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ABOUT AN INEQUALITY BY BOGDAN FUȘTEI-VI

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1) In ΔABC :

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

Proposed by Bogdan Fuștei – Romania

Solution: Using Tereshin inequality $m_a \geq \frac{b^2+c^2}{4R}$ we obtain:

$$m_a + m_b + m_c = \sum m_a \stackrel{\text{Tereshin}}{\geq} \sum \frac{b^2 + c^2}{4R} = \frac{2 \sum a^2}{4R} = \frac{\sum a^2}{2R} \stackrel{(1)}{=} \frac{\frac{4}{3} \sum m_a^2}{2R} = \frac{2}{3R} \sum m_a^2$$

where (1) follows from the identity in triangle $\sum m_a^2 = \frac{3}{4} \sum a^2$

From $\sum m_a \geq \frac{2}{3R} \sum m_a^2$ it follows the conclusion $\frac{\sum m_a^2}{\sum m_a} \leq \frac{3R}{2}$

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral. **Remark:** In the same way:

2) In ΔABC :

$$\frac{m_a^2 m_b^2 + m_b^2 m_c^2 + m_c^2 m_a^2}{m_a m_b + m_b m_c + m_c m_a} \leq \frac{9R^2}{4}$$

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Solution: Using Tereshin's inequality $m_a \geq \frac{b^2+c^2}{4R}$ we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} m_a m_b + m_b m_c + m_c m_a &= \sum m_b m_c \stackrel{\text{Tereshin}}{\geq} \sum \frac{a^2 + c^2}{4R} \frac{a^2 + b^2}{4R} = \\ &= \frac{\sum (a^4 + a^2 b^2 + b^2 c^2 + c^2 a^2)}{16R^2} = \\ &= \frac{\sum a^4 + 3 \sum b^2 c^2}{16R^2} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{\sum b^2 c^2 + 3 \sum b^2 c^2}{16R^2} = \frac{4 \sum b^2 c^2}{16R^2} = \frac{\sum b^2 c^2}{4R^2} = \frac{\frac{16}{9} \sum m_b^2 m_c^2}{4R^2} = \\ &= \frac{4}{9R^2} \sum m_b^2 m_c^2, \text{ where (1) follows from the identity in triangle } \sum m_b^2 m_c^2 = \frac{9}{16} \sum b^2 c^2 \end{aligned}$$

From $\sum m_b m_c \geq \frac{4}{9R^2} \sum m_b^2 m_c^2$ it follows the conclusion $\frac{\sum m_b^2 m_c^2}{\sum m_b m_c} \leq \frac{9R^2}{4}$.

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3) In $\triangle ABC$:

$$\frac{m_a^2 m_b^2 + m_b^2 m_c^2 + m_c^2 m_a^2}{m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2} \leq \frac{9R^2}{4}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2 &= \sum m_a^2 \stackrel{\text{Tereshin}}{\geq} \sum \left(\frac{b^2 + c^2}{4R} \right)^2 = \frac{\sum(b^4 + c^4 + 2b^2c^2)}{16R^2} = \\ &= \frac{2\sum a^4 + 2\sum b^2c^2}{16R^2} = \frac{\sum a^4 + \sum b^2c^2}{8R^2} \stackrel{(1)}{=} \frac{\frac{16}{9}\sum m_a^4 + \frac{16}{9}\sum m_b^2m_c^2}{8R^2} = \\ &= \frac{2}{9R^2} \left(\sum m_a^4 + \sum m_b^2m_c^2 \right) \geq \frac{2}{9R^2} \left(\sum m_b^2m_c^2 + \sum m_b^2m_c^2 \right) = \\ &= \frac{2}{9R^2} \left(2\sum m_b^2m_c^2 \right) = \frac{4}{9R^2} \sum m_b^2m_c^2 \end{aligned}$$

where (1) it follows from the identities in triangle $\sum m_a^4 = \frac{9}{16}\sum a^4$ and $\sum m_b^2m_c^2 = \frac{9}{16}\sum b^2c^2$

From $\sum m_a^2 \geq \frac{4}{9R^2}\sum m_b^2m_c^2$ it follows the conclusion $\frac{\sum m_b^2m_c^2}{\sum m_a^2} \leq \frac{9R^2}{4}$

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral. **Remark:** In the same way:

4) In $\triangle ABC$:

$$\frac{\sum m_a^4 + \sum m_b^2m_c^2}{m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2} \leq \frac{9R^2}{2}$$

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From $\sum m_a^2 \geq \frac{2}{9R^2} (\sum m_a^4 + \sum m_b^2 m_c^2)$ it follows the conclusion $\frac{\sum m_a^4 + \sum m_b^2 m_c^2}{m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2} \leq \frac{9R^2}{2}$

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral. **Remark:** In the same way:

5) In $\triangle ABC$:

$$\frac{(m_a^2 + m_b^2)^2 + (m_b^2 + m_c^2)^2 + (m_c^2 + m_a^2)^2}{m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2} \leq 9R^2$$

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From $\sum m_a^2 \geq \frac{2}{9R^2} (\sum m_a^4 + \sum m_b^2 m_c^2)$ it follows $\frac{\sum m_a^4 + \sum m_b^2 m_c^2}{m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2} \leq \frac{9R^2}{2} \Leftrightarrow$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{(m_a^2 + m_b^2)^2 + (m_b^2 + m_c^2)^2 + (m_c^2 + m_a^2)^2}{m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2} \leq 9R^2$$

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