

One Inequality with angle bisectors.

Question 3.

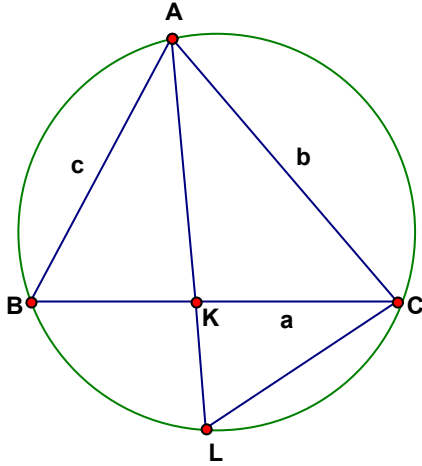
Let ABC be a triangle inscribed in a circle and let $l_a = \frac{m_a}{M_a}, l_b = \frac{m_b}{M_b}, l_c = \frac{m_c}{M_c}$,

where m_a, m_b, m_c are the lengths of the angle bisectors and M_a, M_b, M_c are the lengths of the angle bisectors extended until they meet the circle.

Prove that $\frac{l_a}{\sin^2 A} + \frac{l_b}{\sin^2 B} + \frac{l_c}{\sin^2 C} \geq 3$,

and that equality holds iff ABC is equilateral triangle.

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Let K and L be, intersection points of bisector of angle A with BC and circumcircle, respectively and let F be area of $\triangle ABC$. Similarity of triangles ABC and ALC implies

$$\frac{AB}{AK} = \frac{AL}{AC} \Leftrightarrow \frac{c}{m_a} = \frac{M_a}{b} \Leftrightarrow M_a m_a = bc.$$

Hence, $\frac{l_a}{\sin^2 A} = \frac{m_a}{M_a \sin^2 A} = \frac{m_a^2}{M_a m_a \sin^2 A} = \frac{m_a^2}{bc \sin^2 A} = \frac{m_a^2 bc}{b^2 c^2 \sin^2 A} = \frac{m_a^2 bc}{4F^2}$ and,

therefore, $\sum \frac{l_a}{\sin^2 A} \geq 3 \Leftrightarrow \sum \frac{m_a^2 bc}{4F^2} \geq 3 \Leftrightarrow \sum m_a^2 bc \geq 12F^2$.

Since $m_a^2 = bc - \frac{a^2 bc}{(b+c)^2} \geq bc - \frac{a^2}{4(b+c)^2}$ (because $\frac{bc}{(b+c)^2} \leq \frac{1}{4} \Leftrightarrow (b-c)^2 \geq 0$)

then $\sum m_a^2 bc \geq \sum \left(b^2 c^2 - \frac{a^2 bc}{4} \right)$. Thus, remains to prove inequality

$$\sum \left(b^2 c^2 - \frac{a^2 bc}{4} \right) \geq 12F^2 \Leftrightarrow \sum (4b^2 c^2 - a^2 bc) \geq 3 \cdot 16F^2 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\sum (4b^2 c^2 - a^2 bc) \geq 3 \sum (2b^2 c^2 - a^4) \Leftrightarrow 3(a^4 + b^4 + c^4) \geq 2(a^2 b^2 + b^2 c^2 + c^2 a^2) + abc(a + b + c)$$

Noting that $a^4 + b^4 + c^4 \geq a^2 b^2 + b^2 c^2 + c^2 a^2$, $a^4 + b^4 + c^4 \geq \frac{(a+b+c)(a^3 + b^3 + c^3)}{3}$

(by Chebishev's Inequality) and $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 \geq 3abc$ (by AM-GM Inequality)

we finally obtain $3(a^4 + b^4 + c^4) = 2(a^4 + b^4 + c^4) + (a^4 + b^4 + c^4) \geq$

$2(a^2 b^2 + b^2 c^2 + c^2 a^2) + abc(a + b + c)$.