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1) In ΔABC the following relationship holds:

$$\sum \sqrt{\frac{r_a - r}{(r_b - r)(r_c - r)}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{R}} \left(\frac{2R}{r} - 1 \right)$$

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Solution Denoting with S the sum from enunciation, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} S^2 &= \left(\sum \sqrt{\frac{r_a - r}{(r_b - r)(r_c - r)}} \right)^2 = \\ &= \sum \frac{r_a - r}{(r_b - r)(r_c - r)} + 2 \sum \sqrt{\frac{r_b - r}{(r_c - r)(r_a - r)}} \sqrt{\frac{r_c - r}{(r_a - r)(r_b - r)}} = \\ &= \sum \frac{r_a - r}{(r_b - r)(r_c - r)} + 2 \sum \frac{1}{r_a - r} \end{aligned}$$

We prove that following lemmas:

Lemma 1.

2) In ΔABC the following relationship holds:

$$\sum \frac{r_a - r}{(r_b - r)(r_c - r)} = \frac{8R^2 + r^2 - s^2}{2Rr^2}$$

Proof. Using $r_a = \frac{S}{s-a}$

$$\text{we obtain } \sum \frac{r_a - r}{(r_b - r)(r_c - r)} = \sum \frac{\frac{S}{s-a} - r}{\left(\frac{S}{s-b} - r\right)\left(\frac{S}{s-c} - r\right)} = \frac{1}{4R} \sum \frac{a^2}{(s-a)^2} = \frac{8R^2 + r^2 - s^2}{2Rr^2}$$

$$\text{which follows from } \sum \frac{a^2}{(s-a)^2} = \frac{2(8R^2 + r^2 - s^2)}{r^2}$$

Lemma 2.

3) In ΔABC the following relationship holds:

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$$\sum \frac{1}{r_a - r} = \frac{s^2 + r^2 - 8Rr}{4Rr^2}$$

Proof.

Using $r_a = \frac{S}{s-a}$ we obtain $\sum \frac{1}{r_a - r} = \sum \frac{1}{\frac{S}{s-a} - r} = \frac{1}{r} \sum \frac{s-a}{a} = \frac{s^2 + r^2 - 8Rr}{4Rr^2}$, which follows from

$\sum \frac{s-a}{a} = \frac{s^2 + r^2 - 8Rr}{4Rr}$. Let's get back to the main problem. Using the Lemmas above, we obtain:

$$S^2 = \sum \frac{r_a - r}{(r_b - r)(r_c - r)} + 2 \sum \frac{1}{r_a - r} = \frac{8R^2 + r^2 - s^2}{2Rr^2} + 2 \cdot \frac{s^2 + r^2 - 8Rr}{4Rr^2} = \frac{1}{R} \left(\frac{2R}{r} - 1 \right)^2. \text{ From}$$

$$S^2 = \frac{1}{R} \left(\frac{2R}{r} - 1 \right)^2 \text{ it follows from } S = \frac{1}{\sqrt{R}} \left(\frac{2R}{r} - 1 \right).$$

Remark.

If we replace r_a with h_a we propose:

4) In ΔABC the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{2}{\sqrt{R}} \left(2 - \frac{r}{R} \right) \leq \sum \sqrt{\frac{h_a - r}{(h_b - r)(h_c - r)}} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{R}} \left(\frac{2R}{r} - 1 \right)$$

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Solution Denoting with S the sum from enunciation, we have:

$$S^2 = \left(\sum \sqrt{\frac{h_a - r}{(h_b - r)(h_c - r)}} \right)^2 = \sum \frac{h_a - r}{(h_b - r)(h_c - r)} +$$

$$+ 2 \sum \sqrt{\frac{h_b - r}{(h_c - r)(h_a - r)}} \sqrt{\frac{h_c - r}{(h_a - r)(h_b - r)}} = \sum \frac{h_a - r}{(h_b - r)(h_c - r)} + 2 \sum \frac{1}{h_a - r}$$

We prove the following lemmas:

Lemma 1.

5) In ΔABC the following relationship holds:

$$\sum \frac{h_a - r}{(h_b - r)(h_c - r)} = \frac{s^2(s^2 + 2r^2 - 12Rr) + r^2(12R^2 + 4Rr + r^2)}{2Rrs^2(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr)}$$

Proof. Using $h_a = \frac{2S}{a}$ we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{h_a - r}{(h_b - r)(h_c - r)} &= \sum \frac{\frac{2S}{a} - \frac{S}{s}}{\left(\frac{2S}{b} - \frac{S}{s}\right)\left(\frac{2S}{c} - \frac{S}{s}\right)} = \frac{1}{r} \sum \frac{bc(b+c)}{a(a+b)(a+c)} = \\ &= \frac{s^2(s^2+2r^2-12Rr)+r^2(12R^2+4Rr+r^2)}{2Rr^2(s^2+r^2+2Rr)}, \text{ which follows from} \\ \sum \frac{bc(b+c)}{a(a+b)(a+c)} &= \frac{s^2(s^2+2r^2-12Rr)+r^2(12R^2+4Rr+r^2)}{2Rr(s^2+r^2+2Rr)}. \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 2.

6) In ΔABC the following inequality holds:

$$\sum \frac{1}{h_a - r} = \frac{2(s^2 - r^2 - Rr)}{s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr}$$

Proof.

Using $r_a = \frac{S}{s-a}$ we obtain $\sum \frac{1}{r_a - r} = \sum \frac{1}{\frac{S}{s-a} - r} = \frac{1}{r} \sum \frac{s-a}{a} = \frac{s^2+r^2-8Rr}{4Rr^2}$, which follows from

$\sum \frac{s-a}{a} = \frac{s^2+r^2-8Rr}{4Rr}$. Let's get back to the main problem. Using the above Lemmas, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} S^2 &= \sum \frac{h_a - r}{(h_b - r)(h_c - r)} + 2 \sum \frac{1}{h_a - r} = \\ &= \frac{s^2(s^2 + 2r^2 - 12Rr) + r^2(12R^2 + 4Rr + r^2)}{2Rr^2(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr)} + 2 \cdot \frac{2(s^2 - r^2 - Rr)}{s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr} = \\ &= \sum \frac{h_a - r}{(h_b - r)(h_c - r)} = \frac{s^2(s^2 + 2r^2 - 8Rr) + r^2(2R - r)^2}{2Rr^2(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr)} \end{aligned}$$

RHS inequality

Using $S^2 = \frac{s^2(s^2+2r^2-8Rr)+r^2(2R-r)^2}{2Rr^2(s^2+r^2+2Rr)}$ the inequality is equivalent with:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{s^2(s^2 + 2r^2 - 8Rr) + r^2(2R - r)^2}{2Rr^2(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr)} &\leq \frac{1}{R} \left(\frac{2R}{r} - 1\right)^2 \Leftrightarrow \\ s^2(s^2 + 4Rr - 8R^2) &\leq (2R - r)^2(4Rr + r^2) \end{aligned}$$

We distinguish the following cases:

Case 1). If $(s^2 + 4Rr - 8R^2) \leq 0$, the inequality is obvious.

Case 2). If $(s^2 + 4Rr - 8R^2) > 0$, using Gerretsen's inequality $s^2 \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2$, it suffice to prove that:

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

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$\Leftrightarrow 4R^2 - 11R^2r^2 - 9Rr^2 - 2r^4 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(4R^3 + 8R^2r + 5Rr^2 + r^3) \geq 0$,
obviously from Eule's $R \geq 2r$. Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

LHS

$$\frac{s^2(s^2 + 2r^2 - 8Rr) + r^2(2R - r)^2}{2Rr^2(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr)} \geq \frac{4}{R} \left(2 - \frac{r}{R}\right)^2 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s^2(s^2R^2 - r(4R^3 + 30R^2r - 32Rr^2 + 8r^3)) + r^2(2R - r)^2(R^2 - 16Rr - r^2) \geq 0$$

Using Gerretsen's inequality $s^2 \geq 16Rr - 5r^2$ and the observation that

$(s^2R^2 - r(4R^3 + 30R^2r - 32Rr^2 + 8r^3)) > 0$, it suffices to prove that:

$$(16Rr - 5r^2)((16Rr - 5r^2)R^2 - r(4R^3 + 30R^2r - 32Rr^2 + 8r^3)) + r^2(2R - r)^2(R^2 - 16Rr - r^2) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow 49R^4 - 172R^3r + 180R^2r^2 - 68Rr^3 + 8r^4 \geq 0$$

$\Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(49R^3 - 74R^2r + 32Rr^2 - 4r^3) \geq 0$, obviously from Euler's inequality

$R \geq 2r$. Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

Remark.

Between the sums $\sum \sqrt{\frac{r_a - r}{(r_b - r)(r_c - r)}}$ and $\sum \sqrt{\frac{h_a - r}{(h_b - r)(h_c - r)}}$ the relationship can be written:

7) In ΔABC the following relationship holds:

$$\sum \sqrt{\frac{h_a - r}{(h_b - r)(h_c - r)}} \leq \sum \sqrt{\frac{r_a - r}{(r_b - r)(r_c - r)}}$$

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Solution

$$\text{Using } \sum \sqrt{\frac{h_a - r}{(h_b - r)(h_c - r)}} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{R}} \left(\frac{2R}{r} - 1\right) \text{ and } \sum \sqrt{\frac{r_a - r}{(r_b - r)(r_c - r)}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{R}} \left(\frac{2R}{r} - 1\right)$$

we obtain the conclusion.

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

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