

**SOLUTION**  
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1) In  $\triangle ABC$

$$\frac{r_a^2}{h_b m_c} + \frac{r_b^2}{h_c m_a} + \frac{r_c^2}{h_a m_b} \geq \frac{54r^2}{p^2 - r^2 - 4Rr}$$

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*Proof.*

*We prove the following lemma:*

**Lemma 1.**

2) In  $\triangle ABC$

$$\frac{r_a^2}{h_b m_c} + \frac{r_b^2}{h_c m_a} + \frac{r_c^2}{h_a m_b} \geq \frac{4(4R + r)^2}{5p^2 - 3r(4R + r)}$$

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*Proof.*

*Using the fact that  $h_a \leq m_a$  and Bergström inequality we obtain:*

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{r_a^2}{h_b m_c} &\geq \sum \frac{r_a^2}{m_b m_c} \geq \frac{(\sum r_a)^2}{\sum m_b m_c} \geq \frac{(4R + r)^2}{\frac{1}{4} \sum (2a^2 + bc)} = \frac{4(4R + r)^2}{2 \sum a^2 + \sum bc} = \\ &= \frac{4(4R + r)^2}{2 \cdot 2(p^2 - r^2 - 4Rr) + p^2 + r^2 + 4Rr} = \frac{4(4R + r)^2}{5p^2 - 3r(4R + r)} \end{aligned}$$

*Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.*

□

*Let's pass to solving the inequality from the enunciation.*

*Using Lemma 1 it's enough to prove that  $\frac{4(4R + r)^2}{5p^2 - 3r(4R + r)} \geq \frac{54r^2}{p^2 - r^2 - 4Rr}$ .*

*This inequality can be transformed equivalently:*

$$\begin{aligned} 2(4R + r)^2(p^2 - r^2 - 4Rr) &\geq 27r^2(5p^2 - 3r^2 - 12Rr) \Leftrightarrow \\ \Leftrightarrow p^2(32R^2 + 16Rr - 133r^2) &\geq 2r(4R + r)^3 - 81r^3(4R + r) \\ \text{which follows from Gerretsen's inequality } p^2 &\geq 16Rr - 5r^2 \end{aligned}$$

*and from the observation that  $32R^2 + 16Rr - 133r^2 > 0$  (see Euler's inequality  $R \geq 2r$ ).*

*It remains to prove that:*

$$\begin{aligned} (16Rr - 5r^2)(32R^2 + 16Rr - 133r^2) &\geq 2r(4R + r)^3 - 81r^3(4R + r) \Leftrightarrow \\ \Leftrightarrow 32R^3 - 159Rr^2 + 62r^3 &\geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(32R^2 + 64Rr - 31r^2) \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

*obviously from Euler's inequality.*

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

□

**Remark.**

Inequality 1) can be rewritten:

1) In  $\triangle ABC$

$$\frac{r_a^2}{h_b m_c} + \frac{r_b^2}{h_c m_a} + \frac{r_c^2}{h_a m_b} \geq \frac{108r^2}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}$$

*Proof.*

Using **Lemma 1** and the identity  $ab+bc+ca = p^2+r^2+4Rr$  it suffices to prove that

$$\frac{4(4R+r)^2}{5p^2-3r(4R+r)} \geq \frac{108r^2}{p^2+r^2+4Rr}$$

This inequality transformed equivalently:

$$\begin{aligned} (4R+r)^2(p^2+r^2+4Rr) &\geq 27r^2(5p^2-3r^2-12Rr) \Leftrightarrow \\ \Leftrightarrow p^2(16R^2+8Rr+r^2-135r^2) + r(4R+r)^3 + 81r^3(4R+r) &\geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \\ \Leftrightarrow p^2(8R^2+4Rr-67r^2) + 32R^3r + 24R^2r^2 + 168Rr^3 + 41r^4 &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

We distinguish the following cases:

Case 1). If  $8R^2+4Rr-67r^2 \geq 0$ , the inequality is obvious.

Case 2). If  $8R^2+4Rr-67r^2 < 0$ , the inequality can be rewritten:

$$32R^3r + 24R^2r^2 + 168Rr^3 + 41r^4 \geq p^2(67r^2 - 4Rr - 8r^2)$$

which follows from Gerretsen's inequality  $p^2 \leq 4R^2+4Rr+3r^2$ . It remains to prove that:

$$\begin{aligned} 32R^3r + 24R^2r^2 + 168Rr^3 + 41r^4 &\geq (4R^2+4Rr+3r^2)(67r^2-4Rr-8r^2) \Leftrightarrow \\ \Leftrightarrow 8R^4+20R^3r-51R^2r^2-22Rr^3-40r^4 &\geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (R-2r)(8R^3+36R^2r+21Rr^2+20r^3) \geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

obviously from Euler's inequality  $R \geq 2r$ .

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

□

**Remark.**

5. In  $\triangle ABC$

$$\frac{r_a^2}{h_b m_c} + \frac{r_b^2}{h_c m_a} + \frac{r_c^2}{h_a m_b} \geq \frac{108r^2}{ab+bc+ca} \geq \frac{108r^2}{a^2+b^2+c^2}.$$

*Proof.*

We use inequality 4) and inequality  $a^2+b^2+c^2 \geq ab+bc+ca$ .

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

□

**Remark.**

*Inequality 4) can also be strengthened:*

6) In  $\triangle ABC$

$$\frac{r_a^2}{h_b m_c} + \frac{r_b^2}{h_c m_a} + \frac{r_c^2}{h_a m_b} \geq \frac{9r\sqrt{3}}{p}$$

*Proof.*

$$\text{Using Lemma 1 it suffices to prove that } \frac{4(4R+r)^2}{5p^2 - 3r(4R+r)} \geq \frac{9r\sqrt{3}}{p}.$$

*This inequality can be transformed equivalently:*

$$4p(4R+r)^2 \geq 9r\sqrt{3}(5p^2 - 3r^2 - 12Rr), \text{ which follows from Mitrinović's inequality } p \geq 3r\sqrt{3}.$$

*It suffices to prove that*

$$4 \cdot 3r\sqrt{3}(4R+r)^2 \geq 9r\sqrt{3}(5p^2 - 3r^2 - 12Rr) \Leftrightarrow 4(4R+r)^2 \geq 15p^2 - 9r(4R+r) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4(4R+r)^2 + 9r(4R+r) \geq 15p^2, \text{ true from Gerretsen's inequality}$$

$$p^2 \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2. \text{ It remains to prove that:}$$

$$4(4R+r)^2 + 9r(4R+r) \geq 15(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) \Leftrightarrow R^2 + 2Rr - 8r^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (R-2r)(R+4r) \geq 0$$

*obviously from Euler's inequality } R \geq 2r.*

*Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.*

□

**Remark.**

*Inequality 6) is stronger than inequality 4).*

7) In  $\triangle ABC$

$$\frac{r_a^2}{h_b m_c} + \frac{r_b^2}{h_c m_a} + \frac{r_c^2}{h_a m_b} \geq \frac{9r\sqrt{3}}{p} \geq \frac{108r^2}{ab + bc + ca}$$

*Proof.*

$$\text{We use inequality 6) and the known inequality in triangle } ab + bc + ca \geq 4\sqrt{3}S$$

□

**Remark.**

*Inequality 6) can also be strengthened:*

8) In  $\triangle ABC$

$$\frac{r_a^2}{h_b m_c} + \frac{r_b^2}{h_c m_a} + \frac{r_c^2}{h_a m_b} \geq \frac{2p\sqrt{3}}{3R}$$

*Proof.*

Using **Lemma 1** it suffices to prove that  $\frac{4(4R+r)^2}{5p^2-3r(4R+r)} \geq \frac{2p\sqrt{3}}{3R}$ .

*This inequality can be transformed equivalently:*

$6R(4R+r)^2 \geq p\sqrt{3}(5p^2-3r^2-12Rr)$ , which follows from Doucet's inequality

$4R+r \geq p\sqrt{3}$ . It remains to prove that

$6R(4R+r)^2 \geq (4R+r)(5p^2-3r^2-12Rr) \Leftrightarrow 6R(4R+r) \geq 5p^2-3r^2-12Rr$

true from Gerretsen's inequality  $p^2 \leq 4R^2+4Rr+3r^2$ . It remains to prove that:

$6R(4R+r) \geq 5(4R^2+4Rr+3r^2)-3r^2-12Rr \Leftrightarrow 2R^2-Rr-6r^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (R-r)(2R+3r) \geq 0$

obviously from Euler's inequality  $R \geq 2r$ .

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral. □

**Remark.**

*Inequality 8) is stronger than inequality 6).*

9) In  $\triangle ABC$

$$\frac{r_a^2}{h_b m_c} + \frac{r_b^2}{h_c m_a} + \frac{r_c^2}{h_a m_b} \geq \frac{2p\sqrt{3}}{3R} \geq \frac{9r\sqrt{3}}{p}.$$

**Remark.**

*We use inequality 8) and the known inequality in triangle  $2p^2 \geq 27Rr$*

*(true from Gerretsen's inequality  $p^2 \geq 16Rr-5r^2$  and Euler's inequality  $R \geq 2r$ ).*

**Remark.**

*We can write the following inequalities:*

10) In  $\triangle ABC$

$$\frac{r_a^2}{h_b m_c} + \frac{r_b^2}{h_c m_a} + \frac{r_c^2}{h_a m_b} \geq \frac{4(4R+r)^2}{5p^2-3r(4R+r)} \geq \frac{9r\sqrt{3}}{p} \geq \frac{108r^2}{p^2+r^2+4Rr} \geq \frac{54r^2}{p^2-r^2-4Rr}$$

*Proof.*

*We use Lemma 1 and the above inequalities.*

*Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral. □*

**Remark.**

*Let's find an inequality having an apposite sense:*

11) In  $\triangle ABC$

$$\frac{r_a^2}{h_b m_c} + \frac{r_b^2}{h_c m_a} + \frac{r_c^2}{h_a m_b} \leq \left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^2 - \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{R}{r} + \frac{1}{2}.$$

*Proof.*

*Let's prove the following lemma:*

**Lemma 2.**

**12) In  $\triangle ABC$**

$$\frac{r_a^2}{h_b m_c} + \frac{r_b^2}{h_c m_a} + \frac{r_c^2}{h_a m_b} \leq \frac{p^2(r - 8R) + (4R + r)^3}{4rp^2}$$

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*Proof.*

*Using the fact that  $h_a \leq m_a$  we obtain:*

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{r_a^2}{h_b m_c} &\leq \sum \frac{r_a^2}{h_b h_c} = \sum \frac{\frac{S^2}{(p-a)^2}}{\frac{2S}{b} \cdot \frac{2S}{c}} = \frac{1}{4} \sum \frac{bc}{(p-a)^2} = \frac{1}{4} \det \frac{p^2(r - 8R) + (4R + r)^3}{rp^2} = \\ &= \frac{p^2(r - 8R) + (4R + r)^3}{4rp^2} \end{aligned}$$

*The equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.*

□

*Let's pass to solving inequality 11).*

*Using Lemma 2 it suffices to prove that  $\frac{p^2(r - 8R) + (4R + r)^3}{4rp^2} \leq \left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^2 - \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{R}{r} + \frac{1}{2}$*

*This inequality can be transformed equivalently:*

$$p^2(r - 8R) + (4R + r)^3 \leq p^2(4R^2 - 3Rr + 2r^2) \Leftrightarrow p^2(4R^2 + 5Rr + r^2) \geq r(4R + r)^3$$

$$\text{which follows from inequality } p^2 \geq \frac{r(4R + r)^2}{R + r}$$

*(true from Gerretsen's inequality  $p^2 \geq 16Rr - 5r^2$  and Euler's inequality  $R \geq 2r$ ).*

*The equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.*

□

**Remark.**

*The double inequality can be written:*

**1) In  $\triangle ABC$**

$$\frac{4(4R + r)^2}{5p^2 - 3r(4R + r)} \leq \frac{r_a^2}{h_b m_c} + \frac{r_b^2}{h_c m_a} + \frac{r_c^2}{h_a m_b} \leq \frac{p^2(r - 8R) + (4R + r)^3}{4rp^2}$$

*Proof.*

*See Lemma 1 and Lemma 2*

*The equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.*

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