

ROMANIAN MATHEMATICAL MAGAZINE

In any ΔABC such that $a \neq b \neq c$, the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{(b+c)r_a}{(a-b)(a-c)} + \frac{(c+a)r_b}{(b-c)(b-a)} + \frac{(a+b)r_c}{(c-a)(c-b)} < \frac{3\sqrt{3}R}{2r}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(b+c)r_a}{(a-b)(a-c)} + \frac{(c+a)r_b}{(b-c)(b-a)} + \frac{(a+b)r_c}{(c-a)(c-b)} \\ &= \frac{-rs}{(a-b)(b-c)(c-a)r^2s} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} ((b+c)(b-c)(s-b)(s-c)) \\ &= \frac{-1}{(a-b)(b-c)(c-a)r} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} ((b^2-c^2)(-s^2+sa+bc)) \\ &= \frac{-1}{(a-b)(b-c)(c-a)r} \cdot \left(-s^2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} (b^2-c^2) + s \sum_{\text{cyc}} (a(b^2-c^2)) + \sum_{\text{cyc}} (bc(b^2-c^2)) \right) \\ & \quad \cdot \left(\frac{(b+c)r_a}{(a-b)(a-c)} + \frac{(c+a)r_b}{(b-c)(b-a)} + \frac{(a+b)r_c}{(c-a)(c-b)} \right) \\ &= \frac{-1}{(a-b)(b-c)(c-a)r} \cdot \left(s \sum_{\text{cyc}} (a(b^2-c^2)) + \sum_{\text{cyc}} (bc(b^2-c^2)) \right) \rightarrow \textcircled{1} \\ & \quad \text{Now, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} (a(b^2-c^2)) = ab(b-a) + c^2(b-a) - c(b+a)(b-a) \\ &= (b-a)(b(a-c) - c(a-c)) = (a-b)(b-c)(c-a) = \sum_{\text{cyc}} (a(b^2-c^2)) \rightarrow \textcircled{2} \\ & \quad \sum_{\text{cyc}} (bc(b^2-c^2)) = bc(b-c)(b+c) - a(b-c)(b^2+bc+c^2) + a^3(b-c) \\ &= (b-c)(b^2(c-a) + bc(c-a) - a(c-a)(c+a)) \\ &= (b-c)(c-a)((b+a)(b-a) + c(b-a)) = -2s(a-b)(b-c)(c-a) \\ &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} (bc(b^2-c^2)) \rightarrow \textcircled{3} \text{ and so, } \textcircled{1}, \textcircled{2} \text{ and } \textcircled{3} \Rightarrow \text{LHS} = \\ & \quad \frac{-1}{(a-b)(b-c)(c-a)r} \cdot (s(a-b)(b-c)(c-a) - 2s(a-b)(b-c)(c-a)) \\ &= \frac{s}{r} \text{ Mitrinovic } \frac{3\sqrt{3}R}{2r} < \frac{3\sqrt{3}R}{2r}; \text{equality doesn't occur because } a \neq b \neq c \text{ and so,} \\ & \quad \frac{(b+c)r_a}{(a-b)(a-c)} + \frac{(c+a)r_b}{(b-c)(b-a)} + \frac{(a+b)r_c}{(c-a)(c-b)} < \frac{3\sqrt{3}R}{2r} \forall \Delta ABC \text{ (QED)} \end{aligned}$$