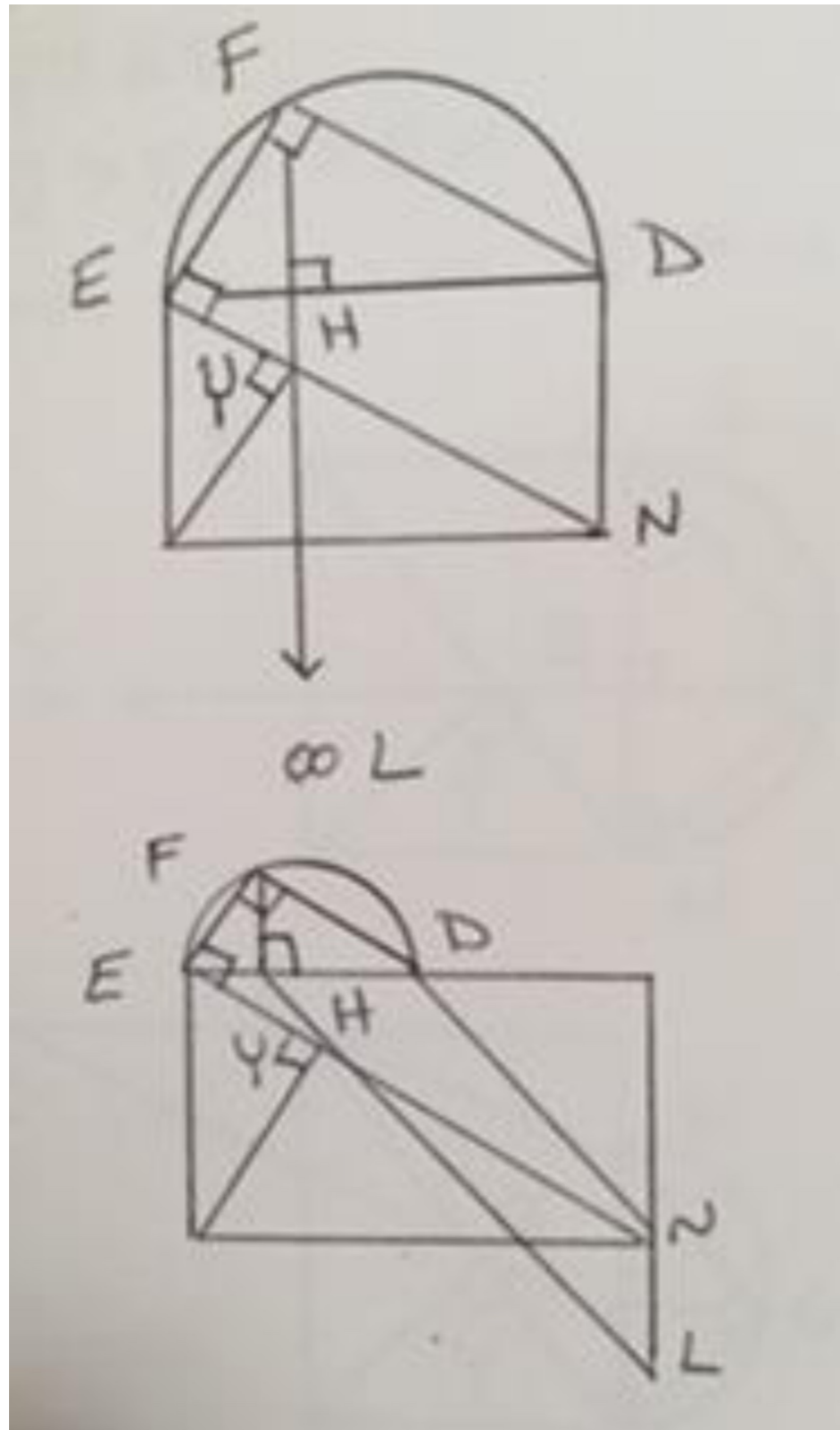
## Figure 16:

Let  $X = Z$  when both  $NKX$  and  $N'K'X$  overlap, which occurs when  $EYN$  is the shortest line segment through  $Y$  connecting line  $QB$  to its perpendicular at  $Q$ . This occurs when:



because:

**Figure 17:**



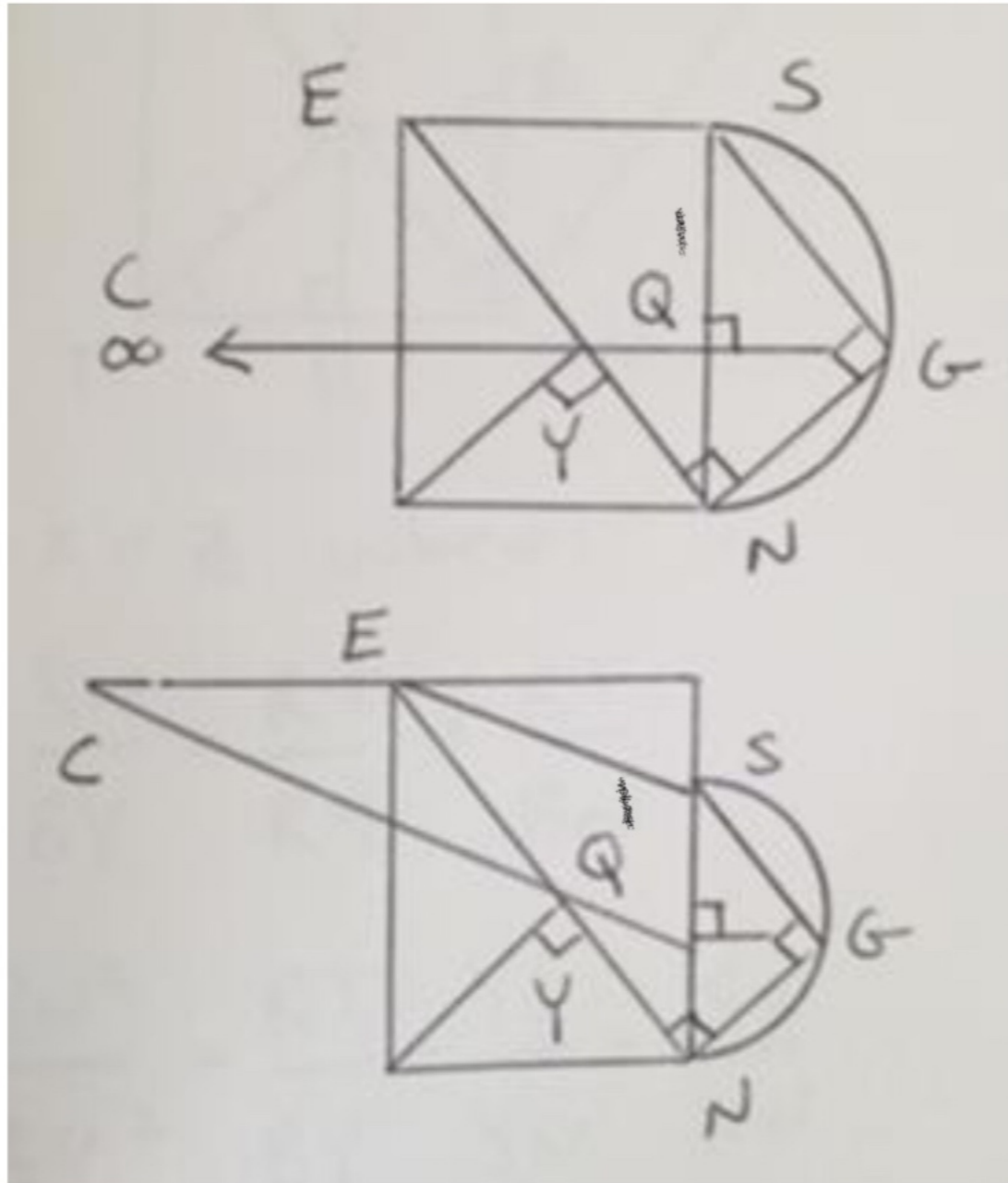
$$LH \parallel ND$$

$$LH > NF > NE$$

holds true as:

$$H \Rightarrow E$$

**Figure 18:**



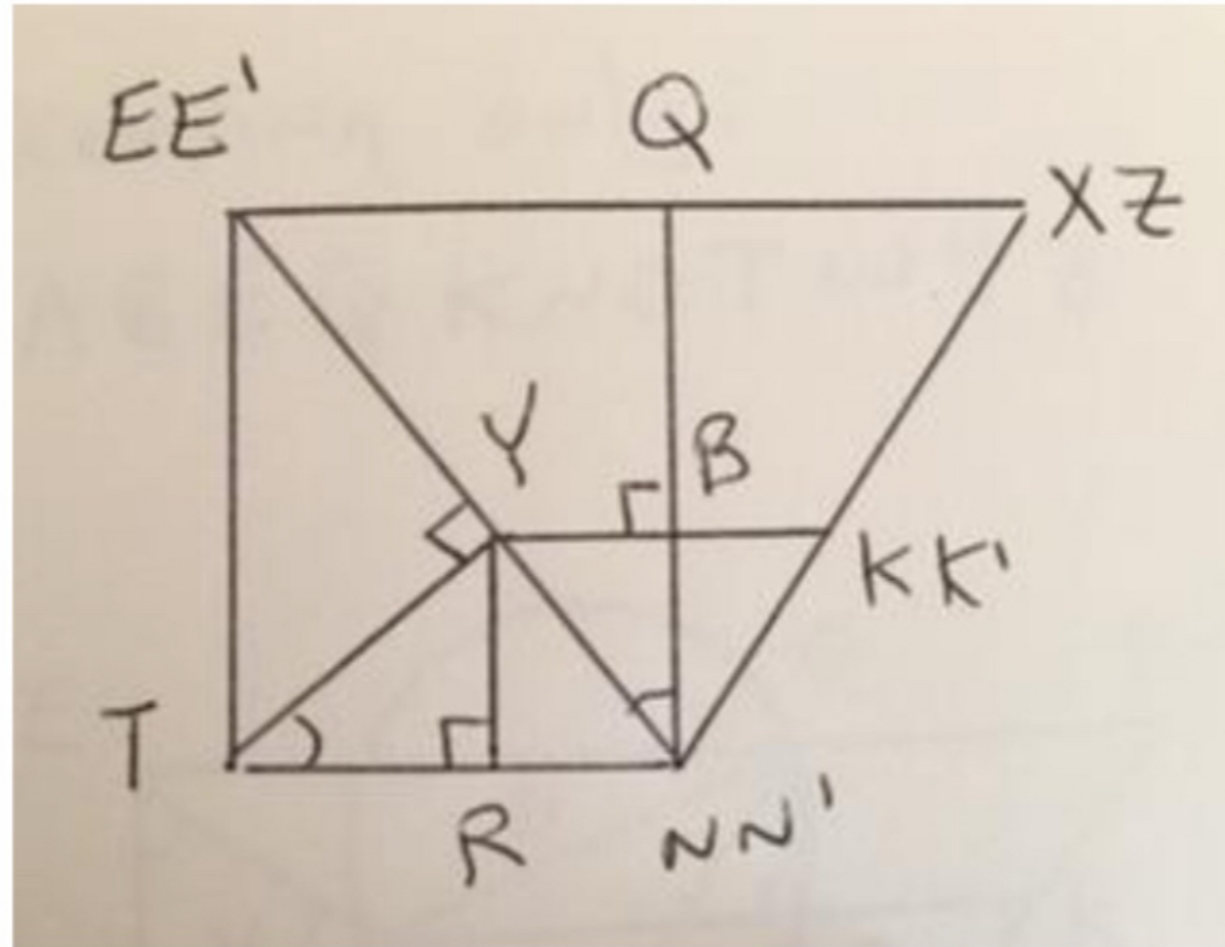
$$CQ' \parallel ES$$

$$CQ' > EG > EN$$

holds true as

$$Q' \Rightarrow N$$

**Figure 19:**

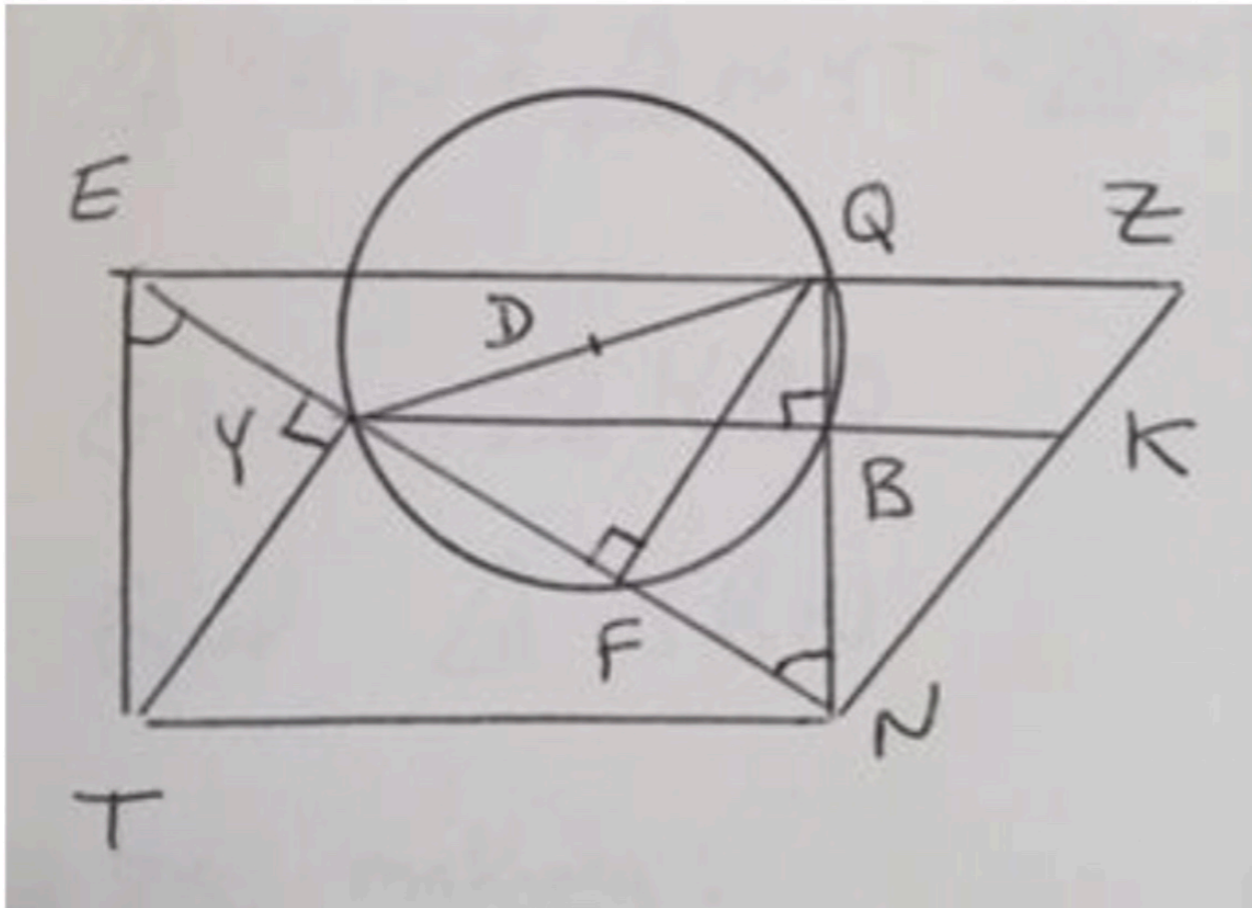


$X = Z$  when:

$$\frac{BN}{BY} = \frac{RT}{RY} = \frac{RT}{BN}$$

$$\frac{BN^2}{BY^2} = \frac{RT}{BY} = \frac{YE}{YN} = \frac{KX}{KN}$$

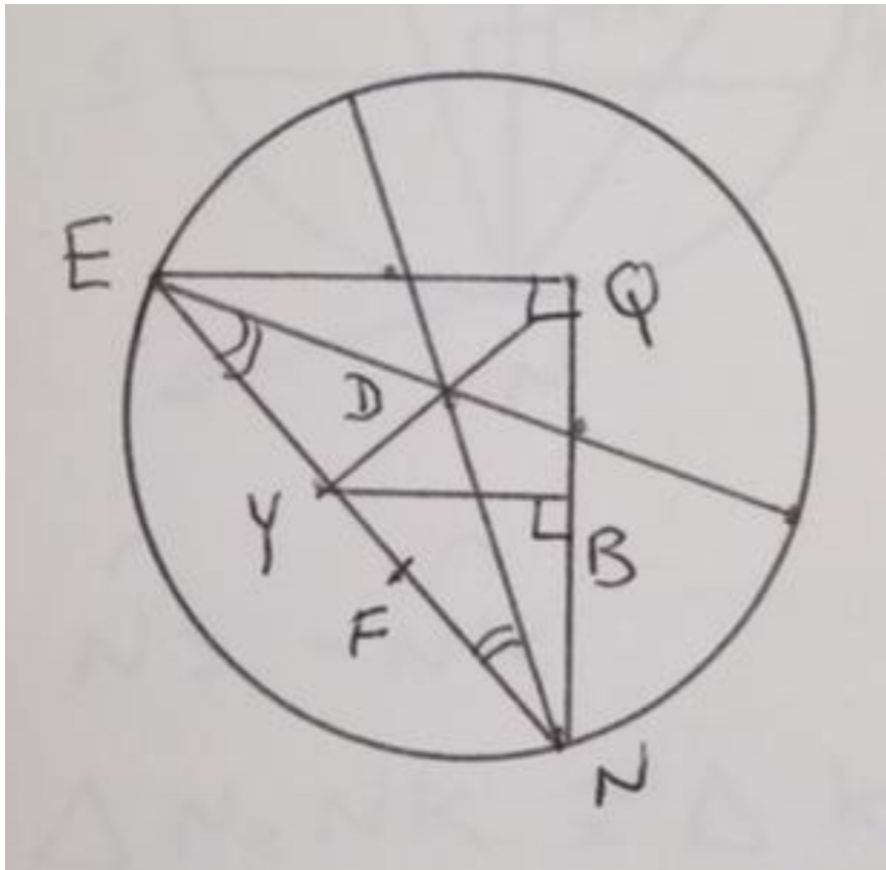
**Figure 20:**



given  $\Delta YBN$ , find  $\Delta YBQ$  using:

$$\Delta YBN \cong \Delta NYT \cong \Delta NTE$$

**Figure 21:**



given  $\triangle YBQ$ , find  $\triangle YBN$  by making:

$$EY = NF$$

which occurs when  $\sim EN$  lies on a circle concentric with circle  $YFBQ$

because:

$$DY = DF$$

$$\triangle EDY = \triangle NDF$$

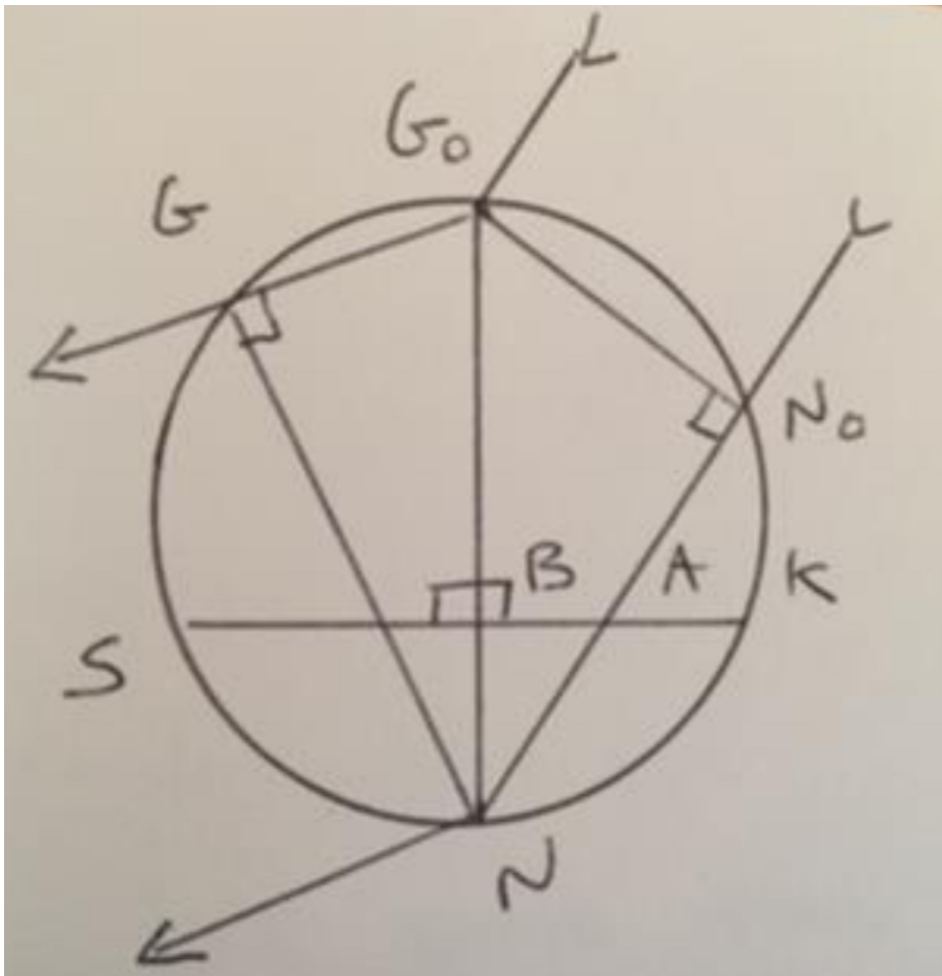
$$EY = NF$$

Before considering refraction along a line, picture yourself sitting on the beach watching waves roll in. Notice that even when wavefronts far out in the ocean are traveling perpendicular to the beach, they become closer to parallel with the beach as they crash. On beaches that are long and sloped, or have many sandbars, these wavefronts all crash parallel to the beach, regardless of their orientation in the open ocean.



Now picture yourself in a car applying brakes while driving. If the brakes on the front right wheel grip harder, the car will turn to the right. This is intuitive. For the same reason, when a wavefront hits a sandbar at an angle, one side of the wavefront will slow before the other, and this will tend to turn the wavefront parallel to the beach. This essentially represents refraction along a line.

**Figure 22:**



$$\sim NS = \sim NK$$

$$\Delta N_0NK \cong \Delta KNA$$

$$R = \frac{NN_0}{GG_0} = \frac{NN_0}{NK} = \frac{NK}{NA}$$

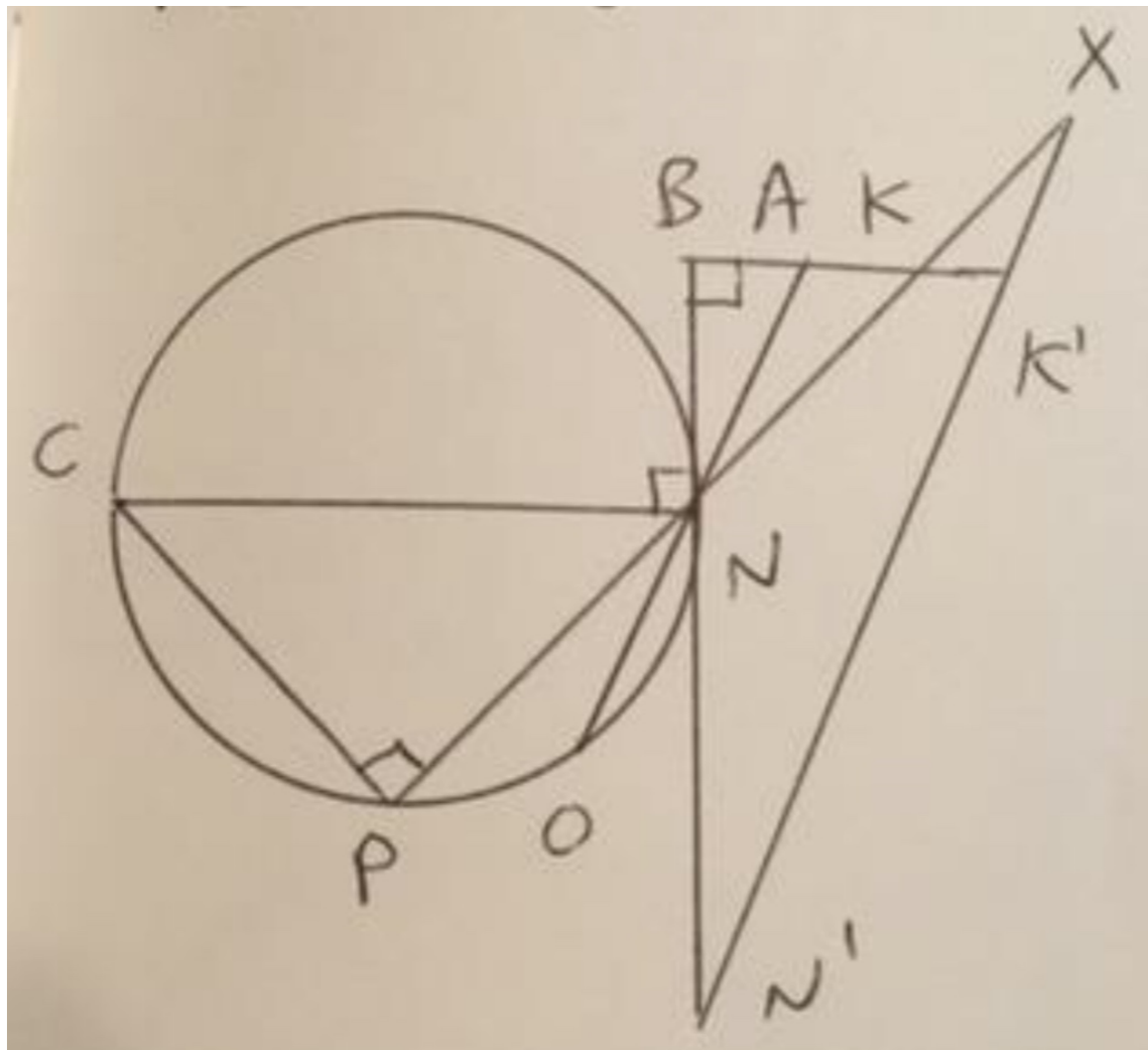
wavefront  $G_0N_0$  refracts into wavefront  $GN$  along  $G_0N$ , because it travels  $G_0G$  in the same time it travels  $N_0N$



# Section 3

## Refraction Along a Circle

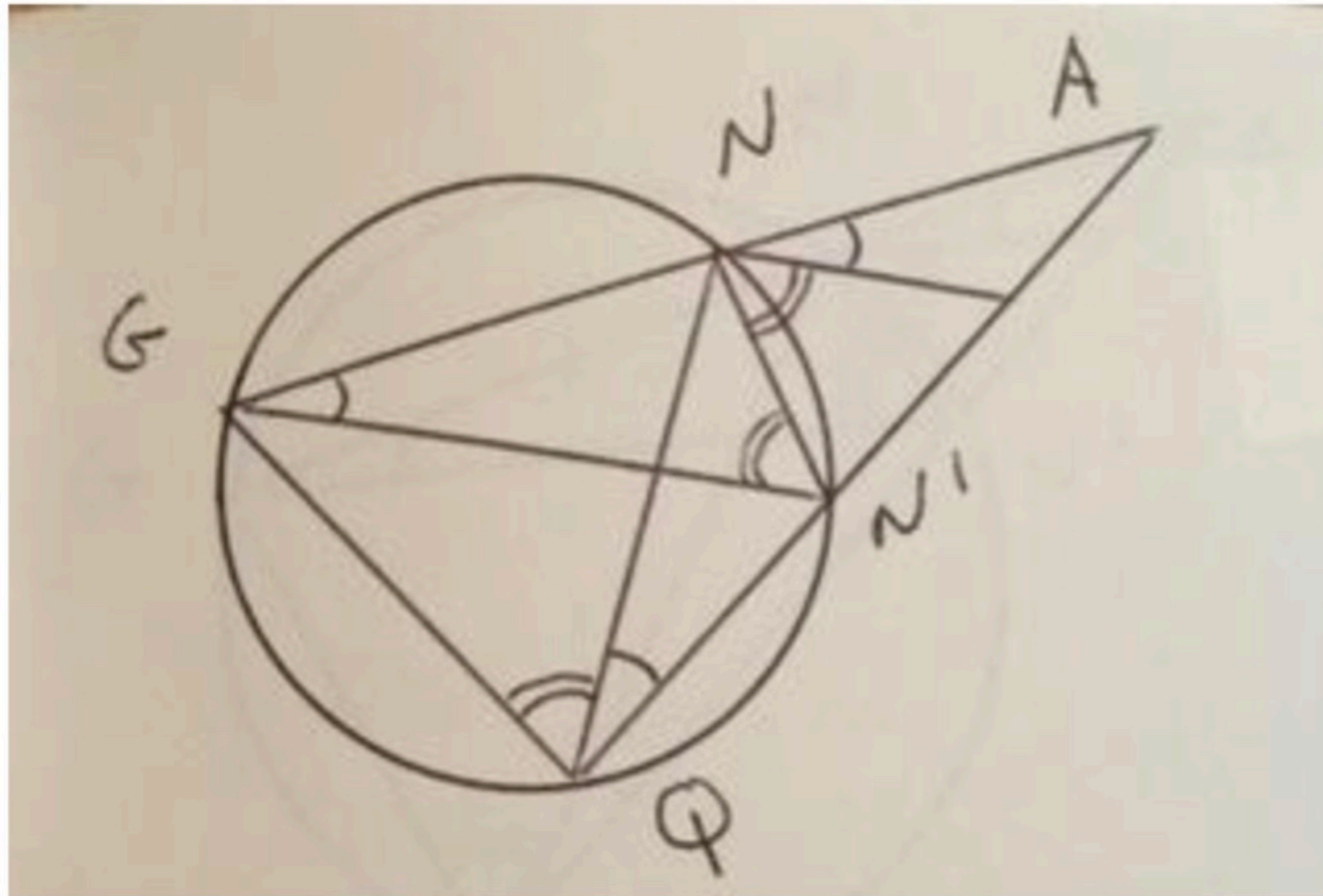
**Figure 24:**



$$\Delta KNA \cong \Delta OCP$$

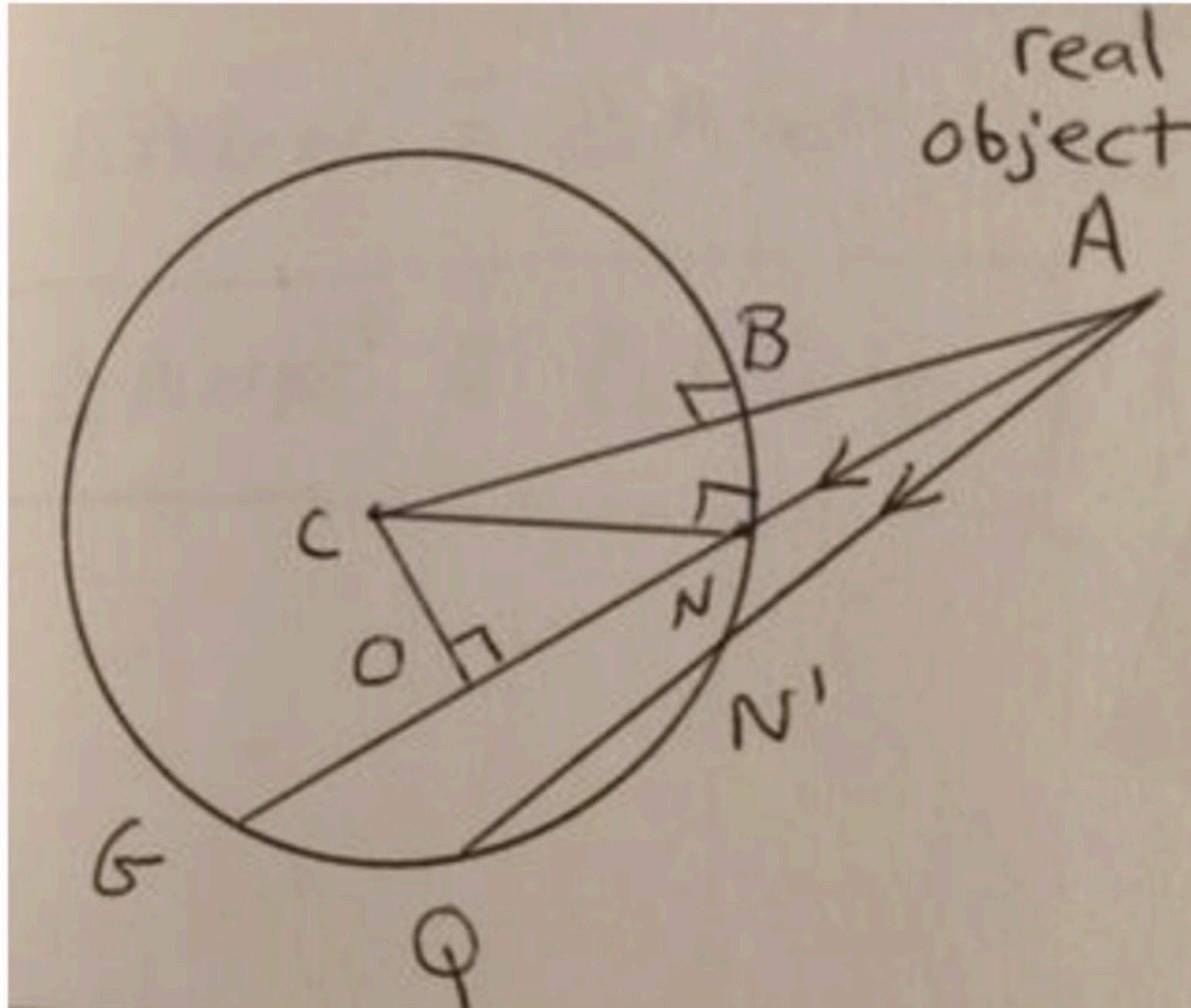
$$R = \frac{NK}{NA} = \frac{N'K'}{N'A} = \frac{CO}{CP}$$

**Figure 25:**

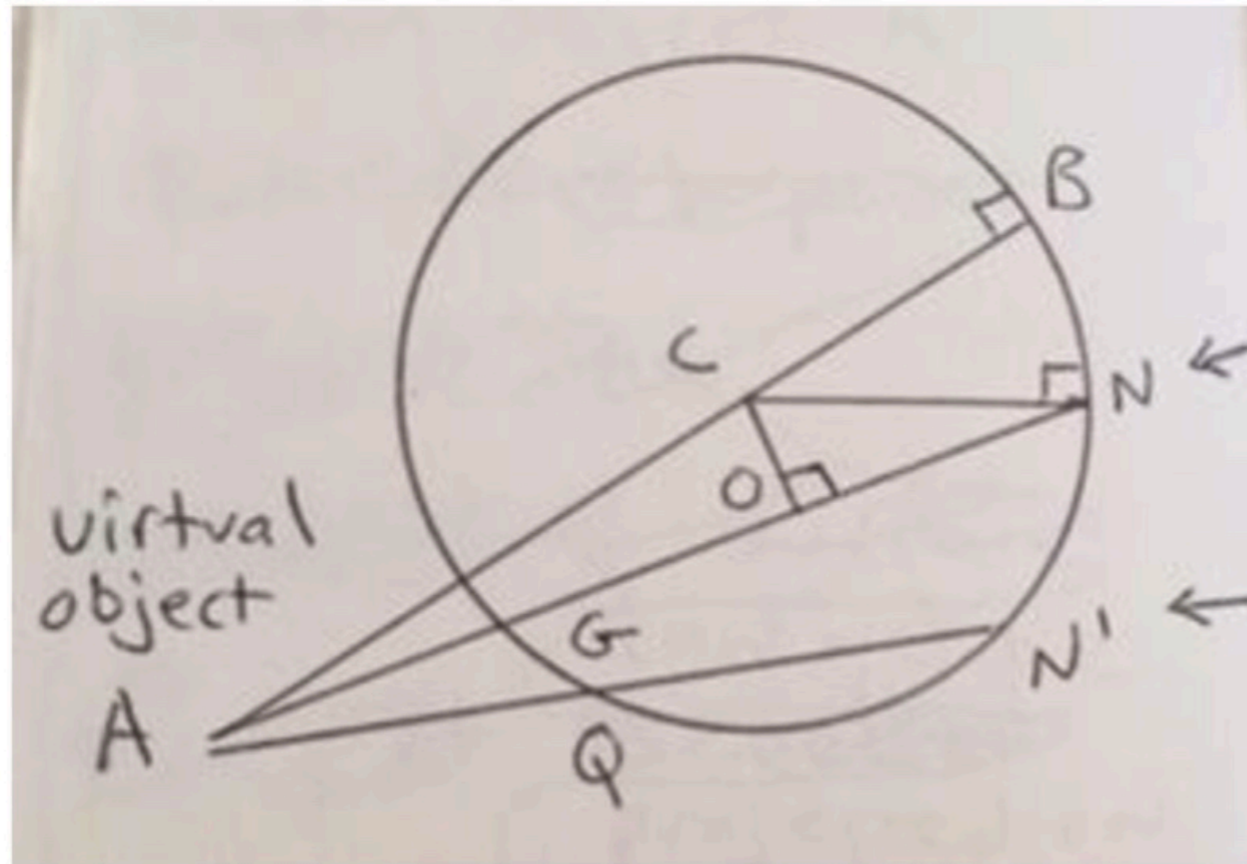


$$\triangle ANN' \cong \triangle AQQG$$

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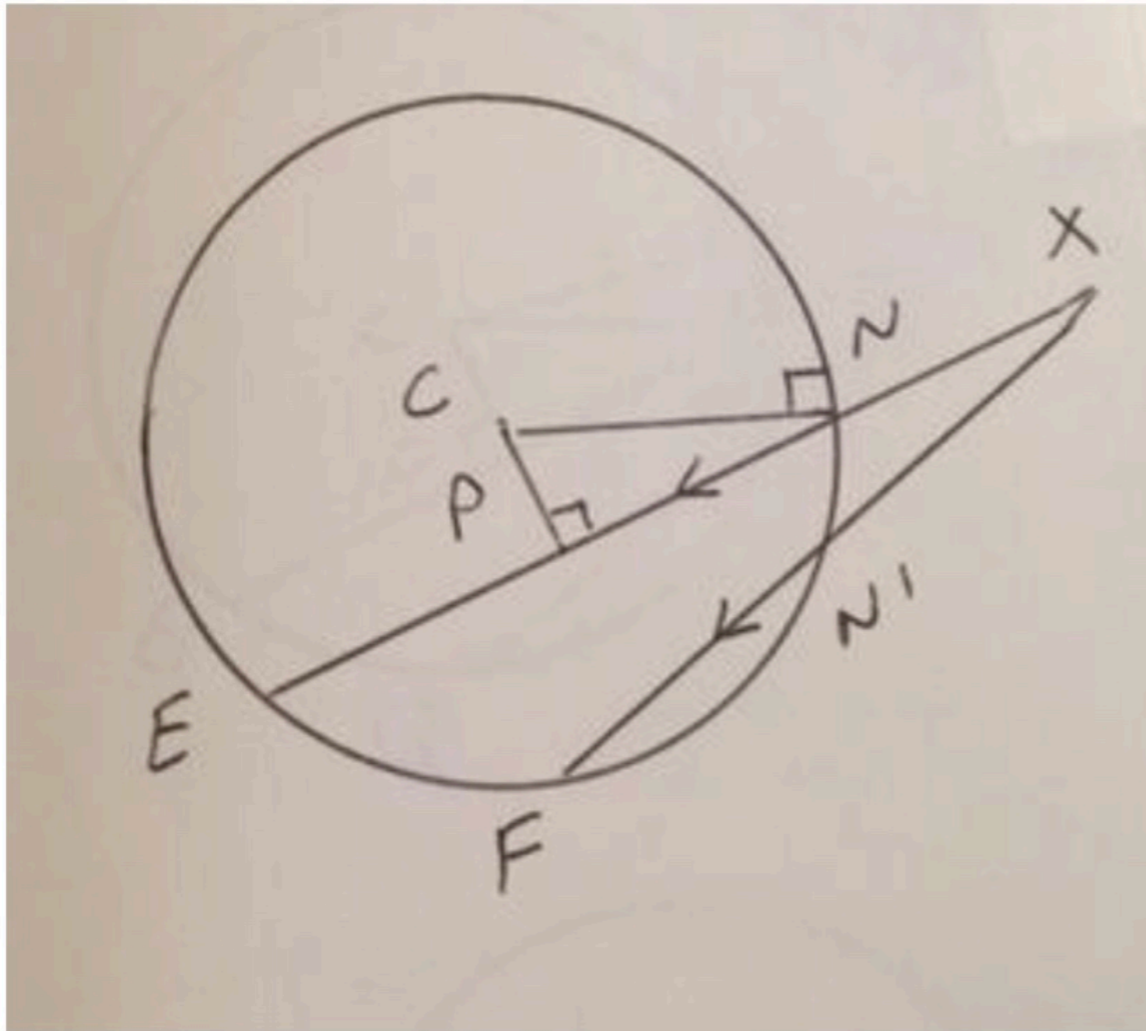
**Figure 27:**



the virtual object A can not be projected on a screen due to refraction at BN



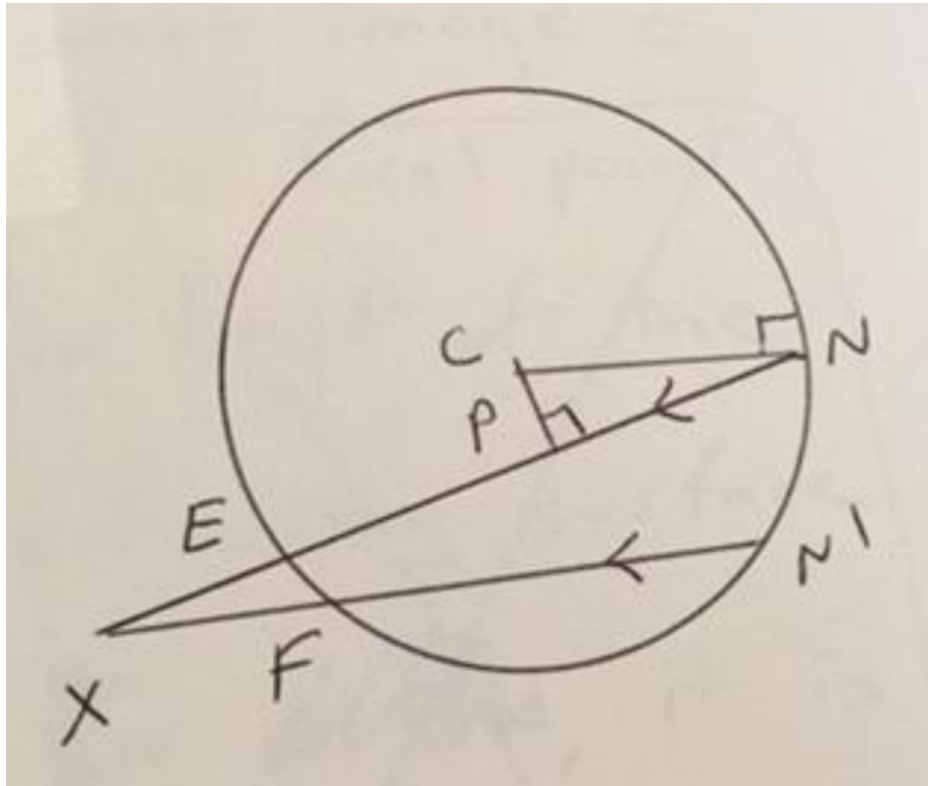
**Figure 28:**



$$\Delta XNN' \cong \Delta XFE$$

the virtual image (Z) can not  
be projected on a screen

**Figure 29:**



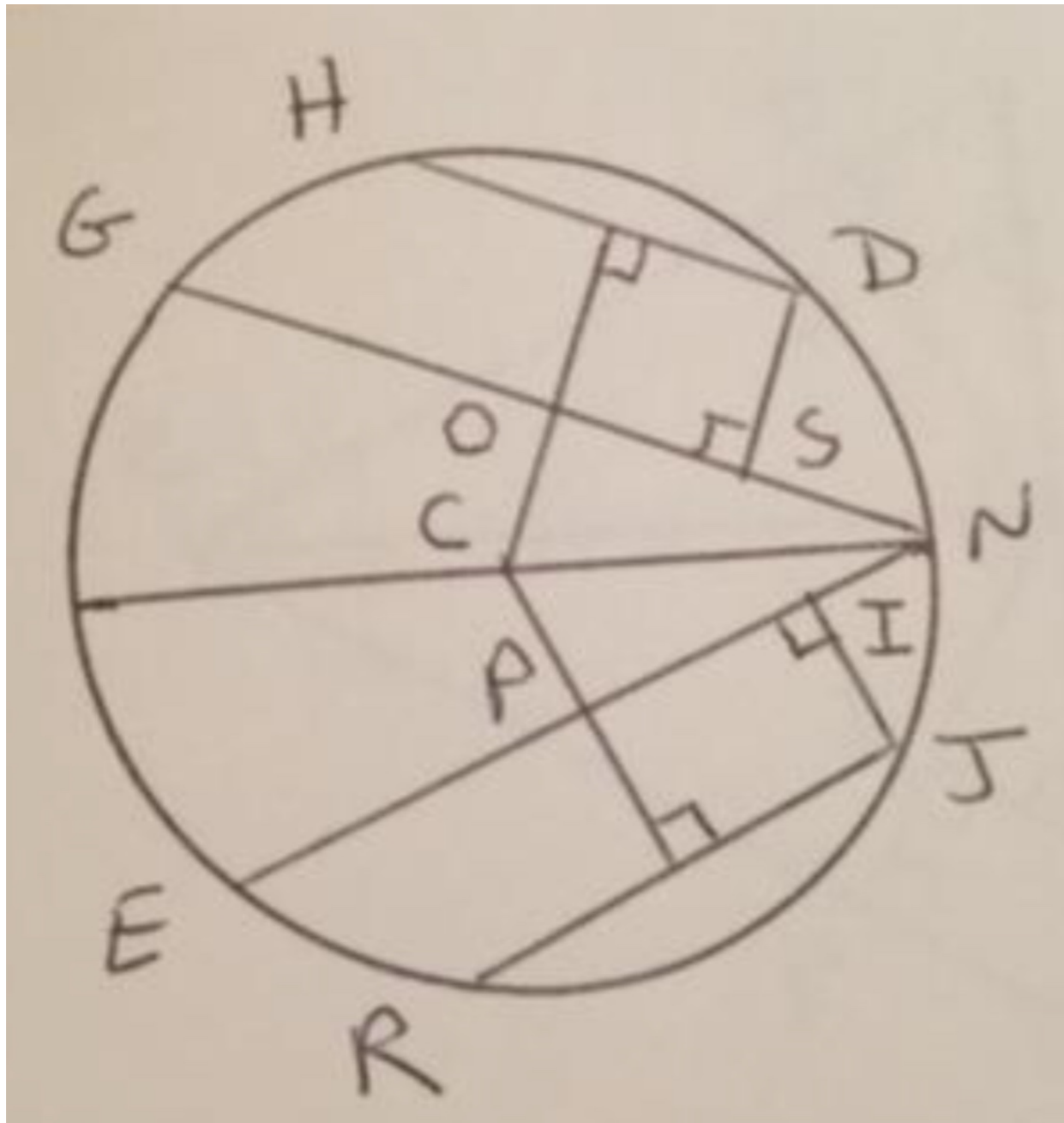
the real image (Z) can be projected on a screen

$$\frac{AG + AN'}{2AN'} = \frac{QG + NN'}{2NN'}$$

$$\frac{XE + XN'}{2XN'} = \frac{EF + NN'}{2NN'}$$

$$\frac{QG + NN'}{EF + NN'} = \left( \frac{AG + AN'}{2AN'} \right) \frac{2XN'}{(XE + XN')}$$

**Figure 30:**



$$HD = QN'$$

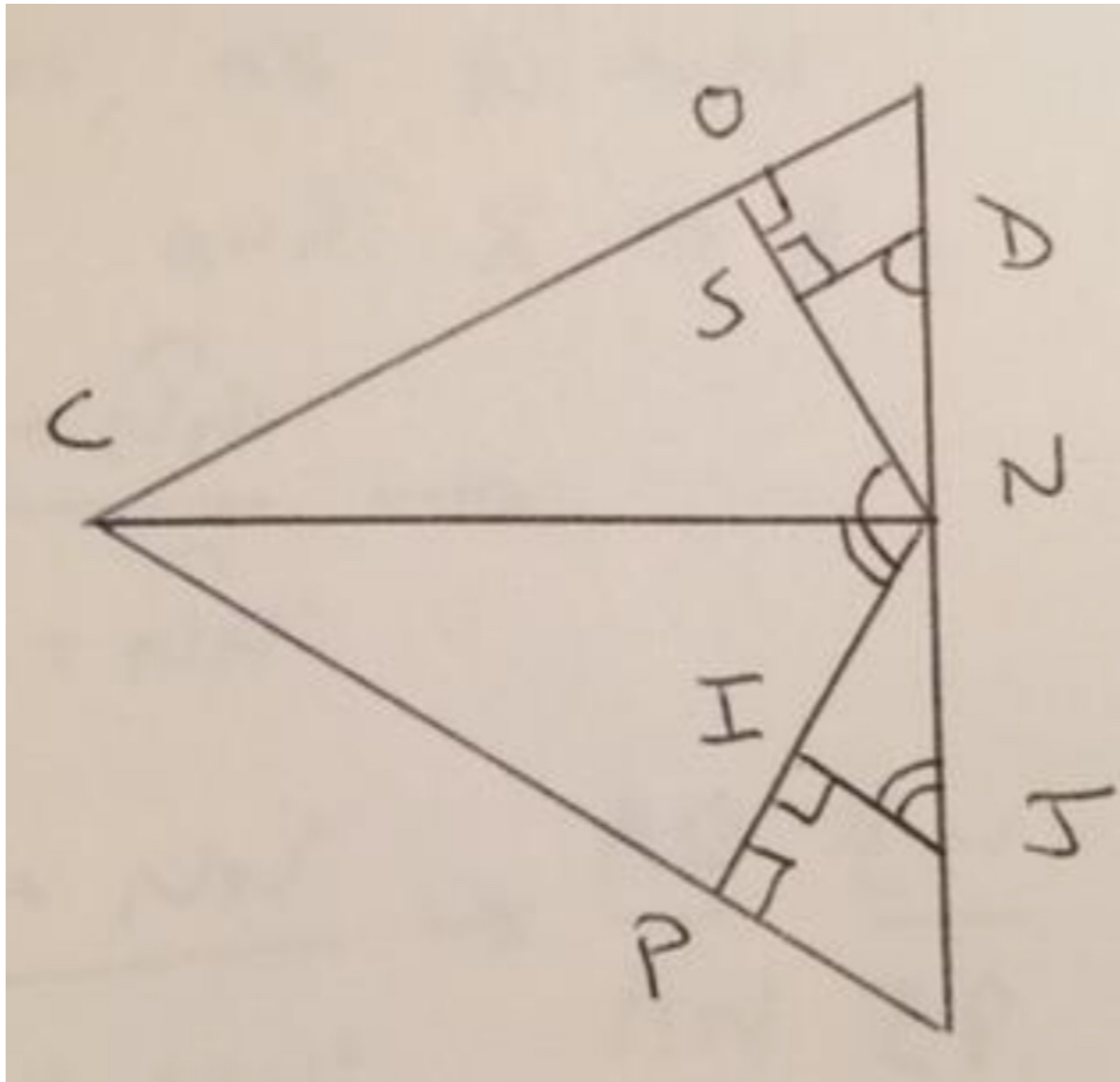
$$RJ = FN'$$

as  $N' \Rightarrow N$ :

$X \Rightarrow Z$ , and  $\sim DJ \Rightarrow DJ$

so that:

**Figure 31:**



$$\frac{DS}{JI} \Rightarrow \frac{CO}{CP}$$

$$\frac{JI}{JN} \Rightarrow \frac{NP}{NC}$$

$$\frac{DN}{DS} \Rightarrow \frac{NC}{NO}$$

$$\frac{ND}{NJ} \Rightarrow \frac{NP}{NO} \quad \frac{CO}{CP}$$

thus, as  $N' \Rightarrow N$  and  $X \Rightarrow Z$ :

$$\frac{\sim QG + \sim NN'}{\sim EF + \sim NN'} \Rightarrow \frac{QG + NN'}{EF + NN'} \Rightarrow$$

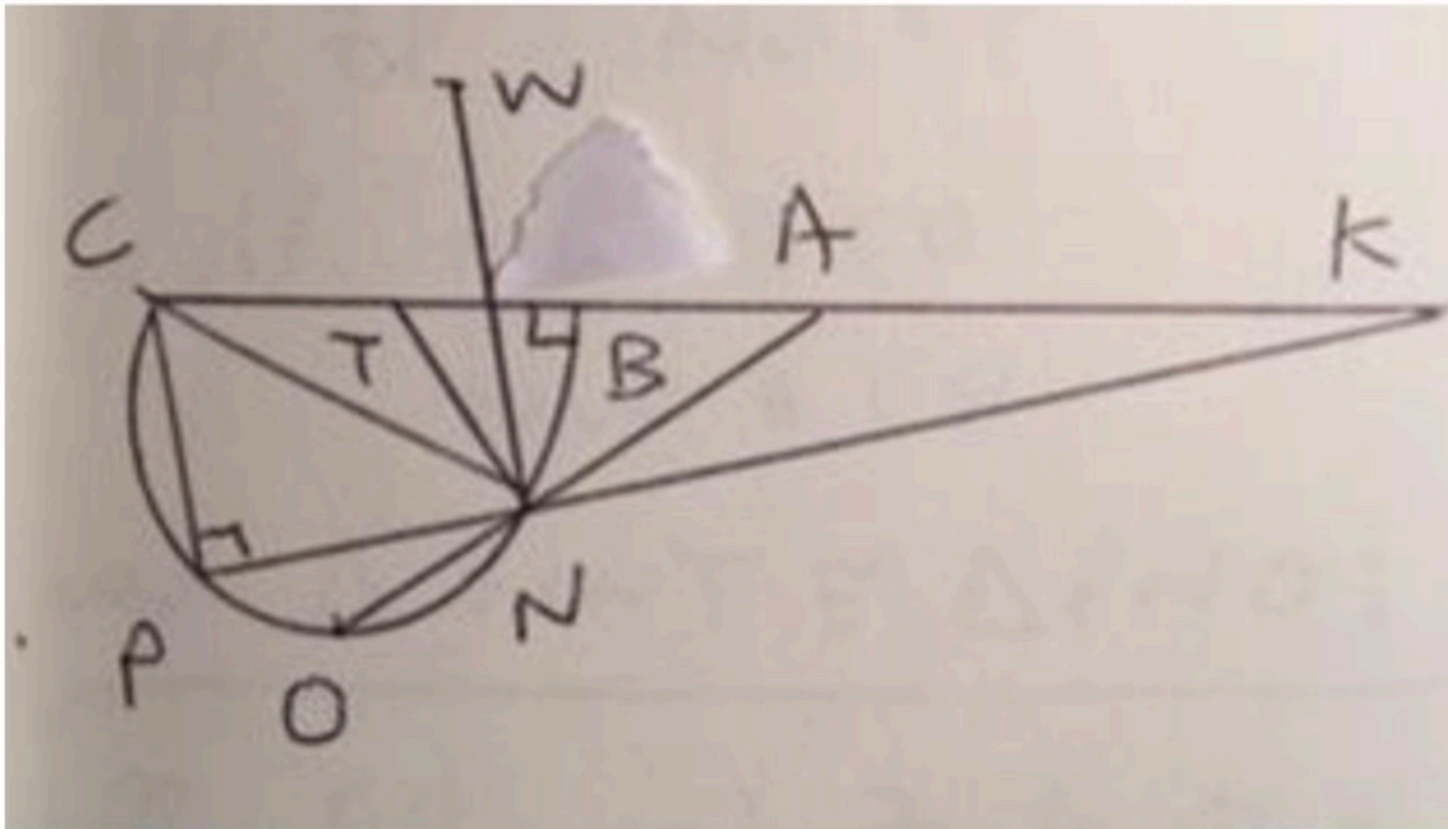
$$\frac{\underline{AO} \quad \underline{ZN}}{AN \quad ZP}$$

and:

$$\frac{\sim QG + \sim NN'}{\sim EF + \sim NN'} = \frac{2(\sim ND)}{2(\sim NJ)} \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{\underline{ND}}{NJ} \Rightarrow \frac{\underline{NP} \quad \underline{CO}}{NO \quad CP}$$

*Figure 32:*



$NT \parallel CO$   
 $NW \parallel CP$   
 when  $X = Z$  lies along  
 both  $NP$  and  $CW$ :

$$\frac{AO}{AN} \frac{ZN}{ZP} = \frac{CO}{NT} \frac{NW}{CP}$$

when  $\triangle WNT \cong \triangle PNO$ ,  $NW > NT$

and

$$\frac{\underline{AO}}{\underline{AN}} \frac{\underline{ZN}}{\underline{ZP}} = \frac{\underline{NP}}{\underline{NO}} \frac{\underline{CO}}{\underline{CP}}$$

so if:

$$NT \parallel CO$$

$$NW \parallel CP$$

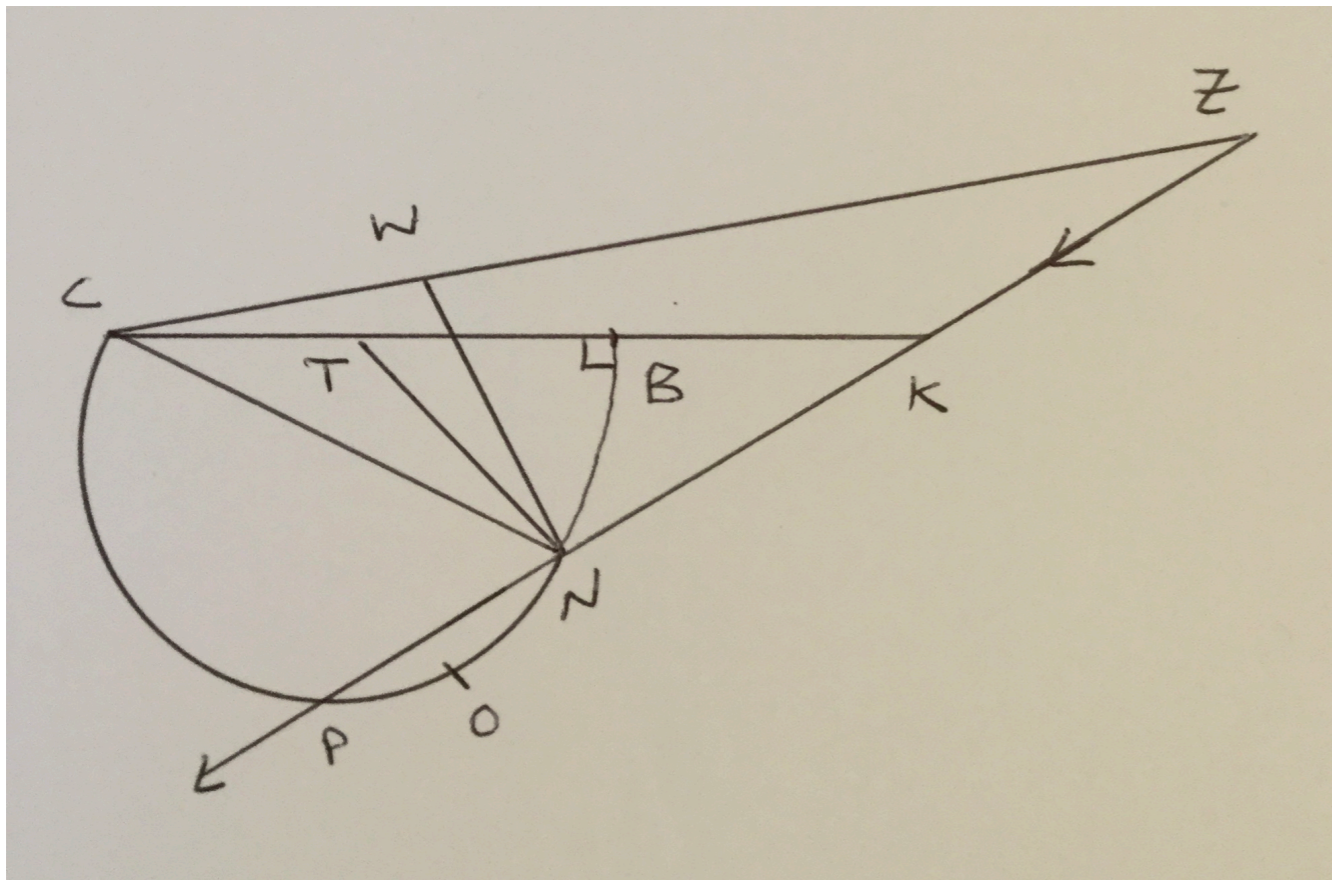
and  $\triangle WNT \cong \triangle PNO$ :

$$R = \frac{CO}{CP}$$

**and Z is the clear image of object A refracted at N along  $\sim BN$**

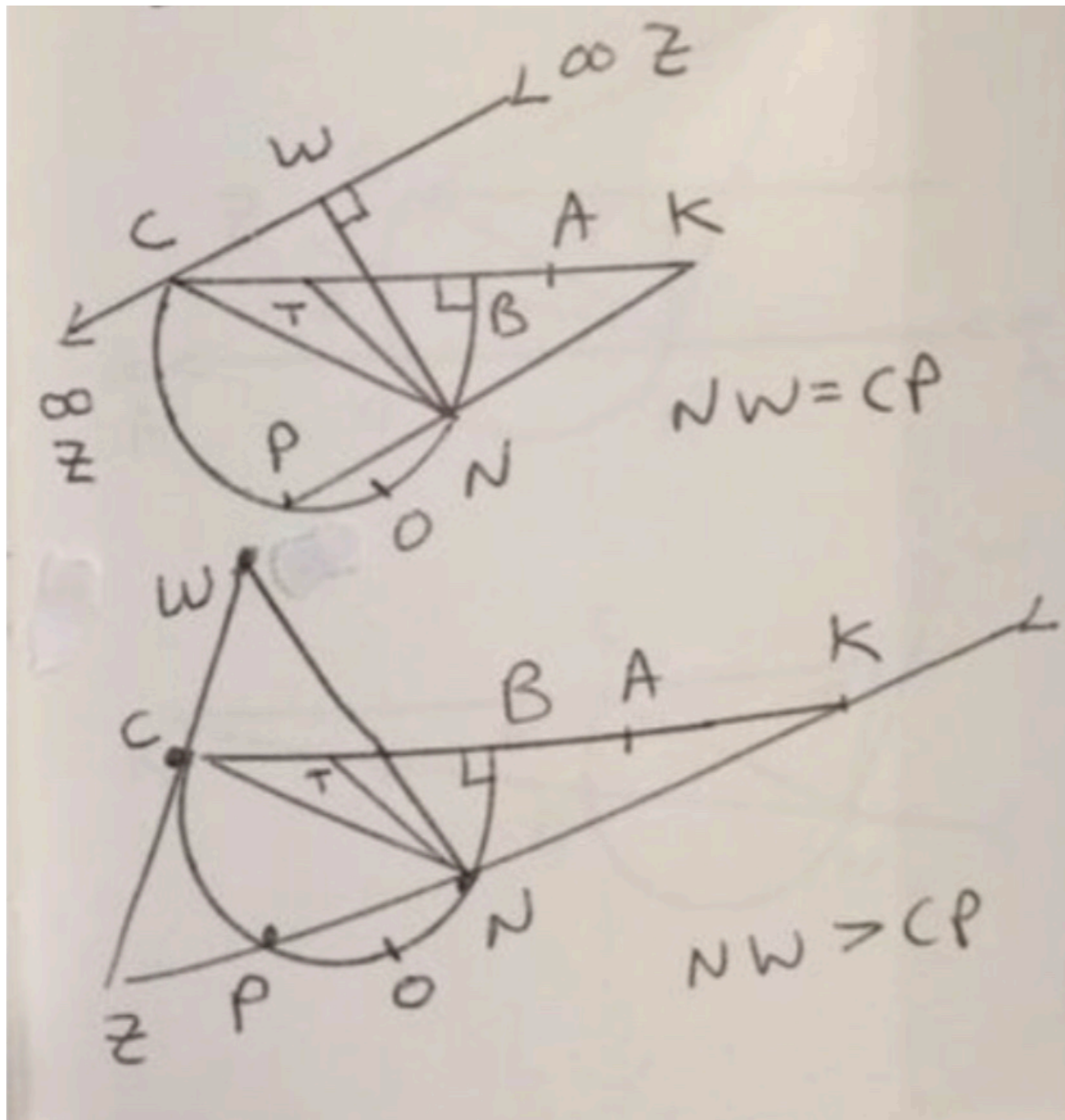


**Figure 33:**



Off-axis rays from any on-axis object A, (real or virtual), can not form a virtual on-axis image Z because NW must be less than CP for Z to be virtual; but NW must also be greater than NT.

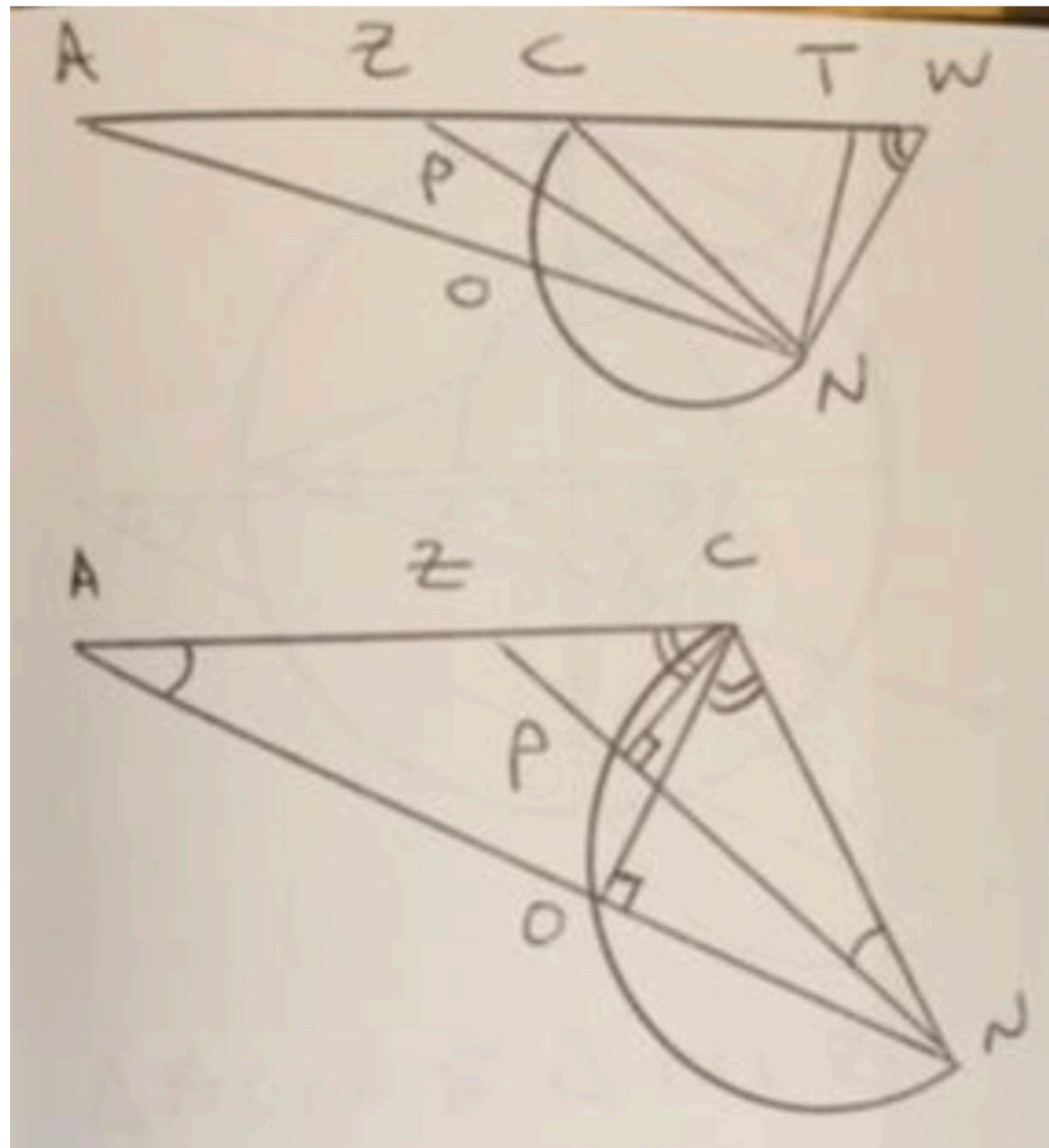
**Figure 34:**



Off-axis rays from any real on-axis object A can not form a real on-axis image Z because NW must be greater than (or equal to) CP for Z to be real; but NW must also be greater than NT.

### Figure 35:

Off-axis rays from a virtual on-axis object *A* **can** form a real on-axis image *Z* because  $NW$  must be greater than or equal to  $CP$  for  $Z$  to be real; and  $NW$  must also be greater than  $NT$ . When  $WT$  lies along the axis, so does  $Z$ . This occurs when:



$$NT \parallel CO$$

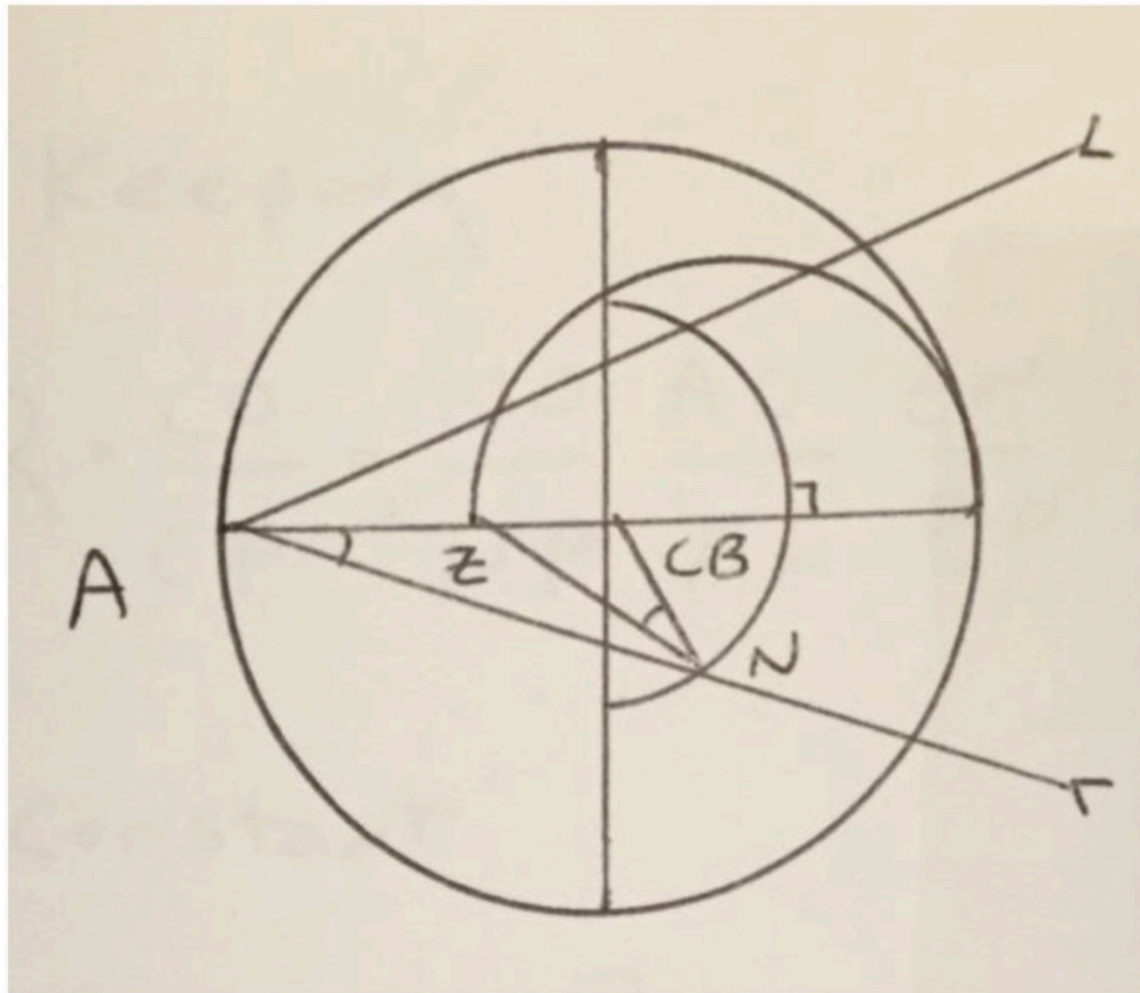
$$NW \parallel CP$$

$$\triangle WNT \cong \triangle PNO$$

$$\angle NWT = \angle NPO = \angle NCO$$

$$\triangle CPN \cong \triangle COA$$

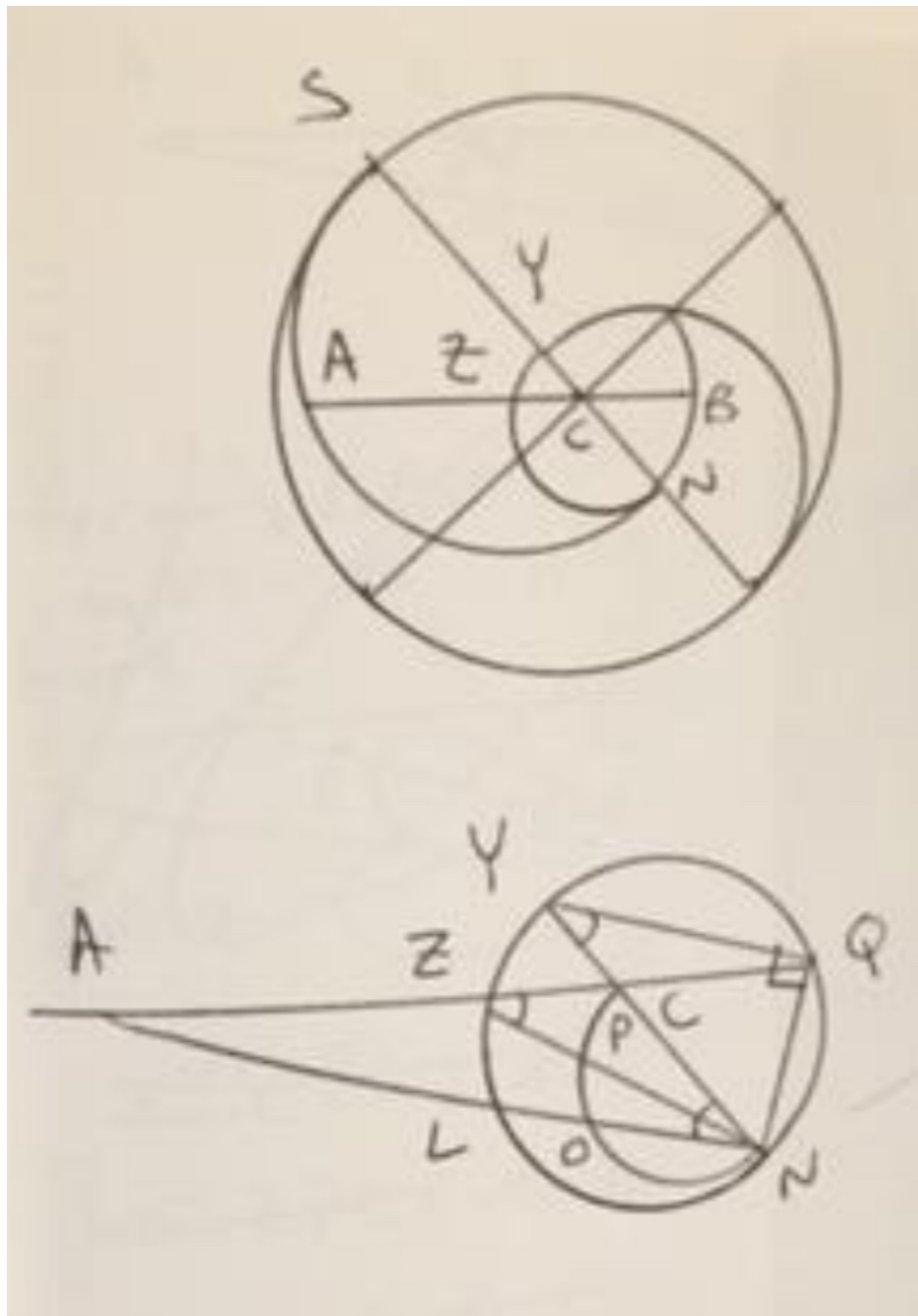
**Figure 36:**



When off-axis rays from a virtual on-axis object A form a real on-axis image Z, this is the on-axis real image of the on-axis virtual object A at all points N because:

$$\triangle ACN \cong \triangle NCZ \quad \text{for all } N$$

**Figure 37:**



This can also be demonstrated  
by constructing:

$$SC/CN = CN/CY$$

$$\frac{\underline{CY}}{\underline{CN}} = \frac{\underline{CN}}{\underline{CS}} = \frac{\underline{CY} + \underline{CN}}{\underline{CN} + \underline{CS}} = \frac{\underline{NY}}{\underline{NS}}$$

$$\frac{\underline{AO}}{\underline{AN}} \frac{\underline{ZN}}{\underline{ZP}} = \frac{\underline{SC}}{\underline{SN}} \frac{\underline{ZN}}{\underline{ZP}} = \frac{\underline{NC}}{\underline{NY}} \frac{\underline{ZN}}{\underline{ZP}} =$$

$$\frac{\underline{NC}}{\underline{NY}} \frac{\underline{YN}}{\underline{YC}} = \frac{\underline{CN}}{\underline{CY}}$$

$$\frac{\underline{CO}}{\underline{CP}} \frac{\underline{NP}}{\underline{NO}} = \frac{\underline{LY}}{\underline{LN}} \frac{\underline{PN}}{\underline{PC}} = \frac{\underline{QN}}{\underline{QY}} \frac{\underline{PN}}{\underline{PC}} =$$

$$\frac{\underline{QN}(\underline{ZN})}{\underline{QY}(\underline{ZY})} = \frac{\underline{CN}}{\underline{CY}}$$

# Section 4

## Axial Refraction at a Circle

keeping:

$$\mathbb{R} = \frac{\underline{CO}}{CP} = \frac{\underline{NO} \quad \underline{AO} \quad \underline{ZN}}{NP \quad AN \quad ZP}$$

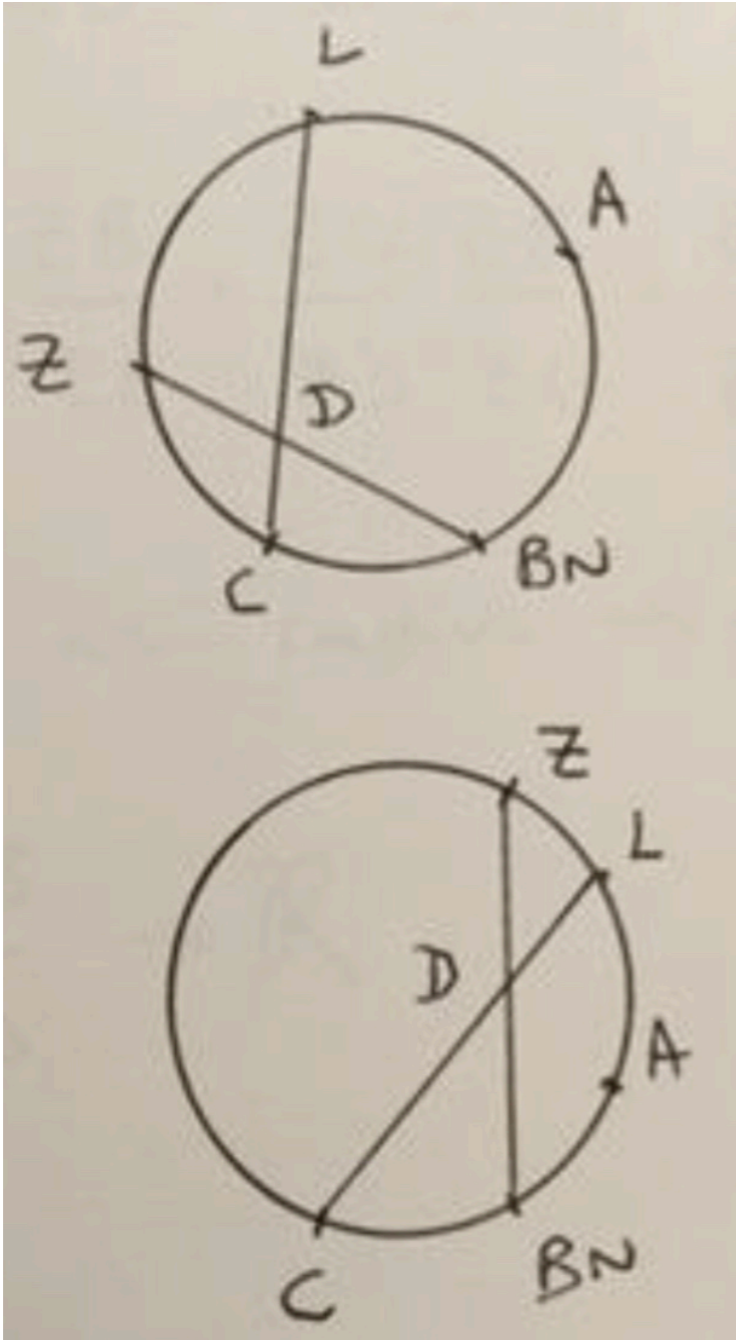
constant as  $N \Rightarrow B$ :

$$\frac{\underline{BC} \quad \underline{AC} \quad \underline{ZB}}{BC \quad AB \quad ZC} \Rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$



## Figure 38:

“axial” refraction can be described along a circle of infinite radius



draw CDL so:

$AL \parallel ZB$  so:

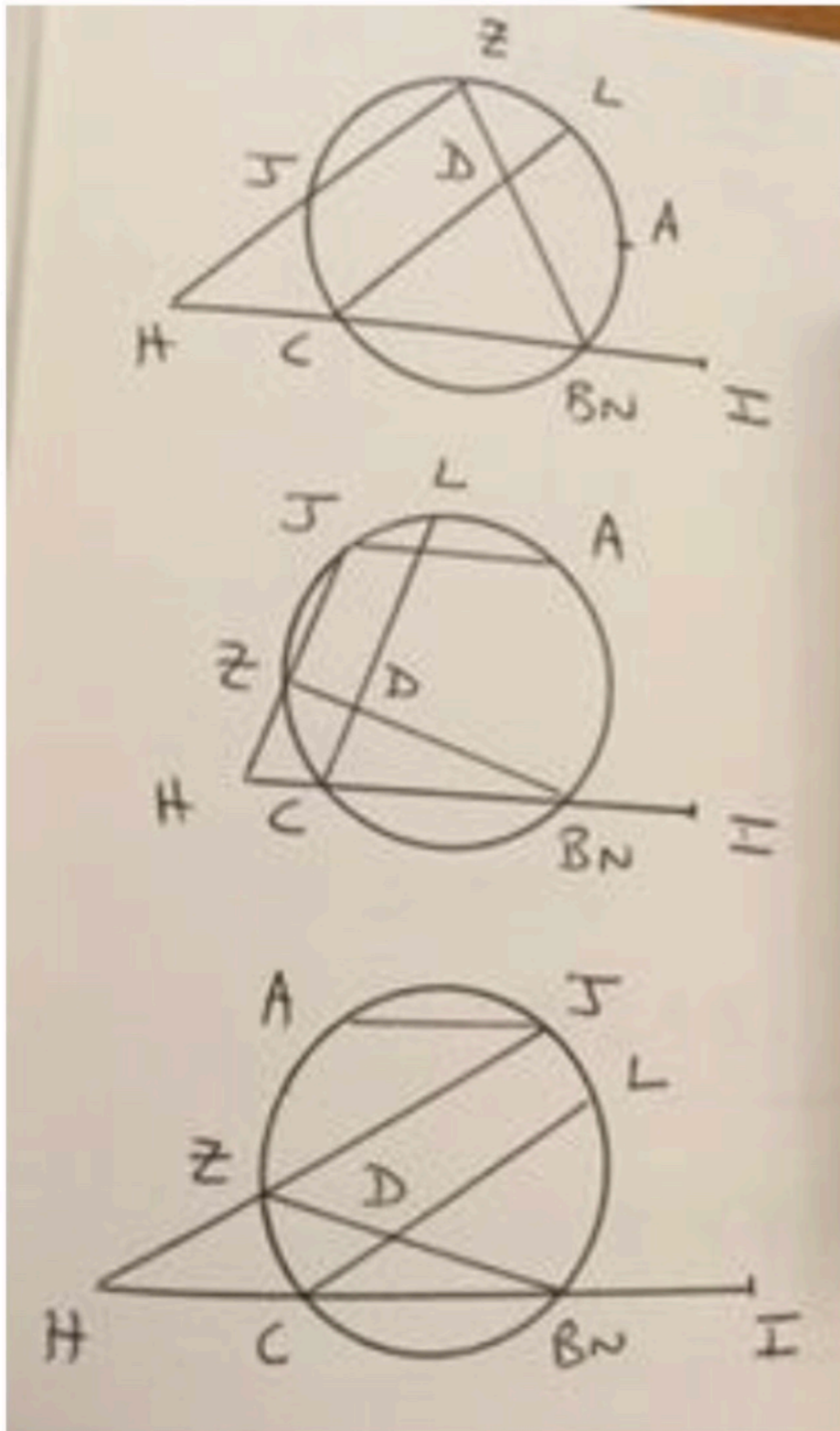
$\triangle ACB \cong \triangle ZCD$  and:

$$\frac{AC}{AB} \frac{ZB}{ZC} = \frac{ZC}{ZD} \frac{ZB}{ZC} = \frac{ZB}{ZD}$$

so as the radius  $\Rightarrow \infty$

$$\frac{ZB}{ZD} \Rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

**Figure 39:**



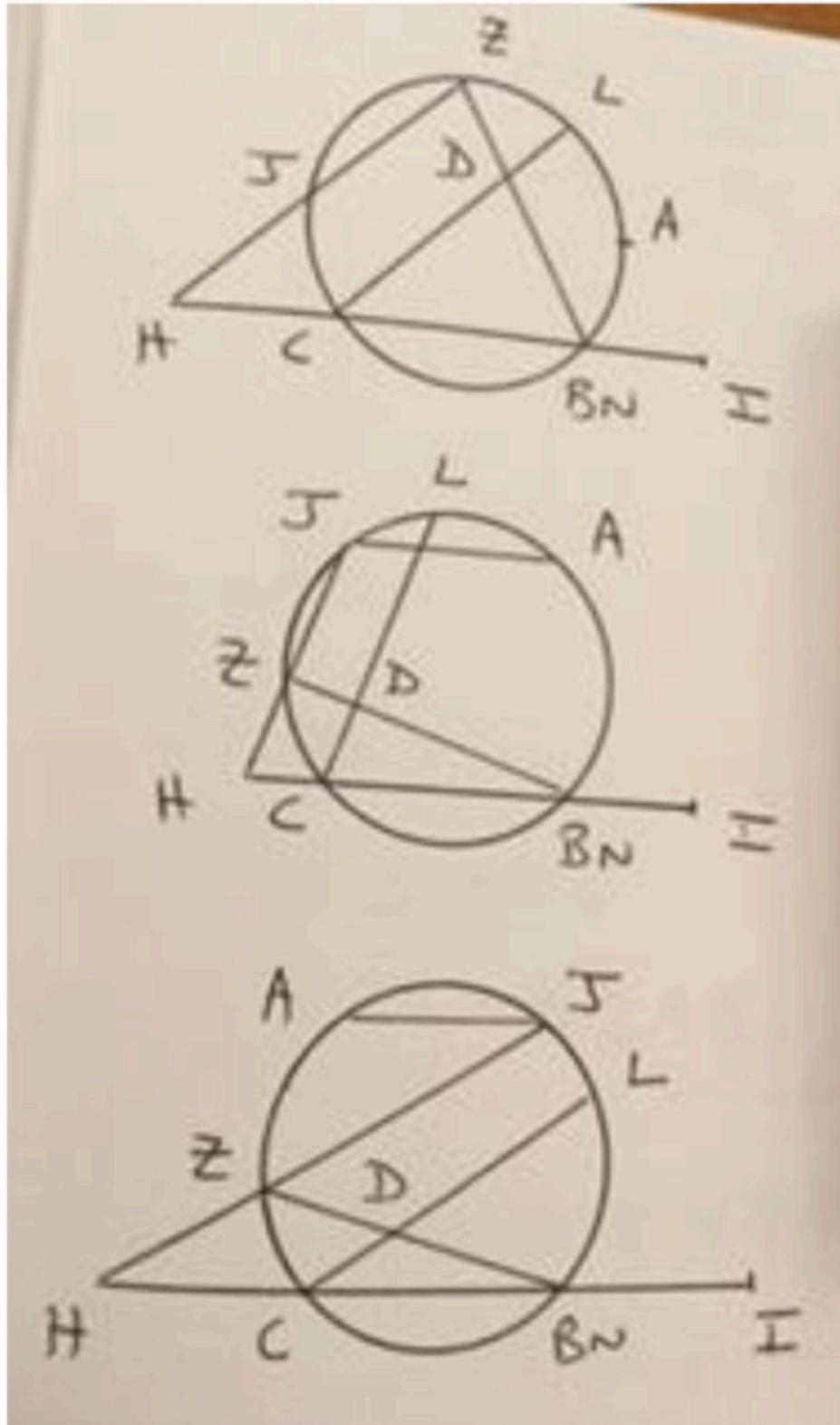
$$\begin{aligned}
 AL & \parallel ZB \\
 AZ & = BL \\
 \sim AZ & = \sim BL
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 HZ & \parallel CL \\
 ZC & = LJ \\
 \sim ZC & = \sim LJ
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sim AZ + \sim ZC & = \sim AZC \\
 \sim BL + \sim LJ & = \sim BLJ
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sim AZC & = \sim BLJ \\
 AJ & \parallel CB
 \end{aligned}$$

**Figure 40:**



$$HZ \parallel CL$$

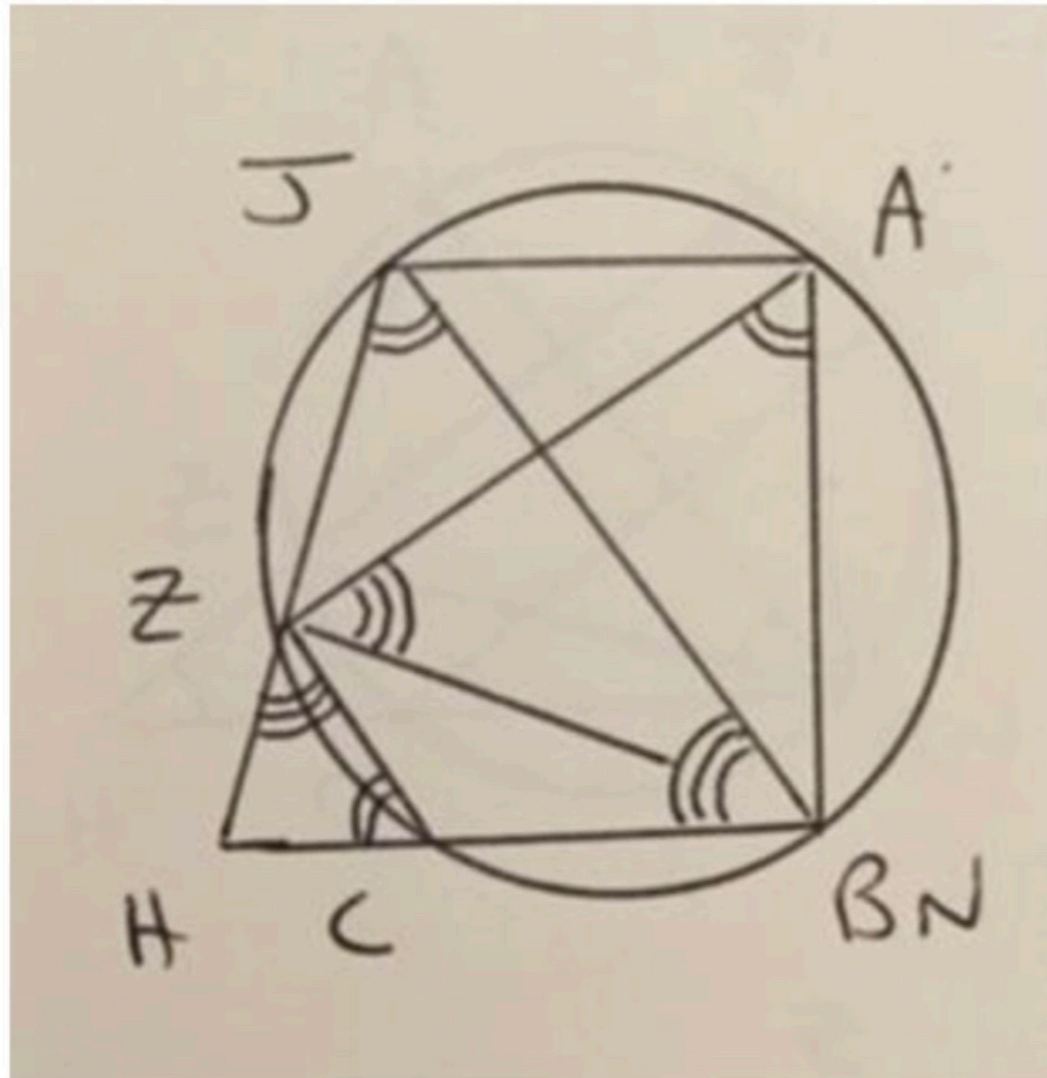
$$\frac{ZB}{ZD} = \frac{HB}{HC}$$

$$\Delta HBZ \cong \Delta HJC$$

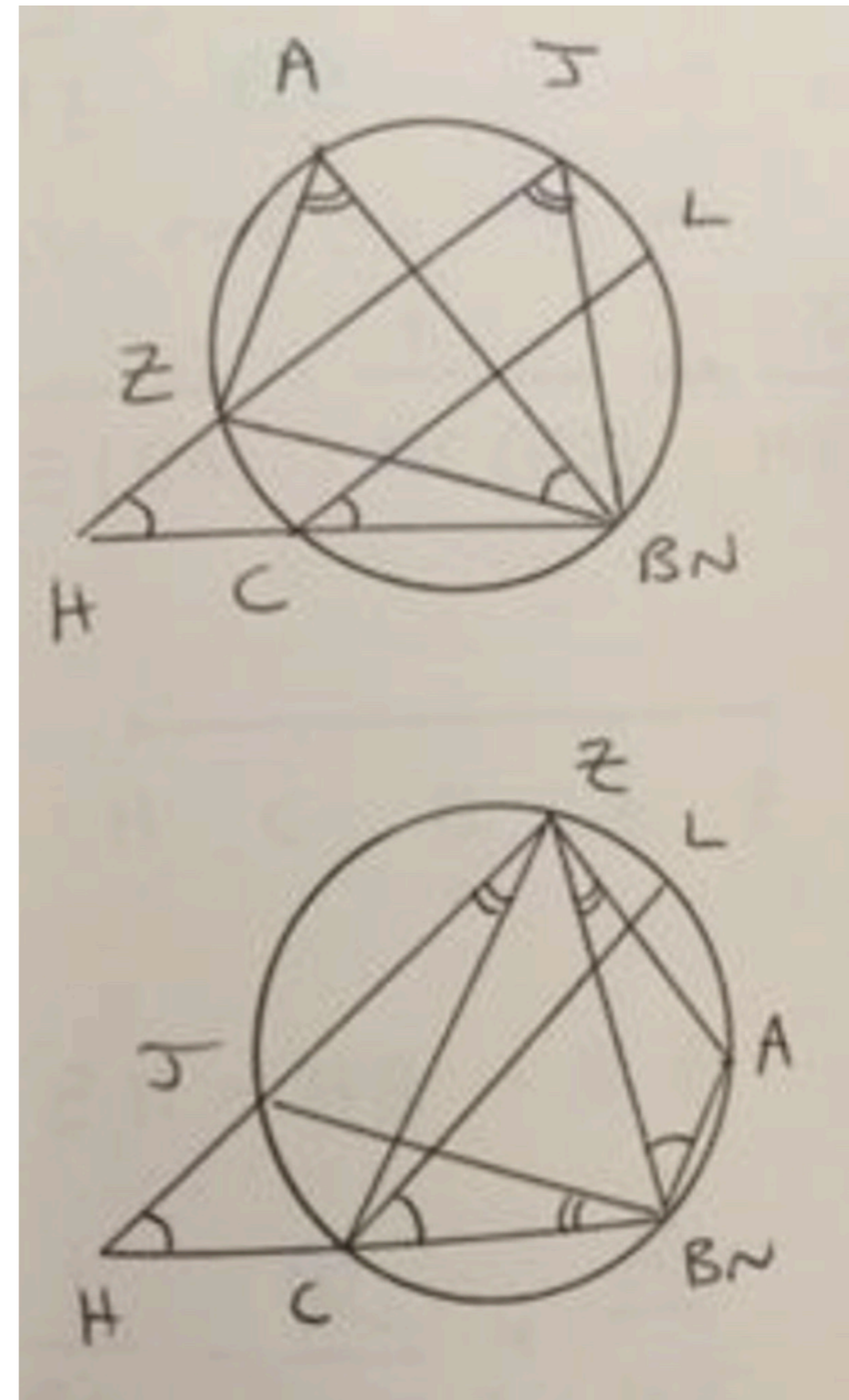
when  $\Delta HJC = \Delta IAB$ :

$$\frac{IB}{IA} = \frac{HZ}{HB}$$

Figure 41:



$$\triangle HJC \cong \triangle HJB \cong \triangle BAZ$$



$$\triangle HCZ \cong \triangle HJB \cong \triangle BAZ$$

$$\frac{HC}{HZ} = \frac{BA}{BZ}$$

as the radius  $\Rightarrow \infty$

$$\frac{1}{HZ (BA)} = \frac{1}{HC (BZ)} \Rightarrow \frac{R}{HB (BZ)}$$

These equalities are used with the following possible sums resulting from the circle with infinite radius, to produce the conjugate foci equations:

$$HZ = HB + BZ \quad \text{or}$$

$$HB = HZ + BZ \quad \text{or}$$

$$BZ = HZ + HB$$

# **Section 5**

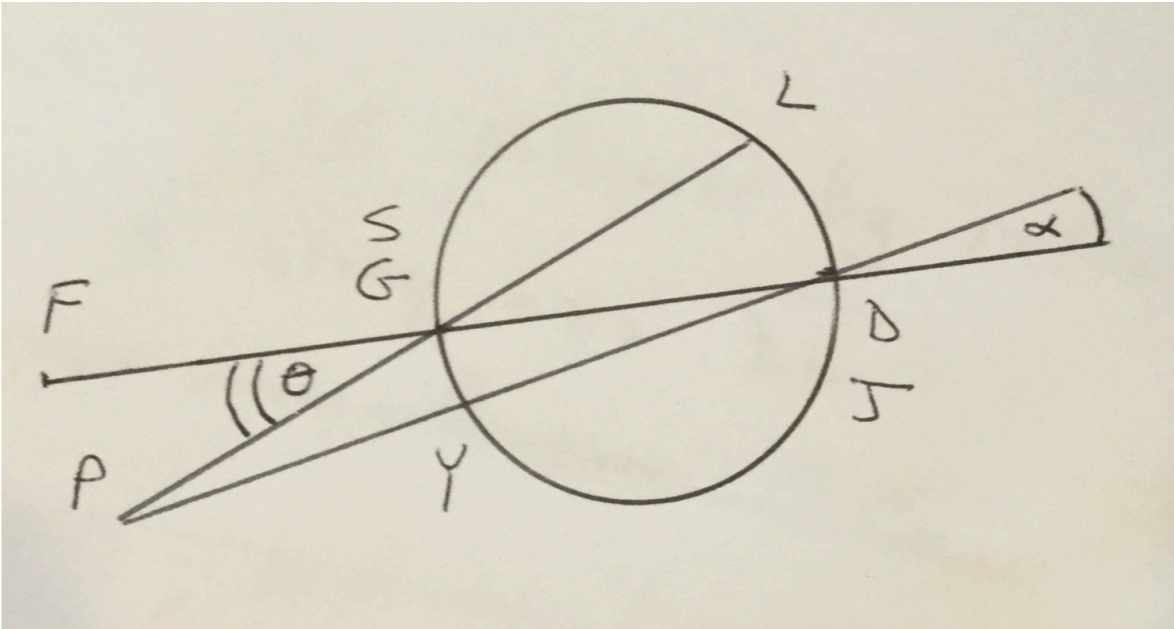
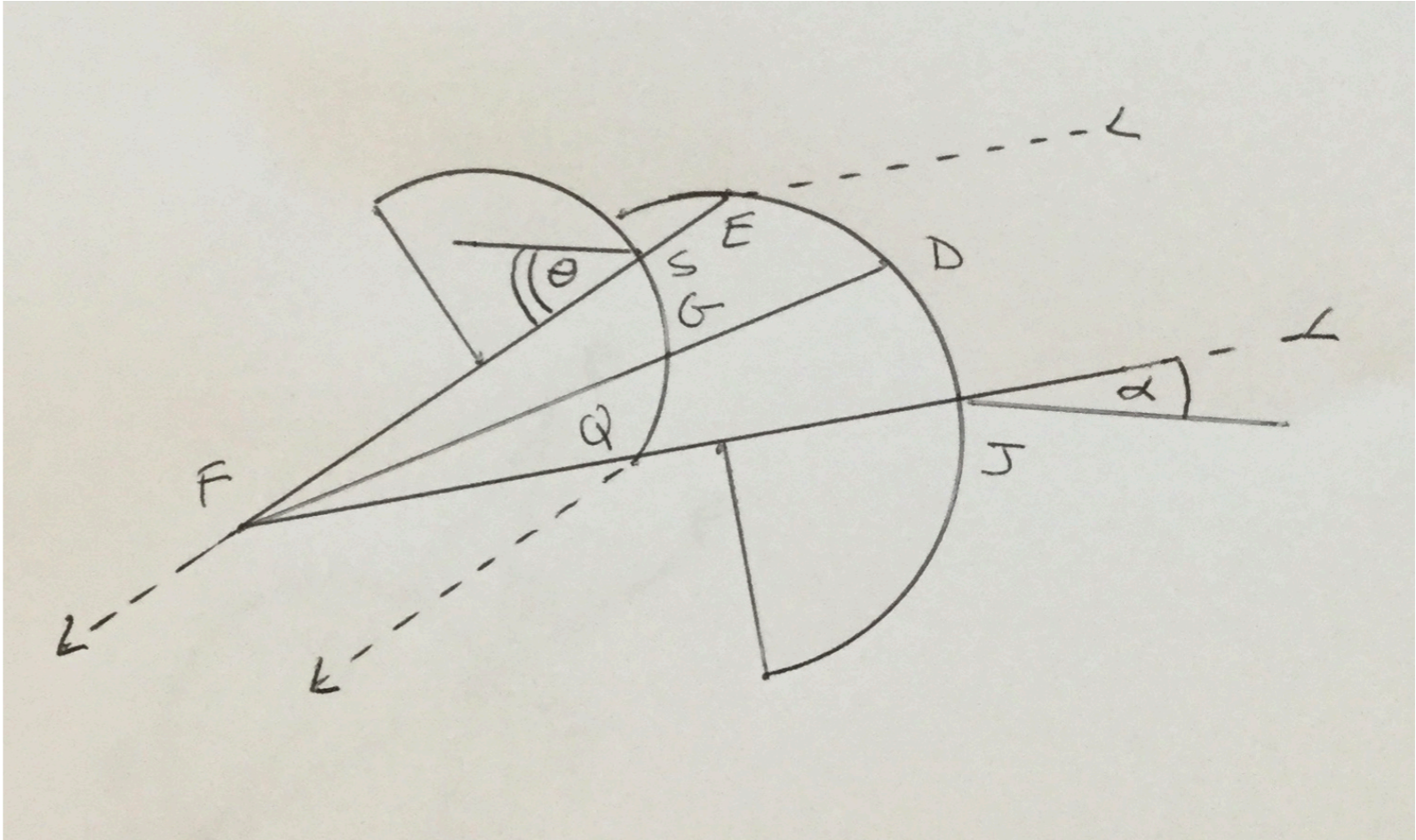
## **Afocal Axial Angular Magnification**

Before considering afocal axial angular magnification, imagine two cars driving down the same street. When one car passes a sign post, it speeds up until it reaches the next sign post, then slows back down to its original speed, which is the same speed of the other car. Not only will the car that sped up be further down the road, it will also have had a greater average speed during the trip. This effect depends on two factors. The first is the degree to which the car speeds up between the sign posts, and the second is the distance between those sign posts.

This metaphor can be used to illustrate afocal axial angular magnification, which simply depends on two factors. The first is the degree to which light rays change between two lenses or refracting surfaces. The second is the separation of those two lenses or refracting surfaces. This is why a collapsible telescope no longer magnifies a distant object when it is “collapsed,” and its lenses are no longer separated.



Figure 42:



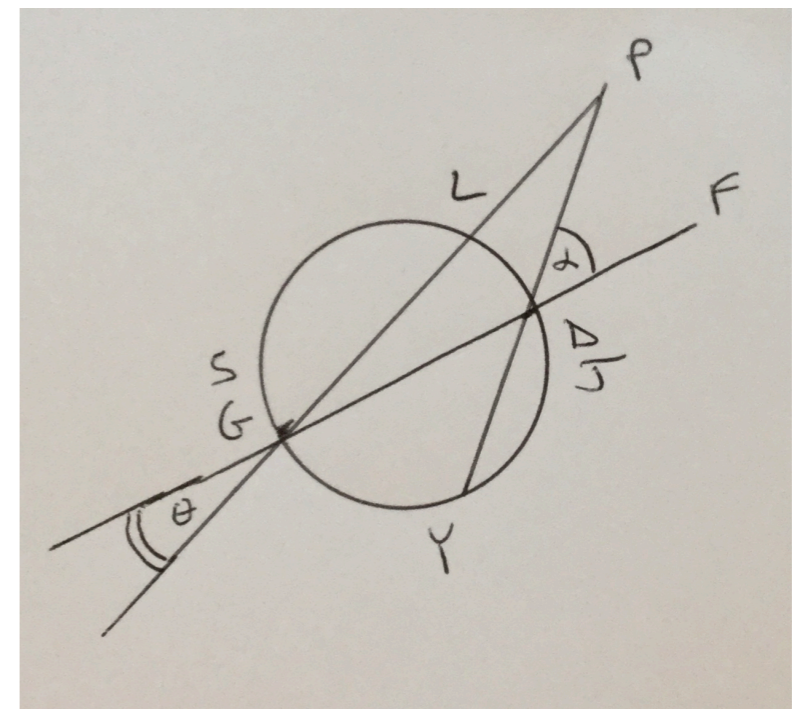
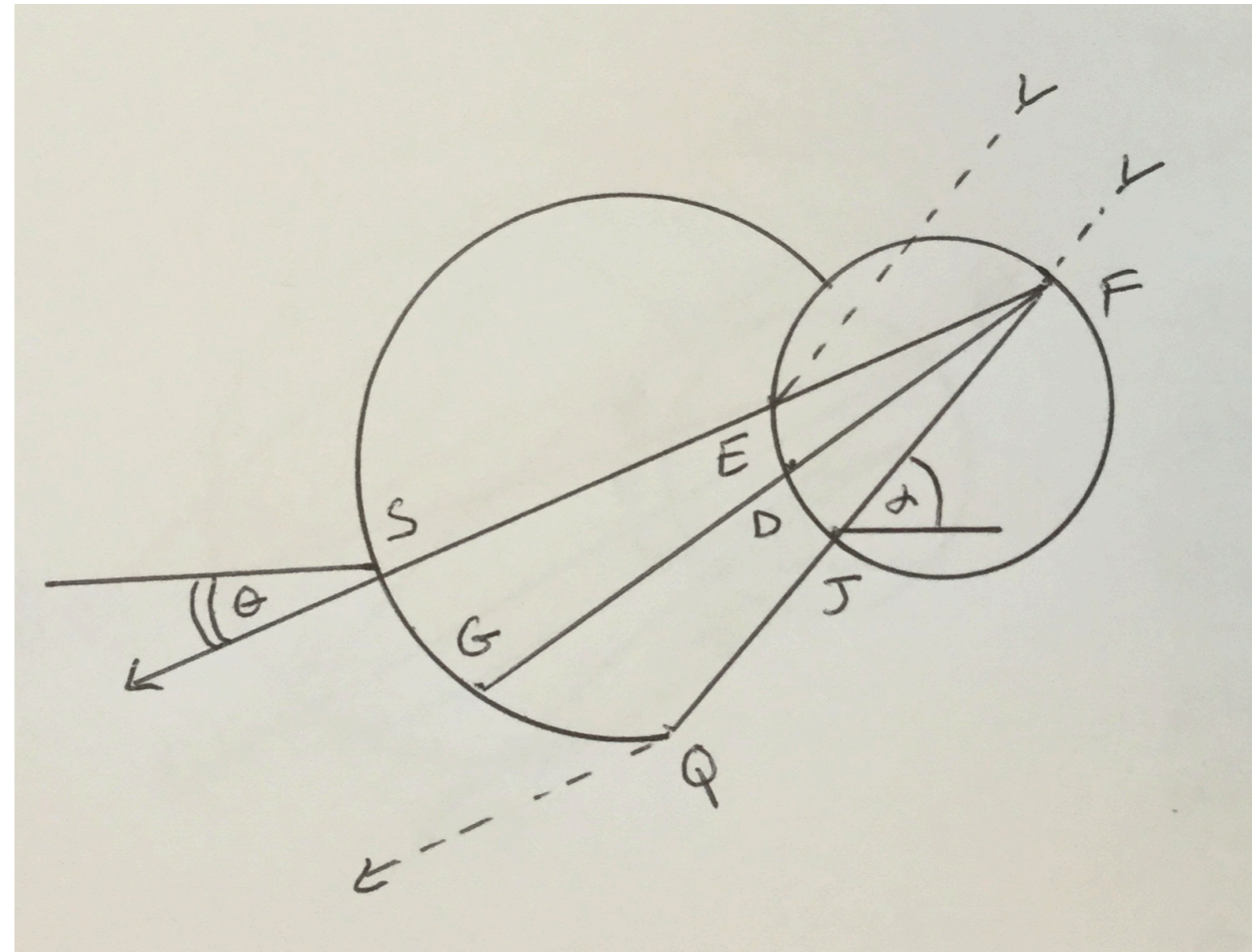
In figure 41, given distance refraction at  $\sim$ JDE followed by refraction into distance at  $\sim$ QGS along axis DGF:

as angle JFD = angle SFG, and both approach zero,

$$\frac{\theta}{\alpha} \Rightarrow \frac{\sim LD/GD}{\sim YG/GD} \quad \text{as } P \Rightarrow F$$

$$\frac{\theta}{\alpha} \Rightarrow \frac{FD}{FG} \quad \text{as } P \Rightarrow F$$

**Figure 43:**



In figure 42, given distance refraction at  $\sim$ JDE followed by refraction into distance at  $\sim$ QGS along axis FDG:

as angle JFD = angle SFG, and both approach zero,

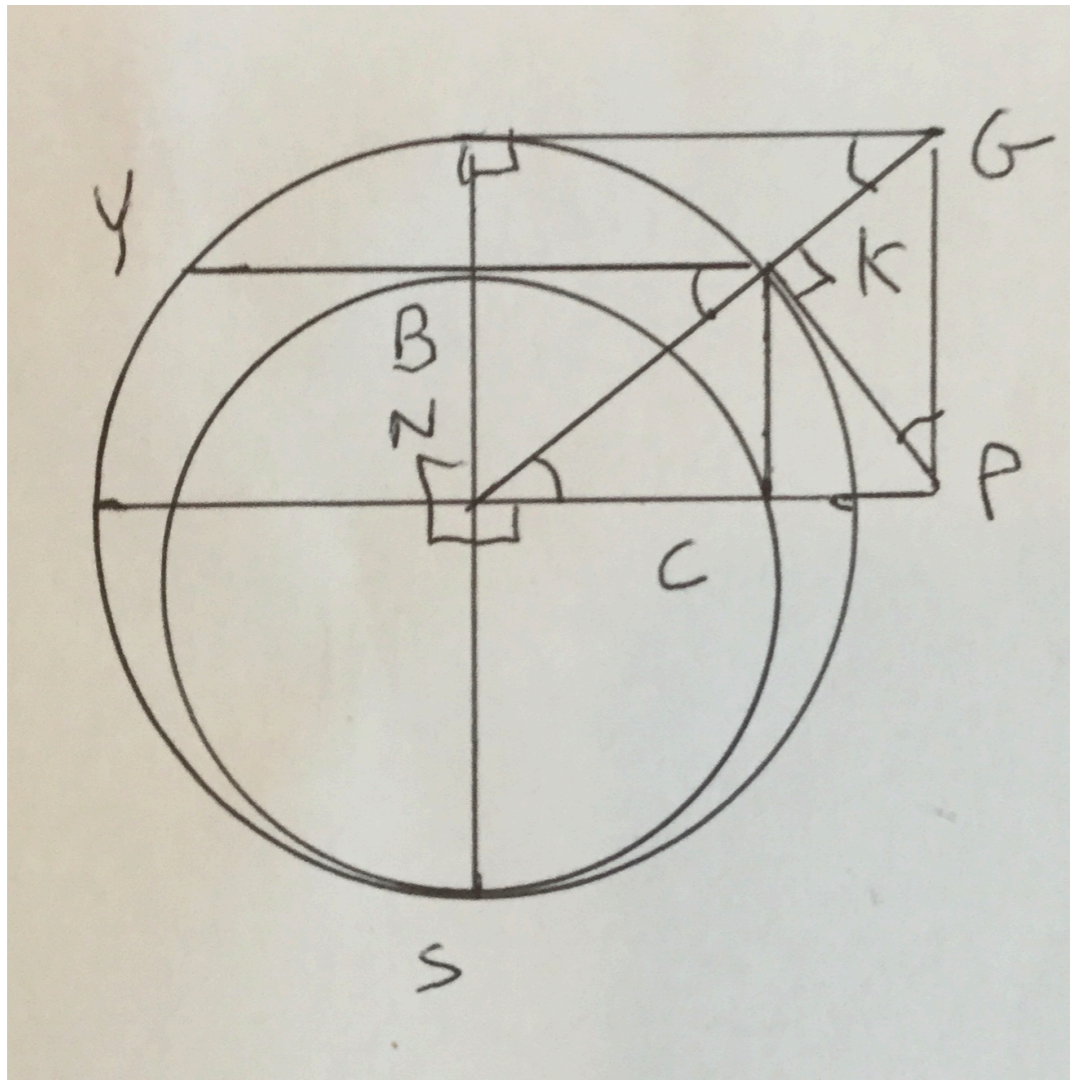
$$\frac{\theta}{\alpha} \Rightarrow \frac{\sim LD/GD}{\sim YG/GD} \quad \text{as } P \Rightarrow F$$

$$\frac{\theta}{\alpha} \Rightarrow \frac{FD}{FG} \quad \text{as } P \Rightarrow F$$

# **Section 6**

## **Clinical Determination of Axial Retinal Image Size Magnification**

**Figure 44:**



$$\triangle NBK = \triangle GKP$$

From figure 13, recall the  
“continued proportion”

$$\frac{NS}{NC} = \frac{NC}{NB}$$

and notice that:

$$\frac{NK}{NB} = \frac{KN + KG}{GP}$$

which equals:

$$\frac{NK + NB}{NK}$$

We have just shown that:

$$\frac{NK}{NB} = 1 + \frac{NB}{NK} = 1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1 + \dots}}}$$

**Since we have shown that neither NK or NB can measure the other length, we have shown that there is no length relative to itself, (“unit length”), that will measure all finite lengths.**

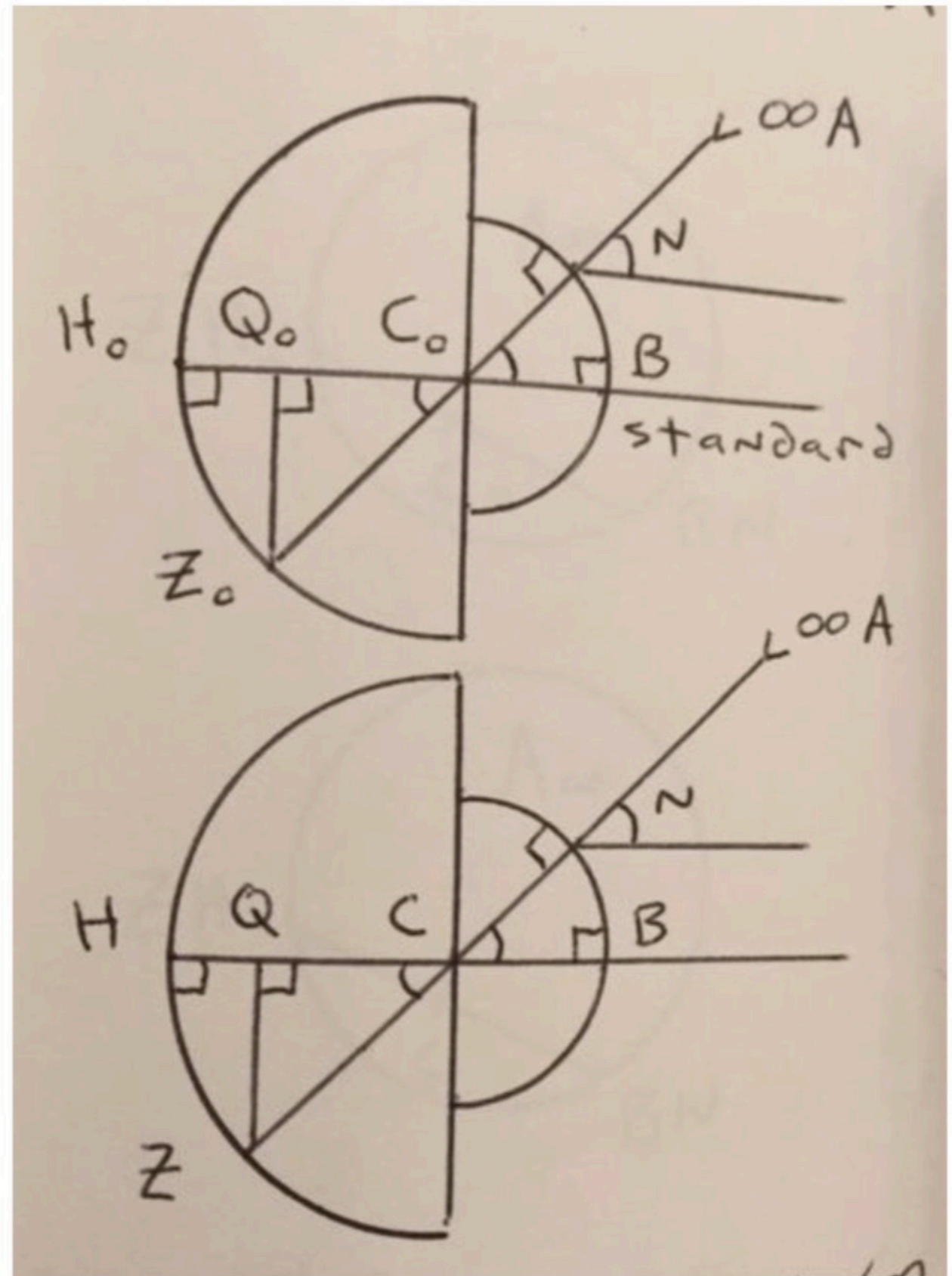
This is relevant in any discussion of magnification. We can either consider such non-measurable distances to be irrational numbers, which are continuing fractions, or we can consider “number theory” itself to be irrational, along with the presumption that anything, even a unit measurement, can be real defined by itself.



Axial retinal image size magnification is not a number, but rather a ratio. It therefore requires a standard retinal image size for comparison. It is fair to call any such magnification using a standard, which is by definition arbitrary, meaningless in and of itself. However, it is simply a tool to use for ***comparing*** magnifications. Such comparisons are meaningful and not arbitrary, because arbitrary standards factor out when comparing ratios.

## Figure 45:

The top diagram references the standard eye. The bottom diagram references any eye used for comparison, with the retinal image size designated as HZ.

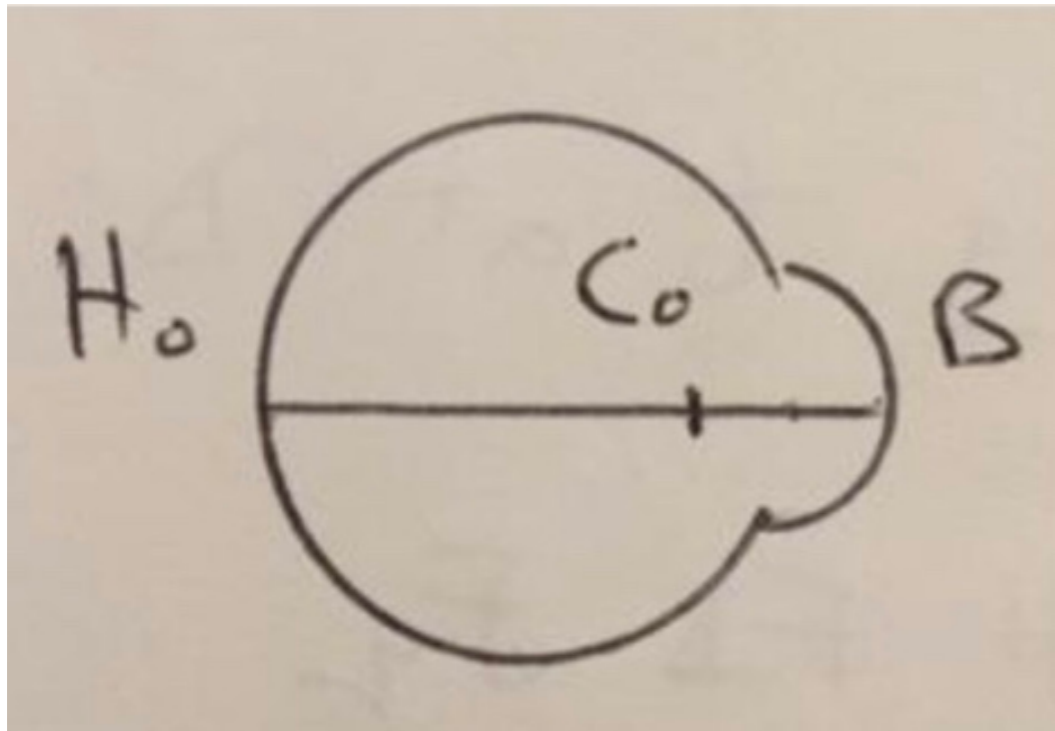


$$\frac{\underline{ZQ}}{Z_0Q_0} = \frac{\underline{ZC}}{Z_0C_0} = \frac{\underline{HC}}{H_0C_0} = \frac{\underline{BH/\mathbb{R}}}{BH_0/\mathbb{R}}$$

as  $N \Rightarrow B$ :

$$M \Rightarrow \frac{\underline{ZQ}}{Z_0Q_0} = \frac{\underline{BH}}{BH_0}$$

**Figure 46:**



In order to find the magnification  **$M$** , (in this case that of retinal image size magnification), we need to know both the standard  $BH_0$ , as well as  $BH$  for the eye in question. When a distant object is focused at  $Z$ , and a distance refractive error exists,  $Z$  lies at  $E$  rather than at  $H$ .

using  $BH_o$  as the chosen ocular standard where:

$$\mathbb{R} = \frac{H_oB}{H_oC_o} = \frac{HB}{HC} = \frac{EB}{EL} = \frac{4}{3}$$

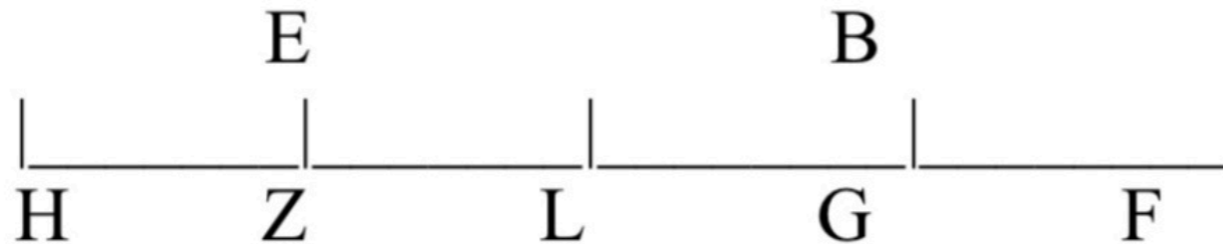
and  $\frac{\mathbb{R}}{BH_o} = 60$  diopters

(where a diopter is a unit of inverse meter length)

Measure BL to find:

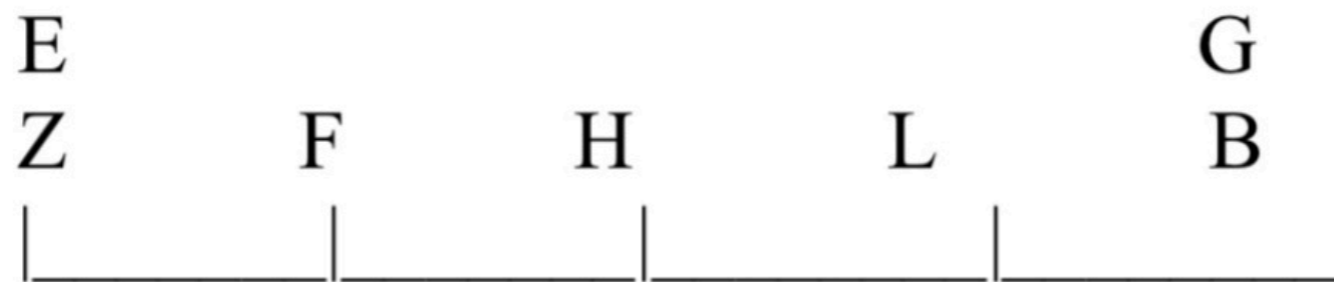
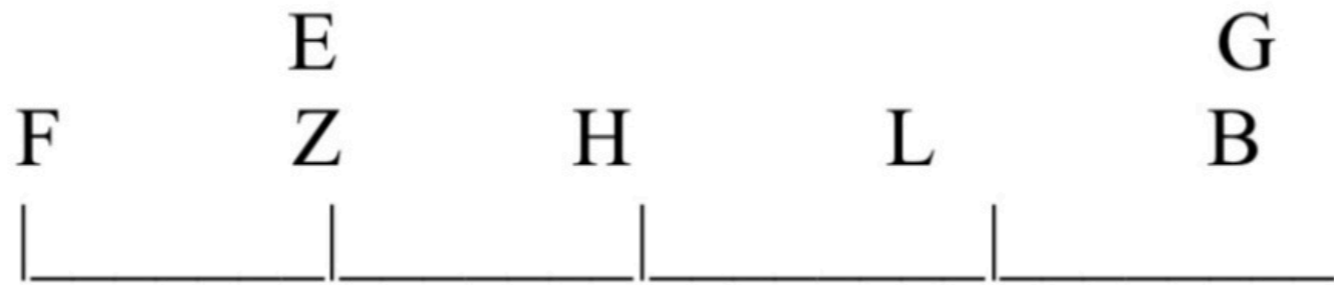
$$\frac{R}{BE} = \frac{1}{EL} = \frac{R-1}{BL}$$

in order to calculate BH using:



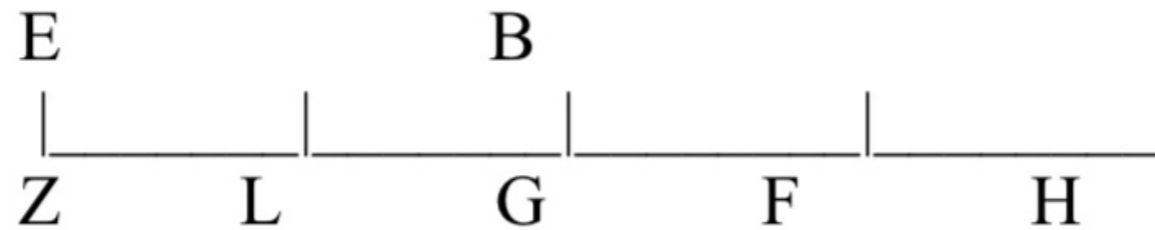
$$\frac{R}{BE} = \frac{1}{BF} + \frac{R}{BH}$$

or



$$\frac{\underline{R}}{BH} = \frac{\underline{1}}{BF} + \frac{\underline{R}}{BE}$$

note that the condition producing a virtual image at H:

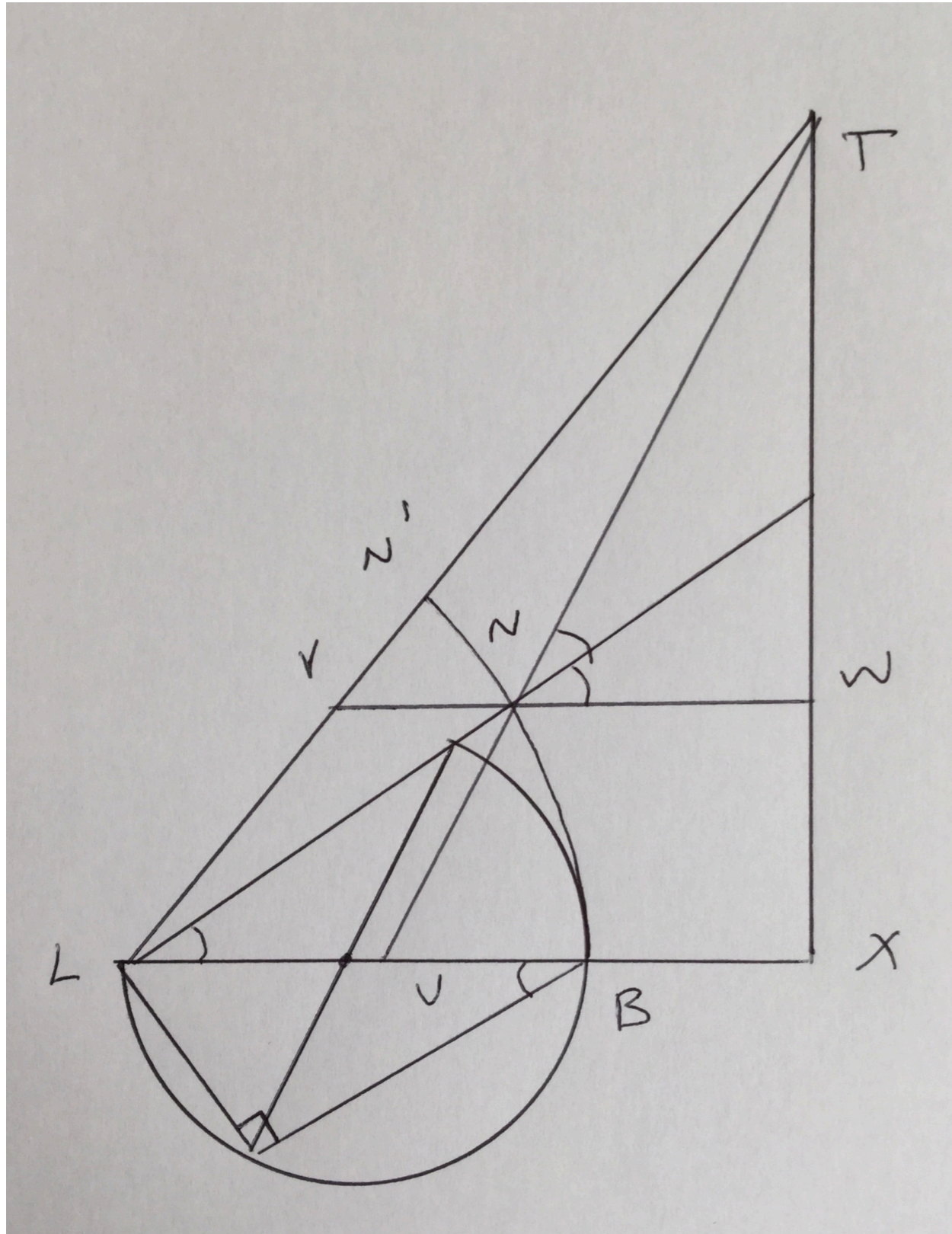


$$\frac{1}{BF} = \frac{R}{BE} + \frac{R}{BH}$$

is meaningless when considering the focused axial image size magnification  $BH/BH_0$  when the standard image is real.

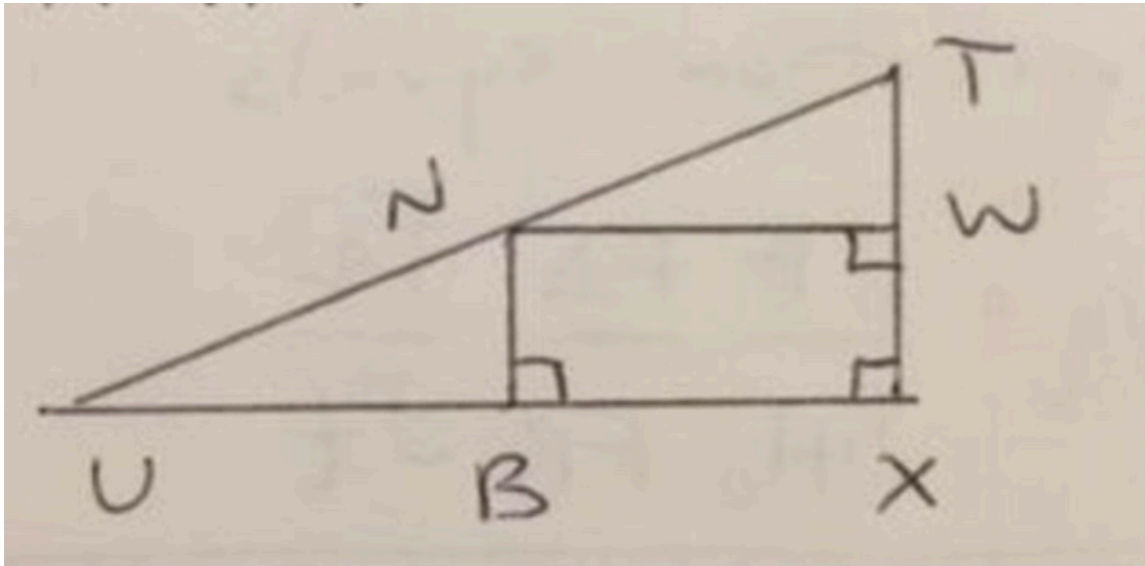


**Figure 47:**



BL Is found  
by changing BX  
to clearly focus  
the reflected image V  
of light source T

**Figure 48:**



make  $T \Rightarrow X$   
 so that  $2BU \Rightarrow BL$   
 and  $\angle NBU \Rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}$

so that:

$$\frac{XT}{XW} \rightarrow \frac{UX}{UB} \rightarrow \frac{2UX}{BL} \leftarrow \frac{2VW}{BL}$$

with a very small  $XT$   
 measure  $XW$  and  $VW$   
 to approximate  $BL$

only the corneal component  $K$   
of  $\frac{R}{BE}$  can be approximated with  
BL from the reflection off B

when its deviation from the standard 42  
is assumed to equal the deviation  
of the total  $\frac{R}{BE}$

from its standard of 60:

$$K + (42 - K) = 42$$

$$\frac{R}{BE} + (42 - K) = 60$$

$$\frac{R}{BE} = K + 18$$

and since:

$$M = \frac{\underline{R}}{BH_0} \frac{\underline{BH}}{\underline{R}}$$

$$M = \frac{60}{\frac{\underline{R}}{BE} \pm \frac{1}{BF}}$$

(Note that the traditional sign convention when considering the distance correction  $1/BF$  allows for the +/- sign to be replaced by simply a + sign).

When the retinal image size magnification of two real eyes are compared, retinal image size magnification loses its arbitrary nature resulting from its presumed standard. However, that does not address the arbitrary assumption in this calculation that magnification differences between two eyes result solely from their front surfaces. This calculation is only as correct as that assumption.

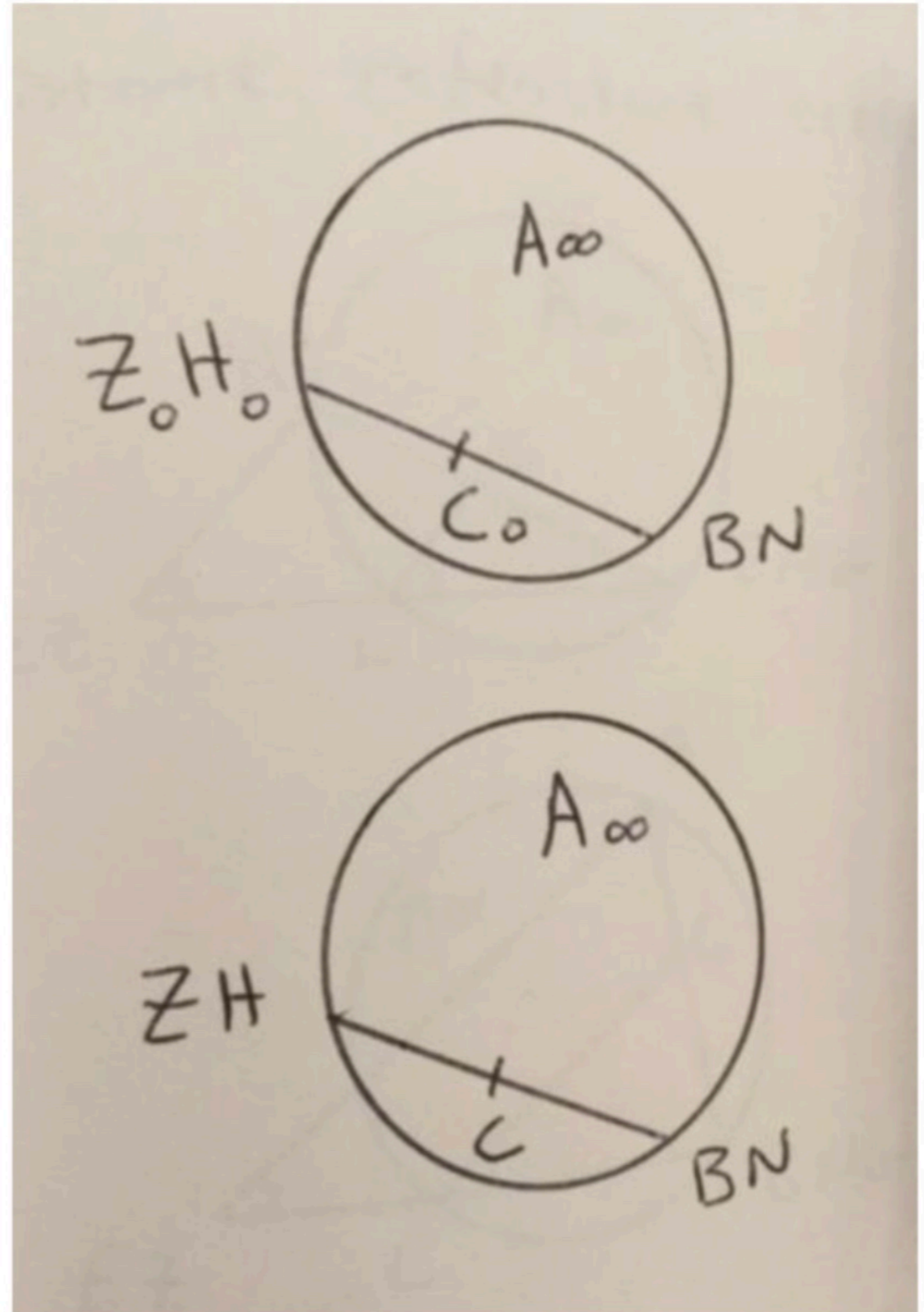
# Section 7

## Axial Magnification of Distance Correction

# Figure 49:

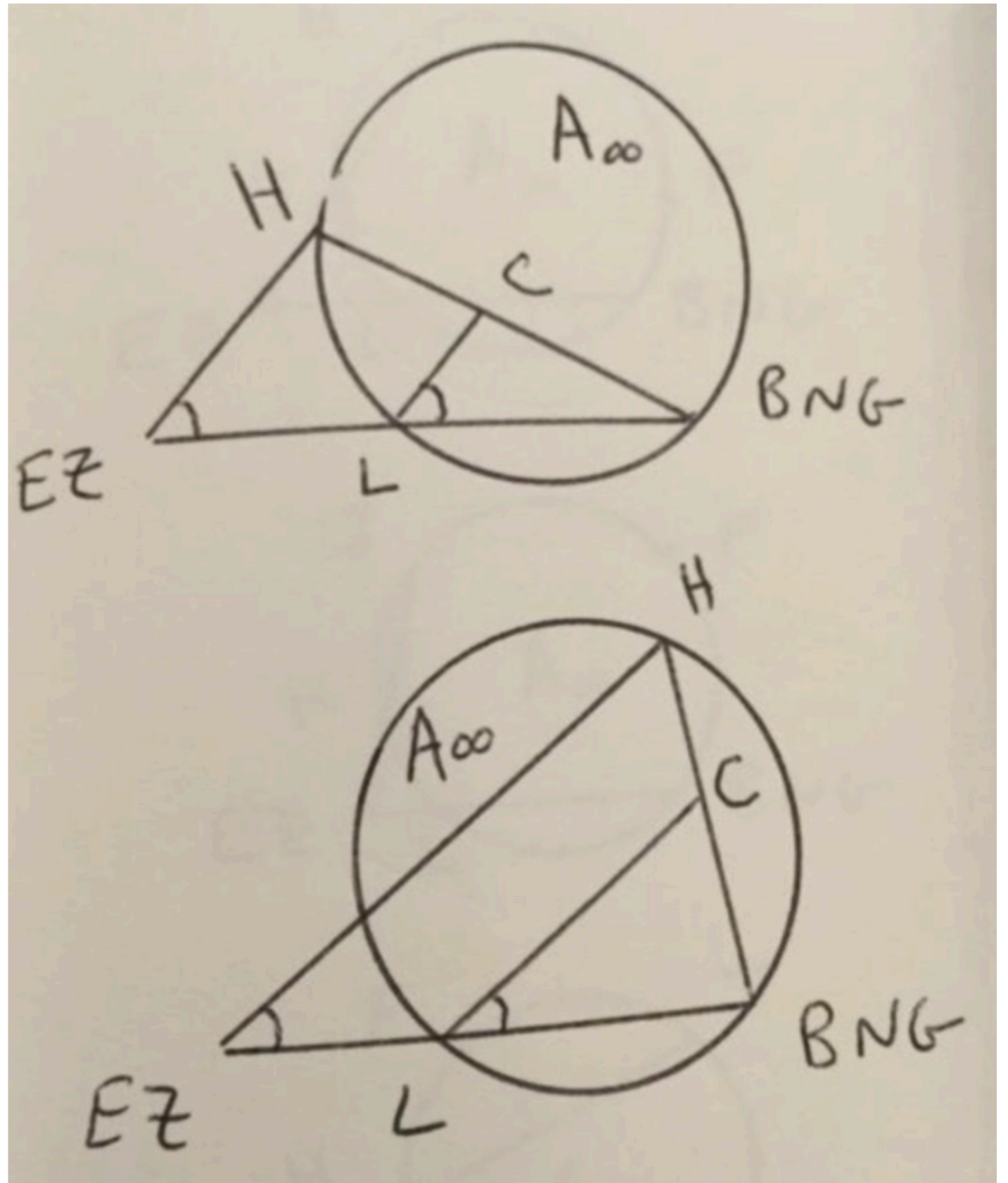
Standard  
emmetropic eye:

Non-standard  
emmetropic eye:



## Figure 50:

Additional refraction at G (at B) creates distance refractive error with combined curvature of radius BL.

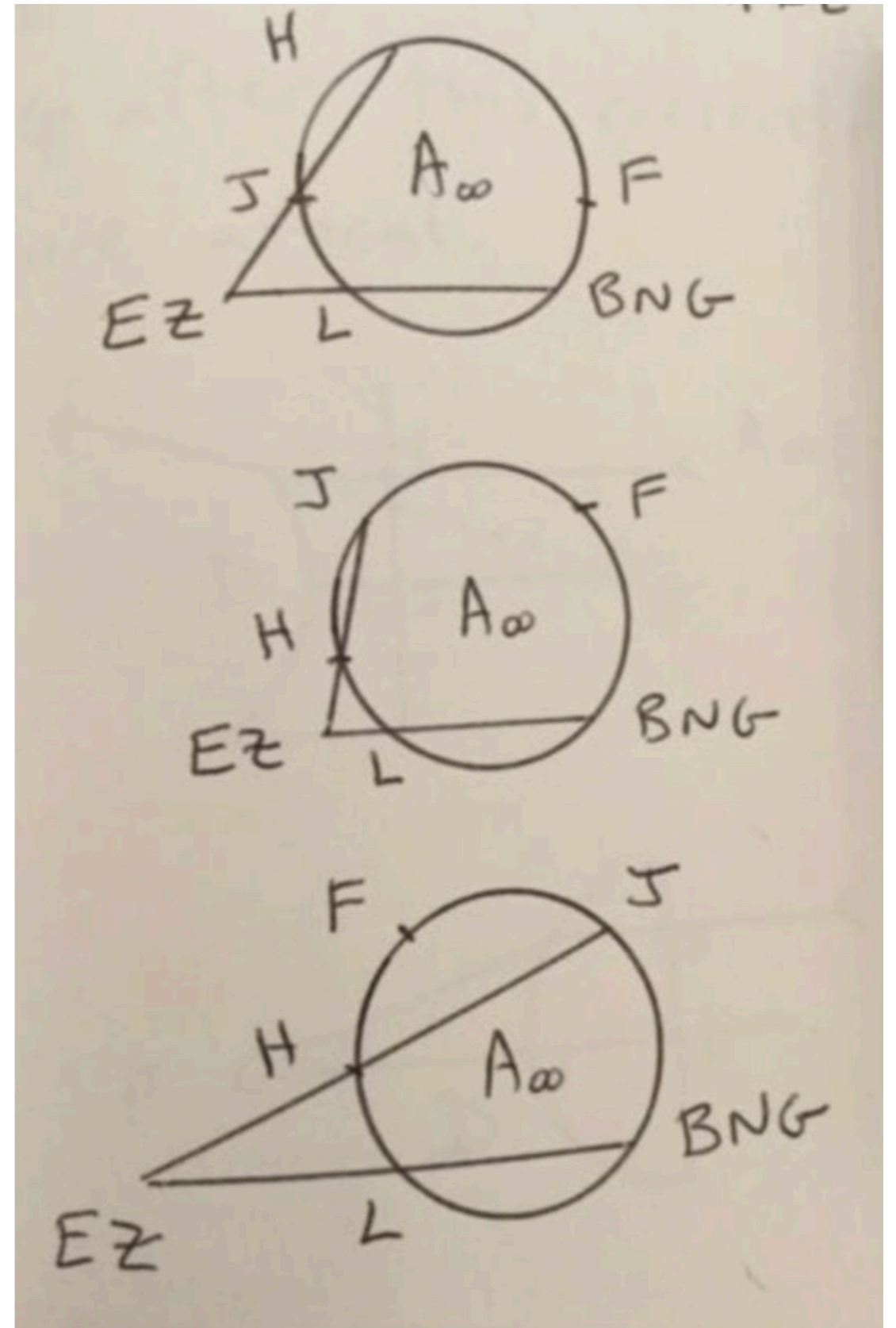




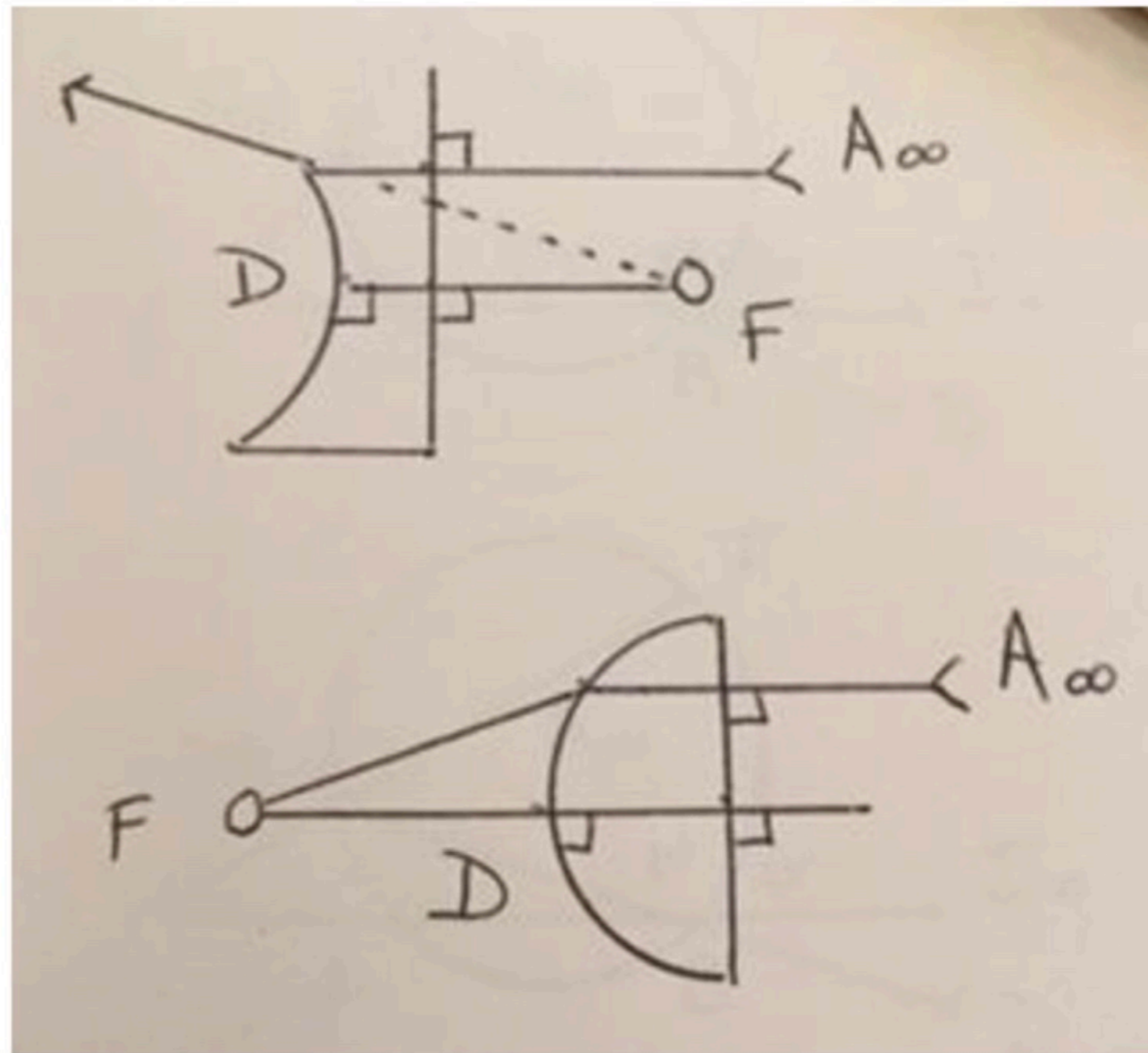
# Figure 51:

The distance correction must focus infinity (A) at F so that:

$JF \parallel BE$

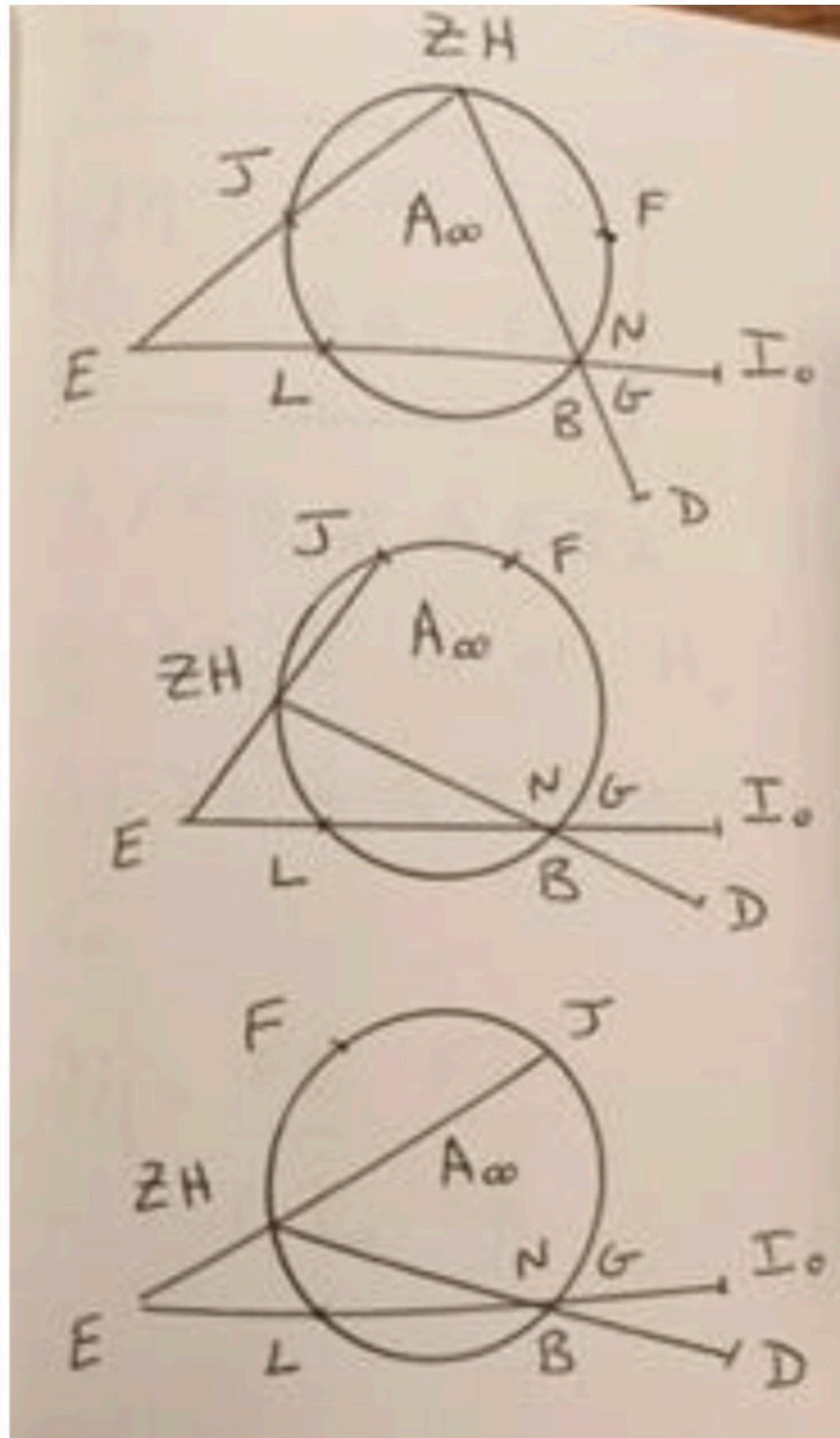


**Figure 52:**



since the distance correction  
at D moves Z to H  
rays leaving G after this correction are afocal

**Figure 53:**



$$M = \frac{\underline{BH} \quad \underline{FD}}{BH_o \quad FB}$$

$$\triangle EBH \cong \triangle EJL$$

when E is at H<sub>o</sub>:

$$\triangle EJL = \triangle I_oFB \quad \text{so:}$$

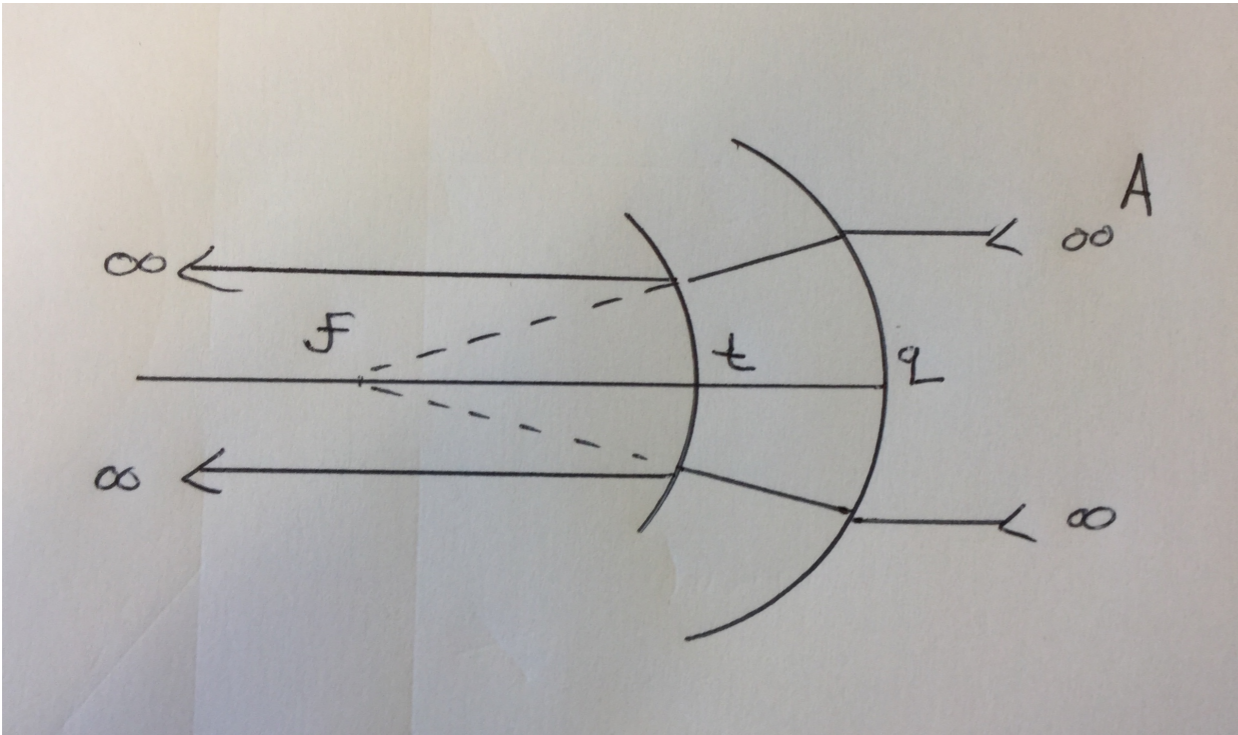
$$M = \frac{\underline{FB} \quad \underline{FD}}{FI_o \quad FB}$$

Note that when all the refractive error is due to the retina H lying at a position other than the standard, in other words, all the error is “axial” in nature, which occurs

when E is at  $H_0$ :

The magnification equals one when the distance correction at D lies at the standard eye's front focal point.

**Figure 54:**



placing  $t$  at  $D$ :

$$M = \frac{BH}{BH_0} \frac{FD}{FB} \frac{fq}{ft}$$

when the front surface of a spectacle lens that corrects distance refractive error is not flat it is convex and produces additional axial afocal angular magnification

*In summary:*

axial magnification of distance  
correction equals:

$$M = \frac{\underline{BH}}{BH_o} \frac{\underline{FD}}{FB} \frac{\underline{fq}}{ft}$$

where:

$$\frac{\underline{BH}}{BH_o} = \text{axial corrected image size magnification}$$

and:

$$\frac{\underline{FD}}{FB} \frac{\underline{fq}}{ft} = \text{axial afocal angular magnification of distance correction}$$

$$\frac{\underline{FD}}{FB} = \text{“power factor”}$$

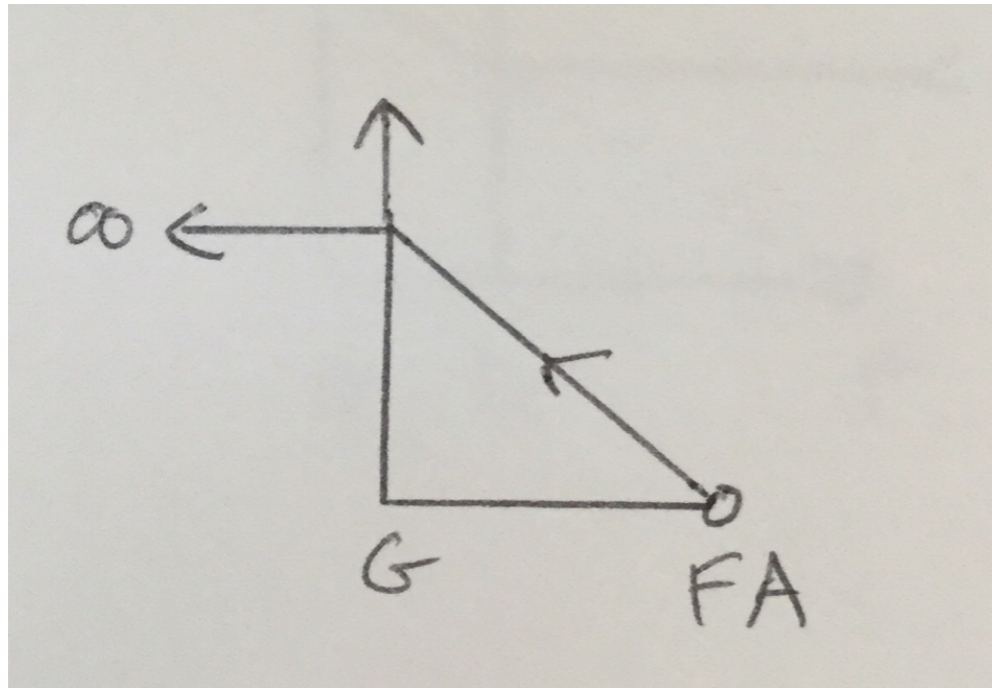
$$\frac{\underline{fq}}{ft} = \text{“shape factor”}$$

# Section 8

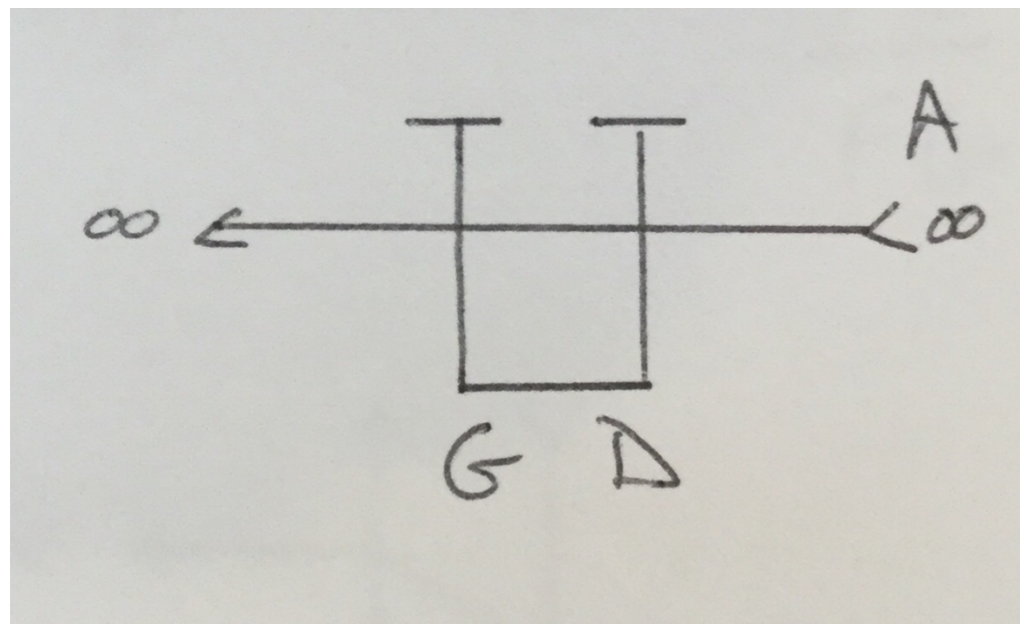
## Axial Magnification of Near Correction



**Figure 55:**

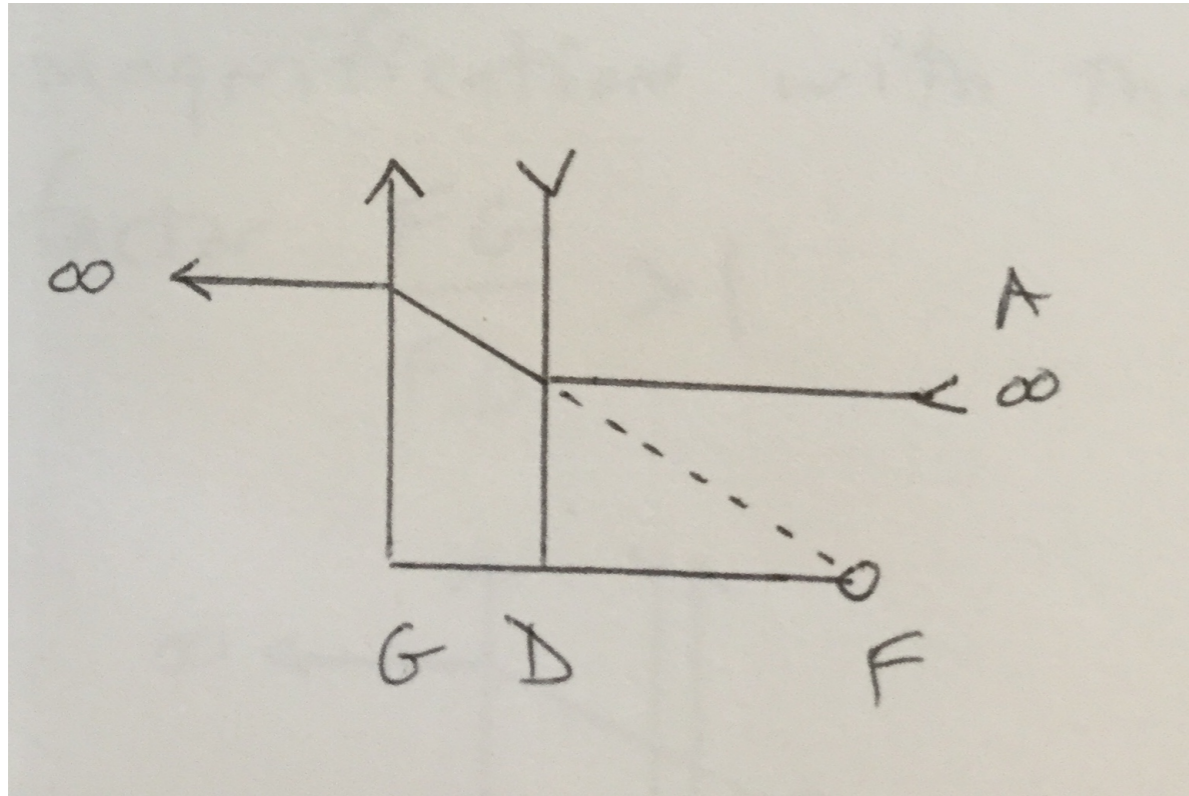


There is no afocal angular magnification when object A is at the front focal point of a myopic eye,



or at distance with an emmetropic eye.

**Figure 56:**

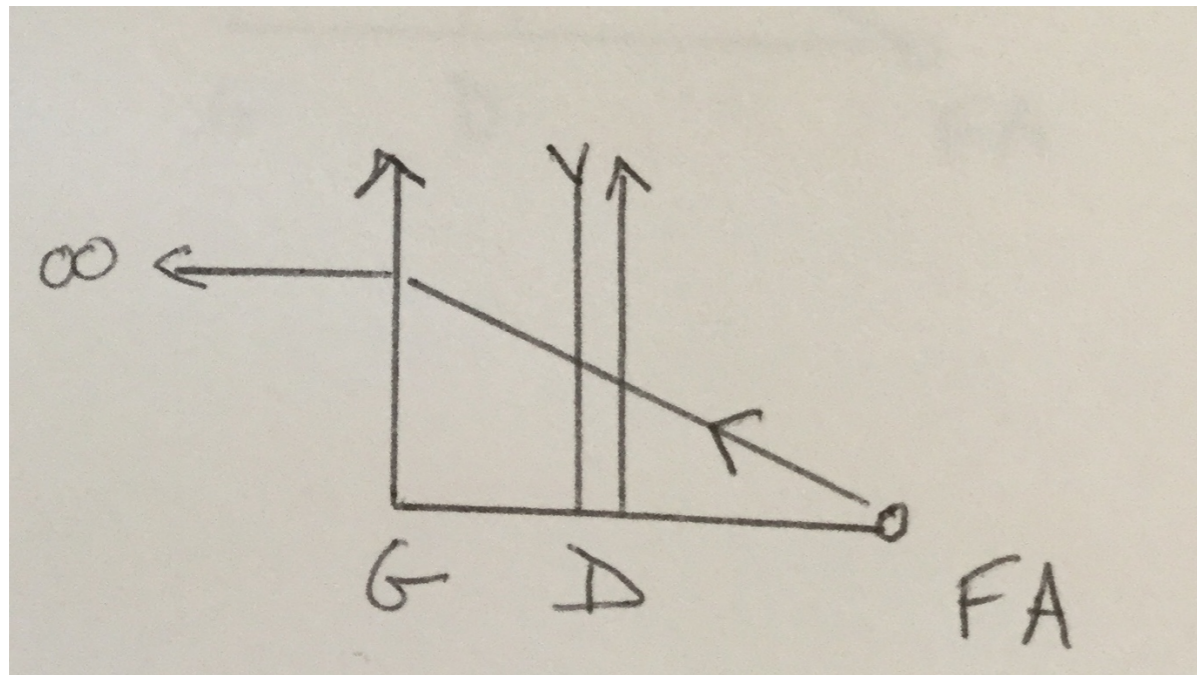


However, a distance myopic correction at D creates afocal angular magnification:

$$\frac{FD}{FG} < 1$$

and this is relative to both the myopic eye with object A at the myopic eye's front focal point F, as well as the emetropic eye with object A at distance.

**Figure 57:**

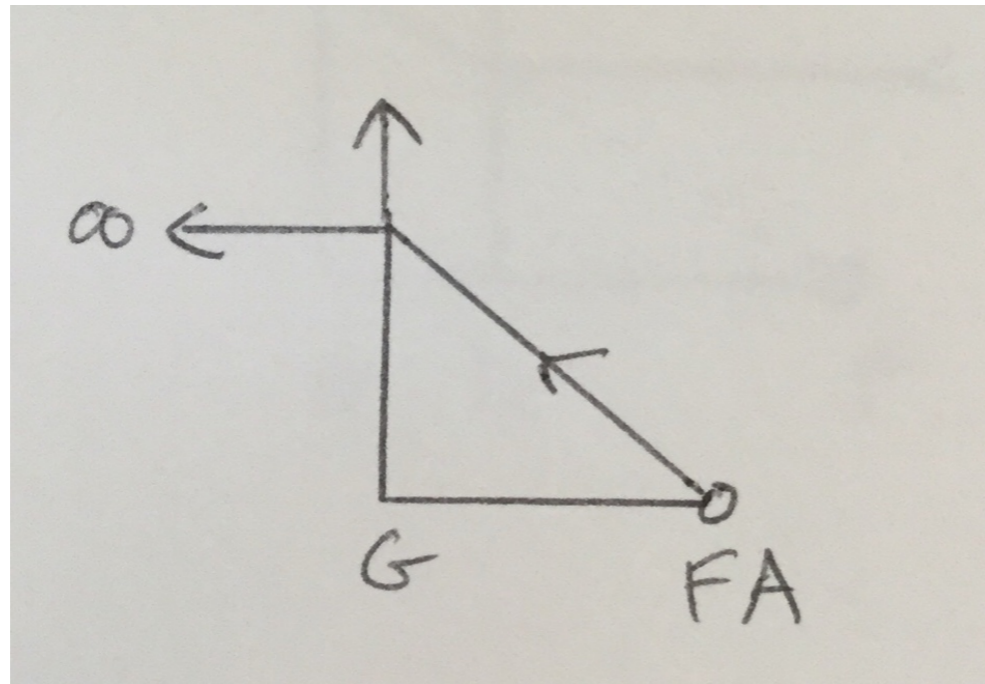


Removing the myopic distance correction at D with a converging lens at D removes this afocal angular magnification with the factor:

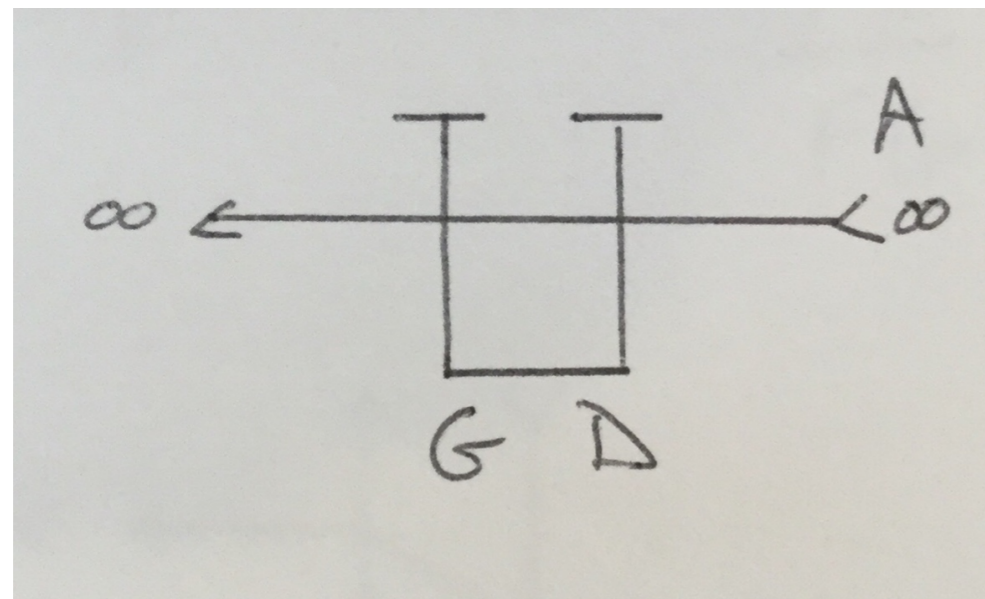
$$\frac{FG}{FD} > 1$$

and this magnification of near correction is relative to the distance corrected myope.

**(Figure 55):**



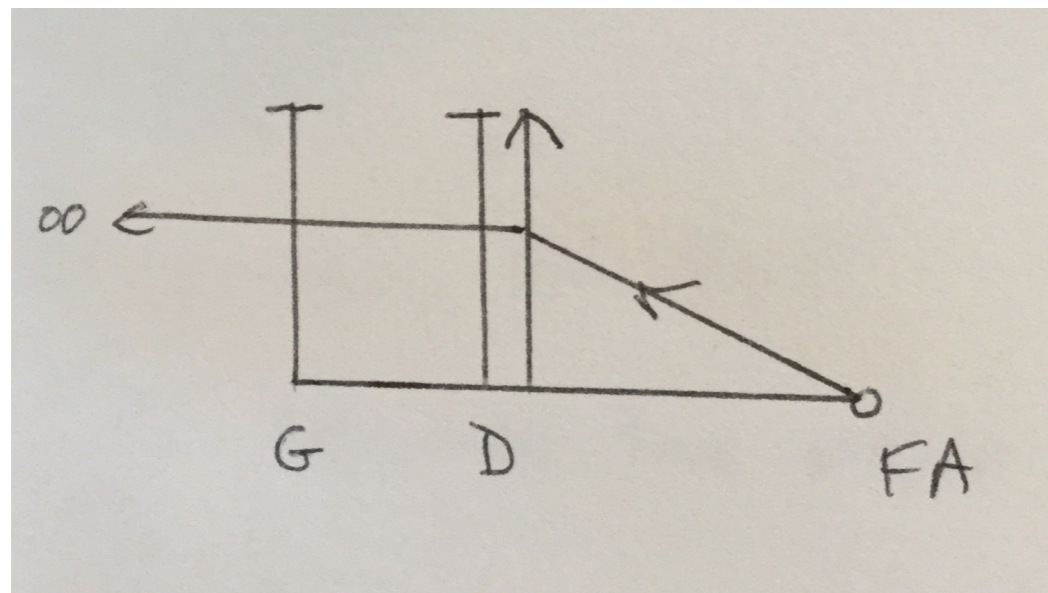
It is not relative to  
either the myope,



or an emmetrope.

## Figure 58:

If additional converging power is added to the converging lens so that the near focal point is in focus for an emetropic eye, rather than the myopic eye, the afocal angular magnification removed with the factor:

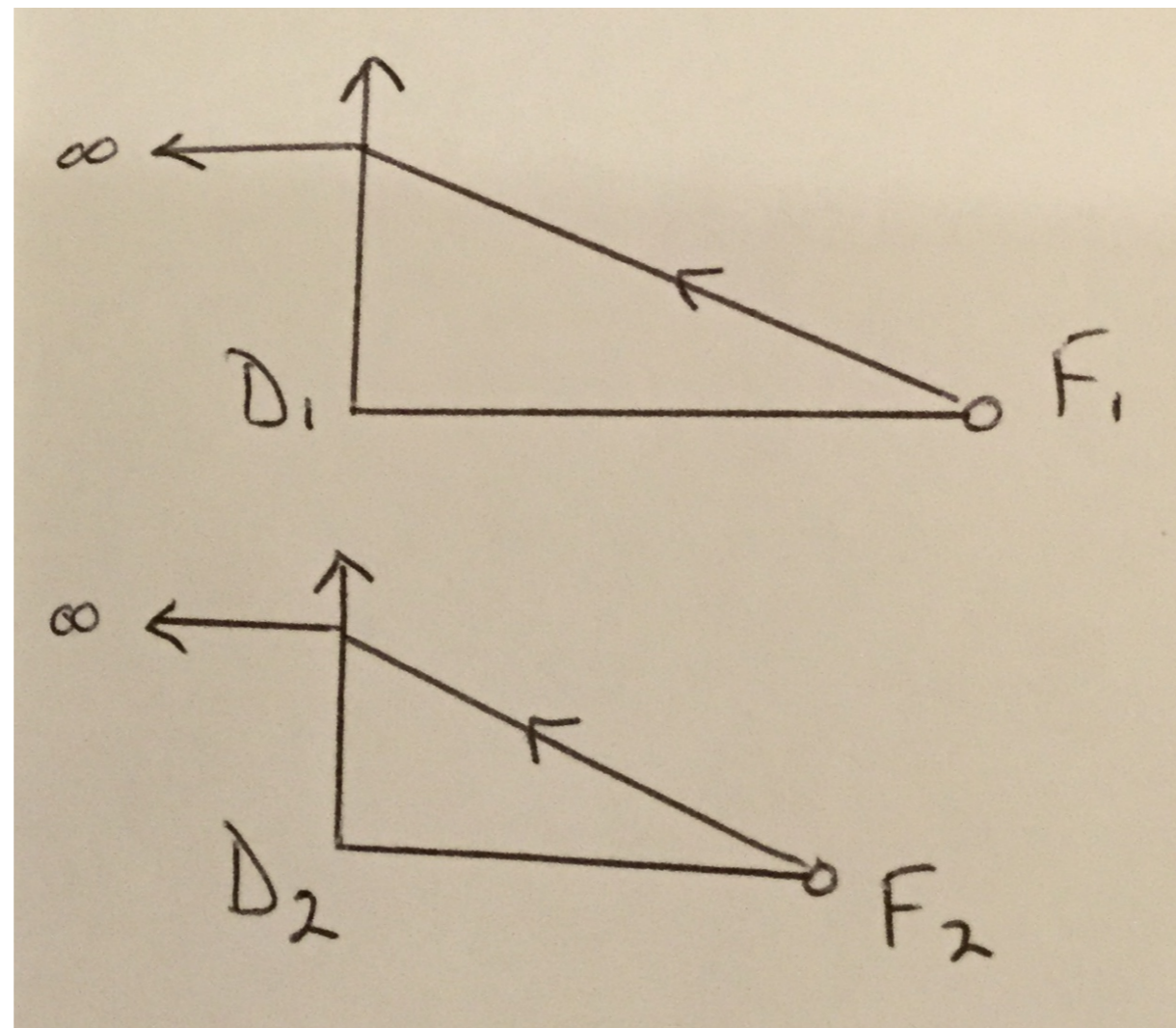


$$\frac{FG}{FD} > 1$$

remains the same, and the reference eye is emetropic.

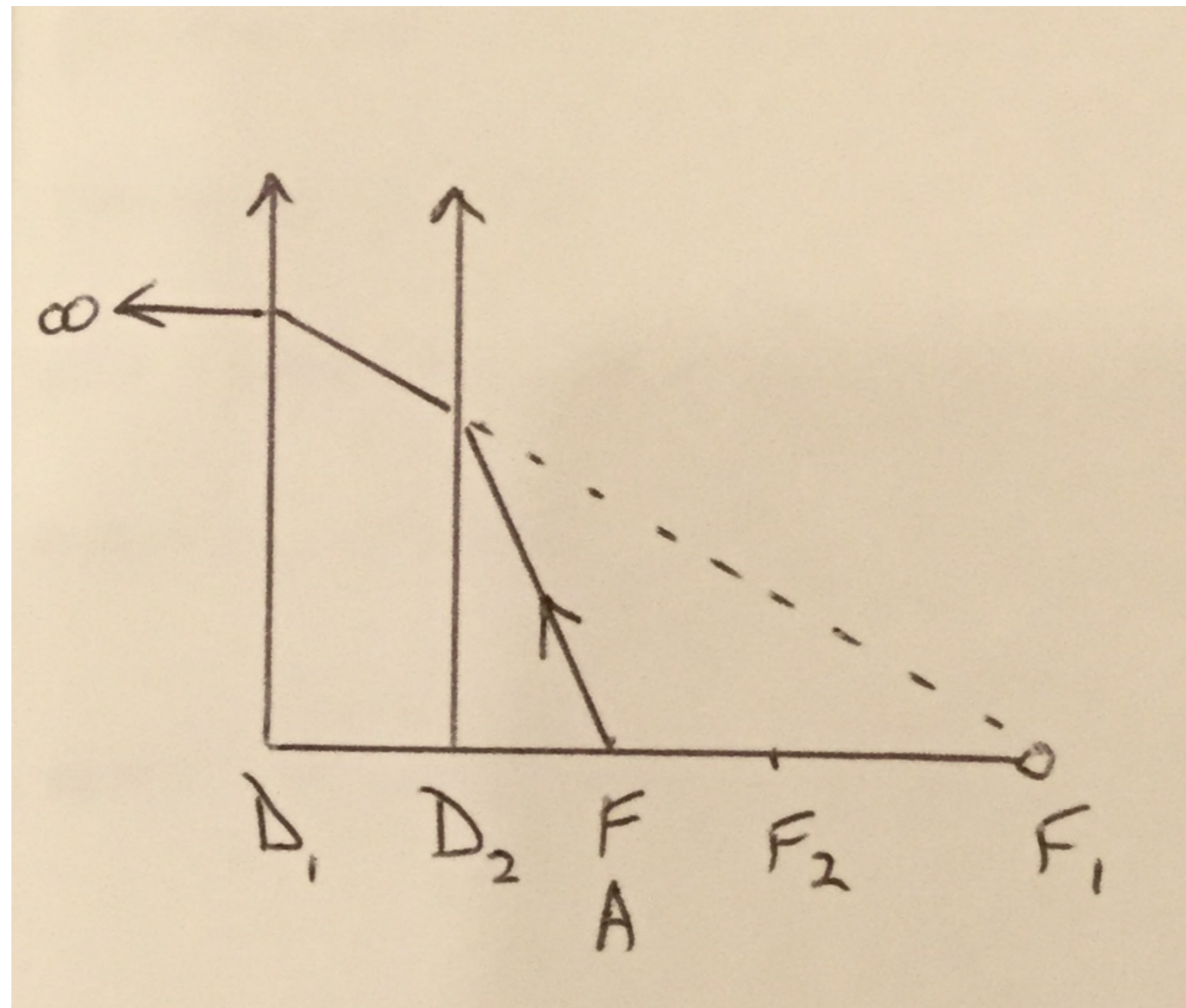
## Figure 59:

When the converging lens at D is split into two converging lenses:

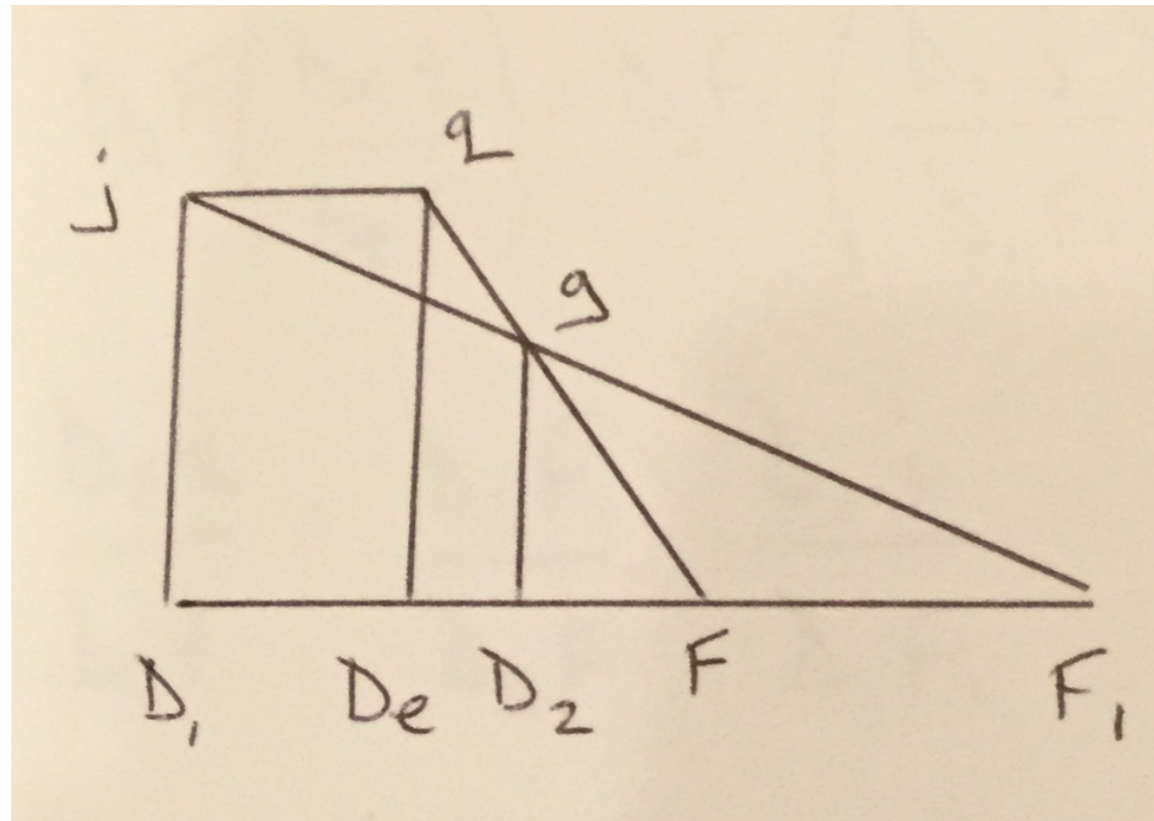


# Figure 60:

With the same combined focus F:



**Figure 61:**



The axial magnification of near correction can be specified as that produced

***as if***

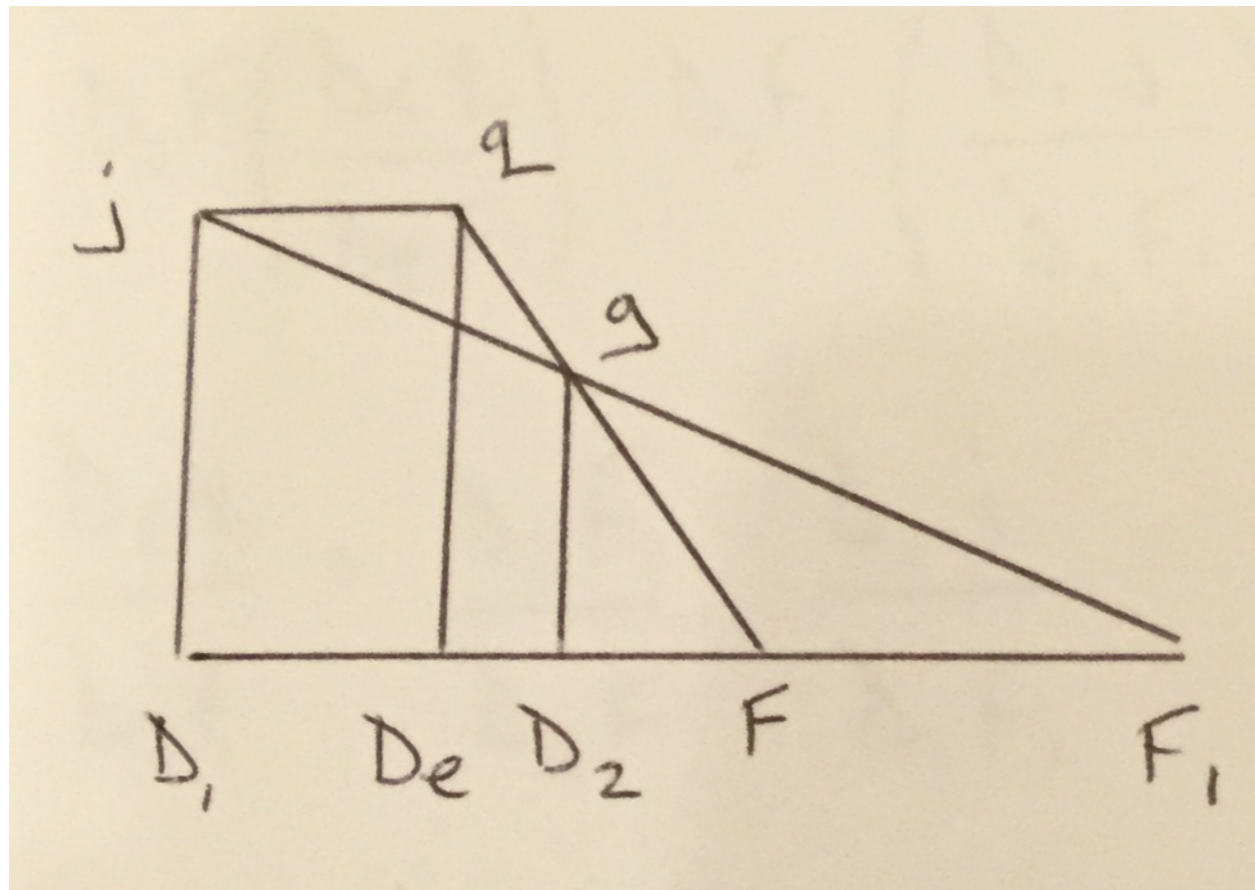
all convergence occurs at a single unknown axial point De

and equals:

$$\frac{\underline{FG}}{FDe} = \frac{\underline{FB}}{FDe}$$



**Figure 62:**

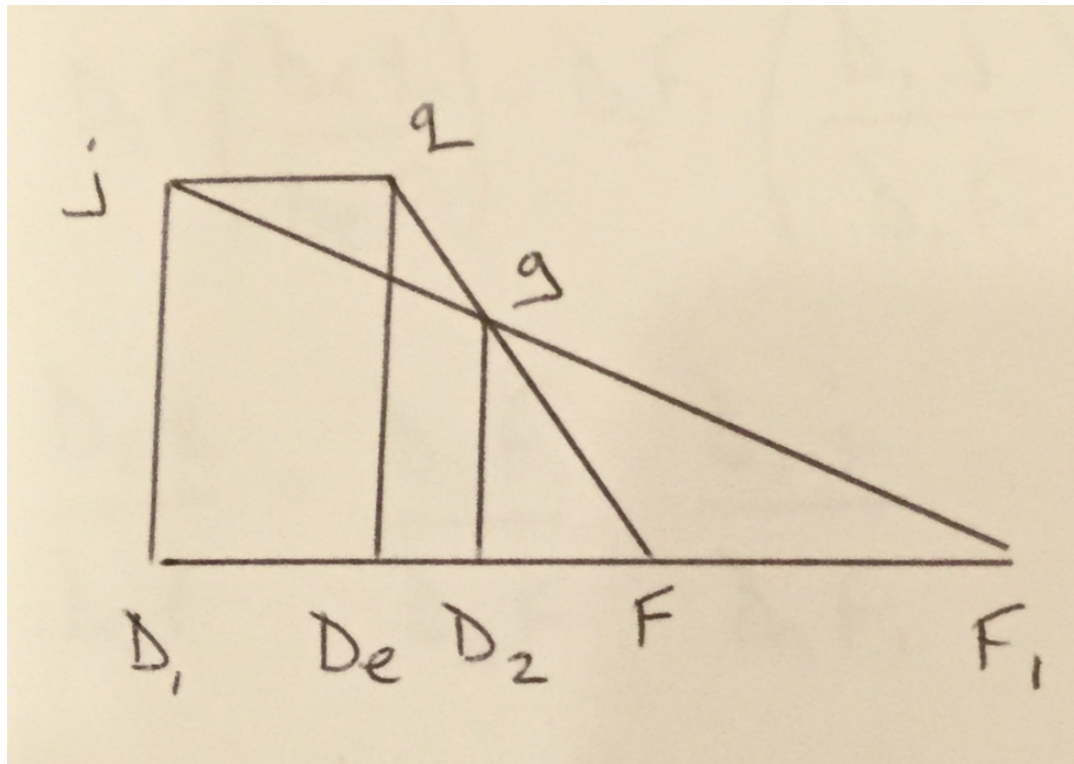


De can be located using triangles:

$$\frac{D_2g}{D_2F} = \frac{Deq}{DeF}$$

$$\frac{D_2g}{D_2F_1} = \frac{D_1j}{D_1F_1}$$

**Figure 63:**



$$D_2F \frac{Deq}{DeF} = D_2F_1 \frac{D_1j}{D_1F_1}$$

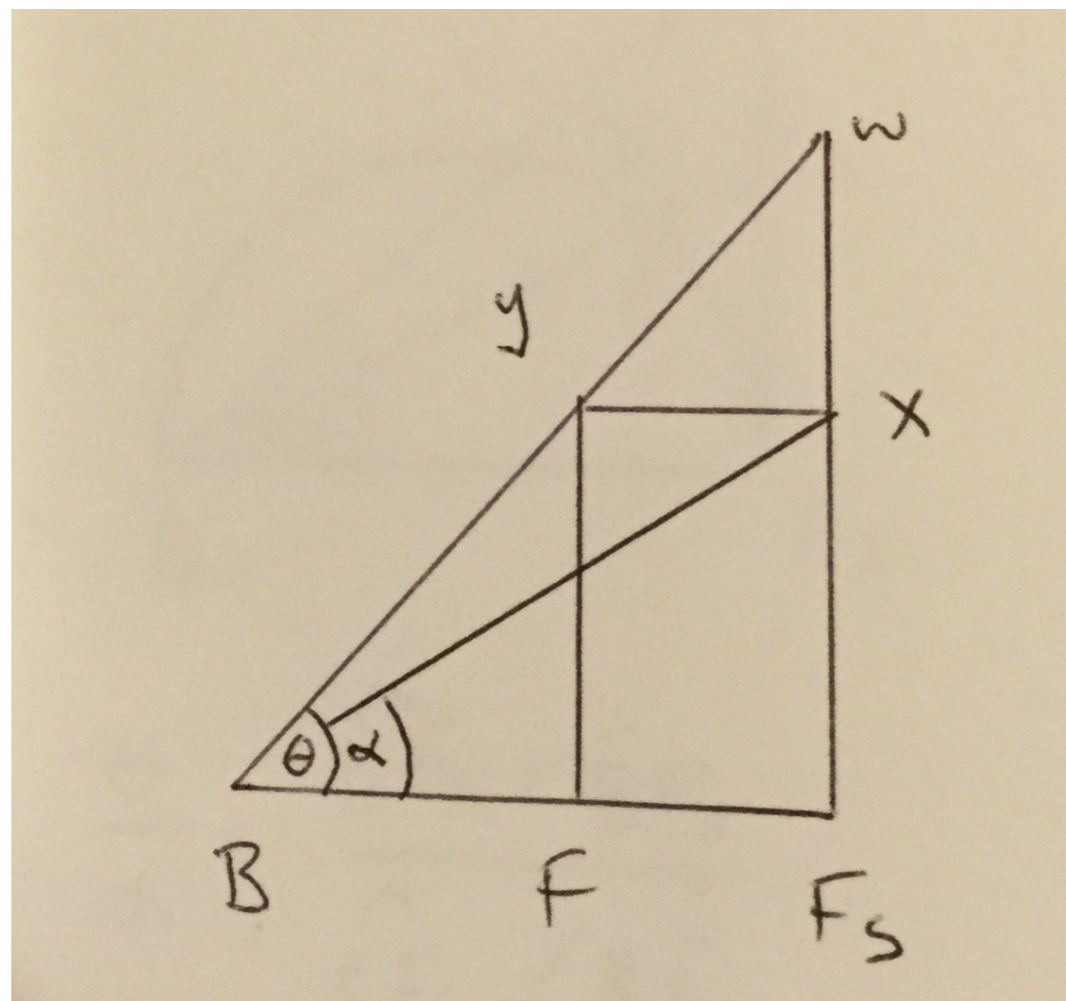
$$\frac{Deq}{DeF} = \frac{D_2F_1}{D_2F} \frac{D_1j}{D_1F_1}$$

$$\frac{1}{DeF} = \frac{D_2F_1}{D_2F} \frac{1}{D_1F_1}$$

$$\frac{FB}{FDe} = \frac{D_2F_1}{D_2F} \frac{FB}{D_1F_1}$$

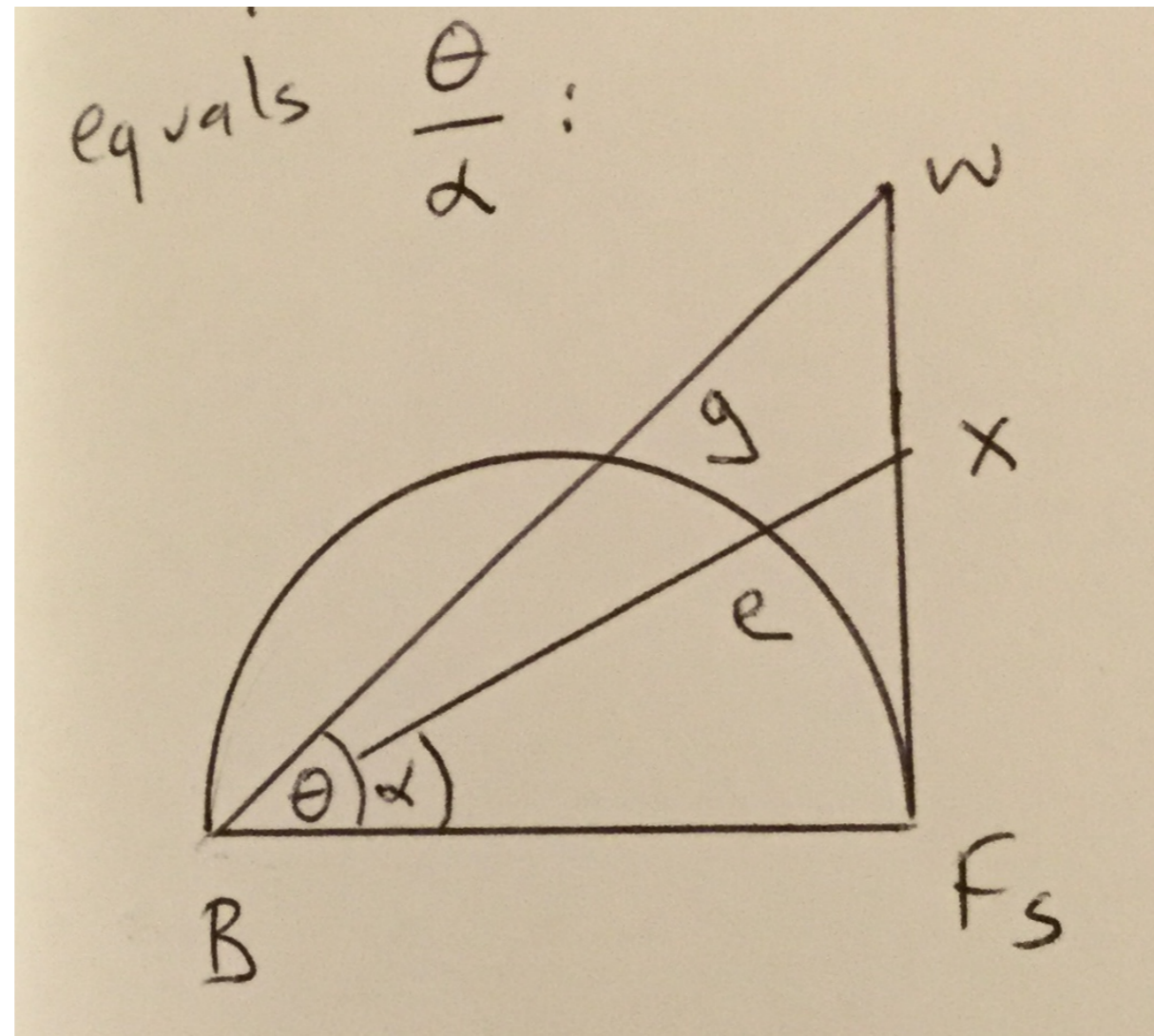
## Figure 64:

When an object at a standard distance  $F_s$  is moved to  $F$ :



**Figure 65:**

The near object angular subtense magnification



$$\theta/\alpha = \frac{\sim gFs/BFs}{\sim eFs/BFs}$$

$$\text{as } yF = xFs \Rightarrow 0$$

$$\theta/\alpha \Rightarrow \frac{wFs}{xFs} = \frac{wFs}{yF} = \frac{BFs}{BF}$$

which equals the axial near object angular subtense magnification.

Multiplying the axial near subtense magnification by the axial magnification of near correction produces:

$$\frac{\underline{BFs}}{FDe} = \frac{D_2 F_1}{D_2 F} \frac{\underline{BFs}}{D_1 F_1}$$

Since the converging lens at  $D_2$  creates a virtual image at  $F_1$  of an object at  $F$ , so that the enlargement of an object at  $F$  created by  $D_2$  equals  $D_2F_1/D_2F$ ; when the diagram represents a stand magnifier with lens  $D_2$  and stand height  $D_2F$ , and the reading spectacle add is  $D_1$ , (or the ocular accommodation is  $D_1$  at  $B$ ), the magnification produced by the stand magnifier is its (constant) enlargement factor, multiplied by that produced by  $D_1$  alone.

The ratio describing near object axial angular subtense magnification:

$$\frac{BF_s}{BF}$$

when combined with the ratio describing near magnification due to a single converging lens producing parallel light for an emmetropic eye:

$$\frac{FB}{FD}$$



produces a ratio product which factors out the object's actual distance to the eye, confirming that when a converging lens is used with its front focal point at the near object, (and therefore parallel light leaves the converging lens from the object), the image size is the same regardless of the object-to-eye distance.