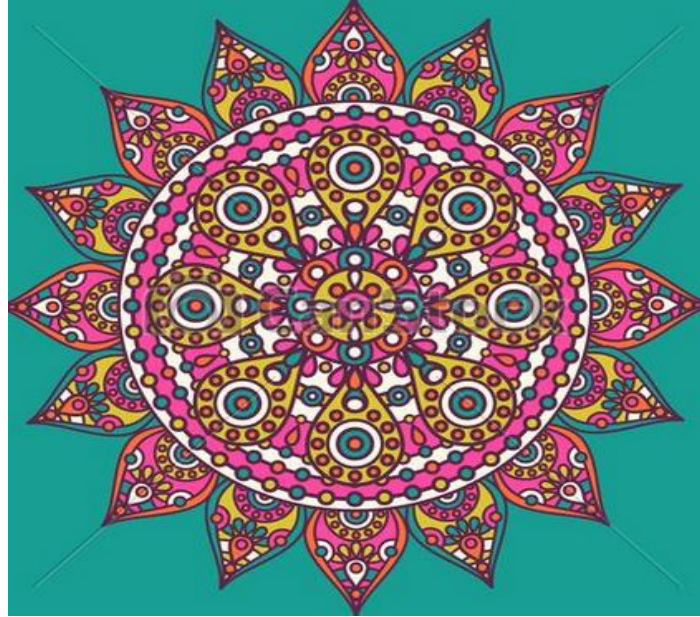


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In $\triangle ABC$, n_a – Nagel's cevian, the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{h_a}{n_a} + \frac{h_b}{n_b} + \frac{h_c}{n_c} \geq \frac{9r}{\sqrt{s^2 - 2r(4R + r)}}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Stewart's theorem} &\Rightarrow b^2(s - c) + c^2(s - b) = an_a^2 + a(s - b)(s - c) \\ \Rightarrow s(b^2 + c^2) - bc(2s - a) &= an_a^2 + a(s^2 - s(2s - a) + bc) \Rightarrow s(b^2 + c^2) - 2sbc \\ &= an_a^2 + a(as - s^2) \\ \Rightarrow s(b^2 + c^2 - a^2 - 2bc) &= an_a^2 - as^2 \Rightarrow an_a^2 = as^2 + s(2bccosA - 2bc) \\ &= as^2 - 4sbcsin^2 \frac{A}{2} = as^2 - 4s(s - b)(s - c) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and analogs} &\Rightarrow \sum an_a^2 = s^2(2s) - 4s \sum (s - b)(s - c) = s^2(2s) - 4s(4Rr + r^2) \\ &\Rightarrow \sum an_a^2 = 2s(s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\text{and } \sqrt[3]{\prod an_a^2} \stackrel{GM \leq AM}{\geq} \frac{1}{3} \sum an_a^2 = \frac{2s(s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2)}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \prod an_a^2 \stackrel{(i)}{\geq} \frac{8s^3(s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2)^3}{27}$$

$$\text{Also, } 2s^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 27Rr + 5r(R - 2r) \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 27Rr \Rightarrow 2s^2 \stackrel{(ii)}{\geq} 27Rr$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{h_a}{n_a} + \frac{h_b}{n_b} + \frac{h_c}{n_c} \stackrel{AM \geq GM}{\geq} 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{h_a h_b h_c}{n_a n_b n_c}} = \frac{6rs}{\sqrt[3]{abc n_a n_b n_c}} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{9r}{\sqrt{s^2 - 2r(4R + r)}}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 64s^6(s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2)^3 \stackrel{(iii)}{\stackrel{?}{\geq}} 729abc \left(\prod an_a^2 \right)$$

$$\text{Now, RHS of (iii)} \stackrel{\text{via (i)}}{\geq} 729 \cdot 4Rrs \cdot \frac{8s^3(s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2)^3}{27} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 64s^6(s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2)^3$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2s^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 27Rr \rightarrow \text{true via (ii)} \Rightarrow \text{(iii) is true}$$

$$\therefore \frac{h_a}{n_a} + \frac{h_b}{n_b} + \frac{h_c}{n_c} \geq \frac{9r}{\sqrt{s^2 - 2r(4R + r)}} \quad (\text{QED})$$