

Now we note that

$$\begin{aligned} a + b + c &= 2s \\ ab + bc + ca &= s^2 + 4Rr + r^2 \\ abc &= 4sRr \\ a^2 + b^2 + c^2 &= 2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the inequality becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{12sRr + 4s(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)}{2s(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) - 4sRr} + \frac{1}{2} &\leq \frac{R}{r}, \\ \frac{6Rr + 2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)}{(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) - 2Rr} + \frac{1}{2} &\leq \frac{R}{r}, \\ \frac{2s^2 - 2Rr - 2r^2}{s^2 + 2Rr + r^2} + \frac{1}{2} &\leq \frac{R}{r}, \\ 2s^2(R - 2r) + r(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 - s^2) &\geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

which is true because by Euler's inequality $R \geq 2r$, and by Gerretsen's inequality $s^2 \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2$. So the proof is completed.

4597. *Proposed by George Apostolopoulos.*

Let a, b, c be positive real numbers with $a + b + c = 1$. Prove that

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + \frac{3}{\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}} \geq 2(ab + bc + ca).$$

We received 29 submissions, of which 27 were correct and complete. We present two solutions.

Solution 1, by Arkady Alt.

Let $p = ab + bc + ca$ and $q = abc$, so $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 1 - 2p$ and $\frac{3}{\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}} = \frac{3q}{p}$.

The problem becomes to prove $1 - 4p + \frac{3q}{p} \geq 0$.

Since $3(ab + bc + ca) \leq (a + b + c)^2$ then $0 < p \leq \frac{1}{3}$, and there are two cases.

If $p \in (0, 1/4]$ since $p, q > 0$ then $1 - 4p + \frac{3q}{p} > 0$.

By Schur's Inequality, $9q \geq 4p - 1$, and so,

$$1 - 4p + \frac{3q}{p} \geq 1 - 4p + \frac{3}{p} \cdot \frac{4p - 1}{9} = \frac{(4p - 1)(1 - 3p)}{3p} \geq 0$$

in the case that $p \in (1/4, 1/3]$.