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### ABOUT AN INEQUALITY BY MARIAN URSĂRESCU-XXI

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

$$\frac{m_a w_a}{a^2} + \frac{m_b w_b}{b^2} + \frac{m_c w_c}{c^2} \geq \frac{9}{4}$$

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

$$m_a \geq \frac{b+c}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}$$

M.Lascu(1987)

**Proof.** Using identities  $m_a^2 = \frac{2b^2+2c^2-a^2}{4}$  and  $\cos^2 \frac{A}{2} = \frac{s(s-a)}{bc}$  inequality becomes as:

$$\begin{aligned} m_a \geq \frac{b+c}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2} &\Leftrightarrow m_a^2 \geq \left(\frac{b+c}{2}\right)^2 \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{2b^2+2c^2-a^2}{4} \geq \left(\frac{b+c}{2}\right)^2 \cdot \frac{s(s-a)}{bc} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{2b^2+2c^2-a^2}{4} \geq \frac{(b+c)^2}{4} \cdot \frac{(a+b+c)(b+c-a)}{4bc} \\ &\Leftrightarrow 2b^2+2c^2-a^2 \geq (b+c)^2 \cdot \frac{(b+c)^2-a^2}{4bc} \end{aligned}$$

$\Leftrightarrow 4bc(2b^2+2c^2-a^2) \geq (b+c)^2 \cdot [(b+c)^2-a^2] \Leftrightarrow a^2(b-c)^2 \geq (b-c)^4$   
 $\Leftrightarrow (b-c)^2(a-b+c)(a+b-c) \geq 0$ . Equality holds for  $a=b=c$ .

Let's get back to the main problem. Using Lemma and  $w_a = \frac{2bc}{b+c} \cos \frac{A}{2}$ , we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} E = LHS &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{m_a w_a}{a^2} \geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{\frac{b+c}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2} \cdot \frac{2bc}{b+c} \cos \frac{A}{2}}{a^2} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{bc}{a^2} \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} = \\ &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{bc}{a^2} \cdot \frac{s(s-a)}{bc} = s \sum_{cyc} \frac{s-a}{a^2} = s \cdot \frac{s^2(s^2+2r^2-12Rr) + r^3(4R+r)}{16R^2 r^2 s} = \\ &= \frac{(16R-5r)(4R-3r) + r(4R+r)}{16R^2} = \frac{64R^2 - 64Rr + 16r^2}{16R^2} = \frac{4R^2 - 4Rr + r^2}{16R^2} = \\ &= \frac{(2R-r)^2}{R^2} = \left(2 - \frac{r}{R}\right)^2 \stackrel{\text{Euler 9}}{\geq} \frac{9}{4} = RHS. \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral. **Remark.** Inequality can be much stronger.

**3) In  $\Delta ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

$$\frac{m_a w_a}{a^2} + \frac{m_b w_b}{b^2} + \frac{m_c w_c}{c^2} \geq \left(2 - \frac{r}{R}\right)^2$$

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**Solution.** Using Lemma and  $w_a = \frac{2bc}{b+c} \cos \frac{A}{2}$ , we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} E = LHS &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{m_a w_a}{a^2} \geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{\frac{b+c}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2} \cdot \frac{2bc}{b+c} \cos \frac{A}{2}}{a^2} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{bc}{a^2} \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} = \\ &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{bc}{a^2} \cdot \frac{s(s-a)}{bc} = s \sum_{cyc} \frac{s-a}{a^2} = s \cdot \frac{s^2(s^2 + 2r^2 - 12Rr) + r^3(4R+r)}{16R^2 r^2 s} = \\ &= \frac{(16R-5r)(4R-3r) + r(4R+r)}{16R^2} = \frac{64R^2 - 64Rr + 16r^2}{16R^2} = \frac{4R^2 - 4Rr + r^2}{16R^2} = \\ &= \frac{(2R-r)^2}{R^2} = \left(2 - \frac{r}{R}\right)^2 = RHS. \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral. **Remark.** Inequality 3) is much stronger such inequality 1).

**4) In  $\Delta ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

$$\frac{m_a w_a}{a^2} + \frac{m_b w_b}{b^2} + \frac{m_c w_c}{c^2} \geq \left(2 - \frac{r}{R}\right)^2 \geq \frac{9}{4}$$

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**Solution.** See inequality 3) and  $\left(2 - \frac{r}{R}\right)^2 \geq \frac{9}{4} \Leftrightarrow R \geq 2r$  (Euler).

Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral. **Remark.** Let's find an opposite inequality.

**5) In  $\Delta ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

$$\frac{m_a w_a}{a^2} + \frac{m_b w_b}{b^2} + \frac{m_c w_c}{c^2} \leq \frac{9}{4} \left(\frac{R}{2r}\right)^3$$

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**Solution.** Using  $w_a \leq m_a$ , we get:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{m_a w_a}{a^2} \leq \sum_{cyc} \frac{m_a^2}{a^2} = \frac{s^6 + s^4(r^2 - 12Rr) + s^2 r^2(12R^2 + 8Rr - r^2) - r^3(4R+r)^3}{16R^2 r^2 s^2} =$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{16R^2r^2} \left[ s^4 + s^2(r^2 - 12Rr) + r^2(12R^2 + 8Rr - r^2) - \frac{r^3(4R+r)^3}{s^2} \right] = \\
 &= \frac{1}{16R^2r^2} \left[ s^2(s^2 + r^2 - 12Rr) + r^2(12R^2 + 8Rr - r^2) - \frac{r^3(4R+r)^3}{s^2} \right] \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{16R^2r^2} \left[ (4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 + r^2 - 12Rr) + r^2(12R^2 + 8Rr - r^2) - \frac{r^3(4R+r)^3}{\frac{R(4R+r)^2}{2(2R-r)}} \right] = \\
 &= \frac{1}{16R^2r^2} \left[ (4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)(4R^2 - 8Rr + 4r^2) + r^2(12R^2 + 8Rr - r^2) - \frac{2r^3(2R-r)(4R+r)}{R} \right] = \\
 &= \frac{1}{16R^2r^2} \left[ 16R^4 - 16R^3r + 8R^2r^2 + 11r^4 - \frac{2r^3(2R-r)(4R+r)}{R} \right] = \\
 &= \frac{1}{16R^2r^2} \cdot \frac{R(16R^4 - 16R^3r + 8R^2r^2 + 11r^4) - 2r^3(2R-r)(4R+r)}{R} = \\
 &= \frac{16R^5 - 16R^4r + 8R^3r^2 - 16R^2r^3 + 15Rr^4 + 2r^4}{16R^3r^2} \stackrel{(2)}{\leq} \frac{9R^3}{32r^3} = \frac{9}{4} \left( \frac{R}{2r} \right)^3 = RHS
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where, (2)} \Leftrightarrow \frac{16R^5 - 16R^4r + 8R^3r^2 - 16R^2r^3 + 15Rr^4 + 2r^4}{16R^3r^2} \leq \frac{9R^3}{32r^3}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 9R^6 - 32R^5r + 32R^4r^2 - 16R^3r^3 + 32R^2r^4 - 30Rr^5 - 2r^6 \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(9R^5 - 14R^4r + 4R^3r^2 - 8R^2r^3 + 16Rr^4 + 2r^5) \geq 0, \text{ which is true from}$$

$R \geq 2r$  (Euler), where it was used,

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{m_a^2}{a^2} = \frac{s^6 + s^4(r^2 - 12Rr) + s^2r^2(12R^2 + 8Rr - r^2) - r^3(4R+r)^3}{16R^2r^2s^2}$$

Equality if and only if triangle is equilateral.

**7) In  $\Delta ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

$$\frac{9}{4} \leq \left( 2 - \frac{r}{R} \right)^2 \leq \sum_{cyc} \frac{m_a w_a}{a^2} \leq \frac{9}{4} \left( \frac{R}{2r} \right)^3$$

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**Solution.** See up these inequalities. Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

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