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ABOUT AN INEQUALITY BY MARIAN URSĂRESCU-XVI

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1) In acute $\triangle ABC$:

$$\sum \frac{\cos^5 A}{\cos^3 B} \geq 1 - \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2$$

Proposed by Marian Ursărescu – Romania

Solution: We prove Lemma:

2) If $x, y, z > 0$ then:

$$\sum \frac{x^5}{y^3} \geq \sum x^2$$

Proof: Using Holder's inequality we obtain:

$$LHS = \sum \frac{x^5}{y^3} = \sum \frac{x^6}{xy^3} = \sum \frac{x^6}{xy \cdot y^2} \stackrel{\text{Holder}}{\geq} \frac{(\sum x^2)^3}{\sum xy \sum y^2} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{(\sum x^2)^3}{\sum x^2 \sum x^2} = \sum x^2 = RHS$$

where (1) $\Leftrightarrow \sum x^2 \geq \sum xy \Leftrightarrow \sum (x - y)^2 \geq 0$. We've used Holder's inequality:

$$\sum \frac{x^3}{a_1 a_2} \geq \frac{(\sum x)^3}{\sum a_1 \sum a_2}, \text{ where } x, a_1, a_2 > 0. \text{ Let's get back to the main problem.}$$

Using Lemma for $x = \cos A, y = \cos B, z = \cos C$ we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} LHS &= \sum \frac{\cos^5 A}{\cos^3 B} = \sum \frac{x^5}{y^3} \stackrel{\text{Lemma}}{\geq} \sum x^2 = \sum \cos^2 A = \frac{6R^2 + 4Rr + r^2 - p^2}{2R^2} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{6R^2 + 4Rr + r^2 - (4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)}{2R^2} = \frac{2R^2 - 2r^2}{2R^2} = \frac{R^2 - r^2}{R^2} = 1 - \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

We've used Gerretsen inequality in triangle: $p^2 \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2$.

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral. **Remark:** The problem can be developed.

3) In acute $\triangle ABC$:

$$\sum \frac{\cos^{2n+1} A}{\cos^{2n-1} B} \geq 1 - \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2, n \in \mathbb{N}^*$$

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Solution: We prove Lemma:

4) If $x, y, z > 0$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ then:

$$\sum \frac{x^{2n+1}}{y^{2n-1}} \geq \sum x^2$$

Proof: Using Holder's inequality we obtain:

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$$\begin{aligned} LHS &= \sum \frac{x^{2n+1}}{y^{2n-1}} = \sum \frac{x^{2n+2}}{xy^{2n-1}} = \sum \frac{x^{2n+2}}{xy \cdot y^{2n-2}} \stackrel{\text{Holder}}{\geq} \frac{(\sum x^2)^{n+1}}{\sum xy (\sum y^2)^{n-1}} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{(\sum x^2)^{n+1}}{\sum x^2 (\sum y^2)^{n-1}} = \sum x^2 = RHS, \text{ where } (1) \Leftrightarrow \sum x^2 \geq \sum xy \Leftrightarrow \sum (x-y)^2 \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

We've used Holder's inequality:

$$\sum \frac{x^{n+1}}{a_1 \cdot a_2 \cdot \dots \cdot a_n} \geq \frac{(\sum x)^{n+1}}{\sum a_1 \sum a_2 \dots \sum a_n}, \text{ where } x, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n > 0$$

Let's get back to the main problem.

Using the Lemma for $x = \cos A, y = \cos B, z = \cos C$ we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} LHS &= \sum \frac{\cos^{2n+1} A}{\cos^{2n-1} B} = \sum \frac{x^{2n+1}}{y^{2n-1}} \stackrel{\text{Lemma}}{\geq} \sum x^2 = \sum \cos^2 A = \frac{6R^2 + 4Rr + r^2 - p^2}{2R^2} \geq \\ &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \frac{6R^2 + 4Rr + r^2 - (4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)}{2R^2} = \frac{2R^2 - 2r^2}{2R^2} = \frac{R^2 - r^2}{R^2} = 1 - \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

We've used Gerretsen's inequality in triangle: $p^2 \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2$.

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

Note: For $n = 2$ we obtain Inequality in triangle 2252, proposed by Marian Ursărescu, Romania, in RMM 11/2020. **Remark:** The problem can be developed.

5) In $\triangle ABC$:

$$\sum \frac{\cos^5 \frac{A}{2}}{\cos^3 \frac{B}{2}} \geq 2 + \frac{r}{2R}$$

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Solution. We prove. **Lemma:**

6) If $x, y, z > 0$ then:

$$\sum \frac{x^5}{y^3} \geq \sum x^2$$

Proof: Using Holder's inequality we obtain:

$$LHS = \sum \frac{x^5}{y^3} = \sum \frac{x^6}{xy^3} = \sum \frac{x^6}{xy \cdot y^2} \stackrel{\text{Holder}}{\geq} \frac{(\sum x^2)^3}{\sum xy \sum y^2} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{(\sum x^2)^3}{\sum x^2 \sum x^2} = \sum x^2 = RHS$$

where (1) $\Leftrightarrow \sum x^2 \geq \sum xy \Leftrightarrow \sum (x-y)^2 \geq 0$.

We've used Holder's inequality: $\sum \frac{x^3}{a_1 \cdot a_2} \geq \frac{(\sum x)^3}{\sum a_1 \sum a_2}$, where $x, a_1, a_2 > 0$

Let's get back to the main problem.

Using the Lemma for $x = \cos \frac{A}{2}, y = \cos \frac{B}{2}, z = \cos \frac{C}{2}$ we obtain:

$$LHS = \sum \frac{\cos^5 \frac{A}{2}}{\cos^3 \frac{B}{2}} = \sum \frac{x^5}{y^3} \stackrel{\text{Lemma}}{\geq} \sum x^2 = \sum \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} = 2 + \frac{r}{2R}$$

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral. **Remark:** The problem can be developed.

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7) In ΔABC :

$$\sum \frac{\cos^{2n+1} \frac{A}{2}}{\cos^{2n-1} \frac{B}{2}} \geq 2 + \frac{r}{2R}, n \in \mathbb{N}^*$$

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Solution: We prove Lemma:

8) If $x, y, z > 0$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ then:

$$\sum \frac{x^{2n+1}}{y^{2n-1}} \geq \sum x^2$$

Proof: Using Holder's inequality we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} LHS &= \sum \frac{x^{2n+1}}{y^{2n-1}} = \sum \frac{x^{2n+2}}{xy^{2n-1}} = \sum \frac{x^{2n+2}}{xy \cdot y^{2n-2}} \stackrel{Holder}{\geq} \frac{(\sum x^2)^{n+1}}{\sum xy(y^2)^{n-1}} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{(\sum x^2)^{n+1}}{\sum x^2 (\sum y^2)^{n-1}} = \sum x^2 = RHS, \text{ where } (1) \Leftrightarrow \sum x^2 \geq \sum xy \Leftrightarrow \sum (x-y)^2 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

We've used Holder's inequality:

$$\sum \frac{x^{n+1}}{a_1 \cdot a_2 \cdot \dots \cdot a_n} \geq \frac{(\sum x)^{n+1}}{\sum a_1 \sum a_2 \dots \sum a_n}, \text{ where } x, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n > 0.$$

Let's get back to the main problem.

Using the Lemma for $x = \cos \frac{A}{2}, y = \cos \frac{B}{2}, z = \cos \frac{C}{2}$ we obtain:

$$LHS = \sum \frac{\cos^{2n+1} \frac{A}{2}}{\cos^{2n-1} \frac{B}{2}} = \sum \frac{x^{2n+1}}{y^{2n-1}} \stackrel{Lemma}{\geq} \sum x^2 = \sum \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} = 2 + \frac{r}{2R}$$

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

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