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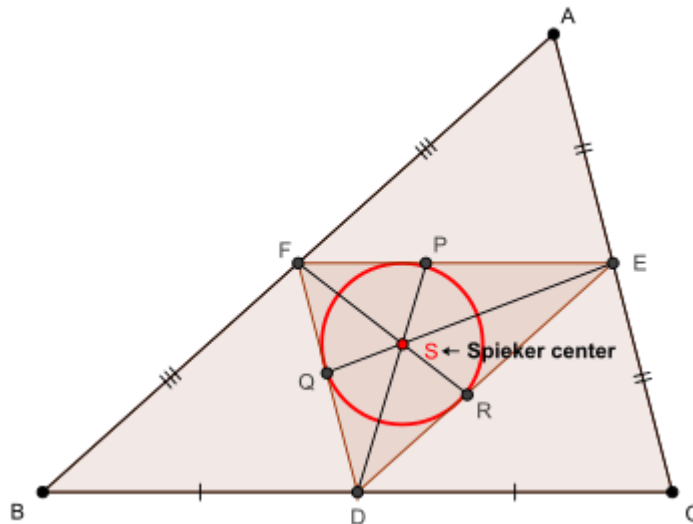
If p_a, p_b, p_c

→ Spieker cevians in $\triangle ABC$, then the following relationship holds :

$$3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ((h_b + h_c)(p_a - w_a)) \geq 4s(h_a + h_b + h_c - 9r)$$

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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)

$$\text{Now, } 16[DEF]^2 = 2 \sum \left(\frac{a^2}{4} \right) \left(\frac{b^2}{4} \right) - \sum \frac{a^4}{16} = \frac{1}{16} (2 \sum a^2 b^2 - \sum a^4) = \frac{16r^2 s^2}{16}$$

$$\Rightarrow [DEF] = \frac{rs}{4} \Rightarrow r' \left(\frac{\frac{a}{2} + \frac{b}{2} + \frac{c}{2}}{2} \right) = \frac{rs}{4} \Rightarrow r' = \frac{r}{2} \rightarrow (1)$$

∵ Spieker center is incenter of $\triangle DEF$, ∴ $m(\angle AFS) = B + \frac{C}{2} = \frac{2B + C}{2} = \frac{B + \pi - A}{2}$
 $= \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{A - B}{2}$ and $m(\angle AES) = C + \frac{B}{2} = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{A - C}{2} \rightarrow (2)$

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } & \left(\frac{2r}{2\sin\frac{C}{2}}\right)\left(\frac{c}{2}\right)\sin\frac{A-B}{2} + \left(\frac{2r}{2\sin\frac{B}{2}}\right)\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)\sin\frac{A-C}{2} \\ &= \frac{r}{2}\left(4R\cos\frac{C}{2}\sin\frac{A-B}{2} + 4R\cos\frac{B}{2}\sin\frac{A-C}{2}\right) \\ &= Rr\left(2\sin\frac{A+B}{2}\sin\frac{A-B}{2} + 2\sin\frac{A+C}{2}\sin\frac{A-C}{2}\right) \\ &= Rr\left(1 - 2\sin^2\frac{B}{2} + 1 - 2\sin^2\frac{C}{2} - 2\left(1 - 2\sin^2\frac{A}{2}\right)\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$= 2Rr\left(\frac{2a(s-b)(s-c) - b(s-c)(s-a) - c(s-a)(s-b)}{abc}\right)$$

$$= \frac{Rr}{8Rrs}(2a^3 + (b+c)a^2 - 2a(b^2+c^2) - (b+c)(b-c)^2)$$

$$= \frac{4(b+c)bc\sin^2\frac{A}{2} - 2a \cdot 2bcc\cos A}{8s} = \frac{bc\left((2s-a)\sin^2\frac{A}{2} - a\left(1 - 2\sin^2\frac{A}{2}\right)\right)}{2s}$$

$$= \frac{bc\left((2s+a)\sin^2\frac{A}{2} - a\right)}{2s} = \frac{(2s+a)(s-b)(s-c)}{2s} - 2Rr$$

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

$$\stackrel{(*)}{=} \frac{-(2s+a)(s-b)(s-c)}{2s} + 2Rr$$

$$\text{Again, } \frac{r^2}{4\sin^2\frac{B}{2}} + \frac{r^2}{4\sin^2\frac{C}{2}} = \frac{r^2}{4}\left(\frac{ca}{(s-c)(s-a)} + \frac{ab}{(s-a)(s-b)}\right)$$

$$= \frac{r^2}{4r^2s}(ca(s-b) + ab(s-c)) = \frac{ab+ca}{4} - 2Rr \stackrel{(**)}{=} \frac{r^2}{4\sin^2\frac{B}{2}} + \frac{r^2}{4\sin^2\frac{C}{2}}$$

$$(i), (*), (**)\Rightarrow 2AS^2 = \frac{b^2+c^2+ab+ca}{4} - \frac{(2s+a)(s-b)(s-c)}{2s}$$

$$= \frac{(a+b+c)(b^2+c^2+ab+ca) - (2a+b+c)(c+a-b)(a+b-c)}{4s}$$

$$= \frac{b^3+c^3-abc+a(2b^2+2c^2-a^2)}{4s} \stackrel{(ii)}{\Rightarrow} 2AS^2 = \frac{b^3+c^3-abc+a(4m_a^2)}{4s}$$

$$\text{Via sine law on } \triangle AFS, \frac{r}{2\sin\frac{C}{2}\sin\alpha} = \frac{AS}{\cos\frac{A-B}{2}} = \frac{4s}{(a+b)\sin\frac{C}{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow c\sin\alpha \stackrel{(***)}{=} \frac{r(a+b)}{2AS} \text{ and via sine law on } \triangle AES, b\sin\beta \stackrel{(***)}{=} \frac{r(a+c)}{2AS}$$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow p_a^2 \stackrel{\text{via (ii)}}{=} \frac{16s^2}{(2s+a)^2} \cdot \frac{b^3+c^3-abc+a(4m_a^2)}{8s}$$

$$\therefore p_a^2 \stackrel{(*)}{=} \frac{2s}{(2s+a)^2} (b^3+c^3-abc+a(4m_a^2))$$

$$\text{Now, } b^3+c^3-abc+a(4m_a^2) = b^3+c^3-abc+a(2b^2+2c^2-a^2)$$

$$= (b+c)(b^2-bc+c^2) + a(b^2-bc+c^2) + a(b^2+c^2-a^2)$$

$$= 2s(b^2-bc+c^2) + a(b^2-bc+c^2+bc-a^2)$$

$$= (2s+a)(b^2-bc+c^2) + a \left(\frac{(b+c)^2 - (b-c)^2}{4} - a^2 \right)$$

$$= (2s+a)(b^2-bc+c^2) + \frac{a(b+c+2a)(b+c-2a)}{4} - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4}$$

$$= (2s+a)(b^2-bc+c^2) + \frac{a(2s-a+2a)(b+c-2a)}{4} - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4}$$

$$= (2s+a) \cdot \frac{4b^2+4c^2-4bc+a(b+c-2a)}{4} - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4}$$

$$= (2s+a).$$

$$\frac{4(z+x)^2 + 4(x+y)^2 - 4(z+x)(x+y) + (y+z)((z+x) + (x+y) - 2(y+z))}{4}$$

$$- \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} \quad (a = y+z, b = z+x, c = x+y)$$

$$= (2s+a) \cdot \frac{4x(x+y+z) + 2x(y+z) + 3(y-z)^2}{4} - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4}$$

$$= (2s+a) \left(s(s-a) + \frac{3}{4}(b-c)^2 + \frac{a(s-a)}{2} \right) - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4}$$

$$= (2s+a) \left(s(s-a) + \frac{3}{4}(b-c)^2 + \frac{a(s-a)}{2} \right) - \frac{(a+2s-2s)(b-c)^2}{4}$$

$$= (2s+a) \left(s(s-a) + \frac{(b-c)^2}{2} + \frac{a(s-a)}{2} \right) + \frac{s(b-c)^2}{2}$$

$$\therefore b^3+c^3-abc+a(4m_a^2) \stackrel{(**)}{=} (2s+a) \left(\frac{(s-a)(2s+a)}{2} + \frac{(b-c)^2}{2} \right) + \frac{s(b-c)^2}{2}$$

$$\therefore (*), (**) \Rightarrow p_a^2 = \frac{2s}{(2s+a)^2} \left(\frac{(s-a)(2s+a)^2}{2} + \frac{(2s+a)(b-c)^2}{2} + \frac{s(b-c)^2}{2} \right)$$

$$= s(s-a) + (b-c)^2 \left(\left(\frac{s}{2s+a} \right)^2 + \frac{s}{2s+a} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4} \right)$$

$$= s(s-a) - \frac{(b-c)^2}{4} + (b-c)^2 \cdot \left(\frac{s}{2s+a} + \frac{1}{2} \right)^2$$

$$= s(s-a) + \frac{(b-c)^2}{4} \left(\frac{(4s+a)^2}{(2s+a)^2} - 1 \right)$$

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$$\Rightarrow p_a^2 \stackrel{(\dots)}{=} s(s-a) + \frac{s(3s+a)(b-c)^2}{(2s+a)^2}$$

$$\text{Now, } p_a \stackrel{?}{\geq} w_a + \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{(b-c)^2}{b+c} \stackrel{\text{via } (\dots)}{\Leftrightarrow} s(s-a) + \frac{s(3s+a)(b-c)^2}{(2s+a)^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} s(s-a)$$

$$- \frac{s(s-a)(b-c)^2}{(2s-a)^2} + \frac{4}{9} \cdot \frac{(b-c)^4}{(b+c)^2} + \frac{4w_a}{3} \cdot \frac{(b-c)^2}{b+c}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{s(3s+a)}{(2s+a)^2} + \frac{s(s-a)}{(2s-a)^2} - \frac{4}{9} \cdot \frac{(b-c)^2}{(b+c)^2} \stackrel{?}{\underset{(\blacksquare)}{\geq}} \frac{4w_a}{3(b+c)} \quad (\because (b-c)^2 \geq 0)$$

$$\text{We have: } \frac{s(3s+a)}{(2s+a)^2} + \frac{s(s-a)}{(2s-a)^2} - \frac{4}{9} \cdot \frac{(b-c)^2}{(b+c)^2} \stackrel{a^2 > (b-c)^2}{>} \frac{s(3s+a)}{(2s+a)^2} + \frac{s(s-a)}{(2s-a)^2}$$

$$- \frac{4}{9} \cdot \frac{a^2}{(2s-a)^2} = \frac{9(s(3s+a)(2s-a)^2 + s(s-a)(2s+a)^2) - 4a^2(2s+a)^2}{9(4s^2 - a^2)^2}$$

$$= \frac{(s-a)(36s^3 + 18s^2a + 5sa^2 + a^3)}{9(4s^2 - a^2)^2} \stackrel{s > a}{>} 0 \Rightarrow \text{LHS of } (\blacksquare) > 0 \therefore (\blacksquare) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{(9T - 4(b-c)^2(2s+a)^2)^2}{81(4s^2 - a^2)^4} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{16(s(s-a)(2s-a)^2 - s(s-a)(b-c)^2)}{9(2s-a)^4}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{81T^2 + 16(b-c)^4(2s+a)^4 - 72T(b-c)^2(2s+a)^2}{9(2s+a)^4} \stackrel{?}{\geq}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 16(2s+a)^4(b-c)^4 - (72T(2s+a)^2 - 144s(s-a)(2s+a)^4)(b-c)^2 + 81T^2$$

$$- 144s(s-a)(2s-a)^2(2s+a)^4 \stackrel{?}{\underset{(\blacksquare\blacksquare)}{\geq}} 0$$

Now, LHS of $(\blacksquare\blacksquare)$ is a quadratic polynomial in " $(b-c)^2$ " with discriminant =

$$(72T(2s+a)^2 - 144s(s-a)(2s+a)^4)^2$$

$$- 64(2s+a)^4(81T^2 - 144s(s-a)(2s-a)^2(2s+a)^4)$$

$$= 72^2(2s+a)^4Q^2 -$$

$$64 \cdot 9(2s+a)^4(9T^2 - 16s(s-a)(2s-a)^2(2s+a)^4)$$

$$(\mathbf{Q} = s(3s+a)(2s-a)^2 - s(s-a)(2s+a)^2)$$

$$= 64 \cdot 9(2s+a)^4(9Q^2 - 9T^2 + 16s(s-a)(2s-a)^2(2s+a)^4)$$

$$= -4s \cdot 64 \cdot 9(2s+a)^4 \cdot a^7(176t^7 - 288t^6 - 40t^5 + 208t^4 - 13t^3 - 50t^2 + 3t + 4)$$

$$\left(t = \frac{s}{a}\right)$$

$$= \boxed{-256s \cdot 9(2s+a)^4 \cdot a^7(t-1)^2 \left(\frac{120t^5 + (24t^5 - 24t^3) + (32t^5 - 32t^2)}{(64t^4 - 64t^3) + 11t + 4} \right)} < 0$$

$\therefore t > 1 \Rightarrow \text{LHS of } (\blacksquare\blacksquare) > 0 \Rightarrow (\blacksquare\blacksquare) \Rightarrow (\blacksquare) \text{ is true}$

$$\therefore \boxed{p_a \geq w_a + \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{(b-c)^2}{b+c}} \text{ and analogs}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ((h_b + h_c)(p_a - w_a)) - 4s(h_a + h_b + h_c - 9r)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\left(\frac{ca + ab}{2R} \right) \left(\frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{(b-c)^2}{b+c} \right) \right) - 4s \left(\frac{s^2 + 4Rr + r^2}{2R} - 9r \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{R} \sum_{\text{cyc}} (a(b^2 + c^2 - 2bc)) - 4s \left(\frac{s^2 - 14Rr + r^2}{2R} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{R} \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) - 9abc \right) - 2s \left(\frac{s^2 - 14Rr + r^2}{R} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{R} \cdot 2s(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2 - 18Rr) - 2s \left(\frac{s^2 - 14Rr + r^2}{R} \right) = 0 \\
 \therefore & 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ((h_b + h_c)(p_a - w_a)) \geq 4s(h_a + h_b + h_c - 9r) \forall \Delta ABC, \\
 & \text{with equality iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$