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Let k_a, k_b, k_c be the symmedian cevians of ΔABC . Prove that:

$$\sum[k_a(b^2 + c^2)] \geq 216r^3$$

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Lemma 1:

$$k_a = \frac{2bc}{b^2 + c^2} m_a$$

Proof:

Let the symmedian of vertex A divide the side BC into two parts, m and n , at point D .

$$\frac{b^2}{m} = \frac{c^2}{n}. \quad BD = b^2 t, \quad CD = c^2 t.$$

$$b^2 t + c^2 t = a \Rightarrow t = \frac{a}{b^2 + c^2}$$

According to Stewart's theorem:

$$\begin{aligned} k_a^2 &= \frac{b^2 c^2 t + c^2 b^2 t}{a} - b^2 c^2 t = \frac{2b^2 c^2 t}{b^2 t + c^2 t} - b^2 c^2 t = \frac{2b^2 c^2}{b^2 + c^2} - b^2 c^2 \cdot \left(\frac{a}{b^2 + c^2}\right) = \\ &= \frac{b^2 c^2 (2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2)}{(b^2 + c^2)^2} = \frac{4b^2 c^2}{(b^2 + c^2)^2} \cdot m_a^2 \Rightarrow k_a = \frac{2bc}{b^2 + c^2} \cdot m_a \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} LHS &= 2\sum b c m_a \geq 6\sqrt{(abc)^2 m_a m_b m_c} \geq 6\sqrt{16r^2 s^2 R^2 s^2 r} = 6r\sqrt{16s^4 R^2} \geq \\ &\geq 6r\sqrt{16 \cdot 729r^4 4r^2} = 6r \cdot 4 \cdot 9r^2 = 216r^3 \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for $a = b = c$.