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**SP.096. Let  $ABC$  be a triangle and  $w_a, w_b, w_c$  are bisectors of  $ABC$ . Prove that:**

$$\frac{1}{aw_a^2} + \frac{1}{bw_b^2} + \frac{1}{cw_c^2} \geq \frac{1}{R\Delta}$$

where  $R$  is the circumradius of  $ABC$ ,  $\Delta$  is area of  $ABC$ .

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

$$\begin{aligned} w_a^2 &= \frac{4b^2c^2}{(b+c)^2} \cdot \frac{s(s-a)}{bc} = \frac{4bcs(s-a)}{(b+c)^2} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{aw_a^2} = \frac{(b+c)^2}{4abcs(s-a)} \quad (1) \\ \text{Similarly, } \frac{1}{bw_b^2} &\stackrel{(2)}{=} \frac{(c+a)^2}{4abcs(s-b)} \quad \& \quad \frac{1}{cw_c^2} \stackrel{(3)}{=} \frac{(a+b)^2}{4abcs(s-c)} \\ (1) + (2) + (3) &\Rightarrow \text{LHS} = \frac{1}{4s \cdot 4R\Delta} \sum \frac{(a+b)^2}{s-c} \\ &= \frac{1}{16sR\Delta} \sum \frac{(s+s-c)^2}{s-c} = \frac{1}{16sR\Delta} \sum \frac{s^2 + 2s(s-c) + (s-c)^2}{s-c} \\ &= \frac{1}{16sR\Delta} \left\{ s^2 \sum \frac{1}{s-c} + 2s \sum (1) + \sum (s-c) \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{16sR\Delta} \left[ \frac{s^3}{r^2s^2} \sum \{s^2 - s(a+b) + ab\} + 6s + (3s - 2s) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{16sR\Delta} \left\{ \frac{s}{r^2} (3s^2 - 4s^2 + s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) + 7s \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{16sR\Delta} \left\{ \frac{s(4R+r)}{r} + 7s \right\} = \frac{s(4R+8r)}{16sR\Delta r} \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \frac{R+2r}{4r \cdot R\Delta} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{=} \frac{4r}{4r \cdot R\Delta} = \frac{1}{R\Delta} \quad (\text{Proved})$$

**Proof 2:**  $w_a^2 \leq s(s-a) \Rightarrow aw_a^2 \leq as(s-a) \Rightarrow \frac{1}{aw_a^2} \geq \frac{1}{as(s-a)} \quad (1)$

Similarly,  $\frac{1}{bw_b^2} \stackrel{(2)}{\geq} \frac{1}{bs(s-b)}$  &  $\frac{1}{cw_c^2} \stackrel{(3)}{\geq} \frac{1}{cs(s-c)}$

$$(1) + (2) + (3) \Rightarrow LHS \geq \frac{1}{s} \sum \frac{1}{a(s-a)} \quad (4)$$

WLOG, we may assume  $a \geq b \geq c$

Then  $\frac{1}{a} \leq \frac{1}{b} \leq \frac{1}{c}$  and  $\frac{1}{s-a} \geq \frac{1}{s-b} \geq \frac{1}{s-c}$

$$(4) \Rightarrow LHS \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\geq} \frac{1}{3s} \sum \frac{1}{a} \sum \frac{1}{s-a}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3s} \left( \frac{\sum ab}{abc} \right) \frac{s}{r^2 s^2} \left\{ \sum (s-b)(s-c) \right\}$$

$$= \frac{(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)}{3r^2 s^2 \cdot 4R\Delta} (3s^2 - 4s^2 + s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)$$

$$= \frac{(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)(4R + r)}{12rs^2 R\Delta} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{1}{R\Delta}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)(4R + r) \geq 12rs^2 \quad (5)$$

Now, LHS of (5)  $\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (20Rr - 4r^2)(4R + r)$

& RHS of (5)  $\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} 12r(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)$

$\therefore$  it suffices to prove:

$$(5R - r)(4R + r) \geq 3(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 8R^2 - 11Rr - 10r^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(8R + 5r) \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{true}$$

$$\therefore R \geq 2r \text{ (Euler)} \Rightarrow (5) \text{ is true (Proved)}$$

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**Solution 2 by Myagmarsuren Yadamsuren-Darkhan-Mongolia**

$$\sum \frac{1}{a \cdot w_a^2} \geq \frac{1}{R \cdot \Delta}$$

$$x = p - a$$

$$y = p - b \Rightarrow x + y + z = p$$

$$z = p - c$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1) \sum \frac{1}{a \cdot w_a^2} &= \frac{1}{(y+z) \cdot \left( \frac{2}{2x+y+z} \cdot \sqrt{x(x+z)(y+x) \cdot \sum x} \right)^2} = \\ &= \sum \frac{(2x+y+z)^2}{4x \prod(x+y) \cdot \sum x} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{(\sum(2xy+y+z))^2}{4 \sum x \prod(x+y)} = \frac{16(x+y+z)^2}{4(x+y+z)^2 \cdot \prod(x+y)} \\ &= \frac{4}{\prod(x+y)} = \text{LHS} \end{aligned}$$

$$2) \frac{1}{R \cdot \Delta} = \frac{1}{\frac{abc}{4\Delta} \cdot \Delta} = \frac{4}{abc} = \frac{4}{\prod(x+y)} = \text{RHS}$$

$$1), 2) \sum \frac{1}{aw_a^2} \geq \frac{4}{\prod(x+y)} = \frac{1}{R \cdot \Delta}$$