

SOME NEW INEQUALITIES IN CONVEX POLYGONS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we present some new inequalities in convex polygons.

Theorem 1.

If $A_1A_2 \dots A_n, n \geq 3$ is a regular polygon, M a point on incircle and N a point on circumcircle of the polygon, then:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{MA_k^4}{NA_k^2} \geq \frac{1}{4} \left(3 + \cos \frac{2\pi}{n} \right) \sum_{k=1}^n MA_k^2$$

Proof. Let O be the center of the polygon and xOy be the system of coordinates with $[Ox] = [OA_n]$. WLOG we assume that the circumradius is $R = 1$.

We have $A_k(\cos \frac{2k\pi}{n}, \sin \frac{2k\pi}{n}), k = \overline{1, n}$. Let t and u be the arguments of the affixes of the points M and N . We have that in radius is $r = \cos \frac{\pi}{n}$, so $M(\cos \frac{\pi}{n} \cos t, \cos \frac{\pi}{n} \sin t)$. Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^n MA_k^2 &= \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\cos \frac{\pi}{n} \cos t - \cos \frac{2k\pi}{n} \right)^2 + \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\cos \frac{\pi}{n} \sin t - \sin \frac{2k\pi}{n} \right)^2 = \\ (1) \quad &= n \cos^2 \frac{\pi}{n} + n - 2 \cos \frac{\pi}{n} \cos t \sum_{k=1}^n \cos \frac{2k\pi}{n} - 2 \cos \frac{\pi}{n} \sin t \sum_{k=1}^n \sin \frac{2k\pi}{n} = n \left(1 + \cos^2 \frac{\pi}{n} \right) \end{aligned}$$

In (1) we use the fact that the affixes $\varepsilon_k = \cos \frac{2k\pi}{n} + i \sin \frac{2k\pi}{n}, k = \overline{1, n}$ of the points A_k are the roots of the equation $x^n - 1 = 0$, so that $\sum_{k=1}^n \varepsilon_k = 0$, from where we deduce that:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \cos \frac{2k\pi}{n} + i \sum_{k=1}^n \sin \frac{2k\pi}{n} = 0$$

Also, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^n NA_k^2 &= \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\cos u - \cos \frac{2k\pi}{n} \right)^2 + \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\sin u - \sin \frac{2k\pi}{n} \right)^2 = \\ (2) \quad &= n + n - 2 \cos u \sum_{k=1}^n \cos \frac{2k\pi}{n} - 2 \sin u \sum_{k=1}^n \sin \frac{2k\pi}{n} = 2n \end{aligned}$$

By (1) and (2) we deduce that:

$$(3) \quad \sum_{k=1}^n MA_k^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \cos^2 \frac{\pi}{n} \right) \sum_{k=1}^n NA_k^2 = \frac{1}{4} \left(3 + \cos \frac{2\pi}{n} \right) \sum_{k=1}^n NA_k^2$$

By (3) and by Bergström's inequality we have:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{MA_k^4}{NA_k^2} \geq \frac{(\sum_{k=1}^n MA_k^2)^2}{\sum_{k=1}^n NA_k^2} = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n MA_k^2}{\sum_{k=1}^n NA_k^2} \sum_{k=1}^n MA_k^2 = \frac{1}{4} \left(3 + \cos \frac{2\pi}{n}\right) \sum_{k=1}^n MA_k^2$$

and we are done. \square

Theorem 2.

If $A_1 A_2 \dots A_n, n \geq 3$ is a regular polygon, M a point on incircle and N a point on circumcircle of the polygon, then:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{MA_k^4}{NA_k^2} \geq \frac{1}{16} \left(3 + \cos \frac{2\pi}{n}\right)^2 \sum_{k=1}^n NA_k^2$$

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and we are done. \square

Theorem 3.

If $A_1A_2\dots A_n, n \geq 3$ is a convex polygon inscribed in the circle $C(O, R)$ and circumscribed in the circle $C(I, r)$ such that $O \in IntA_1A_2\dots A_n$. If s is the semiperimeter of the given polygon, then $2sr \leq nR^2$.

Proof. We have that:

$$\Delta_k = \text{area}(OA_kA_{k+1}) = \frac{OA_k \cdot OA_{k+1}}{2} \sin A_k OA_{k+1} \leq \frac{OA_k \cdot OA_{k+1}}{2}, k = \overline{1, n}.$$

$$\text{Hence, } sr = \Delta = \sum_{k=1}^n \Delta_k \leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^n OA_k \cdot OA_{k+1} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot n \cdot R^2 \Leftrightarrow 2sr \leq nR^2$$

and the proof is complete. \square

Theorem 4.

If $A_1A_2\dots A_n, n \geq 3$ be a convex polygon circumscribed to circle $C(I, r)$ and $M \in IntA_1A_2\dots A_n$. If r_k are the inradius of the triangles MA_kA_{k+1} , $k = \overline{1, n}$, $A_{n+1} = A_1$ then $\sum_{k=1}^n r_k > r$.

Proof. We denote by Δ the area of the given polygon and by s the semiperimeter of the polygon. Denoting Δ_k the area of triangle MA_kA_{k+1} and s_k , the semiperimeter of triangle MA_kA_{k+1} $k = \overline{1, n}$. We have that:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n r_k = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\Delta_k}{s_k} > \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\Delta_k}{s} = \frac{1}{s} \sum_{k=1}^n \Delta_k = \frac{\Delta}{s} = \frac{s \cdot r}{s} = r,$$

and we are done. \square

Theorem 5.

If $A_1A_2\dots A_n (n \geq 3)$ be a convex polygon with the semiperimeter p which is circumscribed to circle $C(I, r)$, $M \in IntA_1A_2\dots A_n$ and r_k be the inradius of the triangle MA_kA_{k+1} , with the area $S_k (k = \overline{1, n}) A_{n+1} = A_1$ then $\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{r_k^2}{S_k} > \frac{r}{p}$

Proof. Let S be the area of the given polygon and p_k be the semiperimeter of triangle $MA_kA_{k+1} (k = \overline{1, n})$. By Bergström's inequality we have:

$$(1) \quad U_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{r_k^2}{S_k} \geq \frac{(\sum_{k=1}^n r_k)^2}{\sum_{k=1}^n S_k} = \frac{(\sum_{k=1}^n r_k)^2}{S}$$

Evidently we have $p_k < p, \forall k = \overline{1, n}$, so

$$(2) \quad r_1 + r_2 + \dots + r_n = \frac{S_1}{p_1} + \frac{S_2}{p_2} + \dots + \frac{S_n}{p_n} > \frac{S_1}{p} + \frac{S_2}{p} + \dots + \frac{S_n}{p} = \frac{S}{p} = \frac{rp}{p} = r$$

From (1) and (2) we obtain that $U_n > \frac{r^2}{S} = \frac{r^2}{pr} = \frac{r}{p}$, and we are done. \square

Theorem 6.

If $A_1A_2\dots A_n, n \geq 3$ be a convex n -gon with a_k the length of the side $[A_kA_{k+1}]$, $k = \overline{1, n}$, and s the semiperimeter of the polygon, then:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{a_k}{s - a_k} \right)^{m+1} \geq n \cdot \left(\frac{2}{n-2} \right)^{m+1}$$

Proof. By J. Radon's inequality we have:

$$(1) \quad U_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{a_k}{s-a_k} \right)^{m+1} \geq \frac{1}{n^m} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{a_k}{s-a_k} \right)^{m+1} = \frac{1}{n^m} \cdot S_n^{m+1}$$

where

$$S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{a_k}{s-a_k} = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{a_k - s + s}{s-a_k} = -n + s \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{s-a_k}$$

and by H. Bergström's inequality we deduce that:

$$(2) \quad S_n \geq -n + \frac{n^2 s}{s(n-2)} = -n + \frac{n^2}{n-2} = \frac{2n}{n-2}$$

By (1) and (2) we are done. \square

Theorem 7.

If $A_1 A_2 \dots A_n, n \geq 3$ is a convex polygon, and $M \in \text{Int}(A_1 A_2 \dots A_n)$, with $\text{pr}_{A_k A_{k+1}} M = T_k \in [A_k A_{k+1}]$, for any $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$, $A_{n+1} \equiv A_1$, then:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{A_k A_{k+1}}{M T_k} \geq 2n \tan \frac{\pi}{n}$$

Proof. We denote $\forall =$ for any and $k = \overline{1, n} \Leftrightarrow k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$. We first prove the Lemma. Let $A, B, A \neq B$ be points in plane and $M \notin AB, T = \text{pr}_{AB} M$, then:

$$\frac{AB}{MT} = \tan u + \tan v$$

where $u = \mu(\angle AMT), v = \mu(\angle TMB)$, are the measures in radians of angles $\angle AMT$ and $\angle TMB$.

Proof of the lemma. We have the cases:

- i) $T \in (AB)$. We have: $\tan u = \frac{AT}{MT}$ and $\tan v = \frac{BT}{MT}$, so $\tan u + \tan v = \frac{AB}{MT}$.
- ii) $T \equiv A$. We have $\tan u = \frac{AT}{MT} = \frac{AA}{MT} = 0$ and $\tan v = \frac{BT}{MT}$, so $\tan u + \tan v = \frac{AB}{MT}$.
- iii) $T \equiv B$. We have $\tan u = \frac{AB}{MT}$ and $\tan v = \frac{BT}{MT} = \frac{BB}{MT} = 0$, so $\tan u + \tan v = \frac{AB}{MT}$.

From lemma we have:

$\frac{A_k A_{k+1}}{M T_k} = \tan u_k + \tan v_k, \forall k = \overline{1, n}$, where $u_k = \mu(\angle A_k M T_k), v_k = \mu(\angle T_k M A_{k+1})$, $\forall k = \overline{1, n}$ and then

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{A_k A_{k+1}}{M T_k} = \sum_{k=1}^n (\tan u_k + \tan v_k)$$

Since the function $f : [0, \frac{\pi}{2}] \rightarrow [0, \infty), f(x) = \tan x$ is convex on $[0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ we can apply Jensen's inequality and we obtain that:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{A_k A_{k+1}}{M T_k} = \sum_{k=1}^n (\tan u_k + \tan v_k) \geq 2n \tan \left(\frac{1}{2n} \sum_{k=1}^n (u_k + v_k) \right)$$

Because $\sum_{k=1}^n (u_k + v_k) = 2\pi$ we deduce that

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{A_k A_{k+1}}{M T_k} \geq 2n \tan \frac{2\pi}{2n} = 2n \tan \frac{\pi}{n} \text{ and we are done.}$$

Observation 1. If $A_1A_2\dots A_n$ is circumscribed on the circle $C(I; r)$ and $M \equiv I$, we have $MT_k = r, \forall k = \overline{1, n}$, and the given inequality becomes:

$$(*) \quad \frac{1}{r} \sum_{k=1}^n A_k A_{k+1} = \frac{2s}{r} \geq 2n \tan \frac{\pi}{n} \Leftrightarrow s \geq nr \tan \frac{\pi}{n}$$

The inequality (*) is a generalization of Mitrinovic's inequality

$$(M) \quad s \geq 3r\sqrt{3}$$

Observation 2. If $A_1A_2A_3$ is a triangle, then the given inequality becomes:

$$(**) \quad \frac{A_1A_2}{MT_1} + \frac{A_2A_3}{MT_2} + \frac{A_3A_1}{MT_3} \geq 6 \tan \frac{\pi}{3} = 6\sqrt{3}$$

For $M \equiv I$, we obtain (M). □

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