

INEQUALITY IN TRIANGLE - 242

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Prove that in any triangle:

$$\frac{R}{r} \geq \frac{r_a}{r_b + r_c} + \frac{r_b}{r_c + r_a} + \frac{r_c}{r_a + r_b} + \frac{1}{2}$$

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Proof.

Using $r_a = \frac{S}{p-a}$ we obtain $\sum \frac{r_a}{r_b + r_c} = \sum \frac{(p-b)(p-c)}{a(p-a)} = \frac{(4R+r)^3 - p^2(8R-r)}{4p^2R}$

We write the inequality $\frac{R}{r} \geq \frac{(4R+r)^3 - p^2(8R-r)}{4p^2R} + \frac{1}{2} \Leftrightarrow p^2(4R^2 + 6Rr - r^2) \geq r(4R+r)^3$,

which follows from Gerretsen's inequality $p^2 \geq 16Rr - 5r^2$. It remains to prove that

$$\Leftrightarrow (16Rr - 5r^2)(4R^2 + 6Rr - r^2) \geq r(4R+r)^3 \Leftrightarrow 14R^2 - 29Rr + 2r^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(R - 2r)(14R - r) \geq 0, \text{ obviously from Euler's inequality: } R \geq 2r.$$

The equality holds for an equilateral triangle

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Remark

The inequality can be developed

Prove that in any triangle:

$$\frac{R}{r} \geq n \left(\frac{r_a}{r_b + r_c} + \frac{r_b}{r_c + r_a} + \frac{r_c}{r_a + r_b} \right) + \frac{4 - 3n}{2}, \text{ where } 0 \leq n \leq 1.$$

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We write the inequality:

$$\frac{R}{r} \geq n \cdot \frac{(4R+r)^3 - p^2(8R-r)}{4p^2R} + \frac{4-3n}{2} \Leftrightarrow p^2(4R^2 + 14nRr - 8Rr - nr^2) \geq nr(4R+r)^3$$

which follows from Gerretsen's inequality $p^2 \geq 16Rr - 5r^2$.

It remains to prove that:

$$\Leftrightarrow (16Rr - 5r^2)(4R^2 + 14nRr - 8Rr - nr^2) \geq nr(4R+r)^3$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (32 - 32n)R^3 + (88n - 74)R^2r + (20 - 49n)Rr^2 + 2nr^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)[(32 - 32n)R^2 + (24n - 10)Rr - nr^2] \geq 0,$$

obviously from Euler's inequality: $R \geq 2r$ and the condition from the hypothesis $0 \leq n \leq 1$

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Remark

*For $n = 1$ we obtain **INEQUALITY IN TRIANGLE - 242**.*

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