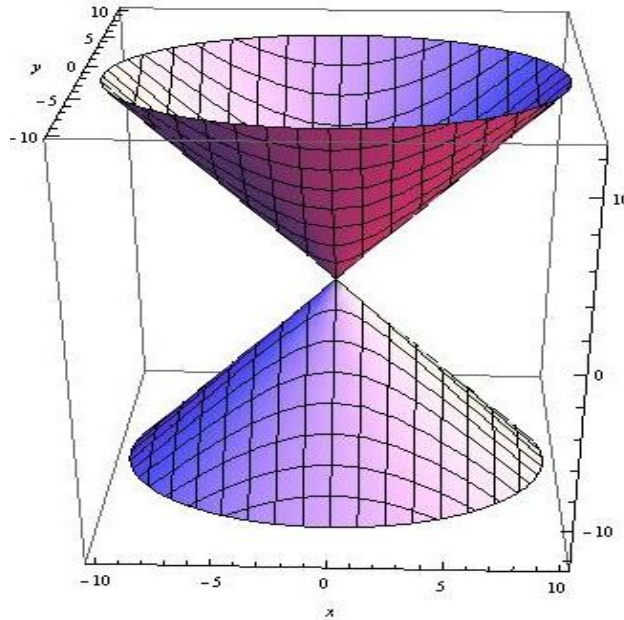


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In $\triangle ABC$, n_a –Nagel's cevian, the following relationship holds:

$$2r \leq \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{n_a + h_a} \right)^{-1} \leq R$$

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Perpendicular distance is least among all line segments from A to BC, $\therefore h_a$

$$\leq n_a \Rightarrow n_a + h_a \geq 2h_a \Rightarrow \frac{1}{n_a + h_a} \stackrel{(i)}{\geq} \frac{1}{2h_a}$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \frac{1}{n_b + h_b} \stackrel{(ii)}{\geq} \frac{1}{2h_b} \text{ and } \frac{1}{n_c + h_c} \stackrel{(iii)}{\geq} \frac{1}{2h_c} \therefore (i) + (ii) + (iii) \Rightarrow \sum \frac{1}{n_a + h_a} \\ \leq \frac{1}{2} \sum \frac{1}{h_a} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum \frac{a}{2rs} \right) = \frac{2s}{4rs} = \frac{1}{2r}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\sum \frac{1}{n_a + h_a} \right)^{-1} \stackrel{(m)}{\geq} 2r$$

Now, Stewart's theorem $\Rightarrow b^2(s - c) + c^2(s - b) = an_a^2 + a(s - b)(s - c)$

$$\Rightarrow s(b^2 + c^2) - bc(2s - a) = an_a^2 + a(s^2 - s(2s - a) + bc)$$

$$\Rightarrow s(b^2 + c^2) - 2sbc = an_a^2 + a(as - s^2)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow s(b^2 + c^2 - a^2 - 2bc) &= an_a^2 - as^2 \Rightarrow an_a^2 = as^2 + s(2bccosA - 2bc) \\ &= as^2 - 4sbcsin^2 \frac{A}{2} = as^2 - \frac{4sbc(s-b)(s-c)(s-a)}{bc(s-a)} \end{aligned}$$

$$= as^2 - \frac{4\Delta^2}{s-a} = as^2 - 2a \left(\frac{2\Delta}{a} \right) \left(\frac{\Delta}{s-a} \right) = as^2 - 2ah_a r_a \therefore n_a^2 \stackrel{(1)}{\cong} s^2 - 2h_a r_a$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{n_a}{h_a} \leq \frac{R}{r} - 1 \Leftrightarrow \frac{R^2}{r^2} - \frac{2R}{r} + 1 \geq \frac{n_a^2}{h_a^2} \stackrel{\text{by (1)}}{\Leftrightarrow} \frac{R^2}{r^2} - \frac{2R}{r} + 1 \geq \frac{s^2 - 2h_a r_a}{h_a^2}$$

$$= \frac{s^2 a^2}{4r^2 s^2} - \frac{2r_a}{h_a} = \frac{a^2}{4r^2} - \left(\frac{2rs}{s-a} \right) \left(\frac{a}{2rs} \right) = \frac{a^2}{4r^2} - \frac{(a-s) + s}{s-a}$$

$$= \frac{a^2}{4r^2} + 1 - \frac{s}{s-a} = 1 + \frac{a^2(s-a) - 4(sr^2)}{4(s-a)r^2}$$

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

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

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{R^2}{r^2} - \frac{2R}{r} \geq \frac{(b-c)^2}{4r^2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{R(R-2r)}{r^2} \geq \frac{b^2 + c^2 - 2bc}{4r^2} \Leftrightarrow R - 2r \geq \frac{b^2 + c^2}{4R} - \frac{bc}{2R}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow R \left(1 - \frac{2r}{R} \right) \geq \frac{4R^2(\sin^2 B + \sin^2 C)}{4R} - \frac{4R^2 \sin B \sin C}{2R} \Leftrightarrow 1 - \frac{8R \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}}{R}$$

$$\geq \sin^2 B + \sin^2 C - 2\sin B \sin C = (\sin B - \sin C)^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 1 - 4\sin \frac{A}{2} \left(2\sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2} \right) \geq \left(2\cos \frac{B+C}{2} \sin \frac{B-C}{2} \right)^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 1 - 4\sin \frac{A}{2} \left(\cos \frac{B-C}{2} - \cos \frac{B+C}{2} \right) \geq 4\sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \left(1 - \cos^2 \frac{B-C}{2} \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 1 - 4\sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B-C}{2} + 4\sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \geq 4\sin^2 \frac{A}{2} - 4\sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \cos^2 \frac{B-C}{2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4\sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \cos^2 \frac{B-C}{2} - 4\sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B-C}{2} + 1 \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left(2\sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B-C}{2} - 1 \right)^2 \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \Rightarrow \frac{n_a}{h_a} \leq \frac{R}{r} - 1 \Rightarrow \frac{n_a + h_a}{h_a} \leq \frac{R}{r} \Rightarrow n_a + h_a$$

$$\leq \frac{R}{r} \left(\frac{2rs}{a} \right) = \frac{2Rs}{a} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{n_a + h_a} \stackrel{(a)}{\geq} \frac{a}{2Rs}$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \frac{1}{n_b + h_b} \stackrel{(b)}{\geq} \frac{b}{2Rs} \text{ and } \frac{1}{n_c + h_c} \stackrel{(c)}{\geq} \frac{c}{2Rs} \therefore (a) + (b) + (c) \Rightarrow \sum \frac{1}{n_a + h_a}$$

$$\geq \frac{2s}{2Rs} = \frac{1}{R} \Rightarrow \left(\sum \frac{1}{n_a + h_a} \right)^{-1} \stackrel{(n)}{\geq} R$$

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$$(\mathbf{m}), (\mathbf{n}) \Rightarrow 2r \leq \left(\sum \frac{1}{\mathbf{n}_a + \mathbf{h}_a} \right)^{-1} \leq \mathbf{R} \text{ (Proved)}$$