

# ROMANIAN MATHEMATICAL MAGAZINE

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

$$\frac{r_a^3 + r_b^3 + r_c^3}{r_a r_b r_c} + 5 \geq \frac{4R}{r}$$

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**Solution 1 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{4R}{r} &= \frac{4R + r - \frac{rs^2}{s^2}}{\frac{rs^2}{s^2}} = \frac{\sum_{cyc} r_a - \frac{r_a r_b r_c}{\sum_{cyc} r_a r_b}}{\frac{r_a r_b r_c}{\sum_{cyc} r_a r_b}} = \frac{(\sum_{cyc} x)(\sum_{cyc} xy) - xyz}{xyz} \\ (x = r_a, y = r_b, z = r_c) &\stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{r_a^3 + r_b^3 + r_c^3}{r_a r_b r_c} + 5 = \frac{\sum_{cyc} x^3 + 5xyz}{xyz} \\ \Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} x^3 + 5xyz &\stackrel{?}{\geq} \left(\sum_{cyc} x\right) \left(\sum_{cyc} xy\right) - xyz = \sum_{cyc} x^2 y + \sum_{cyc} xy^2 + 2xyz \\ \Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} x^3 + 3xyz &\stackrel{?}{\geq} \sum_{cyc} x^2 y + \sum_{cyc} xy^2 \rightarrow \text{true via Schur} \\ \therefore \frac{r_a^3 + r_b^3 + r_c^3}{r_a r_b r_c} + 5 &\geq \frac{4R}{r} \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$

**Solution 2 by Tapas Das-India**

$$\sum r_a^3 = \left(\sum r_a\right)^3 - 3\left[\left(\sum r_a\right)\left(\sum r_a r_b\right) - \prod r_a\right] = (4R + r)^3 - 12s^2 R.$$

$$\text{Now } \frac{\sum r_a^3}{r_a r_b r_c} + 5 = \frac{(4R + r)^3 - 12s^2 R}{s^2 r} + 5 \stackrel{\text{Gerrestn}}{\geq} \frac{(4R + r)^3}{(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)r} - \frac{12R}{r} + 5,$$

*we need to show*

$$\frac{(4R + r)^3}{(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)r} - \frac{12R}{r} + 5 \geq \frac{4R}{r} \text{ or } \frac{(4R + r)^3}{(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)r} + 5 \geq \frac{16R}{r}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{(4x + 1)^3}{4x^2 + 4x + 3} + 5 \geq 16x \left( \text{where } \frac{R}{r} = x \geq 2 \text{ Euler} \right) \text{ or}$$

$$4x^2 - 16x + 16 \geq 0 \text{ or } (2x - 4)^2 \geq 0 \text{ True}$$