

### Inequality in a triangle with symmedians.

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JP.300. In  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $I$ -incenter,  $ID, IE, IF$  –symmedians in  $\triangle BIC, \triangle CIA, \triangle AIB$ ,

$D \in BC, E \in CA, F \in AB$ . Prove that :

$$\frac{[DFE]}{[ABC]} \geq \frac{r^2}{2R^2 - Rr - 2r^2}.$$

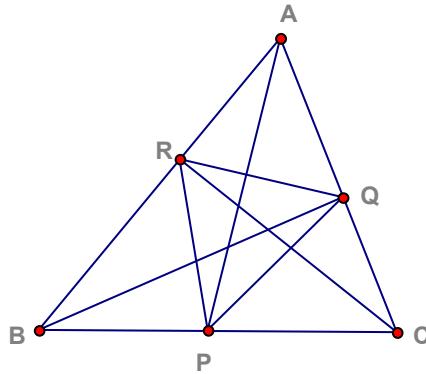
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First we will consider more general configuration, that is for any three numbers

$\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in (0, 1)$  and points  $P \in BC, Q \in CA, R \in AB$  such that  $\frac{BP}{PC} = \frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha}$ ,

$\frac{CQ}{QA} = \frac{1-\beta}{\beta}, \frac{AR}{RB} = \frac{1-\gamma}{\gamma}$  and we will express  $\frac{[PQR]}{[ABC]}$  via  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ .



We have  $[PQR] = \frac{c(1-\gamma) \cdot b\beta}{2} \cdot \sin A = \beta(1-\gamma) \cdot \frac{bc \sin A}{2} = \beta(1-\gamma)[ABC]$

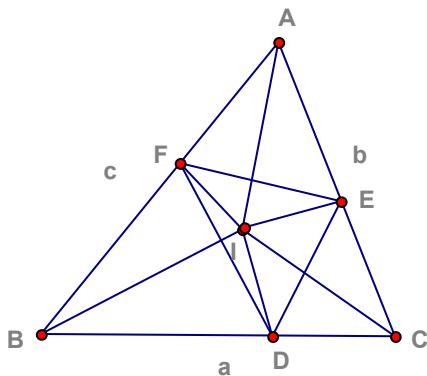
and similarly  $[BDF] = \gamma(1-\alpha)[ABC]$ ,  $[CED] = \alpha(1-\beta)[ABC]$ .

Hence  $[PQR] = [ABC](1 - c(1-\gamma) - \gamma(1-\alpha) - \alpha(1-\beta)) =$

$[ABC](1 - \alpha - \beta - \gamma + \alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha) \Leftrightarrow$

$$(1) \quad \frac{[PQR]}{[ABC]} = 1 - \alpha - \beta - \gamma + \alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha.$$

Now we can come back to the problem



Let  $l_a$  be length of bisector of angle  $A$ . Since  $l_a^2 = \frac{4bc(s-a)}{(b+c)^2}$  and  $IA = \frac{l_a(b+c)}{2s}$

then  $IA^2 = \frac{bc(s-a)}{s} = \frac{abc}{s} \cdot \frac{s-a}{a}$  and similarly we obtain  $IB^2 = \frac{abc}{s} \cdot \frac{s-b}{b}$ ,

$IC^2 = \frac{abc}{s} \cdot \frac{s-c}{c}$ . Since  $ID, IE, IF$  be symmedians in  $\triangle IBC, \triangle ICA, \triangle IAB$  respectively

then  $\frac{BD}{DC} = \frac{IB^2}{IC^2} = \frac{\frac{s-a}{a}}{\frac{s-b}{b}}$  and similarly  $\frac{CE}{EA} = \frac{IC^2}{IA^2} = \frac{\frac{s-b}{b}}{\frac{s-c}{c}}$ ,  $\frac{AF}{FB} = \frac{IA^2}{IB^2} = \frac{\frac{s-c}{c}}{\frac{s-a}{a}}$

Denoting  $x := \frac{s-a}{a}, y := \frac{s-b}{b}, z := \frac{s-c}{c}$  and  $\alpha := \frac{y}{x+y}, \beta := \frac{z}{y+z}, \gamma := \frac{x}{z+x}$

we obtain  $\frac{BD}{DC} = \frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha}, \frac{CE}{EA} = \frac{1-\beta}{\beta}, \frac{AF}{FB} = \frac{1-\gamma}{\gamma}$  and for this  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  by replacing

in (1)  $(P, Q, R)$  with  $(D, E, F)$  we obtain  $\frac{[DEF]}{[ABC]} = 1 - \alpha - \beta - \gamma + \alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha =$

$$\frac{yzx}{(x+y)(y+z)(z+x)} + \frac{xyz}{(x+y)(y+z)(z+x)} = \frac{2xyz}{(x+y)(y+z)(z+x)}.$$

Let  $R, r, s$  be circumradius, inradius and semiperimeter in  $\triangle ABC$  of the problem.

We have  $xyz = \frac{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}{abc} = \frac{r^2 s}{4Rrs} = \frac{r}{4R}, x+y+z =$

$$\frac{s-a}{a} + \frac{s-b}{b} + \frac{s-c}{c} = \frac{s(ab+bc+ca)}{abc} - 3 = \frac{s(s^2+4Rr+r^2)}{4Rrs} - 3 =$$

$$\frac{s^2+4Rr+r^2}{4Rr} - 3 = \frac{s^2-8Rr+r^2}{4Rr}, xy+yz+zx = \sum \frac{(s-a)(s-b)}{ab} =$$

$$\frac{1}{abc} \sum c(s-a)(s-b) = \frac{1}{abc} \sum (s^2c - (a+b)cs + abc) =$$

$$\frac{2s^3 - 2(ab+bc+ca)s + 3abc}{abc} = \frac{2s^3 - 2(s^2+4Rr+r^2)s + 12Rrs}{4Rrs} = \frac{2R-r}{2R}$$

and  $(x+y)(y+z)(z+x) = (x+y+z)(xy+yz+zx) - xyz =$

$$\frac{s^2+r^2-8Rr}{4Rr} \cdot \frac{2R-r}{2R} - \frac{r}{4R} = \frac{(2R-r)(s^2+r^2-8Rr)-2Rr^2}{8R^2r}.$$

$$\text{Hence, } \frac{2xyz}{(x+y)(y+z)(z+x)} = \frac{\frac{r}{2R} \cdot 8R^2r}{(2R-r)(s^2+r^2-8Rr)-2Rr^2} =$$

$$\frac{4Rr^2}{(2R-r)(s^2+r^2-8Rr)-2Rr^2} \geq \frac{4Rr^2}{(2R-r)(4R^2+4Rr+3r^2+r^2-8Rr)-2Rr^2} =$$

$$\frac{4Rr^2}{(2R-r) \cdot 4(R^2-Rr+r^2)-2Rr^2} = \frac{2Rr^2}{4R^3+5Rr^2-6R^2r-2r^3}.$$

Thus, remains to prove  $\frac{2Rr^2}{4R^3+5Rr^2-6R^2r-2r^3} \geq \frac{r^2}{2R^2-Rr-2r^2} \Leftrightarrow$

$$2R(2R^2-Rr-2r^2) \geq 4R^3+5Rr^2-6R^2r-2r^3.$$

We have  $2R(2R^2-Rr-2r^2) - (4R^3+5Rr^2-6R^2r-2r^3) = r(R-2r)(4R-r) \geq 0$

because  $R \geq 2r$  (Euler's Inequality).

