

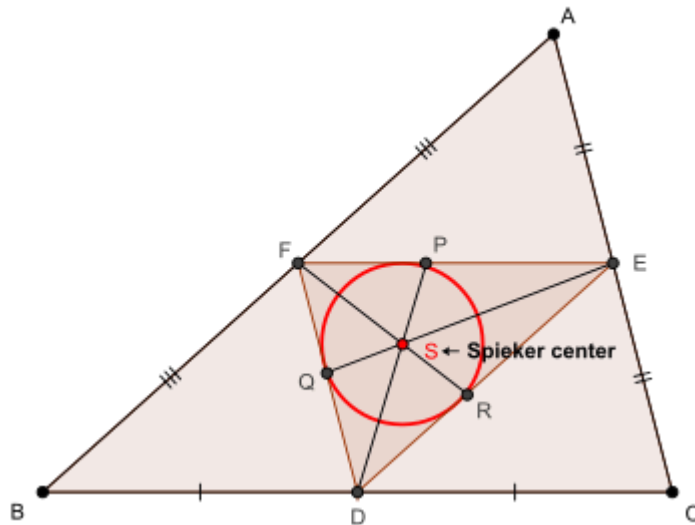
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In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$p_a p_b p_c \geq s^2 r \sqrt{\frac{7R - 4r}{5R}}$$

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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)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } 16[DEF]^2 &= 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\left(\frac{a^2}{4} \right) \left(\frac{b^2}{4} \right) \right) - \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^4}{16} = \frac{1}{16} \left(2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^4 \right) \\ &= \frac{16r^2 s^2}{16} \Rightarrow [DEF] = \frac{rs}{4} \Rightarrow r' \left(\frac{\frac{a}{2} + \frac{b}{2} + \frac{c}{2}}{2} \right) = \frac{rs}{4} \Rightarrow r' = \frac{r}{2} \rightarrow (1) \end{aligned}$$

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

Via (1), (2) and using cosine law on ΔAFS and ΔAES , we arrive at :

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 & - \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 \boxed{(*)} = \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 \boxed{(**)} \frac{r^2}{4\sin^2\frac{B}{2}} + \frac{r^2}{4\sin^2\frac{C}{2}} \\
 & (i), (*), (**) \Rightarrow 2AS^2 = \frac{b^2+c^2+ab+ca}{4} - \frac{(2s+a)(s-b)(s-c)}{2s} \\
 & = \frac{(a+b+c)(b^2+c^2+ab+ca) - (2a+b+c)(c+a-b)(a+b-c)}{8s} \\
 & = \frac{b^3+c^3-abc+a(2b^2+2c^2-a^2)}{4s} \Rightarrow 2AS^2 \boxed{(ii)} = \frac{b^3+c^3-abc+a(4m_a^2)}{4s} \\
 \text{Via sine law on } \triangle AFS, & \frac{r}{2\sin\frac{C}{2}\sin\alpha} = \frac{AS}{\cos\frac{A-B}{2}} = \frac{4s}{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 \\
 \text{via } (***) \text{ and } (***) & \Rightarrow \frac{p_a(a+b+a+c)}{4AS} = s \Rightarrow p_a = \frac{4s}{2s+a} AS \\
 \Rightarrow p_a^2 & \stackrel{\text{via (ii)}}{=} \frac{16s^2}{(2s+a)^2} \cdot \frac{b^3+c^3-abc+a(4m_a^2)}{8s}
 \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\text{We have : } \prod_{\text{cyc}} (2s+a) = 8s^3 + 4s^2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a + 2s \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab + 4Rrs =$$

$$8s^3 + 4s^2 \cdot 2s + 2s(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) + 4Rrs \Rightarrow \prod_{\text{cyc}} (2s+a) \stackrel{(\bullet\bullet)}{=} 2s(9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } b^3 + c^3 - abc + a(4m_a^2) &= b^3 + c^3 + a^3 - abc + a(2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2) - a^3 \\ &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 - abc + 2a \cdot 2bc \cos A = 2s(s^2 - 6Rr - 3r^2) - 4Rrs + 16Rrs \cos A \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow b^3 + c^3 - abc + a(4m_a^2) = 2s(Q + 8Rr \cos A) \text{ and analogs}$$

$$(Q = s^2 - 8Rr - 3r^2) \Rightarrow \prod_{\text{cyc}} (b^3 + c^3 - abc + a(4m_a^2))$$

$$= 8s^3 \left(Q^3 + Q^2 \cdot 8Rr \sum_{\text{cyc}} \cos A + Q \cdot 64R^2 r^2 \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \cos B \cos C + 512R^3 r^3 \prod_{\text{cyc}} \cos A \right)$$

$$= 8s^3 \left(Q^3 + Q^2 \cdot 8Rr \cdot \frac{R+r}{R} + Q \cdot 32R^2 r^2 \cdot \left(\left(\frac{R+r}{R} \right)^2 - \left(3 - \frac{2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)}{4R^2} \right) \right) + 512R^3 r^3 \cdot \frac{s^2 - (2R+r)^2}{4R^2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \prod_{\text{cyc}} (b^3 + c^3 - abc + a(4m_a^2)) \stackrel{(\bullet\bullet\bullet)}{=}$$

$$8s^3 \left((s^2 - 8Rr - 3r^2)^3 + (s^2 - 8Rr - 3r^2)^2 \cdot 8r(R+r) + (s^2 - 8Rr - 3r^2) \cdot 16r^2(s^2 - 4R^2 + r^2) + 128Rr^3(s^2 - (2R+r)^2) \right)$$

$$\therefore (\bullet), (\bullet\bullet), (\bullet\bullet\bullet) \Rightarrow \prod_{\text{cyc}} p_a^2 =$$

$$\frac{8s^3 \cdot 8s^3 \left((s^2 - 8Rr - 3r^2)^3 + (s^2 - 8Rr - 3r^2)^2 \cdot 8r(R+r) + (s^2 - 8Rr - 3r^2) \cdot 16r^2(s^2 - 4R^2 + r^2) + 128Rr^3(s^2 - (2R+r)^2) \right)}{4s^2(9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2)^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} s^4 r^2 \cdot \frac{7R-4r}{5R}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 80Rs^6 - r(1280R^2 - 633Rr - 324r^2)s^4 - r^3(3316R^2 + 3934Rr - 72r^2)s^2$$

$$- r^4(252R^3 + 1220R^2r + 199Rr^2 - 4r^3) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \text{ and } \therefore$$

$$P = 80R(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^3 + r(2560R^2 - 567Rr + 324r^2)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2 + 4r^2(5120R^3 - 2165R^2r + 1526Rr^2 - 792r^3)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 0$$

\therefore in order to prove ①, it suffices to prove : LHS of ① $\stackrel{?}{\geq} P$

$$\Leftrightarrow 1585t^3 - 480t^2 - 6348t + 1936 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \quad \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (t-2)(1585t^2 + 2690t - 968) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{① is true} \because \prod_{\text{cyc}} p_a^2 \geq s^4 r^2 \cdot \frac{7R-4r}{5R} \Rightarrow p_a p_b p_c \geq s^2 r \cdot \sqrt{\frac{7R-4r}{5R}} \quad \forall \Delta ABC,$$

" = " iff ΔABC is equilateral (QED)