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### About Inequality in triangle-907

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1) In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$\sum \frac{(R - r_a)^2}{h_a} \geq \frac{13r^2 - 3R^2}{r}$$

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**Solution**

We prove the following lemma:

**Lemma.**

2) In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$\sum \frac{(R - r_a)^2}{h_a} = \frac{5R^2 + 4Rr - s^2}{r}$$

**Proof.**

Using  $r_a = \frac{s}{s-a}$  and  $h_a = \frac{2S}{a}$  we obtain:

$$\sum \frac{(R - r_a)^2}{h_a} = \frac{\sum h_b h_c (R - r_a)^2}{\prod h_a} = \frac{5R^2 + 4Rr - s^2}{r}$$

Which follows from:

$$\sum h_b h_c (R - r_a)^2 = \frac{2r}{R} (5R^2 + 4Rr - s^2) s^2, \sum h_b h_c = \frac{2rs^2}{R}, \sum r_a h_b h_c = \frac{2r}{R} (2R - r) s^2,$$

$$\sum r_a^2 h_b h_c = \frac{2r}{R} (8R^2 + 2Rr - s^2) s^2 \text{ and } \prod h_a = \frac{2r^2 s^2}{R}$$

Let's get back to the main problem:

Using the Lemma we write the inequality:

$$\frac{5R^2 + 4Rr - s^2}{r} \geq \frac{13r^2 - 3R^2}{r} \Leftrightarrow s^2 \leq 8R^2 + 4Rr - 13r^2$$

which follows from Gerretsen's inequality:  $s^2 \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2$ .

It remains to prove that:

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$4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r \leq 8R^2 + 4Rr - 13r^2 \Leftrightarrow R^2 \geq 4r^2$ , obviously from Euler's inequality

$$R \geq 2r.$$

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

**Remark.**

The inequality can be strengthened:

**3) In  $\Delta ABC$  the following inequality holds:**

$$\sum \frac{(R - r_a)^2}{h_a} \geq \frac{R^2 - 3r^2}{r}$$

**Solution**

Using the Lemma we write the inequality:

$$\frac{5R^2 + 4Rr - s^2}{r} \geq \frac{R^2 - 3r^2}{r} \Leftrightarrow s^2 \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 \text{ (Gerretsen's inequality)}$$

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

**Remark.**

Inequality 3) is stronger than inequality 1):

**4) In  $\Delta ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

$$\sum \frac{(R - r_a)^2}{h_a} \geq \frac{R^2 - 3r^2}{r} \geq \frac{13r^2 - 3R^2}{r}$$

**Solution**

See inequality 3) and Euler's inequality  $R \geq 2r$

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

**Remark.**

Let's emphasize an inequality having an opposite sense:

**5) In  $\Delta ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

$$\sum \frac{(R - r_a)^2}{h_a} \leq \frac{5R^2 - 19r^2}{r}$$

**Solution.**

Using the Lemma we write the inequality:

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$$\frac{5R^2 + 4Rr - s^2}{r} \leq \frac{5R^2 - 19r^2}{r} \Leftrightarrow s^2 \geq 4Rr + 19r^2$$

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

It remains to prove that:

$$16Rr - 5r^2 \geq 4Rr + 19r^2 \Leftrightarrow 12Rr \geq 24r^2, \text{ obviously from Euler's inequality } R \geq 2r.$$

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

**Remark.**

We can write the double inequality:

**6) In  $\Delta ABC$  the following inequality holds:**

$$\frac{R^2 - 3r^2}{r} \leq \sum \frac{(R - r_a)^2}{h_a} \leq \frac{5R^2 - 19r^2}{r}$$

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**Solution**

See inequalities 3) and 5).

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

**Remark.**

In the same way we propose:

**7) In  $\Delta ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

$$r \leq \sum \frac{(R - r_a)^2}{r_a} \leq \frac{R^2 - 3r^2}{r}$$

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**Solution**

We prove the following lemma:

**Lemma**

**8) In  $\Delta ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

$$\sum \frac{(R - r_a)^2}{r_a} = \frac{(R - r)^2}{r}$$

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**Proof.**

Using  $r_a = \frac{s}{s-a}$ , we obtain:

$$\sum \frac{(R-r_a)^2}{r_a} = \frac{\sum r_b r_c (R-r_a)^2}{\prod r_a} = \frac{(R-r)^2}{r}, \text{ which follows from:}$$

$$\sum r_b r_c (R-r_a)^2 = s^2 (R-r)^2, \sum r_b r_c = s^2, \sum r_a = 4R + r \text{ and } \prod r_a = r s^2$$

Let's get back to the main problem:

Using Lemma and Euler's inequality  $R \geq 2r$ .

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

**Remark.**

Between the sums:  $\sum \frac{(R-r_a)^2}{r_a}$  and  $\sum \frac{(R-r_a)^2}{h_a}$  we can write the relationship:

**9) In  $\Delta ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

$$\sum \frac{(R-r_a)^2}{r_a} \leq \sum \frac{(R-r_a)^2}{h_a}$$

**Solution**

Using the identities 2) and 8) we write the inequality:

$$\frac{(R-r)^2}{r} \leq \frac{5R^2 + 4Rr - s^2}{r} \Leftrightarrow s^2 \leq 4R^2 + 6Rr - r^2, \text{ which follows from Gerretsen's inequality:}$$

$$s^2 \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 \text{ and Euler's inequality } R \geq 2r.$$

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

**Remark.**

We can write the following sequences of inequalities:

**10) In  $\Delta ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

$$r \leq \sum \frac{(R-r_a)^2}{r_a} \leq \frac{R^2 - 3r^2}{r} \leq \sum \frac{(R-r_a)^2}{h_a} \leq \frac{5R^2 - 19r^2}{r}$$

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**Solution**

See inequalities 6) and 7)

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

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**11) In  $\Delta ABC$  the following inequality holds:**

$$\sum \frac{(R - h_a)^2}{r_a} \leq \frac{25R^4 - 384r^4}{4R^2r}$$

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**Solution**

We prove the following lemma:

**Lemma**

**12) In  $\Delta ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

$$\sum \frac{(R - h_a)^2}{r_a} = \frac{s^4 + s^2(2r^2 - 12Rr - 4R^2) + (4R^4 + 32R^3r - 4R^2r^2 + 4Rr^3 + r^4)}{4R^2r}$$

**Proof.**

Using  $h_a = \frac{2S}{a}$  and  $r_a = \frac{S}{s-a}$ , we obtain:

$$\sum \frac{(R - h_a)^2}{r_a} = \frac{\sum r_b r_c (R - h_a)^2}{\prod r_a} = \frac{s^4 + s^2(2r^2 - 12Rr - 4R^2) + (4R^4 + 32R^3r - 4R^2r^2 + 4Rr^3 + r^4)}{4R^2r},$$

which follows from:

$$\sum r_b r_c (R - h_a)^2 = \frac{s^2[s^4 + s^2(2r^2 - 12Rr - 4R^2) + (4R^4 + 32R^3r - 4R^2r^2 + 4Rr^3 + r^4)]}{4R^2},$$

$$\sum r_b r_c h_a = \frac{s^2(s^2 + r^2 - 8Rr)}{2R}, \quad \sum h_a^2 r_b r_c = \frac{s^2[s^4 + s^2(2r^2 - 12Rr) + r^3(4R + r)]}{4R^2}$$

$$\text{and } \prod r_a = rs^2.$$

Let's get back to the main problem:

Using the Lemma, we write the inequality:

$$\frac{s^4 + s^2(2r^2 - 12Rr - 4R^2) + (4R^4 + 32R^3r - 4R^2r^2 + 4Rr^3 + r^4)}{4R^2r} \leq \frac{25R^4 - 384r^4}{4R^2r} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s^2(s^2 + 2r^2 - 12Rr - 4R^2) + (4R^4 + 32R^3r - 4R^2r^2 + 4Rr^3 + r^4) \leq 25R^4 - 384r^4,$$

which follows from Gerretsen's inequality  $16Rr - 5r^2 \leq s^2 \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2$  and the

observation that  $(s^2 + 2r^2 - 12Rr - 4R^2) < 0$ .

It remains to prove that:

$$(16Rr - 5r^2)(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 + 2r^2 - 12Rr - 4R^2) + (4R^4 + 32R^3r - 4R^2r^2 + 4Rr^3 + r^4) \leq 25R^4 - 384r^4 \Leftrightarrow$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow 21R^4 - 32R^3r + 132R^2r^2 - 124Rr^3 - 360r^4 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(21R^3 + 10R^2r + 152Rr^2 + 180r^3) \geq 0, \text{ obviously from Euler's inequality}$$

$$R \geq 2r.$$

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

**13) In  $\Delta ABC$  the following inequality holds:**

$$\frac{18r^2 - 4R^2}{R} \leq \sum \frac{(R - h_a)^2}{h_a} \leq \frac{R^2 - 3r^2}{r}$$

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**Solution**

We prove the following lemma:

**Lemma:**

**14) In  $\Delta ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

$$\sum \frac{(R - h_a)^2}{h_a} = \frac{rs^2 + 2R^3 - 12R^2r + 4Rr^2 + r^3}{2Rr}$$

**Proof.**

Using  $h_a = \frac{2S}{a}$ , we obtain:

$$\sum \frac{(R - h_a)^2}{h_a} = \frac{\sum h_b h_c (R - h_a)^2}{\prod h_a} = \frac{rs^2 + 2R^3 - 12R^2r + 4Rr^2 + r^3}{2Rr}, \text{ which follows from:}$$

$$\sum h_b h_c (r - h_a)^2 = \frac{rS^2}{R^2} (rs^2 + 2R^3 - 12R^2r + 4Rr^2 + r^3),$$

$$\sum h_b h_c = \frac{2rs^2}{R}, \sum h_a = \frac{s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr}{2R} \text{ and } \prod h_a = \frac{2r^2s^2}{R}.$$

Let's get back to the main problem.

Using the Lemma, Gerretsen's inequality  $16Rr - 5r^2 \leq s^2 \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2$  and Euler's inequality  $R \geq 2r$ .

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

**Remark.**

Between the sums  $\sum \frac{(R - h_a)^2}{h_a}$  and  $\sum \frac{(R - r_a)^2}{h_a}$  we can write the relationship:

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**15) In  $\Delta ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

$$\sum \frac{(R - h_a)^2}{h_a} \leq \sum \frac{(R - r_a)^2}{h_a}$$

**Solution**

Using the identities 8) and 14) we write the inequality:

$$\frac{rs^2 + 2R^3 - 12R^2r + 4Rr^2 + r^3}{2Rr} \leq \frac{5R^2 + 4Rr - s^2}{r} \Leftrightarrow$$

$\Leftrightarrow s^2(2R + r) \leq 8R^3 + 20R^2r - 4Rr^2 - r^3$ , which follows from Gerretsen's inequality:

$s^2 \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2$ . It remains to prove that:

$(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)(2R + r) \leq 8R^3 + 20R^2r - 4Rr^2 - r^3 \Leftrightarrow 4R^2 - 7Rr - 2r^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow$

$\Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(4R + r) \geq 0$ , obviously from Euler's inequality  $R \geq 2r$ .

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

**Remark.**

We can write the sequence of inequalities:

**16) In  $\Delta ABC$  the following inequality holds:**

$$\frac{18R^2 - 4R^2}{R} \leq \sum \frac{(R - h_a)^2}{h_a} \leq \frac{R^2 - 3r^2}{r} \leq \sum \frac{(R - r_a)^2}{h_a} \leq \frac{5R^2 - 19r^2}{r}$$

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**Solution**

See inequalities 6) and 13).

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

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