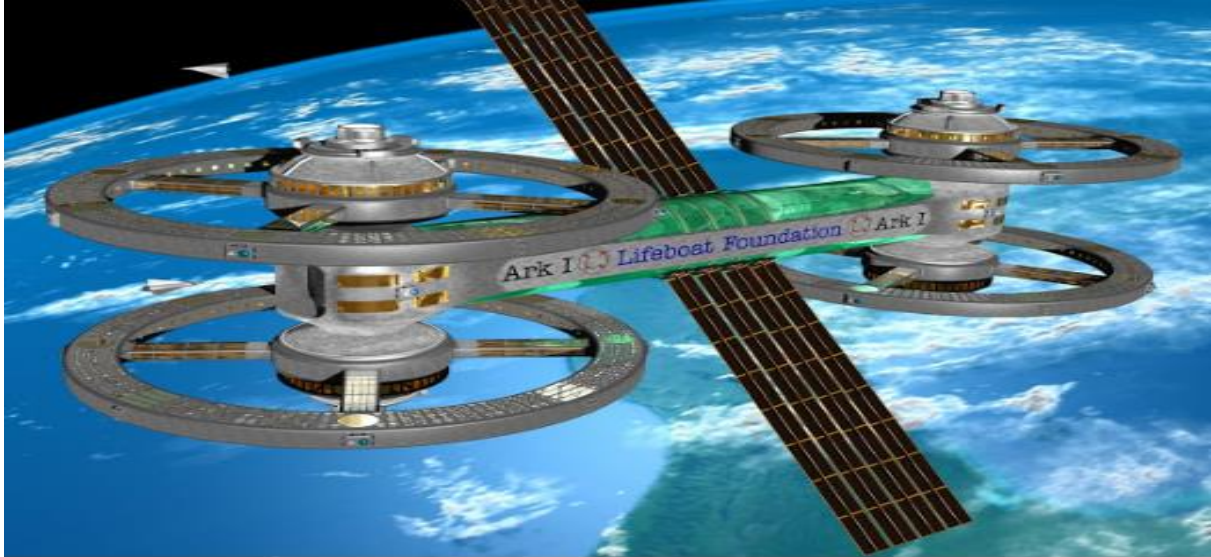


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In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2}{abc(a + b + c)} \leq \frac{R}{2r}$$

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Using Goldstone Inequality:

$$16r^2s^2 \leq a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2 \leq 4R^2s^2$$

$$\text{We have: } abc = 4RS; a + b + c = 2s \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2}{abc(a + b + c)} \leq \frac{4R^2s^2}{4RS \cdot 2s} = \frac{Rs}{2S} = \frac{R}{2r}$$

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$$\frac{a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2}{abc(a+b+c)} = \frac{(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2}{8Rrs^2} - 2 \leq \frac{R}{2r} \Leftrightarrow \frac{(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2}{8Rrs^2} \leq \frac{R + 4r}{2r}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4R(R + 4r)s^2 \geq (s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2 \quad (1)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s^4 - s^2(4R^2 + 8Rr - 2r^2) + r^2(4R + r)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

Now, Rouché $\Rightarrow s^2 - (m - n) \geq 0$ and $s^2 - (m + n) \leq 0$, where m

$$= 2R^2 + 10Rr - r^2 \text{ and } n = 2(R - 2r)\sqrt{R^2 - 2Rr}$$

$$\therefore (s^2 - (m + n))(s^2 - (m - n)) \leq 0 \Rightarrow s^4 - s^2(2m) + m^2 - n^2 \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow s^4 - s^2(4R^2 + 20Rr - 2r^2) + r(4R + r)^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \quad (i)$$

$\therefore (i) \Rightarrow$ in order to prove (1), it suffices to prove :

$$s^4 - s^2(4R^2 + 8Rr - 2r^2) + r^2(4R + r)^2 \leq s^4 - s^2(4R^2 + 20Rr - 2r^2) + r(4R + r)^3$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 3s^2 \leq (4R + r)^2 \rightarrow \text{true (Trucht)}$$

$$\Rightarrow (1) \text{ is true } \therefore \frac{a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2}{abc(a+b+c)} \leq \frac{R}{2r} \text{ (Proved)}$$

Solution 3 by Tran Hong-Dong Thap-Vietnam

$$\text{In any triangle we have: } \frac{a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + abc}{abc} \leq \frac{2R}{r} \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + abc}{abc} \leq \frac{R}{2r}$$

We need to prove:

$$\frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + abc}{abc} \geq \frac{a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2}{abc(a+b+c)} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(a+b+c)(a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + abc) \geq 4(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$a^4 + b^4 + c^4 + abc(a+b+c) + ab(a^2 + b^2) + bc(b^2 + c^2)$$

$$+ ca(c^2 + a^2) \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} 4(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2)$$

$$\text{But: } a^4 + b^4 + c^4 + abc(a+b+c) \stackrel{\text{Schur}}{\geq} ab(a^2 + b^2) + bc(b^2 + c^2) + ca(c^2 + a^2) \Rightarrow$$

$$a^4 + b^4 + c^4 + abc(a+b+c) + ab(a^2 + b^2) + bc(b^2 + c^2) + ca(c^2 + a^2) \geq$$

$$\geq 2[ab(a^2 + b^2) + bc(b^2 + c^2) + ca(c^2 + a^2)] \stackrel{(**)}{\geq}$$

$$\geq 4(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$ab(a^2 + b^2) + bc(b^2 + c^2) + ca(c^2 + a^2) \geq 2(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$ab(a-b)^2 + bc(b-c)^2 + ca(c-a)^2 \geq 0$$

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Which is clearly true \Rightarrow (**)true \Rightarrow (*) true.

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