

4210. Proposed by Van Khea and Leonard Giugiuc.

Let ABC be a triangle in which the circumcenter lies on the incircle. Furthermore,

let $BC = a, CA = b$ and $AB = c$.

For which triangles does the expression $\frac{a+b+c}{\sqrt[3]{abc}}$ attain its minimum?

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Let I and O be incenter and circumcenter, respectively. Since by Euler's Theorem $OI^2 = R^2 - 2Rr$

and O lies on the incircle then $OI = r$ and, therefore, $R^2 - 2Rr = r^2 \iff R = (\sqrt{2} + 1)r$.

Since for any non-acute triangle holds inequality $R \geq (\sqrt{2} + 1)r$ (Emmerich's Inequality [1]), where

equality occurs iff ABC is a right isosceles triangle then triangle ABC can't be obtuse (because then

$R > (\sqrt{2} + 1)r$) and, therefore, further we can assume that triangle ABC is non-obtuse, that is

$$\cos A \cos B \cos C \geq 0 \iff s \geq 2R + r \quad (\text{because } \cos A \cos B \cos C = \frac{s^2 - (2R + r)^2}{4R^2}).$$

Since in the triangle ABC , by condition, holds $R = (\sqrt{2} + 1)r$ then for this triangle we have

$$\cos A \cos B \cos C \geq 0 \iff s \geq 2(\sqrt{2} + 1)r + r = (2\sqrt{2} + 3)r \iff \frac{s}{r} \geq 2\sqrt{2} + 3,$$

$$\text{and, therefore, } \frac{(a+b+c)^3}{abc} = \frac{8s^3}{4Rrs} = \frac{2s^2}{Rr} = \frac{2s^2}{(\sqrt{2} + 1)r^2} \geq \frac{2(2\sqrt{2} + 3)^2}{(\sqrt{2} + 1)} =$$

$$10\sqrt{2} + 14.$$

Noting that in inequality $\frac{s}{r} \geq 2\sqrt{2} + 3$ equality occurs iff $\cos A \cos B \cos C = 0$ we can conclude that

lower bound $10\sqrt{2} + 14$ can be attained only in right angled triangle.

We will prove that there is right triangle ABC such that $\frac{s}{r} = 2\sqrt{2} + 3, R = (\sqrt{2} + 1)r$ and $C = 90^\circ$.

Since $2R = a + b - 2r$ and $ab = 2F$ we obtain $a + b = 2(R + r) = 2((\sqrt{2} + 1)r + r) = 2\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2} + 1)r$

and $ab = 2sr = 2(2\sqrt{2} + 3)r^2 = 2(\sqrt{2} + 1)^2 r^2$. Hence $(a - b)^2 = (a + b)^2 - 4ab = 0$.

Thus, $a = b = \sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2} + 1)r, c = 2(\sqrt{2} + 1)r$.

Therefore, $\min \frac{a+b+c}{\sqrt[3]{abc}} = \sqrt{10\sqrt{2} + 14} = \sqrt[3]{2} + \sqrt[6]{32}$ and can be attained in any isosceles right triangle.

1. Recent Advances in Geometric Inequalities, D. S. Mitrinovic, J. Pecaric, V. Volenec, p.251.