

ROMANIAN MATHEMATICAL MAGAZINE

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

$$\frac{2a}{b+c} \leq 1 + \sqrt{1 - \frac{2r}{R}}$$

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$$\text{Let } s = \sin \frac{A}{2} \text{ and } c = \cos \frac{B-C}{2} \text{ and then : } \frac{2a}{b+c} \stackrel{?}{\leq} 1 + \sqrt{1 - \frac{2r}{R}}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{8R \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}}{4R \cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B-C}{2}} - 1 \stackrel{?}{\leq} \sqrt{\frac{R(1 - 4sc + 4s^2)}{R}} \Leftrightarrow \frac{2s - c}{c} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \sqrt{1 - 4sc + 4s^2} \text{ and its's}$$

$$\stackrel{(*)}{\Leftrightarrow} \frac{2s - c}{c} \leq \sqrt{1 - 4sc + 4s^2}$$

trivially true when : $2s \leq c$ and when : $2s > c$, then $(*) \Leftrightarrow$

$$\frac{(2s - c)^2}{c^2} \stackrel{?}{\leq} 1 - 4sc + 4s^2 \Leftrightarrow c^2 - 4sc^3 + 4s^2c^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 4s^2 - 4sc + c^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \mathbf{c} - \mathbf{s} - \mathbf{c}^2(\mathbf{c} - \mathbf{s}) \stackrel{?}{\geq} \mathbf{0} \Leftrightarrow (\mathbf{c} - \mathbf{s})(\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{c}^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} \mathbf{0} \rightarrow \mathbf{true}$$

$$\because c = \cos \frac{B-C}{2} = \frac{b+c}{a} \cdot \sin \frac{A}{2} > s \text{ and } 1 \geq \cos^2 \frac{B-C}{2} = c^2 \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true}$$

$$\therefore \frac{2a}{b+c} \leq 1 + \sqrt{1 - \frac{2r}{R}} \quad \forall \Delta ABC, '' = '' \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is isosceles with } b = c \text{ (QED)}$$

Solution 2 by Tapas Das-India

Let $a = y + z, b = z + x, c = x + y$ then:

$$2s = a + b + c = 2(x + y + z) \text{ or } s = x + y + z$$

$$F = \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} = \sqrt{xyz(x+y+z)}$$

$$\frac{r}{R} = \frac{\frac{F}{s}}{\frac{abc}{4F}} = \frac{4F^2}{sabc} = \frac{4xyz}{(x+y)(y+z)(z+x)}$$

$$\frac{2a}{b+c} - 1 = \frac{2(y+z)}{2x+y+z} - 1 = \frac{y+z-2x}{2x+y+z}$$

We need to show:

$$\frac{2a}{b+c} \leq 1 + \sqrt{1 - \frac{2r}{R}} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{2a}{b+c} - 1 \leq \sqrt{1 - \frac{2r}{R}}$$

$$\frac{y+z-2x}{2x+y+z} \leq \sqrt{1 - \frac{4xyz}{(x+y)(y+z)(z+x)}}$$

$$\left(\frac{y+z-2x}{2x+y+z} \right)^2 - 1 \stackrel{\text{squaring}}{\leq} \frac{4xyz}{(x+y)(y+z)(z+x)}$$

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

$$\frac{8x(y+z)}{(2x+y+z)^2} \leq \frac{4xyz}{(x+y)(y+z)(z+x)}$$

$$(y+z)^2(x+y)(z+x) \geq yz(2x+y+z)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} L.H.S &= (y+z)^2(x+y)(z+x) = (y+z)^2(x^2 + x(y+z) + yz) = \\ &= (y+z)^2x^2 + x(y+z)^3 + yz(y+z)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} R.H.S &= yz(2x+y+z)^2 = yz(4x^2 + yz(y+z)^2 + 4x(y+z)) = \\ &= 4x^2yz + yz(y+z)^2 + 4xyz(y+z) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} L.H.S - R.H.S &= (y+z)^2x^2 + x(y+z)^3 - 4x^2yz - 4xyz(y+z) = \\ &= x^2((y+z)^2 - 4yz) + x(y+z)((y+z)^2 - 4yz) = \\ &= x^2(y-z)^2 + x(y+z)(y-z)^2 = (y-z)^2x(x+y+z) \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

So $L.H.S - R.H.S \geq 0$ or $L.H.S \geq R.H.S$

$$(y+z)^2(x+y)(z+x) \geq yz(2x+y+z)^2$$

Equality holds for $y = z$ or $b = c$.