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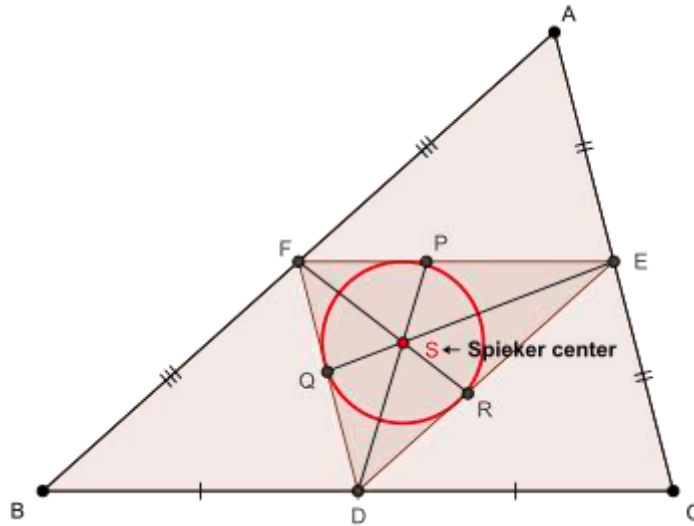
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and inradius of $\triangle DEF = r'$ (say)

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

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

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

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

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

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$$\begin{aligned} \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} \\ \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}{8Rrs}(2a^3 + (b+c)a^2 - 2a(b^2+c^2) - (b+c)(b-c)^2) \\ & = \frac{4(b+c)bc\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} \\ & \quad \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)}{4} \\ & = \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 } \Delta AFS, & \frac{r}{2\sin\frac{C}{2}\sin\alpha} = \frac{AS}{\cos\frac{A-B}{2}} = \frac{4s}{cAS} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\Rightarrow c \sin \alpha \stackrel{(***)}{=} \frac{r(a+b)}{2AS} \text{ and via sine law on } \triangle AES, b \sin \beta \stackrel{(***)}{=} \frac{r(a+c)}{2AS}$$

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

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

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

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

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

$$= (b+c)(b^2 - bc + c^2) + a(b^2 - bc + c^2) + a(b^2 + c^2 - a^2)$$

$$= 2s(b^2 - bc + c^2) + a(b^2 - bc + c^2 + bc - a^2)$$

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

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

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

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

$$= (2s+a) \cdot$$

$$\frac{4(z+x)^2 + 4(x+y)^2 - 4(z+x)(x+y) + (y+z)((z+x) + (x+y) - 2(y+z))}{4}$$

$$- \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} \quad (a = y+z, b = z+x, c = x+y)$$

$$= (2s+a) \cdot \frac{4x(x+y+z) + 2x(y+z) + 3(y-z)^2}{4} - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4}$$

$$= (2s+a) \left(s(s-a) + \frac{3}{4}(b-c)^2 + \frac{a(s-a)}{2} \right) - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4}$$

$$= (2s+a) \left(s(s-a) + \frac{3}{4}(b-c)^2 + \frac{a(s-a)}{2} \right) - \frac{(a+2s-2s)(b-c)^2}{4}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\text{Now, } p_a \stackrel{?}{\geq} w_a + \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{(b-c)^2}{b+c} \stackrel{\text{via } (\dots)}{\Leftrightarrow} s(s-a) + \frac{s(3s+a)(b-c)^2}{(2s+a)^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} s(s-a)$$

$$- \frac{s(s-a)(b-c)^2}{(2s-a)^2} + \frac{4}{9} \cdot \frac{(b-c)^4}{(b+c)^2} + \frac{4w_a}{3} \cdot \frac{(b-c)^2}{b+c}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{s(3s+a)}{(2s+a)^2} + \frac{s(s-a)}{(2s-a)^2} - \frac{4}{9} \cdot \frac{(b-c)^2}{(b+c)^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{4w_a}{3(b+c)} \quad (\because (b-c)^2 \geq 0)$$

$$\text{We have: } \frac{s(3s+a)}{(2s+a)^2} + \frac{s(s-a)}{(2s-a)^2} - \frac{4}{9} \cdot \frac{(b-c)^2}{(b+c)^2} \stackrel{a^2 > (b-c)^2}{>} \frac{s(3s+a)}{(2s+a)^2} + \frac{s(s-a)}{(2s-a)^2}$$

$$- \frac{4}{9} \cdot \frac{a^2}{(2s-a)^2} = \frac{9(s(3s+a)(2s-a)^2 + s(s-a)(2s+a)^2) - 4a^2(2s+a)^2}{9(4s^2 - a^2)^2}$$

$$= \frac{(s-a)(36s^3 + 18s^2a + 5sa^2 + a^3)}{9(4s^2 - a^2)^2} \stackrel{s > a}{>} 0 \Rightarrow \text{LHS of } (\blacksquare) > 0 \therefore (\blacksquare) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{(9T - 4(b-c)^2(2s+a)^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 16(s(s-a)(2s-a)^2 - s(s-a)(b-c)^2)}{81(4s^2 - a^2)^4} \geq \frac{16(s(s-a)(2s-a)^2 - s(s-a)(b-c)^2)}{9(2s-a)^4}$$

$$\left(T = s(3s+a)(2s-a)^2 + s(s-a)(2s+a)^2 \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{81T^2 + 16(b-c)^4(2s+a)^4 - 72T(b-c)^2(2s+a)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq}}{9(2s+a)^4}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 16(2s+a)^4(b-c)^4 - (72T(2s+a)^2 - 144s(s-a)(2s+a)^4)(b-c)^2 + 81T^2$$

$$- 144s(s-a)(2s-a)^2(2s+a)^4 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

Now, LHS of $(\blacksquare\blacksquare)$ is a quadratic polynomial in $(b-c)^2$ with discriminant =

$$(72T(2s+a)^2 - 144s(s-a)(2s+a)^4)^2$$

$$- 64(2s+a)^4(81T^2 - 144s(s-a)(2s-a)^2(2s+a)^4)$$

$$= 72^2(2s+a)^4Q^2 -$$

$$64 \cdot 9(2s+a)^4(9T^2 - 16s(s-a)(2s-a)^2(2s+a)^4)$$

$$(Q = s(3s+a)(2s-a)^2 - s(s-a)(2s+a)^2)$$

$$= 64 \cdot 9(2s+a)^4(9Q^2 - 9T^2 + 16s(s-a)(2s-a)^2(2s+a)^4)$$

$$= -4s \cdot 64 \cdot 9(2s+a)^4 \cdot a^7(176t^7 - 288t^6 - 40t^5 + 208t^4 - 13t^3 - 50t^2 + 3t + 4)$$

$$\left(t = \frac{s}{a} \right)$$

$$= \boxed{-256s \cdot 9(2s+a)^4 \cdot a^7(t-1)^2 \left(\frac{120t^5 + (24t^5 - 24t^3) + (32t^5 - 32t^2)}{(64t^4 - 64t^3) + 11t + 4} \right)} < 0$$

$\therefore t > 1 \Rightarrow \text{LHS of } (\blacksquare\blacksquare) > 0 \Rightarrow (\blacksquare\blacksquare) \Rightarrow (\blacksquare)$ is true

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$$\therefore \boxed{p_a \geq w_a + \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{(b-c)^2}{b+c}} \text{ and analogs}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ((h_b + h_c)(p_a - w_a)) - 4s(h_a + h_b + h_c - 9r) \\ &= 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\left(\frac{ca + ab}{2R} \right) \left(\frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{(b-c)^2}{b+c} \right) \right) - 4s \left(\frac{s^2 + 4Rr + r^2}{2R} - 9r \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{R} \sum_{\text{cyc}} (a(b^2 + c^2 - 2bc)) - 4s \left(\frac{s^2 - 14Rr + r^2}{2R} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{R} \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) - 9abc \right) - 2s \left(\frac{s^2 - 14Rr + r^2}{R} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{R} \cdot 2s(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2 - 18Rr) - 2s \left(\frac{s^2 - 14Rr + r^2}{R} \right) = 0 \\ &\therefore 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ((h_b + h_c)(p_a - w_a)) \geq 4s(h_a + h_b + h_c - 9r) \forall \Delta ABC, \end{aligned}$$

with equality iff ΔABC is equilateral (QED)

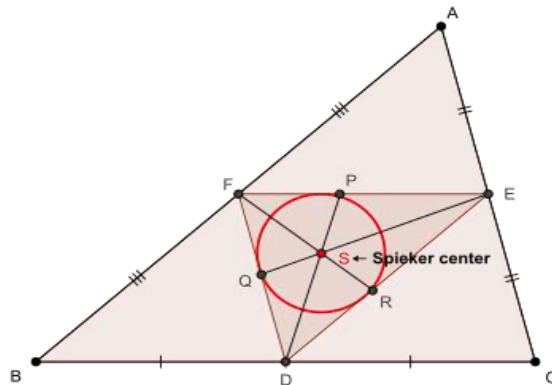
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$$- \left(\frac{2r}{2 \sin \frac{B}{2}}\right) \left(\frac{b}{2}\right) \sin \frac{A - C}{2}$$

$$\text{Now, } \left(\frac{2r}{2 \sin \frac{C}{2}}\right) \left(\frac{c}{2}\right) \sin \frac{A - B}{2} + \left(\frac{2r}{2 \sin \frac{B}{2}}\right) \left(\frac{b}{2}\right) \sin \frac{A - C}{2}$$

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

$$= Rr \left(2 \sin \frac{A + B}{2} \sin \frac{A - B}{2} + 2 \sin \frac{A + C}{2} \sin \frac{A - C}{2}\right)$$

$$= Rr \left(1 - 2 \sin^2 \frac{B}{2} + 1 - 2 \sin^2 \frac{C}{2} - 2 \left(1 - 2 \sin^2 \frac{A}{2}\right)\right)$$

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

$$= \frac{Rr}{8Rrs} (2a^3 + (b + c)a^2 - 2a(b^2 + c^2) - (b + c)(b - c)^2)$$

$$= \frac{4(b + c)bc \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} - 2a \cdot 2bcc \cos A}{8s} = \frac{bc \left((2s - a) \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} - a \left(1 - 2 \sin^2 \frac{A}{2}\right)\right)}{2s}$$

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

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$$\Rightarrow -\left(\frac{2r}{2\sin\frac{C}{2}}\right)\left(\frac{c}{2}\right)\sin\frac{A-B}{2} - \left(\frac{2r}{2\sin\frac{B}{2}}\right)\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)\sin\frac{A-C}{2}$$

$$\stackrel{(*)}{=} \frac{-(2s+a)(s-b)(s-c)}{+2Rr}$$

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), (*), (**) $\Rightarrow 2AS^2 = \frac{b^2+c^2+ab+ca}{4} - \frac{(2s+a)(s-b)(s-c)}{2s}$

$$= \frac{(a+b+c)(b^2+c^2+ab+ca) - (2a+b+c)(c+a-b)(a+b-c)}{4}$$

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

Via sine law on ΔAFS , $\frac{r}{2\sin\frac{C}{2}\sin\alpha} = \frac{AS}{\cos\frac{A-B}{2}} = \frac{4s}{(a+b)\sin\frac{C}{2}}$

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

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

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

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

$$= (b+c)(b^2-bc+c^2) + a(b^2-bc+c^2) + a(b^2+c^2-a^2)$$

$$= 2s(b^2-bc+c^2) + a(b^2-bc+c^2+bc-a^2)$$

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

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

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

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

$$= (2s+a).$$

$$\frac{4(z+x)^2 + 4(x+y)^2 - 4(z+x)(x+y) + (y+z)((z+x) + (x+y) - 2(y+z))}{4}$$

$$- \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} \quad (a = y+z, b = z+x, c = x+y)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (2s+a) \cdot \frac{4x(x+y+z) + 2x(y+z) + 3(y-z)^2}{4} - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} \\
 &= (2s+a) \left(s(s-a) + \frac{3}{4}(b-c)^2 + \frac{a(s-a)}{2} \right) - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} \\
 &= (2s+a) \left(s(s-a) + \frac{3}{4}(b-c)^2 + \frac{a(s-a)}{2} \right) - \frac{(a+2s-2s)(b-c)^2}{4} \\
 &= (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{(\bullet\bullet)}{=} (2s+a) \left(\frac{(s-a)(2s+a)}{2} + \frac{(b-c)^2}{2} \right) + \frac{s(b-c)^2}{2} \\
 \therefore (\bullet), (\bullet\bullet) \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{(\bullet\bullet\bullet)}{=} s(s-a) + \frac{s(3s+a)(b-c)^2}{(2s+a)^2} \\
 \text{Now, } p_a &\stackrel{?}{\leq} w_a + \frac{2}{3}|b-c| \Leftrightarrow p_a^2 \stackrel{?}{\leq} w_a^2 + \frac{4}{9}(b-c)^2 + \frac{4}{3} \cdot w_a \cdot |b-c| \\
 \text{via } (\bullet\bullet\bullet) &\Leftrightarrow s(s-a) + \frac{s(3s+a)(b-c)^2}{(2s+a)^2} - s(s-a) + \frac{s(s-a)(b-c)^2}{(2s-a)^2} \\
 &\quad - \frac{4}{9}(b-c)^2 \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{4}{3} \cdot w_a \cdot |b-c| \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{s(3s+a)}{(2s+a)^2} + \frac{s(s-a)}{(2s-a)^2} - \frac{4}{9} \right) |b-c| \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{4}{3} \cdot w_a \quad (\because |b-c| \geq 0) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \frac{(20s^4 - 18s^3a - s^2a^2 - a^4)|b-c|}{9(4s^2 - a^2)^2} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{w_a}{3} \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \frac{(s-a)(20s^3 + 2s^2a + sa^2 + a^3)|b-c|}{3(4s^2 - a^2)^2} \stackrel{?}{\leq} w_a \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \frac{(s-a)^2(20s^3 + 2s^2a + sa^2 + a^3)^2(b-c)^2}{9(4s^2 - a^2)^4} \stackrel{?}{\leq} s(s-a) - \frac{s(s-a)(b-c)^2}{(2s-a)^2} \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \frac{(s-a)(20s^3 + 2s^2a + sa^2 + a^3)^2 + 9s(2s-a)^2(2s+a)^4}{9(4s^2 - a^2)^4} \cdot (b-c)^2 \stackrel{?}{\leq} s \text{ and} \\
 &\quad \because (b-c)^2 < a^2 \therefore \text{in order to prove this, it suffices to prove :} \\
 &9s(4s^2 - a^2)^4 \stackrel{?}{>} a^2(s-a)(20s^3 + 2s^2a + sa^2 + a^3)^2 + 9sa^2(2s-a)^2(2s+a)^4 \\
 &\Leftrightarrow 2304t^9 - 3280t^7 - 256t^6 + 1044t^5 + 288t^4 - 69t^3 - 33t^2 + t + 1 \stackrel{?}{>} 0 \\
 \left(t = \frac{s}{a} \right) &\Leftrightarrow (t-1) \left(\frac{2212t^8 + 92(t^8 - t^6) + 884(t^7 - t^6) + 1232(t^7 - t^5) + 188(t^7 - t^4) + 100t^3 + 28t^2 + 2(t^2 - t) + t^2 - 1}{188(t^7 - t^4) + 100t^3 + 28t^2 + 2(t^2 - t) + t^2 - 1} \right) \stackrel{?}{>} 0
 \end{aligned}$$

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→ true ∵ $t = \frac{s}{a} > 1 ∴ p_a \leq w_a + \frac{2}{3}|b - c|$ and analogs

$$\Rightarrow p_a + p_b + p_c \leq w_a + w_b + w_c + \frac{2}{3}(|a - b| + |b - c| + |c - a|) \rightarrow (m)$$

Now, we shall prove that : $\frac{1}{2}(|b - c| + |c - a| + |a - b|)$
 $= \max\{a, b, c\} - \min\{a, b, c\}$

$$\text{Case (1)} \quad a \geq b \geq c ∴ \frac{1}{2}(|b - c| + |c - a| + |a - b|) = \frac{1}{2}(b - c + a - c + a - b) \\ = a - c = \max\{a, b, c\} - \min\{a, b, c\}$$

$$\text{Case (2)} \quad a \geq c \geq b ∴ \frac{1}{2}(|b - c| + |c - a| + |a - b|) = \frac{1}{2}(c - b + a - c + a - b) \\ = a - b = \max\{a, b, c\} - \min\{a, b, c\}$$

$$\text{Case (3)} \quad b \geq c \geq a ∴ \frac{1}{2}(|b - c| + |c - a| + |a - b|) = \frac{1}{2}(b - c + c - a + b - a) \\ = b - a = \max\{a, b, c\} - \min\{a, b, c\}$$

$$\text{Case (4)} \quad b \geq a \geq c ∴ \frac{1}{2}(|b - c| + |c - a| + |a - b|) = \frac{1}{2}(b - c + a - c + b - a) \\ = b - c = \max\{a, b, c\} - \min\{a, b, c\}$$

$$\text{Case (5)} \quad c \geq a \geq b ∴ \frac{1}{2}(|b - c| + |c - a| + |a - b|) = \frac{1}{2}(c - b + c - a + a - b) \\ = c - b = \max\{a, b, c\} - \min\{a, b, c\}$$

$$\text{Case (6)} \quad c \geq b \geq a ∴ \frac{1}{2}(|b - c| + |c - a| + |a - b|) = \frac{1}{2}(c - b + c - a + b - a) \\ = c - a = \max\{a, b, c\} - \min\{a, b, c\} ∴ \text{combining all 6 cases, we conclude :}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(|b - c| + |c - a| + |a - b|) = \max\{a, b, c\} - \min\{a, b, c\} \rightarrow (n) ∴ (m) \text{ and } (n)$$

$$\Rightarrow p_a + p_b + p_c \leq w_a + w_b + w_c + \frac{4}{3}(\max\{a, b, c\} - \min\{a, b, c\}) \forall \Delta ABC, \\ \text{with equality iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$$

2003. In ΔABC the following relationship holds:

$$\sum \sqrt{m_a^2 + rr_a} = \frac{1}{2} \sum (r_c + r) \sqrt{\frac{r_a + r_b}{r_c - r}} = \sum (a + b) \cos C = 2s$$

Proposed by Dang Ngoc Minh-Vietnam

Solution by Mirsadix Muzefferov-Azerbaijan

$$1) \sum \sqrt{m_a^2 + rr_a} \\ m_a^2 + rr_a = \frac{1}{4}((2(b^2 + c^2) - a^2) + (a^2 - (b - c)^2)) = \\ = \frac{1}{4}(2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2 + a^2 - b^2 - c^2 + 2bc) = \frac{1}{4}(b^2 + c^2 + 2bc) = \frac{1}{4}(b + c)^2$$

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Here $a^2 = (b - c)^2 + 4rr_a$ (true)

$$\sum \sqrt{m_a^2 + rr_a} = \sum \frac{1}{2}(b + c) = 2s \quad (1)$$

$$2) \frac{1}{2} \sum (r_c + r) \sqrt{\frac{r_a + r_b}{r_c - r}}$$

$$\frac{r_a + r_b}{r_c - r} = \frac{4R + r - r_c}{r_c - r} = \frac{4R}{r_c - r} - 1 = \frac{(r_c + r) = s \tan \frac{C}{2} + (s - c) \tan \frac{C}{2} = (2s - c) \tan \frac{C}{2} = (a + b) \tan \frac{C}{2}}{4R} - 1 = \frac{4R}{s \tan \frac{C}{2} - (s - c) \tan \frac{C}{2}} - 1 = \frac{4R}{c \tan \frac{C}{2}} - 1 =$$

$$\frac{4R}{4R \sin \frac{C}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2} \tan \frac{C}{2}} - 1 = \frac{1}{\sin^2 \frac{C}{2}} - 1$$

$$= \operatorname{ctg}^2 \frac{C}{2} \quad \text{Here } r_a + r_b + r_c = 4R + r \quad (\text{true})$$

$$(r_c + r) \sqrt{\frac{r_a + r_b}{r_c - r}} = (a + b) \tan \frac{C}{2} \cdot \cot \frac{C}{2} = (a + b)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum (r_c + r) \sqrt{\frac{r_a + r_b}{r_c - r}} = 2s \quad (2)$$

$$3) \sum (a + b) \cos C$$

$$\sum (a + b) \cos C = (a + b) \cos C + (b + c) \cos A + (a + c) \cos B = (b \cos C + c \cos B) + (c \cos A + a \cos C) + (a \cos B + b \cos A) = a + b + c = 2s$$

$$\text{Here } \begin{cases} a = b \cdot \cos C + c \cdot \cos B \\ b = c \cdot \cos A + a \cdot \cos C \\ c = a \cdot \cos B + b \cdot \cos A \end{cases} \quad (\text{true})$$

$$\sum (a + b) \cos C = 2s \quad (3)$$

The expression from (1), (2) and (3) has been proved.

2004. In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\prod_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_a + 1}{r_b} = \prod_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_a - r}{h_a - r}$$

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Solution by Tapas Das-India

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{r_a - r}{h_a - r} &= \frac{\frac{F}{s-a} - r}{\frac{2F}{a} - r} = \frac{\frac{r(s-s+a)}{s-a}}{\frac{r(2s-a)}{a}} = \frac{a^2}{(s-a)(2s-a)} = \frac{a^2}{(s-a)(b+c)} \\ \prod_{cyc} \frac{r_a - r}{h_a - r} &= \prod_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{(s-a)(b+c)} = \\ &= \frac{a^2 b^2 c^2}{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)} \quad (A) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\frac{r_a}{r_b} + 1}{\frac{h_a}{h_b} + 1} &= \frac{\frac{s-b}{s-a} + 1}{\frac{b}{a} + 1} = \frac{a}{a+b} \frac{2s-b-a}{s-a} = \frac{ac}{(s-a)(a+b)} \\ \prod_{cyc} \frac{\frac{r_a}{r_b} + 1}{\frac{h_a}{h_b} + 1} &= \prod_{cyc} \frac{ac}{(s-a)(a+b)} = \\ &= \frac{a^2 b^2 c^2}{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)} \quad (B) \end{aligned}$$

From (A) and (B) we get $\prod \frac{\left(\frac{r_a}{r_b} + 1\right)}{\frac{h_a}{h_b} + 1} = \prod \frac{r_a - r}{h_a - r}$

2005. In any ΔABC , following relationship holds :

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a^5 + c^5} \left(\frac{a^5}{b^2 \sin B} + \frac{c^8}{b^5 \sin C} \right) \geq \frac{2}{R^2 \sqrt{3}}$$

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Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$\forall A', B', C' > 0, (A' + B'), (B' + C'), (C' + A')$ form sides of a triangle

($\because (A' + B') + (B' + C') > (C' + A')$ and analogs)

$\Rightarrow \sqrt{A' + B'}, \sqrt{B' + C'}, \sqrt{C' + A'}$ form sides of a triangle with area F (say) and $16F^2$

$$= 2 \sum_{cyc} (A' + B')(B' + C') - \sum_{cyc} (A' + B')^2$$

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$$= 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} A'B' + B'^2 \right) - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} A'^2 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} A'B'$$

$$= 6 \sum_{\text{cyc}} A'B' + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} A'^2 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} A'^2 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} A'B' \Rightarrow 4F = 2 \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} A'B'} \rightarrow (1)$$

Now, $\forall x, y, z > 0$, $\sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{xy}{(y+z)(z+x)}} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^2 y^2}{xy(y+z)(z+x)} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{3}{4}$ (*)

Via Bergstrom, LHS of (*) $\geq \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy)^2}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} (xy(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy + z^2))} = \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy)^2}{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy)^2 + xyz \sum_{\text{cyc}} x}$

$$\stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{3}{4} \Leftrightarrow \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3xyz \sum_{\text{cyc}} x \rightarrow \text{true} \therefore \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{xy}{(y+z)(z+x)}} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \rightarrow (2)$$

We have : $\frac{1}{a^5 + c^5} \left(\frac{a^5}{b^2 \sin B} + \frac{c^8}{b^5 \sin C} \right) + \frac{1}{a^5 + b^5} \left(\frac{b^5}{c^2 \sin C} + \frac{a^8}{c^5 \sin A} \right)$
 $+ \frac{1}{b^5 + c^5} \left(\frac{c^5}{a^2 \sin A} + \frac{b^8}{a^5 \sin B} \right)$

$$= 2R \cdot \frac{c^5 a^5}{a^5 b^5 + b^5 c^5} \cdot \frac{b^5}{c^5 a^5} \cdot \left(\frac{a^5}{b^3} + \frac{c^7}{b^5} \right) + 2R \cdot \frac{a^5 b^5}{c^5 a^5 + b^5 c^5} \cdot \frac{c^5}{a^5 b^5} \cdot \left(\frac{b^5}{c^3} + \frac{a^7}{c^5} \right)$$

$$+ 2R \cdot \frac{b^5 c^5}{c^5 a^5 + a^5 b^5} \cdot \frac{a^5}{b^5 c^5} \cdot \left(\frac{c^5}{a^3} + \frac{b^7}{a^5} \right)$$

$$= 2R \cdot \frac{b^5 c^5}{c^5 a^5 + a^5 b^5} \cdot \left(\frac{a^2}{b^5} + \frac{b^2}{c^5} \right) + 2R \cdot \frac{c^5 a^5}{a^5 b^5 + b^5 c^5} \cdot \left(\frac{b^2}{c^5} + \frac{c^2}{a^5} \right)$$

$$+ 2R \cdot \frac{a^5 b^5}{c^5 a^5 + b^5 c^5} \cdot \left(\frac{c^2}{a^5} + \frac{a^2}{b^5} \right)$$

$$= 2R \cdot \frac{x}{y+z} (B' + C') + 2R \cdot \frac{y}{z+x} (C' + A') + 2R \cdot \frac{z}{x+y} (A' + B')$$

$$\left(x = b^5 c^5, y = c^5 a^5, z = a^5 b^5, A' = \frac{c^2}{a^5}, B' = \frac{a^2}{b^5}, C' = \frac{b^2}{c^5} \right)$$

$$= 2R \cdot \frac{x}{y+z} \cdot \sqrt{B' + C'}^2 + 2R \cdot \frac{y}{z+x} \cdot \sqrt{C' + A'}^2 + 2R \cdot \frac{z}{x+y} \cdot \sqrt{A' + B'}^2 \stackrel{\text{Oppenheim}}{\geq}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & 4F. \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{xy}{(y+z)(z+x)}} \stackrel{\text{via (1) and (2)}}{\geq} 2R \cdot 2 \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} A'B' \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}} \\
 & = 2R \cdot \sqrt{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{c^2}{a^5} \cdot \frac{a^2}{b^5} \right)^{A-G}} \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\geq} 6R \cdot \sqrt{\frac{c^2}{a^5} \cdot \frac{a^2}{b^5} \cdot \frac{a^2}{b^5} \cdot \frac{b^2}{c^5} \cdot \frac{b^2}{c^5} \cdot \frac{c^2}{a^5}} = 6R \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{a^6 b^6 c^6}} = \frac{6R}{4Rrs} \\
 & = \frac{3}{2rs} \stackrel{\text{Euler and Mitrinovic}}{\geq} \frac{6}{R \cdot 3\sqrt{3}R} \therefore \frac{1}{a^5 + c^5} \left(\frac{a^5}{b^2 \sin B} + \frac{c^8}{b^5 \sin C} \right) \\
 & + \frac{1}{a^5 + b^5} \left(\frac{b^5}{c^2 \sin C} + \frac{a^8}{c^5 \sin A} \right) + \frac{1}{b^5 + c^5} \left(\frac{c^5}{a^2 \sin A} + \frac{b^8}{a^5 \sin B} \right) \geq \frac{2}{R^2 \cdot \sqrt{3}} \\
 & \forall \Delta ABC, '' = '' \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$

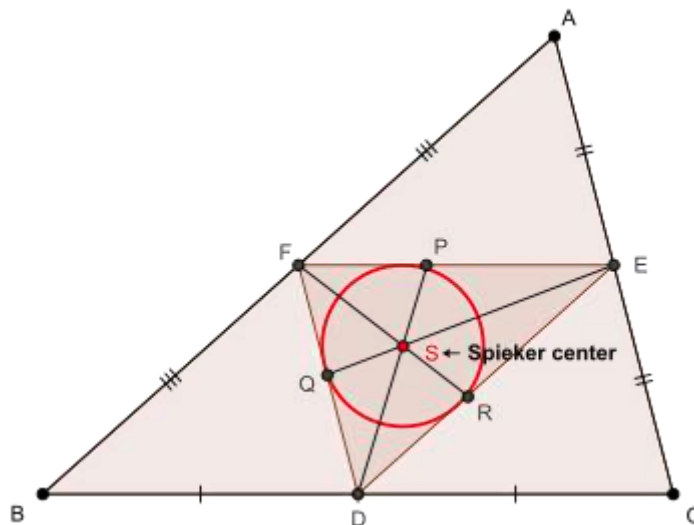
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If $p_a, p_b, p_c \rightarrow$ Spieker cevians and $n_a, n_b, n_c \rightarrow$ Nagel cevians in ΔABC ,
then the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{p_a - h_a}{n_a + h_a} + \frac{p_b - h_b}{n_b + h_b} + \frac{p_c - h_c}{n_c + h_c} \geq \frac{4r}{3s} \left(\frac{n_a}{h_a} + \frac{n_b}{h_b} + \frac{n_c}{h_c} - 3 \right)$$

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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 $\Delta DEF = r'$ (say)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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$$(*) = \frac{-(2s+a)(s-b)(s-c)}{4} + 2Rr$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Via sine law on } \triangle AFS, \frac{r}{2\sin \frac{C}{2} \sin \alpha} &= \frac{AS}{\cos \frac{A-B}{2}} = \frac{4s}{cAS} \\ \Rightarrow c \sin \alpha &\stackrel{(***)}{=} \frac{r(a+b)}{2AS} \text{ and via sine law on } \triangle AES, b \sin \beta \stackrel{(***)}{=} \frac{r(a+c)}{2AS} \end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } b^3+c^3-abc+a(4m_a^2) &= b^3+c^3-abc+a(2b^2+2c^2-a^2) \\ &= (b+c)(b^2-bc+c^2) + a(b^2-bc+c^2) + a(b^2+c^2-a^2) \\ &= 2s(b^2-bc+c^2) + a(b^2-bc+c^2+bc-a^2) \\ &= (2s+a)(b^2-bc+c^2) + a \left(\frac{(b+c)^2 - (b-c)^2}{4} - a^2 \right) \\ &= (2s+a)(b^2-bc+c^2) + \frac{a(b+c+2a)(b+c-2a)}{4} - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} \\ &= (2s+a)(b^2-bc+c^2) + \frac{a(2s-a+2a)(b+c-2a)}{4} - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} \\ &= (2s+a) \cdot \frac{4b^2+4c^2-4bc+a(b+c-2a)}{4} - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} \\ &= (2s+a). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{4(z+x)^2 + 4(x+y)^2 - 4(z+x)(x+y) + (y+z)((z+x) + (x+y) - 2(y+z))}{4} \\ &\quad - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} \quad (a = y+z, b = z+x, c = x+y) \\ &= (2s+a) \cdot \frac{4x(x+y+z) + 2x(y+z) + 3(y-z)^2}{4} - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (2s+a) \left(s(s-a) + \frac{3}{4}(b-c)^2 + \frac{a(s-a)}{2} \right) - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} \\
 &= (2s+a) \left(s(s-a) + \frac{3}{4}(b-c)^2 + \frac{a(s-a)}{2} \right) - \frac{(a+2s-2s)(b-c)^2}{4} \\
 &= (2s+a) \left(s(s-a) + \frac{(b-c)^2}{2} + \frac{a(s-a)}{2} \right) + \frac{s(b-c)^2}{2} \\
 \therefore \mathbf{b^3 + c^3 - abc + a(4m_a^2)} &\stackrel{(\bullet\bullet)}{=} (2s+a) \left(\frac{(s-a)(2s+a)}{2} + \frac{(b-c)^2}{2} \right) + \frac{s(b-c)^2}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore (\bullet), (\bullet\bullet) \Rightarrow p_a^2 &= \frac{2s}{(2s+a)^2} \left(\frac{(s-a)(2s+a)^2}{2} + \frac{(2s+a)(b-c)^2}{2} + \frac{s(b-c)^2}{2} \right) \\
 &= s(s-a) + (b-c)^2 \left(\left(\frac{s}{2s+a} \right)^2 + \frac{s}{2s+a} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4} \right) \\
 &= s(s-a) - \frac{(b-c)^2}{4} + (b-c)^2 \cdot \left(\frac{s}{2s+a} + \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 \\
 &= s(s-a) + \frac{(b-c)^2}{4} \left(\frac{(4s+a)^2}{(2s+a)^2} - 1 \right) \\
 \Rightarrow p_a^2 &\stackrel{(\bullet\bullet\bullet)}{=} s(s-a) + \frac{s(3s+a)(b-c)^2}{(2s+a)^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now, } p_a &\stackrel{?}{\geq} h_a + \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{(b-c)^2}{a} \text{ via } (\bullet\bullet\bullet) \Leftrightarrow s(s-a) + \frac{s(3s+a)(b-c)^2}{(2s+a)^2} \\
 &\stackrel{?}{\geq} s(s-a) - \frac{s(s-a)(b-c)^2}{a^2} + \frac{4}{9} \cdot \frac{(b-c)^4}{a^2} + \frac{4h_a}{3} \cdot \frac{(b-c)^2}{a} \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \frac{s(3s+a)}{(2s+a)^2} + \frac{s(s-a)}{a^2} - \frac{4(b-c)^2}{9a^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{4h_a}{3a} \quad (\because (b-c)^2 \geq 0)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{We have: } &\frac{s(3s+a)}{(2s+a)^2} + \frac{s(s-a)}{a^2} - \frac{4(b-c)^2}{9a^2} \stackrel{a^2 > (b-c)^2}{>} \frac{s(3s+a)}{(2s+a)^2} + \frac{s(s-a)}{a^2} - \frac{4}{9} \\
 &= \frac{9s(3s+a)a^2 + 9s(s-a)(2s+a)^2 - 4a^2(2s+a)^2}{9a^2(2s+a)^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{4(s-a)(9s^3 + 9s^2a + 5sa^2 + a^3)}{9a^2(2s+a)^2} \stackrel{s > a}{>} 0 \Rightarrow \text{LHS of } (\blacksquare) > 0 \therefore (\blacksquare) \Leftrightarrow \\
 &\frac{T^2}{a^4(2s+a)^4} + \frac{16(b-c)^4}{81a^4} - \frac{8T(b-c)^2}{9a^4(2s+a)^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{16}{9a^2} \cdot \left(s(s-a) - \frac{s(s-a)(b-c)^2}{a^2} \right) \\
 &\quad (T = s(3s+a)a^2 + s(s-a)(2s+a)^2) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \frac{16(b-c)^4}{81a^4} - \frac{8(b-c)^2}{9a^4} \left(\frac{T}{(2s+a)^2} - 2s(s-a) \right) + \frac{T^2}{a^4(2s+a)^4} - \frac{16s(s-a)}{9a^2} \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{4(b-c)^2}{9} \right)^2 + \frac{4(b-c)^2}{9} \cdot \frac{4s(2s^3 - 3sa^2 - a^3)}{(2s+a)^2} \\
 &\quad + \frac{9T^2 - 16s(s-a)a^2(2s+a)^4}{9(2s+a)^4} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \quad (\blacksquare\blacksquare)
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, LHS of $(\blacksquare\blacksquare)$ is a quadratic polynomial in " $\frac{4(b-c)^2}{9}$ " whose **discriminant**

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{16s^2(2s^3 - 3sa^2 - a^3)^2}{(2s+a)^4} - 4 \cdot \frac{9T^2 - 16s(s-a)a^2(2s+a)^4}{9(2s+a)^4} \\
 &= -\frac{16sa^7}{9(2s+a)^4} \cdot (44t^5 - 28t^4 - 49t^3 + 10t^2 + 19t + 4) \quad \left(t = \frac{s}{a}\right) \\
 &= -\frac{16sa^7}{9(2s+a)^4} \cdot (t-1)^2(44t^3 + 60t^2 + 27t + 4) < 0 \Rightarrow \text{LHS of } (\blacksquare\blacksquare) > 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\blacksquare\blacksquare) \Rightarrow (\blacksquare) \text{ is true } \therefore p_a \geq h_a + \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{(b-c)^2}{a} \rightarrow (m)$$

Again, Stewart's theorem $\Rightarrow b^2(s-c) + c^2(s-b) = an_a^2 + a(s-b)(s-c)$
 $\Rightarrow s(b^2 + c^2) - bc(2s-a) = an_a^2 + a(s^2 - s(2s-a) + bc) \Rightarrow s(b^2 + c^2) - 2sbc$
 $= an_a^2 + a(as - s^2) \Rightarrow s(b^2 + c^2 - a^2 - 2bc) = an_a^2 - as^2 \Rightarrow an_a^2 =$
 $as^2 + s(2bc \cos A - 2bc) = as^2 - 4sbc \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} = as^2 - \frac{4sbc(s-b)(s-c)(s-a)}{bc(s-a)}$
 $= as^2 - \frac{as(c+a-b)(a+b-c)}{a} = as^2 - as \left(\frac{a^2 - (b-c)^2}{a} \right) \Rightarrow n_a^2 =$
 $s \left(s - \frac{a^2 - (b-c)^2}{a} \right) = s \left(s - a + \frac{(b-c)^2}{a} \right) \Rightarrow n_a^2 = s(s-a) + \frac{s}{a} \cdot (b-c)^2$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{4r}{3s} \cdot \left(\frac{n_a}{h_a} - 1 \right) = \frac{4ra}{3s \cdot 2rs} \cdot \left(\frac{n_a^2 - h_a^2}{n_a + h_a} \right)$
 $= \frac{2a}{3s^2} \cdot \left(\frac{s(s-a) + \frac{s}{a} \cdot (b-c)^2 - s(s-a) + \frac{s(s-a)(b-c)^2}{a^2}}{n_a + h_a} \right) = \frac{2a}{3s^2} \cdot \frac{s^2}{a^2} \cdot \frac{(b-c)^2}{n_a + h_a}$
 $= \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{(b-c)^2}{a} \cdot \frac{1}{n_a + h_a} \stackrel{\text{via (m)}}{\leq} \frac{p_a - h_a}{n_a + h_a} \therefore \frac{p_a - h_a}{n_a + h_a} \geq \frac{4r}{3s} \cdot \left(\frac{n_a}{h_a} - 1 \right) \text{ and analogs}$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{p_a - h_a}{n_a + h_a} + \frac{p_b - h_b}{n_b + h_b} + \frac{p_c - h_c}{n_c + h_c} \geq \frac{4r}{3s} \left(\frac{n_a}{h_a} + \frac{n_b}{h_b} + \frac{n_c}{h_c} - 3 \right)$
 $\forall \Delta ABC, \text{ with equality iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$

2007. In ΔABC the following relationship holds:

$$\sum \frac{a^2}{(\sin B + \sin C)^2} \geq 3R^2$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution by Mirsadix Muzefferov-Azerbaijan

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{a^2}{(\sin B + \sin C)^2} &= \frac{4R^2 \sin^2 A}{(\sin B + \sin C)^2} = \left(\frac{2 \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}}{2 \sin \frac{B+C}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{B-C}{2}} \right)^2 \cdot 4R^2 = \\
 4R^2 \left(\frac{\sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}}{\cos \frac{A}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{B-C}{2}} \right)^2 &\geq 4R^2 \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \quad \left(\text{Because } \cos \frac{B-C}{2} \leq 1 \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{(\sin B + \sin C)^2} \geq 4R^2 \sum_{cyc} \sin^2 \frac{A}{2}$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} = \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{cyc} \cos A = \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{r}{R}\right) = 1 - \frac{r}{2R} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 1 - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4} \quad (1)$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{(\sin B + \sin C)^2} \geq 4R^2 \cdot \frac{3}{4} = 3R^2$$

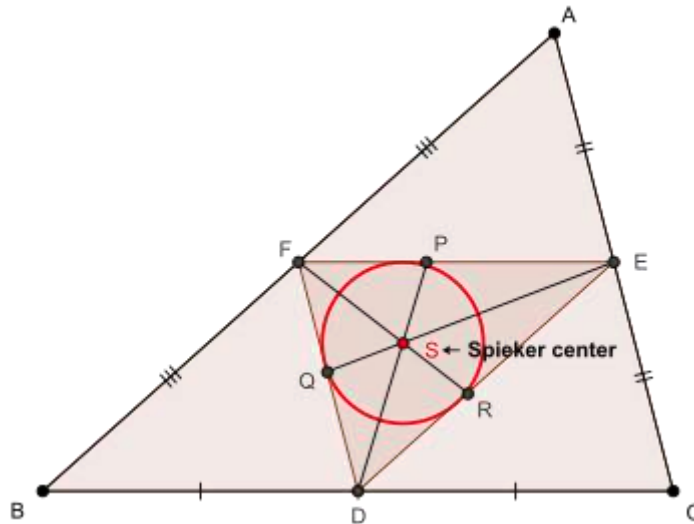
2008. If $p_a, p_b, p_c \rightarrow$

Spieker cevians in $\triangle ABC$, then the following relationship holds :

$$p_a + p_b + p_c + 12r \geq \frac{7}{3}(h_a + h_b + h_c)$$

Proposed by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India



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)

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

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

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

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

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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} \\
 \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}{8Rrs}(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} \\
 &\quad \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}
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \frac{(a+b+c)(b^2+c^2+ab+ca) - (2a+b+c)(c+a-b)(a+b-c)}{4s}$$

$$= \frac{b^3+c^3-abc+a(2b^2+2c^2-a^2)}{4s} \stackrel{(ii)}{\Rightarrow} 2AS^2 = \frac{b^3+c^3-abc+a(4m_a^2)}{4s}$$

Via sine law on $\triangle AFS$, $\frac{r}{2\sin\frac{C}{2}\sin\alpha} = \frac{AS}{\cos\frac{A-B}{2}} = \frac{4s}{(a+b)\sin\frac{C}{2}}$

$\Rightarrow c\sin\alpha \stackrel{(***)}{=} \frac{r(a+b)}{2AS}$ and via sine law on $\triangle AES$, $b\sin\beta \stackrel{(***)}{=} \frac{r(a+c)}{2AS}$

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

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

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

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

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

$= (b+c)(b^2-bc+c^2) + a(b^2-bc+c^2) + a(b^2+c^2-a^2)$

$= 2s(b^2-bc+c^2) + a(b^2-bc+c^2+bc-a^2)$

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

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

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

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

$= (2s+a) \cdot$

$\frac{4(z+x)^2+4(x+y)^2-4(z+x)(x+y)+(y+z)((z+x)+(x+y)-2(y+z))}{4}$

$-\frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} \quad (a=y+z, b=z+x, c=x+y)$

$= (2s+a) \cdot \frac{4x(x+y+z)+2x(y+z)+3(y-z)^2}{4} - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4}$

$= (2s+a) \left(s(s-a) + \frac{3}{4}(b-c)^2 + \frac{a(s-a)}{2} \right) - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4}$

$= (2s+a) \left(s(s-a) + \frac{3}{4}(b-c)^2 + \frac{a(s-a)}{2} \right) - \frac{(a+2s-2s)(b-c)^2}{4}$

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

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

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$$\begin{aligned} \therefore (\bullet), (\bullet\bullet) \Rightarrow p_a^2 &= \frac{2s}{(2s+a)^2} \left(\frac{(s-a)(2s+a)^2}{2} + \frac{(2s+a)(b-c)^2}{2} + \frac{s(b-c)^2}{2} \right) \\ &= s(s-a) + (b-c)^2 \left(\left(\frac{s}{2s+a} \right)^2 + \frac{s}{2s+a} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4} \right) \\ &= s(s-a) - \frac{(b-c)^2}{4} + (b-c)^2 \cdot \left(\frac{s}{2s+a} + \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 \\ &= s(s-a) + \frac{(b-c)^2}{4} \left(\frac{(4s+a)^2}{(2s+a)^2} - 1 \right) \\ &\Rightarrow p_a^2 \stackrel{(\bullet\bullet\bullet)}{=} s(s-a) + \frac{s(3s+a)(b-c)^2}{(2s+a)^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, } p_a \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{2b^2 - bc + 2c^2}{6R} \Leftrightarrow \frac{p_a^2}{h_a^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{(2b^2 - bc + 2c^2)^2}{36R^2 \cdot \frac{b^2c^2}{4R^2}}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{p_a^2 - h_a^2}{h_a^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \left(\frac{2b^2 - bc + 2c^2}{3bc} - 1 \right) \left(\frac{2b^2 - bc + 2c^2}{3bc} + 1 \right)$$

$$\text{via } (\bullet\bullet\bullet) \Leftrightarrow \frac{s(s-a) + \frac{s(3s+a)(b-c)^2}{(2s+a)^2} - s(s-a) + \frac{s(s-a)(b-c)^2}{a^2}}{h_a^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{4(b-c)^2(b^2 + bc + c^2)}{9b^2c^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{4s^4(b-c)^2}{a^2h_a^2(2s+a)^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{4(b-c)^2(b^2 + bc + c^2)}{9b^2c^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{4s^4(b-c)^2}{4s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)(2s+a)^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{b^2 + bc + c^2}{9b^2c^2} \quad (\because (b-c)^2 \geq 0)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{9s^3b^2c^2}{4(s-a)(2s+a)^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} (b^2 + bc + c^2)(s-b)(s-c) \\ = (b^2 + bc + c^2)(-s(s-a) + bc)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{9s^3b^2c^2}{4(s-a)(2s+a)^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} (bc - s(s-a))(b^2 + c^2) + b^2c^2 - bcs(s-a)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{9s^3b^2c^2}{4(s-a)(2s+a)^2} - b^2c^2 + bcs(s-a) \stackrel{?}{\geq} (bc - s(s-a))((2s-a)^2 - 2bc)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{9s^3b^2c^2}{4(s-a)(2s+a)^2} - b^2c^2 + bcs(s-a) \stackrel{?}{\geq}$$

$$(bc - s(s-a))(2s-a)^2 - 2b^2c^2 + 2bcs(s-a)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{9s^3b^2c^2}{4(s-a)(2s+a)^2} + b^2c^2 + s(s-a)(2s-a)^2 - bc(s(s-a) + (2s-a)^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \boxed{\frac{25s^3 - 12sa^2 - 4a^3}{4(s-a)(2s+a)^2} \cdot b^2c^2 - (5s^2 - 5sa + a^2) \cdot bc + s(s-a)(2s-a)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0} \quad (\blacksquare)$$

Now, LHS of (\blacksquare) is a quadratic polynomial with discriminant =

$$\begin{aligned} &(5s^2 - 5sa + a^2)^2 - \frac{25s^3 - 12sa^2 - 4a^3}{(2s+a)^2} \cdot s(2s-a)^2 \\ &= \frac{-a^2(12s^4 - 18s^3a + 5s^2a^2 + 2sa^3 - a^4)}{(2s+a)^2} \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \frac{-a^2(s-a)((s-a)(12s^2+6sa+5a^2)+6a^3)}{(2s+a)^2} < 0 \quad (\because s > a)$$

\therefore (■) is true (strict inequality) $\therefore p_a \geq \frac{2b^2 - bc + 2c^2}{6R}$ and analogs

$$\Rightarrow p_a + p_b + p_c + 12r - \frac{7}{3}(h_a + h_b + h_c) \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{2b^2 - bc + 2c^2}{6R} - \frac{7}{6R} \sum_{\text{cyc}} bc + 12r$$

$$= \frac{4 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - 8 \sum_{\text{cyc}} bc + 72Rr}{6R} = \frac{8(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) - 8(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) + 72Rr}{6R}$$

$$= \frac{8r(R - 2r)}{6R} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 0 \quad \therefore p_a + p_b + p_c + 12r \geq \frac{7}{3}(h_a + h_b + h_c)$$

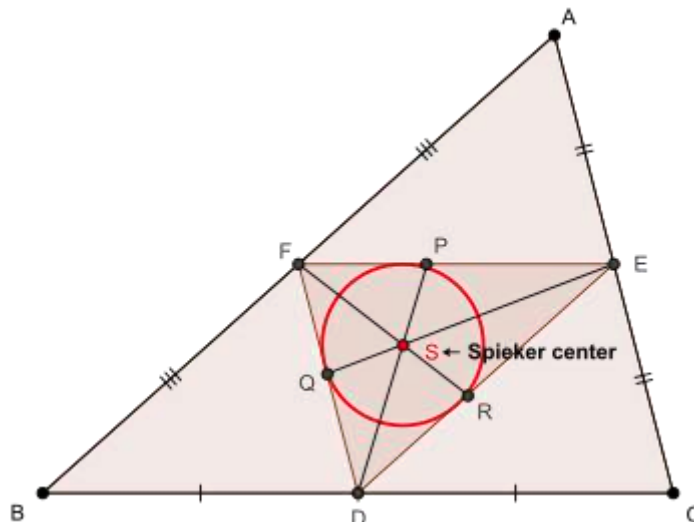
$\forall \Delta ABC$, with equality iff ΔABC is equilateral (QED)

2009. In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\left(\frac{m_a m_b m_c}{F} \right)^2 \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(r_a r_b \sqrt{\frac{p_c}{w_c}} \right)$$

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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 $\Delta DEF = r'$ (say)

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

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

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∴ Spieker center is incenter of $\triangle DEF$, ∴ $m(\sphericalangle AFS) = B + \frac{C}{2} = \frac{2B + C}{2} = \frac{B + \pi - A}{2}$
 $= \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{A - B}{2}$ and $m(\sphericalangle AES) = C + \frac{B}{2} = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{A - C}{2} \rightarrow (2)$

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

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Via sine law on } \triangle AFS, & \frac{r}{2\sin\frac{C}{2}\sin\alpha} = \frac{AS}{\cos\frac{A-B}{2}} = \frac{4s}{cAS} \\ \Rightarrow c\sin\alpha & \stackrel{(***)}{=} \frac{r(a+b)}{2AS} \text{ and via sine law on } \triangle AES, b\sin\beta \stackrel{****)}{=} \frac{r(a+c)}{2AS} \end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

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

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

$$= \frac{2s}{(2s+a)^2} (b^3+c^3-abc) - \left(1 - \frac{8sa}{(2s+a)^2}\right) m_a^2$$

$$= \frac{4(a+b+c)(b^3+c^3-abc) - (2b^2+2c^2-a^2)(b+c)^2}{4(2s+a)^2}$$

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

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

$$= \frac{(b-c)^2}{4(2s+a)^2} (2(a+b+c)^2 - a^2) = \frac{(b-c)^2(8s^2 - a^2)}{4(2s+a)^2}$$

$$\therefore p_a^2 - m_a^2 \stackrel{(*)}{=} \frac{(b-c)^2(8s^2 - a^2)}{4(2s+a)^2}$$

$$\text{Now, } m_a^4 w_a \stackrel{\text{Lascu + A-G}}{\geq} m_a^3 \cdot s(s-a) \stackrel{?}{\geq} s^2(s-a)^2 \cdot p_a \Leftrightarrow m_a^6 \stackrel{?}{\geq} s^2(s-a)^2 \cdot p_a^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{m_a^4}{s^2(s-a)^2} - 1 \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{p_a^2}{m_a^2} - 1$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \text{via } (*) \Leftrightarrow \frac{\left(s(s-a) + \frac{(b-c)^2}{4}\right)^2 - s^2(s-a)^2}{s^2(s-a)^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{(b-c)^2(8s^2 - a^2)}{4(2s+a)^2 \cdot m_a^2} \\ & \Leftrightarrow m_a^2 \cdot \frac{\frac{(b-c)^4}{16} + s(s-a) \cdot \frac{(b-c)^2}{2}}{s^2(s-a)^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{(b-c)^2(8s^2 - a^2)}{4(2s+a)^2} \\ & \Leftrightarrow (b-c)^2 \left(m_a^2 \cdot \frac{\frac{(b-c)^2}{16} + \frac{s(s-a)}{2}}{s^2(s-a)^2} - \frac{8s^2 - a^2}{4(2s+a)^2} \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \quad (\blacksquare) \end{aligned}$$

$\because (b-c)^2 \geq 0$ and $m_a^2 \geq s(s-a) \therefore$ in order to prove (\blacksquare) , it suffices to prove :

$$\frac{s(s-a) \cdot \frac{s(s-a)}{2}}{s^2(s-a)^2} - \frac{8s^2 - a^2}{4(2s+a)^2} > 0 \Leftrightarrow 2(2s+a)^2 > 8s^2 - a^2 \Leftrightarrow 8sa + 3a^2 > 0$$

$$\rightarrow \text{true} \Rightarrow (\blacksquare) \text{ is true} \therefore m_a^4 w_a \geq s^2(s-a)^2 \cdot p_a \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{m_a^4}{s^2(s-a)^2} \geq \frac{p_a}{w_a}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{m_a^2}{r_b r_c} \geq \sqrt{\frac{p_a}{w_a}} \Rightarrow m_a^2 \geq r_b r_c \cdot \sqrt{\frac{p_a}{w_a}} \text{ and analogs} \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^2 \stackrel{(**)}{\geq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(r_b r_c \cdot \sqrt{\frac{p_a}{w_a}} \right)$$

$$\text{Now, } \prod_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^2}{4} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{F^2}{36} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{64} \cdot 16R^2 r^2 s^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{r^2 s^2}{36} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \Leftrightarrow 9R^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2$$

\rightarrow true via Leibnitz $\therefore \prod_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^2}{4} \geq \frac{F^2}{36} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2$ and implementing this on a triangle

with sides $\frac{2m_a}{3}, \frac{2m_b}{3}, \frac{2m_c}{3}$ whose area as a consequence of trivial calculations

$$= \frac{F}{3}, \text{ we get : } \prod_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\left(\frac{4}{9}m_a^2\right)}{4} \geq \frac{\left(\frac{F^2}{9}\right)}{36} \cdot 4 \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^2 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{729} \cdot m_a^2 m_b^2 m_c^2 \geq \frac{F^2}{81 \cdot 4} \cdot \frac{4}{9} \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{m_a^2 m_b^2 m_c^2}{F^2} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^2 \stackrel{\text{via } (**)}{\geq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(r_b r_c \cdot \sqrt{\frac{p_a}{w_a}} \right) \therefore \left(\frac{m_a m_b m_c}{F} \right)^2 \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(r_a r_b \cdot \sqrt{\frac{p_c}{w_c}} \right)$$

$\forall \Delta ABC, '' = ''$ iff ΔABC is equilateral (QED)

2010. In ΔABC the following relationship holds:

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{(2R + r - r_a)(3R + r - r_b) + R^2} \geq \frac{1}{R^2}$$

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Solution by Tapas Das-India

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum (2R + r - r_a)(3R + r - r_b) = \\
 & = \sum (6R^2 + 5Rr - 2Rr_b - 3Rr_a - r(r_a + r_b) + r_ar_b + r^2) = \\
 & = 3 \cdot 6R^2 + 3 \cdot 5Rr - 2R \sum r_b - 3R \sum r_a - 2r \sum r_a + \sum r_ar_b + 3r^2 = \\
 & = 18R^2 + 15Rr - 2R(4R + r) - 3R(4R + r) - 2r(4R + r) + s^2 + 3r^2 = \\
 & = -2R^2 + 2Rr + r^2 + s^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} -2R^2 + 2Rr + r^2 + 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 = \\
 & = 2R^2 + 6Rr + 4r^2 \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} 2R^2 + 6R \cdot \frac{R}{2} + 4 \left(\frac{R}{2}\right)^2 = 6R^2 \quad (1) \\
 & \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{(2R + r - r_a)(3R + r - r_b) + R^2} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \\
 & \geq \frac{(1 + 1 + 1)^2}{\sum (2R + r - r_a)(3R + r - r_b) + 3R^2} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{9}{6R^2 + 3R^2} = \frac{1}{R^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for $a = b = c$

2011. In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationships holds:

$$\begin{aligned}
 1. & \frac{a}{\sin \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{b}{\sin \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{c}{\sin \frac{C}{2}} \geq 12\sqrt{3}r, \\
 2. & \frac{a^2}{\sin \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{b^2}{\sin \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{c^2}{\sin \frac{C}{2}} \geq 72r^2
 \end{aligned}$$

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Solution by Mirsadix Muzefferov-Azerbaijan

$$\begin{aligned}
 1. & \frac{a}{\sin \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{b}{\sin \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{c}{\sin \frac{C}{2}} \geq 12\sqrt{3}r \\
 & \frac{a}{\sin \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{b}{\sin \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{c}{\sin \frac{C}{2}} \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{abc}{\sin \frac{A}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{B}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{C}{2}}} \quad (1) \\
 & \sin \frac{A}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{B}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{C}{2} \leq \frac{1}{8}; \text{ Let's prove it ...}
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$a^2 = (b - c)^2 + 4bc \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \rightarrow \begin{cases} a \geq 2 \sin \frac{A}{2} \sqrt{bc} \\ b \geq \sin \frac{B}{2} \sqrt{ac} \rightarrow \sin \frac{A}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{B}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{C}{2} \leq \frac{1}{8} \quad (2) \\ c \geq 2 \sin \frac{C}{2} \sqrt{ab} \end{cases}$$

From (1) and (2) we have :

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{a}{\sin \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{b}{\sin \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{c}{\sin \frac{C}{2}} \geq \\ & \geq \left(3^3 \sqrt{8abc} = 6^3 \sqrt{4RS} \stackrel{R \geq 2r}{\geq} 6^3 \sqrt{8r \cdot S} \geq 12^3 \sqrt{r \cdot 3\sqrt{3}r^2} \right) = 12r\sqrt{3} \quad (\text{True}) \\ 2. & \frac{a^2}{\sin \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{b^2}{\sin \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{c^2}{\sin \frac{C}{2}} \geq 72r^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{a^2}{\sin \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{b^2}{\sin \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{c^2}{\sin \frac{C}{2}} \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 3 \sqrt{\frac{(abc)^2}{\sin \frac{A}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{B}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{C}{2}}}$$

If we use formulas , we get :

$$\sin \frac{A}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{B}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{C}{2} \leq \frac{1}{8} \text{ and } abc = 4RS, R \geq 2r \text{ Euler}, S \geq 3\sqrt{3}r^2 \text{ Mitrinovici}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{a^2}{\sin \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{b^2}{\sin \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{c^2}{\sin \frac{C}{2}} \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 3^3 \sqrt{8(abc)^2} = \\ & = \left(6^3 \sqrt{(4RS)^2} = 6^3 \sqrt{(4 \cdot 2r \cdot 3\sqrt{3}r^2)^2} \right) = 72r^2 \quad (\text{True}) \end{aligned}$$

2012.

If in ΔABC , the following relationship holds : $\frac{\sin A}{\sin C} = \frac{\sin(A - B)}{\sin(B - C)}$, then

$$\text{prove that : } 1 \leq \frac{\sin^2 A}{\sin^2 B + \sin^2 C} + \frac{\sin^2 C}{\sin^2 A + \sin^2 B} \leq \frac{R}{r} - 1$$

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Solution 1 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\sin A}{\sin C} = \frac{\sin(A - B)}{\sin(B - C)} \Rightarrow 2 \sin A \sin(B - C) = 2 \sin C \sin(A - B) \\ & \Rightarrow \cos(A - B + C) - \cos(A + B - C) = \cos(C - A + B) - \cos(C + A - B) \\ & \Rightarrow 2 \cos(\pi - 2B) = \cos(\pi - 2A) + \cos(\pi - 2C) \Rightarrow -2 \cos 2B = -\cos 2A - \cos 2C \end{aligned}$$

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$$\Rightarrow 1 - 2 \sin^2 A + 1 - 2 \sin^2 C = 2 - 4 \sin^2 B \Rightarrow \frac{2b^2}{4R^2} = \frac{a^2 + c^2}{4R^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2b^2 = a^2 + c^2 \rightarrow (1)$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{R}{r} - 1 - \left(\frac{\sin^2 A}{\sin^2 B + \sin^2 C} + \frac{\sin^2 C}{\sin^2 A + \sin^2 B} \right) \stackrel{\text{Bandila}}{\geq}$$

$$\frac{c}{a} + \frac{a}{c} - 1 - \left(\frac{a^2}{b^2 + c^2} + \frac{c^2}{a^2 + b^2} \right) \stackrel{\text{via (1)}}{=}$$

$$\frac{c^2 + a^2 - ca}{ca} - \left(\frac{a^2}{\frac{a^2 + c^2}{2} + c^2} + \frac{c^2}{a^2 + \frac{a^2 + c^2}{2}} \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{c^2 + a^2 - ca}{ca} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{2a^2(3a^2 + c^2) + 2c^2(3c^2 + a^2)}{(3c^2 + a^2)(3a^2 + c^2)}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 3t^6 - 9t^5 + 13t^4 - 14t^3 + 13t^2 - 9t + 3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \quad \left(t = \frac{a}{c} \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{16} (t-1)^2 \left((12t^2 + 13)(2t-1)^2 + 4t + 35 \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\sin^2 A}{\sin^2 B + \sin^2 C} + \frac{\sin^2 C}{\sin^2 A + \sin^2 B} \leq \frac{R}{r} - 1$$

$$\text{Again, } \frac{\sin^2 A}{\sin^2 B + \sin^2 C} + \frac{\sin^2 C}{\sin^2 A + \sin^2 B} - 1 = \frac{a^2 + c^2}{\frac{a^2 + c^2}{2} + c^2} + \frac{c^2}{a^2 + \frac{a^2 + c^2}{2}} - 1$$

$$= \frac{2a^2(3a^2 + c^2) + 2c^2(3c^2 + a^2) - (3c^2 + a^2)(3a^2 + c^2)}{(3c^2 + a^2)(3a^2 + c^2)}$$

$$= \frac{3(a^4 - 2a^2c^2 + c^4)}{(3c^2 + a^2)(3a^2 + c^2)} = \frac{3(c^2 - a^2)^2}{(3c^2 + a^2)(3a^2 + c^2)} \geq 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{\sin^2 A}{\sin^2 B + \sin^2 C} + \frac{\sin^2 C}{\sin^2 A + \sin^2 B} \geq 1 \text{ and so,}$$

$$1 \leq \frac{\sin^2 A}{\sin^2 B + \sin^2 C} + \frac{\sin^2 C}{\sin^2 A + \sin^2 B} \leq \frac{R}{r} - 1 \text{ whenever}$$

$$\frac{\sin A}{\sin C} = \frac{\sin(A-B)}{\sin(B-C)}, \text{'' ='' iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$$

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$$\frac{\sin A}{\sin C} = \frac{\sin(A-B)}{\sin(B-C)} \Leftrightarrow \sin A \sin(B-C) = \sin C \sin(A-B)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \cos(A-B+C) - \cos(A+B-C) = \cos(C-A+B) - \cos(C+A-B)$$

$$\stackrel{A+B+C=\pi}{\Leftrightarrow} -\cos(2B) + \cos(2C) = -\cos(2A) + \cos(2B)$$

$$\stackrel{\cos 2x = 1 - 2 \sin^2 x}{\Leftrightarrow} (1 - 2 \sin^2 A) + (1 - 2 \sin^2 C) = 2(1 - 2 \sin^2 B)$$

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$$a = 2R \sin A$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a^2 + c^2 = 2b^2.$$

$$\frac{\sin^2 A}{\sin^2 B + \sin^2 C} + \frac{\sin^2 C}{\sin^2 A + \sin^2 B} = \frac{a^2}{b^2 + c^2} + \frac{c^2}{a^2 + b^2} = \frac{2a^2}{a^2 + 3c^2} + \frac{2c^2}{3a^2 + c^2}$$

$$\stackrel{CBS}{\geq} \frac{2(a^2 + c^2)^2}{a^2(a^2 + 3c^2) + c^2(3a^2 + c^2)} = \frac{2(a^2 + c^2)^2}{(a^2 + c^2)^2 + 4a^2c^2} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq}$$

$$\geq \frac{2(a^2 + c^2)^2}{(a^2 + c^2)^2 + (a^2 + c^2)^2} = 1.$$

$$\frac{\sin^2 A}{\sin^2 B + \sin^2 C} + \frac{\sin^2 C}{\sin^2 A + \sin^2 B} = \frac{2a^2}{a^2 + 3c^2} + \frac{2c^2}{3a^2 + c^2} =$$

$$= \frac{2a^2}{(a^2 + c^2) + 2c^2} + \frac{2c^2}{2a^2 + (a^2 + c^2)}$$

$$\stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \frac{2a^2}{2ac + 2c^2} + \frac{2c^2}{2a^2 + 2ac} = \frac{a^3 + c^3}{ac(a+c)} = \frac{a^2 + c^2 - ac}{ac} = \frac{a}{c} + \frac{c}{a} - 1 \stackrel{Bandila R}{\geq} \frac{R}{r} - 1$$

Equality holds iff ΔABC is equilateral.

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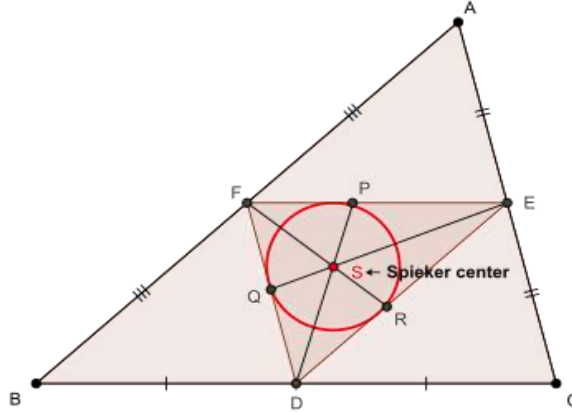
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$$\Rightarrow [DEF] = \frac{rs}{4} \Rightarrow r' \left(\frac{\frac{a}{2} + \frac{b}{2} + \frac{c}{2}}{2} \right) = \frac{rs}{4} \Rightarrow r' = \frac{r}{2} \rightarrow (1)$$

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } &\left(\frac{2r}{2 \sin \frac{C}{2}} \right) \left(\frac{c}{2} \right) \sin \frac{A - B}{2} + \left(\frac{2r}{2 \sin \frac{B}{2}} \right) \left(\frac{b}{2} \right) \sin \frac{A - C}{2} \\ &= \frac{r}{2} \left(4R \cos \frac{C}{2} \sin \frac{A - B}{2} + 4R \cos \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{A - C}{2} \right) \\ &= Rr \left(2 \sin \frac{A + B}{2} \sin \frac{A - B}{2} + 2 \sin \frac{A + C}{2} \sin \frac{A - C}{2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= Rr \left(1 - 2\sin^2 \frac{B}{2} + 1 - 2\sin^2 \frac{C}{2} - 2 \left(1 - 2\sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \right) \right) \\
 &= 2Rr \left(\frac{2a(s-b)(s-c) - b(s-c)(s-a) - c(s-a)(s-b)}{abc} \right) \\
 &= \frac{Rr}{8Rrs} (2a^3 + (b+c)a^2 - 2a(b^2+c^2) - (b+c)(b-c)^2) \\
 &= \frac{4(b+c)bc\sin^2 \frac{A}{2} - 2a \cdot 2bcc\cos A}{8s} = \frac{bc \left((2s-a)\sin^2 \frac{A}{2} - a \left(1 - 2\sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \right) \right)}{2s} \\
 &= \frac{bc \left((2s+a)\sin^2 \frac{A}{2} - a \right)}{2s} = \frac{(2s+a)(s-b)(s-c)}{2s} - 2Rr \\
 &\Rightarrow - \left(\frac{2r}{2\sin \frac{C}{2}} \right) \left(\frac{c}{2} \right) \sin \frac{A-B}{2} - \left(\frac{2r}{2\sin \frac{B}{2}} \right) \left(\frac{b}{2} \right) \sin \frac{A-C}{2} \\
 &\quad \stackrel{(*)}{=} \frac{-(2s+a)(s-b)(s-c)}{2s} + 2Rr
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Again, } &\frac{r^2}{4\sin^2 \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{r^2}{4\sin^2 \frac{C}{2}} = \frac{r^2}{4} \left(\frac{ca}{(s-c)(s-a)} + \frac{ab}{(s-a)(s-b)} \right) \\
 &= \frac{r^2}{4r^2s} (ca(s-b) + ab(s-c)) = \frac{ab+ca}{4} - 2Rr \stackrel{(**)}{=} \frac{r^2}{4\sin^2 \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{r^2}{4\sin^2 \frac{C}{2}} \\
 \text{(i), (*), (**)} &\Rightarrow 2AS^2 = \frac{b^2+c^2+ab+ca}{4} - \frac{(2s+a)(s-b)(s-c)}{2s} \\
 &= \frac{(a+b+c)(b^2+c^2+ab+ca) - (2a+b+c)(c+a-b)(a+b-c)}{8s} \\
 &= \frac{b^3+c^3-abc+a(2b^2+2c^2-a^2)}{4s} \Rightarrow 2AS^2 \stackrel{(ii)}{=} \frac{b^3+c^3-abc+a(4m_a^2)}{4s}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Via sine law on } \triangle AFS, &\frac{r}{2\sin \frac{C}{2} \sin \alpha} = \frac{AS}{\cos \frac{A-B}{2}} = \frac{4s}{cAS} \\
 \Rightarrow c \sin \alpha &\stackrel{(***)}{=} \frac{r(a+b)}{2AS} \text{ and via sine law on } \triangle AES, b \sin \beta \stackrel{(***)}{=} \frac{r(a+c)}{2AS}
 \end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now, } b^3+c^3-abc+a(4m_a^2) &= b^3+c^3-abc+a(2b^2+2c^2-a^2) \\
 &= (b+c)(b^2-bc+c^2) + a(b^2-bc+c^2) + a(b^2+c^2-a^2) \\
 &= 2s(b^2-bc+c^2) + a(b^2-bc+c^2+bc-a^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (2s+a)(b^2 - bc + c^2) + a \left(\frac{(b+c)^2 - (b-c)^2}{4} - a^2 \right) \\
 &= (2s+a)(b^2 - bc + c^2) + \frac{a(b+c+2a)(b+c-2a)}{4} - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} \\
 &= (2s+a)(b^2 - bc + c^2) + \frac{a(2s-a+2a)(b+c-2a)}{4} - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} \\
 &= (2s+a) \cdot \frac{4b^2 + 4c^2 - 4bc + a(b+c-2a)}{4} - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} \\
 &= (2s+a) \cdot \frac{4(z+x)^2 + 4(x+y)^2 - 4(z+x)(x+y) + (y+z)((z+x) + (x+y) - 2(y+z))}{4} \\
 &\quad - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} \quad (a = y+z, b = z+x, c = x+y) \\
 &= (2s+a) \cdot \frac{4x(x+y+z) + 2x(y+z) + 3(y-z)^2}{4} - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} \\
 &= (2s+a) \left(s(s-a) + \frac{3}{4}(b-c)^2 + \frac{a(s-a)}{2} \right) - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} \\
 &= (2s+a) \left(s(s-a) + \frac{3}{4}(b-c)^2 + \frac{a(s-a)}{2} \right) - \frac{(a+2s-2s)(b-c)^2}{4} \\
 &= (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{(\bullet\bullet)}{=} (2s+a) \left(\frac{(s-a)(2s+a)}{2} + \frac{(b-c)^2}{2} \right) + \frac{s(b-c)^2}{2} \\
 \therefore (\bullet), (\bullet\bullet) \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{(\bullet\bullet\bullet)}{=} s(s-a) + \frac{s(3s+a)(b-c)^2}{(2s+a)^2} \\
 \text{Now, } p_a &\stackrel{?}{\geq} h_a + \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{(b-c)^2}{a} \text{ via } (\bullet\bullet\bullet) \Leftrightarrow s(s-a) + \frac{s(3s+a)(b-c)^2}{(2s+a)^2} \\
 &\stackrel{?}{\geq} s(s-a) - \frac{s(s-a)(b-c)^2}{a^2} + \frac{4}{9} \cdot \frac{(b-c)^4}{a^2} + \frac{4h_a}{3} \cdot \frac{(b-c)^2}{a} \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \frac{s(3s+a)}{(2s+a)^2} + \frac{s(s-a)}{a^2} - \frac{4(b-c)^2}{9a^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{4h_a}{3a} \quad (\because (b-c)^2 \geq 0) \\
 \text{We have: } &\frac{s(3s+a)}{(2s+a)^2} + \frac{s(s-a)}{a^2} - \frac{4(b-c)^2}{9a^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{4h_a}{3a} \quad (\because a^2 > (b-c)^2) \\
 &> \frac{s(3s+a)}{(2s+a)^2} + \frac{s(s-a)}{a^2} - \frac{4}{9}
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{9s(3s+a)a^2 + 9s(s-a)(2s+a)^2 - 4a^2(2s+a)^2}{9a^2(2s+a)^2} \\
 &= \frac{4(s-a)(9s^3 + 9s^2a + 5sa^2 + a^3)}{9a^2(2s+a)^2} \stackrel{s > a}{>} 0 \Rightarrow \text{LHS of } (\blacksquare) > 0 \therefore (\blacksquare) \Leftrightarrow \\
 &\frac{T^2}{a^4(2s+a)^4} + \frac{16(b-c)^4}{81a^4} - \frac{8T(b-c)^2}{9a^4(2s+a)^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{16}{9a^2} \cdot \left(s(s-a) - \frac{s(s-a)(b-c)^2}{a^2} \right) \\
 &\quad (T = s(3s+a)a^2 + s(s-a)(2s+a)^2) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \frac{16(b-c)^4}{81a^4} - \frac{8(b-c)^2}{9a^4} \left(\frac{T}{(2s+a)^2} - 2s(s-a) \right) + \frac{T^2}{a^4(2s+a)^4} - \frac{16s(s-a)}{9a^2} \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{4(b-c)^2}{9} \right)^2 + \frac{4(b-c)^2}{9} \cdot \frac{4s(2s^3 - 3sa^2 - a^3)}{(2s+a)^2} \\
 &\quad + \frac{9T^2 - 16s(s-a)a^2(2s+a)^4}{9(2s+a)^4} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \quad (\blacksquare\blacksquare)
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, LHS of $(\blacksquare\blacksquare)$ is a quadratic polynomial in " $\frac{4(b-c)^2}{9}$ " whose **discriminant**

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{16s^2(2s^3 - 3sa^2 - a^3)^2}{(2s+a)^4} - 4 \cdot \frac{9T^2 - 16s(s-a)a^2(2s+a)^4}{9(2s+a)^4} \\
 &= -\frac{16sa^7}{9(2s+a)^4} \cdot (44t^5 - 28t^4 - 49t^3 + 10t^2 + 19t + 4) \quad \left(t = \frac{s}{a} \right) \\
 &= -\frac{16sa^7}{9(2s+a)^4} \cdot (t-1)^2(44t^3 + 60t^2 + 27t + 4) < 0 \Rightarrow \text{LHS of } (\blacksquare\blacksquare) > 0 \\
 &\Rightarrow (\blacksquare\blacksquare) \Rightarrow (\blacksquare) \text{ is true } \therefore p_a \geq h_a + \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{(b-c)^2}{a} \stackrel{s > a}{\geq} h_a + \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{(b-c)^2}{s} \text{ and analogs} \\
 &\quad \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} p_a \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a + \frac{2}{3s} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} (b-c)^2 \\
 &\therefore p_a + p_b + p_c \geq h_a + h_b + h_c + \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca}{s} \\
 &\quad \forall \Delta ABC, \text{ with equality iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$

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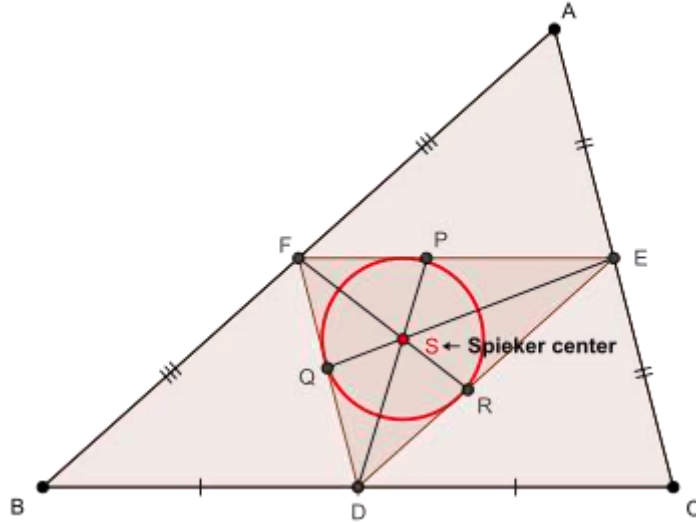
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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Now, } \left(\frac{2r}{2\sin\frac{C}{2}} \right) \left(\frac{c}{2} \right) \sin\frac{A-B}{2} + \left(\frac{2r}{2\sin\frac{B}{2}} \right) \left(\frac{b}{2} \right) \sin\frac{A-C}{2} \\
 &= \frac{r}{2} \left(4R\cos\frac{C}{2} \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}{8Rrs} (2a^3 + (b+c)a^2 - 2a(b^2+c^2) - (b+c)(b-c)^2) \\
 &= \frac{4(b+c)bc\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} \\
 &\quad \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}} \\
 & \text{(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{4s}{cAS} \\
 &\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}$$

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

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

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

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$$= 2s(b^2 - bc + c^2) + a(b^2 - bc + c^2 + bc - a^2)$$

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

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

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

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

$$= (2s+a).$$

$$\frac{4(z+x)^2 + 4(x+y)^2 - 4(z+x)(x+y) + (y+z)((z+x) + (x+y) - 2(y+z))}{4}$$

$$- \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} \quad (a = y+z, b = z+x, c = x+y)$$

$$= (2s+a) \cdot \frac{4x(x+y+z) + 2x(y+z) + 3(y-z)^2}{4} - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4}$$

$$= (2s+a) \left(s(s-a) + \frac{3}{4}(b-c)^2 + \frac{a(s-a)}{2} \right) - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4}$$

$$= (2s+a) \left(s(s-a) + \frac{3}{4}(b-c)^2 + \frac{a(s-a)}{2} \right) - \frac{(a+2s-2s)(b-c)^2}{4}$$

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

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

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

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

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= s(s-a) + \frac{(b-c)^2}{4} \left(\frac{(4s+a)^2}{(2s+a)^2} - 1 \right) \\
 &\Rightarrow p_a^2 \stackrel{(\dots)}{=} s(s-a) + \frac{s(3s+a)(b-c)^2}{(2s+a)^2} \\
 \text{Now, } p_a &\geq \frac{2b^2 - bc + 2c^2}{6R} \Leftrightarrow \frac{p_a^2}{h_a^2} \geq \frac{(2b^2 - bc + 2c^2)^2}{36R^2 \cdot \frac{b^2 c^2}{4R^2}} \\
 \Leftrightarrow \frac{p_a^2 - h_a^2}{h_a^2} &\geq \left(\frac{2b^2 - bc + 2c^2}{3bc} - 1 \right) \left(\frac{2b^2 - bc + 2c^2}{3bc} + 1 \right) \\
 \text{via } (\dots) &\Leftrightarrow \frac{s(s-a) + \frac{s(3s+a)(b-c)^2}{(2s+a)^2} - s(s-a) + \frac{s(s-a)(b-c)^2}{a^2}}{h_a^2} \\
 &\geq \frac{4(b-c)^2(b^2 + bc + c^2)}{9b^2 c^2} \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \frac{4s^4(b-c)^2}{a^2 h_a^2 (2s+a)^2} \geq \frac{4(b-c)^2(b^2 + bc + c^2)}{9b^2 c^2} \\
 \Leftrightarrow \frac{4s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)(2s+a)^2}{9s^3 b^2 c^2} &\geq \frac{b^2 + bc + c^2}{9b^2 c^2} \quad (\because (b-c)^2 \geq 0) \\
 \Leftrightarrow \frac{4(s-a)(2s+a)^2}{9s^3 b^2 c^2} &\geq (b^2 + bc + c^2)(s-b)(s-c) \\
 &= (b^2 + bc + c^2)(-s(s-a) + bc) \\
 \Leftrightarrow \frac{9s^3 b^2 c^2}{4(s-a)(2s+a)^2} &\geq (bc - s(s-a))(b^2 + c^2) + b^2 c^2 - bcs(s-a) \\
 \Leftrightarrow \frac{9s^3 b^2 c^2}{4(s-a)(2s+a)^2} - b^2 c^2 + bcs(s-a) &\geq (bc - s(s-a))((2s-a)^2 - 2bc) \\
 \Leftrightarrow \frac{9s^3 b^2 c^2}{4(s-a)(2s+a)^2} - b^2 c^2 + bcs(s-a) &\geq (bc - s(s-a))(2s-a)^2 - 2b^2 c^2 + 2bcs(s-a) \\
 \Leftrightarrow \frac{9s^3 b^2 c^2}{4(s-a)(2s+a)^2} + b^2 c^2 + s(s-a)(2s-a)^2 - bc(s(s-a) + (2s-a)^2) &\geq 0 \\
 \Leftrightarrow \boxed{\frac{25s^3 - 12sa^2 - 4a^3}{4(s-a)(2s+a)^2} \cdot b^2 c^2 - (5s^2 - 5sa + a^2) \cdot bc + s(s-a)(2s-a)^2} &\geq 0 \quad (\text{?})
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, LHS of (?) is a quadratic polynomial with discriminant =

$$\begin{aligned}
 &(5s^2 - 5sa + a^2)^2 - \frac{25s^3 - 12sa^2 - 4a^3}{(2s+a)^2} \cdot s(2s-a)^2 \\
 &= \frac{-a^2(12s^4 - 18s^3 a + 5s^2 a^2 + 2sa^3 - a^4)}{(2s+a)^2} \\
 &= \frac{-a^2(s-a)((s-a)(12s^2 + 6sa + 5a^2) + 6a^3)}{(2s+a)^2} < 0 \quad (\because s > a)
 \end{aligned}$$

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\therefore (□) is true (strict inequality)

$$\therefore p_a \geq \frac{2b^2 - bc + 2c^2}{6R} \quad \forall \Delta ABC \rightarrow (m)$$

$$\text{Again, } p_a \leq h_a + \frac{16R}{9} \left(\frac{b-c}{a} \right)^2 \Leftrightarrow \frac{p_a^2 - h_a^2}{p_a + h_a} \leq \frac{16R}{9} \cdot \frac{(b-c)^2}{a^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{s(s-a) + \frac{s(3s+a)(b-c)^2}{(2s+a)^2} - s(s-a) + \frac{s(s-a)(b-c)^2}{a^2}}{\frac{p_a + h_a}{(2s+a)^2}} \leq \frac{16R}{9} \cdot \frac{(b-c)^2}{a^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{s^4}{(2s+a)^2} \stackrel{(\blacksquare)}{\leq} \frac{4R}{9} \cdot (p_a + h_a) \quad (\because (b-c)^2 \geq 0)$$

$$\text{Now, via (m), } \frac{4R}{9} \cdot (p_a + h_a) \geq \frac{4R}{9} \cdot \frac{2b^2 - bc + 2c^2 + 3bc}{6R} = \frac{4}{27} \cdot (b^2 + bc + c^2) \geq$$

$$\frac{4}{27} \cdot \frac{3}{4} \cdot (2s-a)^2 \stackrel{?}{>} \frac{s^4}{(2s+a)^2} \Leftrightarrow 4s^2 - a^2 \stackrel{?}{>} 3s^2 \Leftrightarrow s^2 \stackrel{?}{>} a^2 \rightarrow \text{true} \Rightarrow (\blacksquare)$$

$$\text{is true } \therefore p_a \leq h_a + \frac{16R}{9} \left(\frac{b-c}{a} \right)^2 \quad \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } b = c \text{ (QED)}$$

2015. In ΔABC the following relationship holds:

$$\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(n_a^2 + g_a^2) + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\cos A}{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2}} \cdot (b-c)^2} \geq \frac{1}{2}(r_b + r_c) + \sqrt{h_a} \left(\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(r_b + r_c)} - \sqrt{h_a} \right)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} n_a^2 + g_a^2 + \frac{\cos A}{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2}} \cdot (b-c)^2 &= \\ &= s \left(s-a + \frac{(b-c)^2}{a} \right) + (s-a) \left(s - \frac{(b-c)^2}{a} \right) + \frac{\cos A}{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2}} \cdot (b-c)^2 = \\ &= 2s(s-a) + \left(1 + \frac{\cos A}{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2}} \right) (b-c)^2 = 2s(s-a) + \frac{(b-c)^2}{\tan^2 \frac{A}{2}} = \\ &= 2s(s-a) + \frac{(s-a)^2 (b-c)^2}{r^2} \end{aligned}$$

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

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

And since $\frac{1}{r_b} + \frac{1}{r_c} = \frac{s-b}{F} + \frac{s-c}{F} = \frac{a}{F} = \frac{2}{h_a}$, then:

$$\frac{1}{2} h_a (r_b + r_c) = r_b r_c \text{ and } h_a = \frac{2r_b r_c}{r_b + r_c}.$$

So the desired inequality can be rewritten as follows

$$\sqrt{\frac{r_b^2 + r_c^2}{2}} \geq \frac{r_b + r_c}{2} + \sqrt{r_b r_c} - \frac{2r_b r_c}{r_b + r_c} \Leftrightarrow \sqrt{\frac{r_b^2 + r_c^2}{2}} - \sqrt{r_b r_c} \geq \frac{r_b + r_c}{2} - \frac{2r_b r_c}{r_b + r_c}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{(r_b - r_c)^2}{\sqrt{2(r_b^2 + r_c^2)} + 2\sqrt{r_b r_c}} \geq \frac{(r_b - r_c)^2}{2(r_b + r_c)}$$

which is true because:

$$\sqrt{2(r_b^2 + r_c^2)} + 2\sqrt{r_b r_c} \stackrel{CBS}{\geq} \sqrt{(2+2)((r_b^2 + r_c^2) + 2r_b r_c)} = 2(r_b + r_c).$$

So the proof is complete. Equality holds iff $r_b = r_c \Leftrightarrow b = c$.

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In any ΔABC with $p_a \rightarrow$ Spieker cevian, the following relationship holds :

$$p_a \leq h_a + \frac{64}{27}(R - 2r)$$

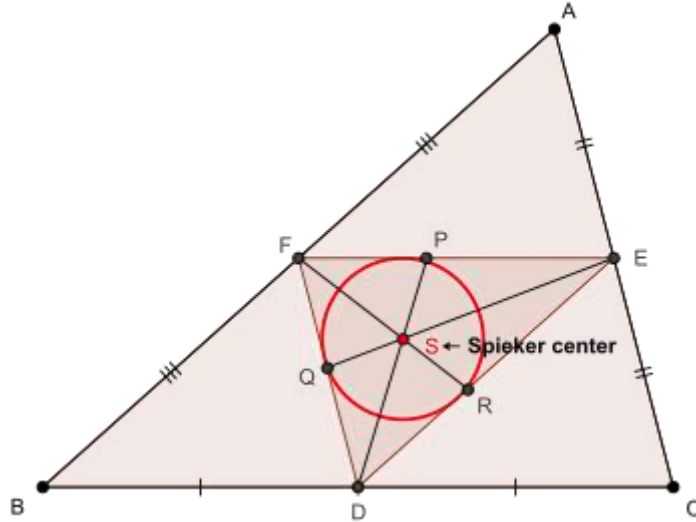
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Let AS produced meet BC at X and $m(\sphericalangle BAX) = \alpha$ and $m(\sphericalangle CAX) = \beta$ (say)
and inradius of $\triangle DEF = r'$ (say)

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

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

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

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

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

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Now, } \left(\frac{2r}{2\sin\frac{C}{2}} \right) \left(\frac{c}{2} \right) \sin\frac{A-B}{2} + \left(\frac{2r}{2\sin\frac{B}{2}} \right) \left(\frac{b}{2} \right) \sin\frac{A-C}{2} \\
 &= \frac{r}{2} \left(4R\cos\frac{C}{2} \sin\frac{A-B}{2} + 4R\cos\frac{B}{2} \sin\frac{A-C}{2} \right) \\
 &= Rr \left(2\sin\frac{A+B}{2} \sin\frac{A-B}{2} + 2\sin\frac{A+C}{2} \sin\frac{A-C}{2} \right) \\
 &= Rr \left(1 - 2\sin^2\frac{B}{2} + 1 - 2\sin^2\frac{C}{2} - 2 \left(1 - 2\sin^2\frac{A}{2} \right) \right) \\
 &= 2Rr \left(\frac{2a(s-b)(s-c) - b(s-c)(s-a) - c(s-a)(s-b)}{abc} \right) \\
 &= \frac{Rr}{8Rs} (2a^3 + (b+c)a^2 - 2a(b^2+c^2) - (b+c)(b-c)^2) \\
 &= \frac{4(b+c)bcsin^2\frac{A}{2} - 2a \cdot 2bccosA}{8s} = \frac{bc \left((2s-a)\sin^2\frac{A}{2} - a \left(1 - 2\sin^2\frac{A}{2} \right) \right)}{2s} \\
 &= \frac{bc \left((2s+a)\sin^2\frac{A}{2} - a \right)}{2s} = \frac{(2s+a)(s-b)(s-c)}{2s} - 2Rr \\
 &\Rightarrow - \left(\frac{2r}{2\sin\frac{C}{2}} \right) \left(\frac{c}{2} \right) \sin\frac{A-B}{2} - \left(\frac{2r}{2\sin\frac{B}{2}} \right) \left(\frac{b}{2} \right) \sin\frac{A-C}{2} \\
 &\quad \stackrel{(*)}{=} \frac{-(2s+a)(s-b)(s-c)}{2s} + 2Rr \\
 & \text{Again, } \frac{r^2}{4\sin^2\frac{B}{2}} + \frac{r^2}{4\sin^2\frac{C}{2}} = \frac{r^2}{4} \left(\frac{ca}{(s-c)(s-a)} + \frac{ab}{(s-a)(s-b)} \right) \\
 &= \frac{r^2}{4r^2s} (ca(s-b) + ab(s-c)) = \frac{ab+ca}{4} - 2Rr \stackrel{(**)}{=} \frac{r^2}{4\sin^2\frac{B}{2}} + \frac{r^2}{4\sin^2\frac{C}{2}} \\
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 &= \frac{(a+b+c)(b^2+c^2+ab+ca) - (2a+b+c)(c+a-b)(a+b-c)}{8s} \\
 &= \frac{b^3+c^3-abc+a(2b^2+2c^2-a^2)}{4s} \Rightarrow 2AS^2 \stackrel{(ii)}{=} \frac{b^3+c^3-abc+a(4m_a^2)}{4s} \\
 & \text{Via sine law on } \triangle AFS, \frac{r}{2\sin\frac{C}{2}\sin\alpha} = \frac{AS}{\cos\frac{A-B}{2}} = \frac{4s}{cAS} \\
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$$\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}$$

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

$$= (b+c)(b^2 - bc + c^2) + a(b^2 - bc + c^2) + a(b^2 + c^2 - a^2)$$

$$= 2s(b^2 - bc + c^2) + a(b^2 - bc + c^2 + bc - a^2)$$

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

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

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

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

$$= (2s+a).$$

$$\frac{4(z+x)^2 + 4(x+y)^2 - 4(z+x)(x+y) + (y+z)((z+x) + (x+y) - 2(y+z))}{4}$$

$$- \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} \quad (a = y+z, b = z+x, c = x+y)$$

$$= (2s+a) \cdot \frac{4x(x+y+z) + 2x(y+z) + 3(y-z)^2}{4} - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4}$$

$$= (2s+a) \left(s(s-a) + \frac{3}{4}(b-c)^2 + \frac{a(s-a)}{2} \right) - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4}$$

$$= (2s+a) \left(s(s-a) + \frac{3}{4}(b-c)^2 + \frac{a(s-a)}{2} \right) - \frac{(a+2s-2s)(b-c)^2}{4}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= s(s-a) + \frac{(b-c)^2}{4} \left(\frac{(4s+a)^2}{(2s+a)^2} - 1 \right) \\
 &\Rightarrow p_a^2 \stackrel{(\dots)}{=} s(s-a) + \frac{s(3s+a)(b-c)^2}{(2s+a)^2} \\
 \text{Now, } p_a &\geq \frac{2b^2 - bc + 2c^2}{6R} \Leftrightarrow \frac{p_a^2}{h_a^2} \geq \frac{(2b^2 - bc + 2c^2)^2}{36R^2 \cdot \frac{b^2 c^2}{4R^2}} \\
 \Leftrightarrow \frac{p_a^2 - h_a^2}{h_a^2} &\geq \left(\frac{2b^2 - bc + 2c^2}{3bc} - 1 \right) \left(\frac{2b^2 - bc + 2c^2}{3bc} + 1 \right) \\
 \text{via } (\dots) &\Leftrightarrow \frac{s(s-a) + \frac{s(3s+a)(b-c)^2}{(2s+a)^2} - s(s-a) + \frac{s(s-a)(b-c)^2}{a^2}}{h_a^2} \\
 &\geq \frac{4(b-c)^2(b^2 + bc + c^2)}{9b^2 c^2} \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \frac{4s^4(b-c)^2}{a^2 h_a^2 (2s+a)^2} \geq \frac{4(b-c)^2(b^2 + bc + c^2)}{9b^2 c^2} \\
 \Leftrightarrow \frac{4s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)(2s+a)^2}{9s^3 b^2 c^2} &\geq \frac{b^2 + bc + c^2}{9b^2 c^2} \quad (\because (b-c)^2 \geq 0) \\
 \Leftrightarrow \frac{4(s-a)(2s+a)^2}{9s^3 b^2 c^2} &\geq (b^2 + bc + c^2)(s-b)(s-c) \\
 &= (b^2 + bc + c^2)(-s(s-a) + bc) \\
 \Leftrightarrow \frac{9s^3 b^2 c^2}{4(s-a)(2s+a)^2} &\geq (bc - s(s-a))(b^2 + c^2) + b^2 c^2 - bcs(s-a) \\
 \Leftrightarrow \frac{9s^3 b^2 c^2}{4(s-a)(2s+a)^2} - b^2 c^2 + bcs(s-a) &\geq (bc - s(s-a))((2s-a)^2 - 2bc) \\
 \Leftrightarrow \frac{9s^3 b^2 c^2}{4(s-a)(2s+a)^2} - b^2 c^2 + bcs(s-a) &\geq (bc - s(s-a))(2s-a)^2 - 2b^2 c^2 + 2bcs(s-a) \\
 \Leftrightarrow \frac{9s^3 b^2 c^2}{4(s-a)(2s+a)^2} + b^2 c^2 + s(s-a)(2s-a)^2 - bc(s(s-a) + (2s-a)^2) &\geq 0 \\
 \Leftrightarrow \boxed{\frac{25s^3 - 12sa^2 - 4a^3}{4(s-a)(2s+a)^2} \cdot b^2 c^2 - (5s^2 - 5sa + a^2) \cdot bc + s(s-a)(2s-a)^2} &\geq 0 \quad (\text{?})
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, LHS of (?) is a quadratic polynomial with discriminant =

$$\begin{aligned}
 &(5s^2 - 5sa + a^2)^2 - \frac{25s^3 - 12sa^2 - 4a^3}{(2s+a)^2} \cdot s(2s-a)^2 \\
 &= \frac{-a^2(12s^4 - 18s^3 a + 5s^2 a^2 + 2sa^3 - a^4)}{(2s+a)^2} \\
 &= \frac{-a^2(s-a) \left((s-a)(12s^2 + 6sa + 5a^2) + 6a^3 \right)}{(2s+a)^2} < 0 \quad (\because s > a)
 \end{aligned}$$

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\therefore (■) is true (strict inequality)

$$\therefore p_a \geq \frac{2b^2 - bc + 2c^2}{6R} \quad \forall \Delta ABC \rightarrow (m)$$

$$\text{Again, } p_a \leq h_a + \frac{16R}{9} \left(\frac{b-c}{a}\right)^2 \Leftrightarrow \frac{p_a^2 - h_a^2}{p_a + h_a} \leq \frac{16R}{9} \cdot \frac{(b-c)^2}{a^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{s(s-a) + \frac{s(3s+a)(b-c)^2}{(2s+a)^2} - s(s-a) + \frac{s(s-a)(b-c)^2}{a^2}}{\frac{p_a + h_a}{(2s+a)^2}} \leq \frac{16R}{9} \cdot \frac{(b-c)^2}{a^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{s^4}{(2s+a)^2} \stackrel{(\blacksquare\blacksquare)}{\leq} \frac{4R}{9} \cdot (p_a + h_a) \quad (\because (b-c)^2 \geq 0)$$

$$\text{Now, via (m), } \frac{4R}{9} \cdot (p_a + h_a) \geq \frac{4R}{9} \cdot \frac{2b^2 - bc + 2c^2 + 3bc}{6R} = \frac{4}{27} \cdot (b^2 + bc + c^2) \geq \frac{4}{27} \cdot \frac{3}{4} \cdot (2s-a)^2 \stackrel{?}{>} \frac{s^4}{(2s+a)^2} \Leftrightarrow 4s^2 - a^2 \stackrel{?}{>} 3s^2 \Leftrightarrow s^2 > a^2 \rightarrow \text{true} \Rightarrow (\blacksquare\blacksquare)$$

$$\text{is true } \therefore p_a \leq h_a + \frac{16R}{9} \left(\frac{b-c}{a}\right)^2 \stackrel{?}{\leq} h_a + \frac{64}{27} (R - 2r)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{4}{3} (R - 2r) \cdot a^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} R(b-c)^2 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{4}{3} \cdot R \left(1 - 4 \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B-C}{2} + 4 \sin^2 \frac{A}{2}\right) \cdot 16R^2 \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} R \cdot 16R^2 \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \sin^2 \frac{B-C}{2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{4}{3} \left(1 - 4 \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B-C}{2} + 4 \sin^2 \frac{A}{2}\right) \left(1 - \sin^2 \frac{A}{2}\right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 1 - \cos^2 \frac{B-C}{2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 3 \cos^2 \frac{B-C}{2} - 16(x - x^3) \cos \frac{B-C}{2} + 1 + 12x^2 - 16x^4 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \quad \left(x = \sin \frac{A}{2}\right)$$

Now, LHS of (■ ■ ■) is a quadratic polynomial in $\cos \frac{B-C}{2}$ with **discriminant** =

$$256(x - x^3)^2 - 12(1 + 12x^2 - 16x^4) = 256x^6 - 320x^4 + 112x^2 - 12$$

$$= 4(4x^2 - 1)^2(4x^2 - 3) \leq 0 \text{ iff } x \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \text{ and so, when } x \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \text{ discriminant} \leq 0$$

\Rightarrow LHS of (■ ■ ■) $\geq 0 \Rightarrow$ (■ ■ ■) is true and we now focus on the scenario when :

when $x > \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ and then, in order to prove (■ ■ ■), it suffices to prove :

$$\cos \frac{B-C}{2} > \frac{8(x - x^3) + (4x^2 - 1) \cdot \sqrt{4x^2 - 3}}{3} \quad \left(\because x > \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} > \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow 4x^2 - 1 > 0\right)$$

$$\text{and } \because \cos \frac{B-C}{2} = \frac{b+c}{a} \sin \frac{A}{2} \stackrel{b+c}{a} > 1 > x \therefore \text{it suffices to prove :}$$

$$x > \frac{8(x - x^3) + (4x^2 - 1) \cdot \sqrt{4x^2 - 3}}{3} \Leftrightarrow 8x^3 - 5x > (4x^2 - 1) \cdot \sqrt{4x^2 - 3}$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow (8x^3 - 5x)^2 > (4x^2 - 3)(4x^2 - 1)^2 \left(\because x > \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \Rightarrow 8x^2 > 6 > 5 \Rightarrow 8x^3 > 5x \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 3 - 3x^2 > 0 \Rightarrow 1 > x^2 \rightarrow \text{true} \Rightarrow (\blacksquare\blacksquare\blacksquare) \text{ is true and combining both cases,}$$

$$(\blacksquare\blacksquare\blacksquare) \text{ is true } \forall \Delta ABC \therefore p_a \leq h_a + \frac{64}{27}(R - 2r),$$

$$" = " \text{ iff } \sin \frac{A}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ and } B = C \Rightarrow " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$$

2017. In ΔABC the following relationship holds:

$$\sum \frac{h_a \sqrt{h_a}}{w_a \sqrt{r_a}} \geq 3 \sqrt{\frac{2r}{R}}$$

Proposed by Dang Ngoc Minh-Vietnam

Solution by Tapas Das-India

$$h_a h_b h_c = \frac{8F^3}{abc} = \frac{8r^3 s^3}{4Rrs} = \frac{2r^2 s^2}{R} \quad (1)$$

$$r_a r_b r_c = s^2 r \quad (2), w_a w_b w_c \stackrel{w_a \leq \sqrt{s(s-a)}}{\leq} \sqrt{\prod s(s-a)} = \sqrt{s^3 s r^2} = s^2 r, \quad (3)$$

$$\sum \frac{h_a \sqrt{h_a}}{w_a \sqrt{r_a}} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{h_a h_b h_c \sqrt{h_a h_b h_c}}{w_a w_b w_c \sqrt{r_a r_b r_c}}} \stackrel{(1),(2),(3)}{\geq}$$

$$\geq 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{(h_a h_b h_c)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{(s^2 r)^{\frac{3}{2}}}} = 3 \sqrt{\frac{h_a h_b h_c}{s^2 r}} 3 \sqrt{\frac{2r^2 s^2}{s^2 r}} = 3 \sqrt{\frac{2r}{R}}$$

Equality holds for an equilateral triangle

2018.

In any ΔABC with $p_a \rightarrow$ Spieker cevian, $n_a \rightarrow$ Nagel cevians, the following

$$\text{relationships hold : } \frac{s(b-c)^2}{a(2s+a)} \leq n_a - p_a \leq \frac{s|b-c|}{2s+a}$$

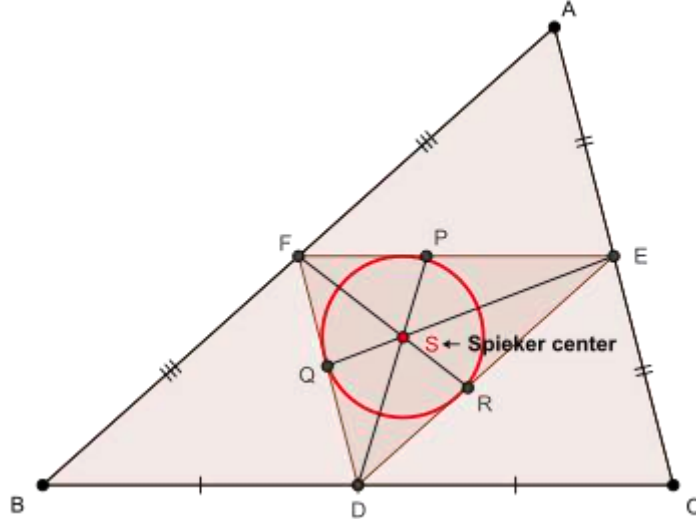
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Let AS produced meet BC at X and $m(\sphericalangle BAX) = \alpha$ and $m(\sphericalangle CAX) = \beta$ (say)
and inradius of $\triangle DEF = r'$ (say)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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$$\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)bc\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} \\
 &\quad \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}} \\
 & \text{(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{4s}{cAS} \\
 &\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}$$

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

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

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

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

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

$$= \frac{2s}{(2s+a)^2} (b^3 + c^3 - abc) - \left(1 - \frac{8sa}{(2s+a)^2}\right) m_a^2$$

$$= \frac{4(a+b+c)(b^3 + c^3 - abc) - (2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2)(b+c)^2}{4(2s+a)^2}$$

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

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

$$= \frac{(b-c)^2}{4(2s+a)^2} (2(a+b+c)^2 - a^2) = \frac{(b-c)^2(8s^2 - a^2)}{4(2s+a)^2}$$

$$\therefore p_a^2 - m_a^2 = \frac{(b-c)^2(8s^2 - a^2)}{4(2s+a)^2} \geq 0 \Rightarrow p_a \stackrel{(**)}{\geq} m_a$$

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

$$= (b+c)(b^2 - bc + c^2) + a(b^2 - bc + c^2) + a(b^2 + c^2 - a^2)$$

$$= 2s(b^2 - bc + c^2) + a(b^2 - bc + c^2 + bc - a^2)$$

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

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

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

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

$$= (2s+a).$$

$$\frac{4(z+x)^2 + 4(x+y)^2 - 4(z+x)(x+y) + (y+z)((z+x) + (x+y) - 2(y+z))}{4}$$

$$- \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} \quad (a = y+z, b = z+x, c = x+y)$$

$$= (2s+a) \cdot \frac{4x(x+y+z) + 2x(y+z) + 3(y-z)^2}{4} - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (2s + a) \left(s(s - a) + \frac{3}{4}(b - c)^2 + \frac{a(s - a)}{2} \right) - \frac{a(b - c)^2}{4} \\
 &= (2s + a) \left(s(s - a) + \frac{3}{4}(b - c)^2 + \frac{a(s - a)}{2} \right) - \frac{(a + 2s - 2s)(b - c)^2}{4} \\
 &= (2s + a) \left(s(s - a) + \frac{(b - c)^2}{2} + \frac{a(s - a)}{2} \right) + \frac{s(b - c)^2}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore (\bullet), (\bullet\bullet\bullet) \Rightarrow \mathbf{p_a^2} &= \frac{2s}{(2s + a)^2} \left(\frac{(s - a)(2s + a)^2}{2} + \frac{(2s + a)(b - c)^2}{2} + \frac{s(b - c)^2}{2} \right) \\
 &= s(s - a) + (b - c)^2 \left(\left(\frac{s}{2s + a} \right)^2 + \frac{s}{2s + a} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4} \right) \\
 &= s(s - a) - \frac{(b - c)^2}{4} + (b - c)^2 \cdot \left(\frac{s}{2s + a} + \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 \\
 &= s(s - a) + \frac{(b - c)^2}{4} \left(\frac{(4s + a)^2}{(2s + a)^2} - 1 \right) \\
 &\Rightarrow \mathbf{p_a^2} \stackrel{(\dots)}{=} s(s - a) + \frac{s(3s + a)(b - c)^2}{(2s + a)^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

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

Now, $\mathbf{n_a - p_a} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{s|b - c|}{2s + a} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{n_a^2} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \mathbf{p_a^2} + s^2 \cdot \frac{(b - c)^2}{(2s + a)^2} + 2\mathbf{p_a} \cdot \frac{s|b - c|}{2s + a}$
 via (\dots) and (\dots)
 $\Leftrightarrow s(s - a) + \frac{s}{a} \cdot (b - c)^2 - s(s - a) - \frac{s(3s + a)(b - c)^2}{(2s + a)^2}$
 $\stackrel{?}{\leq} s^2 \cdot \frac{(b - c)^2}{(2s + a)^2} + 2\mathbf{p_a} \cdot \frac{s|b - c|}{2s + a}$
 $\Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{s}{a} - \frac{s(3s + a)}{(2s + a)^2} - \frac{s^2}{(2s + a)^2} \right) (b - c)^2 \stackrel{?}{\leq} 2\mathbf{p_a} \cdot \frac{s|b - c|}{2s + a} \Leftrightarrow$
 $\frac{4s^3|b - c|^2}{a(2s + a)} \leq 2s \cdot \mathbf{p_a} \cdot |b - c| \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{ap_a} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{2s^2}{2s + a} \cdot |b - c| (\because |b - c| \geq 0)$

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$$\stackrel{\text{via } (\dots)}{\Leftrightarrow} a^2 \left(s(s-a) + \frac{s(3s+a)(b-c)^2}{(2s+a)^2} \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{4s^4}{(2s+a)^2} \cdot (b-c)^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a^2 s(s-a) - \frac{4s^4 - a^2 s(3s+a)}{(2s+a)^2} \cdot (b-c)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

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

$$\Leftrightarrow s(s-a)(a^2 - (b-c)^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \therefore n_a - p_a \leq \frac{s|b-c|}{2s+a}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\frac{s(b-c)^2}{a(2s+a)} \leq n_a - p_a \leq \frac{s|b-c|}{2s+a} \quad \forall \Delta ABC,$$

with equality iff ΔABC is equilateral (QED)

2019.

In any ΔABC with $p_a \rightarrow$ Spieker cevian, the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{2s(b-c)^2}{4s^2 - a^2} \leq p_a - w_a \leq \frac{2sa|b-c|}{4s^2 - a^2}$$

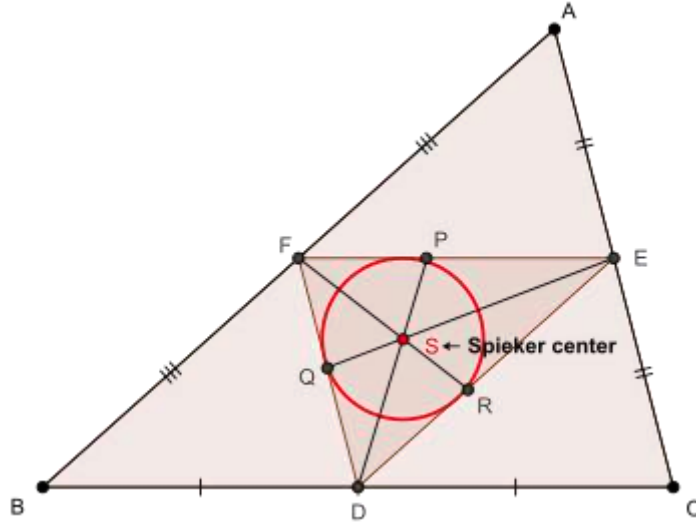
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Let AS produced meet BC at X and $m(\sphericalangle BAX) = \alpha$ and $m(\sphericalangle CAX) = \beta$ (say)
and inradius of $\triangle DEF = r'$ (say)

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

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

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

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

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

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$$\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}{8Rrs} (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} \\
 &\quad \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}} \\
 & \text{(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{4s}{cAS} \\
 &\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}$$

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

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

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

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

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

$$= (b+c)(b^2 - bc + c^2) + a(b^2 - bc + c^2) + a(b^2 + c^2 - a^2)$$

$$= 2s(b^2 - bc + c^2) + a(b^2 - bc + c^2 + bc - a^2)$$

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

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

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

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

$$= (2s+a).$$

$$\frac{4(z+x)^2 + 4(x+y)^2 - 4(z+x)(x+y) + (y+z)((z+x) + (x+y) - 2(y+z))}{4}$$

$$- \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} \quad (a = y+z, b = z+x, c = x+y)$$

$$= (2s+a) \cdot \frac{4x(x+y+z) + 2x(y+z) + 3(y-z)^2}{4} - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4}$$

$$= (2s+a) \left(s(s-a) + \frac{3}{4}(b-c)^2 + \frac{a(s-a)}{2} \right) - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4}$$

$$= (2s+a) \left(s(s-a) + \frac{3}{4}(b-c)^2 + \frac{a(s-a)}{2} \right) - \frac{(a+2s-2s)(b-c)^2}{4}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\text{Now, } p_a - w_a \geq \frac{2s(b-c)^2}{4s^2 - a^2} \Leftrightarrow p_a^2 - w_a^2 \geq \frac{4s^2(b-c)^4}{(4s^2 - a^2)^2} + \frac{4s \cdot w_a \cdot (b-c)^2}{4s^2 - a^2} \stackrel{\text{via } (\dots)}{\Leftrightarrow}$$

$$\frac{s(3s+a)}{(2s+a)^2} + \frac{s(s-a)}{(2s-a)^2} - \frac{4s^2(b-c)^2}{(4s^2 - a^2)^2} \stackrel{(\blacksquare)}{\geq} \frac{4s \cdot w_a}{4s^2 - a^2} \quad (\because (b-c)^2 \geq 0)$$

$$\text{We have : } \frac{s(3s+a)}{(2s+a)^2} + \frac{s(s-a)}{(2s-a)^2} - \frac{4s^2(b-c)^2}{(4s^2 - a^2)^2} >$$

$$\frac{s(3s+a)}{(2s+a)^2} + \frac{s(s-a)}{(2s-a)^2} - \frac{4s^2 a^2}{(4s^2 - a^2)^2}$$

$$= \frac{s(3s+a)(2s-a)^2 + s(s-a)(2s+a)^2 - 4s^2 a^2}{(4s^2 - a^2)^2} = \frac{8s^2(2s+a)(s-a)}{(4s^2 - a^2)^2} > 0$$

$$\therefore (\blacksquare) \Leftrightarrow \frac{(s(3s+a)(2s-a)^2 + s(s-a)(2s+a)^2 - 4s^2(b-c)^2)^2}{(4s^2 - a^2)^4}$$

$$\geq \frac{16s^2}{(4s^2 - a^2)^2} \cdot \left(s(s-a) - \frac{s(s-a)(b-c)^2}{(2s-a)^2} \right)$$

$$16s^4(b-c)^4 - 8s^2(b-c)^2(s(3s+a)(2s-a)^2 + s(s-a)(2s+a)^2) +$$

$$\frac{(s(3s+a)(2s-a)^2 + s(s-a)(2s+a)^2)^2}{(4s^2 - a^2)^2}$$

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

$$\Leftrightarrow 16s^4(b-c)^4 - 8s^2(b-c)^2 \left(\frac{s(3s+a)(2s-a)^2 + s(s-a)(2s+a)^2}{-2s(s-a)(2s+a)^2} \right)$$

$$+ (s(3s+a)(2s-a)^2 + s(s-a)(2s+a)^2)^2 - 16s^3(s-a)(4s^2 - a^2)^2 \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 16s^4(b-c)^4 - 16s^3(b-c)^2(4s^3 - 4s^2a + sa^2 + a^3)$$

$$+ 16a^2s^3(4s^3 - 4s^2a + a^3) \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s(b-c)^4 - (4s^3 - 4s^2a + sa^2 + a^3)(b-c)^2 + a^2(4s^3 - 4s^2a + a^3) \stackrel{(\blacksquare\blacksquare)}{\geq} 0$$

and in order to prove $(\blacksquare\blacksquare)$, it suffices to prove :

$$(b-c)^2 \leq \frac{(4s^3 - 4s^2a + sa^2 + a^3) - \sqrt{\delta}}{2s}, \text{ where } \delta =$$

$$(4s^3 - 4s^2a + sa^2 + a^3)^2 - 4sa^2(4s^3 - 4s^2a + a^3) \text{ and } \because (b-c)^2 < a^2$$

$$\therefore \text{it suffices to prove : } 2sa^2 \leq (4s^3 - 4s^2a + sa^2 + a^3)$$

$$- \sqrt{(4s^3 - 4s^2a + sa^2 + a^3)^2 - 4sa^2(4s^3 - 4s^2a + a^3)}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sqrt{(s-a)^2(4s^2 - a^2)^2} \leq 4s^3 - 4s^2a - sa^2 + a^3 = (s-a)(4s^2 - a^2) \rightarrow \text{true}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow (\blacksquare) \Rightarrow (\blacksquare) \text{ is true } \therefore p_a - w_a \geq \frac{2s(b-c)^2}{4s^2 - a^2} \\ \text{Again, } p_a - w_a &\leq \frac{2sa|b-c|}{4s^2 - a^2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{s(3s+a)(2s-a)^2 + s(s-a)(2s+a)^2}{(4s^2 - a^2)^2} \cdot (b-c)^2 \\ &\leq \frac{4s^2 a^2 (b-c)^2}{(4s^2 - a^2)^2} + \frac{4sa \cdot w_a \cdot |b-c|}{4s^2 - a^2} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{s(3s+a)(2s-a)^2 + s(s-a)(2s+a)^2 - 4s^2 a^2}{(4s^2 - a^2)^2} \cdot |b-c| \leq \frac{4sa \cdot w_a}{4s^2 - a^2} \\ &(\because |b-c| \geq 0) \Leftrightarrow \frac{8s^2(2s+a)(s-a)}{4s^2 - a^2} \cdot |b-c| \leq 4sa \cdot w_a \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{4s^2(2s+a)^2(s-a)^2}{(4s^2 - a^2)^2} \cdot (b-c)^2 \leq a^2 \left(s(s-a) - \frac{s(s-a)(b-c)^2}{(2s-a)^2} \right) \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{4s^2(s-a)^2 + a^2s(s-a)}{(2s-a)^2} \cdot (b-c)^2 \leq a^2s(s-a) \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{s(s-a)(4s^2 - 4sa + a^2)}{(2s-a)^2} \cdot (b-c)^2 \leq a^2s(s-a) \\ &\Leftrightarrow s(s-a) \cdot (b-c)^2 \leq a^2s(s-a) \Leftrightarrow s(s-a)(a^2 - (b-c)^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \\ &\therefore p_a - w_a \leq \frac{2sa|b-c|}{4s^2 - a^2} \text{ and so, } \frac{2s(b-c)^2}{4s^2 - a^2} \leq p_a - w_a \leq \frac{2sa|b-c|}{4s^2 - a^2} \\ &\forall \Delta ABC, \text{ with equality iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$

2020. In ΔABC the following relationship holds:

$$3r \leq \frac{\sum r_a \sin A}{\sum \sin A} \leq 2R - r$$

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Solution by Tapas Das-India

$$\begin{aligned} \sum r_a \sin A &= \sum \frac{F}{s-a} \frac{a}{2R} = \frac{F}{2R} \sum \frac{a}{s-a} = \frac{F}{2R} \cdot \frac{\sum a(s-b)(s-c)}{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} = \\ &= \frac{F}{2R} \cdot \frac{(\sum(as^2 - s(ab+ac) + abc))}{sr^2} = \\ &= \frac{F}{2R} \cdot \frac{s^2(a+b+c) - 2s(ab+bc+ca) + 3abc}{sr^2} = \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \frac{2s^3 - 2s(s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr) + 12Rrs}{sr^2} \cdot \frac{F}{2R} = \frac{2sr(2R - r)}{sr^2} \frac{rs}{2R} = (2R - r) \frac{s}{R} \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{\sum r_a \sin A}{\sum \sin A} \stackrel{(1)}{=} (2R - r) \frac{s}{R} \frac{1}{\frac{s}{R}} = 2R - r \stackrel{Euler}{\geq} 4r - r = 3r$$

Equality holds for $a = b = c$

2021. In any acute ΔABC , following relationship holds :

$$\sin A \cdot m_a w_a > F \geq 3\sqrt{3}r^2 + \sqrt{2}r(R - 2r)$$

Proposed by Dang Ngoc Minh-Vietnam

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$F \geq 3\sqrt{3}r^2 + \sqrt{2} \cdot r(R - 2r) \Leftrightarrow s - \sqrt{2}(R - 2r) \geq 3\sqrt{3}r$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (s - \sqrt{2}(R - 2r))^2 \geq 27r^2$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \because \Delta ABC \text{ is acute} \Rightarrow \prod_{\text{cyc}} \cos A > 0 \Rightarrow s > 2R + r > 2R \\ \Rightarrow s - \sqrt{2}(R - 2r) > (2 - \sqrt{2})R + 2\sqrt{2} \cdot r > 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Leftrightarrow s^2 + 2(R - 2r)^2 - 2\sqrt{2} \cdot s(R - 2r) \geq 27r^2 \\ \Leftrightarrow s^2 + 2(R - 2r)^2 - 27r^2 &\geq 2\sqrt{2} \cdot s(R - 2r) \Leftrightarrow (s^2 + 2(R - 2r)^2 - 27r^2)^2 \\ &\geq 8s^2(R - 2r)^2 \left(\because s^2 - 27r^2 + 2(R - 2r)^2 \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\geq} 2(R - 2r)^2 \geq 0 \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s^4 - (4R^2 - 16Rr + 70r^2)s^2 + 4R^4 - 32R^3r - 12R^2r^2 + 304Rr^3 + 361r^4 \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} 0$$

and $\because (s^2 - 2R^2 - 8Rr - 3r^2)^2 \geq 0 \therefore$ in order to prove $(*)$, it suffices to prove :

$$\text{LHS of } (*) \geq (s^2 - 2R^2 - 8Rr - 3r^2)^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (4R - 8r)s^2 \stackrel{(**)}{\geq} 8R^3 + 11R^2r - 32Rr^2 - 44r^3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } \because \Delta ABC \text{ is acute } \therefore (4R - 8r)s^2 &\stackrel{\text{Walker}}{\geq} (4R - 8r)(2R^2 + 8Rr + 3r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} \\ 8R^3 + 11R^2r - 32Rr^2 - 44r^3 &\Leftrightarrow 40r^2(R^2 - 4Rr + 4r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow 40r^2(R - 2r)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \end{aligned}$$

\rightarrow true $\Rightarrow (**)$ $\Rightarrow (*)$ is true $\therefore F \geq 3\sqrt{3}r^2 + \sqrt{2} \cdot r(R - 2r) \forall$ acute ΔABC

$$\text{Again, } \sin A \cdot m_a w_a - F \stackrel{\text{Lascu} + \text{A-G}}{\geq} \frac{a}{2R} \cdot s(s - a) - \frac{abc}{4R} = \frac{a}{2R} \cdot (2s(s - a) - bc)$$

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$$= \frac{abc}{2R} \cdot \left(2 \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} - 1\right) > 0 \because \Delta ABC \text{ is acute} \Rightarrow 0 < \frac{A}{2} < \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow \cos \frac{A}{2} > \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} - 1 > 0 \because \sin A \cdot m_a w_a > F \forall \text{ acute } \Delta ABC \text{ and so,}$$

$$\sin A \cdot m_a w_a > F \geq 3\sqrt{3}r^2 + \sqrt{2} \cdot r(R - 2r) \forall \text{ acute } \Delta ABC$$

," = " iff ΔABC is equilateral (QED)

2022. In ΔABC the following relationship holds:

$$-\frac{3(R-2r)}{R} \leq (2 \cos A - 1)(2 \cos B - 1)(2 \cos C - 1) \leq \frac{(R-2r)(16R^2 - Rr - 8r^2)}{(16R-5r)R^2}$$

Proposed by Nguyen Minh Tho-Vietnam

Solution by Tapas Das-India

$$(2 \cos A - 1)(2 \cos B - 1)(2 \cos C - 1) =$$

$$= -1 + 2 \sum \cos A - 4 \sum \cos A \cos B + 8 \cos A \cos B \cos C =$$

$$= -1 + 2 \left(1 + \frac{r}{R}\right) - 4 \frac{s^2 + r^2 - 4R^2}{4R^2} + 8 \frac{s^2 - (2R+r)^2}{4R^2} =$$

$$= \frac{-R^2 + 2R^2 + 2Rr - s^2 - r^2 + 4R^2 + 2s^2 - 2(4R^2 + 4Rr + r^2)}{R^2} =$$

$$= \frac{s^2 - 3R^2 - 6Rr - 3r^2}{R^2} \quad (1)$$

$$(2 \cos A - 1)(2 \cos B - 1)(2 \cos C - 1) = \frac{s^2 - 3R^2 - 6Rr - 3r^2}{R^2} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq}$$

$$\geq \frac{16Rr - 5r^2 - 3R^2 - 6Rr - 3r^2}{R^2} = \frac{-3R^2 + 10Rr - 8r^2}{R^2} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq}$$

$$\geq \frac{-3R^2 + 10Rr - 8r \cdot \frac{R}{2}}{R^2} = \frac{-3R^2 + 6Rr}{R^2} = -\frac{3(R-2r)}{R}$$

$$(2 \cos A - 1)(2 \cos B - 1)(2 \cos C - 1) =$$

$$= \frac{s^2 - 3R^2 - 6Rr - 3r^2}{R^2} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} \frac{4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 - 3R^2 - 6Rr - 3r^2}{R^2} =$$

$$= \frac{R(R-2r)}{R^2} = \frac{(R-2r)R(16R-5r)}{(16R-5r)R^2} = \frac{(R-2r)(16R^2-5Rr)}{(16R-5r)R^2} =$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{(R-2r)(16R^2 - Rr - 4Rr)}{(16R-5r)R^2} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} \frac{(R-2r)(16R^2 - Rr - 4 \cdot 2r \cdot r)}{(16R-5r)R^2} = \\
 &= \frac{(R-2r)(16R^2 - Rr - 8r^2)}{(16R-5r)R^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for $A = B = C$

2023. In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{R^2 + 6Rr - \sqrt{R(R-2r)^3}}{4R^2} \leq \prod \cos \frac{A-B}{2} \leq \frac{R^2 + 6Rr + \sqrt{R(R-2r)^3}}{4R^2}$$

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Blundon's inequality:

$$2R^2 + 10Rr - r^2 - 2\sqrt{R(R-2r)^3} \leq s^2 \leq 2R^2 + 10Rr - r^2 + 2\sqrt{R(R-2r)^3} \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \prod \cos \frac{A-B}{2} &= \frac{s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr}{8R^2} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{2R^2 + 10Rr - r^2 - 2\sqrt{R(R-2r)^3} + r^2 + 2Rr}{8R^2} = \\
 &= \frac{2R^2 + 12Rr - 2\sqrt{R(R-2r)^3}}{8R^2} = \frac{R^2 + 6Rr - \sqrt{R(R-2r)^3}}{4R^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \prod \cos \frac{A-B}{2} &= \frac{s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr}{8R^2} \stackrel{(1)}{\leq} \frac{2R^2 + 10Rr - r^2 + 2\sqrt{R(R-2r)^3} + r^2 + 2Rr}{8R^2} = \\
 &= \frac{2R^2 + 12Rr + 2\sqrt{R(R-2r)^3}}{8R^2} = \frac{R^2 + 6Rr + \sqrt{R(R-2r)^3}}{4R^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for an equilateral triangle

2024. In any $\triangle ABC$ with $p_a, p_b, p_c \rightarrow$

Spieker cevians, the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{p_a + w_a}{2m_a + \sqrt{p_a w_a}} + \frac{p_b + w_b}{2m_b + \sqrt{p_b w_b}} + \frac{p_c + w_c}{2m_c + \sqrt{p_c w_c}} \leq 2$$

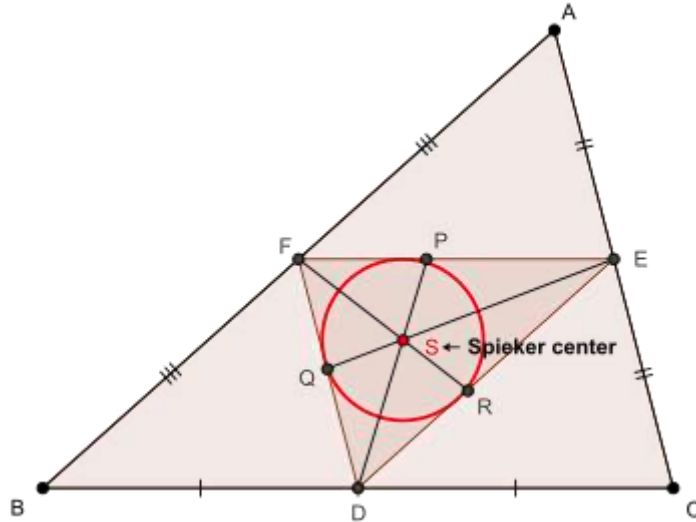
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Let AS produced meet BC at X and $m(\sphericalangle BAX) = \alpha$ and $m(\sphericalangle CAX) = \beta$ (say)
and inradius of $\triangle DEF = r'$ (say)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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$$\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} \\
 &\quad \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}} \\
 & \text{(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{4s}{cAS} \\
 &\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}$$

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

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

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

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

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

$$= (b+c)(b^2 - bc + c^2) + a(b^2 - bc + c^2) + a(b^2 + c^2 - a^2)$$

$$= 2s(b^2 - bc + c^2) + a(b^2 - bc + c^2 + bc - a^2)$$

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

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

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

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

$$= (2s+a).$$

$$\frac{4(z+x)^2 + 4(x+y)^2 - 4(z+x)(x+y) + (y+z)((z+x) + (x+y) - 2(y+z))}{4}$$

$$- \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} \quad (a = y+z, b = z+x, c = x+y)$$

$$= (2s+a) \cdot \frac{4x(x+y+z) + 2x(y+z) + 3(y-z)^2}{4} - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4}$$

$$= (2s+a) \left(s(s-a) + \frac{3}{4}(b-c)^2 + \frac{a(s-a)}{2} \right) - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4}$$

$$= (2s+a) \left(s(s-a) + \frac{3}{4}(b-c)^2 + \frac{a(s-a)}{2} \right) - \frac{(a+2s-2s)(b-c)^2}{4}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Now, $\frac{p_a + w_a}{2m_a + \sqrt{p_a w_a}} \leq \frac{2}{3} \Leftrightarrow 3(p_a + w_a) - 2\sqrt{p_a w_a} \leq 4m_a$

$$\Leftrightarrow 9(p_a + w_a)^2 + 4p_a w_a - 12(p_a + w_a) \cdot \sqrt{p_a w_a} \leq 16m_a^2 \text{ and } \therefore$$

$$-12(p_a + w_a) \cdot \sqrt{p_a w_a} \stackrel{A-G}{\leq} -24p_a w_a \therefore \text{it suffices to prove :}$$

$$9(p_a^2 + w_a^2) + 18p_a w_a + 4p_a w_a - 24p_a w_a \leq 16m_a^2 \stackrel{\text{via } (\dots)}{\Leftrightarrow}$$

$$9 \left(2s(s-a) + \frac{s(3s+a)(b-c)^2}{(2s+a)^2} - \frac{s(s-a)(b-c)^2}{(2s-a)^2} \right) - 16 \left(s(s-a) + \frac{(b-c)^2}{4} \right)$$

$$\leq 2p_a w_a \Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{9s(3s+a)}{(2s+a)^2} - \frac{9s(s-a)}{(2s-a)^2} - 4 \right) \cdot (b-c)^2 \leq 2p_a w_a - 2s(s-a)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{4s^4 - 36s^3a + 25s^2a^2 + 9sa^3 - 2a^4}{(4s^2 - a^2)^2} \cdot (b-c)^2 \stackrel{(\blacksquare)}{\leq} p_a w_a - s(s-a)$$

Case 1 $4s^4 - 36s^3a + 25s^2a^2 + 9sa^3 - 2a^4 \leq 0$ and then : LHS of $(\blacksquare) \leq 0$

$$\leq \text{RHS of } (\blacksquare) \left(\because p_a^2 = s(s-a) + \frac{s(3s+a)(b-c)^2}{(2s+a)^2} \geq m_a^2 = s(s-a) + \frac{(b-c)^2}{4} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow p_a w_a - s(s-a) \geq m_a w_a - s(s-a) \stackrel{\text{Lascu} + A-G}{\geq} 0$$

Case 2 $4s^4 - 36s^3a + 25s^2a^2 + 9sa^3 - 2a^4 > 0$

$$\left(\Leftrightarrow t = \frac{s}{a} \geq 8.20584 \text{ (approximately)} \right) \text{ and then : } (\blacksquare) \stackrel{\text{via } (\dots)}{\Leftrightarrow}$$

$$\left(s(s-a) + \frac{4s^4 - 36s^3a + 25s^2a^2 + 9sa^3 - 2a^4}{(4s^2 - a^2)^2} \cdot (b-c)^2 \right)^2 \leq$$

$$\left(s(s-a) + \frac{s(3s+a)(b-c)^2}{(2s+a)^2} \right) \left(s(s-a) - \frac{s(s-a)(b-c)^2}{(2s-a)^2} \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{(4s^4 - 36s^3a + 25s^2a^2 + 9sa^3 - 2a^4)^2}{(4s^2 - a^2)^4} + \frac{s^2(3s+a)(s-a)}{(4s^2 - a^2)^2} \right) (b-c)^4 \leq$$

$$\left(\frac{s^2(3s+a)(s-a)}{(2s+a)^2} - \frac{s^2(s-a)^2}{(2s-a)^2} - \frac{2s(s-a)(4s^4 - 36s^3a + 25s^2a^2 + 9sa^3 - 2a^4)}{(4s^2 - a^2)^2} \right) (b-c)^2 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{(4s^4 - 36s^3a + 25s^2a^2 + 9sa^3 - 2a^4)^2 + s^2(3s+a)(s-a)(4s^2 - a^2)^2}{(4s^2 - a^2)^4} \cdot (b-c)^4 \leq$$

$$\leq \frac{\left(\frac{s^2(3s+a)(s-a)(2s-a)^2 - s^2(s-a)^2(2s+a)^2}{-2s(s-a)(4s^4 - 36s^3a + 25s^2a^2 + 9sa^3 - 2a^4)} \right) \cdot (b-c)^2}{(4s^2 - a^2)^2}$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow (b-c)^2 \left(\frac{4(s-a) \left(\frac{16s^7 - 64s^6a + 300s^5a^2 - 128s^4a^3}{(4s^2 - a^2)^4} - \frac{135s^3a^4 + 13s^2a^5 + 8sa^6 - a^7}{(4s^2 - a^2)^2} \right) \cdot (b-c)^2}{- \frac{4sa(s-a)(16s^3 - 12s^2a - 4sa^2 + a^3)}{(4s^2 - a^2)^2}} \right) \leq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{16s^7 - 64s^6a + 300s^5a^2 - 128s^4a^3 - 135s^3a^4}{+13s^2a^5 + 8sa^6 - a^7} \right) (b-c)^2 \stackrel{(\blacksquare\blacksquare)}{\leq}$$

$$sa(16s^3 - 12s^2a - 4sa^2 + a^3)(4s^2 - a^2)^2 \quad (\because (b-c)^2 \geq 0 \text{ and } (s-a) > 0)$$

Now, $16s^7 - 64s^6a + 300s^5a^2 - 128s^4a^3 - 135s^3a^4 + 13s^2a^5 + 8sa^6 - a^7$

$$= (s-a)(16s^6 - 48s^5a + 252s^4a^2 + 124s^3a^3 - 11s^2a^4 + 2sa^5 + 10a^6) + 9a^7$$

$$= (s-a) \left(\frac{16s^6 + 225s^4a^2 - 120s^5a}{+11s^2a^3(s-a) + 2sa^5 + 10a^6} \right) + 9a^7$$

$$= (s-a) \left(\frac{(4s^3 - 15s^2a)^2 + 72s^5a + 27s^4a^2 + 113s^3a^3}{+11s^2a^3(s-a) + 2sa^5 + 10a^6} \right) + 9a^7 \stackrel{s > a}{>} 0$$

and $\because (b-c)^2 < a^2 \therefore \text{LHS of } (\blacksquare\blacksquare) <$

$$\left(\frac{16s^7 - 64s^6a + 300s^5a^2 - 128s^4a^3 - 135s^3a^4}{+13s^2a^5 + 8sa^6 - a^7} \right) a^2 \stackrel{?}{<}$$

$$sa(16s^3 - 12s^2a - 4sa^2 + a^3)(4s^2 - a^2)^2 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$256t^8 - 208t^7 - 128t^6 - 188t^5 + 176t^4 + 115t^3 - 17t^2 - 7t + 1 \stackrel{?}{>} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (t-1) \left((t-2) \left(\frac{256t^6 + 560t^5 + 1040t^4 + 1812t^3}{+3532t^2 + 7087t + 14180} \right) + 28359 \right) \stackrel{?}{>} 0$$

\rightarrow true $\because t \geq 8.20584$ (approximately) $> 2 \Rightarrow (t-1), (t-2) > 0 \Rightarrow (\blacksquare\blacksquare)$

$\Rightarrow (\blacksquare)$ is true (strict inequality) and combining both cases, (\blacksquare) is true $\forall \Delta ABC$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{p_a + w_a}{2m_a + \sqrt{p_a w_a}} \leq \frac{2}{3} \text{ and analogs } \forall \Delta ABC \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{p_a + w_a}{2m_a + \sqrt{p_a w_a}} + \frac{p_b + w_b}{2m_b + \sqrt{p_b w_b}} + \frac{p_c + w_c}{2m_c + \sqrt{p_c w_c}} \leq 2 \forall \Delta ABC,$$

with equality iff ΔABC is equilateral (QED)

2025. In ΔABC the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{3}{4} \leq \cos^2 A + \cos^2 B + \cos^2 C \leq \frac{33}{8} - \frac{s^2}{2R^2}$$

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$$\cos^2 A + \cos^2 B + \cos^2 C = 3 - \sum \sin^2 A = 3 - \frac{\sum a^2}{4R^2} \quad (1)$$

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$$\text{From (1) } \cos^2 A + \cos^2 B + \cos^2 C = 3 - \frac{\sum a^2}{4R^2} \stackrel{\text{Leibniz}}{\geq} 3 - \frac{9R^2}{4R^2} = 3 - \frac{9}{4} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{From (1) } \cos^2 A + \cos^2 B + \cos^2 C &= 3 - \frac{\sum a^2}{4R^2} = 3 - \frac{2(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr)}{4R^2} = \\ &= 3 + \frac{r^2 + 4Rr}{2R^2} - \frac{s^2}{2R^2} = 3 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2 + 2\frac{r}{R} - \frac{s^2}{2R^2} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} 3 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} - \frac{s^2}{2R^2} = \\ &= 4 + \frac{1}{8} - \frac{s^2}{2R^2} = \frac{33}{8} - \frac{s^2}{2R^2} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for an equilateral triangle

2026. In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\left| \sin \frac{A-B}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{B-C}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{C-A}{2} \right| \leq \frac{1}{24\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{(s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2)^3}}{R^2 r}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sin^2 \frac{A-B}{2} \cdot \sin^2 \frac{B-C}{2} \cdot \sin^2 \frac{C-A}{2} &= \prod_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \sin^2 \frac{B-C}{2}}{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2}} = \prod_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(b-c)^2}{16R^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{256 \cdot 16R^6} \cdot \frac{16R^2}{r^2} \cdot \prod_{\text{cyc}} (b-c)^2 \therefore \prod_{\text{cyc}} \sin^2 \frac{B-C}{2} = \frac{1}{256R^4 r^2} \cdot \prod_{\text{cyc}} (b-c)^2 \rightarrow (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } \prod_{\text{cyc}} (b-c)^2 &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^4 b^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^4 - 2abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 b^3 \\ &\quad + 2abc \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b + \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab^2 \right) - 6a^2 b^2 c^2 \\ &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(a^2 b^2 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - c^2 \right) \right) - 16Rrs^2 (s^2 - 6Rr - 3r^2) \\ &\quad - 2 \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right)^3 - 3abc \prod_{\text{cyc}} (b+c) \right) + 2abc \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) \right) - 6a^2 b^2 c^2 \\ &= 2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) \left((s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2 - 16Rrs^2 \right) - 16Rrs^2 (s^2 - 6Rr - 3r^2) \\ &\quad - 2 \left((s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^3 - 24Rrs^2 (s^2 + 2Rr + r^2) \right) + 16Rrs^2 (s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & -240R^2r^2s^2 = 4r^2(-s^4 + (4R^2 + 20Rr - 2r^2)s^2 - r(4R + r)^3) \\
 \therefore \prod_{\text{cyc}} \sin^2 \frac{B-C}{2} & \stackrel{\text{via (1)}}{=} \frac{1}{256R^4r^2} \cdot 4r^2(-s^4 + (4R^2 + 20Rr - 2r^2)s^2 - r(4R + r)^3) \\
 & \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{(s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2)^3}{3.576R^4r^2} \Leftrightarrow s^4 - (36Rr - 18r^2)s^2 + 81r^2(2R - r)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\
 \Leftrightarrow s^4 - 2s^2 \cdot 9r(2R - r) + (9r(2R - r))^2 & \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow (s^2 - 9r(2R - r))^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \\
 \therefore \prod_{\text{cyc}} \sin^2 \frac{B-C}{2} & \leq \frac{(s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2)^3}{3.576R^4r^2} \\
 \Rightarrow \left| \sin \frac{A-B}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{B-C}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{C-A}{2} \right| & \leq \frac{1}{24\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{(s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2)^3}}{R^2r} \\
 \forall \Delta ABC, '' = '' \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} &
 \end{aligned}$$

2027. In acute triangle ABC :

$$r_a < \frac{5}{2}R$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 r_a < \frac{5}{2}R & \Leftrightarrow s \tan \frac{A}{2} < \frac{5}{2}R \Leftrightarrow \frac{s}{4R} \cdot \tan \frac{A}{2} < \frac{5}{8} \Leftrightarrow \cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2} \cdot \tan \frac{A}{2} < \frac{5}{8} \Leftrightarrow \\
 & \Leftrightarrow \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2} < \frac{5}{8}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Let $x := \cos \frac{\pi - A}{2} \in \left(0, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)$. By AM - GM and Jensen Inequalities, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2} & \leq \left(\frac{\cos \frac{B}{2} + \cos \frac{C}{2}}{2} \right)^2 = \cos^2 \frac{B+C}{4} = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \cos \frac{B+C}{2} \right) \\
 \Rightarrow \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2} & \leq \cos \frac{\pi - A}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \cos \frac{\pi - A}{2} \right) = \frac{x(1+x)}{2} \leq \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} \left(1 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right) \\
 & = \frac{2\sqrt{2} + 2}{8} < \frac{5}{8}.
 \end{aligned}$$

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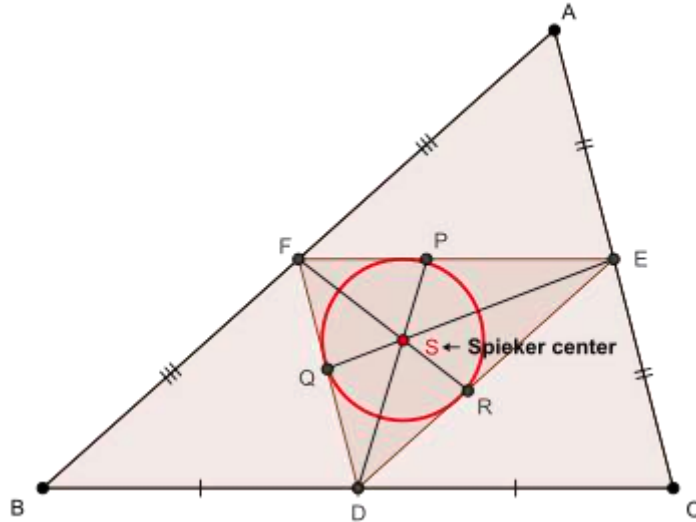
If p_a, p_b, p_c

\rightarrow Spieker cevians in ΔABC , then the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{p_a}{h_a} + \frac{p_b}{h_b} + \frac{p_c}{h_c} \geq 3 + \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca}{F}$$

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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)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\text{Now, } \left(\frac{2r}{2 \sin \frac{C}{2}}\right) \left(\frac{c}{2}\right) \sin \frac{A - B}{2} + \left(\frac{2r}{2 \sin \frac{B}{2}}\right) \left(\frac{b}{2}\right) \sin \frac{A - C}{2}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \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}{8Rrs} (2a^3 + (b+c)a^2 - 2a(b^2 + c^2) - (b+c)(b-c)^2) \\
 &= \frac{4(b+c)bc \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} \\
 &\quad \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}} \\
 \text{(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 \stackrel{\text{(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{4s}{cAS} \\
 \Rightarrow c \sin \alpha &= \frac{r(a+b)}{2AS} \text{ and via sine law on } \triangle AES, b \sin \beta = \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 \\
 \text{via (***) and (***)} &\Rightarrow \frac{p_a(a+b+a+c)}{4AS} = 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 &\stackrel{(*)}{=} \frac{2s}{(2s+a)^2} (b^3 + c^3 - abc + a(4m_a^2))
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now, } b^3 + c^3 - abc + a(4m_a^2) &= b^3 + c^3 - abc + a(2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2) \\
 &= (b+c)(b^2 - bc + c^2) + a(b^2 - bc + c^2) + a(b^2 + c^2 - a^2) \\
 &= 2s(b^2 - bc + c^2) + a(b^2 - bc + c^2 + bc - a^2) \\
 &= (2s+a)(b^2 - bc + c^2) + a\left(\frac{(b+c)^2 - (b-c)^2}{4} - a^2\right) \\
 &= (2s+a)(b^2 - bc + c^2) + \frac{a(b+c+2a)(b+c-2a)}{4} - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} \\
 &= (2s+a)(b^2 - bc + c^2) + \frac{a(2s-a+2a)(b+c-2a)}{4} - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} \\
 &= (2s+a) \cdot \frac{4b^2 + 4c^2 - 4bc + a(b+c-2a)}{4} - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} \\
 &= (2s+a).
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{4(z+x)^2 + 4(x+y)^2 - 4(z+x)(x+y) + (y+z)((z+x) + (x+y) - 2(y+z))}{4}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &- \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} \quad (a = y+z, b = z+x, c = x+y) \\
 &= (2s+a) \cdot \frac{4x(x+y+z) + 2x(y+z) + 3(y-z)^2}{4} - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} \\
 &= (2s+a) \left(s(s-a) + \frac{3}{4}(b-c)^2 + \frac{a(s-a)}{2} \right) - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} \\
 &= (2s+a) \left(s(s-a) + \frac{3}{4}(b-c)^2 + \frac{a(s-a)}{2} \right) - \frac{(a+2s-2s)(b-c)^2}{4} \\
 &= (2s+a) \left(s(s-a) + \frac{(b-c)^2}{2} + \frac{a(s-a)}{2} \right) + \frac{s(b-c)^2}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\text{Now, } p_a \stackrel{?}{\geq} h_a + \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{(b-c)^2}{a} \stackrel{\text{via } (\bullet\bullet\bullet)}{\Leftrightarrow} s(s-a) + \frac{s(3s+a)(b-c)^2}{(2s+a)^2}$$

$$\stackrel{?}{\geq} s(s-a) - \frac{s(s-a)(b-c)^2}{a^2} + \frac{4}{9} \cdot \frac{(b-c)^4}{a^2} + \frac{4h_a}{3} \cdot \frac{(b-c)^2}{a}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{s(3s+a)}{(2s+a)^2} + \frac{s(s-a)}{a^2} - \frac{4(b-c)^2}{9a^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{4h_a}{3a} \quad (\because (b-c)^2 \geq 0)$$

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We have : $\frac{s(3s+a)}{(2s+a)^2} + \frac{s(s-a)}{a^2} - \frac{4(b-c)^2}{9a^2} \stackrel{a^2 > (b-c)^2}{>} \frac{s(3s+a)}{(2s+a)^2} + \frac{s(s-a)}{a^2} - \frac{4}{9}$

$$= \frac{9s(3s+a)a^2 + 9s(s-a)(2s+a)^2 - 4a^2(2s+a)^2}{9a^2(2s+a)^2}$$

$$= \frac{4(s-a)(9s^3 + 9s^2a + 5sa^2 + a^3)}{9a^2(2s+a)^2} \stackrel{s > a}{>} 0 \Rightarrow \text{LHS of } (\blacksquare) > 0 \therefore (\blacksquare) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{T^2}{a^4(2s+a)^4} + \frac{16(b-c)^4}{81a^4} - \frac{8T(b-c)^2}{9a^4(2s+a)^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{16}{9a^2} \cdot \left(s(s-a) - \frac{s(s-a)(b-c)^2}{a^2} \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{16(b-c)^4}{81a^4} - \frac{8(b-c)^2}{9a^4} \left(\frac{T}{(2s+a)^2} - 2s(s-a) \right) + \frac{T^2}{a^4(2s+a)^4} - \frac{16s(s-a)}{9a^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{4(b-c)^2}{9} \right)^2 + \frac{4(b-c)^2}{9} \cdot \frac{4s(2s^3 - 3sa^2 - a^3)}{(2s+a)^2} + \frac{9T^2 - 16s(s-a)a^2(2s+a)^4}{9(2s+a)^4} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

Now, LHS of $(\blacksquare\blacksquare)$ is a quadratic polynomial in " $\frac{4(b-c)^2}{9}$ " whose discriminant

$$= \frac{16s^2(2s^3 - 3sa^2 - a^3)^2}{(2s+a)^4} - 4 \cdot \frac{9T^2 - 16s(s-a)a^2(2s+a)^4}{9(2s+a)^4}$$

$$= -\frac{16sa^7}{9(2s+a)^4} \cdot (44t^5 - 28t^4 - 49t^3 + 10t^2 + 19t + 4) \left(t = \frac{s}{a} \right)$$

$$= -\frac{16sa^7}{9(2s+a)^4} \cdot (t-1)^2(44t^3 + 60t^2 + 27t + 4) < 0 \Rightarrow \text{LHS of } (\blacksquare\blacksquare) > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\blacksquare\blacksquare) \Rightarrow (\blacksquare) \text{ is true } \therefore p_a \geq h_a + \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{(b-c)^2}{a} \Rightarrow \frac{p_a}{h_a} \geq 1 + \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{(b-c)^2}{ah_a}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{(b-c)^2}{2F} \Rightarrow \frac{p_a}{h_a} \geq 1 + \frac{(b-c)^2}{3F} \text{ and analogs } \Rightarrow$$

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{p_a}{h_a} \geq 3 + \frac{1}{3F} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} (b-c)^2 \therefore \frac{p_a}{h_a} + \frac{p_b}{h_b} + \frac{p_c}{h_c} \geq 3 + \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca}{F}$$

$\forall \Delta ABC$, with equality iff ΔABC is equilateral (QED)

2029. In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{m_a w_a}{r_a h_a} \geq \frac{r}{R - r + \sqrt{R(R - 2r)}}$$

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If $p \rightarrow$ semi - perimeter, $\frac{m_a w_a}{r_a h_a} \stackrel{\text{Lascu} + \text{A-G}}{\geq} \frac{pa(p-a)^2}{2r^2 p^2}$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{a(p-a)^2}{2(p-a)(p-b)(p-c)} = \frac{a}{2p} \cdot \frac{p(p-a)}{(p-b)(p-c)} = \frac{a}{2p} \cdot \cot^2 \frac{A}{2} \\
 &\stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{r}{R-r+\sqrt{R(R-2r)}} \Leftrightarrow R-r+\sqrt{R(R-2r)} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{2pr}{a} \cdot \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} \\
 &\Leftrightarrow R-4R \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2} + R \cdot \sqrt{1-4sc+c^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \\
 &\frac{2 \cdot 4R \cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2} \cdot 4R \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2} \cdot \frac{s^2}{1-s^2} \left(s = \sin \frac{A}{2} \text{ and } c = \cos \frac{B-C}{2} \right)}{4R \cos \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{A}{2}} \\
 &\Leftrightarrow 1-2s(c-s) + \sqrt{1-4sc+c^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2(s+c)(c-s) \cdot \frac{s^2}{1-s^2} \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \sqrt{1-4sc+c^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2(s+c)(c-s) \cdot \frac{s^2}{1-s^2} - 1 + 2s(c-s) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \boxed{\sqrt{1-4sc+c^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{2s^2c^2 + 2c(s-s^3) - (s^2+1)}{1-s^2}} \quad (*)
 \end{aligned}$$

We note that for an equilateral triangle, $c = 1$ and $s = \frac{1}{2}$ and then : LHS of (*) = RHS of (*) = 0 and moreover, if LHS of (*) ≤ 0 , then (*) is evidently true and so, we now consider the case when : $2s^2c^2 + 2c(s-s^3) - (s^2+1) > 0$ and then :

$$\begin{aligned}
 (*) &\Leftrightarrow 1-4sc+c^2 \geq \frac{(2s^2c^2 + 2c(s-s^3) - (s^2+1))^2}{(1-s^2)^2} \\
 &\Leftrightarrow -c^4s - 2c^3(1-s^2) + c^2(3s-s^3) + 2c(1-s^2) + s^3 - 2s \geq 0 \\
 &\Leftrightarrow -c^4s + (2c-2c^3)(1-s^2) + s^3(1-c^2) + s(3c^2-2) \geq 0 \\
 &\Leftrightarrow s(3c^2-2-c^4) + (1-c^2)(s^3+2c(1-s^2)) \geq 0 \\
 &\Leftrightarrow s(1-c^2)(c^2-2) + (1-c^2)(s^3+2c(1-s^2)) \geq 0 \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \boxed{(1-c^2)(sc^2-2s+s^3+2c(1-s^2)) \geq 0} \quad (**).
 \end{aligned}$$

We have : $c = \cos \frac{B-C}{2} = \frac{b+c}{a} \cdot \sin \frac{A}{2} > \sin \frac{A}{2} = s \Rightarrow c > s$ and so, LHS of (**) >

$$\begin{aligned}
 &(1-c^2)(s^3-2s+s^3+2s(1-s^2)) \left(\because 1-c^2 = 1-\cos^2 \frac{B-C}{2} > 0 \right) \\
 &= (1-c^2) \cdot 0 \Rightarrow \text{LHS of (**) } > 0 \Rightarrow (**) \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true (strict inequality)} \\
 &\text{and hence, combining both scenarios, (*) is true } \forall \Delta ABC
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \frac{m_a w_a}{r_a h_a} \geq \frac{r}{R-r+\sqrt{R(R-2r)}} \quad \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$$

2030. In ΔABC the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{h_a}{r_a + r_b + r_c} > \frac{r}{2R}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & 2 \sum ab - \sum a^2 = \\ & = 2(s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr) - 2(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr) = \\ & = 4r(4R + r) \quad (1) \quad a^2 + (b + c)^2 \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 2a(b + c) \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

we need to show

$$\frac{h_a}{r_a + r_b + r_c} > \frac{r}{2R} \quad \text{or,}$$

$$\frac{bc}{(4R + r)2R} > \frac{r}{2R} \quad \text{or, } bc > r(4R + r) \quad \text{or,}$$

$$4bc > 4r(4R + r) \quad \text{or,}$$

$$4bc \stackrel{(1)}{>} 2 \sum ab - \sum a^2$$

$$\text{or, } \sum a^2 + 4bc > 2 \sum ab \quad \text{or,}$$

$$\sum a^2 + 2bc > 2ab + 2ac \quad \text{or,}$$

$$(b^2 + 2bc + c^2) + a^2 > 2a(b + c) \quad \text{or,}$$

$$a^2 + (b + c)^2 > 2a(b + c) \quad \text{true (using (2))}$$

2031. In acute $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{w_a}{h_a \cos A} \leq \frac{3R^2}{10r^2 - 2R^2}$$

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Solution by Tapas Das-India

WLOG $a \geq b \geq c$ then $h_a \leq h_b \leq h_c$ and $\cos A \leq \cos B \leq \cos C$ (acute) and $h_a \cos A \leq h_b \cos B \leq h_c \cos C$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum w_a & \leq \sum \sqrt{s(s-a)} \stackrel{CBS}{\leq} \sqrt{3s(3s-a-b-c)} = s\sqrt{3} \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\leq} \\ & \leq 3\sqrt{3} \frac{R}{2} \sqrt{3} = \frac{9R}{2} \quad (1) \\ \sum \tan A & = \frac{2sr}{s^2 - (2R+r)^2} = \frac{2F}{s^2 - (2R+r)^2} \leq \text{Walker's} \\ & \leq \frac{2F}{2R^2 + 8Rr + 3r^2 - (2R+r)^2} = \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \frac{2F}{4Rr + 2r^2 - 2R^2} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} \frac{2F}{4 \cdot 2r \cdot r + 2r^2 - 2R^2} \leq \frac{2F}{10r^2 - 2R^2} \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{w_a}{h_a \cos A} &\leq \sum \frac{\sqrt{s(s-a)}}{h_a \cos A} \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\leq} \frac{1}{3} \left(\sum w_a \right) \left(\sum \frac{1}{h_a \cos A} \right) = \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \left(\sum w_a \right) \left(\sum \frac{a}{2F \cos A} \right) = \frac{1}{3} \left(\sum w_a \right) \left(\sum \frac{2R \sin A}{2F \cos A} \right) = \\ &= \frac{R}{3F} \left(\sum w_a \right) \left(\sum \tan A \right) \stackrel{(1)\&(2)}{\leq} \frac{R}{3F} \frac{9R}{2} \frac{2F}{10r^2 - 2R^2} = \frac{3R^2}{10r^2 - 2R^2} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for an equilateral triangle

2032. In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{2F}{R} \leq (b+c-a) \sin \frac{A}{2} + (c+a-b) \sin \frac{B}{2} + (a+b-c) \sin \frac{C}{2} \leq \frac{F}{r}$$

Proposed by Nguyen Hung Cuong-Vietnam

Solution by Tapas Das-India

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \sin \frac{A}{2} &\stackrel{\text{Jensen}}{\leq} 3 \sin \frac{A+B+C}{6} = 3 \sin \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{3}{2} \quad (1) \\ (b+c-a) \sin \frac{A}{2} + (c+a-b) \sin \frac{B}{2} + (a+b-c) \sin \frac{C}{2} &\stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\leq} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{3} \left(\sum (b+c-a) \right) \left(\sum \sin \frac{A}{2} \right) \leq 2s \cdot \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} = s = \frac{sr}{r} = \frac{F}{r} \\ (b+c-a) \sin \frac{A}{2} + (c+a-b) \sin \frac{B}{2} + (a+b-c) \sin \frac{C}{2} &= \\ = \sum (b+c-a) \sin \frac{A}{2} &= \sum 2(s-a) \sin \frac{A}{2} \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 6 \sqrt[3]{\prod (s-a) \sin \frac{A}{2}} = \\ = 6 \left(\frac{sr^2r}{4R} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} &= 6 \left(\frac{s^3r^3}{4Rs^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\geq} 6 \left(\frac{s^3r^3}{4R \frac{27}{4} R^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{6rs}{3R} = \frac{2F}{R} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for $a = b = c$

2033. In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

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$$\frac{\csc A + \csc B + \csc C}{\sqrt[3]{\tan \frac{A}{2} + \tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2}}} \geq 2\sqrt[3]{3}$$

Proposed by Nguyen Hung Cuong-Vietnam

Solution by Tapas Das-India

$$\sum \csc A = \sum \frac{1^2}{\sin A} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{(1+1+1)^2}{\sum \sin A} = \frac{9}{\frac{s}{R}} = \frac{9R}{s} = \sqrt[3]{\frac{9^3 R^3}{s^3}} \quad (1) \text{ and}$$

$$\sum \tan \frac{A}{2} = \frac{4R+r}{s} \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{\csc A + \csc B + \csc C}{\sqrt[3]{\tan \frac{A}{2} + \tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2}}} = \frac{\sum \csc A}{\sqrt[3]{\sum \tan \frac{A}{2}}} \stackrel{(1)\&(2)}{\geq} \frac{\sqrt[3]{\frac{9^3 R^3}{s^3}}}{\sqrt[3]{\frac{4R+r}{s}}} =$$

$$= \sqrt[3]{\frac{9^3 R^3}{s^2(4R+r)}} \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic \& Euler}}{\geq} \sqrt[3]{\frac{9^3 R^3}{\frac{27R^2}{4} \left(4R + \frac{R}{2}\right)}} = \sqrt[3]{\frac{9^3 R^3}{\frac{27R^2}{4} \left(\frac{9R}{2}\right)}} = \sqrt[3]{8 \times 3} = 2\sqrt[3]{3}$$

Equality holds for $A = B = C = \frac{\pi}{3}$

2034. In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{\sqrt{r_a + r_b}}{c} \right)^n \geq \frac{3}{R^2} \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

Proposed by Dang Ngoc Minh-Vietnam

Solution by Tapas Das-India

$$(r_a + r_b)(r_b + r_c)(r_c + r_a) = \sum r_a \sum r_a r_b - r_a r_b r_c = (4R+r)s^2 - s^2 r = 4Rs^2 \quad (1)$$

$$a^2 b^2 c^2 = 16R^2 r^2 s^2 \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} 16R^2 \left(\frac{R}{2}\right)^2 s^2 = 4R^4 s^2 \quad (2)$$

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$$\sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{\sqrt{r_a + r_b}}{c} \right)^n = \sum_{cyc} \left(\sqrt{\frac{r_a + r_b}{c^2}} \right)^n \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq}$$

$$\geq 3 \left(\sqrt[3]{\frac{(r_a + r_b)(r_b + r_c)(r_c + r_a)}{a^2 b^2 c^2}} \right)^n \stackrel{(1)\&(2)}{\geq} 3 \left(\sqrt[3]{\frac{4Rs^2}{4R^4 s^2}} \right)^{\frac{n}{2}} = \frac{3}{R^{\frac{n}{2}}}$$

Equality holds for an equilateral triangle

2035. In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\sum \frac{\tan \frac{A}{2} + \tan \frac{B}{2}}{\sqrt{\tan \frac{A}{2} \tan \frac{B}{2} - \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} \tan^2 \frac{B}{2}}} \leq \frac{s\sqrt{2}}{r}$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution 1 by Tapas Das-India

Let $\tan \frac{A}{2} = x, \tan \frac{B}{2} = y, \tan \frac{C}{2} = z$.

We know that in $\triangle ABC$:

$$\sum \tan \frac{A}{2} \tan \frac{B}{2} = 1 \text{ or, } \sum xy = 1 \quad (1)$$

$$xyz = \tan \frac{A}{2}, \tan \frac{B}{2} \tan \frac{C}{2} = \frac{r}{s} \quad (2) \text{ and}$$

$$\sum x = \sum \tan \frac{A}{2} = \frac{(4R+r) s^2 \geq 3r(4R+r) s^2}{s} \leq \frac{s^2}{3rs} = \frac{s}{3r} \quad (3)$$

$$\tan \frac{A}{2} \tan \frac{B}{2} - \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} \tan^2 \frac{B}{2} = xy - x^2 y^2 = xy(1 - xy) \stackrel{(1)}{=} xy(x + y) \quad (4)$$

$$\sum \frac{\tan \frac{A}{2} + \tan \frac{B}{2}}{\sqrt{\tan \frac{A}{2} \tan \frac{B}{2} - \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} \tan^2 \frac{B}{2}}} = \sum \frac{x + y}{\sqrt{xy - x^2 y^2}} \stackrel{(4)}{=} \sum \frac{x + y}{\sqrt{xyz(x + y)}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{xyz}} \sum \sqrt{x + y} \stackrel{CBS}{\leq}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{xyz}} \sqrt{3(2x + 2y + 2z)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{xyz}} \sqrt{6(x + y + z)} \stackrel{(2)\&(3)}{\leq} \sqrt{\frac{s}{r}} \sqrt{6 \frac{s}{3r}} = \frac{s\sqrt{2}}{r}$$

Equality holds for an equilateral triangle

Solution 2 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\tan \frac{A}{2} + \tan \frac{B}{2}}{\sqrt{\tan \frac{A}{2} \tan \frac{B}{2} - \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} \tan^2 \frac{B}{2}}} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\frac{r_a + r_b}{p}}{\sqrt{\frac{r_a r_b}{p^2} - \frac{r_a^2 r_b^2}{p^4}}} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\frac{4R}{p} \cdot \frac{p(p-c)}{ab}}{\sqrt{\frac{p(p-c)}{p^2} - \frac{p^2(p-c)^2}{p^4}}} = \\ &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\frac{4R}{p} \cdot \frac{pc(p-c)}{4Rrp}}{\sqrt{\frac{p(p-c)}{p^2} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{p(p-c)}{p^2}\right)}} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\frac{c(p-c)}{rp}}{\sqrt{\frac{p(p-c)}{p^2} \cdot \frac{pc}{p^2}}} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\frac{c(p-c)}{rp} \cdot p}{\sqrt{c(p-c)}} = \frac{1}{r} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{c(p-c)} \leq \\ &\stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\leq} \frac{1}{r} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} c} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} (p-c)} = \frac{1}{r} \cdot \sqrt{2p \cdot p} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\tan \frac{A}{2} + \tan \frac{B}{2}}{\sqrt{\tan \frac{A}{2} \tan \frac{B}{2} - \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} \tan^2 \frac{B}{2}}} \leq \frac{p \cdot \sqrt{2}}{r} \\ &\forall \triangle ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \triangle ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$

2036. In any $\triangle ABC$, the following relationship holds :

$$3 \leq \frac{h_a}{a \sin A} + \frac{h_b}{b \sin A} + \frac{h_c}{c \sin C} \leq 3 \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^3$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{h_a}{a \sin A} + \frac{h_b}{b \sin A} + \frac{h_c}{c \sin C} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{bc}{(2R \sin A)a} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{bc}{a^2} = \frac{1}{16R^2 r^2 s^2} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} b^3 c^3 \\ &= \frac{(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^3 - 3(4Rrs)(2s(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2))}{16R^2 r^2 s^2} \stackrel{?}{\leq} 3 \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^3 \\ &\Leftrightarrow rs^6 - (12Rr^2 - 3r^3)s^4 - (6R^5 - 3r^5)s^2 + r^4(4R + r)^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, LHS of (*)} &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} \left(r(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) - (12Rr^2 - 3r^3) \right) s^4 \\ &\quad - (6R^5 - 3r^5)s^2 + r^4(4R + r)^3 \\ &= r(4R^2 - 8Rr + 6r^2)s^4 - (6R^5 - 3r^5)s^2 + r^4(4R + r)^3 \\ &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} \left(r(4R^2 - 8Rr + 6r^2)(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) - (6R^5 - 3r^5) \right) s^2 + r^4(4R + r)^3 \\ &\stackrel{?}{\leq} 0 \Leftrightarrow (6R^5 - 16R^4r + 16R^3r^2 - 4R^2r^3 - 21r^5)s^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} r^4(4R + r)^3 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\text{Now, } 6R^5 - 16R^4r + 16R^3r^2 - 4R^2r^3 - 21r^5 =$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (R - 2r)(4R^4 + 2R^3(R - 2r) + 8R^2r^2 + 12Rr^3 + 24r^4) + 27r^5 \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 27r^5 > 0 \\ \therefore \text{LHS of (**)} & \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (6R^5 - 16R^4r + 16R^3r^2 - 4R^2r^3 - 21r^5)(16Rr - 5r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} \\ & r^4(4R + r)^3 \Leftrightarrow 48t^6 - 143t^5 + 168t^4 - 104t^3 - 14t^2 - 174t + 52 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right) \\ \Leftrightarrow (t - 2) & (24t^5 + 24t^4(t - 2) + t^4 + 74t^3 + 44t^2 + 61t + 13(t - 2)) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \Rightarrow (***) \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true } \therefore \frac{h_a}{a \sin A} + \frac{h_b}{b \sin A} + \frac{h_c}{c \sin C} \leq 3 \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Again, } & \frac{h_a}{a \sin A} + \frac{h_b}{b \sin A} + \frac{h_c}{c \sin C} = \\ & \frac{(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^3 - 3(4Rrs)(2s(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2))}{16R^2r^2s^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s^6 - (12Rr - 3r^2)s^4 - r^2s^2(48R^2 - 3r^2) + r^3(4R + r)^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \quad \boxed{\begin{matrix} ? \\ \geq \\ (***) \end{matrix}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also, LHS of (***)} & \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (4Rr - 2r^2)s^4 - r^2s^2(48R^2 - 3r^2) + r^3(4R + r)^3 \\ & \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} ((4Rr - 2r^2)(16Rr - 5r^2) - r^2(48R^2 - 3r^2))s^2 + r^3(4R + r)^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (16R^2 - 52Rr + 13r^2)s^2 + r(4R + r)^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \quad \boxed{\begin{matrix} ? \\ \geq \\ (***) \end{matrix}}$$

Case 1 $16R^2 - 52Rr + 13r^2 \geq 0$ and then : LHS of (****) $\geq r(4R + r)^3 > 0$
 \Rightarrow (****) is true (strict inequality)

Case 2 $16R^2 - 52Rr + 13r^2 < 0$ and then : LHS of (****) $\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq}$

$$(16R^2 - 52Rr + 13r^2)(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) + r(4R + r)^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 16t^4 - 20t^3 - 15t^2 - 23t + 10 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (t - 2)(16t^3 + 12t^2 + 3(t - 2) + 6t + 1) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true } \therefore t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2$$

\Rightarrow (****) is true and so, combining both cases, (****) \Rightarrow (***) is true $\forall \Delta ABC$

$$\therefore \frac{h_a}{a \sin A} + \frac{h_b}{b \sin A} + \frac{h_c}{c \sin C} \geq 3 \text{ and so, } 3 \leq \frac{h_a}{a \sin A} + \frac{h_b}{b \sin A} + \frac{h_c}{c \sin C} \leq 3 \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^3$$

$\forall \Delta ABC, '' = ''$ iff ΔABC is equilateral (QED)

2037. In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

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$$-1 + 19 \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^4 \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \cos^2 B \cos^2 C \leq \frac{137}{32} - \frac{131}{2} \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^4$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \cos^2 B \cos^2 C &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\left(1 - \frac{b^2}{4R^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{c^2}{4R^2}\right) \right) = \\ &= 3 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b^2 + c^2}{4R^2} + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b^2 c^2}{16R^4} \stackrel{\text{Goldstone}}{\leq} 3 - \frac{s^2 - 4Rr - r^2}{R^2} + \frac{4R^2 s^2}{16R^4} = \\ &= \frac{12R^2 - 4s^2 + 16Rr + 4r^2 + s^2}{4R^2} \leq \\ &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} \frac{12R^2 + 16Rr + 4r^2 - 3(16Rr - 5r^2)}{4R^2} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{137R^4 - 16 \cdot 131r^4}{32R^4} \\ &\Leftrightarrow 41t^4 + 256t^3 - 152t^2 - 2096 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \quad \left(t = \frac{R}{r}\right) \\ &\Leftrightarrow (t-2)(41t^3 + 338t^2 + 524t + 1048) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \cos^2 B \cos^2 C \leq \frac{137}{32} - \frac{131}{2} \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^4$$

$$\text{Now, } \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right)^2 - 24Rrs^2 =$$

$$= s^4 + (4Rr + r^2)^2 + 2(4Rr + r^2)s^2 - 24Rrs^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq}$$

$$\geq (16Rr - 5r^2)s^2 + 2(4Rr + r^2)s^2 - 24Rrs^2 + (4Rr + r^2)^2 = r^2((4R + r)^2 - 3s^2)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Doucet or Trucht}}{\geq} 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} b^2 c^2 \geq \frac{1}{3} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right)^2 \geq \frac{24Rrs^2}{3} \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} b^2 c^2 \geq 8Rrs^2 \rightarrow (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \cos^2 B \cos^2 C &= 3 - \frac{s^2 - 4Rr - r^2}{R^2} + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b^2 c^2}{16R^4} \stackrel{\text{via (1)}}{\geq} \\ &\geq 3 - \frac{s^2 - 4Rr - r^2}{R^2} + \frac{8Rrs^2}{16R^4} = \frac{6R^4 - 2R^2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) + Rrs^2}{2R^4} = \\ &= \frac{6R^4 + 2R^2(4Rr + r^2) - (2R^2 - Rr)s^2}{2R^4} = \end{aligned}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \frac{6R^4 + 2R^2(4Rr + r^2) - (2R^2 - Rr)(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)}{2R^4} \stackrel{?}{\geq} -1 + 19 \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^4$$

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$$= \frac{19r^4 - R^4}{R^4} \Leftrightarrow 4t^3 + 3t - 38 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow (t-2)(4t^2 + 8t + 19) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true}$$

$$\because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \cos^2 B \cos^2 C \geq -1 + 19 \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^4 \text{ and so, } -1 + 19 \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^4 \leq$$

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \cos^2 B \cos^2 C \leq \frac{137}{32} - \frac{131}{2} \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^4 \quad \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$$

2038. In ΔABC holds:

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_a(2r_a - 3r)}{r_a^2 + 18r^2} \geq 1$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_a(2r_a - 3r)}{r_a^2 + 18r^2} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(2 - \frac{3r(r_a + 12r)}{(r_a^2 + 9r^2) + 9r^2} \right) \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(2 - \frac{3r(r_a + 12r)}{6rr_a + 9r^2} \right) = \\ &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(2 - \frac{r_a + 12r}{2r_a + 3r} \right) = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{3}{2} - \frac{21r}{2(2r_a + 3r)} \right) \stackrel{CBS}{\geq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left[\frac{3}{2} - \frac{21r}{2 \cdot 9} \left(\frac{2}{r_a} + \frac{1}{3r} \right) \right] = \\ &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{10}{9} - \frac{7r}{3r_a} \right) = \frac{10}{3} - \frac{7r}{3} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{r_a} = \frac{10}{3} - \frac{7r}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{r} = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds iff ΔABC is equilateral.

2039. In ΔABC holds:

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{h_a(2h_a - 3r)}{h_a^2 + 18r^2} \geq 1$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{h_a(2h_a - 3r)}{h_a^2 + 18r^2} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(2 - \frac{3r(h_a + 12r)}{(h_a^2 + 9r^2) + 9r^2} \right) \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(2 - \frac{3r(h_a + 12r)}{6rh_a + 9r^2} \right) =$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{cyc} \left(2 - \frac{h_a + 12r}{2h_a + 3r} \right) = \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{3}{2} - \frac{21r}{2(2h_a + 3r)} \right) \stackrel{CBS}{\geq} \sum_{cyc} \left[\frac{3}{2} - \frac{21r}{2 \cdot 9} \left(\frac{2}{h_a} + \frac{1}{3r} \right) \right] = \\
 &= \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{10}{9} - \frac{7r}{3h_a} \right) = \frac{10}{3} - \frac{7r}{3} \cdot \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{h_a} = \frac{10}{3} - \frac{7r}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{r} = 1.
 \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds iff $\triangle ABC$ is equilateral.

2040. In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\sum a \sqrt{\frac{b^2 + c^2}{2}} \leq \frac{9R^4}{4r^2}$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution by Tapas Das-India

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum a \sqrt{\frac{b^2 + c^2}{2}} &\stackrel{CBS}{\leq} \sqrt{\left(\sum a^2 \right) \left(\sum \frac{b^2 + c^2}{2} \right)} = \left(\sum a^2 \right) \stackrel{Leibniz}{\leq} \\
 &\leq 9R^2 = \frac{9R^4}{R^2} \stackrel{Euler}{\leq} \frac{9R^4}{(2r)^2} = \frac{9R^4}{4r^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for $a = b = c$

2041. In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\sum \frac{\tan \frac{A}{2} + \tan \frac{B}{2}}{\sqrt{\tan \frac{A}{2} \tan \frac{B}{2} - \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} \tan^2 \frac{B}{2}}} \leq \frac{p\sqrt{2}}{r}$$

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Solution by Mirsadix Muzefferov-Azerbaijan

$$\frac{\tan \frac{A}{2} + \tan \frac{B}{2}}{\sqrt{\tan \frac{A}{2} \tan \frac{B}{2} - \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} \tan^2 \frac{B}{2}}} = \left(\frac{\tan \frac{A}{2} + \tan \frac{B}{2}}{\tan \frac{A}{2} \cdot \tan \frac{B}{2}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \left(\frac{\tan \frac{A}{2} + \tan \frac{B}{2}}{1 - \tan \frac{A}{2} \cdot \tan \frac{B}{2}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} =$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \left(\frac{\cos \frac{C}{2}}{\cos \frac{A}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{B}{2}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot (\tan \frac{A}{2} + \tan \frac{B}{2})^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left(\frac{\cos \frac{C}{2}}{\sin \frac{A}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{B}{2}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot (\operatorname{ctg} \frac{C}{2})^{\frac{1}{2}} = \\
 &= \frac{\cos \frac{C}{2}}{(\sin \frac{A}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{B}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{C}{2})^{\frac{1}{2}}} = \frac{\cos \frac{C}{2}}{\left(\frac{r}{4R}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}} = \left(\frac{4R}{r}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \cos \frac{C}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{4Rr}}{r} \cdot \cos \frac{C}{2} = \\
 &= \frac{1}{r} \cdot \sqrt{4Rr} \cdot \cos \frac{C}{2} = \frac{1}{r} \sqrt{\frac{abc}{p}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{p(p-c)}{ab}} = \frac{1}{r} \sqrt{c(p-c)} \\
 &\sum \frac{\tan \frac{A}{2} + \tan \frac{B}{2}}{\sqrt{\tan \frac{A}{2} \tan \frac{B}{2} - \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} \tan^2 \frac{B}{2}}} = \frac{1}{r} \cdot \sum \sqrt{c(p-c)} \stackrel{CBS}{\geq} \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{r} \cdot \sqrt{\sum c} \cdot \sqrt{\sum (p-c)} = \frac{1}{r} \cdot \sqrt{2p} \cdot \sqrt{p} = \frac{p\sqrt{2}}{r} \\
 &\text{Equality holds for } a = b = c.
 \end{aligned}$$

2042. In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\sum \left(\frac{AI}{b+c} \right)^2 \geq \frac{r^2}{R^2}$$

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Solution by Tapas Das-India

$$\begin{aligned}
 AI &= \frac{r}{\sin \frac{A}{2}}, BI = \frac{r}{\sin \frac{B}{2}}, CI = \frac{r}{\sin \frac{C}{2}} \text{ and} \\
 AI \cdot BI \cdot CI &= \frac{r^3}{\prod \sin \frac{A}{2}} = r^3 \frac{4R}{r} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} r^2 \cdot 4 \cdot 2r = 8r^3 = (2r)^3 \quad (1) \\
 \sqrt[3]{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)} &\stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \frac{2(a+b+c)}{3} = \frac{4s}{3} \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\leq} \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{3\sqrt{3}R}{2} = 2\sqrt{3}R \quad (2)
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\sum \left(\frac{AI}{b+c} \right)^2 \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 3 \left(\sqrt[3]{\frac{AI \cdot BI \cdot CI}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}} \right)^2 \stackrel{(1)\&(2)}{\geq} 3 \cdot \frac{((2r)^3)^{\frac{2}{3}}}{(2\sqrt{3}R)^2} = \frac{12r^2}{12R^2} = \frac{r^2}{R^2}$$

Equality holds for an equilateral triangle

2043. In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{\tan A + \tan B + \tan C}{\sqrt[3]{\cot \frac{A}{2} \cot \frac{B}{2} + \cot \frac{B}{2} \cot \frac{C}{2} + \cot \frac{C}{2} \cot \frac{A}{2}}} \geq \sqrt[6]{243}$$

Proposed by Nguyen Hung Cuong-Vietnam

Solution by Tapas Das-India

For acute triangle $\cos(A - B) \leq 1$ (1)

$$\begin{aligned} (\tan A + \tan B) &= \frac{\sin A \cos B + \cos A \sin B}{\cos A \cos B} = \\ &= \frac{2 \sin(A+B)}{2 \cos A \cos B} \stackrel{A+B+C=\pi}{=} \frac{2 \sin C}{\cos(A+B) + \cos(A-B)} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{2 \sin C}{\cos(A+B) + 1} = \\ &\stackrel{A+B+C=\pi}{=} \frac{2 \sin C}{1 - \cos C} = \frac{4 \sin \frac{C}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}}{2 \sin^2 \frac{C}{2}} = 2 \cot \frac{C}{2}, \end{aligned}$$

similarly, $(\tan C + \tan B) \geq 2 \cot \frac{A}{2}$, $(\tan C + \tan A) \geq 2 \cot \frac{B}{2}$

Using above result we get $\sum \tan A \geq \sum \cot \frac{A}{2}$ (3)

$$\sum \cot \frac{A}{2} \cot \frac{B}{2} \stackrel{\forall x, y, z > 0 \quad 3 \sum xy \leq (\sum x)^2}{\leq} \frac{(\sum \cot \frac{A}{2})^2}{3} \quad (4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\tan A + \tan B + \tan C}{\sqrt[3]{\cot \frac{A}{2} \cot \frac{B}{2} + \cot \frac{B}{2} \cot \frac{C}{2} + \cot \frac{C}{2} \cot \frac{A}{2}}} &\stackrel{(4)\&(3)}{\geq} \frac{\sum \cot \frac{A}{2}}{\sqrt[3]{\frac{(\sum \cot \frac{A}{2})^2}{3}}} = \sqrt[3]{3} \left(\sum \cot \frac{A}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} = \\ &= \sqrt[3]{3} \left(\frac{S}{r} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\geq} \sqrt[3]{3} (3\sqrt{3})^{\frac{1}{3}} = 3^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \sqrt[3]{3} = \sqrt[6]{3^5} = \sqrt[6]{243} \end{aligned}$$

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Equality holds for $A = B = C = \frac{\pi}{3}$

2044. In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{1}{R} + \frac{1}{r} \geq \frac{9\sqrt{3}}{2s}$$

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Solution by Tapas Das-India

We need to show $\frac{1}{R} + \frac{1}{r} \geq \frac{9\sqrt{3}}{2s}$ or $2s(R+r) \geq 9\sqrt{3}Rr$ or

$$4s^2(R+r)^2 \geq 243R^2r^2$$

$$4(16Rr - 5r^2)(R+r)^2 \geq 243R^2r^2 \text{ (Gerretsen) or}$$

$$4\left(\frac{16R}{r} - 5\right)\left(\frac{R}{r} + 1\right)^2 \geq 243\left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^2 \text{ or}$$

$$4(16x - 5)(x + 1)^2 \geq 243x^2 \left(\frac{R}{r} = x \geq 2 \text{ Euler}\right) \text{ or}$$

$$4(16x - 5)(x^2 + 2x + 1) \geq 243x^2$$

$$4(16x^3 + 27x^2 + 6x - 5) \geq 243x^2 \text{ or}$$

$$64x^3 - 135x^2 + 24x - 20 \geq 0 \text{ or}$$

$$(x - 2)(64x^2 - 7x + 10) \geq 0 \text{ true as } x \geq 2$$

Equality holds for an equilateral triangle

2045. In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\cot A + \cot B + \cot C + \cot \frac{A}{2} \cot \frac{B}{2} \cot \frac{C}{2} \geq 2(\csc A + \csc B + \csc C)$$

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We know that in $\triangle ABC$: $\sum \tan A \tan B = 1 + \frac{4R^2}{s^2 - (2R+r)^2}$

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$$\prod \tan A = \frac{2sr}{s^2 - (2R + r)^2}$$

$$\sum \sin A \sin B = \frac{s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr}{4R^2}, \quad \prod \sin A = \frac{sr}{2R^2}$$

Using the above result we get:

$$\sum \csc A = \sum \frac{1}{\sin A} = \frac{\sum \sin A \sin B}{\prod \sin A} = \frac{s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr}{2sr} \text{ and}$$

$$\sum \cot A = \sum \frac{1}{\tan A} = \frac{\sum \tan A \tan B}{\prod \tan A} = \frac{s^2 - (2R + r)^2 + 4R^2}{2sr},$$

$$\prod \cot \frac{A}{2} = \frac{s}{r}$$

We need to show:

$$\cot A + \cot B + \cot C + \cot \frac{A}{2} \cot \frac{B}{2} \cot \frac{C}{2} \geq 2(\csc A + \csc B + \csc C)$$

$$\frac{s^2 - (2R + r)^2 + 4R^2}{2sr} + \frac{s}{r} \geq \frac{s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr}{2sr} \text{ or}$$

$$s^2 - (2R + r)^2 + 4R^2 + 2s^2 - 2s^2 - 2r^2 - 8Rr \geq 0 \text{ or}$$

$$16Rr - 5r^2 - 4R^2 - 4Rr - r^2 + 4R^2 - 2r^2 - 8Rr \geq 0 \text{ (Gerretsen) or}$$

$$4Rr - 8r^2 \geq 0 \text{ or } R \geq 2r \text{ true Euler}$$

Equality holds for $A = B = C$

2046. In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{4m_b^2 - b^2}{4m_a^2 - a^2} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{\tan A}{\tan B}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{4m_b^2 - b^2}{4m_a^2 - a^2} &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{2(a^2 + c^2) - b^2 - b^2}{2(b^2 + c^2) - a^2 - a^2} = \\ &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2 + c^2 - b^2}{b^2 + c^2 - a^2} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{2accosB}{2bccosA} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{acosB}{bcosA} = \\ &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{2RsinAcosB}{2RsinbcosA} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{sinA}{cosA} \frac{cosA}{sinB} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{tanA}{tanB} \end{aligned}$$

2047. In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{m_a}{a} + \frac{w_b}{b} + \frac{h_c}{c} \geq \frac{3\sqrt{3}r}{R}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{m_a}{a} + \frac{w_b}{b} + \frac{h_c}{c} &\geq \frac{h_a}{a} + \frac{h_b}{b} + \frac{h_c}{c} = \frac{ah_a}{a^2} + \frac{bh_b}{b^2} + \frac{ch_c}{c^2} = \\ &= \frac{2F}{a^2} + \frac{2F}{b^2} + \frac{2F}{c^2} = 2F \left(\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} \right) = 2F \left(\frac{1^3}{a^2} + \frac{1^3}{b^2} + \frac{1^3}{c^2} \right) \geq \\ &\stackrel{RADON}{\geq} 2F \cdot \frac{(1+1+1)^3}{(a+b+c)^2} = \frac{54F}{4s^2} = \frac{27rs}{2s^2} = \frac{27r}{2s} \geq \\ &\stackrel{MITRINOVIC}{\geq} \frac{27r}{2 \cdot \frac{3\sqrt{3}R}{2}} = \frac{9r}{\sqrt{3}R} = \frac{3\sqrt{3}r}{R} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for $a = b = c$.

2048. In any $\triangle ABC$ with $p_a, p_b, p_c \rightarrow$

Spieker cevians, the following relationship holds :

$$p_a + p_b + p_c \geq m_a + m_b + m_c + \frac{s(R-2r)}{10R}$$

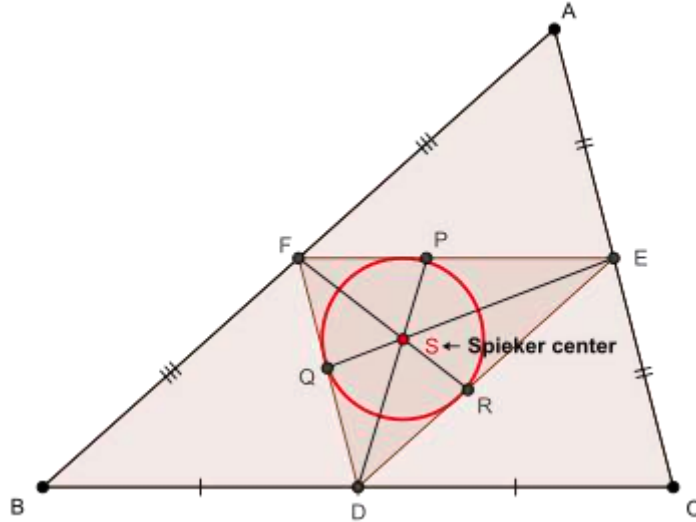
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Let AS produced meet BC at X and $m(\sphericalangle BAX) = \alpha$ and $m(\sphericalangle CAX) = \beta$ (say)
and inradius of $\triangle DEF = r'$ (say)

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

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

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

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

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

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$$\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}{8Rrs} (2a^3 + (b+c)a^2 - 2a(b^2+c^2) - (b+c)(b-c)^2) \\
 &= \frac{4(b+c)bc\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} \\
 &\quad \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}} \\
 & \text{(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{4s}{cAS} \\
 &\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}$$

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

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

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

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

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

$$= \frac{2s}{(2s+a)^2} (b^3 + c^3 - abc) - \left(1 - \frac{8sa}{(2s+a)^2}\right) m_a^2$$

$$= \frac{4(a+b+c)(b^3 + c^3 - abc) - (2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2)(b+c)^2}{4(2s+a)^2}$$

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

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

$$= \frac{(b-c)^2}{4(2s+a)^2} (2(a+b+c)^2 - a^2) = \frac{(b-c)^2(8s^2 - a^2)}{4(2s+a)^2}$$

$$\therefore p_a^2 - m_a^2 \stackrel{(*)}{=} \frac{(b-c)^2(8s^2 - a^2)}{4(2s+a)^2}$$

$$\text{Now, } p_a - m_a \geq \frac{(b-c)^2}{2(2s+a)} \Leftrightarrow p_a^2 \geq m_a^2 + \frac{(b-c)^4}{4(2s+a)^2} + \frac{m_a \cdot (b-c)^2}{2s+a}$$

$$\text{via } (*) \Leftrightarrow \frac{(b-c)^2(8s^2 - a^2 - (b-c)^2)}{4(2s+a)^2} \stackrel{(\blacksquare)}{\geq} \frac{m_a \cdot (b-c)^2}{2s+a}$$

$$\text{We note that : } 8s^2 - a^2 - (b-c)^2 > 8s^2 - 2a^2 > 0 \therefore (\blacksquare) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{(8s^2 - a^2)^2 + (b-c)^4 - 2(8s^2 - a^2)(b-c)^2}{16(2s+a)^2}$$

$$\geq \left(s(s-a) + \frac{(b-c)^2}{4} \right) (\because (b-c)^2 \geq 0)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (8s^2 - a^2)^2 - 16s(s-a)(2s+a)^2 + (b-c)^4 - 2(b-c)^2(8s^2 - a^2 + 2(2s+a)^2) \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (b-c)^4 - 2(4s+a)^2(b-c)^2 + a^2(32s^2 + 16sa + a^2) \stackrel{(\blacksquare\blacksquare)}{\geq} 0$$

Now, $(\blacksquare\blacksquare)$ is a quadrilateral in $(b-c)^2$ with discriminant =

$$4(4s+a)^4 - 4a^2(32s^2 + 16sa + a^2) = 256s^2(2s+a)^2$$

\therefore in order to prove $(\blacksquare\blacksquare)$, it suffices to prove :

$$(b-c)^2 \leq \frac{2(4s+a)^2 - 16s(2s+a)}{2} = a^2 \rightarrow \text{true} \Rightarrow (\blacksquare\blacksquare) \Rightarrow (\blacksquare) \text{ is true}$$

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$$\therefore p_a - m_a \geq \frac{(b-c)^2}{2(2s+a)} \text{ and analogs}$$

$$\therefore p_a + p_b + p_c \stackrel{(\blacksquare\blacksquare\blacksquare)}{\geq} m_a + m_b + m_c + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(b-c)^2}{2(2s+a)}$$

$$\text{We have : } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(b-c)^2}{2(2s+a)} \stackrel{(m)}{=} \frac{1}{4s(9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2)} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} ((b-c)^2(8s^2 - 2sa + bc))$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\stackrel{\text{via (m)}}{\Leftrightarrow} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(b-c)^2}{2(2s+a)} =$$

$$\left(\frac{16s^2(s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2) - 4s^2(s^2 - 14Rr + r^2) + 2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) - 2((s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2 - 16Rrs^2) - 8Rrs^2}{4s(9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2)} \right)$$

$$\stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{s(R-2r)}{10R} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(21R + 18r)s^4 - rs^2(326R^2 + 129Rr - 2r^2) - 10Rr^2(4R + r)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \text{ and } \therefore$$

$$(21R + 18r)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 0 \therefore \text{ in order to prove } (\blacksquare\blacksquare\blacksquare\blacksquare),$$

it suffices to prove : LHS of $(\blacksquare\blacksquare\blacksquare\blacksquare) \geq (21R + 18r)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2 \Leftrightarrow$

$$(346R^2 + 237Rr - 178r^2)s^2 \stackrel{(\blacksquare\blacksquare\blacksquare\blacksquare\blacksquare)}{\geq} r(5536R^3 + 1328R^2r - 2345Rr^2 + 450r^3)$$

$$\text{Finally, } (346R^2 + 237Rr - 178r^2)s^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \left(\frac{346R^2 + 237Rr}{-178r^2} \right) (16Rr - 5r^2)$$

$$\stackrel{?}{\geq} r(5536R^3 + 1328R^2r - 2345Rr^2 + 450r^3)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2r^3(367R^2 - 844Rr + 220r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow 2r^3(R-2r)(367R-110r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \text{true} \because R &\stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2r \Rightarrow (\blacksquare \blacksquare \blacksquare \blacksquare) \Rightarrow (\blacksquare \blacksquare \blacksquare) \text{ is true} \because \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(b-c)^2}{2(2s+a)} \geq \frac{s(R-2r)}{10R} \\ &\stackrel{\text{via } (\blacksquare \blacksquare \blacksquare)}{\Rightarrow} p_a + p_b + p_c \geq m_a + m_b + m_c + \frac{s(R-2r)}{10R} \forall \Delta ABC, \\ &\text{with equality iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$

2049. In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{n_a}{m_b} + \frac{p_b}{w_c} + \frac{g_c}{h_a} \geq \frac{6r}{R}$$

Proposed by Zaza Mzhavanadze-Georgia

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{n_a}{m_b} + \frac{p_b}{w_c} + \frac{g_c}{h_a} &\geq \frac{h_a}{m_b} + \frac{h_b}{m_c} + \frac{h_c}{m_a} \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{h_a h_b h_c}{m_a m_b m_c}} \stackrel{m_a m_b m_c \leq \frac{Rs^2}{2}}{\geq} 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{2r^2 s^2}{R \cdot \frac{Rs^2}{2}}} \\ &= 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{4r^2}{R^2}} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{6r}{R} \Leftrightarrow \frac{4r^2}{R^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{8r^3}{R^3} \Leftrightarrow R \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2r \rightarrow \text{true via Euler} \because \frac{n_a}{m_b} + \frac{p_b}{w_c} + \frac{g_c}{h_a} \geq \frac{6r}{R} \\ &\forall \Delta ABC, "=" \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$

Proof of $m_a m_b m_c \leq \frac{Rs^2}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned} m_a^2 m_b^2 m_c^2 &= \frac{1}{64} (2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2)(2c^2 + 2a^2 - b^2)(2a^2 + 2b^2 - c^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{64} \left(-4 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^6 + 6 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^4 b^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^4 \right) + 3a^2 b^2 c^2 \right) \rightarrow (1) \\ \text{Now, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^6 &= \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^3 - 3(a^2 + b^2)(b^2 + c^2)(c^2 + a^2) \\ &= \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^3 - 3 \left(2a^2 b^2 c^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(a^2 b^2 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - c^2 \right) \right) \right) \\ &= \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^3 + 3a^2 b^2 c^2 - 3 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^6 = \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^3 + 3a^2b^2c^2 - 3 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \rightarrow (2)$$

$$\text{Also, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^4b^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b^4 = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(a^2b^2 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - c^2 \right) \right) =$$

$$\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) - 3a^2b^2c^2 \rightarrow (3) \therefore (1), (2), (3) \Rightarrow m_a^2 m_b^2 m_c^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{64} \left(-4 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^3 - 12a^2b^2c^2 + 12 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) + 6 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) - 18a^2b^2c^2 + 3a^2b^2c^2 \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{64} \left(-4 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^3 + 18 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) - 27a^2b^2c^2 \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{64} \left(-4 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^3 + 18 \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right)^2 - 16Rrs^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) - 27a^2b^2c^2 \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{64} \left(-32(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)^3 + 36(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2 - 576Rrs^2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) - 432R^2r^2s^2 \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{16} (s^6 - s^4(12Rr - 33r^2) - s^2(60R^2r^2 + 120Rr^3 + 33r^4) - r^3(4R + r)^3)$$

$$\leq \frac{R^2s^4}{4} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$s^6 - s^4(4R^2 + 12Rr - 33r^2) - s^2(60R^2r^2 + 120Rr^3 + 33r^4) - r^3(4R + r)^3 \stackrel{(*)}{\leq} 0$$

$$\text{Now, LHS of } (*) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} -s^4(8Rr - 36r^2) - s^2(60R^2r^2 + 120Rr^3 + 33r^4) - r^3(4R + r)^3 \stackrel{?}{\leq} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s^4(8R - 16r) + s^2(60R^2r + 120Rr^2 + 33r^3) + r^2(4R + r)^3 \stackrel{?}{\stackrel{(\bullet\bullet)}{\geq}} 20rs^4$$

$$\text{Now, LHS of } (\bullet\bullet) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\stackrel{(*)}{\geq}} s^2(16Rr - 5r^2)(8R - 16r) + s^2(60R^2r + 120Rr^2 + 33r^3) + r^2(4R + r)^3 \text{ and}$$

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$$\text{RHS of } (\bullet\bullet) \underbrace{\leq}_{\substack{\text{Gerretsen} \\ (**)}} 20rs^2(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)$$

(*), (**) \Rightarrow in order to prove ($\bullet\bullet$), it suffices to prove :

$$s^2(16Rr - 5r^2)(8R - 16r) + s^2(60R^2r + 120Rr^2 + 33r^3) + r^2(4R + r)^3 \geq 20rs^2(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s^2(108R^2 - 256Rr + 53r^2) + r(4R + r)^3 \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s^2(108R^2 - 256Rr + 80r^2) + r(4R + r)^3 \stackrel{(\bullet\bullet\bullet)}{\geq} 27r^2s^2$$

$$\text{Now, LHS of } (\bullet\bullet\bullet) \underbrace{\geq}_{\substack{\text{Gerretsen} \\ (***)}} (108R^2 - 256Rr + 80r^2)(16Rr - 5r^2) + r(4R + r)^3$$

$$\text{and RHS of } (\bullet\bullet\bullet) \underbrace{\leq}_{\substack{\text{Gerretsen} \\ (***)}} 27r^2(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)$$

(***) , (****) \Rightarrow in order to prove ($\bullet\bullet\bullet$), it suffices to prove :

$$(108R^2 - 256Rr + 80r^2)(16Rr - 5r^2) + r(4R + r)^3 \geq 27r^2(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 224t^3 - 587t^2 + 308t - 60 \geq 0 \quad \left(\text{where } t = \frac{R}{r}\right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (t - 2)((t - 2)(224t + 309) + 648) \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \Rightarrow (\bullet\bullet\bullet) \Rightarrow (\bullet\bullet)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\bullet) \text{ is true} \Rightarrow m_a^2 m_b^2 m_c^2 \leq \frac{R^2 s^4}{4} \Rightarrow m_a m_b m_c \leq \frac{R s^2}{2} \quad (\text{QED})$$

2050. In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{2}{3} \left(\cos \frac{A}{2} + \cos \frac{B}{2} + \cos \frac{C}{2} \right) \geq \sqrt[5]{\frac{12sr}{R^2}}$$

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Solution by Tapas Das-India

$$\frac{2}{3} \left(\cos \frac{A}{2} + \cos \frac{B}{2} + \cos \frac{C}{2} \right) \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \frac{2}{3} \cdot 3 \sqrt[3]{\left(\cos \frac{A}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{B}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{C}{2} \right)} = 2 \sqrt[3]{\frac{s}{4R}}$$

$$\text{We need to show } 2 \sqrt[3]{\frac{s}{4R}} \geq \sqrt[5]{\frac{12sr}{R^2}} \text{ or } \left(2 \sqrt[3]{\frac{s}{4R}} \right)^{15} \geq \left(\sqrt[5]{\frac{12sr}{R^2}} \right)^{15}$$

$$2^{15} \frac{s^5}{2^{10} R^5} \geq \frac{12^3 s^3 r^3}{R^6}$$

$$2^{15} \frac{s^5}{2^{10} R^5} \geq \frac{3^3 2^6 s^3 r^3}{R^6}$$

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$$Rs^2 \geq 54r^3$$

$$R \cdot 27 r^2 \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\geq} 54r^3$$

$$R \geq 2r \text{ (Euler)}$$

Equality holds for an equilateral triangle.

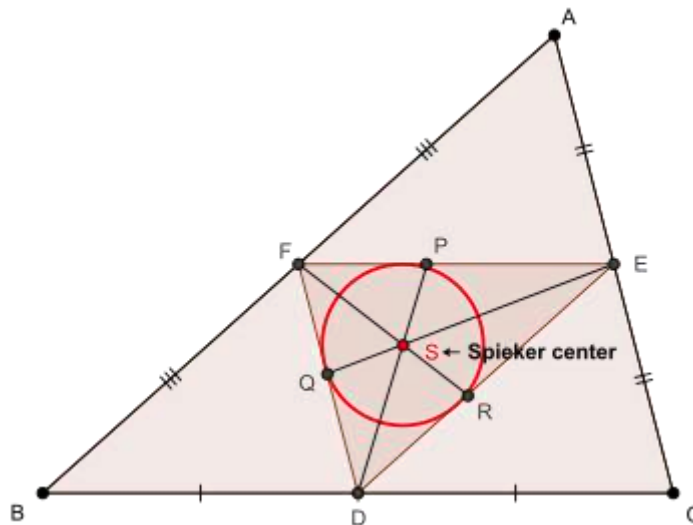
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In any ΔABC with $p_a \rightarrow$ Spieker cevian, the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{(b-c)^2}{2(2s+a)} \leq p_a - m_a \leq \frac{a|b-c|}{2(2s+a)}$$

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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)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Via sine law on } \triangle AFS, & \frac{r}{2\sin \frac{C}{2} \sin \alpha} = \frac{AS}{\cos \frac{A-B}{2}} = \frac{4s}{(a+b)\sin \frac{C}{2}} \\ \Rightarrow c\sin \alpha & \stackrel{(***)}{=} \frac{r(a+b)}{2AS} \text{ and via sine law on } \triangle AES, b\sin \beta \stackrel{****)}{=} \frac{r(a+c)}{2AS} \end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

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

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

$$= \frac{2s}{(2s+a)^2} (b^3+c^3-abc) - \left(1 - \frac{8sa}{(2s+a)^2}\right) m_a^2$$

$$= \frac{4(a+b+c)(b^3+c^3-abc) - (2b^2+2c^2-a^2)(b+c)^2}{4(2s+a)^2}$$

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

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

$$= \frac{(b-c)^2}{4(2s+a)^2} (2(a+b+c)^2 - a^2) = \frac{(b-c)^2(8s^2 - a^2)}{4(2s+a)^2}$$

$$\therefore p_a^2 - m_a^2 \stackrel{(\circ)}{=} \frac{(b-c)^2(8s^2 - a^2)}{4(2s+a)^2}$$

$$\text{Now, } p_a - m_a \leq \frac{a|b-c|}{2(2s+a)} \Leftrightarrow p_a^2 - m_a^2 \leq \frac{a^2(b-c)^2}{4(2s+a)^2} + \frac{am_a|b-c|}{2s+a}$$

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$$\text{via } (*) \frac{(b-c)^2(8s^2-2a^2)}{4(2s+a)^2} \stackrel{(\blacksquare)}{\leq} \frac{am_a \cdot |b-c|}{2s+a}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } a^2(4m_a^2) &= a^2(2b^2+2c^2-a^2) \\ &= 2a^2b^2+2c^2a^2+2b^2c^2-a^4-b^4-c^4+(b^4+c^4-2b^2c^2) \\ &= 16F^2+(b^2-c^2)^2 > (b^2-c^2)^2 \Rightarrow 2am_a > |b^2-c^2| \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \frac{am_a \cdot |b-c|}{2s+a} &\geq \frac{(b-c)^2(2s-a)}{2(2s+a)} = \frac{2(b-c)^2(2s-a)(2s+a)}{4(2s+a)^2} \\ &= \frac{(b-c)^2(8s^2-2a^2)}{4(2s+a)^2} \Rightarrow (\blacksquare) \text{ is true } \therefore p_a - m_a \leq \frac{a|b-c|}{2(2s+a)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Again, } p_a - m_a \geq \frac{(b-c)^2}{2(2s+a)} \Leftrightarrow p_a^2 \geq m_a^2 + \frac{(b-c)^4}{4(2s+a)^2} + \frac{m_a \cdot (b-c)^2}{2s+a}$$

$$\text{via } (*) \frac{(b-c)^2(8s^2-a^2-(b-c)^2)}{4(2s+a)^2} \stackrel{(\blacksquare\blacksquare)}{\geq} \frac{m_a \cdot (b-c)^2}{2s+a}$$

$$\text{We note that : } 8s^2 - a^2 - (b-c)^2 > 8s^2 - 2a^2 > 0 \therefore (\blacksquare\blacksquare) \Leftrightarrow \frac{(8s^2 - a^2)^2 + (b-c)^4 - 2(8s^2 - a^2)(b-c)^2}{16(2s+a)^2}$$

$$\geq \left(s(s-a) + \frac{(b-c)^2}{4} \right) (\because (b-c)^2 \geq 0)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (8s^2 - a^2)^2 - 16s(s-a)(2s+a)^2 + (b-c)^4 - 2(b-c)^2(8s^2 - a^2 + 2(2s+a)^2) \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (b-c)^4 - 2(4s+a)^2(b-c)^2 + a^2(32s^2 + 16sa + a^2) \stackrel{(\blacksquare\blacksquare\blacksquare)}{\geq} 0$$

Now, $(\blacksquare\blacksquare\blacksquare)$ is a quadrilateral in $(b-c)^2$ with discriminant =

$$4(4s+a)^4 - 4a^2(32s^2 + 16sa + a^2) = 256s^2(2s+a)^2$$

\therefore in order to prove $(\blacksquare\blacksquare\blacksquare)$, it suffices to prove :

$$(b-c)^2 \leq \frac{2(4s+a)^2 - 16s(2s+a)}{2} = a^2 \rightarrow \text{true} \Rightarrow (\blacksquare\blacksquare\blacksquare) \Rightarrow (\blacksquare\blacksquare) \text{ is true}$$

$$\therefore p_a - m_a \geq \frac{(b-c)^2}{2(2s+a)} \text{ and so, } \frac{(b-c)^2}{2(2s+a)} \leq p_a - m_a \leq \frac{a|b-c|}{2(2s+a)} \forall \Delta ABC, \text{ with equality iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$$

2052. In ΔABC the following relationship holds:

$$m_a w_a + m_b w_b + m_c w_c \geq s^2$$

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Using the known inequalities:

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$$m_a \geq \frac{b+c}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2} \text{ and } w_a = \frac{2bc}{b+c} \cos \frac{A}{2}$$

$$m_a w_a \geq \frac{b+c}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2} \cdot \frac{2bc}{b+c} \cos \frac{A}{2} = bc \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} = abc \frac{\cos^2 \frac{A}{2}}{a}$$

$$= abc \frac{\cos^2 \frac{A}{2}}{4R \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}} = \frac{4Rrs}{4R} \cot \frac{A}{2} = rs \cot \frac{A}{2} \quad (1)$$

$$m_a w_a + m_b w_b + m_c w_c = \sum m_a w_a \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} rs \sum \cot \frac{A}{2} = rs \cdot \frac{s}{r} = s^2$$

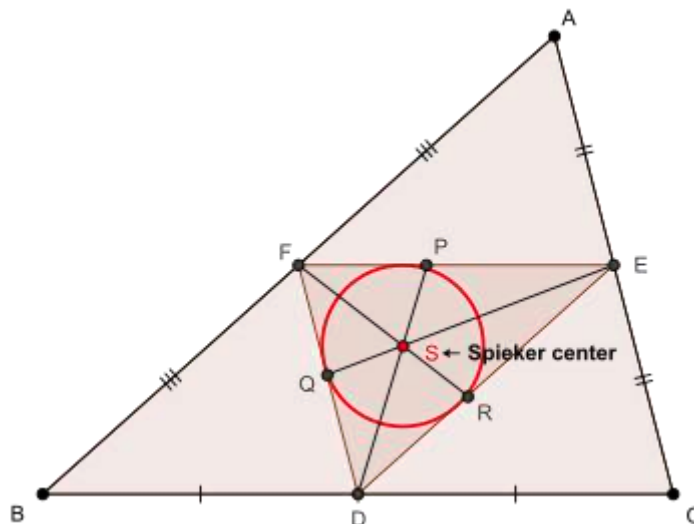
Equality holds for an equilateral triangle

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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)

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

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

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

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

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

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$$\Rightarrow -\left(\frac{2r}{2\sin\frac{C}{2}}\right)\left(\frac{c}{2}\right)\sin\frac{A-B}{2} - \left(\frac{2r}{2\sin\frac{B}{2}}\right)\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)\sin\frac{A-C}{2}$$

$$\stackrel{(*)}{=} \frac{-(2s+a)(s-b)(s-c)}{4} + 2Rr$$

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), (*), (**) $\Rightarrow 2AS^2 = \frac{b^2+c^2+ab+ca}{4} - \frac{(2s+a)(s-b)(s-c)}{2s}$

$$= \frac{(a+b+c)(b^2+c^2+ab+ca) - (2a+b+c)(c+a-b)(a+b-c)}{4s}$$

$$= \frac{b^3+c^3-abc+a(2b^2+2c^2-a^2)}{4s} \stackrel{(ii)}{\Rightarrow} 2AS^2 = \frac{b^3+c^3-abc+a(4m_a^2)}{4s}$$

Via sine law on $\triangle AFS$, $\frac{r}{2\sin\frac{C}{2}\sin\alpha} = \frac{AS}{\cos\frac{A-B}{2}} = \frac{4s}{(a+b)\sin\frac{C}{2}}$

$$\Rightarrow \text{csin}\alpha \stackrel{(***)}{=} \frac{r(a+b)}{2AS} \text{ and via sine law on } \triangle AES, \text{bsin}\beta \stackrel{(***)}{=} \frac{r(a+c)}{2AS}$$

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

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

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

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

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

$$= \frac{2s}{(2s+a)^2} (b^3+c^3-abc) - \left(1 - \frac{8sa}{(2s+a)^2}\right) m_a^2$$

$$= \frac{4(a+b+c)(b^3+c^3-abc) - (2b^2+2c^2-a^2)(b+c)^2}{4(2s+a)^2}$$

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

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

$$= \frac{(b-c)^2}{4(2s+a)^2} (2(a+b+c)^2 - a^2) = \frac{(b-c)^2(8s^2 - a^2)}{4(2s+a)^2}$$

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$$\therefore p_a^2 - m_a^2 = \frac{(b-c)^2(8s^2 - a^2)}{4(2s+a)^2} \geq 0 \Rightarrow p_a \geq m_a \quad (\bullet\bullet)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } b^3 + c^3 - abc + a(4m_a^2) &= b^3 + c^3 - abc + a(2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2) \\ &= (b+c)(b^2 - bc + c^2) + a(b^2 - bc + c^2) + a(b^2 + c^2 - a^2) \\ &= 2s(b^2 - bc + c^2) + a(b^2 - bc + c^2 + bc - a^2) \\ &= (2s+a)(b^2 - bc + c^2) + a\left(\frac{(b+c)^2 - (b-c)^2}{4} - a^2\right) \\ &= (2s+a)(b^2 - bc + c^2) + \frac{a(b+c+2a)(b+c-2a)}{4} - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} \\ &= (2s+a)(b^2 - bc + c^2) + \frac{a(2s-a+2a)(b+c-2a)}{4} - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} \\ &= (2s+a) \cdot \frac{4b^2 + 4c^2 - 4bc + a(b+c-2a)}{4} - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} \\ &= (2s+a). \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{4(z+x)^2 + 4(x+y)^2 - 4(z+x)(x+y) + (y+z)((z+x) + (x+y) - 2(y+z))}{4}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (2s+a) \cdot \frac{4x(x+y+z) + 2x(y+z) + 3(y-z)^2}{4} - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} \\ &= (2s+a) \left(s(s-a) + \frac{3}{4}(b-c)^2 + \frac{a(s-a)}{2} \right) - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} \\ &= (2s+a) \left(s(s-a) + \frac{3}{4}(b-c)^2 + \frac{a(s-a)}{2} \right) - \frac{(a+2s-2s)(b-c)^2}{4} \\ &= (2s+a) \left(s(s-a) + \frac{(b-c)^2}{2} + \frac{a(s-a)}{2} \right) + \frac{s(b-c)^2}{2} \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore (\bullet), (\bullet\bullet\bullet) \Rightarrow p_a^2 &= \frac{2s}{(2s+a)^2} \left(\frac{(s-a)(2s+a)^2}{2} + \frac{(2s+a)(b-c)^2}{2} + \frac{s(b-c)^2}{2} \right) \\ &= s(s-a) + (b-c)^2 \left(\left(\frac{s}{2s+a} \right)^2 + \frac{s}{2s+a} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4} \right) \\ &= s(s-a) - \frac{(b-c)^2}{4} + (b-c)^2 \cdot \left(\frac{s}{2s+a} + \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 \\ &= s(s-a) + \frac{(b-c)^2}{4} \left(\frac{(4s+a)^2}{(2s+a)^2} - 1 \right) \\ &\Rightarrow p_a^2 \stackrel{(\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet)}{=} s(s-a) + \frac{s(3s+a)(b-c)^2}{(2s+a)^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Again, Stewart's theorem} &\Rightarrow b^2(s-c) + c^2(s-b) = an_a^2 + a(s-b)(s-c) \\ &\Rightarrow s(b^2 + c^2) - bc(2s-a) = an_a^2 + a(s^2 - s(2s-a) + bc) \Rightarrow s(b^2 + c^2) - 2sbc \end{aligned}$$

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$$= an_a^2 + a(as - s^2) \Rightarrow s(b^2 + c^2 - a^2 - 2bc) = an_a^2 - as^2 \Rightarrow an_a^2 = as^2 + s(2bc \cos A - 2bc) = as^2 - 4sbc \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} = as^2 - \frac{4sbc(s-b)(s-c)(s-a)}{bc(s-a)}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Now, $\sum_{cyc} \frac{(b-c)^2}{a} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{b^2 + c^2 + a^2}{a} - \sum_{cyc} a - \frac{2}{4Rrs} \cdot \sum_{cyc} b^2 c^2$

$$= \frac{1}{4Rrs} \left(\sum_{cyc} a^2 \right) \left(\sum_{cyc} ab \right) - \frac{8Rrs^2}{4Rrs} - \frac{2}{4Rrs} \left(\left(\sum_{cyc} ab \right)^2 - 16Rrs^2 \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4Rrs} \left(\left(\sum_{cyc} ab \right) \left(\sum_{cyc} a^2 - 2 \sum_{cyc} ab \right) + 24Rrs^2 \right)$$

$$= \frac{2(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2 - (s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)) + 24Rrs^2}{4Rrs}$$

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$$= \frac{(2R-r)s^2 - r(4R+r)^2}{Rs} \boxed{\text{(m)}} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(b-c)^2}{a}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

We have : $\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{2s(b-c)^2}{a(2s+a)} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(2s+a-a)(b-c)^2}{a(2s+a)}$

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

$$\frac{16s^2(s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2) - 4s^2(s^2 - 14Rr + r^2) + 4r((2R-r)s^2 - r(4R+r)^2)}{2s(9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2)}$$

$$= \frac{2(9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2)((2R-r)s^2 - r(4R+r)^2) - R\sigma}{2Rs(9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2)}$$

$$\left(\sigma = 16s^2(s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2) - 4s^2(s^2 - 14Rr + r^2) + 4r((2R-r)s^2 - r(4R+r)^2) \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{4s(R-2r)}{5R}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (24R + 27r)s^4 - r(364R^2 + 196Rr + 42r^2)s^2 - 5r^2(4R+r)^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \text{ and } \therefore$$

$$(24R + 27r)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 0 \therefore \text{in order to prove } \textcircled{1},$$

it suffices to prove : LHS of $\textcircled{1} \geq (24R + 27r)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2$

$$\Leftrightarrow (101R^2 + 107Rr - 78r^2)s^2 \stackrel{\textcircled{2}}{\geq} r(1616R^3 + 828R^2r - 915Rr^2 + 170r^3)$$

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Finally, LHS of ② $\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (101R^2 + 107Rr - 78r^2)(16Rr - 5r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq}$
 $r(1616R^3 + 828R^2r - 915Rr^2 + 170r^3) \Leftrightarrow 379R^2 - 868Rr + 220r^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$
 $\Leftrightarrow (379R - 110r)(R - 2r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because R \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2r \Rightarrow \text{②} \Rightarrow \text{① is true}$
 $\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{s(b-c)^2}{a(2s+a)} \geq \frac{2s(R-2r)}{5R} \stackrel{\text{via } (\blacksquare)}{\Rightarrow} n_a + n_b + n_c \geq$
 $p_a + p_b + p_c + \frac{2s(R-2r)}{5R} \forall \Delta ABC, \text{ with equality iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$

2054. In any ΔABC , prove that :

$$\left| \sin \frac{A-B}{2} \sin \frac{B-C}{2} \sin \frac{C-A}{2} \right| \leq \frac{1}{24\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{(p^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2)^3}}{R^2r}$$

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By Mollweide's formula, we have $\sin \frac{B-C}{2} = \frac{b-c}{a} \cdot \cos \frac{A}{2}$ (and analogs), then:
 $\sin \frac{A-B}{2} \sin \frac{B-C}{2} \sin \frac{C-A}{2} = \frac{(a-b)(b-c)(c-a)}{4pRr} \cdot \frac{p}{4R} = \frac{(a-b)(b-c)(c-a)}{16R^2r}$,
 and since $(a-b)^2 + (b-c)^2 + (c-a)^2 = 2(p^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2)$,
 then the desired inequality is equivalent to

$$3\sqrt{6} \cdot |(a-b)(b-c)(c-a)| \leq \sqrt{[(a-b)^2 + (b-c)^2 + (c-a)^2]^3}.$$

WLOG, we assume that $a \geq b \geq c$.

Let $x := a - b, y := b - c$. The desired inequality becomes

$$3\sqrt{3}xy(x+y) \leq 2\sqrt{(x^2 + y^2 + xy)^3}$$

By AM - GM inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 3\sqrt{3}xy(x+y) &= 2 \sqrt{27 \cdot xy \cdot xy \cdot \frac{(x+y)^2}{4}} \leq 2 \sqrt{\left(xy + xy + \frac{(x+y)^2}{4}\right)^3} \\ &\leq 2\sqrt{(x^2 + y^2 + xy)^3} \end{aligned}$$

So the proof is complete. Equality holds iff $x = y \Leftrightarrow a + c = 2b$ and permutation.

2055. In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\left(\frac{1}{h_a^2} + \frac{1}{h_b^2} + \frac{1}{h_c^2} \right) (r_a^2 + r_b^2 + r_c^2) \leq \frac{\sqrt{r+4R} (r+4R - \sqrt{2r(r+4R)}) (\sqrt{r+4R} - \sqrt{2r})}{2r^2}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{1}{h_a^2} + \frac{1}{h_b^2} + \frac{1}{h_c^2}\right)(r_a^2 + r_b^2 + r_c^2) &\leq \frac{\sqrt{r+4R}(r+4R - \sqrt{2r(r+4R)})(\sqrt{r+4R} - \sqrt{2r})}{2r^2} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)}{4r^2s^2} \cdot ((4R+r)^2 - 2s^2) \leq \\ &\leq \frac{(4R+r - \sqrt{2r(4R+r)})(4R+r - \sqrt{2r(4R+r)})}{2r^2} \\ \Leftrightarrow \frac{s^2 - 4Rr - r^2}{s^2} \cdot ((4R+r)^2 - 2s^2) &\leq (4R+r)^2 + 2r(4R+r) - 2(4R+r) \cdot \sqrt{2r(4R+r)} \\ \Leftrightarrow (4R+r)^2 - 2s^2 - \frac{(4Rr+r^2)(4R+r)^2}{s^2} + 2(4Rr+r^2) &\leq \\ \leq (4R+r)^2 + 2(4Rr+r^2) - 2(4R+r) \cdot \sqrt{2(4Rr+r^2)} & \\ \Leftrightarrow 2s^4 + (4Rr+r^2)(4R+r)^2 - 2s^2(4R+r) \cdot \sqrt{2(4Rr+r^2)} &\geq 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow (\sqrt{2}s^2)^2 + \left(\sqrt{4Rr+r^2} \cdot (4R+r)\right)^2 - 2(\sqrt{2}s^2) \cdot \left(\sqrt{4Rr+r^2} \cdot (4R+r)\right) &\geq 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow \left(\sqrt{2}s^2 - \sqrt{4Rr+r^2} \cdot (4R+r)\right)^2 &\geq 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \\ \therefore \left(\frac{1}{h_a^2} + \frac{1}{h_b^2} + \frac{1}{h_c^2}\right)(r_a^2 + r_b^2 + r_c^2) &\leq \\ \leq \frac{\sqrt{r+4R}(r+4R - \sqrt{2r(r+4R)})(\sqrt{r+4R} - \sqrt{2r})}{2r^2} &\forall \Delta ABC \text{ (QED)} \end{aligned}$$

2056.

In any ΔABC , $\forall x, y, z > 0$, the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{x}{y+z}(1 + \cos A) + \frac{y}{z+x}(1 + \cos B) + \frac{z}{x+y}(1 + \cos C) \geq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}(\sin A + \sin B + \sin C)$$

Proposed by Nguyen Hung Cuong-Vietnam

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} + \cos^2 \frac{B}{2} - \cos^2 \frac{C}{2} &= \frac{s(s-a)}{bc} + \frac{s(s-b)}{ca} - \frac{s(s-c)}{ab} = \\ &= \frac{s}{abc}(a(s-a) + b(s-b) - c(s-c)) = \frac{s}{abc}(x(y+z) + y(z+x) - z(x+y)) = \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \frac{s}{abc} (2xy) > 0 (x = s - a, y = s - b, z = s - c \Rightarrow a = y + z, b = z + x, c = x + y)$$

$$\therefore \cos^2 \frac{C}{2} < \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} + \cos^2 \frac{B}{2} < \left(\cos \frac{A}{2} + \cos \frac{B}{2} \right)^2 \Rightarrow \cos \frac{A}{2} + \cos \frac{B}{2} - \cos \frac{C}{2} > 0$$

and analogs $\Rightarrow \cos \frac{A}{2}, \cos \frac{B}{2}, \cos \frac{C}{2}$ form sides of a triangle

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{\cos \frac{A}{2}}, \sqrt{\cos \frac{B}{2}}, \sqrt{\cos \frac{C}{2}} \text{ form sides of a triangle with area}$$

$$F_1 = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \sqrt{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} - \sum_{\text{cyc}} \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Now, } \frac{x}{y+z} (1 + \cos A) + \frac{y}{z+x} (1 + \cos B) + \frac{z}{x+y} (1 + \cos C) \\ &= 2 \left(\frac{x}{y+z} \cdot \left(\sqrt{\cos \frac{A}{2}} \right)^4 + \frac{y}{z+x} \cdot \left(\sqrt{\cos \frac{B}{2}} \right)^4 + \frac{z}{x+y} \cdot \left(\sqrt{\cos \frac{C}{2}} \right)^4 \right) \geq \end{aligned}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Tsintsifas}}{\geq} 16F_1^2 = 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} - \sum_{\text{cyc}} \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} (\sin A + \sin B + \sin C)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sin \frac{B+C}{2} \sin \frac{C+A}{2} - \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sin^2 \frac{B+C}{2} \stackrel{?}{\stackrel{\text{Q.E.D.}}{\geq}} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \sin(B+C) \right)$$

$$\text{Now, since: } \frac{B+C}{2} + \frac{C+A}{2} + \frac{A+B}{2} = \pi, \therefore X = \frac{B+C}{2}, Y = \frac{C+A}{2}, Z = \frac{A+B}{2}$$

form angles of a triangle XYZ with sides x, y, z and semiperimeter, circumradius, inradius = s', R' and r' (say) and then

$$\therefore \textcircled{1} \Leftrightarrow 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sin X \sin Y - \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sin^2 X \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sin 2X$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{4R'^2} \left(2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy - \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 \right) &\stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot 4 \sin X \sin Y \sin Z = 2\sqrt{3} \cdot \frac{xyz}{8R'^3} = 2\sqrt{3} \cdot \frac{4R'r's'}{8R'^3} \\ \Leftrightarrow 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy - \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 &\stackrel{?}{\geq} 4\sqrt{3} \cdot r's' \rightarrow \text{which is true via Hadwiger - Finsler} \\ \Rightarrow \textcircled{1} \text{ is true } \therefore \frac{x}{y+z} (1 + \cos A) + \frac{y}{z+x} (1 + \cos B) + \frac{z}{x+y} (1 + \cos C) \\ &\geq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} (\sin A + \sin B + \sin C) \forall \Delta ABC, '' = '' \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$

2057. In ΔABC the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{m_a^2}{bc} + \frac{m_b^2}{ca} + \frac{m_c^2}{ab} \geq \frac{9}{4}$$

Proposed by Nguyen Hung Cuong-Vietnam

Solution by Tapas Das-India

$$\begin{aligned} \sum a \cdot m_a^2 &= \frac{1}{4} \sum a(2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2) = \frac{1}{4} \left(2 \sum a(b^2 + c^2) - \sum a^3 \right) \quad (1) \\ 2 \sum a(b^2 + c^2) - \sum a^3 &= 2 \sum a^2(b + c) - \sum a^3 = \\ &= 2 \sum a^2(2s - a) - \sum a^3 = 4s \sum a^2 - 2 \sum a^3 - \sum a^3 = \\ &= 8s(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr) - 6s(s^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr) = \\ &= 8s^3 - 8s(4Rr + r^2) - 6s^3 + 6s(6Rr + 3r^2) = \\ &= 2s^3 - 2s(16Rr + 4r^2 - 9r^2 - 18Rr) = \\ &= 2s(s^2 + 2Rr + 5r^2) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 2s(16Rr - 5r^2 + 2Rr + 5r^2) = 36Rrs \quad (2) \\ \sum am_a^2 &= \frac{1}{4} \sum a(2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2) = \frac{1}{4} \left(2 \sum a(b^2 + c^2) - \sum a^3 \right) \stackrel{(2)}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{1}{4} \cdot 36Rrs = 9Rrs \\ \frac{m_a^2}{bc} + \frac{m_b^2}{ca} + \frac{m_c^2}{ab} &= \sum \frac{m_a^2}{bc} = \frac{1}{abc} \sum am_a^2 \geq \frac{1}{abc} \cdot 9Rrs = \frac{9Rrs}{4Rrs} = \frac{9}{4} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for an equilateral triangle

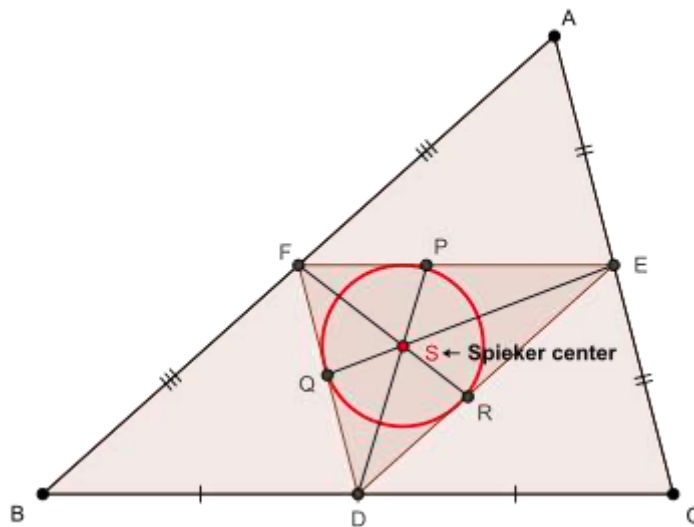
2058. In any $\triangle ABC$ with $p_a, p_b, p_c \rightarrow$

Spieker cevians, the following relationship holds :

$$p_a + p_b + p_c \geq w_a + w_b + w_c + \frac{4s(R - 2r)}{15R}$$

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Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India



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)

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

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

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

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

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$$\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} \\
 \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}{8Rrs} (2a^3 + (b+c)a^2 - 2a(b^2+c^2) - (b+c)(b-c)^2) \\
 &= \frac{4(b+c)bc\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} \\
 &\quad \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)
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \frac{r^2}{4r^2s} (ca(s-b) + ab(s-c)) = \frac{ab+ca}{4} - 2Rr \stackrel{(**)}{=} \frac{r^2}{4\sin^2 \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{r^2}{4\sin^2 \frac{C}{2}}$$

$$(i), (*), (**) \Rightarrow 2AS^2 = \frac{b^2 + c^2 + ab + ca}{4} - \frac{(2s+a)(s-b)(s-c)}{2s}$$

$$= \frac{(a+b+c)(b^2 + c^2 + ab + ca) - (2a+b+c)(c+a-b)(a+b-c)}{4s}$$

$$= \frac{b^3 + c^3 - abc + a(2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2)}{4s} \stackrel{(ii)}{\Rightarrow} 2AS^2 = \frac{b^3 + c^3 - abc + a(4m_a^2)}{4s}$$

Via sine law on $\triangle AFS$, $\frac{r}{2\sin \frac{C}{2} \sin \alpha} = \frac{AS}{\cos \frac{A-B}{2}} = \frac{4s}{cAS}$

$$\Rightarrow c \sin \alpha \stackrel{(***)}{=} \frac{r(a+b)}{2AS} \text{ and via sine law on } \triangle AES, b \sin \beta \stackrel{****)}{=} \frac{r(a+c)}{2AS}$$

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

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

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

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

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

$$= (b+c)(b^2 - bc + c^2) + a(b^2 - bc + c^2) + a(b^2 + c^2 - a^2)$$

$$= 2s(b^2 - bc + c^2) + a(b^2 - bc + c^2 + bc - a^2)$$

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

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

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

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

$$= (2s+a).$$

$$\frac{4(z+x)^2 + 4(x+y)^2 - 4(z+x)(x+y) + (y+z)((z+x) + (x+y) - 2(y+z))}{4}$$

$$- \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} \quad (a = y+z, b = z+x, c = x+y)$$

$$= (2s+a) \cdot \frac{4x(x+y+z) + 2x(y+z) + 3(y-z)^2}{4} - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4}$$

$$= (2s+a) \left(s(s-a) + \frac{3}{4}(b-c)^2 + \frac{a(s-a)}{2} \right) - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (2s + a) \left(s(s - a) + \frac{3}{4}(b - c)^2 + \frac{a(s - a)}{2} \right) - \frac{(a + 2s - 2s)(b - c)^2}{4} \\
 &= (2s + a) \left(s(s - a) + \frac{(b - c)^2}{2} + \frac{a(s - a)}{2} \right) + \frac{s(b - c)^2}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\text{Now, } p_a - w_a \geq \frac{2s(b - c)^2}{4s^2 - a^2} \Leftrightarrow p_a^2 - w_a^2 \geq$$

$$\frac{4s^2(b - c)^4}{(4s^2 - a^2)^2} + \frac{4s \cdot w_a \cdot (b - c)^2}{4s^2 - a^2} \stackrel{\text{via } (\bullet\bullet\bullet)}{\Leftrightarrow}$$

$$\frac{s(3s + a)}{(2s + a)^2} + \frac{s(s - a)}{(2s - a)^2} - \frac{4s^2(b - c)^2}{(4s^2 - a^2)^2} \stackrel{(\blacksquare)}{\geq} \frac{4s \cdot w_a}{4s^2 - a^2} \quad (\because (b - c)^2 \geq 0)$$

$$\text{We have: } \frac{s(3s + a)}{(2s + a)^2} + \frac{s(s - a)}{(2s - a)^2} - \frac{4s^2(b - c)^2}{(4s^2 - a^2)^2} >$$

$$\frac{s(3s + a)}{(2s + a)^2} + \frac{s(s - a)}{(2s - a)^2} - \frac{4s^2 a^2}{(4s^2 - a^2)^2}$$

$$= \frac{s(3s + a)(2s - a)^2 + s(s - a)(2s + a)^2 - 4s^2 a^2}{(4s^2 - a^2)^2} = \frac{8s^2(2s + a)(s - a)}{(4s^2 - a^2)^2} > 0$$

$$\therefore (\blacksquare) \Leftrightarrow \frac{(s(3s + a)(2s - a)^2 + s(s - a)(2s + a)^2 - 4s^2(b - c)^2)^2}{(4s^2 - a^2)^4}$$

$$\geq \frac{16s^2}{(4s^2 - a^2)^2} \cdot \left(s(s - a) - \frac{s(s - a)(b - c)^2}{(2s - a)^2} \right)$$

$$\frac{16s^4(b - c)^4 - 8s^2(b - c)^2(s(3s + a)(2s - a)^2 + s(s - a)(2s + a)^2) + (s(3s + a)(2s - a)^2 + s(s - a)(2s + a)^2)^2}{(4s^2 - a^2)^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow$$

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

$$\Leftrightarrow 16s^4(b - c)^4 - 8s^2(b - c)^2 \left(\frac{s(3s + a)(2s - a)^2 + s(s - a)(2s + a)^2}{-2s(s - a)(2s + a)^2} \right)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &+(s(3s+a)(2s-a)^2 + s(s-a)(2s+a)^2)^2 - 16s^3(s-a)(4s^2-a^2)^2 \geq 0 \\
 &\Leftrightarrow 16s^4(b-c)^4 - 16s^3(b-c)^2(4s^3-4s^2a+sa^2+a^3) \\
 &\quad + 16a^2s^3(4s^3-4s^2a+a^3) \geq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s(b-c)^4 - (4s^3-4s^2a+sa^2+a^3)(b-c)^2 + a^2(4s^3-4s^2a+a^3) \boxed{\geq} 0 \quad (\blacksquare\blacksquare)$$

and in order to prove $(\blacksquare\blacksquare)$, it suffices to prove :

$$(b-c)^2 \leq \frac{(4s^3-4s^2a+sa^2+a^3) - \sqrt{\delta}}{2s}, \text{ where } \delta =$$

$$(4s^3-4s^2a+sa^2+a^3)^2 - 4sa^2(4s^3-4s^2a+a^3) \text{ and } \because (b-c)^2 < a^2$$

$$\therefore \text{it suffices to prove : } 2sa^2 \leq (4s^3-4s^2a+sa^2+a^3)$$

$$-\sqrt{(4s^3-4s^2a+sa^2+a^3)^2 - 4sa^2(4s^3-4s^2a+a^3)}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sqrt{(s-a)^2(4s^2-a^2)^2} \leq 4s^3-4s^2a-sa^2+a^3 = (s-a)(4s^2-a^2) \rightarrow \text{true}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\blacksquare\blacksquare) \Rightarrow (\blacksquare) \text{ is true } \therefore p_a - w_a \geq \frac{2s(b-c)^2}{4s^2-a^2} \text{ and analogs}$$

$$\therefore p_a + p_b + p_c \stackrel{(\blacksquare\blacksquare\blacksquare)}{\geq} w_a + w_b + w_c + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{2s(b-c)^2}{4s^2-a^2}$$

$$\text{Now, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left((b-c)^2(4s^2-b^2)(4s^2-c^2) \right) =$$

$$16s^4 \sum_{\text{cyc}} (b-c)^2 - 4s^2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left((b-c)^2 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - a^2 \right) \right)$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 32s^4(s^2-12Rr-3r^2) - 16s^2(s^2-4Rr-r^2)(s^2-12Rr-3r^2) + \\
 &4s^2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(a^2(b^2+c^2-2bc) \right) + 2(s^2-4Rr-r^2)((s^2+4Rr+r^2)^2 - 16Rrs^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$-48R^2r^2s^2 - 2((s^2+4Rr+r^2)^3 - 24Rrs^2(s^2+2Rr+r^2))$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 32s^4(s^2-12Rr-3r^2) - 16s^2(s^2-4Rr-r^2)(s^2-12Rr-3r^2) + \\
 &(10s^2-8Rr-2r^2)((s^2+4Rr+r^2)^2 - 16Rrs^2) - 64Rrs^4 - 48R^2r^2s^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$-2((s^2+4Rr+r^2)^3 - 24Rrs^2(s^2+2Rr+r^2))$$

$$= 4(6s^6 - (64Rr+5r^2)s^4 - r^2s^2(148R^2+76Rr+12r^2) - (4Rr+r^2)^3)$$

$$\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{2s(b-c)^2}{4s^2-a^2} =$$

$$\frac{8s(6s^6 - (64Rr+5r^2)s^4 - r^2s^2(148R^2+76Rr+12r^2) - (4Rr+r^2)^3)}{4s^2(9s^2+6Rr+r^2)(s^2+2Rr+r^2)} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{4s(R-2r)}{15R}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 15R(6s^6 - (64Rr+5r^2)s^4 - r^2s^2(148R^2+76Rr+12r^2) - (4Rr+r^2)^3)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2s^2(9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2)(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)(R - 2r) \\
 & \Leftrightarrow (72R + 36r)s^6 - r(1008R^2 - Rr - 40r^2)s^4 - \\
 & r^2(2244R^3 + 1108R^2r + 150Rr^2 - 4r^3)s^2 - 15Rr^3(4R + r)^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \text{ and } \cdot \\
 & (72R + 36r)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^3 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 0 \therefore \text{in order to prove } \textcircled{1}, \text{ it suffices} \\
 & \text{to prove : LHS of } \textcircled{1} \geq (72R + 36r)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^3 \Leftrightarrow \\
 & (2448R^2 + 649Rr - 500r^2)s^4 \\
 & -r(57540R^3 - 5804R^2r - 11730Rr^2 + 2696r^3)s^2 + \\
 & r^2(293952R^4 - 129744R^3r - 52020R^2r^2 + 34185Rr^3 - 4500r^4) \stackrel{\textcircled{2}}{\geq} 0 \text{ and} \\
 & \therefore (2448R^2 + 649Rr - 500r^2)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 0 \therefore \text{in order} \\
 & \text{to prove } \textcircled{2}, \text{ it suffices to prove : LHS of } \textcircled{2} \geq \\
 & (2448R^2 + 649Rr - 500r^2)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2 \\
 & \Leftrightarrow (5199R^3 + 523R^2r - 2690Rr^2 + 576r^3)s^2 \stackrel{\textcircled{3}}{\geq} \\
 & r(293952R^4 - 129744R^3r - 52020R^2r^2 + 34185Rr^3 - 4500r^4) \\
 \text{Finally, LHS of } \textcircled{3} & \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (5199R^3 + 523R^2r - 2690Rr^2 + 576r^3)(16Rr - 5r^2) \\
 & \stackrel{?}{\geq} r(293952R^4 - 129744R^3r - 52020R^2r^2 + 34185Rr^3 - 4500r^4) \\
 & \Leftrightarrow 6321t^3 - 16000t^2 + 7156t - 880 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right) \\
 & \Leftrightarrow (t - 2)(4642t^2 + 1679t(t - 2) + 440) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \therefore t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \Rightarrow \textcircled{3} \Rightarrow \textcircled{2} \\
 & \Rightarrow \textcircled{1} \text{ is true} \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{2s(b-c)^2}{4s^2 - a^2} \geq \frac{4s(R-2r)}{15R} \stackrel{\text{via } (\blacksquare\blacksquare\blacksquare)}{\Rightarrow} \\
 & p_a + p_b + p_c \geq w_a + w_b + w_c + \frac{4s(R-2r)}{15R} \forall \Delta ABC, \\
 & \text{with equality iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$

2059. In ΔABC the following relationship holds:

$$h_a + h_b + h_c - 9r \leq 2(R - 2r)$$

Proposed by Nguyen Hung Cuong-Vietnam

Solution by Tapas Das-India

$$h_a + h_b + h_c = \frac{ab + bc + ca}{2R} = \frac{s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr}{2R} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq}$$

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$$\leq \frac{4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 + r^2 + 4Rr}{2R} = \frac{4R^2 + 8Rr + 4r^2}{2R}$$

We need to show:

$$h_a + h_b + h_c - 9r \leq 2(R - 2r), \quad \frac{4R^2 + 8Rr + 4r^2}{2R} - 9r \leq 2(R - 2r)$$

$$4R^2 - 10Rr + 4r^2 \leq 4R^2 - 8Rr$$

$$2Rr \geq 4r^2 \text{ or } R \geq 2r \text{ (True Euler)}$$

Equality holds for an equilateral triangle

2060. In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{m_a}{\sin \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{m_b}{\sin \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{m_c}{\sin \frac{C}{2}} \geq \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{2r}$$

Proposed by Nguyen Hung Cuong-Vietnam

Solution by Tapas Das-India

Using the known inequalities $m_a \geq \frac{b+c}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}$ and

$$\frac{m_a}{\sin \frac{A}{2}} \geq \frac{\frac{b+c}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}}{\sin \frac{A}{2}} = \frac{b+c}{2} \cot \frac{A}{2} = \frac{b+c}{2} \cdot \frac{s}{r_a} = \frac{s(2s-a)}{2r_a} = \frac{2s^2}{2r_a} - \frac{as}{2r_a} =$$

$$= \frac{2s^2}{2r_a} - \frac{a(s-a)}{2r} \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{m_a}{\sin \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{m_b}{\sin \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{m_c}{\sin \frac{C}{2}} = \sum \frac{m_a}{\sin \frac{A}{2}} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \sum \frac{2s^2}{2r_a} - \sum \frac{a(s-a)}{2r} =$$

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

Equality holds for $A = B = C$

2061.

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

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$$\frac{\cos A}{\cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}} + \frac{\cos B}{\cos \frac{C}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{\cos C}{\cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2}} \geq 2$$

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Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\cos A}{\cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}} + \frac{\cos B}{\cos \frac{C}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{\cos C}{\cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2}} \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{4 \cos A}{2 \cos^2 \frac{B}{2} + 2 \cos^2 \frac{C}{2}} = \\ & = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{4 \cos A}{1 + \cos B + 1 + \cos C} = 4 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\cos A}{2 \cos A + \cos A \cos B + \cos A \cos C} \\ & \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{4 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \cos A \right)^2}{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \cos A + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \cos A \cos B} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2 \\ & \Leftrightarrow 2 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \cos A \right)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \cos A + \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \cos A \right)^2 - \left(3 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sin^2 A \right) \\ & \Leftrightarrow \frac{(R+r)^2}{R^2} - \frac{2(R+r)}{R} + 3 - \frac{s^2 - 4Rr - r^2}{2R^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\ & \Leftrightarrow \frac{2R^2 + 4Rr + 2r^2 - 4R^2 - 4Rr + 6R^2 - s^2 + 4Rr + r^2}{2R^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\ & \Leftrightarrow 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} s^2 \rightarrow \text{true via Gerretsen} \\ & \therefore \frac{\cos A}{\cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}} + \frac{\cos B}{\cos \frac{C}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{\cos C}{\cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2}} \geq 2 \forall \text{ acute } \Delta ABC, \\ & \quad \quad \quad \text{" = " iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$

2062. In ΔABC the following relationship holds:

$$\sum r_a^2 \geq \sum m_a^2$$

Proposed by Nguyen Hung Cuong-Vietnam

Solution by Tapas Das-India

$$\begin{aligned} \sum r_a^2 &= \left(\sum r_a \right)^2 - 2 \sum r_a r_b = (4R + r)^2 - 2s^2 \text{ and} \\ \sum m_a^2 &= \frac{3}{4} \left(\sum a^2 \right) = \frac{3}{4} \cdot 2(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr) = \frac{3s^2 - 3r^2 - 12Rr}{2} \end{aligned}$$

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We need to show, $(4R + r)^2 - 2s^2 \geq \frac{3s^2 - 3r^2 - 12Rr}{2}$ or

$$2(4R + r)^2 - 4s^2 \geq 3s^2 - 3r^2 - 12Rr \text{ or}$$

$$2(16R^2 + 8Rr + r^2) + 12Rr + 3r^2 \geq 7s^2 \text{ or}$$

$$32R^2 + 28Rr + 5r^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 7(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) \text{ or}$$

$$4R^2 \geq 16r^2 \text{ or } R \geq 2r \text{ true Euler}$$

Equality holds for $a = b = c$

2063.

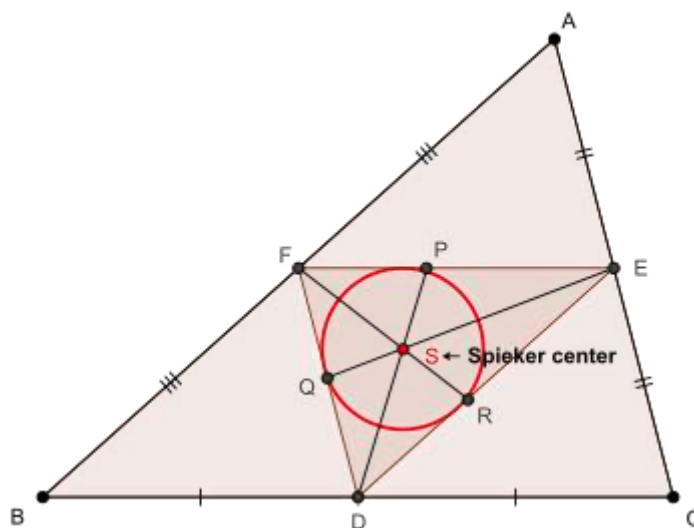
In any ΔABC with p_a, p_b, p_c

\rightarrow Spieker cevians, the following relationship holds :

$$(p_a + p_b + p_c)^2 \geq 4s^2 - \frac{9r(64R - 53r)}{25}$$

Proposed by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India



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)

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

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

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

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

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

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$$\Rightarrow -\left(\frac{2r}{2\sin\frac{C}{2}}\right)\left(\frac{c}{2}\right)\sin\frac{A-B}{2} - \left(\frac{2r}{2\sin\frac{B}{2}}\right)\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)\sin\frac{A-C}{2}$$

$$\stackrel{(*)}{=} \frac{-(2s+a)(s-b)(s-c)}{2Rr} + 2Rr$$

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), (*), (**) $\Rightarrow 2AS^2 = \frac{b^2+c^2+ab+ca}{4} - \frac{(2s+a)(s-b)(s-c)}{2s}$

$$= \frac{(a+b+c)(b^2+c^2+ab+ca) - (2a+b+c)(c+a-b)(a+b-c)}{4s}$$

$$= \frac{b^3+c^3-abc+a(2b^2+2c^2-a^2)}{4s} \stackrel{(ii)}{\Rightarrow} 2AS^2 = \frac{b^3+c^3-abc+a(4m_a^2)}{4s}$$

Via sine law on $\triangle AFS$, $\frac{r}{2\sin\frac{C}{2}\sin\alpha} = \frac{AS}{\cos\frac{A-B}{2}} = \frac{4s}{(a+b)\sin\frac{C}{2}}$

$$\Rightarrow \text{csin}\alpha \stackrel{(***)}{=} \frac{r(a+b)}{2AS} \text{ and via sine law on } \triangle AES, \text{bsin}\beta \stackrel{(***)}{=} \frac{r(a+c)}{2AS}$$

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

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

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

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

$$\frac{2s}{(2s+a)^2} (b^3+c^3-abc+a(4m_a^2)) - m_a^2$$

$$= \frac{2s}{(2s+a)^2} (b^3+c^3-abc) - \left(1 - \frac{8sa}{(2s+a)^2}\right) m_a^2$$

$$= \frac{4(a+b+c)(b^3+c^3-abc) - (2b^2+2c^2-a^2)(b+c)^2}{4(2s+a)^2}$$

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

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

$$= \frac{(b-c)^2}{4(2s+a)^2} (2(a+b+c)^2 - a^2) = \frac{(b-c)^2(8s^2 - a^2)}{4(2s+a)^2}$$

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$$\therefore p_a^2 - m_a^2 \stackrel{(*)}{=} \frac{(b-c)^2(8s^2 - a^2)}{4(2s+a)^2}$$

$$\text{Now, } p_a - m_a \geq \frac{(b-c)^2}{2(2s+a)} \Leftrightarrow p_a^2 \geq m_a^2 + \frac{(b-c)^4}{4(2s+a)^2} + \frac{m_a \cdot (b-c)^2}{2s+a}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{via } (*)}{\Leftrightarrow} \frac{(b-c)^2(8s^2 - a^2 - (b-c)^2) \stackrel{(\blacksquare)}{=} m_a \cdot (b-c)^2}{4(2s+a)^2} \geq \frac{2s+a}{2s+a}$$

$$\text{We note that : } 8s^2 - a^2 - (b-c)^2 > 8s^2 - 2a^2 > 0 \therefore (\blacksquare) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{(8s^2 - a^2)^2 + (b-c)^4 - 2(8s^2 - a^2)(b-c)^2}{16(2s+a)^2}$$

$$\geq \left(s(s-a) + \frac{(b-c)^2}{4} \right) (\because (b-c)^2 \geq 0)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (8s^2 - a^2)^2 - 16s(s-a)(2s+a)^2 + (b-c)^4 - 2(b-c)^2(8s^2 - a^2 + 2(2s+a)^2) \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (b-c)^4 - 2(4s+a)^2(b-c)^2 + a^2(32s^2 + 16sa + a^2) \stackrel{(\blacksquare\blacksquare)}{\geq} 0$$

Now, $(\blacksquare\blacksquare)$ is a quadrilateral in $(b-c)^2$ with discriminant = $4(4s+a)^4 - 4a^2(32s^2 + 16sa + a^2) = 256s^2(2s+a)^2 \therefore$ in order to prove $(\blacksquare\blacksquare)$, it suffices to prove : $(b-c)^2 \leq \frac{2(4s+a)^2 - 16s(2s+a)}{2}$

$$= a^2 \rightarrow \text{true} \Rightarrow (\blacksquare\blacksquare) \Rightarrow (\blacksquare) \text{ is true } \therefore p_a - m_a \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} \frac{(b-c)^2}{2(2s+a)} \text{ and analogs}$$

$$\text{Via Chu and Yang, } \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a \right)^2 \geq \frac{9s^2}{4} + \frac{7s^2}{4} - 28Rr + 29r^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq}$$

$$\frac{9s^2}{4} + \frac{7(16Rr - 5r^2)}{4} - 28Rr + 29r^2 = \frac{9s^2}{4} + \left(29 - \frac{35}{4} \right) r^2 > \frac{9s^2}{4} \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a \stackrel{(\dots)}{>} \frac{3s}{2}$$

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

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

$$+ \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(bc \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - a^2 - 2bc \right) \right)$$

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

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

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

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$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(b-c)^2}{2(2s+a)} \stackrel{(m)}{=} \frac{2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) - 2((s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2 - 16Rrs^2) - 8Rrs^2 \stackrel{\text{via (l)}}{\Rightarrow}}{s(9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2)} 4s^2(s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2) - s^2(s^2 - 14Rr + r^2) + r((2R-r)s^2 - r(4R+r)^2)$$

$$= \frac{\sigma}{s(9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2)} \text{ (say) } \therefore (\bullet\bullet) \text{ and (m) } \Rightarrow$$

$$p_a + p_b + p_c \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a + \frac{\sigma}{s(9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2)} \Rightarrow (p_a + p_b + p_c)^2 \geq$$

$$\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a \right)^2 + \frac{\sigma^2}{s^2(9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2)^2} + \frac{2\sigma}{s(9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2)} \cdot \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a \right)$$

via Chu and Yang and $(\bullet\bullet\bullet)$

$$\geq 4s^2 - 28Rr + 29r^2 + \frac{\sigma^2}{s^2(9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2)^2} + \frac{3\sigma}{9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2}$$

$$\stackrel{?}{\geq} 4s^2 - \frac{9r(64R - 53r)}{25} \Leftrightarrow \frac{\sigma^2 + 3s^2(9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2)\sigma}{s^2(9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2)^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{124r(R - 2r)}{25}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2250s^8 - (35094Rr - 8763r^2)s^6 - r^2(15392R^2 - 31652Rr - 7489r^2)s^4 + r^3(13936R^3 + 26640R^2r + 9002Rr^2 + 873r^3)s^2 + 25r^4(4R + r)^4 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\text{Now, } T = 2250(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^4 + (108906Rr - 36237r^2)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^3 + 2r^2(878048R^2 - 590657Rr + 106772r^2)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 0$$

\therefore in order to prove ①, it suffices to prove : LHS of ① \geq T

$$\Leftrightarrow (589575R^3 - 611967R^2r + 243365Rr^2 - 33862r^3)s^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$r(9433200R^4 - 12568272R^3r + 6508764R^2r^2 - 1537665Rr^3 + 138450r^4)$$

$$\text{Now, LHS of ②} \stackrel{\text{Rouche}}{\geq} \left(\begin{array}{l} 589575R^3 - 611967R^2r \\ +243365Rr^2 - 33862r^3 \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{l} 2R^2 + 10Rr - r^2 \\ -2(R - 2r) \cdot \sqrt{R^2 - 2Rr} \end{array} \right)$$

$\stackrel{?}{\geq}$ RHS of ②

$$\Leftrightarrow (R - 2r) \left(\begin{array}{l} 1179150R^4 - 2403084R^3r + 1539589R^2r^2 \\ -451693Rr^3 + 52294r^4 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\stackrel{?}{\geq} 2(R - 2r) \cdot \sqrt{R^2 - 2Rr} \cdot (589575R^3 - 611967R^2r + 243365Rr^2 - 33862r^3)$$

and $\therefore R - 2r \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \therefore$ it suffices to prove :

$$(1179150R^4 - 2403084R^3r + 1539589R^2r^2 - 451693Rr^3 + 52294r^4)^2 > 4(R^2 - 2Rr)(589575R^3 - 611967R^2r + 243365Rr^2 - 33862r^3)^2$$

$$\therefore 1179150R^4 - 2403084R^3r + 1539589R^2r^2 - 451693Rr^3 + 52294r^4$$

$$\left(= (R - 2r)(1179150R^3 - 44784R^2r + 1450021Rr^2 + 2448349r^3) + 4948992r^4 \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{>} 0 \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 986,948,550,000t^6 - 1,821,847,095,300t^5 +$$

$$(1,559,557,564,533t^4 - 770,879,282,042t^3) +$$

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$$(228,609,350,325t^2 - 38,068,587,132t) + 2,734,662,436 > 0 \quad \left(t = \frac{R}{r}\right)$$

which is clearly true $\because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2$ and hence, $986,948,550,000t^6 \geq 2 * 986,948,550,000t^5 = 1,973,897,100,000t^5 > 1,821,847,095,300t^5$

(here, comma is the thousands – separator) $\Rightarrow \textcircled{2} \Rightarrow \textcircled{1}$ is true

$$\therefore (p_a + p_b + p_c)^2 \geq 4s^2 - \frac{9r(64R - 53r)}{25} \quad \forall \Delta ABC,$$

with equality iff ΔABC is equilateral (QED)

2064. In ΔABC the following relationship holds:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{h_a h_b}{4rr_c} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{h_a + h_b}{2(r + r_c)} = \frac{3}{2} + \sum_{cyc} \frac{h_a + h_b}{4(r_a + r)} = 3 + \sum_{cyc} \frac{h_a - h_b}{2(r_a - r_b)} = \sum_{cyc} \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}$$

Proposed by Dang Ngoc Minh-Vietnam

Solution by Mirsadix Muzefferov-Azerbaijan

Observation: $p = s$ – semiperimeter, $F = S$ – area

$$1) \sum_{cyc} \frac{h_a h_b}{4rr_c}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{h_a h_b}{4rr_c} &= \frac{\frac{2S}{a} \cdot \frac{2S}{b}}{4r \cdot p \tan \frac{C}{2}} = \frac{4S^2}{4abrp \cdot \tan \frac{C}{2}} = \frac{abc \cdot pr}{4Rabrp \cdot \tan \frac{C}{2}} = \frac{1}{4R} \cdot \frac{c}{\tan \frac{C}{2}} = \\ &= \frac{1}{4R} \cdot \frac{2R \sin C}{\tan \frac{C}{2}} = \frac{\sin \frac{C}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{C}{2}}{\tan \frac{C}{2}} = \cos^2 \frac{C}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\sum_{cyc} \frac{h_a h_b}{4rr_c} = \sum_{cyc} \cos^2 \frac{C}{2}}$$

$$2) \sum_{cyc} \frac{h_a + h_b}{2(r + r_c)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{h_a + h_b}{2(r + r_c)} &= \frac{\frac{2S}{a} + \frac{2S}{b}}{2 \left(p \tan \frac{C}{2} + (p - c) \tan \frac{C}{2} \right)} = \frac{2S(a + b)}{2ab(a + b) \tan \frac{C}{2}} = \frac{abc}{4Rab \cdot \tan \frac{C}{2}} = \\ &= \frac{c}{4R \tan \frac{C}{2}} = \frac{2R \sin C}{4R \tan \frac{C}{2}} = \frac{\sin \frac{C}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{C}{2}}{\tan \frac{C}{2}} = \cos^2 \frac{C}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\sum_{cyc} \frac{h_a + h_b}{2(r + r_c)} = \sum_{cyc} \cos^2 \frac{C}{2}}$$

$$3) \frac{3}{2} + \sum_{cyc} \frac{h_a + h_b}{4(r_a + r)}$$

$$\frac{h_a + h_b}{4(r_a + r)} = \frac{\frac{2S}{a} + \frac{2S}{b}}{4(4R + r - r_c)} = \frac{2S(a + b)}{4ab \left(4R + (p - c) \tan \frac{C}{2} - p \tan \frac{C}{2} \right)} =$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{2S(a+b)}{4ab(4R - c \tan \frac{C}{2})} = \frac{abc(a+b)}{2ab \cdot 4R \cdot 2R(2 - \sin C \tan \frac{C}{2})} = \frac{c(a+b)}{16R^2(2 - 2\sin^2 \frac{C}{2})} = \\
 &= \frac{4R^2 \sin C (\sin A + \sin B)}{32R^2 \cos^2 \frac{C}{2}} = \frac{16R^2 \cdot \sin \frac{C}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{C}{2}}{32R^2 \cos^2 \frac{C}{2}} \cdot \sin \frac{A+B}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{A-B}{2} = \\
 &= \frac{\sin \frac{C}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{C}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{C}{2}}{2 \cos^2 \frac{C}{2}} \cdot \cos \frac{A-B}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2} \left(\sin \frac{C+A-B}{2} + \sin \frac{C+B-A}{2} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} (\cos B + \cos A) \\
 \frac{3}{2} + \sum_{cyc} \frac{h_a + h_b}{4(r_a + r)} &= \frac{3}{2} + \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{4} (\cos B + \cos A) = \frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{2} (\cos A + \cos B + \cos C) = \\
 &= \frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \left(-3 + 2 \left(\cos^2 \frac{A}{2} + \cos^2 \frac{B}{2} + \cos^2 \frac{C}{2} \right) \right) = \frac{3}{2} + \sum_{cyc} \cos^2 \frac{C}{2} - \frac{3}{2} = \sum_{cyc} \cos^2 \frac{C}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{3}{2} + \sum_{cyc} \frac{h_a + h_b}{4(r_a + r)} = \frac{3}{2} + \sum_{cyc} \cos^2 \frac{C}{2} - \frac{3}{2} = \sum_{cyc} \cos^2 \frac{C}{2}}$$

$$4) 3 + \sum_{cyc} \frac{h_a - h_b}{2(r_a - r_b)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{h_a - h_b}{2(r_a - r_b)} &= \frac{\frac{2S}{a} - \frac{2S}{b}}{2 \left(p \tan \frac{A}{2} - p \tan \frac{B}{2} \right)} = \frac{2S(b-a)}{2abp \left(\tan \frac{A}{2} - \tan \frac{B}{2} \right)} = \frac{abc \cdot 2R(\sin B - \sin A)}{4Rabp \frac{\sin \frac{A-B}{2}}{\cos \frac{A}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{B}{2}}} \\
 &= \frac{c}{p} \cdot \frac{\sin \frac{B-A}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{A+B}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{A}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{B}{2}}{\sin \frac{A-B}{2}} = - \frac{2R \sin C \cdot \sin \frac{C}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{A}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{B}{2}}{p} \\
 &= - \frac{4R \sin \frac{C}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{C}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{C}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{A}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{B}{2}}{p} = - \frac{4R \sin^2 \frac{C}{2} (\cos \frac{A}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{B}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{C}{2})}{p} \\
 &= -4R \cdot \frac{\sin^2 \frac{C}{2} \cdot \frac{P}{4R}}{p} = -\sin^2 \frac{C}{2} = -\left(1 - \cos^2 \frac{C}{2}\right) = \cos^2 \frac{C}{2} - 1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{3 + \sum_{cyc} \frac{h_a - h_b}{2(r_a - r_b)} = \sum_{cyc} \cos^2 \frac{C}{2}}$$

2065. In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\left(\sum \csc A \right) \left(\sum \cot \frac{A}{2} \right) \geq 2 \sum \cot \frac{A}{2} \cot \frac{B}{2}$$

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Proposed by Nguyen Hung Cuong-Vietnam

Solution by Tapas Das-India

$$\left(\sum \csc A\right) = \sum \frac{1^2}{\sin A} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{(1+1+1)^2}{\sum \sin A} = \frac{9}{\frac{s}{R}} = \frac{9R}{s} \quad (1)$$

$$\left(\sum \cot \frac{A}{2}\right) = \sum \frac{s}{r_a} = \frac{s}{r} \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \sum \cot \frac{A}{2} \cot \frac{B}{2} &= 2 \sum \frac{s}{r_a} \cdot \frac{s}{r_b} = 2s^2 \frac{\sum r_a}{r_a r_b r_c} = \\ &= 2s^2 \frac{4R+r}{s^2 r} = \frac{8R+2r}{r} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} \frac{(8R+R)}{r} = \frac{9R}{r} \quad (A) \end{aligned}$$

$$\left(\sum \csc A\right) \left(\sum \cot \frac{A}{2}\right) \stackrel{(1)\&(2)}{\geq} \frac{9R}{s} \cdot \frac{s}{r} = \frac{9R}{r} \quad (B)$$

From (A) and (B) we get $\left(\sum \csc A\right) \left(\sum \cot \frac{A}{2}\right) \geq 2 \sum \cot \frac{A}{2} \cot \frac{B}{2}$

Equality holds for $A = B = C$

2066. In any ΔABC with $n_a, n_b, n_c \rightarrow$

Nagel's cevians, the following relationship holds :

$$n_a + n_b + n_c + 18r \geq 3(h_a + h_b + h_c)$$

Proposed by Mohamed Amine Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Stewart's theorem} &\Rightarrow b^2(s-c) + c^2(s-b) = an_a^2 + a(s-b)(s-c) \\ \Rightarrow s(b^2+c^2) - bc(2s-a) &= an_a^2 + a(s^2 - s(2s-a) + bc) \Rightarrow s(b^2+c^2) - 2sbc \\ &= an_a^2 + a(as-s^2) \Rightarrow s(b^2+c^2-a^2-2bc) = an_a^2 - as^2 \Rightarrow an_a^2 = as^2 + \\ s(2bc \cos A - 2bc) &= as^2 - 4sbc \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} = as^2 - \frac{4sbc(s-b)(s-c)(s-a)}{bc(s-a)} \\ &= as^2 - s(a^2 - (b-c)^2) = as(s-a) + s(b-c)^2 \Rightarrow n_a^2 \stackrel{(1)}{=} s(s-a) + \frac{s}{a}(b-c)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Now, $n_a \geq \frac{b^2 - bc + c^2}{2R} \Leftrightarrow \frac{n_a}{h_a} \geq \frac{b^2 - bc + c^2}{bc} \Leftrightarrow \frac{n_a^2}{h_a^2} - 1 \geq \left(\frac{b^2 - bc + c^2}{bc}\right)^2 - 1$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{(b-c)^2(b^2+c^2)}{b^2c^2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{n_a^2 - h_a^2}{h_a^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{(b-c)^2(b^2+c^2)}{b^2c^2} \\
 &\stackrel{\text{via (1)}}{\Leftrightarrow} s(s-a) + \frac{s}{a}(b-c)^2 - s(s-a) + \frac{s(s-a)(b-c)^2}{a^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \\
 &\frac{(b-c)^2(b^2+c^2)}{b^2c^2} \cdot \frac{b^2c^2}{4R^2} \Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{s}{a} + \frac{s(s-a)}{a^2}\right)(b-c)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{(b-c)^2(b^2+c^2)}{4R^2} \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \frac{s^2}{a^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{b^2+c^2}{4R^2} \quad (\because (b-c)^2 \geq 0) \Leftrightarrow 4R^2s^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} a^2b^2 + c^2a^2 \rightarrow \text{true} \\
 &\text{(strict inequality)} \because 4R^2s^2 \stackrel{\text{Goldstone}}{\geq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b^2 > a^2b^2 + c^2a^2 \\
 \therefore n_a &\geq \frac{b^2 - bc + c^2}{2R} \text{ and analogs} \Rightarrow n_a + n_b + n_c + 18r - 3(h_a + h_b + h_c) \\
 &\geq \frac{2\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab - 3\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab}{2R} + 18r \\
 &= \frac{2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) - 2(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) + 18Rr}{R} = \frac{2Rr - 4r^2}{R} = \frac{2r(R - 2r)}{R} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 0 \\
 \therefore n_a + n_b + n_c + 18r &\geq 3(h_a + h_b + h_c) \forall \Delta ABC, \\
 &\text{with equality iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$

2067. In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(b^2 + c^2) \frac{\sin C}{\sin A} + (c^2 + a^2) \frac{\sin B}{\sin A}}{\sqrt{\frac{b^2 + c^2}{a^2 + b^2}} \cdot \sin C + \sqrt{\frac{c^2 + a^2}{a^2 + b^2}} \cdot \sin B} \geq 48\sqrt{3}r^2$$

Proposed by Zaza Mzhavanadze-Georgia

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\text{Firstly, } \sqrt[3]{\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + a^2\right)\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + b^2\right)\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + c^2\right)} \\
 &\stackrel{\text{Leibnitz}}{\leq} \sqrt[3]{(9R^2 + a^2)(9R^2 + b^2)(9R^2 + c^2)} \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\leq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{9R^2 + a^2}{3} = \frac{27R^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2}{3} \\
 &\stackrel{\text{Leibnitz}}{\leq} \frac{27R^2 + 9R^2}{3} = 12R^2 \Rightarrow \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + a^2\right)\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + b^2\right)\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + c^2\right) \leq
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$144 * 12R^6 \Rightarrow \sqrt{\left(\sum_{cyc} a^2 + a^2\right)\left(\sum_{cyc} a^2 + b^2\right)\left(\sum_{cyc} a^2 + c^2\right)} \leq 24\sqrt{3}R^3 \rightarrow (1)$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{(b^2 + c^2) \frac{\sin C}{\sin A} + (c^2 + a^2) \frac{\sin B}{\sin A}}{\sqrt{b^2 + c^2} \cdot \sin C + \sqrt{c^2 + a^2} \cdot \sin B} + \frac{(a^2 + b^2) \frac{\sin C}{\sin B} + (c^2 + a^2) \frac{\sin A}{\sin B}}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \cdot \sin C + \sqrt{c^2 + a^2} \cdot \sin A}$$

$$+ \frac{(a^2 + b^2) \frac{\sin B}{\sin C} + (b^2 + c^2) \frac{\sin A}{\sin C}}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \cdot \sin B + \sqrt{b^2 + c^2} \cdot \sin A}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\geq} 2R \cdot \frac{(b^2 + c^2) \frac{c}{a} + (c^2 + a^2) \frac{b}{a}}{\sqrt{\frac{b^2 + c^2}{a^2 + b^2} + \frac{c^2 + a^2}{a^2 + b^2}} \cdot \sqrt{b^2 + c^2}} + 2R \cdot \frac{(a^2 + b^2) \frac{c}{b} + (c^2 + a^2) \frac{a}{b}}{\sqrt{\frac{a^2 + b^2}{b^2 + c^2} + \frac{c^2 + a^2}{b^2 + c^2}} \cdot \sqrt{c^2 + a^2}}$$

$$+ 2R \cdot \frac{(a^2 + b^2) \frac{b}{c} + (b^2 + c^2) \frac{a}{c}}{\sqrt{\frac{a^2 + b^2}{c^2 + a^2} + \frac{b^2 + c^2}{c^2 + a^2}} \cdot \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\geq} 4R \cdot \frac{\sqrt{(b^2 + c^2)(c^2 + a^2)} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{bc}{a^2}} \cdot \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}{\sqrt{b^2 + c^2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{cyc} a^2 + c^2}} +$$

$$4R \cdot \frac{\sqrt{(a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + a^2)} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{ca}{b^2}} \cdot \sqrt{b^2 + c^2}}{\sqrt{c^2 + a^2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{cyc} a^2 + a^2}} + 4R \cdot \frac{\sqrt{(a^2 + b^2)(b^2 + c^2)} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{ab}{c^2}} \cdot \sqrt{c^2 + a^2}}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{cyc} a^2 + b^2}}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\geq} 12R \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{(a^2 + b^2)(b^2 + c^2)(c^2 + a^2)}{(\sum_{cyc} a^2 + a^2)(\sum_{cyc} a^2 + b^2)(\sum_{cyc} a^2 + c^2)}} \stackrel{\text{Cesaro and via (1)}}{\geq} 12R \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{8a^2b^2c^2}{24\sqrt{3}R^3}}$$

$$= \frac{12R}{\sqrt{3}R} \cdot \sqrt[3]{16R^2r^2s^2} \stackrel{\text{Euler and Mitrinovic}}{\geq} \frac{12}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \sqrt[3]{64 * 27r^6} = \frac{48}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot 3r^2$$

$$\therefore \frac{(b^2 + c^2) \frac{\sin C}{\sin A} + (c^2 + a^2) \frac{\sin B}{\sin A}}{\sqrt{b^2 + c^2} \cdot \sin C + \sqrt{c^2 + a^2} \cdot \sin B} + \frac{(a^2 + b^2) \frac{\sin C}{\sin B} + (c^2 + a^2) \frac{\sin A}{\sin B}}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \cdot \sin C + \sqrt{c^2 + a^2} \cdot \sin A}$$

$$+ \frac{(a^2 + b^2) \frac{\sin B}{\sin C} + (b^2 + c^2) \frac{\sin A}{\sin C}}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \cdot \sin B + \sqrt{b^2 + c^2} \cdot \sin A} \geq 48\sqrt{3}r^2 \forall \Delta ABC,$$

" = " iff ΔABC is equilateral (QED)

2068.

In any non – obtuse ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

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$$r_a \leq 2R + r \leq \frac{R}{r} \cdot h_a$$

Proposed by Dang Ngoc Minh-Vietnam

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} r_a \leq 2R + r &\Leftrightarrow \frac{rs}{s-a} - \frac{rs}{s} \leq 2R \Leftrightarrow \frac{rs \cdot (s-s+a)}{s(s-a)} \leq 2R \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{4R \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2} \cdot 4R \cos \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{A}{2}}{4R \cos \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}} \leq 2R \Leftrightarrow \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \leq \frac{1}{2} \Leftrightarrow \sin \frac{A}{2} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{A}{2} \leq \frac{\pi}{4} \left(\because 0 < \frac{A}{2} < \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \Leftrightarrow A \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \rightarrow \text{true} \because \Delta ABC \text{ is non-obtuse} \therefore r_a \leq 2R + r \\ \text{Again, } 2R + r &\leq \frac{R}{r} \cdot h_a \Leftrightarrow R \left(\frac{2rs}{ra} - 2 \right) \geq r \Leftrightarrow \frac{2(s-a)}{a} \geq \frac{r}{R} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{8R \cos \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}}{4R \cos \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{A}{2}} \geq 4 \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2} \Leftrightarrow \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \leq \frac{1}{2} \Leftrightarrow \sin \frac{A}{2} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{A}{2} \leq \frac{\pi}{4} \left(\because 0 < \frac{A}{2} < \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \Leftrightarrow A \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \rightarrow \text{true} \because \Delta ABC \text{ is non-obtuse} \\ \therefore \frac{R}{r} \cdot h_a &\geq 2R + r \text{ and so, } r_a \leq 2R + r \leq \frac{R}{r} \cdot h_a \forall \text{ non-obtuse } \Delta ABC \\ &\text{"=" iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is right-angled at } \hat{A} \text{ (QED)} \end{aligned}$$

2069.

In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{r}{s} + \frac{s}{R} + \frac{R}{r} \geq \frac{36 + 29\sqrt{3}}{18}$$

Proposed by Dang Ngoc Minh-Vietnam

Solution 1 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{r}{s} + \frac{s}{R} &\stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic and Gerretsen + Euler}}{\geq} \frac{2r}{3\sqrt{3}R} + \frac{\sqrt{3(4Rr+r^2)}}{R} = \frac{2\sqrt{3}r}{9R} + \frac{\sqrt{3(4Rr+r^2)}}{R} \\ \therefore \text{it suffices to prove : } &\frac{2\sqrt{3}r}{9R} + \frac{\sqrt{3(4Rr+r^2)}}{R} + \frac{R}{r} \geq \frac{36 + 29\sqrt{3}}{18} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{R}{r} - 2 \geq \sqrt{3} \left(\frac{29}{18} - \frac{2r}{9R} - \sqrt{\frac{4r}{R} + \frac{r^2}{R^2}} \right) \\ &\Leftrightarrow t - 2 \stackrel{\textcircled{1}}{\geq} \sqrt{3} \left(\frac{29}{18} - \frac{2}{9t} - \sqrt{\frac{4}{t} + \frac{1}{t^2}} \right) \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right) \end{aligned}$$

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Let $f(t) = t - 2 - \sqrt{3} \left(\frac{29}{18} - \frac{2}{9t} - \sqrt{\frac{4}{t} + \frac{1}{t^2}} \right) \forall t \geq 2$ and then :

$$f'(t) = 1 - \sqrt{3} \left(\frac{2}{9t^2} + \frac{\frac{2}{t^2} + \frac{1}{t^3}}{\sqrt{\frac{4}{t} + \frac{1}{t^2}}} \right) \stackrel{\frac{1}{t^2} > 0}{>} 1 - \sqrt{3} \left(\frac{2}{9t^2} + \frac{\frac{2}{t^2} + \frac{1}{t^3}}{2\sqrt{\frac{1}{t}}} \right)$$

$$= 1 - \sqrt{3} \left(\frac{2}{9m^4} + \frac{\frac{2}{m^4} + \frac{1}{m^6}}{\frac{2}{m}} \right) \quad (m = \sqrt{t})$$

$$= 1 - \sqrt{3} \left(\frac{2}{9m^4} + \frac{1}{m^3} + \frac{1}{2m^5} \right) \stackrel{m = \sqrt{\frac{R}{r}} \geq \sqrt{2} \text{ via Euler}}{\geq} 1 - \sqrt{3} \left(\frac{2}{9 \cdot 4} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{8\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

$\approx 0.1383 > 0 \Rightarrow f'(t) > 0 \forall t \geq 2 \Rightarrow f(t)$ is \uparrow on $[2, \infty) \Rightarrow f(t) \geq f(2) = 0 \forall t \geq 2$

$$\therefore t - 2 \geq \sqrt{3} \left(\frac{29}{18} - \frac{2}{9t} - \sqrt{\frac{4}{t} + \frac{1}{t^2}} \right) \Rightarrow \textcircled{1} \text{ is true } \therefore \frac{r}{s} + \frac{s}{R} + \frac{R}{r} \geq \frac{36 + 29\sqrt{3}}{18}$$

$\forall \Delta ABC, '' = ''$ iff ΔABC is equilateral (QED)

Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

We have

$$\frac{r}{s} + \frac{s}{R} + \frac{R}{r} = \left(\frac{r}{s} + \frac{2s}{27R} + \frac{\sqrt{3}R}{18r} \right) + \frac{25}{18} \left(\frac{s}{3R} + \frac{s}{3R} + \frac{\sqrt{3}R}{4r} \right) + \frac{(72 - 29\sqrt{3})R}{72r}$$

$$\stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \frac{3}{\sqrt[3]{81\sqrt{3}}} + \frac{25}{18} \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{s^2}{12\sqrt{3}Rr}} + \frac{(72 - 29\sqrt{3})R}{72r}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Cosnita Turtoiu Euler}}{\geq} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} + \frac{25}{6} \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{27}{12\sqrt{3} \cdot 2}} + \frac{(72 - 29\sqrt{3}) \cdot 2}{72} = \frac{36 + 29\sqrt{3}}{18}$$

Equality holds iff ΔABC is equilateral.

2070. In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{R}{s} + \frac{s}{r} + \frac{r}{R} \geq \frac{9 + 58\sqrt{3}}{18}$$

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Solution 1 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{R}{s} + \frac{s}{r} - \frac{58\sqrt{3}}{18} \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic and Gerretsen + Euler}}{\geq} \frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}} + \frac{\sqrt{3(4Rr+r^2)}}{r} - \frac{29\sqrt{3}}{9} = \\
 & = \frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}} + \frac{3\sqrt{4Rr+r^2}}{\sqrt{3}r} - \frac{29}{3\sqrt{3}} = \frac{9\sqrt{4Rr+r^2} - 27r}{3\sqrt{3}r} = \frac{3\sqrt{4Rr+r^2} - 9r}{\sqrt{3}r} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{1}{2} - \frac{r}{R} \\
 & \Leftrightarrow \frac{9(4Rr+r^2) + 81r^2 - 54r\sqrt{4Rr+r^2}}{3r^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{(R-2r)^2}{4R^2} \\
 & \Leftrightarrow \frac{3(4R+r) + 27r}{r} - \frac{(R-2r)^2}{4R^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{18\sqrt{4Rr+r^2}}{r} \\
 & \Leftrightarrow \frac{(4R^2(12R+30r) - r(R-2r)^2)^2}{16R^4r^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{324(4Rr+r^2)}{r^2} \\
 & \left(\begin{aligned} & \because \frac{3(4R+r) + 27r}{r} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 54 > 1 \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} \frac{(R-2r)^2}{4R^2} \\ & \Rightarrow 4R^2(12R+30r) - r(R-2r)^2 > 0 \end{aligned} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2304t^6 - 9312t^5 + 9361t^4 + 568t^3 - 936t^2 - 32t + 16 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \quad \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (t-2)^2 \left((t-2)(2304t^3 + 4512t^2 + 8785t + 17566) + 35136 \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true}$$

$$\because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \therefore \frac{R}{s} + \frac{s}{r} - \frac{58\sqrt{3}}{18} \geq \frac{1}{2} - \frac{r}{R}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{R}{s} + \frac{s}{r} + \frac{r}{R} \geq \frac{9 + 58\sqrt{3}}{18} \quad \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$$

Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{R}{s} + \frac{s}{r} + \frac{r}{R} &= \left(\frac{R}{s} + \frac{2s}{27r} \right) + \left(\frac{r}{R} + \frac{\sqrt{3}s}{18r} + \frac{\sqrt{3}s}{18r} \right) + \frac{(25-3\sqrt{3})s}{27r} \\
 &\stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 2\sqrt{\frac{2R}{27r}} + 3\sqrt[3]{\frac{s^2}{108Rr}} + \frac{(25-3\sqrt{3})s}{27r} \\
 &\stackrel{\text{Cosnita-Turtoiu Euler and Mitrinovic}}{\geq} 2\sqrt{\frac{4}{27}} + 3\sqrt[3]{\frac{27}{108 \cdot 2}} + \frac{(25-3\sqrt{3}) \cdot 3\sqrt{3}}{27} = \frac{9 + 58\sqrt{3}}{18}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds iff $\triangle ABC$ is equilateral.

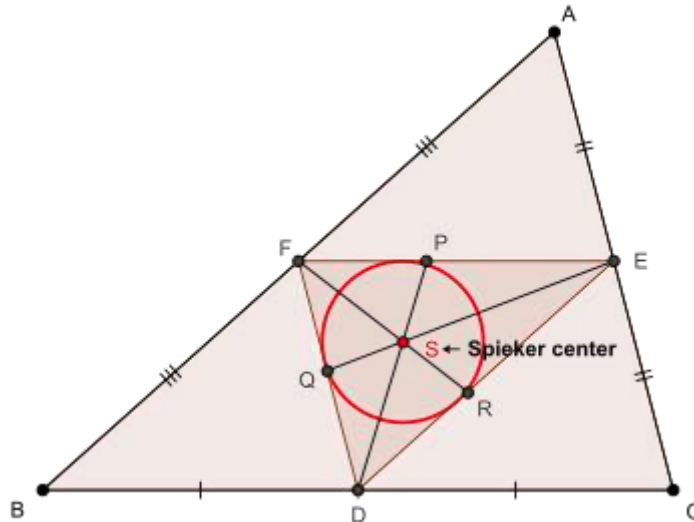
2071. In any $\triangle ABC$ with $p_a, p_b, p_c \rightarrow$

Spieker cevians, the following relationship holds :

$$p_a + p_b + p_c \geq \frac{9}{2} \cdot \sqrt{2Rr}$$

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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)

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

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

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

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

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \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} \\
 \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}{8Rrs} (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} \\
 &\quad \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}
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \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} \stackrel{8s}{\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{4s}{(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 \\
 &\quad \text{via (***) and (***)} \Rightarrow \frac{p_a(a+b+a+c)}{2AS} = 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 = \frac{2s}{(2s+a)^2} (b^3+c^3-abc+a(4m_a^2)) \Rightarrow p_a^2 - m_a^2 = \\
 &\quad \frac{2s}{(2s+a)^2} (b^3+c^3-abc+a(4m_a^2)) - m_a^2 \\
 &= \frac{2s}{(2s+a)^2} (b^3+c^3-abc) - \left(1 - \frac{8sa}{(2s+a)^2}\right) m_a^2 \\
 &= \frac{4(a+b+c)(b^3+c^3-abc) - (2b^2+2c^2-a^2)(b+c)^2}{4(2s+a)^2} \\
 &= \frac{a^2(b-c)^2 + 4a(b+c)(b-c)^2 + 2(b^2-c^2)^2}{4(2s+a)^2} \\
 &= \frac{(b-c)^2}{4(2s+a)^2} \left((a^2+2a(b+c)+(b+c)^2) + ((b+c)^2+2a(b+c)+a^2) - a^2 \right) \\
 &= \frac{(b-c)^2}{4(2s+a)^2} (2(a+b+c)^2 - a^2) = \frac{(b-c)^2(8s^2 - a^2)}{4(2s+a)^2} \\
 &\quad \therefore p_a^2 - m_a^2 \stackrel{(*)}{=} \frac{(b-c)^2(8s^2 - a^2)}{4(2s+a)^2} \\
 &\text{Now, } p_a - m_a \geq \frac{(b-c)^2}{2(2s+a)} \Leftrightarrow p_a^2 \geq m_a^2 + \frac{(b-c)^4}{4(2s+a)^2} + \frac{m_a \cdot (b-c)^2}{2s+a} \\
 &\quad \text{via } (*) \Leftrightarrow \frac{(b-c)^2(8s^2 - a^2 - (b-c)^2)}{4(2s+a)^2} \stackrel{(\blacksquare)}{\geq} \frac{m_a \cdot (b-c)^2}{2s+a} \\
 &\text{We note that : } 8s^2 - a^2 - (b-c)^2 > 8s^2 - 2a^2 > 0 \therefore (\blacksquare) \Leftrightarrow \\
 &\quad \frac{(8s^2 - a^2)^2 + (b-c)^4 - 2(8s^2 - a^2)(b-c)^2}{16(2s+a)^2} \\
 &\quad \geq \left(s(s-a) + \frac{(b-c)^2}{4} \right) (\because (b-c)^2 \geq 0) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow (8s^2 - a^2)^2 - 16s(s-a)(2s+a)^2 + (b-c)^4 -
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$2(b-c)^2(8s^2 - a^2 + 2(2s+a)^2) \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (b-c)^4 - 2(4s+a)^2(b-c)^2 + a^2(32s^2 + 16sa + a^2) \stackrel{(\blacksquare\blacksquare)}{\geq} 0$$

Now, $(\blacksquare\blacksquare)$ is a quadrilateral in $(b-c)^2$ with discriminant = $4(4s+a)^4 - 4a^2(32s^2 + 16sa + a^2) = 256s^2(2s+a)^2 \therefore$ in order to prove $(\blacksquare\blacksquare)$, it suffices to prove : $(b-c)^2 \leq \frac{2(4s+a)^2 - 16s(2s+a)}{2}$

$$= a^2 \rightarrow \text{true} \Rightarrow (\blacksquare\blacksquare) \Rightarrow (\blacksquare) \text{ is true} \therefore p_a - m_a \stackrel{(\bullet\bullet)}{\geq} \frac{(b-c)^2}{2(2s+a)} \text{ and analogs}$$

$$\text{Via Chu and Yang, } \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a \right)^2 \geq \frac{9s^2}{4} + \frac{7s^2}{4} - 28Rr + 29r^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \frac{9s^2}{4} + \frac{7(16Rr - 5r^2)}{4} - 28Rr + 29r^2 = \frac{9s^2}{4} + \left(29 - \frac{35}{4}\right)r^2 > \frac{9s^2}{4} \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a \stackrel{(\bullet\bullet\bullet)}{>} \frac{3s}{2}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(b-c)^2}{2(2s+a)} \stackrel{(m)}{=} \frac{4s^2(s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2) - s^2(s^2 - 14Rr + r^2) + r((2R-r)s^2 - r(4R+r)^2)}{s(9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2)}$$

$$= \frac{\sigma}{s(9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2)} \text{ (say) } \therefore (\bullet\bullet) \text{ and (m)} \Rightarrow$$

$$p_a + p_b + p_c \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a + \frac{\sigma}{s(9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2)} \Rightarrow (p_a + p_b + p_c)^2 \geq$$

$$\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a \right)^2 + \frac{\sigma^2}{s^2(9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2)^2} + \frac{2\sigma}{s(9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2)} \cdot \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a \right)$$

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via Chu and Yang, and (***)

$$\geq 4s^2 - 28Rr + 29r^2 + \frac{\sigma^2}{s^2(9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2)^2} + \frac{3\sigma}{9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2}$$

$$= \frac{s^2(4s^2 - 28Rr + 29r^2)(9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2)^2 + \sigma^2 + 3\sigma \cdot s^2(9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2)}{s^2(9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2)^2} \geq \frac{81Rr}{2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 828s^8 - (12237Rr - 3936r^2)s^6 - r^2(14668R^2 - 4462Rr - 1294r^2)s^4 - r^3(3460R^3 - 1980R^2r - 1051Rr^2 - 108r^3)s^2 + 2r^4(4R + r)^4 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

Now, $T = 828(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^4 + (40755Rr - 12624r^2)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^3 + r^2(669764R^2 - 417935Rr + 66454r^2)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2 + 4r^3(923775R^3 - 882507R^2r + 291296Rr^2 - 32908r^3)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)$

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$\geq 0 \therefore$ in order to prove (1), it suffices to prove : LHS of (1) $\geq T$

$$\Leftrightarrow 9200t^4 - 32755t^3 + 34842t^2 - 13060t + 1592 \geq 0 \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(t - 2) \left((t - 2)(9200t^2 + 4045t + 14222) + 27648 \right) \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \Rightarrow \text{(1) is true}$$

$$\Rightarrow (p_a + p_b + p_c)^2 \geq \frac{81Rr}{2} \therefore p_a + p_b + p_c \geq \frac{9}{2} \cdot \sqrt{2Rr}$$

$\forall \Delta ABC$, with equality iff ΔABC is equilateral (QED)

2072. In any ΔABC the following relationship holds :

$$(R + s + r) \left(\frac{1}{R} + \frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{r} \right) \geq \frac{33 + 29\sqrt{3}}{6}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{R}{s} + \frac{s}{r} - \frac{58\sqrt{3}}{18} \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic and Gerretsen + Euler}}{\geq} \frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}} + \frac{\sqrt{3(4Rr + r^2)}}{r} - \frac{29\sqrt{3}}{9} \\ & = \frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}} + \frac{3 \cdot \sqrt{4Rr + r^2}}{\sqrt{3}r} - \frac{29}{3\sqrt{3}} = \frac{9 \cdot \sqrt{4Rr + r^2} - 27r}{3\sqrt{3}r} = \frac{3 \cdot \sqrt{4Rr + r^2} - 9r}{\sqrt{3}r} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{1}{2} - \frac{r}{R} \\ & \Leftrightarrow \frac{9(4Rr + r^2) + 81r^2 - 54r \cdot \sqrt{4Rr + r^2}}{3r^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{(R - 2r)^2}{4R^2} \\ & \Leftrightarrow \frac{3(4R + r) + 27r}{r} - \frac{(R - 2r)^2}{4R^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{18 \cdot \sqrt{4Rr + r^2}}{r} \\ & \Leftrightarrow \frac{(4R^2(12R + 30r) - r(R - 2r)^2)^2}{16R^4r^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{324(4Rr + r^2)r^2}{r^2} \\ & \left(\begin{aligned} & \because \frac{3(4R + r) + 27r}{r} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 54 > 1 \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} \frac{(R - 2r)^2}{4R^2} \\ & \Rightarrow 4R^2(12R + 30r) - r(R - 2r)^2 > 0 \end{aligned} \right) \\ & \Leftrightarrow 2304t^6 - 9312t^5 + 9361t^4 + 568t^3 - 936t^2 - 32t + 16 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow (t-2)^2 \left((t-2)(2304t^3 + 4512t^2 + 8785t + 17566) + 35136 \right) \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{true}$$

$$\because t \geq 2 \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\therefore} \frac{R}{s} + \frac{s}{r} - \frac{58\sqrt{3}}{18} \geq \frac{1}{2} - \frac{r}{R} \Rightarrow \frac{R}{s} + \frac{s}{r} + \frac{r}{R} \geq \frac{9 + 58\sqrt{3}}{18} \rightarrow \text{(i)}$$

$$\text{Again, } \frac{r}{s} + \frac{s}{R} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen + Euler}}{\geq} \frac{2r}{3\sqrt{3}R} + \frac{\sqrt{3(4Rr + r^2)}}{R} = \frac{2\sqrt{3}r}{9R} + \frac{\sqrt{3(4Rr + r^2)}}{R}$$

$$\therefore \text{ in order to prove } : \frac{r}{s} + \frac{s}{R} + \frac{R}{r} \geq \frac{36 + 29\sqrt{3}}{18}, \text{ it suffices to prove :}$$

$$\frac{2\sqrt{3}r}{9R} + \frac{\sqrt{3(4Rr + r^2)}}{R} + \frac{R}{r} \geq \frac{36 + 29\sqrt{3}}{18} \Leftrightarrow \frac{R}{r} - 2 \geq \sqrt{3} \left(\frac{29}{18} - \frac{2r}{9R} - \sqrt{\frac{4r}{R} + \frac{r^2}{R^2}} \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow t - 2 \stackrel{\textcircled{1}}{\geq} \sqrt{3} \left(\frac{29}{18} - \frac{2}{9t} - \sqrt{\frac{4}{t} + \frac{1}{t^2}} \right) \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right)$$

$$\text{Let } f(t) = t - 2 - \sqrt{3} \left(\frac{29}{18} - \frac{2}{9t} - \sqrt{\frac{4}{t} + \frac{1}{t^2}} \right) \forall t \geq 2 \text{ and then :}$$

$$f'(t) = 1 - \sqrt{3} \left(\frac{2}{9t^2} + \frac{\frac{2}{t^2} + \frac{1}{t^3}}{\sqrt{\frac{4}{t} + \frac{1}{t^2}}} \right) \stackrel{\frac{1}{t^2} > 0}{>} 1 - \sqrt{3} \left(\frac{2}{9t^2} + \frac{\frac{2}{t^2} + \frac{1}{t^3}}{2\sqrt{\frac{1}{t}}} \right)$$

$$= 1 - \sqrt{3} \left(\frac{2}{9m^4} + \frac{\frac{2}{m^4} + \frac{1}{m^6}}{\frac{2}{m}} \right) \quad (m = \sqrt{t})$$

$$= 1 - \sqrt{3} \left(\frac{2}{9m^4} + \frac{1}{m^3} + \frac{1}{2m^5} \right) \stackrel{m = \sqrt{\frac{R}{r}} \geq \sqrt{2} \text{ via Euler}}{\geq} 1 - \sqrt{3} \left(\frac{2}{9 \cdot 4} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{8\sqrt{2}} \right) \approx 0.1383 > 0 \Rightarrow f'(t) > 0 \forall t \geq 2 \Rightarrow f(t) \text{ is } \uparrow \text{ on } [2, \infty) \Rightarrow f(t) \geq f(2) = 0 \forall t \geq 2$$

$$\therefore t - 2 \geq \sqrt{3} \left(\frac{29}{18} - \frac{2}{9t} - \sqrt{\frac{4}{t} + \frac{1}{t^2}} \right) \Rightarrow \textcircled{1} \text{ is true } \therefore \frac{r}{s} + \frac{s}{R} + \frac{R}{r} \geq \frac{36 + 29\sqrt{3}}{18} \rightarrow \text{(ii)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We have : } (R + s + r) \left(\frac{1}{R} + \frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{r} \right) &= 3 + \frac{R}{s} + \frac{R}{r} + \frac{s}{R} + \frac{s}{r} + \frac{r}{R} + \frac{r}{s} \\ &= 3 + \frac{R}{s} + \frac{s}{r} + \frac{r}{R} + \frac{r}{s} + \frac{s}{R} + \frac{R}{r} \stackrel{\text{via (i) + (ii)}}{\geq} 3 + \frac{9 + 58\sqrt{3}}{18} + \frac{36 + 29\sqrt{3}}{18} \\ &= \frac{33 + 29\sqrt{3}}{6} \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

We have

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$$\begin{aligned}
 (R + s + r) \left(\frac{1}{R} + \frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{r} \right) &= \frac{R}{r} + \frac{r}{R} + (R + r) \left(\frac{s}{Rr} + \frac{1}{s} \right) + 3 = \\
 &= \frac{3R}{4r} + \left(\frac{R}{4r} + \frac{r}{R} \right) + (R + r) \left(\frac{25s}{27Rr} + \left(\frac{2s}{27Rr} + \frac{1}{s} \right) \right) + 3 \geq \\
 &\stackrel{\substack{\text{Cosnita-Turtoiu} \\ \text{Euler and AM-GM}}}{\geq} \frac{3}{2} + 1 + 3 \sqrt{\frac{Rr}{2}} \cdot \left(\frac{25}{27Rr} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{27Rr}{2}} + 2 \sqrt{\frac{2}{27Rr}} \right) + 3 = \\
 &= \frac{33 + 29\sqrt{3}}{6}
 \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds iff $\triangle ABC$ is equilateral.

2073. In any acute $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds :

$$\prod_{cyc} \left(\frac{1}{r_b r_c - r r_a} + \frac{1}{r_c r_a - r r_b} - \frac{1}{r_a r_b + r r_c} \right) \geq \frac{27}{(abc)^2}$$

Proposed by Dang Ngoc Minh-Vietnam

Solution by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

$$\begin{aligned}
 r_b r_c - r r_a &= \frac{F^2}{(s-b)(s-c)} - \frac{r \cdot sr}{s-a} = s(s-a) - (s-b)(s-c) = \\
 &= \frac{(b+c)^2 - a^2}{4} - \frac{a^2 - (b-c)^2}{4} = \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2} \\
 r_b r_c + r r_a &= \frac{F^2}{(s-b)(s-c)} + \frac{r \cdot sr}{s-a} = s(s-a) + (s-b)(s-c) = \\
 &= 2s^2 - s(a+b+c) + bc = bc
 \end{aligned}$$

Let $2x := b^2 + c^2 - a^2 \geq 0$, $2y := c^2 + a^2 - b^2 \geq 0$, $2z := a^2 + b^2 - c^2 \geq 0$

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{r_b r_c - r r_a} + \frac{1}{r_c r_a - r r_b} - \frac{1}{r_a r_b + r r_c} &= \frac{2}{b^2 + c^2 - a^2} + \frac{2}{c^2 + a^2 - b^2} - \frac{1}{ab} = \\
 &= \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{(z+x)(z+y)}} = \\
 &= \frac{(x+y)\sqrt{(z+x)(z+y)} - xy}{xy\sqrt{(z+x)(z+y)}} \stackrel{\substack{\text{AM-GM} \\ \& \text{CBS}}}{\geq} \frac{2\sqrt{xy} \cdot (z + \sqrt{xy}) - xy}{xy\sqrt{(z+x)(z+y)}} = \\
 &= \frac{2z + \sqrt{xy}}{\sqrt{xy(z+x)(z+y)}} \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} \frac{3\sqrt[3]{z^2\sqrt{xy}}}{\sqrt{xy(z+x)(z+y)}}
 \end{aligned}$$

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Therefore

$$\prod_{cyc} \left(\frac{1}{r_b r_c - r r_a} + \frac{1}{r_c r_a - r r_b} - \frac{1}{r_a r_b + r r_c} \right) \geq \prod_{cyc} \frac{3^3 \sqrt{z^2 \sqrt{xy}}}{\sqrt{xy(z+x)(z+y)}} =$$

$$= \frac{27}{(x+y)(y+z)(z+x)} = \frac{27}{(abc)^2}$$

Equality holds iff $\triangle ABC$ is equilateral.

2074. In any $\triangle ABC$ with $n_a, n_b, n_c \rightarrow$

Nagel cevians, the following relationship holds :

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

Proposed by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } n_a - m_a &\stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{(b-c)^2 \text{ via } (*)}{2a} \Leftrightarrow s(s-a) + \frac{s}{a} \cdot (b-c)^2 - s(s-a) - \frac{(b-c)^2}{4} \\ &\stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{(b-c)^4}{4a^2} + m_a \cdot \frac{(b-c)^2}{a} \Leftrightarrow \frac{4s-a}{4} - \frac{(b-c)^2}{4a} \stackrel{?}{\geq} m_a \quad (\because (b-c)^2 \geq 0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } \frac{4s-a}{4} - \frac{(b-c)^2}{4a} &> \frac{4s-a}{4} - \frac{a^2}{4a} = \frac{4s-2a}{4} > 0 \therefore \textcircled{1} \Leftrightarrow \\ &\frac{(a(4s-a) - (b-c)^2)^2}{16a^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} s(s-a) + \frac{(b-c)^2}{4} \end{aligned}$$

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

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

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 : $(b-c)^2 \leq \frac{8sa + 2a^2 - \sqrt{64a^2s^2}}{2} \Leftrightarrow a^2 \geq (b-c)^2 \rightarrow$ true

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

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

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

$$= as^2 - 2a \cdot \frac{2F}{a} \cdot \frac{F}{s-a} \Rightarrow n_a^2 = s^2 - 2h_a r_a = s^2 - 2 \cdot \frac{2rs^2 \tan \frac{A}{2}}{4R \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \tan \frac{A}{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow n_a^2 = s^2 - \frac{rs^2}{R} \cdot \sec^2 \frac{A}{2} \text{ and analogs } \Rightarrow \frac{n_a^2 + n_b^2 + n_c^2 - s^2}{2s}$$

$$= \frac{3s^2 - \frac{rs^2}{R} \cdot \frac{s^2 + (4R+r)^2}{s^2} - s^2}{2s} = \frac{(2R-r)s^2 - r(4R+r)^2}{2Rs} \stackrel{\text{via (m)}}{=}$$

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(b-c)^2}{2a} \stackrel{\text{via (l)}}{\leq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} (n_a - m_a) \therefore n_a + n_b + n_c \geq m_a + m_b + m_c$$

$$+ \frac{n_a^2 + n_b^2 + n_c^2 - s^2}{2s} \forall \Delta ABC, \text{ with equality iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$$

2075. In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{m_a w_a}{r_a h_a} \geq \frac{r}{R - r + \sqrt{R(R - 2r)}}$$

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Using the known inequality $m_a \geq \frac{b+c}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}$, we have:

$$\frac{m_a w_a}{r_a h_a} \geq \frac{bc \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}}{r_a h_a} = \frac{s(s-a) \cdot (s-a)a}{2F^2} = \frac{(s-a)^2 a}{2sr^2}.$$

So it suffices to prove that :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(s-a)^2 a}{2sr^2} &\geq \frac{r}{R-r+\sqrt{R(R-2r)}} = \frac{2r}{(\sqrt{R}+\sqrt{R-2r})^2} \\ \Leftrightarrow 2\sqrt{sr}(\sqrt{R}+\sqrt{R-2r}) &\geq \frac{2\sqrt{sr} \cdot 2\sqrt{sr^3}}{(s-a)\sqrt{a}} \Leftrightarrow \sqrt{abc} + \sqrt{abc-8sr^2} \geq \frac{4sr^2}{(s-a)\sqrt{a}} \\ \Leftrightarrow \sqrt{abc-8sr^2} &\geq \frac{4sr^2}{(s-a)\sqrt{a}} - \sqrt{abc}. \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

If $RHS_{(1)} \leq 0$, the inequality (1) is true. Assume now that $RHS_{(1)} \geq 0$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \Leftrightarrow -8sr^2 &\geq \frac{16(sr^2)^2}{a(s-a)^2} - \frac{8sr^2\sqrt{bc}}{(s-a)} \Leftrightarrow \sqrt{bc} \geq \frac{2sr^2}{a(s-a)} + s-a \\ &= \frac{2(s-b)(s-c)}{a} + s-a. \end{aligned}$$

By CBS and HM – GM inequalities, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{bc} &= \sqrt{[(s-c) + (s-a)][(s-b) + (s-a)]} \geq \sqrt{(s-b)(s-c)} + s-a = \\ &\geq \frac{2(s-b)(s-c)}{(s-b) + (s-c)} + s-a = \frac{2(s-b)(s-c)}{a} + s-a \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof. Equality holds iff $b = c \leq a$.

2076. In any ΔABC with $n_a, n_b, n_c \rightarrow$

Nagel cevians, the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{n_a - m_a}{h_a} + \frac{n_b - m_b}{h_b} + \frac{n_c - m_c}{h_c} \geq \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca}{2F}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } n_a - m_a &\stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{(b-c)^2 \text{ via } (*)}{2a} \Leftrightarrow s(s-a) + \frac{s}{a} \cdot (b-c)^2 - s(s-a) - \frac{(b-c)^2}{4} \\ &\stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{(b-c)^4}{4a^2} + m_a \cdot \frac{(b-c)^2}{a} \Leftrightarrow \frac{4s-a}{4} - \frac{(b-c)^2}{4a} \stackrel{?}{\geq} m_a \quad (\because (b-c)^2 \geq 0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } \frac{4s-a}{4} - \frac{(b-c)^2}{4a} &> \frac{4s-a}{4} - \frac{a^2}{4a} = \frac{4s-2a}{4} > 0 \therefore \textcircled{1} \Leftrightarrow \\ &\frac{(a(4s-a) - (b-c)^2)^2}{16a^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} s(s-a) + \frac{(b-c)^2}{4} \end{aligned}$$

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

Now, LHS of $\textcircled{2}$ 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 $\textcircled{2}$,

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

$$\Rightarrow \textcircled{2} \Rightarrow \textcircled{1} \text{ is true } \therefore n_a - m_a \geq \frac{(b-c)^2}{2a} \Rightarrow \frac{n_a - m_a}{h_a} \geq \frac{a(b-c)^2}{2a \cdot 2F}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n_a - m_a}{h_a} \geq \frac{(b-c)^2}{4F} \text{ and analogs}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n_a - m_a}{h_a} + \frac{n_b - m_b}{h_b} + \frac{n_c - m_c}{h_c} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(b-c)^2}{4F}$$

$$= \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca}{2F} \forall \Delta ABC, \text{ with equality iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$$

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2077. In any $\triangle ABC$, for $\alpha \leq \frac{17+15\sqrt{3}}{5}$ and $\beta = (2 + 3\sqrt{3} + \alpha) \cdot 3^{\frac{-3}{4}}$. Prove that:

$$R + s + \alpha r \geq \beta \sqrt{F}$$

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Solution by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

The desired inequality is equivalent to

$$R + s \geq (2 + 3\sqrt{3}) \sqrt{\frac{F}{3\sqrt{3}}} + \alpha \left(\sqrt{\frac{F}{3\sqrt{3}}} - r \right)$$

Since $s \geq 3\sqrt{3}r$, then $\sqrt{\frac{F}{3\sqrt{3}}} - r \geq 0$, so it suffices to prove that

$$R + s \geq (2 + 3\sqrt{3}) \sqrt{\frac{F}{3\sqrt{3}}} + \frac{17 + 15\sqrt{3}}{5} \cdot \left(\sqrt{\frac{F}{3\sqrt{3}}} - r \right) \text{ or}$$

$$R + \left(\sqrt{s} - \sqrt{3\sqrt{3}r} \right)^2 + \frac{17}{5} r \geq \frac{27}{5} \sqrt{\frac{F}{3\sqrt{3}}}$$

$$\text{or } R + \frac{17}{5} r \geq \frac{27}{5} \sqrt{\frac{F}{3\sqrt{3}}} \text{ or } (5R + 17r)^4 \geq 27^3 s^2 r^2.$$

By Gerretsen's inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 27^3 s^2 r^2 &\leq \\ &\leq 27^3 (4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) r^2 \\ &= (5R + 17r)^4 - (R - 2r)^2 (625R^2 + 11000Rr + 6118r^2) \leq \\ &\leq (5R + 17r)^4. \end{aligned}$$

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Equality holds iff ΔABC is equilateral.

2078. In ΔABC the following relationship holds:

$$m_a \cot \frac{A}{2} + m_b \cot \frac{B}{2} + m_c \cot \frac{C}{2} \geq \frac{2s^3}{9Rr}$$

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Solution by Tapas Das-India

$$\begin{aligned} m_a \cot \frac{A}{2} + m_b \cot \frac{B}{2} + m_c \cot \frac{C}{2} &= \sum m_a \cot \frac{A}{2} \stackrel{m_a \geq \sqrt{s(s-a)}}{\geq} \\ &\geq \sum \sqrt{s(s-a)} \sqrt{\frac{s(s-a)}{(s-b)(s-c)}} = \sum \frac{s(s-a)}{\sqrt{(s-b)(s-c)}} = \\ &= s \sum \frac{(s-a)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\sqrt{(s-b)(s-a)(s-c)}} = \frac{s}{\sqrt{sr^2}} \sum (s-a)^{\frac{3}{2}} = \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{s}}{r} \sum (s-a)^{\frac{3}{2}} \stackrel{CBS}{\geq} \frac{\sqrt{s} (\sum (s-a))^{\frac{3}{2}}}{r} = \frac{\sqrt{s} (s)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{r} = \frac{s^2}{r\sqrt{3}} \\ &= \frac{s^3}{rs\sqrt{3}} \stackrel{Mitrinovic}{\geq} \frac{s^3}{\frac{r3\sqrt{3}R}{2}\sqrt{3}} = \frac{2s^3}{9Rr} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for an equilateral triangle.

2079. In ΔABC , $b^2 + bc + c^2 \leq a^2$. Prove that :

$$\frac{9r}{4R} < \frac{h_a + h_b + h_c}{r_a + r_b + r_c} < \frac{18}{25}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{9r}{4R} < \frac{h_a + h_b + h_c}{r_a + r_b + r_c} &\Leftrightarrow \frac{9r}{4R} < \frac{ab + bc + ca}{2R(4R + r)} \Leftrightarrow 9 \cdot 4r(4R + r) < 8(ab + bc + ca) \\ &\Leftrightarrow 9[2(ab + bc + ca) - (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)] < 8(ab + bc + ca) \\ &\Leftrightarrow 0 < 5(b + c - a)^2 + 4(a^2 - b^2 - bc - c^2) + 8(b - c)^2, \end{aligned}$$

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which is true. ($\because b + c - a > 0$)

$$\frac{h_a + h_b + h_c}{r_a + r_b + r_c} < \frac{18}{25} \Leftrightarrow 25 \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right) < 18 \left(\frac{1}{b+c-a} + \frac{1}{c+a-b} + \frac{1}{a+b-c} \right)$$

$$\stackrel{CBS}{\Leftrightarrow} 25 \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right) < 18 \left(\frac{1}{b+c-a} + \frac{4}{2a} \right) \Leftrightarrow 25 \left(\frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right) < \frac{18}{b+c-a} + \frac{11}{a}.$$

Since $bc \geq (b+c)^2 - a^2 > 0$, it suffices to prove that

$$\frac{25(b+c)}{(b+c)^2 - a^2} < \frac{18}{b+c-a} + \frac{11}{a} \stackrel{x := \frac{b+c}{a} > 1}{\Leftrightarrow} \frac{25x}{x^2 - 1} < \frac{18}{x-1} + 11 \Leftrightarrow 0 < 11x^2 - 7x + 7,$$

which is true for $x > 1$. So the proof is complete.

2080. In any $\triangle ABC$ with $n_a, n_b, n_c \rightarrow$

Nagel cevians, the following relationship holds :

$$n_a + n_b + n_c \geq m_a + m_b + m_c + \frac{1}{2}(s - 3\sqrt{3}r)$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } n_a - m_a &\stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{(b-c)^2 \text{ via } (*)}{2a} \Leftrightarrow s(s-a) + \frac{s}{a} \cdot (b-c)^2 - s(s-a) - \frac{(b-c)^2}{4} \\ &\stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{(b-c)^4}{4a^2} + m_a \cdot \frac{(b-c)^2}{a} \Leftrightarrow \frac{4s-a}{4} - \frac{(b-c)^2}{4a} \stackrel{?}{\geq} m_a \quad (\because (b-c)^2 \geq 0) \end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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 : $(b-c)^2 \leq \frac{8sa + 2a^2 - \sqrt{64a^2s^2}}{2} \Leftrightarrow a^2 \geq (b-c)^2 \rightarrow$ true

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

$$\text{Now, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(b-c)^2}{a} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b^2 + c^2 + a^2}{a} - \sum_{\text{cyc}} a - \frac{2}{4Rrs} \sum_{\text{yc}} b^2c^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{4Rrs} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) - \frac{8Rrs^2}{4Rrs} - \frac{2}{4Rrs} \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right)^2 - 16Rrs^2 \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4Rrs} \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) + 24Rrs^2 \right)$$

$$= \frac{2(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2 - (s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)) + 24Rrs^2}{4Rrs}$$

$$= \frac{(2R-r)s^2 - r(4R+r)^2}{Rs} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(b-c)^2}{a}$$

$$\therefore (m) \text{ and } (n) \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} (n_a - m_a) \geq \frac{(2R-r)s^2 - r(4R+r)^2}{2Rs} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{1}{2}(s - 3\sqrt{3}r)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (R-r)s^2 + 3\sqrt{3}Rrs - r(4R+r)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \quad (*)$$

We have, via Mitrinovic : LHS of (*) $\geq (R-r)s^2 + 2rs^2 - r(4R+r)^2$
 $= (R+r)s^2 - r(4R+r)^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (R+r)(16Rr - 5r^2) - r(4R+r)^2$
 $= 3r^2(R-2r) \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 0 \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true } \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} (n_a - m_a) \geq \frac{1}{2}(s - 3\sqrt{3}r)$

$\therefore n_a + n_b + n_c \geq m_a + m_b + m_c + \frac{1}{2}(s - 3\sqrt{3}r) \forall \Delta ABC,$
 with equality iff ΔABC is equilateral (QED)

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2081.

In any $\triangle ABC$, for $k = \frac{\sqrt[4]{3}(373\sqrt{3} + 1323)}{1794}$, prove that:

$$\frac{1}{R+s} + \frac{1}{s+r} + \frac{1}{r+R} \leq \frac{k}{\sqrt{F}}$$

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We have

$$\begin{aligned} R+s &= \sqrt{R \cdot R} + \sqrt{s \cdot s} \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic \& Euler}}{\geq} \sqrt{\frac{2s}{3\sqrt{3}} \cdot 2r} + \sqrt{s \cdot 3\sqrt{3}r} = \frac{(2+3\sqrt{3})\sqrt{F}}{\sqrt[4]{27}}. \\ s+r &= \frac{s}{3\sqrt{3}} + r + \frac{3\sqrt{3}-1}{3\sqrt{3}}\sqrt{s \cdot s} \stackrel{\text{AM-GM \& Mitrinovic}}{\geq} 2\sqrt{\frac{sr}{3\sqrt{3}}} + \frac{3\sqrt{3}-1}{3\sqrt{3}}\sqrt{s \cdot 3\sqrt{3}rs} \\ &= \frac{(1+3\sqrt{3})\sqrt{F}}{\sqrt[4]{27}}. \\ r+R &\stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\geq} r + \frac{2s}{3\sqrt{3}} = r + \frac{s}{3\sqrt{3}} + \sqrt{\frac{s \cdot s}{27}} \stackrel{\text{AM-GM \& Mitrinovic}}{\geq} 2\sqrt{\frac{sr}{3\sqrt{3}}} + \sqrt{\frac{sr}{3\sqrt{3}}} = \sqrt{\sqrt{3}F}. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\frac{1}{R+s} + \frac{1}{s+r} + \frac{1}{r+R} \leq \frac{\sqrt[4]{27}}{(2+3\sqrt{3})\sqrt{F}} + \frac{\sqrt[4]{27}}{(1+3\sqrt{3})\sqrt{F}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sqrt{3}F}} = \frac{k}{\sqrt{F}}.$$

Equality holds iff $\triangle ABC$ is equilateral.

2082. In any $\triangle ABC$, the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{R-r-\sqrt{R(R-2r)}}{r} \leq \frac{r_a}{h_a} \leq \frac{R-r+\sqrt{R(R-2r)}}{r}$$

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$$\frac{r_a}{h_a} + 1 = \frac{rpa}{2rp(p-a)} + 1 \quad (p \rightarrow \text{semi-perimeter}) = \frac{a}{b+c-a} + 1$$

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$$= \frac{b+c}{2(p-a)} = \frac{4R \cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B-C}{2}}{8R \cos \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}} \Rightarrow \frac{r_a}{h_a} + 1 \stackrel{\textcircled{1}}{=} \frac{c}{c-s}$$

$$\left(\text{where } c = \cos \frac{B-C}{2}, s = \sin \frac{A}{2} \right)$$

$$\text{Again, } \frac{R \pm \sqrt{R(R-2r)}}{r} = \frac{1}{4 \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}} + \frac{R \cdot \sqrt{1-4sc+4s^2}}{4R \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}}$$

$$\therefore \frac{R \pm \sqrt{R(R-2r)}}{r} \stackrel{\textcircled{2}}{=} \frac{1}{2s(c-s)} \pm \frac{\sqrt{1-4sc+4s^2}}{2s(c-s)}$$

$$\text{Now, } \textcircled{1} \text{ and } \textcircled{2} \Rightarrow \frac{r_a}{h_a} \leq \frac{R-r+\sqrt{R(R-2r)}}{r} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{c}{c-s} \leq \frac{1}{2s(c-s)} + \frac{\sqrt{1-4sc+4s^2}}{2s(c-s)} \Leftrightarrow \frac{2sc-1}{2s(c-s)} \leq \frac{\sqrt{1-4sc+4s^2}}{2s(c-s)} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$2sc-1 \stackrel{(*)}{\leq} \sqrt{1-4sc+4s^2} \left(\because c-s = \frac{b+c}{a} \cdot \sin \frac{A}{2} - \sin \frac{A}{2} = \frac{b+c-a}{a} \cdot \sin \frac{A}{2} > 0 \right)$$

and if $2sc-1 < 0$, then : (*) is trivially true and so, we now focus on :

$$2sc-1 \geq 0 \text{ and then : } (*) \Leftrightarrow 4s^2c^2 - 4sc + 1 \leq 1 - 4sc + 4s^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4s^2(c^2 - 1) \leq 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because c^2 = \cos^2 \frac{B-C}{2} \leq 1 \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true } \forall \Delta ABC$$

$$\therefore \frac{r_a}{h_a} \leq \frac{R-r+\sqrt{R(R-2r)}}{r}$$

$$\text{Also, } \textcircled{1} \text{ and } \textcircled{2} \Rightarrow \frac{r_a}{h_a} \geq \frac{R-r-\sqrt{R(R-2r)}}{r} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{c}{c-s} \geq \frac{1}{2s(c-s)} - \frac{\sqrt{1-4sc+4s^2}}{2s(c-s)} \Leftrightarrow \frac{\sqrt{1-4sc+4s^2}}{2s(c-s)} \geq \frac{1-2sc}{2s(c-s)}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sqrt{1-4sc+4s^2} \stackrel{(**)}{\geq} 1-2sc \text{ and if } 1-2sc < 0, \text{ then : } (**) \text{ is trivially true}$$

and so, we now focus on : $1-2sc \geq 0$ and then : (**)

$$1-4sc+4s^2 \geq 4s^2c^2 - 4sc + 1 \Leftrightarrow 4s^2(1-c^2) \geq 0$$

$$\rightarrow \text{true} \because c^2 = \cos^2 \frac{B-C}{2} \leq 1 \Rightarrow (**) \text{ is true } \forall \Delta ABC$$

$$\therefore \frac{r_a}{h_a} \geq \frac{R-r-\sqrt{R(R-2r)}}{r} \text{ and hence,}$$

$$\frac{R-r-\sqrt{R(R-2r)}}{r} \leq \frac{r_a}{h_a} \leq \frac{R-r+\sqrt{R(R-2r)}}{r} \forall \Delta ABC \text{ (QED)}$$

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We have $\frac{r_a}{h_a} = \frac{a}{2(s-a)} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{s}{s-a} - 1 \right)$
 $= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{r_a}{r} - 1 \right)$, so the desired inequality is equivalent to

$$2R - r - 2\sqrt{R(R-2r)} \leq r_a \leq 2R - r + 2\sqrt{R(R-2r)}.$$

We have

$$4 \leq (r_b + r_c) \left(\frac{1}{r_b} + \frac{1}{r_c} \right) = (4R + r - r_a) \left(\frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{r_a} \right) \Leftrightarrow 4rr_a \leq (4R + r - r_a)(r_a - r)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow r_a^2 - 2(2R - r)r_a + r(4R + r) \leq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (r_a - 2R + r + 2\sqrt{R(R-2r)}) (r_a - 2R + r - 2\sqrt{R(R-2r)}) \leq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2R - r - 2\sqrt{R(R-2r)} \leq r_a \leq 2R - r + 2\sqrt{R(R-2r)}.$$

which completes the proof. Equality holds iff $b = c$.

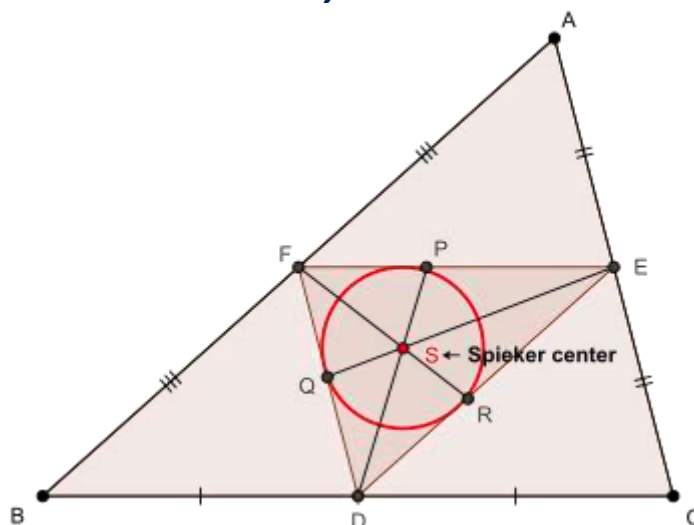
2083. In any $\triangle ABC$ with $p_a, p_b, p_c \rightarrow$

Spieker cevians, the following relationship holds :

$$0 \leq \frac{p_a - w_a}{a} + \frac{p_b - w_b}{b} + \frac{p_c - w_c}{c} < \frac{4}{3}$$

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Let AS produced meet BC at X and $m(\angle BAX) = \alpha$ and $m(\angle CAX) = \beta$ (say)

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and inradius of $\triangle DEF = r'$ (say)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Via sine law on } \triangle AFS, & \frac{r}{2 \sin \frac{C}{2} \sin \alpha} = \frac{AS}{\cos \frac{A-B}{2}} = \frac{4s}{(a+b) \sin \frac{C}{2}} \\
 \Rightarrow c \sin \alpha & \stackrel{(***)}{=} \frac{r(a+b)}{2AS} \text{ and via sine law on } \triangle AES, b \sin \beta \stackrel{(***)}{=} \frac{r(a+c)}{2AS}
 \end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now, } b^3+c^3-abc+a(4m_a^2) &= b^3+c^3-abc+a(2b^2+2c^2-a^2) \\
 &= (b+c)(b^2-bc+c^2) + a(b^2-bc+c^2) + a(b^2+c^2-a^2) \\
 &= 2s(b^2-bc+c^2) + a(b^2-bc+c^2+bc-a^2) \\
 &= (2s+a)(b^2-bc+c^2) + a \left(\frac{(b+c)^2 - (b-c)^2}{4} - a^2 \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (2s + a)(b^2 - bc + c^2) + \frac{a(b + c + 2a)(b + c - 2a)}{4} - \frac{a(b - c)^2}{4} \\
 &= (2s + a)(b^2 - bc + c^2) + \frac{a(2s - a + 2a)(b + c - 2a)}{4} - \frac{a(b - c)^2}{4} \\
 &= (2s + a) \cdot \frac{4b^2 + 4c^2 - 4bc + a(b + c - 2a)}{4} - \frac{a(b - c)^2}{4} \\
 &= (2s + a).
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{4(z + x)^2 + 4(x + y)^2 - 4(z + x)(x + y) + (y + z)((z + x) + (x + y) - 2(y + z))}{4}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &- \frac{a(b - c)^2}{4} \quad (a = y + z, b = z + x, c = x + y) \\
 &= (2s + a) \cdot \frac{4x(x + y + z) + 2x(y + z) + 3(y - z)^2}{4} - \frac{a(b - c)^2}{4} \\
 &= (2s + a) \left(s(s - a) + \frac{3}{4}(b - c)^2 + \frac{a(s - a)}{2} \right) - \frac{a(b - c)^2}{4} \\
 &= (2s + a) \left(s(s - a) + \frac{3}{4}(b - c)^2 + \frac{a(s - a)}{2} \right) - \frac{(a + 2s - 2s)(b - c)^2}{4} \\
 &= (2s + a) \left(s(s - a) + \frac{(b - c)^2}{2} + \frac{a(s - a)}{2} \right) + \frac{s(b - c)^2}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore (\bullet), (\bullet\bullet) \Rightarrow p_a^2 &= \frac{2s}{(2s + a)^2} \left(\frac{(s - a)(2s + a)^2}{2} + \frac{(2s + a)(b - c)^2}{2} + \frac{s(b - c)^2}{2} \right) \\
 &= s(s - a) + (b - c)^2 \left(\left(\frac{s}{2s + a} \right)^2 + \frac{s}{2s + a} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4} \right) \\
 &= s(s - a) - \frac{(b - c)^2}{4} + (b - c)^2 \cdot \left(\frac{s}{2s + a} + \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 \\
 &= s(s - a) + \frac{(b - c)^2}{4} \left(\frac{(4s + a)^2}{(2s + a)^2} - 1 \right) \\
 &\Rightarrow p_a^2 \stackrel{(\bullet\bullet\bullet)}{=} s(s - a) + \frac{s(3s + a)(b - c)^2}{(2s + a)^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\text{Again, } p_a - w_a \leq \frac{2sa|b-c|}{4s^2 - a^2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{s(3s+a)(2s-a)^2 + s(s-a)(2s+a)^2}{(4s^2 - a^2)^2} \cdot (b-c)^2$$

$$\leq \frac{4s^2 a^2 (b-c)^2}{(4s^2 - a^2)^2} + \frac{4sa \cdot w_a \cdot |b-c|}{4s^2 - a^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{s(3s+a)(2s-a)^2 + s(s-a)(2s+a)^2 - 4s^2 a^2}{(4s^2 - a^2)^2} \cdot |b-c| \leq \frac{4sa \cdot w_a}{4s^2 - a^2}$$

$$(\because |b-c| \geq 0) \Leftrightarrow \frac{8s^2(2s+a)(s-a)}{4s^2 - a^2} \cdot |b-c| \leq 4sa \cdot w_a$$

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

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{4s^2(s-a)^2 + a^2 s(s-a)}{(2s-a)^2} \cdot (b-c)^2 \leq a^2 s(s-a)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{s(s-a)(4s^2 - 4sa + a^2)}{(2s-a)^2} \cdot (b-c)^2 \leq a^2 s(s-a)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s(s-a) \cdot (b-c)^2 \leq a^2 s(s-a) \Leftrightarrow s(s-a)(a^2 - (b-c)^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true}$$

$$\therefore p_a - w_a \leq \frac{2sa|b-c|}{4s^2 - a^2} \text{ and analogs}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{p_a - w_a}{a} + \frac{p_b - w_b}{b} + \frac{p_c - w_c}{c} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{2s \cdot |b-c|}{4s^2 - a^2} \stackrel{|b-c| < a \text{ and analogs}}{<}$$

$$\frac{2s}{(\prod_{\text{cyc}}(2s-a)) \cdot (\prod_{\text{cyc}}(2s+a))} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} (a(4s^2 - b^2)(4s^2 - c^2))$$

$$= \frac{2s(2s \cdot 16s^4 - 4s^2(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b) + 4Rrs(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2))}{(2s(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)) \cdot (2s(9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2))}$$

$$= \frac{4s^2(16s^4 - 4s^2(s^2 - 2Rr + r^2) + 2Rr(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2))}{4s^2(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)(9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2)}$$

$$= \frac{4s^2(16s^4 - 4s^2(s^2 - 2Rr + r^2) + 2Rr(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2))}{4s^2(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)(9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2)} \stackrel{?}{<} \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2r((33R + 26r)s^2 + r(12R^2 + 13Rr + 2r^2)) \stackrel{?}{>} 0 \rightarrow \text{true}$$

$$\therefore \frac{p_a - w_a}{a} + \frac{p_b - w_b}{b} + \frac{p_c - w_c}{c} < \frac{4}{3} \text{ and } p_a^2 - w_a^2 =$$

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$$\frac{s(3s+a)(2s-a)^2 + s(s-a)(2s+a)^2}{(4s^2-a^2)^2} \cdot (b-c)^2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow \frac{p_a - w_a}{a} \geq 0$$

$$\text{and analogs } \therefore \frac{p_a - w_a}{a} + \frac{p_b - w_b}{b} + \frac{p_c - w_c}{c} \geq 0 \text{ and so,}$$

$$0 \leq \frac{p_a - w_a}{a} + \frac{p_b - w_b}{b} + \frac{p_c - w_c}{c} < \frac{4}{3} \forall \Delta ABC,$$

with equality iff ΔABC is equilateral (QED)

2084. In any ΔABC with $\hat{A} \geq 90^\circ$, the following relationship holds :

$$m_a h_a \geq w_a^2$$

Proposed by Dang Ngoc Minh-Vietnam

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} m_a h_a \geq w_a^2 &\Leftrightarrow \left(s(s-a) + \frac{(b-c)^2}{4} \right) \left(s(s-a) - \frac{s(s-a)(b-c)^2}{a^2} \right) \\ &\geq \left(s(s-a) - \frac{s(s-a)(b-c)^2}{(b+c)^2} \right)^2 \\ &\Leftrightarrow -\frac{s^2(s-a)^2(b-c)^2}{a^2} + s(s-a) \cdot \frac{(b-c)^2}{4} - \frac{s(s-a)(b-c)^4}{4a^2} \\ &\geq -\frac{2s^2(s-a)^2(b-c)^2}{(b+c)^2} + \frac{s^2(s-a)^2(b-c)^4}{(b+c)^4} \text{ and } \therefore (b-c)^2 \geq 0 \therefore \text{it suffices} \\ &\text{to prove : } \frac{1}{4} - \frac{s(s-a)}{a^2} - \frac{(b-c)^2}{4a^2} + \frac{s(s-a)}{(b+c)^2} \left(2 - \frac{(b-c)^2}{(b+c)^2} \right) > 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{a^2 - (b+c)^2 + a^2 - (b-c)^2}{4a^2} + \frac{s(s-a)}{(b+c)^4} \cdot (b^2 + c^2 + 6bc) > 0 \\ &\text{and } \therefore a^2 \geq b^2 + c^2 \therefore \text{it suffices to prove :} \\ &\frac{2(b^2 + c^2) - (b+c)^2 - (b-c)^2}{4a^2} + \frac{s(s-a)}{(b+c)^4} \cdot (b^2 + c^2 + 6bc) > 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{s(s-a)}{(b+c)^4} \cdot (b^2 + c^2 + 6bc) > 0 \rightarrow \text{true } \therefore m_a h_a \geq w_a^2 \forall \Delta ABC \text{ with } \hat{A} \geq 90^\circ, \\ &\text{" = " iff } \hat{B} = \hat{C} < 45^\circ \text{ (QED)} \end{aligned}$$

2085. In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$2R - r - 2\sqrt{R(R-2r)} \leq r_a \leq 2R - r + 2\sqrt{R(R-2r)}$$

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$$r_a + r = \frac{rp}{p-a} + \frac{rp}{p} = \frac{r(b+c)}{p-a} \quad (p \rightarrow \text{semi-perimeter})$$

$$= \frac{4R \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2} \cdot 4R \cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B-C}{2}}{4R \cos \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}}$$

$$\therefore r_a + r \stackrel{\textcircled{1}}{=} 4Rsc \quad \left(\text{where } c = \cos \frac{B-C}{2}, s = \sin \frac{A}{2} \right)$$

$$\text{Again, } 2R \pm 2\sqrt{R(R-2r)} \stackrel{\textcircled{2}}{=} 2R \pm 2R \cdot \sqrt{1-4sc+4s^2}$$

$$\text{Now, } \textcircled{1} \text{ and } \textcircled{2} \Rightarrow r_a \leq 2R - r + 2\sqrt{R(R-2r)}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4Rsc \leq 2R + 2R \cdot \sqrt{1-4sc+4s^2} \Leftrightarrow 2sc - 1 \stackrel{(*)}{\leq} \sqrt{1-4sc+4s^2} \text{ and if } 2sc - 1 < 0, \text{ then : } (*) \text{ is trivially true and so, we now focus on :}$$

$$2sc - 1 \geq 0$$

$$\text{and then : } (*) \Leftrightarrow 4s^2c^2 - 4sc + 1 \leq 1 - 4sc + 4s^2 \Leftrightarrow 4s^2(c^2 - 1) \leq 0 \rightarrow \text{true}$$

$$\therefore c^2 = \cos^2 \frac{B-C}{2} \leq 1 \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true } \forall \Delta ABC \therefore r_a \leq 2R - r + 2\sqrt{R(R-2r)}$$

$$\text{Also, } \textcircled{1} \text{ and } \textcircled{2} \Rightarrow r_a \geq 2R - r - 2\sqrt{R(R-2r)}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4Rsc \geq 2R - 2R \cdot \sqrt{1-4sc+4s^2} \Leftrightarrow \sqrt{1-4sc+4s^2} \stackrel{(**)}{\geq} 1 - 2sc \text{ and if } 1 - 2sc < 0, \text{ then : } (**) \text{ is trivially true and so, we now focus on : } 1 - 2sc \geq 0$$

$$\text{and then : } (**) \Leftrightarrow 1 - 4sc + 4s^2 \geq 4s^2c^2 - 4sc + 1 \Leftrightarrow 4s^2(1 - c^2) \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{true}$$

$$\therefore c^2 = \cos^2 \frac{B-C}{2} \leq 1 \Rightarrow (**) \text{ is true } \forall \Delta ABC \therefore r_a \geq 2R - r - 2\sqrt{R(R-2r)}$$

and hence

$$2R - r - 2\sqrt{R(R-2r)} \leq r_a \leq 2R - r + 2\sqrt{R(R-2r)} \quad \forall \Delta ABC \text{ (QED)}$$

Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

$$4 \leq (r_b + r_c) \left(\frac{1}{r_b} + \frac{1}{r_c} \right) = (4R + r - r_a) \left(\frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{r_a} \right) \Leftrightarrow 4rr_a \leq (4R + r - r_a)(r_a - r)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow r_a^2 - 2(2R - r)r_a + r(4R + r) \leq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left(r_a - 2R + r + 2\sqrt{R(R-2r)} \right) \left(r_a - 2R + r - 2\sqrt{R(R-2r)} \right) \leq 0$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow 2R - r - 2\sqrt{R(R - 2r)} \leq r_a \leq 2R - r + 2\sqrt{R(R - 2r)}.$$

Equality holds iff $b = c$.

2086. In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{w_a^2}{ab} + \frac{w_b^2}{bc} + \frac{w_c^2}{ca} \geq \frac{9}{4} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{6R - 3r}{5R - r}}$$

Proposed by Dang Ngoc Minh-Vietnam

Solution 1 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} w_a^2 &= \frac{4bc}{(b+c)^2} \cdot s(s-a) = \frac{bc((b+c)^2 - a^2)}{(b+c)^2} = bc - \frac{a^2bc}{(b+c)^2} \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} bc - \frac{a^2}{4} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{w_a^2}{ab} &\geq \frac{c}{a} - \frac{a}{4b} \text{ and analogs} \Rightarrow \frac{w_a^2}{ab} + \frac{w_b^2}{bc} + \frac{w_c^2}{ca} \geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{c}{a} - \frac{1}{4} \cdot \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{b} = \frac{3}{4} \cdot \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{b} \\ &\geq \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{9 \sum_{cyc} a^2}{(\sum_{cyc} a)^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{9}{4} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{6R - 3r}{5R - r}} \Leftrightarrow \frac{9 \cdot 4(s^2 - 4Rr - r)^2}{16s^4} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{6R - 3r}{5R - r} \\ &\Leftrightarrow (15R - 3r)(s^2 - 4Rr - r)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} (8R - 4r)s^4 \\ &\Leftrightarrow (7R + r)s^4 - r(120R^2 + 6Rr - 6r^2)s^2 + r^2(240R^3 + 72R^2r - 9Rr^2 - 3r^3) \stackrel{\textcircled{1}}{\geq} 0 \\ \text{and } \because (7R + r)s^4 &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (7R + r)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2 \therefore \text{in order to prove } \textcircled{1}, \\ \text{it suffices to prove : LHS of } \textcircled{1} &\geq (7R + r)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2 \\ &\Leftrightarrow (26R^2 - 11Rr - r^2)s^2 \stackrel{\textcircled{2}}{\geq} r(388R^3 - 234R^2r + 6Rr^2 + 7r^3) \\ \text{Now, } (26R^2 - 11Rr - r^2)s^2 &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (26R^2 - 11Rr - r^2)(16Rr - 5r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} \\ r(388R^3 - 234R^2r + 6Rr^2 + 7r^3) &\Leftrightarrow 28t^3 - 72t^2 + 33t - 2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right) \\ &\Leftrightarrow (t - 2)(20t^2 + 8t(t - 2) + 1) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \Rightarrow \textcircled{2} \Rightarrow \textcircled{1} \text{ is true} \\ \therefore \frac{w_a^2}{ab} + \frac{w_b^2}{bc} + \frac{w_c^2}{ca} &\geq \frac{9}{4} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{6R - 3r}{5R - r}} \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{w_a^2}{ab} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{4cs(s-a)}{a(b+c)^2} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \sum_{cyc} \frac{27cs(s-a)}{\left(a + \frac{b+c}{2} + \frac{b+c}{2}\right)^3} = \frac{27}{8s^2} \sum_{cyc} c(s-a) =$$

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$$= \frac{27(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr)}{8s^2} = \frac{27}{8} \left(1 - \frac{r(4R+r)}{s^2} \right) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \\ \geq \frac{27}{8} \left(1 - \frac{r(4R+r)}{16Rr - 5r^2} \right) = \frac{81(2R-r)}{4(16R-5r)} \geq$$

$$\stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{9}{4} \sqrt{\frac{6R-3r}{5R-r}} \Leftrightarrow 27(2R-r)(5R-r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} (16R-5r)^2 \Leftrightarrow (R-2r)(14R-r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0,$$

which is true by Euler's inequality $R \geq 2r$. Equality holds iff $\triangle ABC$ is equilateral.

2087. In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$R^3 + s^3 + r^3 \geq \frac{27 + \sqrt{3}}{2} Rsr$$

Proposed by Dang Ngoc Minh-Vietnam

Solution by Tapas Das-India

$$\text{We will show: } R^3 + r^3 \geq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} Rsr \quad (1)$$

$$R^3 + r^3 \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\geq} R\sqrt{3} \cdot \frac{3\sqrt{3}Rr}{4}$$

$$R^3 + r^3 \geq \frac{9R^2r}{4}$$

$$4R^3 - 9R^2r + 4r^3 \geq 0$$

$$4x^3 - 9x^2 + 4 \stackrel{\frac{R}{r}=x \geq 2 \text{ Euler}}{\geq} 0$$

$$(x-2)(4x^2 - x - 2) \geq 0$$

$$(x-2)(x(2x-1) + 2(x^2-1)) \geq 0 \text{ true as } x \geq 2$$

$$s^3 = s^2 \cdot s \geq \frac{27Rr}{2} \cdot s \left(\text{as } s^2 \geq \frac{27Rr}{2} \right) = \frac{27}{2} Rrs \quad (2)$$

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$$R^3 + s^3 + r^3 \stackrel{(1)\&(2)}{\geq} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} Rsr + \frac{27}{2} Rrs = \frac{27 + \sqrt{3}}{2} Rsr$$

Equality holds for an equilateral triangle.

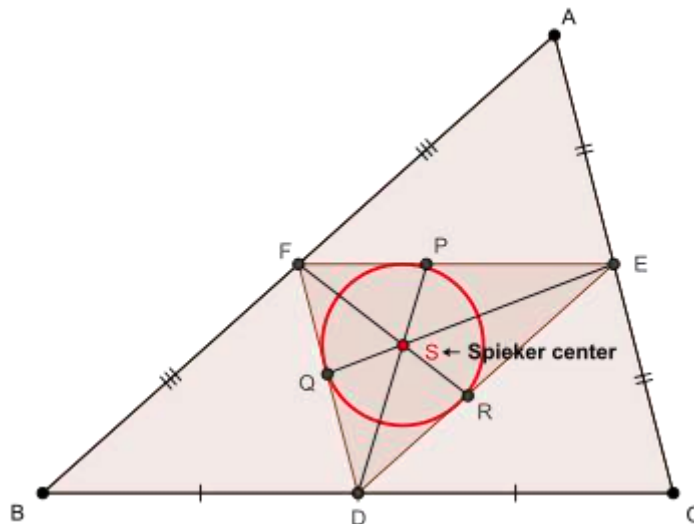
2088. In any ΔABC with $p_a, p_b, p_c \rightarrow$

Spieker cevians, the following relationship holds :

$$p_a + p_b + p_c \geq w_a + w_b + w_c + \frac{16(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca)}{15s}$$

Proposed by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India



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

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

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

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

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

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$$\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} \\
 \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}{8Rrs} (2a^3 + (b+c)a^2 - 2a(b^2+c^2) - (b+c)(b-c)^2) \\
 &= \frac{4(b+c)bc\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} \\
 &\quad \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)
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \frac{r^2}{4r^2s} (ca(s-b) + ab(s-c)) = \frac{ab+ca}{4} - 2Rr \stackrel{(**)}{=} \frac{r^2}{4\sin^2 \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{r^2}{4\sin^2 \frac{C}{2}}$$

$$(i), (*), (**) \Rightarrow 2AS^2 = \frac{b^2 + c^2 + ab + ca}{4} - \frac{(2s+a)(s-b)(s-c)}{2s}$$

$$= \frac{(a+b+c)(b^2 + c^2 + ab + ca) - (2a+b+c)(c+a-b)(a+b-c)}{4s}$$

$$= \frac{b^3 + c^3 - abc + a(2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2)}{4s} \stackrel{(ii)}{\Rightarrow} 2AS^2 = \frac{b^3 + c^3 - abc + a(4m_a^2)}{4s}$$

Via sine law on $\triangle AFS$, $\frac{r}{2\sin \frac{C}{2} \sin \alpha} = \frac{AS}{\cos \frac{A-B}{2}} = \frac{4s}{cAS}$

$$\Rightarrow c \sin \alpha \stackrel{(***)}{=} \frac{r(a+b)}{2AS} \text{ and via sine law on } \triangle AES, b \sin \beta \stackrel{****}{=} \frac{r(a+c)}{2AS}$$

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

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

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

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

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

$$= (b+c)(b^2 - bc + c^2) + a(b^2 - bc + c^2) + a(b^2 + c^2 - a^2)$$

$$= 2s(b^2 - bc + c^2) + a(b^2 - bc + c^2 + bc - a^2)$$

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

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

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

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

$$= (2s+a).$$

$$\frac{4(z+x)^2 + 4(x+y)^2 - 4(z+x)(x+y) + (y+z)((z+x) + (x+y) - 2(y+z))}{4}$$

$$- \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4} \quad (a = y+z, b = z+x, c = x+y)$$

$$= (2s+a) \cdot \frac{4x(x+y+z) + 2x(y+z) + 3(y-z)^2}{4} - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4}$$

$$= (2s+a) \left(s(s-a) + \frac{3}{4}(b-c)^2 + \frac{a(s-a)}{2} \right) - \frac{a(b-c)^2}{4}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (2s + a) \left(s(s - a) + \frac{3}{4}(b - c)^2 + \frac{a(s - a)}{2} \right) - \frac{(a + 2s - 2s)(b - c)^2}{4} \\
 &= (2s + a) \left(s(s - a) + \frac{(b - c)^2}{2} + \frac{a(s - a)}{2} \right) + \frac{s(b - c)^2}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\text{Now, } p_a - w_a \geq \frac{2s(b - c)^2}{4s^2 - a^2} \Leftrightarrow p_a^2 - w_a^2 \geq$$

$$\frac{4s^2(b - c)^4}{(4s^2 - a^2)^2} + \frac{4s \cdot w_a \cdot (b - c)^2}{4s^2 - a^2} \stackrel{\text{via } (\bullet\bullet\bullet)}{\Leftrightarrow}$$

$$\frac{s(3s + a)}{(2s + a)^2} + \frac{s(s - a)}{(2s - a)^2} - \frac{4s^2(b - c)^2}{(4s^2 - a^2)^2} \stackrel{(\blacksquare)}{\geq} \frac{4s \cdot w_a}{4s^2 - a^2} \quad (\because (b - c)^2 \geq 0)$$

$$\text{We have: } \frac{s(3s + a)}{(2s + a)^2} + \frac{s(s - a)}{(2s - a)^2} - \frac{4s^2(b - c)^2}{(4s^2 - a^2)^2} >$$

$$\frac{s(3s + a)}{(2s + a)^2} + \frac{s(s - a)}{(2s - a)^2} - \frac{4s^2 a^2}{(4s^2 - a^2)^2}$$

$$= \frac{s(3s + a)(2s - a)^2 + s(s - a)(2s + a)^2 - 4s^2 a^2}{(4s^2 - a^2)^2} = \frac{8s^2(2s + a)(s - a)}{(4s^2 - a^2)^2} > 0$$

$$\therefore (\blacksquare) \Leftrightarrow \frac{(s(3s + a)(2s - a)^2 + s(s - a)(2s + a)^2 - 4s^2(b - c)^2)^2}{(4s^2 - a^2)^4}$$

$$\geq \frac{16s^2}{(4s^2 - a^2)^2} \cdot \left(s(s - a) - \frac{s(s - a)(b - c)^2}{(2s - a)^2} \right)$$

$$\frac{16s^4(b - c)^4 - 8s^2(b - c)^2(s(3s + a)(2s - a)^2 + s(s - a)(2s + a)^2) + (s(3s + a)(2s - a)^2 + s(s - a)(2s + a)^2)^2}{(4s^2 - a^2)^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{16s^2(s(s - a)(2s - a)^2 - s(s - a)(b - c)^2)}{(2s - a)^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 16s^4(b - c)^4 - 8s^2(b - c)^2 \left(\frac{s(3s + a)(2s - a)^2 + s(s - a)(2s + a)^2}{-2s(s - a)(2s + a)^2} \right)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &+(s(3s+a)(2s-a)^2 + s(s-a)(2s+a)^2)^2 - 16s^3(s-a)(4s^2-a^2)^2 \geq 0 \\
 &\Leftrightarrow 16s^4(b-c)^4 - 16s^3(b-c)^2(4s^3-4s^2a+sa^2+a^3) \\
 &\quad + 16a^2s^3(4s^3-4s^2a+a^3) \geq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s(b-c)^4 - (4s^3-4s^2a+sa^2+a^3)(b-c)^2 + a^2(4s^3-4s^2a+a^3) \boxed{\geq} 0$$

and in order to prove (■), it suffices to prove :

$$(b-c)^2 \leq \frac{(4s^3-4s^2a+sa^2+a^3) - \sqrt{\delta}}{2s}, \text{ where } \delta =$$

$$(4s^3-4s^2a+sa^2+a^3)^2 - 4sa^2(4s^3-4s^2a+a^3) \text{ and } \because (b-c)^2 < a^2$$

$$\therefore \text{it suffices to prove : } 2sa^2 \leq (4s^3-4s^2a+sa^2+a^3)$$

$$-\sqrt{(4s^3-4s^2a+sa^2+a^3)^2 - 4sa^2(4s^3-4s^2a+a^3)}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sqrt{(s-a)^2(4s^2-a^2)^2} \leq 4s^3-4s^2a-sa^2+a^3 = (s-a)(4s^2-a^2) \rightarrow \text{true}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\blacksquare) \Rightarrow (\blacksquare) \text{ is true } \therefore p_a - w_a \geq \frac{2s(b-c)^2}{4s^2-a^2} \text{ and analogs}$$

$$\therefore p_a + p_b + p_c \stackrel{(\blacksquare\blacksquare\blacksquare)}{\geq} w_a + w_b + w_c + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{2s(b-c)^2}{4s^2-a^2}$$

$$\text{Now, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left((b-c)^2(4s^2-b^2)(4s^2-c^2) \right) =$$

$$16s^4 \sum_{\text{cyc}} (b-c)^2 - 4s^2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left((b-c)^2 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - a^2 \right) \right)$$

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

$$= 32s^4(s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2) - 16s^2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)(s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2) +$$

$$4s^2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(a^2(b^2 + c^2 - 2bc) \right) + 2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)((s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2 - 16Rrs^2)$$

$$- 48R^2r^2s^2 - 2((s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^3 - 24Rrs^2(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2))$$

$$= 32s^4(s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2) - 16s^2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)(s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2) +$$

$$(10s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2)((s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2 - 16Rrs^2) - 64Rrs^4 - 48R^2r^2s^2$$

$$- 2((s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^3 - 24Rrs^2(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2))$$

$$= 4(6s^6 - (64Rr + 5r^2)s^4 - r^2s^2(148R^2 + 76Rr + 12r^2) - (4Rr + r^2)^3)$$

$$\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{2s(b-c)^2}{4s^2-a^2} = \frac{8s \left(6s^6 - (64Rr + 5r^2)s^4 - r^2s^2(148R^2 + 76Rr + 12r^2) - (4Rr + r^2)^3 \right)}{4s^2(9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2)(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)}$$

$$\geq \frac{16(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca)}{15s}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 15(6s^6 - (64Rr + 5r^2)s^4 - r^2s^2(148R^2 + 76Rr + 12r^2) - (4Rr + r^2)^3)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} &\stackrel{?}{\geq} 8(s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2)(9s^2 + 6Rr + r^2)(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2) \\ \Leftrightarrow &18s^6 - (288Rr - 61r^2)s^4 - r^2s^2(12R^2 - 332Rr - 52r^2) + \\ &r^3(192R^3 + 336R^2r + 108Rr^2 + 9r^3) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \text{ and } \therefore 18(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^3 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 0 \end{aligned}$$

\therefore in order to prove ①, it suffices to prove : LHS of ① $\geq 18(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^3$
 $\Leftrightarrow (576R - 209r)s^4 - r(13836R^2 - 8972Rr + 1298r^2)s^2 +$

$$r^2(73920R^3 - 68784R^2r + 21708Rr^2 - 2241r^3) \stackrel{②}{\geq} 0 \text{ and } \therefore$$

$(576R - 209r)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 0 \therefore$ in order to prove ②,

it suffices to prove : LHS of ② $\geq (576R - 209r)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2$

$$\Leftrightarrow (1149R^2 - 869Rr + 198r^2)s^2 \stackrel{③}{\geq}$$

$$r(18384R^3 - 19220R^2r + 6533Rr^2 - 746r^3)$$

Finally, LHS of ③ $\stackrel{\text{Rouche}}{\geq} (1149R^2 - 869Rr + 198r^2) \left(\frac{2R^2 + 10Rr - r^2}{-2(R - 2r) \cdot \sqrt{R^2 - 2Rr}} \right)$

$$\stackrel{?}{\geq} r(18384R^3 - 19220R^2r + 6533Rr^2 - 746r^3)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(2298R^3 - 4036R^2r + 1705Rr^2 - 274r^3) \stackrel{?}{\geq}$$

$$2(R - 2r) \cdot \sqrt{R^2 - 2Rr} \cdot (1149R^2 - 869Rr + 198r^2) \text{ and } \therefore (R - 2r) \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 0$$

\therefore in order to prove this, it suffices to prove :

$$(2298R^3 - 4036R^2r + 1705Rr^2 - 274r^3)^2$$

$$> 4(R^2 - 2Rr)(1149R^2 - 869Rr + 198r^2)^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 3309120t^4 - 3964248t^3 + 2208945t^2 - 620708t + 75076 > 0 \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 1326996t^4 + 1982124t^3(t - 2) + 1898591t^2 + 310354t(t - 2) + 75076 > 0$$

$$\rightarrow \text{true } \therefore t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \Rightarrow \text{③} \Rightarrow \text{②} \Rightarrow \text{① is true } \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{2s(b-c)^2}{4s^2 - a^2} \geq$$

$$\frac{16(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca)}{15s} \stackrel{\text{via } (\blacksquare \blacksquare \blacksquare)}{\Rightarrow} p_a + p_b + p_c \geq$$

$$w_a + w_b + w_c + \frac{16(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca)}{15s} \forall \Delta ABC,$$

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with equality iff ΔABC is equilateral (QED)

2089. In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{\frac{3r}{h_a} + 2} \geq \frac{6}{\frac{3(R+r)^2}{s^2} + 5}$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{\frac{3r}{h_a} + 2} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{\frac{3ra}{2rs} + 2} = 2s \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{3a + 4s} \\ &= 2s \cdot \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} ((4s + 3a)(4s + 3b))}{(4s + 3a)(4s + 3b)(4s + 3c)} = \frac{6s(16s^2 + 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab + 8s \sum_{\text{cyc}} a)}{s(64s^2 + 36 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab + 48s \sum_{\text{cyc}} a + 108Rr)} \\ &\geq \frac{6s^2}{3(R+r)^2 + 5s^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow -7s^4 + (35R^2 + 6Rr + 28r^2)s^2 + r(12R^3 + 27R^2r + 18Rr^2 + 3r^3) \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} 0$$

$$\text{Now, LHS of } (*) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (-7(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) + (35R^2 + 6Rr + 28r^2))s^2 + r(12R^3 + 27R^2r + 18Rr^2 + 3r^3) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (7R^2 - 22Rr + 7r^2)s^2 + r(12R^3 + 27R^2r + 18Rr^2 + 3r^3) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \quad (**)$$

$$\boxed{\text{Case 1}} \quad 7R^2 - 22Rr + 7r^2 \geq 0 \text{ and then : LHS of } (**)\geq r(12R^3 + 27R^2r + 18Rr^2 + 3r^3) > 0 \Rightarrow (**)\text{ is true}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Case 2}} \quad 7R^2 - 22Rr + 7r^2 < 0 \text{ and then : LHS of } (**)\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq}$$

$$(7R^2 - 22Rr + 7r^2)(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) + r(12R^3 + 27R^2r + 18Rr^2 + 3r^3) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 7t^4 - 12t^3 - 3t^2 - 5t + 6 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right) \Leftrightarrow (t-2)(7t^3 + 2(t^2 - 4) + t + 5) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\rightarrow \text{true} \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \Rightarrow (**)\text{ is true} \because \text{combining both cases, } (**)\Rightarrow (*)\text{ is true}$$

$$\forall \Delta ABC \because \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{\frac{3r}{h_a} + 2} \geq \frac{6}{\frac{3(R+r)^2}{s^2} + 5} \quad \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$$

2090.

In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

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$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{\frac{3r}{r_a} + 2} \geq \frac{6}{\frac{3r(4R+r)}{s^2} + 5}$$

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Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{\frac{3r}{r_a} + 2} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{\frac{3r(s-a)}{rs} + 2} = s \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{5s-3a} \\ &= s \cdot \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} ((5s-3a)(5s-3b))}{(5s-3a)(5s-3b)(5s-3c)} = \frac{3s(25s^2 + 3\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab - 10s\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)}{s(125s^2 + 45\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab - 75s\sum_{\text{cyc}} a - 108Rr)} \\ &\geq \frac{6s^2}{3r(4R+r) + 5s^2} \Leftrightarrow (4R-17r)s^2 + 3r(4R+r)^2 \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} 0 \\ \text{Now, } (4R-17r)s^2 + 3r(4R+r)^2 &= (4R-8r)s^2 - 9rs^2 + 3r(4R+r)^2 \\ \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (4R-8r)(16Rr-5r^2) - 9r(4R^2+4Rr+3r^2) + 3r(4R+r)^2 &\stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow 19R^2 - 40Rr + 4r^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow (19R-2r)(R-2r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 &\rightarrow \text{true via Euler} \Rightarrow \\ (*) \text{ is true } \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{\frac{3r}{r_a} + 2} &\geq \frac{6}{\frac{3r(4R+r)}{s^2} + 5} \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$

2091. In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{18R^2}{s} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^3}{s(s-a)} \leq \frac{8(2R^3 - 7r^3)}{sr}$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^3}{s(s-a)} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(s-(s-a))^3}{s(s-a)} = \\ &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{s^3 - (s-a)^3 - 3s^2(s-a) + 3s(s-a)^2}{s(s-a)} = \\ &= \frac{s^2(4Rr+r^2)}{r^2s} - \frac{1}{s} \cdot \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} (s-a) \right)^2 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} (s-b)(s-c) \right) - 9s + 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} (s-a) \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \frac{s(4R+r)}{r} - s + \frac{2(4Rr+r^2)}{s} - 6s$$

$$\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^3}{s(s-a)} = \frac{s^2(4R-6r) + r^2(8R+2r)}{rs} \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

Via $\textcircled{1}$ and Gerretsen, $\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^3}{s(s-a)} \leq \frac{(4R-6r)(4R^2+4Rr+3r^2) + r^2(8R+2r)}{rs}$

$$\stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{8(2R^3-7r^3)}{sr} \Leftrightarrow 4r(2R^2+Rr-10r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow 4r(R-2r)(2R+5r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\rightarrow \text{true via Euler} \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^3}{s(s-a)} \leq \frac{8(2R^3-7r^3)}{sr}$$

Via $\textcircled{1}$ and Gerretsen, $\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^3}{s(s-a)} \geq \frac{(4R-6r)(16Rr-5r^2) + r^2(8R+2r)}{rs}$

$$\stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{18R^2}{s} \Leftrightarrow 23R^2-54Rr+16r^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow (R-2r)(23R-8r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true via Euler}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^3}{s(s-a)} \geq \frac{18R^2}{s} \text{ and so, } \frac{18R^2}{s} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^3}{s(s-a)} \leq \frac{8(2R^3-7r^3)}{sr}$$

$\forall \Delta ABC, "=" \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$

2092. In ΔABC the following relationship holds:

$$6r \leq \sum (b+c-a) \tan \frac{A}{2} \leq 3R$$

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Solution by Tapas Das-India

WLOG $a \geq b \geq c$ then $\tan \frac{A}{2} \geq \tan \frac{B}{2} \geq \tan \frac{C}{2}$

$$\sum (b+c-a) \tan \frac{A}{2} = 2 \sum (s-a) \tan \frac{A}{2} \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\leq} 2 \cdot \frac{1}{3} \sum (s-a) \sum \tan \frac{A}{2} =$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} s \cdot \frac{4R+r}{s} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} \frac{2}{3} \frac{9R}{2} = 3R$$

$$\sum (b+c-a) \tan \frac{A}{2} = 2 \sum (s-a) \tan \frac{A}{2} \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq}$$

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$$\geq 6 \left(\prod (s-a) \tan \frac{A}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} = 6 \left(\frac{sr^2r}{s} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} = 6r$$

Equality holds for $a = b = c$.

2093. In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$18r \leq \sum (b+c-a) \cot \frac{A}{2} \leq \frac{2(2R-r)^2}{r}$$

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Solution by Tapas Das-India

$$\begin{aligned} \sum (b+c-a) \cot \frac{A}{2} &= \sum 2(s-a) \cot \frac{A}{2} = 2 \sum (s-a) \frac{s}{r_a} = \\ &= 2s^2 \sum \frac{1}{r_a} - 2s \sum \frac{a(s-a)}{rs} = \frac{2s^2}{r} - \frac{2}{r} \left(s \sum a - \sum a^2 \right) = \\ &= \frac{2s^2}{r} - \frac{2}{r} (2s^2 - 2(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr)) = \frac{2}{r} (s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2) \stackrel{\text{GERRETSEN}}{\leq} \\ &\leq \frac{2}{r} (4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2) = \frac{2}{r} (4R^2 - 4Rr + r^2) = \frac{2(2R-r)^2}{r} \\ \sum (b+c-a) \cot \frac{A}{2} &= \sum 2(s-a) \cot \frac{A}{2} = 2 \sum (s-a) \frac{s}{r_a} = \\ &= 2s \sum \frac{(s-a)}{r_a} \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 6s \left(\sqrt[3]{\frac{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}{r_a r_b r_c}} \right) = 6s \sqrt[3]{\frac{sr^2}{s^2 r}} = 6s \sqrt[3]{\frac{r}{s}} = \\ &= 6s \sqrt[3]{\frac{rs^2}{s^3}} \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\geq} 6s \sqrt[3]{\frac{27r^3}{s^3}} = 18r \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for an equilateral triangle

2094. In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

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$$\sum \frac{\sin^2 A}{h_b^2} \leq \frac{R(R-r)}{8r^4}$$

Proposed by Kostantinos Geronikolas-Greece

Solution by Tapas Das-India

$$\text{We have, : } \sum a^4 = 2[(s^2 - 4Rr - 3r^2)^2 - 8r^3(2R + r)] \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq}$$

$$\leq 2[(4R^2)^2 - 8r^3(2R + r)] = 16(2R^4 - 2Rr^3 - r^4)$$

$$\text{We will show: } 16(2R^4 - 2Rr^3 - r^4) \leq 54R^3(R - r) \quad (1)$$

$$11R^4 - 27R^3r + 16Rr^3 + 8r^4 \geq 0$$

$$(R - 2r) \left((R - 2r)(11R^2 + 17Rr + 24r^2) + 44r^3 \right) \geq 0 \text{ true Euler}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{\sin^2 A}{h_b^2} &= \sum \frac{\frac{a^2}{4R^2}}{\frac{b^2c^2}{4R^2}} = \frac{1}{a^2b^2c^2} \sum a^4 \stackrel{(1)}{\leq} \frac{54R^3(R-r)}{16R^2r^2s^2} \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\leq} \\ &\leq \frac{54R^3(R-r)}{16R^2r^2 \cdot 27r^2} = \frac{R(R-r)}{8r^4} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds if ΔABC is an equilateral one.

2095. In ΔABC the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{15}{2} + \sum \frac{\sin^2 A}{\sin^2 B + \sin^2 C} \leq 9 \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^2$$

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Solution by Tapas Das-India

$$6 = \frac{6R^2}{R^2} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} 6 \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^2 \quad (1)$$

$$\sum \frac{\sin^2 A}{\sin^2 B + \sin^2 C} = \sum \frac{a^2}{b^2 + c^2} \stackrel{\text{AM-HM}}{\leq} \frac{1}{4} \sum \left(\frac{a^2}{b^2} + \frac{a^2}{c^2} \right) = \frac{1}{4} \sum \left(\frac{a^2}{b^2} + \frac{b^2}{a^2} \right) =$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \sum \left(\left(\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{a} \right)^2 - 2 \right) \stackrel{\text{Bandila}}{\leq} \frac{1}{4} \sum \left(\left(\frac{R}{r} \right)^2 - 2 \right) = \frac{3}{4} \left(\frac{R}{r} \right)^2 - \frac{6}{4} = 3 \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^2 - \frac{3}{2} \quad (2)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{15}{2} + \sum \frac{\sin^2 A}{\sin^2 B + \sin^2 C} &\stackrel{(2)}{\leq} \frac{15}{2} + 3 \left(\frac{R}{2r}\right)^2 - \frac{3}{2} = 3 \left(\frac{R}{2r}\right)^2 + 6 \stackrel{(1)}{\leq} \\ &\leq 3 \left(\frac{R}{2r}\right)^2 + 6 \left(\frac{R}{2r}\right)^2 = 9 \left(\frac{R}{2r}\right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for $A = B = C$

2096. In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\sum \sqrt{\cot A} \cdot \sin A \leq \frac{3R}{4r} \sqrt[4]{3}$$

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Solution by Tapas Das-India

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \sqrt{\cot A} \cdot \sin A &= \sum \sqrt{\cos A} \cdot \sqrt{\sin A} \stackrel{CBS}{\leq} \sqrt{\left(\sum \cos A\right) \left(\sum \sin A\right)} = \\ &= \sqrt{\left(1 + \frac{r}{R}\right) \frac{S}{R}} \stackrel{\text{Euler \& Mitrinovic}}{\leq} \sqrt{\left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{3\sqrt{3}R}{2}} = \frac{3}{2} \sqrt[4]{3} = \\ &= \frac{3}{2} \sqrt[4]{3} \cdot \frac{R}{R} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} \frac{3}{2} \sqrt[4]{3} \cdot \frac{R}{2r} = \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{R}{r} \sqrt[4]{3} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for an equilateral triangle

2097. In acute $\triangle ABC$, H – orthocenter, the following relationship holds:

$$\sec A + \sec B + \sec C \leq \frac{AH}{HD} + \frac{BH}{HE} + \frac{CH}{HF}$$

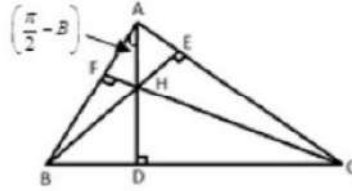
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From ΔAFC , $AF = b \cos A$, In ΔAFH , $\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - B\right) = \frac{AF}{AH} = \frac{b \cos A}{AH}$ or,

$$AH = \frac{b \cos A}{\sin B} = 2R \cos A,$$

similarly $CH = 2R \cos C$ and $BH = 2R \cos B$,

In ΔAFH , $\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - B\right) = \frac{FH}{AF} = \frac{FH}{b \cos A}$ or, $FH = b \cos A \cot B$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{AH}{HD} + \frac{BH}{HE} + \frac{CH}{HF} &= \sum \frac{CH}{HF} = \sum \frac{2R \cos C}{b \cos A \cot B} = \sum \frac{2R \cos C \sin B}{2R \sin B \cos A \cos B} = \\ &= \sum \frac{\cos^2 C}{\cos A \cos B \cos C} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \frac{\sum \cos A \cos B}{\cos A \cos B \cos C} = \\ &= \sum \frac{\cos A \cos B}{\cos A \cos B \cos C} = \sum \sec C = \sec A + \sec B + \sec C \end{aligned}$$

2098. In ΔABC the following relationship holds:

$$\left(h_a \tan \frac{A}{2}\right)^2 + \left(h_b \tan \frac{B}{2}\right)^2 + \left(h_c \tan \frac{C}{2}\right)^2 \leq \frac{9R^2}{4}$$

Proposed by George Apostolopoulos-Greece

Solution by Tapas Das-India

$$h_a \tan \frac{A}{2} \stackrel{h_a \leq \sqrt{s(s-a)}}{\leq} \sqrt{s(s-a)} \sqrt{\frac{(s-b)(s-c)}{s(s-a)}} = \sqrt{(s-b)(s-c)} \quad (1)$$

$$\left(h_a \tan \frac{A}{2}\right)^2 + \left(h_b \tan \frac{B}{2}\right)^2 + \left(h_c \tan \frac{C}{2}\right)^2 = \sum \left(h_a \tan \frac{A}{2}\right)^2 \stackrel{(1)}{\leq}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \sum (s-b)(s-c) = \sum (s^2 - s(b+c) + bc) = \\ &= 3s^2 - 2s(a+b+c) + \sum ab = 3s^2 - 4s^2 + s^2 + 4Rr + r^2 = \\ &= 4Rr + r^2 \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} 4R \cdot \frac{R}{2} + \frac{R^2}{4} = \frac{9R^2}{4} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for an equilateral triangle

2099. In acute $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{b+c-a} + \frac{a^2 + c^2 - b^2}{a+c-b} + \frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{a+b-c} \leq 3R \sum_{cyc} \cot A$$

Proposed by Ertan Yildirim-Turkiye

Solution by Mirsadix Muzefferov-Azerbaijan

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{4F \cot A}{2(s-a)} + \frac{4F \cot B}{2(s-b)} + \frac{4F \cot C}{2(s-c)} = \\ &= \frac{2F \cot A}{s-a} + \frac{2F \cot B}{s-b} + \frac{2F \cot C}{s-c} \stackrel{\substack{\cot A = \frac{b^2+c^2-a^2}{4F} \text{ (True)}, \\ F = (s-a)r_a \text{ (True)}}}{=} \\ &= \frac{2(s-a)r_a}{s-a} \cdot \cot A + \frac{2(s-b)r_b}{s-b} \cdot \cot B + \frac{2(s-c)r_c}{s-c} \cdot \cot C = \\ &= 2(r_a \cot A + r_b \cot B + r_c \cot C) \\ &\text{WLOG : } a \leq b \leq c \rightarrow r_a \leq r_b \leq r_c \text{ and } \cot A \geq \cot B \geq \cot C \\ &2(r_a \cot A + r_b \cot B + r_c \cot C) \stackrel{\text{CEBYSHEV}}{\geq} 2 \cdot \frac{1}{3} (r_a + r_b + r_c) \sum_{cyc} \cot A = \\ &= \frac{2}{3} (4R + r) \sum_{cyc} \cot A \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{=} \frac{1}{3} (8R + 2r) \sum_{cyc} \cot A \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} \frac{1}{3} \cdot 9R \sum_{cyc} \cot A = 3R \sum_{cyc} \cot A \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for: $a = b = c$.

2100. In any non-obtuse $\triangle ABC$, the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{2c}{w_b^2} \geq \frac{1}{2m_a} + \frac{1}{c}$$

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Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

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

(\because in non-obtuse ΔABC , $4m_a^2 - a^2 = 2(b^2 + c^2 - a^2) \geq 0 \Rightarrow 2m_a \geq a$)

$$= \frac{2(c+a)^2}{a((c+a)^2 - b^2)} - \frac{c+a}{ca} \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow 2c(c+a) \geq (c+a)^2 - b^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2c^2 + 2ca \geq c^2 + a^2 + 2ca - b^2 \Leftrightarrow b^2 + c^2 \geq a^2 \rightarrow \text{true} \because$$

ΔABC is non-obtuse $\therefore \frac{2c}{w_b^2} \geq \frac{1}{2m_a} + \frac{1}{c} \forall$ non-obtuse ΔABC ,

"=" iff $\hat{A} = 90^\circ$ (QED)

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