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ABOUT A RMM INEQUALITY-IX

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

$$\frac{a^4}{r_a r_b} + \frac{b^4}{r_b r_c} + \frac{c^4}{r_c r_a} \geq \frac{16F}{\sqrt{3}}$$

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Solution:

We have

$$\begin{aligned} RHS &= \sum \frac{a^4}{r_a r_b} = \frac{1}{r_a r_b r_c} \sum a^4 r_c = \frac{1}{r_a r_b r_c} \sum \frac{a^4}{\frac{1}{r_c}} \stackrel{\text{Holder}}{\geq} \frac{1}{r p^2} \cdot \frac{(\sum a)^4}{9 \sum \frac{1}{r_a}} = \\ &= \frac{1}{r p^2} \cdot \frac{(2p)^4}{9 \cdot \frac{1}{r}} = \frac{16p^2}{9} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{16pr}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{16F}{\sqrt{3}} = Md, \text{ where } (1) \Leftrightarrow p \geq 3r\sqrt{3}, \text{ (Mitrinovic inequality)} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

Remark:In the same way:

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

$$48r^2 \leq \frac{a^4}{r_b r_c} + \frac{b^4}{r_c r_a} + \frac{c^4}{r_a r_b} \leq \frac{16}{r} (R^3 - 5r^3)$$

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Solution: We prove:

Lemma:

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

$$\sum \frac{a^4}{r_b r_c} = \frac{4}{r} [p^2(R - 2r) + r^2(5R + 2r)]$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{a^4}{r_b r_c} &= \sum \frac{a^4}{\frac{S}{s-b} \frac{S}{s-c}} = \frac{1}{S^2} \sum s^4 (s-b)(s-c) = \\ &= \frac{1}{s^2 r^2} \cdot 4rp^2 [p^2(R - 2r) + r^2(5R + 2r)] = \\ &= \frac{4}{r} [s^2(R - 2r) + r^2(5R + 2r)], \text{ which follows from} \end{aligned}$$

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

Back to the main problem.

RHS inequality.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{a^4}{r_b r_c} &= \frac{4}{r} [p^2(R-2r) + r^2(5R+2r)] \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} \\ &\leq \frac{4}{r} [(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)(R-2r) + r^2(5R+2r)] = \\ &= \frac{4}{r} (4R^3 - 4R^2r - 4r^3) = \frac{16}{r} (R^3 - R^2r - r^3) \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} \frac{16}{r} (R^3 - 5r^3) \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

LHS inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{a^4}{r_b r_c} &= \frac{4}{r} [p^2(R-2r) + r^2(5R+2r)] \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{4}{r} [(16Rr - 5r^2)(R-2r) + r^2(5R+2r)] = \\ &= 4(16R^2 - 32Rr + 12r^2) \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 48r^2 \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

Remark: In the same way:

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

$$24Rr \leq \frac{a^4}{h_b h_c} + \frac{b^4}{h_c h_a} + \frac{c^4}{h_a h_b} \leq 4R^2 \left(\frac{2R}{r} - 1 \right)$$

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Solution: We prove

Lemma:

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

$$\sum \frac{a^4}{h_b h_c} = \frac{2R}{r} (p^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr)$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{a^4}{h_b h_c} &= \sum \frac{a^4}{\frac{2S}{b} \frac{2S}{c}} = \frac{1}{4S^2} \sum a^4 bc = \frac{1}{4p^2 r^2} \cdot abc \sum a^3 = \\ &= \frac{1}{4p^2 r^2} \cdot 4Rrp \cdot 2p(p^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr) = \\ &= \frac{2R}{r} (p^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr), \text{ which follows from } \sum a^3 = 2p(p^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr) \end{aligned}$$

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Back to the main problem.

RHS inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{a^4}{h_b h_c} &= \frac{2R}{r} (s^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} \frac{2R}{r} (4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr) = \\ &= \frac{2R}{r} (4R^2 - 2Rr) = \frac{4R^2}{r} (2R - r) = 4R^2 \left(\frac{2R}{r} - 1 \right) \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

LHS inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{a^4}{h_b h_c} &= \frac{2R}{r} (p^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \frac{2R}{r} (16Rr - 5r^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr) = \\ &= \frac{2R}{r} (10Rr - 8r^2) = 4R(5R - 4r) \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 24Rr \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

Remark: Between the sums $\sum \frac{a^4}{h_b h_c}$ and $\sum \frac{a^4}{r_b r_c}$ the following relationship holds:

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

$$\sum \frac{a^4}{h_b h_c} \leq \sum \frac{a^4}{r_b r_c}$$

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Solution:

Using the sums $\sum \frac{a^4}{h_b h_c} = \frac{2R}{r} (p^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr)$ and $\sum \frac{a^4}{r_b r_c} = \frac{4}{r} [p^2(R - 2r) + r^2(5R + 2r)]$, the inequality can be written:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2R}{r} (p^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr) &\leq \frac{4}{r} [p^2(R - 2r) + r^2(5R + 2r)] \Leftrightarrow \\ \Leftrightarrow R(p^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr) &\leq 2[p^2(R - 2r) + r^2(5R + 2r)] \Leftrightarrow \\ \Leftrightarrow p^2(R - 4r) + r(6R^2 + 13Rr + 4r^2) &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

We distinguish the following cases:

Case 1). If $(R - 4r) \geq 0$, the inequality is obvious.

Case 2). If $(R - 4r) < 0$, the inequality can be rewritten:

$$\begin{aligned} r(6R^2 + 13Rr + 4r^2) &\geq p^2(4r - R), \text{ which follows from Gerretsen's inequality:} \\ p^2 &\leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 \end{aligned}$$

It remains to prove that:

$$\begin{aligned} r(6R^2 + 13Rr + 4r^2) &\geq (4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)(4r - R) \Leftrightarrow 2R^3 - 3R^2r - 4r^3 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \\ \Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(2R^2 + Rr + 2r^2) &\geq 0, \text{ obviously from Euler's inequality } R \geq 2r. \end{aligned}$$

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