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Problem 3123. Proposed by Joe Hovard, Portales, NM, USA.

Let a, b, c be the sides of a triangle. Show that

$$\frac{abc(a+b+c)^2}{a^2+b^2+c^2} \geq 2abc + \prod_{cyclic} (a+b-c).$$

Solution by Arkady Alt, San Jose, California, USA.

Let F, s, R, r denote the area, semiperimeter, circumradius and inradius, respectively, of triangle. Using correlations $abc = 4FR$, $ab + bc + ca = s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr$ and $F = rs$ we can give to the original inequality "more" geometrical form:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{4FR \cdot 4s^2}{a^2+b^2+c^2} \geq 8FR + \frac{8F^2}{s} &\Leftrightarrow \frac{2Rs^2}{a^2+b^2+c^2} \geq R+r \Leftrightarrow \frac{2R}{R+r} \geq \frac{a^2+b^2+c^2}{s^2} = \\ \frac{4s^2 - 2(s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr)}{s^2} &\Leftrightarrow \frac{R}{R+r} \leq 1 - \frac{r^2 + 4Rr}{s^2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{r^2 + 4Rr}{s^2} \leq \frac{r}{R+r} \Leftrightarrow \end{aligned}$$

(1) $s^2 \leq (R+r)(4R+r)$.

So, original inequality equivalent to (1), which immediately follows from Gerretsen's inequality $s^2 \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2$ and Euler's inequality $2r \leq R$.

Really, $(R+r)(4R+r) - (4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) = Rr - 2r^2 = r(R - 2r) \geq 0$.

Remark. Another solution in CRUX vol.33.n.2

Problem 3125. Proposed by Walther Janous, Ursulinengymnasium, Innsbruck, Austria. (Solutions in CRUX vol.33.n.3 and nobody solved c*)

Let m_a, h_a and w_a denote the lengths of the median, the altitude, and the internal angle bisector, respectively to side a in $\triangle ABC$.

(a) Show that

$$\sum_{cyclic} \frac{b^2+c^2}{m_a} \leq 12R.$$

(b) $\sum_{cyclic} \frac{b^2+c^2}{h_a} \geq 12R.$

(c) ★ Determine the range of

$$\frac{1}{R} \sum_{cyclic} \frac{b^2+c^2}{w_a}.$$

Solution by Arkady Alt, San Jose, California, USA.

(a) Let R and d_a be distance, respectively, circumradius and distance from the circumcenter to side a . Then by triangle inequality $m_a \leq R + d_a$ and, since

$$d_a = \sqrt{R^2 - \frac{a^2}{4}} \text{ then we obtain:}$$

$$m_a - R \leq \sqrt{R^2 - \frac{a^2}{4}} \Leftrightarrow m_a^2 - 2m_aR + R^2 \leq R^2 - \frac{a^2}{4} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$4m_a^2 - 8m_aR + a^2 \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow 2(b^2 + c^2) - a^2 - 8m_aR + a^2 \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow b^2 + c^2 \leq 4m_aR \Leftrightarrow$$

(1) $\frac{b^2+c^2}{m_a} \leq 4R.$

Hence, $\sum_{cyclic} \frac{b^2+c^2}{m_a} \leq \sum_{cyclic} 4R = 12R.$

(b) Let F be area of triangle $\triangle ABC$. Since $4FR = abc$ and $\sum_{cyclic} a(b^2 + c^2) =$

$$(a + b + c)(ab + bc + ca) - 3abc, \text{ then } \sum_{cyclic} \frac{b^2 + c^2}{h_a} \geq 12R \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\sum_{cyclic} \frac{a(b^2 + c^2)}{2F} \geq 12R \Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyclic} a(b^2 + c^2) \geq 6abc \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(a + b + c)(ab + bc + ca) \geq 9abc,$$

where latter inequality follows from $a + b + c \geq 3\sqrt[3]{abc}$ and

$$ab + bc + ca \geq 3\sqrt[3]{a^2b^2c^2}.$$

Remark. Another solutions to a and b in CRUX vol.33.n.3 and c* remains unsolved.
