

ROMANIAN MATHEMATICAL MAGAZINE

In any ΔABC such that $r_a \neq r_b \neq r_c$, the following relationship holds :

$$2s^2 < \frac{r_a^4}{(r_a - r_b)(r_a - r_c)} + \frac{r_b^4}{(r_b - r_c)(r_b - r_a)} + \frac{r_c^4}{(r_c - r_a)(r_c - r_b)} < \frac{27}{2}(3R^2 - 8r^2)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \text{For } x \neq y \neq z, \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^4}{(x-y)(x-z)} \\ &= \frac{1}{(x-y)(y-z)(z-x)} \cdot (-x^4(y-z) - y^4(z-x) - z^4(x-y)) \\ &\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^4}{(x-y)(x-z)} = -\frac{x^4(y-z) + y^4(z-x) + z^4(x-y)}{(x-y)(y-z)(z-x)} \rightarrow \textcircled{1} \\ & \text{Now, } x^4(y-z) + y^4(z-x) + z^4(x-y) = \\ & x^4(y-z) - x(y-z)(y^3 + y^2z + yz^2 + z^3) + yz(y-z)(y^2 + yz + z^2) \\ &= (y-z) \left(x(x^3 - y^3) - y^2z(x-y) - yz^2(x-y) - z^3(x-y) \right) \\ &= (y-z)(x-y)(x^3 + x^2y + xy^2 - y^2z - yz^2 - z^3) \\ &= (y-z)(x-y) \left((x-z)(x^2 + xz + z^2) + y(x-z)(x+z) + y^2(x-z) \right) \\ &\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^4(y-z) = -(x-y)(y-z)(z-x) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right) \rightarrow \textcircled{2} \\ &\therefore \textcircled{1} \text{ and } \textcircled{2} \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^4}{(x-y)(x-z)} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \rightarrow \textcircled{3} \text{ and via} \\ & \quad x \equiv r_a, y \equiv r_b, z \equiv r_c, \text{ we get :} \\ & \frac{r_a^4}{(r_a - r_b)(r_a - r_c)} + \frac{r_b^4}{(r_b - r_c)(r_b - r_a)} + \frac{r_c^4}{(r_c - r_a)(r_c - r_b)} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a r_b \\ &= (4R + r)^2 - s^2 \stackrel{\text{Euler and Mitrinovic}}{<} 16R^2 + 4R^2 + r^2 - 27r^2 = \frac{81R^2}{2} - \frac{41R^2}{2} - 26r^2 \\ & \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{<} \frac{81R^2}{2} - \frac{41 \cdot 4r^2}{2} - 26r^2 = \frac{81R^2}{2} - 108r^2 = \frac{27}{2}(3R^2 - 8r^2) \\ & \text{(equality doesn't occur because } r_a \neq r_b \neq r_c \Rightarrow a \neq b \neq c) \text{ and also,} \\ & \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_a^4}{(r_a - r_b)(r_a - r_c)} = (4R + r)^2 - s^2 \stackrel{\text{Doucet or Trucht}}{>} 3s^2 - s^2 = 2s^2 \text{ and so,} \\ & 2s^2 < \frac{r_a^4}{(r_a - r_b)(r_a - r_c)} + \frac{r_b^4}{(r_b - r_c)(r_b - r_a)} + \frac{r_c^4}{(r_c - r_a)(r_c - r_b)} < \\ & \quad \frac{27}{2}(3R^2 - 8r^2) \forall \Delta ABC \text{ (QED)} \end{aligned}$$