

# THE EQUIVALENCE OF HADWIGER-FINSLER'S AND DOUCET'S TRIANGLE INEQUALITIES

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ABSTRACT. In this paper its presented a detailed proof for the equivalence of Hadwiger-Finsler's and Doucet's triangle inequalities.

## 1. NOTATIONS AND PRELIMINARIES:

For  $x, y, z > 0$ , denote:  $p = x + y + z, q = xy + yz + zx, t = xyz$ .  
For any triangle  $ABC$ , denote:  $a = BC, b = CA, c = AB$ —sides,  $s = \frac{a+b+c}{2}$ —semiperimeter,  $F$ —area,  $R$ —circumradii,  $r$ —inradii.  
We recall Voiculescu-Ravi's substitutions:

$$a = y + z, b = z + x, c = x + y; x, y, z > 0$$

It is clear that:

$$\begin{aligned} a + b &> c, b + c > a, c + a > b \\ s &= \frac{a + b + c}{2} = \frac{2(x + y + z)}{2} = x + y + z = p \\ s - a &= x, s - b = y, s - c = z \end{aligned}$$

By Heron's formula:

$$\begin{aligned} F &= \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} = \sqrt{xyz(x+y+z)} = \sqrt{pt} \\ R &= \frac{abc}{4F} = \frac{(x+y)(y+z)(z+x)}{4\sqrt{xyz(x+y+z)}} = \frac{pq-t}{4\sqrt{pt}} \\ r &= \frac{F}{s} = \frac{\sqrt{xyz(x+y+z)}}{x+y+z} = \sqrt{\frac{xyz}{x+y+z}} = \sqrt{\frac{t}{p}} \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 1.**

**In any triangle  $ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)$$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} 2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) &= 2\left(p^2 - 4 \cdot \frac{pq-t}{4\sqrt{pt}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{t}{p}} - \frac{t}{p}\right) = \\ &= 2\left(p^2 - \frac{pq-t}{p} - \frac{t}{p}\right) = 2\left(p^2 - q + \frac{t}{p} - \frac{t}{p}\right) = 2(p^2 - q) = \\ &= 2((x+y+z)^2 - (xy+yz+zx)) = 2(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + xy + yz + zx) = \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= x^2 + 2xy + y^2 + y^2 + 2yz + z^2 + z^2 + 2zx + x^2 = \\
&= (x + y)^2 + (y + z)^2 + (z + x)^2 = a^2 + b^2 + c^2.
\end{aligned}$$

□

**Lemma 2.**

**In any triangle  $ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

$$ab + bc + ca = s^2 + 4Rr + r^2$$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned}
s^2 + 4Rr + r^2 &= p^2 + 4 \cdot \frac{pq - t}{4\sqrt{pt}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{t}{p}} + \frac{t}{p} = \\
&= p^2 + \frac{pq - t}{p} + \frac{t}{p} = p^2 + q = (x + y + z)^2 + xy + yz + zx = \\
&= x^2 + xy + zx + zy + y^2 + yz + xy + xz + z^2 + zx + yz + yx = \\
&= x(x + y) + z(x + y) + y(y + z) + x(y + z) + z(z + x) + y(z + x) = \\
&= (x + y)(x + z) + (y + z)(y + x) + (z + x)(z + y) = ab + bc + ca.
\end{aligned}$$

□

**Doucet's inequality:**

$$s\sqrt{3} \leq 4R + r$$

*Proof.* With Voiculescu-Ravi's substitutions:

$$\begin{aligned}
(x + y + z)\sqrt{3} &\leq 4 \cdot \frac{(x + y)(y + z)(z + x)}{4\sqrt{xyz(x + y + z)}} + \sqrt{\frac{xyz}{x + y + z}} \\
p\sqrt{3} &\leq \frac{pq - t}{\sqrt{pt}} + \sqrt{\frac{t}{p}} \\
p\sqrt{3pt} &\leq pq - t + t \\
p\sqrt{3pt} \leq pq &\Leftrightarrow \sqrt{3pt} \leq q \Leftrightarrow 3pt \leq q^2 \\
(xy + yz + zx)^2 &\geq 3xyz(x + y + z) \\
x^2y^2 + y^2z^2 + z^2x^2 + 2xyz(x + y + z) &\geq 3xyz(x + y + z) \\
x^2y^2 + y^2z^2 + z^2x^2 &\geq xyz(x + y + z) \\
2x^2y^2 + 2y^2z^2 + 2z^2x^2 - 2x^2yz - 2xy^2z - 2xyz^2 &\geq 0 \\
x^2y^2 - 2xy \cdot yz + y^2z^2 + y^2z^2 - 2yz \cdot zx + z^2x^2 + z^2x^2 - 2zx \cdot xy + x^2y^2 &\geq 0 \\
(xy - yz)^2 + (yz - zx)^2 + (zx - xy)^2 &\geq 0
\end{aligned}$$

□

## 2. MAIN RESULT

The inequalities Hadwiger-Finsler and Doucet are equivalents.

*Proof.* We will write successively Hadwiger-Finsler's inequality using lemma 1 and lemma 2.

$$\begin{aligned}a^2 + b^2 + c^2 &\geq 4\sqrt{3}F + (a - b)^2 + (b - c)^2 + (c - a)^2 \\a^2 + b^2 + c^2 &\geq 4\sqrt{3}rs + 2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) - 2(ab + bc + ca) \\4\sqrt{3}rs + a^2 + b^2 + c^2 &\leq 2(ab + bc + ca) \\4\sqrt{3}rs + a^2 + b^2 + c^2 &\leq 2(ab + bc + ca) \\4\sqrt{3}rs + 2s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2 &\leq 2(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) \\4\sqrt{3}rs - 8Rr - 2r^2 &\leq 8Rr + 2r^2 \\4\sqrt{3}rs &\leq 16Rr + 4r^2 \\s\sqrt{3} &\leq 4R + r\end{aligned}$$

which it's Doucet's inequality. □

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