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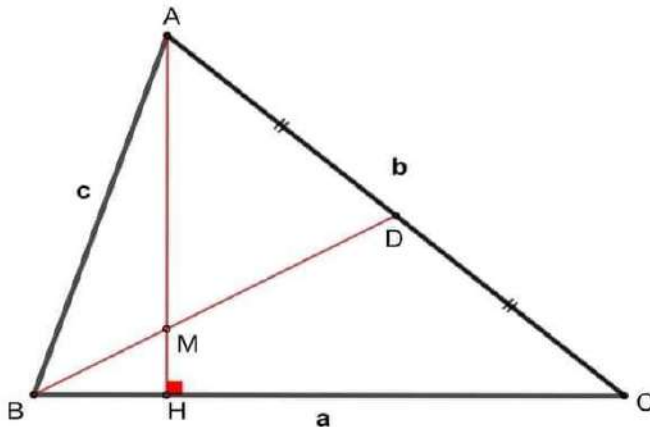
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1501.



prove :

$$\frac{AM}{MH} - \left(\frac{AB}{BH}\right)^2 = \frac{2a^2(a^2 - b^2 - c^2)}{(a^2 - b^2 + c^2)^2}$$

$$\frac{AM/MH}{(AB/BH)^2} = \frac{a^2 - b^2 + c^2}{2c^2}$$

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Note : if $\angle A = 90^\circ$ then $\frac{AM}{MH} = \left(\frac{AB}{BH}\right)^2$
(by Than Tang Thanh Tran)

Prove that :

$$\frac{AM}{MH} - \left(\frac{AB}{BH}\right)^2 = \frac{2a^2(a^2 - b^2 - c^2)}{(a^2 - b^2 + c^2)^2} \text{ and } \frac{AM/MH}{(AB/BH)^2} = \frac{a^2 - b^2 + c^2}{2c^2}$$

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Via Menelaus' theorem on $\triangle AHC$ with DMB as transversal,

$$\frac{BC}{BH} \cdot \frac{MH}{AM} \cdot \frac{AD}{CD} = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{AM}{MH} = \frac{a}{c \cos B} \Rightarrow \frac{AM}{MH} - \left(\frac{AB}{BH}\right)^2 = \frac{a}{c \cos B} - \frac{c^2}{c^2 \cos^2 B}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AM}{MH} - \left(\frac{AB}{BH}\right)^2 \stackrel{(*)}{=} \frac{a \cos B - c}{c \cos^2 B}$$

Again, $\frac{2a^2(a^2 - b^2 - c^2)}{(a^2 - b^2 + c^2)^2} = \frac{2a^2(a^2 - b^2 - c^2)}{(2ac)^2 \cos^2 B} = \frac{a^2 - b^2 + c^2 - 2c^2}{2c^2 \cos^2 B}$

$$= \frac{2ac \cos B - 2c^2}{2c^2 \cos^2 B} = \frac{a \cos B - c}{c \cos^2 B} \stackrel{\text{via } (*)}{=} \frac{AM}{MH} - \left(\frac{AB}{BH}\right)^2$$

$$\therefore \frac{AM}{MH} - \left(\frac{AB}{BH}\right)^2 = \frac{2a^2(a^2 - b^2 - c^2)}{(a^2 - b^2 + c^2)^2}$$

Also, $\frac{AM/MH}{(AB/BH)^2} = \frac{\left(\frac{a}{c \cos B}\right)}{\left(\frac{c^2}{c^2 \cos^2 B}\right)} = \frac{a \cos B}{c} = \frac{a(a^2 - b^2 + c^2)}{2ac \cdot c}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AM/MH}{(AB/BH)^2} = \frac{a^2 - b^2 + c^2}{2c^2} \text{ (QED)}$$

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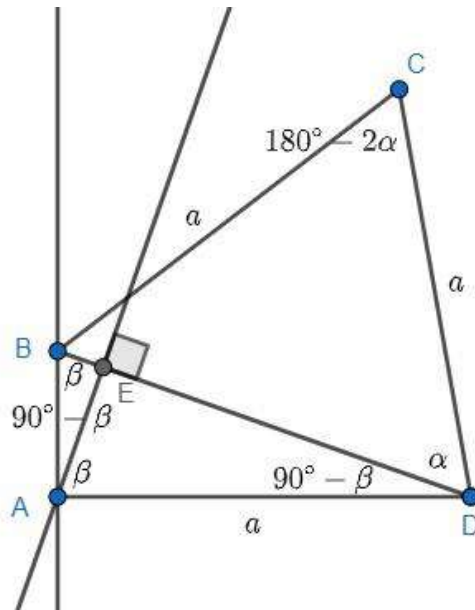
1502. Let $ABCD$ be the convex quadrilateral where the angle $\widehat{BAD} = \frac{\pi}{2}$, $\widehat{C} \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$

with $AD = CD = BC = a > 0$. $AE \perp BD$, $E \in (BD)$ and p is the semiperimeter

of $ABCD$. Prove that : $\left(\sqrt{AC \cdot \cos \widehat{C}} + \sqrt{AE \cdot |\sin(\widehat{B} + \widehat{D})|} \right)^2 < a\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{\frac{a(2p - 3a)}{2}}$

Proposed by Radu Diaconu-Romania

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India



$$\begin{aligned} BD^2 &= a^2 + a^2 - 2a^2 \cos(180^\circ - 2\alpha) = 4a^2 \cos^2 \alpha \Rightarrow BD \stackrel{(1)}{=} 2a \cos \alpha \\ (\because 180^\circ - 2\alpha > 0 \Rightarrow 0 < \alpha < 90^\circ \Rightarrow \cos \alpha > 0) \text{ and } AB^2 &= BD^2 - AD^2 \\ &= 4a^2 \cos^2 \alpha - a^2 \Rightarrow AB \stackrel{(2)}{=} a \cdot \sqrt{4 \cos^2 \alpha - 1} \text{ and } \therefore \Delta ABD \sim \Delta EAD \therefore \frac{BD}{AD} = \frac{AB}{AE} \\ &\stackrel{\text{via (1) and (2)}}{\Rightarrow} \frac{2a \cos \alpha}{a} = \frac{a \cdot \sqrt{4 \cos^2 \alpha - 1}}{AE} \Rightarrow AE \stackrel{(*)}{=} \frac{a \cdot \sqrt{4 \cos^2 \alpha - 1}}{2 \cos \alpha} \end{aligned}$$

Now, via Ptolemy's inequality, $AC \cdot 2a \cos \alpha < a \cdot a \cdot \sqrt{4 \cos^2 \alpha - 1} + a^2$

$$\Rightarrow AC \stackrel{(**)}{<} \frac{a \cdot 1 + \sqrt{4 \cos^2 \alpha - 1}}{2 \cos \alpha}$$

$$\left(\sqrt{AC \cdot \cos \widehat{C}} + \sqrt{AE \cdot |\sin(\widehat{B} + \widehat{D})|} \right)^2 \stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\leq} (AC + AE)(\cos \widehat{C} + |\sin(\widehat{B} + \widehat{D})|)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{via (*) and (**)}}{<} \frac{a(1 + 2\sqrt{4 \cos^2 \alpha - 1})}{2 \cos \alpha} \cdot (-\cos 2\alpha + |\sin(90^\circ + 2\alpha)|)$$

$$= \frac{a(1 + 2\sqrt{4 \cos^2 \alpha - 1})(-2 \cos 2\alpha)}{2 \cos \alpha}$$

$$(\because 180^\circ - 2\alpha < 90^\circ \Rightarrow 2\alpha > 90^\circ \Rightarrow \cos 2\alpha < 0) \stackrel{?}{<} a\sqrt{2}$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow \boxed{\sqrt{2} \cos \alpha \stackrel{?}{\underset{(\bullet)}{\geq}} (1 + 2\sqrt{4 \cos^2 \alpha - 1})(-\cos 2\alpha)}$$

Let $\sqrt{4 \cos^2 \alpha - 1} = t$ and $\because \alpha > 45^\circ \Rightarrow \cos \alpha < \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \Rightarrow \sqrt{4 \cos^2 \alpha - 1} < 1$

$$\Rightarrow 0 < t < 1 \text{ and } \cos^2 \alpha = \frac{t+1}{4} \Rightarrow \cos \alpha = \frac{\sqrt{t+1}}{2} \therefore (\bullet) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{t+1}}{2} > \left(1 - \frac{t+1}{2}\right)(1+2t) \Leftrightarrow \sqrt{\frac{t+1}{2}} > \left(\frac{1-t}{2}\right)(1+2t)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{t+1}{2} > \frac{(1-t)^2(1+2t)^2}{4} \quad (\because (1-t), t > 0) \Leftrightarrow 4t^4 - 4t^3 - 3t^2 - 1 < 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4t^3(t-1) - 3t^2 - 1 < 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \therefore 0 < t < 1 \Rightarrow (\bullet) \text{ is true}$$

$$\therefore \left(\sqrt{AC \cdot \cos \hat{C}} + \sqrt{AE \cdot |\sin(\hat{B} + \hat{D})|}\right)^2 < a\sqrt{2} < a\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{\frac{a(2p-3a)}{2}} \quad (\text{QED})$$

1503. In $\triangle ABC, \triangle A'B'C'$ the following relationship holds:

$$(a + a')(b + b')(c + c') \geq 32\sqrt{RR'FF'} + 4\left(\sqrt{RF} - \sqrt{R'F'}\right)^2$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

Solution by Tapas Das-India

$$\begin{aligned} & (a + a')(b + b')(c + c') = \\ & = abc + a'b'c' + (a'bc + ab'c + abc' + a'b'c + ab'c' + a'bc') \geq \\ & \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} abc + a'b'c' + 6\sqrt[6]{a'bc \cdot ab'c \cdot abc' \cdot a'b'c \cdot ab'c' \cdot a'bc'} = \\ & = abc + a'b'c' + 6\sqrt{abc \cdot a'b'c'} = 4RF + 4R'F' + 6\sqrt{4RF \cdot 4R'F'} = \\ & = 4\left(\sqrt{RF} - \sqrt{R'F'}\right)^2 + 8\sqrt{RR'FF'} + 24\sqrt{RR'FF'} = 32\sqrt{RR'FF'} + 4\left(\sqrt{RF} - \sqrt{R'F'}\right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for $a = b = c = a' = b' = c'$.

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1504. If H –orthocenter in acute $\triangle ABC$, AD, BE, CF –altitudes,

$HD = x, HE = y, HF = z$ then:

$$\frac{xy}{z} + \frac{yz}{x} + \frac{zx}{y} \geq \frac{2}{R} \cdot (R^2 - r^2)$$

Proposed by Ertan Yildirim-Turkiye

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$\cos B = \frac{BD}{AB} \Rightarrow BD = c \cdot \cos B$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - C\right) &= \frac{HD}{BD} \Rightarrow HD = BD \cdot \cos C = c \cdot \cos B \cot C = \\ &= 2R \sin C \cos B \cdot \frac{\cos C}{\sin C} = 2R \cos B \cos C \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{cases} x = 2R \cos B \cos C \\ y = 2R \cos C \cos A \\ z = 2R \cos A \cos B \end{cases} \Rightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{xy}{z} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{2R \cos B \cos C \cdot 2R \cos C \cos A}{2R \cos A \cos B} =$$

$$= 2R \cdot \sum_{cyc} \cos^2 C = 2R \cdot \frac{6R^2 + 4Rr + r^2 - s^2}{2R^2} =$$

$$= \frac{1}{R} (6R^2 + 4Rr + r^2 - s^2) \stackrel{GERRETSEN}{\geq}$$

$$\geq \frac{1}{R} (6R^2 + 4Rr + r^2 - 4R^2 - 4Rr - 3r^2) = \frac{2}{R} \cdot (R^2 - r^2)$$

Equality holds for $a = b = c$.

1505. In any $\triangle ABC$, the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{m_a^2}{w_b^2(w_b^5 + h_c^5)} + \frac{w_b^2}{h_c^2(h_c^5 + m_a^5)} + \frac{h_c^2}{m_a^2(m_a^5 + w_b^5)} \geq \frac{2^{10}r^6}{81R^6(81R^5 - 2560r^5)}$$

Proposed by Zaza Mzhavanadze-Georgia

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\frac{1}{am_a} \sum_{cyc} a^2 \geq 2\sqrt{3} \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{a^2 m_a^2} \geq \frac{12}{(\sum_{cyc} a^2)^2} \Leftrightarrow$$

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$$\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2\right)^2 - 3a^2(2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2\right)^2 - 3a^2\left(2\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - 3a^2\right) \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2\right)^2 - 6a^2\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + 9a^4 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - 3a^2\right)^2 \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (b^2 + c^2 - 2a^2)^2 \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \Rightarrow m_a^2 \leq \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2)^2}{12a^2} \text{ and analogs} \rightarrow (1)$$

$$\text{Again, } m_a^2 \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{b^3 + c^3 + abc}{4a} \Leftrightarrow a(2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2) \stackrel{?}{\leq} b^3 + c^3 + abc$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 + abc \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2a(b^2 + c^2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} (y+z)^3 + \prod_{\text{cyc}} (y+z) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2(y+z)((z+x)^2 + (x+y)^2)$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} x = s - a, y = s - b, z = s - c \Rightarrow x + y + z = 3s - 2s = s \\ \Rightarrow a = y + z, b = z + x, c = x + y; x, y, z > 0 \end{array}\right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x^3 + y^2z + yz^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3xyz \rightarrow \text{true via A - G} \therefore m_a^2 \leq \frac{b^3 + c^3 + abc}{4a}$$

$$\Rightarrow m_a^3 \stackrel{\text{Panaitopol}}{\leq} \frac{b^3 + c^3 + abc}{4a} \cdot \frac{Rs}{a} = \frac{Rs}{4 \cdot 16R^2r^2s^2} \cdot b^2c^2(b^3 + c^3 + abc)$$

$$\Rightarrow m_a^3 \leq \frac{1}{64Rr^2s} \left(b^2c^2 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 + abc \right) - a^3b^2c^2 \right) \Rightarrow m_a^5 \leq$$

$$\frac{1}{256Rr^2s} \cdot \left(b^2c^2 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 + abc \right) - a^3b^2c^2 \right) \left(2\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - 3a^2 \right) \text{ and analogs} \Rightarrow$$

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^5 \leq \frac{1}{256Rr^2s} \cdot \left(\left(2\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 + abc \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} b^2c^2 \right) - 16R^2r^2s^2(2s) \right) \right. \\ \left. - 9a^2b^2c^2 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 + abc \right) + 3a^2b^2c^2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 \right)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Goldstone}}{\leq} \frac{1}{256Rr^2s} \left(\left(2\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \left(\begin{array}{l} (2s(s^2 - 6Rr - r^2) + 4Rrs)(4R^2s^2) \\ -16R^2r^2s^2(2s) \end{array} \right) \right. \\ \left. - 9(16R^2r^2s^2)(2s(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) + 4Rrs) \right. \\ \left. + 3(16R^2r^2s^2) \cdot 2s(s^2 - 6Rr - r^2) \right) =$$

$$\frac{1}{256Rr^2s} \left(\left(2\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) (8R^2s^3)(s^2 - 4Rr - 7r^2) - 9(16R^2r^2s^2)(2s(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) + 4Rrs) \right. \\ \left. + 3(16R^2r^2s^2) \cdot 2s(s^2 - 6Rr - r^2) \right)$$

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$$\stackrel{\text{Leibnitz}}{\leq} \frac{(18R^2)(8R^2s^3)(s^2 - 4Rr - 7r^2) - 6(16R^2r^2s^2)(2s(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)) - 9(64R^3r^3s^3)}{256Rr^2s}$$

$$= \frac{48R^2s^3((3R^2 - 4r^2)s^2 - r(12R^3 + 21R^2r - 12Rr^2 - 12r^3))}{256Rr^2s}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} \frac{48R^2s^3((3R^2 - 4r^2)(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) - r(12R^3 + 21R^2r - 12Rr^2 - 12r^3))}{256Rr^2s}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^5 \leq \frac{48R^2s^3}{256Rr^2s} \cdot 4R(3R^3 - 7Rr^2 - r^3) \rightarrow (2)$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{m_a^2}{w_b^2(w_b^5 + h_c^5)} + \frac{w_b^2}{h_c^2(h_c^5 + m_a^5)} + \frac{h_c^2}{m_a^2(m_a^5 + w_b^5)}$$

$$\geq \frac{h_a^2}{m_b^2(m_b^5 + m_c^5)} + \frac{h_b^2}{m_c^2(m_c^5 + m_a^5)} + \frac{h_c^2}{m_a^2(m_a^5 + m_b^5)} \stackrel{\text{via (1)}}{\geq}$$

$$\frac{48r^2s^2}{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2)^2} \left(\frac{b^2}{m_b^5 + m_c^5} + \frac{c^2}{m_c^5 + m_a^5} + \frac{a^2}{m_a^5 + m_b^5} \right) \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom and Leibnitz}}{\geq} \frac{24r^2s^2 (\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b}{a})^2}{81R^4 \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^5}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{via (2) and A-G}}{\geq} \frac{9 \cdot 24r^2s^2 \cdot 256Rr^2s}{81R^4 \cdot 48R^2s^3 \cdot 4R(3R^3 - 7Rr^2 - r^3)} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{1024r^6}{81R^6(81R^5 - 2560r^5)}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 729t^5 - 96t^3 + 224t - 23008 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (t-2)(729t^4 + 1458t^3 + 2820t^2 + 5640t + 11504) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2$$

$$\therefore \frac{m_a^2}{w_b^2(w_b^5 + h_c^5)} + \frac{w_b^2}{h_c^2(h_c^5 + m_a^5)} + \frac{h_c^2}{m_a^2(m_a^5 + w_b^5)} \geq \frac{2^{10}r^6}{81R^6(81R^5 - 2560r^5)}$$

$\forall \Delta ABC, '' = ''$ iff ΔABC is equilateral (QED)

1506. In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{m_a^5}{w_b^5(w_b + h_c)^2} + \frac{w_b^5}{h_c^5(h_c + m_a)^2} + \frac{h_c^5}{m_a^5(m_a + w_b)^2} \geq \frac{1}{3R^2} \left(\frac{2r}{R} \right)^{15}$$

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$$\frac{m_a^5}{w_b^5(w_b + h_c)^2} + \frac{w_b^5}{h_c^5(h_c + m_a)^2} + \frac{h_c^5}{m_a^5(m_a + w_b)^2}$$

$$\geq \frac{h_a^5}{m_b^5(m_b + m_c)^2} + \frac{h_b^5}{m_c^5(m_c + m_a)^2} + \frac{h_c^5}{m_a^5(m_a + m_b)^2}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \stackrel{\text{Panaïtopol}}{\geq} \frac{\left(\frac{2rs}{a}\right)^5}{\left(\frac{Rs}{b}\right)^5 (m_b + m_c)^2} + \frac{\left(\frac{2rs}{b}\right)^5}{\left(\frac{Rs}{c}\right)^5 (m_c + m_a)^2} + \frac{\left(\frac{2rs}{c}\right)^5}{\left(\frac{Rs}{a}\right)^5 (m_a + m_b)^2} \\
 & = \left(\frac{2r}{R}\right)^5 \cdot \left(\frac{\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^5}{(m_b + m_c)^2} + \frac{\left(\frac{c}{b}\right)^5}{(m_c + m_a)^2} + \frac{\left(\frac{a}{c}\right)^5}{(m_a + m_b)^2} \right) \stackrel{\text{Holder}}{\geq} \\
 & \left(\frac{2r}{R}\right)^5 \cdot \frac{\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b}{a}\right)^5}{27 \sum_{\text{cyc}} (m_b + m_c)^2} \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\geq} \left(\frac{2r}{R}\right)^5 \cdot \frac{243}{27 \cdot 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} (m_b^2 + m_c^2)} = \left(\frac{2r}{R}\right)^5 \cdot \frac{9}{4 \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^2} \\
 & = \left(\frac{2r}{R}\right)^5 \cdot \frac{9}{4 \cdot \frac{3}{4} \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2} \stackrel{\text{Leibnitz}}{\geq} \left(\frac{2r}{R}\right)^5 \cdot \frac{9}{3 \cdot 9R^2} = \frac{1}{3R^2} \frac{\left(\frac{2r}{R}\right)^{15}}{\left(\frac{2r}{R}\right)^{10}} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} \frac{1}{3R^2} \frac{\left(\frac{2r}{R}\right)^{15}}{(1)^{10}} \\
 & \therefore \frac{m_a^5}{w_b^5 (w_b + h_c)^2} + \frac{w_b^5}{h_c^5 (h_c + m_a)^2} + \frac{h_c^5}{m_a^5 (m_a + w_b)^2} \geq \frac{1}{3R^2} \left(\frac{2r}{R}\right)^{15} \\
 & \quad \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$

1507. In any ΔABC with $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$, the following relationship holds :

$$1 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\cot^{2n+1} \frac{A}{2}}{\cot^{2n-1} \frac{B}{2}} \geq 2 \left(\frac{4R}{r} - 3 \right)$$

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Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\cot^{2n+1} \frac{A}{2}}{\cot^{2n-1} \frac{B}{2}} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\cot^{4n} \frac{A}{2}}{\cot^{2n-1} \frac{A}{2} \cdot \cot^{2n-1} \frac{B}{2}} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\left(\cot^2 \frac{A}{2}\right)^{2n}}{\left(\cot \frac{A}{2} \cot \frac{B}{2}\right)^{2n-1}} \stackrel{\text{Radon}}{\geq} \\
 & \frac{\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \cot^2 \frac{A}{2}\right)^{2n-1} \cdot \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \cot^2 \frac{A}{2}\right)}{\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \cot \frac{A}{2} \cot \frac{B}{2}\right)^{2n-1}} \geq \frac{\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \cot \frac{A}{2} \cot \frac{B}{2}\right)^{2n-1} \cdot \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \cot^2 \frac{A}{2}\right)}{\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \cot \frac{A}{2} \cot \frac{B}{2}\right)^{2n-1}} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \cot^2 \frac{A}{2} \\
 & = s^2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{r_a^2} = \frac{s^2 (s^4 - 2rs^2(4R+r))}{r^2 s^4} \Rightarrow 1 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\cot^{2n+1} \frac{A}{2}}{\cot^{2n-1} \frac{B}{2}} \geq \frac{s^2 - 8Rr - r^2}{r^2} \\
 & \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2 \left(\frac{4R}{r} - 3 \right) \Leftrightarrow s^2 - 8Rr - r^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 8Rr - 6r^2 \Leftrightarrow s^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 16Rr - 5r^2
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\rightarrow \text{true via Gerretsen} \therefore 1 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\cot^{2n+1} \frac{A}{2}}{\cot^{2n-1} \frac{B}{2}} \geq 2 \left(\frac{4R}{r} - 3 \right) \forall \Delta ABC \text{ and}$$

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*, "=" \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$

1508. In any ΔABC with $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$, the following relationship holds :

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\tan^{2n+1} \frac{A}{2}}{\tan^{2n-1} \frac{B}{2}} \geq 2 \left(1 - \frac{r}{R} \right)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\tan^{2n+1} \frac{A}{2}}{\tan^{2n-1} \frac{B}{2}} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\tan^{4n} \frac{A}{2}}{\tan^{2n-1} \frac{A}{2} \cdot \tan^{2n-1} \frac{B}{2}} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\left(\tan^2 \frac{A}{2} \right)^{2n}}{\left(\tan \frac{A}{2} \tan \frac{B}{2} \right)^{2n-1}} \stackrel{\text{Radon}}{\geq} \\ &= \frac{\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} \right)^{2n-1} \cdot \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} \right)}{\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \tan \frac{A}{2} \tan \frac{B}{2} \right)^{2n-1}} \geq \frac{\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \tan \frac{A}{2} \tan \frac{B}{2} \right)^{2n-1} \cdot \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} \right)}{\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \tan \frac{A}{2} \tan \frac{B}{2} \right)^{2n-1}} \\ &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} = \frac{1}{s^2} \left((4R+r)^2 - 2s^2 \right) = \frac{(4R+r)^2}{s^2} - 2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2 \left(1 - \frac{r}{R} \right) \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\text{Now, RHS of } (*) \stackrel{\text{Rouche}}{\leq} (4R-2r) \left(2R^2 + 10Rr - r^2 + 2(R-2r)\sqrt{R^2-2Rr} \right) \leq R(4R+r)^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow R(4R+r)^2 - (2R^2 + 10Rr - r^2)(4R-2r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2(4R-2r)(R-2r)\sqrt{R^2-2Rr}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (R-2r)(8R^2 - 12Rr + r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2(4R-2r)(R-2r)\sqrt{R^2-2Rr} \quad (**)$$

$\therefore R-2r \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 0 \therefore$ in order to prove (**), it suffices to prove :

$$8R^2 - 12Rr + r^2 > 2(4R-2r)\sqrt{R^2-2Rr}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (8R^2 - 12Rr + r^2)^2 - 4(R^2 - 2Rr)(4R-2r)^2 > 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow r^2(4R+r)^2 > 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \Rightarrow (**) \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true} \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\tan^{2n+1} \frac{A}{2}}{\tan^{2n-1} \frac{B}{2}} \geq 2 \left(1 - \frac{r}{R} \right)$$

$\forall \Delta ABC \text{ and } \forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*, "=" \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$

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1509. In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{(h_a^3 + 2h_a w_b (h_a + w_b) + w_b^3)^3}{h_a^4 + 2h_a w_b (h_a^2 + w_b^2) + w_b^4} + \frac{(w_b^3 + 2w_b m_c (w_b + m_c) + m_c^3)^3}{w_b^4 + 2w_b m_c (w_b^2 + m_c^2) + m_c^4} + \frac{(m_c^3 + 2m_c h_a (m_c + h_a) + h_a^3)^3}{m_c^4 + 2m_c h_a (m_c^2 + h_a^2) + h_a^4} \geq \frac{9 \cdot 6^6 \cdot r^9}{R(9R^3 - 64r^3)}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^4 \stackrel{?}{\leq} 54R^3(R-r) \\ & \Leftrightarrow 2 \left((s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2 - 16Rrs^2 \right) - 16r^2 s^2 \stackrel{?}{\leq} 54R^3(R-r) \\ & \Leftrightarrow s^4 - (8Rr + 6r^2)s^2 \stackrel{(1)}{\underset{?}{\leq}} 27R^4 - 27R^3r - 16R^2r^2 - 8Rr^3 - r^4 \\ & \text{Now, LHS of (1)} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} (4R^2 - 4Rr - 3r^2)s^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} \\ & (4R^2 - 4Rr - 3r^2)(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) \stackrel{?}{\leq} 27R^4 - 27R^3r - 16R^2r^2 - 8Rr^3 - r^4 \\ & \Leftrightarrow 11t^4 - 27t^3 + 16t + 8 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right) \\ & \Leftrightarrow (t-2) \left((t-2)(11t^2 + 17t + 24) + 44 \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \\ & \Rightarrow \text{(1) is true} \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^4 \stackrel{(*)}{\leq} 54R^3(R-r) \\ & \frac{(h_a^3 + 2h_a w_b (h_a + w_b) + w_b^3)^3}{h_a^4 + 2h_a w_b (h_a^2 + w_b^2) + w_b^4} + \frac{(w_b^3 + 2w_b m_c (w_b + m_c) + m_c^3)^3}{w_b^4 + 2w_b m_c (w_b^2 + m_c^2) + m_c^4} \\ & + \frac{(m_c^3 + 2m_c h_a (m_c + h_a) + h_a^3)^3}{m_c^4 + 2m_c h_a (m_c^2 + h_a^2) + h_a^4} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(h_a^3 + 2h_a h_b (h_a + h_b) + h_b^3)^3}{m_a^4 + 2m_a m_b (m_a^2 + m_b^2) + m_b^4} \\ & \stackrel{\text{Holder}}{\geq} \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} (3h_a h_b (h_a + h_b)))^3}{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} (m_a^4 + (m_a^2 + m_b^2)^2 + m_b^4)} = \frac{\left(3 \cdot \frac{2r^2 s^2}{R} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{h_a + h_b}{h_c} \right) \right)^3}{3(4 \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^4 + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_b^2 m_c^2)} \\ & \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen + Euler and A-G}}{\geq} \frac{\left(3 \cdot \frac{r^2 \cdot 27Rr}{R} \cdot 6 \right)^3}{3 \cdot 6 \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^4} = \frac{3^3 \cdot 3^9 \cdot 2^3 \cdot 3^3 \cdot r^9 \text{ via } (*)}{\frac{3^3 \cdot 6}{16} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^4} \geq \frac{3^{11} \cdot 2^6 \cdot r^9}{2 \cdot 3^3 \cdot R^3 (R-r)} \\ & \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{9 \cdot 6^6 \cdot r^9}{R(9R^3 - 64r^3)} = \frac{3^8 \cdot 2^6 \cdot r^9}{R(9R^3 - 64r^3)} \Leftrightarrow 9R^3 - 64r^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2R^2(R-r) \\ & \Leftrightarrow 7t^3 + 2t^2 - 64 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow (t-2)(7t^2 + 16t + 32) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \therefore & \frac{(h_a^3 + 2h_a w_b (h_a + w_b) + w_b^3)^3}{h_a^4 + 2h_a w_b (h_a^2 + w_b^2) + w_b^4} + \frac{(w_b^3 + 2w_b m_c (w_b + m_c) + m_c^3)^3}{w_b^4 + 2w_b m_c (w_b^2 + m_c^2) + m_c^4} \\ & + \frac{(m_c^3 + 2m_c h_a (m_c + h_a) + h_a^3)^3}{m_c^4 + 2m_c h_a (m_c^2 + h_a^2) + h_a^4} \geq \frac{9 \cdot 6^6 \cdot r^9}{R(9R^3 - 64r^3)} \\ & \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$

1510. In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(h_a^4 + 2h_a w_b (h_a^2 + w_b^2) + w_b^4)^n}{r_a^5 + 2r_a^2 r_b^2 (r_a + r_b) + r_b^5} + \frac{(w_b^4 + 2w_b m_c (w_b^2 + m_c^2) + m_c^4)^n}{r_b^5 + 2r_b^2 r_c^2 (r_b + r_c) + r_c^5} \\ & + \frac{(m_c^4 + 2m_c h_a (m_c^2 + h_a^2) + h_a^4)^n}{r_c^5 + 2r_c^2 r_a^2 (r_c + r_a) + r_a^5} \geq \frac{2^{n+4} \cdot 3^{5(n-1)} \cdot r^{4n}}{(9R^3 - 64r^3)(3R^2 - 8r^2)} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} r_b + r_c &= s \left(\frac{\sin \frac{B}{2}}{\cos \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{\sin \frac{C}{2}}{\cos \frac{C}{2}} \right) = \frac{s \sin \left(\frac{B+C}{2} \right) \cos \frac{A}{2}}{\cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}} = \frac{s \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\left(\frac{s}{4R} \right)} = 4R \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \\ \therefore r_b + r_c &\stackrel{(i)}{=} 4R \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} (r_b^5 + 2r_b^2 r_c^2 (r_b + r_c) + r_c^5) &= 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^5 + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(r_b^2 r_c^2 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a - r_a \right) \right) \\ &= 2 \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a \right)^5 - 5 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a r_b \right) \prod_{\text{cyc}} (r_b + r_c) \right) \\ &\quad + 2(4R + r) \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a r_b \right)^2 - 2rs^2 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a \right) \right) - 2rs^2 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a r_b \right) \\ \stackrel{\text{via (i) and analogs}}{=} &= 2 \left((4R + r)^5 - 5((4R + r)^2 - 2s^2 + s^2) \cdot 64R^2 \cdot \frac{s^2}{16R^2} \right) \\ &\quad + 2(4R + r) (s^4 - 2rs^2(4R + r)) - 2rs^4 \\ &= 2 \left((4R + r)^5 + 24Rs^4 - (320R^3 + 192R^2 r + 36Rr^2 + 2r^3) s^2 \right) \\ &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} 2 \left(\begin{aligned} &(4R + r)^5 + 24R(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)s^2 \\ &- (320R^3 + 192R^2 r + 36Rr^2 + 2r^3)s^2 \end{aligned} \right) \\ &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{=} 2 \left((4R + r)^5 - (224R^3 + 96R^2 r - 36Rr^2 + 2r^3) s^2 \right) \leq \\ &2(4R + r)^5 - 2(224R^3 + 96R^2 r - 36Rr^2 + 2r^3)(16R - 5r^2) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} (r_b^5 + 2r_b^2 r_c^2 (r_b + r_c) + r_c^5) \leq 2(1024R^5 - 2304R^4 r + 224R^2 r^2 + 1216Rr^4 + 11r^5)$$

→ (1)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Again, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} (h_b^4 + 2h_b h_c (h_b^2 + h_c^2) + h_c^4) &\stackrel{A-G}{\geq} \\ 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} h_b h_c (h_b^2 + h_c^2 + h_b h_c) &\stackrel{A-G}{\geq} \frac{6h_a^2 h_b^2 h_c^2}{4r^2 s^2} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \geq \frac{6 \cdot 4r^4 s^4}{4R^2 r^2 s^2} \cdot \frac{4s^2}{3} \\ &= \frac{8r^2 s^4}{R^2} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen} + \text{Euler}}{\geq} \frac{2r^2}{R^2} (27Rr)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} (h_b^4 + 2h_b h_c (h_b^2 + h_c^2) + h_c^4) \geq 2.729r^4 \rightarrow (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore &\frac{(h_a^4 + 2h_a w_b (h_a^2 + w_b^2) + w_b^4)^n}{r_a^5 + 2r_a^2 r_b^2 (r_a + r_b) + r_b^5} + \frac{(w_b^4 + 2w_b m_c (w_b^2 + m_c^2) + m_c^4)^n}{r_b^5 + 2r_b^2 r_c^2 (r_b + r_c) + r_c^5} \\ &+ \frac{(m_c^4 + 2m_c h_a (m_c^2 + h_a^2) + h_a^4)^n}{r_c^5 + 2r_c^2 r_a^2 (r_c + r_a) + r_a^5} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(h_b^4 + 2h_b h_c (h_b^2 + h_c^2) + h_c^4)^n}{r_b^5 + 2r_b^2 r_c^2 (r_b + r_c) + r_c^5} \\ &\stackrel{\text{Holder}}{\geq} \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} (h_b^4 + 2h_b h_c (h_b^2 + h_c^2) + h_c^4))^n}{3^{n-2} \cdot (\sum_{\text{cyc}} (r_b^5 + 2r_b^2 r_c^2 (r_b + r_c) + r_c^5))} \stackrel{\text{via (1) and (2)}}{\geq} \\ &\frac{(2.729r^4)^n}{3^{n-2} \cdot 2 \cdot (1024R^5 - 2304R^4 r + 224R^2 r^2 + 1216Rr^4 + 11r^5)} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{2^{n+4} \cdot 3^{5(n-1)} \cdot r^{4n}}{(9R^3 - 64r^3)(3R^2 - 8r^2)} \\ &\Leftrightarrow (3^7)(9R^3 - 64r^3)(3R^2 - 8r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} \\ &32(1024R^5 - 2304R^4 r + 224R^2 r^2 + 1216Rr^4 + 11r^5) \\ &\Leftrightarrow 26281t^5 + 73728t^4 - 164632t^3 - 458816t^2 + 6144t + 1119392 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \quad \left(t = \frac{R}{r}\right) \\ &\Leftrightarrow (t-2) \left((t-2)(26281t^3 + 178852t^2 + 445652t + 608384) + 657072 \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\ &\rightarrow \text{true} \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \therefore \frac{(h_a^4 + 2h_a w_b (h_a^2 + w_b^2) + w_b^4)^n}{r_a^5 + 2r_a^2 r_b^2 (r_a + r_b) + r_b^5} + \\ &\frac{(w_b^4 + 2w_b m_c (w_b^2 + m_c^2) + m_c^4)^n}{r_b^5 + 2r_b^2 r_c^2 (r_b + r_c) + r_c^5} + \frac{(m_c^4 + 2m_c h_a (m_c^2 + h_a^2) + h_a^4)^n}{r_c^5 + 2r_c^2 r_a^2 (r_c + r_a) + r_a^5} \\ &\geq \frac{2^{n+4} \cdot 3^{5(n-1)} \cdot r^{4n}}{(9R^3 - 64r^3)(3R^2 - 8r^2)} \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$

1511. In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{4}{R} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{h_b + h_c}{r_a^2} \leq \frac{R}{r^2}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{h_b + h_c}{r_a^2} &= \frac{2rs \left(\frac{b+c}{bc} \right)}{\frac{r^2 s^2}{(s-a)^2}} = \frac{2rs}{4Rrs \cdot r^2 s^2} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left((s-a)^2 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab - bc \right) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2Rr^2 s^2} \cdot \left((s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} (s^2 - 2sa + a^2) - \sum_{\text{cyc}} (s^2 bc - 2sabc + a^2 bc) \right) \\ &= \frac{(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) (3s^2 - 4s^2 + 2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)) - s^2(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) + 2s \cdot 12Rrs - 4Rrs \cdot 2s}{2Rr^2 s^2} \\ &= \frac{2r \left((4R-r)s^2 - r(4R+r)^2 \right)}{2Rr^2 s^2} \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{h_b + h_c}{r_a^2} \stackrel{(*)}{=} \frac{(4R-r)s^2 - r(4R+r)^2}{Rrs^2} \\ &\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{h_b + h_c}{r_a^2} \leq \frac{R}{r^2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{(4R-r)s^2 - r(4R+r)^2}{Rrs^2} \leq \frac{R}{r^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (R^2 - 4Rr + r^2)s^2 + r^2(4R+r)^2 \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} 0$$

Case 1 $R^2 - 4Rr + r^2 \geq 0$ and then, LHS of (1) $\geq r^2(4R+r)^2 > 0 \Rightarrow$ (1) is true (strict inequality)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Case 2 } R^2 - 4Rr + r^2 < 0 \text{ and then, LHS of (1)} &= -\left(- (R^2 - 4Rr + r^2)\right) s^2 \\ + r^2(4R+r)^2 &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} -\left(- (R^2 - 4Rr + r^2)\right) (4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) + r^2(4R+r)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow 4t^4 - 12t^3 + 7t^2 + 4 &\stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right) \Leftrightarrow (t-2) \left((t-2)(4t^2 + 4t + 7) + 12 \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \end{aligned}$$

\rightarrow true $\because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \Rightarrow$ (1) is true \therefore combining both cases, (1) is true $\forall \Delta ABC$

$$\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{h_b + h_c}{r_a^2} \leq \frac{R}{r^2} \forall \Delta ABC$$

$$\text{Again, } \frac{4}{R} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{h_b + h_c}{r_a^2} \stackrel{\text{via } (*)}{\Leftrightarrow} \frac{(4R-r)s^2 - r(4R+r)^2}{Rrs^2} \geq \frac{4}{R}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (4R-5r)s^2 \stackrel{(2)}{\geq} r(4R+r)^2$$

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

$$\Leftrightarrow 48R^2 - 108Rr + 24r^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow 12(4R-r)(R-2r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because R \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2r$$

$$\Rightarrow (2) \text{ is true} \therefore \frac{4}{R} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{h_b + h_c}{r_a^2} \text{ and so, } \frac{4}{R} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{h_b + h_c}{r_a^2} \leq \frac{R}{r^2}$$

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1512. In any $\triangle ABC$, the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{2}{r} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_b + r_c}{h_a^2} \leq \frac{R}{r^2}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} r_b + r_c &= s \left(\frac{\sin \frac{B}{2}}{\cos \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{\sin \frac{C}{2}}{\cos \frac{C}{2}} \right) = \frac{s \sin \left(\frac{B+C}{2} \right) \cos \frac{A}{2}}{\cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}} = \frac{s \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\left(\frac{s}{4R} \right)} = 4R \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \\ \therefore r_b + r_c &\stackrel{(i)}{=} 4R \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \\ \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_b + r_c}{h_a^2} &\leq \frac{R}{r^2} \text{ via (i) and analogs } \Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{4R \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \cdot a^2}{4r^2 s^2} \leq \frac{R}{r^2} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \leq s^2 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(a^3 \cdot \frac{s(s-a)}{abc} \right) \leq s^2 \Leftrightarrow s \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 + 16r^2 s^2 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \leq 4Rrs^2 \\ &\Leftrightarrow s^2(s^2 - 6Rr - 3r^2) + 8r^2 s^2 - (s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2 + 16Rrs^2 \leq 2Rrs^2 \\ &\Leftrightarrow (2R + 3r)s^2 - r(4R + r)^2 \leq 2Rs^2 \Leftrightarrow 3s^2 \leq (4R + r)^2 \rightarrow \text{true via Trucht} \\ &\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_b + r_c}{h_a^2} \leq \frac{R}{r^2} \\ \text{Again, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_b + r_c}{h_a^2} &\stackrel{\text{via (i) and analogs}}{=} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{4R \left(\frac{1}{h_a} \right)^2}{\sec^2 \frac{A}{2}} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{4R \cdot \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{h_a} \right)^2}{s^2 + (4R + r)^2} \\ &= \frac{4Rs^2}{r^2(s^2 + (4R + r)^2)} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{2}{r} \Leftrightarrow (2R - r)s^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} r(4R + r)^2 \\ \text{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 (R - r)(R - 2r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because R \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2r \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true} \\ \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_b + r_c}{h_a^2} &\geq \frac{2}{r} \therefore \frac{2}{r} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_b + r_c}{h_a^2} \leq \frac{R}{r^2} \end{aligned}$$

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1513. In any ΔABC , the following relationships hold :

$$1. \frac{h_a^n}{w_b m_c} + \frac{w_b^n}{m_c h_a} + \frac{m_c^n}{h_a w_b} \geq \frac{4 \cdot 3^{n-1} \cdot r^n}{R^2} \text{ and}$$

$$2. \frac{h_a^n}{w_b + m_c} + \frac{w_b^n}{m_c + h_a} + \frac{m_c^n}{h_a + w_b} \geq \frac{(3r)^n}{R}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{h_a^n}{w_b m_c} + \frac{w_b^n}{m_c h_a} + \frac{m_c^n}{h_a w_b} &\geq \frac{m_a h_a^n}{m_a m_b m_c} + \frac{m_b h_b^n}{m_b m_c m_a} + \frac{m_c h_c^n}{m_c m_a m_b} \stackrel{m_a m_b m_c \leq \frac{R s^2}{2}}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{2}{R s^2} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a h_a^n \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\geq} \frac{2}{3 R s^2} \cdot \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a^n \right) \\ (\because \text{WLOG assuming } a \geq b \geq c \Rightarrow m_a \leq m_b \leq m_c \text{ and } h_a^n \leq h_b^n \leq h_c^n) \\ &\stackrel{\text{Tereshin}}{\geq} \frac{2}{3 R s^2} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b^2 + c^2}{4R} \cdot \frac{1}{3^{n-1}} \cdot \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a \right)^n = \frac{2}{3 R s^2} \cdot \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2}{2R} \cdot \frac{1}{3^{n-1}} \cdot \left(2rs \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{a} \right)^n \\ &\stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2}{R^2 s^2} \cdot \frac{1}{3^n} \cdot \left(2rs \cdot \frac{9}{2s} \right)^n = \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2}{R^2 s^2} \cdot \frac{1}{3^n} \cdot 3^{2n} \cdot r^n \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{4 \cdot 3^{n-1} \cdot r^n}{R^2} \Leftrightarrow 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 4s^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right)^2 \rightarrow \text{true}$$

$$\therefore \frac{h_a^n}{w_b m_c} + \frac{w_b^n}{m_c h_a} + \frac{m_c^n}{h_a w_b} \geq \frac{4 \cdot 3^{n-1} \cdot r^n}{R^2} \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Again, } \frac{h_a^n}{w_b + m_c} + \frac{w_b^n}{m_c + h_a} + \frac{m_c^n}{h_a + w_b} &\geq \frac{h_a^n}{m_b + m_c} + \frac{w_b^n}{m_c + m_a} + \frac{m_c^n}{m_a + m_b} \\ &\stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\geq} \frac{1}{3} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a^n \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{m_b + m_c} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\left(\because \text{WLOG assuming } a \geq b \geq c \Rightarrow \frac{1}{m_b + m_c} \leq \frac{1}{m_c + m_a} \leq \frac{1}{m_a + m_b} \text{ and } h_a^n \leq h_b^n \leq h_c^n \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{1}{3 \cdot 3^{n-1}} \cdot \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a \right)^n \cdot \frac{9}{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a} \stackrel{\text{Leuenbrger}}{\geq} \frac{1}{3^n} \cdot \left(2rs \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{a} \right)^n \cdot \frac{9}{2(4R + r)} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \\ &\frac{1}{3^n} \cdot \left(2rs \cdot \frac{9}{2s} \right)^n \cdot \frac{9}{2 \left(\frac{9R}{2} \right)} = \frac{(3r)^n}{R} \therefore \frac{h_a^n}{w_b + m_c} + \frac{w_b^n}{m_c + h_a} + \frac{m_c^n}{h_a + w_b} \geq \frac{(3r)^n}{R} \end{aligned}$$

$\forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$

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Proof of $m_a m_b m_c \leq \frac{Rs^2}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 m_a^2 m_b^2 m_c^2 &= \frac{1}{64} (2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2)(2c^2 + 2a^2 - b^2)(2a^2 + 2b^2 - c^2) \\
 &\stackrel{(1)}{=} \frac{1}{64} \left\{ -4 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^6 + 6 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^4 b^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^4 \right) + 3a^2 b^2 c^2 \right\} \\
 \text{Now, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^6 &= \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^3 - 3(a^2 + b^2)(b^2 + c^2)(c^2 + a^2) \\
 &= \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^3 - 3 \left(2a^2 b^2 c^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(a^2 b^2 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - c^2 \right) \right) \right) \\
 &= \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^3 + 3a^2 b^2 c^2 - 3 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \\
 \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^6 &\stackrel{(2)}{=} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^3 + 3a^2 b^2 c^2 - 3 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \\
 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^4 b^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^4 &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(a^2 b^2 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - c^2 \right) \right) \stackrel{(3)}{=} \\
 &\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) - 3a^2 b^2 c^2 \therefore (1), (2), (3) \Rightarrow m_a^2 m_b^2 m_c^2 \\
 &= \frac{1}{64} \left(-4 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^3 - 12a^2 b^2 c^2 + 12 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + 6 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) - 18a^2 b^2 c^2 + 3a^2 b^2 c^2 \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{64} \left(-4 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^3 + 18 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) - 27a^2 b^2 c^2 \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{64} \left(-4 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^3 + 18 \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right)^2 - 16Rrs^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) - 27a^2 b^2 c^2 \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{64} \left\{ -32(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)^3 + 36(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2 \right\} \\
 &= \frac{1}{16} \left\{ s^6 - s^4(12Rr - 33r^2) - s^2(60R^2r^2 + 120Rr^3 + 33r^4) - r^3(4R + r)^3 \right\} \\
 &\leq \frac{R^2s^4}{4} \Leftrightarrow
 \end{aligned}$$

$$s^6 - s^4(4R^2 + 12Rr - 33r^2) - s^2(60R^2r^2 + 120Rr^3 + 33r^4) - r^3(4R + r)^3 \stackrel{(\bullet)}{\leq} 0$$

Now, LHS of $(\bullet) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} -s^4(8Rr - 36r^2) - s^2(60R^2r^2 + 120Rr^3 + 33r^4) - r^3(4R + r)^3 \stackrel{?}{\leq} 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow s^4(8R - 16r) + s^2(60R^2r + 120Rr^2 + 33r^3) + r^2(4R + r)^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 20rs^4 \quad (\bullet\bullet)$$

Now, LHS of $(\bullet\bullet) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \stackrel{(a)}{s^2(16Rr - 5r^2)(8R - 16r)}$

+ $s^2(60R^2r + 120Rr^2 + 33r^3) + r^2(4R + r)^3$ and

RHS of $(\bullet\bullet) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} \stackrel{(b)}{20rs^2(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)}$

$(a), (b) \Rightarrow$ in order to prove $(\bullet\bullet)$, it suffices to prove :

$$s^2(16Rr - 5r^2)(8R - 16r) + s^2(60R^2r + 120Rr^2 + 33r^3) + r^2(4R + r)^3 \geq 20rs^2(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s^2(108R^2 - 256Rr + 53r^2) + r(4R + r)^3 \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s^2(108R^2 - 256Rr + 80r^2) + r(4R + r)^3 \stackrel{(\bullet\bullet\bullet)}{\geq} 27r^2s^2$$

Now, LHS of $(\bullet\bullet\bullet) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \stackrel{(c)}{(108R^2 - 256Rr + 80r^2)(16Rr - 5r^2) + r(4R + r)^3}$

and RHS of $(\bullet\bullet\bullet) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} \stackrel{(d)}{27r^2(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)}$

$(c), (d) \Rightarrow$ in order to prove $(\bullet\bullet\bullet)$, it suffices to prove :

$$(108R^2 - 256Rr + 80r^2)(16Rr - 5r^2) + r(4R + r)^3 \geq 27r^2(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 224t^3 - 587t^2 + 308t - 60 \geq 0 \quad \left(\text{where } t = \frac{R}{r} \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (t - 2)((t - 2)(224t + 309) + 648) \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \Rightarrow (\bullet\bullet\bullet) \Rightarrow (\bullet\bullet)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\bullet) \text{ is true} \Rightarrow m_a^2 m_b^2 m_c^2 \leq \frac{R^2 s^4}{4} \Rightarrow m_a m_b m_c \leq \frac{Rs^2}{2} \quad (\text{QED})$$

1514. In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$6 \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{h_b^2 + h_c^2}{r_a^2} \leq 6 \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{h_a^2}{r_a^2} &= 4 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{s^2 - 2sa + a^2}{a^2} = \frac{4s^2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2}{16R^2 r^2 s^2} - \frac{8s \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab}{4Rrs} + 12 \\ &\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{h_a^2}{r_a^2} = \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 - 8Rr \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab + 48R^2 r^2}{4R^2 r^2} \rightarrow (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{h_b^2 + h_c^2}{r_a^2} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a^2 - h_a^2}{r_a^2} = \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2}{4R^2} \cdot \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_b r_c)^2 - 2r_a r_b r_c \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a}{r^2 s^4} - \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{h_a^2}{r_a^2} \\ &\stackrel{\text{via (1)}}{=} \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2}{4R^2} \cdot \frac{s^4 - 2rs^2(4R+r)}{r^2 s^4} - \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 - 8Rr \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab + 48R^2 r^2}{4R^2 r^2} \\ &= \frac{-2r^2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 - 48R^2 r^2 s^2 + 8Rr(s^2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab - \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2)}{4R^2 r^2 s^2} \\ &\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{h_b^2 + h_c^2}{r_a^2} = \frac{-s^4 + (24R^2 + 4Rr - 2r^2)s^2 - r(4R+r)^3}{2R^2 s^2} \rightarrow (i) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore (i) \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{h_b^2 + h_c^2}{r_a^2} &\geq 6 \Leftrightarrow \frac{-s^4 + (24R^2 + 4Rr - 2r^2)s^2 - r(4R+r)^3}{2R^2 s^2} \geq 6 \\ &\Leftrightarrow -s^4 + (12R^2 + 4Rr - 2r^2)s^2 - r(4R+r)^3 \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, LHS of } (*) &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} - (4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)s^2 + (12R^2 + 4Rr - 2r^2)s^2 \\ &\quad - r(4R+r)^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow (8R^2 - 5r^2)s^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} r(4R+r)^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Again, } (8R^2 - 5r^2)s^2 &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (8R^2 - 5r^2)(16Rr - 5r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} r(4R+r)^3 \\ \Leftrightarrow 16t^3 - 22t^2 - 23t + 6 &\geq 0 \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right) \Leftrightarrow (t-2)(16t^2 + 10t - 3) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \Rightarrow (***) \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true } \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{h_b^2 + h_c^2}{r_a^2} \geq 6$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also, (i)} \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{h_b^2 + h_c^2}{r_a^2} &\leq 6 \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right) \Leftrightarrow \frac{-s^4 + (24R^2 + 4Rr - 2r^2)s^2 - r(4R+r)^3}{2R^2 s^2} \\ &\leq 6 \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right) \Leftrightarrow rs^4 + (6R^3 - 24R^2 r - 4Rr^2 + 2r^3)s^2 + r^2(4R+r)^3 \stackrel{(***)}{\geq} 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, LHS of } (***) &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} r(16Rr - 5r^2)s^2 + (6R^3 - 24R^2 r - 4Rr^2 + 2r^3)s^2 \\ &\quad + r^2(4R+r)^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow (6R^3 - 24R^2 r + 12Rr^2 - 3r^3)s^2 + r^2(4R+r)^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Case 1}} \quad 6R^3 - 24R^2 r + 12Rr^2 - 3r^3 \geq 0 \text{ and then : LHS of } (***) \geq r^2(4R+r)^3 > 0 \Rightarrow (***) \text{ is true (strict inequality)}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Case 2}} \quad 6R^3 - 24R^2 r + 12Rr^2 - 3r^3 < 0 \text{ and then : LHS of } (***) = -(-(6R^3 - 24R^2 r + 12Rr^2 - 3r^3)s^2) + r^2(4R+r)^3$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} -(-(6R^3 - 24R^2 r + 12Rr^2 - 3r^3)(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)) + r^2(4R+r)^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow 12t^5 - 36t^4 + 17t^3 + 6t^2 + 18t - 4 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (t-2) \left((t-2)(12t^3 + 12t^2 + 17t + 26) + 54 \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \Rightarrow (****)$$

is true \therefore combining both cases, $(****) \Rightarrow (***)$ is true $\forall \Delta ABC \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{h_b^2 + h_c^2}{r_a^2}$

$$\leq 6 \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right) \therefore 6 \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{h_b^2 + h_c^2}{r_a^2} \leq 6 \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right) \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$$

1515. In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$6 \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_b^2 + r_c^2}{h_a^2} \leq 6 \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^3$$

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$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_a^2}{h_a^2} = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(a-s+s)^2}{(s-a)^2} = \frac{1}{4} \left(3 - 2s \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{s-a} + s^2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{(s-a)^2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \left(3 - \frac{2s(4Rr + r^2)}{r^2 s} + \frac{s^2}{r^4 s^2} \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} (s-b)(s-c) \right)^2 - 2(s-a)(s-b)(s-c) \sum_{\text{cyc}} (s-a) \right) \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \left(3 - \frac{2(4R+r)}{r} + \frac{r^2((4R+r)^2 - 2s^2)}{r^4} \right) \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_a^2}{h_a^2} = \frac{8R^2 + r^2 - s^2}{2r^2} \rightarrow (1)$$

$$\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_b^2 + r_c^2}{h_a^2} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^2 - r_a^2}{h_a^2} = \frac{((4R+r)^2 - 2s^2)(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)}{2r^2 s^2} - \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_a^2}{h_a^2}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{via (1)}}{=} \frac{((4R+r)^2 - 2s^2)(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)}{2r^2 s^2} - \frac{8R^2 + r^2 - s^2}{2r^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_b^2 + r_c^2}{h_a^2} = \frac{-s^4 + (8R^2 + 16Rr + 2r^2)s^2 - r(4R+r)^3}{2r^2 s^2} \rightarrow (i)$$

$$\therefore (i) \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_b^2 + r_c^2}{h_a^2} \geq 6 \Leftrightarrow \frac{-s^4 + (8R^2 + 16Rr + 2r^2)s^2 - r(4R+r)^3}{2r^2 s^2} \geq 6$$

$$\Leftrightarrow -s^4 + (8R^2 + 16Rr - 10r^2)s^2 - r(4R+r)^3 \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} 0$$

Now, LHS of $(*) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} -(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)s^2 + (8R^2 + 16Rr - 10r^2)s^2 - r(4R+r)^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow (4R^2 + 12Rr - 13r^2)s^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} r(4R+r)^3$

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Again, $(4R^2 + 12Rr - 13r^2)s^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (4R^2 + 12Rr - 13r^2) \left(\frac{16Rr}{-5r^2} \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} r(4R + r)^3$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4r(31R^2 - 70Rr + 16r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow (31R - 8r)(R - 2r) \rightarrow \text{true} \because R \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2r$$

$$\Rightarrow (***) \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true} \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_b^2 + r_c^2}{h_a^2} \geq 6$$

$$\text{Also, (i)} \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_b^2 + r_c^2}{h_a^2} \leq 6 \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^3 \Leftrightarrow \frac{-s^4 + (8R^2 + 16Rr + 2r^2)s^2 - r(4R + r)^3}{2r^2s^2}$$

$$\leq 6 \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^3 \Leftrightarrow 2rs^4 + (3R^3 - 16R^2r - 32Rr^2 - 4r^3)s^2 + 2r^2(4R + r)^3 \stackrel{(***)}{\geq} 0$$

Now, LHS of (***) $\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 2r(16Rr - 5r^2)s^2 + (3R^3 - 16R^2r - 32Rr^2 - 4r^3)s^2$

$$+ 2r^2(4R + r)^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow (3R^3 - 16R^2r - 14r^3)s^2 + 2r^2(4R + r)^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

Case 1 $3R^3 - 16R^2r - 14r^3 \geq 0$ and then : LHS of (***)

$$\geq 2r^2(4R + r)^3 > 0 \Rightarrow (***) \text{ is true (strict inequality)}$$

Case 2 $3R^3 - 16R^2r - 14r^3 < 0$ and then : LHS of (***)

$$= -(-(3R^3 - 16R^2r - 14r^3)s^2) + 2r^2(4R + r)^3$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} -(-(3R^3 - 16R^2r - 14r^3)(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)) + 2r^2(4R + r)^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 12t^5 - 52t^4 + 73t^3 - 8t^2 - 32t - 40 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (t - 2) \left((t - 2)(12t^3 - 4t^2 + 9t + 44) + 108 \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \Rightarrow (***)$$

is true \therefore combining both cases, (***) \Rightarrow (***) is true $\forall \Delta ABC$

$$\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_b^2 + r_c^2}{h_a^2} \leq 6 \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^3$$

$$\therefore 6 \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_b^2 + r_c^2}{h_a^2} \leq 6 \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^3 \forall \Delta ABC, "=" \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$$

1516. In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{h_b^2 + h_c^2}{r_a^2} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_b^2 + r_c^2}{h_a^2}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{h_a^2}{r_a^2} &= 4 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{s^2 - 2sa + a^2}{a^2} = \frac{4s^2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2}{16R^2 r^2 s^2} - \frac{8s \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab}{4Rrs} + 12 \\ &\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{h_a^2}{r_a^2} = \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 - 8Rr \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab + 48R^2 r^2}{4R^2 r^2} \rightarrow (1) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_a^2}{h_a^2} &= \frac{1}{4} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(a-s+s)^2}{(s-a)^2} = \frac{1}{4} \left(3 - 2s \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{s-a} + s^2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{(s-a)^2} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} \left(3 - \frac{2s(4Rr+r^2)}{r^2s} + \frac{s^2}{r^4s^2} \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} (s-b)(s-c) \right)^2 - 2(s-a)(s-b)(s-c) \sum_{\text{cyc}} (s-a) \right) \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} \left(3 - \frac{2(4R+r)}{r} + \frac{r^2((4R+r)^2 - 2s^2)}{r^4} \right) \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_a^2}{h_a^2} = \frac{8R^2 + r^2 - s^2}{2r^2} \rightarrow (2) \\
 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{h_b^2 + h_c^2}{r_a^2} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a^2 - h_a^2}{r_a^2} = \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2}{4R^2} \cdot \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_b r_c)^2 - 2r_a r_b r_c \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a}{r^2 s^4} - \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{h_a^2}{r_a^2} \\
 &\stackrel{\text{via (1)}}{=} \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2}{4R^2} \cdot \frac{s^4 - 2rs^2(4R+r) - \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 - 8Rr \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab + 48R^2 r^2}{r^2 s^4} - \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{h_a^2}{r_a^2} \\
 &= \frac{4R^2}{-2r^2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 - 48R^2 r^2 s^2 + 8Rr(s^2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab - \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2)} \\
 &\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{h_b^2 + h_c^2}{r_a^2} = \frac{-s^4 + (24R^2 + 4Rr - 2r^2)s^2 - r(4R+r)^3}{2R^2 s^2} \rightarrow (i) \\
 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_b^2 + r_c^2}{h_a^2} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^2 - r_a^2}{h_a^2} = \frac{((4R+r)^2 - 2s^2)(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)}{2r^2 s^2} - \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_a^2}{h_a^2} \\
 &\stackrel{\text{via (2)}}{=} \frac{((4R+r)^2 - 2s^2)(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)}{2r^2 s^2} - \frac{8R^2 + r^2 - s^2}{2r^2} \\
 &\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_b^2 + r_c^2}{h_a^2} = \frac{-s^4 + (8R^2 + 16Rr + 2r^2)s^2 - r(4R+r)^3}{2r^2 s^2} \rightarrow (ii) \\
 \therefore (i), (ii) &\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{h_b^2 + h_c^2}{r_a^2} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_b^2 + r_c^2}{h_a^2} \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \frac{-s^4 + (24R^2 + 4Rr - 2r^2)s^2 - r(4R+r)^3}{2R^2 s^2} \\
 &\leq \frac{-s^4 + (8R^2 + 16Rr + 2r^2)s^2 - r(4R+r)^3}{2r^2 s^2} \\
 &\Leftrightarrow (8R^4 + 16R^3 r - 22R^2 r^2 - 4Rr^3 + 2r^4)s^2 - (R^2 - r^2)s^4 \\
 &\quad - r(64R^5 + 48R^4 r - 52R^3 r^2 - 47R^2 r^3 - 12Rr^4 - r^5) \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} 0 \\
 \text{Now, LHS of } (*) &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (8R^4 + 16R^3 r - 22R^2 r^2 - 4Rr^3 + 2r^4)s^2 \\
 &\quad - (4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)(R^2 - r^2)s^2 \\
 &\quad - r(64R^5 + 48R^4 r - 52R^3 r^2 - 47R^2 r^3 - 12Rr^4 - r^5) \\
 &\quad = (4R^4 + 12R^3 r - 21R^2 r^2 + 5r^4)s^2 \\
 &\quad - r(64R^5 + 48R^4 r - 52R^3 r^2 - 47R^2 r^3 - 12Rr^4 - r^5) \\
 &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (4R^4 + 12R^3 r - 21R^2 r^2 + 5r^4)(16Rr - 5r^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & -r(64R^5 + 48R^4r - 52R^3r^2 - 47R^2r^3 - 12Rr^4 - r^5) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\
 & \Leftrightarrow 31t^4 - 86t^3 + 38t^2 + 23t - 6 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \quad \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right) \\
 & \Leftrightarrow (t-2) \left((t-2)(31t^2 + 38t + 66) + 135 \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true} \\
 & \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{h_b^2 + h_c^2}{r_a^2} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_b^2 + r_c^2}{h_a^2} \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$

1517. In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{27r}{2Rp} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sin^3 B + \sin^3 C}{h_a} \leq \frac{27R}{8rp}$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

For own convenience, $s \equiv p$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sin^3 B + \sin^3 C}{h_a} &= \frac{1}{16R^3rs} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} a(b^3 + c^3) = \frac{1}{16R^3rs} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(ab \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - a^2 \right) \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{16R^3rs} \cdot \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) - abc \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) \right) = \frac{s^4 - r^2(4R+r)^2 - 4Rrs^2}{8R^3rs} \\
 &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} \frac{s^2(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) - r^2(4R+r)^2 - 4Rrs^2}{8R^3rs} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} \\
 &\quad \frac{(4R^2 + 3r^2)(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) - r^2(4R+r)^2}{8R^3rs} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{27R}{8rs} \\
 &\Leftrightarrow 11t^4 - 16t^3 - 8t^2 - 4t - 8 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \quad \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right) \Leftrightarrow (t-2)(11t^3 + 6t^2 + 4t + 4) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\
 &\quad \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sin^3 B + \sin^3 C}{h_a} \leq \frac{27R}{8rp} \\
 \text{Again, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sin^3 B + \sin^3 C}{h_a} &= \frac{2R}{8R^3} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b^3 + c^3}{bc} \geq \frac{1}{4R^2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{bc(b+c)}{bc} = \frac{4s}{4R^2} = \frac{2s^2}{2R^2s} \\
 &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen} + \text{Euler}}{\geq} \frac{27Rr}{2R^2s} = \frac{27r}{2Rs} \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sin^3 B + \sin^3 C}{h_a} \geq \frac{27r}{2Rp} \\
 \therefore \frac{27r}{2Rp} &\leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sin^3 B + \sin^3 C}{h_a} \leq \frac{27R}{8rp} \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$

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1518. Let $n \geq 2$. Then, in ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$2023 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt[2023]{\frac{n_a}{n_b + n_c}} + \left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^n \geq 2^n + 2023 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt[2023]{\frac{m_a}{m_b + m_c}}$$

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Solution 1 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Stewart's theorem} &\Rightarrow b^2(s-c) + c^2(s-b) = an_a^2 + a(s-b)(s-c) \\ &\Rightarrow s(b^2 + c^2) - bc(2s-a) = an_a^2 + a(s^2 - s(2s-a) + bc) \Rightarrow s(b^2 + c^2) - 2sbc \\ &= an_a^2 + a(as - s^2) \Rightarrow s(b^2 + c^2 - a^2 - 2bc) = an_a^2 - as^2 \Rightarrow an_a^2 \\ &= as^2 + s(2bccosA - 2bc) = as^2 - 4sbc \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} = as^2 - \frac{4sbc(s-b)(s-c)(s-a)}{bc(s-a)} \end{aligned}$$

$$= as^2 - \frac{4\Delta^2}{s-a} = as^2 - 2a \left(\frac{2\Delta}{a}\right) \left(\frac{\Delta}{s-a}\right) = as^2 - 2ah_a r_a \therefore n_a^2 = s^2 - 2r_a h_a$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 n_a^2 \stackrel{?}{\leq} 4(R-r)^2 s^2 a^2 (s^2 - 2h_a r_a) \stackrel{?}{\leq} 4(R-r)^2 s^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (4R^2 \sin^2 A) s^2 - 4rs \left(4R \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}\right) \left(\tan \frac{A}{2}\right) \stackrel{?}{\leq} 4(R^2 - 2Rr + r^2) s^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow R^2(1 - \sin^2 A) - 2Rr \left(1 - 2\sin^2 \frac{A}{2}\right) + r^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow R^2 \cos^2 A - 2Rr \cos A + r^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (R \cos A - r)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \therefore an_a \leq 2Rs - 2rs \Rightarrow \frac{n_a}{h_a} \leq \frac{2Rs}{a \left(\frac{2rs}{a}\right)} - \frac{2rs}{a \left(\frac{2rs}{a}\right)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n_a}{h_a} \leq \frac{R}{r} - 1 \text{ and analogs} \therefore 2023 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt[2023]{\frac{n_a}{n_b + n_c}} + \frac{R^2 - 4r^2}{r^2}$$

$$\geq 2023 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt[2023]{\frac{m_a}{\left(\frac{R}{r} - 1\right)(h_b + h_c)}} + \frac{R^2 - 4r^2}{r^2}$$

$$\geq 2023 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt[2023]{\frac{m_a}{\left(\frac{R}{r} - 1\right)(m_b + m_c)}} + \frac{R^2 - 4r^2}{r^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2023 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt[2023]{\frac{m_a}{m_b + m_c}}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{R^2 - 4r^2}{r^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{2023}{\sqrt[2023]{2}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt[2023]{\frac{R}{r} - 1}}\right) \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt[2023]{\frac{2m_a}{m_b + m_c}}$$

$$\text{Now, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt[2023]{\frac{2a}{b+c}} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt[2023]{\frac{2a}{b+c} \cdot \frac{1 \cdot 1 \dots 1}{2022 \text{ terms}}} \stackrel{A-G}{\leq} \frac{1}{2023} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{2a}{b+c} + 2 + 2020\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2023} \left(2 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a\right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{b+c}\right) + 6060\right)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{2023} \left(2(2s) \frac{5s^2 + 4Rr + r^2}{2s(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)} + 6060 \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2023} \left(\frac{10(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)}{s^2 + 2Rr + r^2} - \frac{12Rr + 8r^2}{s^2 + 2Rr + r^2} + 6060 \right) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} \\
 &\quad \frac{1}{2023} \left(9 + 1 - \frac{12Rr + 8r^2}{4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 + 2Rr + r^2} + 6060 \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2023} \left(9 + \frac{2R^2 - 3Rr - 2r^2}{2R^2 + 3Rr + 2r^2} + 6060 \right) \leq \frac{1}{2023} \left(9 + \frac{R - 2r}{r} + 6060 \right) \\
 &\quad \left(\frac{2R^2 - 3Rr - 2r^2}{2R^2 + 3Rr + 2r^2} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{R - 2r}{r} \Leftrightarrow 2\sigma^3 - 3\sigma^2 - \sigma - 2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \left(\sigma = \frac{R}{r} \right) \right) \\
 &\quad \Leftrightarrow (\sigma - 2)(2\sigma^2 + \sigma + 1) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because \sigma \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\sum_{\text{cyc}}^{2023} \sqrt{\frac{2a}{b+c}} \leq \frac{1}{2023} \left(\frac{R}{r} + 6067 \right)} \text{ and invoking it on a triangle with sides } \frac{2m_a}{3}, \frac{2m_b}{3}, \frac{2m_c}{3},$$

whose area via elementary calculations $= \frac{F}{3}$, we arrive at: $\sum_{\text{cyc}}^{2023} \sqrt{\frac{2m_a}{m_b + m_c}}$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2023} \left(\frac{\frac{2m_a}{3} \cdot \frac{2m_b}{3} \cdot \frac{2m_c}{3} \cdot \frac{\frac{2m_a}{3} + \frac{2m_b}{3} + \frac{2m_c}{3}}{2}}{\frac{4F}{3}} \cdot \frac{F}{\frac{F}{3}} + 6067 \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2023} \left(\frac{2m_a m_b m_c (m_a + m_b + m_c)}{9r^2 s^2} + 6067 \right) \begin{matrix} m_a m_b m_c \leq \frac{Rs^2}{2} \\ \text{and} \\ m_a + m_b + m_c \leq 4R + r \end{matrix}$$

$$\frac{1}{2023} \left(\frac{Rs^2(4R+r)}{9r^2 s^2} + 6067 \right) \Rightarrow \boxed{\sum_{\text{cyc}}^{2023} \sqrt{\frac{2m_a}{m_b + m_c}} \leq \frac{1}{2023} \left(\frac{4\sigma^2}{9} + \frac{\sigma}{9} + 6067 \right)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{RHS of } (*) \leq \frac{1}{2023\sqrt{2}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{t} \right) \left(\frac{4\sigma^2}{9} + \frac{\sigma}{9} + 6067 \right) \left(t = \sqrt[2023]{\frac{R}{r} - 1} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 1 \right)$$

$$\leq \left(\frac{t-1}{t} \right) \left(\frac{4\sigma^2}{9} + \frac{\sigma}{9} + 6067 \right) \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{R^2 - 4r^2}{r^2} = \sigma^2 - 4$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (\sigma^2 - 4)t \stackrel{?}{\geq} (t-1) \left(\frac{4\sigma^2}{9} + \frac{\sigma}{9} + 6067 \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow t \left(\frac{5\sigma^2}{9} - \frac{\sigma}{9} - 2 - 6069 \right) + \frac{4\sigma^2}{9} + \frac{\sigma}{9} - 2 + 6069 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{t(5\sigma + 9)(\sigma - 2)}{9} + \frac{(4\sigma + 9)(\sigma - 2)}{9} - 6069(t-1) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{t(5\sigma + 9) + 4\sigma + 9}{9} \cdot (t^{2023} - 1) - 6069(t-1) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

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$$\left(\because t^{2023} = \frac{R}{r} - 1 = \sigma - 1 \Rightarrow \sigma - 2 = t^{2023} - 1 \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \boxed{\left((t-1) \left(\frac{t(5\sigma+9)+4\sigma+9}{9} \cdot (t^{2022} + t^{2021} + \dots + t + 1) - 6069 \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \right)}_{(**)}$$

Now, $\because t \geq 1, \therefore \frac{t(5\sigma+9)+4\sigma+9}{9} \cdot (t^{2022} + t^{2021} + \dots + t + 1) - 6069$

$$\geq \frac{5\sigma+9+4\sigma+9}{9} \cdot (1^{2022} + 1^{2021} + \dots + 1 + 1) - 6069 = 2023(\sigma+2-3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{LHS of } (**) \geq 2023(t-1)(\sigma-1) \geq 0 \because t \geq 1 \text{ and } \sigma-1 \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 1 > 0 \Rightarrow (**)$$

$$\Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true } \therefore \frac{R^2 - 4r^2}{r^2} \geq 2023 \sum_{\text{cyc}}^{2023} \sqrt{\frac{m_a}{m_b + m_c}} - 2023 \sum_{\text{cyc}}^{2023} \sqrt{\frac{n_a}{n_b + n_c}} \rightarrow (1)$$

Let $f(n) = t^n - 2^n \forall t = \frac{R}{r} \geq 2$ ($t \rightarrow$ fixed) and $\forall n \geq 2$ and then :

$$f'(n) = t^n \cdot (\ln t) - 2^n \cdot (\ln 2) \geq 0 \because t^n \geq 2^n \text{ and } \ln t \geq \ln 2$$

$$\Rightarrow t^n \cdot (\ln t) - 2^n \cdot (\ln 2) \geq 0 \therefore f(n) \text{ is } \uparrow \forall n \geq 2 \Rightarrow f(n) \geq f(2)$$

$$= \left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^2 - 4 \Rightarrow \left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^n - 2^n \geq \frac{R^2 - 4r^2}{r^2} \stackrel{\text{via (1)}}{\geq}$$

$$2023 \sum_{\text{cyc}}^{2023} \sqrt{\frac{m_a}{m_b + m_c}} - 2023 \sum_{\text{cyc}}^{2023} \sqrt{\frac{n_a}{n_b + n_c}}$$

$$\therefore 2023 \sum_{\text{cyc}}^{2023} \sqrt{\frac{n_a}{n_b + n_c}} + \left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^n \geq 2^n + 2023 \sum_{\text{cyc}}^{2023} \sqrt{\frac{m_a}{m_b + m_c}}$$

$\forall \Delta ABC$ and $\forall n \geq 2, '' = ''$ iff ΔABC is equilateral (QED)

$$\boxed{\text{Proof of } m_a m_b m_c \leq \frac{R s^2}{2}}$$

$$m_a^2 m_b^2 m_c^2 = \frac{1}{64} (2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2)(2c^2 + 2a^2 - b^2)(2a^2 + 2b^2 - c^2)$$

$$\stackrel{(1)}{=} \frac{1}{64} \left\{ -4 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^6 + 6 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^4 b^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^4 \right) + 3a^2 b^2 c^2 \right\}$$

$$\text{Now, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^6 = \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^3 - 3(a^2 + b^2)(b^2 + c^2)(c^2 + a^2)$$

$$= \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^3 - 3 \left(2a^2 b^2 c^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(a^2 b^2 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - c^2 \right) \right) \right)$$

$$= \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^3 + 3a^2 b^2 c^2 - 3 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^6 \stackrel{(2)}{=} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^3 + 3a^2b^2c^2 - 3 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \\
 & \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^4b^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b^4 = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(a^2b^2 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - c^2 \right) \right) \stackrel{(3)}{=} \\
 & \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) - 3a^2b^2c^2 \therefore (1), (2), (3) \Rightarrow m_a^2 m_b^2 m_c^2 \\
 & = \frac{1}{64} \left(-4 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^3 - 12a^2b^2c^2 + 12 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + 6 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) - 18a^2b^2c^2 + 3a^2b^2c^2 \right) \\
 & = \frac{1}{64} \left(-4 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^3 + 18 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) - 27a^2b^2c^2 \right) \\
 & = \frac{1}{64} \left(-4 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^3 + 18 \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right)^2 - 16Rrs^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) - 27a^2b^2c^2 \right) \\
 & = \frac{1}{64} \left\{ -32(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)^3 + 36(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2 \right. \\
 & \quad \left. - 576Rrs^2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) - 432R^2r^2s^2 \right\} \\
 & = \frac{1}{16} \{ s^6 - s^4(12Rr - 33r^2) - s^2(60R^2r^2 + 120Rr^3 + 33r^4) - r^3(4R + r)^3 \} \\
 & \leq \frac{R^2s^4}{4} \Leftrightarrow
 \end{aligned}$$

$$s^6 - s^4(4R^2 + 12Rr - 33r^2) - s^2(60R^2r^2 + 120Rr^3 + 33r^4) - r^3(4R + r)^3 \stackrel{(*)}{\leq} 0$$

Now, LHS of (*) $\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} -s^4(8Rr - 36r^2) - s^2(60R^2r^2 + 120Rr^3 + 33r^4) - r^3(4R + r)^3 \stackrel{?}{\leq} 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow s^4(8R - 16r) + s^2(60R^2r + 120Rr^2 + 33r^3) + r^2(4R + r)^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 20rs^4 \quad (\bullet\bullet)$$

Now, LHS of (\bullet\bullet) $\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \underbrace{s^2(16Rr - 5r^2)}_{(a)}(8R - 16r)$

$+ s^2(60R^2r + 120Rr^2 + 33r^3) + r^2(4R + r)^3$ and

RHS of (\bullet\bullet) $\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} \underbrace{20rs^2(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)}_{(b)}$

(a), (b) \Rightarrow in order to prove (\bullet\bullet), it suffices to prove :

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$$s^2(16Rr - 5r^2)(8R - 16r) + s^2(60R^2r + 120Rr^2 + 33r^3) + r^2(4R + r)^3 \\ \geq 20rs^2(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s^2(108R^2 - 256Rr + 53r^2) + r(4R + r)^3 \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s^2(108R^2 - 256Rr + 80r^2) + r(4R + r)^3 \stackrel{(\bullet\bullet\bullet)}{\geq} 27r^2s^2$$

Now, LHS of $(\bullet\bullet\bullet) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (108R^2 - 256Rr + 80r^2)(16Rr - 5r^2) + r(4R + r)^3$

and RHS of $(\bullet\bullet\bullet) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} 27r^2(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)$

(c), (d) \Rightarrow in order to prove $(\bullet\bullet\bullet)$, it suffices to prove :

$$(108R^2 - 256Rr + 80r^2)(16Rr - 5r^2) + r(4R + r)^3 \geq 27r^2(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 224t^3 - 587t^2 + 308t - 60 \geq 0 \quad \left(\text{where } t = \frac{R}{r}\right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (t - 2)((t - 2)(224t + 309) + 648) \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \Rightarrow (\bullet\bullet\bullet) \Rightarrow (\bullet\bullet)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\bullet) \text{ is true} \Rightarrow m_a^2 m_b^2 m_c^2 \leq \frac{R^2 s^4}{4} \Rightarrow m_a m_b m_c \leq \frac{R s^2}{2} \quad (\text{QED})$$

Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

By Hölder's inequality, we have

$$\sum_{cyc}^{2023} \sqrt{\frac{m_a}{m_a + m_b}} \leq \sqrt[2023]{\sum_{cyc} m_a(m_b + m_c) \cdot \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{(m_a + m_b)(m_b + m_c)} \cdot \left(\sum_{cyc} 1\right)^{2021}} \\ = \sqrt[2023]{4 \cdot 3^{2021} \cdot \frac{(m_a + m_b + m_c)(m_a m_b + m_b m_c + m_c m_a)}{(m_a + m_b)(m_b + m_c)(m_c + m_a)}} \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\leq} \\ \leq \sqrt[2023]{4 \cdot 3^{2021} \cdot \frac{9}{8}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt[2023]{2}}$$

Now, using AM – GM inequality and the known formula

$$n_a^2 = s^2 - 2r_a h_a, \text{ we have}$$

$$n_a \leq \frac{n_a^2 + r_a^2}{2r_a} = \frac{s^2 + \left(s \tan \frac{A}{2}\right)^2}{2s \tan \frac{A}{2}} - h_a = \frac{s \sec^2 \frac{A}{2}}{2 \tan \frac{A}{2}} - h_a = \frac{s}{\sin A} - h_a = \\ = \frac{bc}{2r} - \frac{bc}{2R} = \frac{(R - r)bc}{2Rr}$$

Using this result and the AM – GM inequality, we obtain

$$\sum_{cyc}^{2023} \sqrt{\frac{n_a}{n_b + n_c}} \geq 3 \sqrt[6069]{\frac{n_a n_b n_c}{(n_a + n_b)(n_b + n_c)(n_c + n_a)}} \\ \geq 3 \sqrt[6069]{\frac{(2Rr)^3 \cdot m_a m_b m_c}{(R - r)^3 abc(a + b)(b + c)(c + a)}}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 m_a &\geq \frac{(b+c)}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2} \stackrel{6069}{\geq} 3 \sqrt[6069]{\frac{(Rr)^3 \cdot \cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}}{(R-r)^3 \cdot abc}} = 3 \sqrt[6069]{\frac{(Rr)^3 \cdot \frac{s}{4R}}{(R-r)^3 \cdot 4Rsr}} = 3 \sqrt[6069]{\frac{Rr^2}{16(R-r)^3}} \\
 &\geq 3 \sqrt[6069]{\frac{r^3}{8(R-r)^3}} = 3 \sqrt[2023]{\frac{r}{2(R-r)}} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \frac{3}{2023 \sqrt[2023]{2}} \left(2024 - \frac{R-r}{r}\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Using these results, it suffices to prove that

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\frac{3}{2023 \sqrt[2023]{2}} \left(2024 - \frac{R-r}{r}\right) + \left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^n \geq 2^n + \frac{2023 \cdot 3}{2023 \sqrt[2023]{2}} \\
 \Leftrightarrow &\left(\frac{R}{r} - 2\right) \left(\frac{R}{r} + 2 - \frac{3}{2023 \sqrt[2023]{2}}\right) + \left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^2 \left(\left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^{n-2} - 1\right) - 4(2^{n-2} - 1) \geq 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

which is true by Euler's inequality,

$$R \geq 2r. \text{ Equality holds iff } \triangle ABC \text{ is equilateral.}$$

1519. In any $\triangle ABC$, the following relationships hold :

$$(a) \frac{a^3}{b} + \frac{b^3}{c} + \frac{c^3}{a} \geq a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + \frac{\sum_{cyc} (b-c)^4}{2023(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + 2024(a+b+c)^2} \text{ and}$$

$$(b) \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{\frac{m_a}{n_a + g_a - m_a}} + \frac{R^2}{r^2} \geq 4 + \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{\frac{a}{b+c-a}}$$

Proposed by Nguyen Van Canh-Vietnam

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\frac{a^3}{b} + \frac{b^3}{c} + \frac{c^3}{a} - (a^2 + b^2 + c^2) - \frac{\sum_{cyc} (b-c)^4}{2023(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + 2024(a+b+c)^2} \\
 &= \frac{a^4}{ab} + \frac{b^4}{bc} + \frac{c^4}{ca} - (a^2 + b^2 + c^2) - \frac{\sum_{cyc} (b-c)^4}{2023(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + 2024(a+b+c)^2} \\
 &\stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{(\sum_{cyc} a^2)^2}{\sum_{cyc} ab} - \sum_{cyc} a^2 \\
 &- \frac{2}{\sum_{cyc} a^2 + (\sum_{cyc} a)^2} \cdot \left(\sum_{cyc} a^4 + 3 \sum_{cyc} a^2 b^2 - 2 \sum_{cyc} \left(ab \left(\sum_{cyc} a^2 - c^2 \right) \right) \right) \\
 &= \frac{\sum_{cyc} a^2}{\sum_{cyc} ab} (s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & - \frac{2}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + (\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)^2} \cdot \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^2 + \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right)^2 - 2abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) \\
 & - 2 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) + 2abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \\
 & = \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab} (s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2) - \frac{2}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + (\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)^2} \cdot \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right)^2 \\
 & = \frac{2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab} (s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2) - \frac{2(s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2)^2}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + (\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)^2} \\
 & = 2(s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2) \left(\frac{s^2 - 4Rr - r^2}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab} - \frac{s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + (\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)^2} \right) \\
 & \geq 2(s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2) \left(\frac{s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab} - \frac{s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + (\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)^2} \right) \\
 & \left(\because s^2 - 4Rr - r^2 > s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2 \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 16Rr - 5r^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2 \right) \\
 & \quad = 4r(R - 2r) \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 0 \\
 & = 2(s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2)^2 \left(\frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab + (\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)^2}{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab)(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + (\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)^2)} \right) \geq 0 \\
 & \quad \because \frac{a^3}{b} + \frac{b^3}{c} + \frac{c^3}{a} \geq a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \\
 & + \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} (b - c)^4}{2023(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + 2024(a + b + c)^2}, \text{'' ='' iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral}
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, Stewart's theorem $\Rightarrow b^2(s - c) + c^2(s - b) = an_a^2 + a(s - b)(s - c)$
 $\Rightarrow s(b^2 + c^2) - bc(2s - a) = an_a^2 + a(s^2 - s(2s - a) + bc) \Rightarrow s(b^2 + c^2) - 2sbc$
 $= an_a^2 + a(as - s^2) \Rightarrow s(b^2 + c^2 - a^2 - 2bc) = an_a^2 - as^2 \Rightarrow an_a^2 =$
 $as^2 + s(2bccosA - 2bc) = as^2 - 4sbcsin^2 \frac{A}{2} = as^2 - \frac{4sbc(s - b)(s - c)(s - a)}{bc(s - a)}$
 $= as^2 - \frac{4\Delta^2}{s - a} = as^2 - 2a \left(\frac{2\Delta}{a} \right) \left(\frac{\Delta}{s - a} \right) = as^2 - 2ah_a r_a \therefore n_a^2 = s^2 - 2r_a h_a$
 $\Rightarrow a^2 n_a^2 \stackrel{?}{\leq} 4(R - r)^2 s^2 a^2 (s^2 - 2h_a r_a) \stackrel{?}{\leq} 4(R - r)^2 s^2$
 $\Leftrightarrow (4R^2 \sin^2 A) s^2 - 4rs \left(4R \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2} \right) \left(\tan \frac{A}{2} \right) \stackrel{?}{\leq} 4(R^2 - 2Rr + r^2) s^2$
 $\Leftrightarrow R^2(1 - \sin^2 A) - 2Rr \left(1 - 2\sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \right) + r^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow R^2 \cos^2 A - 2Rr \cos A + r^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$
 $\Leftrightarrow (R \cos A - r)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \therefore an_a \leq 2Rs - 2rs \Rightarrow \frac{n_a}{h_a} \leq \frac{2Rs}{a \left(\frac{2rs}{a} \right)} - \frac{2rs}{a \left(\frac{2rs}{a} \right)}$

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$$\Rightarrow \frac{n_a}{h_a} \leq \frac{R}{r} - 1 \text{ and analogs} \rightarrow (1)$$

$$\text{Triangle inequality} \Rightarrow g_a \leq AI + r \stackrel{?}{\leq} w_a \Leftrightarrow \frac{r}{\sin \frac{A}{2}} + r \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{2abc \cos \frac{A}{2}}{a(b+c)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Leftrightarrow \frac{r}{\sin \frac{A}{2}} + r &\stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{8Rrs \cos \frac{A}{2}}{4R(b+c) \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}} \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{\sin \frac{A}{2}} + 1 \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{a+b+c}{(b+c) \sin \frac{A}{2}} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{\sin \frac{A}{2}} + 1 \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{a}{(b+c) \sin \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{1}{\sin \frac{A}{2}} \Leftrightarrow (b+c) \sin \frac{A}{2} \stackrel{?}{\leq} a \\ &\Leftrightarrow 4R \cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B-C}{2} \sin \frac{A}{2} \stackrel{?}{\leq} 4R \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2} \Leftrightarrow \cos \frac{B-C}{2} \stackrel{?}{\leq} 1 \rightarrow \text{true} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore g_a \leq w_a \stackrel{A-G}{\leq} \sqrt{s(s-a)} \leq m_a \text{ and analogs}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{\frac{m_a}{n_a + g_a - m_a}} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{\frac{h_a}{n_a}} \stackrel{\text{via (1)}}{\geq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{\frac{h_a}{h_a \left(\frac{R}{r} - 1\right)}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{\frac{m_a}{n_a + g_a - m_a}} \geq 3 \sqrt{\frac{r}{R-r}} \rightarrow (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{\frac{a}{b+c-a}} &\stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\leq} \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{2(s-a)}} = \sqrt{\frac{2s(4Rr+r^2)}{2r^2s}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{4R+r}{r}} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{R^2-4r^2}{r^2} + 3 \sqrt{\frac{r}{R-r}} \Leftrightarrow \frac{R^2-4r^2}{r^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{4R+r}{r} - \frac{9r}{R-r} \\ &\quad \sqrt{\frac{4R+r}{r}} + 3 \sqrt{\frac{r}{R-r}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{(R-2r)(R+2r)}{r^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{(4R+5r)(R-2r)}{r(R-r)} \text{ and } \because R-2r \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 0 \therefore \text{it suffices to prove:}$$

$$\frac{(R+2r)(R-r)}{r} \left(\sqrt{\frac{4R+r}{r}} + 3 \sqrt{\frac{r}{R-r}} \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 4R+5r$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{(R+2r)^2(R-r)^2}{r^2} \left(\frac{4R+r}{r} + \frac{9r}{R-r} + 6 \sqrt{\frac{4R+r}{R-r}} \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 4R+5r \quad (*)$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{4R+r}{R-r} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 9 \cdot \frac{4r^2}{R^2} \Leftrightarrow 4t^3 + t^2 - 36t + 36 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \quad \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (t-2) \left(4t^2 + 9(t-2) \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true } \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2$$

$$\therefore \text{LHS of } (*) > \frac{(R+2r)^2(R-r)^2}{r^2} \left(\frac{4R+r}{r} + \frac{9r}{R-r} + \frac{36r}{R} \right)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{(R+2r)^2(R-r)^2}{r^2} \left(\frac{R(4R+r)(R-r) + 9Rr^2 + 36r^2(R-r)}{Rr(R-r)} \right) > 4R+5r \\
 &\Leftrightarrow 4t^6 + 9t^5 + 35t^4 + 64t^3 - 56t^2 - 201t + 144 > 0 \\
 &\Leftrightarrow (t-2)(4t^5 + 17t^4 + 69t^3 + 202t^2 + 348t + 495) + 1134 > 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \\
 \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true} &\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{\frac{a}{b+c-a}} \leq \frac{R^2 - 4r^2}{r^2} + 3\sqrt{\frac{r}{R-r}} \stackrel{\text{via (2)}}{\leq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{\frac{m_a}{n_a + g_a - m_a}} \\
 &\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{\frac{m_a}{n_a + g_a - m_a}} + \frac{R^2}{r^2} \geq 4 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{\frac{a}{b+c-a}}, \\
 &\text{"=" iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$

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In any ΔABC and $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} : n \geq 2$, the following relationship hold :

$$\frac{h_a^n}{w_b^2 m_c (w_b^2 + m_c^2)} + \frac{w_b^n}{m_c^2 h_a (m_c^2 + h_a^2)} + \frac{m_c^n}{h_a^2 w_b (h_a^2 + w_b^2)} \geq \frac{16 \cdot 3^{n-4} \cdot r^n}{81R^5 - 2560r^5}$$

Proposed by Zaza Mzhavanadze-Georgia

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\frac{h_a^n}{w_b^2 m_c (w_b^2 + m_c^2)} + \frac{w_b^n}{m_c^2 h_a (m_c^2 + h_a^2)} + \frac{m_c^n}{h_a^2 w_b (h_a^2 + w_b^2)} \\
 &\geq \frac{h_a^n}{m_b^2 m_c (m_b^2 + m_c^2)} + \frac{h_b^n}{m_c^2 m_a (m_c^2 + m_a^2)} + \frac{h_c^n}{m_a^2 m_b (m_a^2 + m_b^2)} \\
 &\stackrel{\text{Holder}}{\geq} \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a)^n}{3^{n-2} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} (m_b^2 m_c (\sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^2 - m_a^2))} \\
 &= \frac{(2rs \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{a})^n}{3^{n-2} \cdot ((\sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^2)(\sum_{\text{cyc}} m_b^2 m_c) - m_a m_b m_c \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a m_b)} \\
 &\stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{(2rs \cdot \frac{9}{2s})^n}{3^{n-2} \cdot (\frac{3}{4} (\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2)(\sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^3) - m_a m_b m_c \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a h_b)} \\
 &\stackrel{\text{Leibnitz}}{\geq} \frac{3^{n-2} \cdot (\frac{3}{4} \cdot 9R^2 \cdot ((\sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a)^3 - 3(m_a + m_b)(m_b + m_c)(m_c + m_a)) - m_a m_b m_c \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{bc \cdot ca}{4R^2})}{3^{n+2} \cdot r^n} \\
 &\stackrel{\text{Leuenberger}}{\geq} \frac{27R^2}{4} \cdot ((4R+r)^3 - 24m_a m_b m_c) - m_a m_b m_c \cdot \frac{4Rrs(2s)}{4R^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \geq \frac{27R^2}{4} \frac{((4R+r)^3 - 24h_a h_b h_c) - h_a h_b h_c \cdot \frac{2rs^2}{R}}{3^{n+2} \cdot r^n} \\
 & = \frac{27R^2}{4} \frac{\left((4R+r)^3 - 24 \cdot \frac{2r^2 s^2}{R} \right) - \frac{2r^2 s^2}{R} \cdot \frac{2rs^2}{R}}{3^{n+2} \cdot r^n} \\
 & \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen + Euler}}{\geq} \frac{\frac{27R^2}{4} \left((4R+r)^3 - 24 \cdot \frac{r^2 \cdot 27Rr}{R} \right) - \frac{r^2 \cdot 27Rr}{R} \cdot \frac{r \cdot 27Rr}{R}}{4 \cdot 3^{n-1} \cdot r^n} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{16 \cdot 3^{n-4} \cdot r^n}{81R^5 - 2560r^5} \\
 & = \frac{R^2((4R+r)^3 - 24 \cdot 27r^3) - 108r^5}{81R^5 - 2560r^5} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{16 \cdot 3^{n-4} \cdot r^n}{81R^5 - 2560r^5} \\
 & \Leftrightarrow 27(81R^5 - 2560r^5) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 4(R^2((4R+r)^3 - 24 \cdot 27r^3) - 108r^5) \\
 & \Leftrightarrow 1931t^5 - 192t^4 - 48t^3 + 2588t^2 - 68688 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right) \\
 & \Leftrightarrow (t-2)(1931t^4 + 3670t^3 + 7292t^2 + 17172t + 34344) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \\
 & \therefore \frac{h_a^n}{w_b^2 m_c (w_b^2 + m_c^2)} + \frac{w_b^n}{m_c^2 h_a (m_c^2 + h_a^2)} + \frac{m_c^n}{h_a^2 w_b (h_a^2 + w_b^2)} \geq \frac{16 \cdot 3^{n-4} \cdot r^n}{81R^5 - 2560r^5} \\
 & \quad \forall \Delta ABC \text{ and } \forall n \in \mathbb{N} : n \geq 2, \text{''} = \text{'' iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$

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In any ΔABC and $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} : n \geq 2$, the following relationship hold :

$$\frac{h_a^n}{r_b^2 r_c (r_b^3 + r_c^3)} + \frac{w_b^n}{r_c^2 r_a (r_c^3 + r_a^3)} + \frac{m_c^n}{r_a^2 r_b (r_a^3 + r_b^3)} \geq \frac{32 \cdot 3^{n-5} \cdot r^n}{3(9R^3 - 64r^3)^2 - 128r^6}$$

Proposed by Zaza Mzhavanadze-Georgia

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned}
 r_b + r_c &= s \left(\frac{\sin \frac{B}{2}}{\cos \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{\sin \frac{C}{2}}{\cos \frac{C}{2}} \right) = \frac{s \sin \left(\frac{B+C}{2} \right) \cos \frac{A}{2}}{\cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}} = \frac{s \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\left(\frac{s}{4R} \right)} = 4R \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \\
 \therefore r_b + r_c &\stackrel{(i)}{=} 4R \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \\
 \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_b^2 r_c (r_b^3 + r_c^3) &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(r_b^2 r_c \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^3 - r_a^3 \right) \right) \\
 &= \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^3 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_b^2 r_c \right) - r_a r_b r_c \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^2 r_b \right) \stackrel{A-G}{\leq} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^3 \right)^2 - 3r_a^2 r_b^2 r_c^2
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \left((4R+r)^3 - 3 \prod_{\text{cyc}} (r_b + r_c) \right)^2 - 3r^2s^4 \\
 &\stackrel{\text{via (i) and analogs}}{=} \left((4R+r)^3 - 3 \cdot 64R^3 \cdot \frac{s^2}{16R^2} \right)^2 - 3r^2s^4 \\
 &= (4R+r)^6 + (144R^2 - 3r^2)s^4 - 24R(4R+r)^3s^2 \stackrel{\text{Euler and Mitrinovic}}{\leq} \\
 &(4R+r)^4 \cdot \frac{81R^2}{4} + \left((144R^2 - 3r^2) \cdot \frac{27R^2}{4} - 24R(4R+r)^3 \right) s^2 \\
 &= (4R+r)^4 \cdot \frac{81R^2}{4} - \frac{3s^2}{4} (752R^4 + 1536R^3r + 411R^2r^2 + 32Rr^3) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen + Euler}}{\leq} \\
 &(4R+r)^4 \cdot \frac{81R^2}{4} - \frac{3 \cdot 27Rr}{8} (752R^4 + 1536R^3r + 411R^2r^2 + 32Rr^3) \\
 \therefore 32 \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_b^2 r_c (r_b^3 + r_c^3) &\stackrel{(*)}{\leq} 81 \left(8R^2(4R+r)^4 - 4Rr(752R^4 + 1536R^3r + 411R^2r^2 + 32Rr^3) \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\text{Now, } \frac{h_a^n}{r_b^2 r_c (r_b^3 + r_c^3)} + \frac{w_b^n}{r_c^2 r_a (r_c^3 + r_a^3)} + \frac{m_c^n}{r_a^2 r_b (r_a^3 + r_b^3)} \geq \\
 &\frac{h_a^n}{r_b^2 r_c (r_b^3 + r_c^3)} + \frac{h_b^n}{r_c^2 r_a (r_c^3 + r_a^3)} + \frac{h_c^n}{r_a^2 r_b (r_a^3 + r_b^3)} \stackrel{\text{Holder}}{\geq} \frac{32 (\sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a)^n}{3^{n-2} \cdot 32 \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_b^2 r_c (r_b^3 + r_c^3)} \\
 &\stackrel{\text{via (*)}}{\geq} \frac{32 \left(2rs \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{a} \right)^n}{3^{n-2} \cdot 81 (8R^2(4R+r)^4 - 4Rr(752R^4 + 1536R^3r + 411R^2r^2 + 32Rr^3))} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \\
 &\frac{32 \left(2rs \cdot \frac{9}{2s} \right)^n}{3^{n-2} \cdot 81 (8R^2(4R+r)^4 - 4Rr(752R^4 + 1536R^3r + 411R^2r^2 + 32Rr^3))} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \\
 &\frac{32 \cdot 3^{n-5} \cdot r^n}{3(9R^3 - 64r^3)^2 - 128r^6} \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \frac{81(8R^2(4R+r)^4 - 4Rr(752R^4 + 1536R^3r + 411R^2r^2 + 32Rr^3))}{2187} \\
 &\stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{1}{3(9R^3 - 64r^3)^2 - 128r^6} \Leftrightarrow 81(9R^3 - 64r^3)^2 - 27 \cdot 128r^6 \stackrel{?}{\geq} \\
 &8R^2(4R+r)^4 - 4Rr(752R^4 + 1536R^3r + 411R^2r^2 + 32Rr^3) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow 4513t^6 + 960t^5 + 5376t^4 - 91796t^3 + 120t^2 + 328320 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow (t-2) \left((t-2)(4513t^4 + 19012t^3 + 63372t^2 + 85644t + 89208) + 14256 \right) \\
 &\stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \therefore \frac{h_a^n}{r_b^2 r_c (r_b^3 + r_c^3)} + \frac{w_b^n}{r_c^2 r_a (r_c^3 + r_a^3)} + \frac{m_c^n}{r_a^2 r_b (r_a^3 + r_b^3)} \\
 &\geq \frac{32 \cdot 3^{n-5} \cdot r^n}{3(9R^3 - 64r^3)^2 - 128r^6} \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$

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1522. In any $\triangle ABC$, the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{27r}{2Rp} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sin^3 B + \sin^3 C}{r_a} \leq \frac{27R^2}{16r^2p}$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

For own convenience, $s \equiv p$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^4 &= 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 - 16r^2 s^2 = 2(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2 - 32Rrs^2 - 16r^2 s^2 \\ &= 2s^4 - (16Rr + 12r^2)s^2 + 2r^2(4R + r)^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} (8R^2 + 8Rr + 6r^2)s^2 \\ &\quad - (16Rr + 12r^2)s^2 + 2r^2(4R + r)^2 = (8R^2 - 8Rr - 6r^2)s^2 + 2r^2(4R + r)^2 \\ &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} (8R^2 - 8Rr - 6r^2)(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) + 2r^2(4R + r)^2 \stackrel{?}{\leq} 54R^3(R - r) \\ &\Leftrightarrow 11t^4 - 27t^3 + 16t + 8 \geq 0 \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right) \\ &\Leftrightarrow (t - 2) \left((t - 2)(11t^2 + 17t + 24) + 44 \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \\ \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^4 &\leq 54R^3(R - r) \text{ and } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sin^3 B + \sin^3 C}{r_a} = \frac{1}{8R^3rs} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} ((b^3 + c^3)(s - a)) \\ &= \frac{1}{8R^3rs} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 - a^3 \right) (s - a) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{8R^3rs} \cdot \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} (s - a) \right) - s \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^4 \right) \leq \frac{54R^3(R - r)}{8R^3rs} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{27R^2}{16r^2s} \\ \Leftrightarrow R^2 &\stackrel{?}{\geq} 4r(R - r) \Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sin^3 B + \sin^3 C}{r_a} \leq \frac{27R^2}{16r^2p} \\ \text{Again, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sin^3 B + \sin^3 C}{r_a} &= \frac{1}{8R^3rs} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} ((b^3 + c^3)(s - a)) \\ &= \frac{1}{8R^3rs} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 - a^3 \right) (s - a) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{8R^3rs} \cdot \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} (s - a) \right) - s \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^4 \right) = \frac{1}{8R^3rs} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^4 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} &\geq \frac{1}{8R^3rs} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^2 \geq \frac{1}{8R^3rs} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1}{3} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right)^2 \right)^2 = \frac{1}{8R^3rs} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{4s^2}{3} \right)^2 \\ &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen + Euler}}{\geq} \frac{1}{8R^3rs} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{2 \cdot 27Rr}{3} \right)^2 = \frac{108R^2r^2}{8R^3rs} = \frac{27r}{2Rs} \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sin^3 B + \sin^3 C}{r_a} \geq \frac{27r}{2Rp} \\ \therefore \frac{27r}{2Rp} &\leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sin^3 B + \sin^3 C}{r_a} \leq \frac{27R^2}{16r^2p} \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$

1523. In any ΔABC , the following relationships hold :

$$(i) \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^4 + abc(a + b + c) \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab(a^2 + b^2) + \frac{r^4(R - 2r)}{16R} \text{ and}$$

$$(ii) \frac{a + b + c}{3} + \frac{R^3 - 4r^3}{2r^2} \geq \sqrt[3]{\frac{a^3 + b^3 + c^3}{3}}$$

Proposed by Nguyen Van Canh-Vietnam

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^4 + abc(a + b + c) \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab(a^2 + b^2) + \frac{r^4(R - 2r)}{16R} \\ \Leftrightarrow &2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b^2 - 16r^2s^2 + abc \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(ab \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - c^2 \right) \right) + \frac{r^4(R - 2r)}{16R} \\ \Leftrightarrow &2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b^2 - 16r^2s^2 + 2abc \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) \geq \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) + \frac{r^4(R - 2r)}{16R} \\ \Leftrightarrow &2(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2 - 32Rrs^2 - 16r^2s^2 + 2 \cdot 4Rrs \cdot 2s \\ &\geq 2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) + \frac{r^4(R - 2r)}{16R} \\ \Leftrightarrow &\frac{\left(32R(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2 - 512R^2rs^2 - 256Rr^2s^2 + 256R^2rs^2 \right) - 32R(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) - r^4(R - 2r)}{16R} \geq 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow &1024R^3 + 512R^2r + 63Rr^2 + 2r^3 \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} 192Rs^2 \\ \text{Now, } 192Rs^2 &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} 192R(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) \stackrel{?}{\leq} 1024R^3 + 512R^2r + 63Rr^2 \\ &+ 2r^3 \Leftrightarrow 256t^3 - 256t^2 - 513t + 2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right) \end{aligned}$$

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$\Leftrightarrow (t-2)(256t^2 + 256t - 1) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true}$

$$\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^4 + abc(a+b+c) \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab(a^2 + b^2) + \frac{r^4(R-2r)}{16R}$$

$\forall \Delta ABC, "=" \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral}$

Again,
$$\sqrt[3]{\frac{a^3 + b^3 + c^3}{3}} - \frac{a+b+c}{3} = \frac{\frac{a^3 + b^3 + c^3}{3} - \left(\frac{a+b+c}{3}\right)^3}{\left(\frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3}{3}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} + \left(\frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a}{3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3}{3}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \left(\frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a}{3}\right)}$$

$$\leq \frac{\frac{9 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 - (\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)^3}{27}}{\left(\frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)^3}{27}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} + \left(\frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a}{3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)^3}{27}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \left(\frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a}{3}\right)} = \frac{9 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 - (\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)^3}{9(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)^2}$$

$$= \frac{18s(s^2 - 6Rr - 3r^2) - 8s^3}{9 \cdot 4s^2} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{5s^2 - 54Rr - 27r^2}{9s} \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\leq}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{5s^2 - 54Rr - 27r^2}{27\sqrt{3}r} \leq \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{5s^2 - 54Rr - 27r^2}{46r} \quad \left(\because 27\sqrt{3} > 46 \text{ and } (5s^2 - 54Rr - 27r^2) \geq 0 \right)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen 1}}{\leq} \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{5(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) - 54Rr - 27r^2}{46r} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{R^3 - 4r^3}{2r^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 46(R^3 - 4r^3) \stackrel{?}{\geq} r(5(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) - 54Rr - 27r^2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 23t^3 - 10t^2 + 17t - 178 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow (t-2)(23t^2 + 36t + 89) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true}$$

$$\therefore t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \Rightarrow \sqrt[3]{\frac{a^3 + b^3 + c^3}{3}} - \frac{a+b+c}{3} \leq \frac{R^3 - 4r^3}{2r^2}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\frac{a+b+c}{3} + \frac{R^3 - 4r^3}{2r^2} \geq \sqrt[3]{\frac{a^3 + b^3 + c^3}{3}}} \quad \forall \Delta ABC, "=" \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$$

1524.

In any ΔABC and $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} : n \geq 2$, the following relationship hold :

$$\frac{h_a^n}{r_b^3 r_c + w_b^3 m_c} + \frac{w_b^n}{r_c^3 r_a + m_c^3 h_a} + \frac{m_c^n}{r_a^3 r_b + h_a^3 w_b} \geq \frac{16 \cdot 3^{n-3} \cdot r^n}{3(3R^2 - 8r^2)^2 + 3R^4 - 64r^4}$$

Proposed by Zaza Mzhavanadze-Georgia

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\frac{h_a^n}{r_b^3 r_c + w_b^3 m_c} + \frac{w_b^n}{r_c^3 r_a + m_c^3 h_a} + \frac{m_c^n}{r_a^3 r_b + h_a^3 w_b} \geq$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{h_a^n}{r_b^3 r_c + m_b^3 m_c} + \frac{h_b^n}{r_c^3 r_a + m_c^3 m_a} + \frac{h_c^n}{r_a^3 r_b + m_a^3 m_b} \stackrel{\text{Holder}}{\geq} \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a)^n}{3^{n-2} \cdot (\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^3 r_b + \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^3 m_b)} \\
 & \stackrel{\text{Vasc}}{\geq} \frac{(2rs \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{a})^n}{3^{n-2} \cdot \left(\frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^2)^2 + (\sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^2)^2}{3} \right)} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{(2rs \cdot \frac{9}{2s})^n}{3^{n-3} \cdot \left(((4R+r)^2 - 2s^2)^2 + \frac{9}{16} (\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2)^2 \right)} \\
 & \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen and Leibnitz}}{\geq} \frac{3^{n+3} \cdot r^n}{((4R+r)^2 - 2(16Rr - 5r^2))^2 + \frac{9}{16} \cdot 81R^4} \\
 & = \frac{16 \cdot 3^{n+3} \cdot r^n}{16(16R^2 - 24Rr + 11r^2)^2 + 729R^4} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{16 \cdot 3^{n-3} \cdot r^n}{3(3R^2 - 8r^2)^2 + 3R^4 - 64r^4} \\
 & \Leftrightarrow 729(3(3R^2 - 8r^2)^2 + 3R^4 - 64r^4) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 16(16R^2 - 24Rr + 11r^2)^2 + 729R^4 \\
 & \Leftrightarrow 17045t^4 + 12288t^3 - 119824t^2 + 8448t + 91376 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right) \\
 & \Leftrightarrow (t-2) \left((t-2)(17045t^2 + 80468t + 133868) + 222048 \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \\
 & \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \therefore \frac{h_a^n}{r_b^3 r_c + w_b^3 m_c} + \frac{w_b^n}{r_c^3 r_a + m_c^3 h_a} + \frac{m_c^n}{r_a^3 r_b + h_a^3 w_b} \\
 & \geq \frac{16 \cdot 3^{n-3} \cdot r^n}{3(3R^2 - 8r^2)^2 + 3R^4 - 64r^4} \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$

1525. In any ΔABC with $F \rightarrow$ area, the following relationship holds :

$$F \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \max \left(\frac{a^{n+2} + b^{n+2}}{a^n + b^n}, \frac{b^{n+2} + c^{n+2}}{b^n + c^n}, \frac{c^{n+2} + a^{n+2}}{c^n + a^n} \right), n \in \mathbb{N}^*$$

Proposed by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 3 \max \left(\frac{a^{n+2} + b^{n+2}}{a^n + b^n}, \frac{b^{n+2} + c^{n+2}}{b^n + c^n}, \frac{c^{n+2} + a^{n+2}}{c^n + a^n} \right) \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b^{n+2} + c^{n+2}}{b^n + c^n} \\
 & = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b^n \cdot b^2 + c^n \cdot c^2}{b^n + c^n} \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\geq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\frac{1}{2} (b^n + c^n) (b^2 + c^2)}{b^n + c^n} \\
 & (\because b \geq c \Rightarrow b^n \geq c^n \text{ and } b^2 \geq c^2 \text{ and } b \leq c \Rightarrow b^n \leq c^n \text{ and } b^2 \leq c^2) \\
 & = \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \stackrel{\text{Ionescu-Weitzenbock}}{\geq} 4\sqrt{3}F
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \max \left(\frac{a^{n+2} + b^{n+2}}{a^n + b^n}, \frac{b^{n+2} + c^{n+2}}{b^n + c^n}, \frac{c^{n+2} + a^{n+2}}{c^n + a^n} \right) \geq F$$

$$\therefore F \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \max \left(\frac{a^{n+2} + b^{n+2}}{a^n + b^n}, \frac{b^{n+2} + c^{n+2}}{b^n + c^n}, \frac{c^{n+2} + a^{n+2}}{c^n + a^n} \right) \forall \Delta ABC \text{ and}$$

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$$

1526.

In any ΔABC and $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} : n \geq 2$, the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{h_a^n}{r_a^8 + 2r_a^3 r_b^3 (r_a^2 + r_b^2) + r_b^8} + \frac{w_b^n}{r_b^8 + 2r_b^3 r_c^3 (r_b^2 + r_c^2) + r_c^8} + \frac{m_c^n}{r_c^8 + 2r_c^3 r_a^3 (r_c^2 + r_a^2) + r_a^8}$$

$$\geq \frac{128 \cdot 3^{n-8} \cdot r^n}{(81R^5 - 2560r^5)(9R^3 - 64r^3)}$$

Proposed by Zaza Mzhavanadze-Georgia

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\forall x, y, z > 0, \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^8 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 y^3 (x^2 + y^2) = \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^5 \right) \rightarrow (1)$$

$$r_b + r_c = s \left(\frac{\sin \frac{B}{2}}{\cos \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{\sin \frac{C}{2}}{\cos \frac{C}{2}} \right) = \frac{s \sin \left(\frac{B+C}{2} \right) \cos \frac{A}{2}}{\cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}} = \frac{s \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\left(\frac{s}{4R} \right)} = 4R \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}$$

$$\therefore r_b + r_c \stackrel{(i)}{=} 4R \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}$$

$$\text{Now, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^3 = \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a \right)^3 - 3(r_a + r_b)(r_b + r_c)(r_c + r_a) \stackrel{\text{via (i) and analogs}}{=} (4R + r)^3 - 3 \cdot 64R^3$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Euler and Mitrinovic}}{\leq} \frac{s^2}{16R^2} \left(\frac{9R}{2} \right)^3 - 24r \cdot 27r^2 \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^3 \stackrel{(2)}{\leq} \frac{81}{8} (9R^3 - 64r^3)$$

$$\text{Again, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^5 \stackrel{\text{via (2)}}{\leq} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^3 \right) - \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^2 r_b^2 (r_a + r_b)$$

$$= ((4R + r)^2 - 2s^2) \cdot \frac{81}{8} (9R^3 - 64r^3) - (4R + r) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^2 r_b^2 \right) + r_a r_b r_c \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a r_b$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Euler and Mitrinovic}}{\leq} \left(\left(\frac{9R}{2} \right) (4R + r) - 2 \cdot 27r^2 \right) \cdot \frac{81}{8} (9R^3 - 64r^3) - \frac{(4R + r)}{3} \cdot \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a r_b \right)^2$$

$$+ r s^4 \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\leq} \left(\left(\frac{9R}{2} \right) (4R + r) - 2 \cdot 27r^2 \right) \cdot \frac{81}{8} (9R^3 - 64r^3) - \frac{(4R + r)}{3} \cdot 729r^4$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & +r \cdot \frac{729R^4}{16} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} 729 \left(\left(\frac{R(4R+r)}{2} - 6r^2 \right) \left(\frac{9R^3 - 64r^3}{8} \right) - 3r^5 + \frac{R^4 r}{16} \right) \\
 & = \frac{729 \left((R(4R+r) - 12r^2)(9R^3 - 64r^3) - 48r^5 + R^4 r \right)}{16} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{729(81R^5 - 2560r^5)}{32} \\
 & \Leftrightarrow 9t^5 - 20t^4 + 216t^3 + 512t^2 + 128t - 4000 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \quad \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right) \\
 & \Leftrightarrow (t-2)(8t^4 + t^3(t-2) + 212t^2 + 936t + 2000) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \\
 & \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^5 \stackrel{(3)}{\leq} \frac{729(81R^5 - 2560r^5)}{32} \\
 & \text{Also, } \frac{h_a^n}{r_a^8 + 2r_a^3 r_b^3 (r_a^2 + r_b^2) + r_b^8} + \frac{w_b^n}{r_b^8 + 2r_b^3 r_c^3 (r_b^2 + r_c^2) + r_c^8} \\
 & + \frac{m_c^n}{r_c^8 + 2r_c^3 r_a^3 (r_c^2 + r_a^2) + r_a^8} \geq \frac{h_a^n}{r_a^8 + 2r_a^3 r_b^3 (r_a^2 + r_b^2) + r_b^8} + \frac{h_b^n}{r_b^8 + 2r_b^3 r_c^3 (r_b^2 + r_c^2) + r_c^8} \\
 & + \frac{h_c^n}{r_c^8 + 2r_c^3 r_a^3 (r_c^2 + r_a^2) + r_a^8} \stackrel{\text{Holder}}{\geq} \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a)^n}{3^{n-2} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} (r_b^8 + 2r_b^3 r_c^3 (r_b^2 + r_c^2) + r_c^8)} \\
 & \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{(2rs \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{a})^n}{2 \cdot 3^{n-2} \cdot (\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^8 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^3 r_b^3 (r_a^2 + r_b^2))} \stackrel{\text{and via (1)}}{\geq} \frac{(2rs \cdot \frac{9}{2s})^n}{2 \cdot 3^{n-2} \cdot (\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^3) (\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^5)} \stackrel{\text{via (2) and (3)}}{\geq} \\
 & \frac{2 \cdot \frac{81}{8} (9R^3 - 64r^3) \cdot \frac{729(81R^5 - 2560r^5)}{32}}{3^{n+2} \cdot r^n} = \frac{(81R^5 - 2560r^5)(9R^3 - 64r^3)}{128 \cdot 3^{n-8} \cdot r^n} \\
 & \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$

1527. In any scalene ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{b+c}{(r_a - r_b)(r_a - r_c)} + \frac{a+c}{(r_b - r_a)(r_b - r_c)} + \frac{a+b}{(r_c - r_a)(r_c - r_b)} = \frac{2}{a+b+c}$$

Proposed by Ertan Yildirim-Izmir-Turkiye

Solution 1 by proposer

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum \frac{b+c}{(r_a - r_b)(r_a - r_c)} = \sum \frac{2p-a}{p^2 r^2 \left(\frac{1}{p-a} - \frac{1}{p-b} \right) \left(\frac{1}{p-a} - \frac{1}{p-c} \right)} \\
 & = \frac{1}{p^2 r^2} \cdot \sum \frac{(2p-a)(p-a)^2(p-b)(p-c)}{(a-b)(a-c)} = \frac{pr^2}{p^2 r^2} \cdot \sum \frac{(2p-a)(p-a)}{(a-b)(a-c)} \\
 & = \frac{1}{p} \sum \frac{2p^2 - 3pa + a^2}{(a-b)(a-c)} =
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \frac{1}{p} \left\{ 2p^2 \cdot \sum_0 \frac{1}{(a-b)(a-c)} - 3p \cdot \sum_0 \frac{a}{(a-b)(a-c)} + \sum_1 \frac{a^2}{(a-b)(a-c)} \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{p} \sum \frac{a^2}{(a-b)(a-c)} = \frac{1}{p} \cdot 1 = \frac{2}{2p} = \frac{2}{a+b+c}$$

Solution 2 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\frac{b+c}{(r_a-r_b)(r_a-r_c)} = \frac{b+c}{\left(\frac{rs}{s-a}-\frac{rs}{s-b}\right)\left(\frac{rs}{s-a}-\frac{rs}{s-c}\right)}$$

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

$$= \frac{(b+c)(s-a)((s-b)-(s-c))}{s(a-b)(b-c)(c-a)}$$

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

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

$$= \frac{s((s-a)(s-b) - (s-a)(s-c)) + x^2y - x^2z}{s(y-x)(z-y)(x-z)} \text{ and analogs}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (x = s-a, y = s-b, z = s-c) \\ \therefore & \frac{b+c}{(r_a-r_b)(r_a-r_c)} + \frac{a+c}{(r_b-r_a)(r_b-r_c)} + \frac{a+b}{(r_c-r_a)(r_c-r_b)} \\ &= \frac{s \sum_{\text{cyc}} (s-a)(s-b) - s \sum_{\text{cyc}} (s-a)(s-c) + x^2y + y^2z + z^2x - xy^2 - yz^2 - zx^2}{s(y-x)(z-y)(x-z)} \\ &= \frac{xy(x-y) - z(x-y)(x+y) + z^2(x-y)}{s(x-y)(y-z)(x-z)} = \frac{(x-y)(xy - zx - zy + z^2)}{s(x-y)(y-z)(x-z)} \\ &= \frac{(x-y)(x(y-z) - z(y-z))}{s(x-y)(y-z)(x-z)} = \frac{(x-y)(y-z)(x-z)}{s(x-y)(y-z)(x-z)} = \frac{2}{2s} = \frac{2}{a+b+c} \text{ (QED)} \end{aligned}$$

1528. In any scalene ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{(b+c)^2}{(h_a-h_b)(h_c-h_a)} + \frac{(a+c)^2}{(h_b-h_a)(h_c-h_b)} + \frac{(a+b)^2}{(h_c-h_a)(h_b-h_c)} = \frac{2R}{r}$$

Proposed by Ertan Yildirim-Izmir-Turkiye

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\frac{(b+c)^2}{(h_a-h_b)(h_c-h_a)} + \frac{(a+c)^2}{(h_b-h_a)(h_c-h_b)} + \frac{(a+b)^2}{(h_c-h_a)(h_b-h_c)}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{(b+c)^2}{\left(\frac{2rs}{a} - \frac{2rs}{b}\right)\left(\frac{2rs}{c} - \frac{2rs}{a}\right)} + \frac{(a+c)^2}{\left(\frac{2rs}{b} - \frac{2rs}{a}\right)\left(\frac{2rs}{c} - \frac{2rs}{b}\right)} + \frac{(a+b)^2}{\left(\frac{2rs}{c} - \frac{2rs}{a}\right)\left(\frac{2rs}{b} - \frac{2rs}{c}\right)} \\
 &= \frac{4r^2s^2}{4Rrs} \frac{(b+c)^2}{(a-b)(c-a)} + \frac{4r^2s^2}{4Rrs} \frac{(a+c)^2}{(a-b)(b-c)} + \frac{4r^2s^2}{4Rrs} \frac{(a+b)^2}{(b-c)(c-a)} = \\
 &= \frac{R}{rs(a-b)(b-c)(c-a)} (a(b-c)(b+c)^2 + b(c-a)(a+c)^2 + c(a-b)(a+b)^2) \\
 &= \frac{R(a(b+c)(b^2-c^2) + b(a+c)(c^2-a^2) + c(a+b)(a^2-b^2))}{rs(a-b)(b-c)(c-a)} \\
 &= \frac{R((\sum_{cyc} ab - bc)(b^2-c^2) + (\sum_{cyc} ab - ca)(c^2-a^2) + (\sum_{cyc} ab - ab)(a^2-b^2))}{rs(a-b)(b-c)(c-a)} \\
 &= \frac{R((\sum_{cyc} ab)(b^2-c^2+c^2-a^2+a^2-b^2) - (bc(b^2-c^2) + c^3a - ca^3 + a^3b - ab^3))}{rs(a-b)(b-c)(c-a)} \\
 &= \frac{-R}{rs(a-b)(b-c)(c-a)} (bc(b^2-c^2) - a(b-c)(b^2+bc+c^2) + a^3(b-c)) \\
 &= \frac{-R(b-c)}{rs(a-b)(b-c)(c-a)} (b^2c + bc^2 - ab^2 - abc - ac^2 + a^3) \\
 &= \frac{-R(b-c)}{rs(a-b)(b-c)(c-a)} (b^2(c-a) - a(c-a)(c+a) + bc(c-a)) \\
 &= \frac{-R(b-c)(c-a)}{rs(a-b)(b-c)(c-a)} (b^2 - ca - a^2 + bc) \\
 &= \frac{-R(b-c)(c-a)}{rs(a-b)(b-c)(c-a)} ((b+a)(b-a) + c(b-a)) \\
 &= \frac{-R(b-c)(c-a)(b-a)(a+b+c)}{rs(a-b)(b-c)(c-a)} = \frac{R(2s)}{rs} = \frac{2R}{r} \quad (\text{QED})
 \end{aligned}$$

1529. In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{n_a n_b n_c}{r_a r_b r_c} \geq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{R} (\max(a, b, c) - \min(a, b, c))$$

Proposed by Bogdan Fuștei-Romania

Solution by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Norocco

We assume that $a \geq b \geq c$. Since we have

$$(a-c)^2 = [(a-b) + (b-c)]^2 \stackrel{CBS}{\leq} 2[(a-b)^2 + (b-c)^2],$$

then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sqrt{3}(\max(a, b, c) - \min(a, b, c)) &= \sqrt{3(a-c)^2} \leq \sqrt{2[(a-b)^2 + (b-c)^2 + (a-c)^2]} \\
 &= 2\sqrt{s^2 - 3r^2 - 12Rr}.
 \end{aligned}$$

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So it suffices to prove that

$$Rn_a n_b n_c \geq 2s^2 r \sqrt{s^2 - 3r^2 - 12Rr} \quad (*)$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} n_a^2 &= s(s-a) + \frac{s(b-c)^2}{a} = s^2 - \frac{s[a^2 - (b-c)^2]}{a} = s^2 - \frac{4s(s-b)(s-c)}{a} \\ &= s^2 - \frac{4s \cdot sr^2}{a(s-a)} = s^2 - 2h_a r_a, \text{ then} \\ (n_a n_b n_c)^2 &= (s^2 - 2h_a r_a)(s^2 - 2h_b r_b)(s^2 - 2h_c r_c) \\ &= s^6 - 2s^4 \sum_{cyc} h_a r_a + 4r_a r_b r_c h_a h_b h_c \left(s^2 \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{h_a r_a} - 2 \right) \\ &= s^6 - 2s^4 \cdot \frac{r[s^2 + (4R+r)^2]}{2R} + 4s^2 r \cdot \frac{2s^2 r^2}{R} \left(s^2 \cdot \frac{4R+r}{s^2 r} - 2 \right) = \frac{s^4 [(R-r)s^2 - r(4R-3r)^2]}{R}. \end{aligned}$$

So the inequality (*) is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} R[(R-r)s^2 - r(4R-3r)^2] &\geq 4r^2(s^2 - 3r^2 - 12Rr) \\ \Leftrightarrow (R^2 - Rr - 4r^2)s^2 &\geq 16R^3r - 24R^2r^2 - 39Rr^3 - 12r^4 \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

•If $R^2 - Rr - 4r^2 \geq 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} LHS_{(1)} &\stackrel{Rouche}{\geq} (R^2 - Rr - 4r^2)(2R^2 + 10Rr - r^2 - 2\sqrt{R(R-2r)^3}) \\ &= 2R^4 + 8R^3r - 19R^2r^2 - 39Rr^3 + 4r^4 - 2(R^2 - Rr - 4r^2)\sqrt{R(R-2r)^3} \\ &\stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 2R^4 + 8R^3r - 19R^2r^2 - 39Rr^3 + 4r^4 - [(R^2 - Rr - 4r^2)^2 + R(R-2r)^3] = RHS_{(1)}. \end{aligned}$$

•If $R^2 - Rr - 4r^2 \leq 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} LHS_{(1)} &\stackrel{Rouche}{\geq} (R^2 - Rr - 4r^2)(2R^2 + 10Rr - r^2 + 2\sqrt{R(R-2r)^3}) \\ &= 2R^4 + 8R^3r - 19R^2r^2 - 39Rr^3 + 4r^4 - 2(Rr + 4r^2 - R^2)\sqrt{R(R-2r)^3} \\ &\stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 2R^4 + 8R^3r - 19R^2r^2 - 39Rr^3 + 4r^4 - [(Rr + 4r^2 - R^2)^2 + R(R-2r)^3] = RHS_{(1)}. \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof.

1530.

In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{2m_a w_a}{h_a} \geq r_b + r_c \geq \frac{m_b h_b + m_c h_c}{r_a}$$

Proposed by Bogdan Fuștei-Romania

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$r_b + r_c = s \left(\frac{\sin \frac{B}{2}}{\cos \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{\sin \frac{C}{2}}{\cos \frac{C}{2}} \right) = \frac{s \sin \left(\frac{B+C}{2} \right) \cos \frac{A}{2}}{\cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}} = \frac{s \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\left(\frac{s}{4R} \right)} = 4R \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}$$

$$\therefore r_b + r_c \stackrel{(1)}{=} 4R \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}$$

Now, $r_b + r_c - \frac{m_b h_b + m_c h_c}{r_a} \geq r_b + r_c - \frac{as}{r_a}$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \frac{R}{r} \geq \frac{m_b}{h_c} + \frac{m_c}{h_b} \dots \text{reference : article titled} \\ \text{"New Triangle Inequalities With Brocard's Angle"} \\ \text{by Bogdan Fustei, Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba; Lemma 12, 6 - 7,} \\ \text{published at : www.ssmrmh.ro} \therefore m_b h_b + m_c h_c \leq \frac{R}{r} \cdot h_b h_c = \frac{R}{r} \cdot \frac{4r^2 s^2 \cdot a}{bca} \\ = \frac{R}{r} \cdot \frac{4r^2 s^2 \cdot a}{4Rrs} \therefore m_b h_b + m_c h_c \leq as \end{array} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\sum_{cyc} r_a r_b - r_b r_c - as}{r_a} = \frac{s^2 - s(s-a) - as}{r_a} = 0 \Rightarrow r_b + r_c - \frac{m_b h_b + m_c h_c}{r_a} \geq 0$$

$$\therefore r_b + r_c \geq \frac{m_b h_b + m_c h_c}{r_a}$$

Again, $\frac{2m_a w_a}{h_a} - (r_b + r_c) \stackrel{\text{Lascu 2}}{\geq} \frac{2 \cdot \frac{b+c}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{A}{2} \cdot \frac{2bc}{b+c} \cdot \cos \frac{A}{2}}{\frac{bc}{2R}} - (r_b + r_c) \stackrel{\text{via (1)}}{=} 4R \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} - 4R \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} = 0 \therefore \frac{2m_a w_a}{h_a} \geq r_b + r_c$

$$\therefore \frac{2m_a w_a}{h_a} \geq r_b + r_c \geq \frac{m_b h_b + m_c h_c}{r_a} \quad (\text{QED})$$

1531. In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$(4R + r_a)(r_b + r_c - h_a) \geq n_a^2 + g_a^2 + m_b h_b + m_c h_c - r_a(h_a - 2r)$$

Proposed by Bogdan Fuștei-Romania

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$r_b + r_c = s \left(\frac{\sin \frac{B}{2}}{\cos \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{\sin \frac{C}{2}}{\cos \frac{C}{2}} \right) = \frac{s \sin \left(\frac{B+C}{2} \right) \cos \frac{A}{2}}{\cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}} = \frac{s \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\left(\frac{s}{4R} \right)} = 4R \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}$$

$$\therefore r_b + r_c \stackrel{(1)}{=} 4R \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}$$

Stewart's theorem $\Rightarrow b^2(s-c) + c^2(s-b) \stackrel{(i)}{=} an_a^2 + a(s-b)(s-c)$ and

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \mathbf{b}^2(\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{b}) + \mathbf{c}^2(\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{c}) \stackrel{(ii)}{=} \mathbf{a}g_a^2 + \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{b})(\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{c}) \text{ and } (i) + (i) \Rightarrow \\
 & (\mathbf{b}^2 + \mathbf{c}^2)(2\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{c}) = \mathbf{a}n_a^2 + \mathbf{a}g_a^2 + 2\mathbf{a}(\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{b})(\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{c}) \\
 & \Rightarrow 2\mathbf{a}(\mathbf{b}^2 + \mathbf{c}^2) = 2\mathbf{a}(\mathbf{n}_a^2 + \mathbf{g}_a^2) + \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{c})(\mathbf{c} + \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}) \\
 \Rightarrow 2(\mathbf{b}^2 + \mathbf{c}^2) &= 2(\mathbf{n}_a^2 + \mathbf{g}_a^2) + \mathbf{a}^2 - (\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{c})^2 \Rightarrow \mathbf{2}(\mathbf{b}^2 + \mathbf{c}^2) - \mathbf{a}^2 + (\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{c})^2 = \\
 & 2(\mathbf{n}_a^2 + \mathbf{g}_a^2) \Rightarrow \mathbf{4m}_a^2 + (\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{c})^2 = 2(\mathbf{n}_a^2 + \mathbf{g}_a^2) \Rightarrow 2(\mathbf{n}_a^2 + \mathbf{g}_a^2) \\
 & = (\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{c})^2 + \mathbf{4s}(\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{a}) + (\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{c})^2 \therefore \mathbf{n}_a^2 + \mathbf{g}_a^2 \stackrel{(*)}{=} (\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{c})^2 + 2\mathbf{s}(\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{a}) \\
 \therefore (4\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{r}_a)(\mathbf{r}_b + \mathbf{r}_c - \mathbf{h}_a) - & (\mathbf{n}_a^2 + \mathbf{g}_a^2 + \mathbf{m}_b\mathbf{h}_b + \mathbf{m}_c\mathbf{h}_c - \mathbf{r}_a(\mathbf{h}_a - 2\mathbf{r})) \\
 \stackrel{\text{via } (*)}{=} 4\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{r}_b + \mathbf{r}_c) - 4\mathbf{R} \cdot & \frac{\mathbf{bc}}{2\mathbf{R}} + \mathbf{r}_a(\mathbf{r}_b + \mathbf{r}_c) - \mathbf{r}_a\mathbf{h}_a - (\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{c})^2 - 2\mathbf{s}(\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{a}) \\
 & - (\mathbf{m}_b\mathbf{h}_b + \mathbf{m}_c\mathbf{h}_c) + \mathbf{r}_a\mathbf{h}_a - 2\mathbf{r}\mathbf{r}_a \geq \\
 & 4\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{r}_b + \mathbf{r}_c) - 2\mathbf{bc} + \mathbf{r}_a(\mathbf{r}_b + \mathbf{r}_c) - (\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{c})^2 \\
 & - \frac{1}{2} \left((\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c})^2 - \mathbf{a}^2 + \frac{4(\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{a})(\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{b})(\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{c})}{(\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{a})} \right) - \mathbf{as} \\
 & \left(\begin{array}{l} \frac{\mathbf{R}}{\mathbf{r}} \geq \frac{\mathbf{m}_b}{\mathbf{h}_c} + \frac{\mathbf{m}_c}{\mathbf{h}_b} \dots \text{reference : article titled} \\ \text{"New Triangle Inequalities With Brocard's Angle"} \\ \text{by Bogdan Fustei, Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba; Lemma 12, 6 - 7,} \\ \text{published at : www.ssmrmh.ro} \therefore \mathbf{m}_b\mathbf{h}_b + \mathbf{m}_c\mathbf{h}_c \leq \frac{\mathbf{R}}{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{h}_b\mathbf{h}_c = \frac{\mathbf{R}}{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \frac{4\mathbf{r}^2\mathbf{s}^2 \cdot \mathbf{a}}{\mathbf{bca}} \\ = \frac{\mathbf{R}}{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \frac{4\mathbf{r}^2\mathbf{s}^2 \cdot \mathbf{a}}{4\mathbf{Rrs}} \therefore \mathbf{m}_b\mathbf{h}_b + \mathbf{m}_c\mathbf{h}_c \leq \mathbf{as} \end{array} \right) \\
 = 4\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{r}_b + \mathbf{r}_c) + \mathbf{r}_a(\mathbf{r}_b + \mathbf{r}_c) - & (\mathbf{b}^2 + \mathbf{c}^2) - \frac{1}{2}((\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c})^2 - \mathbf{a}^2 + \mathbf{a}^2 - (\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{c})^2) - \mathbf{as} \\
 \stackrel{\text{via } (1)}{=} 4\mathbf{R} \cdot 4\mathbf{R}\cos^2 \frac{\mathbf{A}}{2} + \sum_{\text{cyc}} & \mathbf{r}_a\mathbf{r}_b - \mathbf{r}_b\mathbf{r}_c - (\mathbf{b}^2 + \mathbf{c}^2 + 2\mathbf{bc}) - \mathbf{as} \\
 = 16\mathbf{R}^2\cos^2 \frac{\mathbf{A}}{2} + \mathbf{s}^2 - \mathbf{s}(\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{a}) - & (\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c})^2 - \mathbf{as} \\
 = 16\mathbf{R}^2\cos^2 \frac{\mathbf{A}}{2} - 16\mathbf{R}^2\cos^2 \frac{\mathbf{A}}{2} \cos^2 \frac{\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}}{2} = & 16\mathbf{R}^2\cos^2 \frac{\mathbf{A}}{2} \left(1 - \cos^2 \frac{\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}}{2} \right) \geq 0 \\
 \therefore (4\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{r}_a)(\mathbf{r}_b + \mathbf{r}_c - \mathbf{h}_a) \geq & \mathbf{n}_a^2 + \mathbf{g}_a^2 + \mathbf{m}_b\mathbf{h}_b + \mathbf{m}_c\mathbf{h}_c - \mathbf{r}_a(\mathbf{h}_a - 2\mathbf{r}) \text{ (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$

1532. In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{\sin^2 A}{bc} + \frac{\sin^2 B}{ca} + \frac{\sin^2 C}{ab} \geq \frac{s^2}{R^2} \cdot \frac{1}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}$$

Proposed by Khaled Abd Imouti-Damascus-Syria

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$\frac{\sin^2 A}{bc} + \frac{\sin^2 B}{ca} + \frac{\sin^2 C}{ab} = \frac{a^2}{4R^2} + \frac{b^2}{4R^2} + \frac{c^2}{4R^2} =$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{4R^2} \cdot \left(\frac{a^2}{bc} + \frac{b^2}{ca} + \frac{c^2}{ab} \right) \stackrel{\text{BERGSTROM}}{\geq} \frac{1}{4R^2} \cdot \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{ab+bc+ca} = \\
 &= \frac{4s^2}{4R^2} \cdot \frac{1}{ab+bc+ca} \geq \frac{s^2}{R^2} \cdot \frac{1}{a^2+b^2+c^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

1533. In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{h_b^2 + h_c^2}{r_a^2} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_b^2 + r_c^2}{h_a^2}$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution 1 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{h_a^2}{r_a^2} &= 4 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{s^2 - 2sa + a^2}{a^2} = \frac{4s^2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2}{16R^2 r^2 s^2} - \frac{8s \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab}{4Rr} + 12 \\
 &\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{h_a^2}{r_a^2} = \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 - 8Rr \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab + 48R^2 r^2}{4R^2 r^2} \rightarrow (1) \\
 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_a^2}{h_a^2} &= \frac{1}{4} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(a-s+s)^2}{(s-a)^2} = \frac{1}{4} \left(3 - 2s \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{s-a} + s^2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{(s-a)^2} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} \left(3 - \frac{2s(4Rr+r^2)}{r^2 s} + \frac{s^2}{r^4 s^2} \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} (s-b)(s-c) \right)^2 - 2(s-a)(s-b)(s-c) \sum_{\text{cyc}} (s-a) \right) \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} \left(3 - \frac{2(4R+r)}{r} + \frac{r^2((4R+r)^2 - 2s^2)}{r^4} \right) \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_a^2}{h_a^2} = \frac{8R^2 + r^2 - s^2}{2r^2} \rightarrow (2) \\
 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{h_b^2 + h_c^2}{r_a^2} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a^2 - h_a^2}{r_a^2} = \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2}{4R^2} \cdot \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_b r_c)^2 - 2r_a r_b r_c \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a}{r^2 s^4} - \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{h_a^2}{r_a^2} \\
 &\stackrel{\text{via (1)}}{=} \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2}{4R^2} \cdot \frac{s^4 - 2rs^2(4R+r) - \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 - 8Rr \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab + 48R^2 r^2}{r^2 s^4} - \frac{4R^2 r^2}{4R^2 r^2} \\
 &= \frac{-2r^2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 - 48R^2 r^2 s^2 + 8Rr(s^2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab - \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2)}{4R^2 r^2 s^2} \\
 &\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{h_b^2 + h_c^2}{r_a^2} = \frac{-s^4 + (24R^2 + 4Rr - 2r^2)s^2 - r(4R+r)^3}{2R^2 s^2} \rightarrow (i) \\
 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_b^2 + r_c^2}{h_a^2} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^2 - r_a^2}{h_a^2} = \frac{((4R+r)^2 - 2s^2)(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)}{2r^2 s^2} - \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_a^2}{h_a^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \stackrel{\text{via (2)}}{=} = \frac{((4R+r)^2 - 2s^2)(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)}{2r^2s^2} - \frac{8R^2 + r^2 - s^2}{2r^2} \\
 \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_b^2 + r_c^2}{h_a^2} &= \frac{-s^4 + (8R^2 + 16Rr + 2r^2)s^2 - r(4R+r)^3}{2r^2s^2} \rightarrow \text{(ii)} \\
 & \therefore \text{(i), (ii)} \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{h_b^2 + h_c^2}{r_a^2} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_b^2 + r_c^2}{h_a^2} \\
 & \Leftrightarrow \frac{-s^4 + (24R^2 + 4Rr - 2r^2)s^2 - r(4R+r)^3}{2R^2s^2} \\
 & \leq \frac{-s^4 + (8R^2 + 16Rr + 2r^2)s^2 - r(4R+r)^3}{2r^2s^2} \\
 & \Leftrightarrow (8R^4 + 16R^3r - 22R^2r^2 - 4Rr^3 + 2r^4)s^2 - (R^2 - r^2)s^4 \\
 & - r(64R^5 + 48R^4r - 52R^3r^2 - 47R^2r^3 - 12Rr^4 - r^5) \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} 0 \\
 \text{Now, LHS of } (*) & \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (8R^4 + 16R^3r - 22R^2r^2 - 4Rr^3 + 2r^4)s^2 \\
 & - (4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)(R^2 - r^2)s^2 \\
 & - r(64R^5 + 48R^4r - 52R^3r^2 - 47R^2r^3 - 12Rr^4 - r^5) \\
 & = (4R^4 + 12R^3r - 21R^2r^2 + 5r^4)s^2 \\
 & - r(64R^5 + 48R^4r - 52R^3r^2 - 47R^2r^3 - 12Rr^4 - r^5) \\
 & \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (4R^4 + 12R^3r - 21R^2r^2 + 5r^4)(16Rr - 5r^2) \\
 & - r(64R^5 + 48R^4r - 52R^3r^2 - 47R^2r^3 - 12Rr^4 - r^5) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\
 & \Leftrightarrow 31t^4 - 86t^3 + 38t^2 + 23t - 6 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right) \\
 & \Leftrightarrow (t-2) \left((t-2)(31t^2 + 38t + 66) + 135 \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true} \\
 \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{h_b^2 + h_c^2}{r_a^2} & \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_b^2 + r_c^2}{h_a^2} \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

Since $h_a \leq \sqrt{s(s-a)} = \sqrt{r_b r_c}$, then we have

$$\frac{r_b^2 + r_c^2}{h_a^2} = \frac{h_a^2(r_b^2 + r_c^2)}{h_a^4} \geq \frac{h_a^2(r_b^2 + r_c^2)}{r_b^2 r_c^2} = \frac{h_a^2}{r_b^2} + \frac{h_a^2}{r_c^2} \text{ (and analogs)}$$

Therefore

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_b^2 + r_c^2}{h_a^2} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{h_a^2}{r_b^2} + \frac{h_a^2}{r_c^2} \right) = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{h_c^2}{r_a^2} + \frac{h_b^2}{r_a^2} \right) = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{h_b^2 + h_c^2}{r_a^2},$$

as desired. Equality holds iff ΔABC is equilateral.

1534. In any $\triangle ABC$, the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{12r}{R} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\left(\frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{b} \right) (\cos B + \cos C) \right) \leq \frac{3R}{r}$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

Proof (1)

$$\begin{aligned} \cos B + \cos C &= \frac{c^2 + a^2 - b^2}{2ca} + \frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2ab} = \frac{bc^2 + a^2b - b^3 + ca^2 + b^2c - c^3}{2abc} \\ &= \frac{bc(b+c) + a^2(b+c) - (b+c)(b^2 - bc + c^2)}{2abc} = \frac{(b+c)(a^2 - (b-c)^2)}{2abc} \\ &= \frac{(b+c)(4(s-b)(s-c)(s-a))}{2abc(s-a)} = \frac{2r^2s}{abc} \cdot \frac{b+c}{s-a} \Rightarrow \left(\frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{b} \right) (\cos B + \cos C) \\ &= \left(\frac{b^2 + c^2}{bc} \right) \cdot \frac{2r^2s}{abc} \cdot \frac{b+c}{s-a} = \frac{2r^2s}{16R^2r^2s^2} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a(b+c)(b^2+c^2)}{s-a} \\ &= \frac{1}{8R^2s} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a(s+s-a)(b^2+c^2)}{s-a} = \frac{1}{8R^2s} \cdot \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{as(b^2+c^2)}{s-a} + \sum_{\text{cyc}} a(b^2+c^2) \right) \\ &\stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\leq} \frac{1}{8R^2s} \cdot \left(\frac{s}{3} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{s-a} \right) \sum_{\text{cyc}} (b^2+c^2) + \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab(2s-c) \right) \\ &\quad \because \text{WLOG assuming } a \geq b \geq c \\ &\quad \left(\Rightarrow \frac{a}{s-a} \geq \frac{b}{s-b} \geq \frac{c}{s-c} \text{ and } b^2+c^2 \leq c^2+a^2 \leq a^2+b^2 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{8R^2s} \cdot \left(\frac{2s}{3} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(a-s)+s}{s-a} \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) + 2s(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) - 12Rrs \right) \\ &\stackrel{\text{Leibnitz}}{\leq} \frac{1}{8R^2s} \cdot \left(\frac{2s}{3} \left(-3 + \frac{s(4Rr+r^2)}{r^2s} \right) (9R^2) + 2s(s^2 - 2Rr + r^2) \right) \\ &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} \frac{1}{8R^2s} \cdot \left(\frac{2s(4R-2r) \cdot 9R^2}{3r} + 2s(4R^2 + 2Rr + 4r^2) \right) \\ &= \frac{9R^2(2R-r) + 3r(2R^2 + Rr + 2r^2)}{6R^2r} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{3R}{r} \\ &\Leftrightarrow 3r(R^2 - Rr - 2r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow 3r(R+r)(R-2r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because R \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2r \\ &\quad \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\left(\frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{b} \right) (\cos B + \cos C) \right) \leq \frac{3R}{r} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Again, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\left(\frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{b} \right) (\cos B + \cos C) \right)^{A-G} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} (2(\cos B + \cos C)) \\
 & \left(\because \cos B + \cos C = \frac{(b+c)(4(s-b)(s-c))}{2abc} > 0 \text{ and analogs} \right) \\
 & = 4 \left(1 + \frac{r}{R} \right)^{\text{Euler}} \geq 4 \left(\frac{2r}{R} + \frac{r}{R} \right) \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\left(\frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{b} \right) (\cos B + \cos C) \right) \geq \frac{12r}{R} \\
 & \therefore \frac{12r}{R} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\left(\frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{b} \right) (\cos B + \cos C) \right) \leq \frac{3R}{r} \\
 & \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof (2)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\left(\frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{b} \right) (\cos B + \cos C) \right)^{\text{Bandila}} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\left(\frac{R}{r} \right) (\cos B + \cos C) \right) \\
 & \left(\because \cos B + \cos C = \frac{(b+c)(4(s-b)(s-c))}{2abc} > 0 \right) = \frac{2R}{r} \left(1 + \frac{r}{R} \right)^{\text{Euler}} \leq \frac{2R}{r} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \right) \\
 & = \frac{3R}{r}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Again, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\left(\frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{b} \right) (\cos B + \cos C) \right)^{A-G} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} (2(\cos B + \cos C)) \\
 & \left(\because \cos B + \cos C = \frac{(b+c)(4(s-b)(s-c))}{2abc} > 0 \text{ and analogs} \right) \\
 & = 4 \left(1 + \frac{r}{R} \right)^{\text{Euler}} \geq 4 \left(\frac{2r}{R} + \frac{r}{R} \right) = \frac{12r}{R} \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\left(\frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{b} \right) (\cos B + \cos C) \right) \geq \frac{12r}{R} \\
 & \therefore \frac{12r}{R} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\left(\frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{b} \right) (\cos B + \cos C) \right) \leq \frac{3R}{r} \\
 & \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$

1535. In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{3r}{R^2} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_b + m_c}{b^2 + c^2} \leq \frac{3R}{8r^2}$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_b + m_c}{b^2 + c^2} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a - m_a}{b^2 + c^2} = \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{b^2 + c^2} \right) - \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_a}{b^2 + c^2}$$

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$$\leq (4R+r) \left(\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{bca} \right) - \frac{1}{4R} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b^2+c^2}{b^2+c^2} = \frac{(4R+r)s}{4Rrs} - \frac{3}{4R} = \frac{2R-r}{2Rr}$$

$$\stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{3R}{8r^2} \Leftrightarrow 3R^2 - 8Rr + 4r^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow (3R-2r)(R-2r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because R \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2r$$

$$\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_b + m_c}{b^2 + c^2} \leq \frac{3R}{8r^2}$$

Again, $\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_b + m_c}{b^2 + c^2} \stackrel{\text{Tereshin}}{\geq} \frac{1}{4R} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{c^2 + a^2 + a^2 + b^2}{b^2 + c^2} = \frac{1}{4R} \left(3 + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^2}{b^2 + c^2} \right)$

$$\stackrel{\text{Nesbitt}}{\geq} \frac{3}{2R} = \frac{3r}{2Rr} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} \frac{3r}{R^2} \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_b + m_c}{b^2 + c^2} \geq \frac{3r}{R^2}$$

$$\therefore \frac{3r}{R^2} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_b + m_c}{b^2 + c^2} \leq \frac{3R}{8r^2} \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$$

1536. In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{m_a^2}{m_a + m_b} + \frac{m_b^2}{m_b + m_c} \geq \frac{p}{4} \left(\frac{6r}{a} + \frac{4r}{b} - \frac{R}{c} \right)$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\frac{p}{4} \left(\frac{6r}{a} + \frac{4r}{b} - \frac{R}{c} \right) = \frac{3F}{2a} + \frac{F}{b} - \frac{Rp}{4c} \stackrel{\text{Panaitopol}}{\leq} \frac{3}{4}h_a + \frac{1}{2}h_b - \frac{m_c}{4}$$

$$\leq \frac{3}{4}m_a + \frac{1}{2}m_b - \frac{m_c}{4} \therefore \frac{p}{4} \left(\frac{6r}{a} + \frac{4r}{b} - \frac{R}{c} \right) \leq \frac{3m_a + 2m_b - m_c}{4} \rightarrow (1)$$

Again, $\frac{m_a^2}{m_a + m_b} + \frac{m_b^2}{m_b + m_c} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{(m_a + m_b)^2}{m_a + 2m_b + m_c} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{3m_a + 2m_b - m_c}{4}$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4(x+y)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} (3x+2y-z)(x+2y+z) \quad (x = m_a, y = m_b, z = m_c)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4x^2 + 4y^2 + 8xy \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3x^2 + 6xy + 3xz + 2xy + 4y^2 + 2yz - zx - 2yz - z^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x^2 - 2xz + z^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow (x-z)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true}$$

$$\therefore \frac{m_a^2}{m_a + m_b} + \frac{m_b^2}{m_b + m_c} \geq \frac{3m_a + 2m_b - m_c}{4} \stackrel{\text{via (1)}}{\geq} \frac{p}{4} \left(\frac{6r}{a} + \frac{4r}{b} - \frac{R}{c} \right)$$

$\forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$

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1537. In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}}^{2023} \sqrt{\frac{\sin \frac{A}{2}}{\sin \frac{B}{2} + \sin \frac{C}{2}}} + \left(\frac{R}{2r}\right)^3 \geq 1 + \sum_{\text{cyc}}^{2023} \sqrt{\frac{a}{b+c}}$$

Proposed by Nguyen Van Canh-Vietnam

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$r_b + r_c = s \left(\frac{\sin \frac{B}{2}}{\cos \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{\sin \frac{C}{2}}{\cos \frac{C}{2}} \right) = \frac{s \sin \left(\frac{B+C}{2} \right) \cos \frac{A}{2}}{\cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}} = \frac{s \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\left(\frac{s}{4R} \right)} = 4R \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}$$

$$\therefore r_b + r_c \stackrel{(i)}{=} 4R \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}$$

$$\text{Now, } (b+c)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 32Rr \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \stackrel{\text{via (i)}}{=} 8r(r_b + r_c) = 8r^2 s \left(\frac{1}{s-b} + \frac{1}{s-c} \right)$$

$$= 8(s-a)(s-b)(s-c) \frac{a}{(s-b)(s-c)} = 4a(b+c-a)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (b+c)^2 + 4a^2 - 4a(b+c) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (b+c-2a)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \therefore b+c \geq \sqrt{32Rr} \cos \frac{A}{2} \text{ and analogs} \Rightarrow$$

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}}^{2023} \sqrt{\frac{a}{b+c}} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}}^{2023} \sqrt{\frac{4R \cos \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{A}{2}}{\sqrt{32Rr} \cos \frac{A}{2}}} = \sqrt{\frac{R}{2r}} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}}^{2023} \sqrt{\sin \frac{A}{2}}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Jensen}}{\leq} \sqrt{\frac{R}{2r}} \cdot 3 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\left(\because f''(x) = -\frac{2023 \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} + 2022 \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}}{16370116 \left(\sin \frac{A}{2} \right)^{\frac{4045}{2023}}} < 0 \text{ where } f(x) = \sqrt[2023]{\sin \frac{x}{2}} \forall x \in (0, \pi) \right)$$

$$\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}}^{2023} \sqrt{\frac{a}{b+c}} \leq 3 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{R}{2r}} \rightarrow (1)$$

$$\text{Also, } \frac{\frac{r}{R}}{\frac{9}{2} - \frac{r}{R}} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{r^2}{2R^2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{2R}{9R-2r} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{r}{2R} \Leftrightarrow 4R^2 - 9Rr + 2r^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (R-2r)(4R-r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \therefore R \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2r \therefore \frac{\frac{r}{R}}{\frac{9}{2} - \frac{r}{R}} \geq \frac{r^2}{2R^2} \rightarrow (ii)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Again, } \sum_{\text{cyc}}^{2023} \sqrt{\frac{\sin \frac{A}{2}}{\sin \frac{B}{2} + \sin \frac{C}{2}}} \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{\prod_{\text{cyc}} \sin \frac{A}{2}}{\prod_{\text{cyc}} (\sin \frac{B}{2} + \sin \frac{C}{2})}} \\
 & = 3 \cdot \sqrt[6069]{\frac{\frac{r}{4R}}{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \sin \frac{A}{2}) (\sum_{\text{cyc}} \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2}) - \frac{r}{4R}}} \geq 3 \cdot \sqrt[6069]{\frac{\frac{r}{4R}}{\frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \sin \frac{A}{2})^3}{3} - \frac{r}{4R}}} \\
 & \stackrel{\text{Jensen}}{\geq} 3 \cdot \sqrt[6069]{\frac{\frac{r}{4R}}{\frac{(\frac{3}{2})^3}{3} - \frac{r}{4R}}} \stackrel{\text{via (ii)}}{\geq} 3 \cdot \sqrt[6069]{\frac{r^2}{2R^2}} = 3 \cdot \sqrt[6069]{\frac{4r^2}{R^2} \cdot \frac{1}{2^3}} \\
 \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}}^{2023} \sqrt{\frac{\sin \frac{A}{2}}{\sin \frac{B}{2} + \sin \frac{C}{2}}} & \geq 3 \cdot \sqrt[2023]{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \sqrt[6069]{\frac{4r^2}{R^2}} \rightarrow (2) \therefore (1), (2) \Rightarrow \text{in order to prove :}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}}^{2023} \sqrt{\frac{\sin \frac{A}{2}}{\sin \frac{B}{2} + \sin \frac{C}{2}}} + \frac{R}{2r} \geq 1 + \sum_{\text{cyc}}^{2023} \sqrt{\frac{a}{b+c}}, \text{ it suffices to prove :}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 3 \cdot \sqrt[2023]{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \sqrt[6069]{\frac{4r^2}{R^2}} + \frac{R}{2r} - 1 \geq 3 \cdot \sqrt[2023]{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \sqrt[4046]{\frac{R}{2r}} \\
 & \Leftrightarrow \frac{R}{2r} - 1 \geq 3 \cdot \sqrt[2023]{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \left(\left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^{\frac{1}{4046}} - \left(\frac{2r}{R} \right)^{\frac{2}{6069}} \right) \\
 & \Leftrightarrow \left(\left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^{\frac{1}{12138}} \right)^{12138} - 1 \geq 3 \cdot \sqrt[2023]{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \left(\left(\left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^{\frac{1}{12138}} \right)^3 - \left(\left(\frac{2r}{R} \right)^{\frac{1}{12138}} \right)^4 \right) \\
 & \Leftrightarrow \boxed{t^{12138} - 1 \geq 3 \cdot \sqrt[2023]{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \left(t^3 - \frac{1}{t^4} \right)} \quad \left(t = \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^{\frac{1}{12138}} \geq 1 \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\because 2^{\frac{1}{2023}} > 1 \text{ and } \because t^3 - \frac{1}{t^4} \geq 0 \therefore 3 \cdot \sqrt[2023]{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \left(t^3 - \frac{1}{t^4} \right) \leq 3 \left(t^3 - \frac{1}{t^4} \right) \stackrel{?}{\leq} t^{12138} - 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \boxed{t^{12138} - 3t^3 + \frac{3}{t^4} - 1 \geq 0 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0} \quad (***)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Let } f(t) &= t^{12138} - 3t^3 + \frac{3}{t^4} - 1 \quad \forall t \geq 1 \text{ and then : } f'(t) = \frac{12138t^{12142} - 9t^7 - 12}{t^5} \\
 &= \frac{9(t^{12142} - t^7) + 12(t^{12142} - 1) + 12117t^{12142}}{t^5} \geq \frac{12117t^{12142}}{t^5}
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\left(\because t = \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^{\frac{1}{12138} \text{ Euler}} \geq 1 \right) > 0 \Rightarrow f(t) \text{ is } \uparrow \forall t \geq 1 \Rightarrow f(t) \geq f(1) = 0 \Rightarrow (**) \Rightarrow (*)$$

$$\text{is true } \because \frac{R}{2r} \geq 1 + \sum_{\text{cyc}}^{2023} \sqrt{\frac{a}{b+c}} - \sum_{\text{cyc}}^{2023} \sqrt{\frac{\sin \frac{A}{2}}{\sin \frac{B}{2} + \sin \frac{C}{2}}} \text{ and } \because \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^3 \geq \frac{R}{2r} \because$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^3 &\geq 1 + \sum_{\text{cyc}}^{2023} \sqrt{\frac{a}{b+c}} - \sum_{\text{cyc}}^{2023} \sqrt{\frac{\sin \frac{A}{2}}{\sin \frac{B}{2} + \sin \frac{C}{2}}} \because \sum_{\text{cyc}}^{2023} \sqrt{\frac{\sin \frac{A}{2}}{\sin \frac{B}{2} + \sin \frac{C}{2}}} + \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^3 \\ &\geq 1 + \sum_{\text{cyc}}^{2023} \sqrt{\frac{a}{b+c}} \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$

1538.

Prove that for any acute triangle ABC the following inequalities holds

$$\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \leq \frac{\sin A + \sin B + \sin C}{\sqrt{\cos A} + \sqrt{\cos B} + \sqrt{\cos C}} < 2$$

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Solution by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

By CBS inequality, we have

$$\sqrt{\cos A} + \sqrt{\cos B} + \sqrt{\cos C} \leq \sqrt{(a \cos A + b \cos B + c \cos C) \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right)},$$

with $a \cos A + b \cos B + c \cos C = \frac{2F}{R}$ and $\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} = \frac{ab + bc + ca}{abc} \leq \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{3 \cdot 4RF}$, then

$$\sqrt{\cos A} + \sqrt{\cos B} + \sqrt{\cos C} \leq \sqrt{\frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{a+b+c}{2R}} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot (\sin A + \sin B + \sin C),$$

which completes the proof of the left side inequality. Equality holds iff ΔABC is equilateral.

Now since $\sqrt{\cos A} \geq \cos A$ (and analogs),

then to prove the right side inequality it suffices to prove that

$$\sin A + \sin B + \sin C < 2(\cos A + \cos B + \cos C) \text{ or } \frac{s}{R} < 2 \left(1 + \frac{r}{R} \right) \text{ or } s < 2(R+r)$$

which is true by Gerretsen's inequality, $s \leq \sqrt{4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2} < 2(R+r)$.

1539.

In any ΔABC the following relationship holds :

$$1. \frac{h_a w_b}{h_a + w_b + 2m_c} + \frac{w_b m_c}{w_b + m_c + 2h_a} + \frac{m_c h_a}{m_c + h_a + 2w_b} \leq \frac{9R}{8}$$

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$$2. \frac{27r^3}{R} \leq \frac{h_a w_b^2}{h_a + w_b} + \frac{w_b m_c^2}{w_b + m_c} + \frac{m_c h_a^2}{m_c + h_a} \leq \frac{27R^2}{8}$$

Proposed by Zaza Mzhavanadze-Georgia

Solution by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

1. By CBS inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{h_a w_b}{h_a + w_b + 2m_c} + \frac{w_b m_c}{w_b + m_c + 2h_a} + \frac{m_c h_a}{m_c + h_a + 2w_b} \\ & \leq \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{h_a w_b}{h_a + m_c} + \frac{h_a w_b}{w_b + m_c} \right) + \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{w_b m_c}{w_b + h_a} + \frac{w_b m_c}{m_c + h_a} \right) + \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{m_c h_a}{m_c + w_b} + \frac{m_c h_a}{h_a + w_b} \right) \\ & = \frac{h_a + w_b + m_c}{4} \stackrel{h_a \leq m_a \& w_b \leq m_b}{\leq} \frac{m_a + m_b + m_c}{4} \stackrel{Gotman}{\leq} \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{9R}{2} = \frac{9R}{8}, \end{aligned}$$

as desired. Equality holds iff $\triangle ABC$ is equilateral.

2. By AM – GM inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{h_a w_b^2}{h_a + w_b} + \frac{w_b m_c^2}{w_b + m_c} + \frac{m_c h_a^2}{m_c + h_a} \leq \frac{w_b(h_a + w_b)}{4} + \frac{m_c(w_b + m_c)}{4} + \frac{h_a(m_c + h_a)}{4} \\ & = \frac{(h_a w_b + w_b m_c + m_c h_a) + (h_a^2 + w_b^2 + m_c^2)}{4} \leq \frac{h_a^2 + w_b^2 + m_c^2}{2} \\ & \stackrel{h_a \leq m_a \& w_b \leq m_b}{\leq} \frac{m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2}{2} = \frac{3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}{8} \stackrel{Leibniz}{\leq} \frac{3 \cdot 9R^2}{8} = \frac{27R^2}{8}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, by using AM – GM inequality and $h_a \leq w_a \leq m_a$ (and analogs), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{h_a w_b^2}{h_a + w_b} + \frac{w_b m_c^2}{w_b + m_c} + \frac{m_c h_a^2}{m_c + h_a} \geq \frac{3h_a w_b m_c}{\sqrt[3]{(h_a + w_b)(w_b + m_c)(m_c + h_a)}} \geq \frac{9h_a w_b m_c}{2(h_a + w_b + m_c)} \\ & \geq \frac{9h_a h_b h_c}{2(m_a + m_b + m_c)} \stackrel{GM-HM \& Gotman}{\geq} \frac{9 \cdot \left(\frac{3}{\frac{1}{h_a} + \frac{1}{h_b} + \frac{1}{h_c}} \right)}{9R} = \frac{27r^3}{R}. \end{aligned}$$

So the proof is complete. Equality holds iff $\triangle ABC$ is equilateral.

1540. In any $\triangle ABC$ and $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} : n \geq m +$

1, the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{h_a^n}{(r_a^3 + h_a^3)^m} + \frac{w_b^n}{(r_b^3 + w_b^3)^m} + \frac{m_c^n}{(r_c^3 + m_c^3)^m} \geq \frac{2^{2m} \cdot 3^{n-3m+1} \cdot r^n}{(9R^3 - 64r^3)^m}$$

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$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^3 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^3 = \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a \right)^3 - 3(r_a + r_b)(r_b + r_c)(r_c + r_a) +$$

$$\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a \right)^3 - 3(m_a + m_b)(m_b + m_c)(m_c + m_a) \stackrel{\text{Leuenberger}}{\leq} 2(4R + r)^3$$

$$-3(r_a + r_b)(r_b + r_c)(r_c + r_a) - 3(h_a + h_b)(h_b + h_c)(h_c + h_a) \stackrel{\text{Euler and Cesaro}}{\leq}$$

$$2\left(\frac{9R}{2}\right)^3 - 24r_a r_b r_c - 24h_a h_b h_c = 2\left(\frac{9R}{2}\right)^3 - 24rs^2 - 24 \cdot \frac{2r^2 s^2}{R}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen + Euler and Mitrinovic}}{\leq} 2\left(\frac{9R}{2}\right)^3 - 24r \cdot 27r^2 - 24 \cdot \frac{r^2 \cdot 27Rr}{R} = 2 \cdot \frac{81(9R^3 - 64r^3)}{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^3 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^3 \leq \frac{81(9R^3 - 64r^3)}{4} \rightarrow (1)$$

Also, $\left(\frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a^{\frac{n}{m+1}}}{3} \right)^{\frac{m+1}{n}} \stackrel{\text{Power-Mean inequality}}{\geq} \left(\frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a^1}{3} \right)^1 \left(\because \frac{n}{m+1} \geq 1 \right) \Rightarrow \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a^{\frac{n}{m+1}}}{3}$

$$\geq \left(\frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a}{3} \right)^{\frac{n}{m+1}} = \left(\frac{2rs \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{a}}{3} \right)^{\frac{n}{m+1}} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \left(\frac{2rs \cdot \frac{9}{2s}}{3} \right)^{\frac{n}{m+1}} = (3r)^{\frac{n}{m+1}}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a^{\frac{n}{m+1}} \geq 3(3r)^{\frac{n}{m+1}} \rightarrow (2)$$

Now, $\frac{h_a^n}{(r_a^3 + h_a^3)^m} + \frac{w_b^n}{(r_b^3 + w_b^3)^m} + \frac{m_c^n}{(r_c^3 + m_c^3)^m} \geq$

$$\frac{h_a^n}{(r_a^3 + m_a^3)^m} + \frac{h_b^n}{(r_b^3 + m_b^3)^m} + \frac{h_c^n}{(r_c^3 + m_c^3)^m} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\left(h_a^{\frac{n}{m+1}} \right)^{m+1}}{(r_a^3 + m_a^3)^m} \stackrel{\text{Radon}}{\geq}$$

$$\frac{\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a^{\frac{n}{m+1}} \right)^{m+1}}{\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^3 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^3 \right)^m} \stackrel{\text{via (1) and (2)}}{\geq} \frac{\left(3(3r)^{\frac{n}{m+1}} \right)^{m+1}}{\left(\frac{81(9R^3 - 64r^3)}{4} \right)^m} = \frac{2^{2m} \cdot 3^{m+1+n-4m} \cdot r^n}{(9R^3 - 64r^3)^m}$$

$$\therefore \frac{h_a^n}{(r_a^3 + h_a^3)^m} + \frac{w_b^n}{(r_b^3 + w_b^3)^m} + \frac{m_c^n}{(r_c^3 + m_c^3)^m} \geq \frac{2^{2m} \cdot 3^{n-3m+1} \cdot r^n}{(9R^3 - 64r^3)^m}$$

$\forall \Delta ABC, '' = ''$ iff ΔABC is equilateral (QED)

1541.

In any ΔABC and $\forall m, n \in \mathbb{N} : n \geq m + 1$, the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{h_a^n}{((r_a^3 + r_b^3)^2 + (h_a^3 + h_b^3)^2)^m} + \frac{w_b^n}{((r_b^3 + r_c^3)^2 + (w_b^3 + w_c^3)^2)^m} + \frac{m_c^n}{((r_c^3 + r_a^3)^2 + (m_c^3 + m_a^3)^2)^m} \geq \frac{2^{3m} \cdot 3^{n-6m+1} \cdot r^n}{(3(9R^3 - 64r^3)^2 - 128r^6)^m}$$

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Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} (r_b^3 + r_c^3)^2 &= \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} (r_b^3 + r_c^3) \right)^2 - \\ &2 \left((r_b^3 + r_c^3)(r_c^3 + r_a^3) + (r_c^3 + r_a^3)(r_a^3 + r_b^3) + (r_a^3 + r_b^3)(r_b^3 + r_c^3) \right) \stackrel{A-G}{\leq} \\ &4 \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a \right)^3 - 3(r_a + r_b)(r_b + r_c)(r_c + r_a) \right)^2 \\ &\stackrel{\text{Leuenberger + Euler and Cesaro}}{\leq} -6 \sqrt{(r_a^3 + r_b^3)^2 (r_b^3 + r_c^3)^2 (r_c^3 + r_a^3)^2} \leq 4 \left(\left(\frac{9R}{2} \right)^3 - 24r_a r_b r_c \right)^2 \\ &\stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\leq} -6 \cdot \sqrt[3]{64(r_a r_b r_c)^6} \leq 4 \left(\left(\frac{9R}{2} \right)^3 - 24 \cdot 27r^3 \right)^2 - 24(27r^3)^2 \\ &= 4 \cdot \frac{81^2(9R^3 - 64r^3)^2}{64} - 729 \cdot 24r^6 \\ \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} (r_b^3 + r_c^3)^2 &\leq \frac{81^2(9R^3 - 64r^3)^2}{16} - 729 \cdot 24r^6 \rightarrow (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Again, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} (m_b^3 + m_c^3)^2 &= \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} (m_b^3 + m_c^3) \right)^2 - \\ &2 \left((m_b^3 + m_c^3)(m_c^3 + m_a^3) + (m_c^3 + m_a^3)(m_a^3 + m_b^3) + (m_a^3 + m_b^3)(m_b^3 + m_c^3) \right) \stackrel{A-G}{\leq} \\ &4 \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a \right)^3 - 3(m_a + m_b)(m_b + m_c)(m_c + m_a) \right)^2 \\ &\stackrel{\text{Leuenberger + Euler and Cesaro}}{\leq} -6 \sqrt{(m_a^3 + m_b^3)^2 (m_b^3 + m_c^3)^2 (m_c^3 + m_a^3)^2} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & 4 \left(\left(\frac{9R}{2} \right)^3 - 24m_a m_b m_c \right)^2 - 6 \cdot \sqrt[3]{64(m_a m_b m_c)^6} \\
 & \leq 4 \left(\left(\frac{9R}{2} \right)^3 - 24h_a h_b h_c \right)^2 - 6 \cdot \sqrt[3]{64(h_a h_b h_c)^6} \\
 & = 4 \left(\left(\frac{9R}{2} \right)^3 - \frac{24r^2}{R} \cdot 2s^2 \right)^2 - 24 \left(\frac{r^2}{R} \cdot 2s^2 \right)^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen + Euler}}{\leq} \\
 & 4 \left(\left(\frac{9R}{2} \right)^3 - \frac{24r^2}{R} \cdot 27Rr \right)^2 - 24 \left(\frac{r^2}{R} \cdot 27Rr \right)^2 = 4 \cdot \frac{81^2(9R^3 - 64r^3)^2}{64} - 729 \cdot 24r^6 \\
 & \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} (m_b^3 + m_c^3)^2 \leq \frac{81^2(9R^3 - 64r^3)^2}{16} - 729 \cdot 24r^6 \rightarrow (2)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Also, } & \left(\frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a^{\frac{n}{m+1}}}{3} \right)^{\frac{m+1}{n}} \stackrel{\text{Power-Mean inequality}}{\geq} \left(\frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a^1}{3} \right)^1 \left(\because \frac{n}{m+1} \geq 1 \right) \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a^{\frac{n}{m+1}}}{3} & \geq \left(\frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a}{3} \right)^{\frac{n}{m+1}} = \left(\frac{2rs \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{a}}{3} \right)^{\frac{n}{m+1}} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \left(\frac{2rs \cdot \frac{9}{2s}}{3} \right)^{\frac{n}{m+1}} = (3r)^{\frac{n}{m+1}} \\
 & \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a^{\frac{n}{m+1}} \geq 3(3r)^{\frac{n}{m+1}} \rightarrow (3)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now, } & \frac{h_a^n}{((r_a^3 + r_b^3)^2 + (h_a^3 + h_b^3)^2)^m} + \frac{w_b^n}{((r_b^3 + r_c^3)^2 + (w_b^3 + w_c^3)^2)^m} \\
 & + \frac{m_c^n}{((r_c^3 + r_a^3)^2 + (m_c^3 + m_a^3)^2)^m} \geq \frac{h_a^n}{((r_a^3 + r_b^3)^2 + (m_a^3 + m_b^3)^2)^m} + \\
 & \frac{h_b^n}{((r_b^3 + r_c^3)^2 + (m_b^3 + m_c^3)^2)^m} + \frac{h_c^n}{((r_c^3 + r_a^3)^2 + (m_c^3 + m_a^3)^2)^m} \\
 & = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\left(h_a^{\frac{n}{m+1}} \right)^{m+1}}{\left((r_b^3 + r_c^3)^2 + (m_b^3 + m_c^3)^2 \right)^m} \stackrel{\text{Radon}}{\geq} \frac{\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a^{\frac{n}{m+1}} \right)^{m+1}}{\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} (r_b^3 + r_c^3)^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} (m_b^3 + m_c^3)^2 \right)^m} \\
 & \stackrel{\text{via (1),(2) and (3)}}{\geq} \frac{\left(3(3r)^{\frac{n}{m+1}} \right)^{m+1}}{\left(\frac{81^2(9R^3 - 64r^3)^2}{16} - 729 \cdot 24r^6 + \frac{81^2(9R^3 - 64r^3)^2}{16} - 729 \cdot 24r^6 \right)^m} \\
 & = \frac{3^{3m+1+n} \cdot r^n}{3^7 \left(\frac{3(9R^3 - 64r^3)^2}{8} - 16r^6 \right)^m} = \frac{2^3 m \cdot 3^{m+1+n-7m} \cdot r^n}{(3(9R^3 - 64r^3)^2 - 128r^6)^m} \\
 & \therefore \frac{h_a^n}{((r_a^3 + r_b^3)^2 + (h_a^3 + h_b^3)^2)^m} + \frac{w_b^n}{((r_b^3 + r_c^3)^2 + (w_b^3 + w_c^3)^2)^m}
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$+ \frac{m_c^n}{\left((r_c^3 + r_a^3)^2 + (m_c^3 + m_a^3)^2 \right)^m} \geq \frac{2^{3m} \cdot 3^{n-6m+1} \cdot r^n}{(3(9R^3 - 64r^3)^2 - 128r^6)^m}$$

$\forall \Delta ABC$ and $\forall m, n \in \mathbb{N} : n \geq m + 1, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$

1542.

In any ΔABC and $\forall m, n, t \in \mathbb{N} : n \geq m + 1$, the following relationship holds :

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\left((w_a + w_b)^t + (m_a + m_b)^t \right)^n}{\left(w_a^5 + w_a^2 w_b^3 + w_b^5 + m_a^5 + m_a^2 m_b^3 + m_b^5 \right)^m} \\ & + \frac{\left((w_b + w_c)^t + (m_b + m_c)^t \right)^n}{\left(w_b^5 + w_b^2 w_c^3 + w_c^5 + m_b^5 + m_b^2 m_c^3 + m_c^5 \right)^m} \\ & + \frac{\left((w_c + w_a)^t + (m_c + m_a)^t \right)^n}{\left(w_c^5 + w_c^2 w_a^3 + w_a^5 + m_c^5 + m_c^2 m_a^3 + m_a^5 \right)^m} \geq \frac{2^{4m+n(t+1)} \cdot 3^{nt-6m+1} \cdot r^{nt}}{(81R^5 - 2560r^5)^m} \end{aligned}$$

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Note:

$$(x + y + z)^5 = x^5 + y^5 + z^5 + 5(x + y)(y + z)(z + x)(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + xy + yz + zx)$$

$$m_a + m_b + m_c \stackrel{\text{Leunberger}}{\leq} 4R + r \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} \frac{9R}{2}$$

$$(m_a + m_b)(m_b + m_c)(m_c + m_a) \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 8m_a m_b m_c$$

$$(m_a \geq \sqrt{s(s-a)}) \geq 8s^2 r \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\geq} 8 \cdot 3^3 r^3$$

analog

$$\sum m_a^2 + \sum m_b m_c \geq 2 \sum m_b m_c$$

$$\left(\because \sum m_a^2 \geq \sum m_b m_c \right)$$

$$\left(\because m_a \geq h_a \right) \geq 2 \sum h_b h_c = \frac{4s^2 r}{R} \geq 2 \cdot 3^3 \cdot r^2$$

$$\therefore \sum m_a^5 = \left(\sum m_a \right)^5 - 5\pi(m_a + m_b) \cdot \left(\sum m_a^2 + \sum m_b m_c \right)$$

$$\leq \left(\frac{9R}{2} \right)^5 - 5 \cdot 8 \cdot 3^3 \cdot r^3 \cdot 2 \cdot 3^3 \cdot r^2 = \frac{36(81R^5 - 2560r^5)}{32}$$

Applying AM-GM $h_a h_b h_c \geq 27r^3$

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$$\therefore h_a + h_b + h_c \geq 3(h_a h_b h_c)^{\frac{1}{3}} = 9r$$

$$w_a^5 + w_a^2 w_b^3 + w_b^5 + m_a^5 + m_a^2 m_b^3 + m_b^5 \leq m_a^5 + m_a^2 m_b^3 + m_b^5 + m_a^5 + m_a^2 m_b^3 + m_b^5$$

($w_a \leq m_a$ analog)

$$= 2(m_a^5 + m_b^5) + m_a^2 m_b^2 (m_a + m_b) \leq 2(m_a^5 + m_b^5) + m_a^5 + m_b^5 = 3(m_a^5 + m_b^5)$$

Note:

$$\left[m_a^5 + m_b^5 \stackrel{CBS}{\geq} \frac{(m_a^4 + m_b^4)(m_a + m_b)}{2} \right] \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} m_a^2 m_b^2 (m_a + m_b)$$

Note:

$$(w_a + w_b)^t + (m_a + m_b)^t \geq (h_a + h_b)^t + (h_a + h_b)^t \quad \left(\because \begin{array}{l} w_a \geq h_a \\ m_a \geq h_a \end{array} \right)$$

$$= 2(h_a + h_b)^t$$

$$\therefore [(w_a + w_b)^t + (m_a + m_b)^t]^n \geq 2^n (h_a + h_b)^{tn} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 2^{n+tn} (h_a h_b)^{\frac{tn}{2}}$$

$$\therefore LHS \geq \sum \frac{2^{n+tn} (h_a h_b)^{\frac{tn}{2}}}{3^m (m_a^5 + m_b^5)^m} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \frac{3 \cdot 2^{n+tn} [(h_a h_b) \cdot (h_b h_c) \cdot (h_c h_a)]^{\frac{tn}{6}}}{3^m [\prod (m_a^5 + m_b^5)]^{\frac{m}{3}}}$$

$$\stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \frac{3 \cdot 2^{n+tn} (h_a h_b h_c)^{\frac{tn}{3}}}{3^m \left[\frac{2(\sum m_a^5)}{3} \right]^m} \geq 3 \cdot 2^{n+tn-m} \frac{(27r^3)^{\frac{tn}{3}}}{\left[\frac{36}{2^5} (81R^5 - 2560r^5) \right]^m}$$

$$= \frac{3 \cdot 2^{n+tn-m+5m} \cdot 3^{tn} \cdot r^{tn}}{3^{6m} (81R^5 - 2560r^5)^m} = \frac{2^{4m+n(t+1)} \cdot 3^{nt-6m+1} \cdot r^{nt}}{(81R^5 - 2560r^5)^m}$$

Solution 2 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\forall x, y, z > 0, \sum_{cyc} x^5 + \sum_{cyc} x^2 y^2 (x + y) = \left(\sum_{cyc} x^3 \right) \left(\sum_{cyc} x^2 \right) \rightarrow (1)$$

$$\text{Now, } 2 \sum_{cyc} m_a^5 + \sum_{cyc} m_a^2 m_b^3$$

$$= \left(2 \sum_{cyc} m_a^5 + 2 \sum_{cyc} m_a^2 m_b^3 + 2 \sum_{cyc} m_a^3 m_b^2 \right) - \sum_{cyc} m_a^2 m_b^3 - 2 \sum_{cyc} m_a^3 m_b^2 \stackrel{\text{via (1)}}{=} 2 \left(\sum_{cyc} m_a^3 \right) \left(\sum_{cyc} m_a^2 \right) - \sum_{cyc} m_a^3 (m_b^2 + m_c^2) - \sum_{cyc} m_a^3 m_b^2$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \stackrel{A-G}{\leq} 2 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^3 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^2 \right) - 2m_a m_b m_c \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^2 \right) - 3m_a m_b m_c \cdot \sqrt[3]{(m_a m_b m_c)^2} \\ & = 2 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^2 \right) \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a \right)^3 - 3(m_a + m_b)(m_b + m_c)(m_c + m_a) - m_a m_b m_c \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & - 3m_a m_b m_c \cdot \sqrt[3]{(m_a m_b m_c)^2} \stackrel{\substack{A-G, \\ \text{Cesaro,} \\ \text{Leibnitz} \\ \text{and} \\ \text{Leuenberger}}}{\leq} 2 \cdot \frac{3}{4} \cdot 9R^2 \cdot \left(\left(\frac{9R}{2} \right)^3 - 25m_a m_b m_c \right) \\ - 3m_a m_b m_c \cdot \sqrt[3]{(m_a m_b m_c)^2} & \leq 2 \cdot \frac{3}{4} \cdot 9R^2 \cdot \left(\left(\frac{9R}{2} \right)^3 - 25 \cdot 27r^3 \right) - 3 \cdot 27r^3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{(27r^3)^2} \\ & \left(\because m_a m_b m_c \geq h_a h_b h_c = \frac{r^2 \cdot 2s^2}{R} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen + Euler}}{\geq} \frac{r^2 \cdot 27Rr}{R} = 27r^3 \right) \\ & = 729 \left(\frac{27R^5 - 200R^2 r^3 - 16r^5}{16} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^5 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^2 m_b^3 \leq 729 \left(\frac{27R^5 - 200R^2 r^3 - 16r^5}{16} \right)} \rightarrow (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also, } & \left(\frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} (h_a + h_b) \frac{nt}{m+1}}{3} \right)^{\frac{m+1}{tn}} \stackrel{\text{Power-Mean inequality}}{\geq} \left(\frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} (h_a + h_b)^1}{3} \right)^1 \\ & \left(\because \frac{tn}{m+1} \geq 1 \right) \Rightarrow \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} (h_a + h_b) \frac{nt}{m+1}}{3} \geq \left(\frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} (h_a + h_b)}{3} \right)^{\frac{tn}{m+1}} \\ & = 2^{\frac{tn}{m+1}} \cdot \left(\frac{2rs \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{a}}{3} \right)^{\frac{tn}{m+1}} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} 2^{\frac{tn}{m+1}} \cdot \left(\frac{2rs \cdot \frac{9}{2s}}{3} \right)^{\frac{tn}{m+1}} = 2^{\frac{tn}{m+1}} \cdot (3r)^{\frac{tn}{m+1}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\sum_{\text{cyc}} (h_a + h_b) \frac{nt}{m+1} \geq 3 \cdot 2^{\frac{tn}{m+1}} \cdot (3r)^{\frac{tn}{m+1}}} \rightarrow (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We have : } & \frac{((w_a + w_b)^t + (m_a + m_b)^t)^n}{(w_a^5 + w_a^2 w_b^3 + w_b^5 + m_a^5 + m_a^2 m_b^3 + m_b^5)^m} \\ & + \frac{((w_b + w_c)^t + (m_b + m_c)^t)^n}{(w_b^5 + w_b^2 w_c^3 + w_c^5 + m_b^5 + m_b^2 m_c^3 + m_c^5)^m} \\ & + \frac{((w_c + w_a)^t + (m_c + m_a)^t)^n}{(w_c^5 + w_c^2 w_a^3 + w_a^5 + m_c^5 + m_c^2 m_a^3 + m_a^5)^m} \\ & \geq \frac{((h_a + h_b)^t + (h_a + h_b)^t)^n}{(m_a^5 + m_a^2 m_b^3 + m_b^5 + m_a^5 + m_a^2 m_b^3 + m_b^5)^m} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \frac{((h_b + h_c)^t + (h_b + h_c)^t)^n}{(m_b^5 + m_b^2 m_c^3 + m_c^5 + m_b^5 + m_b^2 m_c^3 + m_c^5)^m} \\
 & + \frac{((h_c + h_a)^t + (h_c + h_a)^t)^n}{(m_c^5 + m_c^2 m_a^3 + m_a^5 + m_c^5 + m_c^2 m_a^3 + m_a^5)^m} \\
 & = 2^n \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(h_a + h_b)^{nt}}{(m_b^5 + m_b^2 m_c^3 + m_c^5 + m_b^5 + m_b^2 m_c^3 + m_c^5)^m} \\
 & = 2^n \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\left((h_a + h_b)^{\frac{nt}{m+1}} \right)^{m+1}}{(m_b^5 + m_b^2 m_c^3 + m_c^5 + m_b^5 + m_b^2 m_c^3 + m_c^5)^m} \stackrel{\text{Radon}}{\geq} 2^n \cdot \frac{\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} (h_a + h_b)^{\frac{nt}{m+1}} \right)^{m+1}}{(4 \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^5 + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^2 m_b^3)^m} \\
 & \stackrel{\text{via (3)}}{\geq} \frac{2^n \cdot 3^{m+1} \cdot 2^{tn} \cdot (3r)^{tn}}{2^m \cdot (2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^5 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^2 m_b^3)^m} \stackrel{\text{via (2)}}{\geq} \frac{2^n \cdot 3^{m+1} \cdot 2^{tn} \cdot (3r)^{tn}}{2^m \cdot \left(729 \left(\frac{27R^5 - 200R^2 r^3 - 16r^5}{16} \right)^m \right)} \\
 & = \frac{2^{n+nt-m+4m} \cdot 3^{m+1+nt-6m} \cdot r^{nt}}{(27R^5 - 200R^2 r^3 - 16r^5)^m} = \frac{2^{n+nt+3m} \cdot 3^{1+nt-5m} \cdot r^{nt}}{(27R^5 - 200R^2 r^3 - 16r^5)^m} \\
 & \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{2^{4m+n(t+1)} \cdot 3^{nt-6m+1} \cdot r^{nt}}{(81R^5 - 2560r^5)^m} \\
 & \Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{3}{2} \right)^m \cdot \frac{1}{(27R^5 - 200R^2 r^3 - 16r^5)^m} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{1}{(81R^5 - 2560r^5)^m} \\
 & \Leftrightarrow 3(81R^5 - 2560r^5) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2(27R^5 - 200R^2 r^3 - 16r^5) \\
 & \Leftrightarrow \boxed{189t^5 + 400t^2 - 7648 \geq 0} \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right) \\
 & \Leftrightarrow 189(t^5 - 32) + 400(t^2 - 4) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \\
 & \therefore \frac{((w_a + w_b)^t + (m_a + m_b)^t)^n}{(w_a^5 + w_a^2 w_b^3 + w_b^5 + m_a^5 + m_a^2 m_b^3 + m_b^5)^m} \\
 & + \frac{((w_b + w_c)^t + (m_b + m_c)^t)^n}{(w_b^5 + w_b^2 w_c^3 + w_c^5 + m_b^5 + m_b^2 m_c^3 + m_c^5)^m} \\
 & + \frac{((w_c + w_a)^t + (m_c + m_a)^t)^n}{(w_c^5 + w_c^2 w_a^3 + w_a^5 + m_c^5 + m_c^2 m_a^3 + m_a^5)^m} \geq \frac{2^{4m+n(t+1)} \cdot 3^{nt-6m+1} \cdot r^{nt}}{(81R^5 - 2560r^5)^m} \\
 & \forall \Delta ABC \text{ and } \forall m, n, t \in \mathbb{N} : n \geq m + 1, '' = '' \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$

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In any ΔABC and $\forall m, n, t \in \mathbb{N} : n \geq m + 1$, the following relationship holds :

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{(h_a^t + w_b^t + m_c^t)^n}{(r_a^7 + 2r_a^3 r_b^3 (r_a + r_b) + r_b^7)^m} + \frac{(h_b^t + w_c^t + m_a^t)^n}{(r_b^7 + 2r_b^3 r_c^3 (r_b + r_c) + r_c^7)^m} \\
 & + \frac{(h_c^t + w_a^t + m_b^t)^n}{(r_c^7 + 2r_c^3 r_a^3 (r_c + r_a) + r_a^7)^m} \geq \frac{2^{6m} \cdot 3^{n(t+1)-8m+1} \cdot r^{nt}}{\left((27R^4 - 416r^4)(9R^3 - 64r^3) \right)^m}
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\forall x, y, z > 0, \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^7 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 y^3 (x + y) = \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^4 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 \right) \rightarrow (1)$$

$$\text{Now, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^4 = \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^2 \right)^2 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^2 r_b^2 \leq ((4R + r)^2 - 2s^2)^2 - \frac{2}{3} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a r_b \right)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\stackrel{\text{Euler and Mitrinovic}}{\leq} \left(\left(\frac{9R}{2} \right)^2 - 2 \cdot 27r^2 \right) - \frac{2}{3} \cdot 729r^4 = \frac{243}{16} (3(9R^4 + 64r^4 - 48R^2 r^2) - 32r^4) \\ &\stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} \frac{243}{16} (3(9R^4 + 64r^4 - 48 \cdot 4r^2 \cdot r^2) - 32r^4) \\ &\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^4 \leq \frac{243}{16} (27R^4 - 416r^4) \rightarrow (2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Again, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^3 &= (4R + r)^3 - 3(r_a + r_b)(r_b + r_c)(r_c + r_a) \stackrel{\text{Euler and Cesaro}}{\leq} \\ &\left(\frac{9R}{2} \right)^3 - 24r_a r_b r_c \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\leq} \left(\frac{9R}{2} \right)^3 - 24 \cdot r \cdot 27r^2 \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^3 \leq \frac{81}{8} (9R^3 - 64r^3) \rightarrow (3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We have : } &\frac{(h_a^t + w_b^t + m_c^t)^n}{(r_a^7 + 2r_a^3 r_b^3 (r_a + r_b) + r_b^7)^m} + \frac{(h_b^t + w_c^t + m_a^t)^n}{(r_b^7 + 2r_b^3 r_c^3 (r_b + r_c) + r_c^7)^m} \\ &+ \frac{(h_c^t + w_a^t + m_b^t)^n}{(r_c^7 + 2r_c^3 r_a^3 (r_c + r_a) + r_a^7)^m} = \frac{\left((h_a^t + w_b^t + m_c^t)^{\frac{n}{m+1}} \right)^{m+1}}{(r_a^7 + 2r_a^3 r_b^3 (r_a + r_b) + r_b^7)^m} + \frac{\left((h_b^t + w_c^t + m_a^t)^{\frac{n}{m+1}} \right)^{m+1}}{(r_b^7 + 2r_b^3 r_c^3 (r_b + r_c) + r_c^7)^m} \\ &\quad + \frac{\left((h_c^t + w_a^t + m_b^t)^{\frac{n}{m+1}} \right)^{m+1}}{(r_c^7 + 2r_c^3 r_a^3 (r_c + r_a) + r_a^7)^m} \stackrel{\text{Radon}}{\geq} \\ &\frac{\left((h_a^t + w_b^t + m_c^t)^{\frac{n}{m+1}} + (h_b^t + w_c^t + m_a^t)^{\frac{n}{m+1}} + (h_c^t + w_a^t + m_b^t)^{\frac{n}{m+1}} \right)^{m+1}}{(2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^7 + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^3 r_b^3 (r_a + r_b))^m} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\stackrel{\text{via (1)}}{\geq} \frac{\left(3 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a^t \right)^{\frac{n}{m+1}} \right)^{m+1}}{2^m \cdot \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^4 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^3 \right) \right)^m} \stackrel{\text{Holder}}{\geq} \frac{3^{m+1} \cdot \left(\left(\frac{1}{3^{t-1}} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a^t \right)^t \right)^{\frac{n}{m+1}} \right)^{m+1}}{2^m \cdot \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^4 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^3 \right) \right)^m} \\ &= \frac{3^{m+1} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{3^{t-1}} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{2rs}{a} \right)^t \right)^n}{2^m \cdot \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^4 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^3 \right) \right)^m} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{3^{m+1} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{3^{t-1}} \left(2rs \cdot \frac{9}{2s} \right)^t \right)^n}{2^m \cdot \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^4 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^3 \right) \right)^m} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{3^{m+1} \cdot 3^{2nt} \cdot r^{nt}}{3^{nt-n} \cdot 2^m \cdot \left((\sum_{cyc} r_a^4) (\sum_{cyc} r_a^3) \right)^m} \stackrel{\text{via (2) and (3)}}{\geq} \frac{3^{m+1+2nt-nt+n} \cdot r^{nt}}{2^m \cdot \left(\frac{243}{16} (27R^4 - 416r^4) \cdot \frac{81}{8} (9R^3 - 64r^3) \right)^m} \\
 &= \frac{3^{m+1+nt+n-9m} \cdot 2^{7m-m} \cdot r^{nt}}{\left((27R^4 - 416r^4)(9R^3 - 64r^3) \right)^m} \cdot \frac{(h_a^t + w_b^t + m_c^t)^n}{(r_a^7 + 2r_a^3 r_b^3 (r_a + r_b) + r_b^7)^m} \\
 &\quad + \frac{(h_b^t + w_c^t + m_a^t)^n}{(r_b^7 + 2r_b^3 r_c^3 (r_b + r_c) + r_c^7)^m} + \frac{(h_c^t + w_a^t + m_b^t)^n}{(r_c^7 + 2r_c^3 r_a^3 (r_c + r_a) + r_a^7)^m} \\
 &\stackrel{\text{via (2) and (3)}}{\geq} \frac{2^{6m} \cdot 3^{n(t+1)-8m+1} \cdot r^{nt}}{\left((27R^4 - 416r^4)(9R^3 - 64r^3) \right)^m} \quad \forall \Delta ABC \text{ and } \forall m, n, t \in \mathbb{N}, \\
 &\quad \text{"=" iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$

1544. In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{24r^2}{R^2} \leq \frac{(m_a + m_b)^2}{w_b^2 + w_c^2} + \frac{(w_b + w_c)^2}{h_c^2 + h_a^2} + \frac{(h_c + h_a)^2}{m_a^2 + m_b^2} \leq \frac{5106}{256} \left(\frac{R}{r} \right)^6 - \frac{5082}{4}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &\frac{(m_a + m_b)^2}{w_b^2 + w_c^2} + \frac{(w_b + w_c)^2}{h_c^2 + h_a^2} + \frac{(h_c + h_a)^2}{m_a^2 + m_b^2} \\
 &\leq \frac{(m_a + m_b)^2}{h_b^2 + h_c^2} + \frac{(m_b + m_c)^2}{h_c^2 + h_a^2} + \frac{(m_c + m_a)^2}{h_a^2 + h_b^2} \\
 \text{Reverse Bergstrom} &\leq \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{(m_a + m_b)^2 + (m_c + m_a)^2}{h_b^2} \right) + \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{(m_a + m_b)^2 + (m_b + m_c)^2}{h_c^2} \right) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{(m_b + m_c)^2 + (m_c + m_a)^2}{h_a^2} \right) \\
 &\leq \frac{2}{4} \left(\frac{m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2 + m_a^2}{h_b^2} \right) + \frac{2}{4} \left(\frac{m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2}{h_c^2} \right) \\
 &\quad + \frac{2}{4} \left(\frac{m_b^2 + m_c^2 + m_c^2 + m_a^2}{h_a^2} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left(\sum_{cyc} m_a^2 \right) \cdot \frac{1}{4r^2 s^2} \cdot \left(\sum_{cyc} a^2 \right) \\
 &+ \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{16r^2 s^2} \left(a^2(2a^2 + 2b^2 - c^2) + b^2(2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2) + c^2(2c^2 + 2a^2 - b^2) \right) \\
 &\stackrel{\text{Leibnitz}}{\leq} \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{4} \cdot 9R^2 \cdot \frac{1}{4r^2 s^2} \cdot 9R^2 + \frac{1}{32r^2 s^2} \left(5 \sum_{cyc} a^2 b^2 - 32r^2 s^2 \right) \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic and Goldstone}}{\leq}
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{243R^4}{32r^2 \cdot 27r^2} + \frac{5 \cdot 4R^2s^2 - 32r^2s^2}{32r^2s^2} &= \frac{9R^4 + 20R^2r^2 - 32r^4}{32r^4} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{5106R^6 - 64 \cdot 5082r^6}{256r^6} \\ &\Leftrightarrow 2553t^6 - 36t^4 - 80t^2 - 162496 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right) \\ &\Leftrightarrow (t-2)(2553t^5 + 5106t^4 + 10176t^3 + 20352t^2 + 40624t + 81248) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\ \rightarrow \text{true} \because t &\stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \therefore \frac{(m_a + m_b)^2}{w_b^2 + w_c^2} + \frac{(w_b + w_c)^2}{h_c^2 + h_a^2} + \frac{(h_c + h_a)^2}{m_a^2 + m_b^2} \leq \frac{5106}{256} \left(\frac{R}{r} \right)^6 - \frac{5082}{4} \\ \text{Again, } &\frac{(m_a + m_b)^2}{w_b^2 + w_c^2} + \frac{(w_b + w_c)^2}{h_c^2 + h_a^2} + \frac{(h_c + h_a)^2}{m_a^2 + m_b^2} \\ &\geq \frac{(h_a + h_b)^2}{m_b^2 + m_c^2} + \frac{(h_b + h_c)^2}{m_c^2 + m_a^2} + \frac{(h_c + h_a)^2}{m_a^2 + m_b^2} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom and Leibnitz}}{\geq} \frac{4 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{2rs}{a} \right)^2}{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^2} \geq \frac{4 \left(\frac{2rs \cdot 9}{2s} \right)^2}{2 \cdot \frac{3}{4} \cdot 9R^2} \\ &= \frac{24r^2}{R^2} \therefore \frac{24r^2}{R^2} \leq \frac{(m_a + m_b)^2}{w_b^2 + w_c^2} + \frac{(w_b + w_c)^2}{h_c^2 + h_a^2} + \frac{(h_c + h_a)^2}{m_a^2 + m_b^2} \\ &\leq \frac{5106}{256} \left(\frac{R}{r} \right)^6 - \frac{5082}{4} \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$

1545. In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{144r^3}{R^2} \leq \frac{(m_a + m_b)^3}{w_b^2 + w_c^2} + \frac{(w_b + w_c)^3}{h_c^2 + h_a^2} + \frac{(h_c + h_a)^3}{m_a^2 + m_b^2} \leq \frac{9(243R^7 - 30976r^7)}{32r^6}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{(m_a + m_b)^3}{w_b^2 + w_c^2} + \frac{(w_b + w_c)^3}{h_c^2 + h_a^2} + \frac{(h_c + h_a)^3}{m_a^2 + m_b^2} \\ &\leq \frac{(m_a + m_b)^3}{h_b^2 + h_c^2} + \frac{(m_b + m_c)^3}{h_c^2 + h_a^2} + \frac{(m_c + m_a)^3}{h_a^2 + h_b^2} \\ \text{Reverse Bergstrom } &\leq \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{(m_a + m_b)^3 + (m_c + m_a)^3}{h_b^2} + \frac{(m_a + m_b)^3 + (m_b + m_c)^3}{h_c^2} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{(m_b + m_c)^3 + (m_c + m_a)^3}{h_a^2} \right) \\ \text{Holder 4 } &\leq \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{m_a^3 + m_b^3 + m_c^3 + m_a^3}{h_b^2} + \frac{m_a^3 + m_b^3 + m_b^3 + m_c^3}{h_c^2} + \frac{m_b^3 + m_c^3 + m_c^3 + m_a^3}{h_a^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^3 - (m_b^3 + m_c^3)}{h_b^2} + \frac{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^3 - (m_c^3 + m_a^3)}{h_c^2} + \frac{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^3 - (m_a^3 + m_b^3)}{h_a^2} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 2 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^3 \right) \left(\frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2}{4r^2 s^2} \right) - \left(\frac{m_b^3}{h_b^2} + \frac{m_c^3}{h_b^2} + \frac{m_c^3}{h_c^2} + \frac{m_a^3}{h_c^2} + \frac{m_a^3}{h_a^2} + \frac{m_b^3}{h_a^2} \right) \\
 \text{Radon and Leibnitz} &\leq 2 \left((4R+r)^3 - 3(m_a+m_b)(m_b+m_c)(m_c+m_a) \right) \left(\frac{9R^2}{4r^2 s^2} \right) - \frac{(2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a)^3}{(2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a)^2} \\
 \text{Euler, Mitrinovic and Cesaro} &\leq 2 \left(\left(\frac{9R}{2} \right)^3 - 24h_a h_b h_c \right) \left(\frac{9R^2}{4r^2 \cdot 27r^2} \right) - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{2rs}{a} \\
 \text{Bergstrom} &\leq 2 \left(\left(\frac{9R}{2} \right)^3 - 24 \cdot \frac{2r^2 s^2}{R} \right) \left(\frac{9R^2}{4r^2 \cdot 27r^2} \right) - 2 \cdot \frac{2rs \cdot 9}{2s} \\
 \text{Gerretsen + Euler} &\leq 2 \left(\left(\frac{9R}{2} \right)^3 - 24 \cdot \frac{r^2 \cdot 27Rr}{R} \right) \left(\frac{9R^2}{4r^2 \cdot 27r^2} \right) - 18r \\
 &= 9 \left(\frac{3R^2(9R^3 - 64r^3) - 32r^5}{16r^4} \right) \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{9(243R^7 - 30976r^7)}{32r^6} \\
 &\Leftrightarrow 243t^7 - 54t^5 + 384t^2 - 30912 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow (t-2)(243t^6 + 486t^5 + 918t^4 + 1836t^3 + 3672t^2 + 7728t + 15456) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\
 &\quad \rightarrow \text{true} \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \\
 &\therefore \frac{(m_a+m_b)^3}{w_b^2+w_c^2} + \frac{(w_b+w_c)^3}{h_c^2+h_a^2} + \frac{(h_c+h_a)^3}{m_a^2+m_b^2} \leq \frac{9(243R^7 - 30976r^7)}{32r^6} \\
 \text{Again,} &\frac{(m_a+m_b)^3}{w_b^2+w_c^2} + \frac{(w_b+w_c)^3}{h_c^2+h_a^2} + \frac{(h_c+h_a)^3}{m_a^2+m_b^2} \\
 &\geq \frac{(h_a+h_b)^3}{m_b^2+m_c^2} + \frac{(h_b+h_c)^3}{m_c^2+m_a^2} + \frac{(h_c+h_a)^3}{m_a^2+m_b^2} \stackrel{\text{Holder}}{\geq} \frac{8 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{2rs}{a} \right)^3}{3 \cdot 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^2} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom and Leibnitz}}{\geq} \frac{8 \left(\frac{2rs \cdot 9}{2s} \right)^3}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot \frac{3}{4} \cdot 9R^2} \\
 &= \frac{144r^3}{R^2} \therefore \frac{144r^3}{R^2} \leq \frac{(m_a+m_b)^3}{w_b^2+w_c^2} + \frac{(w_b+w_c)^3}{h_c^2+h_a^2} + \frac{(h_c+h_a)^3}{m_a^2+m_b^2} \\
 &\leq \frac{9(243R^7 - 30976r^7)}{32r^6} \forall \Delta ABC, '' = '' \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$

1546.

In ΔABC the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\sin^2 \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{\sin^2 \frac{B}{2}}{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2}} \geq \frac{r_a}{r_b} + \frac{r_b}{r_a}$$

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Solution by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\sin^2 \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{\sin^2 \frac{B}{2}}{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2}} \right) - \left(\frac{r_a}{r_b} + \frac{r_b}{r_a} \right) = \frac{a(s-b)}{b(s-a)} + \frac{b(s-a)}{a(s-b)} - \frac{s-b}{s-a} - \frac{s-a}{s-b} \\ & = \frac{s-b}{s-a} \left(\frac{a}{b} - 1 \right) - \frac{s-a}{s-b} \left(1 - \frac{b}{a} \right) = \frac{(a-b)(s-b)}{b(s-a)} - \frac{(a-b)(s-a)}{a(s-b)} \\ & = \frac{(a-b)[a(s-b)^2 - b(s-a)^2]}{ab(s-a)(s-b)} = \frac{(a-b)^2(s^2 - ab)}{ab(s-a)(s-b)} \stackrel{s > a, b}{\geq} 0, \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\frac{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\sin^2 \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{\sin^2 \frac{B}{2}}{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2}} \geq \frac{r_a}{r_b} + \frac{r_b}{r_a}.$$

Equality holds iff $a = b$.

1547. In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{m_a^2}{m_a + m_b} + \frac{m_b^2}{m_b + m_c} \geq \frac{p}{4} \left(\frac{6r}{a} + \frac{4r}{b} - \frac{R}{c} \right)$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution 1 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{p}{4} \left(\frac{6r}{a} + \frac{4r}{b} - \frac{R}{c} \right) = \frac{3F}{2a} + \frac{F}{b} - \frac{Rp}{4c} \stackrel{\text{Panaïtopol}}{\leq} \frac{3}{4}h_a + \frac{1}{2}h_b - \frac{m_c}{4} \\ & \leq \frac{3}{4}m_a + \frac{1}{2}m_b - \frac{m_c}{4} \therefore \frac{p}{4} \left(\frac{6r}{a} + \frac{4r}{b} - \frac{R}{c} \right) \leq \frac{3m_a + 2m_b - m_c}{4} \rightarrow (1) \\ & \text{Again, } \frac{m_a^2}{m_a + m_b} + \frac{m_b^2}{m_b + m_c} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{(m_a + m_b)^2}{m_a + 2m_b + m_c} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{3m_a + 2m_b - m_c}{4} \\ & \Leftrightarrow 4(x+y)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} (3x+2y-z)(x+2y+z) \quad (x = m_a, y = m_b, z = m_c) \\ & \Leftrightarrow 4x^2 + 4y^2 + 8xy \geq 3x^2 + 6xy + 3xz + 2xy + 4y^2 + 2yz - zx - 2yz - z^2 \\ & \Leftrightarrow x^2 - 2xz + z^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow (x-z)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \\ & \therefore \frac{m_a^2}{m_a + m_b} + \frac{m_b^2}{m_b + m_c} \geq \frac{3m_a + 2m_b - m_c}{4} \stackrel{\text{via (1)}}{\geq} \frac{p}{4} \left(\frac{6r}{a} + \frac{4r}{b} - \frac{R}{c} \right) \\ & \quad \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$

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Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

By AM – GM inequality, we have

$$\frac{m_a^2}{m_a + m_b} + \frac{m_a + m_b}{4} \geq m_a \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{m_b^2}{m_b + m_c} + \frac{m_b + m_c}{4} \geq m_b.$$

Adding these inequalities, we have

$$\frac{m_a^2}{m_a + m_b} + \frac{m_b^2}{m_b + m_c} \geq \frac{1}{4}(3m_a + 2m_b - m_c).$$

Also, we have $m_a \geq h_a = \frac{2pr}{a}$, $m_b \geq h_b = \frac{2pr}{b}$ and $m_c \leq \frac{Rh_c}{2r} = \frac{pR}{c}$.

Therefore

$$\frac{m_a^2}{m_a + m_b} + \frac{m_b^2}{m_b + m_c} \geq \frac{p}{4} \left(\frac{6r}{a} + \frac{4r}{b} - \frac{R}{c} \right).$$

Equality holds iff ΔABC is equilateral.

1548. In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{576r^4}{9R^3 - 64r^3} \leq \frac{(m_a + m_b)^4}{w_b^3 + w_c^3} + \frac{(w_b + w_c)^4}{h_c^3 + h_a^3} + \frac{(h_c + h_a)^4}{m_a^3 + m_b^3} \leq \frac{9(19683R^{10} - 20154368r^{10})}{128r^9}$$

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Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(m_a + m_b)^4}{w_b^3 + w_c^3} + \frac{(w_b + w_c)^4}{h_c^3 + h_a^3} + \frac{(h_c + h_a)^4}{m_a^3 + m_b^3} \\ & \leq \frac{(m_a + m_b)^4}{h_b^3 + h_c^3} + \frac{(m_b + m_c)^4}{h_c^3 + h_a^3} + \frac{(m_c + m_a)^4}{h_a^3 + h_b^3} \\ \text{Reverse Bergstrom} & \leq \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{(m_a + m_b)^4 + (m_c + m_a)^4}{h_b^3} \right) + \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{(m_a + m_b)^4 + (m_b + m_c)^4}{h_c^3} \right) \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{(m_b + m_c)^4 + (m_c + m_a)^4}{h_a^3} \right) \\ \text{Holder 8} & \leq \frac{8}{4} \left(\frac{m_a^4 + m_b^4 + m_c^4 + m_a^4}{h_b^3} + \frac{m_a^4 + m_b^4 + m_b^4 + m_c^4}{h_c^3} + \frac{m_b^4 + m_c^4 + m_c^4 + m_a^4}{h_a^3} \right) \\ & = 2 \left(\frac{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^4 - (m_b^4 + m_c^4)}{h_b^3} + \frac{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^4 - (m_c^4 + m_a^4)}{h_c^3} + \frac{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^4 - (m_a^4 + m_b^4)}{h_a^3} \right) \\ & = 4 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^4 \right) \left(\frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3}{8r^3 s^3} \right) - 2 \left(\frac{m_b^4}{h_b^3} + \frac{m_c^4}{h_b^3} + \frac{m_c^4}{h_c^3} + \frac{m_a^4}{h_c^3} + \frac{m_a^4}{h_a^3} + \frac{m_b^4}{h_a^3} \right) \\ \text{Radon} & \leq 4 \cdot \frac{9}{16} \cdot \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^2 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \right) \cdot \frac{2s(s^2 - 6Rr - 3r^2)}{8r^3 s^3} - 2 \cdot \frac{(2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a)^4}{(2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a)^3} \end{aligned}$$

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Leibnitz,
Gordon,
Mitrinovic
and
Gerretsen

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq 4 \cdot \frac{9}{16} \cdot \left(81R^4 - \frac{2}{3} \cdot 48r^2 \cdot 27r^2\right) \cdot \frac{4R^2 - 2Rr}{4r^3 \cdot 27r^2} - 4 \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{2rs}{a} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\leq} \\ &\frac{9(81R^4 - 864r^4)(2R^2 - Rr)}{8r^3 \cdot 27r^2} - 4 \cdot \frac{2rs \cdot 9}{2s} = 9 \cdot \frac{(3R^4 - 32r^4)(2R^2 - Rr) - 32r^6}{8r^5} \\ &\stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{9(19683R^{10} - 20154368r^{10})}{128r^9} \\ &\Leftrightarrow 19683t^{10} - 96t^6 + 48t^5 + 1024t^2 - 512t - 20153856 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \left(t = \frac{R}{r}\right) \Leftrightarrow \\ &(t-2) \left(\frac{19683t^9 + 39366t^8 + 78732t^7 + 157464t^6 + 314832t^5}{+629712t^4 + 1259424t^3 + 2518848t^2 + 5038720t + 10076928} \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\ &\rightarrow \text{true} \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \therefore \frac{(m_a + m_b)^4}{w_b^3 + w_c^3} + \frac{(w_b + w_c)^4}{h_c^3 + h_a^3} + \frac{(h_c + h_a)^4}{m_a^3 + m_b^3} \\ &\leq \frac{9(19683R^{10} - 20154368r^{10})}{128r^9} \\ &\text{Again, } \frac{(m_a + m_b)^4}{w_b^3 + w_c^3} + \frac{(w_b + w_c)^4}{h_c^3 + h_a^3} + \frac{(h_c + h_a)^4}{m_a^3 + m_b^3} \\ &\geq \frac{(h_a + h_b)^4}{m_b^3 + m_c^3} + \frac{(h_b + h_c)^4}{m_c^3 + m_a^3} + \frac{(h_c + h_a)^4}{m_a^3 + m_b^3} \\ &\stackrel{\text{Bergstrom, Leuenberger}}{\geq} \frac{16 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{2rs}{a}\right)^4}{9 \cdot 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^3} \stackrel{\text{and Cesaro}}{\geq} \frac{8 \left(\frac{2rs \cdot 9}{2s}\right)^4}{9((4R+r)^3 - 24m_a m_b m_c)} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} \frac{8 \cdot 729r^4}{\left(\frac{9R}{2}\right)^3 - 24h_a h_b h_c} \\ &= \frac{8 \cdot 729r^4}{\left(\frac{9R}{2}\right)^3 - 24 \cdot \frac{2r^2 s^2}{R}} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen + Euler}}{\geq} \frac{8 \cdot 729r^4}{\left(\frac{9R}{2}\right)^3 - 24 \cdot \frac{r^2 \cdot 27Rr}{R}} = \frac{576r^4}{9R^3 - 64r^3} \\ &\therefore \frac{(m_a + m_b)^4}{w_b^3 + w_c^3} + \frac{(w_b + w_c)^4}{h_c^3 + h_a^3} + \frac{(h_c + h_a)^4}{m_a^3 + m_b^3} \geq \frac{576r^4}{9R^3 - 64r^3} \\ &\therefore \frac{576r^4}{9R^3 - 64r^3} \leq \frac{(m_a + m_b)^4}{w_b^3 + w_c^3} + \frac{(w_b + w_c)^4}{h_c^3 + h_a^3} + \frac{(h_c + h_a)^4}{m_a^3 + m_b^3} \\ &\leq \frac{9(19683R^{10} - 20154368r^{10})}{128r^9} \quad \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$

1549.

In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$5 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{n_b n_c}{r_b r_c} \leq \frac{4R}{r}$$

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Solution 1 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We have } n_a^2 &= s(s-a) + \frac{s(b-c)^2}{a} = s^2 - \frac{s[a^2 - (b-c)^2]}{a} = s^2 - \frac{4s(s-b)(s-c)}{a} \\ &= s^2 - \frac{4s \cdot sr^2}{a(s-a)} = s^2 - 2h_a r_a \text{ (and analogs) and } \frac{1}{r_b} + \frac{1}{r_c} = \frac{2}{h_a} \text{ (and analogs).} \end{aligned}$$

Using these identities, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{n_b n_c}{r_b r_c} &\stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \sum_{cyc} \frac{n_b^2 + n_c^2}{2r_b r_c} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{(s^2 - 2h_b r_b) + (s^2 - 2h_c r_c)}{2r_b r_c} = \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{s^2}{r_b r_c} - \left(\frac{h_b}{r_c} + \frac{h_c}{r_b} \right) \right) \\ &= \frac{s^2(r_a + r_b + r_c)}{r_a r_b r_c} - \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{h_a}{r_b} + \frac{h_a}{r_c} \right) = \frac{s^2(4R+r)}{s^2 r} - \sum_{cyc} 2 = \frac{4R}{r} - 5, \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof. Equality holds iff $\triangle ABC$ is equilateral.

Solution 2 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} r_b + r_c &= s \left(\frac{\sin \frac{B}{2}}{\cos \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{\sin \frac{C}{2}}{\cos \frac{C}{2}} \right) = \frac{s \sin \left(\frac{B+C}{2} \right) \cos \frac{A}{2}}{\cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}} = \frac{s \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\left(\frac{s}{4R} \right)} = 4R \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \\ \therefore r_b + r_c &\stackrel{(i)}{=} 4R \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Stewart's theorem} \Rightarrow b^2(s-c) + c^2(s-b) = an_a^2 + a(s-b)(s-c)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow s(b^2 + c^2) - bc(2s-a) &= an_a^2 + a(s^2 - s(2s-a) + bc) \Rightarrow s(b^2 + c^2) - 2sbc \\ &= an_a^2 + a(as - s^2) \Rightarrow s(b^2 + c^2 - a^2 - 2bc) = an_a^2 - as^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow an_a^2 &= as^2 + s(2bccosA - 2bc) = as^2 - 4sbcsin^2 \frac{A}{2} \\ &= as^2 - \frac{4sbc(s-b)(s-c)(s-a)}{bc(s-a)} = as^2 - \frac{4\Delta^2}{s-a} = as^2 - 2a \left(\frac{2\Delta}{a} \right) \left(\frac{\Delta}{s-a} \right) \\ &= as^2 - 2ah_a r_a \Rightarrow h_a r_a = \frac{s^2 - n_a^2}{2} \text{ and analogs} \Rightarrow n_b n_c + h_b r_b + h_c r_c \\ &= n_b n_c + \frac{s^2 - n_b^2}{2} + \frac{s^2 - n_c^2}{2} = \frac{2s^2 - (n_b^2 + n_c^2 - n_b n_c)}{2} = \frac{2s^2 - (n_b - n_c)^2}{2} \leq \frac{2s^2}{2} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{n_b n_c + h_b r_b + h_c r_c}{r_b r_c} &\leq \frac{s^2}{s(s-a)} \Rightarrow \frac{n_b n_c}{r_b r_c} \stackrel{(*)}{\leq} \frac{s}{s-a} - \frac{h_b}{r_c} - \frac{h_c}{r_b} \text{ and analogously,} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\frac{n_c n_a}{r_c r_a} \stackrel{(**)}{\leq} \frac{s}{s-b} - \frac{h_c}{r_a} - \frac{h_a}{r_c} \text{ and } \frac{n_a n_b}{r_a r_b} \stackrel{(***)}{\leq} \frac{s}{s-c} - \frac{h_a}{r_b} - \frac{h_b}{r_a} \therefore (*) + (**) + (***) \Rightarrow$$

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{n_b n_c}{r_b r_c} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{s}{s-a} - \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{h_a(r_b + r_c)}{r_b r_c} \stackrel{\text{via (i) and analogs}}{=} \frac{s}{r^2 s} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} (s-b)(s-c) - \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\frac{bc}{2R} \cdot 4R \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}}{bc \cdot \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}} = \frac{4Rr + r^2}{r^2} - 6 \Rightarrow 5 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{n_b n_c}{r_b r_c} \leq \frac{4R}{r} + 1 - 6 + 5 = \frac{4R}{r}$$

$\forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$

1550. In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{n_b n_c}{r_b r_c} + \frac{h_b}{r_c} + \frac{h_c}{r_b} - 1 \right)} \leq \sqrt{\frac{2R - r + AI + BI + CI}{r}}$$

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Solution 1 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We have } n_a^2 &= s(s-a) + \frac{s(b-c)^2}{a} = s^2 - \frac{s[a^2 - (b-c)^2]}{a} = s^2 - \frac{4s(s-b)(s-c)}{a} \\ &= s^2 - \frac{4s \cdot sr^2}{a(s-a)} = s^2 - 2h_a r_a \text{ (and analogs),} \end{aligned}$$

then

$$\frac{n_b n_c}{r_b r_c} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \frac{n_b^2 + n_c^2}{2r_b r_c} = \frac{(s^2 - 2h_b r_b) + (s^2 - 2h_c r_c)}{2r_b r_c} = \frac{s^2}{r_b r_c} - \left(\frac{h_b}{r_c} + \frac{h_c}{r_b} \right) \text{ (and analogs).}$$

Using this inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{n_b n_c}{r_b r_c} + \frac{h_b}{r_c} + \frac{h_c}{r_b} - 1 \right)} &\leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{s^2}{r_b r_c} - 1 \right)} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{s}{s-a} - 1 \right)} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{\frac{a}{2(s-a)}} \\ &= \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{2(s-a)}} + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{\frac{bc}{2(s-b) \cdot 2(s-c)}} = \sqrt{\frac{2R-r}{r}} + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{\sin \frac{A}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{2R-r + AI + BI + CI}{r}}, \end{aligned}$$

as desired. Equality holds iff ΔABC is equilateral.

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Stewart's theorem} \Rightarrow b^2(s-c) + c^2(s-b) = an_a^2 + a(s-b)(s-c) \\
 \Rightarrow & s(b^2 + c^2) - bc(2s-a) = an_a^2 + a(s^2 - s(2s-a) + bc) \Rightarrow s(b^2 + c^2) - 2sbc \\
 & = an_a^2 + a(as - s^2) \Rightarrow s(b^2 + c^2 - a^2 - 2bc) = an_a^2 - as^2 \\
 \Rightarrow & an_a^2 = as^2 + s(2bccosA - 2bc) = as^2 - 4sbcsin^2 \frac{A}{2} \\
 = & as^2 - \frac{4sbc(s-b)(s-c)(s-a)}{bc(s-a)} = as^2 - \frac{4\Delta^2}{s-a} = as^2 - 2a \left(\frac{2\Delta}{a} \right) \left(\frac{\Delta}{s-a} \right) \\
 = & as^2 - 2ah_a r_a \Rightarrow h_a r_a = \frac{s^2 - n_a^2}{2} \text{ and analogs} \Rightarrow n_b n_c + h_b r_b + h_c r_c \\
 = & n_b n_c + \frac{s^2 - n_b^2}{2} + \frac{s^2 - n_c^2}{2} = \frac{2s^2 - (n_b^2 + n_c^2 - n_b n_c)}{2} = \frac{2s^2 - (n_b - n_c)^2}{2} \leq \frac{2s^2}{2} \\
 \Rightarrow & \frac{n_b n_c + h_b r_b + h_c r_c}{r_b r_c} \leq \frac{s^2}{s(s-a)} \\
 \Rightarrow & \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{n_b n_c}{r_b r_c} + \frac{h_b}{r_c} + \frac{h_c}{r_b} - 1 \right)} \leq \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{s^2}{s(s-a)} - 1 \right)} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{a}{s-a}} \\
 = & \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{4R \cos \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{A}{2}}{4R \cos \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\frac{r}{4R}}} \\
 \Rightarrow & \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{n_b n_c}{r_b r_c} + \frac{h_b}{r_c} + \frac{h_c}{r_b} - 1 \right)} \leq \sqrt{\frac{2R}{r}} \cdot \sin \frac{A}{2} \text{ and analogs} \\
 \Rightarrow & \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{n_b n_c}{r_b r_c} + \frac{h_b}{r_c} + \frac{h_c}{r_b} - 1 \right)} \leq \sqrt{\frac{2R}{r}} \cdot \sum_{cyc} \sin \frac{A}{2} \stackrel{?}{=} \sqrt{\frac{2R - r + AI + BI + CI}{r}} \\
 \Leftrightarrow & \sum_{cyc} \sin \frac{A}{2} \stackrel{?}{=} \sqrt{\frac{2R - r + AI + BI + CI}{2R}} = \sqrt{\frac{2R - r}{2R} + \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{r}{2R} \cdot \frac{1}{\sin \frac{A}{2}} \right)} \\
 = & \sqrt{\sum_{cyc} \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} + \sum_{cyc} \left(2 \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sin \frac{A}{2}} \right)} = \sqrt{\sum_{cyc} \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} + 2 \sum_{cyc} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}} \\
 \Leftrightarrow & \sum_{cyc} \sin \frac{A}{2} \stackrel{?}{=} \sqrt{\left(\sum_{cyc} \sin \frac{A}{2} \right)^2} \rightarrow \text{true} \therefore \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{n_b n_c}{r_b r_c} + \frac{h_b}{r_c} + \frac{h_c}{r_b} - 1 \right)}
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\leq \sqrt{\frac{2R - r + AI + BI + CI}{r}} \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$$

1551. In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\prod_{cyc} \left(\frac{n_b n_c}{r_b r_c} + \frac{h_b}{r_c} + \frac{h_c}{r_b} \right) \leq \frac{s^2}{r^2}$$

Proposed by Bogdan Fuștei-Romania

Solution 1 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We have } n_a^2 &= s(s-a) + \frac{s(b-c)^2}{a} = s^2 - \frac{s[a^2 - (b-c)^2]}{a} = s^2 - \frac{4s(s-b)(s-c)}{a} \\ &= s^2 - \frac{4s \cdot sr^2}{a(s-a)} = s^2 - 2h_a r_a \text{ (and analogs),} \end{aligned}$$

then

$$\frac{n_b n_c}{r_b r_c} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \frac{n_b^2 + n_c^2}{2r_b r_c} = \frac{(s^2 - 2h_b r_b) + (s^2 - 2h_c r_c)}{2r_b r_c} = \frac{s^2}{r_b r_c} - \left(\frac{h_b}{r_c} + \frac{h_c}{r_b} \right) \text{ (and analogs).}$$

Using this inequality, we have

$$\prod_{cyc} \left(\frac{n_b n_c}{r_b r_c} + \frac{h_b}{r_c} + \frac{h_c}{r_b} \right) \leq \prod_{cyc} \left(\frac{s^2}{r_b r_c} \right) = \frac{(s^2)^3}{(s^2 r)^2} = \frac{s^2}{r^2},$$

as desired. Equality holds iff ΔABC is equilateral.

Solution 2 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Stewart's theorem} &\Rightarrow b^2(s-c) + c^2(s-b) = an_a^2 + a(s-b)(s-c) \\ \Rightarrow s(b^2 + c^2) - bc(2s-a) &= an_a^2 + a(s^2 - s(2s-a) + bc) \Rightarrow s(b^2 + c^2) - 2sbc \\ &= an_a^2 + a(as - s^2) \Rightarrow s(b^2 + c^2 - a^2 - 2bc) = an_a^2 - as^2 \\ &\Rightarrow an_a^2 = as^2 + s(2bccosA - 2bc) = as^2 - 4sbcsin^2 \frac{A}{2} \\ &= as^2 - \frac{4sbc(s-b)(s-c)(s-a)}{bc(s-a)} = as^2 - \frac{4\Delta^2}{s-a} = as^2 - 2a \left(\frac{2\Delta}{a} \right) \left(\frac{\Delta}{s-a} \right) \\ &= as^2 - 2ah_a r_a \Rightarrow h_a r_a = \frac{s^2 - n_a^2}{2} \text{ and analogs} \Rightarrow n_b n_c + h_b r_b + h_c r_c \\ &= n_b n_c + \frac{s^2 - n_b^2}{2} + \frac{s^2 - n_c^2}{2} = \frac{2s^2 - (n_b^2 + n_c^2 - n_b n_c)}{2} = \frac{2s^2 - (n_b - n_c)^2}{2} \leq \frac{2s^2}{2} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{n_b n_c + h_b r_b + h_c r_c}{r_b r_c} \leq \frac{s^2}{s(s-a)} \Rightarrow \frac{n_b n_c}{r_b r_c} + \frac{h_b}{r_c} + \frac{h_c}{r_b} \leq \frac{s}{s-a} \text{ and analogs} \\ &\Rightarrow \prod_{cyc} \left(\frac{n_b n_c}{r_b r_c} + \frac{h_b}{r_c} + \frac{h_c}{r_b} \right) \leq \frac{s^3}{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} = \frac{s^3}{r^2 s} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\therefore \prod_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{n_b n_c}{r_b r_c} + \frac{h_b}{r_c} + \frac{h_c}{r_b} \right) \leq \frac{s^2}{r^2} \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$$

1552. In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$9r \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_b^3 + m_c^3}{w_b^2 + w_c^2} \leq \frac{9R^5}{32r^4}$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

WLOG if we assume $a \geq b \geq c$, then : $m_b^3 + m_c^3 \geq m_c^3 + m_a^3 \geq m_a^3 + m_b^3$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } \frac{1}{w_b^2 + w_c^2} &\leq \frac{1}{w_c^2 + w_a^2} \leq \frac{1}{w_a^2 + w_b^2} \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_b^3 + m_c^3}{w_b^2 + w_c^2} \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\leq} \\ &\frac{1}{3} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} (m_b^3 + m_c^3) \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{w_b^2 + w_c^2} \right) \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\leq} \\ &\frac{2}{3} \left(m_a \left(\frac{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - 3a^2}{4} \right) + m_b \left(\frac{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - 3b^2}{4} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + m_c \left(\frac{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - 3c^2}{4} \right) \right) \left(\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{w_b w_c} \right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{3} \left(\left(\frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2}{2} \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a \right) - \frac{3}{4} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^2}{m_a} \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{w_a^2} \right) \stackrel{\text{Leuenberger + Euler and Bergstrom}}{\leq} \\ &\frac{1}{3} \left((s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) \cdot \frac{9R}{2} - \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{4s^2}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{h_a}} \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{h_a^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \left((s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) \cdot \frac{9R}{2} - 3rs^2 \right) \left(\frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2}{4r^2 s^2} \right) \\ &\stackrel{\text{Leibnitz}}{\leq} \frac{(3R - 2r)s^2 - 3R(4Rr + r^2)}{2} \cdot \frac{9R^2}{4r^2 s^2} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{9R^5}{32r^4} \\ &\Leftrightarrow (R^3 - 12Rr^2 + 8r^3)s^2 + r^3(48R^2 + 12Rr) \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} 0 \end{aligned}$$

Case 1 $R^3 - 12Rr^2 + 8r^3 \geq 0$ and then : LHS of $(*) \geq r^3(48R^2 + 12Rr) > 0$

$\Rightarrow (*)$ is true (strict inequality)

Case 2 $R^3 - 12Rr^2 + 8r^3 < 0$ and then : LHS of $(*)$

$$= - (R^3 - 12Rr^2 + 8r^3) s^2 + r^3(48R^2 + 12Rr) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq}$$

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$$-\left(-(\mathbf{R}^3 - 12\mathbf{R}r^2 + 8r^3)\right)(4\mathbf{R}^2 + 4\mathbf{R}r + 3r^2) + r^3(48\mathbf{R}^2 + 12\mathbf{R}r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4t^5 + 4t^4 - 45t^3 + 32t^2 + 8t + 24 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \left(t = \frac{\mathbf{R}}{r} \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (t - 2) \left((t - 2)(4t^3 + 20t^2 + 19t + 28) + 44 \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \Rightarrow (*)$$

is true and combining both cases, (*) $\forall \Delta ABC \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_b^3 + m_c^3}{w_b^2 + w_c^2} \leq \frac{9\mathbf{R}^5}{32r^4} \forall \Delta ABC$

Again, $\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_b^3 + m_c^3}{w_b^2 + w_c^2} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{w_b^3 + w_c^3}{w_b^2 + w_c^2} \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\geq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\frac{1}{2}(w_b^2 + w_c^2)(w_b + w_c)}{w_b^2 + w_c^2} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} w_a$

$$\geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{2rs}{a} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{2rs \cdot 9}{2s} \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_b^3 + m_c^3}{w_b^2 + w_c^2} \geq 9r$$

$$\therefore 9r \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_b^3 + m_c^3}{w_b^2 + w_c^2} \leq \frac{9\mathbf{R}^5}{32r^4} \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$$

1553. In ΔABC holds :

$$9r \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_b^3 + m_c^3}{w_b^2 + w_c^2} \leq \frac{9\mathbf{R}^5}{32r^4}$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_b^3 + m_c^3}{w_b^2 + w_c^2} \stackrel{m_a \geq w_a}{\geq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{w_b^3 + w_c^3}{w_b^2 + w_c^2} \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\geq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{w_b + w_c}{2} \stackrel{w_a \geq h_a}{\geq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a \stackrel{\text{AM-HM}}{\geq} \frac{9}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{h_a}} = 9r.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_b^3 + m_c^3}{w_b^2 + w_c^2} &\stackrel{\text{Panaitolopol}}{\stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq}} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\frac{Rh_b}{2r} \cdot m_b^2 + \frac{Rh_c}{2r} \cdot m_c^2}{2w_b w_c} \stackrel{w_a \leq h_a}{\geq} \frac{R}{2r} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{h_b m_b^2 + h_c m_c^2}{2h_b h_c} \\ &= \frac{R}{4r} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{m_b^2}{h_c} + \frac{m_c^2}{h_b} \right) = \frac{R}{4r} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{m_a^2}{h_b} + \frac{m_a^2}{h_c} \right) = \frac{R}{4r} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b+c}{2F} \cdot \frac{2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2}{4} \\ &= \frac{R}{32sr^2} \left(3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) = \frac{R}{32sr^2} [3 \cdot 2s(s^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr) + 2s \cdot 2(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr)] \\ &= \frac{R(5s^2 - 11r^2 - 26Rr)}{16r^2} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \frac{R(20R^2 - 4r^2 - 6Rr)}{16r^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{9\mathbf{R}^5}{32r^4} \\ &\Leftrightarrow R(R - 2r)(9R^3 + 18R^2r - 4Rr^2 + 4r^3) \geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

which is true by Euler's inequality.

So the proof is complete. Equality holds iff ΔABC is equilateral.

1554. In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{\tan^4 \frac{A}{2} + \tan^4 \frac{B}{2}}{\tan^2 \frac{A}{2} + \tan^2 \frac{B}{2}} \geq 1$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{\tan^4 \frac{A}{2} + \tan^4 \frac{B}{2}}{\tan^2 \frac{A}{2} + \tan^2 \frac{B}{2}} &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{\tan^4 \frac{A}{2} + \tan^4 \frac{B}{2}}{\tan^3 \frac{A}{2} + \tan^3 \frac{B}{2}} \cdot \frac{\tan^3 \frac{A}{2} + \tan^3 \frac{B}{2}}{\tan^2 \frac{A}{2} + \tan^2 \frac{B}{2}} \geq \\ &\stackrel{LEHMER}{\geq} \sum_{cyc} \frac{\tan^3 \frac{A}{2} + \tan^3 \frac{B}{2}}{\tan^2 \frac{A}{2} + \tan^2 \frac{B}{2}} \cdot \frac{\tan^3 \frac{A}{2} + \tan^3 \frac{B}{2}}{\tan^2 \frac{A}{2} + \tan^2 \frac{B}{2}} = \\ &= \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{\tan^3 \frac{A}{2} + \tan^3 \frac{B}{2}}{\tan^2 \frac{A}{2} + \tan^2 \frac{B}{2}} \right)^2 \stackrel{LEHMER}{\geq} \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{\tan^2 \frac{A}{2} + \tan^2 \frac{B}{2}}{\tan \frac{A}{2} + \tan \frac{B}{2}} \right)^2 \geq \\ &\stackrel{LEHMER}{\geq} \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{\tan \frac{A}{2} + \tan \frac{B}{2}}{1 + 1} \right)^2 \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \sum_{cyc} \left(\sqrt{\tan \frac{A}{2} \cdot \tan \frac{B}{2}} \right)^2 = \\ &= \sum_{cyc} \tan \frac{A}{2} \cdot \tan \frac{B}{2} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

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

1555. In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{1}{\mu(A) \cdot \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{1}{\mu(B) \cdot \cos^2 \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{1}{\mu(C) \cdot \cos^2 \frac{C}{2}} \geq \frac{12}{\pi}$$

Proposed by Khaled Abd Imouti-Damascus-Syria

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$\frac{1}{\mu(A) \cdot \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{1}{\mu(B) \cdot \cos^2 \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{1}{\mu(C) \cdot \cos^2 \frac{C}{2}} =$$

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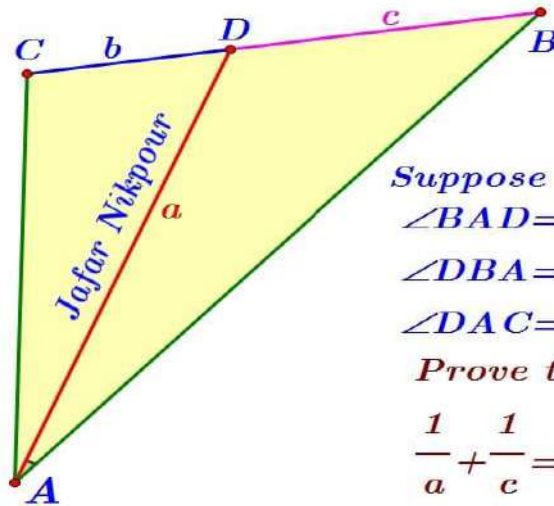
$$= \frac{1}{\cos^2 \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{1}{\cos^2 \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{1}{\cos^2 \frac{C}{2}} \stackrel{\text{BERGSTROM}}{\geq}$$

$$\geq \frac{\left(\frac{1}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{1}{\cos \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{1}{\cos \frac{C}{2}} \right)^2}{\mu(A) + \mu(B) + \mu(C)} = \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\frac{1}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{1}{\cos \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{1}{\cos \frac{C}{2}} \right)^2 \geq$$

$$\stackrel{\text{JENSEN}}{\geq} \frac{1}{\pi} \left(3 \cdot \frac{1}{\cos \left(\frac{A+B+C}{6} \right)} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{\pi} \left(3 \cdot \frac{1}{\cos \left(\frac{\pi}{6} \right)} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{\pi} \left(3 \cdot \frac{1}{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}} \right)^2 = \frac{12}{\pi}$$

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

1556.



Suppose that
 $\angle BAD = 20^\circ$
 $\angle DBA = 40^\circ$
 $\angle DAC = 20^\circ$
 Prove that

$$\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{c} = \frac{1}{b}$$

Proposed by Jafar Nikpour-Iran

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$m(\sphericalangle ABD) = 180^\circ - 40^\circ - 20^\circ = 120^\circ, m(\sphericalangle ADC) = 180^\circ - 120^\circ = 60^\circ$$

In $\triangle ADC$:

$$\frac{a}{\sin 100^\circ} = \frac{b}{\sin 20^\circ} \Rightarrow b = \frac{a \sin 20^\circ}{\sin 100^\circ}$$

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In $\triangle ADB$:

$$\frac{c}{\sin 20^\circ} = \frac{a}{\sin 40^\circ} \Rightarrow c = \frac{a \sin 20^\circ}{\sin 40^\circ}$$

$$\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{c} = \frac{1}{b} \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{\frac{a \sin 20^\circ}{\sin 40^\circ}} = \frac{1}{\frac{a \sin 20^\circ}{\sin 100^\circ}} \Leftrightarrow \sin 20^\circ + \sin 40^\circ = \sin 100^\circ \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2 \sin \frac{20^\circ + 40^\circ}{2} \cos \frac{20^\circ - 40^\circ}{2} = \sin(90^\circ + 10^\circ) \Leftrightarrow$$

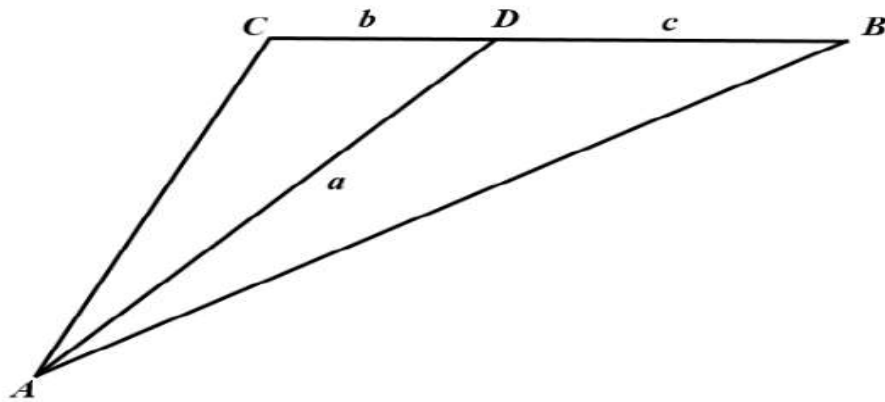
$$\Leftrightarrow 2 \sin 30^\circ \cos 10^\circ = \sin 90^\circ \cos 10^\circ + \sin 10^\circ \cos 90^\circ \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cos 10^\circ = 1 \cdot \cos 10^\circ + \sin 10^\circ \cdot 0 \Leftrightarrow \cos 10^\circ = \cos 10^\circ$$

1557. Suppose that $\angle DBA = \sin(50^\circ)$, $\angle BAD = \sin(10^\circ)$, $\angle DAC = \sin(10^\circ)$

Prove that

$$\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{c} = \frac{1}{b}$$



Proposed by Jafar Nikpour-Iran

Solution by Togrul Ehmedov-Azerbaijan

Using the law of sines, we conclude that

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\sin(110^\circ)}{a} = \frac{\sin(10^\circ)}{b} \\ \frac{\sin(50^\circ)}{a} = \frac{\sin(10^\circ)}{c} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{1}{a} = \frac{\sin(10^\circ)}{\sin(50^\circ)} * \frac{1}{c} \\ \frac{1}{b} = \frac{\sin(110^\circ)}{\sin(50^\circ)} * \frac{1}{c} \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{c} = \frac{1}{b} \Rightarrow \frac{\sin(10^\circ)}{\sin(50^\circ)} * \frac{1}{c} + \frac{1}{c} = \frac{\sin(110^\circ)}{\sin(50^\circ)} * \frac{1}{c} \Rightarrow \frac{\sin(10^\circ)}{\sin(50^\circ)} + 1 = \frac{\sin(110^\circ)}{\sin(50^\circ)}$$

$$\frac{\sin(10^\circ) + \sin(50^\circ)}{\sin(50^\circ)} = \frac{\sin(110^\circ)}{\sin(50^\circ)}$$

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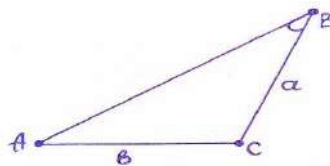
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$$\frac{2 \sin\left(\frac{10^\circ + 50^\circ}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{10^\circ - 50^\circ}{2}\right)}{\sin(50^\circ)} = \frac{\sin(90^\circ + 20^\circ)}{\sin(50^\circ)}$$

$$\frac{2 \sin(30^\circ) \cos(20^\circ)}{\sin(50^\circ)} = \frac{\cos(20^\circ)}{\sin(50^\circ)} \Rightarrow \frac{\cos(20^\circ)}{\sin(50^\circ)} = \frac{\cos(20^\circ)}{\sin(50^\circ)}$$

1558. Suppose that $\angle ABC=20^\circ$, $\angle CAB=40^\circ$. Prove that: $a^3 - b^3 = 3ab^2$



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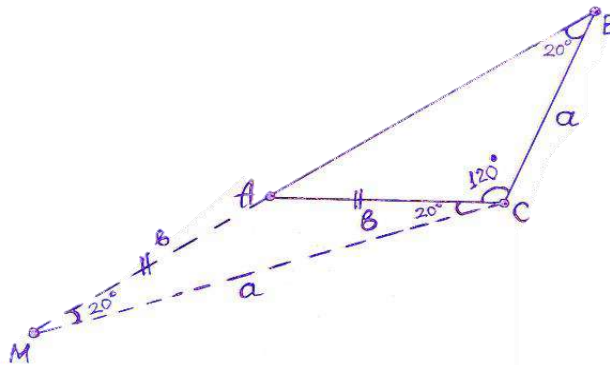
Solution by Togrul Ehmedov-Azerbaijan

Using the law of cosines in $\triangle ABC$, we conclude that

$$AB = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos(120^\circ)} = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + ab}$$

$$\triangle BCM \sim \triangle MA, \frac{MB}{MC} = \frac{MC}{AC} \Rightarrow \frac{MA+AB}{MC} = \frac{MC}{AC}$$

$$\frac{b + \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + ab}}{a} = \frac{a}{b}, \quad b\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + ab} = a^2 - b^2, \quad a^3 - b^3 = 3ab^2$$



1559. In any $\triangle ABC$, the following relationship holds :

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{\frac{h_a}{h_b + h_c}} + \left(\frac{R}{2r}\right)^3 \geq 1 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{\frac{m_a}{m_b + m_c}}$$

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$$r_b + r_c = s \left(\frac{\sin \frac{B}{2}}{\cos \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{\sin \frac{C}{2}}{\cos \frac{C}{2}} \right) = \frac{s \sin \left(\frac{B+C}{2} \right) \cos \frac{A}{2}}{\cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}} = \frac{s \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\left(\frac{s}{4R} \right)} = 4R \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}$$

$$\therefore r_b + r_c \stackrel{(i)}{=} 4R \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}$$

Now, $(b+c)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 32Rr \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \stackrel{\text{via (i)}}{=} 8r(r_b + r_c) = 8r^2 s \left(\frac{1}{s-b} + \frac{1}{s-c} \right)$

$$= 8(s-a)(s-b)(s-c) \frac{a}{(s-b)(s-c)} = 4a(b+c-a) \Leftrightarrow (b+c)^2 + 4a^2 - 4a(b+c) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (b+c-2a)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \therefore b+c \geq \sqrt{32Rr} \cdot \cos \frac{A}{2} \text{ and analogs} \Rightarrow$$

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}}^{2023} \sqrt{\frac{a}{b+c}} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}}^{2023} \sqrt{\frac{4R \cos \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{A}{2}}{\sqrt{32Rr} \cdot \cos \frac{A}{2}}} = \sqrt{\frac{R}{2r}} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}}^{2023} \sqrt{\sin \frac{A}{2}}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Jensen}}{\leq} \sqrt{\frac{R}{2r}} \cdot 3 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\left(\because f''(x) = -\frac{2023 \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} + 2022 \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}}{16370116 \left(\sin \frac{A}{2} \right)^{\frac{4045}{2023}}} < 0 \text{ where } f(x) = \sqrt{\sin \frac{x}{2}} \forall x \in (0, \pi) \right)$$

$$\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}}^{2023} \sqrt{\frac{a}{b+c}} \leq 3 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{R}{2r}} \rightarrow (1)$$

Implementing (1) on a triangle with sides $\frac{2m_a}{3}, \frac{2m_b}{3}, \frac{2m_c}{3}$ whose area as a consequence

of trivial calculations $= \frac{F}{3}$, we arrive at: $\sum_{\text{cyc}}^{2023} \sqrt{\frac{m_a}{m_b + m_c}} \leq$

$$3 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\left(\frac{2m_a}{3} \cdot \frac{2m_b}{3} \cdot \frac{2m_c}{3} \right)}{\frac{4F}{3}}} \left(\because \frac{R}{2r} = \frac{(abc)}{(2F)(s)} \right) = 3 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{m_a m_b m_c (\sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a)}{9F^2}}$$

$$m_a m_b m_c \leq \frac{Rs^2}{2}$$

and
Leuenberger + Euler

$$\leq 3 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{Rs^2 \left(\frac{9R}{2} \right)}{9r^2 s^2}}$$

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$$\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}}^{2023} \sqrt{\frac{m_a}{m_b + m_c}} \leq 3 \cdot \sqrt[2023]{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \sqrt[2023]{\frac{R}{2r}} \rightarrow (2)$$

$$\text{Again, } \sum_{\text{cyc}}^{2023} \sqrt{\frac{h_a}{h_b + h_c}} \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\geq} 3 \cdot \sqrt[6069]{\frac{bc \cdot ca \cdot ab}{abc(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}}$$

$$= 3 \cdot \sqrt[6069]{\frac{4Rrs}{2s(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)}} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 3 \cdot \sqrt[6069]{\frac{2Rr}{4R^2 + 6Rr + 4r^2}} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 3 \cdot \sqrt[6069]{\frac{2Rr}{4R^2 + 3R^2 + R^2}}$$

$$= 3 \cdot \sqrt[6069]{\frac{8r}{4R} \cdot \frac{1}{8}} \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}}^{2023} \sqrt{\frac{h_a}{h_b + h_c}} \geq 3 \cdot \sqrt[2023]{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \sqrt[6069]{\frac{2r}{R}} \rightarrow (3) \therefore (2), (3) \Rightarrow \text{in order}$$

$$\text{to prove: } \sum_{\text{cyc}}^{2023} \sqrt{\frac{h_a}{h_b + h_c}} + \left(\frac{R}{2r}\right)^3 - 1 \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}}^{2023} \sqrt{\frac{m_a}{m_b + m_c}}, \text{ it suffices to prove:}$$

$$3 \cdot \sqrt[2023]{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \sqrt[6069]{\frac{2r}{R}} + \left(\frac{R}{2r}\right)^3 - 1 \geq 3 \cdot \sqrt[2023]{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \sqrt[2023]{\frac{R}{2r}}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{R}{2r}\right)^3 - 1 \geq 3 \cdot \sqrt[2023]{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \left(\sqrt[2023]{\frac{R}{2r}} - \sqrt[6069]{\frac{2r}{R}}\right) \text{ and to prove it, it suffices to prove:}$$

$$\left(\frac{R}{2r}\right)^3 - 1 \geq 3 \left(\sqrt[2023]{\frac{R}{2r}} - \sqrt[6069]{\frac{2r}{R}}\right) \left(\because \sqrt[2023]{\frac{1}{2}} < 1\right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow t^{18207} - 1 \geq 3 \left(t^3 - \frac{1}{t}\right) \left(\text{where } t = \sqrt[6069]{\frac{R}{2r}} \geq 1\right) \Leftrightarrow t^{18208} - t \geq 3(t^4 - 1) \quad (*)$$

$$\text{Let } f(t) = t^{18208} - t - 3t^4 + 3 \quad \forall t \geq 1 \text{ and then: } f'(t) = 18208t^{18207} - 12t^3 - 1 \\ = 12t^3(t^{18204} - 1) + (t^{18207} - 1) \stackrel{t \geq 1}{\geq} 0 \Rightarrow f(t) \text{ is } \uparrow \forall t \geq 1 \Rightarrow f(t) \geq f(1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true } \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}}^{2023} \sqrt{\frac{h_a}{h_b + h_c}} + \left(\frac{R}{2r}\right)^3 \geq 1 + \sum_{\text{cyc}}^{2023} \sqrt{\frac{m_a}{m_b + m_c}}$$

$\forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$

$$\text{Proof of } m_a m_b m_c \leq \frac{Rs^2}{2}$$

$$m_a^2 m_b^2 m_c^2 = \frac{1}{64} (2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2)(2c^2 + 2a^2 - b^2)(2a^2 + 2b^2 - c^2)$$

$$\stackrel{(1)}{=} \frac{1}{64} \left\{ -4 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^6 + 6 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^4 b^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^4 \right) + 3a^2 b^2 c^2 \right\}$$

$$\text{Now, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^6 = \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^3 - 3(a^2 + b^2)(b^2 + c^2)(c^2 + a^2)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^3 - 3 \left(2a^2b^2c^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(a^2b^2 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - c^2 \right) \right) \right) \\
 &= \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^3 + 3a^2b^2c^2 - 3 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \\
 &\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^6 \stackrel{(2)}{=} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^3 + 3a^2b^2c^2 - 3 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \\
 &\quad \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^4b^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b^4 = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(a^2b^2 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - c^2 \right) \right) \stackrel{(3)}{=} \\
 &\quad \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) - 3a^2b^2c^2 \therefore (1), (2), (3) \Rightarrow m_a^2 m_b^2 m_c^2 \\
 &= \frac{1}{64} \left(-4 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^3 - 12a^2b^2c^2 + 12 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + 6 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) - 18a^2b^2c^2 + 3a^2b^2c^2 \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{64} \left(-4 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^3 + 18 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) - 27a^2b^2c^2 \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{64} \left(-4 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^3 + 18 \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right)^2 - 16Rrs^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) - 27a^2b^2c^2 \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{64} \left\{ -32(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)^3 + 36(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2 \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - 576Rrs^2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) - 432R^2r^2s^2 \right\} \\
 &= \frac{1}{16} \{ s^6 - s^4(12Rr - 33r^2) - s^2(60R^2r^2 + 120Rr^3 + 33r^4) - r^3(4R + r)^3 \} \\
 &\quad \leq \frac{R^2s^4}{4} \Leftrightarrow \\
 &s^6 - s^4(4R^2 + 12Rr - 33r^2) - s^2(60R^2r^2 + 120Rr^3 + 33r^4) - r^3(4R + r)^3 \stackrel{(*)}{\leq} 0 \\
 &\text{Now, LHS of } (*) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} -s^4(8Rr - 36r^2) - s^2(60R^2r^2 + 120Rr^3 + 33r^4) \\
 &\quad - r^3(4R + r)^3 \stackrel{?}{\leq} 0
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow s^4(8R - 16r) + s^2(60R^2r + 120Rr^2 + 33r^3) + r^2(4R + r)^3 \stackrel{(\bullet\bullet)}{=} 20rs^4$$

Now, LHS of $(\bullet\bullet) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \stackrel{(a)}{=} s^2(16Rr - 5r^2)(8R - 16r)$

$+ s^2(60R^2r + 120Rr^2 + 33r^3) + r^2(4R + r)^3$ and

RHS of $(\bullet\bullet) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} \stackrel{(b)}{=} 20rs^2(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)$

$(a), (b) \Rightarrow$ in order to prove $(\bullet\bullet)$, it suffices to prove :

$$s^2(16Rr - 5r^2)(8R - 16r) + s^2(60R^2r + 120Rr^2 + 33r^3) + r^2(4R + r)^3 \geq 20rs^2(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s^2(108R^2 - 256Rr + 53r^2) + r(4R + r)^3 \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s^2(108R^2 - 256Rr + 80r^2) + r(4R + r)^3 \stackrel{(\bullet\bullet\bullet)}{\geq} 27r^2s^2$$

Now, LHS of $(\bullet\bullet\bullet) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \stackrel{(c)}{=} (108R^2 - 256Rr + 80r^2)(16Rr - 5r^2) + r(4R + r)^3$

and RHS of $(\bullet\bullet\bullet) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} \stackrel{(d)}{=} 27r^2(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)$

$(c), (d) \Rightarrow$ in order to prove $(\bullet\bullet\bullet)$, it suffices to prove :

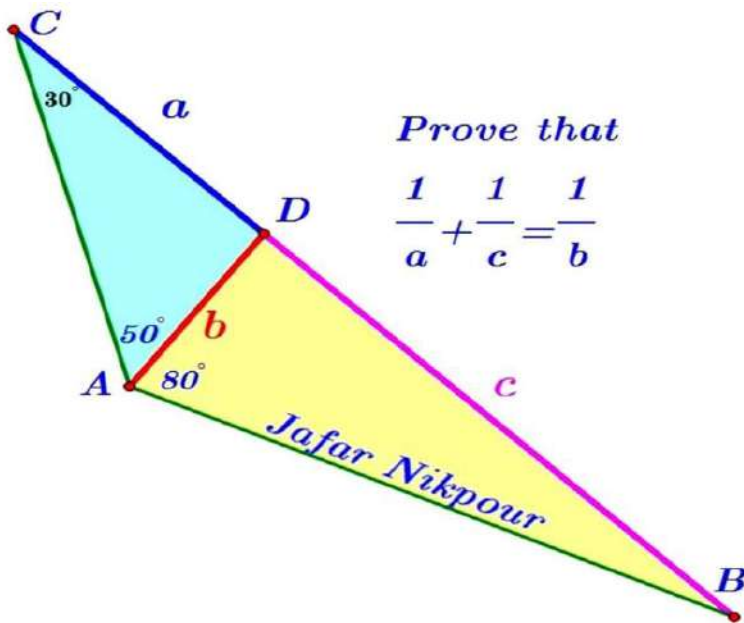
$$(108R^2 - 256Rr + 80r^2)(16Rr - 5r^2) + r(4R + r)^3 \geq 27r^2(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 224t^3 - 587t^2 + 308t - 60 \geq 0 \quad \left(\text{where } t = \frac{R}{r}\right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (t - 2)((t - 2)(224t + 309) + 648) \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \Rightarrow (\bullet\bullet\bullet) \Rightarrow (\bullet\bullet)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\bullet) \text{ is true} \Rightarrow m_a^2 m_b^2 m_c^2 \leq \frac{R^2 s^4}{4} \Rightarrow m_a m_b m_c \leq \frac{R s^2}{2} \quad (\text{QED})$$

1560.



Prove that

$$\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{c} = \frac{1}{b}$$

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Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$m(\sphericalangle CDA) = 180^\circ - 50^\circ - 30^\circ = 100^\circ, m(\sphericalangle ADB) = 180^\circ - 100^\circ = 80^\circ$
In $\triangle ADC$:

$$\frac{a}{\sin 50^\circ} = \frac{b}{\sin 30^\circ} \Rightarrow b = \frac{a \sin 30^\circ}{\sin 50^\circ}$$

In $\triangle ADB$:

$$\frac{c}{\sin 80^\circ} = \frac{b}{\sin 20^\circ} \Rightarrow c = \frac{b \sin 80^\circ}{\sin 20^\circ} = \frac{a \sin 30^\circ \cdot \sin 80^\circ}{\sin 50^\circ \cdot \sin 20^\circ}$$

$$\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{c} = \frac{1}{b} \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{\frac{a \sin 30^\circ \cdot \sin 80^\circ}{\sin 50^\circ \cdot \sin 20^\circ}} = \frac{1}{\frac{a \sin 30^\circ}{\sin 50^\circ}} \Leftrightarrow 1 + \frac{\sin 20^\circ \sin 50^\circ}{\sin 30^\circ \cdot \sin 80^\circ} = \frac{\sin 50^\circ}{\sin 30^\circ} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sin 30^\circ \cdot \sin 80^\circ + \sin 20^\circ \sin 50^\circ = \sin 50^\circ \sin 80^\circ \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sin 20^\circ \sin 50^\circ = \sin 80^\circ (\sin 50^\circ - \sin 30^\circ) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2 \sin 10^\circ \cos 10^\circ \sin 50^\circ = \sin(90^\circ - 10^\circ) \cdot 2 \sin \frac{50^\circ - 30^\circ}{2} \cos \frac{50^\circ + 30^\circ}{2} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2 \sin 10^\circ \cos 10^\circ \sin 50^\circ = 2 \cos 10^\circ \sin 10^\circ \cos 40^\circ \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sin 50^\circ = \cos 40^\circ \Leftrightarrow \sin 50^\circ = \sin 50^\circ$$

1561. In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{r_a^3(r_a^2 + r_b r_c)}{r_b^4 + r_c^4} + \frac{r_b^3(r_b^2 + r_c r_a)}{r_c^4 + r_a^4} + \frac{r_c^3(r_c^2 + r_a r_b)}{r_a^4 + r_b^4} \geq 9r$$

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Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

WLOG: $a \leq b \leq c$.

$$-a \geq -b \geq -c \Rightarrow s - a \geq s - b \geq s - c \Rightarrow \frac{1}{s - a} \leq \frac{1}{s - b} \leq \frac{1}{s - c}$$

$$\frac{F}{s - a} \leq \frac{F}{s - b} \leq \frac{F}{s - c} \Rightarrow r_a \leq r_b \leq r_c$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{r_a^3(r_a^2 + r_b r_c)}{r_b^4 + r_c^4} \geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{r_a^3(r_a^2 + r_a r_a)}{r_b^4 + r_c^4} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{r_a^5 + r_a^5}{r_b^4 + r_c^4} \geq$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \stackrel{\text{LEHMER}}{\geq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_a^4 + r_a^4}{r_b^3 + r_c^3} \stackrel{\text{LEHMER}}{\geq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_a^3 + r_a^3}{r_b^2 + r_c^2} \stackrel{\text{LEHMER}}{\geq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_a^2 + r_a^2}{r_b + r_c} \stackrel{\text{LEHMER}}{\geq} \\
 & \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_b + r_c}{1 + 1} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 3^3 \sqrt{r_a r_b r_c} = \\
 & = 3^3 \sqrt{\frac{F}{s-a} \cdot \frac{F}{s-b} \cdot \frac{F}{s-c}} = 3^3 \sqrt{\frac{sF^3}{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}} = \\
 & = 3^3 \sqrt{\frac{sF^3}{F^2}} = 3^3 \sqrt{sF} = 3^3 \sqrt{rs^2} \stackrel{\text{MITRINOVIC}}{\geq} 3^3 \sqrt{r(3\sqrt{3}r)^2} = \\
 & = 3^3 \sqrt{27r^3} = 3 \cdot 3r = 9r
 \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for: $a = b = c$.

1562.

In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{h_a(w_b^2 + m_c^2)}{h_a^2 + w_b m_c} + \frac{w_b(m_c^2 + h_a^2)}{w_b^2 + m_c h_a} + \frac{m_c(h_a^2 + w_b^2)}{m_c^2 + h_a w_b} \geq 9r$$

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Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

Firstly, we shall prove that $\forall x, y, z > 0, \prod_{\text{cyc}}(y^2 + z^2) \geq \prod_{\text{cyc}}(x^2 + yz)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^4 y^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 y^4 \stackrel{(i)}{\geq} xyz \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 y^3 \\
 \text{LHS of (i)} & = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^4 y^2 + x^4 z^2}{2} + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^4 y^2 + x^2 y^4}{2} \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\geq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^4 yz + \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 y^3 \\
 & = xyz \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 y^3 \Rightarrow \text{(i) is true} \therefore \forall x, y, z > 0, \frac{\prod_{\text{cyc}}(y^2 + z^2)}{\prod_{\text{cyc}}(x^2 + yz)} \geq 1 \rightarrow (1)
 \end{aligned}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{h_a(w_b^2 + m_c^2)}{h_a^2 + w_b m_c} + \frac{w_b(m_c^2 + h_a^2)}{w_b^2 + m_c h_a} + \frac{m_c(h_a^2 + w_b^2)}{m_c^2 + h_a w_b} \\
 & \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\geq} 3^3 \sqrt{\frac{(w_b^2 + m_c^2)(m_c^2 + h_a^2)(h_a^2 + w_b^2)}{h_a w_b m_c \cdot (h_a^2 + w_b m_c)(w_b^2 + m_c h_a)(m_c^2 + h_a w_b)}}
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} &\geq 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{h_a h_b h_c \cdot \frac{(y^2 + z^2)(z^2 + x^2)(x^2 + y^2)}{(x^2 + yz)(y^2 + zx)(z^2 + xy)}} \stackrel{\text{via (1)}}{\geq} 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{2r^2 s^2}{R}} \\ &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{r^2 \cdot (27Rr + 5r(R - 2r))}{R}} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{r^2 \cdot 27Rr}{R}} = 9r \\ &\therefore \frac{h_a(w_b^2 + m_c^2)}{h_a^2 + w_b m_c} + \frac{w_b(m_c^2 + h_a^2)}{w_b^2 + m_c h_a} + \frac{m_c(h_a^2 + w_b^2)}{m_c^2 + h_a w_b} \geq 9r \quad \forall \Delta ABC, \\ &\quad \text{"=" iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$

1563.

In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{h_a^2(h_a^2 + w_b m_c)}{(w_b + m_c)^2} + \frac{w_b^2(w_b^2 + m_c h_a)}{(m_c + h_a)^2} + \frac{m_c^2(m_c^2 + h_a w_b)}{(h_a + w_b)^2} \geq \frac{27r^2}{2}$$

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Solution 1 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

Let $h_a = x, w_b = y$ and $m_c = z$ and then :

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{h_a^2(h_a^2 + w_b m_c)}{(w_b + m_c)^2} + \frac{w_b^2(w_b^2 + m_c h_a)}{(m_c + h_a)^2} + \frac{m_c^2(m_c^2 + h_a w_b)}{(h_a + w_b)^2} \\ &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^2(x^2 + yz)}{(y + z)^2} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^4}{(y + z)^2} + xyz \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x}{(y + z)^2} \\ &\stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\geq} \frac{1}{3} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^2}{(y + z)^2} \right) + \frac{xyz}{3} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{y + z} \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x}{y + z} \right) \\ &\left(\because \text{WLOG assuming } x \geq y \geq z \Rightarrow x^2 \geq y^2 \geq z^2, \frac{x^2}{(y + z)^2} \geq \frac{y^2}{(z + x)^2} \geq \frac{z^2}{(x + y)^2} \cdot \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{1}{y + z} \geq \frac{1}{z + x} \geq \frac{1}{x + y} \text{ and } \frac{x}{y + z} \geq \frac{y}{z + x} \geq \frac{z}{x + y} \right) \\ &\stackrel{\text{Nesbitt and Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{1}{3} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 \right) \frac{1}{3} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x}{y + z} \right)^2 + \frac{xyz}{3} \cdot \frac{9}{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x} \cdot \frac{3}{2} \stackrel{\text{Nesbitt}}{\geq} \\ &\frac{1}{9} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 \right) \cdot \frac{9}{4} + \frac{9xyz}{4 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{3}{2} \cdot \sqrt[3]{x^2 y^2 z^2} \Leftrightarrow \boxed{\frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2}{2} + \frac{9xyz}{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{x^2 y^2 z^2}} \end{aligned}$$

Assigning $y + z = X, z + x = Y, x + y = Z \Rightarrow X + Y - Z = 2z > 0, Y + Z - X = 2x > 0$ and $Z + X - Y = 2y > 0 \Rightarrow X + Y > Z, Y + Z > X, Z + X > Y \Rightarrow X, Y, Z$ form sides of a triangle with semiperimeter, circumradius and inradius = s, R, r (say)

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$$\text{yielding } 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x = \sum_{\text{cyc}} X = 2s \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} x = s \rightarrow (1) \Rightarrow x = s - X, y = s - Y,$$

$$z = s - Z \text{ and such substitutions } \Rightarrow xyz = (s - X)(s - Y)(s - Z) \\ \Rightarrow xyz = r^2 s \rightarrow (2); \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy = \sum_{\text{cyc}} (s - X)(s - Y) \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy = 4Rr + r^2 \rightarrow (3)$$

$$\text{and } \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 = \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right)^2 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \stackrel{\text{via (1) and (3)}}{=} s^2 - 2(4Rr + r^2) \\ \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 = s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2 \rightarrow (4) \therefore \text{via (1), (2) and (4), (*)} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2}{2} + \frac{9r^2 s}{2s} \geq 3 \sqrt[3]{r^4 s^2} \Leftrightarrow \boxed{(s^2 - 8Rr + 7r^2)^3 - 216r^4 s^2 \stackrel{(**)}{\geq} 0}$$

and $\therefore (s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^3 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 0 \therefore$ in order to prove (**), it suffices to prove :

$$(s^2 - 8Rr + 7r^2)^3 - 216r^4 s^2 \geq (s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^3 \\ \Leftrightarrow (24Rr + 6r^2)s^4 - r^2 s^2 (576R^2 - 144Rr + 144r^2)$$

$$+ r^3 (3584R^3 - 2496R^2 r + 24Rr^2 + 218r^3) \stackrel{(***)}{\geq} 0 \text{ and}$$

$\therefore (24Rr + 6r^2)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 0 \therefore$ in order to prove (**),

it suffices to prove : LHS of (***) $\geq (24Rr + 6r^2)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2$

$$\Leftrightarrow \boxed{(48R^2 + 24Rr - 51r^2)s^2 \stackrel{****}{\geq} r(640R^3 + 48R^2 r - 96Rr^2 - 17r^3)}$$

$$\text{Now, LHS of } (****) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (48R^2 + 24Rr - 51r^2)(16Rr - 5r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq}$$

$$r(640R^3 + 48R^2 r - 96Rr^2 - 17r^3) \Leftrightarrow 16t^3 + 12t^2 - 105t + 34 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (t - 2)(16t^2 + 44t - 17) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \therefore t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \Rightarrow (****) \Rightarrow (***) \Rightarrow (**)$$

$$\Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true } \therefore \frac{h_a^2(h_a^2 + w_b m_c)}{(w_b + m_c)^2} + \frac{w_b^2(w_b^2 + m_c h_a)}{(m_c + h_a)^2} + \frac{m_c^2(m_c^2 + h_a w_b)}{(h_a + w_b)^2}$$

$$\geq \frac{3}{2} \sqrt[3]{h_a^2 w_b^2 m_c^2} \geq \frac{3}{2} \sqrt[3]{h_a^2 h_b^2 h_c^2} = \frac{3}{2} \left(\sqrt[3]{\frac{2r^2 s^2}{R}} \right)^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq}$$

$$\frac{3}{2} \left(\sqrt[3]{\frac{r^2 \cdot (27Rr + 5r(R - 2r))}{R}} \right)^2 \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} \frac{3}{2} \left(\sqrt[3]{\frac{r^2 \cdot 27Rr}{R}} \right)^2$$

$$\therefore \frac{h_a^2(h_a^2 + w_b m_c)}{(w_b + m_c)^2} + \frac{w_b^2(w_b^2 + m_c h_a)}{(m_c + h_a)^2} + \frac{m_c^2(m_c^2 + h_a w_b)}{(h_a + w_b)^2} \geq \frac{27r^2}{2},$$

$\forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$

Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

Let $x, y, z > 0$. We have

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$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{cyc} \frac{x^2(x^2 + yz)}{(y+z)^2} \\ &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{(x^2)^3}{(xy+zx)^2} + xyz \cdot \sum_{cyc} \frac{x^3}{(xy+zx)^2} \stackrel{\text{Hölder}}{\geq} \frac{(\sum_{cyc} x^2)^3}{4(\sum_{cyc} yz)^2} \\ & \quad + xyz \cdot \frac{(\sum_{cyc} x)^3}{4(\sum_{cyc} yz)^2} \\ & \stackrel{\substack{\sum_{cyc} x^2 \geq \sum_{cyc} yz \\ (\sum_{cyc} x)^2 \geq 3 \sum_{cyc} yz}}{\geq} \frac{\sum_{cyc} yz}{4} + \frac{3xyz \sum_{cyc} x}{4 \sum_{cyc} yz} \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{3xyz(x+y+z)}. \end{aligned}$$

Setting $x = h_a$, $y = w_b$, $z = m_c$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{h_a^2(h_a^2 + w_b m_c)}{(w_b + m_c)^2} + \frac{w_b^2(w_b^2 + m_c h_a)}{(m_c + h_a)^2} + \frac{m_c^2(m_c^2 + h_a w_b)}{(h_a + w_b)^2} \\ & \geq \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{3h_a w_b m_c (h_a + w_b + m_c)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\stackrel{\substack{w_b \geq h_b \\ m_c \geq h_c}}{\geq} \frac{3}{2} \sqrt{h_a h_b h_c \cdot \frac{h_a + h_b + h_c}{3}} \stackrel{\substack{\text{GM-HM} \\ \text{AM-HM}}}{\geq} \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{3}{\frac{1}{h_a} + \frac{1}{h_b} + \frac{1}{h_c}} \right)^2 = \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{3}{\frac{1}{r}} \right)^2 = \frac{27r^2}{2},$$

as desired. Equality holds iff $\triangle ABC$ is equilateral.

1564. In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{r_a^n(r_a^2 + r_b r_c)}{r_b^{n+1} + r_c^{n+1}} + \frac{r_b^n(r_b^2 + r_c r_a)}{r_c^{n+1} + r_a^{n+1}} + \frac{r_c^n(r_c^2 + r_a r_b)}{r_a^{n+1} + r_b^{n+1}} \geq 9r, n \in \mathbb{N}$$

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Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

WLOG: $a \leq b \leq c$.

$$\begin{aligned} -a \geq -b \geq -c & \Rightarrow s-a \geq s-b \geq s-c \Rightarrow \frac{1}{s-a} \leq \frac{1}{s-b} \leq \frac{1}{s-c} \\ \frac{F}{s-a} & \leq \frac{F}{s-b} \leq \frac{F}{s-c} \Rightarrow r_a \leq r_b \leq r_c \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{r_a^n(r_a^2 + r_b r_c)}{r_b^{n+1} + r_c^{n+1}} \geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{r_a^n(r_a^2 + r_a r_a)}{r_b^{n+1} + r_c^{n+1}} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{r_a^{n+2} + r_a^{n+2}}{r_b^{n+1} + r_c^{n+1}} \geq$$

$$\stackrel{\text{LEHMER}}{\geq} \sum_{cyc} \frac{r_a^{n+1} + r_a^{n+1}}{r_b^n + r_c^n} \stackrel{\text{LEHMER}}{\geq} \sum_{cyc} \frac{r_a^n + r_a^n}{r_b^{n-1} + r_c^{n-1}} \stackrel{\text{LEHMER}}{\geq} \dots \geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{r_a^2 + r_a^2}{r_b + r_c} \stackrel{\text{LEHMER}}{\geq}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &\geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{r_b + r_c}{1+1} = \sum_{cyc} r_a \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 3\sqrt[3]{r_a r_b r_c} = \\
 &= 3\sqrt[3]{\frac{F}{s-a} \cdot \frac{F}{s-b} \cdot \frac{F}{s-c}} = 3\sqrt[3]{\frac{sF^3}{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}} = \\
 &= 3\sqrt[3]{\frac{sF^3}{F^2}} = 3\sqrt[3]{sF} = 3\sqrt[3]{rs^2} \stackrel{MITRINOVIC}{\geq} 3\sqrt[3]{r(3\sqrt{3}r)^2} = \\
 &= 3\sqrt[3]{27r^3} = 3 \cdot 3r = 9r
 \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for: $a = b = c$.

1565. In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{r_a^2 + r_b r_c}{r_a^4(r_b + r_c)} + \frac{r_b^2 + r_c r_a}{r_b^4(r_c + r_a)} + \frac{r_c^2 + r_a r_b}{r_c^4(r_a + r_b)} \geq \frac{16r}{9R^4}$$

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Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

WLOG: $a \leq b \leq c$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 -a \geq -b \geq -c &\Rightarrow s-a \geq s-b \geq s-c \Rightarrow \frac{1}{s-a} \leq \frac{1}{s-b} \leq \frac{1}{s-c} \\
 \frac{F}{s-a} &\leq \frac{F}{s-b} \leq \frac{F}{s-c} \Rightarrow r_a \leq r_b \leq r_c
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{cyc} \frac{r_a^2 + r_b r_c}{r_a^4(r_b + r_c)} &\geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{r_a^2 + r_a r_a}{r_a^4(r_b + r_c)} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{2r_a^2}{r_a^4(r_b + r_c)} = \\
 &= 2 \sum_{cyc} \frac{\frac{1}{r_a^2}}{r_b + r_c} \stackrel{BERGSTROM}{\geq} 2 \cdot \frac{\left(\frac{1}{r_a} + \frac{1}{r_b} + \frac{1}{r_c}\right)^2}{2(r_a + r_b + r_c)} = \\
 &= \frac{\frac{1}{r^2}}{4R + r} = \frac{r}{r^3(4R + r)} \stackrel{EULER}{\geq} \frac{r}{\left(\frac{R}{2}\right)^3 \left(4R + \frac{R}{2}\right)} = \frac{16r}{9R^4}
 \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for: $a = b = c$.

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1566. In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\sqrt[3]{\frac{3R}{r} \left(\frac{n_a}{r_a} + \frac{n_b}{r_b} + \frac{n_c}{r_c} \right)^2} \leq \frac{4(R-r)}{r}$$

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Solution 1 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Stewart's theorem} \Rightarrow b^2(s-c) + c^2(s-b) = an_a^2 + a(s-b)(s-c) \\ & \Rightarrow s(b^2 + c^2) - bc(2s-a) = an_a^2 + a(s^2 - s(2s-a) + bc) \Rightarrow s(b^2 + c^2) - 2sbc \\ & \quad = an_a^2 + a(as - s^2) \Rightarrow s(b^2 + c^2 - a^2 - 2bc) = an_a^2 - as^2 \Rightarrow an_a^2 \\ & = as^2 + s(2bccosA - 2bc) = as^2 - 4sbc\sin^2 \frac{A}{2} = as^2 - \frac{4sbc(s-b)(s-c)(s-a)}{bc(s-a)} \\ & = as^2 - \frac{4\Delta^2}{s-a} = as^2 - 2a \left(\frac{2\Delta}{a} \right) \left(\frac{\Delta}{s-a} \right) = as^2 - 2ah_a r_a \Rightarrow n_a^2 = s^2 - 2h_a r_a \\ & \text{and analogs} \therefore \sum_{cyc} \frac{n_a^2}{r_a^2} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{s^2 - 2h_a r_a}{r_a^2} = \frac{s^2 \sum_{cyc} r_b^2 r_c^2}{r^2 s^4} - 2 \sum_{cyc} \frac{2rs}{4R \cos \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{A}{2} \cdot s \tan \frac{A}{2}} \\ & = \frac{s^4 - 2rs^2(4R+r)}{r^2 s^2} - \frac{r}{R} \sum_{cyc} \frac{bc(s-a)}{r^2 s} = \frac{s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2}{r^2} - \frac{s^2 - 8Rr + r^2}{Rr} \\ & = \frac{R(s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2) - r(s^2 - 8Rr + r^2)}{Rr^2} \\ & = \frac{(R-r)s^2 - R(8Rr + 2r^2) + r(8Rr - r^2)}{Rr^2} \\ & \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} \frac{(R-r)(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) - R(8Rr + 2r^2) + r(8Rr - r^2)}{Rr^2} \\ & \therefore \sum_{cyc} \frac{n_a^2}{r_a^2} \leq \frac{4R^3 - 8R^2r + 5Rr^2 - 4r^3}{Rr^2} \rightarrow (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } & \sqrt[3]{\frac{3R}{r} \left(\frac{n_a}{r_a} + \frac{n_b}{r_b} + \frac{n_c}{r_c} \right)^2} \stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\leq} \sqrt[3]{\frac{9R}{r} \sum_{cyc} \frac{n_a^2}{r_a^2}} \stackrel{\text{via (1)}}{\leq} \sqrt[3]{\frac{9R}{r} \cdot \frac{4R^3 - 8R^2r + 5Rr^2 - 4r^3}{Rr^2}} \stackrel{?}{<} \frac{4(R-r)}{r} \\ & \Leftrightarrow 64(R-r)^3 \stackrel{?}{>} 9(4R^3 - 8R^2r + 5Rr^2 - 4r^3) \\ & \Leftrightarrow 28t^3 - 120t^2 + 147t - 28 \stackrel{?}{>} 0 \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right) \\ & \Leftrightarrow (t-2)((t-2)(28t-8) + 3) + 10 \stackrel{?}{>} 0 \\ & \therefore \sqrt[3]{\frac{3R}{r} \left(\frac{n_a}{r_a} + \frac{n_b}{r_b} + \frac{n_c}{r_c} \right)^2} < \frac{4(R-r)}{r} \text{ (QED)} \end{aligned}$$

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By CBS inequality, we have

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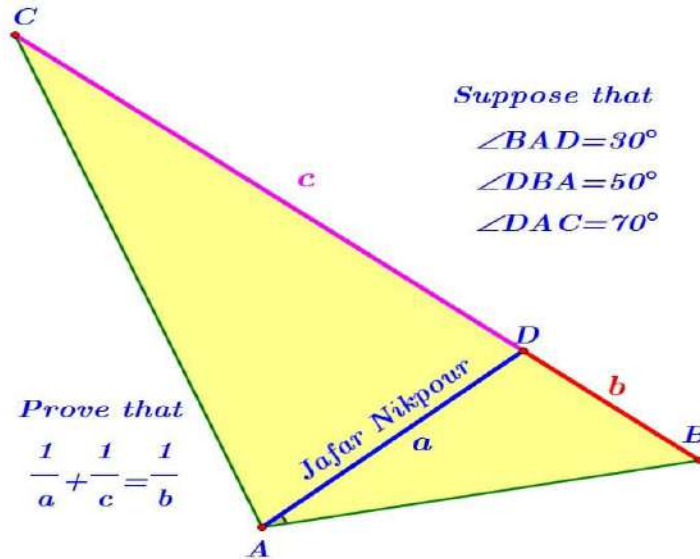
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$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{3R}{r} \left(\frac{n_a}{r_a} + \frac{n_b}{r_b} + \frac{n_c}{r_c} \right)^2 &\leq \frac{3R}{r} \left(\frac{1}{r_a} + \frac{1}{r_b} + \frac{1}{r_c} \right) \left(\frac{n_a^2}{r_a} + \frac{n_b^2}{r_b} + \frac{n_c^2}{r_c} \right) \\
 &= \frac{3R}{r^2} \sum_{cyc} \frac{s-a}{F} \cdot s \left(s-a + \frac{(b-c)^2}{a} \right) \\
 &= \frac{3R}{r^3} \sum_{cyc} (s-a) \left(s - \frac{4(s-b)(s-c)}{a} \right) = \frac{3R}{r^3} \left(s^2 - 4sr^2 \cdot \frac{s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr}{4Rsr} \right) \\
 &= \frac{3[(R-r)s^2 - r^2(4R+r)]}{r^3} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} \frac{3[(R-r)(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) - r^2(4R+r)]}{r^3} \\
 &= \frac{3(4R^3 - 5Rr^2 - 4r^3)}{r^3} \\
 &= \frac{54(R-r)^3 - (R-2r)(42R^2 - 78Rr + 21r^2)}{r^3} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} \frac{54(R-r)^3}{r^3}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\sqrt[3]{\frac{3R}{r} \left(\frac{n_a}{r_a} + \frac{n_b}{r_b} + \frac{n_c}{r_c} \right)^2} \leq \frac{3\sqrt[3]{2}(R-r)}{r} \leq \frac{4(R-r)}{r}$$

1567.



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In $\triangle ADB$: $m(\sphericalangle ADB) = 180^\circ - 30^\circ - 50^\circ = 100^\circ$

In $\triangle ADC$: $m(\sphericalangle ADC) = 180^\circ - 100^\circ = 80^\circ$, $m(\sphericalangle DCA) = 180^\circ - 80^\circ - 70^\circ = 30^\circ$

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In $\triangle ADB$:

$$\frac{a}{\sin 50^\circ} = \frac{b}{\sin 30^\circ} \Rightarrow b = \frac{a \sin 30^\circ}{\sin 50^\circ}$$

In $\triangle ADC$:

$$\frac{a}{\sin 30^\circ} = \frac{c}{\sin 70^\circ} \Rightarrow c = \frac{a \sin 70^\circ}{\sin 30^\circ}$$

$$\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{c} = \frac{1}{b} \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{\frac{a \sin 70^\circ}{\sin 30^\circ}} = \frac{1}{\frac{a \sin 30^\circ}{\sin 50^\circ}} \Leftrightarrow 1 + \frac{\sin 30^\circ}{\sin 70^\circ} = \frac{\sin 50^\circ}{\sin 30^\circ}$$

$$\sin 70^\circ \cdot \sin 30^\circ + \sin 30^\circ \cdot \sin 30^\circ = \sin 50^\circ \cdot \sin 70^\circ$$

$$\sin 30^\circ (\sin 70^\circ + \sin 30^\circ) = \sin 50^\circ \cdot \sin (90^\circ - 20^\circ)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 \sin \frac{70^\circ + 30^\circ}{2} \cos \frac{70^\circ - 30^\circ}{2} = \sin 50^\circ \cos 20^\circ$$

$$\sin 50^\circ \cos 20^\circ = \sin 50^\circ \cos 20^\circ$$

1568. In any $\triangle ABC$, the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{8R}{r} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(b+c)^2}{r_a^2} \leq 16 \left(\frac{R^2}{r^2} - 3 \right)$$

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Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

WLOG we may assume $a \geq b \geq c$ and then :

$$(b+c)^2 \leq (c+a)^2 \leq (a+b)^2 \text{ and } \frac{1}{r_a^2} \leq \frac{1}{r_b^2} \leq \frac{1}{r_c^2} \therefore \text{via Chebyshev,}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(b+c)^2}{r_a^2} &\geq \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} (b+c)^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{r_a^2} \right) \\ &\stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 4 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) \cdot \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_b r_c)^2 - 2r_a r_b r_c \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a}{r^2 s^4} \\ &= 4(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) \cdot \frac{s^4 - 2rs^2(4R+r)}{r^2 s^4} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{8R}{r} \\ &\Leftrightarrow s^4 - (10Rr + r^2)s^2 - 2r^2(4R+r)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, LHS of (*)} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (6Rr - 6r^2)s^2 - 2r^2(4R+r)^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq}$$

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$$(6Rr - 6r^2)(16Rr - 5r^2) - 2r^2(4R + r)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow 32R^2 - 71Rr + 14r^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(32R - 7r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because R \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2r \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true} \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(b+c)^2}{r_a^2} \geq \frac{8R}{r}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Again, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} ((b+c)^2(s-a)^2) &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} ((s+s-a)^2(s-a)^2) \\ &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} ((s^2 + (s-a)^2 + 2s(s-a))(s-a)^2) \\ &= s^2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} (s^2 - 2sa + a^2) + 2s \sum_{\text{cyc}} (s^3 - 3s^2a + 3sa^2 - a^3) \\ &\quad + \sum_{\text{cyc}} (s^4 - 4s^3a + 6s^2a^2 - 4sa^3 + a^4) \\ &= s^2 \cdot 3s^2 - 2s^3 \cdot 2s + s^2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + 2s \cdot 3s^3 - 6s^3 \cdot 2s + 6s^2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - 2s \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 + 3s^4 \\ &\quad - 4s^3 \cdot 2s + 6s^2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - 4s \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b^2 - 16r^2s^2 \\ &= -12s^4 + 26s^2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) - 12s^2(s^2 - 6Rr - 3r^2) \\ &\quad + 2((s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2 - 16Rrs^2) - 16r^2s^2 \\ &= 2(2s^4 - (24Rr + r^2)s^2 + r^2(4R + r)^2) \\ \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(b+c)^2}{r_a^2} &= \frac{2(2s^4 - (24Rr + r^2)s^2 + r^2(4R + r)^2)}{r^2s^2} \stackrel{?}{\leq} 16 \left(\frac{R^2}{r^2} - 3 \right) \\ &\Leftrightarrow 2s^4 + r^2(4R + r)^2 \stackrel{?}{\leq} (8R^2 + 24Rr - 23r^2)s^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, LHS of } (**) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} (8R^2 + 8Rr + 6r^2)s^2 + r^2(4R + r)^2 \stackrel{?}{\leq} (8R^2 + 24Rr - 23r^2)s^2 \Leftrightarrow (16Rr - 29r^2)s^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} r^2(4R + r)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Again, LHS of } (***) &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (16Rr - 29r^2)(16Rr - 5r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} r^2(4R + r)^2 \\ \Leftrightarrow 240R^2 - 552Rr + 144r^2 &\stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow 24(R - 2r)(10R - 3r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because R \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2r \\ \Rightarrow (***) \Rightarrow (**) &\text{ is true} \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(b+c)^2}{r_a^2} \leq 16 \left(\frac{R^2}{r^2} - 3 \right) \therefore \frac{8R}{r} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(b+c)^2}{r_a^2} \\ &\leq 16 \left(\frac{R^2}{r^2} - 3 \right) \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$

1569.

In any acute triangle ABC, the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{a}{b+c} \cdot \sqrt{\sin A} + \frac{b}{c+a} \cdot \sqrt{\sin B} + \frac{c}{a+b} \cdot \sqrt{\sin C} > 1$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Via Power - Mean - Inequality, } \left(\frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2}{3} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \geq \left(\frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^1}{3} \right)^1 \\ & \Rightarrow \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^{\frac{3}{2}}}{3} \geq \left(\frac{2s}{3} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{2s}{3} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2s}{3}} \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^{\frac{3}{2}} \geq 2s \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2s}{3}} \rightarrow (1) \\ & \frac{a}{b+c} \cdot \sqrt{\sin A} + \frac{b}{c+a} \cdot \sqrt{\sin B} + \frac{c}{a+b} \cdot \sqrt{\sin C} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2R}} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a\sqrt{a}}{b+c} \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\geq} \\ & \frac{1}{3 \cdot \sqrt{2R}} \cdot \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a\sqrt{a} \right) \left(\frac{1}{b+c} \right) \left(\begin{array}{l} \because \text{WLOG assuming } a \geq b \geq c \Rightarrow a\sqrt{a} \geq b\sqrt{b} \geq c\sqrt{c} \\ \text{and } \frac{1}{b+c} \geq \frac{1}{c+a} \geq \frac{1}{a+b} \end{array} \right) \stackrel{\text{via (1) and Bergstrom}}{\geq} \\ & \frac{1}{3 \cdot \sqrt{2R}} \cdot 2s \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2s}{3}} \cdot \frac{9}{4s} = \frac{3}{2 \cdot \sqrt{2R}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2s}{3}} > \frac{3}{2 \cdot \sqrt{2R}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{4R}{3}} \\ & (\because \Delta ABC \text{ is acute} \Rightarrow s > 2R + r > 2R) = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} > 1 \\ & \therefore \frac{a}{b+c} \cdot \sqrt{\sin A} + \frac{b}{c+a} \cdot \sqrt{\sin B} + \frac{c}{a+b} \cdot \sqrt{\sin C} > 1 \forall \text{ acute } \Delta ABC \text{ (QED)} \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

WLOG, we assume that $a \geq b \geq c$.

We have $\frac{a}{b+c} \geq \frac{b}{c+a} \geq \frac{c}{a+b}$ & $\sqrt{\sin A} \geq \sqrt{\sin B} \geq \sqrt{\sin C}$,
then by Chebyshev's inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{a}{b+c} \sqrt{\sin A} + \frac{b}{c+a} \sqrt{\sin B} + \frac{c}{a+b} \sqrt{\sin C} \geq \\ & \geq \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b} \right) (\sqrt{\sin A} + \sqrt{\sin B} + \sqrt{\sin C}). \end{aligned}$$

By Nesbitt's inequality, we have

$$\frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b} \geq \frac{3}{2}.$$

Also since $0 < \sin x < 1, \forall x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$, and by using Jordan's inequality, we have

$$\sqrt{\sin A} + \sqrt{\sin B} + \sqrt{\sin C} > \sin A + \sin B + \sin C \geq \frac{2A}{\pi} + \frac{2B}{\pi} + \frac{2C}{\pi} = 2.$$

Therefore

$$\frac{a}{b+c} \sqrt{\sin A} + \frac{b}{c+a} \sqrt{\sin B} + \frac{c}{a+b} \sqrt{\sin C} > \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{2} \cdot 2 = 1.$$

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1570. In any $\triangle ABC$ and $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{h_a^2 + w_b m_c}{h_a^n (w_b + m_c)} + \frac{w_b^2 + m_c h_a}{w_b^n (m_c + h_a)} + \frac{m_c^2 + h_a w_b}{m_c^n (h_a + w_b)} \geq \frac{1}{3^{n-2}} \left(\frac{2}{R}\right)^{n-1}$$

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Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

Case 1 $n = 1$ and then : $\text{LHS} = \frac{x^2 + yz}{x(y+z)} + \frac{y^2 + zx}{y(z+x)} + \frac{z^2 + xy}{z(x+y)}$

$$(x = h_a, y = w_b, z = m_c) = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x}{y+z} + \frac{1}{xyz} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{y^2 z^2}{y+z} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom and Nesbitt}}{\geq} \frac{3}{2} + \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy)^2}{2xyz \sum_{\text{cyc}} x}$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} + \frac{3}{2} = 3 \frac{1}{3^{n-2}} \left(\frac{2}{R}\right)^{n-1} \quad (\because n = 1)$$

$$\therefore \frac{h_a^2 + w_b m_c}{h_a^n (w_b + m_c)} + \frac{w_b^2 + m_c h_a}{w_b^n (m_c + h_a)} + \frac{m_c^2 + h_a w_b}{m_c^n (h_a + w_b)} \geq \frac{1}{3^{n-2}} \left(\frac{2}{R}\right)^{n-1} \quad \text{for } n = 1$$

Case 2 $n = 2$ and then : $\text{LHS} = \frac{x^2 + yz}{x^2(y+z)} + \frac{y^2 + zx}{y^2(z+x)} + \frac{z^2 + xy}{z^2(x+y)} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{y+z}$

$$+ xyz \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^3}{y+z} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom and Holder}}{\geq} \frac{9}{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x} + xyz \cdot \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{x})^3}{6 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x} \geq \frac{9}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow xyz \cdot \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{x})^3}{6 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x} \geq \frac{9}{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x} \Leftrightarrow \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy\right)^3 \geq 27x^2 y^2 z^2 \rightarrow \text{true via AM - GM}$$

$$\therefore \text{LHS} \geq \frac{9}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x} = \frac{9}{h_a + w_b + m_c} \stackrel{\text{Leuenberger and Euler}}{\geq} \frac{9}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a} \geq \frac{9}{\frac{9R}{2}} = \frac{2}{R} = \frac{1}{3^{n-2}} \left(\frac{2}{R}\right)^{n-1}$$

$$(n = 2) \therefore \frac{h_a^2 + w_b m_c}{h_a^n (w_b + m_c)} + \frac{w_b^2 + m_c h_a}{w_b^n (m_c + h_a)} + \frac{m_c^2 + h_a w_b}{m_c^n (h_a + w_b)} \geq \frac{1}{3^{n-2}} \left(\frac{2}{R}\right)^{n-1} \quad \text{for } n = 2$$

Case 3 $n = 3$ and then : $\text{LHS} = \frac{x^2 + yz}{x^3(y+z)} + \frac{y^2 + zx}{y^3(z+x)} + \frac{z^2 + xy}{z^3(x+y)} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{xy + xz}$

$$+ xyz \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^4}{y+z} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom and Holder}}{\geq} \frac{9}{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy} + xyz \cdot \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{x})^4}{9 \cdot 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x} = \frac{9}{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy} + \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy)^4}{18x^3 y^3 z^3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x}$$

$$\geq \frac{9}{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy} + \frac{9x^2 y^2 z^2 (\sum_{\text{cyc}} x)^2}{18x^3 y^3 z^3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x} = \frac{9}{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy} + \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x}{2xyz} \geq \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{9}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x}\right)^2$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow 9xyz \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right)^2 + \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right)^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 54xyz \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \rightarrow \text{true}$$

$$\therefore 9xyz \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right)^2 + \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right)^3 \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\geq} 9xyz \cdot 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy + \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right) \cdot 27xyz$$

$$= 54xyz \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \therefore \text{LHS} \geq \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{9}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{9}{h_a + w_b + m_c} \right)^2 \geq \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{9}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a} \right)^2$$

Leuenberger
and
Euler

$$\geq \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{9}{9R} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{2}{R} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{3^{n-2}} \left(\frac{2}{R} \right)^{n-1} \quad (\because n = 3)$$

$$\therefore \frac{h_a^2 + w_b m_c}{h_a^n (w_b + m_c)} + \frac{w_b^2 + m_c h_a}{w_b^n (m_c + h_a)} + \frac{m_c^2 + h_a w_b}{m_c^n (h_a + w_b)} \geq \frac{1}{3^{n-2}} \left(\frac{2}{R} \right)^{n-1} \quad \text{for } n = 3$$

Case 4 $n \in \mathbb{N} - \{1, 2, 3\}$ and then: $\text{LHS} = \frac{x^2 + yz}{x^n (y + z)} + \frac{y^2 + zx}{y^n (z + x)} + \frac{z^2 + xy}{z^n (x + y)}$

$$= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{x} \right)^{n-2}}{y + z} + xyz \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{x} \right)^{n+1}}{y + z} \stackrel{\text{Holder}}{\geq} \frac{\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{x} \right)^{n-2}}{3^{n-4} \cdot 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x} + xyz \cdot \frac{\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{x} \right)^{n+1}}{3^{n-1} \cdot 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x}$$

$$\stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{1}{3^{n-2}} \cdot \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{x} \right)^{n-2} \cdot \frac{9}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x} \Leftrightarrow \frac{9}{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x} + \frac{xyz \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{x} \right)^3}{6 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{9}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{xyz \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{x} \right)^3}{6 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{9}{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x} \Leftrightarrow \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right)^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 27x^2 y^2 z^2 \rightarrow \text{true via AM - GM}$$

$$\therefore \text{LHS} \geq \frac{1}{3^{n-2}} \cdot \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{x} \right)^{n-2} \cdot \frac{9}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{1}{3^{n-2}} \cdot \left(\frac{9}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x} \right)^{n-2} \cdot \frac{9}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3^{n-2}} \cdot \left(\frac{9}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x} \right)^{n-1} = \frac{1}{3^{n-2}} \cdot \left(\frac{9}{h_a + w_b + m_c} \right)^{n-1} \geq \frac{1}{3^{n-2}} \cdot \left(\frac{9}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a} \right)^{n-1}$$

Leuenberger
and
Euler

$$\geq \frac{1}{3^{n-2}} \cdot \left(\frac{9}{9R} \right)^{n-1}$$

$$\therefore \frac{h_a^2 + w_b m_c}{h_a^n (w_b + m_c)} + \frac{w_b^2 + m_c h_a}{w_b^n (m_c + h_a)} + \frac{m_c^2 + h_a w_b}{m_c^n (h_a + w_b)} \geq \frac{1}{3^{n-2}} \left(\frac{2}{R} \right)^{n-1} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N} - \{1, 2, 3\}$$

$$\therefore \text{combining all cases, } \frac{h_a^2 + w_b m_c}{h_a^n (w_b + m_c)} + \frac{w_b^2 + m_c h_a}{w_b^n (m_c + h_a)} + \frac{m_c^2 + h_a w_b}{m_c^n (h_a + w_b)}$$

$$\geq \frac{1}{3^{n-2}} \left(\frac{2}{R} \right)^{n-1} \quad \forall \Delta ABC \text{ and } \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$$

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1571. In any $\triangle ABC$, the following relationship holds :

$$12 \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(h_a + h_b)(h_a + h_c)}{h_b h_c} \leq \frac{3R^2}{r^2}$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(h_a + h_b)(h_a + h_c)}{h_b h_c} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(bc + ca)(bc + ab)}{ca \cdot ab} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(a + b)(c + a)}{a^2} \\ &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab}{a^2} = 3 + \frac{1}{16R^2 r^2 s^2} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \right) \\ &\geq 3 + \frac{1}{48R^2 r^2 s^2} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right)^2 \stackrel{\text{via } (*)}{\geq} 3 + \frac{24Rrs^2}{48R^2 r^2 s^2} (s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) \\ &= \frac{s^2 + 10Rr + r^2}{2Rr} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \frac{16Rr - 5r^2 + 10Rr + r^2}{2Rr} = \frac{26Rr - 4r^2}{2Rr} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} \frac{26Rr - 2Rr}{2Rr} \\ &= 12 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(h_a + h_b)(h_a + h_c)}{h_b h_c} \geq 12 \\ \text{Again, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(h_a + h_b)(h_a + h_c)}{h_b h_c} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(a + b)(c + a)}{a^2} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(a + b)(c + a)}{4(s - b)(s - c)} \\ &= \frac{2s(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)}{4r^2 s} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{s - a}{(b + c)} = \frac{s^2 + 2Rr + r^2}{2r^2} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{2s - a - s}{(b + c)} \\ &= \frac{s^2 + 2Rr + r^2}{2r^2} \cdot \left(3 - s \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{b + c} \right) \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\leq} \frac{s^2 + 2Rr + r^2}{2r^2} \cdot \left(3 - \frac{9s}{4s} \right) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} \\ &\frac{4R^2 + 6Rr + 4r^2}{2r^2} \cdot \frac{3}{4} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} \frac{4R^2 + 3R^2 + R^2}{2r^2} \cdot \frac{3}{4} \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(h_a + h_b)(h_a + h_c)}{h_b h_c} \leq \frac{3R^2}{r^2} \\ \therefore 12 &\leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(h_a + h_b)(h_a + h_c)}{h_b h_c} \leq \frac{3R^2}{r^2} \\ &\forall \triangle ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \triangle ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$

1572. In any $\triangle ABC$, the following relationship holds :

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(h_a + h_b)(h_a + h_c)}{h_b h_c} \geq \left(\frac{2r}{R} \right)^3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(r_a + r_b)(r_a + r_c)}{r_b r_c}$$

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Solution 1 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right)^2 &\stackrel{?}{\geq} 24Rrs^2 \Leftrightarrow (s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 24Rrs^2 \\ &\Leftrightarrow s^4 + 2(4Rr + r^2)s^2 + (4Rr + r^2)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 24Rrs^2 \\ &\Leftrightarrow s^4 - (16Rr - 2r^2)s^2 + (4Rr + r^2)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

Now, LHS of (1) $\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (16Rr - 5r^2)s^2 - (16Rr - 2r^2)s^2 + (4Rr + r^2)^2$

$$= r^2((4R + r)^2 - 3s^2) \stackrel{\text{Trucht}}{\geq} 0 \Rightarrow (1) \text{ is true } \therefore \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right)^2 \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} 24Rrs^2$$

Now, $\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(h_a + h_b)(h_a + h_c)}{h_b h_c} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(bc + ca)(bc + ab)}{ca \cdot ab} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(a + b)(c + a)}{a^2}$

$$= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab}{a^2} = 3 + \frac{1}{16R^2 r^2 s^2} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \right)$$

$$\geq 3 + \frac{1}{48R^2 r^2 s^2} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) \stackrel{\text{via } (*)}{\geq} 3 + \frac{24Rrs^2}{48R^2 r^2 s^2} (s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)$$

$$= \frac{s^2 + 10Rr + r^2}{2Rr} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \frac{16Rr - 5r^2 + 10Rr + r^2}{2Rr}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(h_a + h_b)(h_a + h_c)}{h_b h_c} \stackrel{(\square)}{\geq} \frac{13R - 2r}{R}$$

Again, $\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(r_a + r_b)(r_a + r_c)}{r_b r_c} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\left(\frac{rs}{s-a} + \frac{rs}{s-b} \right) \left(\frac{rs}{s-a} + \frac{rs}{s-c} \right)}{\frac{rs}{s-b} \cdot \frac{rs}{s-c}}$

$$= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\frac{2s-a-b}{(s-a)(s-b)} \cdot \frac{2s-a-c}{(s-a)(s-c)}}{\frac{1}{(s-b)(s-c)}} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{bc}{(s-a)^2} \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\leq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(b+c)^2}{4(s-a)^2} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(s+s-a)^2}{4(s-a)^2}$$

$$= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{s^2 + (s-a)^2 + 2s(s-a)}{4(s-a)^2} = \frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{2r} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{rs}{s-a} + \frac{1}{4r^2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r^2 s^2}{(s-a)^2}$$

$$= \frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{2r} \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a + \frac{1}{4r^2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^2 = \frac{3}{4} + \frac{4R+r}{2r} + \frac{(4R+r)^2 - 2s^2}{4r^2}$$

$$= \frac{(4R+r)^2 - 2s^2 + 2r(4R+r) + 3r^2}{4r^2}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} \frac{(4R+r)^2 - 2(16Rr - 5r^2) + 2r(4R+r) + 3r^2}{4r^2}$$

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$$\therefore \left(\frac{2r}{R}\right)^3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(r_a + r_b)(r_a + r_c)}{r_b r_c} \stackrel{(\blacksquare)}{\leq} \frac{32r(R^2 - Rr + r^2)}{R^3} \therefore (\blacksquare), (\blacksquare\blacksquare) \Rightarrow$$

$$\text{in order to prove : } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(h_a + h_b)(h_a + h_c)}{h_b h_c} \geq \left(\frac{2r}{R}\right)^3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(r_a + r_b)(r_a + r_c)}{r_b r_c},$$

$$\text{it suffices to prove : } \frac{13R - 2r}{R} \geq \frac{32r(R^2 - Rr + r^2)}{R^3}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 13t^3 - 34t^2 + 32t - 32 \geq 0 \left(t = \frac{R}{r}\right) \Leftrightarrow (t - 2)(9t^2 + 4t(t - 2) + 16) \geq 0$$

$$\rightarrow \text{true} \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(h_a + h_b)(h_a + h_c)}{h_b h_c} \geq \left(\frac{2r}{R}\right)^3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(r_a + r_b)(r_a + r_c)}{r_b r_c}$$

$\forall \Delta ABC, "=" \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$

Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

$$\textcircled{2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(h_a + h_b)(h_a + h_c)}{h_b h_c} = \frac{(h_a + h_b)(h_b + h_c)(h_a + h_c)}{h_a h_b h_c} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{h_a}{h_b + h_c} \stackrel{\text{Cesaro}}{\stackrel{\text{Nesbitt}}{\geq}} 8 \cdot \frac{3}{2} = 12.$$

$$\textcircled{2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(r_a + r_b)(r_a + r_c)}{r_b r_c} = \frac{4R}{r} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_a}{r_b + r_c} \stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\geq} \frac{4R}{r} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_a}{4} \left(\frac{1}{r_b} + \frac{1}{r_c}\right)$$

$$= \frac{R}{r} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{r_a} - 3 \right) = \frac{R}{r} \left(\frac{4R + r}{r} - 3 \right) =$$

$$= \frac{3R^3}{2r^3} - \frac{R}{r} \left(\frac{R}{2r} - 1 \right) \left(\frac{3R}{r} - 2 \right) \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} \frac{3R^3}{2r^3}.$$

Therefore

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(h_a + h_b)(h_a + h_c)}{h_b h_c} \geq 12 = \left(\frac{2r}{R}\right)^3 \cdot \frac{3R^3}{2r^3} \geq \left(\frac{2r}{R}\right)^3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(r_a + r_b)(r_a + r_c)}{r_b r_c}$$

Equality holds iff ΔABC is equilateral.

1573. In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{6R}{r} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(r_a + r_b)(r_a + r_c)}{r_b r_c} \leq \frac{3R^3}{2r^3}$$

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Solution 1 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(r_a + r_b)(r_a + r_c)}{r_b r_c} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\left(\frac{rs}{s-a} + \frac{rs}{s-b}\right) \left(\frac{rs}{s-a} + \frac{rs}{s-c}\right)}{\frac{rs}{s-b} \cdot \frac{rs}{s-c}}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{2s-a-b}{(s-a)(s-b)} \cdot \frac{2s-a-c}{(s-a)(s-c)} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{bc}{(s-a)^2} \stackrel{A-G}{\leq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(b+c)^2}{4(s-a)^2} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(s+s-a)^2}{4(s-a)^2} \\
 &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{s^2 + (s-a)^2 + 2s(s-a)}{4(s-a)^2} = \frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{2r} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{rs}{s-a} + \frac{1}{4r^2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r^2 s^2}{(s-a)^2} \\
 &= \frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{2r} \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a + \frac{1}{4r^2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^2 = \frac{3}{4} + \frac{4R+r}{2r} + \frac{(4R+r)^2 - 2s^2}{4r^2} \\
 &= \frac{(4R+r)^2 - 2s^2 + 2r(4R+r) + 3r^2}{4r^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} \frac{(4R+r)^2 - 2(16Rr - 5r^2) + 2r(4R+r) + 3r^2}{4r^2} = \frac{4(R^2 - Rr + r^2)}{r^2} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{3R^3}{2r^3}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 3t^3 - 8t^2 + 8t - 8 \geq 0 \quad \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right) \Leftrightarrow (t-2)(2t^2 + t(t-2) + 4) \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{true}$$

$$\because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(r_a + r_b)(r_a + r_c)}{r_b r_c} \leq \frac{3R^3}{2r^3}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Again, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(r_a + r_b)(r_a + r_c)}{r_b r_c} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{bc}{(s-a)^2} = \frac{1}{r} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{bc}{s(s-a)} \cdot \frac{rs}{s-a} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{r} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\sec^2 \frac{A}{2} \cdot r_a \right) \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\geq} \frac{1}{3r} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \sec^2 \frac{A}{2} \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(\because \text{WLOG assuming } a \geq b \geq c \Rightarrow \sec^2 \frac{A}{2} \geq \sec^2 \frac{B}{2} \geq \sec^2 \frac{C}{2} \text{ and } r_a \geq r_b \geq r_c)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3r} \cdot \frac{s^2 + (4R+r)^2}{s^2} \cdot (4R+r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{6R}{r} \Leftrightarrow (4R+r)^3 + s^2(4R+r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 18Rs^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (4R+r)^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} (14R-r)s^2, \text{ but } (14R-r)s^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq}$$

$$(14R-r)(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) \stackrel{?}{\leq} (4R+r)^3 \Leftrightarrow 4t^3 - 2t^2 - 13t + 2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (t-2)(4t^2 + 6t - 1) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(r_a + r_b)(r_a + r_c)}{r_b r_c} \geq \frac{6R}{r}$$

and hence, $\frac{6R}{r} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(r_a + r_b)(r_a + r_c)}{r_b r_c} \leq \frac{3R^3}{2r^3} \forall \Delta ABC, "=" \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$

Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

$$\begin{aligned}
 \square \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(r_a + r_b)(r_a + r_c)}{r_b r_c} &= \frac{(r_a + r_b)(r_b + r_c)(r_a + r_c)}{r_a r_b r_c} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_a}{r_b + r_c} \\
 &= \frac{4Rs^2}{s^2 r} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_a}{r_b + r_c} \stackrel{\text{Nesbitt}}{\geq} \frac{6R}{r}
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{(r_a + r_b)(r_a + r_c)}{r_b r_c} &= \frac{4R}{r} \cdot \sum_{cyc} \frac{r_a}{r_b + r_c} \stackrel{CBS}{\geq} \frac{4R}{r} \cdot \sum_{cyc} \frac{r_a}{4} \left(\frac{1}{r_b} + \frac{1}{r_c} \right) \\ &= \frac{R}{r} \left(\sum_{cyc} r_a \cdot \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{r_a} - 3 \right) \\ &= \frac{R}{r} \left(\frac{4R + r}{r} - 3 \right) = \frac{3R^3}{2r^3} - \frac{R}{r} \left(\frac{R}{2r} - 1 \right) \left(\frac{3R}{r} - 2 \right) \stackrel{Euler}{\geq} \frac{3R^3}{2r^3}. \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof. Equality holds iff $\triangle ABC$ is equilateral.

1574. In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{1 - \cos(B - C)}{h_a} + \frac{1 - \cos(C - A)}{h_b} + \frac{1 - \cos(A - B)}{h_c} = \frac{R - 2r}{Rr}$$

Proposed by Adil Abdullayev-Azerbaijan

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{1 - \cos(B - C)}{h_a} &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{h_a} - \sum_{cyc} \frac{\cos(B - C)}{h_a} = \\ &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{\frac{2F}{a}} - \sum_{cyc} \frac{\cos(B - C)}{\frac{2F}{a}} = \frac{1}{2F} \sum_{cyc} a - \frac{1}{2F} \sum_{cyc} a \cos(B - C) = \\ &= \frac{2s}{2F} - \frac{1}{2F} \sum_{cyc} 2R \sin A \cos(B - C) = \frac{s}{F} - \frac{R}{F} \sum_{cyc} \sin A \cos(B - C) = \\ &= \frac{s}{rs} - \frac{R}{2F} \sum_{cyc} (\sin(A + B - C) + \sin(A - B + C)) = \\ &= \frac{1}{r} - \frac{R}{2F} \sum_{cyc} (\sin(\pi - 2C) + \sin(\pi - 2B)) = \\ &= \frac{1}{r} - \frac{R}{2F} \sum_{cyc} (\sin 2C + \sin 2B) = \frac{1}{r} - \frac{R}{F} \sum_{cyc} \sin 2A = \\ &= \frac{1}{r} - \frac{R}{F} \cdot 4 \sin A \sin B \sin C = \frac{1}{r} - \frac{R}{F} \cdot 4 \cdot \frac{a}{2R} \cdot \frac{b}{2R} \cdot \frac{c}{2R} = \\ &= \frac{1}{r} - \frac{abc}{F \cdot 2R^2} = \frac{1}{r} - \frac{4RF}{F \cdot 2R^2} = \frac{1}{r} - \frac{2}{R} = \frac{R - 2r}{Rr} \end{aligned}$$

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1575. In any $\triangle ABC$, the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{r_b + r_c}{2r_a + n_a} + \frac{r_c + r_a}{2r_b + n_b} + \frac{r_a + r_b}{2r_c + n_c} \geq 2$$

Proposed by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{r_b + r_c}{2r_a + n_a} + \frac{r_c + r_a}{2r_b + n_b} + \frac{r_a + r_b}{2r_c + n_c} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(r_b + r_c)^2}{2r_a(r_b + r_c) + n_a(r_b + r_c)} \\ &\stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} (r_b + r_c))^2}{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a(r_b + r_c) + \sum_{\text{cyc}} n_a(r_b + r_c)} = \frac{4(4R + r)^2}{4s^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} n_a(r_b + r_c)} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \boxed{2(4R + r)^2 - 4s^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} n_a(r_b + r_c)} \quad (*) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } r_b + r_c &= s \left(\frac{\sin \frac{B}{2}}{\cos \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{\sin \frac{C}{2}}{\cos \frac{C}{2}} \right) = \frac{s \sin \left(\frac{B+C}{2} \right) \cos \frac{A}{2}}{\cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}} = \frac{s \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\left(\frac{s}{4R} \right)} = 4R \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \\ \therefore r_b + r_c &\stackrel{(i)}{=} 4R \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also, Stewart's theorem} &\Rightarrow b^2(s-c) + c^2(s-b) = an_a^2 + a(s-b)(s-c) \\ \Rightarrow s(b^2 + c^2) - bc(2s-a) &= an_a^2 + a(s^2 - s(2s-a) + bc) \Rightarrow s(b^2 + c^2) - 2sbc \\ &= an_a^2 + a(as - s^2) \Rightarrow s(b^2 + c^2 - a^2 - 2bc) = an_a^2 - as^2 \\ &\Rightarrow an_a^2 = as^2 + s(2bc \cos A - 2bc) = as^2 - 4sbc \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \\ &= as^2 - \frac{4sbc(s-b)(s-c)(s-a)}{bc(s-a)} = as^2 - \frac{4\Delta^2}{s-a} = as^2 - 2a \left(\frac{\Delta}{a} \right) \left(\frac{\Delta}{s-a} \right) \\ &= as^2 - 2ah_a r_a \Rightarrow n_a^2 = s^2 - 2h_a r_a = s^2 - \frac{4rs^2 \tan \frac{A}{2}}{4R \tan \frac{A}{2} \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}} = s^2 \left(1 - \frac{r}{R} \sec^2 \frac{A}{2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow n_a(r_b + r_c) \stackrel{\text{via (i)}}{=} 4Rs \cdot \sqrt{1 - \frac{r}{R} \sec^2 \frac{A}{2}} \cdot \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \text{ and analogs}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} n_a(r_b + r_c) = 4Rs \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\left(\sqrt{1 - \frac{r}{R} \sec^2 \frac{A}{2}} \cdot \cos \frac{A}{2} \right) \left(\cos \frac{A}{2} \right) \right)^{\text{CBS}} \leq$$

$$\begin{aligned} &4Rs \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\left(1 - \frac{r}{R} \sec^2 \frac{A}{2} \right) \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \right)} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}} \\ &= 4Rs \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} - \frac{3r}{R}} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}} = 4Rs \cdot \sqrt{\left(\frac{4R+r}{2R} - \frac{3r}{R} \right) \left(\frac{4R+r}{2R} \right)} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a(r_b + r_c) &\stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\leq} \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} (r_b + r_c)^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{\frac{3}{4} \cdot 2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)} \cdot \sqrt{2(((4R + r)^2 - 2s^2) + s^2)} \\
 &= \sqrt{3(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)((4R + r)^2 - s^2)} \stackrel{?}{\leq} (4R + r)^2 - s^2 \\
 &\Leftrightarrow 3(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) \stackrel{?}{\leq} (4R + r)^2 - s^2 \Leftrightarrow s^2 \stackrel{?}{\leq} 4R^2 + 5Rr + r^2 \\
 &\Leftrightarrow (s^2 - (4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)) - r(R - 2r) \stackrel{?}{\leq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because s^2 - (4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) \\
 &\quad \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} 0 \text{ and } -r(R - 2r) \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} 0 \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true} \\
 &\quad \therefore \frac{r_b + r_c}{r_a + 2m_a} + \frac{r_c + r_a}{r_b + 2m_b} + \frac{r_a + r_b}{r_c + 2m_c} \geq 2 \\
 &\quad \forall \Delta ABC, '' = '' \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$

1577.

Prove that in all triangle ABC holds :

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} (1 - \cos A - \cos 2A - \cos(B - C))^2 = \left(\frac{s^2 - 4Rr - r^2}{R^2} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{s^2 + 4Rr + r^2}{2R^2} \right)^2$$

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Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\sum_{\text{cyc}} (1 - \cos A - \cos 2A - \cos(B - C))^2 \\
 &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} (1 - \cos 2A + (\cos(B + C) - \cos(B - C)))^2 = \sum_{\text{cyc}} (2 \sin^2 A - 2 \sin B \sin C)^2 \\
 &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{2a^2}{4R^2} - \frac{2bc}{4R^2} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{4R^4} \sum_{\text{cyc}} (a^4 + b^2c^2 - 2a^2bc) \\
 &= \frac{1}{4R^4} \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^4 + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} b^2c^2 \right) - \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} b^2c^2 + 2abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{4R^4} \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^2 - \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right)^2 \right) = \frac{4(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)^2}{4R^4} - \frac{(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2}{4R^4} \\
 &= \left(\frac{s^2 - 4Rr - r^2}{R^2} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{s^2 + 4Rr + r^2}{2R^2} \right)^2 \quad (\text{QED})
 \end{aligned}$$

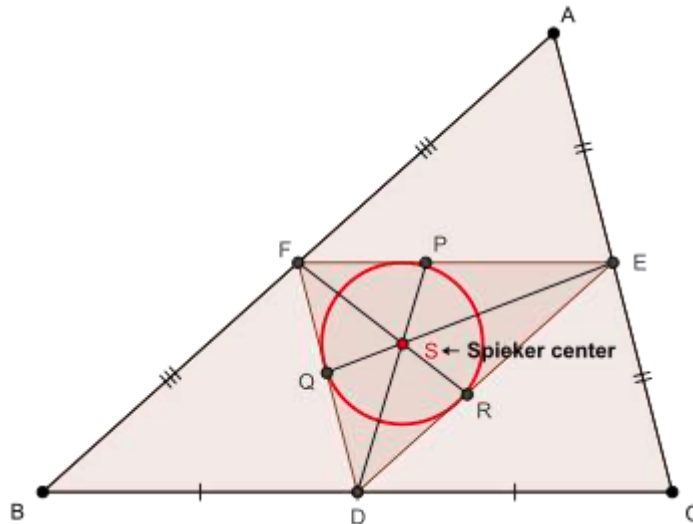
1578.

In any ΔABC with p_a, p_b, p_c
 → Spieker cevians, the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{p_a}{h_a} + \frac{p_b}{h_b} + \frac{p_c}{h_c} \leq \frac{4R + r}{3r}$$

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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 $\Delta DEF = r'$ (say)

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

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

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

$$= \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{A - B}{2} \text{ and } m(\angle AES) = C + \frac{B}{2} = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{A - C}{2} \rightarrow (2)$$

Via (1), (2) and using cosine law on ΔAFS and ΔAES , 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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$$\begin{aligned} \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} \\ &\quad - \left(\frac{2r}{2\sin\frac{B}{2}}\right)\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)\sin\frac{A-C}{2} \\ \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}{8Rs}\left(2a^3 + (b+c)a^2 - 2a(b^2+c^2) - (b+c)(b-c)^2\right) \\ &= \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} \\ &\quad \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}\left(ca(s-b) + ab(s-c)\right) = \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)}{4} \\ &= \frac{b^3+c^3-abc+a(2b^2+2c^2-a^2)}{4s} \Rightarrow 2AS^2 \stackrel{(ii)}{=} \frac{b^3+c^3-abc+a(4m_a^2)}{4s} \\ \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}{cAS} = \frac{r}{(a+b)\sin\frac{C}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\text{Now, } [BAX] + [BAX] = [ABC] \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}p_a \operatorname{csin}\alpha + \frac{1}{2}p_a \operatorname{bsin}\beta = rs$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow ap_a^2 \stackrel{(***)}{=} as(s-a) - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} + \frac{a(4s+a)^2}{(4s+2a)^2} \cdot (b-c)^2$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now, } \frac{a(4s+a)^2}{(4s+2a)^2} &= a \cdot \frac{(4s+2a)^2 - 2a(4s+2a) + a^2}{(4s+2a)^2} \\
 &= a - \frac{(a+2s-2s)^2}{2s+a} + \frac{(a+2s-2s)^3}{(4s+2a)^2} \\
 &= a - (2s+a) + 4s - \frac{4s^2}{2s+a} + \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{(2s+a)^3 - 8s^3 - 3(2s+a)(2s)a}{(2s+a)^2} \right) \\
 &= 2s - \frac{4s^2}{2s+a} + \frac{2s+a}{4} - \frac{2s^3}{(2s+a)^2} - \frac{3s(a+2s-2s)}{2(2s+a)} \\
 &= \frac{5s}{2} + \frac{a}{4} - \frac{4s^2}{2s+a} - \frac{2s^3}{(2s+a)^2} - \frac{3s}{2} + \frac{3s^2}{2s+a} \\
 &\quad \therefore \frac{a(4s+a)^2}{(4s+2a)^2} \stackrel{(\dots)}{=} s + \frac{a}{4} - \frac{s^2(4s+a)}{(2s+a)^2} \\
 &\quad \therefore (\dots), (\dots) \Rightarrow ap_a^2 = \\
 &\quad as(s-a) - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} + s(b-c)^2 + \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} \\
 - \frac{s^2(4s+a)}{(2s+a)^2} \cdot (b-c)^2 &\stackrel{a < s}{\leq} as(s-a) + s(b-c)^2 - \frac{s^2(4s+a)}{(2s+s)^2} \cdot (b-c)^2 \\
 &= as(s-a) + s(b-c)^2 - \frac{(4s+a)(b-c)^2}{9} \\
 &= as(s-a) + \frac{5s(b-c)^2}{9} - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{9} \text{ and analogs} \\
 \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} ap_a^2 &= s(2s - 2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)) + \frac{10s}{9} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{9} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} (ab(2s-c)) - 6abc \right) \\
 &= s(8Rr + 2r^2) + \frac{10s(s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2)}{9} - \frac{2s(s^2 - 14Rr + r^2)}{9} \\
 &= \frac{2s(4s^2 - 10Rr - 7r^2)}{9} \Rightarrow \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} ap_a^2}{2rs} \stackrel{(\heartsuit)}{\leq} \frac{4s^2 - 10Rr - 7r^2}{9r} \text{ and } \frac{p_a}{h_a} + \frac{p_b}{h_b} + \frac{p_c}{h_c} \stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\leq} \\
 &\quad \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{p_a^2}{h_a}} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{h_a}} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} ap_a^2}{2rs}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{r}} \stackrel{\text{via } (\heartsuit)}{\leq} \sqrt{\frac{4s^2 - 10Rr - 7r^2}{9r^2}} \\
 &\quad \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} \sqrt{\frac{4(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) - 10Rr - 7r^2}{9r^2}} \\
 &= \sqrt{\frac{16R^2 + 6Rr + 5r^2}{9r^2}} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} \sqrt{\frac{16R^2 + 6Rr + r^2 + 2Rr}{9r^2}} = \sqrt{\frac{(4R+r)^2}{9r^2}} \\
 \therefore \frac{p_a}{h_a} + \frac{p_b}{h_b} + \frac{p_c}{h_c} &\leq \frac{4R+r}{3r} \quad \forall \Delta ABC, '' = '' \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$

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1579. In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{(r_a + r_b + r_c)^2}{r_a r_b + r_b r_c + r_c r_a} + \frac{(r + 4R)^2 (6s - (\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c})^2)}{s^2 (\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c})^2} \leq \frac{3R}{2r}$$

Proposed by Adil Abdullayev-Azerbaijan

Solution 1 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(r_a + r_b + r_c)^2}{r_a r_b + r_b r_c + r_c r_a} + \frac{(r + 4R)^2 (6s - (\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c})^2)}{s^2 (\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c})^2} \\ &= \frac{(4R + r)^2}{s^2} + \frac{6(4R + r)^2}{s(2s + 2 \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{ab})} - \frac{(4R + r)^2}{s^2} \stackrel{\text{GM-HM}}{\leq} \frac{6(4R + r)^2}{s(2s + 4 \sum_{cyc} \frac{ab}{a+b})} \\ &= \frac{3(4R + r)^2}{s(s + 2 \cdot 4Rrs \cdot \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{ca + bc})} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\leq} \frac{3(4R + r)^2}{s(s + 2 \cdot 4Rrs \cdot \frac{9}{2 \sum_{cyc} ab})} = \frac{3(4R + r)^2}{s^2 + \frac{36Rrs^2}{s^2 + 4Rr + r^2}} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{3R}{2r} \\ &\Leftrightarrow Rs^4 + rs^2(8R^2 - 15Rr - 2r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2r^2(4R + r)^3 \quad (*) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, LHS of } (*) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (R(16Rr - 5r^2) + r(8R^2 - 15Rr - 2r^2))s^2$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} r(24R^2 - 20Rr - 2r^2)(16Rr - 5r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2r^2(4R + r)^3$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 64t^3 - 134t^2 + 11t + 2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \quad (t = \frac{R}{r})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (t - 2)(60t^2 + 3t(t - 2) + (t^2 - 4) + 3) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true}$$

$$\therefore \frac{(r_a + r_b + r_c)^2}{r_a r_b + r_b r_c + r_c r_a} + \frac{(r + 4R)^2 (6s - (\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c})^2)}{s^2 (\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c})^2} \leq \frac{3R}{2r} \quad \forall \Delta ABC,$$

"=" iff ΔABC is equilateral (QED)

Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

Since $r_a + r_b + r_c = 4R + r$ and $r_a r_b + r_b r_c + r_c r_a = s^2$, then we have

$$\text{LHS} = \frac{(4R + r)^2}{s^2} + \frac{(r + 4R)^2 (6s - (\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c})^2)}{s^2 (\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c})^2} = \frac{6s(4R + r)^2}{s^2 (\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c})^2}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} \frac{4 \cdot 6s \left(4R + \frac{R}{2}\right)^2}{(a + b + c)^2 (\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c})^2} \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} \frac{486sR^2}{(3^3 \sqrt{abc})^2 (3^6 \sqrt{abc})^2} = \frac{6sR^2}{abc} = \frac{3R}{2r},$$

as desired. Equality holds iff ΔABC is equilateral.

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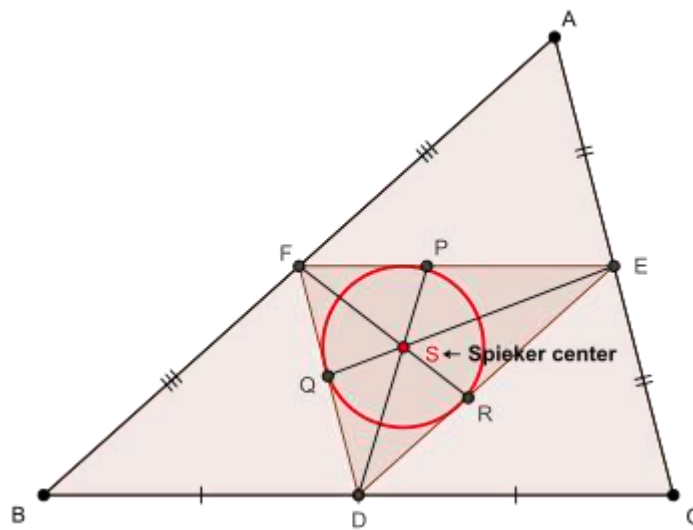
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**1580. In any ΔABC with $p_a, p_b, p_c \rightarrow$
 Spieker cevians, the following relationship holds :**

$$\frac{p_a p_b p_c}{r_a r_b r_c} \leq \frac{8R - 7r}{9r}$$

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Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India



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

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

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

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

Via (1), (2) and using cosine law on ΔAFS and ΔAES , 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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$$\begin{aligned} \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} \\ &\quad - \left(\frac{2r}{2\sin\frac{B}{2}}\right)\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)\sin\frac{A-C}{2} \\ \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)bc\sin^2\frac{A}{2} - 2a \cdot 2bcc\cos A}{8s} = \frac{bc\left((2s-a)\sin^2\frac{A}{2} - a(1-2\sin^2\frac{A}{2})\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} \\ &\quad \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)}{8s} \\ &= \frac{b^3+c^3-abc+a(2b^2+2c^2-a^2)}{4s} \Rightarrow 2AS^2 \stackrel{(ii)}{=} \frac{b^3+c^3-abc+a(4m_a^2)}{4s} \end{aligned}$$

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Via sine law on $\triangle AFS$, $\frac{r}{2\sin\frac{C}{2}\sin\alpha} = \frac{AS}{\cos\frac{A-B}{2}} = \frac{cAS}{(a+b)\sin\frac{C}{2}}$
 $\Rightarrow c\sin\alpha \stackrel{(***)}{=} \frac{r(a+b)}{2AS}$ and via sine law on $\triangle AES$, $b\sin\beta \stackrel{(***)}{=} \frac{r(a+c)}{2AS}$

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

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

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

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

We have: $\prod_{cyc} (2s+a) = 8s^3 + 4s^2 \sum_{cyc} a + 2s \sum_{cyc} ab + 4Rrs$

$= 8s^3 + 4s^2 \cdot 2s + 2s(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) + 4Rrs$

$\Rightarrow \prod_{cyc} (2s+a) \stackrel{(\blacksquare\blacksquare)}{=} 2s(9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2)$

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

$= \sum_{cyc} a^3 - abc + 2a \cdot 2bc \cos A = 2s(s^2 - 6Rr - 3r^2) - 4Rrs + 16Rrs \cos A$

$\Rightarrow b^3 + c^3 - abc + a(4m_a^2) = 2s(Q + 8Rr \cos A)$ and analogs

$(Q = s^2 - 8Rr - 3r^2) \Rightarrow \prod_{cyc} (b^3 + c^3 - abc + a(4m_a^2))$

$= 8s^3 \left(Q^3 + Q^2 \cdot 8Rr \sum_{cyc} \cos A + Q \cdot 64R^2r^2 \cdot \sum_{cyc} \cos B \cos C + 512R^3r^3 \prod_{cyc} \cos A \right)$

$= 8s^3 \left(Q^3 + Q^2 \cdot 8Rr \cdot \frac{R+r}{R} + Q \cdot 32R^2r^2 \cdot \left(\left(\frac{R+r}{R} \right)^2 - \left(3 - \frac{2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)}{4R^2} \right) \right) \right)$

$+ 512R^3r^3 \cdot \frac{s^2 - (2R+r)^2}{4R^2}$

$\Rightarrow \prod_{cyc} (b^3 + c^3 - abc + a(4m_a^2)) \stackrel{(\blacksquare\blacksquare\blacksquare)}{=}$

$8s^3 \left((s^2 - 8Rr - 3r^2)^3 + (s^2 - 8Rr - 3r^2)^2 \cdot 8r(R+r) + (s^2 - 8Rr - 3r^2) \cdot 16r^2(s^2 - 4R^2 + r^2) + 128Rr^3(s^2 - (2R+r)^2) \right)$

$\therefore (\blacksquare), (\blacksquare\blacksquare), (\blacksquare\blacksquare\blacksquare)$

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$$\Rightarrow \prod_{\text{cyc}} \frac{p_a^2}{r_a^2} = \frac{8s^3 \cdot 8s^3 \left(\frac{(s^2 - 8Rr - 3r^2)^3 + (s^2 - 8Rr - 3r^2)^2 \cdot 8r(R+r) + (s^2 - 8Rr - 3r^2) \cdot 16r^2(s^2 - 4R^2 + r^2) + 128Rr^3(s^2 - (2R+r)^2)}{4s^2(9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2)^2 \cdot r^2s^4} \right)}{}$$

$$\stackrel{?}{\leq} \left(\frac{8R - 7r}{9r} \right)^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{aligned} &1296s^6 - (5184R^2 + 11664Rr - 15471r^2)s^4 - rs^2(6912R^3 - 10944R^2r + \\ &-r^2(2304R^4 - 3264R^3r + 484R^2r^2 + 21212Rr^3 + 3937r^4)) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \end{aligned}$$

Now, Rouché $\Rightarrow s^2 - (m - n) \geq 0$ and $s^2 - (m + n) \leq 0$, where

$$m = 2R^2 + 10Rr - r^2 \text{ and } n = 2(R - 2r) \cdot \sqrt{R^2 - 2Rr}$$

$$\therefore (s^2 - (m + n))(s^2 - (m - n)) \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow s^4 - s^2(2m) + m^2 - n^2 \leq 0 \Rightarrow s^4 - s^2(4R^2 + 20Rr - 2r^2) + r(4R + r)^3 \stackrel{(\heartsuit)}{\leq} 0$$

$$\therefore 1296s^2(s^4 - (4R^2 + 20Rr - 2r^2)s^2 + r(4R + r)^3) \leq 0 \Rightarrow \text{in order to prove } (\heartsuit),$$

it suffices to prove : LHS of (\heartsuit)

$$\leq 1296s^2(s^4 - (4R^2 + 20Rr - 2r^2)s^2 + r(4R + r)^3)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{aligned} &(14256R + 12879r)s^4 - rs^2(51264R^2 + 60300Rr + 70866r^2) \\ &-r(2304R^4 - 3264R^3r + 484R^2r^2 + 21212Rr^3 + 3937r^4) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \end{aligned} \text{ and } (\heartsuit)$$

$$\therefore (14256R + 12879r)(s^4 - (4R^2 + 20Rr - 2r^2)s^2 + r(4R + r)^3) \stackrel{\text{via } (\heartsuit)}{\leq} 0$$

\therefore in order to prove (\heartsuit) , it suffices to prove :

$$\text{LHS of } (\heartsuit) \leq (14256R + 12879r)(s^4 - (4R^2 + 20Rr - 2r^2)s^2 + r(4R + r)^3)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{aligned} &(8208R^3 - 71343R^2r - 42192Rr^2 + 24156r^3)s^2 \\ &+r(228672R^4 + 376320R^3r + 197437R^2r^2 + 47504Rr^3 + 4204r^4) \stackrel{(\heartsuit)}{\geq} 0 \end{aligned}$$

Case 1 $8208R^3 - 71343R^2r - 42192Rr^2 + 24156r^3 \geq 0$ and then : LHS of (\heartsuit)
 $\geq r(228672R^4 + 376320R^3r + 197437R^2r^2 + 47504Rr^3 + 4204r^4) > 0$
 $\Rightarrow (\heartsuit)$ is true

Case 2 $8208R^3 - 71343R^2r - 42192Rr^2 + 24156r^3 < 0$ and then : LHS of (\heartsuit)

$$= - \left(-(8208R^3 - 71343R^2r - 42192Rr^2 + 24156r^3) \right) s^2$$

$$+r(228672R^4 + 376320R^3r + 197437R^2r^2 + 47504Rr^3 + 4204r^4)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} - \left(-(8208R^3 - 71343R^2r - 42192Rr^2 + 24156r^3) \right) (4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)$$

$$+r(228672R^4 + 376320R^3r + 197437R^2r^2 + 47504Rr^3 + 4204r^4) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow 8208t^5 - 5967t^4 - 13299t^3 - 22184t^2 + 4388t + 19168 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \quad \left(t = \frac{R}{r}\right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (t-2) \left((t-2)(8208t^3 + 26865t^2 + 61329t + 115672) + 221760 \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

\rightarrow true $\because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \Rightarrow (\bullet\bullet\bullet)$ is true \therefore combining both cases,

$$\forall \Delta ABC, (\bullet\bullet\bullet) \Rightarrow (\bullet\bullet) \Rightarrow (\bullet) \text{ is true} \Rightarrow \forall \Delta ABC, \prod_{\text{cyc}} \frac{p_a^2}{r_a^2} \leq \left(\frac{8R-7r}{9r} \right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{p_a p_b p_c}{r_a r_b r_c} \leq \frac{8R-7r}{9r} \quad \forall \Delta ABC, \text{''} = \text{''} \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$$

1581. In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\sqrt{\frac{m_a}{h_a}} + \sqrt{\frac{m_b}{h_b}} + \sqrt{\frac{m_c}{h_c}} + \frac{6(m_a m_b + m_b m_c + m_c m_a)}{(m_a + m_b + m_c)^2} \geq 5$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tereshin} &\Rightarrow m_a \geq \frac{b^2 + c^2}{4R} \Rightarrow \frac{4RFm_a}{F} \geq b^2 + c^2 \Rightarrow \frac{abcm_a}{F} \geq b^2 + c^2 \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{am_a}{F} \geq \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{b} \text{ implementing which on a triangle with sides } \frac{2m_a}{3}, \frac{2m_b}{3}, \frac{2m_c}{3} \\ &\text{whose area via elementary calculations} = \frac{F}{3} \text{ and medians} = \frac{a}{2}, \frac{b}{2}, \frac{c}{2}, \\ \text{we get : } &\frac{\left(\frac{2m_a}{3}\right)\left(\frac{a}{2}\right)}{\frac{F}{3}} \geq \frac{\frac{2m_b}{3}}{\frac{2m_c}{3}} + \frac{\frac{2m_c}{3}}{\frac{2m_b}{3}} \Rightarrow \frac{2m_a}{\left(\frac{2F}{a}\right)} \geq \frac{m_b}{m_c} + \frac{m_c}{m_b} \Rightarrow \frac{2m_a}{h_a} \geq \frac{m_b}{m_c} + \frac{m_c}{m_b} \rightarrow (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{via (1) and analogs, } &\sqrt{\frac{m_a}{h_a}} + \sqrt{\frac{m_b}{h_b}} + \sqrt{\frac{m_c}{h_c}} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{m_b}{m_c} + \frac{m_c}{m_b} \right)} \\ &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_b^2 + m_c^2}{\sqrt{2m_b m_c (m_b^2 + m_c^2)}} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{2(m_b^2 + m_c^2)}{\sqrt{8m_b m_c (m_b^2 + m_c^2)}} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{2(m_b^2 + m_c^2)}{(m_b + m_c)^2} \\ &\left(\because (y+z)^4 = (y^2 + z^2 + 2yz)^2 \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 8yz(y^2 + z^2) \right) \\ &\Rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{m_a}{h_a}} + \sqrt{\frac{m_b}{h_b}} + \sqrt{\frac{m_c}{h_c}} + \frac{6(m_a m_b + m_b m_c + m_c m_a)}{(m_a + m_b + m_c)^2} \\ &\geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{2(m_b^2 + m_c^2)}{(m_b + m_c)^2} + \frac{6(m_a m_b + m_b m_c + m_c m_a)}{(m_a + m_b + m_c)^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 5 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{2(y^2 + z^2)}{(y+z)^2} - 1 \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2 - \frac{6 \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy}{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x)^2} \quad (x = m_a, y = m_b, z = m_c)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \boxed{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(y-z)^2}{(y+z)^2} \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} \frac{2(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy)}{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x)^2}}$$

Assigning $y+z=X, z+x=Y, x+y=Z \Rightarrow X+Y-Z=2z > 0, Y+Z-X=2x > 0$ and $Z+X-Y=2y > 0 \Rightarrow X+Y > Z, Y+Z > X, Z+X > Y \Rightarrow X, Y, Z$ form sides of triangle with semiperimeter, circumradius and inradius = s', R', r' (say)

yielding $2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x = \sum_{\text{cyc}} X = 2s' \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} x = s' \rightarrow (1) \Rightarrow x = s' - X, y = s' - Y,$

$z = s' - Z$ and such substitutions $\Rightarrow xyz = r'^2 s' \rightarrow (2),$

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy = \sum_{\text{cyc}} (s' - X)(s' - Y) \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy = 4R'r' + r'^2 \rightarrow (3) \text{ and}$$

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 = \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right)^2 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \stackrel{\text{via (1) and (3)}}{=} s'^2 - 2(4R'r' + r'^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 = s'^2 - 8R'r' - 2r'^2 \rightarrow (4) \therefore (*)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{((s' - Y) - (s' - Z))^2}{X^2} \geq \frac{2(s'^2 - 8R'r' - 2r'^2 - (4R'r' + r'^2))}{s'^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \boxed{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(Y - Z)^2}{X^2} \stackrel{(**)}{\geq} \frac{2(s'^2 - 12R'r' - 3r'^2)}{s'^2}}$$

Now, $\sum_{\text{cyc}} b^2 c^2 (b - c)^2 = \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \right) - 3a^2 b^2 c^2 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 b^3$

$$= \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \right) - 3a^2 b^2 c^2$$

$$- 2 \left(3a^2 b^2 c^2 + \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 - abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) \right)$$

$$= 2 \left((s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2 - 16Rrs^2 \right) \left((s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) - (s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) \right) - 144R^2 r^2 s^2$$

$$+ 2 \cdot 4Rrs \cdot 2s(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) = 4r^2 \left((12R^2 + 4Rr - 2r^2)s^2 - s^4 - r(4R + r)^3 \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(b - c)^2}{a^2} = \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} b^2 c^2 (b - c)^2}{16R^2 r^2 s^2}$$

$$= \frac{4r^2 \left((12R^2 + 4Rr - 2r^2)s^2 - s^4 - r(4R + r)^3 \right)}{16R^2 r^2 s^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{2(s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2)}{s^2}$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow \boxed{s^4 - (4R^2 + 4Rr - 2r^2)s^2 - r(32R^3 - 24R^2r - 12Rr^2 - r^3) \stackrel{?}{\leq} 0} \quad (***)$$

Now, LHS of (***) $\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} ((4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) - (4R^2 + 4Rr - 2r^2))s^2 - r(32R^3 - 24R^2r - 12Rr^2 - r^3) = 5r^2s^2 - r(32R^3 - 24R^2r - 12Rr^2 - r^3)$

$$\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} 5r^2(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) - r(32R^3 - 24R^2r - 12Rr^2 - r^3) \stackrel{?}{\leq} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 8t^3 - 11t^2 - 8t - 4 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \quad \left(t = \frac{R}{r}\right) \Leftrightarrow (t-2)(8t^2 + 5t + 2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true}$$

$$\because t \geq 2 \Rightarrow (***) \text{ is true} \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(b-c)^2}{a^2} \geq \frac{2(s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2)}{s^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(Y-Z)^2}{X^2} \stackrel{(**)}{\geq} \frac{2(s'^2 - 12R'r' - 3r'^2)}{s'^2} \Rightarrow (***) \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{m_a}{h_a}} + \sqrt{\frac{m_b}{h_b}} + \sqrt{\frac{m_c}{h_c}} + \frac{6(m_a m_b + m_b m_c + m_c m_a)}{(m_a + m_b + m_c)^2} \geq 5$$

$\forall \Delta ABC, '' = ''$ iff ΔABC is equilateral (QED)

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By Tereshin's inequality, we have

$$\frac{m_a}{h_a} \geq \frac{b^2 + c^2}{4Rh_a} = \frac{b^2 + c^2}{2bc}$$

Applying this inequality to the triangle GBC

(G is the centroid of the triangle ABC) and noting that

the altitude from G is equal to $\frac{h_a}{3}$ and $GB = \frac{2}{3}m_b$, $GC = \frac{2}{3}m_c$, we get

$$\frac{\frac{m_a}{3}}{\frac{h_a}{3}} \geq \frac{\left(\frac{2}{3}m_b\right)^2 + \left(\frac{2}{3}m_c\right)^2}{2 \cdot \frac{2}{3}m_b \cdot \frac{2}{3}m_c} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{m_a}{h_a} \geq \frac{m_b^2 + m_c^2}{2m_b m_c}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{m_a}{h_a}} &\geq \sqrt{\frac{m_b^2 + m_c^2}{2m_b m_c}} = \frac{2(m_b^2 + m_c^2)}{2\sqrt{2m_b m_c(m_b^2 + m_c^2)}} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \frac{2(m_b^2 + m_c^2)}{2m_b m_c + (m_b^2 + m_c^2)} \\ &= \frac{(m_b - m_c)^2}{(m_b + m_c)^2} + 1 \geq \frac{(m_b - m_c)^2}{(m_a + m_b + m_c)^2} + 1 \quad (\text{and analogs}) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{\frac{m_a}{h_a}} + \sqrt{\frac{m_b}{h_b}} + \sqrt{\frac{m_c}{h_c}} + \frac{6(m_a m_b + m_b m_c + m_c m_a)}{(m_a + m_b + m_c)^2} &\geq \\ &\geq \frac{(m_b - m_c)^2 + (m_c - m_a)^2 + (m_a - m_b)^2 + 6(m_a m_b + m_b m_c + m_c m_a)}{(m_a + m_b + m_c)^2} + 3 = 5, \end{aligned}$$

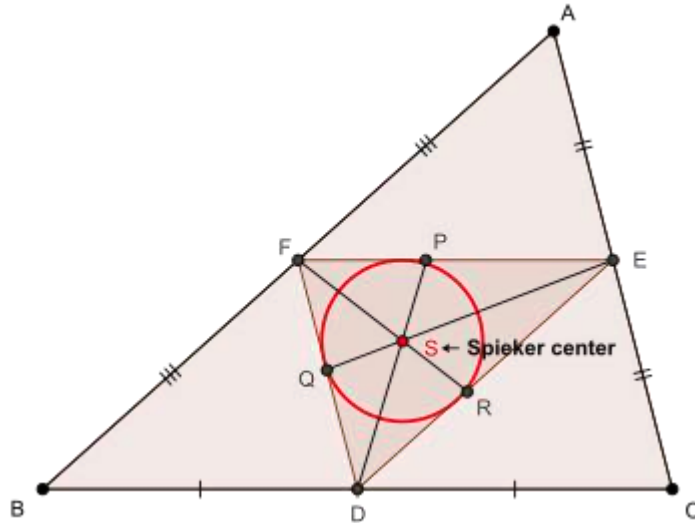
as desired. Equality holds iff ΔABC is equilateral.

1582. If p_a, p_b, p_c are the Spieker's cevians in $\triangle ABC$ then:

$$\frac{1}{p_a} + \frac{1}{p_b} + \frac{1}{p_c} \geq \frac{2}{R}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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$$\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}{8Rs} (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} \\
 &\quad \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}} \\
 & \text{(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} \Rightarrow 2AS^2 \stackrel{(ii)}{=} \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} \\
 & \text{Now, } [BAX] + [BAX] = [ABC] \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}p_a c\sin\alpha + \frac{1}{2}p_a b\sin\beta = rs \\
 & \quad \stackrel{\text{via (***) 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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$$\Rightarrow p_a^2 \stackrel{\text{via (ii)}}{=} \frac{16s^2}{(2s+a)^2} \cdot \frac{b^3 + c^3 - abc + a(4m_a^2)}{8s}$$

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

$$\text{Now, } b^3 + c^3 - abc + a(4m_a^2) = b^3 + c^3 + a^3 - abc + a(2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2) - a^3 \\ = \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 - abc + 2a \cdot 2bc \cos A = 2s(s^2 - 6Rr - 3r^2) - 4Rrs + 16Rrs \cos A$$

$$\Rightarrow b^3 + c^3 - abc + a(4m_a^2) \stackrel{(\blacksquare\blacksquare)}{=} 2s(s^2 - 8Rr - 3r^2 + 8Rr \cos A) \therefore (\blacksquare), (\blacksquare\blacksquare)$$

$$\Rightarrow p_a = \frac{2s}{2s+a} \cdot \sqrt{s^2 - 8Rr - 3r^2 + 8Rr \cos A}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{p_a} = \frac{1}{2s} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{s^2 - 8Rr - 3r^2 + 8Rr \cos A}} \text{ and analogs } \Rightarrow \frac{1}{p_a} + \frac{1}{p_b} + \frac{1}{p_c}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2s} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(2s+a)^2}{\sqrt{s^2 - 8Rr - 3r^2 + 8Rr \cos A} \cdot (2s+a)}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{1}{2s} \cdot \frac{(6s+2s)^2}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} (\sqrt{s^2 - 8Rr - 3r^2 + 8Rr \cos A} \cdot (2s+a))}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2s} \cdot \frac{64s^2}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} (\sqrt{(s^2 - 8Rr - 3r^2 + 8Rr \cos A)(2s+a)} \cdot \sqrt{2s+a})}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\geq} \frac{1}{2s} \cdot \frac{64s^2}{\sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} ((s^2 - 8Rr - 3r^2 + 8Rr \cos A)(2s+a))} \cdot \sqrt{6s+2s}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2s} \cdot \frac{64s^2}{\sqrt{(s^2 - 8Rr - 3r^2)(8s) + 16Rrs \left(\frac{R+r}{R}\right) + 8Rr \cdot \frac{2rs}{R} \cdot \sqrt{8s}}}$$

$$\left(\because \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \cos A = \frac{2rs}{R} \right) = \frac{1}{2s} \cdot \frac{64s^2}{8s \cdot \sqrt{s^2 - 6Rr + r^2}} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 - 6Rr + r^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4R^2 - 2Rr + 4r^2}} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4R^2 - 2Rr + 2Rr}} = \frac{2}{R}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{p_a} + \frac{1}{p_b} + \frac{1}{p_c} \geq \frac{2}{R} \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$$

1583. In ΔABC the following relationships holds :

$$\sqrt[5]{\frac{S_a}{m_a}} + \sqrt[5]{\frac{S_b}{m_b}} + \sqrt[5]{\frac{S_c}{m_c}} + \frac{r_a r_b r_c}{w_a w_b w_c} \geq 4$$

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We have $\frac{w_a}{\sqrt{r_b r_c}} = \frac{2\sqrt{bc}}{b+c} \leq 1$ (and analogs).

By using the AM – GM Inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{s_a}{m_a} &= \frac{2bc}{b^2 + c^2} = \frac{16b^2 c^2}{4 \cdot 2bc \cdot (b^2 + c^2)} \geq \frac{16b^2 c^2}{[2bc + (b^2 + c^2)]^2} = \left(\frac{2\sqrt{bc}}{b+c}\right)^4 \geq \\ &\geq \left(\frac{2\sqrt{bc}}{b+c}\right)^5 = \left(\frac{w_a}{\sqrt{r_b r_c}}\right)^5 \Rightarrow \sqrt[5]{\frac{s_a}{m_a}} \geq \frac{w_a}{\sqrt{r_b r_c}} \text{ (and analogs)} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt[5]{\frac{s_a}{m_a}} + \sqrt[5]{\frac{s_b}{m_b}} + \sqrt[5]{\frac{s_c}{m_c}} + \frac{r_a r_b r_c}{w_a w_b w_c} &\geq \frac{w_a}{\sqrt{r_b r_c}} + \frac{w_b}{\sqrt{r_c r_a}} + \frac{w_c}{\sqrt{r_a r_b}} + \frac{r_a r_b r_c}{w_a w_b w_c} \\ &\stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 4 \sqrt[4]{\frac{w_a}{\sqrt{r_b r_c}} \cdot \frac{w_b}{\sqrt{r_c r_a}} \cdot \frac{w_c}{\sqrt{r_a r_b}} \cdot \frac{r_a r_b r_c}{w_a w_b w_c}} = 4. \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds iff $\triangle ABC$ is equilateral.

1584.

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

$$\frac{m_a m_b m_c}{r_a r_b r_c} \leq \frac{R}{2r}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} m_a^2 m_b^2 m_c^2 &= \frac{1}{64} (2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2)(2c^2 + 2a^2 - b^2)(2a^2 + 2b^2 - c^2) \\ &\stackrel{(1)}{=} \frac{1}{64} \left\{ -4 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^6 + 6 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^4 b^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^4 \right) + 3a^2 b^2 c^2 \right\} \\ \text{Now, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^6 &= \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^3 - 3(a^2 + b^2)(b^2 + c^2)(c^2 + a^2) \\ &= \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^3 - 3 \left(2a^2 b^2 c^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(a^2 b^2 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - c^2 \right) \right) \right) \\ &= \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^3 + 3a^2 b^2 c^2 - 3 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^6 \stackrel{(2)}{=} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^3 + 3a^2b^2c^2 - 3 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \\
 & \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^4b^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b^4 = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(a^2b^2 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - c^2 \right) \right) \stackrel{(3)}{=} \\
 & \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) - 3a^2b^2c^2 \therefore (1), (2), (3) \Rightarrow m_a^2 m_b^2 m_c^2 \\
 & = \frac{1}{64} \left(-4 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^3 - 12a^2b^2c^2 + 12 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + 6 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) - 18a^2b^2c^2 + 3a^2b^2c^2 \right) \\
 & = \frac{1}{64} \left(-4 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^3 + 18 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) - 27a^2b^2c^2 \right) \\
 & = \frac{1}{64} \left(-4 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^3 + 18 \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right)^2 - 16Rrs^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) - 27a^2b^2c^2 \right) \\
 & = \frac{1}{64} \left\{ -32(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)^3 + 36(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2 \right. \\
 & \quad \left. - 576Rrs^2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) - 432R^2r^2s^2 \right\} \\
 & = \frac{1}{16} \{ s^6 - s^4(12Rr - 33r^2) - s^2(60R^2r^2 + 120Rr^3 + 33r^4) - r^3(4R + r)^3 \} \\
 & \leq \frac{R^2s^4}{4} \Leftrightarrow \\
 & s^6 - s^4(4R^2 + 12Rr - 33r^2) - s^2(60R^2r^2 + 120Rr^3 + 33r^4) - r^3(4R + r)^3 \stackrel{(*)}{\leq} 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, LHS of (*) $\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} -s^4(8Rr - 36r^2) - s^2(60R^2r^2 + 120Rr^3 + 33r^4) - r^3(4R + r)^3 \stackrel{?}{\leq} 0$

$\Leftrightarrow s^4(8R - 16r) + s^2(60R^2r + 120Rr^2 + 33r^3) + r^2(4R + r)^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 20rs^4$
 $\stackrel{(**)}{(\bullet\bullet)}$

Now, LHS of (**): $\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \underset{(a)}{s^2(16Rr - 5r^2)(8R - 16r)}$

$+ s^2(60R^2r + 120Rr^2 + 33r^3) + r^2(4R + r)^3$ and

RHS of (**): $\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} \underset{(b)}{20rs^2(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)}$

(a), (b) \Rightarrow in order to prove (**), it suffices to prove :

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$$s^2(16Rr - 5r^2)(8R - 16r) + s^2(60R^2r + 120Rr^2 + 33r^3) + r^2(4R + r)^3 \geq 20rs^2(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s^2(108R^2 - 256Rr + 53r^2) + r(4R + r)^3 \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s^2(108R^2 - 256Rr + 80r^2) + r(4R + r)^3 \stackrel{(\dots)}{\geq} 27r^2s^2$$

Now, LHS of (\dots) $\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \underset{(c)}{(108R^2 - 256Rr + 80r^2)(16Rr - 5r^2) + r(4R + r)^3}$

and RHS of (\dots) $\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} \underset{(d)}{27r^2(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)}$

(c), (d) \Rightarrow in order to prove (\dots) , it suffices to prove :

$$(108R^2 - 256Rr + 80r^2)(16Rr - 5r^2) + r(4R + r)^3 \geq 27r^2(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 224t^3 - 587t^2 + 308t - 60 \geq 0 \quad \left(\text{where } t = \frac{R}{r}\right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (t - 2)((t - 2)(224t + 309) + 648) \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \Rightarrow (\dots) \Rightarrow (\bullet\bullet)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\bullet) \text{ is true} \Rightarrow m_a^2 m_b^2 m_c^2 \leq \frac{R^2 s^4}{4} \Rightarrow m_a m_b m_c \leq \frac{R s^2}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{m_a m_b m_c}{r_a r_b r_c} \leq \frac{R s^2}{r s^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{m_a m_b m_c}{r_a r_b r_c} \leq \frac{R}{2r} \quad \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$$

1585. In any ΔABC , the following relationships hold :

$$\sqrt{r_b r_c} \left(\frac{1}{m_b} + \frac{1}{m_c} \right) \leq \csc \frac{A}{2} \text{ and } \left(\sqrt{\frac{b}{c}} + \sqrt{\frac{c}{b}} \right) \left(\frac{1}{m_b} + \frac{1}{m_c} \right) \leq 2 \left(\frac{1}{h_b} + \frac{1}{h_c} \right)$$

Proposed by Bogdan Fuștei-Romania

Solution 1 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\sqrt{r_b r_c} \left(\frac{1}{m_b} + \frac{1}{m_c} \right) \stackrel{\text{Lascu} + \text{A-G}}{\leq} \sqrt{s(s-a)} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{s(s-b)}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{s(s-c)}} \right) \stackrel{?}{\leq} \csc \frac{A}{2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sqrt{\frac{s-a}{s-b}} + \sqrt{\frac{s-a}{s-c}} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{\sqrt{bc}}{\sqrt{(s-b)(s-c)}}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sqrt{(s-a)(s-c)} + \sqrt{(s-a)(s-b)} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \sqrt{bc} \Leftrightarrow \sqrt{xz} + \sqrt{xy} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \sqrt{(z+x)(x+y)} \underset{(*)}{\leq}$$

(where $s - a = x, s - b = y, s - c = z \Rightarrow s = x + y + z \Rightarrow a = y + z, b = z + x,$
 $c = x + y$)

Now, $(z+x)(x+y) \stackrel{\text{Reverse CBS}}{\geq} (\sqrt{xz} + \sqrt{xy})^2 \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true}$

$$\therefore \boxed{\sqrt{r_b r_c} \left(\frac{1}{m_b} + \frac{1}{m_c} \right) \leq \csc \frac{A}{2}} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{m_b} + \frac{1}{m_c} \leq \frac{\sqrt{bc}}{\sqrt{(s-b)(s-c)} \cdot \sqrt{s(s-a)}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{m_b} + \frac{1}{m_c} \leq \frac{\sqrt{bc}}{F} \rightarrow (1)$$

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$$\text{Now, } \left(\sqrt{\frac{b}{c}} + \sqrt{\frac{c}{b}} \right) \left(\frac{1}{m_b} + \frac{1}{m_c} \right) \leq 2 \left(\frac{1}{h_b} + \frac{1}{h_c} \right) \Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{b+c}{\sqrt{bc}} \right) \left(\frac{1}{m_b} + \frac{1}{m_c} \right) \leq 2 \cdot \frac{b+c}{2F}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{m_b} + \frac{1}{m_c} \leq \frac{\sqrt{bc}}{F} \rightarrow \text{true via (1)} \therefore \left(\sqrt{\frac{b}{c}} + \sqrt{\frac{c}{b}} \right) \left(\frac{1}{m_b} + \frac{1}{m_c} \right) \leq 2 \left(\frac{1}{h_b} + \frac{1}{h_c} \right)$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{r_b r_c} \left(\frac{1}{m_b} + \frac{1}{m_c} \right) \leq \csc \frac{A}{2} \text{ and } \left(\sqrt{\frac{b}{c}} + \sqrt{\frac{c}{b}} \right) \left(\frac{1}{m_b} + \frac{1}{m_c} \right) \leq 2 \left(\frac{1}{h_b} + \frac{1}{h_c} \right),$$

"=" iff ΔABC is equilateral (QED)

Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

By Tereshin and CBS inequalities, we have

$$\sqrt{m_b m_c} \geq \sqrt{\frac{(c^2 + a^2)(a^2 + b^2)}{4R \cdot 4R}} \geq \frac{ac + ab}{4R} = \frac{abc}{4R} \left(\frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right) = F \left(\frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right).$$

We know that m_a, m_b, m_c can be the sides of a triangle with area F'
 $= \frac{3F}{4}$ and medians $m'_a = \frac{3a}{4}$

$m'_b = \frac{3b}{4}, m'_c = \frac{3c}{4}$. By using the last inequality in this triangle, we have

$$\sqrt{m'_b m'_c} \geq F' \left(\frac{1}{m_b} + \frac{1}{m_c} \right) \Rightarrow \frac{1}{m_b} + \frac{1}{m_c} \leq \frac{\sqrt{bc}}{F}.$$

Using this result, we have

$$\sqrt{r_b r_c} \left(\frac{1}{m_b} + \frac{1}{m_c} \right) \leq \sqrt{\frac{F^2}{(s-b)(s-b)}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{bc}}{F} = \csc \frac{A}{2},$$

$$\left(\sqrt{\frac{b}{c}} + \sqrt{\frac{c}{b}} \right) \left(\frac{1}{m_b} + \frac{1}{m_c} \right) \leq \frac{b+c}{\sqrt{bc}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{bc}}{F} = 2 \left(\frac{1}{h_b} + \frac{1}{h_c} \right),$$

as desired. Equality holds iff ΔABC is equilateral.

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1586. Prove that:

$$(x + y + z)(xAP^2 + yBP^2 + zCP^2) \geq yza^2 + zxb^2 + xyc^2 + (x + y + z)^2 h_p^2$$

for P a point in space,

h_p perpendicular from P on (ABC) , x, y, z real numbers, a, b, c sides of $\triangle ABC$

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Solution by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

Let M be the feet of the perpendicular from P to (ABC) .

$$\text{We have } (x\overline{AM} + y\overline{BM} + z\overline{CM})^2 \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x^2 AM^2 + y^2 BM^2 + z^2 CM^2 + 2xy\overline{AM} \cdot \overline{BM} + 2yz\overline{BM} \cdot \overline{CM} + 2zx\overline{CM} \cdot \overline{AM} \geq 0.$$

Since $2\overline{BM} \cdot \overline{CM} = BM^2 + CM^2 - BC^2$ (and analogs), and

$$AM^2 = AP^2 - h_p^2 \text{ (and analogs), then}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &x^2(AP^2 - h_p^2) + y^2(BP^2 - h_p^2) + z^2(CP^2 - h_p^2) + xy(AP^2 + BP^2 - 2h_p^2 - c^2) + \\ &+ yz(BP^2 + CP^2 - 2h_p^2 - a^2) + zx(CP^2 + AP^2 - 2h_p^2 - b^2) \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x + y + z)(xAP^2 + yBP^2 + zCP^2) \geq yza^2 + zxb^2 + xyc^2 + (x + y + z)^2 h_p^2,$$

as desired. Equality holds if and only if the barycentric coordinates of point M is (x, y, z) .

1587. In $\triangle ABC$ holds :

$$\frac{m_a}{\sqrt{m_b m_c}} + \frac{m_b}{\sqrt{m_c m_a}} + \frac{m_c}{\sqrt{m_a m_b}} \leq 3 \sqrt{\frac{R}{2r}}$$

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Solution by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

Let S be the area of $\triangle ABC$. By CBS inequality, we have

$$\frac{m_a}{\sqrt{m_b m_c}} + \frac{m_b}{\sqrt{m_c m_a}} + \frac{m_c}{\sqrt{m_a m_b}} \leq \sqrt{(m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2) \left(\frac{1}{m_b m_c} + \frac{1}{m_c m_a} + \frac{1}{m_a m_b} \right)}.$$

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So it suffices to prove that

$$(m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2) \left(\frac{1}{m_b m_c} + \frac{1}{m_c m_a} + \frac{1}{m_a m_b} \right) \leq \frac{9R}{2r} = \frac{9abc(a+b+c)}{16S^2}.$$

We know that m_a, m_b, m_c can be the sides of a triangle with area S'

$$= \frac{3S}{4} \text{ and medians } m'_a = \frac{3a}{4},$$

$m'_b = \frac{3b}{4}, m'_c = \frac{3c}{4}$. Then the inequality we have to prove is

$$(m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2) \left(\frac{1}{m_b m_c} + \frac{1}{m_c m_a} + \frac{1}{m_a m_b} \right) \leq \frac{m'_a m'_b m'_c (m'_a + m'_b + m'_c)}{S'^2}.$$

Now, the last inequality will be true if the triangle with side

– lengths a, b, c and area S satisfies

the following inequality :

$$(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) \left(\frac{1}{bc} + \frac{1}{ca} + \frac{1}{ab} \right) \leq \frac{m_a m_b m_c (m_a + m_b + m_c)}{S^2}.$$

By Tereshin's inequality, we have

$$m_a + m_b + m_c \geq \frac{b^2 + c^2}{4R} + \frac{c^2 + a^2}{4R} + \frac{a^2 + b^2}{4R} = \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{2R}.$$

Using the known inequality, $m_a \geq \sqrt{s(s-a)}$ (and analogs), we have

$$m_a m_b m_c \geq \sqrt{s(s-a)} \cdot \sqrt{s(s-b)} \cdot \sqrt{s(s-c)} = \frac{S^2}{r}.$$

Then

$$\frac{m_a m_b m_c (m_a + m_b + m_c)}{S^2} \geq \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{2Rr} = (a^2 + b^2 + c^2) \left(\frac{1}{bc} + \frac{1}{ca} + \frac{1}{ab} \right),$$

which completes the proof. Equality holds iff $\triangle ABC$ is equilateral.

1588. In $\triangle ABC$ holds:

$$\sum_{cyc} \sin^4 A \cdot \sin(2A) \leq \frac{27\sqrt{3}}{32}$$

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Solution by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

Since $\sin A = \frac{a}{2R}$ and $\cos A = \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc}$ (and analogs),

where R is the circumradius of $\triangle ABC$, then we have

$$\sum_{cyc} \sin^4 A \cdot \sin(2A) = \sum_{cyc} \sin^5 A \cdot 2 \cos A = \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^5 (b^2 + c^2 - a^2)}{32R^5 \cdot bc} =$$

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$$= \frac{1}{32R^5} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^3 [b^2 c^2 - (a^2 - b^2)(a^2 - c^2)]}{bc}$$

$$= \frac{abc(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}{32R^5} - \frac{\sum_{cyc} a^4(a^2 - b^2)(a^2 - c^2)}{32R^5 \cdot abc}.$$

By Schur's inequality, we have

$$\sum_{cyc} a^4(a^2 - b^2)(a^2 - c^2) \geq 0.$$

By Leibniz's inequality, we have

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \leq 9R^2, \text{ and by Mitrinovic and Euler inequalities,}$$

$$\text{we have } abc = R \cdot 2s \cdot 2r \leq R \cdot 3\sqrt{3}R \cdot R = 3\sqrt{3}R^3.$$

Using these results, we have

$$\sum_{cyc} \sin^4 A \cdot \sin(2A) \leq \frac{abc(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}{32R^5} \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}R^3 \cdot 9R^2}{32R^5} = \frac{27\sqrt{3}}{32},$$

as desired. Equality holds iff $\triangle ABC$ is equilateral.

1589. In any $\triangle ABC$, the following relationship holds :

$$3 \leq \sum_{cyc} \frac{m_a h_a}{h_b h_c} \leq 3 \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^4$$

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Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{m_a h_a}{h_b h_c} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{m_a \frac{bc}{2R}}{\frac{ca \cdot ab}{4R^2}} = 2R \sum_{cyc} \frac{m_a^2}{m_a a^2} \stackrel{\text{Tereshin}}{\leq} 8R^2 \sum_{cyc} \frac{m_a^2}{a^2(b^2 + c^2)}$$

$$= 2R^2 \sum_{cyc} \frac{2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2}{a^2(b^2 + c^2)} = 4R^2 \cdot \frac{\sum_{cyc} b^2 c^2}{a^2 b^2 c^2} - 2R^2 \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{b^2 + c^2} \stackrel{\text{Goldstone and Bergstrom}}{\leq}$$

$$\frac{4R^2 \cdot 4R^2 s^2}{16R^2 r^2 s^2} - 2R^2 \cdot \frac{9}{2 \sum_{cyc} a^2} \stackrel{\text{Leibnitz}}{\leq} \frac{R^2}{r^2} - \frac{2R^2 \cdot 9}{2 \cdot 9R^2} = \frac{R^2}{r^2} - 1 \stackrel{?}{\leq} 3 \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^4$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 3t^4 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 16t^2 - 16 \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right) \Leftrightarrow (t-2) \left((t-2)(3t^2 + 12t + 20) + 32 \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true}$$

$$\because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \therefore \sum_{cyc} \frac{m_a h_a}{h_b h_c} \leq 3 \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^4$$

$$\text{Again, } \sum_{cyc} \frac{m_a h_a}{h_b h_c} = 2R \sum_{cyc} \frac{m_a}{a^2} \stackrel{\text{Tereshin}}{\geq} \frac{2R}{4R} \sum_{cyc} \frac{b^2 + c^2}{a^2} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{b^2}{a^2} + \frac{a^2}{b^2} \right) \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\geq} \frac{1}{2} \cdot 6$$

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$$\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_a h_a}{h_b h_c} \geq 3 \therefore 3 \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_a h_a}{h_b h_c} \leq 3 \left(\frac{R}{2r}\right)^4$$

$\forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$

1590. In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{2h_b h_c}{9r^2} \geq 3 + 9r^2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{h_a^2}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{2h_b h_c}{9r^2} &\geq 3 + 9r^2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{h_a^2} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{2ca \cdot ab}{4R^2 \cdot 9r^2} \geq 3 + \frac{9r^2}{4r^2 s^2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{2 \cdot 4Rrs \cdot 2s}{4R^2 \cdot 9r^2} \geq 3 + \frac{9(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)}{2s^2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{4s^2 - 27Rr}{9Rr} \geq \frac{9(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)}{2s^2} \\ &\Leftrightarrow 8s^4 - 135Rrs^2 + 81Rr^2(4R + r) \geq 0 \text{ and } \therefore 8(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 0 \\ &\therefore \text{in order to prove } (*), \text{ it suffices to prove : LHS of } (*) \geq 8(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2 \\ &\Leftrightarrow (121R - 80r)s^2 \stackrel{(**)}{\geq} r(1724R^2 - 1361Rr + 200r^2) \\ &\text{Now, LHS of } (**)\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (121R - 80r)(16Rr - 5r^2) \\ &\stackrel{?}{\geq} r(1724R^2 - 1361Rr + 200r^2) \Leftrightarrow 53R^2 - 131Rr + 50r^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(53R - 25r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \therefore R \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2r \Rightarrow (**)\Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true} \\ &\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{2h_b h_c}{9r^2} \geq 3 + 9r^2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{h_a^2} \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$

1591. In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$F \left(4 - \frac{2r}{R}\right)^2 \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a^2 \cot \frac{A}{2} \leq 9F \left(\frac{R}{2r}\right)^3$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a^2 \cot \frac{A}{2} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{b^2 c^2}{4R^2} \cdot \frac{s-a}{r} \right) \\ &= \frac{s \left((s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2 - 16Rrs^2 \right) - 4Rrs(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)}{4R^2 r} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a^2 \cot \frac{A}{2} = \frac{s(s^4 - (12Rr - 2r^2)s^2 + r^3(4R + r))}{4R^2r} \rightarrow (1)$$

$$\therefore \text{via (1), } \sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a^2 \cot \frac{A}{2} \leq 9F \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^3$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{s(s^4 - (12Rr - 2r^2)s^2 + r^3(4R + r))}{4R^2r} \leq \frac{9rsR^3}{8r^3} \quad (*)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 9R^5 - 8R^4r - 2r^5 + 4r^2s^2(6R - r) - 2rs^4 \geq 0$$

Now, LHS of (*) $\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 9R^5 - 8R^4r - 2r^5 + 4r^2s^2(6R - r) - 2rs^2(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow 2rs^2(4R^2 - 8Rr + 5r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 9R^5 - 8R^4r - 2r^5$ (**)

Again, LHS of (**) $\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} 2r(4R^2 - 8Rr + 5r^2)(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) \stackrel{?}{\leq} 9R^5 - 8R^4r - 2r^5 \Leftrightarrow 9t^5 - 32t^4 + 32t^3 - 32 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right)$

$$\Leftrightarrow (t - 2)(7t^3(t - 2) + 2t^4 + 4t^2 + 8t + 16) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2$$

$$\Rightarrow (**) \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true} \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a^2 \cot \frac{A}{2} \leq 9F \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^3$$

Also, via (1), $\sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a^2 \cot \frac{A}{2} \geq F \left(4 - \frac{2r}{R} \right)^2$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{s(s^4 - (12Rr - 2r^2)s^2 + r^3(4R + r))}{4R^2r} \geq \frac{rs(4R - 2r)^2}{R^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s^4 - (12Rr - 2r^2)s^2 - r^2(64R^2 - 68Rr + 15r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \quad (***)$$

Now, $s^4 - (12Rr - 2r^2)s^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (16Rr - 5r^2)s^2 - (12Rr - 2r^2)s^2 = (4Rr - 3r^2)s^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (4Rr - 3r^2)(16Rr - 5r^2) = r^2(64R^2 - 68Rr + 15r^2)$

$$\Rightarrow (***) \text{ is true} \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a^2 \cot \frac{A}{2} \geq F \left(4 - \frac{2r}{R} \right)^2 \text{ and so,}$$

$$F \left(4 - \frac{2r}{R} \right)^2 \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a^2 \cot \frac{A}{2} \leq 9F \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^3 \quad \forall \Delta ABC,$$

" = " iff ΔABC is equilateral (QED)

1592. In ΔABC the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{a^2}{(b+c)^2 - a^2} + \frac{b^2}{(c+a)^2 - b^2} + \frac{c^2}{(a+b)^2 - c^2} \geq 1$$

Proposed by Nguyen Hung Cuong-Vietnam

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{(b+c)^2 - a^2} &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{(b+c+a)(b+c-a)} = \\ &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{2s(2s-2a)} = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{s(s-a)} \stackrel{\text{BERGSTROM}}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{s(s-a) + s(s-b) + s(s-c)} = \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{4s^2}{s(s-a) + s(s-b) + s(s-c)} = \frac{s}{3s-a-b-c} = \frac{s}{3s-2s} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for $a = b = c$.

1593.

In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{m_a^5 + m_b^5}{m_a^4 m_b^4 (m_a + m_b)} + \frac{m_b^5 + m_c^5}{m_b^4 m_c^4 (m_b + m_c)} + \frac{m_c^5 + m_a^5}{m_c^4 m_a^4 (m_c + m_a)} \geq \frac{16}{27R^4}$$

Proposed by Zaza Mzhavanadze-Georgia

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} \forall x, y > 0, \frac{x^5 + y^5}{x^4 y^4 (x + y)} &= \frac{(x + y) \left((x^4 + x^2 y^2 + y^4) - (x^3 y + x y^3) \right)}{x^4 y^4 (x + y)} = \\ &= \frac{(x^2 + y^2)^2 - x^2 y^2 - xy(x^2 + y^2)}{x^4 y^4} = \frac{(x^2 + y^2 + xy)(x^2 + y^2 - xy) - xy(x^2 + y^2)}{x^4 y^4} \\ &\stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\geq} \frac{xy(x^2 + y^2 + xy) - xy(x^2 + y^2)}{x^4 y^4} = \frac{1}{x^2 y^2} \Rightarrow \frac{x^5 + y^5}{x^4 y^4 (x + y)} \geq \frac{1}{x^2 y^2} \rightarrow (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{and analogously, } \frac{y^5 + z^5}{y^4 z^4 (y + z)} \geq \frac{1}{y^2 z^2} \rightarrow (2) \text{ and } \frac{z^5 + x^5}{z^4 x^4 (z + x)} \geq \frac{1}{z^2 x^2} \rightarrow (3)$$

and via $x \equiv m_a, y \equiv m_b, z \equiv m_c$, we arrive at :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{m_a^5 + m_b^5}{m_a^4 m_b^4 (m_a + m_b)} + \frac{m_b^5 + m_c^5}{m_b^4 m_c^4 (m_b + m_c)} + \frac{m_c^5 + m_a^5}{m_c^4 m_a^4 (m_c + m_a)} &\geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{m_a^2 m_b^2} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \\ \frac{9}{\sum_{cyc} m_a^2 m_b^2} &= \frac{9}{16 \sum_{cyc} a^2 b^2} \stackrel{\text{Goldstone}}{\geq} \frac{16}{4R^2 s^2} \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\geq} \frac{16}{4R^2 s^2} = \frac{16}{R^2 \cdot 27R^2} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\therefore \frac{m_a^5 + m_b^5}{m_a^4 m_b^4 (m_a + m_b)} + \frac{m_b^5 + m_c^5}{m_b^4 m_c^4 (m_b + m_c)} + \frac{m_c^5 + m_a^5}{m_c^4 m_a^4 (m_c + m_a)} \geq \frac{16}{27R^4}$$

$\forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$

1594.

In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{r_a^5 + r_b^5}{r_a^3 r_b^3 (r_a^2 + r_b^2)} + \frac{r_b^5 + r_c^5}{r_b^3 r_c^3 (r_b^2 + r_c^2)} + \frac{r_c^5 + r_a^5}{r_c^3 r_a^3 (r_c^2 + r_a^2)} \geq \frac{16r}{9R^4}$$

Proposed by Zaza Mzhavanadze-Georgia

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{x^5 + y^5}{x^3 y^3 (x^2 + y^2)} = \frac{(x^2 + y^2)(x^3 + y^3) - x^2 y^2 (x + y)}{x^3 y^3 (x^2 + y^2)} \\ & = \frac{x^3 + y^3}{x^3 y^3} - \frac{x + y}{xy(x^2 + y^2)} \geq \frac{xy(x + y)}{x^3 y^3} - \frac{2(x + y)}{xy(x + y)^2} = \frac{x + y}{x^2 y^2} - \frac{2}{xy(x + y)} \\ & = \frac{(x + y)^2 - 2xy}{x^2 y^2 (x + y)} = \frac{x^2 + y^2}{x^2 y^2 (x + y)} \geq \frac{(x + y)^2}{2x^2 y^2 (x + y)} \Rightarrow \frac{x^5 + y^5}{x^3 y^3 (x^2 + y^2)} \geq \frac{x + y}{2x^2 y^2} \\ & \rightarrow (1) \text{ and analogously, } \frac{y^5 + z^5}{y^3 z^3 (y^2 + z^2)} \geq \frac{y + z}{2y^2 z^2} \rightarrow (2) \text{ and } \frac{z^5 + x^5}{z^3 x^3 (z^2 + x^2)} \geq \frac{z + x}{2z^2 x^2} \\ & \rightarrow (3) \text{ and via } x \equiv r_a, y \equiv r_b, z \equiv r_c, \text{ we arrive at :} \\ & \frac{r_a^5 + r_b^5}{r_a^3 r_b^3 (r_a^2 + r_b^2)} + \frac{r_b^5 + r_c^5}{r_b^3 r_c^3 (r_b^2 + r_c^2)} + \frac{r_c^5 + r_a^5}{r_c^3 r_a^3 (r_c^2 + r_a^2)} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_a + r_b}{2r_a^2 r_b^2} \\ & = \frac{1}{2r_a^2 r_b^2 r_c^2} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_c^2 (r_a + r_b) = \frac{1}{2r^2 s^4} \cdot \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a r_b \right) - 3r_a r_b r_c \right) \\ & = \frac{(4R + r)s^2 - 3rs^2}{2r^2 s^4} = \frac{2R - r}{r^2 s^2} \stackrel{\text{Euler and Mitrinovic}}{\geq} \frac{3r}{\frac{R^2}{4} \cdot \frac{27R^2}{4}} \\ & \therefore \frac{r_a^5 + r_b^5}{r_a^3 r_b^3 (r_a^2 + r_b^2)} + \frac{r_b^5 + r_c^5}{r_b^3 r_c^3 (r_b^2 + r_c^2)} + \frac{r_c^5 + r_a^5}{r_c^3 r_a^3 (r_c^2 + r_a^2)} \geq \frac{16r}{9R^4} \forall \Delta ABC, \\ & \text{" = " iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$

1595.

In ΔABC the following relationships holds :

$$\frac{m_a}{r_a} + \frac{m_b}{r_b} + \frac{m_c}{r_c} + \frac{R^2}{4r^2} \geq 1 + \frac{r_a}{m_a} + \frac{r_b}{m_b} + \frac{r_c}{m_c}$$

Proposed by Nguyen Van Canh-Vietnam

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Solution by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We have } m_a &\geq \frac{b+c}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2} = \frac{2(s-a)+a}{2} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{s(s-a)}{bc}} \geq \\ &\geq \sqrt{2(s-a)a} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{a(s-a)}{4Rr}} = \frac{a(s-a)}{\sqrt{2Rr}} \Rightarrow \frac{m_a}{r_a} \geq \frac{a(s-a)^2}{F\sqrt{2Rr}} \quad (\text{and analogs}) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{m_a}{r_a} + \frac{m_b}{r_b} + \frac{m_c}{r_c} &\geq \frac{a(s-a)^2 + b(s-b)^2 + c(s-c)^2}{F\sqrt{2Rr}} \\ &= \frac{s^2 \cdot 2s - 2s \cdot 2(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr) + 2s(s^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr)}{F\sqrt{2Rr}} = \frac{4R - 2r}{\sqrt{2Rr}}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, since $m_a \geq h_a$ (and analogs), then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{r_a}{m_a} + \frac{r_b}{m_b} + \frac{r_c}{m_c} &\leq \frac{r_a}{h_a} + \frac{r_b}{h_b} + \frac{r_c}{h_c} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{2(s-a)} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{s}{s-a} - 1 \right) = \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{4R+r}{r} - 3 \right) = \frac{2R}{r} - 1. \end{aligned}$$

From these results, it suffices to prove that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{4R-2r}{\sqrt{2Rr}} + \frac{R^2}{4r^2} &\geq \frac{2R}{r} \quad \stackrel{x = \sqrt{\frac{R}{2r}}}{\Leftrightarrow} \quad 4x - \frac{1}{x} + x^4 \geq 4x^2 \Leftrightarrow x^5 - 4x^3 + 4x^2 - 1 \geq 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow (x-1)[x(x-1)(x^2+2x-1)+1] \geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

which is true by Euler's inequality

$$x = \sqrt{\frac{R}{2r}} \geq 1. \text{ Equality holds iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral.}$$

1596. If $a, b, c > 0, n \in \mathbb{N}$ then

$$\frac{h_a^n (h_a^2 + w_b m_c)}{w_b^{n+1} + m_c^{n+1}} + \frac{w_b^n (w_b^2 + m_c h_a)}{m_c^{n+1} + h_a^{n+1}} + \frac{m_c^n (m_c^2 + h_a w_b)}{h_a^{n+1} + w_b^{n+1}} \geq 9r$$

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Solution by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

We will first prove that for all $x, y, z > 0$, the following inequality holds:

$$\frac{x^n(x^2 + yz)}{y^{n+1} + z^{n+1}} + \frac{y^n(y^2 + zx)}{z^{n+1} + x^{n+1}} + \frac{z^n(z^2 + xy)}{x^{n+1} + y^{n+1}} \geq x + y + z.$$

The last inequality can be rewritten as follows

$$\sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{x^n(x-y)(x-z)}{y^{n+1} + z^{n+1}} + \frac{x^{n+1}(y+z)}{y^{n+1} + z^{n+1}} \right) \geq x + y + z.$$

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Notice that if $x \geq y \geq z$ then

$$\frac{x^n}{y^{n+1} + z^{n+1}} \geq \frac{y^n}{z^{n+1} + x^{n+1}} \geq \frac{z^n}{x^{n+1} + y^{n+1}},$$

so by the Generalized Schur inequality, we deduce that

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{x^n}{y^{n+1} + z^{n+1}} (x - y)(x - z) \geq 0.$$

So it suffices to prove that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{x^{n+1}(y+z)}{y^{n+1} + z^{n+1}} \geq x + y + z &\Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{x^{n+1}(y+z)}{y^{n+1} + z^{n+1}} - x \right) \geq 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{xy(x^n - y^n)}{y^{n+1} + z^{n+1}} - \frac{zx(z^n - x^n)}{y^{n+1} + z^{n+1}} \right) \geq 0 &\Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{xy(x^n - y^n)}{y^{n+1} + z^{n+1}} - \frac{xy(x^n - y^n)}{z^{n+1} + x^{n+1}} \right) \geq 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{xy(x^n - y^n)(x^{n+1} - y^{n+1})}{(y^{n+1} + z^{n+1})(z^{n+1} + x^{n+1})} &\geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

which is true because $x^n - y^n$ and $x^{n+1} - y^{n+1}$ have the same sign.

Taking now $x = h_a$, $y = w_b$, $z = m_c$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{h_a^n(h_a^2 + w_b m_c)}{w_b^{n+1} + m_c^{n+1}} + \frac{w_b^n(w_b^2 + m_c h_a)}{m_c^{n+1} + h_a^{n+1}} + \frac{m_c^n(m_c^2 + h_a w_b)}{h_a^{n+1} + w_b^{n+1}} &\geq h_a + w_b + m_c \\ &\stackrel{w_b \geq h_b \& m_c \geq h_a}{\geq} h_a + h_b + h_c \stackrel{AM-HM}{\geq} \frac{9}{\frac{1}{h_a} + \frac{1}{h_b} + \frac{1}{h_c}} = 9r, \end{aligned}$$

as desired. Equality holds iff $\triangle ABC$ is equilateral.

1597. In any $\triangle ABC$, the following relationship holds :

$$\sum_{cyc} h_a^2 \cot \frac{A}{2} \geq \frac{2r}{R} \sum_{cyc} r_a^2 \cot \frac{A}{2}$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} h_a^2 \cot \frac{A}{2} &= \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{b^2 c^2}{4R^2} \cdot \frac{s-a}{r} \right) \\ &= \frac{s \left((s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2 - 16Rrs^2 \right) - 4Rrs(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)}{4R^2 r} \\ \Rightarrow \sum_{cyc} h_a^2 \cot \frac{A}{2} &= \frac{s \left(s^4 - (12Rr - 2r^2)s^2 + r^3(4R + r) \right)}{4R^2 r} \rightarrow (1) \end{aligned}$$

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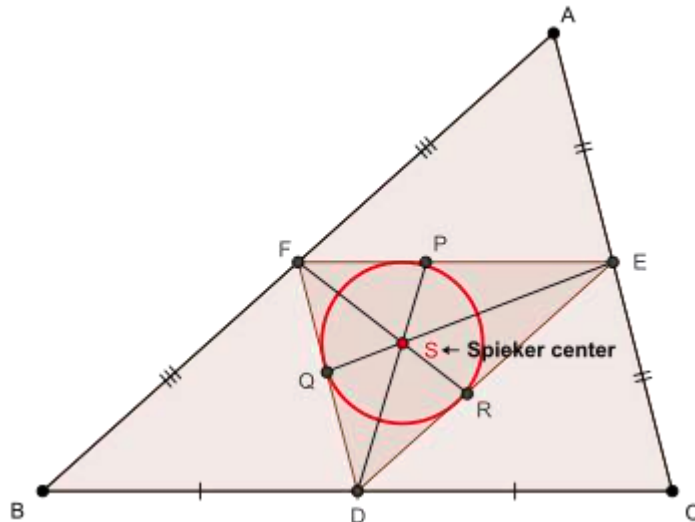
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^2 \cot \frac{A}{2} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{r^2 s^2}{(s-a)^2} \cdot \frac{s-a}{r} \right) = s \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a \\ \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^2 \cot \frac{A}{2} &= s(4R+r) \rightarrow (2) \therefore (1), (2) \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a^2 \cot \frac{A}{2} \geq \frac{2r}{R} \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^2 \cot \frac{A}{2} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{s(s^4 - (12Rr - 2r^2)s^2 + r^3(4R+r))}{4R^2 r} \geq \frac{2r}{R} \cdot s(4R+r) \\ &\Leftrightarrow s^4 - (12Rr - 2r^2)s^2 - r^2(32R^2 + 4Rr - 15r^2) \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} 0 \\ \text{Now, LHS of } (*) &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (16Rr - 5r^2)s^2 - (12Rr - 2r^2)s^2 \\ &\quad - r^2(32R^2 + 4Rr - 15r^2) = (4Rr - 3r^2)s^2 - r^2(32R^2 + 4Rr - 15r^2) \\ &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (4Rr - 3r^2)(16Rr - 5r^2) - r^2(32R^2 + 4Rr - 15r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow 4R^2 - 9Rr + 2r^2 &\stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(4R - r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because R \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2r \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true} \\ \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a^2 \cot \frac{A}{2} &\geq \frac{2r}{R} \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^2 \cot \frac{A}{2} \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$

**1598. In any ΔABC with $p_a, p_b, p_c \rightarrow$
Spieker cevians, the following relationship holds :**

$$p_a + p_b + p_c \leq \frac{14R - r}{3}$$

Proposed by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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$$\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}} \\
 & \text{(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} \\
 & \stackrel{8s}{=} \frac{b^3+c^3-abc+a(2b^2+2c^2-a^2)}{4s} \Rightarrow 2AS^2 \stackrel{\text{(ii)}}{=} \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} \\
 & \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)}{2} = s \Rightarrow p_a = \frac{4s}{2s+a} AS \\
 & \Rightarrow p_a^2 \stackrel{\text{via (ii)}}{=} \frac{4AS}{(2s+a)^2} \cdot \frac{b^3+c^3-abc+a(4m_a^2)}{8s} \\
 & \therefore p_a^2 \stackrel{\text{(■)}}{=} \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+a^3-abc+a(2b^2+2c^2-a^2) - a^3 \\
 & = \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 - abc + 2a \cdot 2bc \cos A = 2s(s^2 - 6Rr - 3r^2) - 4Rrs + 16Rrs \cos A \\
 & \Rightarrow b^3+c^3-abc+a(4m_a^2) \stackrel{\text{(■■)}}{=} 2s(s^2 - 8Rr - 3r^2 + 8Rr \cos A) \\
 & \text{We have: } \prod_{\text{cyc}} (2s+a) = 8s^3 + 4s^2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a + 2s \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab + 4Rrs \\
 & = 8s^3 + 4s^2 \cdot 2s + 2s(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) + 4Rrs \\
 & \Rightarrow \prod_{\text{cyc}} (2s+a) \stackrel{\text{(■■■)}}{=} 2s(9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2) \text{ and} \\
 & \sum_{\text{cyc}} (2s+b)(2s+c) = \sum_{\text{cyc}} (4s^2 + 2s(2s-a) + bc) \\
 & = 24s^2 - 2s(2s) + s^2 + 4Rr + r^2 \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} (2s+b)(2s+c) \stackrel{\text{(■■■■)}}{=} 21s^2 + 4Rr + r^2 \\
 & \text{(■), (■■)} \Rightarrow p_a = \frac{2s}{2s+a} \cdot \sqrt{s^2 - 8Rr - 3r^2 + 8Rr \cos A} \stackrel{\text{via (■■■■)}}{=} \\
 & \frac{2s}{2s(9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2)} \cdot \sqrt{s^2 - 8Rr - 3r^2 + 8Rr \cos A} \cdot (2s+b)(2s+c) \text{ and analogs}
 \end{aligned}$$

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$\Rightarrow p_a + p_b + p_c$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\sqrt{(s^2 - 8Rr - 3r^2 + 8Rr \cos A)(2s + b)(2s + c)} \cdot \sqrt{(2s + b)(2s + c)} \right) \\
 &\stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\leq} \frac{1}{9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} (s^2 - 8Rr - 3r^2 + 8Rr \cos A)(2s + b)(2s + c)} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} (2s + b)(2s + c)} \\
 &\stackrel{\text{via } (\blacksquare \blacksquare \blacksquare \blacksquare)}{=} \frac{1}{9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{(s^2 - 8Rr - 3r^2)(21s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) + 8Rr \sum_{\text{cyc}} ((8s^2 - 2sa + bc) \cos A)}{\cdot} \sqrt{21s^2 + 4Rr + r^2}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{(s^2 - 8Rr - 3r^2)(21s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)}{+8Rr \left(8s^2 \cdot \frac{R+r}{R} - 2s \cdot \frac{2rs}{R} + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(bc \cdot \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc} \right) \right)} \cdot \sqrt{21s^2 + 4Rr + r^2}} \\
 &\quad \left(\because \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \cos A = \frac{2rs}{R} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{(s^2 - 8Rr - 3r^2)(21s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)}{+8r(8(R+r)s^2 - 4rs^2 + R(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2))} \cdot \sqrt{21s^2 + 4Rr + r^2}} \\
 &\quad \Rightarrow (p_a + p_b + p_c)^2 \leq \\
 &\quad \frac{(21s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) \left(21s^4 - (92Rr + 30r^2)s^2 - r^2(64R^2 + 28Rr + 3r^2) \right)}{(9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2)^2} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{(14R - r)^2}{9} \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \boxed{\begin{aligned} &3969s^6 - (15876R^2 + 14364Rr + 5562)s^4 \\ &-rs^2(21168R^3 + 15912R^2r + 6804Rr^2 + 855r^3) \\ &-r^2(7056R^4 + 3648R^3r + 1480R^2r^2 + 344Rr^3 + 28r^4) \stackrel{?}{\leq} 0 \end{aligned}} \\
 &\quad \text{Now, Rouché} \Rightarrow s^2 - (m - n) \geq 0 \text{ and } s^2 - (m + n) \leq 0, \text{ where} \\
 &\quad m = 2R^2 + 10Rr - r^2 \text{ and } n = 2(R - 2r) \cdot \sqrt{R^2 - 2Rr} \\
 &\quad \therefore (s^2 - (m + n))(s^2 - (m - n)) \leq 0 \\
 &\Rightarrow s^4 - s^2(2m) + m^2 - n^2 \leq 0 \Rightarrow s^4 - s^2(4R^2 + 20Rr - 2r^2) + r(4R + r)^3 \stackrel{(\heartsuit)}{\leq} 0 \\
 &\quad \therefore 3969s^2(s^4 - (4R^2 + 20Rr - 2r^2)s^2 + r(4R + r)^3) \leq 0 \Rightarrow \text{in order} \\
 &\quad \text{to prove } (\heartsuit), \text{ it suffices to prove : LHS of } (\heartsuit) \leq \\
 &\quad 3969s^2(s^4 - (4R^2 + 20Rr - 2r^2)s^2 + r(4R + r)^3) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \boxed{\begin{aligned} &(16254R - 3375r)s^4 - s^2(68796R^3 + 51606R^2r + 13608Rr^2 + 1206r^2) \\ &-r(1764R^4 + 912R^3r + 370R^2r^2 + 86Rr^3 + 7r^4) \stackrel{?}{\leq} 0 \end{aligned}} \text{ and} \\
 &\quad \therefore (16254R - 3375r)(s^4 - (4R^2 + 20Rr - 2r^2)s^2 + r(4R + r)^3) \stackrel{\text{via } (\heartsuit)}{\leq} 0 \\
 &\quad \therefore \text{in order to prove } (\heartsuit), \text{ it suffices to prove : LHS of } (\heartsuit) \leq \\
 &\quad (16254R - 3375r)(s^4 - (4R^2 + 20Rr - 2r^2)s^2 + r(4R + r)^3)
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow \boxed{\begin{aligned} & (1890R^3 - 129987R^2r + 56808Rr^2 - 2772r^3)s^2 \\ & + r(521010R^4 + 282552R^3r + 16709R^2r^2 - 12080Rr^3 - 1684r^4) \geq 0 \end{aligned}}^{(\bullet\bullet\bullet)}$$

Case 1 $1890R^3 - 129987R^2r + 56808Rr^2 - 2772r^3 \geq 0$ and then : LHS of $(\bullet\bullet\bullet)$
 $\geq r(521010R^4 + 282552R^3r + 16709R^2r^2 - 12080Rr^3 - 1684r^4) > 0$
 $\Rightarrow (\bullet\bullet\bullet)$ is true

Case 2 $1890R^3 - 129987R^2r + 56808Rr^2 - 2772r^3 < 0$ and then : LHS of $(\bullet\bullet\bullet)$
 $= - \left(-(1890R^3 - 129987R^2r + 56808Rr^2 - 2772r^3) \right) s^2$

$$+ r(521010R^4 + 282552R^3r + 16709R^2r^2 - 12080Rr^3 - 1684r^4)$$

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 $\geq - \left(-(1890R^3 - 129987R^2r + 56808Rr^2 - 2772r^3) \right) (4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)$

$$+ r(521010R^4 + 282552R^3r + 16709R^2r^2 - 12080Rr^3 - 1684r^4) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 3780t^5 + 1287t^4 - 8439t^3 - 85538t^2 + 65924t - 3704 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \quad \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (t-2)(3780t^4 + 11871t^3 + 3713t^2 + 17782t(t-2) + 2500) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true}$$

$\stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\therefore} t \geq 2 \Rightarrow (\bullet\bullet\bullet)$ is true \therefore combining both cases, $(\bullet\bullet\bullet) \Rightarrow (\bullet\bullet) \Rightarrow (\bullet)$

$$\text{is true } \forall \Delta ABC \Rightarrow (p_a + p_b + p_c)^2 \leq \frac{(14R-r)^2}{9}$$

$$\therefore p_a + p_b + p_c \leq \frac{14R-r}{3} \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$$

1599. In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{m_a^{k+1}}{m_b + m_c - m_a} \geq \sum_{cyc} m_a^k \text{ for all } k \in \mathbb{N}$$

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Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

We shall prove : $\frac{1}{2} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^{k+1}}{s-a} \geq \sum_{cyc} a^k$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$

Case 1 $k = 0$ and then : $\frac{1}{6} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^{k+1}}{s-a} = \frac{1}{6} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{s-a} = \frac{1}{6} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a-s+s}{s-a}$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \left(-3 + \frac{s}{r^2 s} \cdot \sum_{cyc} (s-b)(s-c) \right) = \frac{1}{6} \left(-3 + \frac{(4Rr + r^2)}{r^2} \right) = \frac{2R-r}{3r} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} \frac{4r-r}{3r}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{6} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{s-a} \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} 1 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^{k+1}}{s-a} \geq 3 = \sum_{cyc} a^k \text{ for } k = 0$$

Case 2 $k \in \mathbb{N}^*$ and then : $\frac{1}{2} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^{k+1}}{s-a} \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\geq} \frac{1}{6} \left(\sum_{cyc} a^k \right) \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{s-a} \right)$

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(\because WLOG assuming $a \geq b \geq c \Rightarrow a^k \geq b^k \geq c^k$ and $\frac{a}{s-a} \geq \frac{b}{s-b} \geq \frac{c}{s-c}$)
 as $k > 0$ since $k \in \mathbb{N}^*$

via (*) $\geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^k$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}^* \therefore$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$, $\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^{k+1}}{s-a} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^k$
 $\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^{k+1}}{b+c-a} \stackrel{(**)}{\geq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^k$ and implementing (**) on a triangle with sides

$$m_a, m_b, m_c, \text{ we arrive at : } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_a^{k+1}}{m_b + m_c - m_a} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^k$$

for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\forall \Delta ABC, "="$ iff ΔABC is equilateral (QED)

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In any acute ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$h_a^2 \left(\frac{1}{m_b^2} + \frac{1}{m_c^2} \right) + h_b^2 \left(\frac{1}{m_c^2} + \frac{1}{m_a^2} \right) + h_c^2 \left(\frac{1}{m_a^2} + \frac{1}{m_b^2} \right) \geq 6$$

Proposed by Lam Tran-Vietnam

Solution 1 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} b^2 c^2 \sec^4 \frac{A}{2} &= \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} bc \sec^2 \frac{A}{2} \right)^2 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} bc \cdot ca \cdot \sec^2 \frac{A}{2} \sec^2 \frac{B}{2} \\ &= \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} bc + 4Rrs \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\tan^2 \frac{A}{2}}{4R \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \tan \frac{A}{2}} \right)^2 - 8Rrs \cdot \frac{16R^2}{s^2} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \\ &= \left(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2 + r \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\left(1 + \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} \right) r_a \right) \right)^2 - \frac{64R^3 r}{s} \sum_{\text{cyc}} a(1 + \cos A) \\ &= \left(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2 + r(4R + r) + \frac{r}{s^2} \left((4R + r)^3 - 3 \cdot 64R^3 \cdot \frac{s^2}{16R^2} \right) \right)^2 \\ &\quad - \frac{64R^3 r}{s} \left(2s + \frac{2rs}{R} \right) \left(\because r_b + r_c = 4R \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \text{ and analogs} \right) \\ &\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} b^2 c^2 \sec^4 \frac{A}{2} = \\ &= \frac{(s^2(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) + r(4R + r)s^2 + r(4R + r)^3 - 12Rrs^2)^2 - 128R^2 r(R + r)s^4}{s^4} \\ &\rightarrow (1) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sec^4 \frac{A}{2} &= \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \sec^2 \frac{A}{2} \right)^2 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sec^2 \frac{A}{2} \sec^2 \frac{B}{2} \\ &= \frac{(s^2 + (4R + r)^2)^2}{s^4} - 2 \cdot \frac{16R^2}{s^2} \cdot \frac{4R + r}{2R} \\ \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sec^4 \frac{A}{2} &= \frac{(s^2 + (4R + r)^2)^2 - 16R(4R + r)s^2}{s^4} \rightarrow (2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, } \because m_a \leq 2R \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \text{ and analogs } \forall \text{ acute } \triangle ABC, \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a^2 \left(\frac{1}{m_b^2} + \frac{1}{m_c^2} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{b^2 c^2}{4R^2} \left(\frac{1}{4R^2} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \sec^4 \frac{A}{2} - \sec^4 \frac{A}{2} \right) \right) \right) \\ &= \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \sec^4 \frac{A}{2})(\sum_{\text{cyc}} b^2 c^2) - \sum_{\text{cyc}} b^2 c^2 \sec^4 \frac{A}{2}}{16R^4} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{via (1) and (2)} &= \frac{((s^2 + (4R + r)^2)^2 - 16R(4R + r)s^2)((s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2 - 16Rrs^2)}{16R^4 s^4} \\ &= \frac{(s^2(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) + r(4R + r)s^2 + r(4R + r)^3 - 12Rrs^2)^2 - 128R^2 r(R + r)s^4}{16R^4 s^4} \\ &= \frac{32R^2 s^2 (-s^4 + (8R^2 + 16Rr + 2r^2)s^2 - r(4R + r)^3)}{16R^4 s^4} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \boxed{s^4 - (5R^2 + 16Rr + 2r^2)s^2 + r(4R + r)^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0} \quad (*)$$

Now, via Wallker and Gerretsen, \forall acute $\triangle ABC$,
 $(s^2 - 2R^2 - 8Rr - 3r^2)(s^2 - 4R^2 - 4Rr - 3r^2) \leq 0$ and so,

in order to prove (*), it suffices to prove :

$$\text{LHS of } (*) \leq (s^2 - 2R^2 - 8Rr - 3r^2)(s^2 - 4R^2 - 4Rr - 3r^2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \boxed{(R^2 - 4Rr + 4r^2)s^2 \stackrel{(**)}{\leq} 8R^4 - 24R^3r + 2R^2r^2 + 24Rr^3 + 8r^4}$$

$$\text{Again, LHS of } (**) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} (R^2 - 4Rr + 4r^2)(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) \stackrel{?}{\leq}$$

$$8R^4 - 24R^3r + 2R^2r^2 + 24Rr^3 + 8r^4 \Leftrightarrow 4t^4 - 12t^3 - t^2 + 20t - 4 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \quad \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (t - 2)^2(4t^2 + 4t - 1) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true } \because t \geq 2 \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\Rightarrow} (**)$$

$$\therefore h_a^2 \left(\frac{1}{m_b^2} + \frac{1}{m_c^2} \right) + h_b^2 \left(\frac{1}{m_c^2} + \frac{1}{m_a^2} \right) + h_c^2 \left(\frac{1}{m_a^2} + \frac{1}{m_b^2} \right) \geq 6$$

$\forall \triangle ABC, '' = ''$ iff $\triangle ABC$ is equilateral (QED)

Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Morocco

We will first prove that, for any acute triangle ABC , we have

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$$m_a \leq \sqrt{\frac{b^2 + c^2}{2}} \cdot \cos \frac{A}{2}$$

Since $\cos \frac{A}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{s(s-a)}{bc}} = \sqrt{\frac{(b+c)^2 - a^2}{4bc}}$, then we have

$$\left(\sqrt{\frac{b^2 + c^2}{2}} \cdot \cos \frac{A}{2} \right)^2 - m_a^2 = \frac{(b^2 + c^2)[(b+c)^2 - a^2]}{8bc} - \frac{2(b^2 + c^2) - a^2}{4}$$

$$= \frac{(b^2 + c^2 - a^2)(b-c)^2}{8bc} \geq 0,$$

which is true for the acute triangle ABC .

Using this result, and since $h_a = \frac{bc}{2R}$ (and analogs) and $a = 4R \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}$, we have

$$m_a \leq \sqrt{\frac{b^2 + c^2}{2}} \cdot \cos \frac{A}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{b^2 + c^2}{2}} \cdot \frac{a}{4R \sin \frac{A}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{h_c^2 + h_b^2}{8}} \csc \frac{A}{2} \quad (\text{and analogs})$$

Therefore

$$\sum_{cyc} h_a^2 \left(\frac{1}{m_b^2} + \frac{1}{m_c^2} \right) = \sum_{cyc} \frac{h_b^2 + h_c^2}{m_a^2} \geq \sum_{cyc} 8 \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} = 4 \sum_{cyc} (1 - \cos A) \stackrel{\text{Jensen}}{\geq} 4 \left(3 - \frac{3}{2} \right) = 6.$$

Equality holds iff $\triangle ABC$ is equilateral.

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