

**Corrected variant of the problem.**

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In any triangle with usual notations, prove that

$$(a + 2r)(b + 2r)(c + 2r) \geq 2R^3(\sqrt{3} + 5).$$

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We will prove that in fact holds double inequality

$$(1) \quad 16r^3(\sqrt{3} + 5) \leq (a + 2r)(b + 2r)(c + 2r) \leq 2R^3(\sqrt{3} + 5).$$

or, noting that  $2(\sqrt{3} + 5) = (\sqrt{3} + 1)^3$  we rewrite (1) equivalently as

$$(2) \quad 2r(\sqrt{3} + 1) \leq \sqrt[3]{(a + 2r)(b + 2r)(c + 2r)} \leq R(\sqrt{3} + 1).$$

1. By AM-GM Inequality we have

$$\sqrt[3]{(a + 2r)(b + 2r)(c + 2r)} \leq \frac{1}{3} \sum (a + 2r) = \frac{a + b + c + 6r}{3}$$

and since  $2r \leq R$  (Euler's Inequality) and  $a + b + c \leq 3\sqrt{3}R$  ( $a + b + c \leq \sqrt{3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}$ )

and  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \leq 9R^2$  we obtain  $\sqrt[3]{(a + 2r)(b + 2r)(c + 2r)} \leq R(\sqrt{3} + 1)$ .

2. By replacing in Huygens Inequality  $(x + 1)(y + 1)(z + 1) \geq ((xyz)^{1/3} + 1)^3$

$(x, y, z)$  with  $(\frac{a}{2r}, \frac{b}{2r}, \frac{c}{2r})$  we obtain

$$\left(\frac{a}{2r} + 1\right)\left(\frac{b}{2r} + 1\right)\left(\frac{c}{2r} + 1\right) \geq \left(\sqrt[3]{\frac{a}{2r} \cdot \frac{b}{2r} \cdot \frac{c}{2r}} + 1\right)^3 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\sqrt[3]{(a + 2r)(b + 2r)(c + 2r)} \geq \sqrt[3]{abc} + 2r.$$

Since  $(abc)^{1/3} + 2r \geq 2r(\sqrt{3} + 1) \Leftrightarrow (abc)^{1/3} \geq 2r\sqrt{3} \Leftrightarrow abc > 24r^3\sqrt{3} \Leftrightarrow$

$4Rrs > 24r^3\sqrt{3} \Leftrightarrow Rs > 6r^2\sqrt{3}$ , where latter inequality holds because  $R \geq 2r$  and

$s \geq 3\sqrt{3}r$  then  $(a + 2r)(b + 2r)(c + 2r) \geq (2r(\sqrt{3} + 1))^3$