

# ROMANIAN MATHEMATICAL MAGAZINE

In any  $\Delta ABC$ , the following relationships hold :

$$\sqrt{r_b r_c} \left( \frac{1}{m_b} + \frac{1}{m_c} \right) \leq \csc \frac{A}{2} \text{ and } \left( \sqrt{\frac{b}{c}} + \sqrt{\frac{c}{b}} \right) \left( \frac{1}{m_b} + \frac{1}{m_c} \right) \leq 2 \left( \frac{1}{h_b} + \frac{1}{h_c} \right)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{r_b r_c} \left( \frac{1}{m_b} + \frac{1}{m_c} \right) &\stackrel{\text{Lascu} + \text{A-G}}{\leq} \sqrt{s(s-a)} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{s(s-b)}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{s(s-c)}} \right) \stackrel{?}{\leq} \csc \frac{A}{2} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \sqrt{\frac{s-a}{s-b}} + \sqrt{\frac{s-a}{s-c}} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{\sqrt{bc}}{\sqrt{(s-b)(s-c)}} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \sqrt{(s-a)(s-c)} + \sqrt{(s-a)(s-b)} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \sqrt{bc} \Leftrightarrow \sqrt{xz} + \sqrt{xy} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \sqrt{(z+x)(x+y)} \\ &\text{(where } s-a=x, s-b=y, s-c=z \Rightarrow s=x+y+z \Rightarrow a=y+z, b=z+x, c=x+y) \\ &\text{Now, } (z+x)(x+y) \stackrel{\text{Reverse CBS}}{\geq} (\sqrt{xz} + \sqrt{xy})^2 \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true} \\ \therefore \sqrt{r_b r_c} \left( \frac{1}{m_b} + \frac{1}{m_c} \right) &\leq \csc \frac{A}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{m_b} + \frac{1}{m_c} \leq \frac{\sqrt{bc}}{\sqrt{(s-b)(s-c)} \cdot \sqrt{s(s-a)}} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{m_b} + \frac{1}{m_c} \leq \frac{\sqrt{bc}}{F} \rightarrow (1) \\ \text{Now, } \left( \sqrt{\frac{b}{c}} + \sqrt{\frac{c}{b}} \right) \left( \frac{1}{m_b} + \frac{1}{m_c} \right) &\leq 2 \left( \frac{1}{h_b} + \frac{1}{h_c} \right) \Leftrightarrow \left( \frac{b+c}{\sqrt{bc}} \right) \left( \frac{1}{m_b} + \frac{1}{m_c} \right) \leq 2 \cdot \frac{b+c}{2F} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{m_b} + \frac{1}{m_c} \leq \frac{\sqrt{bc}}{F} \rightarrow \text{true via (1)} \therefore \left( \sqrt{\frac{b}{c}} + \sqrt{\frac{c}{b}} \right) \left( \frac{1}{m_b} + \frac{1}{m_c} \right) \leq 2 \left( \frac{1}{h_b} + \frac{1}{h_c} \right) \\ \therefore \sqrt{r_b r_c} \left( \frac{1}{m_b} + \frac{1}{m_c} \right) &\leq \csc \frac{A}{2} \text{ and } \left( \sqrt{\frac{b}{c}} + \sqrt{\frac{c}{b}} \right) \left( \frac{1}{m_b} + \frac{1}{m_c} \right) \leq 2 \left( \frac{1}{h_b} + \frac{1}{h_c} \right), \\ &'' = '' \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$

**Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco**

By Tereshin and CBS inequalities, we have

$$\sqrt{m_b m_c} \geq \sqrt{\frac{(c^2 + a^2)(a^2 + b^2)}{4R \cdot 4R}} \geq \frac{ac + ab}{4R} = \frac{abc}{4R} \left( \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right) = F \left( \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right).$$

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We know that  $m_a, m_b, m_c$  can be the sides of a triangle with area  $F'$   
 $= \frac{3F}{4}$  and medians  $m'_a = \frac{3a}{4}$

$m'_b = \frac{3b}{4}, m'_c = \frac{3c}{4}$ . By using the last inequality in this triangle, we have

$$\sqrt{m'_b m'_c} \geq F' \left( \frac{1}{m_b} + \frac{1}{m_c} \right) \Rightarrow \frac{1}{m_b} + \frac{1}{m_c} \leq \frac{\sqrt{bc}}{F}.$$

Using this result, we have

$$\sqrt{r_b r_c} \left( \frac{1}{m_b} + \frac{1}{m_c} \right) \leq \sqrt{\frac{F^2}{(s-b)(s-b)}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{bc}}{F} = \csc \frac{A}{2},$$

$$\left( \sqrt{\frac{b}{c}} + \sqrt{\frac{c}{b}} \right) \left( \frac{1}{m_b} + \frac{1}{m_c} \right) \leq \frac{b+c}{\sqrt{bc}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{bc}}{F} = 2 \left( \frac{1}{h_b} + \frac{1}{h_c} \right),$$

as desired. Equality holds iff  $\triangle ABC$  is equilateral.