

Inverse to Erdos-Mordell inequality.

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Let a, b, c denote the lengths of the sides of a triangle ABC , let d_a, d_b, d_c denote the distances from an arbitrary point P inside the triangle to sides BC, CA, AB , respectively, and let $R_a := PA, R_b := PB, R_c := PC$. Prove that:

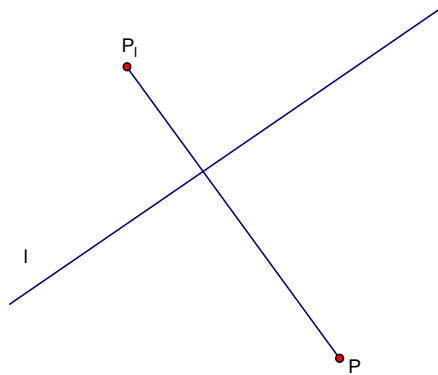
$$\frac{1}{R_a} + \frac{1}{R_b} + \frac{1}{R_c} \leq \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{d_a} + \frac{1}{d_b} + \frac{1}{d_c} \right).$$

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Definition.

For any line l on the plane and any point $P \notin l$ we denote via P_l such point laying in the half-plane distinct from half-plane marked by point P that $PP_l \perp l$ and $PP_l = \frac{1}{\text{dist}(P, l)}$.

This point P_l we will call "Involution of P with respect to l " (**Pic.1**)



Pic.1

Let P be the interior point in the angle $\angle A$ defined by the two half-lines a and b . Let d_a and d_b be distances from point P to lines a and b respectively and R_A be distance between P and A , i.e. $d_a = PM, d_b = PN, R_A = PA$. (**Pic.2**)

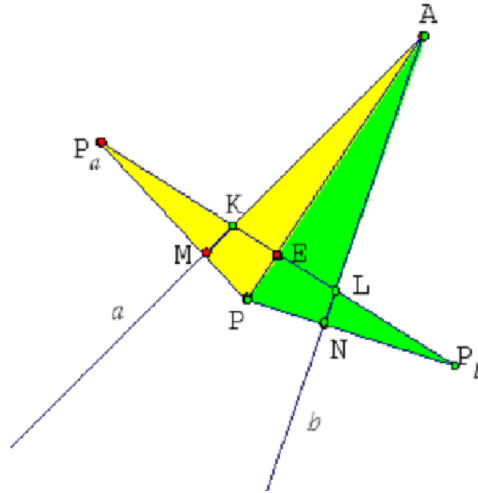
We will prove

Lemma.

Let P_a and P_b be involutions of P with respect to a and b respectively.

Then $P_a P_b \perp PA$ and $PE = \frac{1}{R_A}$ where E is intersection point of $P_a P_b$ and PA .

Proof.



Pic.2

Let $P_a E_1$ and $P_b E_2$ be perpendiculars from P_a and P_b to \overleftrightarrow{PA} respectively ($E_1, E_2 \in \overleftrightarrow{PA}$). Since $\angle PP_a E_1 = \angle PMA$ and $\angle PP_b E_2 = \angle PNA$ (as the angles which constructed by mutually perpendicular sides) then $\triangle PP_a E_1$ similar to $\triangle PMA$ and $\triangle PP_b E_2$ similar to $\triangle PNA$ and from similarity follows

$$\frac{PE_1}{PP_a} = \frac{PM}{PA} \Leftrightarrow \frac{PE_1}{\frac{1}{d_a}} = \frac{d_a}{R_A} \Leftrightarrow PE_1 = \frac{1}{R_A} \text{ and}$$

$$\frac{PE_2}{PP_b} = \frac{PN}{PA} \Leftrightarrow \frac{PE_2}{\frac{1}{d_b}} = \frac{d_b}{R_A} \Leftrightarrow PE_2 = \frac{1}{R_A}.$$

Hence, $PE_1 = PE_2$ and $E := E_1 = E_2$ is intersection point of $P_a P_b$ with PA and $PE = \frac{1}{R_A}$.

Let A_1, B_1, C_1 be involution points for $P \in \triangle ABC$ with respect to lines $\overleftrightarrow{BC}, \overleftrightarrow{CA}, \overleftrightarrow{AB}$ respectively. Let $R'_a = PA_1 = \frac{1}{d_a}, R'_b = PB_1 = \frac{1}{d_b}, R'_c = PC_1 = \frac{1}{d_c}$ and d'_a, d'_b, d'_c be distances from P to sides $B_1 C_1, C_1 A_1, A_1 B_1$.

Applying lemma we obtain $d'_a = \frac{1}{R_a}, d'_b = \frac{1}{R_b}, d'_c = \frac{1}{R_c}$ and by replacing

$(R_a, R_b, R_c, d_a, d_b, d_c)$ in **Erdős-Mordell Inequality**

$$R_a + R_b + R_c \geq 2(d_a + d_b + d_c)$$

with $(R'_a, R'_b, R'_c, d'_a, d'_b, d'_c) = \left(\frac{1}{d_a}, \frac{1}{d_b}, \frac{1}{d_c}, \frac{1}{R_a}, \frac{1}{R_b}, \frac{1}{R_c} \right)$ we obtain

$$\sum_{cyc} R'_a \geq 2 \sum_{cyc} d'_a \Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{d_a} \geq 2 \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{R_a}.$$