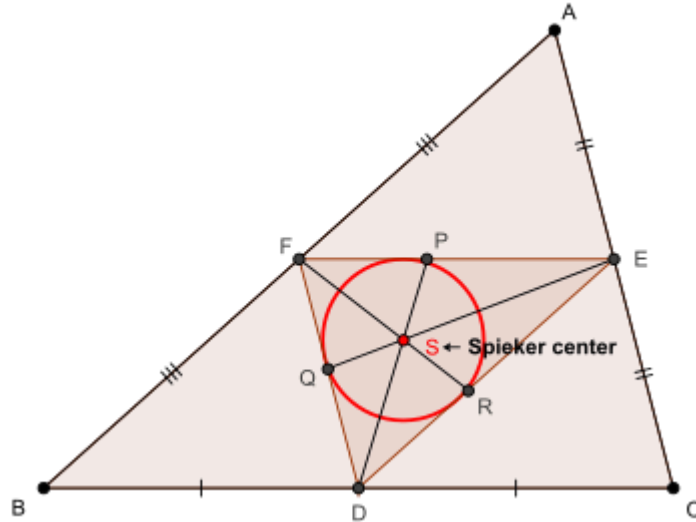


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In any ΔABC with $p_a, p_b, p_c \rightarrow$ Spieker cevians, $n_a, n_b, n_c \rightarrow$ Nagel cevians,
the following relationship holds : $n_a + n_b + n_c \geq p_a + p_b + p_c + \frac{2s(R - 2r)}{5R}$

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Let AS produced meet BC at X and $m(\angle BAX) = \alpha$ and $m(\angle CAX) = \beta$ (say)
and inradius of $\Delta DEF = r'$ (say)

$$\text{Now, } 16[DEF]^2 = 2 \sum \left(\frac{a^2}{4} \right) \left(\frac{b^2}{4} \right) - \sum \frac{a^4}{16} = \frac{1}{16} \left(2 \sum a^2 b^2 - \sum a^4 \right) = \frac{16r^2 s^2}{16}$$

$$\Rightarrow [DEF] = \frac{rs}{4} \Rightarrow r' \left(\frac{\frac{a}{2} + \frac{b}{2} + \frac{c}{2}}{2} \right) = \frac{rs}{4} \Rightarrow r' = \frac{r}{2} \rightarrow (1)$$

$$\because \text{Spieker center is incenter of } \Delta DEF, \therefore m(\angle AFS) = B + \frac{C}{2} = \frac{2B + C}{2} = \frac{B + \pi - A}{2}$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{A - B}{2} \text{ and } m(\angle AES) = C + \frac{B}{2} = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{A - C}{2} \rightarrow (2)$$

Via (1), (2) and using cosine law on ΔAFS and ΔAES , we arrive at :

$$AS^2 = \frac{r^2}{4 \sin^2 \frac{C}{2}} + \frac{c^2}{4} - \left(\frac{2r}{2 \sin \frac{C}{2}} \right) \left(\frac{c}{2} \right) \sin \frac{A - B}{2}$$

$$= \frac{r^2}{4 \sin^2 \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{b^2}{4} - \left(\frac{2r}{2 \sin \frac{B}{2}} \right) \left(\frac{b}{2} \right) \sin \frac{A - C}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2AS^2 \stackrel{(i)}{=} \frac{r^2}{4 \sin^2 \frac{C}{2}} + \frac{c^2}{4} - \left(\frac{2r}{2 \sin \frac{C}{2}} \right) \left(\frac{c}{2} \right) \sin \frac{A - B}{2} + \frac{r^2}{4 \sin^2 \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{b^2}{4}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & - \left(\frac{2r}{2\sin \frac{B}{2}} \right) \left(\frac{b}{2} \right) \sin \frac{A-C}{2} \\
 \text{Now, } & \left(\frac{2r}{2\sin \frac{C}{2}} \right) \left(\frac{c}{2} \right) \sin \frac{A-B}{2} + \left(\frac{2r}{2\sin \frac{B}{2}} \right) \left(\frac{b}{2} \right) \sin \frac{A-C}{2} \\
 & = \frac{r}{2} \left(4R \cos \frac{C}{2} \sin \frac{A-B}{2} + 4R \cos \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{A-C}{2} \right) \\
 & = Rr \left(2 \sin \frac{A+B}{2} \sin \frac{A-B}{2} + 2 \sin \frac{A+C}{2} \sin \frac{A-C}{2} \right) \\
 & = Rr \left(1 - 2 \sin^2 \frac{B}{2} + 1 - 2 \sin^2 \frac{C}{2} - 2 \left(1 - 2 \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \right) \right) \\
 & = 2Rr \left(\frac{2a(s-b)(s-c) - b(s-c)(s-a) - c(s-a)(s-b)}{abc} \right) \\
 & = \frac{Rr}{8Rs} (2a^3 + (b+c)a^2 - 2a(b^2+c^2) - (b+c)(b-c)^2) \\
 & = \frac{4(b+c)bcs \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} - 2a \cdot 2bcc \cos A}{8s} = \frac{bc \left((2s-a) \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} - a \left(1 - 2 \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \right) \right)}{2s} \\
 & = \frac{bc \left((2s+a) \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} - a \right)}{2s} = \frac{(2s+a)(s-b)(s-c)}{2s} - 2Rr \\
 & \Rightarrow - \left(\frac{2r}{2\sin \frac{C}{2}} \right) \left(\frac{c}{2} \right) \sin \frac{A-B}{2} - \left(\frac{2r}{2\sin \frac{B}{2}} \right) \left(\frac{b}{2} \right) \sin \frac{A-C}{2} \\
 & \stackrel{(*)}{=} \frac{-(2s+a)(s-b)(s-c)}{2s} + 2Rr \\
 \text{Again, } & \frac{r^2}{4\sin^2 \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{r^2}{4\sin^2 \frac{C}{2}} = \frac{r^2}{4} \left(\frac{ca}{(s-c)(s-a)} + \frac{ab}{(s-a)(s-b)} \right) \\
 & = \frac{r^2}{4r^2s} (ca(s-b) + ab(s-c)) = \frac{ab+ca}{4} - 2Rr \stackrel{(**)}{=} \frac{r^2}{4\sin^2 \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{r^2}{4\sin^2 \frac{C}{2}} \\
 & (i), (*), (**) \Rightarrow 2AS^2 = \frac{b^2+c^2+ab+ca}{4} - \frac{(2s+a)(s-b)(s-c)}{2s} \\
 & = \frac{(a+b+c)(b^2+c^2+ab+ca) - (2a+b+c)(c+a-b)(a+b-c)}{8s} \\
 & = \frac{b^3+c^3-abc+a(2b^2+2c^2-a^2)}{4s} \Rightarrow 2AS^2 \stackrel{(ii)}{=} \frac{b^3+c^3-abc+a(4m_a^2)}{4s} \\
 \text{Via sine law on } \triangle AFS, & \frac{r}{2\sin \frac{C}{2} \sin \alpha} = \frac{AS}{\cos \frac{A-B}{2}} = \frac{cAS}{(a+b)\sin \frac{C}{2}} \\
 \Rightarrow c \sin \alpha & \stackrel{(***)}{=} \frac{r(a+b)}{2AS} \text{ and via sine law on } \triangle AES, b \sin \beta \stackrel{****}{=} \frac{r(a+c)}{2AS} \\
 \text{Now, } [BAX] + [BAX] &= [ABC] \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} p_a c \sin \alpha + \frac{1}{2} p_a b \sin \beta = rs
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= (2s + a) \left(s(s - a) + \frac{(b - c)^2}{2} + \frac{a(s - a)}{2} \right) + \frac{s(b - c)^2}{2}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{b^3 + c^3 - abc + a(4m_a^2) \stackrel{(\cdots)}{=} (2s + a) \left(\frac{(s - a)(2s + a)}{2} + \frac{(b - c)^2}{2} \right) + \frac{s(b - c)^2}{2}}$$

$$\therefore (\bullet), (\cdots) \Rightarrow p_a^2 = \frac{2s}{(2s + a)^2} \left(\frac{(s - a)(2s + a)^2}{2} + \frac{(2s + a)(b - c)^2}{2} + \frac{s(b - c)^2}{2} \right)$$

$$= s(s - a) + (b - c)^2 \left(\left(\frac{s}{2s + a} \right)^2 + \frac{s}{2s + a} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4} \right)$$

$$= s(s - a) - \frac{(b - c)^2}{4} + (b - c)^2 \cdot \left(\frac{s}{2s + a} + \frac{1}{2} \right)^2$$

$$= s(s - a) + \frac{(b - c)^2}{4} \left(\frac{(4s + a)^2}{(2s + a)^2} - 1 \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow p_a^2 \stackrel{(\cdots\cdots)}{=} s(s - a) + \frac{s(3s + a)(b - c)^2}{(2s + a)^2}$$

Again, Stewart's theorem $\Rightarrow b^2(s - c) + c^2(s - b) = an_a^2 + a(s - b)(s - c)$
 $\Rightarrow s(b^2 + c^2) - bc(2s - a) = an_a^2 + a(s^2 - s(2s - a) + bc) \Rightarrow s(b^2 + c^2) - 2sbc$
 $= an_a^2 + a(as - s^2) \Rightarrow s(b^2 + c^2 - a^2 - 2bc) = an_a^2 - as^2 \Rightarrow an_a^2 = as^2 +$
 $s(2bc \cos A - 2bc) = as^2 - 4sbc \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} = as^2 - \frac{4sbc(s - b)(s - c)(s - a)}{bc(s - a)}$
 $= as^2 - \frac{as(c + a - b)(a + b - c)}{a} = as^2 - as \left(\frac{a^2 - (b - c)^2}{a} \right)$
 $\Rightarrow n_a^2 = s \left(s - \frac{a^2 - (b - c)^2}{a} \right) \Rightarrow n_a^2 = s \left(s - a + \frac{(b - c)^2}{a} \right)$
 $\Rightarrow n_a^2 \stackrel{(\cdots\cdots)}{=} s(s - a) + \frac{s}{a} \cdot (b - c)^2$

Now, $b^3 + c^3 - abc + a(4m_a^2) = b^3 + c^3 + a^3 - abc + a(2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2) - a^3$
 $= \sum_{cyc} a^3 - abc + 2a \cdot 2bc \cos A = 2s(s^2 - 6Rr - 3r^2) - 4Rrs + 16Rrs \cos A$

$$\Rightarrow b^3 + c^3 - abc + a(4m_a^2) \stackrel{(\cdots\cdots\cdots)}{=} 2s(s^2 - 8Rr - 3r^2 + 8Rr \cos A) \therefore (\bullet), (\cdots\cdots\cdots)$$

$$\Rightarrow p_a^2 = \frac{2s}{(2s + a)^2} \cdot 2s(s^2 - 8Rr - 3r^2 + 8Rr \cos A)$$

$$= \frac{4s^2}{(2s + a)^2} \cdot \left(s^2 - 8Rr - 3r^2 + 8Rr \left(1 - 2 \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \right) \right)$$

$$= \frac{4s^2}{(2s + a)^2} \cdot \left(s^2 - 3r^2 - 16Rr \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \right) < \frac{4s^4}{(2s + a)^2} \Rightarrow p_a < \frac{2s^2}{2s + a} \therefore n_a - p_a$$

$$= \frac{n_a^2 - p_a^2}{n_a + p_a} \geq \frac{\left(\frac{s}{a} - \frac{s(3s + a)}{(2s + a)^2} \right) (b - c)^2}{s + \frac{2s^2}{2s + a}} \quad (\because n_a^2 = s^2 - 2h_a r_a < s^2 \Rightarrow n_a < s)$$

$$= \frac{s(4s^2 + sa)(b - c)^2}{a(2s + a)^2 \cdot \left(\frac{4s^2 + sa}{2s + a} \right)} = \frac{s(b - c)^2}{a(2s + a)} \therefore n_a - p_a \geq \frac{s(b - c)^2}{a(2s + a)} \text{ and analogs}$$

$$\Rightarrow n_a + n_b + n_c \stackrel{(n)}{\geq} p_a + p_b + p_c + \sum_{cyc} \frac{s(b-c)^2}{a(2s+a)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } \sum_{cyc} \frac{(b-c)^2}{a} &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{b^2 + c^2 + a^2}{a} - \sum_{cyc} a - \frac{2}{4Rrs} \cdot \sum_{yc} b^2 c^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{4Rrs} \left(\sum_{cyc} a^2 \right) \left(\sum_{cyc} ab \right) - \frac{8Rrs^2}{4Rrs} - \frac{2}{4Rrs} \left(\left(\sum_{cyc} ab \right)^2 - 16Rrs^2 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{4Rrs} \left(\left(\sum_{cyc} ab \right) \left(\sum_{cyc} a^2 - 2 \sum_{cyc} ab \right) + 24Rrs^2 \right) \\ &= \frac{2(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2 - (s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)) + 24Rrs^2}{4Rrs} \\ &= \frac{(2R - r)s^2 - r(4R + r)^2}{Rs} \boxed{(m)} \sum_{cyc} \frac{(b-c)^2}{a} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{We have : } \sum_{cyc} \frac{(b-c)^2}{(2s+a)} \stackrel{(l)}{=} \frac{1}{2s(9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2)} \cdot \sum_{cyc} ((b-c)^2(8s^2 - 2sa + bc))$$

$$\text{and, } \sum_{cyc} ((b-c)^2(8s^2 - 2sa + bc)) =$$

$$8s^2 \sum_{cyc} (b-c)^2 - 2s \cdot \sum_{cyc} a(b^2 + c^2 - 2bc) + \sum_{cyc} \left(bc \left(\sum_{cyc} a^2 - a^2 - 2bc \right) \right)$$

$$= 16s^2(s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2) - 2s \cdot \left(\left(\sum_{cyc} a \right) \left(\sum_{cyc} ab \right) - 9abc \right) +$$

$$2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) - 2((s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2 - 16Rrs^2) - 8Rrs^2$$

$$= 16s^2(s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2) - 4s^2(s^2 - 14Rr + r^2) +$$

$$2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) - 2((s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2 - 16Rrs^2) - 8Rrs^2 \stackrel{\text{via (l)}}{\Leftrightarrow}$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{(b-c)^2}{(2s+a)} \boxed{(n)} \left(\frac{16s^2(s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2) - 4s^2(s^2 - 14Rr + r^2) + 4r((2R - r)s^2 - r(4R + r)^2)}{2s(9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2)} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We have : } \sum_{cyc} \frac{2s(b-c)^2}{a(2s+a)} &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{(2s+a-a)(b-c)^2}{a(2s+a)} \\ &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{(b-c)^2}{a} - \sum_{cyc} \frac{(b-c)^2}{2s+a} \stackrel{\text{via (m) and (n)}}{=} \frac{(2R - r)s^2 - r(4R + r)^2}{Rs} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{16s^2(s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2) - 4s^2(s^2 - 14Rr + r^2) + 4r((2R - r)s^2 - r(4R + r)^2)}{2s(9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2)} \\
 &= \frac{2(9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2)((2R - r)s^2 - r(4R + r)^2) - R\sigma}{2Rs(9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2)} \\
 & \left(\sigma = 16s^2(s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2) - 4s^2(s^2 - 14Rr + r^2) + 4r((2R - r)s^2 - r(4R + r)^2) \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{4s(R - 2r)}{5R} \\
 & \Leftrightarrow (24R + 27r)s^4 - r(364R^2 + 196Rr + 42r^2)s^2 - 5r^2(4R + r)^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \text{ and } \therefore \\
 & (24R + 27r)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 0 \therefore \text{in order to prove } \textcircled{1}, \\
 & \text{it suffices to prove : LHS of } \textcircled{1} \geq (24R + 27r)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2 \\
 & \Leftrightarrow (101R^2 + 107Rr - 78r^2)s^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} r(1616R^3 + 828R^2r - 915Rr^2 + 170r^3) \\
 & \text{Finally, LHS of } \textcircled{2} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (101R^2 + 107Rr - 78r^2)(16Rr - 5r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} \\
 & r(1616R^3 + 828R^2r - 915Rr^2 + 170r^3) \Leftrightarrow 379R^2 - 868Rr + 220r^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\
 & \Leftrightarrow (379R - 110r)(R - 2r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \therefore R \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2r \Rightarrow \textcircled{2} \Rightarrow \textcircled{1} \text{ is true} \\
 & \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{s(b-c)^2}{a(2s+a)} \geq \frac{2s(R-2r)}{5R} \stackrel{\text{via } (\blacksquare)}{\Rightarrow} n_a + n_b + n_c \geq \\
 & p_a + p_b + p_c + \frac{2s(R-2r)}{5R} \forall \Delta ABC, \text{ with equality iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$