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**S.2627** In any triangle  $ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$\left(\frac{1}{a^2b^2} + 2\right)\left(\frac{1}{b^2c^2} + 2\right)\left(\frac{1}{c^2a^2} + 2\right) \geq \frac{3}{R^4}$$

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

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

and the inequality  $\frac{1}{ab} + \frac{1}{bc} + \frac{1}{ca} \geq \frac{1}{R^2}$  (item 5.24 from [1]), it follows that

$$\left(\frac{1}{a^2b^2} + 2\right)\left(\frac{1}{b^2c^2} + 2\right)\left(\frac{1}{c^2a^2} + 2\right) \geq \frac{3}{4}(\sqrt{2})^4 \left(\frac{1}{ab} + \frac{1}{bc} + \frac{1}{ca}\right)^2 \geq \frac{3}{R^4}.$$

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

$$\frac{1}{ab} = \frac{1}{bc} = \frac{1}{ca} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{1}, \text{ that is } a = b = c = 1.$$

[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

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

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