

# ROMANIAN MATHEMATICAL MAGAZINE

**In any  $\Delta ABC$ , the following relationship holds :**

$$\frac{12r}{R} \leq \sum_{cyc} \left( \left( \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{b} \right) (\cos B + \cos C) \right) \leq \frac{3R}{r}$$

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Proof (1)

$$\begin{aligned} \cos B + \cos C &= \frac{c^2 + a^2 - b^2}{2ca} + \frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2ab} = \frac{bc^2 + a^2b - b^3 + ca^2 + b^2c - c^3}{2abc} \\ &= \frac{bc(b+c) + a^2(b+c) - (b+c)(b^2 - bc + c^2)}{2abc} = \frac{(b+c)(a^2 - (b-c)^2)}{2abc} \\ &= \frac{(b+c)(4(s-b)(s-c)(s-a))}{2abc(s-a)} = \frac{2r^2s}{abc} \cdot \frac{b+c}{s-a} \Rightarrow \left( \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{b} \right) (\cos B + \cos C) \\ &= \left( \frac{b^2 + c^2}{bc} \right) \cdot \frac{2r^2s}{abc} \cdot \frac{b+c}{s-a} = \frac{2r^2s}{16R^2r^2s^2} \cdot \sum_{cyc} \frac{a(b+c)(b^2+c^2)}{s-a} \\ &= \frac{1}{8R^2s} \cdot \sum_{cyc} \frac{a(s+s-a)(b^2+c^2)}{s-a} = \frac{1}{8R^2s} \cdot \left( \sum_{cyc} \frac{as(b^2+c^2)}{s-a} + \sum_{cyc} a(b^2+c^2) \right) \\ &\stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\leq} \frac{1}{8R^2s} \cdot \left( \frac{s}{3} \left( \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{s-a} \right) \sum_{cyc} (b^2+c^2) + \sum_{cyc} ab(2s-c) \right) \\ &\quad \because \text{WLOG assuming } a \geq b \geq c \\ &\quad \left( \Rightarrow \frac{a}{s-a} \geq \frac{b}{s-b} \geq \frac{c}{s-c} \text{ and } b^2+c^2 \leq c^2+a^2 \leq a^2+b^2 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{8R^2s} \cdot \left( \frac{2s}{3} \left( \sum_{cyc} \frac{(a-s)+s}{s-a} \right) \left( \sum_{cyc} a^2 \right) + 2s(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) - 12Rrs \right) \\ &\stackrel{\text{Leibnitz}}{\leq} \frac{1}{8R^2s} \cdot \left( \frac{2s}{3} \left( -3 + \frac{s(4Rr+r^2)}{r^2s} \right) (9R^2) + 2s(s^2 - 2Rr + r^2) \right) \\ &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} \frac{1}{8R^2s} \cdot \left( \frac{2s(4R-2r) \cdot 9R^2}{3r} + 2s(4R^2 + 2Rr + 4r^2) \right) \\ &= \frac{9R^2(2R-r) + 3r(2R^2 + Rr + 2r^2)}{6R^2r} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{3R}{r} \\ &\Leftrightarrow 3r(R^2 - Rr - 2r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow 3r(R+r)(R-2r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because R \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2r \\ &\quad \therefore \sum_{cyc} \left( \left( \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{b} \right) (\cos B + \cos C) \right) \leq \frac{3R}{r} \\ &\text{Again, } \sum_{cyc} \left( \left( \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{b} \right) (\cos B + \cos C) \right)^{A-G} \geq \sum_{cyc} (2(\cos B + \cos C)) \\ &\quad \left( \because \cos B + \cos C = \frac{(b+c)(4(s-b)(s-c))}{2abc} > 0 \text{ and analogs} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 4 \left(1 + \frac{r}{R}\right) \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 4 \left(\frac{2r}{R} + \frac{r}{R}\right) \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \left(\frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{b}\right) (\cos B + \cos C) \right) \geq \frac{12r}{R} \\
 &\therefore \frac{12r}{R} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \left(\frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{b}\right) (\cos B + \cos C) \right) \leq \frac{3R}{r} \\
 &\forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}
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### Proof (2)

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \left(\frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{b}\right) (\cos B + \cos C) \right) \stackrel{\text{Bandila}}{\leq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \left(\frac{R}{r}\right) (\cos B + \cos C) \right) \\
 &\left( \because \cos B + \cos C = \frac{(b+c)(4(s-b)(s-c))}{2abc} > 0 \right) = \frac{2R}{r} \left(1 + \frac{r}{R}\right) \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} \frac{2R}{r} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \\
 &\qquad\qquad\qquad = \frac{3R}{r} \\
 &\text{Again, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \left(\frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{b}\right) (\cos B + \cos C) \right) \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\geq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} (2(\cos B + \cos C)) \\
 &\left( \because \cos B + \cos C = \frac{(b+c)(4(s-b)(s-c))}{2abc} > 0 \text{ and analogs} \right) \\
 &= 4 \left(1 + \frac{r}{R}\right) \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 4 \left(\frac{2r}{R} + \frac{r}{R}\right) = \frac{12r}{R} \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \left(\frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{b}\right) (\cos B + \cos C) \right) \geq \frac{12r}{R} \\
 &\therefore \frac{12r}{R} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \left(\frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{b}\right) (\cos B + \cos C) \right) \leq \frac{3R}{r} \\
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