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**1901. In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

$$\pi \left( \frac{3}{2} + \frac{r}{R} \right) < \left( \sqrt{A \cdot \frac{h_b + h_c}{h_a}} + \sqrt{B \cdot \frac{h_c + h_a}{h_b}} + \sqrt{C \cdot \frac{h_a + h_b}{h_c}} \right)^2 \leq \frac{\pi}{4r^2} (5R^2 - Rr + 6r^2)$$

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*Solution by Tapas Das-India*

We know that  $\forall x, y, z > 0, (x + y + z)^2 > x^2 + y^2 + z^2$

WLOG  $a \geq b \geq c$  then  $A \geq B \geq C$  and  $\frac{1}{c} \geq \frac{1}{b} \geq \frac{1}{a}$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \sqrt{A \cdot \frac{h_b + h_c}{h_a}} + \sqrt{B \cdot \frac{h_c + h_a}{h_b}} + \sqrt{C \cdot \frac{h_a + h_b}{h_c}} \right)^2 > \\ & > A \cdot \frac{h_b + h_c}{h_a} + B \cdot \frac{h_c + h_a}{h_b} + C \cdot \frac{h_a + h_b}{h_c} = \\ & = A \left( \frac{a}{b} + \frac{a}{c} \right) + B \left( \frac{b}{c} + \frac{b}{a} \right) + C \left( \frac{c}{a} + \frac{c}{b} \right) \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\geq} \\ & \geq \frac{1}{3} (A + B + C) \left( \frac{a}{b} + \frac{a}{c} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{b}{a} + \frac{c}{a} + \frac{c}{b} \right) \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{>} \\ & > \frac{1}{3} \pi 6 \sqrt{\left( \frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{a}{c} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{b}{c} \cdot \frac{b}{a} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{c}{a} \cdot \frac{c}{b} \right)} = 2\pi = \pi \left( \frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{>} \pi \left( \frac{3}{2} + \frac{r}{R} \right) \\ & \left( \sqrt{A \cdot \frac{h_b + h_c}{h_a}} + \sqrt{B \cdot \frac{h_c + h_a}{h_b}} + \sqrt{C \cdot \frac{h_a + h_b}{h_c}} \right)^2 \stackrel{\text{C-S}}{\leq} (A + B + C) \sum \frac{h_b + h_c}{h_a} = \\ & = \pi \sum \left( \frac{a}{b} + \frac{a}{c} \right) = \pi \sum \left( \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{a} \right) \stackrel{\text{Bandila}}{\leq} \frac{3\pi R}{r} \end{aligned}$$

We need to show  $\frac{3\pi R}{r} \leq \frac{\pi}{4r^2} (5R^2 - Rr + 6r^2)$  or

$5R^2 - 13Rr + 6r^2 \geq 0$  or  $(R - 2r)(5R - 3r) \geq 0$  True (Euler)

Equality holds for  $a = b = c$ .

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1902.

Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with the measures of all its angle smaller than  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$  and

$T$  its Torricelli's point. Prove that :

$$m_a^2 \cdot TA + m_b^2 \cdot TB + m_c^2 \cdot TC \geq \sqrt[4]{432F^6}$$

*Proposed by Tapas Das-India*

*Solution 1 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Morocco*

Since  $m_a, m_b, m_c$  can be the sides of a triangle  $\Delta_m$  with area  $F_m = \frac{3}{4}F$ , then by using Oppenheim's inequality in triangle  $\Delta_m$ , we have, for all  $x, y, z > 0$ ,

$$m_a^2 \cdot x + m_b^2 \cdot y + m_c^2 \cdot z \geq 4F_m \sqrt{xy + yz + zx}. \quad (1)$$

Let  $x = TA, y = TB, z = TC$ . Since we have

$$\begin{aligned} & TA \cdot TB + TB \cdot TC + TC \cdot TA \\ &= \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{2} TA \cdot TB \cdot \sin \frac{2\pi}{3} + \frac{1}{2} TB \cdot TC \cdot \sin \frac{2\pi}{3} + \frac{1}{2} TC \cdot TA \cdot \sin \frac{2\pi}{3} \right) \\ &= \frac{4\sqrt{3}}{3} ([TAB] + [TBC] + [TCA]) = \frac{4\sqrt{3}}{3} F, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{then the inequality (1) becomes } m_a^2 \cdot TA + m_b^2 \cdot TB + m_c^2 \cdot TC &\geq 4 \cdot \frac{3}{4} F \cdot \sqrt{\frac{4\sqrt{3}}{3} F} \\ &= \sqrt[4]{432F^6}. \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds iff  $\Delta ABC$  is equilateral.

*Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Morocco*

Let  $x = TA, y = TB, z = TC$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} F = [TAB] + [TBC] + [TCA] &= \frac{1}{2} TA \cdot TB \cdot \sin \frac{2\pi}{3} + \frac{1}{2} TB \cdot TC \cdot \sin \frac{2\pi}{3} + \frac{1}{2} TC \cdot TA \cdot \sin \frac{2\pi}{3} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} (TA \cdot TB + TB \cdot TC + TC \cdot TA) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} (xy + yz + zx), \end{aligned}$$

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$$a^2 = TB^2 + TC^2 - 2TB \cdot TC \cdot \cos \frac{2\pi}{3} = y^2 + z^2 + yz \text{ (and analogs).}$$

$$4m_a^2 = 2(b^2 + c^2) - a^2 = 4x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2xy + 2xz - yz \text{ (and analogs).}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 4(m_a^2 \cdot TA + m_b^2 \cdot TB + m_c^2 \cdot TC) &= \sum_{cyc} 4m_a^2 \cdot TA \\ &= \sum_{cyc} (4x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2xy + 2xz - yz)x \\ &= 4 \sum_{cyc} x^3 + 3 \sum_{cyc} x^2(y+z) - 3xyz \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 3 \sum_{cyc} x^3 + 3 \sum_{cyc} x^2(y+z) \\ &= 3 \sum_{cyc} x^2 \cdot \sum_{cyc} x \geq 3 \sum_{cyc} yz \cdot \sqrt{3 \sum_{cyc} yz} = \sqrt{3(xy + yz + zx)^3} = 4\sqrt[4]{432F^6}. \end{aligned}$$

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

**1903. If in  $\triangle ABC$  holds :  $\cos A + 2 \cos B + \cos C = 2$ , then :**

$$9 \leq (a + b + c) \left( \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right) \leq 6 + \frac{3R}{2r}$$

*Proposed by Tapas Das-India*

*Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India*

$$\begin{aligned} \cos A + 2 \cos B + \cos C = 2 &\Rightarrow 2 \cos B + \left(1 + \frac{r}{R} - \cos B\right) = 2 \\ &\Rightarrow \cos B = 1 - \frac{r}{R} \rightarrow (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Again, } \cos A + 2 \cos B + \cos C = 2 \Rightarrow \cos A + \cos C = 2(1 - \cos B)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \sin \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C-A}{2} = 4 \sin^2 \frac{B}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{c+a}{b} \sin \frac{B}{2} = 2 \sin \frac{B}{2} \Rightarrow c + a + b = 3b$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 2s &= 6R \sin B \Rightarrow s^2 = 9R^2(1 - \cos^2 B) \stackrel{\text{via (1)}}{=} 9R^2 \left(1 - \left(1 - \frac{r}{R}\right)^2\right) \\ &= 9R^2 \left(\frac{2r}{R} - \frac{r^2}{R^2}\right) = 9R^2 \left(\frac{2Rr - r^2}{R^2}\right) \Rightarrow s^2 = 18Rr - 9r^2 \rightarrow (2) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\text{Now, } (a + b + c) \left( \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right) \leq 6 + \frac{3R}{2r} \Leftrightarrow \frac{2s(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)}{4Rrs} \leq \frac{3R + 12r}{2r}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s^2 \leq 3R^2 + 8Rr - r^2 \stackrel{\text{via (2)}}{\Leftrightarrow} 18Rr - 9r^2 \leq 3R^2 + 8Rr - r^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 3R^2 - 10Rr + 8r^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(3(R - 2r) + 2r) \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because R \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2r$$

$$\therefore (a + b + c) \left( \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right) \leq 6 + \frac{3R}{2r} \text{ and finally, } (a + b + c) \left( \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right) \stackrel{\text{AM-HM}}{\geq} 9$$

$$\therefore 9 \leq (a + b + c) \left( \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right) \leq 6 + \frac{3R}{2r} \forall \Delta ABC \text{ with } \cos A + 2 \cos B + \cos C = 2$$

"=" iff  $\Delta ABC$  is equilateral (QED)

**1904. If in  $\Delta ABC$  holds :  $\cos A + 2 \cos B + \cos C = 2$ , then :**

$$9 \leq (a + b + c) \left( \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right) \leq 6 + \frac{3R}{2r}$$

*Proposed by Tapas Das-India*

*Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India*

$$\begin{aligned} \cos A + 2 \cos B + \cos C = 2 &\Rightarrow 2 \cos B + \left( 1 + \frac{r}{R} - \cos B \right) = 2 \\ &\Rightarrow \cos B = 1 - \frac{r}{R} \rightarrow (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Again, } \cos A + 2 \cos B + \cos C = 2 \Rightarrow \cos A + \cos C = 2(1 - \cos B)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \sin \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C-A}{2} = 4 \sin^2 \frac{B}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{c+a}{b} \sin \frac{B}{2} = 2 \sin \frac{B}{2} \Rightarrow c + a + b = 3b$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 2s &= 6R \sin B \Rightarrow s^2 = 9R^2(1 - \cos^2 B) \stackrel{\text{via (1)}}{=} 9R^2 \left( 1 - \left( 1 - \frac{r}{R} \right)^2 \right) \\ &= 9R^2 \left( \frac{2r}{R} - \frac{r^2}{R^2} \right) = 9R^2 \left( \frac{2Rr - r^2}{R^2} \right) \Rightarrow s^2 = 18Rr - 9r^2 \rightarrow (2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, } (a + b + c) \left( \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right) \leq 6 + \frac{3R}{2r} \Leftrightarrow \frac{2s(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)}{4Rrs} \leq \frac{3R + 12r}{2r}$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow s^2 \leq 3R^2 + 8Rr - r^2 \stackrel{\text{via (2)}}{\Leftrightarrow} 18Rr - 9r^2 \leq 3R^2 + 8Rr - r^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 3R^2 - 10Rr + 8r^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(3(R - 2r) + 2r) \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because R \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2r$$

$$\therefore (a + b + c) \left( \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right) \leq 6 + \frac{3R}{2r} \text{ and finally, } (a + b + c) \left( \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right) \stackrel{\text{AM-HM}}{\geq} 9$$

$$\therefore 9 \leq (a + b + c) \left( \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right) \leq 6 + \frac{3R}{2r} \forall \Delta ABC \text{ with } \cos A + 2 \cos B + \cos C = 2$$

" = " iff  $\Delta ABC$  is equilateral (QED)

**1905. In any acute  $\Delta ABC$ , the following relationship holds :**

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a \sin \frac{A}{2} \leq \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sqrt{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a^2} \leq \frac{3}{2} \max(m_a, m_b, m_c)$$

*Proposed by Tapas Das-India*

*Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India*

$$m_a \leq \sqrt{\frac{b^2 + c^2}{2}} \cdot \cos \frac{A}{2} \Leftrightarrow 8m_a^2 \leq (b^2 + c^2) \cdot \left( 4 \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2(2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2)bc \leq (b^2 + c^2)((b + c)^2 - a^2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4bc(b^2 + c^2) - 2a^2bc \leq (b^2 + c^2)^2 + 2bc(b^2 + c^2) - a^2(b^2 + c^2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left( (b^2 + c^2)^2 - a^2(b^2 + c^2) \right) - (2bc(b^2 + c^2) - 2a^2bc) \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (b^2 + c^2)(b^2 + c^2 - a^2) - 2bc(b^2 + c^2 - a^2) \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (b^2 + c^2 - a^2)(b^2 + c^2 - 2bc) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (b^2 + c^2 - a^2)(b - c)^2 \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{true}$$

$$\because \Delta ABC \text{ being acute} \Rightarrow b^2 + c^2 - a^2 > 0 \therefore m_a \leq \sqrt{\frac{b^2 + c^2}{2}} \cdot \cos \frac{A}{2} \text{ and analogs}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a \sin \frac{A}{2} \stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\leq} \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^2 \sin^2 \frac{A}{2}} \leq \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \frac{b^2 + c^2}{2} \cdot \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \right)}$$

$$= \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \frac{b^2 + c^2}{2} \cdot \frac{a^2}{16R^2} \right)} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b^2 c^2}{4R^2}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a^2}$$



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$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a \sin \frac{A}{2} &\leq \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sqrt{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a^2} \text{ and again, } \frac{3}{2} \max(m_a, m_b, m_c) \geq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a \stackrel{\text{Tereshin}}{\geq} \\ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b^2 + c^2}{4R} &= \frac{1}{4R} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \geq \frac{1}{4R} \cdot \sqrt{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} b^2 c^2} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b^2 c^2}{4R^2}} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sqrt{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a^2} \\ \therefore \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sqrt{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a^2} &\leq \frac{3}{2} \max(m_a, m_b, m_c) \text{ and so, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a \sin \frac{A}{2} \leq \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sqrt{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a^2} \\ &\leq \frac{3}{2} \max(m_a, m_b, m_c) \forall \text{ acute } \triangle ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \triangle ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$

**1906. In any  $\triangle ABC$ , the following relationship holds :**

$$\frac{6 \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^2}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} ((s_b + s_c) \sin^2 A) + \sum_{\text{cyc}} ((m_b + m_c) \sin^2 A) \geq \frac{6F}{R} \cdot \sqrt{10 \left(\frac{r}{R}\right) - 8 \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2}$$

*Proposed by Tapas Das-India*

**Solution 1 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco**

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} (s_b + s_c) \sin^2 A + \sum_{\text{cyc}} (m_b + m_c) \sin^2 A &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} (\sin^2 B + \sin^2 C) s_a + \sum_{\text{cyc}} (\sin^2 B + \sin^2 C) m_a \\ &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b^2 + c^2}{4R^2} \cdot \frac{2bc}{b^2 + c^2} m_a + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b^2 + c^2}{4R^2} \cdot m_a = \frac{1}{4R^2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} (b + c)^2 m_a \leq \frac{1}{4R^2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} 2(b^2 + c^2) m_a \\ &= \frac{2}{R} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b^2 + c^2}{4R} \cdot m_a \stackrel{\text{Tereshin}}{\geq} \frac{2}{R} \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^2 \stackrel{\text{Leibniz}}{\geq} \frac{6(m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2)}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}} \end{aligned}$$

Again, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} (s_b + s_c) \sin^2 A + \sum_{\text{cyc}} (m_b + m_c) \sin^2 A &= \frac{1}{4R^2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} (b + c)^2 m_a \geq \\ &\geq \frac{1}{4R^2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} (a + 2(s - a))(b + c) w_a \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} \frac{1}{4R^2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} 2\sqrt{2a(s - a)} \cdot 2\sqrt{bcs(s - a)} = \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2sabc}}{R^2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} (s - a) = \frac{2s\sqrt{2s^2 Rr}}{R^2} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \frac{2s\sqrt{2(16Rr - 5r^2)Rr}}{R^2} = \frac{2F}{R} \sqrt{2\left(16 - \frac{5r}{R}\right)} = \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \frac{6F}{R} \sqrt{10 \frac{r}{R} - 8 \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2 + \frac{4}{9} \left(1 - \frac{2r}{R}\right) \left(8 - \frac{9r}{R}\right)} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} \frac{6F}{R} \sqrt{10 \frac{r}{R} - 8 \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2}$$

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

### Solution 2 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} m_b &\stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{2c^2 + ab}{4} \Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2}{4}\right) \left(\frac{2c^2 + 2a^2 - b^2}{4}\right) \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{(2c^2 + ab)^2}{16} \\ &\Leftrightarrow a^4 + b^4 - 2a^2b^2 - a^2c^2 + 2abc^2 - b^2c^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow (a+b)^2(a-b)^2 - c^2(a-b)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow (a-b)^2(a+b+c)(a+b-c) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\ &\rightarrow \text{true} \Rightarrow m_a m_b \leq \frac{2c^2 + ab}{4} \text{ and analogs} \rightarrow (1) \\ \text{Now, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( (s_b + s_c) \sin^2 A \right) + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( (m_b + m_c) \sin^2 A \right) &\leq \\ \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( (m_b + m_c) \sin^2 A \right) + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( (m_b + m_c) \sin^2 A \right) &\left( \because s_a = \frac{2bc}{b^2 + c^2} \cdot m_a \stackrel{A-G}{\leq} m_a \right. \\ &\left. \text{and analogs} \right) \\ &= \frac{2}{4R^2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 (m_b + m_c) \stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\leq} \frac{1}{2R^2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 (m_b + m_c)^2} \\ &\stackrel{\text{via (1)}}{\leq} \frac{1}{2R^2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 (m_b^2 + m_c^2) + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( 2a^2 \cdot \frac{2a^2 + bc}{4} \right)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2R^2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^2 (b^2 + c^2 + 4a^2)}{4} + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \frac{4a^4 + 2a^2 bc}{4} \right)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2R^2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \left( 4 \left( 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 - 16r^2 s^2 \right) + \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 + 8Rrs^2 \right)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2R^2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{9((s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2 - 16Rrs^2) - 64r^2 s^2 + 8Rrs^2}{2}} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{6 \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^2}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}} \\ &= \frac{9 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2}{2 \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2}} \Leftrightarrow 9 \left( (s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2 - 16Rrs^2 \right) - 64r^2 s^2 + 8Rrs^2 \stackrel{?}{\leq} 162R^4 \\ &\Leftrightarrow 9s^4 - (64Rr + 46r^2)s^2 + 9r^2(4R + r)^2 - 162R^4 \stackrel{?}{\leq} 0 \end{aligned}$$

Now, Rouché  $\Rightarrow s^2 - (m - n) \geq 0$  and  $s^2 - (m + n) \leq 0$ , where  $m = 2R^2 + 10Rr - r^2$  and  $n = 2(R - 2r) \cdot \sqrt{R^2 - 2Rr} \therefore (s^2 - (m + n))(s^2 - (m - n)) \leq 0 \Rightarrow s^4 - s^2(2m) + m^2 - n^2 \leq 0 \Rightarrow s^4 - s^2(4R^2 + 20Rr - 2r^2) + r(4R + r)^3$

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$\leq 0$   $\therefore$  in order to prove (\*), it suffices to prove :

$$9s^4 - (64Rr + 46r^2)s^2 + 9r^2(4R + r)^2 - 162R^4 \\ \leq 9s^4 - 9s^2(4R^2 + 20Rr - 2r^2) + 9r(4R + r)^3 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(18R^2 + 58Rr - 32r^2)s^2 \stackrel{(**)}{\leq} 81R^4 + 288R^3r + 144R^2r^2 + 18Rr^3 \text{ and} \\ \text{again, LHS of } (**) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} (18R^2 + 58Rr - 32r^2)(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq}$$

$$\text{RHS of } (**) \Leftrightarrow 9t^4 - 16t^3 - 14t^2 - 28t + 96 \geq 0 \left( t = \frac{R}{r} \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (t - 2) \left( (t - 2)(9t^2 + 20t + 30) + 12 \right) \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \therefore t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2$$

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

$$\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( (s_b + s_c) \sin^2 A \right) + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( (m_b + m_c) \sin^2 A \right) \leq \frac{6 \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^2}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}$$

$$\text{Again, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( (s_b + s_c) \sin^2 A \right) + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( (m_b + m_c) \sin^2 A \right) \geq 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( (h_b + h_c) \sin^2 A \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4R^3} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2(ca + ab) = \frac{1}{4R^3} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( a^2 \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab - bc \right) \right)$$

$$= \frac{(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) - 4Rrs^2}{2R^3} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{6F}{R} \cdot \sqrt{10 \left( \frac{r}{R} \right) - 8 \left( \frac{r}{R} \right)^2}$$

$$= \frac{6rs}{R^2} \cdot \sqrt{10Rr - 8r^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{\left( (s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) - 4Rrs^2 \right)^2}{4R^6} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{36r^2s^2(10Rr - 8r^2)}{R^4}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s^8 - 8Rrs^6 - r^2(16R^2 + 16Rr + 2r^2)s^4 - Rr^3(1312R^2 - 1216Rr - 8r^2)s^2$$

$$+ r^4(4R + r)^4 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \text{ and } \therefore (s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^4 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 0 \therefore \text{in order}$$

to prove (\*\*\*) , it suffices to prove : LHS of (\*\*\*)  $\geq (s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^4$

$$\Leftrightarrow (14R - 5r)s^6 - r(388R^2 - 236Rr + 38r^2)s^4 \\ + r^2(3768R^3 - 3536R^2r + 1202Rr^2 - 125r^3)$$

$$- r^3(16320R^4 - 20544R^3r + 9576R^2r^2 - 2004Rr^3 + 156r^4) \stackrel{****}{\geq} 0 \text{ and}$$

$$\therefore (14R - 5r)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^3 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 0 \therefore \text{in order to prove } (****), \text{ it suffices}$$

to prove : LHS of (\*\*\*\*)  $\geq (14R - 5r)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^3$

$$\Leftrightarrow (284R^2 - 214Rr + 37r^2)s^4 - r(6984R^3 - 7024R^2r + 2248Rr^2 - 250r^3)$$

$$+ r^2(41024R^4 - 53696R^3r + 26424R^2r^2 - 5746Rr^3 + 469r^4) \stackrel{*****}{\geq} 0 \text{ and}$$

$$\therefore (284R^2 - 214Rr + 37r^2)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^3 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 0 \therefore \text{in order}$$

to prove (\*\*\*\*), it suffices to prove : LHS of (\*\*\*\*)  $\geq$

$$(284R^2 - 214Rr + 37r^2)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^3$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \Leftrightarrow (526R^3 - 666R^2r + 269Rr^2 - 30r^3)s^2 \stackrel{*****}{\geq} \\ & r(7920R^4 - 11632R^3r + 6097R^2r^2 - 1381Rr^3 + 114r^4) \\ & \text{Finally, } (526R^3 - 666R^2r + 269Rr^2 - 30r^3)s^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \\ & (526R^3 - 666R^2r + 269Rr^2 - 30r^3)(16Rr - 5r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} \\ & r(7920R^4 - 11632R^3r + 6097R^2r^2 - 1381Rr^3 + 114r^4) \\ & \Leftrightarrow 496t^4 - 1654t^3 + 1537t^2 - 444t + 36 \geq 0 \\ & \Leftrightarrow (t-2) \left( (t-2)(496t^2 + 330t + 873) + 1728 \right) \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \\ & \Rightarrow (*****)\Rightarrow (****)\Rightarrow (****)\Rightarrow (***) \text{ is true} \\ & \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( (s_b + s_c) \sin^2 A \right) + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( (m_b + m_c) \sin^2 A \right) \geq \frac{6F}{R} \cdot \sqrt{10 \left( \frac{r}{R} \right) - 8 \left( \frac{r}{R} \right)^2} \\ & \text{and so, } \frac{6 \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^2}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( (s_b + s_c) \sin^2 A \right) + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( (m_b + m_c) \sin^2 A \right) \\ & \geq \frac{6F}{R} \cdot \sqrt{10 \left( \frac{r}{R} \right) - 8 \left( \frac{r}{R} \right)^2} \quad \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$

**1907. In any  $\Delta ABC$ , the following relationship holds :**

$$\frac{6 \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^2}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( (s_b + s_c) \sin^2 A \right) + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( (m_b + m_c) \sin^2 A \right) \geq \frac{6F}{R} \cdot \sqrt{10 \left( \frac{r}{R} \right) - 8 \left( \frac{r}{R} \right)^2}$$

*Proposed by Tapas Das-India*

**Solution 1 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco**

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\text{cyc}} (s_b + s_c) \sin^2 A + \sum_{\text{cyc}} (m_b + m_c) \sin^2 A = \sum_{\text{cyc}} (\sin^2 B + \sin^2 C) s_a + \sum_{\text{cyc}} (\sin^2 B + \sin^2 C) m_a \\ & = \\ & = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b^2 + c^2}{4R^2} \cdot \frac{2bc}{b^2 + c^2} m_a + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b^2 + c^2}{4R^2} \cdot m_a = \frac{1}{4R^2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} (b+c)^2 m_a \leq \frac{1}{4R^2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} 2(b^2 + c^2) m_a \\ & = \frac{2}{R} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b^2 + c^2}{4R} \cdot m_a \stackrel{\text{Tereshin}}{\leq} \frac{2}{R} \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^2 \stackrel{\text{Leibniz}}{\leq} \frac{6(m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2)}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}} \end{aligned}$$

Again, we have

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} (s_b + s_c) \sin^2 A + \sum_{\text{cyc}} (m_b + m_c) \sin^2 A = \frac{1}{4R^2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} (b+c)^2 m_a \geq$$

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$$\begin{aligned} &\geq \frac{1}{4R^2} \sum_{cyc} (a + 2(s-a))(b+c)w_a \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \frac{1}{4R^2} \sum_{cyc} 2\sqrt{2a(s-a)} \cdot 2\sqrt{bcs(s-a)} = \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2sabc}}{R^2} \sum_{cyc} (s-a) = \frac{2s\sqrt{2s^2Rr}}{R^2} \stackrel{Gerresten}{\geq} \frac{2s\sqrt{2(16Rr-5r^2)Rr}}{R^2} = \frac{2F}{R} \sqrt{2\left(16-\frac{5r}{R}\right)} = \\ &= \frac{6F}{R} \sqrt{10\frac{r}{R} - 8\left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2 + \frac{4}{9}\left(1-\frac{2r}{R}\right)\left(8-\frac{9r}{R}\right)} \stackrel{Euler}{\geq} \frac{6F}{R} \sqrt{10\frac{r}{R} - 8\left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

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

### Solution 2 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} m_b &\stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{2c^2 + ab}{4} \Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2}{4}\right) \left(\frac{2c^2 + 2a^2 - b^2}{4}\right) \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{(2c^2 + ab)^2}{16} \\ &\Leftrightarrow a^4 + b^4 - 2a^2b^2 - a^2c^2 + 2abc^2 - b^2c^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow (a+b)^2(a-b)^2 - c^2(a-b)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow (a-b)^2(a+b+c)(a+b-c) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\ &\rightarrow \text{true} \Rightarrow m_a m_b \leq \frac{2c^2 + ab}{4} \text{ and analogs} \rightarrow (1) \\ \text{Now, } &\sum_{cyc} ((s_b + s_c) \sin^2 A) + \sum_{cyc} ((m_b + m_c) \sin^2 A) \leq \\ &\sum_{cyc} ((m_b + m_c) \sin^2 A) + \sum_{cyc} ((m_b + m_c) \sin^2 A) \left( \because s_a = \frac{2bc}{b^2 + c^2} \cdot m_a \stackrel{A-G}{\leq} m_a \right. \\ &\quad \left. \text{and analogs} \right) \\ &= \frac{2}{4R^2} \sum_{cyc} a^2(m_b + m_c) \stackrel{CBS}{\leq} \frac{1}{2R^2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{cyc} a^2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{cyc} a^2(m_b + m_c)^2} \\ &\stackrel{\text{via (1)}}{\leq} \frac{1}{2R^2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{cyc} a^2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{cyc} a^2(m_b^2 + m_c^2) + \sum_{cyc} \left(2a^2 \cdot \frac{2a^2 + bc}{4}\right)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2R^2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{cyc} a^2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2(b^2 + c^2 + 4a^2)}{4} + \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{4a^4 + 2a^2bc}{4}\right)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2R^2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{cyc} a^2} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \left(4 \left(2 \sum_{cyc} a^2b^2 - 16r^2s^2\right) + \sum_{cyc} a^2b^2 + 8Rrs^2\right)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2R^2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{cyc} a^2} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{9((s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2 - 16Rrs^2) - 64r^2s^2 + 8Rrs^2}{2}} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{6 \sum_{cyc} m_a^2}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}} \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \frac{9 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2}{2 \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2}} \Leftrightarrow 9 \left( (s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2 - 16Rrs^2 \right) - 64r^2s^2 + 8Rrs^2 \stackrel{?}{\leq} 162R^4$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 9s^4 - (64Rr + 46r^2)s^2 + 9r^2(4R + r)^2 - 162R^4 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

Now, Rouché  $\Rightarrow s^2 - (m - n) \geq 0$  and  $s^2 - (m + n) \leq 0$ , where  $m = 2R^2 + 10Rr - r^2$  and  $n = 2(R - 2r) \cdot \sqrt{R^2 - 2Rr} \therefore (s^2 - (m + n))(s^2 - (m - n)) \leq 0 \Rightarrow s^4 - s^2(2m) + m^2 - n^2 \leq 0 \Rightarrow s^4 - s^2(4R^2 + 20Rr - 2r^2) + r(4R + r)^3$

$\leq 0 \therefore$  in order to prove (\*), it suffices to prove :

$$9s^4 - (64Rr + 46r^2)s^2 + 9r^2(4R + r)^2 - 162R^4 \leq 9s^4 - 9s^2(4R^2 + 20Rr - 2r^2) + 9r(4R + r)^3 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(18R^2 + 58Rr - 32r^2)s^2 \stackrel{(**)}{\leq} 81R^4 + 288R^3r + 144R^2r^2 + 18Rr^3 \text{ and again, LHS of } (**) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} (18R^2 + 58Rr - 32r^2)(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) \stackrel{?}{\leq}$$

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$$= \frac{6rs}{R^2} \cdot \sqrt{10Rr - 8r^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{\left( (s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) - 4Rrs^2 \right)^2}{4R^6} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{36r^2s^2(10Rr - 8r^2)}{R^4}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s^8 - 8Rrs^6 - r^2(16R^2 + 16Rr + 2r^2)s^4 - Rr^3(1312R^2 - 1216Rr - 8r^2)s^2$$

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to prove (\*\*\*) , it suffices to prove : LHS of (\*\*\*)  $\geq (s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^4$

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$$- r^3(16320R^4 - 20544R^3r + 9576R^2r^2 - 2004Rr^3 + 156r^4) \stackrel{****}{\geq} 0 \text{ and}$$

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$\therefore (14R - 5r)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^3 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 0$   $\therefore$  in order to prove (\*\*\*\*), it suffices

to prove : LHS of (\*\*\*\*)  $\geq (14R - 5r)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^3$

$$\Leftrightarrow (284R^2 - 214Rr + 37r^2)s^4 - r(6984R^3 - 7024R^2r + 2248Rr^2 - 250r^3)$$

$$+ r^2(41024R^4 - 53696R^3r + 26424R^2r^2 - 5746Rr^3 + 469r^4) \stackrel{\text{(****)}}{\geq} 0 \text{ and}$$

$\therefore (284R^2 - 214Rr + 37r^2)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^3 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 0$   $\therefore$  in order

to prove (\*\*\*\*), it suffices to prove : LHS of (\*\*\*\*)  $\geq$

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$$\Leftrightarrow (526R^3 - 666R^2r + 269Rr^2 - 30r^3)s^2 \stackrel{\text{(*****)}}{\geq} r(7920R^4 - 11632R^3r + 6097R^2r^2 - 1381Rr^3 + 114r^4)$$

$$\text{Finally, } (526R^3 - 666R^2r + 269Rr^2 - 30r^3)s^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq}$$

$$(526R^3 - 666R^2r + 269Rr^2 - 30r^3)(16Rr - 5r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} r(7920R^4 - 11632R^3r + 6097R^2r^2 - 1381Rr^3 + 114r^4)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 496t^4 - 1654t^3 + 1537t^2 - 444t + 36 \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (t - 2) \left( (t - 2)(496t^2 + 330t + 873) + 1728 \right) \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{(*****)} \Rightarrow \text{(****)} \Rightarrow \text{(****)} \Rightarrow \text{(****)} \text{ is true}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( (s_b + s_c) \sin^2 A \right) + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( (m_b + m_c) \sin^2 A \right) \geq \frac{6F}{R} \cdot \sqrt{10 \left( \frac{r}{R} \right) - 8 \left( \frac{r}{R} \right)^2}$$

$$\text{and so, } \frac{6 \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^2}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( (s_b + s_c) \sin^2 A \right) + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( (m_b + m_c) \sin^2 A \right)$$

$$\geq \frac{6F}{R} \cdot \sqrt{10 \left( \frac{r}{R} \right) - 8 \left( \frac{r}{R} \right)^2} \quad \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$$

**1908. In  $\Delta ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

$$\frac{(a^2 + b^2)^2}{\sin^2 A} + \frac{(b^2 + c^2)^2}{\sin^2 B} + \frac{(c^2 + a^2)^2}{\sin^2 C} \geq 9 \cdot (4r)^4$$

*Proposed by Zaza Mzhavanadze-Georgia*

*Solution by Tapas Das-India*

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(a^2 + b^2)^2}{\sin^2 A} + \frac{(b^2 + c^2)^2}{\sin^2 B} + \frac{(c^2 + a^2)^2}{\sin^2 C} = \sum \frac{(a^2 + b^2)^2}{\sin^2 A} = \\ & = 4R^2 \sum \frac{(a^2 + b^2)^2}{a^2} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{4R^2(2a^2 + 2b^2 + 2c^2)^2}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} = \end{aligned}$$

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$$= 16R^2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) \stackrel{\text{Neuberg}}{\geq} 16R^2 \cdot 36r^2 \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 16(2r)^2 36r^2 = 9(4r)^4$$

Equality holds for  $a = b = c$

1909. If in  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $abc = 1$  then:

$$\sum \frac{b^2 \cot \frac{C}{2} + c^2 \cot \frac{B}{2}}{b+c} \geq 3\sqrt{3}$$

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$$\text{WLOG } a \geq b \geq c \text{ then } \cot \frac{A}{2} \leq \cot \frac{B}{2} \leq \cot \frac{C}{2}$$

$$\frac{b^2 \cot \frac{C}{2} + c^2 \cot \frac{B}{2}}{b+c} \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\geq} \frac{\frac{1}{2}(b^2 + c^2) \left( \cot \frac{C}{2} + \cot \frac{B}{2} \right)}{b+c} \stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\geq}$$

$$\geq \frac{\frac{1}{2} \frac{(b+c)^2}{2} \left( \cot \frac{C}{2} + \cot \frac{B}{2} \right)}{b+c} = \frac{(b+c)^2}{4} \frac{\left( \cot \frac{C}{2} + \cot \frac{B}{2} \right)}{b+c} =$$

$$= \frac{b+c}{4} \left( \cot \frac{C}{2} + \cot \frac{B}{2} \right) \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} \sqrt{bc} \sqrt{\cot \frac{B}{2} \cot \frac{C}{2}} \quad (1)$$

$$\sum \frac{b^2 \cot \frac{C}{2} + c^2 \cot \frac{B}{2}}{b+c} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \sum \sqrt{bc} \sqrt{\cot \frac{B}{2} \cot \frac{C}{2}} \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq}$$

$$\geq 3 \left( abc \prod \cos \frac{A}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \stackrel{abc=1}{=} 3 \left( \frac{S}{r} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\geq} 3\sqrt{3}$$

Equality holds for  $a = b = c = 1$ .

1910. In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$\sum \frac{b^3 \cot \frac{C}{2} + c^3 \cot \frac{B}{2}}{\sin A \left( b^2 \frac{c}{\sin C} + c^2 \frac{b}{\sin B} \right)} \geq 3\sqrt{3}$$



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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{WLOG } a \geq b \geq c \text{ then } \cot \frac{A}{2} \leq \cot \frac{B}{2} \leq \cot \frac{C}{2} \\
 & \frac{b^3 \cot \frac{C}{2} + c^3 \cot \frac{B}{2}}{\sin A \left( b^2 \frac{c}{\sin C} + c^2 \frac{b}{\sin B} \right)} \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\geq} \frac{\frac{1}{2}(b^3 + c^3) \left( \cot \frac{C}{2} + \cot \frac{B}{2} \right)}{\frac{a}{2R} \cdot 2R(b^2 + c^2)} \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\geq} \\
 & \geq \frac{\frac{1}{4}(b+c)(b^2+c^2) \left( \cot \frac{C}{2} + \cot \frac{B}{2} \right)}{\frac{a}{2R} \cdot 2R(b^2+c^2)} = \frac{\frac{1}{4} \left( (b+c) \left( \cot \frac{C}{2} + \cot \frac{B}{2} \right) \right)}{a} \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} \\
 & \geq \frac{\sqrt{bc}}{a} \sqrt{\cot \frac{C}{2} \cot \frac{B}{2}} \quad (1) \\
 & \sum \frac{b^3 \cot \frac{C}{2} + c^3 \cot \frac{B}{2}}{\sin A \left( b^2 \frac{c}{\sin C} + c^2 \frac{b}{\sin B} \right)} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \sum \frac{\sqrt{bc}}{a} \sqrt{\cot \frac{C}{2} \cot \frac{B}{2}} \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} \\
 & \geq 3 \sqrt[3]{\prod \cot \frac{A}{2}} = 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{S}{r}} \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\geq} 3(3\sqrt{3})^{\frac{1}{3}} = 3\sqrt{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for  $a = b = c$

**1911. In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

$$\sum \frac{(a+b)^4}{\sin \frac{A}{2} \left( 1 + \sin \frac{B}{2} \right)} \geq 36(4r)^4$$

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$$\sum \sin \frac{A}{2} \stackrel{\text{Jensen}}{\leq} 3 \sin \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{3}{2} \quad (1)$$

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$$\left( \sum \frac{(a+b)^4}{\sin \frac{A}{2} (1 + \sin \frac{B}{2})} \right) \left( \sum \sin \frac{A}{2} \right) \left( \sum 1 + \sin \frac{B}{2} \right) (1 + 1 + 1) \stackrel{\text{Holder}}{\geq} (2a + 2b + 2c)^4$$

$$\sum \frac{(a+b)^4}{\sin \frac{A}{2} (1 + \sin \frac{B}{2})} \geq \frac{16(2s)^4}{\left( \sum \sin \frac{A}{2} \right) \left( \sum 1 + \sin \frac{B}{2} \right) (1 + 1 + 1)} \stackrel{(1) \& \text{Mitrinovic}}{\geq}$$

$$\geq \frac{256(3\sqrt{3}r)^4}{\frac{3}{2} \left( 3 + \frac{3}{2} \right) \cdot 3} = \frac{(4 \cdot 9)(81)(4r)^4}{81} = 36(4r)^4$$

Equality holds iff  $\Delta ABC$  is equilateral

**1912. In  $\Delta ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

$$\frac{a(b+c)}{9R^2 - a^2} + \frac{b(c+a)}{9R^2 - b^2} + \frac{c(a+b)}{9R^2 - c^2} < 4$$

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*Solution by Tapas Das-India*

We know that in  $\Delta ABC$ :

$$b+c > a \text{ or } 2(b+c) > a+b+c \text{ or } 2(b+c) > 2s \text{ or } b+c > s$$

similarly,  $(a+b) > s$  and  $(c+a) > s$

$$9R^2 - a^2 \stackrel{\text{Leibniz}}{\geq} a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - a^2 = b^2 + c^2 \stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\geq} \frac{(b+c)^2}{2} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Similarly: } 9R^2 - b^2 \geq \frac{(a+c)^2}{2} \quad (2), \quad 9R^2 - c^2 \geq \frac{(a+b)^2}{2} \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{a(b+c)}{9R^2 - a^2} + \frac{b(c+a)}{9R^2 - b^2} + \frac{c(a+b)}{9R^2 - c^2} \stackrel{(1),(2)\&(3)}{\leq} \frac{a(b+c)}{\frac{(b+c)^2}{2}} + \frac{b(c+a)}{\frac{(a+c)^2}{2}} + \frac{c(a+b)}{\frac{(a+b)^2}{2}} =$$

$$= \frac{2a}{b+c} + \frac{2b}{a+c} + \frac{2c}{a+b} < \frac{2a}{s} + \frac{2b}{s} + \frac{2c}{s} = \frac{2(a+b+c)}{s} = 2 \cdot \frac{2s}{s} = 4$$

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

**1913. In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

$$\frac{\sum \sin^2 A}{\sum \sin A \sin B} = \frac{4}{3} \text{ then } GI^2 \geq 2r^2$$

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*Solution by Tapas Das-India*

$$\sin A = \frac{a}{2R}, \sin B = \frac{b}{2R}, \sin C = \frac{c}{2R}$$

$$\text{we know that } GI^2 = \frac{1}{9}(s^2 + 5r^2 - 16Rr)$$

(Reference: Useful Identities and inequalities in Geometry, contributor: Samer Seraj, Andrew Krik, Reda Afara, Luis Gonzales)

$$\frac{\sum \sin^2 A}{\sum \sin A \sin B} = \frac{\sum a^2}{\sum ab} = \frac{2(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr)}{s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\sum \sin^2 A}{\sum \sin A \sin B} &= \frac{4}{3} \text{ or } \frac{2(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr)}{s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr} = \frac{4}{3} \text{ or} \\ 6(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr) &= 4(s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr) \text{ or} \\ 2s^2 - 10r^2 - 40Rr &= 0 \text{ or} \\ s^2 &= 5r^2 + 20Rr \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{We need to show } GI^2 \geq 2r^2 \text{ or } \frac{1}{9}(s^2 + 5r^2 - 16Rr) \geq 2r^2 \text{ or}$$

$$(s^2 + 5r^2 - 16Rr) \geq 18r^2 \text{ or } (5r^2 + 20Rr + 5r^2 - 16Rr) \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} 18r^2 \text{ or}$$

$$4Rr \geq 8r^2 \text{ or } R \geq 2r \text{ True (Euler)}$$

**1914. In any  $\triangle ABC$ , the following relationship holds :**

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\tan^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2}} \geq \frac{4R + r}{p} \left( \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{4R + r}{p} \right)^2 - 1 \right)$$

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$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\tan^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2}} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\tan^4 \frac{A}{2}}{\tan^2 \frac{A}{2} \tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} \tan \frac{C}{2}} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq}$$

$$\geq \frac{\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \tan^2 \frac{A}{2}\right)^2}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} \tan \frac{B}{2} + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} \tan \frac{C}{2}} =$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{p^4} ((4R + r)^2 - 2p^2)^2}{\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \tan \frac{A}{2}\right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \tan \frac{A}{2} \tan \frac{B}{2}\right) - 3 \tan \frac{A}{2} \tan \frac{B}{2} \tan \frac{C}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{((4R + r)^2 - 2p^2)^2}{p^4 \left(\frac{4R + r}{p} - \frac{3r}{p}\right)} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{4R + r}{p} \left(\frac{(4R + r)^2 - 2p^2}{2p^2}\right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2(4R + r)^2 - 4p^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} (4R - 2r)(4R + r) \Leftrightarrow p^2 \stackrel{?}{\leq} 4R^2 + 5Rr + r^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left(p^2 - (4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)\right) - r(R - 2r) \stackrel{?}{\leq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true}$$

$$\therefore p^2 - (4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} 0 \text{ and } -r(R - 2r) \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} 0$$

$$\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\tan^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2}} \geq \frac{4R + r}{p} \left(\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{4R + r}{p}\right)^2 - 1\right)$$

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

**1915. In any acute triangle ABC, the following relationship holds :**

$$m_a \sqrt{\cot A} + m_b \sqrt{\cot B} + m_c \sqrt{\cot C} > 6r$$

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$$\text{Let } \sqrt{\cot A} = x, \sqrt{\cot B} = y, \sqrt{\cot C} = z \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{\cot A} \stackrel{?}{>} 2 \Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} x \stackrel{?}{>} 2$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right)^2 \stackrel{?}{>} 4 = 4 \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 y^2} \left( \because \sum_{\text{cyc}} \cot A \cot B = \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 y^2 = 1 \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right)^4 \stackrel{?}{>} 16 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 y^2 \rightarrow (2)$$

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 a triangle with semiperimeter, circumradius and inradius =  $s, R, r$  (say)

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

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

and  $\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 y^2 = \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right)^2 - 2xyz \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right) \stackrel{\text{via (i) and (ii)}}{=} (4Rr + r^2)^2 - 2r^2 s$

$$(4Rr + r^2)^2 - 2 \left( \prod_{\text{cyc}} (s - X) \right) \cdot s = (4Rr + r^2)^2 - 2r^2 s \cdot s$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 y^2 = r^2((4R + r)^2 - 2s^2) \rightarrow (iii) \therefore \text{via (i) and (iii), (2)} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$s^4 \stackrel{?}{>} 16r^2((4R + r)^2 - 2s^2) \Leftrightarrow s^4 + 32r^2 s^2 \stackrel{?}{>} 16r^2(4R + r)^2 \quad (*)$$

Now, LHS of (\*)  $\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (16Rr + 27r^2)s^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (16Rr + 27r^2)(16Rr - 5r^2) \stackrel{?}{>} 16r^2(4R + r)^2 \Leftrightarrow 76r(R - 2r) + 148Rr + r^2 \stackrel{?}{>} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because R \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2r \Rightarrow (2) \Rightarrow (*)$

is true  $\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{\cot A} > 2$  and WLOG assuming  $a \geq b \geq c \Rightarrow m_a \leq m_b \leq m_c$

and  $\sqrt{\cot A} \leq \sqrt{\cot B} \leq \sqrt{\cot C} \therefore m_a \sqrt{\cot A} + m_b \sqrt{\cot B} + m_c \sqrt{\cot C} \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\geq}$

$$\frac{1}{3} \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{\cot A} \right) \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\geq} \frac{1}{3} \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{\cot A} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \left( 2rs \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{a} \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{\cot A} \right) \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{1}{3} \left( 2rs \cdot \frac{9}{2s} \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{\cot A} \right) \stackrel{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{\cot A} > 2}{>} 6r$$

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

**1916. In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

$$\frac{\left(\sec^2 \frac{A}{2} + \csc^2 \frac{A}{2}\right)^3}{\left(\sin^2 A + \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}\right)^2} + \frac{\left(\sec^2 \frac{B}{2} + \csc^2 \frac{B}{2}\right)^3}{\left(\sin^2 B + \cos^2 \frac{B}{2}\right)^2} + \frac{\left(\sec^2 \frac{C}{2} + \csc^2 \frac{C}{2}\right)^3}{\left(\sin^2 C + \cos^2 \frac{C}{2}\right)^2} \geq \frac{16384}{81}$$

*Proposed by Zaza Mzhavanadze-Georgia*

*Solution by Tapas Das-India*

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\sec^2 \frac{A}{2} + \csc^2 \frac{A}{2}\right) &= \frac{1}{\cos^2 \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2}} = \frac{\left(\cos^2 \frac{A}{2} + \sin^2 \frac{A}{2}\right)}{\cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \sin^2 \frac{A}{2}} = \\ &= \frac{1}{\cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \sin^2 \frac{A}{2}} = \frac{4}{4 \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \sin^2 \frac{A}{2}} = \frac{4}{\left(2 \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}\right)^2} = \frac{4}{\sin^2 A} \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \left(\sec^2 \frac{A}{2} + \csc^2 \frac{A}{2}\right) &\stackrel{(1)}{=} 4 \sum \frac{1}{\sin^2 A} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} 4 \frac{(1+1+1)^2}{\sum \sin^2 A} = \\ &= \frac{36}{\sum \frac{a^2}{4R^2}} = \frac{144R^2}{\sum a^2} \stackrel{\text{Leibniz}}{\geq} \frac{144R^2}{9R^2} = 16 \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} &= 2 + \frac{r}{2R} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} 2 + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{9}{4} \quad (3) \text{ and} \\ \sum \sin^2 A &= \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{4R^2} \stackrel{\text{Leibniz}}{\leq} \frac{9R^2}{4R^2} = \frac{9}{4} \quad (4) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{\left(\sec^2 \frac{A}{2} + \csc^2 \frac{A}{2}\right)^3}{\left(\sin^2 A + \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}\right)^2} + \frac{\left(\sec^2 \frac{B}{2} + \csc^2 \frac{B}{2}\right)^3}{\left(\sin^2 B + \cos^2 \frac{B}{2}\right)^2} + \frac{\left(\sec^2 \frac{C}{2} + \csc^2 \frac{C}{2}\right)^3}{\left(\sin^2 C + \cos^2 \frac{C}{2}\right)^2} \stackrel{\text{Radon}}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{\left(\sum \left(\sec^2 \frac{A}{2} + \csc^2 \frac{A}{2}\right)\right)^3}{\left(\sum \sin^2 A + \sum \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}\right)^2} \stackrel{(2),(3),(4)}{\geq} \frac{(16)^3}{\left(\frac{9}{4} + \frac{9}{4}\right)^2} = \frac{256 \times 16 \times 4}{81} = \frac{16384}{81} \end{aligned}$$

*Equality holds iff  $\triangle ABC$  is equilateral.*

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**1917. In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

$$\frac{m_a^2 + m_b^2 - c^2}{\sin^2(A) + \sin^2(B)} + \frac{m_a^2 + m_c^2 - b^2}{\sin^2(A) + \sin^2(C)} + \frac{m_b^2 + m_c^2 - a^2}{\sin^2(B) + \sin^2(C)} = 3R^2$$

*Proposed by Ertan Yildirim-Turkiye*

*Solution by Mirsadix Muzefferov-Azerbaijan*

$$\sin(A) = \frac{a}{2R}; \sin(B) = \frac{b}{2R}; \sin(C) = \frac{c}{2R} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Also} \rightarrow \begin{cases} 4m_a^2 = 2(b^2 + c^2) - a^2 \\ 4m_b^2 = 2(a^2 + c^2) - b^2 \\ 4m_c^2 = 2(b^2 + a^2) - c^2 \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

*Let's write the expression (1) instead*

$$\begin{aligned} R^2 \left( \frac{4(m_a^2 + m_b^2 - c^2)}{b^2 + a^2} + \frac{4(m_a^2 + m_c^2 - b^2)}{c^2 + a^2} + \frac{4(m_c^2 + m_b^2 - a^2)}{b^2 + c^2} \right) &= \\ R^2 \left( \frac{4m_a^2 + 4m_b^2 - 4c^2}{b^2 + a^2} + \frac{4m_a^2 + 4m_c^2 - 4b^2}{c^2 + a^2} + \frac{4m_c^2 + 4m_b^2 - 4a^2}{b^2 + c^2} \right) &\stackrel{(2)}{=} \\ R^2 \left( \frac{2(b^2 + c^2) - a^2 + 2(a^2 + c^2) - b^2 - 4c^2}{b^2 + a^2} \right. &+ \\ \left. + \frac{2(b^2 + c^2) - a^2 + 2(a^2 + b^2) - c^2 - 4b^2}{c^2 + a^2} \right. &+ \\ \left. + \frac{2(a^2 + c^2) - b^2 + 2(a^2 + b^2) - c^2 - 4a^2}{b^2 + c^2} \right) &= \\ R^2 \left( \frac{b^2 + a^2}{b^2 + a^2} + \frac{c^2 + a^2}{c^2 + a^2} + \frac{b^2 + c^2}{b^2 + c^2} \right) &= 3R^2 \text{ (proved)} \end{aligned}$$

**1918. If in  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $A : B : C = 1 : 3 : 6$  then find:  $\frac{s}{r}$**

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*Solution by proposer*

$$\begin{aligned} A : B : C = 1 : 3 : 6 &\Rightarrow B = 3A, C = 6A \\ A + B + C = 180^\circ &\Rightarrow A + 3A + 6A = 180^\circ \Rightarrow 10A = 180^\circ, \\ A = 18^\circ, B = 54^\circ, C &= 108^\circ \\ F = \frac{1}{2} bcsinA &\Rightarrow rs = \frac{1}{2} bcsinA \Rightarrow r = \frac{bcsinA}{2s} \end{aligned}$$





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In  $\Delta APQ$  by theorem Menelaus :

$$\frac{WA}{WQ} \cdot \frac{QN}{NP} \cdot \frac{PV}{VA} = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{PV}{AV} = \frac{WA}{WQ} \Rightarrow \frac{PV}{AV} - 1 = \frac{WQ}{WA} - 1 \Rightarrow \frac{PV - AV}{AV} = \frac{WQ - WA}{WA} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{PV - AV}{AV} = \frac{AQ}{WA} \Rightarrow \frac{PV - AV}{AQ} = \frac{AV}{AW}$$

Now let us prove that :

$$\frac{PB}{QC} = \frac{AV}{AW}$$

For this also by Menelaus theorem in the triangle ABC

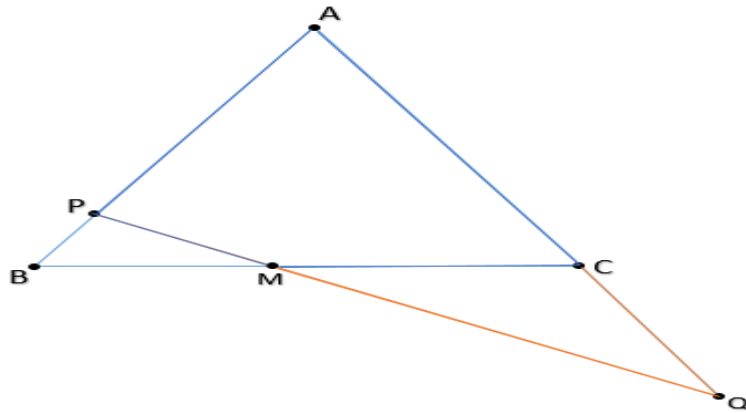
$$\frac{WA}{WC} \cdot \frac{CM}{MB} \cdot \frac{BV}{VA} = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{WC}{WA} = \frac{BV}{AV} \Rightarrow \frac{AV}{AW} = \frac{BV}{WC} = \frac{BP + PV}{WA + AC} \Rightarrow \frac{AV}{WA} = \frac{BP + PV}{WA + AC} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AV}{WA} = \frac{BP + PV}{WA + AC} \Rightarrow \frac{AV}{WA} = \frac{BP}{WA} + \frac{PV}{WA + AC} \Rightarrow \frac{AV}{WA} = \frac{BP}{WA} + \frac{PV}{WA} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AV}{WA} = \frac{BP + PV}{WA} \Rightarrow \frac{AV}{WA} = \frac{BP + PV}{WA} \Rightarrow \frac{AV}{WA} = \frac{BP + PV}{WA} \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{BP}{VA} = \frac{AQ + QC + WA - WA - AQ}{WA} = \frac{QC}{WA} \Rightarrow \frac{PB}{QC} = \frac{AV}{AW} \text{ (Qed)}$$

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$AB = BC = CA, BM = MC, [APMC] = S_1, [CMQ] = S_2, \frac{AP}{PB} = x > 1,$   
 $\frac{S_1}{S_2} = y.$  Calculate  $y = f(x).$  If  $[APMC] = [CQM]$  then find  $\frac{AP}{PB}.$

Proposed by Thanasis Gakopoulos-Greece

Solution by Mirsadix Muzefferov-Azerbaijan

$$\frac{S_1 + S_2}{S_2} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}AQ \cdot PQ \cdot \sin Q}{\frac{1}{2}CQ \cdot QM \cdot \sin Q} = \frac{AQ \cdot PQ}{CQ \cdot QM} \quad (*)$$

So let's find  $\frac{AQ}{CQ} = ? \frac{PQ}{QM} = ?.$  Let's use Menelaus theorem for this :

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$$\frac{QC \cdot AP \cdot BM}{QA \cdot BP \cdot MC} = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{QC}{QA} = \frac{1}{x} \quad (1) \Rightarrow \frac{AC}{CQ} = x - 1, \quad \frac{AP}{BP} = x \Rightarrow \frac{BP}{BA} = \frac{1}{x+1}$$

Also, Menelaus theorem :

$$\frac{BP \cdot AC \cdot MQ}{BA \cdot CQ \cdot PM} = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{MQ}{PM} = \frac{x+1}{x-1} \Rightarrow \frac{PQ}{MQ} = \frac{2x}{x+1} \quad (2)$$

Let's use (1) and (2) in (\*)

$$\text{Then } \frac{S_1 + S_2}{S_2} = \frac{2x^2}{x+1} \Rightarrow y = \frac{S_1}{S_2} = \frac{2x^2 - x - 1}{x+1}; \text{ if } S_1 = S_2 \Rightarrow y = 1$$

$$2x^2 - x - 1 = x + 1 \Rightarrow x^2 - x - 1 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{\sqrt{5} + 1}{2} = \varphi$$

**1921. In any  $\Delta ABC$ , the following relationship holds :**

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_a}{s + n_a} \leq 3 + \frac{s - h_a - h_b - h_c}{2r}$$

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

$$= as^2 - \frac{4sr^2s}{s-a} = as^2 - 2a \cdot \frac{2F}{a} \cdot \frac{F}{s-a} = as^2 - 2ah_a r_a \Rightarrow n_a^2 = s^2 - 2h_a r_a$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and analogs} &\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_a}{s + n_a} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_a(s - n_a)}{s^2 - n_a^2} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_a(s - n_a)}{2h_a r_a} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{s}{2h_a} - \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{n_a}{2h_a} \\ &\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_a}{s + n_a} = \frac{s}{2r} - \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{n_a}{2h_a} \rightarrow (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } n_a &\geq \frac{b^2 - bc + c^2}{2R} \Leftrightarrow \frac{n_a}{h_a} \geq \frac{b^2 - bc + c^2}{bc} \Leftrightarrow \frac{n_a^2}{h_a^2} - 1 \geq \left( \frac{b^2 - bc + c^2}{bc} \right)^2 - 1 \\ &= \frac{(b-c)^2(b^2 + c^2)}{b^2c^2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{n_a^2 - h_a^2}{h_a^2} \geq \frac{(b-c)^2(b^2 + c^2)}{b^2c^2} \text{ via (1)} \Leftrightarrow \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} s(s-a) + \frac{s}{a}(b-c)^2 - s(s-a) + \frac{s(s-a)(b-c)^2}{a^2} &\geq \frac{(b-c)^2(b^2 + c^2)}{b^2c^2} \cdot \frac{b^2c^2}{4R^2} \\ \Leftrightarrow \left( \frac{s}{a} + \frac{s(s-a)}{a^2} \right) (b-c)^2 &\geq \frac{(b-c)^2(b^2 + c^2)}{4R^2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{s^2}{a^2} \geq \frac{b^2 + c^2}{4R^2} \quad (\because (b-c)^2 \geq 0) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &\Leftrightarrow 4R^2s^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} a^2b^2 + c^2a^2 \rightarrow \text{true (strict inequality)} \because 4R^2s^2 \stackrel{\text{Goldstone}}{\geq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b^2 \\
 &> a^2b^2 + c^2a^2 \therefore n_a \geq \frac{b^2 - bc + c^2}{2R} \text{ and analogs} \Rightarrow \frac{s}{2r} - \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{n_a}{2h_a} - 3 \\
 &\leq \frac{s}{2r} - \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \frac{b^2 - bc + c^2}{2bc} + 1 \right) = \frac{s}{2r} - \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a(b^2 + bc + c^2)}{2abc} \\
 &= \frac{s}{2r} - \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab) - 3abc + 3abc}{2s \cdot 4Rr} = \frac{s}{2r} - \frac{1}{2r} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{bc}{2R} = \frac{s - h_a - h_b - h_c}{2r} \\
 &\stackrel{\text{via (1)}}{\Rightarrow} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_a}{s + n_a} - 3 \leq \frac{s - h_a - h_b - h_c}{2r} \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_a}{s + n_a} \leq 3 + \frac{s - h_a - h_b - h_c}{2r} \\
 &\quad \forall \Delta ABC, \text{ with equality iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$

1922. In  $\Delta ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$\cos(B - C) \cos(C - A) \cos(A - B) \geq 8 \cos A \cos B \cos C$$

*Proposed by George Apostolopoulos-Greece*

*Solution by Tapas Das-India*

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\frac{b \cos B + c \cos C}{a} = \frac{R(\sin 2B + \sin 2C)}{2R \sin A} = \\
 &= R \frac{2 \sin(B + C) \cos(B - C)}{2R \sin A} \stackrel{A+B+C=\pi}{=} \cos(B - C) \quad (1) \\
 &\cos(B - C) \cos(C - A) \cos(A - B) = \prod \cos(B - C) \stackrel{(1)}{=} \\
 &= \prod \frac{b \cos B + c \cos C}{a} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \prod \frac{2\sqrt{bc \cos A \cos C}}{a} = 8 \cos A \cos B \cos C \\
 &\quad \text{Equality holds for } A = B = C = \frac{\pi}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

1923. In  $\Delta ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{9}{4} \left( \frac{R}{2r} \right)^{-2} - \frac{15}{4} \leq \cos 2A + \cos 2B + \cos 2C \leq 5 - \frac{13}{2} \left( \frac{R}{2r} \right)^{-2}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\cos 2A + \cos 2B + \cos 2C &= 2 \cos(A+B) \cos(A-B) + \cos 2C \\ &= 2 \cos(\pi - C) \cos(A-B) + 2 \cos^2 C - 1 \\ &= -2 \cos C (\cos(A-B) - \cos C) - 1 \\ &= -2 \cos C (\cos(A-B) + \cos(A+B)) - 1 \\ &= -4 \cos A \cos B \cos C - 1 \quad (1)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{From (1): } \cos 2A + \cos 2B + \cos 2C &= -4 \cos A \cos B \cos C - 1 = \\ &= 4 \frac{(2R+r)^2 - s^2}{4R^2} - 1 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} \frac{4R^2 + 4Rr + r^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2}{R^2} - 1 = \\ &= \frac{3R^2 - 12Rr + 6r^2}{R^2} = 3 - 12 \frac{r}{R} + 6 \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2 = 5 - 2 - 12 \frac{r}{R} + 6 \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2 = \\ &= 5 - 8 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - 24 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{r}{R}\right) + 6 \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2 \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} \\ &\leq 5 - 8 \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2 - 24 \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2 + 6 \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2 = 5 - 26 \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2 = 5 - \frac{13}{2} \cdot 4 \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2 = 5 - \frac{13}{2} \left(\frac{R}{2r}\right)^{-2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{From (1): } \cos 2A + \cos 2B + \cos 2C &= -4 \cos A \cos B \cos C - 1 = \\ &= 4 \frac{(2R+r)^2 - s^2}{4R^2} - 1 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \frac{(2R+r)^2 - 4R^2 - 4Rr - 3r^2}{R^2} - 1 = \\ &= \frac{-2r^2 - R^2}{R^2} = -2 \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2 - 1 = -2 \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{15}{4} - \frac{11}{4}\right) = \\ &= \frac{11}{4} - 2 \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2 - \frac{15}{4} = 11 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - 2 \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2 - \frac{15}{4} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} \\ &\geq 11 \cdot \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2 - 2 \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2 - \frac{15}{4} = 9 \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2 - \frac{15}{4} = \frac{9}{4} \left(\frac{2r}{R}\right)^2 - \frac{15}{4} = \frac{9}{4} \left(\frac{R}{2r}\right)^{-2} - \frac{15}{4}\end{aligned}$$

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

**1924. In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

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$$1 - 2\left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2 \leq \sum \cos^2 A - \left(\sum \cos A - 1\right)^2 \leq 3 - 10\left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2$$

*Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania*

*Solution by Tapas Das-India*

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \cos^2 A - \left(\sum \cos A - 1\right)^2 &= \sum \cos^2 A - \left(\sum \cos A\right)^2 + 2 \sum \cos A - 1 = \\ &= 2 \sum \cos A - 2 \sum \cos A \cos B - 1 = 2\left(1 + \frac{r}{R}\right) - 2\left(\frac{s^2 + r^2}{4R^2} - 1\right) - 1 = \\ &= \frac{4Rr - s^2 - r^2 + 6R^2}{2R^2} \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{From (1): } \sum \cos^2 A - \left(\sum \cos A - 1\right)^2 =$$

$$= \frac{4Rr - s^2 - r^2 + 6R^2}{2R^2} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} \frac{4Rr - 16Rr + 4r^2 + 6R^2}{2R^2} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq}$$

$$\leq \frac{(6R^2 - 12(2r) \cdot r + 4r^2)}{2R^2} = \frac{6R^2 - 20Rr}{2R^2} = 3 - 10\left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2$$

$$\text{From (1): } \sum \cos^2 A - \left(\sum \cos A - 1\right)^2 = \frac{4Rr - s^2 - r^2 + 6R^2}{2R^2} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq}$$

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

*Equality holds iff  $\Delta ABC$  is equilateral*

**1925. In  $\Delta ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

$$\sum \frac{(a+b)^{2n}}{w_a + r_b} \geq \frac{(4\sqrt{3}r)^{2n}}{R}, n \in \mathbb{N}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{(a+b)^{2n}}{w_a+r_b} &\stackrel{\text{Holder}}{\geq} \frac{(a+b+b+c+c+a)^{2n}}{(\sum w_a) + (\sum r_a)} \stackrel{w_a \leq m_a}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{(4s)^{2n}}{3^{2n-2} \cdot ((\sum m_a) + (\sum r_a))} \stackrel{\text{Leuenberger}}{\geq} \frac{(4s)^{2n}}{3^{2n-2}(2(4R+r))} \stackrel{\text{Euler \& Mitrinovic}}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{(4 \cdot 3\sqrt{3}r)^{2n}}{3^{2n-2} \cdot 2 \cdot \frac{9R}{2}} = \frac{(4\sqrt{3}r)^{2n}}{R} \\ &\text{Equality holds for } a = b = c \end{aligned}$$

1926. In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$\sum \frac{(a+b)^4}{w_a+r_b} \geq \frac{(4\sqrt{3}r)^4}{R}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{(a+b)^4}{w_a+r_b} &\stackrel{\text{Holder}}{\geq} \frac{(a+b+b+c+c+a)^4}{(\sum w_a) + (\sum r_a)} \stackrel{w_a \leq m_a}{\geq} \frac{256s^4}{9(\sum m_a) + (\sum r_a)} \stackrel{\text{Leuenberger}}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{(4s)^4}{9(2(4R+r))} \stackrel{\text{Euler \& Mitrinovic}}{\geq} \frac{(4 \cdot 3\sqrt{3}r)^4}{9 \cdot 2 \cdot \frac{9R}{2}} = \frac{81(4\sqrt{3}r)^4}{81R} = \frac{(4\sqrt{3}r)^4}{R} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for  $a = b = c$

1927. In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$\sum \frac{r_a^2}{r_a^2 + 3rr_a + 9r^2} \geq 1$$

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$$\frac{r_a^2}{r_a^2 + 3rr_a + 9r^2} = 1 - \frac{3rr_a + 9r^2}{r_a^2 + 3rr_a + 9r^2} = 1 - \frac{3rr_a + 9r^2}{(r_a^2 + 9r^2) + 3rr_a} \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq}$$

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$$\geq 1 - \frac{3r(r_a + 3r)}{6rr_a + 3rr_a} = 1 - \frac{r_a + 3r}{3r_a} = 1 - \frac{1}{3} - \frac{r}{r_a} = \frac{2}{3} - \frac{r}{r_a} \quad (1)$$

$$\sum \frac{1}{r_a} = \frac{1}{F} \sum s - a = \frac{s}{F} = \frac{1}{r} \quad (2)$$

$$\sum \frac{r_a^2}{r_a^2 + 3rr_a + 9r^2} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \sum \left( \frac{2}{3} - \frac{r}{r_a} \right) = \frac{6}{3} - r \sum \frac{1}{r_a} \stackrel{(2)}{=} 2 - 1 = 1$$

Equality holds if  $\Delta ABC$  is equilateral.

1928. In  $\Delta ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$\sum \frac{h_a^2}{h_a^2 + 3rh_a + 9r^2} \geq 1$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{h_a^2}{h_a^2 + 3rh_a + 9r^2} &= 1 - \frac{3rh_a + 9r^2}{h_a^2 + 3rh_a + 9r^2} = 1 - \frac{3rh_a + 9r^2}{(h_a^2 + 9r^2) + 3rh_a} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \\ &\geq 1 - \frac{3r(h_a + 3r)}{6rh_a + 3rh_a} = 1 - \frac{h_a + 3r}{3h_a} = 1 - \frac{1}{3} - \frac{r}{h_a} = \frac{2}{3} - \frac{r}{h_a} \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum \frac{1}{h_a} = \frac{1}{2F} \sum a = \frac{2s}{2F} = \frac{1}{r} \quad (2)$$

$$\sum \sum \frac{h_a^2}{h_a^2 + 3rh_a + 9r^2} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \sum \left( \frac{2}{3} - \frac{r}{h_a} \right) = \frac{6}{3} - r \sum \frac{1}{h_a} \stackrel{(2)}{=} 2 - 1 = 1$$

Equality holds if  $\Delta ABC$  is equilateral.

1929. In any  $\Delta ABC$ , the following relationship holds :

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\tan^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\sqrt{3} \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} + 2 \tan \frac{B}{2}} \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

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### Solution 1 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

Let  $x = \sqrt{3} \tan \frac{A}{2}, y = \sqrt{3} \tan \frac{B}{2}, z = \sqrt{3} \tan \frac{C}{2}$  and then :

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\tan^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\sqrt{3} \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} + 2 \tan \frac{B}{2}} \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sqrt{3} \cdot \frac{x^2}{3}}{\sqrt{3} \cdot \frac{x^2}{3} + \frac{2y}{\sqrt{3}}} \geq 1$$

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

expanding and re-arranging

$$\Leftrightarrow x^2y^2z^2 - 4xyz + \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3y^2 \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 27 \prod_{\text{cyc}} \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} - 12\sqrt{3} \cdot \prod_{\text{cyc}} \tan \frac{A}{2} + 9\sqrt{3} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \tan^3 \frac{A}{2} \tan^2 \frac{B}{2} \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 3\sqrt{3} \cdot \frac{r^2}{s^2} + 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \tan^3 \frac{A}{2} \tan^2 \frac{B}{2} \boxed{\geq} \frac{4r}{s}$$

Now,  $3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \tan^3 \frac{A}{2} \tan^2 \frac{B}{2} = 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\tan^3 \frac{A}{2} \tan^3 \frac{B}{2}}{\tan \frac{B}{2}} \stackrel{\text{Holder}}{\geq} \frac{3 \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \tan \frac{A}{2} \tan \frac{B}{2} \right)^3}{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \tan \frac{A}{2}} = \frac{s}{4R+r}$

$$\Rightarrow \left( 3\sqrt{3} \cdot \frac{r^2}{s^2} + 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \tan^3 \frac{A}{2} \tan^2 \frac{B}{2} \right)^2 \geq \left( 3\sqrt{3} \cdot \frac{r^2}{s^2} + \frac{s}{4R+r} \right)^2$$

$$= \frac{27r^4}{s^4} + \frac{s^2}{(4R+r)^2} + \frac{6\sqrt{3}r^2}{s(4R+r)} \stackrel{\text{Truht or Doucet}}{\geq} \frac{27r^4}{s^4} + \frac{s^2}{(4R+r)^2} + \frac{18r^2}{(4R+r)^2}$$

$$\stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{16r^2}{s^2} \Leftrightarrow s^4(s^2 + 18r^2) + 27r^4(4R+r)^2 - 16r^2s^2(4R+r)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s^6 + 18r^2s^4 - r^2s^2(256R^2 + 128Rr + 16r^2) + 27r^4(4R+r)^2 \boxed{\stackrel{?}{\geq}} 0$$

Now, LHS of (\*\*) $\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (16Rr + 13r^2)s^4 - r^2s^2(256R^2 + 128Rr + 16r^2)$

$$+ 27r^4(4R+r)^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \left( \begin{matrix} (16Rr + 13r^2)(16Rr - 5r^2) \\ -r^2(256R^2 + 128Rr + 16r^2) \end{matrix} \right) s^2 + 27r^4(4R+r)^2$$



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$$= -81r^4s^2 + 27r^4(4R+r)^2 = 27r^4((4R+r)^2 - 3s^2) \stackrel{\text{Trucht or Doucet}}{\geq} 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (**) \text{ is true } \therefore \left( 3\sqrt{3} \cdot \frac{r^2}{s^2} + 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \tan^3 \frac{A}{2} \tan^2 \frac{B}{2} \right)^2 \geq \frac{16r^2}{s^2} \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\tan^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\sqrt{3} \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} + 2 \tan \frac{B}{2}} \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \forall \Delta ABC, \text{ with equality iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$$

### *Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco*

Let  $x := \sqrt{3} \tan \frac{A}{2}$ ,  $y := \sqrt{3} \tan \frac{B}{2}$ ,  $z := \sqrt{3} \tan \frac{C}{2}$ . We have  $xy + yz + zx = 3$ .

The desired inequality is equivalent to

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^2}{x^2 + 2y} \geq 1.$$

By CBS inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^2}{x^2 + 2y} &\geq \frac{(\sqrt{x^3} + \sqrt{y^3} + \sqrt{z^3})^2}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x(x^2 + 2y)} = \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} (yz)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} yz} \geq \\ &\stackrel{\text{Power Mean}}{\geq} \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 + 2 \cdot 3 \left( \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} yz}{3} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 + 6} = 1. \end{aligned}$$

which complete the proof. Equality holds iff  $\Delta ABC$  is equilateral.

**1930. If  $x, y, z > 0$  then in  $\Delta ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

$$\frac{x+y}{z} \cdot \frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{y+z}{x} \cdot \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{z+x}{y} \cdot \frac{c}{a+b} \geq \frac{6}{\sqrt[3]{4 + \frac{2R}{r}}}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{abc}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)} = \frac{4Rrs}{(a+b+c)(ab+bc+ca) - abc} = \\
 & = \frac{4Rrs}{2s(s^2+r^2+4Rr) - 4Rrs} = \frac{2Rr}{s^2+r^2+4Rr-2Rr} = \\
 & = \frac{2Rr}{s^2+r^2+2Rr} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \frac{2Rr}{4R^2+4Rr+3r^2+r^2+2Rr} = \\
 & = \frac{2Rr}{4R^2+6Rr+4r^2} = \frac{1}{\frac{2R}{r}+3+\frac{2r}{R}} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} \frac{1}{\frac{2R}{r}+3+1} = \frac{1}{4+\frac{2R}{r}} \quad (1) \\
 & \frac{x+y}{z} \frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{y+z}{x} \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{z+x}{y} \frac{c}{a+b} = \\
 & = \sum \frac{x+y}{z} \frac{a}{b+c} \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 2 \sum \frac{\sqrt{xy}}{z} \frac{a}{b+c} \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} \\
 & \geq 6 \left( \frac{abc}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{6}{\sqrt[3]{4+\frac{2R}{r}}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for  $x = y = z, a = b = c$ .

**1931. If  $\lambda, \mu > 0$  then in  $\Delta ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

$$4\sqrt{3}(\lambda + \mu) \cdot \frac{r}{R} \leq \sum_{cyc} \frac{\lambda a + \mu b}{r_c} \leq \frac{3R(\lambda + \mu)}{F} \cdot \sqrt{9R^2 - s^2}$$

*Proposed by Mehmet Şahin-Turkiye*

*Solution by Tapas Das-India*

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{cyc} \frac{\lambda a + \mu b}{r_c} &= \lambda \sum \frac{a}{r_c} + \mu \sum \frac{b}{r_c} = \frac{\lambda}{F} \sum a(s-c) + \frac{\mu}{F} \sum b(s-c) = \\
 &= \frac{\lambda}{F} (2s^2 - \sum ac) + \frac{\mu}{F} (2s^2 - \sum bc) = \\
 &= \frac{\lambda + \mu}{F} (2s^2 - \sum bc) = \frac{\lambda + \mu}{F} (2s^2 - s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr) =
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \frac{\lambda + \mu}{F} (s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr) = \frac{\lambda + \mu}{2F} 2(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr) =$$

$$= \frac{\lambda + \mu}{2F} \left( \sum a^2 \right) \stackrel{\text{Leibniz}}{\leq} \frac{\lambda + \mu}{2F} (9R^2)$$

We need to show  $\frac{\lambda + \mu}{2F} (9R^2) \leq \frac{3R(\lambda + \mu)}{F} \cdot \sqrt{9R^2 - s^2}$  or

$$\frac{3R}{2} \leq \sqrt{9R^2 - s^2} \text{ or, } \frac{9R^2}{4} \leq 9R^2 - s^2$$

$$\text{or } s^2 \leq \frac{27R^2}{4} \text{ true (Mitrinovic)}$$

Again from the previous result:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{\lambda a + \mu b}{r_c} = \frac{\lambda + \mu}{2F} \left( \sum a^2 \right) \stackrel{\text{Ionescu-Weitzenbock}}{\geq}$$

$$\geq \frac{\lambda + \mu}{2F} 4\sqrt{3} F = 4\sqrt{3}(\lambda + \mu) \cdot \frac{1}{2} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 4\sqrt{3}(\lambda + \mu) \frac{r}{R}$$

1932. In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$\sum \frac{h_a}{b+c} \sin A \leq \frac{9}{8}$$

Proposed by Nguyen Hung Cuong-Vietnam

Solution by Tapas Das-India

$$\sum \frac{1}{a} = \frac{\sum ab}{abc} \leq \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{3abc} = \frac{4s^2}{12Rrs} = \frac{s}{3Rr} \stackrel{\text{Doucet}}{\leq} \frac{4R+r}{3\sqrt{3}Rr} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} \frac{\frac{9R}{2}}{3\sqrt{3}Rr} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2r} \quad (1)$$

$$\sum \frac{h_a}{b+c} \sin A = \sum \frac{\frac{2F}{a}}{b+c} \left( \frac{a}{2R} \right) \leq \sum \frac{F}{R} \cdot \frac{1}{b+c} \stackrel{\text{AM-HM}}{\leq}$$

$$\leq \frac{F}{4R} \sum \left( \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right) = \frac{F}{2R} \sum \frac{1}{a} \stackrel{(1)}{\leq} \frac{F}{2R} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2r} = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{s\sqrt{3}}{R} \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\leq} \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{3\sqrt{3}R}{2} \cdot \sqrt{3} = \frac{9}{8}$$

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Equality holds for  $a = b = c$

1933. In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$\sum \frac{\tan^2 A + \tan^2 B}{\tan^4 A + \tan^4 B} \leq 1$$

Proposed by Nguyen Hung Cuong-Vietnam

Solution by Tapas Das-India

$$A + B + C = \pi \text{ or } A + B = \pi - C \text{ or } \tan(A + B) = -\tan C$$

$$\text{or } \frac{\tan A + \tan B}{1 - \tan A \tan B} = -\tan C$$

$$\text{or } \sum \tan A = \prod \tan A \quad (1) \text{ and}$$

$$\frac{\tan^2 A + \tan^2 B}{\tan^4 A + \tan^4 B} \stackrel{CBS}{\leq} \frac{\tan^2 A + \tan^2 B}{(\tan^2 A + \tan^2 B)^2} = \frac{2}{\tan^2 A + \tan^2 B} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq}$$

$$\leq \frac{2}{2 \tan A \tan B} = \frac{1}{\tan A \tan B} \quad (1)$$

$$\sum \frac{\tan^2 A + \tan^2 B}{\tan^4 A + \tan^4 B} \stackrel{(1)}{\leq} \sum \frac{1}{\tan A \tan B} = \frac{\sum \tan A}{\prod \tan A} \stackrel{(1)}{=} 1$$

Equality for  $A = B = C$

1934. In acute  $\triangle ABC$  holds:

$$\sum \sin A + \sum \tan A \geq \frac{9\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

Proposed by Nguyen Hung Cuong-Vietnam

Solution by Tapas Das-India

$$\text{Let be } f(x) = \sin x + \tan x, x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$f''(x) = \sin x (2 \sec^3 x - 1) > 0 \text{ as } \sec x > 1, f \text{ is convex.}$$

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$$f(A) + f(B) + f(C) \stackrel{\text{Jensen}}{\geq} 3f\left(\frac{A+B+C}{3}\right) = 3f\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) =$$

$$= 3\left(\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) + \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)\right) = 3\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \sqrt{3}\right) = \frac{9\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\sum \sin A + \sum \tan A \geq \frac{9\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

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

1935. In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$\sum \frac{a}{r_a} \geq 2\sqrt{3}$$

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Solution by Tapas Das-India

$$\sum \frac{a}{r_a} = \frac{1}{F} \sum a(s-a) = \frac{1}{F} (2s^2 - \sum a^2) =$$

$$= \frac{1}{F} (2s^2 - 2s^2 + 2r^2 + 8Rr) = \frac{2r(4R+r)}{rs} = \frac{2(4R+r)}{s} \stackrel{\text{Doucet}}{\geq} 2\sqrt{3}$$

Equality for  $a = b = c$

1936. In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{a}{h_b + h_c} + \frac{b}{h_c + h_a} + \frac{c}{h_a + h_b} \geq \sqrt{3}$$

Proposed by Nguyen Hung Cuong-Vietnam

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$\frac{a}{h_b + h_c} + \frac{b}{h_c + h_a} + \frac{c}{h_a + h_b} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{h_b + h_c} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{\frac{2F}{b} + \frac{2F}{c}} =$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{2F} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{\frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}} = \frac{1}{2F} \sum_{cyc} \frac{abc}{b+c} = \frac{abc}{2F} \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{b+c} \geq \\
 &\stackrel{\text{BERGSTROM}}{\geq} \frac{4RF}{2F} \cdot \frac{(1+1+1)^2}{b+c+c+a+a+b} = 2R \cdot \frac{9}{2(a+b+c)} = \\
 &= \frac{9R}{2s} \stackrel{\text{MITRINOVIC}}{\geq} \frac{9R}{2 \cdot \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot R} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{3}} = \sqrt{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for  $a = b = c$ .

**1937. In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

$$\frac{a}{r_b + r_c} + \frac{b}{r_c + r_a} + \frac{c}{r_a + r_b} \geq \sqrt{3}$$

*Proposed by Nguyen Hung Cuong-Vietnam*

*Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania*

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\frac{a}{r_b + r_c} + \frac{b}{r_c + r_a} + \frac{c}{r_a + r_b} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{r_b + r_c} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{\frac{F}{s-b} + \frac{F}{s-c}} = \\
 &= \frac{1}{F} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{\frac{1}{s-b} + \frac{1}{s-c}} = \frac{1}{F} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a(s-b)(s-c)}{s-c+s-b} = \frac{1}{rs} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a(s-b)(s-c)}{a} = \\
 &= \frac{1}{rs} \sum_{cyc} (s-b)(s-c) = \frac{1}{rs} \cdot (4R+r)r = \frac{4R+r}{s} \stackrel{\text{DOUCET}}{\geq} \frac{s\sqrt{3}}{s} = \sqrt{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

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

**1938. In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

$$\frac{a^2}{m_b^2 + m_c^2} + \frac{b^2}{m_c^2 + m_a^2} + \frac{c^2}{m_a^2 + m_b^2} \geq 2$$

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*WLOG*  $a \geq b \geq c$  then  $m_a \leq m_b \leq m_c$  and

$$m_a^2 + m_b^2 \leq m_c^2 + m_a^2 \leq m_b^2 + m_c^2$$

$$\frac{1}{m_a^2 + m_b^2} \geq \frac{1}{m_c^2 + m_a^2} \geq \frac{1}{m_b^2 + m_c^2}$$

$$\frac{a^2}{m_b^2 + m_c^2} + \frac{b^2}{m_c^2 + m_a^2} + \frac{c^2}{m_a^2 + m_b^2} \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\geq} \frac{1}{3} \left( \sum a^2 \right) \left( \sum \frac{1}{m_b^2 + m_c^2} \right) \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq}$$

$$\geq \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{(\sum a^2)(1+1+1)^2}{2(\sum m_a^2)} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{(\sum a^2)(3)^2}{2 \left( \frac{3}{4} \sum a^2 \right)} = 2$$

*Equality for*  $a = b = c$

**1939. In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

$$\sum \frac{\sin^{2024} \frac{A}{2}}{\sin^{2022} \frac{B}{2} + \sin^{2022} \frac{C}{2}} \geq \frac{3}{8}$$

*Proposed by Nguyen Hung Cuong-Vietnam*

*Solution by Tapas Das-India*

*WLOG*  $a \geq b \geq c$  then  $\sin \frac{A}{2} \geq \sin \frac{B}{2} \geq \sin \frac{C}{2}$  and

$$\sin \frac{A}{2} + \sin \frac{B}{2} \geq \sin \frac{A}{2} + \sin \frac{C}{2} \geq \sin \frac{C}{2} + \sin \frac{B}{2}$$

$$\frac{\sin^{2024} \frac{A}{2}}{\sin^{2022} \frac{B}{2} + \sin^{2022} \frac{C}{2}} = \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \cdot \frac{\sin^{2022} \frac{A}{2}}{\sin^{2022} \frac{B}{2} + \sin^{2022} \frac{C}{2}} \quad (1)$$

$$\sum \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} = 1 - \frac{r}{2R} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 1 - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4} \quad (2)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{\sin^{2024} \frac{A}{2}}{\sin^{2022} \frac{B}{2} + \sin^{2022} \frac{C}{2}} &\stackrel{1}{=} \sum \left( \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \cdot \frac{\sin^{2022} \frac{A}{2}}{\sin^{2022} \frac{B}{2} + \sin^{2022} \frac{C}{2}} \right) \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{1}{3} \left( \sum \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \right) \left( \sum \frac{\sin^{2022} \frac{A}{2}}{\sin^{2022} \frac{B}{2} + \sin^{2022} \frac{C}{2}} \right) \stackrel{\text{Nesbitt} \& \ (2)}{\geq} \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{3}{2} = \frac{3}{8} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for  $A = B = C$

**1940. In  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $I$  – incenter, the following relationship holds:**

$$\sqrt{abc - aIA^2} + \sqrt{abc - bIB^2} + \sqrt{abc - cIC^2} \leq \sqrt{6abc}$$

*Proposed by Nguyen Hung Cuong-Vietnam*

*Solution by Tapas Das-India*

$$\begin{aligned} \sum aIA^2 &= \sum \left( \frac{abc(s-a)}{s} \right) = abc \sum \frac{s-a}{s} = abc \quad (1) \\ \sqrt{abc - aIA^2} + \sqrt{abc - bIB^2} + \sqrt{abc - cIC^2} &\stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\leq} \\ &\leq \sqrt{3(3abc - \sum aIA^2)} \stackrel{(1)}{=} \sqrt{(3(3abc - abc))} = \sqrt{6abc} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for  $a = b = c$

**1941. In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

$$\frac{a}{b+c} \sec \frac{A}{2} + \frac{b}{c+a} \sec \frac{B}{2} + \frac{c}{a+b} \sec \frac{C}{2} \geq \sqrt{3}$$

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*Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania*

Let be  $f: (0, \pi) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \sec \frac{x}{2}$



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$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\sin \frac{x}{2}}{\cos^2 \frac{x}{2}} \quad f''(x) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \cos^3 \frac{x}{2} + \sin \frac{x}{2} \cdot 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{x}{2} \cos \frac{x}{2}}{\cos^4 \frac{x}{2}}$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{\cos^2 \frac{x}{2} + 2\sin^2 \frac{x}{2}}{\cos^3 \frac{x}{2}} = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1 + \sin^2 \frac{x}{2}}{\cos^3 \frac{x}{2}}$$

$$x \in (0, \pi) \rightarrow \frac{x}{2} \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \rightarrow \sin \frac{x}{2} > 0, \cos \frac{x}{2} > 0 \rightarrow f''(x) > 0 \rightarrow f \text{ convex}$$

By Jensen's inequality:

$$f(A) + f(B) + f(C) \geq 3f\left(\frac{A+B+C}{3}\right)$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \sec \frac{A}{2} \geq 3 \sec \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{3}{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}} = 2\sqrt{3} \quad (1)$$

WLOG:  $a \geq b \geq c \rightarrow$

$$\rightarrow b+c \leq a+c \leq a+b \rightarrow \frac{1}{b+c} \geq \frac{1}{a+c} \geq \frac{1}{a+b} \rightarrow$$

$$\frac{a}{b+c} \geq \frac{b}{a+c} \geq \frac{c}{a+b} \quad (2)$$

$$a \geq b \geq c \rightarrow \frac{A}{2} \geq \frac{B}{2} \geq \frac{C}{2} \rightarrow \cos \frac{A}{2} \leq \cos \frac{B}{2} \leq \cos \frac{C}{2} \rightarrow$$

$$\rightarrow \sec \frac{A}{2} \geq \sec \frac{B}{2} \geq \sec \frac{C}{2} \quad (3)$$

By (2), (3):

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{b+c} \cdot \sec \frac{A}{2} \stackrel{CEBYSHEV}{\geq} \frac{1}{3} \cdot \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{b+c} \cdot \sum_{cyc} \sec \frac{A}{2} \stackrel{NESBITT}{\geq}$$

$$\geq \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{2} \cdot \sum_{cyc} \sec \frac{A}{2} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2\sqrt{3} = \sqrt{3}$$

Equality holds for  $a = b = c$ .

**1942. In any  $\Delta ABC$ , the following relationship holds :**

$$\frac{r_a}{r_b + r_c} \left( \sec \frac{B}{2} + \sec \frac{C}{2} \right) + \frac{r_b}{r_c + r_a} \left( \sec \frac{C}{2} + \sec \frac{A}{2} \right) + \frac{r_c}{r_a + r_b} \left( \sec \frac{A}{2} + \sec \frac{B}{2} \right) \geq 2\sqrt{3}$$

*Proposed by Nguyen Hung Cuong-Vietnam*

**Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India**

$\forall A, B, C > 0, (A+B), (B+C), (C+A)$  form sides of a triangle

$(\because (A+B) + (B+C) > (C+A)$  and analogs)  $\Rightarrow \sqrt{A+B}, \sqrt{B+C}, \sqrt{C+A}$  form

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sides of a triangle with area  $F$  (say) and  $16F^2 =$

$$2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} (A+B)(B+C) - \sum_{\text{cyc}} (A+B)^2 = 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} AB + B^2 \right) - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} A^2 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} AB$$

$$= 6 \sum_{\text{cyc}} AB + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} A^2 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} A^2 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} AB \Rightarrow 4F = 2 \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} AB} \rightarrow (1)$$

Now,  $\forall x, y, z > 0$ ,  $\sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{xy}{(y+z)(z+x)}} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^2 y^2}{xy(y+z)(z+x)} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{3}{4}$  (\*)

Via Bergstrom, LHS of (\*)  $\geq \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy)^2}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} (xy(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy + z^2))} = \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy)^2}{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy)^2 + xyz \sum_{\text{cyc}} x}$

$$\stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{3}{4} \Leftrightarrow \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3xyz \sum_{\text{cyc}} x \rightarrow \text{true} \therefore \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{xy}{(y+z)(z+x)}} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \rightarrow (2)$$

We have:  $\frac{r_a}{r_b + r_c} \left( \sec \frac{B}{2} + \sec \frac{C}{2} \right) + \frac{r_b}{r_c + r_a} \left( \sec \frac{C}{2} + \sec \frac{A}{2} \right) + \frac{r_c}{r_a + r_b} \left( \sec \frac{A}{2} + \sec \frac{B}{2} \right) = \frac{x}{y+z} (B' + C') + \frac{y}{z+x} (C' + A') + \frac{z}{x+y} (A' + B')$

$$\left( x = r_a, y = r_b, z = r_c, A' = \sec \frac{A}{2}, B' = \sec \frac{B}{2}, C' = \sec \frac{C}{2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{x}{y+z} \cdot \sqrt{B'+C'}^2 + \frac{y}{z+x} \cdot \sqrt{C'+A'}^2 + \frac{z}{x+y} \cdot \sqrt{A'+B'}^2 \stackrel{\text{Oppenheim}}{\geq}$$

$$4F' \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{xy}{(y+z)(z+x)}} \stackrel{\text{via (1) and (2)}}{\geq} 2 \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} A'B'} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \sqrt{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \sec \frac{A}{2} \sec \frac{B}{2} \right)}$$

$$= \sqrt{3 \sec \frac{A}{2} \sec \frac{B}{2} \sec \frac{C}{2} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \cos \frac{A}{2}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{6R}{s} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{2 \sin \frac{B+C}{2} \cos \frac{B-C}{2}}{\cos \frac{B-C}{2}}} \quad 0 < \cos \frac{B-C}{2} \leq 1 \text{ and analogs} \geq$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{6R}{s} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} (\sin B + \sin C)} = \sqrt{\frac{12R}{s} \cdot \frac{s}{R}} = 2\sqrt{3}$$

$$\therefore \frac{r_a}{r_b + r_c} \left( \sec \frac{B}{2} + \sec \frac{C}{2} \right) + \frac{r_b}{r_c + r_a} \left( \sec \frac{C}{2} + \sec \frac{A}{2} \right) + \frac{r_c}{r_a + r_b} \left( \sec \frac{A}{2} + \sec \frac{B}{2} \right) \geq 2\sqrt{3} \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$$

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1943. In any  $\Delta ABC$ , the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{\cos \frac{B-C}{2}}{\sin \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{\cos \frac{C-A}{2}}{\sin \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{\cos \frac{A-B}{2}}{\sin \frac{C}{2}} \leq 2 \left( \frac{\tan \frac{A}{2}}{\tan \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{\tan \frac{B}{2}}{\tan \frac{C}{2}} + \frac{\tan \frac{C}{2}}{\tan \frac{A}{2}} \right)$$

Proposed by Nguyen Hung Cuong-Vietnam

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \left( \frac{\tan \frac{A}{2}}{\tan \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{\tan \frac{B}{2}}{\tan \frac{C}{2}} + \frac{\tan \frac{C}{2}}{\tan \frac{A}{2}} \right) &= 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{s-b}{s-a} = 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(s-b)^2}{(s-a)(s-b)} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \\ \frac{2(\sum_{\text{cyc}}(s-a))^2}{\sum_{\text{cyc}}((s-a)(s-b))} &= \frac{2s^2}{4Rr+r^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\cos \frac{B-C}{2}}{\sin \frac{A}{2}} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(b+c)\sin \frac{A}{2}}{\sin \frac{A}{2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{4Rrs} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} (bc(2s-a)) = \frac{2s}{4Rrs} \cdot (s^2 + 4Rr + r^2 - 6Rr) \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{2s^2}{4R+r} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{s^2 - 2Rr + r^2}{2R} \Leftrightarrow s^2 \stackrel{?}{\leq} 8R^2 - 2Rr - r^2 \\ &\Leftrightarrow s^2 - (4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) - (4R^2 - 6Rr - 4r^2) \stackrel{?}{\leq} 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow s^2 - (4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) - 2(2R+r)(R-2r) \stackrel{?}{\leq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \\ \therefore s^2 - (4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} 0 \text{ and } -2(2R+r)(R-2r) \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} 0 \\ \therefore \frac{\cos \frac{B-C}{2}}{\sin \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{\cos \frac{C-A}{2}}{\sin \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{\cos \frac{A-B}{2}}{\sin \frac{C}{2}} &\leq 2 \left( \frac{\tan \frac{A}{2}}{\tan \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{\tan \frac{B}{2}}{\tan \frac{C}{2}} + \frac{\tan \frac{C}{2}}{\tan \frac{A}{2}} \right) \\ \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$

1944.

Prove that in any acute  $\Delta ABC$ :

$$\cos^2 A + \cos^2 B + \cos^2 C + 6 \cos A \cos B \cos C \leq \cos A + \cos B + \cos C$$

Proposed by Nguyen Hung Cuong-Vietnam

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*Solution by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco*

The desired inequality can be rewritten as

$$\sum_{cyc} (1 - \cos A - 2 \cos B \cos C) \cos A \geq 0,$$

which is true because  $\cos A > 0$  (and analogs), and

$$\begin{aligned} & 1 - \cos A - 2 \cos B \cos C = \\ & = 1 - \cos A - \cos(B + C) - \cos(B - C) \stackrel{B+C=\pi-A}{\cong} 1 - \cos(B - C) \geq 0 \text{ (and analogs)}. \end{aligned}$$

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

**1945. In any  $\triangle ABC$ , the following relationship holds :**

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a^{2024}}{b^{2024} + c^{2024}} + \frac{R^{2026}}{r^{2026}} \geq 2^{2026} + \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^{2025}}{b^{2025} + c^{2025}}$$

*Proposed by Nguyen Van Canh-Vietnam*

*Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India*

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^{2025}}{b^{2025} + c^{2025}} & \stackrel{\text{Reverse Bergstrom}}{\leq} \frac{1}{4} \sum_{cyc} \left( \frac{a^{2025}}{b^{2025}} + \frac{a^{2025}}{c^{2025}} \right) \\ & \therefore \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^{2025}}{b^{2025} + c^{2025}} \leq \frac{1}{4} \sum_{cyc} \left( \frac{b^{2025}}{c^{2025}} + \frac{c^{2025}}{b^{2025}} \right) \rightarrow (1) \\ \left( x + \frac{1}{x} \right)^{2025} & = \binom{2025}{0} x^{2025} + \binom{2025}{1} x^{2024} \cdot \frac{1}{x} + \binom{2025}{2} x^{2023} \cdot \frac{1}{x^2} + \dots \\ & \quad + \binom{2025}{2012} x^{1013} \cdot \frac{1}{x^{1012}} + \binom{2025}{2013} x^{1012} \cdot \frac{1}{x^{1013}} + \dots \\ & \quad + \binom{2025}{2023} x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{x^{2023}} + \binom{2025}{2024} x \cdot \frac{1}{x^{2024}} + \binom{2025}{2025} \frac{1}{x^{2025}} \\ & = x^{2025} + \frac{1}{x^{2025}} + \binom{2025}{1} \cdot \left( x^{2023} + \frac{1}{x^{2023}} \right) + \binom{2025}{2} \cdot \left( x^{2021} + \frac{1}{x^{2021}} \right) + \dots \\ & \quad + \binom{2025}{2012} \cdot \left( x + \frac{1}{x} \right) \left( \because \binom{n}{r} = \binom{n}{n-r} \right) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} &\stackrel{A-G}{\geq} x^{2025} + \frac{1}{x^{2025}} + 2 \left( \binom{2025}{1} + \binom{2025}{2} + \dots + \binom{2025}{2012} \right) = x^{2025} + \frac{1}{x^{2025}} + \\ &\left( \binom{2025}{1} + \binom{2025}{2} + \dots + \binom{2025}{2012} + \binom{2025}{2013} + \dots + \binom{2025}{2023} + \binom{2025}{2024} \right) \\ &\quad \left( \because 2 \binom{n}{r} = \binom{n}{r} + \binom{n}{n-r} \right) = x^{2025} + \frac{1}{x^{2025}} \\ &+ \left( \binom{2025}{0} + \binom{2025}{1} + \binom{2025}{2} + \dots + \binom{2025}{2023} + \binom{2025}{2024} + \binom{2025}{2025} \right) \\ &\quad - \left( \binom{2025}{0} + \binom{2025}{2025} \right) \\ &= x^{2025} + \frac{1}{x^{2025}} + (2^{2025} - 2) \left( \because \binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1} + \dots + \binom{n}{n} = 2^n \right) \text{ and putting } x = \frac{b}{c}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{we get : } \left( \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{b} \right)^{2025} \geq \frac{b^{2025}}{c^{2025}} + \frac{c^{2025}}{b^{2025}} + 2^{2025} - 2 \Rightarrow \frac{b^{2025}}{c^{2025}} + \frac{c^{2025}}{b^{2025}} \leq$$

$$\left( \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{b} \right)^{2025} - 2^{2025} + 2 \stackrel{\text{Bandila}}{\leq} \left( \frac{R}{r} \right)^{2025} - 2^{2025} + 2 \text{ and analogs}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{4} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \frac{b^{2025}}{c^{2025}} + \frac{c^{2025}}{b^{2025}} \right) \leq \frac{3}{4} \left( \frac{R}{r} \right)^{2025} - \frac{3}{4} \cdot 2^{2025} + \frac{3}{2} \rightarrow (2) \therefore (1), (2) \Rightarrow$$

$$\boxed{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^{2025}}{b^{2025} + c^{2025}} \leq \frac{3}{4} \left( \frac{R}{r} \right)^{2025} - \frac{3}{4} \cdot 2^{2025} + \frac{3}{2} \rightarrow (i)} \text{ and } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^{2024}}{b^{2024} + c^{2024}} + \frac{R^{2026}}{r^{2026}}$$

$$- 2^{2026} \stackrel{\text{Nesbitt}}{\geq} \frac{3}{2} + \left( \frac{R}{r} \right)^{2026} - 2^{2026} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} \frac{3}{2} + 2 \left( \left( \frac{R}{r} \right)^{2025} - 2^{2025} \right)$$

$$\geq \frac{3}{2} + \frac{3}{4} \left( \left( \frac{R}{r} \right)^{2025} - 2^{2025} \right) \left( \because \frac{R}{r} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \Rightarrow \left( \frac{R}{r} \right)^{2025} - 2^{2025} \geq 0 \right) \stackrel{\text{via (i)}}{\geq}$$

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^{2025}}{b^{2025} + c^{2025}} \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^{2024}}{b^{2024} + c^{2024}} + \frac{R^{2026}}{r^{2026}} \geq 2^{2026} + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^{2025}}{b^{2025} + c^{2025}}$$

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

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1946. In any  $\triangle ABC$ , the following relationships hold :

$$\textcircled{1} \prod_{\text{cyc}}^{2025} \sqrt{\frac{b+c}{a}} + \left(\frac{R}{2r}\right)^{2025} \geq 1 + \prod_{\text{cyc}}^{2025} \sqrt{\frac{\cos \frac{A}{2} + \cos \frac{B}{2}}{\cos \frac{C}{2}}} \text{ and}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \prod_{\text{cyc}}^{2025} \sqrt{\frac{\cos \frac{A}{2} + \cos \frac{B}{2}}{\cos \frac{C}{2}}} + \left(\frac{R}{2r}\right)^{2025} \geq 1 + \prod_{\text{cyc}}^{2025} \sqrt{\frac{b+c}{a}}$$

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Solution by Soumava Chakaborty-Kolkata-India

$$\prod_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\cos \frac{A}{2} + \cos \frac{B}{2}}{\cos \frac{C}{2}} = \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \cos \frac{A}{2})(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2}) - \prod_{\text{cyc}} \cos \frac{A}{2}}{\prod_{\text{cyc}} \cos \frac{A}{2}}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Jensen}}{\leq} \frac{\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot (\sum_{\text{cyc}} \cos^2 \frac{A}{2})}{\frac{s}{4R}} - 1 = \frac{\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot (\frac{4R+r}{2R})}{\frac{s}{4R}} - 1 \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\leq} \frac{3\sqrt{3}(4R+r)}{3\sqrt{3}r} - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \prod_{\text{cyc}}^{2025} \sqrt{\frac{\cos \frac{A}{2} + \cos \frac{B}{2}}{\cos \frac{C}{2}}} \leq \sqrt[2025]{\frac{4R}{r}} \rightarrow (1)$$

$$\text{Again, } \prod_{\text{cyc}}^{2025} \sqrt{\frac{b+c}{a}} = \prod_{\text{cyc}}^{2025} \sqrt{\frac{4R \cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B-C}{2}}{4R \cos \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{A}{2}}} \quad 0 < \cos \frac{B-C}{2} \leq 1 \text{ and analogs}$$

$$\stackrel{2025}{\sqrt{\prod_{\text{cyc}} \sin \frac{A}{2}}} \Rightarrow \prod_{\text{cyc}}^{2025} \sqrt{\frac{b+c}{a}} \leq \sqrt[2025]{\frac{4R}{r}} \rightarrow (2)$$

$$\text{Now, } \sqrt[2025]{8} + \left(\frac{R}{2r}\right)^{2025} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 1 + \sqrt[2025]{\frac{4R}{r}} \Leftrightarrow \sqrt[2025]{8} + \left(\frac{R}{2r}\right)^{2025} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 1 + \sqrt[2025]{8} \cdot \sqrt[2025]{\frac{R}{2r}}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow t^{4100625} - 1 \stackrel{?}{\geq} \sqrt[2025]{8} \cdot (t-1) \quad \left( t = \sqrt[2025]{\frac{R}{2r}} \right)$$

$$\text{We have : } t^{4100625} - 1 = (t-1)(t^{4100624} + t^{4100623} + \dots + 1) \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq}$$

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$$(t-1)(4100624) \geq {}^{2025}\sqrt{8} \cdot (t-1) \left( \because t-1 = {}^{2025}\sqrt{\frac{R}{2r}} - 1 \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 0 \right) \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true}$$

$$\therefore {}^{2025}\sqrt{8} + \left(\frac{R}{2r}\right)^{2025} \geq 1 + \sqrt[2025]{\frac{4R}{r}} \rightarrow (3) \text{ and also,}$$

$$\prod_{\text{cyc}} {}^{2025}\sqrt{\frac{b+c}{a}}, \prod_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{\frac{\cos \frac{A}{2} + \cos \frac{B}{2}}{\cos \frac{C}{2}}} \stackrel{\text{Cesaro}}{\geq} {}^{2025}\sqrt{8} \rightarrow (4) \therefore (1), (2) \text{ and } (4)$$

$\Rightarrow$  in order to prove ① and ②, it suffices to prove :

$${}^{2025}\sqrt{8} + \left(\frac{R}{2r}\right)^{2025} \geq 1 + \sqrt[2025]{\frac{4R}{r}} \rightarrow \text{true via (3)}$$

$\therefore$  ① and ② are both true  $\forall \Delta ABC$ , "  $\iff$  " iff  $\Delta ABC$  is equilateral (QED)

**1947. In  $\Delta ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

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

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*Solution by Tapas Das-India*

*We will show that:*

$$\left(\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a}\right) \geq \frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b} + \frac{3}{2} \text{ or}$$

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

$$\text{Proof: } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{b} - \frac{a}{b+c}\right) = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{ac}{b(b+c)} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\left(\sqrt{\frac{ac}{b}}\right)^2}{b+c} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq}$$

$$\geq \frac{\left(\sqrt{\frac{ac}{b}} + \sqrt{\frac{ab}{c}} + \sqrt{\frac{bc}{a}}\right)^2}{2(a+b+c)} \stackrel{\forall x,y,z>0 (\sum x)^2 \geq 3 \sum xy}{\geq} \frac{3 \sum \sqrt{\frac{ac}{b}} \sqrt{\frac{ab}{c}}}{2(a+b+c)} =$$

$$= \frac{3 \sum \sqrt{a^2}}{2(a+b+c)} = \frac{3(a+b+c)}{2(a+b+c)} = \frac{3}{2}$$

*so the proof complete.*

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now } \left(\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a}\right) &\geq \frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b} + \frac{3}{2} \geq \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b}\right) + \frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b}\right) + \frac{3}{2} \stackrel{\text{Nesbitt}}{\geq} \\
 &\geq \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{2} + \frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b}\right) + \frac{3}{2} = \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2} + \frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b}\right) = \\
 &= 2 + \frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b}\right) = \frac{2}{3} \left(3 + \frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b}\right) = \\
 &= \frac{2}{3} \sum \left(1 + \frac{a}{b+c}\right) = \frac{2}{3} \sum \left(\frac{a+b+c}{b+c}\right) = \\
 &= \frac{2}{3} (a+b+c) \sum \frac{1}{b+c} = \frac{2}{3} (a+b+c) \left(\frac{1}{a+b} + \frac{1}{b+c} + \frac{1}{c+a}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Equality if  $a = b = c$

1948. Let  $a, b, c$  be sides in the right triangle  $ABC$ ,  $A = 90^\circ$ . Prove that:

$$c^{c^2} \cdot b^{b^2} \geq \left(\frac{b+c}{2}\right)^{a^2}$$

Proposed by Dang Ngoc Minh-Vietnam

Solution by Tapas Das-India

$$\Delta ABC \text{ right triangle at } A, \quad b^2 + c^2 = a^2 \text{ and } \frac{b^2 + c^2}{2} \stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\geq} \frac{(b+c)^2}{4} \text{ or}$$

$$(b^2 + c^2) \geq \frac{(b+c)^2}{2} \quad (1)$$

Let us consider  $c$  with associated weight  $c^2$  and  $b$  with associated weight  $b^2$

$$G.M \geq H.M \text{ or } (c^{c^2} \cdot b^{b^2})^{\frac{1}{c^2+b^2}} \geq \frac{c^2 + b^2}{\frac{c^2}{c} + \frac{b^2}{b}} = \frac{c^2 + b^2}{c+b} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{(c+b)^2}{2(c+b)} = \frac{c+b}{2}$$

$$\text{or } c^{c^2} \cdot b^{b^2} \geq \left(\frac{c+b}{2}\right)^{c^2+b^2} = \left(\frac{b+c}{2}\right)^{a^2} \quad (\text{as } b^2 + c^2 = a^2)$$

Equality holds for:  $A = \frac{\pi}{2}, B = C = \frac{\pi}{4}$

1949. If  $\Delta ABC$  is right in  $A$  then:



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$$\sqrt[4]{\frac{(-a^6 + b^6 + c^6)(-a^{14} + b^{14} + c^{14})}{21(a^4 - b^2c^2)^2}} = 4Rr(2R + r)$$

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$\Delta ABC$  is right at  $A$ , so  $a^2 = b^2 + c^2$

$2R = a$  and for right angle triangle inradius  $r = \frac{1}{2}(b + c - a)$  or

$b + c = 2r + a = 2r + 2R$  and

$2s = a + b + c = 2R + 2r + 2R = 4R + 2r$  or  $s = 2R + r$  (1)

Let  $a^2 = x, b^2 = y, c^2 = z$  then  $(-a^6 + b^6 + c^6) = (-x^3 + y^3 + z^3)$

$$= -(x^3 - (y^3 + z^3)) \stackrel{a^2 = b^2 + c^2 \text{ or } x = y + z}{=} -((y + z)^3 - y^3 - z^3)$$

$$= -(y^3 + z^3 + 3yz(y + z) - y^3 - z^3) = -3yz(y + z) \quad (2)$$

$$-a^{14} + b^{14} + c^{14} = -(x^7 - y^7 - z^7) \stackrel{a^2 = b^2 + c^2 \text{ or } x = y + z}{=} -((y + z)^7 - y^7 - z^7) =$$

$$= -(y^7 + 7y^6z + 21y^5z^2 + 35y^4z^3 + 35y^3z^4 + 21y^2z^5 + 7yz^6 + z^7 - y^7 - z^7) =$$

$$= -7yz(y + z)(y^4 + 2y^3z + 3y^2z^2 + 2yz^3 + z^4) \quad (3)$$

$$(a^4 - b^2c^2)^2 = (x^2 - yz)^2 \stackrel{a^2 = b^2 + c^2 \text{ or } x = y + z}{=} ((y + z)^2 - yz)^2 = (y^2 + z^2 + yz)^2$$

$$= (y^4 + 2y^3z + 3y^2z^2 + 2yz^3 + z^4) \text{ using formula } (p+q+r)^2 = \sum p^2 + 2\sum pq \quad (4)$$

$$\sqrt[4]{\frac{(-a^6 + b^6 + c^6)(-a^{14} + b^{14} + c^{14})}{21(a^4 - b^2c^2)^2}} \stackrel{(2),(3),(4)}{=} \sqrt[4]{\frac{(-3yz(y + z))(-7yz(y + z)(y^4 + 2y^3z + 3y^2z^2 + 2yz^3 + z^4))}{(y^4 + 2y^3z + 3y^2z^2 + 2yz^3 + z^4)21}}$$

$$= \sqrt[4]{(y + z)^2 y^2 z^2} \stackrel{a^2 = b^2 + c^2 \text{ or } x = y + z}{=} \sqrt[4]{(x)^2 y^2 z^2} \stackrel{a^2 = x, b^2 = y, c^2 = z}{=} \sqrt[4]{a^4 b^4 c^4} = abc = 4Rrs \stackrel{(1)}{=} 4Rr(2R + r)$$

1950. In any  $\Delta ABC$ , the following relationship holds :

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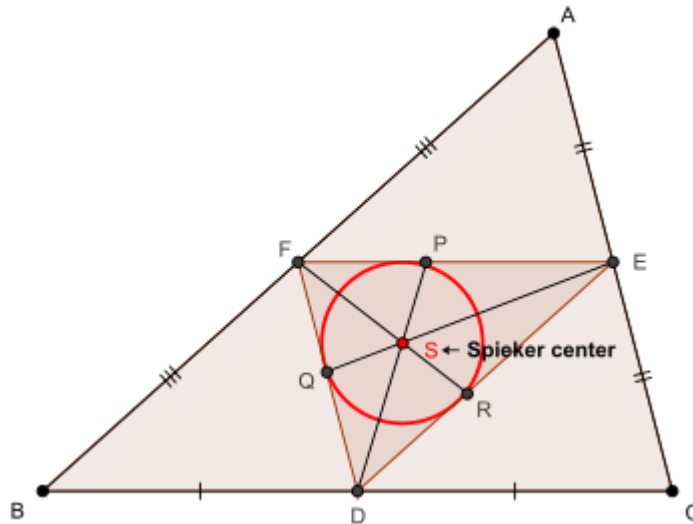
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$$\frac{m_a m_b m_c}{h_a h_b h_c} \geq \frac{R}{2r} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{p_a p_b p_c}{w_a w_b w_c}}$$

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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  $\triangle DEF = r'$  (say)

$$\text{Now, } 16[DEF]^2 = 2 \sum \left(\frac{a^2}{4}\right) \left(\frac{b^2}{4}\right) - \sum \frac{a^4}{16} = \frac{1}{16} \left(2 \sum a^2 b^2 - \sum a^4\right) = \frac{16r^2 s^2}{16}$$

$$\Rightarrow [DEF] = \frac{rs}{4} \Rightarrow r' \left(\frac{\frac{a}{2} + \frac{b}{2} + \frac{c}{2}}{2}\right) = \frac{rs}{4} \Rightarrow r' = \frac{r}{2} \rightarrow (1)$$

$$\because \text{Spieker center is incenter of } \triangle DEF, \therefore m(\angle AFS) = B + \frac{C}{2} = \frac{2B + C}{2} = \frac{B + \pi - A}{2}$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{A - B}{2} \text{ and } m(\angle AES) = C + \frac{B}{2} = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{A - C}{2} \rightarrow (2)$$

Via (1), (2) and using cosine law on  $\triangle AFS$  and  $\triangle AES$ , we arrive at :

$$\begin{aligned} AS^2 &= \frac{r^2}{4 \sin^2 \frac{C}{2}} + \frac{c^2}{4} - \left(\frac{2r}{2 \sin \frac{C}{2}}\right) \left(\frac{c}{2}\right) \sin \frac{A - B}{2} \\ &= \frac{r^2}{4 \sin^2 \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{b^2}{4} - \left(\frac{2r}{2 \sin \frac{B}{2}}\right) \left(\frac{b}{2}\right) \sin \frac{A - C}{2} \end{aligned}$$

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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)bcsin^2 \frac{A}{2} - 2a \cdot 2bccosA}{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}} \\ (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} \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \frac{b^3 + c^3 - abc + a(2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2)}{4s} \Rightarrow 2AS^2 \stackrel{(ii)}{=} \frac{b^3 + c^3 - abc + a(4m_a^2)}{4s}$$

Via sine law on  $\triangle AFS$ ,  $\frac{r}{2\sin\frac{C}{2}\sin\alpha} = \frac{AS}{\cos\frac{A-B}{2}} = \frac{4s}{(a+b)\sin\frac{C}{2}}$

$$\Rightarrow c\sin\alpha \stackrel{(***)}{=} \frac{r(a+b)}{2AS} \text{ and via sine law on } \triangle AES, b\sin\beta \stackrel{****)}{=} \frac{r(a+c)}{2AS}$$

Now,  $[BAX] + [BAX] = [ABC] \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}p_a c\sin\alpha + \frac{1}{2}p_a b\sin\beta = rs$

via (\*\*\*) and \*\*\*\*)  $\frac{p_a(a+b+a+c)}{4AS} = s \Rightarrow p_a = \frac{4s}{2s+a}AS$

$$\Rightarrow p_a^2 \stackrel{via(ii)}{=} \frac{16s^2}{(2s+a)^2} \cdot \frac{b^3 + c^3 - abc + a(4m_a^2)}{8s}$$

$$\therefore p_a^2 \stackrel{(\cdot)}{=} \frac{2s}{(2s+a)^2} (b^3 + c^3 - abc + a(4m_a^2))$$

$$\Rightarrow p_a^2 - m_a^2 = \frac{2s}{(2s+a)^2} (b^3 + c^3 - abc + a(4m_a^2)) - m_a^2$$

$$= \frac{2s}{(2s+a)^2} (b^3 + c^3 - abc) - \left(1 - \frac{8sa}{(2s+a)^2}\right) m_a^2$$

$$= \frac{4(a+b+c)(b^3 + c^3 - abc) - (2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2)(b+c)^2}{4(2s+a)^2}$$

$$= \frac{a^2(b-c)^2 + 4a(b+c)(b-c)^2 + 2(b^2 - c^2)^2}{4(2s+a)^2}$$

$$= \frac{(b-c)^2}{4(2s+a)^2} \left( (a^2 + 2a(b+c) + (b+c)^2) + ((b+c)^2 + 2a(b+c) + a^2) - a^2 \right)$$

$$= \frac{(b-c)^2}{4(2s+a)^2} (2(a+b+c)^2 - a^2) = \frac{(b-c)^2(8s^2 - a^2)}{4(2s+a)^2}$$

$$\therefore p_a^2 - m_a^2 \stackrel{(\cdot)}{=} \frac{(b-c)^2(8s^2 - a^2)}{4(2s+a)^2}$$

Now,  $m_a^4 w_a \stackrel{Lascu + A-G}{\geq} m_a^3 \cdot s(s-a) \stackrel{?}{\geq} s^2(s-a)^2 \cdot p_a \Leftrightarrow m_a^6 \stackrel{?}{\geq} s^2(s-a)^2 \cdot p_a^2$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{m_a^4}{s^2(s-a)^2} - 1 \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{p_a^2}{m_a^2} - 1$$

$$\stackrel{via(\cdot)}{\Leftrightarrow} \frac{\left(s(s-a) + \frac{(b-c)^2}{4}\right)^2 - s^2(s-a)^2}{s^2(s-a)^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{(b-c)^2(8s^2 - a^2)}{4(2s+a)^2 \cdot m_a^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow m_a^2 \cdot \frac{\frac{(b-c)^4}{16} + s(s-a) \cdot \frac{(b-c)^2}{2}}{s^2(s-a)^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{(b-c)^2(8s^2 - a^2)}{4(2s+a)^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (b-c)^2 \left( m_a^2 \cdot \frac{\frac{(b-c)^2}{16} + \frac{s(s-a)}{2}}{s^2(s-a)^2} - \frac{8s^2 - a^2}{4(2s+a)^2} \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \quad (\blacksquare)$$

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$\because (b - c)^2 \geq 0$  and  $m_a^2 \geq s(s - a) \therefore$  in order to prove (■), it suffices to prove :

$$\frac{s(s - a) \cdot \frac{s(s - a)}{2}}{s^2(s - a)^2} - \frac{8s^2 - a^2}{4(2s + a)^2} > 0 \Leftrightarrow 2(2s + a)^2 > 8s^2 - a^2 \Leftrightarrow 8sa + 3a^2 > 0$$

$$\rightarrow \text{true} \Rightarrow (\blacksquare) \text{ is true} \therefore m_a^4 w_a \geq s^2(s - a)^2 \cdot p_a \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{m_a^4}{s^2(s - a)^2} \geq \frac{p_a}{w_a}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{m_a}{\sqrt{r_b r_c}} \geq \sqrt[4]{\frac{p_a}{w_a}} \Rightarrow \frac{m_a}{h_a} \cdot \frac{h_a}{\sqrt{r_b r_c}} \geq \sqrt[4]{\frac{p_a}{w_a}} \text{ and analogs}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{m_a m_b m_c}{h_a h_b h_c} \cdot \frac{h_a h_b h_c}{r_a r_b r_c} \geq \sqrt[4]{\frac{p_a p_b p_c}{w_a w_b w_c}} \Rightarrow \frac{m_a m_b m_c}{h_a h_b h_c} \cdot \frac{2r^2 s^2}{R} \geq \sqrt[4]{\frac{p_a p_b p_c}{w_a w_b w_c}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{m_a m_b m_c}{h_a h_b h_c} \geq \frac{R}{2r} \cdot \sqrt[4]{\frac{p_a p_b p_c}{w_a w_b w_c}} \forall \Delta ABC, '' = '' \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$$

### **Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco**

We have the following known formula (see [1, pp. 1]),

$$p_a^2 = s(s - a) + \frac{s(3s + a)(b - c)^2}{(2s + a)^2}.$$

And by the formulas for median and angle bisector of triangle  $ABC$ ,  $m_a^2$

$$= \frac{1}{4}(2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2)$$

$$\text{and } w_a = \frac{2\sqrt{bcs(s - a)}}{b + c}, \text{ we can easily get}$$

$$m_a^2 = s(s - a) + \frac{(b - c)^2}{4} \text{ and } w_a^2 = s(s - a) - \frac{s(s - a)(b - c)^2}{(b + c)^2}.$$

Using these identities, we have

$$\begin{aligned} p_a w_a &\leq \frac{p_a^2 + w_a^2}{2} = s(s - a) + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{s(3s + a)}{(2s + a)^2} - \frac{s(s - a)}{(2s - a)^2} \right) (b - c)^2 \\ &= s(s - a) + \frac{s(4s^3 - 4s^2 a + sa^2 + a^3)(b - c)^2}{(4s^2 - a^2)^2} \\ &= s(s - a) + \left( \frac{1}{4} - \frac{4sa(s - a)(4s + a) + a^4}{4(4s^2 - a^2)^2} \right) (b - c)^2 \leq m_a^2. \end{aligned}$$

Then

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{R}{2r} \cdot \sqrt[4]{\frac{p_a p_b p_c}{w_a w_b w_c}} &= \frac{R}{2r} \cdot \sqrt[4]{\prod_{cyc} \frac{p_a w_a}{w_a^2}} \leq \frac{R}{2r} \cdot \sqrt[4]{\prod_{cyc} \frac{m_a^2}{w_a^2}} \\ &= \frac{R m_a m_b m_c}{2r \sqrt{\prod_{cyc} m_a w_a}} \stackrel{\text{Panaïtopol}}{\cong} \frac{R m_a m_b m_c}{2r \sqrt{\prod_{cyc} s(s-a)}} \\ &= \frac{R m_a m_b m_c}{2s^2 r^2} = \frac{abc \cdot m_a m_b m_c}{(2F)^3} = \frac{m_a m_b m_c}{h_a h_b h_c}. \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds iff  $\triangle ABC$  is equilateral.

[1] Bogdan Fuștei, Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba,  
*SPIEKER'S CEVIANS IN THE GEOMETRY OF TRIANGLE.*

**1951. In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

$${}^{r_a}\sqrt{a} \cdot {}^{r_b}\sqrt{b} \cdot {}^{r_c}\sqrt{c} \leq r \sqrt{\frac{a+b+c}{3}} \leq {}^{h_a}\sqrt{a} \cdot {}^{h_b}\sqrt{b} \cdot {}^{h_c}\sqrt{c}$$

*Proposed by Dang Ngoc Minh-Vietnam*

*Solution by Tapas Das-India*

*WLOG  $a \geq b \geq c$  then  $r_a \geq r_b \geq r_c$ .*

$$\text{Now } \frac{a}{r_a} + \frac{b}{r_b} + \frac{c}{r_c} \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\leq} \frac{1}{3}(a+b+c) \left( \frac{1}{r_a} + \frac{1}{r_b} + \frac{1}{r_c} \right) \quad (1)$$

$$\text{We know that } \sum \frac{1}{r_a} = \sum \frac{1}{h_a} = \frac{1}{r} \quad (2)$$

$$ah_a = bh_b = ch_c = a \frac{2F}{a} = b \frac{2F}{b} = c \frac{2F}{c} = 2F \quad (3)$$

*Let us consider  $a$  with associated weight  $\frac{1}{r_a}$ ,  $b$  with associated weight  $\frac{1}{r_b}$ ,*

*$c$  with associated weight  $\frac{1}{r_c}$*

$$\text{GM} \leq \text{AM} \text{ or } \left( {}^{r_a}\sqrt{a} \cdot {}^{r_b}\sqrt{b} \cdot {}^{r_c}\sqrt{c} \right)^{\frac{1}{\sum \frac{1}{r_a}}} \leq \frac{\frac{a}{r_a} + \frac{b}{r_b} + \frac{c}{r_c}}{\sum \frac{1}{r_a}} \stackrel{(1)}{\leq} \frac{\frac{1}{3}(a+b+c) \left( \frac{1}{r_a} + \frac{1}{r_b} + \frac{1}{r_c} \right)}{\sum \frac{1}{r_a}} =$$

$$= \frac{a+b+c}{3} \text{ or } {}^{r_a}\sqrt{a} \cdot {}^{r_b}\sqrt{b} \cdot {}^{r_c}\sqrt{c} \leq \left( \frac{a+b+c}{3} \right)^{\sum \frac{1}{r_a}} \stackrel{(2)}{=} r$$

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$$= \left(\frac{a+b+c}{3}\right)^{\frac{1}{r}} = r \sqrt{\frac{a+b+c}{3}} \quad (A)$$

Let us consider  $a$  with associated weight  $\frac{1}{h_a}$ ,  $b$  with associated weight  $\frac{1}{h_b}$ ,

$c$  with associated weight  $\frac{1}{h_c}$

$$GM \geq HM \text{ or } \left({}^{h_a}\sqrt{a} \cdot {}^{h_b}\sqrt{b} \cdot {}^{h_c}\sqrt{c}\right)^{\frac{1}{\sum \frac{1}{h_a}}} \geq \frac{\sum \frac{1}{h_a}}{\sum \frac{1}{ah_a}} \stackrel{(3)}{\geq} \frac{\sum \frac{1}{h_a}}{\frac{3}{2F}} \stackrel{(2)}{=} \frac{2F}{3r} = 2r \cdot \frac{s}{3r} = \frac{2s}{3} = \frac{a+b+c}{3}$$

$$\text{or } \left({}^{h_a}\sqrt{a} \cdot {}^{h_b}\sqrt{b} \cdot {}^{h_c}\sqrt{c}\right)^{\frac{1}{\sum \frac{1}{h_a}}} = \left({}^{h_a}\sqrt{a} \cdot {}^{h_b}\sqrt{b} \cdot {}^{h_c}\sqrt{c}\right)^{\frac{1}{r}} =$$

$$= \left({}^{h_a}\sqrt{a} \cdot {}^{h_b}\sqrt{b} \cdot {}^{h_c}\sqrt{c}\right)^r \geq \frac{a+b+c}{3} \text{ or}$$

$${}^{h_a}\sqrt{a} \cdot {}^{h_b}\sqrt{b} \cdot {}^{h_c}\sqrt{c} \geq r \sqrt{\frac{a+b+c}{3}} \quad (B)$$

From (A) and (B) we have  ${}^r\sqrt{a} \cdot {}^r\sqrt{b} \cdot {}^r\sqrt{c} \leq r \sqrt{\frac{a+b+c}{3}} \leq {}^{h_a}\sqrt{a} \cdot {}^{h_b}\sqrt{b} \cdot {}^{h_c}\sqrt{c}$

Equality holds for the equilateral triangle.

**1952. In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

$$\left(h_a - 2r\right)^{\frac{1}{h_a - 2r}} \cdot \left(h_b - 2r\right)^{\frac{1}{h_b - 2r}} \cdot \left(h_c - 2r\right)^{\frac{1}{h_c - 2r}} \leq \left(\frac{3R^2}{2R - r}\right)^{\frac{2R - r}{r^2}}$$

*Proposed by Dang Ngoc Minh-Vietnam*

*Solution by Tapas Das-India*

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{a}{s-a} &= \frac{\sum a(s-b)(s-c)}{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} = \frac{\sum a(s^2 - s(b+c) + bc)}{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} = \\ &= \frac{s^2(a+b+c) - 2s(ab+bc+ca) + 3abc}{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} = \frac{2s^3 - 2s(s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr) + 12Rrs}{sr^2} = \\ &= \frac{2s^2 - 2s^2 - 2r^2 - 8Rr + 12Rr}{r^2} = \frac{4R - 2r}{r} \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\sum \frac{1}{(h_a - 2r)} = \sum \frac{1}{\left(\frac{2rs}{a} - 2r\right)} = \frac{1}{2r} \sum \frac{a}{s-a} \stackrel{(1)}{=} \frac{1}{2r} \frac{4R - 2r}{r} = \frac{2R - r}{r^2} \quad (2)$$

Let us consider  $(h_a - 2r)$  with associated weight  $\frac{1}{(h_a - 2r)}$ ,

$(h_b - 2r)$  with associated weight  $\frac{1}{(h_b - 2r)}$  and  $(h_c - 2r)$  with  $\frac{1}{(h_c - 2r)}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{By } G.M \leq A.M \text{ or } \left( (h_a - 2r)^{\frac{1}{h_a - 2r}} \cdot (h_b - 2r)^{\frac{1}{h_b - 2r}} \cdot (h_c - 2r)^{\frac{1}{h_c - 2r}} \right)^{\frac{1}{\sum \frac{1}{(h_a - 2r)}}} &\leq \\ \leq \frac{(h_a - 2r) \cdot \frac{1}{(h_a - 2r)} + (h_b - 2r) \cdot \frac{1}{(h_b - 2r)} + (h_c - 2r) \cdot \frac{1}{(h_c - 2r)}}{\sum \frac{1}{(h_a - 2r)}} &\stackrel{(2)}{=} \frac{3}{\frac{2R - r}{r^2}} \\ &= \frac{3r^2}{2R - r} \end{aligned}$$

$$\left( (h_a - 2r)^{\frac{1}{h_a - 2r}} \cdot (h_b - 2r)^{\frac{1}{h_b - 2r}} \cdot (h_c - 2r)^{\frac{1}{h_c - 2r}} \right)^{\frac{1}{\sum \frac{1}{(h_a - 2r)}}} \leq \frac{3r^2}{2R - r}$$

$$(h_a - 2r)^{\frac{1}{h_a - 2r}} \cdot (h_b - 2r)^{\frac{1}{h_b - 2r}} \cdot (h_c - 2r)^{\frac{1}{h_c - 2r}} \leq \left( \frac{3r^2}{2R - r} \right)^{\sum \frac{1}{(h_a - 2r)}} \stackrel{(2)}{=} \left( \frac{3R^2}{2R - r} \right)^{\frac{2R - r}{r^2}}$$

Equality  $a = b = c$

**1953. In any  $\Delta ABC$ , holds :**

$$r_a^3 + r_b^3 + r_c^3 - 3r_a r_b r_c \geq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} (a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc)$$

*Proposed by Dang Ngoc Minh-Vietnam*

*Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India*

$$\begin{aligned} r_a^3 + r_b^3 + r_c^3 - 3r_a r_b r_c &\geq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} (a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc) \\ \Leftrightarrow \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a \right)^3 - 3 \left( \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a r_b \right) - r_a r_b r_c \right) - 3r_a r_b r_c &\geq \end{aligned}$$



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$$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot 2s(s^2 - 6Rr - 3r^2 - 6Rr)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (4R + r)^3 - 3s^2(4R + r) \geq \sqrt{3}s(s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{(4R + r)}{\sqrt{3}s} ((4R + r)^2 - 3s^2) \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2$$

Now, via Doucet (or Trucht), LHS of (\*)  $\geq 16R^2 + 8Rr + r^2 - 3s^2$

$$\stackrel{?}{\geq} s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2 \Leftrightarrow s^2 \stackrel{?}{\leq} 4R^2 + 5Rr + r^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (s^2 - 4R^2 - 4Rr - 3r^2) - r(R - 2r) \stackrel{?}{\leq} 0$$

$\rightarrow$  true  $\because s^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2$  and  $-r(R - 2r) \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} 0 \Rightarrow (*)$  is true

$$\therefore r_a^3 + r_b^3 + r_c^3 - 3r_a r_b r_c \geq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} (a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc)$$

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

**1954. In any  $\Delta ABC$ , the following relationship holds :**

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \left( \sin \frac{A}{2} \right)^{2 \sin \frac{B}{2}} \cdot \left( \sin \frac{B}{2} \right)^{1 - 2 \sin \frac{B}{2}} \right) \leq \sqrt{3 \left( 1 - \frac{r}{2R} \right)}$$

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$$\left( \frac{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\sin^2 \frac{B}{2}} \right)^{\sin \frac{B}{2}} = \left( 1 + \left( \frac{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\sin^2 \frac{B}{2}} - 1 \right) \right)^{\sin \frac{B}{2}} \stackrel{\text{Bernoulli}}{\leq} 1 + \left( \sin \frac{B}{2} \right) \left( \frac{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\sin^2 \frac{B}{2}} - 1 \right)$$

$$= 1 + \frac{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\sin \frac{B}{2}} - \sin \frac{B}{2} \Rightarrow \left( \sin \frac{B}{2} \right) \left( \frac{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\sin^2 \frac{B}{2}} \right)^{\sin \frac{B}{2}} \leq \sin \frac{B}{2} + \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} - \sin^2 \frac{B}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( \sin \frac{A}{2} \right)^{2 \sin \frac{B}{2}} \cdot \left( \sin \frac{B}{2} \right)^{1 - 2 \sin \frac{B}{2}} \leq \sin \frac{B}{2} + \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} - \sin^2 \frac{B}{2} \text{ and analogs}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \left( \sin \frac{A}{2} \right)^{2 \sin \frac{B}{2}} \cdot \left( \sin \frac{B}{2} \right)^{1 - 2 \sin \frac{B}{2}} \right) \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sin \frac{B}{2} + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} - \sin^2 \frac{B}{2} \right) =$$

$$= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sin \frac{A}{2} \stackrel{\text{Jensen}}{\leq} \frac{3}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{9}{4}} = \sqrt{3 - \frac{3r}{4r}} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} \sqrt{3 - \frac{3r}{2R}}$$

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$$\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \left( \sin \frac{A}{2} \right)^{2 \sin \frac{B}{2}} \cdot \left( \sin \frac{B}{2} \right)^{1 - 2 \sin \frac{B}{2}} \right) \leq \sqrt{3 \left( 1 - \frac{r}{2R} \right)}$$

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

**1955. In any  $\Delta ABC$ , the following relationship holds :**

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \tan \frac{A}{2} \right)^{1 - \frac{r}{r_a}} \cdot \left( \tan \frac{B}{2} \right)^{1 - \frac{r}{r_b}} \cdot \left( \tan \frac{C}{2} \right)^{1 - \frac{r}{r_c}} + \left( \tan \frac{B}{2} \right)^{1 - \frac{r}{r_a}} \cdot \left( \tan \frac{C}{2} \right)^{1 - \frac{r}{r_b}} \cdot \left( \tan \frac{A}{2} \right)^{1 - \frac{r}{r_c}} \\ & + \left( \tan \frac{C}{2} \right)^{1 - \frac{r}{r_a}} \cdot \left( \tan \frac{A}{2} \right)^{1 - \frac{r}{r_b}} \cdot \left( \tan \frac{B}{2} \right)^{1 - \frac{r}{r_c}} \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Weighted GM} \geq \text{Weighted HM} & \Rightarrow \sqrt{\left( \frac{r}{r_a} + \frac{r}{r_b} + \frac{r}{r_c} \right) \left( \tan \frac{A}{2} \right)^{\frac{r}{r_a}} \cdot \left( \tan \frac{B}{2} \right)^{\frac{r}{r_b}} \cdot \left( \tan \frac{C}{2} \right)^{\frac{r}{r_c}}} \\ & \geq \frac{\frac{r}{r_a} + \frac{r}{r_b} + \frac{r}{r_c}}{r} \text{ and } \because \frac{r}{r_a} + \frac{r}{r_b} + \frac{r}{r_c} = 1, \\ & \frac{r_a \cdot \tan \frac{A}{2}}{r} + \frac{r_b \cdot \tan \frac{B}{2}}{r} + \frac{r_c \cdot \tan \frac{C}{2}}{r} \\ \therefore \left( \tan \frac{A}{2} \right)^{\frac{r}{r_a}} \cdot \left( \tan \frac{B}{2} \right)^{\frac{r}{r_b}} \cdot \left( \tan \frac{C}{2} \right)^{\frac{r}{r_c}} & \geq \frac{1}{rs \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{r_a^2}} = \frac{1}{rs \cdot \left( \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{r_a} \right)^2 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{r_a r_b} \right)} \\ & = \frac{1}{rs \cdot \left( \frac{1}{r^2} - \frac{2(4R+r)}{rs^2} \right)} = \frac{1}{rs \cdot \left( \frac{s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2}{r^2 s^2} \right)} = \frac{rs}{s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2} \\ \therefore \left( \tan \frac{A}{2} \right)^{1 - \frac{r}{r_a}} \cdot \left( \tan \frac{B}{2} \right)^{1 - \frac{r}{r_b}} \cdot \left( \tan \frac{C}{2} \right)^{1 - \frac{r}{r_c}} & = \frac{\left( \tan \frac{A}{2} \right) \left( \tan \frac{B}{2} \right) \left( \tan \frac{C}{2} \right)}{\left( \tan \frac{A}{2} \right)^{\frac{r}{r_a}} \cdot \left( \tan \frac{B}{2} \right)^{\frac{r}{r_b}} \cdot \left( \tan \frac{C}{2} \right)^{\frac{r}{r_c}}} \\ & \leq \frac{\left( \frac{r}{s} \right)}{\left( \frac{rs}{s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2} \right)} = \frac{s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2}{s^2} \rightarrow (1) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Again, Weighted GM} \geq \text{Weighted HM} &\Rightarrow \sqrt{\left(\tan \frac{B}{2}\right)^{\frac{r}{r_a}} \cdot \left(\tan \frac{C}{2}\right)^{\frac{r}{r_b}} \cdot \left(\tan \frac{A}{2}\right)^{\frac{r}{r_c}}} \\
 &\geq \frac{\frac{r}{r_a} + \frac{r}{r_b} + \frac{r}{r_c}}{r} \text{ and } \because \frac{r}{r_a} + \frac{r}{r_b} + \frac{r}{r_c} = 1, \\
 &\quad \frac{r_a \tan \frac{B}{2}}{r} + \frac{r_b \tan \frac{C}{2}}{r} + \frac{r_c \tan \frac{A}{2}}{r} \\
 \therefore \left(\tan \frac{B}{2}\right)^{\frac{r}{r_a}} \cdot \left(\tan \frac{C}{2}\right)^{\frac{r}{r_b}} \cdot \left(\tan \frac{A}{2}\right)^{\frac{r}{r_c}} &\geq \frac{1}{rs \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{r_a r_b}} = \frac{1}{rs^2 (4R+r)} = \frac{s}{4R+r} \\
 \therefore \left(\tan \frac{B}{2}\right)^{1-\frac{r}{r_a}} \cdot \left(\tan \frac{C}{2}\right)^{1-\frac{r}{r_b}} \cdot \left(\tan \frac{A}{2}\right)^{1-\frac{r}{r_c}} &= \frac{\left(\tan \frac{A}{2}\right) \left(\tan \frac{B}{2}\right) \left(\tan \frac{C}{2}\right)}{\left(\tan \frac{B}{2}\right)^{\frac{r}{r_a}} \cdot \left(\tan \frac{C}{2}\right)^{\frac{r}{r_b}} \cdot \left(\tan \frac{A}{2}\right)^{\frac{r}{r_c}}} \\
 \boxed{\leq} \frac{\left(\frac{r}{s}\right)}{\left(\frac{s}{4R+r}\right)} &= \frac{4Rr+r^2}{s^2} \rightarrow (2)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Also, Weighted GM} \geq \text{Weighted HM} &\Rightarrow \sqrt{\left(\tan \frac{C}{2}\right)^{\frac{r}{r_a}} \cdot \left(\tan \frac{A}{2}\right)^{\frac{r}{r_b}} \cdot \left(\tan \frac{B}{2}\right)^{\frac{r}{r_c}}} \\
 &\geq \frac{\frac{r}{r_a} + \frac{r}{r_b} + \frac{r}{r_c}}{r} \text{ and } \because \frac{r}{r_a} + \frac{r}{r_b} + \frac{r}{r_c} = 1, \\
 &\quad \frac{r_a \tan \frac{C}{2}}{r} + \frac{r_b \tan \frac{A}{2}}{r} + \frac{r_c \tan \frac{B}{2}}{r} \\
 \therefore \left(\tan \frac{C}{2}\right)^{\frac{r}{r_a}} \cdot \left(\tan \frac{A}{2}\right)^{\frac{r}{r_b}} \cdot \left(\tan \frac{B}{2}\right)^{\frac{r}{r_c}} &\geq \frac{1}{rs \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{r_a r_c}} = \frac{1}{rs^2 (4R+r)} = \frac{s}{4R+r} \\
 \therefore \left(\tan \frac{C}{2}\right)^{1-\frac{r}{r_a}} \cdot \left(\tan \frac{A}{2}\right)^{1-\frac{r}{r_b}} \cdot \left(\tan \frac{B}{2}\right)^{1-\frac{r}{r_c}} &= \frac{\left(\tan \frac{A}{2}\right) \left(\tan \frac{B}{2}\right) \left(\tan \frac{C}{2}\right)}{\left(\tan \frac{C}{2}\right)^{\frac{r}{r_a}} \cdot \left(\tan \frac{A}{2}\right)^{\frac{r}{r_b}} \cdot \left(\tan \frac{B}{2}\right)^{\frac{r}{r_c}}} \\
 \boxed{\leq} \frac{\left(\frac{r}{s}\right)}{\left(\frac{s}{4R+r}\right)} &= \frac{4Rr+r^2}{s^2} \rightarrow (3) \therefore (1) + (2) + (3) \Rightarrow
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left(\tan \frac{A}{2}\right)^{1-\frac{r}{r_a}} \cdot \left(\tan \frac{B}{2}\right)^{1-\frac{r}{r_b}} \cdot \left(\tan \frac{C}{2}\right)^{1-\frac{r}{r_c}} + \left(\tan \frac{B}{2}\right)^{1-\frac{r}{r_a}} \cdot \left(\tan \frac{C}{2}\right)^{1-\frac{r}{r_b}} \cdot \left(\tan \frac{A}{2}\right)^{1-\frac{r}{r_c}} \\
 &\quad + \left(\tan \frac{C}{2}\right)^{1-\frac{r}{r_a}} \cdot \left(\tan \frac{A}{2}\right)^{1-\frac{r}{r_b}} \cdot \left(\tan \frac{B}{2}\right)^{1-\frac{r}{r_c}} \leq \frac{s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2}{s^2} + 2 \cdot \frac{4Rr+r^2}{s^2} \\
 \therefore \left(\tan \frac{A}{2}\right)^{1-\frac{r}{r_a}} \cdot \left(\tan \frac{B}{2}\right)^{1-\frac{r}{r_b}} \cdot \left(\tan \frac{C}{2}\right)^{1-\frac{r}{r_c}} &+ \left(\tan \frac{B}{2}\right)^{1-\frac{r}{r_a}} \cdot \left(\tan \frac{C}{2}\right)^{1-\frac{r}{r_b}} \cdot \left(\tan \frac{A}{2}\right)^{1-\frac{r}{r_c}}
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$+ \left(\tan \frac{C}{2}\right)^{1-\frac{r}{r_a}} \cdot \left(\tan \frac{A}{2}\right)^{1-\frac{r}{r_b}} \cdot \left(\tan \frac{B}{2}\right)^{1-\frac{r}{r_c}} \leq 1$$

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

1956. In  $\Delta ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$\sum \frac{\cos B \cos C}{\cos(B-C)} \leq \cos^2 A + \cos^2 B + \cos^2 C$$

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Solution by Tapas Das-India

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{b \cos B + c \cos C}{a} &= \frac{R(\sin 2B + \sin 2C)}{2R \sin A} = \\ &= \frac{2R \sin(B+C) \cos(B-C)}{2R \sin A} \stackrel{A+B+C=\pi}{=} \frac{2R \sin(A) \cos(B-C)}{2R \sin A} = \\ &= \cos(B-C) \text{ and } \cos(B-C) = \frac{b \cos B + c \cos C}{a} = \\ &= \frac{R(\sin 2B + \sin 2C)}{2R \sin A} = \frac{(\sin 2B + \sin 2C)}{2 \sin A} \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sin 2A + \sin 2B + \sin 2C &= 2 \sin(A+B) \cos(A-B) + 2 \sin C \cos C \\ &= 2 \sin(\pi - C) \cos(A-B) + 2 \sin C \cos C = \\ &= 2 \sin C \cos(A-B) + 2 \sin C \cos C = 2 \sin C (\cos(A-B) + \cos C) = \\ &= 2 \sin C (\cos(A-B) + \cos(\pi - (A+B))) = \\ &= 2 \sin C (\cos(A-B) - \cos(A+B)) = 4 \sin A \sin B \sin C \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \cos(B-C) &= \cos B \cos C + \sin B \sin C \quad (3) \\ \sum \frac{\cos B \cos C}{\cos(B-C)} &\stackrel{(3)}{=} \sum \left(1 - \frac{\sin B \sin C}{\cos(B-C)}\right) \stackrel{(1)}{=} \\ &= 3 - \sum \left(\frac{\sin B \sin C}{\cos(B-C)}\right) \stackrel{(1)}{=} 3 - \sum \left(\frac{2 \sin A \sin B \sin C}{\sin 2B + \sin 2C}\right) = \\ &= 3 - 2 \sin A \sin B \sin C \sum \left(\frac{1}{\sin 2B + \sin 2C}\right) \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\leq} \\ &\leq 3 - 2 \sin A \sin B \sin C \frac{(1+1+1)^2}{2(\sin 2A + \sin 2B + \sin 2C)} \stackrel{(2)}{=} \end{aligned}$$

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$$= 3 - 2 \sin A \sin B \sin C \frac{9}{8 \sin A \sin B \sin C} = 3 - \frac{9}{4} = \frac{3}{4} \quad (4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \cos^2 A + \cos^2 B + \cos^2 C &= 3 - \sum \sin^2 A = 3 - \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{4R^2} \stackrel{\text{Leibniz}}{\geq} \\ &\geq 3 - \frac{9R^2}{4R^2} = 3 - \frac{9}{4} = \frac{3}{4} \quad (5) \end{aligned}$$

From (4) and (5) we get  $\sum \frac{\cos B \cos C}{\cos(B-C)} \leq \cos^2 A + \cos^2 B + \cos^2 C$

Equality holds for  $A = B = C$ .

1957. In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$\sum \sqrt[3]{\frac{3r}{r_a}} \geq \frac{16r}{R} - 5$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution by Tapas Das-India

$$\sqrt[3]{\frac{3r}{r_a}} = \sqrt[3]{\frac{3r}{r_a}} \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \stackrel{GM \geq HM}{\geq} \frac{3}{\frac{1}{3r} + \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{1}} = \frac{3}{\frac{r_a}{3r} + 2} \quad (1)$$

$$\sum \sqrt[3]{\frac{3r}{r_a}} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \sum \frac{3}{\frac{r_a}{3r} + 2} = 3 \sum \frac{1^2}{\frac{r_a}{3r} + 2} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{3(1+1+1)^2}{\frac{1}{3r}(r_a + r_b + r_c) + 6} =$$

$$= \frac{27}{\frac{4R+r}{3r} + 6} = \frac{81r}{4R+r+18r} = \frac{81r}{4R+19r} \stackrel{\text{EULER}}{\geq} \frac{81r}{4R + \frac{19R}{2}} =$$

$$= 81r \cdot \frac{2}{27R} = \frac{6r}{R} = \frac{16r}{R} - \frac{10r}{R} \stackrel{\text{EULER}}{\geq} \frac{16r}{R} - 10 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{16r}{R} - 5$$

Equality holds for the equilateral triangle.

1958. In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{r_a}{h_a} + \frac{r_b}{h_b} + \frac{r_c}{h_c} \geq 3$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{r_a}{h_a} + \frac{r_b}{h_b} + \frac{r_c}{h_c} &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{r_a}{h_a} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{\frac{F}{s-a}}{\frac{2F}{a}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{s-a} = \\ &= \frac{1}{2(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} \sum_{cyc} a(s-b)(s-c) = \\ &= \frac{s}{2s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} \cdot 2rs(2R-r) = \frac{s^2r(2R-r)}{F^2} = \\ &= \frac{s^2r(2R-r)}{s^2r^2} = \frac{2R-r}{r} \stackrel{EULER}{\geq} \frac{4r-r}{r} = 3 \end{aligned}$$

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

**1959. In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

$$\sum \cos A + 2 \sum \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} \geq \frac{7}{2}$$

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$$\sum \cos A + 2 \sum \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} = \left(1 + \frac{r}{R}\right) + 2 \left( \left(\frac{4R+r}{s}\right)^2 - 2 \right)$$

$$\text{We need to show: } \left(1 + \frac{r}{R}\right) + 2 \left( \left(\frac{4R+r}{s}\right)^2 - 2 \right) \geq \frac{7}{2} \text{ or}$$

$$2 \left(\frac{4R+r}{s}\right)^2 + \frac{r}{R} - 3 \geq \frac{7}{2} \text{ or}$$

$$2 \left(\frac{4R+r}{s}\right)^2 + \frac{r}{R} \geq \frac{7}{2} + 3 \text{ or}$$

$$2 \left(\frac{4R+r}{s}\right)^2 + \frac{r}{R} \geq \frac{13}{2} \text{ or}$$

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$$\frac{2(16R^2 + 8Rr + r^2)}{4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2} + \frac{r}{R} \geq \frac{13}{2} \text{ (Gerretsen) or}$$

$$\frac{2R(16R^2 + 8Rr + r^2) + r(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)}{(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)R} \geq \frac{13}{2} \text{ or}$$

$$(64R^3 + 32R^2r + 4Rr^2 + 8R^2r + 8Rr^2 + 6r^3) \geq$$

$$13(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)R \text{ or } (64R^3 + 32R^2r + 4Rr^2 + 8R^2r + 8Rr^2 + 6r^3) \geq \\ \geq 52R^3 + 52R^2r + 39Rr^3 \text{ or } (64R^3 + 40R^2r + 12Rr^3 + 6r^3) - (52R^3 + 52R^2r + 39Rr^3)$$

$$12R^3 - 12R^2r - 27Rr^2 + 6r^3 \geq 0 \text{ or}$$

$$(R - 2r)(12R^2 + 12Rr - 3r^2) \geq 0 \text{ true (Euler)}$$

Equality holds for  $A = B = C$

1960. In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$\sum \cos A + 2 \sum \sec^2 \frac{A}{2} \geq \frac{19}{2}$$

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Solution by Tapas Das-India

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \cos A + 2 \sum \sec^2 \frac{A}{2} &= \left(1 + \frac{r}{R}\right) + 2 \left(3 + \sum \tan^2 \frac{A}{2}\right) = \\ &= \left(1 + \frac{r}{R}\right) + 6 + 2 \left( \left(\frac{4R+r}{s}\right)^2 - 2 \right) = 3 + 2 \left(\frac{4R+r}{s}\right)^2 + \frac{r}{R} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \\ &\geq 3 + \frac{2(16R^2 + 8Rr + r^2)}{4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2} + \frac{r}{R} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{We need to show: } 3 + \frac{2(16R^2 + 8Rr + r^2)}{4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2} + \frac{r}{R} \geq \frac{19}{2}$$

$$\frac{2(16R^2 + 8Rr + r^2)}{4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2} + \frac{r}{R} \geq \frac{19}{2} - 3 \text{ or}$$

$$\frac{2(16R^2 + 8Rr + r^2)}{4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2} + \frac{r}{R} \geq \frac{13}{2}$$

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$$\frac{2R(16R^2 + 8Rr + r^2) + r(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)}{(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)R} \geq \frac{13}{2}$$

$$(64R^3 + 32R^2r + 4Rr^2 + 8R^2r + 8Rr^2 + 6r^3) \geq 13(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)R \text{ or}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (64R^3 + 32R^2r + 4Rr^2 + 8R^2r + 8Rr^2 + 6r^3) \geq \\ & \geq 52R^3 + 52R^2r + 39Rr^3 \text{ or } (64R^3 + 40R^2r + 12Rr^3 + 6r^3) - (52R^3 + 52R^2r + 39Rr^3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & 12R^3 - 12R^2r - 27Rr^2 + 6r^3 \geq 0 \\ & (R - 2r)(12R^2 + 12Rr - 3r^2) \geq 0 \text{ true (Euler)} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for  $A = B = C$

1961. In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$\sum \sin \frac{A}{2} + \sum \cot^2 \frac{A}{2} \geq \frac{21}{2}$$

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Solution by Tapas Das-India

$$\sum \sin \frac{A}{2} \stackrel{\text{Jensen}}{\leq} 3 \sin \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{3}{2} \quad (f(x) = \sin x \text{ is concave in } (0, \frac{\pi}{2})) \quad (1)$$

$$\text{We need to show } \sum \sin \frac{A}{2} + \sum \cot^2 \frac{A}{2} \geq \frac{21}{2} \text{ or}$$

$$\sum \sin \frac{A}{2} + \sum \operatorname{cosec}^2 \frac{A}{2} - 3 \geq \frac{21}{2} \text{ or}$$

$$\sum \sin \frac{A}{2} + \sum \operatorname{cosec}^2 \frac{A}{2} \geq \frac{21}{2} + 3 = \frac{27}{2} \text{ or}$$

$$\sum \sin \frac{A}{2} + \sum \frac{1}{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2}} \geq \frac{27}{2} \quad (2)$$

$$\text{let } \sin \frac{A}{2} = x, \sin \frac{B}{2} = y, \sin \frac{C}{2} = z$$

$$\text{Using (1) and (2) we need to show } \sum x + \sum \frac{1}{x^2} \geq \frac{27}{2}$$

$$\text{where } x + y + z \leq \frac{3}{2} \text{ and } x, y, z \in (0, 1)$$

$$\text{we will show } x + \frac{1}{x^2} \geq 12 - 15x \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{proof: } x + \frac{1}{x^2} \geq 12 - 15x \text{ or } x^3 + 1 \geq 12x^2 - 15x^3 \text{ or} \\ & 16x^3 - 12x^2 + 1 \geq 0 \text{ or } (2x - 1)^2(4x + 1) \geq 0 \text{ true as } x \in (0, 1) \end{aligned}$$



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$$\begin{aligned} \sum \left(x + \frac{1}{x^2}\right)^{(3)} &\geq \sum (12 - 15x) = 3 \times 12 - 15(x + y + z) = \\ &= 36 - 15(x + y + z) \geq 36 - 15 \times \frac{3}{2} = \frac{27}{2} \left(\text{as } x + y + z \leq \frac{3}{2}\right) \text{ or} \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum x + \sum \frac{1}{x^2} \geq \frac{27}{2}$$

Equality holds for  $x = y = z = \frac{1}{2}$  or  $\sin \frac{A}{2} = \sin \frac{B}{2} = \sin \frac{C}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$  or  $A = B = C = \frac{\pi}{3}$

1962. If in  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $a \neq b \neq c \neq a$  then:

$$\frac{1}{m_a^2 - m_b^2} \left(\frac{1}{h_a^2} - \frac{1}{h_b^2}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{m_b^2 - m_c^2} \left(\frac{1}{h_b^2} - \frac{1}{h_c^2}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{m_c^2 - m_a^2} \left(\frac{1}{h_c^2} - \frac{1}{h_a^2}\right)^2 = 0$$

Proposed by Dang Ngoc Minh-Vietnam

Solution by Tapas Das-India

$$m_a^2 - m_b^2 = \frac{2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2}{4} - \frac{2a^2 + 2c^2 - b^2}{4} = \frac{3}{4} (b^2 - a^2)$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{h_a^2} - \frac{1}{h_b^2}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{a^2}{4F^2} - \frac{b^2}{4F^2}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{16F^2} (a^2 - b^2)^2$$

$$\frac{1}{m_a^2 - m_b^2} \left(\frac{1}{h_a^2} - \frac{1}{h_b^2}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{16F^2} (a^2 - b^2)^2 \cdot \frac{4}{3} \frac{1}{(b^2 - a^2)} =$$

$$= -\frac{1}{12F^2} (a^2 - b^2) = \frac{1}{12F^2} (b^2 - a^2)$$

$$\frac{1}{m_a^2 - m_b^2} \left(\frac{1}{h_a^2} - \frac{1}{h_b^2}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{m_b^2 - m_c^2} \left(\frac{1}{h_b^2} - \frac{1}{h_c^2}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{m_c^2 - m_a^2} \left(\frac{1}{h_c^2} - \frac{1}{h_a^2}\right)^2 =$$

$$= \sum \frac{1}{m_a^2 - m_b^2} \left(\frac{1}{h_a^2} - \frac{1}{h_b^2}\right)^2 = \sum \frac{1}{12F^2} (b^2 - a^2) =$$

$$= \frac{1}{12F^2} (b^2 - a^2 + c^2 - b^2 + a^2 - c^2) = 0$$

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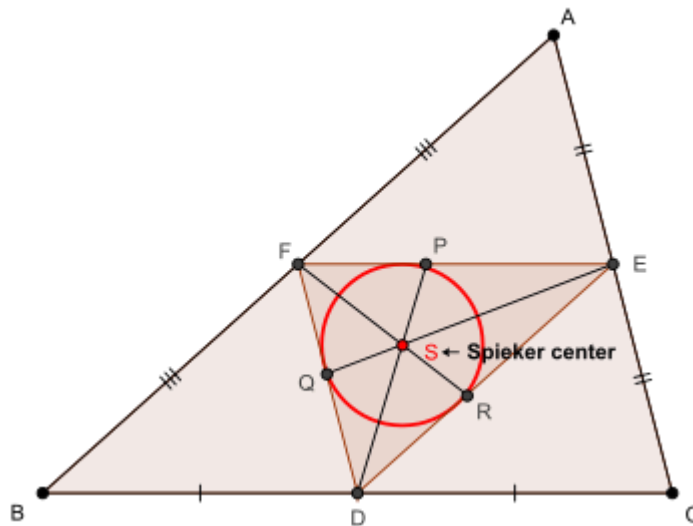
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**1963. In any  $\triangle ABC$ , the following relationship holds :**

$$\frac{m_a m_b m_c}{h_a h_b h_c} \geq \frac{R}{2r} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{8} \prod_{\text{cyc}} \frac{p_a + w_a}{w_a}}$$

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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  $\triangle DEF = r'$  (say)

$$\text{Now, } 16[DEF]^2 = 2 \sum \left(\frac{a^2}{4}\right) \left(\frac{b^2}{4}\right) - \sum \frac{a^4}{16} = \frac{1}{16} \left(2 \sum a^2 b^2 - \sum a^4\right) = \frac{16r^2 s^2}{16}$$

$$\Rightarrow [DEF] = \frac{rs}{4} \Rightarrow r' \left(\frac{\frac{a}{2} + \frac{b}{2} + \frac{c}{2}}{2}\right) = \frac{rs}{4} \Rightarrow r' = \frac{r}{2} \rightarrow (1)$$

$$\because \text{Spieker center is incenter of } \triangle DEF, \therefore m(\angle AFS) = B + \frac{C}{2} = \frac{2B + C}{2} = \frac{B + \pi - A}{2}$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{A - B}{2} \text{ and } m(\angle AES) = C + \frac{B}{2} = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{A - C}{2} \rightarrow (2)$$

Via (1), (2) and using cosine law on  $\triangle AFS$  and  $\triangle AES$ , we arrive at :

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$$\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} \\
 \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 \\
 \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)
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \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)}{8s} \\
 &= \frac{b^3 + c^3 - abc + a(2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2)}{4s} \stackrel{(ii)}{\Rightarrow} 2AS^2 = \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}{cAS} \\
 &\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 \text{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} \\
 &\quad \therefore p_a^2 \stackrel{(\cdot)}{=} \frac{2s}{(2s+a)^2} (b^3 + c^3 - abc + a(4m_a^2)) \\
 &\Rightarrow p_a^2 - m_a^2 = \frac{2s}{(2s+a)^2} (b^3 + c^3 - abc + a(4m_a^2)) - m_a^2 \\
 &= \frac{2s}{(2s+a)^2} (b^3 + c^3 - abc) - \left(1 - \frac{8sa}{(2s+a)^2}\right) m_a^2 \\
 &= \frac{4(a+b+c)(b^3 + c^3 - abc) - (2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2)(b+c)^2}{4(2s+a)^2} \\
 &= \frac{a^2(b-c)^2 + 4a(b+c)(b-c)^2 + 2(b^2 - c^2)^2}{4(2s+a)^2} \\
 &= \frac{(b-c)^2}{4(2s+a)^2} \left( (a^2 + 2a(b+c) + (b+c)^2) + ((b+c)^2 + 2a(b+c) + a^2) - a^2 \right) \\
 &= \frac{(b-c)^2}{4(2s+a)^2} (2(a+b+c)^2 - a^2) = \frac{(b-c)^2(8s^2 - a^2)}{4(2s+a)^2} \\
 &\quad \therefore p_a^2 - m_a^2 \stackrel{(\cdot)}{=} \frac{(b-c)^2(8s^2 - a^2)}{4(2s+a)^2} \\
 &\text{Now, } 2m_a^2 w_a \stackrel{\text{Lascu + A-G}}{\geq} 2m_a \cdot s(s-a) \stackrel{?}{\geq} s(s-a)(p_a + w_a) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow m_a - w_a \stackrel{?}{\geq} p_a - m_a \Leftrightarrow \frac{m_a^2 - w_a^2}{m_a + w_a} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{p_a^2 - m_a^2}{p_a + m_a} \text{ and in order} \\
 &\text{to prove this, it suffices to prove : } m_a^2 - w_a^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} p_a^2 - m_a^2
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\left( \because p_a \geq m_a \geq w_a \Rightarrow \frac{1}{m_a + w_a} \geq \frac{1}{p_a + m_a} \right) \text{ via } (*) \Leftrightarrow$$

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

and in order to prove this, it suffices to prove :  $\frac{1}{4} + \frac{s(s-a)}{(2s-a)^2} \stackrel{?}{>} \frac{8s^2 - a^2}{4(2s+a)^2}$

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

$$\Leftrightarrow 16s^3 - 12s^2a + 4sa^2 + a^3 \stackrel{?}{>} 0 \Leftrightarrow (s-a)(16s^2 + 4sa) + a^3 \stackrel{?}{>} 0 \rightarrow \text{true}$$

$$\because s-a > 0 \therefore 2m_a^2 w_a \geq s(s-a)(p_a + w_a)$$

$$\Rightarrow m_a \geq \sqrt{s(s-a)} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{p_a + w_a}{2w_a}} \text{ and analogs}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{m_a m_b m_c}{h_a h_b h_c} \geq \frac{\prod_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{r_b r_c}}{h_a h_b h_c} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{8} \prod_{\text{cyc}} \frac{p_a + w_a}{w_a}} = \frac{r_a r_b r_c}{h_a h_b h_c} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{8} \prod_{\text{cyc}} \frac{p_a + w_a}{w_a}}$$

$$= \frac{rs^2}{\left(\frac{2r^2 s^2}{R}\right)} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{8} \prod_{\text{cyc}} \frac{p_a + w_a}{w_a}} \therefore \frac{m_a m_b m_c}{h_a h_b h_c} \geq \frac{R}{2r} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{8} \prod_{\text{cyc}} \frac{p_a + w_a}{w_a}}$$

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

### Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

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Using these identities, we have

$$\left(\frac{p_a + w_a}{2}\right)^2 \leq \frac{p_a^2 + w_a^2}{2} = s(s-a) + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{s(3s+a)}{(2s+a)^2} - \frac{s(s-a)}{(2s-a)^2} \right) (b-c)^2 =$$

$$= s(s-a) + \frac{s(4s^3 - 4s^2a + sa^2 + a^3)(b-c)^2}{(4s^2 - a^2)^2} =$$

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$$= s(s-a) + \left( \frac{1}{4} - \frac{4sa(s-a)(4s+a) + a^4}{4(4s^2 - a^2)^2} \right) (b-c)^2 \leq m_a^2 \Rightarrow \frac{p_a + w_a}{2} \leq m_a$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{R}{2r} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{8} \prod_{cyc} \frac{p_a + w_a}{w_a}} &\leq \frac{R}{2r} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{8} \prod_{cyc} \frac{2m_a}{w_a}} = \frac{Rm_a m_b m_c}{2r \sqrt{\prod_{cyc} m_a w_a}} \stackrel{\text{Panaitopol}}{\geq} \\ &\leq \frac{Rm_a m_b m_c}{2r \sqrt{\prod_{cyc} s(s-a)}} = \frac{Rm_a m_b m_c}{2s^2 r^2} = \frac{abc \cdot m_a m_b m_c}{(2F)^3} = \frac{m_a m_b m_c}{h_a h_b h_c} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds iff  $\triangle ABC$  is equilateral.

[1] Bogdan Fuștei, Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba,  
*SPIEKER'S CEVIANS IN THE GEOMETRY OF TRIANGLE.*

1964. In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$a^{r_a} b^{r_b} c^{r_c} \geq (2\sqrt{3}r)^{9r}$$

Proposed by Nguyen Hung Cuong-Vietnam

Solution by Tapas Das-India

$$\sum \frac{r_a}{a} \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\leq} \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right) (r_a + r_b + r_c) \stackrel{\text{Leunberger II}}{\leq} \frac{1}{3} (4R + r) \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2r} = \frac{4R + r}{2\sqrt{3}r} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{We know that } \sum \frac{1}{r_a} = \frac{1}{r}, \quad \frac{\sum r_a}{3} \stackrel{\text{AM-HM}}{\geq} \frac{3}{\sum \frac{1}{r_a}} = 3r \text{ or}$$

$$\sum r_a \geq 9r \quad (2)$$

Let us consider  $a$  with associated weight  $r_a$ ,  $b$  with  $r_b$  and  $c$  with  $r_c$

$$GM \geq HM \text{ or } (a^{r_a} b^{r_b} c^{r_c})^{\frac{1}{(r_a+r_b+r_c)}} \geq \frac{(r_a + r_b + r_c)}{\sum \frac{r_a}{a}} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{4R + r}{2\sqrt{3}r} = (2\sqrt{3}r)$$

$$a^{r_a} b^{r_b} c^{r_c} \geq (2\sqrt{3}r)^{(r_a+r_b+r_c)} \stackrel{(2)}{\geq} (2\sqrt{3}r)^{9r}$$

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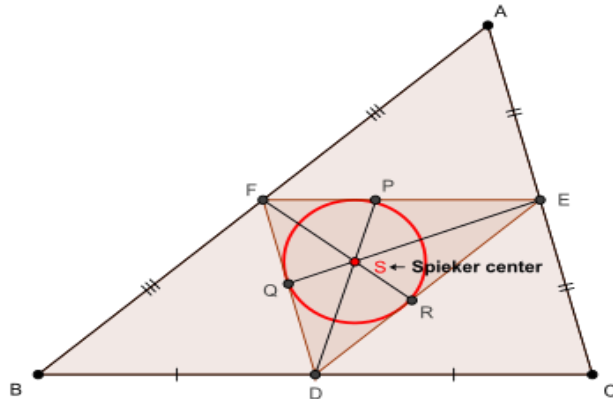
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$$\frac{m_a m_b m_c}{r_a r_b r_c} \geq \sqrt[4]{\frac{P_a P_b P_c}{W_a W_b W_c}}$$

Proposed by Bogdan Fuştei-Romania

*Solution 1 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  $\triangle DEF = r'$  (say)

$$\text{Now, } 16[DEF]^2 = 2 \sum \left(\frac{a^2}{4}\right) \left(\frac{b^2}{4}\right) - \sum \frac{a^4}{16} = \frac{1}{16} \left(2 \sum a^2 b^2 - \sum a^4\right) = \frac{16r^2 s^2}{16}$$

$$\Rightarrow [DEF] = \frac{rs}{4} \Rightarrow r' \left(\frac{\frac{a}{2} + \frac{b}{2} + \frac{c}{2}}{2}\right) = \frac{rs}{4} \Rightarrow r' = \frac{r}{2} \rightarrow (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \because \text{Spieker center is incenter of } \triangle DEF, \therefore m(\angle AFS) &= B + \frac{C}{2} = \frac{2B + C}{2} = \frac{B + \pi - A}{2} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{A - B}{2} \text{ and } m(\angle AES) = C + \frac{B}{2} = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{A - C}{2} \rightarrow (2) \end{aligned}$$

Via (1), (2) and using cosine law on  $\triangle AFS$  and  $\triangle AES$ , we arrive at :

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$$\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} \\
 \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 \\
 \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)
 \end{aligned}$$



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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \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}} \\
 &\quad (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} \\
 &\quad \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}{cAS} \\
 &\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} \\
 &\quad \text{Now, } [BAX] + [BAX] = [ABC] \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} p_a c \sin \alpha + \frac{1}{2} p_a b \sin \beta = rs \\
 &\quad \text{via (***) and ****) } \frac{p_a(a+b+a+c)}{2s} = 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} \\
 &\quad \therefore p_a^2 \stackrel{(\cdot)}{=} \frac{2s}{(2s+a)^2} (b^3+c^3-abc+a(4m_a^2)) \\
 &\Rightarrow p_a^2 - m_a^2 = \frac{2s}{(2s+a)^2} (b^3+c^3-abc+a(4m_a^2)) - m_a^2 \\
 &= \frac{2s}{(2s+a)^2} (b^3+c^3-abc) - \left(1 - \frac{8sa}{(2s+a)^2}\right) m_a^2 \\
 &= \frac{4(a+b+c)(b^3+c^3-abc) - (2b^2+2c^2-a^2)(b+c)^2}{4(2s+a)^2} \\
 &= \frac{a^2(b-c)^2 + 4a(b+c)(b-c)^2 + 2(b^2-c^2)^2}{4(2s+a)^2} \\
 &= \frac{(b-c)^2}{4(2s+a)^2} \left( (a^2+2a(b+c) + (b+c)^2) + ((b+c)^2+2a(b+c) + a^2) - a^2 \right) \\
 &= \frac{(b-c)^2}{4(2s+a)^2} (2(a+b+c)^2 - a^2) = \frac{(b-c)^2(8s^2 - a^2)}{4(2s+a)^2} \\
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 &\quad \text{Now, } m_a^4 w_a \stackrel{\text{Lascu + A-G}}{\geq} m_a^3 \cdot s(s-a) \stackrel{?}{\geq} s^2(s-a)^2 \cdot p_a \Leftrightarrow m_a^6 \stackrel{?}{\geq} s^2(s-a)^2 \cdot p_a^2 \\
 &\quad \Leftrightarrow \frac{m_a^4}{s^2(s-a)^2} - 1 \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{p_a^2}{m_a^2} - 1 \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow (b-c)^2 \left( m_a^2 \cdot \frac{(b-c)^2}{16} + \frac{s(s-a)}{2} - \frac{8s^2 - a^2}{4(2s+a)^2} \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \quad (\blacksquare)$$

$\because (b-c)^2 \geq 0$  and  $m_a^2 \geq s(s-a) \therefore$  in order to prove  $(\blacksquare)$ , it suffices to prove :

$$\frac{s(s-a) \cdot \frac{s(s-a)}{2}}{s^2(s-a)^2} - \frac{8s^2 - a^2}{4(2s+a)^2} > 0 \Leftrightarrow 2(2s+a)^2 > 8s^2 - a^2 \Leftrightarrow 8sa + 3a^2 > 0$$

$$\rightarrow \text{true} \Rightarrow (\blacksquare) \text{ is true} \therefore m_a^4 w_a \geq s^2(s-a)^2 \cdot p_a \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{m_a^4}{s^2(s-a)^2} \geq \frac{p_a}{w_a}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{m_a}{\sqrt{r_b r_c}} \geq \sqrt[4]{\frac{p_a}{w_a}} \text{ and analogs} \Rightarrow \frac{m_a m_b m_c}{r_a r_b r_c} \geq \sqrt[4]{\frac{p_a p_b p_c}{w_a w_b w_c}}$$

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$$= s(s-a) + \frac{s(4s^3 - 4s^2 a + sa^2 + a^3)(b-c)^2}{(4s^2 - a^2)^2} =$$

$$= s(s-a) + \left( \frac{1}{4} - \frac{4sa(s-a)(4s+a) + a^4}{4(4s^2 - a^2)^2} \right) (b-c)^2 \leq m_a^2.$$

Then

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$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt[4]{\frac{p_a p_b p_c}{w_a w_b w_c}} &= \sqrt[4]{\prod_{cyc} \frac{p_a w_a}{w_a^2}} \leq \sqrt[4]{\prod_{cyc} \frac{m_a^2}{w_a^2}} = \frac{m_a m_b m_c}{\sqrt{\prod_{cyc} m_a w_a}} \stackrel{\text{Panaïtopol}}{\leq} \\ &\leq \frac{m_a m_b m_c}{\sqrt{\prod_{cyc} r_b r_c}} = \frac{m_a m_b m_c}{r_a r_b r_c}. \end{aligned}$$

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Proposed by Zaza Mzhavanadze-Georgia

Solution by Tapas Das-India

$$\sum \tan \frac{A}{2} + \sum \cot \frac{A}{2} = \frac{4R + r}{s} + \frac{s}{r} \stackrel{\text{Doucet \& Mitrinovic}}{\geq} \sqrt{3} + 3\sqrt{3} = 4\sqrt{3} \quad (1)$$

$$\sum \sin \frac{A}{2} \stackrel{\text{Jensen}}{\leq} 3 \sin \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{3}{2} \quad (2)$$

$f(x) = \sin \frac{x}{2}$  is concave  $\in (0, \pi)$

$$\sum \frac{\left(\tan \frac{A}{2} + \cot \frac{A}{2}\right)^3}{\sin \frac{A}{2} + \sin \frac{B}{2}} \stackrel{\text{Holder}}{\geq} \frac{1}{3} \frac{\left(\sum \tan \frac{A}{2} + \sum \cot \frac{A}{2}\right)^3}{2 \sum \sin \frac{A}{2}} \stackrel{(1)\&(2)}{\geq} \frac{(4\sqrt{3})^3}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot \frac{3}{2}} = \frac{192\sqrt{3}}{9} = \frac{64\sqrt{3}}{3}$$

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

1967. In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$\sum \frac{1}{\sqrt{4m_b^2 - h_a^2} + \sqrt{c^2 - h_a^2}} = \sum \frac{a}{a^2 + 2r_a r_c - 2r r_b}$$

Proposed by Dang Ngoc Minh-Vietnam

Solution by Mirsadix Muzefferov-Azerbaijan

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4m_b^2 - h_a^2} + \sqrt{c^2 - h_a^2}} &= \frac{\sqrt{4m_b^2 - h_a^2} - \sqrt{c^2 - h_a^2}}{\left(\sqrt{4m_b^2 - h_a^2} + \sqrt{c^2 - h_a^2}\right) \cdot \left(\sqrt{4m_b^2 - h_a^2} - \sqrt{c^2 - h_a^2}\right)} = \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{4m_b^2 - h_a^2} - \sqrt{c^2 - h_a^2}}{4m_b^2 - c^2} = \frac{\sqrt{4m_b^2 - h_a^2} - \sqrt{c^2 - h_a^2}}{a^2 + (a^2 + c^2 - b^2)} \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 1 :**  $ac = r_a r_c + rr_b$  (true)

**Lemma 2 :**  $b^2 = (a - c)^2 + 4rr_b$  (true)

From Lemma 1 and Lemma 2, we have :

$$\begin{aligned} b^2 &= a^2 - 2ac + c^2 + 4rr_b = a^2 + c^2 - 2(r_a r_c + rr_b) + 4rr_b \\ &= a^2 + c^2 - 2r_a r_c + 2rr_b \\ a^2 + c^2 - b^2 &= 2r_a r_c - 2rr_b \end{aligned}$$

Now let prove that :  $\sqrt{4m_b^2 - h_a^2} - \sqrt{c^2 - h_a^2} = a$  (2)

$$\text{For this : } \sqrt{4m_b^2 - h_a^2} = a + \sqrt{c^2 - h_a^2}$$

$$4m_b^2 - h_a^2 = a^2 + c^2 - h_a^2 + 2a\sqrt{c^2 - h_a^2}$$

$$4m_b^2 - a^2 - c^2 = 2a\sqrt{c^2 - h_a^2}$$

$$a^2 + c^2 - b^2 = 2a\sqrt{c^2 - h_a^2}$$

$$(a^2 + c^2 - b^2)^2 = 4a^2 c^2 - 4a^2 h_a^2 \text{ (Because } \triangle ABC \text{ acute)}$$

$$4a^2 h_a^2 = 4a^2 c^2 - (a^2 + c^2 - b^2)^2 = (2ac - a^2 - c^2 + b^2)(2ac + a^2 + c^2 - b^2) =$$

$$[b^2 - (a - c)^2][(a + c)^2 - b^2] = (b - a + c)(b + a - c)(a + c - b)(a + c + b) =$$

$$(2p - 2a)(2p - 2c)(2p - 2b)2p$$

$$4a^2 h_a^2 = 16p(p - a)(p - b)(p - c)$$

$$2ah_a = 4\sqrt{p(p - a)(p - b)(p - c)}$$

$$S = \sqrt{p(p - a)(p - b)(p - c)} \text{ (true)}$$

So (2) true

Analogously, it is true in the other three.

**1968. In any  $\triangle ABC$ , the following relationship holds :**

$$\frac{r_a}{a \sin A} + \frac{r_b}{b \sin B} + \frac{r_c}{c \sin C} \leq \frac{3R}{2r}$$

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Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\frac{r_a}{a \sin A} + \frac{r_b}{b \sin B} + \frac{r_c}{c \sin C} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{2Rs \tan \frac{A}{2}}{4R \tan \frac{A}{2} \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \cdot a} = \frac{s}{2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sec^2 \frac{A}{2}}{a} \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\leq}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \frac{s}{6} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sec^2 \frac{A}{2} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{a} = \frac{s}{6} \cdot \frac{s^2 + (4R+r)^2}{s^2} \cdot \frac{s^2 + 4Rr + r^2}{4Rrs} \stackrel{\text{Doucet or Trucht and Gerretsen + Euler}}{\leq} \\ &\leq \frac{s}{6} \cdot \frac{(4R+r)^2}{s^2} + \frac{(4R+r)^2}{4Rrs} \cdot \frac{s^2 + \frac{s^2}{3}}{s^2} = \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{16}{9} \cdot \frac{(4R+r)^2}{4Rr} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{16}{9} \cdot \frac{81R^2}{16Rr} \\ \therefore \frac{r_a}{a \sin A} + \frac{r_b}{b \sin B} + \frac{r_c}{c \sin C} &\leq \frac{3R}{2r} \quad \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$

1969. If  $\lambda \geq 0$  then in  $\Delta ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{1}{\lambda + \tan A \tan B} + \frac{1}{\lambda + \tan B \tan C} + \frac{1}{\lambda + \tan C \tan A} \leq \frac{3}{\lambda + 3}$$

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Solution by Tapas Das-India

We know that in  $\Delta ABC$ ,  $\tan A + \tan B + \tan C = \tan A \tan B \tan C$

Let  $\tan A = \frac{1}{x}$ ,  $\tan B = \frac{1}{y}$ ,  $\tan C = \frac{1}{z}$  then

$$\tan A + \tan B + \tan C = \tan A \tan B \tan C \text{ can be written as } xy + yz + zx = 1 \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{\lambda + \tan A \tan B} + \frac{1}{\lambda + \tan B \tan C} + \frac{1}{\lambda + \tan C \tan A} = \\ &= \sum \frac{1}{\lambda + \tan A \tan B} = \sum \frac{1}{\lambda + \frac{1}{x} \cdot \frac{1}{y}} = \sum \frac{xy}{\lambda xy + 1} = \\ &= \frac{1}{\lambda} \sum \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\lambda xy + 1} \right) = \frac{3}{\lambda} - \frac{1}{\lambda} \sum \left( \frac{1^2}{\lambda xy + 1} \right) \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\leq} \\ &\leq \frac{3}{\lambda} - \frac{1}{\lambda} \cdot \frac{(1+1+1)^2}{\lambda(xy+yz+zx)+3} = \frac{(1)3}{\lambda} - \frac{1}{\lambda} \cdot \frac{9}{\lambda+3} = \\ &= \frac{1}{\lambda} \left( 3 - \frac{9}{\lambda+3} \right) = \frac{1}{\lambda} \cdot \frac{3\lambda}{\lambda+3} = \frac{3}{\lambda+3} \\ &\text{Equality holds } A = B = C = \frac{\pi}{3} \end{aligned}$$

1970. In  $\Delta ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$2sr \left( 7 - \frac{2r}{R} \right) \leq \sum a(h_b + h_c) \leq 6Rs$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum a(h_b + h_c) &= \sum a \left( \frac{ac}{2R} + \frac{ab}{2R} \right) = \frac{1}{2R} \sum a^2(b+c) \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\leq} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2R} (\sum a^2) (\sum b+c) \stackrel{\text{Leibniz}}{\leq} \frac{9R^2}{2R} \cdot 2(a+b+c) \frac{1}{3} = 3R \cdot 2s = 6Rs \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum a(h_b + h_c) &= \sum a(h_b + h_a + h_c) - \sum ah_a = (\sum h_a)(\sum a) - \sum a \cdot \frac{2F}{a} = \\ &= 2s \left( \frac{bc}{2R} + \frac{ca}{2R} + \frac{ab}{2R} \right) - 6F = 2s \cdot \frac{\sum bc}{2R} - 6F = \\ &= \frac{s}{R} (s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr) - 6rs \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \frac{s}{R} (16Rr - 5r^2 + r^2 + 4Rr) - 6rs = \\ &= \frac{2rs(10R - 2r - 3R)}{R} = \frac{2rs(7R - 2r)}{R} = 2sr \left( 7 - \frac{2r}{R} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for  $a = b = c$

1971. In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$\sum \frac{\csc^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\cot \frac{B}{2} + \cot \frac{C}{2}} \geq 2\sqrt{3}$$

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Solution by Tapas Das-India

$$\begin{aligned} \cot \frac{B}{2} + \cot \frac{C}{2} &= \frac{\cos \frac{B}{2}}{\sin \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{\cos \frac{C}{2}}{\sin \frac{C}{2}} = \frac{\cos \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2} + \cos \frac{C}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2}}{\sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}} = \\ &= \frac{\sin \frac{B+C}{2}}{\sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}} \stackrel{A+B+C=\pi}{=} \frac{\cos \frac{A}{2}}{\sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}} \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum \frac{\csc^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\cot \frac{B}{2} + \cot \frac{C}{2}} \stackrel{(1)}{=} \sum \frac{\csc^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\frac{\cos \frac{A}{2}}{\sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}}} = \sum \frac{\csc^2 \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq}$$

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$$\geq 3 \sqrt[3]{\sec \frac{A}{2}} = 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{4R}{s}} \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\geq} 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{4R}{\frac{3\sqrt{3}R}{2}}} = 3 \cdot \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} = 2\sqrt{3}$$

(Equality holds for  $A = B = C$ )

1972. In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:

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

Proposed by Nguyen Hung Cuong-Vietnam

Solution by Tapas Das-India

$$\begin{aligned} \tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2} &= \frac{\sin \frac{B}{2}}{\cos \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{\sin \frac{C}{2}}{\cos \frac{C}{2}} = \frac{\sin \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2} + \cos \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}}{\cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}} = \\ &= \frac{\sin \frac{B+C}{2}}{\cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}} = \frac{\sin \frac{\pi-A}{2}}{\cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}} = \frac{\cos \frac{A}{2}}{\cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}} \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\sec^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2}} \stackrel{(1)}{=} \frac{1}{\cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \frac{\cos \frac{A}{2}}{\cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}}} = \frac{\cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}}{\cos^3 \frac{A}{2}} \quad (2)$$

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

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

1973. In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$\sum \frac{\cot \frac{A}{2}}{\tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2}} \geq \frac{9}{2}$$

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$$\frac{A}{2} + \frac{B}{2} + \frac{C}{2} = \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ or } \tan\left(\frac{A}{2} + \frac{B}{2}\right) = \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{C}{2}\right) \text{ or,}$$

$$\frac{\left(\tan\frac{A}{2} + \tan\frac{B}{2}\right)}{1 - \tan\frac{A}{2}\tan\frac{B}{2}} = \cot\frac{C}{2} \text{ or } \sum \tan\frac{A}{2}\tan\frac{B}{2} = 1 \quad (1)$$

$$\sum \frac{\cot\frac{A}{2}}{\tan\frac{B}{2} + \tan\frac{C}{2}} = \sum \frac{1^2}{\tan\frac{B}{2}\tan\frac{A}{2} + \tan\frac{A}{2}\tan\frac{C}{2}} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{(1+1+1)^2}{2\sum \tan\frac{A}{2}\tan\frac{B}{2}} \stackrel{(1)}{=} \frac{9}{2}$$

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

1974. In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{a}{l_a} + \frac{b}{l_b} + \frac{c}{l_c} \geq 2\sqrt{3}$$

Proposed by Nguyen Hung Cuong-Vietnam

Solution by Mirsadix Muzefferov-Azerbaijan

$$l_a = \frac{2bc}{b+c} \cdot \cos\frac{A}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a}{l_a} + \frac{b}{l_b} + \frac{c}{l_c} &= \frac{a(b+c)}{2bc \cdot \cos\frac{A}{2}} + \frac{b(a+c)}{2ac \cdot \cos\frac{B}{2}} + \frac{c(a+b)}{2ab \cdot \cos\frac{C}{2}} \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{a\sqrt{bc}}{bc \cdot \cos\frac{A}{2}} + \frac{b\sqrt{ac}}{ac \cdot \cos\frac{B}{2}} + \frac{c\sqrt{ab}}{ab \cdot \cos\frac{C}{2}} \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} \\ &\geq 3 \left( \frac{a^2 b^2 c^2}{a^2 b^2 c^2 \cdot \cos\frac{A}{2} \cdot \cos\frac{B}{2} \cdot \cos\frac{C}{2}} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} = 3 \left( \frac{4R}{P} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \geq 3 \left( 4 \cdot \frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} = 2\sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds if the triangle is an equilateral one.

1975. In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$m_a^{r_a} m_b^{r_b} m_c^{r_c} \leq \left( \frac{3R}{2} \right)^{\frac{9R}{2}}$$



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WLOG  $a \geq b \geq c$  then  $m_a \leq m_b \leq m_c$  and  $r_a \geq r_b \geq r_c$

$$m_a r_a + m_b r_b + m_c r_c \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\leq} \frac{1}{3} \left( \sum m_a \right) \left( \sum r_a \right) \quad (1)$$

$$\text{and } \left( \sum r_a \right) = 4R + r \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} \frac{9R}{2} \quad (2), \quad \left( \sum m_a \right) \stackrel{\text{Leunberger}}{\leq} 4R + r \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} \frac{9R}{2} \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (m_a^{r_a} m_b^{r_b} m_c^{r_c})^{\frac{1}{\sum r_a}} &\stackrel{\text{AM-Gm}}{\leq} \frac{m_a r_a + m_b r_b + m_c r_c}{\sum r_a} \stackrel{(1)}{\leq} \frac{\frac{1}{3} \left( \sum m_a \right) \left( \sum r_a \right)}{\sum r_a} = \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \left( \sum m_a \right) \stackrel{(3)}{\leq} \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{9R}{2} = \frac{3R}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{or } m_a^{r_a} m_b^{r_b} m_c^{r_c} \leq \left( \frac{3R}{2} \right)^{\sum r_a} \stackrel{(2)}{\leq} \left( \frac{3R}{2} \right)^{\frac{9R}{2}}$$

Equality holds for  $a = b = c$

1976. In any scalene  $\triangle ABC$ , the following relationship holds :

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}}^4 \sqrt{\frac{m_a^2 - h_a^2}{w_a^2 - h_a^2}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \sqrt{\frac{r_b}{r}} + \sqrt{\frac{r}{r_c}} \right) = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sqrt{bc}}{w_a}$$

Proposed by Dang Ngoc Minh-Vietnam

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt[4]{\frac{m_a^2 - h_a^2}{w_a^2 - h_a^2}} &= \sqrt[4]{\frac{s(s-a) + \frac{(b-c)^2}{4} - \left( s(s-a) - \frac{s(s-a)(b-c)^2}{a^2} \right)}{s(s-a) - \frac{s(s-a)(b-c)^2}{(b+c)^2} - \left( s(s-a) - \frac{s(s-a)(b-c)^2}{a^2} \right)}} \\ &= \sqrt[4]{\frac{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{s(s-a)}{a^2}}{\frac{s(s-a)}{a^2} - \frac{s(s-a)}{(b+c)^2}}} = \sqrt[4]{\frac{\frac{4s^2 - 4sa + a^2}{4a^2}}{\frac{s(s-a)}{a^2(b+c)^2} \cdot ((b+c)^2 - a^2)}} = \sqrt[4]{\frac{\frac{(2s-a)^2}{4a^2}}{\frac{s(s-a)}{a^2(b+c)^2} \cdot (4s(s-a))}} \\ &= \sqrt[4]{\frac{(b+c)^4}{16s^2(s-a)^2}} \Rightarrow \sqrt[4]{\frac{m_a^2 - h_a^2}{w_a^2 - h_a^2}} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{b+c}{\sqrt{s(s-a)}} \text{ and analogs} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}}^4 \sqrt{\frac{m_a^2 - h_a^2}{w_a^2 - h_a^2}} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b+c}{\sqrt{s(s-a)}} \rightarrow (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Again, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \sqrt{\frac{r_b}{r}} + \sqrt{\frac{r}{r_c}} \right) &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \sqrt{\frac{r_a}{r}} + \sqrt{\frac{r}{r_a}} \right) = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_a + r}{\sqrt{r r_a}} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{rs \left( \frac{1}{s-a} + \frac{1}{s} \right)}{\sqrt{(s-b)(s-c)}} \\ &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} \cdot \frac{2s-a}{s(s-a)}}{\sqrt{(s-b)(s-c)}} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b+c}{\sqrt{s(s-a)}} \therefore \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \sqrt{\frac{r_b}{r}} + \sqrt{\frac{r}{r_c}} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b+c}{\sqrt{s(s-a)}} \rightarrow (2) \text{ and}$$

$$\text{finally, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sqrt{bc}}{w_a} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sqrt{bc}}{2\sqrt{bc} \cdot \sqrt{s(s-a)}} \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sqrt{bc}}{w_a} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b+c}{\sqrt{s(s-a)}} \rightarrow (3)$$

$$\therefore (1), (2), (3) \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}}^4 \sqrt{\frac{m_a^2 - h_a^2}{w_a^2 - h_a^2}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \sqrt{\frac{r_b}{r}} + \sqrt{\frac{r}{r_c}} \right) = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sqrt{bc}}{w_a} \text{ (QED)}$$

**1977. In any  $\Delta ABC$ , the following relationship holds :**

$$\frac{m_a}{\sqrt{(b+c)^2 + 8a^2}} + \frac{m_b}{\sqrt{(c+a)^2 + 8b^2}} + \frac{m_c}{\sqrt{(a+b)^2 + 8c^2}} \leq \frac{1}{8} \left( 1 + \frac{5R}{2r} \right)$$

*Proposed by Tapas Das-India*

**Solution 1 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India**

Let  $s - a = x, s - b = y$  and  $s - c = z \therefore s = x + y + z$

$\Rightarrow a = y + z, b = z + x$  and  $c = x + y$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } \frac{s^2}{r^2} &= \frac{s^4}{F^2} = \frac{s^4}{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} \Rightarrow \frac{s^2}{r^2} \stackrel{(*)}{=} \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x)^3}{xyz} \text{ and } 1 + \frac{4R}{r} \\ &= 1 + \frac{4sabc}{4s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} = 1 + \frac{\prod_{\text{cyc}}(y+z)}{xyz} \\ &\Rightarrow 1 + \frac{4R}{r} \stackrel{(**)}{=} \frac{xyz + \prod_{\text{cyc}}(y+z)}{xyz} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Also, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{y+z}{z+x} \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b} \stackrel{(***)}{=} \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}}((x+y)(y+z)^2)}{\prod_{\text{cyc}}(y+z)} \therefore (*), (**), (***) \Rightarrow$$

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$$\frac{s^2}{r^2} \geq \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b} \right) \left( 1 + \frac{4R}{r} \right) \Leftrightarrow \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x)^3}{xyz} \geq \frac{(xyz + \prod_{\text{cyc}}(y+z)) \left( \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}}((x+y)(y+z)^2)}{\prod_{\text{cyc}}(y+z)} \right)}{xyz}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left( \prod_{\text{cyc}}(y+z) \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right)^3 \geq \left( xyz + \prod_{\text{cyc}}(y+z) \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}}((x+y)(y+z)^2) \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 y^4 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 y^3 \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} xyz \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 y + 3x^2 y^2 z^2$$

Now, if  $u, v, w > 0$ , then :  $v^3 + v^3 + u^3 \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 3v^2 u$ ,  
 $w^3 + w^3 + v^3 \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 3w^2 v$  and  $u^3 + u^3 + w^3 \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 3u^2 w$  and adding these three :  
 $\sum_{\text{cyc}} u^3 \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} uv^2$  and choosing  $u = xy, v = yz$  and  $w = zx$ , we get :

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 y^3 \stackrel{(**)}{\geq} xyz \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 y \right) \text{ and } \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 y^4 \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 3x^2 y^2 z^2 \therefore (**) + (***) \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true}$$

$$\therefore \frac{s^2}{r^2} \geq \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b} \right) \left( 1 + \frac{4R}{r} \right) \rightarrow (1)$$

Moreover,  $\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b}{a} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{z+x}{y+z} \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b}{a} \stackrel{****}{=} \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}}((x+y)^2(y+z))}{\prod_{\text{cyc}}(y+z)} \therefore (*), (**), (****)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{s^2}{r^2} \geq \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b}{a} \right) \left( 1 + \frac{4R}{r} \right) \Leftrightarrow \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x)^3}{xyz} \geq \frac{(xyz + \prod_{\text{cyc}}(y+z)) \left( \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}}((x+y)^2(y+z))}{\prod_{\text{cyc}}(y+z)} \right)}{xyz}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left( \prod_{\text{cyc}}(y+z) \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right)^3 \geq \left( xyz + \prod_{\text{cyc}}(y+z) \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}}((x+y)^2(y+z)) \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^4 y^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 y^3 \stackrel{****}{\geq} xyz \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy^2 + 3x^2 y^2 z^2$$

Now, if  $u, v, w > 0$ , then :  $u^3 + u^3 + v^3 \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 3u^2 v$ ,  
 $v^3 + v^3 + w^3 \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 3v^2 w$  and  $w^3 + w^3 + u^3 \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 3w^2 u$  and adding these three :

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$\sum_{cyc} u^3 \geq \sum_{cyc} u^2v$  and choosing  $u = xy, v = yz$  and  $w = zx$ , we get :

$$\sum_{cyc} x^3y^3 \stackrel{(\dots\dots)}{\geq} xyz \left( \sum_{cyc} xy^2 \right) \text{ and } \sum_{cyc} x^4y^2 \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} \underbrace{3x^2y^2z^2}_{(\dots\dots)} \therefore (\dots\dots) + (\dots\dots)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\dots\dots) \text{ is true } \therefore \boxed{\frac{s^2}{r^2} \geq \left( \sum_{cyc} \frac{b}{a} \right) \left( 1 + \frac{4R}{r} \right)} \rightarrow (2)$$

$$\text{Now, } m_a m_b \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{2c^2 + ab}{4} \Leftrightarrow \left( \frac{2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2}{4} \right) \left( \frac{2c^2 + 2a^2 - b^2}{4} \right) \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{(2c^2 + ab)^2}{16}$$

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

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

$$\rightarrow \text{true} \Rightarrow \boxed{m_a m_b \leq \frac{2c^2 + ab}{4}} \text{ and analogs} \rightarrow (3)$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{5m_a m_b m_c}{9F^2} \left( \sum_{cyc} m_a \right) \right) \stackrel{\text{Lascu and Tereshin}}{\geq}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{5}{9r^2s^2} \left( \prod_{cyc} \left( \frac{b+c}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2} \right) \right) \left( \sum_{cyc} \frac{b^2+c^2}{4R} \right) \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{5}{9r^2s^2} \left( \frac{2s(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)}{8} \cdot \frac{s}{4R} \right) \left( \frac{s^2 - 4Rr - r^2}{R} \right) \right)$$

$$\stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{s^2}{r(4R+r)} \Leftrightarrow \frac{5(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)}{144R^2r^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{2s^2 - 4Rr - r^2}{r(4R+r)}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (20R + 5r)s^4 - rs^2(328R^2 + 10Rr) + r^2(416R^3 - 16R^2r - 50Rr^2 - 5r^3) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \quad (\blacksquare)$$

and  $\therefore (20R + 5r)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 0$   $\therefore$  in order to prove  $(\blacksquare)$ , it suffices to prove : LHS of  $(\blacksquare) \geq (20R + 5r)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2$

$$\Leftrightarrow (156R^2 - 25Rr - 25r^2)s^2 \stackrel{(\blacksquare\blacksquare)}{\geq} r(2352R^3 - 952R^2r - 125Rr^2 + 65r^3)$$

$$\text{Finally, } (156R^2 - 25Rr - 25r^2)s^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (156R^2 - 25Rr - 25r^2)(16Rr - 5r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} r(2352R^3 - 952R^2r - 125Rr^2 + 65r^3) \Leftrightarrow 24t^3 - 38t^2 - 25t - 10 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \left( t = \frac{R}{r} \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (t-2)(24t^2 + 10t - 5) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \therefore t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \Rightarrow (\blacksquare\blacksquare) \Rightarrow (\blacksquare) \text{ is true}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{5m_a m_b m_c}{9F^2} \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a \right) \right) &\geq \frac{s^2}{r(4R+r)} \geq \sqrt{\left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b} \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b}{a} \right)} \\ \left( \begin{aligned} \because (1) \text{ and } (2) &\Rightarrow \frac{s^2}{r(4R+r)} \geq \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b} \right), \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b}{a} \right) \\ &\Rightarrow \sqrt{\left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b} \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b}{a} \right)} \leq \frac{s^2}{r(4R+r)} \end{aligned} \right) \\ \therefore \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{5m_a m_b m_c}{9F^2} \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a \right) \right) &\geq \sqrt{\left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b} \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b}{a} \right)} \rightarrow (4) \end{aligned}$$

Now, implementing (4) on a triangle with sides  $\frac{2m_a}{3}, \frac{2m_b}{3}, \frac{2m_c}{3}$  whose medians and area as a consequence of trivial calculations are  $\frac{a}{2}, \frac{b}{2}, \frac{c}{2}$  and  $\frac{F}{3}$  respectively, we get :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{5 \cdot \frac{abc}{8}}{9 \cdot \frac{F^2}{9}} \left( \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) \right) &\geq \sqrt{\left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\frac{2m_a}{3}}{\frac{2m_b}{3}} \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\frac{2m_b}{3}}{\frac{2m_a}{3}} \right)} \\ &\Rightarrow \sqrt{\left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_a}{m_b} \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_b}{m_a} \right)} \leq \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{5 \cdot \frac{4Rrs}{8}}{9 \cdot \frac{r^2 s^2}{9}} \cdot s \right) \\ \therefore \sqrt{\left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_a}{m_b} \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_b}{m_a} \right)} &\leq \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{5R}{2r} \right) \rightarrow (5) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{m_a}{\sqrt{(b+c)^2 + 8a^2}} + \frac{m_b}{\sqrt{(c+a)^2 + 8b^2}} + \frac{m_c}{\sqrt{(a+b)^2 + 8c^2}} \stackrel{A-G}{\leq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_a}{\sqrt{4bc + 8a^2}}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{via (3)}}{\leq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_a}{\sqrt{16m_b m_c}} = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \sqrt{\frac{m_a}{m_b}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{m_a}{m_c}} \right) \stackrel{A-G}{\leq} \frac{1}{4} \cdot \sqrt{\left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_a}{m_b} \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_b}{m_a} \right)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\stackrel{\text{via (5)}}{\leq} \frac{1}{8} \left( 1 + \frac{5R}{2r} \right) \therefore \frac{m_a}{\sqrt{(b+c)^2 + 8a^2}} + \frac{m_b}{\sqrt{(c+a)^2 + 8b^2}} + \frac{m_c}{\sqrt{(a+b)^2 + 8c^2}} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{8} \left( 1 + \frac{5R}{2r} \right) \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$

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By AM – GM inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned}(b+c)^2 + 8a^2 &= (b+c)^2 + 4a^2 + 4a^2 \geq 4a(b+c) + 4a^2 = \\ &= 4a \cdot 2s = 8sa \quad (\text{and analogs}). \text{ Then:}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{cyc} \frac{m_a}{\sqrt{(b+c)^2 + 8a^2}} &\leq \sum_{cyc} \frac{m_a}{\sqrt{8sa}} \stackrel{CBS}{\geq} \sqrt{\frac{3}{8s} \sum_{cyc} \frac{m_a^2}{a}} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{8s} \sum_{cyc} \frac{2(b^2+c^2) - a^2}{4a}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{3}{32sabc} \left( 2 \sum_{cyc} bc(b^2+c^2) - abc \sum_{cyc} a \right)} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{3}{128s^2Rr} \left[ 2 \left( \sum_{cyc} a^2 \right) \left( \sum_{cyc} bc \right) - 3abc \sum_{cyc} a \right]} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{3}{128s^2Rr} [4(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr)(s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr) - 3 \cdot 4Rsr2s]} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{3[s^4 - r^2(4R+r)^2 - 6s^2Rr]}{32s^2Rr}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{3}{32Rr} \left[ s^2 - 6Rr - \frac{r^2(4R+r)^2}{s^2} \right]} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \sqrt{\frac{3}{32Rr} \left[ 4R^2 - 2Rr + 3r^2 - \frac{r^2 \cdot 3s^2}{s^2} \right]} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{3(2R-r)}{16r}} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{3}{4} + \frac{2R-r}{4r} \right) = \frac{1}{4} \left( 1 + \frac{R}{r} \right) \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} \frac{1}{8} \left( 1 + \frac{5R}{2r} \right).\end{aligned}$$

Equality holds iff  $\triangle ABC$  is equilateral.

**1978. In any  $\triangle ABC$ , the following relationship holds :**

$$\left(\frac{n_a}{h_a}\right)^{\frac{2m_a}{h_a}} + \left(\frac{n_b}{h_b}\right)^{\frac{2m_b}{h_b}} + \left(\frac{n_c}{h_c}\right)^{\frac{2m_c}{h_c}} \geq \left(\sum_{cyc} \cot \frac{A}{2}\right) \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{cyc} \left( \left(\frac{m_a}{h_a} + \frac{m_b}{h_b}\right) \left(\frac{m_b}{h_b} + \frac{m_c}{h_c}\right) \right) - \left(\frac{R}{r} + 1\right) \left(\frac{4R}{r} - 3\right)}$$

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**Solution 1 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India**

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

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

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

$$\Leftrightarrow (b^2 + c^2 - 2a^2)^2 \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \Rightarrow am_a \leq \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2}{2\sqrt{3}} \text{ and analogs} \rightarrow (1)$$

Now,  $\left( \frac{n_a}{h_a} \right)^{\frac{2m_a}{h_a}} = \left( 1 + \left( \frac{n_a^2}{h_a^2} - 1 \right) \right)^{\frac{m_a}{h_a}} \stackrel{\text{Bernoulli}}{\geq} 1 + \left( \frac{n_a^2}{h_a^2} - 1 \right) \cdot \frac{m_a}{h_a} \geq 1 \Rightarrow \left( \frac{n_a}{h_a} \right)^{\frac{2m_a}{h_a}} \geq 1$

and analogs  $\therefore \left( \frac{n_a}{h_a} \right)^{\frac{2m_a}{h_a}} + \left( \frac{n_b}{h_b} \right)^{\frac{2m_b}{h_b}} + \left( \frac{n_c}{h_c} \right)^{\frac{2m_c}{h_c}} \geq 3 \rightarrow (2)$

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \left( \frac{m_a}{h_a} + \frac{m_b}{h_b} \right) \left( \frac{m_b}{h_b} + \frac{m_c}{h_c} \right) \right) = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_a^2}{h_a^2} + 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_b m_c}{h_b h_c} \leq$$

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_a^2}{h_a^2} + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_b m_c}{h_b h_c} + \frac{1}{3} \cdot \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_a}{h_a} \right)^2 = \frac{4}{3} \cdot \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_a}{h_a} \right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \cot \frac{A}{2} \right) \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \left( \frac{m_a}{h_a} + \frac{m_b}{h_b} \right) \left( \frac{m_b}{h_b} + \frac{m_c}{h_c} \right) \right)} \leq \frac{2s}{\sqrt{3}r} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{am_a}{2rs} \stackrel{\text{via (1)}}{\leq}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}r^2} \cdot \frac{3}{2\sqrt{3}} \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \therefore \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \cot \frac{A}{2} \right) \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \left( \frac{m_a}{h_a} + \frac{m_b}{h_b} \right) \left( \frac{m_b}{h_b} + \frac{m_c}{h_c} \right) \right)} \leq \frac{s^2 - 4Rr - r^2}{r^2}$$

$$\rightarrow (3) \therefore (2) \text{ and } (3) \Rightarrow \text{it suffices to prove : } 3 + \left( \frac{R}{r} + 1 \right) \left( \frac{4R}{r} - 3 \right) \geq$$

$$\frac{s^2 - 4Rr - r^2}{r^2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{4R^2 + Rr}{r^2} \geq \frac{s^2 - 4Rr - r^2}{r^2} \Leftrightarrow s^2 \leq 4R^2 + 5Rr + r^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (s^2 - 4R^2 - 4Rr - 3r^2) - r(R - 2r) \leq 0 \rightarrow \text{true via Gerretsen and Euler}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{main inequality is true, " = " iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$$

**Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco**

Since  $n_a \geq h_a$  (and analogs), then

$$\left( \frac{n_a}{h_a} \right)^{\frac{2m_a}{h_a}} + \left( \frac{n_b}{h_b} \right)^{\frac{2m_b}{h_b}} + \left( \frac{n_c}{h_c} \right)^{\frac{2m_c}{h_c}} \geq 1 + 1 + 1 = 3. \quad (1)$$

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By Panaitopol's inequality, we have  $\frac{m_a}{h_a} \leq \frac{R}{2r}$  (and analogs), then

$$\sqrt{\sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{m_a}{h_a} + \frac{m_b}{h_b}\right) \left(\frac{m_b}{h_b} + \frac{m_c}{h_c}\right)} \leq \sqrt{\sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{R}{2r} + \frac{R}{2r}\right) \left(\frac{R}{2r} + \frac{R}{2r}\right)} = \frac{\sqrt{3}R}{r}. \quad (2)$$

By Doucet's inequality, we have

$$\sum_{cyc} \cot \frac{A}{2} = \frac{s}{r} \leq \frac{4R+r}{\sqrt{3}r}. \quad (3)$$

From (1), (2) and (3), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{cyc} \cot \frac{A}{2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{m_a}{h_a} + \frac{m_b}{h_b}\right) \left(\frac{m_b}{h_b} + \frac{m_c}{h_c}\right)} - \left(\frac{R}{r} + 1\right) \left(\frac{4R}{r} - 3\right) \\ & \leq \frac{4R+r}{\sqrt{3}r} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}R}{r} - \left(\frac{R}{r} + 1\right) \left(\frac{4R}{r} - 3\right) = 3 \\ & \leq \left(\frac{n_a}{h_a}\right)^{\frac{2m_a}{h_a}} + \left(\frac{n_b}{h_b}\right)^{\frac{2m_b}{h_b}} + \left(\frac{n_c}{h_c}\right)^{\frac{2m_c}{h_c}}. \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds iff  $\triangle ABC$  is equilateral.

**1979. In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

$$\sum \frac{1}{h_b + h_c} \geq \sum \frac{1}{r_b + r_c}$$

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*Solution by Tapas Das-India*

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{1}{h_b + h_c} &= \sum \frac{1}{\frac{ac}{2R} + \frac{ab}{2R}} = 2R \sum \frac{1^2}{ab + ac} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \\ &\geq 2R \frac{(1+1+1)^2}{2 \sum ab} \stackrel{(\sum x)^2 \geq 3 \sum xy}{\geq} \frac{9R \cdot 3}{(\sum a)^2} = \frac{27R}{(2s)^2} = \frac{27R}{4s^2} \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{1}{r_b + r_c} &= \frac{\sum (r_a + r_c)(r_a + r_b)}{\prod (r_b + r_c)} = \frac{\sum (r_a^2 + r_a r_b + r_b r_c + r_a r_c)}{\prod (r_b + r_c)} = \\ &= \frac{\sum r_a^2 + 3 \sum r_a r_b}{\prod (r_b + r_c)} = \frac{(\sum r_a)^2 + \sum r_a r_b}{(\sum r_a)(\sum r_a r_b) - \prod r_a} = \frac{(4R+r)^2 + s^2}{(4R+r)s^2 - s^2 r} = \end{aligned}$$



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$$= \frac{(4R+r)^2 + s^2}{4Rs^2} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} \frac{16R^2 + 8Rr + r^2 + 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2}{4Rs^2} = \frac{20R^2 + 12Rr + 4r^2}{4Rs^2} \quad (2)$$

We need to show  $\sum \frac{1}{h_b + h_c} \geq \sum \frac{1}{r_b + r_c}$  or

$$\frac{27R}{4s^2} \stackrel{\text{using 2 \& 3}}{\geq} \frac{20R^2 + 12Rr + 4r^2}{4Rs^2} \quad \text{or,}$$

$$27R^2 \geq 20R^2 + 12Rr + 4r^2 \quad \text{or,}$$

$$7R^2 - 12Rr - 4r^2 \geq 0 \quad \text{or} \quad (R - 2r)(7R + 2r) \geq 0 \quad \text{true (Euler)}$$

Equality holds for an equilateral triangle

**1980. In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

$$\frac{1}{R} \leq \sum \frac{1}{h_b + h_c} \leq \frac{R}{4r^2}$$

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*Solution by Tapas Das-India*

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{1}{h_b + h_c} &= \sum \frac{1^2}{h_b + h_c} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{(1+1+1)^2}{2 \sum h_a} \stackrel{m_a \geq h_a}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{9}{2 \sum m_a} \stackrel{\text{Leuenberger}}{\geq} \frac{9}{2(4R+r)} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} \frac{9}{2 \cdot (4R + \frac{R}{2})} = \frac{1}{R} \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum \frac{1}{h_b + h_c} \stackrel{\text{AM-HM}}{\leq} \frac{1}{4} \sum \left( \frac{1}{h_b} + \frac{1}{h_c} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \sum \left( \frac{1}{h_b} \right) = \frac{1}{2r} = \frac{R}{2Rr} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} \frac{R}{2 \cdot r \cdot 2r} = \frac{R}{4r^2}$$

Equality holds for  $a = b = c$

**1981. In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

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$$\sum \frac{\sec^3 \frac{A}{2}}{\tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2}} \geq 4$$

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Solution by Tapas Das-India

$$\begin{aligned} \tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2} &= \frac{\sin \frac{B}{2}}{\cos \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{\sin \frac{C}{2}}{\cos \frac{C}{2}} = \frac{\sin \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2} + \cos \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}}{\cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}} = \\ &= \frac{\sin \frac{B+C}{2}}{\cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}} = \frac{\sin \frac{\pi-A}{2}}{\cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}} = \frac{\cos \frac{A}{2}}{\cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}} \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\sec^3 \frac{A}{2}}{\tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2}} \stackrel{(1)}{=} \frac{1}{\cos^3 \frac{A}{2} \frac{\cos \frac{A}{2}}{\cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}}} = \frac{\cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}}{\cos^4 \frac{A}{2}} \quad (2)$$

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

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

1982. In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$12rs \leq \sum a(r_b + r_c) \leq 6Rs$$

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WLOG  $a \geq b \geq c$  then  $r_a \geq r_b \geq r_c$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum a(r_b + r_c) &\stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\leq} \frac{1}{3} (\sum a) (\sum (r_b + r_c)) = \frac{1}{3} 2s \cdot 2 \sum r_a = \\ &= \frac{4}{3} s(4R + r) \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} \frac{4}{3} s \cdot \left(4R + \frac{R}{2}\right) = \frac{4 \cdot 9Rs}{3 \cdot 2} = 6Rs \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum a(r_b + r_c) &\stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 2 \sum a \sqrt{r_b r_c} \stackrel{\text{Am-Gm}}{\geq} 6 \sqrt[3]{abc r_a r_b r_c} = \\ &= 6 \sqrt[3]{4Rrs \cdot s^2 r} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 6 \sqrt[3]{4 \cdot 2r \cdot rs \cdot s^2 r} = 12rs \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for  $a = b = c$

1983. In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$\sum a(h_b + h_c) \leq \sum a(r_b + r_c)$$

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Solution by Tapas Das-India

$$\begin{aligned} \sum ar_a &= F \sum \frac{a}{s-a} = \frac{F}{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} (\sum a(s-b)(s-c)) = \\ &= \frac{F}{sr^2} (s^2(a+b+c) - 2s(ab+bc+ca) + 3abc) \\ &= \frac{F}{sr^2} (2s^3 - 2s(s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr) + 12Rrs) = \frac{F}{sr^2} (2Rr - r^2)2s = \frac{2s(2Rr - r^2)}{r} \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum h_a &= \sum \frac{bc}{2R} = \frac{\sum bc}{2R} = \frac{s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr}{2R} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} \\ &\leq \frac{4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 + r^2 + 4Rr}{2R} = \frac{4(R+r)^2}{2R} = \frac{2(R+r)^2}{R} \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum a(h_b + h_c) &= \sum a(h_a + h_b + h_c) - \sum ah_a = \\ &= (\sum a) (\sum h_a) - \sum a \frac{2F}{a} \stackrel{(2)}{\leq} 2s \cdot \frac{2(R+r)^2}{R} - 6F = \frac{2s}{R} (2(R+r)^2 - 3Rr) \quad (3) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum a(r_b + r_c) &= \sum a(r_b + r_a + r_c) - \sum a(r_a) \stackrel{(1)}{=} \\ &= \left(\sum a\right) \left(\sum r_a\right) - \frac{2s(2Rr - r^2)}{r} = 2s \cdot (4R + r) - 2s(2R - r) = 2s(2R + r) \quad (4) \end{aligned}$$

We need to show  $\sum a(h_b + h_c) \leq \sum a(r_b + r_c)$  or

$$2s(2R + r) \stackrel{(3)\&(4)}{\geq} = \frac{2s}{R} (2(R + r)^2 - 3Rr) \text{ or}$$

$$2R^2 + 2Rr \geq 2R^2 + 4Rr + 2r^2 - 3Rr \text{ or } Rr \geq 2r^2 \text{ or}$$

$$R \geq 2r \text{ True Euler}$$

Equality holds for  $a = b = c$

**1984. In any  $\Delta ABC$ , the following relationship holds :**

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( m_a \cdot \sqrt{\frac{r_a}{r}} - 1 \right) \geq \sqrt{\left( 5R - r + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{n_a g_a}{h_a} \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a \right)}$$

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Stewart's theorem  $\Rightarrow b^2(s - c) + c^2(s - b) = an_a^2 + a(s - b)(s - c)$   
and  $b^2(s - b) + c^2(s - c) = ag_a^2 + a(s - b)(s - c)$  and via summation, we get :

$$\begin{aligned} (b^2 + c^2)(2s - b - c) &= an_a^2 + ag_a^2 + 2a(s - b)(s - c) \Rightarrow 2a(b^2 + c^2) = \\ &2a(n_a^2 + g_a^2) + a(a + b - c)(c + a - b) \Rightarrow 2(b^2 + c^2) = 2(n_a^2 + g_a^2) + \\ a^2 - (b - c)^2 &\Rightarrow 2(b^2 + c^2) - a^2 + (b - c)^2 = 2(n_a^2 + g_a^2) \Rightarrow 4m_a^2 + (b - c)^2 = \\ &2(n_a^2 + g_a^2) \Rightarrow 2(b - c)^2 + 4s(s - a) = 2(n_a^2 + g_a^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow n_a^2 + g_a^2 \stackrel{(*)}{=} (b - c)^2 + 2s(s - a)$$

Again, Stewart's theorem  $\Rightarrow b^2(s - c) + c^2(s - b) = an_a^2 + a(s - b)(s - c)$   
 $\Rightarrow s(b^2 + c^2) - bc(2s - a) = an_a^2 + a(s^2 - s(2s - a) + bc) \Rightarrow s(b^2 + c^2) - 2sbc$

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

$$= as^2 - \frac{as(c + a - b)(a + b - c)}{a} = as^2 - as \left( \frac{a^2 - (b - c)^2}{a} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow n_a^2 = s \left( s - \frac{a^2 - (b - c)^2}{a} \right) \Rightarrow n_a^2 \stackrel{(**)}{=} s \left( s - a + \frac{(b - c)^2}{a} \right)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Via (*) and (**), } g_a^2 &= (b-c)^2 + 2s(s-a) - s^2 + \frac{4s(s-b)(s-c)}{a} \\
 &= s^2 - 2sa + a^2 + (b-c)^2 - a^2 + \frac{4s(s-b)(s-c)}{a} \\
 &= (s-a)^2 + (b-c+a)(b-c-a) + \frac{4s(s-b)(s-c)}{a} \\
 &= (s-a)^2 - 4(s-b)(s-c) + \frac{4s(s-b)(s-c)}{a} \\
 &= (s-a)^2 + 4(s-b)(s-c) \left( \frac{s}{a} - 1 \right) \\
 &= (s-a)^2 + \frac{4(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}{a} = (s-a)^2 + \frac{4r^2s}{a} = (s-a)^2 + 2rh_a \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{g_a^2}{h_a} &= \frac{a(s-a)^2}{2rs} + 2r \text{ and analogs} \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{g_a^2}{h_a} = \frac{1}{2rs} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} a(s^2 - 2sa + a^2) + 6r \\
 &= \frac{1}{2rs} \cdot (s^2(2s) - 4s(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) + 2s(s^2 - 6Rr - 3r^2)) + 6r \\
 &= \frac{4Rrs - 2r^2s}{2rs} + 6r \therefore \boxed{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{g_a^2}{h_a} = 2R + 5r} \rightarrow (1)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Again, } an_a^2 &= as^2 - 4sbc \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} = as^2 - \frac{4sbc(s-b)(s-c)(s-a)}{bc(s-a)} = as^2 - \frac{4r^2s}{s-a} \\
 &= as^2 - 2a \cdot \frac{rs}{s-a} \cdot \frac{2rs}{a} = as^2 - 2ar_a h_a \Rightarrow \frac{n_a^2}{h_a} = \frac{s^2}{h_a} - 2r_a \text{ and analogs} \\
 \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{n_a^2}{h_a} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{s^2}{h_a} - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a = \frac{s^2}{r} - 2(4R + r) \therefore \boxed{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{n_a^2}{h_a} = \frac{s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2}{r}} \rightarrow (2)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore \sqrt{\left(5R - r + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{n_a g_a}{h_a}\right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a\right)} &\stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\leq} \sqrt{\left(5R - r + \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{n_a^2}{h_a}} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{g_a^2}{h_a}}\right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a\right)} \\
 &\stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\leq} \sqrt{\left(5R - r + \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{n_a^2}{h_a} + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{g_a^2}{h_a}\right)\right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a\right)} \stackrel{\text{via (1) and (2)}}{=} \\
 &= \sqrt{\left(5R - r + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2}{r} + 2R + 5r\right)\right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a\right)} \\
 &= \sqrt{\frac{s^2 + 4Rr + r^2}{2r}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{s^2 + 4Rr + r^2}{2R}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\sqrt{\left(5R - r + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{n_a g_a}{h_a}\right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a\right)} \leq \frac{s^2 + 4Rr + r^2}{\sqrt{4Rr}}} \rightarrow (3) \text{ and also,}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( m_a \cdot \sqrt{\frac{r_a}{r} - 1} \right) &\stackrel{\text{Lascu}}{\geq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \frac{b+c}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{A}{2} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{s}{s-a} - 1} \right) \\ &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \frac{b+c}{2} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{s(s-a)}{bc}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{a^2}{a(s-a)}} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{4Rr}} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a(b+c)}{2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4Rr}} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \cdot \boxed{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( m_a \cdot \sqrt{\frac{r_a}{r} - 1} \right) \geq \frac{s^2 + 4Rr + r^2}{\sqrt{4Rr}}} \\ \rightarrow (4) \therefore (3) \text{ and } (4) &\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( m_a \cdot \sqrt{\frac{r_a}{r} - 1} \right) \geq \sqrt{\left( 5R - r + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{n_a g_a}{h_a} \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a \right)} \\ &\forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$

### Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

We have  $m_a \geq \frac{b+c}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}$  (and analogs), then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a \sqrt{\frac{r_a}{r} - 1} &\geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b+c}{2} \sqrt{\frac{s(s-a)}{bc}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{s}{s-a} - 1} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b+c}{2} \sqrt{\frac{sa}{bc}} \\ &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(b+c)a}{2} \sqrt{\frac{s}{abc}} \\ &= \frac{ab + bc + ca}{2\sqrt{Rr}} = \frac{2R(h_a + h_b + h_c)}{2\sqrt{Rr}} = \sqrt{\frac{R}{r}} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a. \end{aligned}$$

By AM – GM inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{n_a g_a}{h_a} &\leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{n_a^2 + g_a^2}{2h_a} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{s \left( s - a + \frac{(b-c)^2}{a} \right) + (s-a) \left( s - \frac{(b-c)^2}{a} \right)}{2h_a} = \\ &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a[2s(s-a) + (b-c)^2]}{4F} = \frac{1}{4F} \left( 2s^2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a - 2s \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} bc - 9abc \right) = \\ &= \frac{1}{4F} \left( 2s^2 \cdot 2s - 2s \cdot 2(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr) + 2s \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} 2Rh_a - 9 \cdot 4Rsr \right) = r - 5R + \frac{R}{r} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a. \end{aligned}$$

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$$\sqrt{\left(5R - r + \sum_{cyc} \frac{n_a g_a}{h_a}\right) \sum_{cyc} h_a} \leq \sqrt{\frac{R}{r}} \cdot \sum_{cyc} h_a \leq \sum_{cyc} m_a \sqrt{\frac{r_a}{r} - 1}.$$

Equality holds iff  $\triangle ABC$  is equilateral.

1985. In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$(2b + 2c - a)a \geq 4\sqrt{3}F$$

*Proposed by Dang Ngoc Minh-Vietnam*

*Solution by Tapas Das-India*

$$\begin{aligned} (2b + 2c - a)a &= 2ab + 2ac - a^2 = 2(ab + bc + ca) - a^2 - 2bc \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \\ &\geq 2(ab + bc + ca) - a^2 - (b^2 + c^2) = 2(ab + bc + ca) - (a^2 + b^2 + c^2) = \\ &= 2(s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr) - 2(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr) = 4r(4R + r) \stackrel{Doucet}{\geq} 4r\sqrt{3}s = 4\sqrt{3}F \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for  $a = b = c$

1986. In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$7 + \cot^2 A + \cot^2 B + \cot^2 C \leq 8 \left(\frac{R}{2r}\right)^4$$

*Proposed by George Apostolopoulos-Greece*

*Solution by Tapas Das-India*

$$\begin{aligned} 7 + \cot^2 A + \cot^2 B + \cot^2 C &= 7 + \sum \csc^2 A - 3 = 4 + \sum \frac{4R^2}{a^2} = \\ &= 4 + 4R^2 \sum \frac{1}{a^2} \stackrel{Steining}{\leq} 4 + \frac{4R^2}{4r^2} = (2)^2 + \left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^2 \stackrel{Euler}{\leq} \left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^2 = 2 \left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^2 = \\ &= 2 \cdot \frac{R^2 R^2}{r^2 R^2} \stackrel{Euler}{\leq} \frac{2(R)^4}{r^2 \cdot 4r^2} = \frac{8(R^4)}{16r^4} = 8 \left(\frac{R}{2r}\right)^4 \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for  $A = B = C$

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1987. In  $\triangle ABC$  the following inequality holds:

$$\prod \left( \tan \frac{A}{2} + \tan \frac{B}{2} \right) \geq 2 \prod \tan \frac{A}{2} \left( \sum \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} + 3 \right)$$

*Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania*

*Solution by Tapas Das-India*

We know that  $\tan \frac{A}{2} = \frac{r_a}{s}$ ,  $\tan \frac{B}{2} = \frac{r_b}{s}$ ,  $\tan \frac{C}{2} = \frac{r_c}{s}$ , and

$$\left( \sum \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} \right) = \left( \frac{4R+r}{s} \right)^2 - 2, \prod \tan \frac{A}{2} = \frac{r}{s}, \left( \sum \tan \frac{A}{2} \tan \frac{B}{2} \right) = 1$$

$$\prod \left( \tan \frac{A}{2} + \tan \frac{B}{2} \right) = \left( \sum \tan \frac{A}{2} \right) \left( \sum \tan \frac{A}{2} \tan \frac{B}{2} \right) - \prod \tan \frac{A}{2} = \frac{4R+r}{s} - \frac{r}{s} = \frac{4R}{s}$$

$$2 \prod \tan \frac{A}{2} \left( \sum \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} + 3 \right) = 2 \cdot \frac{r}{s} \left( \left( \frac{4R+r}{s} \right)^2 - 2 + 3 \right) = \frac{2r}{s} \left( \left( \frac{4R+r}{s} \right)^2 + 1 \right)$$

We need to show  $\frac{2r}{s} \left( \left( \frac{4R+r}{s} \right)^2 + 1 \right) \leq \frac{4R}{s}$  or

$$2Rs^2 \geq r(4R+r)^2 + rs^2$$

*or using Gerretsen*

$$2R(16Rr - 5r^2) \geq r(16R^2 + 8Rr + r^2) + r(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)$$

*or  $12R^2r - 22Rr^2 - 4r^3 \geq 0$  or  $2r(6R+r)(R-2r) \geq 0$  true (Euler)*

*Equality holds for  $A = B = C$*

1988. In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$\sum h_a \sum \frac{1}{r_a} \leq \sum r_a \sum \frac{1}{h_a}$$

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We know that  $\sum \frac{1}{h_a} = \sum \frac{1}{r_a} = \frac{1}{r}$  (1)

We need to show

$$\sum h_a \sum \frac{1}{r_a} \leq \sum r_a \sum \frac{1}{h_a} \text{ or, } \sum h_a \stackrel{(1)}{\leq} \sum r_a$$

$$\text{or } \sum_{m_a \geq h_a} m_a \leq .4R + r$$

(which is true by Leuenberger inequality)

Equality holds for equilateral triangle

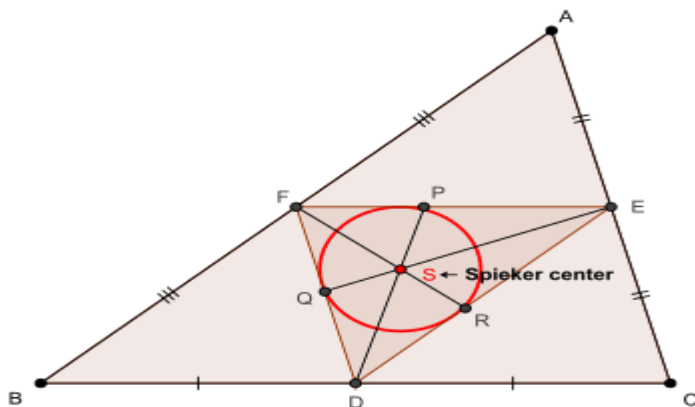
1989.

In any  $\Delta ABC$  with  $p_a, p_b, p_c \rightarrow$  Spieker cevians,  $n_a, n_b, n_c \rightarrow$  Nagel cevians,  
the following relationship holds :

$$n_a + n_b + n_c \geq p_a + p_b + p_c + \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca}{s}$$

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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)

$$\text{Now, } 16[DEF]^2 = 2 \sum \left(\frac{a^2}{4}\right) \left(\frac{b^2}{4}\right) - \sum \frac{a^4}{16} = \frac{1}{16} \left(2 \sum a^2 b^2 - \sum a^4\right) = \frac{16r^2 s^2}{16}$$

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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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$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Again, } \frac{r^2}{4\sin^2 \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{r^2}{4\sin^2 \frac{C}{2}} = \frac{r^2}{4} \left( \frac{ca}{(s-c)(s-a)} + \frac{ab}{(s-a)(s-b)} \right) \\ & = \frac{r^2}{4r^2s} (ca(s-b) + ab(s-c)) = \frac{ab+ca}{4} - 2Rr \stackrel{(**)}{=} \frac{r^2}{4\sin^2 \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{r^2}{4\sin^2 \frac{C}{2}} \\ & \text{(i), (*), (**)} \Rightarrow 2AS^2 = \frac{b^2+c^2+ab+ca}{4} - \frac{(2s+a)(s-b)(s-c)}{2s} \\ & = \frac{(a+b+c)(b^2+c^2+ab+ca) - (2a+b+c)(c+a-b)(a+b-c)}{4s} \\ & \stackrel{8s}{=} \frac{b^3+c^3-abc+a(2b^2+2c^2-a^2)}{4s} \Rightarrow 2AS^2 \stackrel{\text{(ii)}}{=} \frac{b^3+c^3-abc+a(4m_a^2)}{4s} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Via sine law on } \triangle AFS, \frac{r}{2\sin \frac{C}{2} \sin \alpha} = \frac{AS}{\cos \frac{A-B}{2}} = \frac{4s}{(a+b)\sin \frac{C}{2}} \\ & \Rightarrow c \sin \alpha \stackrel{(***)}{=} \frac{r(a+b)}{2AS} \text{ and via sine law on } \triangle AES, b \sin \beta \stackrel{(***)}{=} \frac{r(a+c)}{2AS} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, } [BAX] + [BAX] = [ABC] \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} p_a c \sin \alpha + \frac{1}{2} p_a b \sin \beta = rs$$

$$\text{via (***) and (***)} \Rightarrow \frac{p_a(a+b+a+c)}{2AS} = s \Rightarrow p_a = \frac{4s}{2s+a} AS$$

$$\Rightarrow p_a^2 \stackrel{\text{via (ii)}}{=} \frac{4AS}{(2s+a)^2} \cdot \frac{b^3+c^3-abc+a(4m_a^2)}{8s}$$

$$\therefore p_a^2 \stackrel{(*)}{=} \frac{2s}{(2s+a)^2} (b^3+c^3-abc+a(4m_a^2))$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } b^3+c^3-abc+a(4m_a^2) &= b^3+c^3-abc+a(2b^2+2c^2-a^2) \\ &= (b+c)(b^2-bc+c^2) + a(b^2-bc+c^2) + a(b^2+c^2-a^2) \\ &= 2s(b^2-bc+c^2) + a(b^2-bc+c^2+bc-a^2) \\ &= (2s+a)(b^2-bc+c^2) + a \left( \frac{(b+c)^2 - (b-c)^2}{4} - a^2 \right) \\ &= (2s+a)(b^2-bc+c^2) + \frac{a(b+c+2a)(b+c-2a)}{4} - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} \\ &= (2s+a)(b^2-bc+c^2) + \frac{a(2s-a+2a)(b+c-2a)}{4} - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} \\ &= (2s+a) \cdot \frac{4b^2+4c^2-4bc+a(b+c-2a)}{4} - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} \\ &= (2s+a). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{4(z+x)^2 + 4(x+y)^2 - 4(z+x)(x+y) + (y+z)((z+x) + (x+y) - 2(y+z))}{4} \\ & \quad - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} \quad (a=y+z, b=z+x, c=x+y) \\ & = (2s+a) \cdot \frac{4x(x+y+z) + 2x(y+z) + 3(y-z)^2}{4} - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} \\ & = (2s+a) \left( s(s-a) + \frac{3}{4}(b-c)^2 + \frac{a(s-a)}{2} \right) - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (2s+a) \left( s(s-a) + \frac{3}{4}(b-c)^2 + \frac{a(s-a)}{2} \right) - \frac{(a+2s-2s)(b-c)^2}{4} \\
 &= (2s+a) \left( s(s-a) + \frac{(b-c)^2}{2} + \frac{a(s-a)}{2} \right) + \frac{s(b-c)^2}{2} \\
 \therefore \mathbf{b^3 + c^3 - abc + a(4m_a^2)} &\stackrel{(\bullet\bullet)}{=} (2s+a) \left( \frac{(s-a)(2s+a)}{2} + \frac{(b-c)^2}{2} \right) + \frac{s(b-c)^2}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore (\bullet), (\bullet\bullet) \Rightarrow \mathbf{p_a^2} &= \frac{2s}{(2s+a)^2} \left( \frac{(s-a)(2s+a)^2}{2} + \frac{(2s+a)(b-c)^2}{2} + \frac{s(b-c)^2}{2} \right) \\
 &= s(s-a) + (b-c)^2 \left( \left( \frac{s}{2s+a} \right)^2 + \frac{s}{2s+a} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4} \right) \\
 &= s(s-a) - \frac{(b-c)^2}{4} + (b-c)^2 \cdot \left( \frac{s}{2s+a} + \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 \\
 &= s(s-a) + \frac{(b-c)^2}{4} \left( \frac{(4s+a)^2}{(2s+a)^2} - 1 \right) \\
 \Rightarrow \mathbf{p_a^2} &\stackrel{(\bullet\bullet\bullet)}{=} s(s-a) + \frac{s(3s+a)(b-c)^2}{(2s+a)^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Again, Stewart's theorem  $\Rightarrow b^2(s-c) + c^2(s-b) = an_a^2 + a(s-b)(s-c)$   
 $\Rightarrow s(b^2 + c^2) - bc(2s-a) = an_a^2 + a(s^2 - s(2s-a) + bc) \Rightarrow s(b^2 + c^2) - 2sbc$   
 $= an_a^2 + a(as - s^2) \Rightarrow s(b^2 + c^2 - a^2 - 2bc) = an_a^2 - as^2 \Rightarrow an_a^2 = as^2 +$   
 $s(2bc \cos A - 2bc) = as^2 - 4sbc \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} = as^2 - \frac{4sbc(s-b)(s-c)(s-a)}{bc(s-a)}$   
 $= as^2 - \frac{as(c+a-b)(a+b-c)}{a} = as^2 - as \left( \frac{a^2 - (b-c)^2}{a} \right)$   
 $\Rightarrow \mathbf{n_a^2} = s \left( s - \frac{a^2 - (b-c)^2}{a} \right) \Rightarrow \mathbf{n_a^2} = s \left( s - a + \frac{(b-c)^2}{a} \right)$   
 $\Rightarrow \mathbf{n_a^2} \stackrel{(\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet)}{=} s(s-a) + \frac{s}{a} \cdot (b-c)^2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now, } \mathbf{n_a - p_a} &\stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{(b-c)^2}{3a} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{n_a} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \mathbf{p_a} + \frac{(b-c)^2}{3a} \\
 \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{n_a^2} &\stackrel{?}{\geq} \mathbf{p_a^2} + \frac{(b-c)^4}{9a^2} + \frac{2p_a}{3a} \cdot (b-c)^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{via } (\bullet\bullet\bullet) \text{ and } (\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet) \Leftrightarrow s(s-a) + \frac{s}{a} \cdot (b-c)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} s(s-a) + \frac{s(3s+a)(b-c)^2}{(2s+a)^2} + \frac{(b-c)^4}{9a^2}$$

+  $\frac{2p_a}{3a} \cdot (b-c)^2$  and  $\because (b-c)^2 \geq 0 \therefore$  in order to prove this, it suffices to prove :

$$\frac{s}{a} - \frac{s(3s+a)}{(2s+a)^2} \stackrel{?}{>} \frac{(b-c)^2}{9a^2} + \frac{2p_a}{3a} \text{ and } \because (b-c)^2 < a^2 \therefore \text{in order to prove this,}$$

$$\text{it suffices to prove : } \frac{s}{a} - \frac{s(3s+a)}{(2s+a)^2} - \frac{1}{9} \stackrel{?}{>} \frac{2p_a}{3a} \Leftrightarrow \frac{36s^3 + 5s^2a - 4sa^2 - a^3}{9a(2s+a)^2} \stackrel{?}{>} \frac{2p_a}{3a}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{(36s^3 + 5s^2a - 4sa^2 - a^3)^2}{81a^2(2s+a)^4} \stackrel{?}{>} \frac{4}{9a^2} \left( s(s-a) + \frac{s(3s+a)(b-c)^2}{(2s+a)^2} \right)$$

$$(\because 36s^3 + 5s^2a - 4sa^2 - a^3 = 36s^3 + a(s-a)(5s+a) \stackrel{s > a}{>} 36s^3 > 0)$$

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$$\frac{(36s^3 + 5s^2a - 4sa^2 - a^3)^2}{81a^2(2s+a)^4} \stackrel{?}{>} \frac{4(s(s-a)(2s+a)^2 + sa^2(3s+a))}{9a^2(2s+a)^2}$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow (t-1) \left( 720t^5 + 504t^4 + 72t^3 + 15t^2(t-1) + 9t(t+1)(t-1) + (t-1)(t^2+t+1) \right) \stackrel{?}{>} 0$$

$$\rightarrow \text{true} \because t = \frac{s}{a} > 1 \therefore n_a - p_a \geq \frac{(b-c)^2}{3a} \stackrel{s > a}{\geq} \frac{(b-c)^2}{3s} \text{ and analogs}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} n_a - \sum_{\text{cyc}} p_a \geq \frac{2}{3s} \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right)$$

$$\therefore n_a + n_b + n_c \geq p_a + p_b + p_c + \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca}{s}$$

$\forall \Delta ABC$ , with equality iff  $\Delta ABC$  is equilateral (QED)

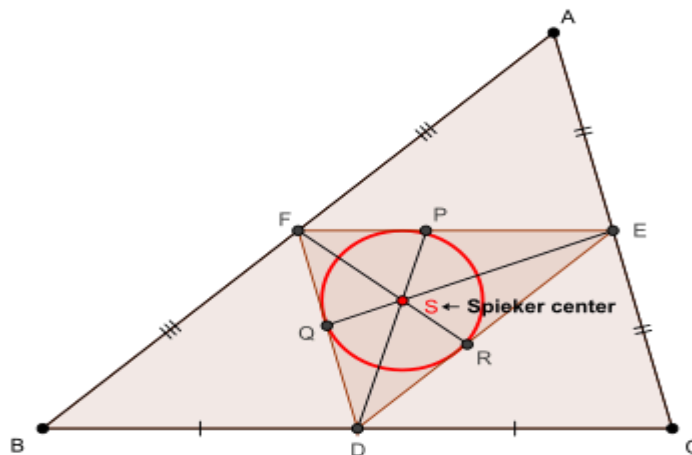
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In any  $\Delta ABC$  with  $p_a, p_b, p_c \rightarrow$  Spieker cevians,  $n_a, n_b, n_c \rightarrow$  Nagel cevians, the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{n_a - p_a}{h_a} + \frac{n_b - p_b}{h_b} + \frac{n_c - p_c}{h_c} \geq \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca}{3F}$$

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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)

$$\text{Now, } 16[DEF]^2 = 2 \sum \left(\frac{a^2}{4}\right) \left(\frac{b^2}{4}\right) - \sum \frac{a^4}{16} = \frac{1}{16} \left( 2 \sum a^2 b^2 - \sum a^4 \right) = \frac{16r^2 s^2}{16}$$

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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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$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Again, } \frac{r^2}{4\sin^2 \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{r^2}{4\sin^2 \frac{C}{2}} = \frac{r^2}{4} \left( \frac{ca}{(s-c)(s-a)} + \frac{ab}{(s-a)(s-b)} \right) \\ & = \frac{r^2}{4r^2s} (ca(s-b) + ab(s-c)) = \frac{ab+ca}{4} - 2Rr \stackrel{(**)}{=} \frac{r^2}{4\sin^2 \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{r^2}{4\sin^2 \frac{C}{2}} \\ & \text{(i), (*), (**)} \Rightarrow 2AS^2 = \frac{b^2+c^2+ab+ca}{4} - \frac{(2s+a)(s-b)(s-c)}{2s} \\ & = \frac{(a+b+c)(b^2+c^2+ab+ca) - (2a+b+c)(c+a-b)(a+b-c)}{4s} \\ & \stackrel{8s}{=} \frac{b^3+c^3-abc+a(2b^2+2c^2-a^2)}{4s} \Rightarrow 2AS^2 \stackrel{\text{(ii)}}{=} \frac{b^3+c^3-abc+a(4m_a^2)}{4s} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Via sine law on } \triangle AFS, \frac{r}{2\sin \frac{C}{2} \sin \alpha} = \frac{AS}{\cos \frac{A-B}{2}} = \frac{4s}{(a+b)\sin \frac{C}{2}} \\ & \Rightarrow c \sin \alpha \stackrel{(***)}{=} \frac{r(a+b)}{2AS} \text{ and via sine law on } \triangle AES, b \sin \beta \stackrel{(***)}{=} \frac{r(a+c)}{2AS} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, } [BAX] + [BAX] = [ABC] \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} p_a c \sin \alpha + \frac{1}{2} p_a b \sin \beta = rs$$

$$\text{via (***) and (***)} \Rightarrow \frac{p_a(a+b+a+c)}{2AS} = s \Rightarrow p_a = \frac{4s}{2s+a} AS$$

$$\Rightarrow p_a^2 \stackrel{\text{via (ii)}}{=} \frac{16s^2}{(2s+a)^2} \cdot \frac{b^3+c^3-abc+a(4m_a^2)}{8s}$$

$$\therefore p_a^2 \stackrel{(*)}{=} \frac{2s}{(2s+a)^2} (b^3+c^3-abc+a(4m_a^2))$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } b^3+c^3-abc+a(4m_a^2) &= b^3+c^3-abc+a(2b^2+2c^2-a^2) \\ &= (b+c)(b^2-bc+c^2) + a(b^2-bc+c^2) + a(b^2+c^2-a^2) \\ &= 2s(b^2-bc+c^2) + a(b^2-bc+c^2+bc-a^2) \\ &= (2s+a)(b^2-bc+c^2) + a \left( \frac{(b+c)^2 - (b-c)^2}{4} - a^2 \right) \\ &= (2s+a)(b^2-bc+c^2) + \frac{a(b+c+2a)(b+c-2a)}{4} - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} \\ &= (2s+a)(b^2-bc+c^2) + \frac{a(2s-a+2a)(b+c-2a)}{4} - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} \\ &= (2s+a) \cdot \frac{4b^2+4c^2-4bc+a(b+c-2a)}{4} - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} \\ &= (2s+a). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{4(z+x)^2 + 4(x+y)^2 - 4(z+x)(x+y) + (y+z)((z+x) + (x+y) - 2(y+z))}{4} \\ & \quad - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} \quad (a=y+z, b=z+x, c=x+y) \\ & = (2s+a) \cdot \frac{4x(x+y+z) + 2x(y+z) + 3(y-z)^2}{4} - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} \\ & = (2s+a) \left( s(s-a) + \frac{3}{4}(b-c)^2 + \frac{a(s-a)}{2} \right) - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} \end{aligned}$$

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$$= (2s + a) \left( s(s - a) + \frac{3}{4}(b - c)^2 + \frac{a(s - a)}{2} \right) - \frac{(a + 2s - 2s)(b - c)^2}{4}$$

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

$$\therefore \mathbf{b^3 + c^3 - abc + a(4m_a^2)} \stackrel{(\bullet\bullet)}{=} (2s + a) \left( \frac{(s - a)(2s + a)}{2} + \frac{(b - c)^2}{2} \right) + \frac{s(b - c)^2}{2}$$

$$\therefore (\bullet), (\bullet\bullet) \Rightarrow \mathbf{p_a^2} = \frac{2s}{(2s + a)^2} \left( \frac{(s - a)(2s + a)^2}{2} + \frac{(2s + a)(b - c)^2}{2} + \frac{s(b - c)^2}{2} \right)$$

$$= s(s - a) + (b - c)^2 \left( \left( \frac{s}{2s + a} \right)^2 + \frac{s}{2s + a} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4} \right)$$

$$= s(s - a) - \frac{(b - c)^2}{4} + (b - c)^2 \cdot \left( \frac{s}{2s + a} + \frac{1}{2} \right)^2$$

$$= s(s - a) + \frac{(b - c)^2}{4} \left( \frac{(4s + a)^2}{(2s + a)^2} - 1 \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{p_a^2} \stackrel{(\bullet\bullet\bullet)}{=} s(s - a) + \frac{s(3s + a)(b - c)^2}{(2s + a)^2}$$

Again, Stewart's theorem  $\Rightarrow b^2(s - c) + c^2(s - b) = an_a^2 + a(s - b)(s - c)$

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$$= as^2 - \frac{as(c + a - b)(a + b - c)}{a} = as^2 - as \left( \frac{a^2 - (b - c)^2}{a} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{n_a^2} = s \left( s - \frac{a^2 - (b - c)^2}{a} \right) \Rightarrow \mathbf{n_a^2} = s \left( s - a + \frac{(b - c)^2}{a} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{n_a^2} \stackrel{(\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet)}{=} s(s - a) + \frac{s}{a} \cdot (b - c)^2$$

$$\text{Now, } \mathbf{n_a - p_a} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{(b - c)^2}{3a} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{n_a} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \mathbf{p_a} + \frac{(b - c)^2}{3a}$$

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$$\text{via } (\bullet\bullet\bullet) \Leftrightarrow \frac{(36s^3 + 5s^2a - 4sa^2 - a^3)^2}{81a^2(2s + a)^4} \stackrel{?}{>} \frac{4}{9a^2} \left( s(s - a) + \frac{s(3s + a)(b - c)^2}{(2s + a)^2} \right)$$

$$(\because 36s^3 + 5s^2a - 4sa^2 - a^3 = 36s^3 + a(s - a)(5s + a) \stackrel{s > a}{>} 36s^3 > 0)$$



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$$\rightarrow \text{true} \because t = \frac{s}{a} > 1 \therefore n_a - p_a \geq \frac{(b-c)^2}{3a} \Rightarrow \frac{n_a - p_a}{h_a} \geq \frac{(b-c)^2}{3a \cdot \frac{2rs}{a}} = \frac{(b-c)^2}{6F}$$

and analogs  $\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{n_a - p_a}{h_a} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(b-c)^2}{6F} = \frac{2}{6F} \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right)$

$$\therefore \frac{n_a - p_a}{h_a} + \frac{n_b - p_b}{h_b} + \frac{n_c - p_c}{h_c} \geq \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca}{3F}$$

$\forall \Delta ABC$ , with equality iff  $\Delta ABC$  is equilateral (QED)

**1991. In  $\Delta ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

$$\frac{3}{2} < \sqrt{\frac{a}{b+c}} + \sqrt{\frac{b}{c+a}} + \sqrt{\frac{c}{a+b}} < \frac{4\pi}{5}$$

*Proposed by Nguyen Hung Cuong-Vietnam*

*Solution by Tapas Das-India*

We know that in  $\Delta ABC$ ,  $b+c > a$  or  $2(b+c) > a+b+c$  or

$$b+c > \frac{1}{2}(a+b+c)$$

similarly,  $(a+b) > \frac{1}{2}(a+b+c)$  and  $c+a > \frac{1}{2}(a+b+c)$

$$\sum \frac{a}{b+c} < \sum \frac{a}{\frac{1}{2}(a+b+c)} = \sum \frac{2a}{a+b+c} = 2 \quad (1)$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{a}{b+c}} + \sqrt{\frac{b}{c+a}} + \sqrt{\frac{c}{a+b}} \stackrel{CBS}{<} \sqrt{3 \sum \frac{a}{b+c}} \stackrel{(1)}{<} \sqrt{3 \cdot 2} = \sqrt{6}$$

We need to show

$$\sqrt{6} < \frac{4\pi}{5} \text{ or } 5\sqrt{6} < 4 \times \frac{22}{7} \text{ or, } 35\sqrt{6} < 88 \text{ or,}$$

$$1225 \times 6 \stackrel{\text{squaring}}{<} 88 \times 88 \text{ or, } 7350 < 7744 \text{ (True)}$$

Now  $a < b+c$ , so  $\frac{a}{b+c} < 1$ , we can say  $\sqrt{\frac{a}{b+c}} > \frac{a}{b+c}$

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$$\sqrt{\frac{a}{b+c}} + \sqrt{\frac{b}{c+a}} + \sqrt{\frac{c}{a+b}} > \frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b} \stackrel{\text{Nesbitt}}{>} \frac{3}{2}$$

1992. In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$(a+b+c) \left( \frac{1}{r_a+r_b} + \frac{1}{r_b+r_c} + \frac{1}{r_c+r_a} \right) \geq 3\sqrt{3}$$

Proposed by Nguyen Hung Cuong-Vietnam

Solution by Mirsadix Muzefferov-Azerbaijan

According to the known formula :  $r_a = r \cdot \tan \frac{A}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned} r_a + r_b &= r \left( \tan \frac{A}{2} + \tan \frac{B}{2} \right) = r \cdot \frac{\sin \frac{A+B}{2}}{\cos \frac{A}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{B}{2}} = r \cdot \frac{\cos \frac{C}{2}}{\cos \frac{A}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{B}{2}} \\ &= \frac{r \cdot \cos^2 \frac{C}{2}}{\cos \frac{A}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{B}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{C}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{r_a+r_b} &= \frac{1}{r} \cdot \cos \frac{A}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{B}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{C}{2} \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{\cos^2 \frac{A}{2}} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{r} \cdot \left( \frac{P}{4R} \right) \cdot \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} (1 + \tan^2 \frac{A}{2}) \right) = \\ &= \frac{1}{r} \cdot \left( \frac{P}{4R} \right) \cdot \left( 3 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} \right) \stackrel{\left[ \cos \frac{A}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{B}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{C}{2} = \frac{P}{4R} \right] (\text{true})}{\cong} \stackrel{\left[ \sum_{\text{cyc}} \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} \geq 1 \right] (\text{true})}{\cong} \frac{1}{r} \cdot \frac{P}{4R} \cdot (3+1) \\ &= \frac{P}{Rr} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (a+b+c) \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{r_a+r_b} &\geq 2p \cdot \frac{P}{Rr} = 2p^2 \cdot \frac{2(a+b+c)}{abc} \stackrel{\left[ Rr = \frac{abc}{2(a+b+c)} \right]}{\cong} \frac{8p^3}{abc} = \\ &= \frac{(2p)^3}{abc} \geq \frac{(3\sqrt[3]{abc})^3}{abc} = 27 \\ &\text{Equality holds iff } a = b = c \end{aligned}$$

1993. In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:

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$$\frac{a}{(\sin B + \sin C)^2} + \frac{b}{(\sin C + \sin A)^2} + \frac{c}{(\sin A + \sin B)^2} \geq \sqrt{3}R$$

Proposed by Nguyen Hung Cuong-Vietnam

Solution by Mirsadix Muzefferov-Azerbaijan

$$\frac{a}{(\sin B + \sin C)^2} = \frac{2R \sin A}{4 \sin^2 \frac{B+C}{2} \cdot \cos^2 \frac{B-C}{2}} = \frac{4R \sin \frac{A}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{A}{2}}{4 \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \cdot \cos^2 \frac{B-C}{2}} =$$

$$\frac{R \cdot \tan \frac{A}{2}}{\cos^2 \frac{B-C}{2}} \geq R \cdot \tan \frac{A}{2} \quad (\text{Because } \cos^2 \frac{B-C}{2} \leq 1)$$

$$\text{So } \frac{a}{(\sin B + \sin C)^2} \geq R \cdot \tan \frac{A}{2}$$

Analogously:

$$\frac{b}{(\sin C + \sin A)^2} \geq R \cdot \tan \frac{B}{2}; \quad \frac{c}{(\sin A + \sin B)^2} \geq R \cdot \tan \frac{C}{2}$$

Let's summarize the results :

$$\frac{a}{(\sin B + \sin C)^2} + \frac{b}{(\sin C + \sin A)^2} + \frac{c}{(\sin A + \sin B)^2} \geq R \cdot \left( \tan \frac{A}{2} + \tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2} \right) \geq \sqrt{3}R$$

$$\text{But } \left( \tan \frac{A}{2} + \tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2} \right) \geq \sqrt{3} \quad (\text{true})$$

Equality holds iff  $a = b = c$

1994. If  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  then in  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{a^n}{\sin^2 A} + \frac{b^n}{\sin^2 B} + \frac{c^n}{\sin^2 C} \geq 2^{n+2} \cdot 3^{\frac{n}{2}} \cdot r^n$$

Proposed by Zaza Mzhavanadze-Georgia

Solution by Mirsadix Muzefferov-Azerbaijan

$$\frac{a^n}{\sin^2 A} + \frac{b^n}{\sin^2 B} + \frac{c^n}{\sin^2 C} \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{(abc)^n}{(\sin A \cdot \sin B \cdot \sin C)^2}} \geq$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Euler Mitrinovic}}{abc = 4RS} \geq 2^3 \cdot 3^{\frac{3}{2}} \cdot r^3$$

$$\boxed{(abc)^n \geq 2^{3n} \cdot 3^{\frac{3n}{2}} \cdot r^{3n}} \quad (1)$$

$$\stackrel{(1)}{\geq} 3 \cdot 2^n \cdot 3^{\frac{n}{2}} \cdot r^n \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{(\sin A \cdot \sin B \cdot \sin C)^2}} \stackrel{(4)}{\geq}$$

$$\boxed{\sin A \cdot \sin B \cdot \sin C = \frac{S}{2R^2}} \quad (2) \quad \boxed{S \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}R^2}{4}} \quad (3)$$

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From (2) and (3) we have  $\sin A \cdot \sin B \cdot \sin C \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{8}$  (4)

$$\stackrel{4}{\geq} 3 \cdot 2^n \cdot 3^{\frac{n}{2}} \cdot r^n \cdot \sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{8}{3\sqrt{3}}\right)^2} = 2^{n+2} \cdot 3^{\frac{n}{2}} \cdot r^n$$

1995. In  $\Delta ABC$ , prove that the perimeter can be represented by 3 following sums:

$$\sum \sqrt{m_a^2 + rr_a^2} = \frac{1}{2} \sum (r_c + r) \sqrt{\frac{r_a + r_b}{r_c - r}} = \sum (a + b) \cos C$$

Proposed by Dang Ngoc Minh-Vietnam

Solution by Tapas Das-India

$$\begin{aligned} \sum (a + b) \cos C &= (a + b) \cos C + (b + c) \cos A + (c + a) \cos B = \\ &= \sum (b \cos C + c \cos B) = \sum a = 2s \quad (A) \\ r_c + r &= \frac{rs}{s-c} + r = \frac{r(s+s-c)}{s-c} = \frac{r(2s-c)}{s-c} \\ r_a + r_b &= \frac{F}{s-a} + \frac{F}{s-b} = \frac{F(2s-a-b)}{(s-a)(s-b)} = \frac{cF}{(s-a)(s-b)} \\ r_c - r &= \frac{F}{s-c} - r = \frac{r(s-s+c)}{s-c} = \frac{cr}{s-c}, \quad \frac{r_a + r_b}{r_c - r} = \frac{cF}{(s-a)(s-b)} \cdot \frac{s-c}{cr} = \frac{(s-c)s}{(s-a)(s-b)} \\ &= \frac{(s-c)^2 s}{(s-a)(s-c)(s-b)} = \frac{(s-c)^2 s}{sr^2} = \frac{(s-c)^2}{r^2}, \quad \sqrt{\frac{r_a + r_b}{r_c - r}} = \frac{s-c}{r} \end{aligned}$$

$$(r_c + r) \sqrt{\frac{r_a + r_b}{r_c - r}} = \frac{r(2s-c)}{s-c} \cdot \frac{s-c}{r} = 2s - c \text{ and}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum (r_c + r) \sqrt{\frac{r_a + r_b}{r_c - r}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum 2s - c = \frac{1}{2} \cdot (4s) = 2s \quad (B)$$

(Reference: Bogdan Fustei, Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba about NAGEL cevians)

$$\begin{aligned} m_a^2 + rr_a &= s(s-a) + \frac{(b-c)^2}{4} + \frac{sr^2}{s-a} = s(s-a) + \frac{(b-c)^2}{4} + \frac{sr^2(s-b)(s-c)}{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} = \\ &= s(s-a) + \frac{(b-c)^2}{4} + \frac{sr^2(s-b)(s-c)}{sr^2} = s(s-a) + \frac{(b-c)^2}{4} + (s-b)(s-c) \end{aligned}$$

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$$= s(s-a) + (s-b)(s-c) + \frac{(b-c)^2}{4} = 2s^2 - s(a+b+c) + bc + \frac{(b-c)^2}{4} =$$

$$= 2s^2 - 2s^2 + \frac{(b-c)^2 + 4bc}{4} = \frac{(b+c)^2}{4} \text{ and}$$

$$\sum \sqrt{m_a^2 + rr_a^2} = \sum \frac{b+c}{2} = a+b+c = 2s \quad (C)$$

from (A), (B), (C) we get  $\sum \sqrt{m_a^2 + rr_a^2} = \frac{1}{2} \sum (r_c + r) \sqrt{\frac{r_a + r_b}{r_c - r}} = \sum (a+b) \cos C$

1996. In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationships holds:

$$\sum \frac{a \sin A}{2(r_b + r_c)} = \sum \frac{r_a^2}{r_a^2 + s^2} = \sum \frac{a(\cos B + \cos C)}{2(b+c)} = \frac{1}{2} \sum \sin A \sqrt{\frac{rr_a}{r_b r_c}} = \sum \sin^2 \frac{A}{2}$$

Proposed by Dang Ngoc Minh-Vietnam

Solution by Mirsadix Muzefferov-Azerbaijan

$$\frac{a \sin A}{2(r_b + r_c)} = \frac{a \sin A}{2S \left( \tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2} \right)} = \frac{a}{2S} \cdot \frac{\sin A}{\frac{\sin \left( \frac{B+C}{2} \right)}{\cos \frac{B}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{C}{2}}} = \frac{a}{2S} \cdot \frac{\sin A \cdot \cos \frac{B}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{C}{2}}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} =$$

$$\frac{a}{2S} \cdot \frac{2 \sin \frac{A}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{A}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{B}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{C}{2}}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} = \frac{a}{2S} \cdot 2 \tan \frac{A}{2} \cdot \frac{S}{4R} = \frac{2R \sin A}{4R} \cdot \tan \frac{A}{2}$$

$$= \frac{2 \sin \frac{A}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{A}{2}}{2} \cdot \tan \frac{A}{2} = \sin^2 \frac{A}{2}$$

Therefore :  $\sum_{cyc} \frac{a \sin A}{2(r_b + r_c)} = \sum_{cyc} \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \quad (1)$

$$\frac{r_a^2}{r_a^2 + s^2} = \frac{s^2 \tan^2 \frac{A}{2}}{s^2 \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} + s^2} = \frac{\tan^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\tan^2 \frac{A}{2} + 1} = \frac{\tan^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\frac{1}{\cos^2 \frac{A}{2}}} = \sin^2 \frac{A}{2}$$

So :  $\sum_{cyc} \frac{r_a^2}{r_a^2 + s^2} = \sum_{cyc} \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \quad (2)$

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a(\cos B + \cos C)}{2(b+c)} &= \frac{2R \sin A (\cos B + \cos C)}{2 \cdot 2R (\sin B + \sin C)} = \\ &= \frac{\sin A \cdot 2 \cos \frac{B+C}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{B-C}{2}}{2 \cdot 2 \sin \frac{B+C}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{B-C}{2}} = \frac{1}{2} \sin A \cdot \operatorname{ctg} \frac{B+C}{2} = \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sin A \cdot \tan \frac{A}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 \sin \frac{A}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{A}{2} \cdot \tan \frac{A}{2} = \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \\ \text{So : } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a(\cos B + \cos C)}{2(b+c)} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \quad (3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \sin A \sqrt{\frac{r r_a}{r_b r_c}} &= \frac{1}{2} \sin A \left( \frac{r \cdot S \cdot \tan \frac{A}{2}}{S \cdot \tan \frac{B}{2} \cdot S \cdot \tan \frac{C}{2}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2} \sin A \left( \frac{r}{S} \cdot \frac{\tan^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\tan \frac{A}{2} \cdot \tan \frac{B}{2} \cdot \tan \frac{C}{2}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sin A \left( \frac{r}{S} \cdot \frac{\tan^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\frac{r}{S}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2} \sin A \cdot \tan \frac{A}{2} = \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Also : } \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sin A \sqrt{\frac{r r_a}{r_b r_c}} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \quad (4) \quad (\text{Proved})$$

**1997. For non-right triangle  $ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

$$\prod_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt[6]{\frac{\sin^2 2A}{c^2 - h_a^2}} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\cos A + \cos B}{2r_c} = \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{\frac{r_a - r}{(r_a + r_b)(r_a + r_c)}} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{R}$$

*Proposed by Dang Ngoc Minh-Vietnam*

*Solution by Tapas Das-India*

$$\begin{aligned} \sin^2 2A &= 4 \sin^2 A (1 - \sin^2 A) = \frac{4a^2}{4R^2} \left( 1 - \frac{a^2}{4R^2} \right) = \frac{a^2}{4R^4} (4R^2 - a^2) \text{ and} \\ c^2 - h_a^2 &= c^2 - \frac{b^2 c^2}{4R^2} = \frac{c^2}{4R^2} (4R^2 - b^2) \\ \prod_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt[6]{\frac{\sin^2 2A}{c^2 - h_a^2}} &= \prod_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt[6]{\frac{\frac{a^2}{4R^4} (4R^2 - a^2)}{\frac{c^2}{4R^2} (4R^2 - b^2)}} = \prod_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt[6]{\frac{a^2 (4R^2 - a^2)}{R^2 c^2 (4R^2 - b^2)}} = \prod_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt[6]{\frac{a^2 b^2 c^2}{R^6 a^2 b^2 c^2}} = \frac{1}{R} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{\cos A + \cos B}{2r_c} &= \sum \frac{2 \cos \frac{A+B}{2} \cos \frac{A-B}{2}}{2s \tan \frac{C}{2}} = \frac{1}{2s} \sum \frac{2 \cos \frac{A+B}{2} \cos \frac{A-B}{2}}{2s \tan \frac{C}{2}} = \\ &= \frac{1}{2s} \sum \frac{2 \sin \frac{C}{2} \cos \frac{A-B}{2}}{2s \tan \frac{C}{2}} = \sum \frac{2 \cos \frac{C}{2} \cos \frac{A-B}{2}}{2s} = \\ &= \frac{1}{2s} \sum 2 \sin \frac{A+B}{2} \cos \frac{A-B}{2} = \frac{1}{2s} \sum (\sin A + \sin B) = \frac{2}{2s} \cdot \frac{s}{R} = \frac{1}{R} \end{aligned}$$

$$r_a - r = r \left( \frac{s}{s-a} - 1 \right) = \frac{ar}{s-a}$$

$$r_a + r_b = F \left( \frac{1}{s-a} + \frac{1}{s-b} \right) = \frac{F(2s-a-b)}{(s-a)(s-b)} = \frac{Fc}{(s-a)(s-b)} \text{ and}$$

$$r_a + r_c = \frac{bF}{(s-a)(s-c)}, \text{ using above result we get}$$

$$\frac{r_a - r}{(r_a + r_b)(r_a + r_c)} = \frac{ar}{bcs} = \frac{a^2 r}{abcs} = \frac{a^2}{4Rs^2}$$

$$\left( \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{\frac{r_a - r}{(r_a + r_b)(r_a + r_c)}} \right)^2 = \left( \sum \frac{a}{2s\sqrt{R}} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{R} \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{4s^2} = \frac{1}{R}$$

1998. In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$\sqrt[4]{\sum \frac{Ra^8}{r_b + r_c}} \geq \frac{4F}{\sqrt{3}}$$

Proposed by Dang Ngoc Minh-Vietnam

Solution by Tapas Das-India

$$\sum (r_b + r_c) = 2 \sum r_a = 2(4R + r) \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} 2 \left( 4R + \frac{R}{2} \right) = 9R \quad (1)$$

$$\left( \sum \frac{a^8}{r_b + r_c} \right) \left( \sum (r_b + r_c) \right) (1+1+1)^6 \stackrel{\text{Holder}}{\geq} (a+b+c)^8 = (2s)^8 = 2^8 s^8$$

$$\left( \sum \frac{a^8}{r_b + r_c} \right) \geq \frac{2^8 s^8}{(\sum (r_b + r_c)) 3^6} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{2^8 s^8}{3^6 \cdot 9R} = \left( \frac{2}{3} \right)^8 \frac{s^8}{R} \quad (2)$$

$$\sqrt[4]{\sum \frac{Ra^8}{r_b + r_c}} \stackrel{(2)}{\geq} \sqrt[4]{R \cdot \left( \frac{2}{3} \right)^8 \frac{s^8}{R}} = \frac{2^2 s^2}{3^2} = \frac{4s}{9} \cdot s \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\geq} \frac{4s}{9} \cdot 3\sqrt{3}r = \frac{4rs}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{4F}{\sqrt{3}}$$

Equality holds for  $a = b = c$

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1999. In any  $\Delta ABC$ , the following relationship holds :

$$2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_a r_b}{r_c (r_a + r_b)} \leq \frac{7}{16} \prod_{\text{cyc}} \left(1 + \frac{r_a}{r_b}\right)$$

Proposed by Dang Ngoc Minh-Vietnam

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} & 2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_a r_b}{r_c (r_a + r_b)} - \frac{7}{16} \prod_{\text{cyc}} \left(1 + \frac{r_a}{r_b}\right) = \\ &= 2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{s(s-c)}{rs} \cdot \frac{4R \cdot \frac{s(s-c)}{ab}}{4R} - \frac{7}{16} \prod_{\text{cyc}} \frac{4R \cos^2 \frac{C}{2}}{r_b} = 2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{s-c}{\frac{abc}{ab}} - \frac{7}{16} \cdot \frac{64R^3 \cdot \frac{s^2}{16R^2}}{rs^2} = \\ &= 2 + \frac{s(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)}{4Rrs} - 3 - \frac{7R}{4r} = \frac{s^2 + r^2}{4Rr} - \frac{7R}{4r} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} \\ &\leq \frac{4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 + r^2 - 7R^2}{4Rr} = -\frac{3R^2 - 4Rr - 4r^2}{4Rr} = -\frac{(R-2r)(3R+2r)}{4Rr} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} 0 \\ &\therefore 2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_a r_b}{r_c (r_a + r_b)} \leq \frac{7}{16} \prod_{\text{cyc}} \left(1 + \frac{r_a}{r_b}\right) \end{aligned}$$

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

2000. In  $\Delta ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$\sum \left( a^{8n} + \frac{1}{a^{4n}} \right) \geq 6 \left( \frac{4F}{\sqrt{3}} \right)^n, n \in \mathbb{N}$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution by Tapas Das-India

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \left( a^{8n} + \frac{1}{a^{4n}} \right) &\stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \sum 2 \sqrt{a^{8n} \cdot \frac{1}{a^{4n}}} = 2 \sum a^{2n} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \\ &\geq 6 \sqrt[3]{((abc)^2)^n} \stackrel{\text{Carlitz}}{\geq} 6 \left( \left( \frac{4F}{\sqrt{3}} \right)^3 \right)^{\frac{n}{3}} = 6 \left( \frac{4F}{\sqrt{3}} \right)^n \end{aligned}$$



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