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In any ΔABC with n_a, n_b, n_c

→ Nagel cevians, the following relationship holds :

$$n_a + n_b + n_c \geq m_a + m_b + m_c + \frac{n_a^2 + n_b^2 + n_c^2 - s^2}{2s}$$

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow n_a^2 \stackrel{(*)}{=} s(s-a) + \frac{s}{a} \cdot (b-c)^2$$

$$\text{Now, } n_a - m_a \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{(b-c)^2}{2a} \stackrel{\text{via } (*)}{\Leftrightarrow} s(s-a) + \frac{s}{a} \cdot (b-c)^2 - s(s-a) - \frac{(b-c)^2}{4}$$

$$\stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{(b-c)^4}{4a^2} + m_a \cdot \frac{(b-c)^2}{a} \Leftrightarrow \frac{4s-a}{4} - \frac{(b-c)^2}{4a} \stackrel{?}{\geq} m_a \quad (\because (b-c)^2 \geq 0)$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{4s-a}{4} - \frac{(b-c)^2}{4a} > \frac{4s-a}{4} - \frac{a^2}{4a} = \frac{4s-2a}{4} > 0 \therefore (1) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{(a(4s-a) - (b-c)^2)^2}{16a^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} s(s-a) + \frac{(b-c)^2}{4}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a^2(4s-a)^2 + (b-c)^4 - 2a(4s-a)(b-c)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 16a^2s(s-a) + 4a^2(b-c)^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (b-c)^4 - (8sa + 2a^2)(b-c)^2 + a^2(16s^2 - 8sa + a^2 - 16s^2 + 16sa) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (b-c)^4 - (8sa + 2a^2)(b-c)^2 + a^2(8sa + a^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

Now, LHS of (2) is a quadratic polynomial in $(b-c)^2$ with discriminant = $(8sa + 2a^2)^2 - 4a^2(8sa + a^2) = 64a^2s^2 \therefore$ in order to prove (2),

it suffices to prove : $(b-c)^2 \leq \frac{8sa + 2a^2 - \sqrt{64a^2s^2}}{2} \Leftrightarrow a^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} (b-c)^2 \rightarrow \text{true}$

$$\Rightarrow (2) \Rightarrow (1) \text{ is true } \therefore n_a - m_a \geq \frac{(b-c)^2}{2a} \text{ and analogs } \rightarrow (l)$$

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

$$\text{As deduced earlier, } an_a^2 = as^2 - \frac{4s(s-b)(s-c)(s-a)}{(s-a)} = as^2 - a \cdot \frac{4F^2}{a(s-a)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= as^2 - 2a \cdot \frac{2F}{a} \cdot \frac{F}{s-a} \Rightarrow n_a^2 = s^2 - 2h_a r_a = s^2 - 2 \cdot \frac{2rs^2 \tan \frac{A}{2}}{4R \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \tan \frac{A}{2}} \\
 &\Rightarrow n_a^2 = s^2 - \frac{rs^2}{R} \cdot \sec^2 \frac{A}{2} \text{ and analogs } \Rightarrow \frac{n_a^2 + n_b^2 + n_c^2 - s^2}{2s} \\
 &= \frac{3s^2 - \frac{rs^2}{R} \cdot \frac{s^2 + (4R+r)^2}{s^2} - s^2}{2s} = \frac{(2R-r)s^2 - r(4R+r)^2}{2Rs} \stackrel{\text{via (m)}}{=} \\
 &\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(b-c)^2}{2a} \stackrel{\text{via (l)}}{\leq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} (n_a - m_a) \therefore n_a + n_b + n_c \geq m_a + m_b + m_c \\
 &+ \frac{n_a^2 + n_b^2 + n_c^2 - s^2}{2s} \forall \Delta ABC, \text{ with equality iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$