

Proofs to three corollaries.

Corollary 3.1. In every triangle the following inequality holds

$$(3.1) \quad \frac{R}{r} \geq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \left(\frac{1}{\sin A} + \frac{1}{\sin B} + \frac{1}{\sin C} \right)$$

with equality holding if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

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Let s be semiperimeter of $\triangle ABC$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{R}{r} &\geq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \left(\frac{1}{\sin A} + \frac{1}{\sin B} + \frac{1}{\sin C} \right) \Leftrightarrow \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2r} \geq \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \Leftrightarrow \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2r} &\geq \frac{ab+bc+ca}{abc} \Leftrightarrow \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2r} \geq \frac{ab+bc+ca}{4Rrs} \Leftrightarrow R\sqrt{3} \geq \frac{ab+bc+ca}{a+b+c}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $3(ab+bc+ca) \leq (a+b+c)^2$ and $a+b+c \leq 3\sqrt{3}R$ then

$$\frac{ab+bc+ca}{a+b+c} \leq \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{3(a+b+c)} = \frac{a+b+c}{3} \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}R}{3} = R\sqrt{3}.$$

Equality in $3(ab+bc+ca) \leq (a+b+c)^2$ and $a+b+c \leq 3\sqrt{3}R$ occurs iff $a=b=c$.

Remark.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2r} &\geq \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \Leftrightarrow \frac{2\sqrt{3}F}{2r} \geq \frac{2F}{a} + \frac{2F}{b} + \frac{2F}{c} \Leftrightarrow \\ \frac{2\sqrt{3}rs}{2r} &\geq h_a + h_b + h_c \Leftrightarrow h_a + h_b + h_c \leq s\sqrt{3}. \star \end{aligned}$$

Corollary 3.4. In every triangle we have

$$(3.4) \quad \frac{R}{r} \geq \frac{2}{9}(a+b+c) \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right)$$

with equality holding if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

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Since by (3.1) $\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2r}$ and $a+b+c \leq 3\sqrt{3}R$ then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2}{9}(a+b+c) \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right) &\leq \frac{2}{9}(a+b+c) \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2r} \leq \\ \frac{2}{9} \cdot 3\sqrt{3}R \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2r} &= \frac{R}{r}. \end{aligned}$$

Obviously that equality conditions is the same as in (3.1).

Corollary 3.5. In every triangle we have

$$(3.5) \quad \frac{R}{r} \geq \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{b+c}{a} + \frac{c+a}{b} + \frac{a+b}{c} \right)$$

with equality holding if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

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Let s be semiperimeter of $\triangle ABC$. Since $ab+bc+ca = s^2 + 4Rr + r^2$,

$$abc = 4Rrs \text{ then } \frac{R}{r} \geq \frac{1}{3} \sum \frac{b+c}{a} \Leftrightarrow \frac{R}{r} + 1 \geq \frac{1}{3} \sum \left(\frac{b+c}{a} + 1 \right) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{R+r}{r} \geq \frac{(a+b+c)(ab+bc+ca)}{3abc} \Leftrightarrow \frac{R+r}{r} \geq \frac{2s(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)}{3 \cdot 4Rrs} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$6R(R+r) \geq s^2 + 4Rr + r^2 \Leftrightarrow s^2 \leq 6R^2 + 2Rr - r^2.$$

Noting that $s^2 \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2$ (Gerretsen's Inequality) and $2r \leq R$ (Euler's Inequality) we obtain $(6R^2 + 2Rr - r^2) - s^2 \geq$

$$(6R^2 + 2Rr - r^2) - (4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) = 2(R - 2r)(R + r) \geq 0.$$

As consequence of equality conditions in Gerretsen's and Euler's inequalities we obtain that equality holds iff the triangle is equilateral.