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

$$\frac{a^2 + bc}{b + c} + \frac{b^2 + ca}{c + a} + \frac{c^2 + ab}{a + b} \geq 2s$$

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**Solution 1 by Rovsen Pirguliyev-Azerbaijan**

$$\frac{a^2+bc}{b+c} + \frac{b^2+ca}{c+a} + \frac{c^2+ab}{a+b} \geq 2s \quad (*)$$

To prove that :

$$\frac{a^2+bc}{b+c} + \frac{b^2+ca}{c+a} + \frac{c^2+ab}{a+b} \geq a + b + c \quad (1)$$

$$\left(\frac{a^2 + bc}{b + c} - a\right) + \left(\frac{b^2 + ca}{c + a} - b\right) + \left(\frac{c^2 + ab}{a + b} - c\right) \geq 0$$

$$\frac{a^2 + bc - ab - ca}{b + c} + \frac{b^2 + ca - bc - ab}{c + a} + \frac{c^2 + ab - ac - bc}{a + b} \geq 0$$

$$\text{or } (a - b) \cdot \left(\frac{a-c}{b+c} - \frac{b-c}{c+a}\right) + (b - c) \cdot \left(\frac{b-a}{c+a} - \frac{c-a}{a+b}\right) + (c - a) \cdot \left(\frac{c-b}{a+b} - \frac{a-b}{b+c}\right) \geq 0 \text{ or}$$

$$(a - b)^2 \cdot \frac{a + b}{(b + c)(c + a)} + (b - c)^2 \cdot \frac{b + c}{(c + a)(a + b)} + \frac{(c - a)^2 \cdot (c + a)}{(a + b)(b + c)} \geq 0$$

$$a + b + c = 2s \text{ then true } (*)$$

**Solution 2 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India**

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b + \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab^2 &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( ab \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a - c \right) \right) = \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) - 3abc \\ &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b + \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab^2 \rightarrow (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{a^2 + bc}{b + c} + \frac{b^2 + ca}{c + a} + \frac{c^2 + ab}{a + b} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^4}{a^2b + a^2c} + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b^2c^2}{b^2c + bc^2} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq}$$

$$\frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2)^2}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b + \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab^2} + \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab)^2}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b + \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab^2} \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\geq} \frac{2(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2)(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab)}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b + \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab^2}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{via (1)}}{=} \frac{2(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2)(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab)}{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab) - 3abc} = \frac{4(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)}{2s(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) - 12Rrs}$$

$$= \frac{2(s^4 - (4Rr + r^2)^2)}{s(s^2 - 2Rr + r^2)} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2s \Leftrightarrow s^4 - (4Rr + r^2)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} s^4 - s^2(2Rr - r^2)$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow (2R - r)s^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} r(4R + r)^2 \quad (*)$$

Now,  $(2R - r)s^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (2R - r)(16Rr - 5r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} r(4R + r)^2$

$$\Leftrightarrow 8R^2 - 17Rr + 2r^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow (8R - r)(R - 2r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true via Euler} \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true}$$

$$\therefore \frac{a^2 + bc}{b + c} + \frac{b^2 + ca}{c + a} + \frac{c^2 + ab}{a + b} \geq 2s \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$$

**Solution 3 by Șerban George Florin-Romania**

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2 + bc}{b + c} \geq 2s, \sum_{cyc} \left( \frac{a^2 + bc}{b + c} + a \right) \geq 2s + \sum_{cyc} a,$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2 + bc + ab + ac}{b + c} \geq 2 \sum_{cyc} a,$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{(a + b)(a + c)}{b + c} \geq 2 \sum_{cyc} a, a + b = z, b + c = x, a + c = y,$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{yz}{x} \geq \sum_{cyc} x,$$

$$\sum_{cyc} x = p, \sum_{cyc} xy = q, r = \prod_{cyc} x, \sum_{cyc} \frac{yz}{x} = \frac{1}{xyz} \sum_{cyc} (yz)^2 \geq \sum_{cyc} x,$$

$$\frac{q^2 - 2pr}{r} \geq p, q^2 - 2pr \geq pr,$$

$q^2 \geq 3pr$ , true, Schur inequality. Then :

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2 + bc}{b + c} \geq 2s$$

equality is if  $a = b = c$ .