

ROMANIAN MATHEMATICAL MAGAZINE

In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{18R^2}{s} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^3}{s(s-a)} \leq \frac{8(2R^3 - 7r^3)}{sr}$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^3}{s(s-a)} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(s - (s-a))^3}{s(s-a)} = \\ &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{s^3 - (s-a)^3 - 3s^2(s-a) + 3s(s-a)^2}{s(s-a)} = \\ &= \frac{s^2(4Rr + r^2)}{r^2s} - \frac{1}{s} \cdot \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} (s-a) \right)^2 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} (s-b)(s-c) \right) - 9s + 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} (s-a) \\ &= \frac{s(4R+r)}{r} - s + \frac{2(4Rr+r^2)}{s} - 6s \\ \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^3}{s(s-a)} &= \frac{s^2(4R-6r) + r^2(8R+2r)}{rs} \rightarrow \textcircled{1} \end{aligned}$$

Via $\textcircled{1}$ and Gerretsen,
$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^3}{s(s-a)} \leq \frac{(4R-6r)(4R^2+4Rr+3r^2) + r^2(8R+2r)}{rs}$$

$$\stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{8(2R^3 - 7r^3)}{sr} \Leftrightarrow 4r(2R^2 + Rr - 10r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow 4r(R-2r)(2R+5r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\rightarrow \text{true via Euler} \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^3}{s(s-a)} \leq \frac{8(2R^3 - 7r^3)}{sr}$$

Via $\textcircled{1}$ and Gerretsen,
$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^3}{s(s-a)} \geq \frac{(4R-6r)(16Rr-5r^2) + r^2(8R+2r)}{rs}$$

$$\stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{18R^2}{s} \Leftrightarrow 23R^2 - 54Rr + 16r^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow (R-2r)(23R-8r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true via Euler}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^3}{s(s-a)} \geq \frac{18R^2}{s} \text{ and so, } \frac{18R^2}{s} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^3}{s(s-a)} \leq \frac{8(2R^3 - 7r^3)}{sr}$$

$\forall \Delta ABC, "=" \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$