

# INEQUALITIES IN TRIANGLES

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we will demonstrate some general inequalities. By particularization, we obtain new but also known inequalities.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

In this section, we recall some notations and results we will use in this paper.

For a given triangle  $ABC$ , we note by  $a, b, c$  the side lengths,  $s$  the semiperimeter,  $F$  the area,  $R$  the radius of the circumscribed circle,  $r$  the radius of the inscribed circle and  $r_a, r_b, r_c$  the radii of the exscribed circles of triangle.

The following inequalities are well known.

**Theorem 1.1** (Bătinețu-Giurgiu's Inequality). *If  $x, y, z > 0$ , then in the triangle  $ABC$  the inequality*

$$\frac{x+y}{z}a^2 + \frac{y+z}{x}b^2 + \frac{z+x}{y}c^2 \geq 8\sqrt{3}F \quad (1.1)$$

holds.

**Theorem 1.2** (Bergström's Inequality). *If  $x_n \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $a_k > 0, k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , then*

$$\frac{x_1^2}{a_1} + \frac{x_2^2}{a_2} + \dots + \frac{x_n^2}{a_n} \geq \frac{(x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n)^2}{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n}. \quad (1.2)$$

The equality holds if and only if  $\frac{x_1}{a_1} = \frac{x_2}{a_2} = \dots = \frac{x_n}{a_n}$ .

**Theorem 1.3** (Doucet's Inequality). *In the triangle  $ABC$ , the inequality*

$$s\sqrt{3} \leq 4R + r \quad (1.3)$$

holds.

**Theorem 1.4** (Ionescu-Weitzenböck's Inequality). *In the triangle  $ABC$ , the inequality*

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \geq 4F\sqrt{3} \quad (1.4)$$

holds.

**Theorem 1.5** (Klamkin's Inequality). *If  $x, y, z > 0$  and  $a, b, c$  are the sides lengths of the triangle  $ABC$ , then*

$$(xa^2 + yb^2 + zc^2)^2 \geq 16(xy + yz + zx)F^2 \quad (1.5)$$

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**Theorem 1.6** (Tsintsifas's Inequality). *If  $x, y, z > 0$ , in the triangle  $ABC$ , the inequality*

$$\frac{x}{y+z} a^2 + \frac{y}{z+x} b^2 + \frac{z}{x+y} c^2 \geq 2\sqrt{3} F \quad (1.6)$$

*holds.*

## 2. MAIN RESULTS AND APPLICATIONS

In the problem 11857 from the American Mathematical Monthly 2015, page 700, problem proposed by Mehmet Sahin, the triangle  $ABC$  it is associated with a triangle  $A_1B_1C_1$  with the side lengths  $a_1 = \sqrt{a}$ ,  $b_1 = \sqrt{b}$ ,  $c_1 = \sqrt{c}$  and  $F_1$  his area. In this problem it proves that

$$F_1 = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{r(r_a + r_b + r_c)}. \quad (2.1)$$

**Theorem 2.1.** *The following inequality*

$$F_1 \geq \frac{\sqrt[4]{3}}{2} \sqrt{F} \quad (2.2)$$

*holds. The inequality takes place if and only if the triangle  $ABC$  is equilateral.*

*The first proof.* Taking that  $r_a + r_b + r_c = 4R + r$  and Doucet's Inequality into account, we have

$$F_1 = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{r(r_a + r_b + r_c)} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{r(4R + r)} \geq \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{r s \sqrt{3}} = \frac{\sqrt[4]{3}}{2} \sqrt{rs},$$

from where (2.2) is obtained.

*The second proof.* In this solution, we will use that

$$(r_a + r_b + r_c)^2 \geq 3(r_a r_b + r_b r_c + r_c r_a) \quad \text{and} \quad r_a r_b + r_b r_c + r_c r_a = s^2.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} F_1 &= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{r(r_a + r_b + r_c)} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt[4]{r^2(r_a + r_b + r_c)^2} \geq \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2} \sqrt[4]{r^2 \cdot 3(r_a r_b + r_b r_c + r_c r_a)} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt[4]{3} \sqrt[4]{r^2 s^2} = \frac{\sqrt[4]{3}}{2} \sqrt{rs}, \end{aligned}$$

from where (2.2) follows.

**Corollary 2.1.** *If  $x, y, z > 0$ , then the inequality*

$$\frac{x}{y+z} a + \frac{y}{z+x} b + \frac{z}{x+y} c \geq \sqrt[4]{27} \sqrt{F} \quad (2.3)$$

*occurs in the triangle  $ABC$ .*

*Proof.* In the triangle  $A_1B_1C_1$  associated with the triangle  $ABC$ , where  $a_1 = \sqrt{a}$ ,  $a_2 = \sqrt{b}$ ,  $a_3 = \sqrt{c}$ , using Tsintsifas's Inequality and inequality (2.2), we have  $\sum_{cyc} \frac{x}{y+z} a = \sum_{cyc} \frac{x}{y+z} a_1^2 \geq 2\sqrt{3} F_1 \geq 2\sqrt{3} \frac{\sqrt[4]{3}}{2} \sqrt{F}$ , from where (2.3) follows.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.2.** *For any  $x, y, z > 0$  and any triangle  $ABC$ , the inequality*

$$\frac{x}{y+z} a^2 + \frac{y}{z+x} b^2 + \frac{z}{x+y} c^2 \geq 2\sqrt{3} F \quad (2.4)$$

*holds.*

*Proof.* Applying Bergström's Inequality and Klamkin's Inequality, respectively, in triangle  $A_1B_1C_1$  we we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{x}{y+z} a^2 &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{x^2}{xy+xz} a_1^4 = \sum_{cyc} \frac{(xa_1^2)^2}{xy+xz} \geq \frac{\left(\sum_{cyc} xa_1^2\right)^2}{\sum_{cyc}(xy+z)} \\ &= \frac{(xa_1^2 + yb_1^2 + zc_1^2)^2}{2(xy+yz+zx)^2} \geq \frac{16(xy+yz+zx)F_1^2}{2(xy+yz+zx)} = 8F_1^2. \end{aligned}$$

Taking inequality from (2.2) into account, we obtain inequality from the hypothesis.  $\square$

**Remark 2.1.** The proof in the Corollary 2.2. is a new proof of Tsintsifas's Inequality.

**Corollary 2.3.** For any  $x, y, z > 0$  and any triangle  $ABC$ , the inequality

$$\frac{x+y}{z} a + \frac{y+z}{x} b + \frac{z+x}{y} c \geq 4\sqrt[4]{27} \cdot \sqrt{F} \quad (2.5)$$

holds.

*Proof.* In the proof, we will use Băţineţu-Giurgiu's Inequality and inequality from (2.2) in triangle  $A_1B_1C_1$ . We have

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{x+y}{z} a = \sum_{cyc} \frac{x+y}{z} a_1^2 \geq 8\sqrt{3} F_1 \geq 8\sqrt{3} \frac{\sqrt[4]{3}}{2} \sqrt{F},$$

from where (2.5) follows.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$  be a real numbers. Prove that

a)  $\frac{p}{q+r}\alpha + \frac{q}{r+p}\beta + \frac{r}{p+q}\gamma \geq \delta$ , for any  $p, q, r > 0$  equivalent to  
 $\frac{x+y}{z}\alpha + \frac{y+z}{x}\beta + \frac{z+x}{y}\gamma \geq 2\delta + \alpha + \beta + \gamma$ , for any  $x, y, z > 0$  with  
 $-x+y+z > 0$ ,  $x-y+z > 0$  and  $x+y-z > 0$ .

b)  $\frac{p}{q+r}\alpha + \frac{q}{r+\beta}\beta + \frac{r}{p+q}\gamma \leq \delta$ , for any  $p, q, r > 0$  equivalent to  
 $\frac{x+y}{z}\alpha + \frac{y+z}{x}\beta + \frac{z+x}{y}\gamma \leq 2\delta + \alpha + \beta + \gamma$ , for any  $x, y, z > 0$  with  
 $-x+y+z > 0$ ,  $x-y+z > 0$  and  $x+y-z > 0$ .

*Proof.* a) We note  $q+r = z$ ,  $r+p = x$ ,  $p+q = y$  and then  $p = \frac{x+y-z}{2}$ ,  
 $q = \frac{-x+y+z}{2}$ ,  $r = \frac{x-y+z}{2}$ .

Suppose that the inequality  $\frac{p}{q+r}\alpha + \frac{q}{r+p}\beta + \frac{r}{p+q}\gamma \geq \delta$ , for any  $p, q, r > 0$  holds. Let be any numbers  $x, y, z > 0$  with  $-x+y+z > 0$ ,  $x-y+z > 0$ ,  $x+y-z > 0$ . From the relations above, it results that  $p, q, r > 0$  and than the inequality  $\frac{p}{q+r}x + \frac{q}{r+p}\beta + \frac{r}{p+q}\gamma \geq \delta$  holds.

In this inequality replacing  $p, q, r$  with the relations above and after calculations, we obtain the inequality

$$\frac{x+y}{z}\alpha + \frac{y+z}{x}\beta + \frac{z+x}{y}\gamma \geq 2\delta + \alpha + \beta + \gamma.$$

Reciprocally, we suppose that the inequality  $\frac{x+y}{z}\alpha + \frac{y+z}{x}\beta + \frac{z+x}{y}\gamma \geq 2\delta + \alpha + \beta + \gamma$ , for any  $x, y, z > 0$  with  $-x + y + z > 0$ ,  $x - y + z > 0$ ,  $x + y - z > 0$  is true.

Let  $p, q, r$  arbitrary real numbers strictly positive. Then, taking the relations above into account, we have  $x = r + p > 0$ ,  $y = p + q > 0$ ,  $z = q + r$  and  $-x + y + z = 2q > 0$ ,  $x - y + z = 2r > 0$  and  $x + y - z = 2p > 0$ .

Then, the inequality  $\frac{x+y}{z}\alpha + \frac{y+z}{x}\beta + \frac{z+x}{y}\gamma \geq 2\delta + \alpha + \beta + \gamma$  holds.

In this true inequality, replacing  $x, y, z$  with the relations above and after calculations, the inequality  $\frac{p}{q+r}\alpha + \frac{q}{r+p}\beta + \frac{r}{p+q}\gamma \geq \delta$  follows.

Similarly is demonstrated b).  $\square$

**Theorem 2.3.** *In the triangle ABC, the following inequality*

$$\frac{x+y}{z}a^2 + \frac{y+z}{x}b^2 + \frac{z+x}{y}c^2 \geq 4\sqrt{3}F + a^2 + b^2 + c^2, \quad (2.6)$$

holds for any  $x, y, z > c$ , with  $-x + y + z > 0$ ,  $x - y + z > 0$ ,  $x + y - z > 0$ .

*Proof.* Taking Tsintsifas's Inequality and Theorem 2.2 into account, for  $\alpha = a^2$ ,  $\beta = b^2$ ,  $\gamma = c^2$ , the inequality (2.6) follows.  $\square$

**Remark 2.2.** In the (2.6) inequality, taking Ionescu–Weitzenböck's Inequality into account, we obtain Bătinețu-Giurgiu's Inequality.

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