

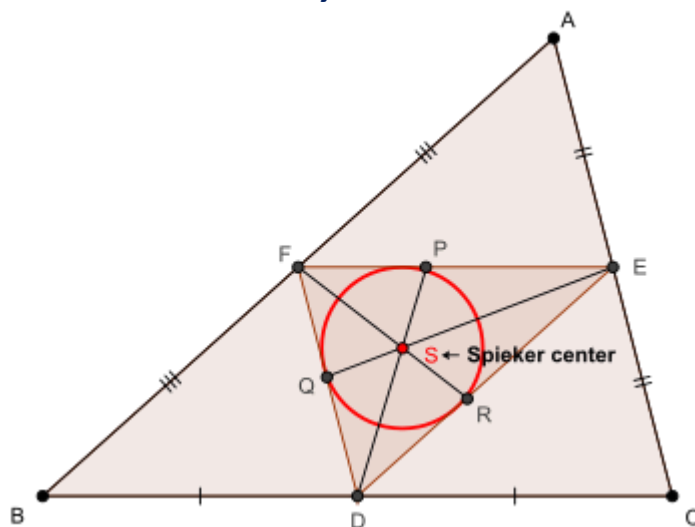
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In any $\triangle ABC$, the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{p_a}{w_a} + \frac{p_b}{w_b} + \frac{p_c}{w_c} \leq 3 + \frac{4\sqrt{2}}{3} \left(\frac{R}{2r} - 1 \right)$$

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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 $\triangle DEF = r'$ (say)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } 16[DEF]^2 &= 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\left(\frac{a^2}{4} \right) \left(\frac{b^2}{4} \right) \right) - \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^4}{16} = \frac{1}{16} \left(2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^4 \right) \\ &= \frac{16r^2 s^2}{16} \Rightarrow [DEF] = \frac{rs}{4} \Rightarrow r' \left(\frac{\frac{a}{2} + \frac{b}{2} + \frac{c}{2}}{2} \right) = \frac{rs}{4} \Rightarrow r' = \frac{r}{2} \rightarrow (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \because \text{Spieker center is incentre of } \triangle DEF, \therefore m(\angle AFS) &= B + \frac{C}{2} = \frac{2B + C}{2} = \frac{B + \pi - A}{2} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{A - B}{2} \text{ and } m(\angle AES) = C + \frac{B}{2} = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{A - C}{2} \rightarrow (2) \end{aligned}$$

Via (1), (2) and using cosine law on $\triangle AFS$ and $\triangle AES$, we arrive at :

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Now, } \left(\frac{2r}{2\sin\frac{C}{2}} \right) \left(\frac{c}{2} \right) \sin\frac{A-B}{2} + \left(\frac{2r}{2\sin\frac{B}{2}} \right) \left(\frac{b}{2} \right) \sin\frac{A-C}{2} \\
 &= \frac{r}{2} \left(4R\cos\frac{C}{2} \sin\frac{A-B}{2} + 4R\cos\frac{B}{2} \sin\frac{A-C}{2} \right) \\
 &= Rr \left(2\sin\frac{A+B}{2} \sin\frac{A-B}{2} + 2\sin\frac{A+C}{2} \sin\frac{A-C}{2} \right) \\
 &= Rr \left(1 - 2\sin^2\frac{B}{2} + 1 - 2\sin^2\frac{C}{2} - 2 \left(1 - 2\sin^2\frac{A}{2} \right) \right) \\
 &= 2Rr \left(\frac{2a(s-b)(s-c) - b(s-c)(s-a) - c(s-a)(s-b)}{abc} \right) \\
 &= \frac{Rr}{8Rs} (2a^3 + (b+c)a^2 - 2a(b^2+c^2) - (b+c)(b-c)^2) \\
 &= \frac{4(b+c)bcsin^2\frac{A}{2} - 2a \cdot 2bccosA}{8s} = \frac{bc \left((2s-a)\sin^2\frac{A}{2} - a \left(1 - 2\sin^2\frac{A}{2} \right) \right)}{2s} \\
 &= \frac{bc \left((2s+a)\sin^2\frac{A}{2} - a \right)}{2s} = \frac{(2s+a)(s-b)(s-c)}{2s} - 2Rr \\
 &\Rightarrow - \left(\frac{2r}{2\sin\frac{C}{2}} \right) \left(\frac{c}{2} \right) \sin\frac{A-B}{2} - \left(\frac{2r}{2\sin\frac{B}{2}} \right) \left(\frac{b}{2} \right) \sin\frac{A-C}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \boxed{(*)} = \frac{-(2s+a)(s-b)(s-c)}{2s} + 2Rr \\
 & \text{Again, } \frac{r^2}{4\sin^2\frac{B}{2}} + \frac{r^2}{4\sin^2\frac{C}{2}} = \frac{r^2}{4} \left(\frac{ca}{(s-c)(s-a)} + \frac{ab}{(s-a)(s-b)} \right) \\
 &= \frac{r^2}{4r^2s} (ca(s-b) + ab(s-c)) = \frac{ab+ca}{4} - 2Rr \boxed{(**)} \frac{r^2}{4\sin^2\frac{B}{2}} + \frac{r^2}{4\sin^2\frac{C}{2}} \\
 & (i), (*), (**) \Rightarrow 2AS^2 = \frac{b^2+c^2+ab+ca}{4} - \frac{(2s+a)(s-b)(s-c)}{2s} \\
 &= \frac{(a+b+c)(b^2+c^2+ab+ca) - (2a+b+c)(c+a-b)(a+b-c)}{4s} \\
 &= \frac{b^3+c^3-abc+a(2b^2+2c^2-a^2)}{4s} \Rightarrow 2AS^2 \boxed{(ii)} = \frac{b^3+c^3-abc+a(4m_a^2)}{4s}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Via sine law on } \triangle AFS, \frac{r}{2\sin\frac{C}{2}\sin\alpha} = \frac{AS}{\cos\frac{A-B}{2}} = \frac{cAS}{(a+b)\sin\frac{C}{2}} \\
 & \Rightarrow c\sin\alpha \stackrel{(***)}{=} \frac{r(a+b)}{2AS} \text{ and via sine law on } \triangle AES, b\sin\beta \stackrel{****}{=} \frac{r(a+c)}{2AS}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, } [BAX] + [BAX] = [ABC] \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}p_a c\sin\alpha + \frac{1}{2}p_a b\sin\beta = rs$$

$$\stackrel{\text{via } (***) \text{ and } (****)}{\Rightarrow} \frac{p_a(a+b+a+c)}{2} = s \Rightarrow p_a = \frac{4s}{2s+a} AS$$

$$\Rightarrow p_a^2 \stackrel{\text{via } (ii)}{=} \frac{16s^2}{(2s+a)^2} \cdot \frac{b^3+c^3-abc+a(4m_a^2)}{8s}$$

$$\therefore p_a^2 \boxed{(\odot)} = \frac{2s}{(2s+a)^2} (b^3+c^3-abc+a(4m_a^2))$$

$$\text{Now, } b^3+c^3-abc+a(4m_a^2) = b^3+c^3+a^3-abc+a(2b^2+2c^2-a^2)-a^3$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{\text{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{(\bullet\bullet)}{=} 2s(s^2 - 8Rr - 3r^2 + 8Rr \cos A) \\
 &= 2s \left(s^2 - 8Rr - 3r^2 + 8Rr \left(1 - 2 \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \right) \right) \therefore (\bullet), (\bullet\bullet) \Rightarrow \\
 &\quad p_a \stackrel{(\bullet\bullet\bullet)}{=} \frac{2s}{2s+a} \cdot \sqrt{s^2 - 3r^2 - 16Rr \sin^2 \frac{A}{2}} \\
 &\quad \text{We have : } \frac{p_a}{w_a} + \frac{p_b}{w_b} + \frac{p_c}{w_c} \\
 &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{2s}{2s+a} \cdot \sqrt{s^2 - 3r^2 - 16Rr \sin^2 \frac{A}{2}} \cdot \frac{a(b+c) \cdot \sqrt{bc}}{2abc \cdot \sqrt{s(s-a)}} \right) \\
 &= \frac{2s}{2s(9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2) \cdot 8Rrs} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{(2s+b)(2s+c)a(b+c) \cdot \sqrt{bc(s-b)(s-c)}}{\sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} \cdot \sqrt{s^2 - 3r^2 - 16Rr \sin^2 \frac{A}{2}}} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{(9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2) \cdot 8Rr^2 s^2} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{\sqrt{(2s+b)(2s+c)a(b+c)bc(s-b)(s-c)}}{\sqrt{(2s+b)(2s+c)a(b+c)(s^2 - 3r^2 - 16Rr \sin^2 \frac{A}{2})}} \right) \\
 &\stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\leq} \frac{1}{(9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2) \cdot 8Rr^2 s^2} \cdot \sqrt{x} \cdot \sqrt{y} \\
 &\quad \left(\text{where } x = 4Rrs \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} ((2s+b)(2s+c)(b+c)(s-b)(s-c)) \text{ and } \right. \\
 &\quad \left. y = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left((2s+b)(2s+c)a(b+c) \left(s^2 - 3r^2 - 16Rr \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \right) \right) \right) \\
 &\quad \therefore \frac{p_a}{w_a} + \frac{p_b}{w_b} + \frac{p_c}{w_c} \stackrel{①}{\leq} \frac{1}{(9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2) \cdot 8Rr^2 s^2} \cdot \sqrt{x} \cdot \sqrt{y} \\
 &\text{Now, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} ((2s+b)(2s+c)(s-b)(s-c)) = \sum_{\text{cyc}} ((8s^2 - 2sa + bc)(s-b)(s-c)) \\
 &= r^2 s \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{2s(s-a) + 6s^2 + bc}{s-a} \right) = r^2 s \left(6s + \frac{6s^2(4Rr + r^2)}{r^2 s} + s \cdot \frac{s^2 + (4R + r)^2}{s^2} \right) \\
 &\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} ((2s+b)(2s+c)(s-b)(s-c)) \stackrel{(\blacksquare)}{=} 6s^2(4Rr + 2r^2) + r^2 s^2 + r^2(4R + r)^2 \\
 &\quad \text{and also,} \\
 &\sum_{\text{cyc}} (a(2s+b)(2s+c)(s-b)(s-c)) = r^2 s \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a(2s(s-a) + 6s^2 + bc)}{s-a} \\
 &= r^2 s \cdot \left(2s(2s) + 6s^2 \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a-s+s}{s-a} + \frac{4Rrs(4Rr + r^2)}{r^2 s} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= r^2 s \cdot \left(4s^2 + 6s^2 \cdot \left(-3 + \frac{s(4Rr + r^2)}{r^2 s} \right) + 4R(4R + r) \right) \\
 \Rightarrow \sum_{cyc} &\left(a(2s + b)(2s + c)(s - b)(s - c) \right) \boxed{\begin{smallmatrix} \blacksquare \blacksquare \blacksquare \\ = \end{smallmatrix}} r^2 s \left(-8s^2 + \frac{24Rs^2}{r} + 16R^2 + 4Rr \right) \\
 &\text{and moreover, } 4Rrs \cdot \sum_{cyc} ((2s + b)(2s + c)(b + c)(s - b)(s - c)) \\
 &= 4Rrs \cdot r^2 s \cdot \sum_{cyc} \frac{(2s + b)(2s + c)(s + s - a)}{s - a} \\
 &= \frac{4Rrs \cdot r^2 s^2}{r^2 s} \cdot \sum_{cyc} ((2s + b)(2s + c)(s - b)(s - c)) + \\
 4Rrs \cdot r^2 s \cdot \sum_{cyc} (8s^2 - 2sa + bc) &\stackrel{\text{via } (\blacksquare)}{=} 4Rrs^2 (6s^2(4Rr + 2r^2) + r^2 s^2 + r^2(4R + r)^2) \\
 + 4Rr^3 s^2 (21s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) &\Rightarrow 4Rrs \cdot \sum_{cyc} ((2s + b)(2s + c)(b + c)(s - b)(s - c)) \\
 &= x \boxed{\begin{smallmatrix} \blacksquare \blacksquare \blacksquare \blacksquare \\ = \end{smallmatrix}} 8Rr^2 s^2 \left((12R + 17r)s^2 + r(8R^2 + 6Rr + r^2) \right) \\
 \text{Now, } y &= \sum_{cyc} \left((s^2 - 3r^2)(2s + b)(2s + c)a(b + c) \right) \\
 - \frac{16Rr}{4Rrs} \cdot \sum_{cyc} &\left(a(2s + b)(2s + c)(s - b)(s - c) \left(\sum_{cyc} ab - bc \right) \right) \\
 &= (s^2 - 3r^2) \sum_{cyc} \left(\left(\sum_{cyc} ab - bc \right) (8s^2 - 2sa + bc) \right) - \\
 \frac{4}{s} &\left((s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) \cdot \sum_{cyc} (a(2s + b)(2s + c)(s - b)(s - c)) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - 4Rrs \cdot \sum_{cyc} ((2s + b)(2s + c)(s - b)(s - c)) \right) \\
 &\stackrel{\text{via } (\blacksquare) \text{ and } (\blacksquare \blacksquare)}{=} (s^2 - 3r^2)(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)(21s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) - \\
 (s^2 - 3r^2) &\left(8s^2(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) - 24Rrs^2 + (s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2 - 16Rrs^2 \right) \\
 - \frac{4}{s} &\left((s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) \cdot r^2 s \left(-8s^2 + \frac{24Rs^2}{r} + 16R^2 + 4Rr \right) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - 4Rrs \cdot (6s^2(4Rr + 2r^2) + r^2 s^2 + r^2(4R + r)^2) \right) \\
 \Rightarrow y &\boxed{\begin{smallmatrix} \blacksquare \blacksquare \blacksquare \blacksquare \blacksquare \\ = \end{smallmatrix}} 4s^2 \left(3s^4 - (2Rr - 2r^2)s^2 - r^2(16R^2 + 10Rr + r^2) \right) \\
 \therefore \textcircled{1}, (\blacksquare \blacksquare \blacksquare), (\blacksquare \blacksquare \blacksquare \blacksquare) &\Rightarrow \left(\frac{p_a}{w_a} + \frac{p_b}{w_b} + \frac{p_c}{w_c} \right)^2 \leq \\
 \frac{8Rr^2 s^2 \left((12R + 17r)s^2 + r(8R^2 + 6Rr + r^2) \right) \cdot 4s^2 \left(\begin{smallmatrix} 3s^4 - (2Rr - 2r^2)s^2 \\ -r^2(16R^2 + 10Rr + r^2) \end{smallmatrix} \right)}{(9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2)^2 \cdot 64R^2 r^4 s^4} &\rightarrow (a)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } \left(3 + \frac{4\sqrt{2}}{3} \left(\frac{R}{2r} - 1 \right) \right)^2 &= 9 + \frac{32}{9} \cdot \frac{(R-2r)^2}{4r^2} + 4\sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{R-2r}{r} \\ &\geq 9 + \frac{8(R-2r)^2}{9r^2} + \frac{28(R-2r)}{5r} \therefore \left(3 + \frac{4\sqrt{2}}{3} \left(\frac{R}{2r} - 1 \right) \right)^2 \\ &\geq \frac{40(R-2r)^2 + 252r(R-2r) + 405r^2}{45r^2} \rightarrow (b) \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore (a), (b) \Rightarrow$ it suffices to prove :

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{8Rr^2s^2 \left((12R+17r)s^2 + r(8R^2+6Rr+r^2) \right) \cdot 4s^2 \left(\begin{matrix} 3s^4 - (2Rr-2r^2)s^2 \\ -r^2(16R^2+10Rr+r^2) \end{matrix} \right)}{(9s^2+6Rr+r^2)^2 \cdot 64R^2r^4s^4} \\ &\leq \frac{40(R-2r)^2 + 252r(R-2r) + 405r^2}{45r^2} \\ &\Leftrightarrow -(1620R+2295r)s^6 + (6480R^3+14904R^2r+9522Rr^2-1665r^3)s^4 \\ &\quad + r(8640R^4+30672R^3r+33948R^2r^2+9936Rr^3+675r^4)s^2 \\ &\quad + r^2(2880R^5+13344R^4r+14600R^3r^2+5428R^2r^3+842Rr^4+4r^5) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \end{aligned}$$

Now, Rouché $\Rightarrow s^2 - (m-n) \geq 0$ and $s^2 - (m+n) \leq 0$, where $m =$

$$2R^2 + 10Rr - r^2 \text{ and } n = 2(R-2r) \cdot \sqrt{R^2 - 2Rr}$$

$$\therefore (s^2 - (m+n))(s^2 - (m-n)) \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow s^4 - s^2(2m) + m^2 - n^2 \leq 0 \Rightarrow s^4 - s^2(4R^2 + 20Rr - 2r^2) + r(4R+r)^3 \leq 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow P = -(1620R+2295r)s^2(s^4 - s^2(4R^2 + 20Rr - 2r^2) + r(4R+r)^3) \\ &\quad - r(26676R^2 + 33138Rr - 2925r^2)(s^4 - s^2(4R^2 + 20Rr - 2r^2) + r(4R+r)^3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\geq 0 \therefore \text{in order to prove } \textcircled{2}, \text{ it suffices to prove : LHS of } \textcircled{2} \geq P \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(702R^4 - 51345R^3r - 54270R^2r^2 + 20484Rr^3 - 360r^4)s^2 +$$

$$r(213768R^5 + 426828R^4r + 217267R^3r^2 + 36170R^2r^3 - 140Rr^4 - 360r^5) \stackrel{\textcircled{3}}{\geq} 0$$

and it's trivially true if : $702R^4 - 51345R^3r - 54270R^2r^2 + 20484Rr^3 - 360r^4$

≥ 0 and so, we now focus on the case when :

$$702R^4 - 51345R^3r - 54270R^2r^2 + 20484Rr^3 - 360r^4 < 0 \text{ and then :}$$

$$\text{LHS of } \textcircled{3} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \left(\frac{702R^4 - 51345R^3r - 54270R^2r^2 + 20484Rr^3 - 360r^4}{20484Rr^3 - 360r^4} \right) (4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)$$

$$+ r(213768R^5 + 426828R^4r + 217267R^3r^2 + 36170R^2r^3 - 140Rr^4 - 360r^5) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 1404t^6 + 5598t^5 + 3237t^4 - 35956t^3 - 23072t^2 + 29936t - 720 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (t-2)(1404t^5 + 8406t^4 + 16352t^3 + 3697t(t^2-4) + 4142t^2 + 360) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\rightarrow \text{true} \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \Rightarrow \textcircled{3} \Rightarrow \textcircled{2} \text{ is true} \Rightarrow \left(\frac{p_a}{w_a} + \frac{p_b}{w_b} + \frac{p_c}{w_c} \right)^2 \leq \left(3 + \frac{4\sqrt{2}}{3} \left(\frac{R}{2r} - 1 \right) \right)^2$$

$$\therefore \frac{p_a}{w_a} + \frac{p_b}{w_b} + \frac{p_c}{w_c} \leq 3 + \frac{4\sqrt{2}}{3} \left(\frac{R}{2r} - 1 \right) \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$$