

# ROMANIAN MATHEMATICAL MAGAZINE

**S.2576 In any triangle  $ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

$$\left(\frac{1}{r_a^2} + s\right)\left(\frac{1}{r_b^2} + s\right)\left(\frac{1}{r_c^2} + s\right) \geq \frac{81}{4}$$

*Proposed by D.M.Bătinețu-Giurgiu – Romania*

*Solution by Titu Zvonaru-Romania*

Applying Arkady Alt's inequality  $(a^2 + t^2)(b^2 + t^2)(c^2 + t^2) \leq \frac{3}{4}t^4(a + b + c)^2$

(with equality in and only if  $a = b = c = \frac{t}{\sqrt{2}}$ ) it follows that

$$\left(\frac{1}{r_a^2} + s\right)\left(\frac{1}{r_b^2} + s\right)\left(\frac{1}{r_c^2} + s\right) \geq \frac{3}{4}(\sqrt{s})^4\left(\frac{1}{r_a} + \frac{1}{r_b} + \frac{1}{r_c}\right)^2 \quad (1)$$

Since  $r_a = \frac{F}{s-a}$  we obtain

$$\frac{1}{r_a} + \frac{1}{r_b} + \frac{1}{r_c} = \frac{s-a}{F} + \frac{s-b}{F} + \frac{s-c}{F} = \frac{s}{sr} = \frac{1}{r} \quad (2)$$

Using (1), (2) and the inequality  $s^2 \geq 27r^2$  (item 5.11 from [1]), it results that

$$\left(\frac{1}{r_a^2} + s\right)\left(\frac{1}{r_b^2} + s\right)\left(\frac{1}{r_c^2} + s\right) \geq \frac{3}{4}s^2 \cdot \frac{1}{r^2} \geq \frac{3}{4} \cdot 27r^2 \cdot \frac{1}{r^2} = \frac{81}{4}.$$

Equality holds if and only if the triangle  $ABC$  is equilateral.

[1] O. Bottema, *Geometric Inequalities*, Groningen 1969

## ARKADY ALT'S INEQUALITY

If  $t, x, y, z > 0$  then the following relationship holds:

$$(x^2 + t^2)(y^2 + t^2)(z^2 + t^2) \geq \frac{3}{4}t^4(x + y + z)^2$$

with equality if and only if  $x = y = z = \frac{t}{\sqrt{2}}$ .

**Proof:** We have

$$(x^2 + t^2)(y^2 + t^2) \geq \frac{3}{4}t^2((x + y)^2 + t^2) \Leftrightarrow \left(xy - \frac{t^2}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{t^2}{4}(x - y)^2 \geq 0.$$

Applying Cauchy-Buniakovski-Schwarz inequality we obtain

# ROMANIAN MATHEMATICAL MAGAZINE

$$\begin{aligned}(x^2 + t^2)(y^2 + t^2)(z^2 + t^2) &\geq \frac{3t^2}{4} ((x + y)^2 + t^2)(t^2 + z^2) \geq \\ &\geq \frac{3t^2}{4} (t(x + y) + tz)^2 = \frac{3}{4} t^4 (x + y + z)^2.\end{aligned}$$

The equality holds if and only if  $x = y = z = \frac{t}{\sqrt{2}}$