

ROMANIAN MATHEMATICAL MAGAZINE

If in ΔABC $a \geq b$ and $x \in (0, 1)$ then prove that :

$$\frac{3c(b+c-a)}{x^2+x+1} + \frac{2(a-b)(a-b-c)}{x+1} + (a-b)c > 0$$

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$x \in (0, 1)$ then $1 < x+1 < 2$ and $x^2+x+1 < 1^2+1+1 = 3$ so

$$\frac{1}{x+1} < 1 \text{ \& } \frac{1}{x^2+x+1} > \frac{1}{3}$$

$3c(b+c-a) > 0$ as in any ΔABC $b+c > a$

$2(a-b)(a-b-c) = -2(a-b)(b+c-a) < 0$
as $a \geq b$ & in any ΔABC $b+c > a$ and $(a-b)c > 0$ as $a \geq b$

$$\frac{3c(b+c-a)}{x^2+x+1} + \frac{2(a-b)(a-b-c)}{x+1} + (a-b)c > 0$$

$$\frac{1}{3}3c(b+c-a) + 2(a-b)(a-b-c) + (a-b)c > 0$$

$$c(b+c-a) + 2(a-b)(a-b-c) + (a-b)c > 0$$

$$c(c-(a-b)) + 2(a-b)((a-b)-c) + (a-b)c > 0$$

$$c^2 - c(a-b) + 2(a-b)^2 - 2c(a-b) + (a-b)c > 0$$

$$c^2 - 2c(a-b) + 2(a-b)^2 > 0$$

$$((a-b)-c)^2 + (a-b)^2 > 0 \text{ true}$$