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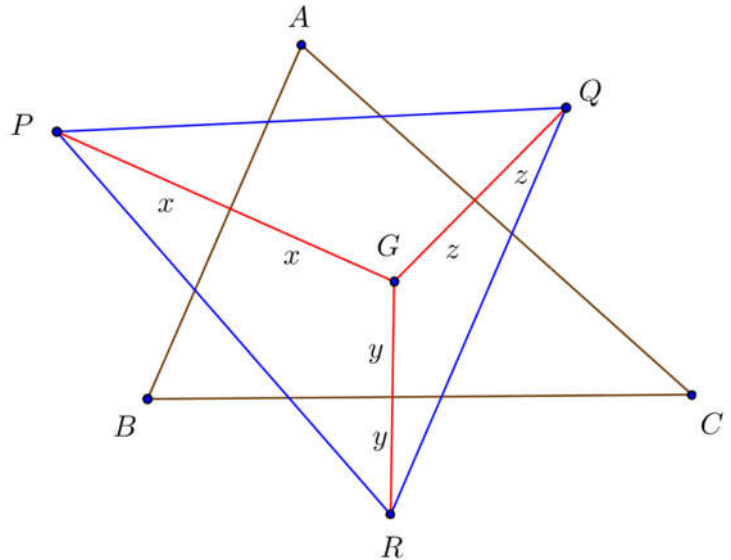
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G –centroid of $\triangle ABC$
 P, Q, R –symmetrical points of G
to BC, CA, AB respectively.

If $\frac{[PQR]}{[ABC]} = 1$, then

$\triangle ABC$ –equilateral

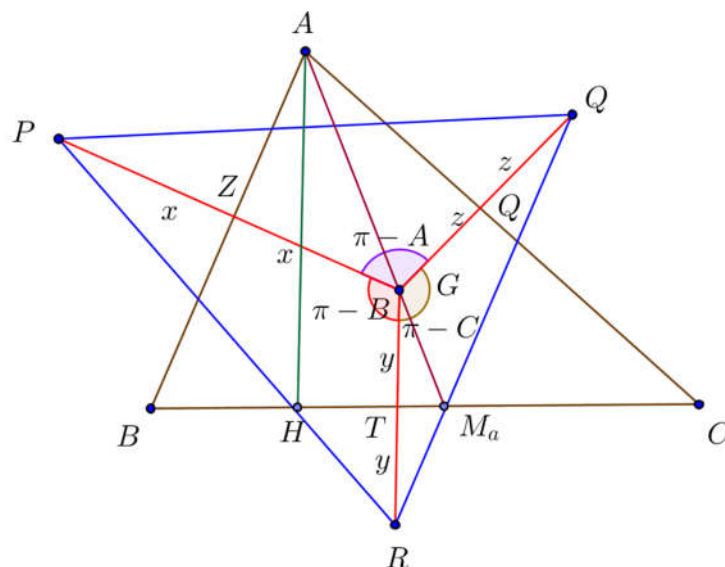
If $\frac{[PQR]}{[ABC]} = \frac{8}{9}$, then $\triangle ABC$ –right



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$$AH = h_a, [ABC] = F, h_a = \frac{2F}{a}, h_b = \frac{2F}{b}, h_c = \frac{2F}{c}, \sin A = \frac{2F}{bc}, \sin B = \frac{2F}{ac},$$

$$\sin C = \frac{2F}{ab}, F = \frac{abc}{4R}$$

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$\Delta AHT \sim \Delta GTM_a \Rightarrow GT = \frac{h_a}{3}$. In the same way: $\cos Q = \frac{h_b}{3}$ and $GZ = \frac{h_c}{3}$.

$$[PQR] = [PGR] + [PGQ] + [RGQ]$$

$$[PQR] = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{3} h_a \cdot \frac{2}{3} h_c \sin B + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{3} h_a \cdot \frac{2}{3} h_b \sin C + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{3} h_b \cdot \frac{2}{3} h_c \sin A$$

$$[PQR] = \frac{2}{9} (h_b h_c \sin A + h_a h_c \sin B + h_a h_b \sin C) =$$

$$= \frac{2}{9} \left(\frac{2F}{b} \cdot \frac{2F}{c} \sin A + \frac{2F}{c} \cdot \frac{2F}{a} \sin B + \frac{2F}{a} \cdot \frac{2F}{b} \sin C \right) =$$

$$= \frac{8F^2}{9} \left(\frac{1}{bc} \sin A + \frac{1}{ca} \sin B + \frac{1}{ab} \sin C \right) = \frac{8F^2}{9} \left(\frac{1}{bc} \cdot \frac{2F}{bc} + \frac{1}{ca} \cdot \frac{2F}{ca} + \frac{1}{ab} \cdot \frac{2F}{ab} \right) =$$

$$\frac{16F^3}{9} \cdot \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{a^2 b^2 c^2} = \frac{16F^3}{9} \cdot \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{16R^2 F^2} = \frac{F}{9R^2} \cdot (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)$$

$$i) \frac{[PQR]}{[ABC]} = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{F}{9R^2} \cdot (a^2 + b^2 + c^2) = F \Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 9F$$

Euler line: Distance between the circumcenter and the orthocentre triangle:

$$OH^2 = R^2 - \frac{1}{9}(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)$$

$$\begin{cases} OH^2 = 9R^2 - 9R^2 = 0 \\ GO^2 = R^2 - \frac{1}{9} \cdot 9R^2 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow G = O = H \Rightarrow \Delta ABC \text{ -equilateral.}$$

$$ii) \frac{[PQR]}{[ABC]} = \frac{8}{9} \Rightarrow \frac{F}{9R^2} \cdot (a^2 + b^2 + c^2) = \frac{8}{9} F \Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 8R^2$$

$$\text{So, } \begin{cases} OH^2 = 9R^2 - 8R^2 = R^2 \\ GO^2 = R^2 - \frac{1}{9} \cdot 8R^2 = \frac{R^2}{9} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \Delta ABC \text{ -right.}$$

Solution 2 by proposer

Plagiogonal system: $BC \equiv Bx, BA \equiv By, B(0,0), G\left(\frac{a}{3}, \frac{a}{3}\right), P(p_1, p_2)$,

$$p_1 = \frac{a + 2c \cos B}{3}, p_2 = -\frac{c}{3}, R(r_1, r_2), r_1 = -\frac{a}{3}, r_2 = \frac{c + 2a \cos B}{3}$$

$$[GPR] = \frac{\sin B}{2} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \frac{a}{3} & r_1 & p_1 \\ \frac{c}{3} & r_2 & p_2 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{\sin B}{2} \cdot ac \cdot \frac{4}{9} \sin^2 B$$

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$$\frac{[GPR]}{[ABC]} = \frac{4}{9} \sin^2 B; (1), \text{ similarly } \frac{[GPQ]}{[ABC]} = \frac{4}{9} \sin^2 C; (2), \frac{[GQR]}{[ABC]} = \frac{4}{9} \sin^2 A; (3)$$

$$\text{From (1),(2),(3), it follows that: } \frac{[PQR]}{[ABC]} = \frac{4}{9} (\sin^2 A + \sin^2 B + \sin^2 C); (4)$$

$$i) \frac{[PQR]}{[ABC]} = 1 \Rightarrow \sin^2 A + \sin^2 B + \sin^2 C = \frac{9}{4} \Rightarrow 2 + 2\cos A \cos B \cos C = \frac{9}{4} \Rightarrow$$

$$\cos A \cos B \cos C = \frac{1}{8} \Rightarrow \Delta ABC \text{ -equilateral}$$

$$ii) \frac{[PQR]}{[ABC]} = \frac{8}{9} \Rightarrow \sin^2 A + \sin^2 B + \sin^2 C = \frac{8}{9} \cdot \frac{9}{4} \Rightarrow 2 + 2\cos A \cos B \cos C = 2 \Rightarrow$$

$$\cos A \cos B \cos C = 0 \Rightarrow \Delta ABC \text{ -right.}$$

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