

ROMANIAN MATHEMATICAL MAGAZINE

In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\sum \frac{\sec^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2}} \geq 2\sqrt{3}$$

Proposed by Nguyen Hung Cuong-Vietnam

Solution by Tapas Das-India

$$\begin{aligned} \tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2} &= \frac{\sin \frac{B}{2}}{\cos \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{\sin \frac{C}{2}}{\cos \frac{C}{2}} = \frac{\sin \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2} + \cos \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}}{\cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}} = \\ &= \frac{\sin \frac{B+C}{2}}{\cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}} = \frac{\sin \frac{\pi-A}{2}}{\cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}} = \frac{\cos \frac{A}{2}}{\cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}} \quad (1) \\ \frac{\sec^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2}} &\stackrel{(1)}{=} \frac{1}{\cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \frac{\cos \frac{A}{2}}{\cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}}} = \frac{\cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}}{\cos^3 \frac{A}{2}} \quad (2) \\ \sum \frac{\sec^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2}} &\stackrel{(2)}{=} \sum \frac{\cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}}{\cos^3 \frac{A}{2}} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 3^3 \sqrt{\frac{1}{\prod \cos \frac{A}{2}}} = \\ &= 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{4R}{s}} \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\geq} 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{4R}{3\sqrt{3}R}} = 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{8}{3\sqrt{3}}} = \frac{3 \cdot 2}{\sqrt{3}} = 2\sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for $A = B = C = \frac{\pi}{3}$