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ABOUT AN INEQUALITY BY ERTAN YILDIRIM-XI

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1) In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{r_a(r_b^3 + r_c^3)}{a} \geq s^3$$

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Solution. Lemma. 2) In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{r_a(r_b^3 + r_c^3)}{a} = s[2(4R + r)^2 - 5s^2]$$

Proof. Using identity: $r_a = \frac{F}{s-a}$, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{r_a(r_b^3 + r_c^3)}{a} &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{\frac{F}{s-a} \left(\left(\frac{F}{s-b} \right)^3 + \left(\frac{F}{s-c} \right)^3 \right)}{a} = F^4 \sum_{cyc} \frac{(s-b)^3 + (s-c)^3}{a(s-a)(s-b)^3(s-c)^3} = \\ &= \frac{F^4}{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} \sum_{cyc} \frac{(s-b)^3 + (s-c)^3}{a(s-b)^3(s-c)^3} = \frac{r^4 s^4}{r^2 s} \sum_{cyc} \frac{(s-b)^3 + (s-c)^3}{a(s-b)^2(s-c)^2} = \\ &= \frac{r^2 s^3}{abc(s-a)^2(s-b)^2(s-c)^2} \sum_{cyc} bc(s-a)^2[(s-b)^3 + (s-c)^3] = \\ &= \frac{r^2 s^3}{4Rrs(r^2 s)^2} \sum_{cyc} bc(s-a)^2[(s-b)^3 + (s-c)^3] = \\ &= \frac{1}{4Rr^3 s} \cdot 4Rr^3 s [2(4R + r)^2 - 5s^2] = s[2(4R + r)^2 - 5s^2], \text{ which follows from} \\ &\quad \sum_{cyc} bc(s-a)^2[(s-b)^3 + (s-c)^3] = 4Rr^3 s [2(4R + r)^2 - 5s^2] \end{aligned}$$

Let's get back to the main problem. Using Lemma, inequality can be written as:
 $s[2(4R + r)^2 - 5s^2] \geq s^3 \Leftrightarrow 2(4R + r)^2 - 5s^2 \geq s^2 \Leftrightarrow 2(4R + r)^2 \geq 6s^2 \Leftrightarrow$
 $(4R + r)^2 \geq 3s^2$ (Doucet), which follows from Gerretsen inequality
 $s^2 \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2$ and Euler inequality $R \geq 2r$.

Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

3) In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{r_a(r_b^3 + r_c^3)}{a} \geq \frac{27}{4} R^2 s. \quad \text{Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania}$$

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Solution. Using Lemma and Gerretsen inequality: $s^2 \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2$, it follows that:

$$\begin{aligned} s[2(4R+r)^2 - 5s^2] &\geq s[2(4R+r)^2 - 5(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)] = \\ &= s[32R^2 + 16Rr + 2r^2 - 20R^2 - 20Rr - 15r^2] = \\ &= s(12R^2 - 4Rr - 13r^2) \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} s \cdot \frac{27R^2}{4} = \frac{27}{4}R^2s \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

4) In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{r_a(r_b^3 + r_c^3)}{a} \geq \frac{27}{4}R^2s \geq s^3$$

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Solution. See inequality 3) and $\frac{27}{4}R^2s \geq s^3 \Leftrightarrow \frac{27}{4}R^2 \geq s^2$ (Mitrinovic).

Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

5) In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{r_a(r_b^3 + r_c^3)}{a} \leq s(32R^2 - 101r^2)$$

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Solution. Using Lemma and Gerretsen inequality: $s^2 \geq 16Rr - 5r^2$, it follows that:

$$\begin{aligned} s[2(4R+r)^2 - 5s^2] &\leq s[2(4R+r)^2 - 5(16Rr - 5r^2)] \Leftrightarrow \\ s[2(4R+r)^2 - 5s^2] &\leq s[2(4R+r)^2 - 5(16Rr - 5r^2)] = \\ &= s[2(16R^2 + 8Rr + r^2) - 5(16Rr - 5r^2)] = \\ &= s(32R^2 + 16Rr + 2r^2 - 80Rr + 25r^2) = s(32R^2 - 64Rr + 27r^2) \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} \\ s(32R^2 - 101r^2) &\Leftrightarrow (4R+r)^2 \geq 3s^2 \text{ (Doucet), which follows from Gerretsen inequality} \\ &s^2 \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 \text{ and Euler inequality } R \geq 2r. \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

6) In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

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Solution. Lemma. 7) In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{r_a(r_b^3 + r_c^3)}{a} = s[2(4R + r)^2 - 5s^2]$$

Proof. Using identity: $r_a = \frac{F}{s-a}$, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{r_a(r_b^3 + r_c^3)}{a} &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{\frac{F}{s-a} \left(\left(\frac{F}{s-b} \right)^3 + \left(\frac{F}{s-c} \right)^3 \right)}{a} = F^4 \sum_{cyc} \frac{(s-b)^3 + (s-c)^3}{a(s-a)(s-b)^3(s-c)^3} = \\ &= \frac{F^4}{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} \sum_{cyc} \frac{(s-b)^3 + (s-c)^3}{a(s-b)^3(s-c)^3} = \frac{r^4 s^4}{r^2 s} \sum_{cyc} \frac{(s-b)^3 + (s-c)^3}{a(s-b)^2(s-c)^2} = \\ &= \frac{r^2 s^3}{abc(s-a)^2(s-b)^2(s-c)^2} \sum_{cyc} bc(s-a)^2[(s-b)^3 + (s-c)^3] = \\ &= \frac{r^2 s^3}{4Rrs(r^2 s)^2} \sum_{cyc} bc(s-a)^2[(s-b)^3 + (s-c)^3] = \\ &= \frac{1}{4Rr^3 s} \cdot 4Rr^3 s [2(4R + r)^2 - 5s^2] = s[2(4R + r)^2 - 5s^2], \text{ which follows from} \\ &\quad \sum_{cyc} bc(s-a)^2[(s-b)^3 + (s-c)^3] = 4Rr^3 s [2(4R + r)^2 - 5s^2] \end{aligned}$$

Let's get back to the main problem. For RHS using Lemma and Gerretsen inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} s^2 &\geq 16Rr - 5r^2, \text{ it follows that:} \\ s[2(4R + r)^2 - 5s^2] &\leq s[2(4R + r)^2 - 5(16Rr - 5r^2)] \Leftrightarrow \\ s[2(4R + r)^2 - 5s^2] &\leq s[2(4R + r)^2 - 5(16Rr - 5r^2)] = \\ &= s[2(16R^2 + 8Rr + r^2) - 5(16Rr - 5r^2)] = \\ &= s(32R^2 + 16Rr + 2r^2 - 80Rr + 25r^2) = s(32R^2 - 64Rr + 27r^2) \stackrel{Euler}{\leq} \\ s(32R^2 - 101r^2) &\Leftrightarrow (4R + r)^2 \geq 3s^2 \text{ (Doucet), which follows from Gerretsen inequality} \\ &\quad s^2 \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 \text{ and Euler inequality } R \geq 2r. \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

For LHS Using Lemma and Gerretsen inequality: $s^2 \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2$, it follows that:

$$\begin{aligned} s[2(4R + r)^2 - 5s^2] &\geq s[2(4R + r)^2 - 5(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)] = \\ &= s[32R^2 + 16Rr + 2r^2 - 20R^2 - 20Rr - 15r^2] = \\ &= s(12R^2 - 4Rr - 13r^2) \stackrel{Euler}{\geq} s \cdot \frac{27R^2}{4} = \frac{27}{4} R^2 s \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

8) In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{s}{3} \left(\frac{2r}{R} \right)^3 (4R + r)^2 \leq \sum_{cyc} \frac{h_a(h_b^3 + h_c^3)}{a} \leq \frac{s}{3} \left(\frac{2r}{R} \right) (4R + r)^2$$

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Solution. Lemma. 9) In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{h_a(h_b^3 + h_c^3)}{a} = \frac{rs}{2R^3} [s^2(s^2 - 4Rr) - r^2(4R + r)^2]$$

Proof. Using identity $h_a = \frac{2F}{a}$ we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{h_a(h_b^3 + h_c^3)}{a} &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{\frac{2F}{a} \left(\left(\frac{2F}{b} \right)^3 + \left(\frac{2F}{c} \right)^3 \right)}{a} = 16F^4 \sum_{cyc} \frac{\frac{1}{a} \left(\frac{1}{b^3} + \frac{1}{c^3} \right)}{a} = 16F^4 \sum_{cyc} \frac{b^3 + c^3}{a^2 b^3 c^3} \\ &= \frac{16F^4}{a^2 b^2 c^2} \sum_{cyc} \frac{b^3 + c^3}{bc} = \frac{16r^4 s^4}{16R^2 r^2 s^2} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a(b^3 + c^3)}{abc} = \frac{r^2 s^2}{R^2} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a(b^3 + c^3)}{abc} = \\ &= \frac{r^2 s^2}{R^2 abc} \sum_{cyc} a(b^3 + c^3) = \frac{r^2 s^2}{R^2 \cdot 4Rrs} \cdot 2[s^4 - 4Rrs^2 - (4R + r)^2] = \\ &= \frac{rs}{2R^3} [s^2(s^2 - 4Rr) - r^2(4R + r)^2], \text{ which follows from} \\ &\quad \sum_{cyc} a(b^3 + c^3) = 2[s^4 - 4Rrs^2 - (4R + r)^2] \end{aligned}$$

For RHS using Lemma and Blundon-Gerretsen: $s^2 \geq \frac{R(4R+r)^2}{2(2R-r)} \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2$, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{h_a(h_b^3 + h_c^3)}{a} &= \frac{rs}{2R^3} [s^2(s^2 - 4Rr) - r^2(4R + r)^2] \leq \\ &\leq \frac{rs}{2R^3} \left[\frac{R(4R + r)^2}{2(2R - r)} (4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 - 4Rr) - r^2(4R + r)^2 \right] = \\ &= \frac{rs}{2R^2} (4R + r)^2 \left[\frac{R}{2(2R - r)} (4R^2 + 3r^2) - r^2 \right] = \frac{rs}{2R^3} (4R + r)^2 \frac{4R^3 - Rr^2 + 2r^2}{29(2R - r)} \leq \\ &\leq \frac{rs}{2R^3} (4R + r)^2 \frac{4R^2}{3} = \frac{s}{3} \left(\frac{2r}{R} \right) (4R + r)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

For LHS, using Lemma and Gerretsen inequality $s^2 \geq 16Rr - 5r^2 \geq \frac{r(4R+r)^2}{R+r}$ we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{h_a(h_b^3 + h_c^3)}{a} &= \frac{rs}{2R^3} [s^2(s^2 - 4Rr) - r^2(4R + r)^2] \geq \\ &\geq \frac{rs}{2R^3} \left[\frac{r(4R + r)^2}{R + r} (16Rr - 5r^2 - 4Rr) - r^2(4R + r)^2 \right] = \\ &= \frac{rs}{2R^3} (4R + r)^2 \left[\frac{r}{R + r} (12Rr - 5r^2) - r^2 \right] = \frac{rs}{2R^3} r^2 (4R + r)^2 \frac{11R - 6r}{R + r} \stackrel{Euler}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{rs}{2R^3} r^2 (4R + r)^2 \frac{16}{3} = \frac{s}{3} \left(\frac{2r}{R} \right)^3 (4R + r)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

10) In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{h_a(h_b^3 + h_c^3)}{a} \leq \sum_{cyc} \frac{r_a(r_b^3 + r_c^3)}{a}$$

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Solution.

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{h_a(h_b^3 + h_c^3)}{a} = \frac{rs}{2R^3} [s^2(s^2 - 4Rr) - r^2(4R + r)^2]$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{r_a(r_b^3 + r_c^3)}{a} = s[2(4R + r)^2 - 5s^2]$$

Inequality can be written as:

$$\frac{rs}{2R^3} [s^2(s^2 - 4Rr) - r^2(4R + r)^2] \leq s[2(4R + r)^2 - 5s^2] \Leftrightarrow$$

$s^2(rs^2 + 10R^3 - 4Rr^2) \leq (4R + r)^2(4R^3 + r^3)$, which follows from Blundon-Gerretsen

$s^2 \leq \frac{R(4R+r)^2}{2(2R-r)} \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2$. Remains to prove that:

$$\frac{R(4R + r)^2}{2(2R - r)} [r(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) + 10R^3 - 4Rr^2] \leq (4R + r)^2(4R^3 + r^3) \Leftrightarrow$$

$6R^4 - 12R^3r + Rr^3 - 2R^4 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(6R^3 + r^3) \geq 0$, which is true from $R \geq 2r$ (Euler). Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

11) In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{s}{3} \left(\frac{2r}{R} \right)^3 (4R + r)^2 \leq \sum_{cyc} \frac{h_a(h_b^3 + h_c^3)}{a} \leq \sum_{cyc} \frac{r_a(r_b^3 + r_c^3)}{a} \leq s(32R^2 - 101r^2)$$

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Solution. See inequalities 10), 8), and 6). Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

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