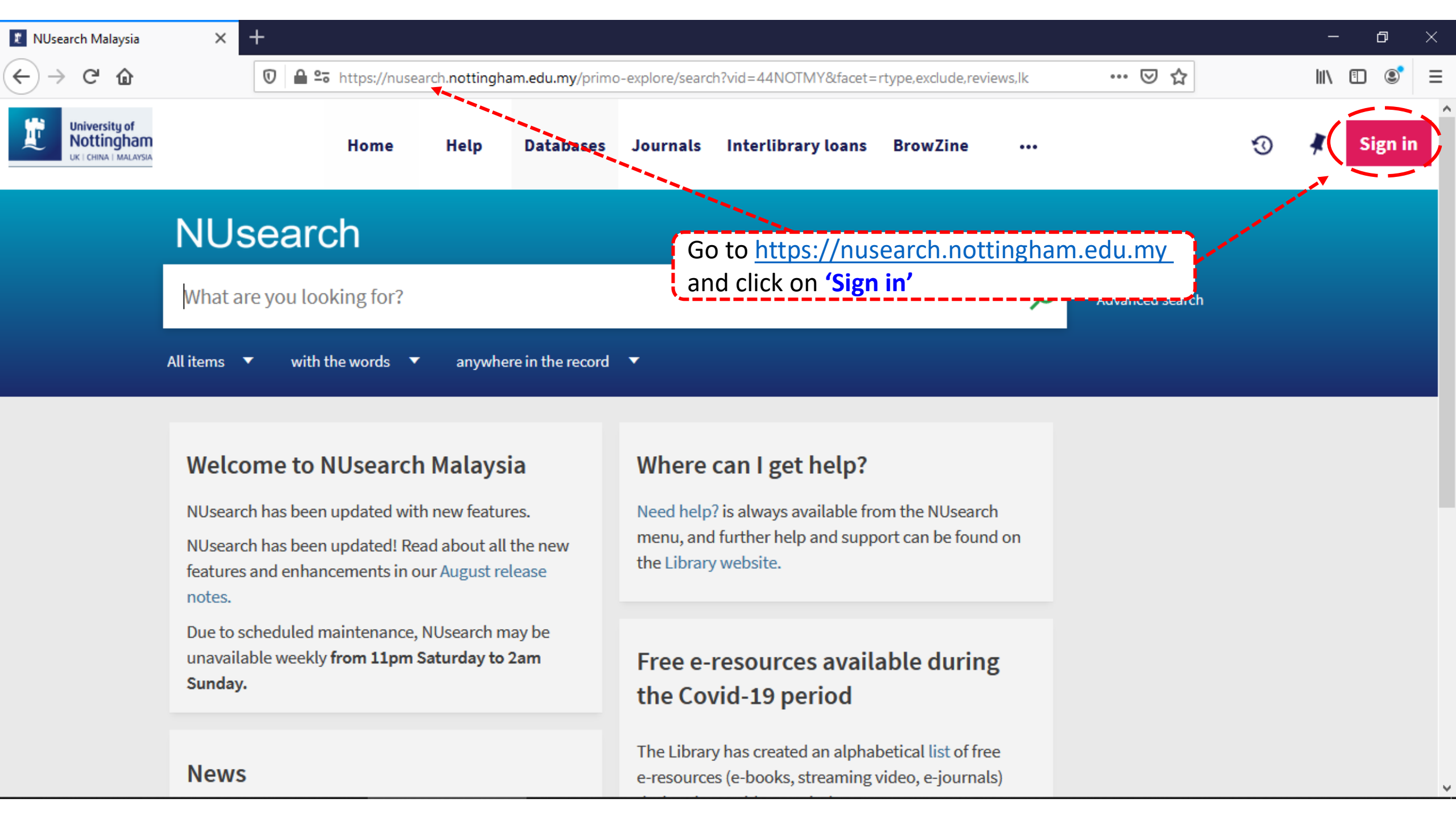


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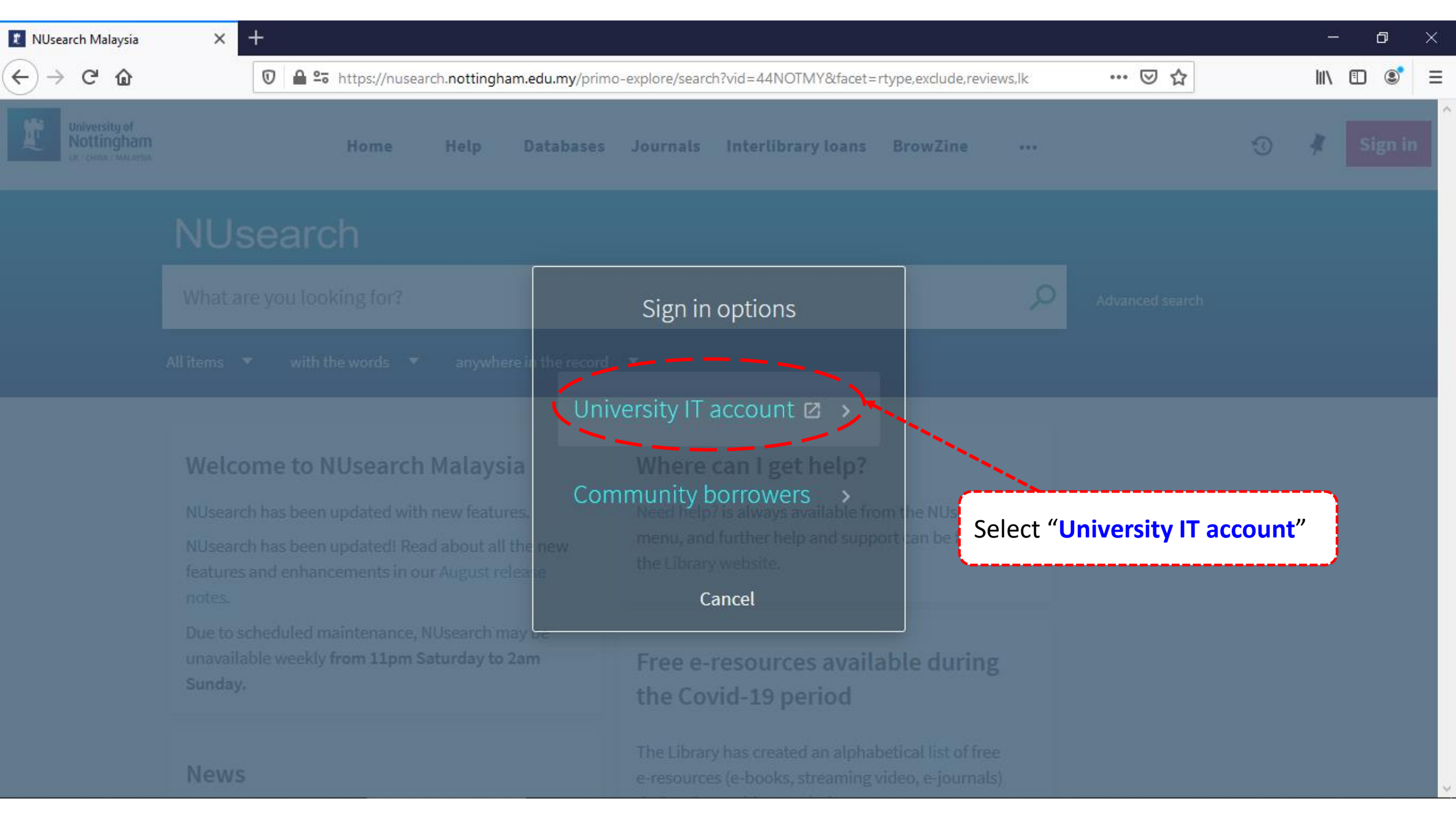
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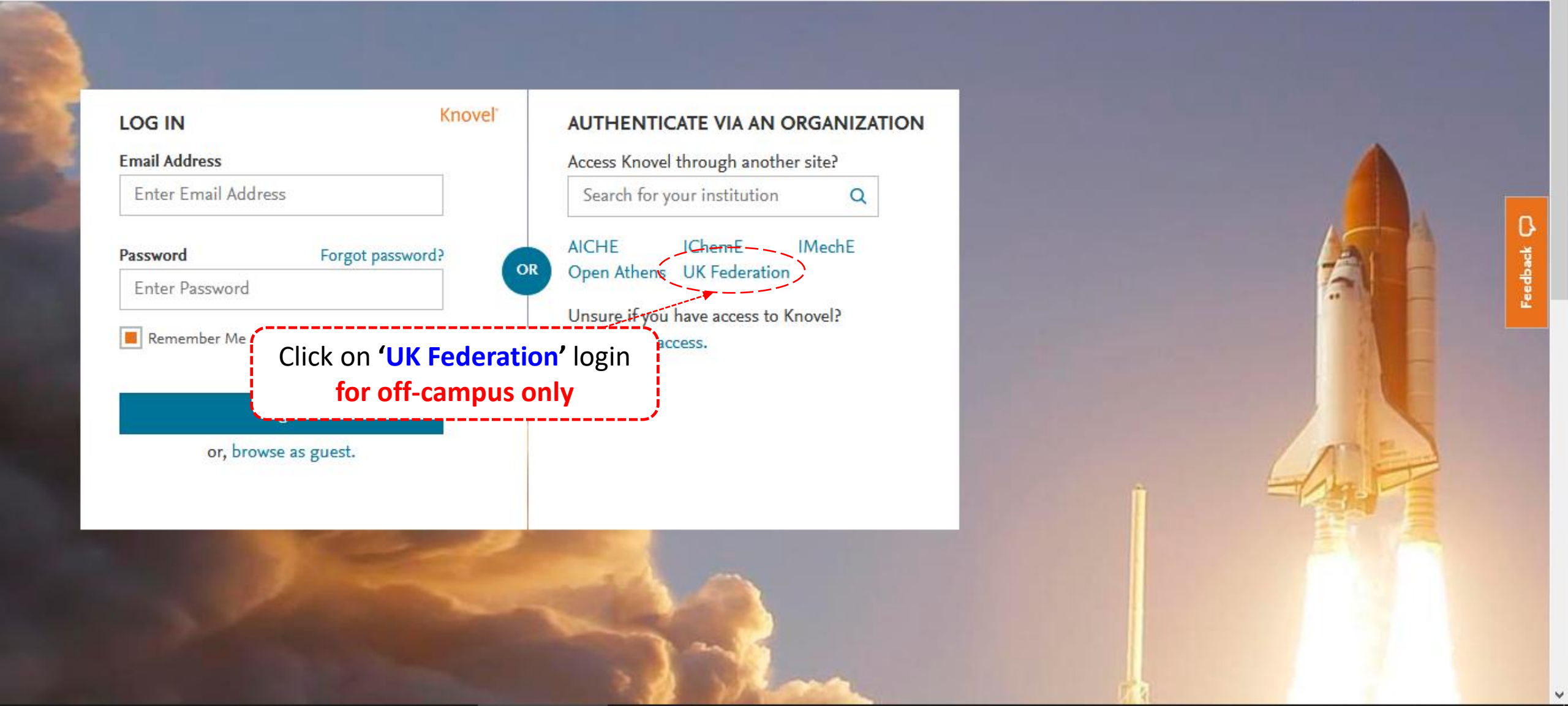
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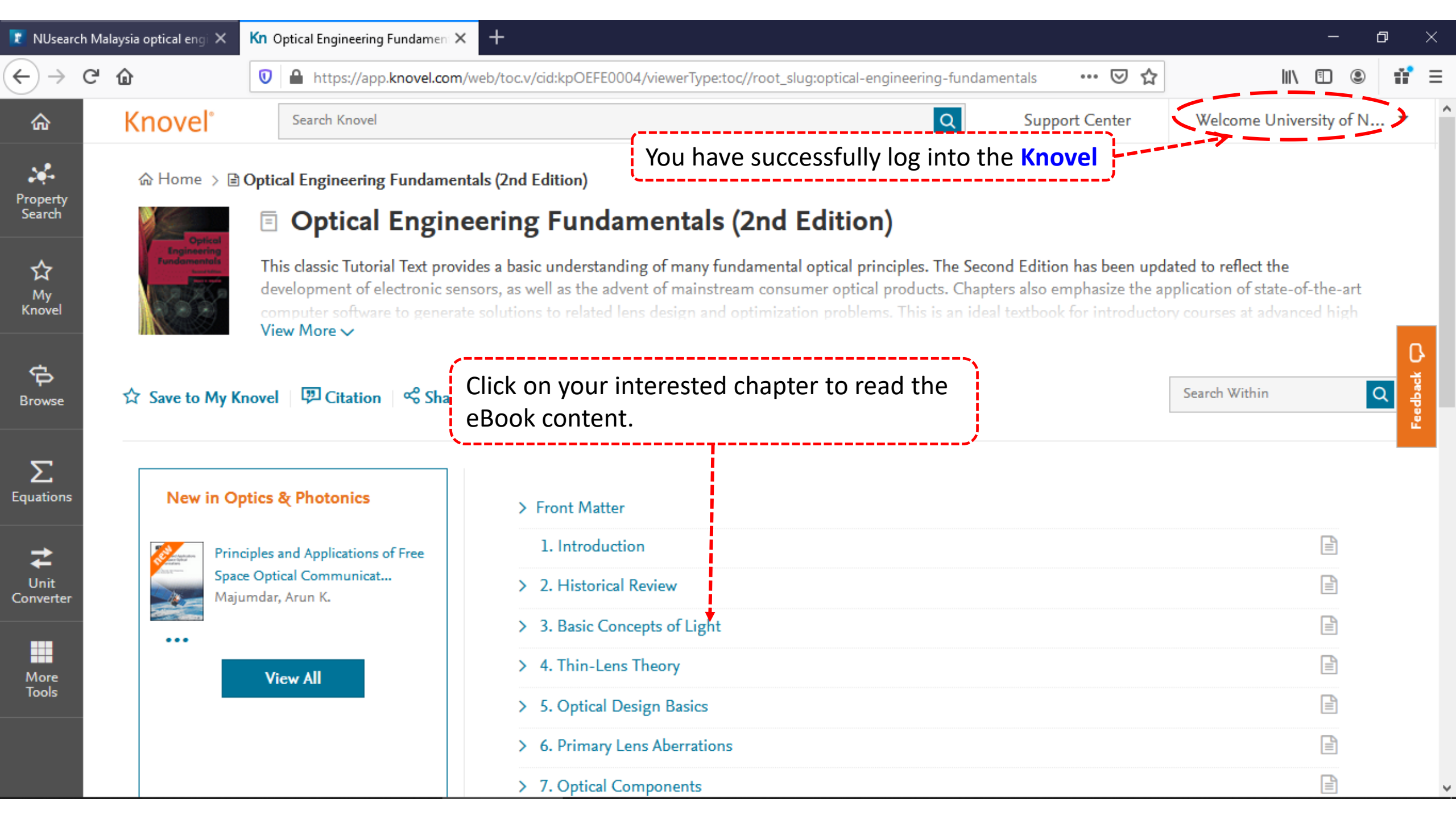
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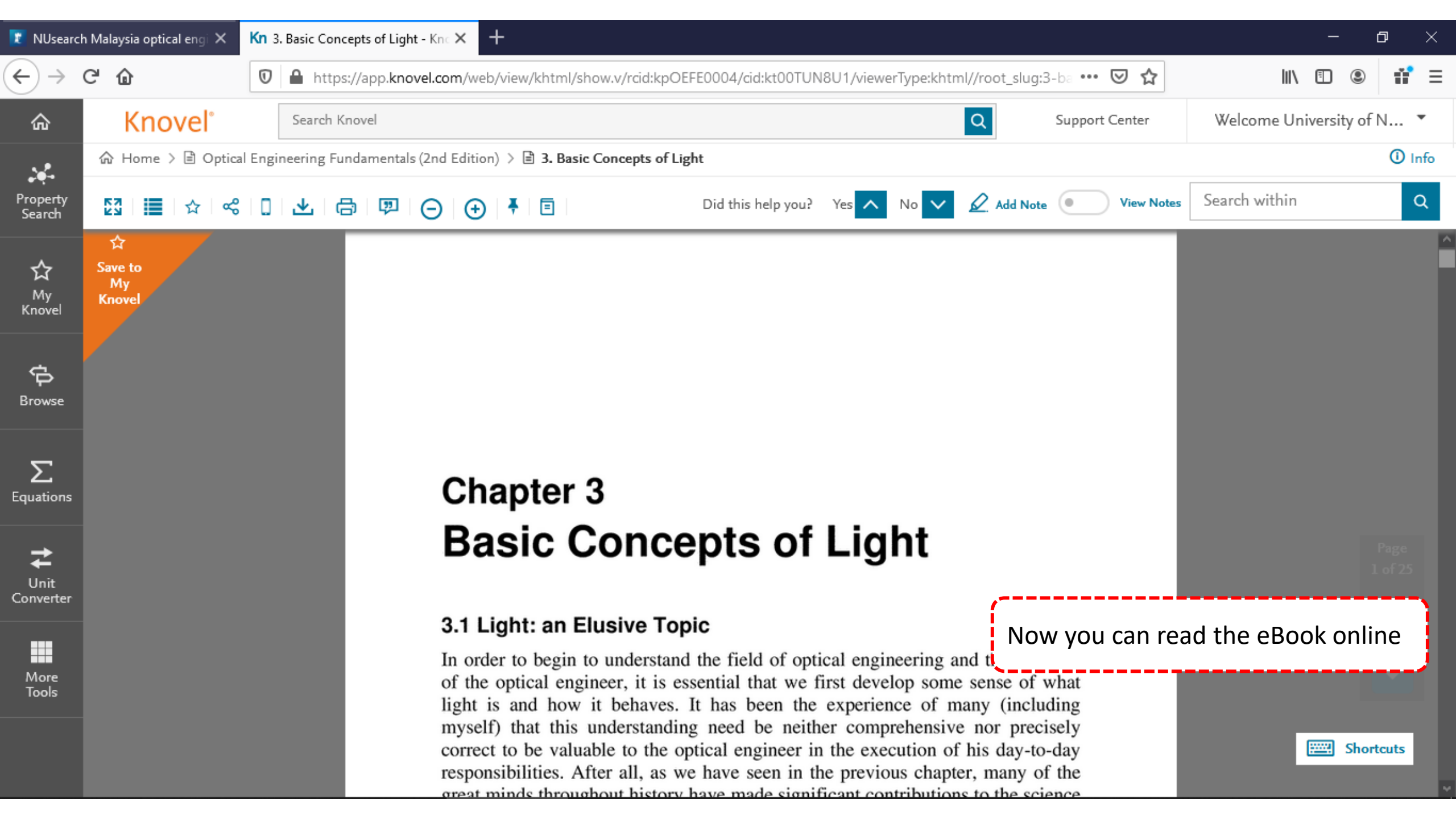
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# Chapter 3 Basic Concepts of Light

## 3.1 Light: an Elusive Topic

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