

# ROMANIAN MATHEMATICAL MAGAZINE

In any  $\Delta ABC$  with  $n_a, n_b, n_c$

→ *Nagel cevians, following relationship holds :*

$$n_a + n_b + n_c \geq 2s - 3(2\sqrt{3} - 3)r$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 n_a + n_b + n_c \geq 2s - 3(2\sqrt{3} - 3)r &\Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} n_a + 6\sqrt{3}r \geq 2s + 9r \stackrel{\text{squaring}}{\Leftrightarrow} \\
 &\left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} n_a \right)^2 + 108r^2 + 12\sqrt{3}r \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} n_a \right) \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} 4s^2 + 81r^2 + 36rs \\
 \text{Now, via Ben Ajiba, } &\left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} n_a \right)^2 \geq 9s^2 - 80Rr - 2r^2 = 3s^2 + 6(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2) + \\
 &16r(R - 2r) \stackrel{\substack{\text{Gerretsen} \\ \text{and} \\ \text{Euler}}}{\geq} 3s^2 \Rightarrow 12\sqrt{3}r \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} n_a \right) \geq 36rs \text{ & so, LHS of } (*) - \text{RHS of } (*) \\
 &\geq 9s^2 - 80Rr - 2r^2 + 108r^2 + 36rs - 4s^2 - 81r^2 - 36rs = 5(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2) \\
 &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 0 \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true } \therefore n_a + n_b + n_c \geq 2s - 3(2\sqrt{3} - 3)r \forall \Delta ABC,
 \end{aligned}$$

" = " iff  $\Delta ABC$  is equilateral (QED)