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ABOUT AN INEQUALITY BY ERTAN YILDIRIM-VIII

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

$$\sum \frac{\cos A}{r_b + r_c} \leq \frac{1}{4r}$$

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

$$\sum \frac{\cos A}{r_b + r_c} = \frac{5s^2 - (4R + r)^2}{2s^2R}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{\cos A}{r_b + r_c} &= \sum \frac{\frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc}}{\frac{F}{s-b} + \frac{F}{s-c}} = \frac{1}{2F} \sum \frac{(s-b)(s-c)(b^2 + c^2 - a^2)}{abc} = \\ &= \frac{1}{2F} \frac{\sum (s-b)(s-c)(b^2 + c^2 - a^2)}{abc} = \frac{1}{2rs} \frac{2r^2(5s^2 - (4R + r)^2)}{4Rrs} = \frac{5s^2 - (4R + r)^2}{4s^2R} \end{aligned}$$

Which follows from

$$\sum (s-b)(s-c)(b^2 + c^2 - a^2) = 2r^2(5s^2 - (4R + r)^2)$$

Let's get back to the main problem.

Using Lemma, inequality can be written as:

$$\frac{5s^2 - (4R + r)^2}{4s^2R} \leq \frac{1}{4r} \Leftrightarrow 5s^2r - r(4R + r)^2 \leq s^2r \Leftrightarrow s^2(R - 5r) + r(4R + r)^2 \geq 0$$

Distinguish the cases:

Case 1) If $(R - 5r) > 0$, inequality is obviously true.

Case 2) If $(R - 5r) < 0$, inequality can be written: $r(4R + r)^2 \geq s^2(5r - R)$, which

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

Remains to prove that:

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$$r(4R + r)^2 \geq \frac{R(4R + r)^2}{2(2R - r)}(5r - R) \Leftrightarrow 2r(2R - r) \geq R(5r - R) \Leftrightarrow R^2 - Rr - 2r^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(R + r) \geq 0, \text{ true from } R \geq 2r(\text{Euler}).$$

Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

Remark. Inequality it can be much stronger.

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

$$\sum \frac{\cos A}{r_b + r_c} \leq \frac{1}{2R}$$

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Solution. Using Lemma, inequality can be written as:

$$\frac{5s^2 - (4R + r)^2}{4s^2R} \leq \frac{1}{2R} \Leftrightarrow 5s^2 - (4R + r)^2 \leq 2s^2 \Leftrightarrow 3s^2 \leq (4R + r)^2(\text{Doucet}).$$

Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

Remark. Let's find an reverse inequality.

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

$$\sum \frac{\cos A}{r_b + r_c} \geq \frac{1}{R} \left(1 - \frac{R}{4r}\right)$$

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Solution. Using Lemma, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{\cos A}{r_b + r_c} &= \frac{5s^2 - (4R + r)^2}{4s^2R} = \frac{1}{4R} \left(5 - \frac{(4R + r)^2}{s^2}\right) \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{1}{4R} \left(5 - \frac{(4R + r)^2}{\frac{r(4R + r)^2}{R + r}}\right) = \\ &= \frac{1}{4R} \left(5 - \frac{R + r}{r}\right) = \frac{1}{4R} \left(4 - \frac{R}{r}\right) = \frac{1}{R} \left(1 - \frac{R}{4r}\right), \end{aligned}$$

Where (1) it follows from $s^2 \geq 16Rr - 5r^2 \geq \frac{r(4R+r)^2}{R+r}$ (*Gerretsen*).

Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

Remark. Inequality it can be doubled.

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

$$\frac{1}{R} \left(1 - \frac{R}{4r} \right) \leq \sum \frac{\cos A}{r_b + r_c} \leq \frac{1}{2R}$$

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

$$\sum \frac{\cos A}{r_b + r_c} = \frac{5s^2 - (4R + r)^2}{4s^2 R}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{\cos A}{r_b + r_c} &= \sum \frac{\frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc}}{\frac{F}{s-b} + \frac{F}{s-c}} = \frac{1}{2F} \sum \frac{(s-b)(s-c)(b^2 + c^2 - a^2)}{abc} = \\ &= \frac{1}{2F} \frac{\sum (s-b)(s-c)(b^2 + c^2 - a^2)}{abc} = \frac{1}{2rs} \frac{2r^2(5s^2 - (4R + r)^2)}{4Rrs} = \frac{5s^2 - (4R + r)^2}{4s^2 R} \end{aligned}$$

Which follows from

$$\sum (s-b)(s-c)(b^2 + c^2 - a^2) = 2r^2(5s^2 - (4R + r)^2)$$

Let's get back to the main problem.

For RHS, using Lemma we get:

$$\frac{5s^2 - (4R + r)^2}{4s^2 R} \leq \frac{1}{2R} \Leftrightarrow 5s^2 - (4R + r)^2 \leq 2s^2 \Leftrightarrow 3s^2 \leq (4R + r)^2 \text{ (Doucet).}$$

Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

Fro LHS, using Lemma we get:

$$\sum \frac{\cos A}{r_b + r_c} = \frac{5s^2 - (4R + r)^2}{4s^2 R} = \frac{1}{4R} \left(5 - \frac{(4R + r)^2}{s^2} \right) \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{1}{4R} \left(5 - \frac{(4R + r)^2}{\frac{r(4R + r)^2}{R + r}} \right)$$

Where (1)nit follows from $s^2 \geq 16Rr - 5r^2 \geq \frac{r(4R+r)^2}{R+r}$ (Gerretsen).

Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

Remark. Let's replace r_a with h_a .

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

$$\frac{1}{2R} \leq \sum \frac{\cos A}{h_b + h_c} \leq \frac{1}{4r}$$

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Solution. Lemma. 8) In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\sum \frac{\cos A}{h_b + h_c} = \frac{s^2(s^2 + 8r^2) - r^2(4R + r)^2}{4rs^2(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr)}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{\cos A}{h_b + h_c} &= \sum \frac{\frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc}}{\frac{2F}{b} + \frac{2F}{c}} = \frac{1}{4F} \sum \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{b + c} = \\ &= \frac{1}{4F} \cdot \frac{s^2(s^2 + 8r^2) - r^2(4R + r)^2}{s(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr)} = \frac{s^2(s^2 + 8r^2) - r^2(4R + r)^2}{4rs^2(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr)} \end{aligned}$$

Which follows from:

$$\sum \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{b + c} = \frac{s^2(s^2 + 8r^2) - r^2(4R + r)^2}{s(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr)}$$

Let's get back to the main problem.

For RHS, using Lemma inequality can be written as:

$$\frac{s^2(s^2 + 8r^2) - r^2(4R + r)^2}{4rs^2(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr)} \leq \frac{1}{4r} \Leftrightarrow s^2(s^2 + 8r^2) - r^2(4R + r)^2 \leq s^2(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr)$$

$$s^2(2R - 7r) + r(4R + r)^2 \geq 0$$

Distinguish the cases:

Case 1) If $(2R - 7r) \geq 0$, inequality is obviously true.

Case 2) If $(2R - 7r) < 0$, inequality can be written as: $r(4R + r)^2 \geq s^2(7r - 2R)$,

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

Remains to prove that: $r(4R + r)^2 \geq \frac{R(4R+r)^2}{2(2R-r)}(7r - 2R) \Leftrightarrow$

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

Which is obviously true from $R \geq 2r$ (Euler).

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Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

Fro LHS, using Lemma, we have:

$$\sum \frac{\cos A}{h_b + h_c} = \frac{s^2(s^2 + 8r^2) - r^2(4R + r)^2}{4rs^2(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr)} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{1}{2R}$$

$$(1) \Leftrightarrow \frac{s^2(s^2 + 8r^2) - r^2(4R + r)^2}{4rs^2(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr)} \geq \frac{1}{2R} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$Rs^2(s^2 + 8r^2) - Rr^2(4R + r)^2 \geq 2rs^2(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$Rs^2(s^2 + 8r^2) - Rr^2(4R + r)^2 \geq 2rs^2(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$s^4(R - 2r) + s^2r^2(4R - 2r) \geq Rr^2(4R + r)^2 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$s^2[s^2(R - 2r) + r^2(4R - 2r)] \geq Rr^2(4R + r)^2, \text{ which follows from}$$

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

Remains to prove that:

$$\frac{r(4R + r)^2}{R + r} [(16Rr - 5r^2)(R - 2r) + r^2(4R - 2r)] \geq Rr^2(4R + r)^2 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(16R - 5r)(R - 2r) + r(4R - 2r) \geq R(R + r) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$15R^2 - 34Rr + 8R^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(15R - 4r) \geq 0,$$

which is true from $R \geq 2r$ (Euler).

Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

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

$$\sum \frac{\cos A}{r_b + r_c} \leq \sum \frac{\cos A}{h_b + h_c}$$

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Solution. From up these Lemmas, we have:

$$\frac{1}{R} \left(1 - \frac{R}{4r}\right) \leq \sum \frac{\cos A}{r_b + r_c} \leq \frac{1}{2R}, \frac{1}{2R} \leq \sum \frac{\cos A}{h_b + h_c} \leq \frac{1}{4r}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum \frac{\cos A}{r_b + r_c} \leq \frac{1}{2R} \leq \sum \frac{\cos A}{h_b + h_c}$$

Equality if and only if triangle is equilateral.

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

$$\frac{1}{R} \left(1 - \frac{R}{4r} \right) \leq \sum \frac{\cos A}{r_b + r_c} \leq \frac{1}{2R} \leq \sum \frac{\cos A}{h_b + h_c} \leq \frac{1}{4r}$$

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Solution. See up these inequalities.

Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

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