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Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with  $BC = a, AC = b, AB = c$  and circumradius  $R$ . Show that

$$(b+c)/a^5 + (c+a)/b^5 + (a+b)/c^5 \geq 2/(3R^4).$$

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:Let  $F$  be are of  $\triangle ABC$ . Since  $4F \cdot R = abc$  we have

$$\sum \frac{b+c}{a^5} \geq \frac{2}{3R^4} \Leftrightarrow \sum \frac{b^4 c^4 (b+c)}{a} \geq \frac{2 \cdot a^4 b^4 c^4}{3R^4} = \frac{512F^4}{3}.$$

Since by Cauchy Inequality  $\sum \frac{b^4 c^4 (b+c)}{a} = \sum \frac{b^4 c^4 (b+c)^2}{a(b+c)} \geq \frac{(\sum b^2 c^2 (b+c))^2}{2(ab+bc+ca)}$

and  $3(ab+bc+ca) \leq (a+b+c)^2$  then  $\sum \frac{b^4 c^4 (b+c)}{a} \geq \frac{3(\sum b^2 c^2 (b+c))^2}{2(a+b+c)^2}$ .

Thus, suffices to prove inequality

$$\frac{3(\sum b^2 c^2 (b+c))^2}{2(a+b+c)^2} \geq \frac{512F^4}{3} \Leftrightarrow \frac{\sum b^2 c^2 (b+c)}{a+b+c} \geq \frac{32F^2}{3} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(1) \quad \sum b^2 c^2 (b+c) \geq \frac{64sF^2}{3}.$$

But we can reduce inequality (1) to more simple inequality.

Indeed, since  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \geq xy + yz + zx, \forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$  then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum b^2 c^2 (b+c) &= (a+b+c)(a^2 b^2 + b^2 c^2 + c^2 a^2) - abc(ab+bc+ca) = 0 \geq \\ &(a+b+c) \cdot abc(a+b+c) - abc(ab+bc+ca) = abc(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + ab + bc + ca) \geq \\ &2abc(ab+bc+ca). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, remains to prove inequality  $2abc(ab+bc+ca) \geq \frac{64sF^2}{3} \Leftrightarrow$

$$(2) \quad abc(ab+bc+ca) \geq \frac{32sF^2}{3}.$$

Let  $x := s-a, y := s-b, z := s-c, p := xy+yz+zx, q := xyz$ . Then assuming  $s = 1$

(due homogeneity of (2)) we obtain  $x, y, z > 0, x+y+z = 1, a = 1-x, b = 1-y,$

$c = 1-z, abc = p-q, ab+bc+ca = 1+p, F^2 = q$ .

Since  $3p = 3(y+yz+zx) \leq (x+y+z)^2 = 1$  and

$3q = 3xyz(x+y+z) \leq (y+yz+zx)^2 = p^2$  then

$$abc(ab+bc+ca) - \frac{32sF^2}{3} = (p-q)(1+p) - \frac{32q}{3} \geq$$

$$\left(p - \frac{p^2}{3}\right)(1+p) - \frac{32 \cdot \frac{p^2}{3}}{3} = \frac{1}{9}p(p+9)(1-3p) \geq 0.$$

**Another proof of (2).**

Since\*  $ab+bc+ca \geq 4\sqrt{3}F$  and  $abc = 4RF$  then

$$abc(ab+bc+ca) \geq \frac{32sF^2}{3} \Leftrightarrow 4RF \cdot 4\sqrt{3}F \geq \frac{32sF^2}{3} \Leftrightarrow R\sqrt{3} \geq \frac{2s}{3} \Leftrightarrow$$

$a+b+c \leq 3\sqrt{3}R$  (well known geometric inequality).

\* Follows from Hadwiger-Finsler Inequality

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - (a-b)^2 - (b-c)^2 - (c-a)^2 \geq 4\sqrt{3}F.$$

Indeed,  $(ab+bc+ca) - (a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - (a-b)^2 - (b-c)^2 - (c-a)^2) =$

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - ac - bc \geq 0.$$