

ROMANIAN MATHEMATICAL MAGAZINE

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

$$(2 - \cos^2 A)(2 - \cos^2 B)(2 - \cos^2 C) > 4$$

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

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

$$\stackrel{A+B+C=\pi}{=} 2 \cos C (-\cos(A + B) - \cos(A - B)) - 1 = -1 - 4 \cos A \cos B \cos C$$

$$\sin^2 A + \sin^2 B + \sin^2 C = \sum \sin^2 A =$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{2} \sum 2 \sin^2 A = \frac{1}{2} \sum (1 - \cos 2A) = \frac{3 - (\cos 2A + \cos 2B + \cos 2C)}{2} = \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (3 + 1 + 4 \cos A \cos B \cos C) = 2 + 2 \cos A \cos B \cos C > \end{aligned}$$

$$> 2 \text{ (in acute } \cos A \cos B \cos C > 0)$$

$$\text{Let } \sin^2 A = x, \sin^2 B = y, \sin^2 C = z \text{ and } x + y + z > 2$$

$$\text{as } x^2 = \sin^4 A < \sin^2 A = x \text{ as } 0 < \sin A < 1 \text{ for this } x^2 + y^2 + z^2 < x + y + z \text{ (1)}$$

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

$$= (1 + x)(1 + y)(1 + z) = 1 + (x + y + z) + (xy + yz + zx) + xyz >$$

$$> 1 + (x + y + z) + (xy + yz + zx) = 1 + (x + y + z) + \frac{(x + y + z)^2 - (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)}{2}$$

$$\stackrel{(1)}{>} 1 + (x + y + z) + \frac{(x + y + z)^2 - (x + y + z)}{2} = \frac{2 + (x + y + z) + (x + y + z)^2}{2} >$$

$$> \frac{2 + 2 + 2^2}{2} = 4 \text{ as } x + y + z > 2$$