

NEW INEQUALITIES IN ACUTE TRIANGLES

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we present some new inequalities in acute triangles.

Problem 1.

In any acute triangle ABC holds:

$$\sum_{cyc} \left[\left(\frac{\sin A \sin B}{\sin C} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\cos A \cos B}{\cos C} \right)^2 \right] \geq 3$$

Proof. We prove the following two inequalities:

$$a) \sum \left(\frac{\sin A \sin B}{\sin C} \right)^2 \geq \frac{9}{4}; \quad b) \sum \left(\frac{\cos A \cos B}{\cos C} \right)^2 \geq \frac{3}{4}$$

Indeed

a) We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\sin A \sin B}{\sin C} &= \frac{\sin A \sin B}{\sin[\pi - (A+B)]} = \frac{\sin A \sin B}{\sin(A+B)} = \frac{\sin A \sin B}{\sin A \cos B + \sin B \cos A} = \\ &= \frac{\sin A \sin B}{\sin A \sin B \left(\frac{\sin A \cos B}{\sin A \sin B} + \frac{\sin B \cos A}{\sin A \sin B} \right)} = \frac{1}{\cot A + \cot B} \end{aligned}$$

and analogous, we deduce that:

$$\sum \left(\frac{\sin A \sin B}{\sin C} \right)^2 = \sum \frac{1}{(\cot A + \cot B)^2}$$

and if we take into account that

$$\sum \cot A \cot B = 1$$

and if we make the substitutions

$$x = \cot A, y = \cot B, z = \cot C$$

then the inequality a) becomes

$$\frac{1}{(x+y)^2} + \frac{1}{(y+z)^2} + \frac{1}{(z+x)^2} \geq \frac{9}{4(xy+yz+zx)}, \text{ for any } x, y, z > 0,$$

i.e. the inequality given to the Iran Olympiad, 1996. So, a) is proved.

b) We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\cos A \cos B}{\cos C} &= \frac{\sin C}{\cos C} \cdot \frac{\cos A \cos B}{\sin C} = \tan C \cdot \frac{\cos A \cos B}{\sin(A+B)} = \\ &= \tan C \cdot \frac{\cos A \cos B}{\sin A \cos B + \sin B \cos A} = \frac{\tan C}{\tan B + \tan C} \end{aligned}$$

and analogous by Nesbitt's inequality we have

$$\sum \frac{\tan C}{\tan B + \tan A} \geq \frac{3}{2}$$

By Cauchy-Schwarz's inequality and the above we obtain that

$$\sum \left(\frac{\cos A \cos B}{\cos C} \right)^2 \geq \frac{1}{3} \left(\sum \frac{\cos A \cos B}{\cos C} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{3} \left(\sum \frac{\tan C}{\tan B + \tan C} \right)^2 \geq \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{9}{4} = \frac{3}{4}$$

So, b) is proved.

By adding the inequalities a) and b) we obtain the given inequality. \square

Problem 2.

If $m \in \mathbb{R}_+$ then in any acute triangle ABC holds

$$\sum \left(\frac{\cos A \cos B}{\cos C} \right)^{m+1} \geq \frac{3}{2^{m+1}}$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\cos A \cos B}{\cos C} &= \frac{\sin C}{\cos C} \cdot \frac{\cos A \cos B}{\sin C} = \tan C \cdot \frac{\cos A \cos B}{\sin(A+B)} = \\ &= \tan C \cdot \frac{\cos A \cos B}{\sin A \cos B + \sin B \cos A} = \frac{\tan C}{\tan B + \tan C} \end{aligned}$$

and by Nesbitt's inequality:

$$\sum \frac{\tan C}{\tan B + \tan A} \geq \frac{3}{2}$$

By J. Radon's inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \left(\frac{\cos A \cos B}{\cos C} \right)^{m+1} &\geq \frac{1}{3^m} \left(\sum \frac{\cos A \cos B}{\cos C} \right)^{m+1} = \frac{1}{3^m} \left(\sum \frac{\tan C}{\tan B + \tan C} \right)^{m+1} \geq \\ &\geq \frac{1}{3^m} \cdot \left(\frac{3}{2} \right)^{m+1} = \frac{3}{2^{m+1}} \end{aligned}$$

\square

Problem 3.

In any acute triangle ABC holds:

$$\sum \frac{\cos A \cos^2 B}{\cos^2 C} \geq \frac{9R}{4(R+r)}$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\cos A \cos B}{\cos C} &= \frac{\sin C}{\cos C} \cdot \frac{\cos A \cos B}{\sin C} = \tan C \cdot \frac{\cos A \cos B}{\sin(A+B)} = \\ &= \tan C \cdot \frac{\cos A \cos B}{\sin A \cos B + \sin B \cos A} = \frac{\tan C}{\tan B + \tan C} \end{aligned}$$

and from Nesbitt $\sum \frac{\tan C}{\tan B + \tan A} \geq \frac{3}{2}$. It is well-known that $\sum \cos A = \frac{R+r}{R}$.

From H. Bergström's inequality and above:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{\cos A \cos^2 B}{\cos^2 C} &= \sum \frac{\frac{\cos^2 A \cos^2 B}{\cos^2 C}}{\cos A} \geq \frac{\left(\sum \frac{\cos A \cos B}{\cos C} \right)^2}{\sum \cos A} = \\ &= \frac{\left(\sum \frac{\tan C}{\tan B + \tan A} \right)^2}{\sum \cos A} \geq \frac{9R}{4(R+r)} \end{aligned}$$

\square

Problem 4.

If $m \in \mathbb{R}_+$, then in any acute triangle ABC holds:

$$\sum \frac{\cos A \cos^{m+1} B}{\cos^{m+1} C} \geq \frac{3^{m+1} R^m}{2^{m+1} (R+r)^m}$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\cos A \cos B}{\cos C} &= \frac{\sin C}{\cos C} \cdot \frac{\cos A \cos B}{\sin C} = \tan C \cdot \frac{\cos A \cos B}{\sin(A+B)} = \\ &= \tan C \cdot \frac{\cos A \cos B}{\sin A \cos B + \sin B \cos A} = \frac{\tan C}{\tan B + \tan C} \end{aligned}$$

and by Nesbitt's inequality $\sum \frac{\tan C}{\tan B + \tan A} \geq \frac{3}{2}$ and from $\sum \cos A = \frac{R+r}{R}$ and using Bergström's inequality yields that:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{\cos A \cos^{m+1} B}{\cos^{m+1} C} &= \sum \frac{\frac{\cos^{m+1} A \cos^{m+1} B}{\cos^{m+1} C}}{\cos^m A} \geq \frac{(\sum \frac{\cos A \cos B}{\cos C})^{m+1}}{(\sum \cos A)^m} = \\ &= \frac{(\sum \frac{\tan C}{\tan B + \tan A})^{m+1}}{(\sum \cos A)^m} \geq \frac{3^{m+1} R^m}{2^{m+1} (R+r)^m} \end{aligned}$$

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