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JP.532 In any ΔABC , I – incenter, r – radii, R – circumradii, s – semiperimeter, the following relationship holds:

$$AI + BI + CI \leq 2(R + r)$$

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Solution 1 by proposer

Firstly, we prove that

$$\frac{AI^2}{bc} + \frac{BI^2}{ca} + \frac{CI^2}{ab} = 1 \quad (1)$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{AI^2}{bc} = \frac{1}{abc} \cdot \sum_{cyc} aAI^2 = \frac{1}{abc} \sum_{cyc} a \cdot \frac{r^2}{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2}} = \frac{r^2}{abc} \cdot \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2}}$$

But, it is well-known that in any triangle ABC holds:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2}} = \frac{4Rs}{r}$$

Hence,

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{AI^2}{bc} = \frac{4Rrs}{abc} = \frac{4RF}{abc} = 1 \Rightarrow (1) \text{ is true.}$$

Now, using Cauchy-Schwarz's inequality, we have:

$$\left(\frac{AI^2}{bc} + \frac{BI^2}{ca} + \frac{CI^2}{ab} \right) (ab + bc + ca) \geq (AI + BI + CI)^2 \quad (2)$$

From (1) and (2), it follows that

$$(AI + BI + CI)^2 \leq (ab + bc + ca) \quad (3)$$

$$\text{But, } ab + bc + ca = s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr \quad (4)$$

From (3) and (4) we get: $(AI + BI + CI)^2 \leq s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr$ (5) and

$$s^2 \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 \text{ (Gerretsen) } (6)$$

From (5) and (6), it follows that:

$$(AI + BI + CI)^2 \leq 4R^2 + 8Rr + 4r^2 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(AI + BI + CI)^2 \leq 4R^2 + 8Rr + 4r^2 \Leftrightarrow AI + BI + CI \leq 2(R + r)$$

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Solution 2 by Tapas Das-India

$$\begin{aligned}
 AI + BI + CI &= r \csc \frac{A}{2} + r \csc \frac{B}{2} + r \csc \frac{C}{2} = \\
 &= r \sqrt{\frac{bc}{(s-b)(s-c)}} + r \sqrt{\frac{ca}{(s-c)(s-a)}} + r \sqrt{\frac{ab}{(s-a)(s-b)}} \\
 &\stackrel{CBS}{\leq} r \sqrt{\left(\sum bc\right) \cdot \sum \frac{1}{(s-b)(s-c)}} \\
 &= r \sqrt{(s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr) \cdot \frac{s}{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}} \\
 &\stackrel{Gerretsen's}{\leq} r \sqrt{(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 + r^2 + 4Rr) \frac{1}{r^2}} = \sqrt{4(R^2 + 2Rr + r^2)} = 2(R + r)
 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 3 by Marin Chirciu – Romania

$$\begin{aligned}
 LHS &= \sum AI = \sum \frac{r}{\sin \frac{A}{2}} \stackrel{(1)}{\leq} r \cdot 2 \left(\frac{R}{r} + 1\right) = 2(R + r) = RHS, \\
 \text{where (1)} &\Leftrightarrow \sum \frac{1}{\sin \frac{A}{2}} \leq 2 \left(\frac{R}{r} + 1\right), \text{ which follows from:} \\
 \sum \frac{1}{\sin \frac{A}{2}} &= \sum \frac{1}{\frac{\sqrt{(s-b)(s-c)}}{bc}} = \sum \frac{\sqrt{bc}}{\sqrt{(s-b)(s-c)}} \stackrel{CBS}{\leq} \\
 &\stackrel{CBS}{\leq} \sqrt{\sum bc \sum \frac{1}{(s-b)(s-c)}} = \\
 &= \sqrt{(s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr) \frac{1}{r^2}} = \frac{1}{r} \sqrt{s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr} \stackrel{Gerretsen}{\leq} \\
 &\stackrel{Gerretsen}{\leq} \frac{1}{r} \sqrt{4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 + r^2 + 4Rr} = \\
 &= \frac{1}{r} \sqrt{4R^2 + 8Rr + 4r^2} = \frac{2}{r} \sqrt{R^2 + 2Rr + r^2} = \frac{2}{r} (R + r) = 2 \left(\frac{R}{r} + 1\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.