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U.2540 In any triangle ABC , n_a - Nagel's cevian, holds:

$$(n_a^4 + 2)(n_b^4 + 2)(n_c^4 + 2) \geq 48 \left(\frac{F}{R}\right)^4$$

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We have $n_a \geq h_a$ and $ah_a = 2F$. Applying Arkady Alt's inequality:

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

(with equality if and only if $x = y = z = \frac{t}{\sqrt{2}}$), the known inequality:

$$3(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) \geq (a + b + c)^2$$

and the inequality $\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \geq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{R}$ (item 5.23 from [1]), it follows that:

$$\begin{aligned} (n_a^4 + 2)(n_b^4 + 2)(n_c^4 + 2) &\geq (h_a^4 + 2)(h_b^4 + 2)(h_c^4 + 2) \geq \frac{3}{4}(\sqrt{2})^2(h_a^2 + h_b^2 + h_c^2)^2 = \\ &= 3 \left(\frac{4F^2}{a^2} + \frac{4F^2}{b^2} + \frac{4F^2}{c^2} \right)^2 = 48F^4 \left(\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} \right)^2 \geq 48F^4 \cdot \frac{1}{9} \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right)^4 \geq \\ &\geq 48F^4 \cdot \frac{1}{9} \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{R} \right)^4 = 48 \left(\frac{F}{R} \right)^4. \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds if and only if the triangle ABC is equilateral

$$\text{and } h_a^2 = 1 \text{ that is } a = b = c = \sqrt{\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}}.$$

[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

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

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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 $x = y = z = \frac{t}{\sqrt{2}}$