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ABOUT AN INEQUALITY BY BOGDAN FUȘTEI -VIII

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

$$\sum_{cyc} m_a \cos \frac{A}{2} \geq \frac{3s}{2}$$

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Solution. Using Lascu's inequality: $m_a \geq \frac{b+c}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}$ it follows,

$$\begin{aligned} LHS &= \sum_{cyc} m_a \cos \frac{A}{2} \stackrel{\text{Lascu}}{\geq} \sum_{cyc} \frac{b+c}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{A}{2} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{b+c}{2} \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{b+c}{2} \cdot \frac{s(s-a)}{bc} \\ &= \frac{s}{2} \sum_{cyc} \frac{(b+c)(s-a)}{bc} \stackrel{(1)}{=} \frac{s}{2} \cdot 3 = \frac{3s}{2} = RHS, \text{ where } \sum_{cyc} \frac{(b+c)(s-a)}{bc} = 3. \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

Remark. In same class of the problem.

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

$$\sum_{cyc} m_a \cos^3 \frac{A}{2} \geq \frac{9s}{8}$$

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Solution. Using Lascu's inequality: $m_a \geq \frac{b+c}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}$ it follows,

$$\begin{aligned} LHS &= \sum_{cyc} m_a \cos^3 \frac{A}{2} \stackrel{\text{Lascu}}{\geq} \sum_{cyc} \frac{b+c}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2} \cdot \cos^3 \frac{A}{2} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{(b+c)}{2} \cos^4 \frac{A}{2} = \\ &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{b+c}{2} \cdot \left(\frac{s(s-a)}{bc} \right)^2 = \frac{s^2}{2} \sum_{cyc} \frac{(b+c)(s-a)^2}{b^2 c^2} \stackrel{(1)}{=} \frac{s^2}{2} \cdot \frac{24R^2 + 2Rr - r^2 - s^2}{8R^2 s} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \\ &\geq s \cdot \frac{24R^2 + 2Rr - r^2 - 4R^2 - 4Rr - 3r^2}{16R^2} = s \cdot \frac{20R^2 - 2Rr - 4r^2}{16R^2} = \end{aligned}$$

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$$= s \cdot \frac{10R^2 - Rr - 2r^2 \text{ Euler}}{8R^2} \geq s \cdot \frac{9}{8} = \frac{9s}{8} = RHD, \text{ where}$$

$$(1) \Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{(b+c)(s-a)^2}{b^2c^2} = \frac{\sum (b+c)a^2(s-a)^2}{a^2b^2c^2} = \frac{2sr^2(24R^2 + 2Rr - r^2 - s^2)}{16R^2r^2s^2} =$$

$$= \frac{24R^2 + 2Rr - r^2 - s^2}{8R^2s}, \text{ which follows from:}$$

$$\sum_{cyc} (b+c)a^2(s-a)^2 = 2sr^2(24R^2 + 2Rr - r^2 - s^2) \text{ true from}$$

$$\sum_{cyc} (b+c)a^2(s-a)^2 = 2s \sum_{cyc} a^2(s-a)^2 - \sum_{cyc} a^3(s-a)^2 =$$

$$= 2s \cdot 2r^2[(4R+r)^2 - s^2] - 2sr^2(8R^2 + 14Rr + 3r^2 - s^2)$$

$$= 2sr^2(24R^2 + 2Rr - r^2 - s^2)$$

It is well-known that sums: $\sum a^2(s-a)^2 = 2r^2[(4R+r)^2 - s^2]$ and $\sum a^3(s-a)^2 = 2sr^2(8R^2 + 14Rr + 3r^2 - s^2)$. Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

3) In ΔABC the following relationship holds:

$$\sum_{cyc} m_a \cos^{2n+1} \frac{A}{2} \geq \frac{3s}{2} \cdot \left(\frac{2}{3} + \frac{r}{6R} \right)^n, n \in \mathbb{N}$$

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Solution. For $n = 0$ we get Lemma.

Lemma. 4) In ΔABC the following relationship holds:

$$\sum_{cyc} m_a \cos \frac{A}{2} \geq \frac{3s}{2}$$

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Solution. Using Lascu's inequality: $m_a \geq \frac{b+c}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}$ it follows,

$$LHS = \sum_{cyc} m_a \cos \frac{A}{2} \stackrel{\text{Lascu}}{\geq} \sum_{cyc} \frac{b+c}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{A}{2} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{b+c}{2} \cdot \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} =$$

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$$= \sum_{cyc} \frac{b+c}{2} \cdot \frac{s(s-a)}{bc} = \frac{s}{2} \sum_{cyc} \frac{(b+c)(s-a)}{bc} \stackrel{(1)}{=} \frac{s}{2} \cdot 3 = \frac{3s}{2} = RHS, \text{ where}$$

(1) $\Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{(b+c)(s-a)}{bc} = 3$. Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

For $n \geq 1$ triplets $(m_a \cos \frac{A}{2}, m_b \cos \frac{B}{2}, m_c \cos \frac{C}{2})$ and $(\cos^{2n} \frac{A}{2}, \cos^{2n} \frac{B}{2}, \cos^{2n} \frac{C}{2})$ has same ordered, using Chebychev's inequality it follows that,

$$LHS = \sum_{cyc} m_a \cos^{2n+1} \frac{A}{2} = \sum_{cyc} m_a \cos \frac{A}{2} \cdot \cos^{2n} \frac{A}{2} \stackrel{Chebychev's}{\geq} \frac{1}{3} \sum_{cyc} m_a \cos \frac{A}{2} \cdot \sum_{cyc} \cos^{2n} \frac{A}{2}$$

$$\stackrel{Lemma}{\geq} \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{3s}{2} \cdot \sum_{cyc} \cos^{2n} \frac{A}{2} = \frac{s}{2} \cdot \sum_{cyc} \left(\cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \right)^n \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{s}{2} \cdot \frac{\left(2 + \frac{r}{2R} \right)^n}{3^{n-1}} = \frac{3s}{2} \cdot \left(\frac{2}{3} + \frac{r}{6R} \right)^n = RHD,$$

$$\text{which follows from } \sum \frac{\left(\cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \right)^n}{1} \stackrel{Holder}{\geq} \frac{\left(\sum \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \right)^n}{3^{n-2}(1+1+1)} = \frac{\left(\sum \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \right)^n}{3^{n-1}} = \frac{\left(2 + \frac{r}{2R} \right)^n}{3^{n-1}}.$$

Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

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