

Prove that in any triangle  $ABC$  with  $r, R, s$  as inradius, circumradius and semiperimeter, respectively, holds inequality

$$(1) \quad s \leq 2R + (3\sqrt{3} - 4)r \text{ (Blundon's Inequality).}$$

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$$\text{Let } x := \frac{r}{s-a} = \tan \frac{A}{2}, y := \frac{r}{s-b} = \tan \frac{B}{2}, z := \frac{r}{s-c} = \tan \frac{C}{2}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } xy + yz + zx = 1, x, y, z > 0 \text{ and } \sum \frac{1}{x} = \sum \frac{s-a}{r} &\Leftrightarrow \\ \frac{xy + yz + zx}{xyz} = \frac{s}{r} &\Leftrightarrow r = s \cdot xyz \text{ and } x + y + z = \frac{r}{s-a} + \frac{r}{s-b} + \frac{r}{s-c} = \\ \frac{r((s-a)(s-b) + (s-b)(s-c) + (s-c)(s-a))}{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} &= \frac{r(ab + bc + ca - s^2)}{sr^2} = \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{4Rr + r^2}{sr} = \frac{r + 4R}{s} \Leftrightarrow 4R = (x + y + z)s - r.$$

Let  $p := x + y + z$ ,  $q := xyz$ . Then  $r = sq$  and  $4R = ps - r = s(p - q)$  and

$$\text{inequality (1) becomes } s \leq \frac{s(p-q)}{2} + (3\sqrt{3} - 4)sq \Leftrightarrow$$

$$2 \leq p - q + 6\sqrt{3}q - 8q \Leftrightarrow \sqrt{3}(2 - p) \leq 9q(2 - \sqrt{3}) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(2) \quad (2\sqrt{3} + 3)(2 - p) \leq 9q.$$

Since inequality (2) is obvious for  $p \geq 2$  then suffices to prove it for  $p < 2$ .

Due to inequality  $(x + y + z)^2 \geq 3(xy + yz + zx)$  and Schure's Inequality

$$\sum x(x-y)(x-z) \geq 0 \text{ in the form } 9xyz \geq 4(x+y+z)(xy+yz+zx) - (x+y+z)^3$$

we have  $p \geq \sqrt{3}$  and  $9q \geq 4p - p^3$ , respectively.

$$\text{Thus, } \sqrt{3} \leq p < 2 \text{ and then } 9q - (2\sqrt{3} + 3)(2 - p) =$$

$$(9q - 4p + p^3) + 4p - p^3 - (2\sqrt{3} + 3)(2 - p) =$$

$$(9q - 4p + p^3) + (2 - p)(2p + p^2 - (2\sqrt{3} + 3)) =$$

$$(9q - 4p + p^3) + (2 + p + \sqrt{3})(2 - p)(p - \sqrt{3}) \geq 0. \blacksquare$$