

Inequality involving triangles

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In triangle ABC , if L, M, N are midpoints of AB, AC, BC , and H is orthogonal center of triangle ABC . Prove that

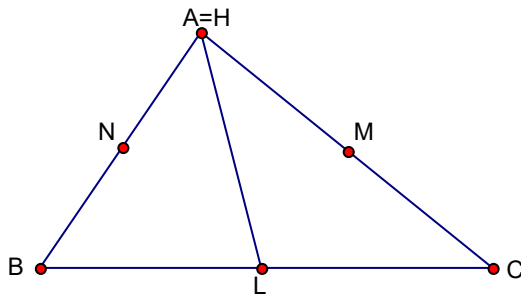
$$LH^2 + MH^2 + NH^2 \leq (1/4)(AB^2 + AC^2 + BC^2).$$

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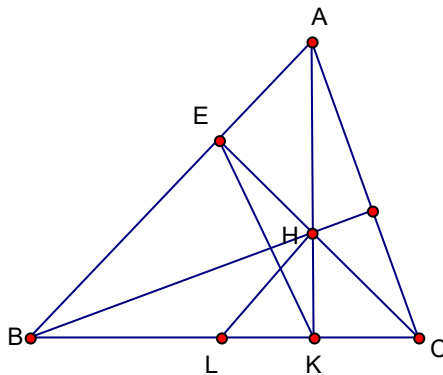
We will prove that inequality of the problem holds if $\triangle ABC$ is non-obtuse triangle.

If $\triangle ABC$ is right triangle (let $\angle A = 90^\circ$) then orthocenter H coincide with A and $HL = AL = R = a/2, HN = c/2, HM = b/2$ and, therefore,

$$LH^2 + MH^2 + NH^2 = \frac{1}{4}(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) = (1/4)(AB^2 + AC^2 + BC^2)$$



Let $\triangle ABC$ is an acute triangle.



Since* $HB = 2R \cos B$, $BL = a/2 = R \sin A$ and $\angle HBL = 90^\circ - C$ then $\cos \angle HBL = \sin C$ and

by Cosine Theorem we obtain $LH^2 = HB^2 + LB^2 - 2HB \cdot LB \sin C = 4R^2 \cos^2 B + R^2 \sin^2 A - 4R^2 \sin A \cos B \sin C = R^2(4 \cos^2 B + \sin^2 A - 4 \sin A \cos B \sin C) = R^2(\sin^2 A - 4 \cos B(\sin A \sin C - \cos B))$. Noting that $\sin A \sin C - \cos B = \sin A \sin C + \cos(A + C) = \cos A \cos C$ we obtain $LH^2 = R^2(\sin^2 A - 4 \cos A \cos B \cos C)$. Therefore, $LH^2 + MH^2 + NH^2 = R^2 \sum(\sin^2 A - 4 \cos A \cos B \cos C) = R^2(\sin^2 A + \sin^2 B + \sin^2 C - 12 \cos A \cos B \cos C)$ and original inequality can be equivalently rewritten as

$$R^2(\sin^2 A + \sin^2 B + \sin^2 C - 12 \cos A \cos B \cos C) \leq R^2(\sin^2 A + \sin^2 B + \sin^2 C) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$0 \leq \cos A \cos B \cos C.$$

* $\triangle KEB$ is similar to $\triangle ACB$ with coefficient of homothety $|\cos B|$ and BH is diameter of the circumcircle of $\triangle KEB$.