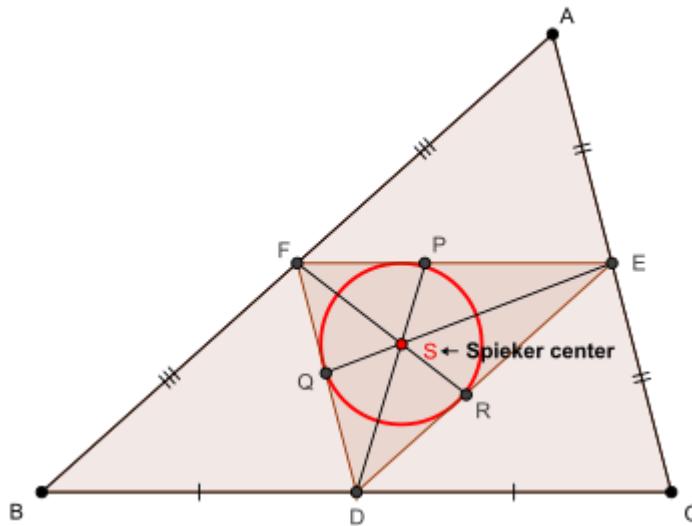


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**In any  $\Delta ABC$  with  $p_a, p_b, p_c$   
 → Spieker cevians, the following relationship holds :  
 $(3p_a + w_a) \cdot AI + (3p_b + w_b) \cdot BI + (3p_c + w_c) \cdot CI \geq 2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)$**

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Let AS produced meet BC at X and  $m(\angle BAX) = \alpha$  and  $m(\angle CAX) = \beta$  (say)  
 and inradius of  $\triangle DEF = r'$  (say)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } 16[\triangle DEF]^2 &= 2 \sum \left( \frac{a^2}{4} \right) \left( \frac{b^2}{4} \right) - \sum \frac{a^4}{16} = \frac{1}{16} \left( 2 \sum a^2 b^2 - \sum a^4 \right) = \frac{16r^2 s^2}{16} \\ \Rightarrow [\triangle DEF] &= \frac{rs}{4} \Rightarrow r' \left( \frac{\frac{a}{2} + \frac{b}{2} + \frac{c}{2}}{2} \right) = \frac{rs}{4} \Rightarrow r' = \frac{r}{2} \rightarrow (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \because \text{Spieker center is incenter of } \triangle DEF, \therefore m(\angle AFS) &= B + \frac{C}{2} = \frac{2B + C}{2} = \frac{B + \pi - A}{2} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{A - B}{2} \text{ and } m(\angle AES) = C + \frac{B}{2} = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{A - C}{2} \rightarrow (2) \end{aligned}$$

Via (1), (2) and using cosine law on  $\triangle AFS$  and  $\triangle AES$ , we arrive at :

$$\begin{aligned} AS^2 &= \frac{r^2}{4\sin^2 \frac{C}{2}} + \frac{c^2}{4} - \left( \frac{2r}{2\sin \frac{C}{2}} \right) \left( \frac{c}{2} \right) \sin \frac{A - B}{2} \\ &= \frac{r^2}{4\sin^2 \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{b^2}{4} - \left( \frac{2r}{2\sin \frac{B}{2}} \right) \left( \frac{b}{2} \right) \sin \frac{A - C}{2} \\ \Rightarrow 2AS^2 &\stackrel{(i)}{=} \frac{r^2}{4\sin^2 \frac{C}{2}} + \frac{c^2}{4} - \left( \frac{2r}{2\sin \frac{C}{2}} \right) \left( \frac{c}{2} \right) \sin \frac{A - B}{2} + \frac{r^2}{4\sin^2 \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{b^2}{4} \end{aligned}$$

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$$-\left(\frac{2r}{2\sin\frac{B}{2}}\right)\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)\sin\frac{A-C}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } & \left(\frac{2r}{2\sin\frac{C}{2}}\right)\left(\frac{c}{2}\right)\sin\frac{A-B}{2} + \left(\frac{2r}{2\sin\frac{B}{2}}\right)\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)\sin\frac{A-C}{2} \\ &= \frac{r}{2} \left( 4R\cos\frac{C}{2}\sin\frac{A-B}{2} + 4R\cos\frac{B}{2}\sin\frac{A-C}{2} \right) \\ &= Rr \left( 2\sin\frac{A+B}{2}\sin\frac{A-B}{2} + 2\sin\frac{A+C}{2}\sin\frac{A-C}{2} \right) \\ &= Rr \left( 1 - 2\sin^2\frac{B}{2} + 1 - 2\sin^2\frac{C}{2} - 2 \left( 1 - 2\sin^2\frac{A}{2} \right) \right) \\ &= 2Rr \left( \frac{2a(s-b)(s-c) - b(s-c)(s-a) - c(s-a)(s-b)}{abc} \right) \\ &= \frac{Rr}{8Rrs} (2a^3 + (b+c)a^2 - 2a(b^2 + c^2) - (b+c)(b-c)^2) \\ &= \frac{4(b+c)bcs\sin^2\frac{A}{2} - 2a \cdot 2bcc\cos A}{8s} = \frac{bc \left( (2s-a)\sin^2\frac{A}{2} - a \left( 1 - 2\sin^2\frac{A}{2} \right) \right)}{2s} \\ &= \frac{bc \left( (2s+a)\sin^2\frac{A}{2} - a \right)}{2s} = \frac{(2s+a)(s-b)(s-c)}{2s} - 2Rr \\ &\Rightarrow -\left(\frac{2r}{2\sin\frac{C}{2}}\right)\left(\frac{c}{2}\right)\sin\frac{A-B}{2} - \left(\frac{2r}{2\sin\frac{B}{2}}\right)\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)\sin\frac{A-C}{2} \\ &\stackrel{(*)}{=} \frac{-(2s+a)(s-b)(s-c)}{2s} + 2Rr \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Again, } & \frac{r^2}{4\sin^2\frac{B}{2}} + \frac{r^2}{4\sin^2\frac{C}{2}} = \frac{r^2}{4} \left( \frac{ca}{(s-c)(s-a)} + \frac{ab}{(s-a)(s-b)} \right) \\ &= \frac{r^2}{4r^2s} (ca(s-b) + ab(s-c)) = \frac{ab+ca}{4} - 2Rr \stackrel{(**)}{=} \frac{r^2}{4\sin^2\frac{B}{2}} + \frac{r^2}{4\sin^2\frac{C}{2}} \\ &\stackrel{(i), (*), (**)}{\Rightarrow} 2AS^2 = \frac{b^2 + c^2 + ab + ca}{4} - \frac{(2s+a)(s-b)(s-c)}{2s} \\ &= \frac{(a+b+c)(b^2 + c^2 + ab + ca) - (2a+b+c)(c+a-b)(a+b-c)}{8s} \\ &= \frac{b^3 + c^3 - abc + a(2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2)}{4s} \stackrel{(ii)}{=} \frac{b^3 + c^3 - abc + a(4m_a^2)}{4s} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Via sine law on } \Delta AFS, & \frac{r}{2\sin\frac{C}{2}\sin\alpha} = \frac{AS}{\cos\frac{A-B}{2}} = \frac{4s}{(a+b)\sin\frac{C}{2}} \\ &\Rightarrow cs\sin\alpha \stackrel{(***)}{=} \frac{r(a+b)}{2AS} \text{ and via sine law on } \Delta AES, bs\sin\beta \stackrel{((***)}{=} \frac{r(a+c)}{2AS} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, } [BAX] + [BAX] = [ABC] \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}p_a cs\sin\alpha + \frac{1}{2}p_a bs\sin\beta = rs$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{via } (***) \text{ and } ((***) & \Rightarrow \frac{p_a(a+b+a+c)}{4AS} = s \Rightarrow p_a = \frac{4s}{2s+a} AS \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
& \Rightarrow p_a^2 \stackrel{\text{via (ii)}}{=} \frac{16s^2}{(2s+a)^2} \cdot \frac{b^3 + c^3 - abc + a(4m_a^2)}{8s} \\
& \quad \therefore \boxed{p_a^2 = \frac{2s}{(2s+a)^2} (b^3 + c^3 - abc + a(4m_a^2))} \\
& \text{Also, } p_a^2 - m_a^2 = \frac{2s}{(2s+a)^2} (b^3 + c^3 - abc + a(4m_a^2)) - m_a^2 \\
& = \frac{2s}{(2s+a)^2} (b^3 + c^3 - abc) - \left(1 - \frac{8sa}{(2s+a)^2}\right) m_a^2 \\
& = \frac{4(a+b+c)(b^3 + c^3 - abc) - (2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2)(b+c)^2}{4(2s+a)^2} \\
& = \frac{a^2(b-c)^2 + 4a(b+c)(b-c)^2 + 2(b^2 - c^2)^2}{4(2s+a)^2} \\
& = \frac{(b-c)^2 ((a^2 + 2a(b+c) + (b+c)^2) + ((b+c)^2 + 2a(b+c) + a^2) - a^2)}{4(2s+a)^2} \\
& = \frac{(b-c)^2 (2(a+b+c)^2 - a^2)}{4(2s+a)^2} = \frac{(b-c)^2 (8s^2 - a^2)}{4(2s+a)^2} \\
& \therefore p_a^2 - m_a^2 \stackrel{\text{■■}}{=} \frac{(b-c)^2 (8s^2 - a^2)}{4(2s+a)^2} \stackrel{s > a}{\geq} 0 \Rightarrow p_a \geq m_a \Rightarrow p_a w_a \geq m_a w_a \stackrel{\text{Lascu + A-G}}{\geq} \\
& s(s-a) \rightarrow (3) \text{ Also, } p_a^2 - m_a^2 \stackrel{\text{via (■■)}}{=} \frac{(b-c)^2 (8s^2 - a^2)}{4(2s+a)^2} \Rightarrow \\
& p_a^2 = s(s-a) + \frac{(b-c)^2}{4} + \frac{(b-c)^2 (8s^2 - a^2)}{4(2s+a)^2} = s(s-a) + \frac{(b-c)^2 (12s^2 + 4sa)}{4(2s+a)^2} \\
& \Rightarrow p_a^2 \stackrel{\text{■■■}}{=} s(s-a) + \frac{s(3s+a)(b-c)^2}{(2s+a)^2} \\
& \text{Now, } (3p_a + w_a)^2 = 9p_a^2 + w_a^2 + 6p_a w_a \stackrel{\text{via (■■■) and (3)}}{\geq} \\
& 9s(s-a) + \frac{9s(3s+a)(b-c)^2}{(2s+a)^2} + s(s-a) - \frac{s(s-a)(b-c)^2}{(2s-a)^2} + 6s(s-a) \\
& \stackrel{?}{\geq} 16m_a^2 = 16s(s-a) + 4(b-c)^2 \\
& \Leftrightarrow \frac{9s(3s+a)(b-c)^2}{(2s+a)^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{s(s-a)(b-c)^2}{(2s-a)^2} + 4(b-c)^2 \\
& \Leftrightarrow \frac{9s(3s+a)}{(2s+a)^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{s(s-a) + 4(2s-a)^2}{(2s-a)^2} (\because (b-c)^2 \geq 0) \\
& \Leftrightarrow 20t^4 - 36t^3 + 13t^2 + 5t - 2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \left(t = \frac{s}{a}\right) \\
& \Leftrightarrow (t-1) \left((t-1)(20t^2 + 4t + 1) + 3\right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true (strict)} \because t > 1 \\
& \therefore 3p_a + w_a \geq 4m_a \text{ and analogs} \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} ((3p_a + w_a) \cdot \text{AI}) \geq 4r \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \frac{m_a}{\sin \frac{A}{2}} \right) \\
& \stackrel{\text{Lascu + A-G}}{\geq} 4r \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \frac{\left(\frac{b+c}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}\right)}{\sin \frac{A}{2}} \right) = 2rs \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \frac{b+c}{r_a} \right) = \frac{2rs}{r_s^2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} ((b+c)s(s-a))
\end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} &= 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ((2s - a)(s - a)) = 2 \left( 2s \sum_{\text{cyc}} (s - a) - \left( s(2s) - \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \right) = 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \\ &\therefore (3p_a + w_a) \cdot AI + (3p_b + w_b) \cdot BI + (3p_c + w_c) \cdot CI \geq 2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) \\ &\forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$