

Inequality involving triangles

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In a triangle ABC , with usual notions $p = (a + b + c)/2$ and inradius r , prove that

$$\sum \sqrt{\frac{ab(p-c)}{p}} \geq 6r.$$

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$$\text{Noting that } \sqrt{\frac{(p-b)(p-c)}{bc}} = \sqrt{\frac{(p-a)(p-b)(p-c)}{p}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{p}{bc(p-a)}} =$$

$$r \sqrt{\frac{p}{bc(p-a)}} \text{ we obtain that } \sum \sqrt{\frac{bc(p-a)}{p}} \geq 6r \Leftrightarrow \sum \frac{1}{r} \sqrt{\frac{bc(p-a)}{p}} \geq 6 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(1) \quad \sum \sqrt{\frac{bc}{(p-b)(p-c)}} \geq 6. \text{ Since by Cauchy Inequality}$$

$$\sum \sqrt{\frac{(p-b)(p-c)}{bc}} \cdot \sum \sqrt{\frac{bc}{(p-b)(p-c)}} \geq 9 \text{ remains to prove inequality}$$

$$9 \geq 6 \sum \sqrt{\frac{(p-b)(p-c)}{bc}} \Leftrightarrow \sum \sqrt{\frac{(p-b)(p-c)}{bc}} \leq \frac{3}{2}.$$

$$\text{By AM-GM Inequality we have } \sum \sqrt{\frac{(p-b)(p-c)}{bc}} \leq \sum \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{p-b}{c} + \frac{p-c}{b} \right) = \sum \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{p-b}{c} + \frac{p-a}{c} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \sum \frac{2p-a-b}{c} = \frac{3}{2}.$$