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ABOUT AN INEQUALITY BY DAN RADU SECLAMAN-I

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1) In ΔABC the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2}{r_a + r_b + r_c} \leq 2R - r$$

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Solution We prove the following lemma:

Lemma.

2) In ΔABC the following inequality holds:

$$\frac{m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2}{r_a + r_b + r_c} = \frac{3(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr)}{2(4R + r)}$$

Proof.

Using $\sum m_a^2 = \frac{3}{4} \sum a^2$, $\sum a^2$, $\sum a^2 = 2(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr)$ and $\sum r_a = 4R + r$.

Let's get back to the main problem.

Using the Lemma the inequality can be rewritten:

$$\frac{3(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr)}{2(4R + r)} \leq 2R - r \Leftrightarrow 3s^2 \leq 16R^2 + 8Rr + r^2$$

which follows from Euler's inequality $R \geq 2r$.

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

Remark. We obtain an inequality having an opposite sense.

3) In ΔABC the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2}{r_a + r_b + r_c} \geq \frac{2r}{R} (2R - r)$$

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Solution

Using Lemma, we write the inequality:

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$$\frac{3(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr)}{2(4R + r)} \geq \frac{2r}{R}(2R - r) \Leftrightarrow 3Rs^2 \geq r(44R^2 - 5Rr - 4r^2)$$

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

It remains to prove that:

$$3R(16Rr - 5r^2) \geq r(44R^2 - 5Rr - 4r^2) \Leftrightarrow 2R^2 - 5Rr + 2r^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(2R - r) \geq 0,$$

obviously from Euler's inequality $R \geq 2r$.

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

Remark. The double inequality can be written:

4) In ΔABC the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{2r}{R}(2R - r) \leq \frac{m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2}{r_a + r_b + r_c} \leq 2R - r$$

Solution See inequality 1) and inequality 3). Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

Reference:

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