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ABOUT AN INEQUALITY BY MARIAN URSĂRESCU-II

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1) Prove that in any acute-angled triangle the following inequality holds:

$$\frac{a^6}{w_b w_c} + \frac{b^6}{w_c w_a} + \frac{c^6}{w_a w_b} \geq [4R(R+r)]^2$$

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Solution. Using Bergström's inequality we obtain:

$$\sum \frac{a^6}{w_b w_c} = \sum \frac{(a^3)^2}{w_b w_c} \geq \frac{(\sum a^3)^2}{\sum w_b w_c} \geq \frac{(\sum a^3)^2}{s^2}, \text{ which follows from } \sum w_b w_c \leq \sum w_a^2 \leq \sum s(s-a) = s^2$$

$$\text{It suffices to prove that: } \frac{(\sum a^3)^2}{s^2} \geq [4R(R+r)]^2 \Leftrightarrow \frac{\sum a^3}{s} \geq 4R(4R+r) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{2s(s^2+r^2+4Rr)}{s} \geq 4R(4R+r) \Leftrightarrow s^2 \geq 2R^2 + 8Rr + 3r^2 \text{ (Walker's inequality, acute)}$$

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

Remark.

In the same way we propose:

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Solution. Using Bergström's inequality we obtain:

$$\sum \frac{a^6}{r_b r_c} = \sum \frac{(a^3)^2}{r_b r_c} \geq \frac{(\sum a^3)^2}{\sum r_b r_c} = \frac{(\sum a^3)^2}{s^2}, \text{ which follows from } \sum r_b r_c = s^2.$$

$$\text{It suffices to prove that: } \frac{(\sum a^3)^2}{s^2} \geq [4R(R+r)]^2 \Leftrightarrow \frac{\sum a^3}{s} \geq 4R(4R+r) \Leftrightarrow$$

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3) Prove that in any acute-angled triangle the following inequality holds:

$$\frac{a^6}{h_b h_c} + \frac{b^6}{h_c h_a} + \frac{c^6}{h_a h_b} \geq [4R(R+r)]^2$$

Solution. Using Bergström's inequality we obtain:

$$\sum \frac{a^6}{h_b h_c} = \sum \frac{(a^3)^2}{h_b h_c} \geq \frac{(\sum a^3)^2}{\sum h_b h_c} \geq \frac{(\sum a^3)^2}{s^2}, \text{ which follows from}$$

$$\sum h_b h_c \leq \sum w_b w_c \leq \sum w_a^2 \leq \sum s(s-a) = s^2$$

$$\text{It suffices to prove that: } \frac{(\sum a^3)^2}{s^2} \geq [4R(R+r)]^2 \Leftrightarrow \frac{\sum a^3}{s} \geq 4R(4R+r) \Leftrightarrow$$

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Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

4) In ΔABC the following inequality holds:

$$\frac{a^6}{m_b m_c} + \frac{b^6}{m_c m_a} + \frac{c^6}{m_a m_b} \geq \frac{1}{3} (8S)^2$$

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Solution. Using Bergström's inequality we obtain:

$$\sum \frac{a^6}{m_b m_c} = \sum \frac{(a^3)^2}{m_b m_c} \geq \frac{(\sum a^3)^2}{\sum m_b m_c} \geq \frac{(\sum a^3)^2}{27R^2}, \text{ which follows from}$$

$$\sum m_b m_c \leq \sum m_a^2 = \frac{3}{4} \sum a^2 \leq \frac{3}{4} \cdot 9R^2 = \frac{27R^2}{4}$$

$$\text{It suffices to prove that: } \frac{(\sum a^3)^2}{\frac{27R^2}{4}} \geq \frac{1}{3} (8S)^2 \Leftrightarrow \frac{\sum a^3}{\frac{3R}{2}} \geq 8S \Leftrightarrow \sum a^3 \geq 12SR \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2s(s^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr) \geq 12Rrs \Leftrightarrow s^2 \geq 12Rr + 3r^2, \text{ which follows from Gerretsen's inequality } s^2 \geq 16Rr - 5r^2. \text{ It remains to prove that:}$$

$$16Rr - 5r^2 \geq 12Rr + 3r^2 \Leftrightarrow R \geq 2r \text{ (Euler's inequality)}$$

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

Reference:

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