

# ROMANIAN MATHEMATICAL MAGAZINE

In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$(\sqrt{h_a h_b} + \sqrt{h_b h_c} + \sqrt{h_c h_a})^2 \leq \frac{(23s^2 + 12Rr + 3r^2)r}{4R}$$

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$$\sqrt{h_a h_b h_c} = \sqrt{\frac{(abc)^2}{(2R)^2 \cdot 2R}} = \frac{abc}{2R\sqrt{2R}} = \frac{4Rrs}{2R\sqrt{2R}} = \frac{2rs}{\sqrt{2R}} \quad (1)$$

$$\sum h_a h_b = \sum \frac{bc}{2R} \cdot \frac{ca}{2R} = \frac{abc}{4R^2} \sum a = \frac{4Rrs}{4R^2} \cdot 2s = \frac{2rs^2}{R} \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\sqrt{h_a h_b} + \sqrt{h_b h_c} + \sqrt{h_c h_a})^2 &= \sum h_a h_b + 2\sqrt{h_a h_b h_c} \cdot \sum \sqrt{h_a} \stackrel{CBS}{\leq} \\ &\leq \sum h_a h_b + 2\sqrt{h_a h_b h_c} \cdot \sqrt{3 \sum h_a} = \\ &= \frac{2rs^2}{R} + \frac{4rs}{\sqrt{2R}} \frac{\sqrt{3(s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr)}}{\sqrt{2R}} = \frac{2rs^2}{R} + \frac{4rs}{2R} \sqrt{3(s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr)} \end{aligned}$$

*We need to show :*

$$\frac{2rs^2}{R} + \frac{4rs}{2R} \sqrt{3(s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr)} \leq \frac{(23s^2 + 12Rr + 3r^2)r}{4R}$$

$$\frac{2s}{R} \sqrt{3(s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr)} \leq \frac{(23s^2 + 12Rr + 3r^2)}{4R} - \frac{2s^2}{R}$$

$$8s\sqrt{3(s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr)} \leq 15s^2 + 12Rr + 3r^2$$

$$\left(8s\sqrt{3(s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr)}\right)^2 \leq (15s^2 + 12Rr + 3r^2)^2$$

$$192s^2(s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr) \leq 225s^4 + 90s^2r^2 + 360s^2Rr + 144R^2r^2 + 72Rr^3 + 9r^4$$

$$s^2(33s^2 - 102r^2 - 408Rr) + 144R^2r^2 + 72Rr^3 + 9r^4 \geq 0$$

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$$(16Rr - 5r^2)(33(16Rr - 5r^2) - 102r^2 - 408Rr) + 144R^2r^2 + 72Rr^3 + 9r^4 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 0$$

$$r^2(2064R^2 - 4800Rr + 1344r^2) \geq 0 \text{ or, } 672(R - 2r)(3R - r) \geq 0 \text{ true by Euler}$$

Equality holds for an equilateral triangle.