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1. In $\triangle ABC$

$$\frac{R}{2r} + \frac{3p^2}{(4R+r)^2} \geq 2$$

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Proof.

Using Gerretsen's inequality $p^2 \geq 16Rr - 5r^2$, it's enough to prove that:

$$\frac{R}{2r} + \frac{3(16Rr - 5r^2)}{(4R+r)^2} \geq \Leftrightarrow 16R^3 - 56R^2r + 65Rr^2 - 34Rr^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (R-2r)(16R^2 - 24Rr + 17r^2) \geq 0, \text{ obviously from Euler's inequality } R \geq 2r.$$

The equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

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Remark

The inequality can be developed:

2. In $\triangle ABC$

$$n \cdot \frac{R}{r} + k \cdot \frac{p^2}{(4R+r)^2} \geq 2n + \frac{k}{3}, \text{ where } 15n \geq 2k \geq 0.$$

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Proof.

Using Gerretsen's inequality $p^2 \geq 16Rr - 5r^2$ and the conditions $n \geq 0, k \geq 0$ it's enough to prove that:

$$n \cdot \frac{R}{r} + k \cdot \frac{16Rr - 5r^2}{(4R+r)^2} \geq 2n + \frac{k}{3} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$48nR^3 - (72n + 16k)R^2r + (40k - 45n)Rr^2 - (6n + 18k)r^3 \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (R-2r)(48nR^2 + (24n-16k)Rr + (3n+8k)r^2) \geq 0, \text{ obviously from Euler's inequality}$$

$$R \geq 2r \text{ and the observation that } 48nR^2 + (24n-16k)Rr + (3n+8k)r^2 \geq 0 \text{ for } 15n \geq 2k \geq 0.$$

The equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral or $n = k = 0$.

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Remark

The inequality can be reformulated:

3. In ΔABC

$$\frac{R}{r} + \lambda \cdot \frac{p^2}{(4R + r)^2} \geq 2 + \frac{\lambda}{3}, \text{ where } 0 \leq \lambda \leq \frac{15}{2}.$$

Proof.

In 2. we divide with n and we denote $\frac{k}{n} = \lambda$.

The equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

For $\lambda = 6$ we obtain inequality 1.

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Remark

The inequality can be reformulated:

4. In ΔABC

$$\lambda \cdot \frac{R}{r} + \frac{p^2}{(4R + r)^2} \geq 2\lambda + \frac{1}{3}, \lambda \geq \frac{2}{15}.$$

Proof.

In 2. we divide with k and we denote $\frac{n}{k} = \lambda$.

The equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

For $\lambda = \frac{1}{6}$ we obtain inequality 1.

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