

# ROMANIAN MATHEMATICAL MAGAZINE

**In  $\Delta ABC$  holds:**

$$\sum_{cyc} a^3 = 6sR^2 \Rightarrow \prod_{cyc} (b^2 + c^2 - bc - a^2) = 0$$

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$$(b^2 + c^2 - bc - a^2) = b^2 + c^2 - a^2 - bc = 2bc \cos A - bc = bc(2 \cos A - 1)$$

(analog)

$$\therefore \prod_{cyc} bc(2 \cos A - 1)$$

$$= ab \cdot bc \cdot ca(2 \cos A - 1)(2 \cos B - 1)(2 \cos C - 1)$$

$$= a^2 b^2 c^2 \{-(1 - 2 \cos A)(1 - 2 \cos B)(1 - 2 \cos C)\}$$

$$= -a^2 b^2 c^2 \left[ \begin{matrix} 1 - 2(\cos A + \cos B + \cos C) + \\ + 4(\cos A \cos B + \cos B \cos C + \cos C \cos A) - \\ - 8 \cos A \cos B \cos C \end{matrix} \right]$$

$$= -a^2 b^2 c^2 \left[ 1 - 2 \left( 1 + \frac{r}{R} \right) + 4 \frac{s^2 + r^2 - 4R^2}{4R^2} - 8 \frac{s^2 - (2R + r)^2}{4R^2} \right]$$

$$= -\frac{a^2 b^2 c^2}{R^2} [R^2 - 2R^2 - 2Rr + s^2 + r^2 - 4R^2 - 2s^2 + 2(2R + r)^2]$$

$$= -\frac{a^2 b^2 c^2}{R^2} [-R^2 - 2Rr + s^2 + r^2 - 4R^2 - 2s^2 + 8R^2 + 8Rr + 2r^2]$$

$$= -\frac{a^2 b^2 c^2}{R^2} [3R^2 + 6Rr - s^2 + 3r^2] = 0$$

**Note:**  $\sum a^3 = 6sR^2$ ,  $\therefore 2s(s^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr) = 6sR^2$ ,  $\therefore 3R^2 + 6Rr + 3r^2 - s^2 = 0$

**Using the following relationships:**

$$\cos A + \cos B + \cos C = 1 + \frac{r}{R}, \quad \sum \cos A \cos B = \frac{s^2 + r^2 - 4R^2}{4R^2}$$

$$\prod \cos A = \frac{s^2 - (2R + r)^2}{4R^2}$$