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**1) X.64. BĂTINEȚU'S INEQUALITY – 1**

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

$$\frac{y+z}{x} \cdot a^2 + \frac{z+x}{y} \cdot b^2 + \frac{x+y}{z} \cdot c^2 \geq 8\sqrt{3} \cdot S$$

*Proposed by D.M. Bătinețu – Giurgiu – Romania*

*Proof.*

We prove:

*Lemma*

**2) If  $x, y, z > 0$  then in  $\Delta ABC$**

$$\frac{y+z}{x} \cdot a^2 + \frac{z+x}{y} \cdot b^2 + \frac{x+y}{z} \cdot c^2 \geq 2 \sum bc$$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} M_s &= \sum \frac{y+z}{x} \cdot a^2 = \sum \left( \frac{y+z}{x} + 1 - 1 \right) \cdot a^2 = \sum \frac{x+y+z}{x} a^2 - \sum a^2 = \\ &= (x+y+z) \sum \frac{a^2}{x} - \sum a^2 \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} (x+y+z) \frac{(\sum a)^2}{x+y+z} - \sum a^2 = \\ &= (\sum a)^2 - \sum a^2 = \sum a^2 + 2 \sum bc - \sum a^2 = 2 \sum bc \end{aligned}$$

*Let's get back to the main problem:*

*Using the Lemma, it suffices to prove that:*

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \sum bc &\geq 8\sqrt{3} \cdot S \Leftrightarrow \sum bc \geq 4\sqrt{3} \cdot S \Leftrightarrow \left( \sum bc \right)^2 \geq 48S^2 \Leftrightarrow \\ &\Leftrightarrow (s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr)^2 \geq 48r^2s^2 \Leftrightarrow s^2(s^2 + 8Rr - 46r^2) + r^2(4R + r)^2 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

*We've used the known identity in triangle  $\sum bc = s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr$*

*We distinguish the cases:*

*Case 1). If  $(s^2 + 8Rr - 46r^2) \geq 0$ , the inequality is obvious.*



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*Case 2). If  $(s^2 + 8Rr - 46r^2) < 0$ , the inequality can be rewritten:*

*$r^2(4R + r)^2 \geq s^2(46r^2 - 8Rr - s^2)$ , which follows from Blundon-Gerretsen's inequality*

$$16Rr - 5r^2 \leq s^2 \leq \frac{R(4R+r)^2}{2(2R-r)}. \text{ It remains to prove that:}$$

$$r^2(4R + r)^2 \geq \frac{R(4R+r)^2}{2(2R-r)}(46r^2 - 8Rr - 16Rr + 5r^2) \Leftrightarrow 24R^2 - 47Rr - 2r^2 \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(24R + r) \geq 0, \text{ obviously from Euler's inequality } R \geq 2r.$$

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

### 3) X.65. BĂTINEȚU INEQUALITY – 2

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

$$\frac{y+z}{x} \cdot a^4 + \frac{z+x}{y} \cdot b^4 + \frac{x+y}{z} \cdot c^4 \geq 32S^2$$

*Proposed by D.M. Bătinețu – Giurgiu – Romania*

*Solution*

*We prove:*

*Lemma.*

**4) If  $x, y, z > 0$  then in  $\Delta ABC$ :**

$$\frac{y+z}{x} \cdot a^4 + \frac{z+x}{y} \cdot b^4 + \frac{x+y}{z} \cdot c^4 \geq 2 \sum b^2 c^2$$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} M_s &= \sum \frac{y+z}{x} \cdot a^4 = \sum \left( \frac{y+z}{x} + 1 - 1 \right) \cdot a^4 = \sum \frac{x+y+z}{x} a^4 - \sum a^4 = \\ &= (x+y+z) \sum \frac{a^4}{x} - \sum a^4 \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} (x+y+z) \frac{(\sum a^2)^2}{x+y+z} - \sum a^4 = \\ &= \left( \sum a^2 \right)^2 - \sum a^4 = \sum a^4 + 2 \sum b^2 c^2 - \sum a^4 = 2 \sum b^2 c^2 \end{aligned}$$

*Let's get back to the main problem:*

*Using the Lemma, it suffices to prove that:*

$$2 \sum b^2 c^2 \geq 32S^2 \Leftrightarrow \sum b^2 c^2 \geq 16S^2 \Leftrightarrow s^4 + s^2(2r^2 - 8Rr) + r^2(4R + r)^2 \geq$$



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$$\geq 16r^2s^2 \Leftrightarrow s^2(s^2 - 8Rr - 14r^2) + r^2(4R + r)^2 \geq 0$$

We've used the known identity in triangle  $\sum b^2c^2 = s^4 + s^2(2r^2 - 8Rr) + r^2(4R + r)^2$

We distinguish the cases:

Case 1). If  $(s^2 - 8Rr - 14r^2) \geq 0$ , the inequality is obvious.

Case 2). If  $(s^2 - 8Rr - 14r^2) < 0$ , the inequality can be rewritten:

$r^2(4R + r)^2 \geq s^2(8Rr + 14r^2 - s^2)$ , which follows from Blundon-Gerretsen's inequality

$$16Rr - 5r^2 \leq s^2 \leq \frac{R(4R+r)^2}{2(2R-r)}. \text{ It remains to prove that:}$$

$$r^2(4R + r)^2 \geq \frac{R(4R+r)^2}{2(2R-r)}(8Rr + 14r^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2) \Leftrightarrow 8R^2 - 17Rr - 2r^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(8R + r) \geq 0, \text{ obviously from Euler's inequality } R \geq 2r.$$

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

5) X.74. If  $x, y, z > 0$  then in  $\Delta ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$\left( \frac{y^2 + z^2}{x^2} + \frac{z^2 + x^2}{y^2} + \frac{x^2 + y^2}{z^2} \right) (a^4 + b^4 + c^4) \geq 96S^2$$

Proposed by D.M. Bătinețu – Giurgiu, Dan Nănuță – Romania

*Solution*

We prove:

*Lemma.*

6) In  $\Delta ABC$ :

$$a^4 + b^4 + c^4 \geq 16S^2$$

*F. Goldner, 1949*

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Using } \sum a^4 &= 2[s^4 - s^2(8Rr + 6r^2) + r^2(4R + r)^2], \text{ we have } a^4 + b^4 + c^4 \geq 16S^2 \Leftrightarrow \\ &\Leftrightarrow 2[s^4 - s^2(8Rr + 6r^2) + r^2(4R + r)^2] \geq 16r^2s^2 \Leftrightarrow \\ &\Leftrightarrow s^2(s^2 - 8Rr - 14r^2) + r^2(4R + r)^2 \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

We distinguish the cases:

Case 1). If  $(s^2 - 8Rr - 14r^2) \geq 0$ , the inequality is obvious.



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*Case 2). If  $(s^2 - 8Rr - 14r^2) < 0$ , the inequality can be rewritten:*

*$r^2(4R + r)^2 \geq s^2(8Rr + 14r^2 - s^2)$ , which follows from Blundon-Gerretsen inequality*

*$16Rr - 5r^2 \leq s^2 \leq \frac{R(4R+r)^2}{2(2R-r)}$ . It remains to prove that:*

$$r^2(4R + r)^2 \geq \frac{R(4R+r)^2}{2(2R-r)} (8Rr + 14r^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2) \Leftrightarrow 8R^2 - 17Rr - 2r^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(8R + r) \geq 0, \text{ obviously from Euler's inequality } R \geq 2r.$$

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

*Let's get back to the main problem:*

*We have  $\frac{y^2+z^2}{x^2} + \frac{z^2+x^2}{y^2} + \frac{x^2+y^2}{z^2} \geq 6$ , which follows from  $\frac{x^2}{y^2} + \frac{y^2}{x^2} \geq 2$ , with equality for  $x = y$*

*and the analogs.*

*Using the Lemma and the above inequality we obtain the conclusion.*

*Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral and  $x = y = z$ .*

*Remark.*

*In the same way we can propose:*

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

$$\frac{y+z}{x} \cdot (b+c)^2 + \frac{z+x}{y} \cdot (c+a)^2 + \frac{x+y}{z} \cdot (a+b)^2 \geq 32\sqrt{3} \cdot s$$

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*Solution.*

*We prove:*

*Lemma.*

**8) If  $x, y, z > 0$  then in  $\Delta ABC$ :**

$$\frac{y+z}{x} \cdot (b+c)^2 + \frac{z+x}{y} \cdot (c+a)^2 + \frac{x+y}{z} \cdot (a+b)^2 \geq 8s^2 + 2 \sum bc$$

*Proof.*

$$M_s = \sum \frac{y+z}{x} \cdot (b+c)^2 = \sum \left( \frac{y+z}{x} + 1 - 1 \right) \cdot (b+c)^2 =$$



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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum \frac{x+y+z}{x} (b+c)^2 - \sum (b+c)^2 = (x+y+z) \sum \frac{(b+c)^2}{x} - \sum (b+c)^2 \geq \\
 &\stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} (x+y+z) \frac{(2 \sum a)^2}{x+y+z} - \sum (b+c)^2 = 4 \left( \sum a \right)^2 - \sum (b^2 + c^2 + 2bc) = \\
 &= 4 \sum a^2 + 8 \sum bc - 2 \sum a^2 - 2 \sum bc = 2 \sum a^2 + 6 \sum bc = 8s^2 + 2 \sum bc
 \end{aligned}$$

*Let's get back to the main problem:*

*Using the Lemma, it suffices to prove that:*

$$\begin{aligned}
 8s^2 + 2 \sum bc &\geq 32\sqrt{3} \cdot S \Leftrightarrow 5s^2 + 4Rr + r^2 \geq 16\sqrt{3} \cdot S \Leftrightarrow \\
 &\Leftrightarrow (5s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2 \geq 768r^2s^2 \Leftrightarrow \\
 &\Leftrightarrow s^2(25s^2 + 40Rr - 758r^2) + r^2(4R + r)^2 \geq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

*We've used the known identity in triangle  $\sum bc = s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr$ .*

*We distinguish the cases:*

*Case 1). If  $(25s^2 + 40Rr - 758r^2) \geq 0$ , the inequality is obvious.*

*Case 2). If  $(25s^2 + 40Rr - 758r^2) < 0$ , the inequality can be rewritten:*

$r^2(4R + r)^2 \geq s^2(46r^2 - 8Rr - s^2)$ , which follows from Blundon-Gerretsen inequality

$$16Rr - 5r^2 \leq s^2 \leq \frac{R(4R+r)^2}{2(2R-r)}. \text{ It remains to prove that:}$$

$$r^2(4R + r)^2 \geq \frac{R(4R+r)^2}{2(2R-r)} (758r^2 - 40Rr - 25(16Rr - 5r^2)) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 440R^2 - 879Rr - 2r^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(440R + r) \geq 0, \text{ obvious from Euler's}$$

*inequality  $R \geq 2r$ .*

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

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

$$\frac{y+z}{x} \cdot (b+c)^4 + \frac{z+x}{y} \cdot (c+a)^4 + \frac{x+y}{z} \cdot (a+b)^4 \geq 512S^2$$

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**Solution**

*We prove:*



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**Lemma**

**10) If  $x, y, z > 0$  then in  $\Delta ABC$ :**

$$\frac{y+z}{x} \cdot (b+c)^4 + \frac{z+x}{y} \cdot (c+a)^4 + \frac{x+y}{z} \cdot (a+b)^4 \geq 2 \sum (a+b)^2 (a+c)^2$$

**Proof.**

$$\begin{aligned} M_s &= \sum \frac{y+z}{x} \cdot (b+c)^4 = \sum \left( \frac{y+z}{x} + 1 - 1 \right) \cdot (b+c)^4 = \\ &= \sum \frac{x+y+z}{x} (b+c)^4 - \sum (b+c)^4 = (x+y+z) \sum \frac{(b+c)^4}{x} - \sum (b+c)^4 \geq \\ &\stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} (x+y+z) \frac{(\sum (b+c)^2)^2}{x+y+z} - \sum (b+c)^4 = \left( \sum (b+c)^2 \right)^2 - \sum (b+c)^4 = \\ &= \sum (b+c)^4 + 2 \sum (a+b)^2 (a+c)^2 - \sum (b+c)^4 = 2 \sum (a+b)^2 (a+c)^2 \end{aligned}$$

*Let's get back to the main problem:*

*Using the Lemma, it suffices to prove that:*

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \sum (a+b)^2 (a+c)^2 &\geq 512S^2 \Leftrightarrow \sum (a+b)^2 (a+c)^2 \geq 256S^2 \Leftrightarrow \\ &\Leftrightarrow 9s^4 + s^2(8Rr - 6r^2) + r^2(4R + r)^2 \geq 256r^2s^2 \Leftrightarrow \\ &\Leftrightarrow s^2(9s^2 + 8Rr - 262r^2) + r^2(4R + r)^2 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

*We've used the known identity in triangle*

$$\sum (a+b)^2 (a+c)^2 = 9s^4 + s^2(8Rr - 6r^2) + r^2(4R + r)^2$$

*We distinguish the cases:*

**Case 1). If  $(9s^2 + 8Rr - 262r^2) \geq 0$ , the inequality is obvious.**

**Case 2). If  $(9s^2 + 8Rr - 262r^2) < 0$ , the inequality can be rewritten:**

$r^2(4R + r)^2 \geq s^2(262r^2 - 8Rr - 9s^2)$ , which follows from Blundon-Gerretsen

$$16Rr - 5r^2 \leq s^2 \leq \frac{R(4R+r)^2}{2(2R-r)}. \text{ It remains to prove that:}$$

$$r^2(4R + r)^2 \geq \frac{R(4R+r)^2}{2(2R-r)} (262r^2 - 8Rr - 9(16Rr - 5r^2)) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 152R^2 - 303Rr - 2r^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(152R + r) \geq 0, \text{ obvious from Euler's inequality } R \geq 2r.$$



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

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

$$\frac{y+z}{x} \cdot b^2 c^2 + \frac{z+x}{y} \cdot c^2 a^2 + \frac{x+y}{z} \cdot a^2 b^2 \geq 32S^2$$

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**Solution**

*We prove:*

**Lemma.**

**12) If  $x, y, z > 0$  then in  $\Delta ABC$ :**

$$\frac{y+z}{x} \cdot b^2 c^2 + \frac{z+x}{y} \cdot c^2 a^2 + \frac{x+y}{z} \cdot a^2 b^2 \geq 2abc \sum a$$

**Proof.**

$$\begin{aligned} M_s &= \sum \frac{y+z}{x} \cdot b^2 c^2 = \sum \left( \frac{y+z}{x} + 1 - 1 \right) \cdot b^2 c^2 = \sum \frac{x+y+z}{x} b^2 c^2 - \sum b^2 c^2 = \\ &= (x+y+z) \sum \frac{b^2 c^2}{x} - \sum b^2 c^2 \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} (x+y+z) \frac{(\sum bc)^2}{x+y+z} - \sum b^2 c^2 = \\ &= \left( \sum bc \right)^2 - \sum b^2 c^2 = \sum b^2 c^2 + 2abc \sum a - \sum b^2 c^2 = 2abc \sum a \end{aligned}$$

*Let's get to the main problem:*

*Using the Lemma, it suffices to prove that:*

$$2abc \sum a \geq 32S^2 \Leftrightarrow 8Rrs^2 \geq 16r^2s^2 \Leftrightarrow R \geq 2r \text{ (Euler's inequality)}$$

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

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

$$\frac{y+z}{x} \cdot r_b^2 r_c^2 + \frac{z+x}{y} \cdot r_c^2 r_a^2 + \frac{x+y}{z} \cdot r_a^2 r_b^2 \geq 18S^2$$

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**Solution**

*We prove:*

**Lemma.**



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14) If  $x, y, z > 0$  then in  $\Delta ABC$ :

$$\frac{y+z}{x} \cdot r_b^2 r_c^2 + \frac{z+x}{y} \cdot r_c^2 r_a^2 + \frac{x+y}{z} \cdot r_a^2 r_b^2 \geq 2r_a r_b r_c \sum r_a$$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} M_s &= \sum \frac{y+z}{x} \cdot r_b^2 r_c^2 = \sum \left( \frac{y+z}{x} + 1 - 1 \right) \cdot r_b^2 r_c^2 = \sum \frac{x+y+z}{x} r_b^2 r_c^2 = \\ &= (x+y+z) \sum \frac{r_b^2 r_c^2}{x} - \sum r_b^2 r_c^2 \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} (x+y+z) \frac{(\sum r_b r_c)^2}{x+y+z} - \sum r_b^2 r_c^2 = \\ &= \left( \sum r_b r_c \right)^2 - \sum r_b^2 r_c^2 = \sum r_b^2 r_c^2 + 2r_a r_b r_c \sum r_a - \sum r_b^2 r_c^2 = 2r_a r_b r_c \sum r_a \end{aligned}$$

Let's get back to the main problem:

Using the Lemma, it suffices to prove that:

$$2r_a r_b r_c \sum r_a \geq 18S^2 \Leftrightarrow r_a r_b r_c \sum r_a \geq 9r^2 s^2 \Leftrightarrow 2rs^2(4R+r) \geq 9r^2 s^2 \Leftrightarrow R \geq 2r$$

(Euler)

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

15) If  $x, y, z > 0$  then in  $\Delta ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{y+z}{x} \cdot r_a^2 + \frac{z+x}{y} \cdot r_b^2 + \frac{x+y}{z} \cdot r_c^2 \geq 6\sqrt{3} \cdot S$$

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*Solution*

We prove:

*Lemma:*

16) If  $x, y, z > 0$  then in  $\Delta ABC$ :

$$\frac{y+z}{x} \cdot r_a^2 + \frac{z+x}{y} \cdot r_b^2 + \frac{x+y}{z} \cdot r_c^2 \geq 2 \sum r_b r_c$$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} M_s &= \sum \frac{y+z}{x} \cdot r_a^2 = \sum \left( \frac{y+z}{x} + 1 - 1 \right) \cdot r_a^2 = \sum \frac{x+y+z}{x} r_a^2 - \sum r_a^2 = \\ &= (x+y+z) \sum \frac{r_a^2}{x} - \sum r_a^2 \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} (x+y+z) \frac{(\sum r_a)^2}{x+y+z} - \sum r_a^2 = \end{aligned}$$



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$$= \left( \sum r_b r_c \right)^2 - \sum r_a^2 = \sum r_a^2 + 2 \sum r_b r_c - \sum r_a^2 = 2 \sum r_b r_c$$

*Let's get back to the main problem:*

*Using the Lemma, it suffices to prove that:*

$$2 \sum r_b r_c \geq 6\sqrt{3} \cdot s \Leftrightarrow \sum r_b r_c \geq 3\sqrt{3} \cdot rs \Leftrightarrow s^2 \geq 3\sqrt{3} \cdot rs \Leftrightarrow s \geq 3r\sqrt{3} \text{ (Mitrinovic)}$$

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

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