

### Inequality involving triangles

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Prove that for any acute triangle  $ABC$  the following inequality holds

$$\frac{m_a}{h_a} \cos A + \frac{m_b}{h_b} \cos B + \frac{m_c}{h_c} \cos C \geq \frac{3}{2}.$$

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Let  $F$  be area of the triangle. Then  $\sum \frac{m_a}{h_a} \cos A = \sum \frac{am_a}{2F} \cos A$  and, therefore,

$$\sum \frac{m_a}{h_a} \cos A \geq \frac{3}{2} \Leftrightarrow \sum am_a \cos A \geq 3F.$$

Since\*  $\frac{b^2+c^2}{4R} \leq m_a$ ,  $abc = 4RF$  and  $b \cos A + a \cos B = c$  we obtain that

$$\sum am_a \cos A \geq \sum a \cdot \frac{b^2+c^2}{4R} \cos A = \frac{1}{4R} \sum ab(b \cos A + a \cos B) = \frac{3abc}{4R} = 3F.$$

\* Proof of inequality  $\frac{b^2+c^2}{4R} \leq m_a$ .

Let  $R$  and  $d_a$  be, respectively, circumradius and distance from

the circumcenter to side  $a$ . Then by triangle inequality  $|m_a - R| \leq d_a$  and, since

$$d_a = \sqrt{R^2 - \frac{a^2}{4}} \text{ we obtain } |m_a - R| \leq \sqrt{R^2 - \frac{a^2}{4}} \Leftrightarrow m_a^2 - 2m_aR + R^2 \leq R^2 - \frac{a^2}{4} \Leftrightarrow$$

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