



# Geometric Inequalities with polynomial $2xy + 2yz + 2zx - x^2 - y^2 - z^2$

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ABSTRACT. This paper's aim is to explore the usage of symmetric polynomial

$$\Delta(x, y, z) := 2xy + 2yz + 2zx - x^2 - y^2 - z^2$$

in various geometric inequalities related to triangle. In particular we will show how  $\Delta(a, b, c)$ , where  $a, b, c$  define a triangle, can be used along side of  $R, r, s$  to give a new interpretation ( $(\Delta, r, s)$ -form) of Hadwiger-Finsler, Blundon's and many others well known and new inequalities. Also we obtain the best quadratic  $(R, r)$ -minorant for  $\Delta(a, b, c)$  and linear  $(s, r)$ -majorant for sum of medians.

## 1 INTRODUCTION: NOTATIONS AND BASIC CORRELATIONS

Symmetric polynomial

$$\Delta(x, y, z) := 2xy + 2yz + 2zx - x^2 - y^2 - z^2$$

is not a positive definite quadratic form, really:

$$\Delta\left(p + q, \frac{q+r}{2}, \frac{q-r}{2}\right) = q^2 - p^2 - r^2$$

And even requiring  $x, y, z > 0$  doesn't guarantee positivity of  $\Delta(x, y, z)$ . But  $\Delta(x, y, z)$  acquires a special meaning for positive  $x, y, z$  since in this case inequality  $\Delta(x, y, z) > 0$  is equivalent to triangle inequalities for numbers  $\sqrt{x}, \sqrt{y}, \sqrt{z}$ , that is

$$\Delta(x, y, z) > 0 \iff \sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y} > \sqrt{z}, \sqrt{y} + \sqrt{z} > \sqrt{x}, \sqrt{z} + \sqrt{x} > \sqrt{y}$$

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It is interesting to note that for positive numbers  $a, b, c$ , inequality  $\Delta(a^2, b^2, c^2) > 0$  characterizes  $a, b, c$  as side-lengths of a triangle with area  $\frac{\sqrt{\Delta(a^2, b^2, c^2)}}{4}$  and inequality  $\Delta(a^4, b^4, c^4) > 0$  characterizes an acute triangle with side-lengths  $a, b, c$ . If  $\Delta(a^n, b^n, c^n) > 0$  for all natural  $n$  then  $a, b, c$  represent side-lengths of an isosceles triangle with the lateral side not less than the base [7]. Let  $a, b, c$  be side-lengths of a triangle  $\triangle ABC$  and let  $F, s, R$ , and  $r$  be, respectively, area, semiperimeter, circumradius, and inradius of  $\triangle ABC$ . Also, let  $r_x$  be exradius corresponding to a side  $x \in \{a, b, c\}$ . We shall add

$$\Delta = \Delta(a, b, c) = 2ab + 2ac + 2bc - a^2 - b^2 - c^2$$

to this list of triangle characteristics.

Using these notations we can write down more representations for  $\Delta = \Delta(a, b, c)$ :

$$\text{i } \Delta = \sum_{cyc} (a^2 - (b - c)^2) = 2 \sum_{cyc} a(s - a) = 4 \sum_{cyc} (s - a)(s - c) = 4s^2 - 2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) = 4(ab + bc + ca) - 4s^2$$

ii Since  $ab + bc + ca = s^2 + r(4R + r)$ ,  $\sum_{cyc} r_a = 4R + r$ ,  $\frac{r_a}{s} = \tan \frac{A}{2}$ , we have

$$\Delta = 4r(4R + r) = 4r \sum_{cyc} r_a = 4F \sum_{cyc} \tan \frac{A}{2}.$$

Should also be noted that  $\Delta(a^2, b^2, c^2) = 16F^2 = 16r^2s^2$ .

There are many ways to define a triangle. In particular, the most common way is to define a triangle as a triplet  $(a, b, c)$  of positive real numbers that satisfy the Triangle Inequalities:

$$\text{(TI)} \quad a + b > c, b + c > a, c + a > b \text{ (or } a, b, c < s)$$

Triangle, defined in such a way will be denoted by  $T(a, b, c)$ . Let  $x = s - a, y = s - b, z = s - c$  then  $a = y + z, b = z + x, c = x + y$ , where  $x, y, z > 0$ . Thus, any three positive numbers  $x, y, z$  determine a triangle  $T(y + z, z + x, x + y)$  and we will call such a representation of a triangle  $T(a, b, c)$  a *free parametrization*, because the numbers  $x, y, z$  do not depend on each other. In that case  $\Delta = \Delta(a, b, c) = \Delta(y + z, z + x, x + y) = 4(xy + yz + zx)$ .

Let  $\mathcal{F}(R, r, s) := 4R(R - 2r)^3 - (s^2 - 2R^2 - 10Rr + r^2)^2$ . Note that three positive numbers  $R, r, s$  define a triangle with circumradius  $R$ , inradius  $r$  and semiperimeter  $s$  if and only if the *Fundamental Geometric Inequality* (FGI)  $\mathcal{F}(R, r, s) \geq 0$  holds ([1, p.4, inequality(12)] or [2, p.54, Theorem 2]). This inequality is most commonly used in the form

$$\begin{aligned} 2R^2 + 10Rr - r^2 - 2(R - 2r)\sqrt{R(R - 2r)} &\leq s^2 \leq \\ &\leq 2R^2 + 10Rr - r^2 + 2(R - 2r)\sqrt{R(R - 2r)}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\Delta = 4r(4R + r) \iff R = \frac{\Delta - 4r^2}{16r}$  then three positive numbers  $\Delta, r$  and  $s$  determine some triangle  $T(a, b, c)$  with inradius  $r$ , semiperimeter  $s$  and  $\Delta = \Delta(a, b, c)$  if and only if

$$\mathcal{F}\left(\frac{\Delta - 4r^2}{16r}, r, s\right) \geq 0 \iff 72r^2s^2\Delta + s^2\Delta^2 - \Delta^3 \geq 16r^2s^2(27r^2 + 4s^2).$$

In general, any inequality in the form  $\mathcal{G}(R, r, s) \geq 0$  is equivalent to its

$(\Delta, r, s)$ -form, obtained by replacing  $R$  with  $\frac{\Delta - 4r^2}{16r}$ , namely to inequality

$$\mathcal{G}\left(\frac{\Delta - 4r^2}{16r}, r, s\right) \geq 0.$$

For example,  $(\Delta, r, s)$ -form of inequalities

$$3r(4R + r) \leq s^2, 2r \leq R, s\sqrt{3} \leq 4R + r$$

are, respectively,

$$3\Delta \leq 4s^2, 36r^2 \leq \Delta, 4\sqrt{3}rs \leq \Delta.$$

**Remark 1.** Note that inequality  $4\sqrt{3}rs \leq \Delta$  is a  $(\Delta, r, s)$ -form of Hadwiger-Finsler Inequality

$$4\sqrt{3}F + (a - b)^2 + (b - c)^2 + (c - a)^2 \leq a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \quad (\mathbf{HF})$$

Thus,  $(\mathbf{HF}) \iff 4\sqrt{3}F \leq \Delta \iff 4\sqrt{3}rs \leq \Delta \iff s\sqrt{3} \leq 4R + r$ .

Since  $16Rr = \Delta - 4r^2$  then inequality  $16Rr - 5r^2 \leq s^2$  (Gerretsen) can be rewritten in  $(\Delta, r, s)$ -form

$$\Delta \leq s^2 + 9r^2 \quad (\mathbf{DG})$$

and, using inequality  $3\sqrt{3}r \leq s$ , we obtain:

$$\Delta \leq s^2 + 9r^2 \leq s^2 + \sqrt{3}sr \implies$$

$$\Delta \leq s^2 + \sqrt{3}sr.$$

Since  $\Delta = \Delta(y + z, z + x, x + y) = 4(xy + yz + zx)$  and  $r^2 = \frac{xyz}{x + y + z}$  then,

using free parametrization  $(a, b, c) = (y + z, z + x, x + y)$ , we obtain the following algebraic representations of Hadwiger-Finsler and Gerretsen inequalities:

$$(\mathbf{HF}) \iff 3 \cdot 16r^2s^2 \leq \Delta^2 \iff xyz(x + y + z) \leq (xy + yz + zx)^2 \iff$$

$$\sum_{cyc} x^2(y - z)^2 \geq 0;$$

$$(\mathbf{DG}) \iff 4(xy + yz + zx) \leq (x + y + z)^2 + \frac{9xyz}{x + y + z} \iff \Delta(x, y, z) \leq$$

$$\frac{9xyz}{x + y + z} \iff$$

$$9xyz - 4(x + y + z)(xy + yz + zx) + (x + y + z)^3 \geq 0 \iff$$

$$\sum_{cyc} x(x - y)(x - z) \geq 0 \text{ (Schure Inequality).}$$

2  $\tau$  AND  $\tau^{-1}$ - TRANSFORMATIONS

Here we will consider two triangle transformations where  $\Delta$  plays an important role and which will allow us to obtain new geometric inequalities and establish equivalence of several well-known geometric inequalities.

2.1.  $\tau$  transformation.

Let  $a_\tau = a(s - a), b_\tau = b(s - b), c_\tau = c(s - c)$ . Numbers  $a_\tau, b_\tau, c_\tau$  are positive and satisfy the triangle inequalities, and therefore determine a triangle  $T(a_\tau, b_\tau, c_\tau)$ . Indeed,  $b_\tau + c_\tau - a_\tau = b(s - b) + c(s - c) - a(s - a) = s(b + c - a) - b^2 - c^2 + a^2 = \frac{(b + c)^2 - a^2 + 2a^2 - 2(b^2 + c^2)}{2} = \frac{a^2 - (b - c)^2}{2} = 2(s - b)(s - c)$  and cyclically we have  $c_\tau + a_\tau - b_\tau = 2(s - c)(s - a)$  and  $a_\tau + b_\tau - c_\tau = 2(s - a)(s - b)$ .

Let  $s_\tau, F_\tau, R_\tau, r_\tau$  be semiperimeter, area, circumradius and inradius of the triangle  $T(a_\tau, b_\tau, c_\tau)$ . Then  $s_\tau = \frac{a(s - a) + b(s - b) + c(s - c)}{2} = \frac{\Delta}{4}$  and since

$$s_\tau - a_\tau = \frac{b_\tau + c_\tau - a_\tau}{2} = (s - b)(s - c) \text{ and the}$$

cyclic  $s_\tau - b_\tau = (s - c)(s - a), s_\tau - c_\tau = (s - a)(s - b)$  we obtain

$$F_\tau = \sqrt{s_\tau(s_\tau - a_\tau)(s_\tau - b_\tau)(s_\tau - c_\tau)} = \sqrt{\frac{\Delta}{4} \cdot (s - a)^2 (s - b)^2 (s - c)^2} = \frac{F^2 \sqrt{\Delta}}{2s}$$

$$\text{and } a_\tau b_\tau c_\tau = abc(s - a)(s - c)(s - a) = \frac{4RF^2}{s}.$$

$$\text{Also we obtain } R_\tau = \frac{a_\tau b_\tau c_\tau}{4F_\tau} = \frac{abc s (s - a)(s - c)(s - a)}{2F^2 \sqrt{\Delta}} = \frac{abc}{2\sqrt{\Delta}} = R \cdot \frac{2F}{\sqrt{\Delta}} \text{ and}$$

$$r_\tau = \frac{F_\tau}{s_\tau} = \frac{F^2 \sqrt{\Delta}}{2s \cdot \frac{\Delta}{4}} = \frac{F}{s} \cdot \frac{2F}{\sqrt{\Delta}} = r \cdot \frac{2F}{\sqrt{\Delta}}.$$

Such transformation of triangle  $T(a, b, c)$  we will call  $\tau$ -transformation. Thus, applying  $\tau$ -transformation to triangle  $T(a, b, c)$  with  $(s, R, r)$  we obtain triangle

$$T(a_\tau, b_\tau, c_\tau) \text{ with } (s_\tau, R_\tau, r_\tau) = \left( \frac{\Delta}{4}, \frac{2F}{\sqrt{\Delta}} \cdot R, \frac{2F}{\sqrt{\Delta}} \cdot r \right) \text{ and } F_\tau = \frac{F^2 \sqrt{\Delta}}{2s}.$$

Let  $\Delta_\tau := \Delta(a_\tau, b_\tau, c_\tau)$ . Then  $\Delta_\tau = 4r_\tau(4R_\tau + r_\tau) =$

$$\frac{8rF}{\sqrt{\Delta(a, b, c)}} \left( \frac{8RF}{\sqrt{\Delta(a, b, c)}} + \frac{2rF}{\sqrt{\Delta(a, b, c)}} \right) = \frac{16rF^2(4R + r)}{\Delta(a, b, c)} = 4F^2$$

Since  $a_{\tau\tau} = (a_\tau)_\tau = a_\tau(s_\tau - a_\tau) = a(s - a)(s - c)(s - a) = ar^2s$  then triangle  $T(a_{\tau\tau}, b_{\tau\tau}, c_{\tau\tau})$  is similar to triangle  $T(a, b, c)$  with coefficient of similarity of  $r^2s$ .

2.2.  $\tau^{-1}$ -transformation.

For any triangle  $T(a, b, c)$  lets consider the triangle  $T(a_{\tau^{-1}}, b_{\tau^{-1}}, c_{\tau^{-1}})$ , where

$$a_{\tau^{-1}} = \frac{r_b + r_c}{\sqrt{s}}, b_{\tau^{-1}} = \frac{r_c + r_a}{\sqrt{s}}, c_{\tau^{-1}} = \frac{r_a + r_b}{\sqrt{s}}$$

Since  $a_{\tau^{-1}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} \left( \frac{F}{s-b} + \frac{F}{s-c} \right) = \frac{aF}{(s-b)(s-c)\sqrt{s}} = \frac{a(s-a)}{r\sqrt{s}} = \frac{a_\tau}{r\sqrt{s}}$  then

$$(a_\tau)_{\tau^{-1}} = \frac{a_{\tau\tau}}{r_\tau\sqrt{s_\tau}} = \frac{ar^2s}{2r^2s \cdot \frac{\sqrt{\Delta}}{\sqrt{4}}} = a.$$

Thus,  $(a_{\tau^{-1}}, b_{\tau^{-1}}, c_{\tau^{-1}}) = \frac{1}{r\sqrt{s}}(a_\tau, b_\tau, c_\tau)$  and  $((a_\tau)_{\tau^{-1}}, (b_\tau)_{\tau^{-1}}, (c_\tau)_{\tau^{-1}}) = (a, b, c)$

and, therefore,  $\tau^{-1}$ -transformation is an inverse to  $\tau$ -transformation.

Due to similarity of triangles  $T(a_{\tau^{-1}}, b_{\tau^{-1}}, c_{\tau^{-1}})$  and  $T(a_\tau, b_\tau, c_\tau)$  with coefficient

$$\frac{1}{r\sqrt{s}} = \frac{\sqrt{s}}{F} \text{ we have } s_{\tau^{-1}} = \frac{\Delta}{4r\sqrt{s}}, F_{\tau^{-1}} = \frac{\sqrt{\Delta}}{2}, R_{\tau^{-1}} = R \cdot \frac{2\sqrt{s}}{\sqrt{\Delta}}, r_{\tau^{-1}} = r \cdot \frac{2\sqrt{s}}{\sqrt{\Delta}}.$$

**Theorem 1.** Hadwiger-Finsler Inequality  $\Delta \geq 4\sqrt{3}F$  is equivalent to inequality  $\Delta \leq \frac{4}{3}s^2$ .

*Proof.* Let inequality  $\Delta \geq 4\sqrt{3}F$  holds for any  $T(a, b, c)$  then, in particular, for  $T(a_\tau, b_\tau, c_\tau)$  we have  $\Delta_\tau \geq 4\sqrt{3}F_\tau \iff \frac{\Delta(a^2, b^2, c^2)}{4} \geq 4\sqrt{3} \cdot \frac{F^2\sqrt{\Delta}(a, b, c)}{2s} \iff 4F^2 \geq 4\sqrt{3} \cdot \frac{F^2\sqrt{\Delta}(a, b, c)}{2s} \iff \frac{2s}{\sqrt{3}} \geq \sqrt{\Delta}(a, b, c) \iff \frac{4}{3}s^2 \geq \Delta(a, b, c)$ .

Assume now that  $\frac{4}{3}s^2 \geq \Delta(a, b, c)$  holds for any  $T(a, b, c)$ . Then, in particular

$$\frac{4}{3}s_\tau^2 \geq \Delta(a_\tau, b_\tau, c_\tau) \iff \frac{4}{3} \cdot \left( \frac{\Delta(a, b, c)}{4} \right)^2 \geq \frac{\Delta(a^2, b^2, c^2)}{4} \iff$$

$$\Delta^2(a, b, c) \geq 3\Delta(a^2, b^2, c^2) \iff \Delta^2(a, b, c) \geq 3 \cdot 16F^2 \iff \Delta \geq 4\sqrt{3}F.$$

Thus, for any triangle  $T(a, b, c)$  holds inequality  $4\sqrt{3}rs \leq \Delta \leq \frac{4}{3}s^2$

**Remark 2.** Of course inequality  $\Delta \leq \frac{4}{3}s^2$  can be proved without

$\tau$ -transformation. Indeed, since  $\Delta = 4(ab + bc + ca) - 4s^2$

then  $4s^2 - 3\Delta = 16s^2 - 12(ab + bc + ca) = 4(4s^2 - 3(ab + bc + ca)) =$

$4(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca) \geq 0$ . But the use of  $\tau$ -transformation gives us one more proof of Hadwiger-Finsler inequality.

**Theorem 2.** Inequality  $\Delta\sqrt{\Delta} \leq 4abc + 8(3\sqrt{3} - 4)(s - a)(s - b)(s - c)$  holds for any triangle  $T(a, b, c)$ .

*Proof.* Applying Blundon's inequality  $s \leq 2R + (3\sqrt{3} - 4)r$  to triangle  $T(a_\tau, b_\tau, c_\tau)$

$$\text{we obtain } s_\tau \leq 2R_\tau + (3\sqrt{3} - 4)r_\tau \iff \frac{\Delta}{4} \leq 2 \cdot R \cdot \frac{2F}{\sqrt{\Delta}} + (3\sqrt{3} - 4) \cdot r \cdot \frac{2F}{\sqrt{\Delta}} \iff$$

$$\frac{\Delta(a, b, c)}{4} \leq \frac{4RF}{\sqrt{\Delta}} + \frac{2(3\sqrt{3} - 4)rF}{\sqrt{\Delta}} \iff \Delta\sqrt{\Delta} \leq 4abc + 8(3\sqrt{3} - 4)r^2s \iff$$

$$\Delta\sqrt{\Delta} \leq 4abc + 8(3\sqrt{3} - 4)(s - a)(s - b)(s - c).$$

**Theorem 3.** In any triangle  $T(a, b, c)$  the following inequalities hold:

1. (a)  $64F^2 \leq \Delta^2 + 12r^2\Delta$
- (b)  $\Delta^2 - s^2\Delta \leq 12F^2$

*Proof.* First note that  $s^2 \leq 4R^2 + 5Rr + r^2$ . (This inequality immediately follows from  $s^2 \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2$  and  $2r \leq R$ . Or, in a free-parametrization of  $T(a, b, c) = T(y + z, z + x, x + y)$

it is equivalent to  $\sum_{cyc} z^3(x - y)^2 \geq 0$ ). Since  $\frac{R}{r} = \frac{\Delta - 4r^2}{16r^2}$  and  $4R^2 + 5Rr + r^2 = (4R + r)(R + r) = r(4R + r)\left(1 + \frac{R}{r}\right) = \frac{\Delta}{4}\left(1 + \frac{\Delta - 4r^2}{16r^2}\right) = \frac{\Delta(\Delta + 12r^2)}{16r^2}$  then  $s^2 \leq 4R^2 + 5Rr + r^2 \iff 64F^2 \leq \Delta(\Delta + 12r^2)$ .

Applying  $\tau$ -transformation to inequality  $64F^2 \leq \Delta(\Delta + 12r^2)$  we obtain

$$64F_\tau^2 \leq \Delta_\tau(\Delta_\tau + 12r_\tau^2) \iff 64 \cdot \left(\frac{F^2\sqrt{\Delta}}{2s}\right)^2 \leq 4F^2\left(4F^2 + 12\left(\frac{2rF}{\sqrt{\Delta}}\right)^2\right) \iff \frac{16F^4\Delta}{s^2} \leq 4F^2\left(4F^2 + 12 \cdot \frac{4r^2F^2}{\Delta}\right) \iff \frac{\Delta}{s^2} \leq 1 + \frac{12r^2}{\Delta} \iff \Delta^2 - s^2\Delta \leq 12F^2.$$

Since  $\frac{\Delta^2 - s^2\Delta}{12} \leq F^2 \leq \frac{\Delta^2 + 12r^2\Delta}{64}$  then

$$\frac{\Delta^2 - s^2\Delta}{12} \leq \frac{\Delta^2 + 12r^2\Delta}{64} \iff 13\Delta \leq 16s^2 + 36r^2 \text{ and we have}$$

$$\Delta \leq s^2 + 9r^2 \leq \frac{16s^2 + 36r^2}{64}. \text{ On the other hand, inequality } F^2 \leq \frac{\Delta^2 + 12\Delta r^2}{64} \text{ is}$$

$$\text{stronger than } F^2 \leq \frac{\Delta^2}{48} \iff \text{(HF)}. \text{ Indeed, } \frac{\Delta^2 + 12\Delta r^2}{64} \leq \frac{\Delta^2}{48} \iff$$

$$\frac{\Delta^2 + 12\Delta r^2}{4} \leq \frac{\Delta^2}{3} \iff 3\Delta^2 + 36\Delta r^2 \leq 4\Delta^2 \iff 36r^2 \leq \Delta.$$

**Theorem 4.** Inequalities  $\Delta \leq s^2 + 9r^2$  and  $F^2 \leq \frac{\Delta^3}{64(\Delta - 9r^2)}$  are equivalent.

*Proof.* Applying  $\tau$ -transformation to inequality  $\Delta \leq s^2 + 9r^2$  (a  $\Delta$ - $r$ - $s$  form of Gerretsen Inequality) we get  $\Delta_\tau \leq s_\tau^2 + 9r_\tau^2 \iff 4F^2 \leq \frac{\Delta^2}{16} + 9r^2 \cdot \frac{4F^2}{\Delta} \iff 4F^2\left(1 - \frac{9r^2}{\Delta}\right) \leq \frac{\Delta^2}{16} \iff F^2 \leq \frac{\Delta^3}{64(\Delta - 9r^2)}$ .

**Remark 2.** Using free parametrization  $(a, b, c) = (y + z, z + x, x + y)$  we can rewrite inequality  $F^2 \leq \frac{\Delta^3}{64(\Delta - 9r^2)}$  in the form  $\sum_{cyc} y^2z^2(x - y)(x - z) \geq 0$ . The

latter inequality can be obtained from Schure Inequality  $\sum_{cyc} x(x-y)(x-z) \geq 0$  by replacing  $(x, y, z)$  with  $(yz, zx, xy)$ .

3  $(R, r)$ - majorants, minorants.

3.1. The family of  $(R, r)$ -linear majorant for semiperimeter  $s$

First we will prove

**Lemma 1.** Let  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  be non-negative real numbers.

Inequality  $2R^2 + 10Rr - r^2 + 2(R - 2r) \sqrt{R(R - 2r)} \leq (\mu R + \nu r)^2$  with equality condition of  $R = 2r$  holds if and only if  $2 \leq \mu \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$  and  $\nu = 3\sqrt{3} - 2\mu$ .

*Proof. Necessity.* Let  $t = \frac{R}{r}$  then we have inequality

$2t^2 + 10t - 1 + 2(t - 2) \sqrt{t(t - 2)} \leq (\mu t + \nu)^2$  which holds for any  $t \geq 2$  and equality occurs if  $t = 2$ . Then  $1 \leq \frac{(\mu t + \nu)^2}{2t^2 + 10t - 1 + 2(t - 2) \sqrt{t(t - 2)}}$  yields

$$1 \leq \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\mu t + \nu)^2}{2t^2 + 10t - 1 + 2(t - 2) \sqrt{t(t - 2)}} \iff 1 \leq \frac{\mu^2}{4} \iff \mu \geq 2.$$

For  $t = 2$  we have  $2 \cdot 2^2 + 10 \cdot 2 - 1 = (\mu \cdot 2 + \nu)^2 \iff 27 = (2\mu + \nu)^2 \iff$

$$2\mu + \nu = 3\sqrt{3} \iff \nu = 3\sqrt{3} - 2\mu \text{ and, therefore, } 3\sqrt{3} - 2\mu \geq 0 \iff \mu \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}.$$

**Sufficiency.** Let  $\mu \in \left[2, \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}\right]$ . Since  $\mu R + (3\sqrt{3} - 2\mu)r = \mu(R - 2r) + 3\sqrt{3}r$  isn't

decreasing in  $\mu$  and  $2R^2 + 10Rr - r^2 + 2(R - 2r) \sqrt{R(R - 2r)} \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2$  then suffice to prove

$$4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 \leq (2R\mu + (3\sqrt{3} - 2\mu)r)^2 \text{ for } \mu = 2.$$

We have  $(2R + (3\sqrt{3} - 4)r)^2 - (4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) = 4r(3\sqrt{3} - 5)(R - 2r) \geq 0$ .

From  $s^2 \leq 2R^2 + 10Rr - r^2 + 2(R - 2r) \sqrt{R(R - 2r)}$  and the lemma above it follows:

**Corollary 1.** For any  $2 \leq \mu \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$  holds inequality  $s \leq \mu R + (3\sqrt{3} - 2\mu)r$ .

**Corollary 2.** For any  $2 \leq \mu_1 \leq \mu_2 \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$  we have  $s \leq \mu_1 R + (3\sqrt{3} - 2\mu_1)r \leq \mu_2 R + (3\sqrt{3} - 2\mu_2)r$ .

*Proof.*  $\mu_2 R + (3\sqrt{3} - 2\mu_2)r - (\mu_1 R + (3\sqrt{3} - 2\mu_1)r) = (\mu_2 - \mu_1)(R - 2r) \geq 0$ .

So, Blundon's Inequality  $s \leq 2R + (3\sqrt{3} - 4)r$  (that corresponds to  $\mu = 2$ ) gives the best  $(R, r)$ -linear majorant for  $s$ .

For  $\mu = \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}}$  we obtain inequality  $s \leq \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}}R + \left(3\sqrt{3} - 2 \cdot \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}}\right)r \iff s \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(4R + r) \iff \sqrt{3}s \leq 4R + r \iff 4\sqrt{3}F \leq \Delta$ .

For  $\mu = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$  we obtain inequality  $s \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}R$  and for  $\mu = \frac{2\sqrt{3} + 3}{3} \in \left[2, \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}\right]$  we

obtain  $s \leq \frac{2\sqrt{3} + 3}{3}R + \left(3\sqrt{3} - 2 \cdot \frac{2\sqrt{3} + 3}{3}\right)r \iff s \leq \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} + 1\right)R + \frac{5\sqrt{3} - 6}{3}r$ .

Since  $2 < \frac{2\sqrt{3} + 3}{3} < \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}} < \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$  then

$$s \leq 2R + (3\sqrt{3} - 4)r \leq \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} + 1\right)R + \frac{5\sqrt{3} - 6}{3}r \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(4R + r) \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}R.$$

Inequalities  $s \leq 2R + (3\sqrt{3} - 4)r$ ,  $s \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(4R + r)$ ,  $s \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}R$  are well known,

but what is so special about  $\mu = \frac{2\sqrt{3} + 3}{3}$  that we must pay attention to it?

The answer became obvious after considering the linear  $(r, s)$  majorant for sum of medians. But first lets look at the  $(r, s)$ -quadratic minorants for  $\Delta$ .

### 3.2. Quadratic $(r, s)$ -minorants for $\Delta$

By substitution of  $R = \frac{\Delta - 4r^2}{16r}$  in inequality

$$s \leq \mu R + (3\sqrt{3} - 2\mu)r, \mu \in \left[2, \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}\right] \text{ we obtain}$$

$$s \leq \mu \cdot \frac{\Delta - 4r^2}{16r} + (3\sqrt{3} - 2\mu)r \iff 16rs \leq \mu\Delta + (48\sqrt{3} - 36\mu)r^2 \iff$$

- $\alpha rs - \beta r^2 \leq \Delta$ , where  $\alpha := \frac{16}{\mu}$  and  $\beta := \frac{12(4\sqrt{3} - 3\mu)}{\mu}$

In particular, if  $\mu = 2, \frac{2\sqrt{3} + 3}{3}, \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$  we obtain respectively:

- $8rs - 12(2\sqrt{3} - 3)r^2 \leq \Delta$ ,
- $16(2\sqrt{3} - 3)sr - 36(2 - \sqrt{3})^2 r^2 \leq \Delta$ ,
- $4\sqrt{3}rs \leq \Delta \iff \text{(HF)}$
- $\frac{32\sqrt{3}}{9}rs + 4r^2 \leq \Delta$ .

Since  $s \geq 3\sqrt{3}r$  then  $\alpha rs - \beta r^2 = \frac{16r(s - 3\sqrt{3}r)}{\mu} + 36r^2$  is decreasing in



$\mu \in \left[2, \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}\right]$  and, therefore,  $\mu = 2$  give us the best  $(r, s)$ -quadratic minorants for  $\Delta$

$$6. \quad 8rs - 12(2\sqrt{3} - 3)r^2 \leq \Delta$$

that is

$$\frac{16rs}{\mu} - \frac{12(4\sqrt{3} - 3\mu)}{\mu}r^2 \leq 8rs - 12(2\sqrt{3} - 3)r^2 \leq \Delta, \quad \mu \in \left[2, \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}\right].$$

In particular, since  $2 < \frac{2\sqrt{3} + 3}{3} < \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}} < \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$  we have the chain of inequalities:

$$\frac{32\sqrt{3}}{9}rs + 4r^2 \leq 4\sqrt{3}rs \leq 16(2\sqrt{3} - 3)sr - 36(2 - \sqrt{3})^2r^2 \leq 8rs - 12(2\sqrt{3} - 3)r^2 \leq \Delta.$$

(Inequality (6) can be considered as refinement of Hadwiger-Finsler Inequality in the  $(\Delta, r, s)$ - form and it is analogous to the Blundon's Inequality which give the best linear  $(R, r)$  majorant to  $s$ ).

### 3.3. Linear $(r, s)$ -majorant for sum of medians.

**Lemma 2.** Let  $m_a$  and  $m_b$  be medians of a triangle with side-lengths  $a, b, c$ . Then

$$m_a m_b \leq \frac{2c^2 + ab}{4}.$$

*Proof.* Since  $m_a^2 = \frac{2(b^2 + c^2) - a^2}{4}$ ,  $m_b^2 = \frac{2(c^2 + a^2) - b^2}{4}$

$$\text{then } 16 \left( \left( \frac{2c^2 + ab}{4} \right)^2 - m_a^2 m_b^2 \right) = (2(b^2 + c^2) - a^2)(2(c^2 + a^2) - b^2) - (2c^2 + ab)^2 = 2((a^2 - b^2)^2 - c^2(a - b)^2) = 2(a - b)^2(a + b + c)(a + b - c) \geq 0.$$

**Corollary 3.**  $(m_a + m_b + m_c)^2 \leq \frac{16s^2 - 3\Delta}{4}$ .

*Proof.* Since

$$m_a m_b + m_b m_c + m_c m_a \leq \sum_{cyc} \frac{2c^2 + ab}{4} = \frac{2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + ab + bc + ca}{4} \text{ and for any}$$

$k$  and  $l$  holds

$$\text{identity } k(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + l(ab + bc + ca) = (l + 2k)s^2 - \frac{(2k - l)\Delta}{4} \text{ then}$$

$$(m_a + m_b + m_c)^2 = m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2 + 2(m_a m_b + m_b m_c + m_c m_a) = \frac{3}{4}(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) +$$

$$2(m_a m_b + m_b m_c + m_c m_a) \leq \frac{7(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + 2(ab + bc + ca)}{4} = \frac{16s^2 - 3\Delta}{4}$$

**Theorem 5.** Let  $m_a, m_b, m_c$  be medians of a triangle with semiperimeter  $s$  and inradius  $r$ . Then

$$(M) \quad m_a + m_b + m_c \leq 2s - 3(2\sqrt{3} - 3)r. \tag{8}$$

*Proof.* By Corollary 3.3.1. we have  $m_a + m_b + m_c \leq \frac{\sqrt{16s^2 - 3\Delta}}{2}$  and using inequality  $\alpha r s - \beta r^2 \leq \Delta$ , where  $\alpha := \frac{16}{\mu}$  and  $\beta := \frac{12(4\sqrt{3} - 3\mu)}{\mu}$  we obtain:  
 $16s^2 - 3\Delta \leq 16s^2 - 3(\alpha r s - \beta r^2) = 16s^2 - 3\alpha r s + 3\beta r^2$ . Therefore,  
 $m_a + m_b + m_c \leq \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{16s^2 - 3\alpha r s + 3\beta r^2}$ . Since

$$16s^2 - 3\alpha r s + 3\beta r^2 = \left(4s - \frac{3\alpha r}{8}\right)^2 + 3r^2 \left(\beta - \frac{3\alpha^2}{64}\right)$$

then  $16s^2 - 3\alpha r s + 3\beta r^2$  becomes a perfect square if and only if

$$\beta = \frac{3\alpha^2}{64} \iff \frac{12(4\sqrt{3} - 3\mu)}{\mu} = \frac{3}{64} \cdot \frac{256}{\mu^2} \iff 4\sqrt{3} - 3\mu = \frac{1}{\mu} \iff$$

$$3\mu^2 - 4\sqrt{3}\mu + 1 = 0 \iff \mu = \frac{2\sqrt{3} + 3}{3}. \text{ For } \mu = \frac{2\sqrt{3} + 3}{3} \text{ we have}$$

$$\alpha = 16(2\sqrt{3} - 3), \frac{1}{2} \left(4s - \frac{3\alpha r}{8}\right) = 2s - \frac{3}{16} \cdot 16(2\sqrt{3} - 3)r = 2s - 3(2\sqrt{3} - 3)r \text{ and, therefore,}$$

$$m_a + m_b + m_c \leq 2s - 3(2\sqrt{3} - 3)r.$$

Thus, only  $\mu = \frac{2\sqrt{3} + 3}{3}$  provide the linear  $(s, r)$ -majorant for sum of medians.

Inequality (M), when it already established, can be proven by a shorter way: Since  $ab + bc + ca = s^2 + r(4R + r)$  and  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 2(s^2 - r(4R + r))$  then

$$(m_a + m_b + m_c)^2 \leq \frac{7(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + 2(ab + bc + ca)}{4} = \frac{14(s^2 - r(4R + r)) + 2(s^2 + r(4R + r))}{4} = 4s^2 - 3r^2 - 12Rr$$

and, therefore, it suffices to prove  $4s^2 - 3r^2 - 12Rr \leq (2s - 3(2\sqrt{3} - 3)r)^2$ .

Since  $s \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}R$  we have  $(2s - 3(2\sqrt{3} - 3)r)^2 - (4s^2 - 3r^2 - 12Rr) =$

$$12r(R - s(2\sqrt{3} - 3) - r(9\sqrt{3} - 16)) \geq$$

$$12r \left( R - \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}R \cdot (2\sqrt{3} - 3) - r(9\sqrt{3} - 16) \right) = 6(9\sqrt{3} - 16)r(R - 2r) \geq 0.$$

(Inequality (M) as a conjecture was proposed by Konstantin Knop in private communication).

4 More inequalities with  $\Delta$ 

In conclusion, we will consider a few inequalities with  $\Delta$ . First we will present a chain of inequalities with  $\Delta$  (some of them are already well known).

**Inequality 1.**

Let  $a, b, c$  be lengths of sides of a triangle. Then

$$\frac{9a^2b^2c^2}{a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2} \leq \frac{3abc(a+b+c)}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} \leq \Delta \leq \frac{8abc(ab+bc+ca)}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)} \leq \frac{9abc}{a+b+c} \leq \min \left\{ \frac{3abc(a+b+c)}{ab+bc+ca}, 3\sqrt[3]{a^2b^2c^2} \right\}.$$

*Proof.* Since  $a, b, c$  are positive, we have

$$\frac{9abc}{a+b+c} \leq 3\sqrt[3]{a^2b^2c^2} \iff 3\sqrt[3]{abc} \leq a+b+c \text{ and}$$

$$\frac{9abc}{a+b+c} \leq \frac{3abc(a+b+c)}{ab+bc+ca} \iff 3(ab+bc+ca) \leq (a+b+c)^2 \text{ and}$$

$$\frac{8abc(ab+bc+ca)}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)} \leq \frac{9abc}{a+b+c} \iff 8(a+b+c)(ab+bc+ca) \leq$$

$$9(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)$$

(as a side note: all of these inequalities hold for any positive  $a, b, c$ ).

So it remains to prove:

$$1. \frac{3abc(a+b+c)}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} \leq \Delta \leq \frac{8abc(ab+bc+ca)}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)} \text{ and}$$

$$2. \frac{9a^2b^2c^2}{a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2} \leq \frac{3abc(a+b+c)}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} \iff 3abc(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) \leq (a+b+c)(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2).$$

*Proof.* (Inequalities (1) and (2)).

Using free parametrization of the triangle namely,  $(a, b, c) = (y+z, z+x, x+y)$ ,

denoting  $p := xy + yz + zx, q :=$

$xyz$ , and due to homogeneity of the inequalities, assuming  $x+y+z=1$ , we obtain  $s=1, \Delta=4p, abc=p-q, a^2+b^2+c^2=2(1-p), a^2b^2+b^2c^2+c^2a^2=(1-p)^2+4q, (a+b)(b+c)(c+a)=2+p+q$  and inequalities (1) and (2) becomes, respectively,

$$\frac{3(p-q)}{1-p} \leq 4p \leq \frac{8(p-q)(1+p)}{2+p+q} \text{ and}$$

$$3(p-q)(1-p) \leq (1-p)^2 + 4q \iff (7-3p)q - (4p-1)(1-p) \geq 0.$$

First, lets prove inequality

$$\frac{3(p-q)}{1-p} \leq 4p \iff \frac{3(p-q)}{1-p} \leq 4p \iff 3q+p-4p^2 \geq 0. \text{ Since } p = xy+yz+$$

$zx \leq \frac{(x + y + z)^2}{3} = \frac{1}{3}$  and  $\sum_{cyclic} x(x - y)(x - z) \geq 0 \iff q \geq \frac{4p - 1}{9}$  then

$0 < p \leq \frac{1}{3}, q \geq \max \left\{ 0, \frac{4p - 1}{9} \right\}$ . For  $0 < p \leq \frac{1}{4}$  we have

$3q + p - 4p^2 \geq p(1 - 4p) \geq 0$  and for  $\frac{1}{4} < p \leq \frac{1}{3}$  we have

$$3q + p - 4p^2 \geq \frac{4p - 1}{3} + p - 4p^2 = \frac{(4p - 1)(1 - 3p)}{3} \geq 0.$$

Now, lets prove

$$\text{inequality } 4p \leq \frac{8(p - q)(1 + p)}{2 + p + q} \iff p \leq \frac{2(p - q)(1 + p)}{2 + p + q} \iff p^2 -$$

$$(3p + 2)q \geq 0. \text{ Since } q = xyz(x + y + z) \leq \frac{(xy + yz + zx)^2}{3} = \frac{p^2}{3} \text{ then}$$

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

Thus, it remains to prove inequality  $(7 - 3p)q - (4p - 1)(1 - p) \geq 0$ .

$$\text{Note that } q \geq \max \left\{ 0, \frac{(1 - p)(4p - 1)}{6} \right\} \text{ since } \sum_{cyclic} x^2(x - y)(x - z) \geq$$

$$0 \iff q \geq \frac{(1 - p)(4p - 1)}{6}. \text{ For } 0 < p \leq \frac{1}{4} \text{ we}$$

$$\text{have } (7 - 3p)q - (4p - 1)(1 - p) = (7 - 3p)q + (1 - 4p)(1 - p) \geq$$

$$(1 - 4p)(1 - p) \geq 0 \text{ and for } \frac{1}{4} < p \leq \frac{1}{3} \text{ we have } (7 - 3p)q - (4p - 1)(1 - p) \geq$$

$$(7 - 3p)\frac{(1 - p)(4p - 1)}{6} - (4p - 1)(1 - p) = \frac{(1 - p)(1 - 3p)(4p - 1)}{6} \geq 0$$

**Remark 4.** In reality, inequality  $\Delta \leq 3\sqrt{a^2b^2c^2}$  holds for any real  $a, b, c$  and it is  $\Delta$ -form (up to replacement  $(a, b, c)$  with  $(x^3, y^3, z^3)$ ) of well known [5],[6] inequality

$$(x^3 + y^3 + z^3)^2 + 3(xyz)^2 \geq 4(x^3y^3 + y^3z^3 + z^3x^3), \text{ where } x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}.$$

**Inequality 2.** Let  $a, b, c$  be lengths of sides of a triangle. Then for any real positive  $x, y, z$  holds inequality:

$$1. \quad (a) \quad \frac{xbc}{y + z} + \frac{yca}{z + x} + \frac{xbc}{x + y} \geq \frac{\Delta}{2};$$

$$(b) \quad \frac{xa^2}{y + z} + \frac{yb^2}{z + x} + \frac{zc^2}{x + y} \geq \frac{\Delta}{2}.$$

**Remark 5.** Inequality (a) is a geometric version of algebraic inequality, proved by M.S.Klamkin for any positive  $a, b, c, x, y, z$  and presented as Inequality 1 in [1], p.33 without proof and with reference to original article. Inequality in (b) is also a geometric version of algebraic

inequality proved by *D.S.Mitrinovic, J.E. Pecaric* for any positive  $a, b, c$  and real  $x, y, z$  such that  $x + y, y + z, z + x > 0$  and presented as **Inequalities 6 and 10** in [1], p.34 with easy proof.

So, we will prove only the inequality (a) in the form  $\sum_{cyc} \frac{x}{a(y+z)} \geq \frac{\Delta}{2abc}$ .

*Proof.* Applying Cauchy Inequality to

triples  $\left( \frac{x}{\sqrt{ax(y+z)}}, \frac{y}{\sqrt{bx(z+x)}}, \frac{z}{\sqrt{cz(x+y)}} \right)$  and  $\left( \sqrt{ax(y+z)}, \sqrt{bx(z+x)}, \sqrt{cz(x+y)} \right)$  we obtain

$$\sum_{cyc} ax(y+z) \cdot \sum_{cyc} \frac{x^2}{ax(y+z)} \geq (x+y+z)^2 \iff \sum_{cyc} \frac{x}{a(y+z)} \geq \frac{(x+y+z)^2}{\sum_{cyc} ax(y+z)}.$$

Since  $\frac{(x+y+z)^2}{\sum_{cyc} ax(y+z)} \geq \frac{4(ab+bc+ca)}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}$  (inequality (D), [4]) and

$$\frac{8(ab+bc+ca)abc}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)} \geq \Delta \text{ we obtain } \sum_{cyc} \frac{x}{a(y+z)} \geq \frac{\Delta}{2abc}.$$

**Inequality 3.** Let  $a, b,$  and  $c$  be lengths of sides of a triangle  $ABC$  and  $P$  be any point in the triangle. Let  $d_a, d_b, d_c$  be distances from point  $P$  to sides  $a, b, c$  respectively. Then

$$d_a d_b + d_b d_c + d_c d_a \leq \frac{4F^2}{\Delta} = \frac{\Delta(a^2, b^2, c^2)}{4\Delta(a, b, c)}.$$

*Proof.* Since  $ad_a + bd_b + cd_c = 2F$  then by replacing  $(x, y, z)$  and  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  in inequality  $\alpha yz + \beta zx + \gamma xy \leq \frac{\alpha\beta\gamma(x+y+z)^2}{\Delta(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)}$  (inequality (C), [4]) with  $(ad_a, bd_b, cd_c)$  and  $(a, b, c)$ , respectively, we obtain

**Remark 6.** This inequality was proven in [4], p.460 as inequality (DP) and originally represented as maximization problem and since

$$4d_a d_b + d_b d_c + d_c d_a = \Delta(d_a + d_b, d_b + d_c, d_c + d_a) \text{ it can be rewritten as } \Delta(d_a + d_b, d_b + d_c, d_c + d_a) \Delta(a, b, c) \leq \Delta(a^2, b^2, c^2).$$

**Inequality 4.** Let  $a, b, c$  be sidelengths of an acute triangle with circumradius  $R$ , inradius  $r$  and semiperimeter  $s$ . Then  $\Delta \leq \frac{8rs\sqrt{3} + 4s^2}{5}$ .

(This inequality is  $\Delta$ - $r$ - $s$  representation of inequality in **Theorem 1.4** in [3]).

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