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ABOUT AN INEQUALITY BY BOGDAN FUȘTEI-III

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

$$\frac{\cos B + \cos C}{r_a} + \frac{\cos C + \cos A}{r_b} + \frac{\cos A + \cos B}{r_c} \leq \frac{s^2}{m_a m_b m_c}$$

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Solution.

Lemma 1. 2) In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$m_a m_b m_c \leq \frac{Rs^3}{2}$$

Proof. Using identity

$$\prod_{cyc} m_a = \frac{s^6 + s^4(33r^2 - 12Rr) - s^2r^2(60R^4 + 120Rr + 33r^2) - r^3(4R + r)^3}{16}$$

Inequality can be written as:

$$\frac{s^6 + s^4(33r^2 - 12Rr) - s^2r^2(60R^4 + 120Rr + 33r^2) - r^3(4R + r)^3}{16} \leq \left(\frac{Rs^2}{2}\right)^2 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$s^6 + s^4(33r^2 - 12Rr - 4R^2) - s^2r^2(60R^2 + 120Rr + 33r^2) - r^3(4R + r)^3 \leq 0; (1)$$

Using $s^2 \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2$ (Gerretsen), we get:

$$s^6 + s^4(33r^2 - 12Rr - 4R^2) \leq s^4(36r^2 - 8Rr); (2) \text{ which follows from:}$$

$$\begin{aligned} s^6 + s^4(33r^2 - 12Rr - 4R^2) &= s^4(s^2 + 33r^2 - 12Rr - 4R^2) \leq \\ &\leq s^4(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 + 33r^2 - 12Rr - 4R^2) \leq s^4(36r^2 - 8Rr). \end{aligned}$$

From (1),(2) it is enough to prove that:

$$s^4(36r^2 - 8Rr) - s^2r^2(60R^2 + 120Rr + 33r^2) - r^3(4R + r)^3 \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$s^4(36r - 8R) - s^2r(60R^2 + 120Rr + 33r^2) - r^2(4R + r)^3 \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$s^4(8R - 16r) + s^2r(60R^2 + 120Rr + 33r^2) + r^2(4R + r)^3 \geq 20rs^4, \text{ which follows}$$

$$\text{from } 16Rr - 5r^2 \leq s^2 \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 \text{ (Gerretsen).}$$

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Remains to prove that:

$$\begin{aligned} & s^2(16Rr - 5r^2)(8R - 16r) + s^2r(60R^2 + 120Rr + 33r^2) + r^2(4R + r)^3 \\ & \geq 20rs^2(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) \Leftrightarrow \\ & s^2(16R - 5r)(8R - 16r) + s^2(60R^2 + 120Rr + 33r^2) + r(4R + r)^3 \\ & \geq 20s^2(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) \Leftrightarrow \\ & s^2(108R^2 - 256Rr + 53r^2) + r(4R + r)^3 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Distinguish the cases:

Case 1) If $(108R^2 - 256Rr + 53r^2) \geq 0$, inequality is obviously true.

Case 2) If $(108R^2 - 256Rr + 53r^2) < 0$, inequality can be written as:

$$r(4R + r)^3 \geq s^2(-108R^2 + 256Rr - 53r^2), \text{ which follows from}$$

$$s^2 \leq \frac{R(4R + r)^2}{2(2R - r)} \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 \text{ (Blundon - Gerretsen).}$$

Remains to prove that:

$$\begin{aligned} & r(4R + r)^3 \geq \frac{R(4R + r)^2}{2(2R - r)}(-108R^2 + 256Rr - 53r^2) \Leftrightarrow \\ & 2r(2R - r)(4R + r) \geq R(-108R^2 + 256Rr - 53r^2) \Leftrightarrow \\ & 108R^3 - 240R^2r + 49Rr^2 - 2r^3 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(108R^2 - 24Rr + r^2) \geq 0, \text{ which is} \\ & \text{true from } R \geq 2r \text{ (Euler).} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

Lemma 2. 3) In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\sum \frac{\cos B + \cos C}{r_a} = \frac{2}{R}$$

Proof. Using Law of Cosines: $\cos A = \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc}$ and $r_a = \frac{F}{s-a}$, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \cos B + \cos C &= \frac{c^2 + a^2 - b^2}{2ca} + \frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2ab} = \frac{bc(b+c) + a^2(b+c) - (b^3 + c^3)}{2abc} = \\ &= \frac{(b+c)(a^2 - (b-c)^2)}{2abc} = \frac{(b+c)(a-b+c)(a+b-c)}{2abc} = \\ &= \frac{(b+c)(2s-2b)(2s-2c)}{2abc} = \frac{2(b+c)(s-b)(s-c)}{abc} \end{aligned}$$

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It follows that:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{\cos B + \cos C}{r_a} &= \sum \frac{\frac{2(b+c)(s-b)(s-c)}{abc}}{\frac{F}{s-a}} = \frac{2 \prod (s-a)}{abc \cdot F} \cdot \sum (b+c) \\ &= \frac{2sr^2}{4Rrs \cdot sr} \cdot 4s = \frac{2}{R} \end{aligned}$$

Let's get back to the main problem.

Using lemmas, it is enough to prove that: $\frac{2}{R} \leq \frac{s^2}{\frac{Rs^2}{2}}$ true.

Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

Remark. Let's replace r_a with h_a .

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

$$\frac{\cos B + \cos C}{h_a} + \frac{\cos C + \cos A}{h_b} + \frac{\cos A + \cos B}{h_c} \leq \frac{R}{2r} \cdot \frac{s^2}{m_a m_b m_c}$$

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Solution. Lemma 1. 5) In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$m_a m_b m_c \leq \frac{Rs^2}{2}$$

Proof. See up these relations.

Lemma 2. 5) In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\sum \frac{\cos B + \cos C}{h_a} = \frac{1}{r}$$

Proof. Using Law of Cosines: $\cos A = \frac{b^2+c^2-a^2}{2bc}$ and $h_a = \frac{2F}{a}$, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \cos B + \cos C &= \frac{c^2 + a^2 - b^2}{2ca} + \frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2ab} = \frac{bc(b+c) + a^2(b+c) - (b^3 + c^3)}{2abc} = \\ &= \frac{(b+c)(a^2 - (b-c)^2)}{2abc} = \frac{(b+c)(a-b+c)(a+b-c)}{2abc} = \\ &= \frac{(b+c)(2s-2b)(2s-2c)}{2abc} = \frac{2(b+c)(s-b)(s-c)}{abc} \end{aligned}$$

It follows that:

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$$\sum \frac{\cos B + \cos C}{h_a} = \sum \frac{\frac{2(b+c)(s-b)(s-c)}{abc}}{\frac{2F}{a}} = \frac{1}{abc \cdot F} \sum a(b+c)(s-b)(s-c) =$$

$$= \frac{1}{4rs \cdot sr} \cdot 4s^2 Rr = \frac{1}{r}, \text{ which follows from}$$

$$\sum a(b+c)(s-b)(s-c) = 4s^2 Rr.$$

Let's get back to the main problem.

Using lemmas, it is enough to prove that $\frac{1}{r} \leq \frac{R}{2r} \cdot \frac{s^2}{\frac{Rs^2}{2}}$, which is true.

Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

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

$$\sum \frac{\cos B + \cos C}{r_a} \leq \sum \frac{\cos B + \cos C}{h_a}$$

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Solution. Using up these lemmas, we have:

$$\sum \frac{\cos B + \cos C}{h_a} = \frac{1}{r}, \sum \frac{\cos B + \cos C}{r_a} = \frac{2}{R}$$

$$\text{Inequality becomes: } \frac{2}{R} \leq \frac{1}{r} \Leftrightarrow R \geq 2r \text{ (Euler).}$$

Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

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