

**Series of geometric inequalities.**

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In any triangle with usual notions, prove that

(8)  $36r^2 \leq a^2 + b^2 + c^2$ ;

(9)  $4r^2 \leq \frac{abc}{a+b+c}$ ;

(10)  $\frac{1}{R^2} \leq \frac{1}{ab} + \frac{1}{bc} + \frac{1}{ca}$ ;

(11)  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{R} \leq \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}$ ;

(12)  $16Rr - 5r^2 \leq s^2$ ;

(13)  $4r(5R - r) \leq ab + bc + ca$ ;

(14)  $a(s - a) + b(s - b) + c(s - c) \leq 9Rr$ ;

(15)  $\frac{1}{2Rr} \leq \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} \leq \frac{1}{4r^2}$ .

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Let  $x := s - a, y := s - b, z := s - c, p := xy + yz + zx, q := xyz$ . Then, assuming  $s = 1$  (due homogeneity), we obtain  $x, y, z > 0, x + y + z = 1, a = 1 - x, b = 1 - y, c = 1 - z$  and  $ab + bc + ca = 1 + p, a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 2(1 - p), abc = p - q, r = \sqrt{q}, R = \frac{p - q}{4\sqrt{q}}$ .

In that notation can be useful the following inequalities:

(1)  $3p \leq 1 (3p = 3(xy + yz + zx) \leq (x + y + z)^2 = 1)$ ;

(2)  $3q \leq p^2 (3q = 3xyz(x + y + z) \leq (xy + yz + zx)^2 = p^2)$ ;

(3)  $9q \leq p$  ( since  $3q \leq p^2 \leq p \cdot \frac{1}{3}$  )

(4)  $9q \geq 4p - 1$  ( it is Schure's Inequality  $\sum x(x - y)(x - z) \geq 0$  in p,q-notation and normalized by  $x + y + z = 1$  )

(5)  $q \leq \frac{p^2}{4 - 3p}$  ( it is inequality  $\sum x^3(y - z)^2 \geq 0$  in p,q-notation and normalized by  $x + y + z = 1$  ).

We did that preparation because in the such parametrization of a triangle geometric inequality can be equivalently transformed to well known algebraic inequality.

For example inequality (8):

$36r^2 \leq a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \Leftrightarrow 36q \leq 2(1 - p) \Leftrightarrow 18q \leq 1 - p$  and

$1 - p - 18q \geq 1 - p - 18 \cdot \frac{p^2}{3} = (2p + 1)(1 - 3p) \geq 0$ .

Inequalities (9) and (10) are equivalent to Euler's Inequality  $2r \leq R$ .

Indeed,  $4r^2 \leq \frac{abc}{a+b+c} \Leftrightarrow 4r^2 \leq \frac{4Rrs}{2s} \Leftrightarrow 2r \leq R$  and

$\frac{1}{R^2} \leq \frac{1}{ab} + \frac{1}{bc} + \frac{1}{ca} \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{R^2} \leq \frac{a+b+c}{abc} \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{R^2} \leq \frac{2s}{4Rrs} \Leftrightarrow 2r \leq R$ .

And  $2r \leq R \Leftrightarrow 2\sqrt{q} \leq \frac{p - q}{4\sqrt{q}} \Leftrightarrow 9q \leq p$ .

(11)  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{R} \leq \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \Leftrightarrow \frac{\sqrt{3}}{R} \leq \frac{ab + bc + ca}{abc} \Leftrightarrow \frac{\sqrt{3}}{R} \leq \frac{ab + bc + ca}{4Rrs} \Leftrightarrow$

$\sqrt{3}q \leq p \Leftrightarrow 3q \leq p^2$ .

(12) (Gerretsen's Inequality)  $16Rr - 5r^2 \leq s^2 \Leftrightarrow 16 \cdot \frac{p - q}{4} - 5q \leq 1 \Leftrightarrow 9q \geq 4p - 1$ .

$$(13) \quad 4r(5R - r) \leq ab + bc + ca \Leftrightarrow 20Rr - 4r^2 \leq ab + bc + ca \Leftrightarrow$$

$$5(p - q) - 9q \leq p \Leftrightarrow 9q \geq 4p - 1$$

$$(\text{or } 4r(5R - r) \leq ab + bc + ca = s^2 + 4Rr + r^2 \Leftrightarrow 16Rr - 5r^2 \leq s^2).$$

$$(14) \quad \sum a(s - a) \leq 9Rr \Leftrightarrow \sum (1 - x)x \leq \frac{9(p - q)}{4} \Leftrightarrow 2p \leq \frac{9(p - q)}{4} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$8p \leq 9(p - q) \Leftrightarrow 9q \leq p.$$

(15)

$$\text{a) } \frac{1}{2Rr} \leq \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2Rr} \leq \frac{a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2}{a^2b^2c^2} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{1}{2Rr} \leq \frac{a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2}{16R^2r^2s^2} \Leftrightarrow 8Rrs^2 \leq (ab + bc + ca)^2 - 2abc(a + b + c) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$2(p - q) \leq (1 + p)^2 - 4(p - q) \Leftrightarrow 6(p - q) \leq (1 + p)^2 \text{ and}$$

$$(1 + p)^2 - 6\left(p - \frac{4p - 1}{9}\right) = \frac{(1 - 3p)(1 - p)}{3} \geq 0;$$

$$\text{b) } \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} \leq \frac{1}{4r^2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2}{a^2b^2c^2} \leq \frac{1}{4r^2} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2}{16R^2r^2s^2} \leq \frac{1}{4r^2} \Leftrightarrow (ab + bc + ca)^2 - 2abc(a + b + c) \leq 4R^2s^2 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(1 + p)^2 - 4(p - q) \leq \frac{(p - q)^2}{4q}. \text{ Since } \frac{(p - q)^2}{4q} + 4(p - q) \text{ decrease by } q \in \left[0, \frac{p^2}{4 - 3p}\right]$$

$$\text{then } \frac{(p - q)^2}{4q} + 4(p - q) - (1 + p)^2 \geq \frac{(p - p^2/(4 - 3p))^2}{4 \cdot p^2/(4 - 3p)} + 4(p - p^2/(4 - 3p)) - (1 + p)^2 =$$

$$\frac{p(1 - 3p)(3 - p)}{4 - 3p} \geq 0.$$

(Note that upper bound  $p^2/3$  for  $q$  isn't good enough to establish non negativity of this difference)