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ABOUT AN INEQUALITY BY KOSTAS GERONIKOLAS-III

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

$$\sum_{cyc} \sqrt{\frac{r_a}{m_b m_c}} \leq \frac{1}{r} \sqrt{\frac{3R}{2}}$$

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

$$\left(\sum_{cyc} \sqrt{\frac{r_a}{m_b m_c}} \right)^2 \leq \frac{1}{r} \left(\frac{4R+r}{s} \right)^2$$

Proof. Using BCS inequality, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\sum_{cyc} \sqrt{\frac{r_a}{m_b m_c}} \right)^2 &\leq \sum_{cyc} r_a \cdot \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{m_b m_c} = (4R+r) \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{m_b m_c} = \frac{4R+r}{m_a m_b m_c} \sum_{cyc} m_a \leq \\ &\leq \frac{4R+r}{r_a r_b r_c} (4R+r) = \frac{(4R+r)^2}{r s^2} = \frac{1}{r} \left(\frac{4R+r}{s} \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Let's get back to the main problem. Using Lemma, it is enough to prove that:

$$\frac{1}{r} \left(\frac{4R+r}{s} \right)^2 \leq \frac{3R}{2r^2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{(4R+r)^2}{s^2} \leq \frac{3R}{2r} \Leftrightarrow 2r(4R+r)^2 \leq 3Rs^2, \text{ which follows from}$$
$$s^2 \geq 16Rr - 5r^2 \geq \frac{r(4R+r)^2}{R+r} \text{ (Gerretsen) and } R \geq 2r \text{ (Euler).}$$

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Solution. See inequality (3) and $\frac{4R+r}{s} \sqrt{\frac{1}{r}} \leq \frac{1}{r} \sqrt{\frac{3R}{2}} \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{r} \left(\frac{4R+r}{s} \right)^2 \leq \frac{3R}{2r^2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{(4R+r)^2}{s^2} \leq \frac{3R}{2r} \Leftrightarrow$

$2r(4R + r)^2 \leq 3Rs^2$, which follows from $s^2 \geq 16Rr - 5r^2 \geq \frac{r(4R+r)^2}{R+r}$ (Gerretsen) and $R \geq 2r$ (Euler). Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

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

$$\sum_{cyc} \sqrt{\frac{r_a}{m_b m_c}} \geq 3 \sqrt[6]{\frac{4r}{R^2 s^2}}$$

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Solution. Using AM-GM inequality, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{\frac{r_a}{m_b m_c}} &\geq 3 \sqrt[3]{\prod_{cyc} \sqrt{\frac{r_a}{m_b m_c}}} = 3 \sqrt[6]{\prod_{cyc} \frac{r_a}{m_b m_c}} = 3 \sqrt[6]{\frac{\prod r_a}{\prod m_a^2}} \geq \\ &\geq 3 \sqrt[6]{\frac{rs^2}{\left(\frac{Rs^2}{2}\right)^2}} = 3 \sqrt[6]{\frac{rs^2}{\frac{R^2 s^4}{4}}} = 3 \sqrt[6]{\frac{4r}{R^2 s^2}}, \text{ which follows from } m_a m_b m_c \leq \frac{Rs^2}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

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

$$m_a m_b m_c \leq \frac{Rs^2}{2}$$

Proof. Using identity in triangle:

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$$\prod_{cyc} m_a^2 = \frac{s^6 + s^4(33r^2 - 12Rr) - s^2r^2(60R^2 + 120Rr + 33r^2) - r^3(4R + r)^3}{16}$$

Inequality becomes:

$$\frac{s^6 + s^4(33r^2 - 12Rr) - s^2r^2(60R^2 + 120Rr + 33r^2) - r^3(4R + r)^3}{16} \leq \left(\frac{Rs^2}{2}\right)^2 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$s^6 + s^4(33r^2 - 12Rr - 4R^2) - s^2r^2(60R^2 + 120Rr + 33r^2) - r^3(4R + r)^3 \leq 0; (1)$$

Using $s^2 \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2$ (Gerretsen), we get:

$$s^6 + s^4(33r^2 - 12Rr - 4R^2) \leq s^4(36r^2 - 8Rr); (2), \text{ which follows from}$$

$$s^6 + s^4(33r^2 - 12Rr - 4R^2) = s^4(s^2 + 33r^2 - 12Rr - 4R^2) \leq \\ \leq s^4(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 + 33r^2 - 12Rr - 4r^2) \leq s^4(36r^2 - 8Rr).$$

From(1),(2) it is enough to prove that:

$$s^4(36r^2 - 8Rr) - s^2r^2(60R^2 + 120Rr + 33r^2) - r^3(4R + r)^3 \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$s^4(36r - 8R) - s^2r(60R^2 + 120Rr + 33r^2) - r^2(4R + r)^3 \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$s^4(8R - 16r) + s^2r(60R^2 + 120Rr + 33r^2) + r^2(4R + r)^3 \geq 20rs^4, \text{ which follows from}$$

$$16Rr - 5r^2 \leq s^2 \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 \text{ (Gerretsen). Remains to prove that:}$$

$$s^2(16Rr - 5r^2)(8R - 16r) + s^2r(60R^2 + 120Rr + 33r^2) + r^2(4R + r)^3$$

$$\geq 20rs^2(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) \Leftrightarrow$$

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$$s^2(108R^2 - 256Rr + 53r^2) + r(4R + r)^2 \geq 0. \text{ Distinguish the cases:}$$

Case 1) If $(108R^2 - 256Rr + 53r^2) \geq 0$ inequality is obviously true.

Case 2) If $(108R^2 - 256Rr + 53r^2) < 0$ inequality can be written as:

$$r(4R + r)^3 \geq -s^2(108R^2 - 256Rr + 53r^2), \text{ which follows from}$$

$$s^2 \leq \frac{R(4R + r)^2}{2(2R - r)} \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 \text{ (Blundon - Gerretsen)}$$

$$\text{Remains to prove that: } r(4R + r)^3 \geq \frac{r(4R+r)^2}{2(2R-r)} (-108R^2 + 256Rr - 53r^2) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$2r(2R - r)(4R + r) \geq R(-108R^2 + 256Rr - 53r^2) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$108R^3 - 240R^2r + 49Rr^2 - 2r^3 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(108R^2 - 24Rr + r^2) \geq 0, \text{ which is true from } R \geq 2r \text{ (Euler).}$$

Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

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

$$3 \sqrt[6]{\frac{4r}{R^2 s^2}} \leq \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{\frac{r_a}{m_b m_c}} \leq \frac{4R + r}{s} \sqrt{\frac{1}{r}}$$

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Solution. For RHS, applying BCS inequality, we get:

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