

Inequality involving triangles

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Let x, y, z be positive real numbers. Then in triangle ABC with semiperimeter s and inradius r

$$\frac{x}{y+z} \cot^2 \frac{A}{2} + \frac{y}{z+x} \cot^2 \frac{B}{2} + \frac{z}{x+y} \cot^2 \frac{C}{2} \geq 18 - \frac{s^2}{2r^2}$$

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Since $\cot \frac{A}{2} = \frac{s-a}{r}$ then $\sum \frac{x}{y+z} \cot^2 \frac{A}{2} \geq 18 - \frac{s^2}{2r^2} \Leftrightarrow$

$$\sum \frac{x}{y+z} \cdot \frac{(s-a)^2}{r^2} \cot^2 \frac{A}{2} \geq 18 - \frac{s^2}{2r^2} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(1) \quad \sum \frac{x}{y+z} (s-a)^2 \geq 18r^2 - \frac{s^2}{2}.$$

$$\sum (s-a)^2 = (s-a)^2 + (s-b)^2 + (s-c)^2 = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - 2s(a+b+c) + 3s^2 = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - s^2 = 2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) - s^2 = s^2 - 2r^2 - 8Rr.$$

In particular for $x = y = z = 1$ we obtain

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum (s-a)^2 - \left(18r^2 - \frac{s^2}{2}\right) = \frac{s^2}{2} - r^2 - 4Rr - \left(18r^2 - \frac{s^2}{2}\right) = s^2 - 19r^2 - 4Rr \geq 16Rr - 5r^2 - 19r^2 - 4Rr = 12r(R - 2r)$$

Lemma. For any positive real numbers $a, b, c, x, y, z > 0$ holds inequality

$$(2) \quad \frac{x}{y+z} a^2 + \frac{y}{z+x} b^2 + \frac{z}{x+y} c^2 \geq \frac{\Delta(a, b, c)}{2}, \text{ where}$$

$$\Delta(a, b, c) := 2ab + 2bc + 2ca - a^2 - b^2 - c^2 \quad [1], [2].$$

Equality occurs iff $b+c-a, c+a-b, a+b-c > 0$ and

$$(x, y, z) = k(b+c-a, c+a-b, a+b-c)$$

for some positive k .

Proof.

$$\text{Let } S := \frac{x}{y+z} a^2 + \frac{y}{z+x} b^2 + \frac{z}{x+y} c^2$$

By Cauchy Inequality

$$S + a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = (x+y+z) \sum \frac{a^2}{y+z} \geq (x+y+z) \cdot \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{2(x+y+z)} = \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{2}.$$

$$\text{Hence, } S \geq \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{2} - (a^2 + b^2 + c^2) = \frac{\Delta(a, b, c)}{2} \text{ and equality occurs iff}$$

$$(y+z, z+x, x+y) = k(a, b, c) \Leftrightarrow (x, y, z) = k(b+c-a, c+a-b, a+b-c), \text{ where } k > 0. \blacksquare$$

Coming back to our problem, by replacing (a, b, c) in (2) with $(s-a, s-b, s-c)$ we obtain

$$\sum \frac{x}{y+z} (s-a)^2 \geq \frac{\Delta(s-a, s-b, s-c)}{2}.$$

Thus remains to prove

$$\frac{\Delta(s-a, s-b, s-c)}{2} \geq 18r^2 - \frac{s^2}{2} \Leftrightarrow \Delta(s-a, s-b, s-c) \geq 36r^2 - s^2.$$

Let $x := s-a, y := s-b, z := s-c$. Then, using normalization $s = 1$ (due to homogeneity of the latter inequality) and denoting $p := xy + yz + zx, q := xyz$ we obtain

$$\Delta(s-a, s-b, s-c) =$$

$$2(xy + yz + zx) - (x^2 + y^2 + z^2) = 4p - 1, r^2 = \frac{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}{s} = q.$$

$$\text{Thus, we have } \Delta(s-a, s-b, s-c) - (36r^2 - s^2) = 4p - 1 - (36q - 1) = 4(p - 9q) \geq 0$$

because $p = (xy + yz + zx)(x + y + z) \geq 3\sqrt[3]{x^2y^2z^2} \cdot 3\sqrt[3]{xyz} = 9q$.

Remark.

More inequalities with vanished variables and involving symmetric polynomial $\Delta(a, b, c)$ in

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Also more information about polynomial $\Delta(a, b, c)$ and its application in

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