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JP.537 Find the angles of a triangle ABC if

$$\frac{\sin A + 2 \sin B}{\sqrt{\sin^2 B + \sin^2 C + 2 \cos A \sin B \sin C}} + 1 = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2 \sin C}$$

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Solution 1 by proposer

$h_a = 2R \sin B \sin C$, $h_b = 2R \sin A \sin C$ so we can write

$$\frac{h_b + 2h_a}{\sqrt{b^2 + c^2 + 2bc \cos A}} + \sin C = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{h_b + 2h_a}{2m_a} + \sin C = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{F}{bm_a} + \frac{2F}{am_a} + \sin C = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \text{ where } F \text{ is the area of } ABC$$

Let $M \in BC$ such as $BM = MC$ then

$$\frac{F}{bm_a} = \sin(\widehat{MAC}), \frac{2F}{am_a} = \sin(\widehat{AMC})$$

Now we can write

$$\sin(\widehat{MAC}) + \sin(\widehat{AMC}) + \sin C = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}. \text{ From here we obtain that } C = \frac{\pi}{3} \text{ and } AM = \frac{BC}{2}.$$

But if

$$AM = MC \text{ then } A = \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

$$\text{So, } A = \frac{\pi}{2}, B = \frac{\pi}{c}, C = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

Solution 2 by Marin Chirciu – Romania

In ΔABC non-obtuse we have $\cos A \geq 0$, with equality for $A = 90^\circ$

$$\begin{aligned} \sin^2 B + \sin^2 C + 2 \cos A \sin B \sin C &\geq \sin^2 B + \sin^2 C + 2 \cdot 0 \cdot \sin B \sin C = \\ &= \sin^2 B + \sin^2 C \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{For } A = 90^\circ \Rightarrow B + C = 90^\circ \Rightarrow \sin^2 B + \sin^2 C = 1$$

We obtain:

$$LHS = \frac{\sin A + 2 \sin B}{\sqrt{\sin^2 B + \sin^2 C + 2 \cos A \sin B \sin C}} + 1 \leq \frac{\sin A + 2 \sin B}{\sqrt{1 + 2 \cdot 0}} + 1 =$$

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$$= \frac{1 + 2 \sin B}{1} + 1 = 2 \sin B + 2$$

We have $LHS \leq \sin B + 2$

From $RHS = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2 \sin C} = LHS \geq 2 \sin B + 2 \Rightarrow \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2 \sin C} \geq 2 \sin B + 2$, with equality for

$$\sin B = \frac{1}{2} \text{ and } \sin C = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \Rightarrow B = 30^\circ \text{ and } C = 60^\circ$$

We deduce that $A = 90^\circ$, $B = 30^\circ$ and $c = 60^\circ$.