

ROMANIAN MATHEMATICAL MAGAZINE

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

$$72r^2 < \frac{a^4}{(a-b)(a-c)} + \frac{b^4}{(b-c)(b-a)} + \frac{c^4}{(c-a)(c-b)} < 18R^2$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \text{For } x \neq y \neq z, \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^4}{(x-y)(x-z)} \\ &= \frac{1}{(x-y)(y-z)(z-x)} \cdot (-x^4(y-z) - y^4(z-x) - z^4(x-y)) \\ &\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^4}{(x-y)(x-z)} = -\frac{x^4(y-z) + y^4(z-x) + z^4(x-y)}{(x-y)(y-z)(z-x)} \rightarrow \textcircled{1} \\ & \text{Now, } x^4(y-z) + y^4(z-x) + z^4(x-y) = \\ & x^4(y-z) - x(y-z)(y^3 + y^2z + yz^2 + z^3) + yz(y-z)(y^2 + yz + z^2) \\ &= (y-z) \left(x(x^3 - y^3) - y^2z(x-y) - yz^2(x-y) - z^3(x-y) \right) \\ &= (y-z)(x-y)(x^3 + x^2y + xy^2 - y^2z - yz^2 - z^3) \\ &= (y-z)(x-y) \left((x-z)(x^2 + xz + z^2) + y(x-z)(x+z) + y^2(x-z) \right) \\ &\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^4(y-z) = -(x-y)(y-z)(z-x) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right) \rightarrow \textcircled{2} \\ &\therefore \textcircled{1} \text{ and } \textcircled{2} \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^4}{(x-y)(x-z)} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \rightarrow \textcircled{3} \text{ and via} \\ & \quad x \equiv a, y \equiv b, z \equiv c, \text{ we get :} \\ & \frac{a^4}{(a-b)(a-c)} + \frac{b^4}{(b-c)(b-a)} + \frac{c^4}{(c-a)(c-b)} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab < \\ & 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \stackrel{\text{Leibnitz}}{<} 18R^2 \text{ and also, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^4}{(a-b)(a-c)} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab > 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \\ & \stackrel{\text{Gordon}}{>} 8\sqrt{3} \cdot rs \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{>} 8\sqrt{3} \cdot r \cdot 3\sqrt{3} \cdot r = 72r^2 \left(\text{equality doesn't occur because } \begin{matrix} a \neq b \neq c \\ a^4 \neq b^4 \neq c^4 \end{matrix} \right) \\ & \text{and so, } 72r^2 < \frac{a^4}{(a-b)(a-c)} + \frac{b^4}{(b-c)(b-a)} + \frac{c^4}{(c-a)(c-b)} < 18R^2 \\ & \quad \forall \Delta ABC \text{ (QED)} \end{aligned}$$