

# A NEW PROOF FOR MITRINOVIC'S INEQUALITY USING TOSCANO'S IDENTITY

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper it's proved Mitrinovic's inequality using a famous identity.

Notations:

$r$  - inradii;  $R$  - circumradii;  $r_a, r_b, r_c$  - exradii;  $s$  - semiperimeter;  $F$  - area.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{r_a} + \frac{1}{r_b} + \frac{1}{r_c} &= \frac{s-a}{F} + \frac{s-b}{F} + \frac{s-c}{F} = \frac{3s - (a+b+c)}{F} = \\
 &= \frac{3s - 2s}{F} = \frac{s}{F} = \frac{1}{\frac{F}{s}} = \frac{1}{r} \\
 (1) \qquad \qquad \qquad \frac{1}{r_a} + \frac{1}{r_b} + \frac{1}{r_c} &= \frac{1}{r}
 \end{aligned}$$

In the well known identity:

$$(x+y+z)^3 = x^3 + y^3 + z^3 + 3(x+y)(y+z)(z+x); x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$$

We take:

$$\begin{aligned}
 x &= \frac{1}{r_a}; y = \frac{1}{r_b}; z = \frac{1}{r_c} \\
 \left(\frac{1}{r_a} + \frac{1}{r_b} + \frac{1}{r_c}\right)^3 &= \frac{1}{r_a^3} + \frac{1}{r_b^3} + \frac{1}{r_c^3} + 3 \prod_{cyc} \left(\frac{1}{r_a} + \frac{1}{r_b}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

By (1):

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left(\frac{1}{r}\right)^3 &= \frac{1}{r_a^3} + \frac{1}{r_b^3} + \frac{1}{r_c^3} + 3 \prod_{cyc} \left(\frac{s-a}{F} + \frac{s-b}{F}\right) \\
 \frac{1}{r^3} - \frac{1}{r_a^3} - \frac{1}{r_b^3} - \frac{1}{r_c^3} &= \frac{3}{F^3} \prod_{cyc} (s-a+s-b) \\
 \frac{1}{r^3} - \left(\frac{1}{r_a^3} + \frac{1}{r_b^3} + \frac{1}{r_c^3}\right) &= \frac{3}{F^3} \prod_{cyc} (a+b+c-a-b) \\
 \frac{1}{r^3} - \left(\frac{1}{r_a^3} + \frac{1}{r_b^3} + \frac{1}{r_c^3}\right) &= \frac{3}{F^3} \cdot abc \\
 \frac{1}{r^3} - \left(\frac{1}{r_a^3} + \frac{1}{r_b^3} + \frac{1}{r_c^3}\right) &= \frac{3 \cdot 4RF}{F^3} \\
 (2) \qquad \qquad \qquad \frac{1}{r^3} - \left(\frac{1}{r_a^3} + \frac{1}{r_b^3} + \frac{1}{r_c^3}\right) &= \frac{12R}{F^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Relation (2) it's called Toscano's identity.  
 Let be  $f : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ;  $f(x) = x^3$ ;  $f'(x) = 3x^2$ ;  $f''(x) = 6x > 0$ ;  $f$  convexe.  
 By Jensen's inequality:

$$f(x) + f(y) + f(z) \geq 3f\left(\frac{x+y+z}{3}\right)$$

Again:  $x = \frac{1}{r_a}$ ;  $y = \frac{1}{r_b}$ ;  $z = \frac{1}{r_c}$ .

$$f\left(\frac{1}{r_a}\right) + f\left(\frac{1}{r_b}\right) + f\left(\frac{1}{r_c}\right) \geq 3f\left(\frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{1}{r_a} + \frac{1}{r_b} + \frac{1}{r_c}\right)\right)$$

By (1):

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{r_a^3} + \frac{1}{r_b^3} + \frac{1}{r_c^3} &\geq 3f\left(\frac{1}{3r}\right) = 3 \cdot \frac{1}{27r^3} = \frac{1}{9r^3} \\ -\left(\frac{1}{r_a^3} + \frac{1}{r_b^3} + \frac{1}{r_c^3}\right) &\leq -\frac{1}{9r^3} \\ \frac{1}{r^3} - \left(\frac{1}{r_a^3} + \frac{1}{r_b^3} + \frac{1}{r_c^3}\right) &\leq \frac{1}{r^3} - \frac{1}{9r^3} \end{aligned}$$

By (2):

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{12R}{F^2} &\leq \frac{1}{r^3} - \frac{1}{9r^3} \\ \frac{12R}{r^2 s^2} &\leq \frac{8}{9r^3} \\ \frac{3R}{s^2} &\leq \frac{2}{9r} \\ 2s^2 \geq 27Rr &\stackrel{\text{EULER}}{\geq} 27 \cdot 2r \cdot r = 54r^2 \\ 2s^2 \geq 54r^3 &\Rightarrow s^2 \geq 27r^2 \\ s &\geq 3\sqrt{3}r \end{aligned}$$

which it's Mitrinovic's inequality.

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