

### Criterion of equilateral triangle.

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Prove that the triangle  $ABC$  is equilateral if and only if

$$a \sin\left(A - \frac{\pi}{3}\right) + b \sin\left(B - \frac{\pi}{3}\right) + c \sin\left(C - \frac{\pi}{3}\right) = 0.$$

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$$\text{We have } \sum_{cyc} a \sin\left(A - \frac{\pi}{3}\right) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} a \left( \sin A \cdot \frac{1}{2} - \cos A \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) = 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\sum_{cyc} a \sin A = \sqrt{3} \sum_{cyc} a \cos A \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2R} \sum_{cyc} a^2 = \sqrt{3} \sum_{cyc} a \cdot \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{1}{R} \sum_{cyc} a^2 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{abc} \sum_{cyc} a^2 (b^2 + c^2 - a^2) \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{R} \sum_{cyc} a^2 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4FR} \cdot 16F^2 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\sum_{cyc} a^2 = 4\sqrt{3} \cdot F \text{ and since } 16F^2 = \sum_{cyc} (2b^2c^2 - a^4) \text{ then}$$

$$\sum_{cyc} a^2 = 4\sqrt{3} \cdot F \Leftrightarrow \left( \sum_{cyc} a^2 \right)^2 = 48F^2 \Leftrightarrow \left( \sum_{cyc} a^2 \right)^2 - 48F^2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\sum_{cyc} (2b^2c^2 + a^4) - 3 \sum_{cyc} (2b^2c^2 - a^4) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} (a^2 - b^2)^2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow a = b = c$$