

**Lower bound for sum of medians in non-obtuse triangle.**

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Prove that if a triangle is not obtuse, then the sum of the lengths of its medians is at least four times the circumradius of the triangle.

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Since\*  $m_a \geq \frac{b^2 + c^2}{4R}$ ,  $m_b \geq \frac{c^2 + a^2}{4R}$ ,  $m_c \geq \frac{a^2 + b^2}{4R}$  and in non-obtuse triangle

holds inequality\*  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \geq 8R^2$  then  $m_a + m_b + m_c = \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{4R} \geq \frac{8R^2}{4R} = 4R$ .

\* 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

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

$$|m_a - R| \leq \sqrt{R^2 - \frac{a^2}{4}} \Leftrightarrow m_a^2 - 2m_aR + R^2 \leq R^2 - \frac{a^2}{4} \Leftrightarrow 4m_a^2 - 8m_aR + a^2 \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

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

\*\* Since  $8R^2 - (a^2 + b^2 + c^2) = 2R^2(4 - 2\sin^2A - 2\sin^2B - 2\sin^2C) =$

$$2R^2(1 + \cos 2A + \cos 2B + \cos 2C) = -8R^2 \cos \alpha \cos \beta \cos \gamma \text{ then}$$

triangle is acute-angled, right-angled or obtuse-angled iff  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 > 8R^2$ ,

$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 8R^2$  or  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 < 8R^2$  respectively.