

As an induction step, assume that  $f^2(a_n) \geq 2nf(1)$  for some  $n \geq 1$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} f^2(a_{n+1}) &= f^2\left(a_n + \frac{1}{a_n}\right) \\ &\geq f^2(a_n) + 2f(1) + f^2\left(\frac{1}{a_n}\right) \\ &\geq f^2(a_n) + 2f(1) \geq 2(n+1)f(1), \end{aligned}$$

completing the induction. Hence  $f^2(a_n) \geq 2nf(1)$  for all  $n \geq 1$ , contradicting the facts that  $f(1) > 0$  and  $f$  is bounded.

And to complete our files for the *Corner*, we look at a problem of the Taiwan Mathematical Olympiad, Selected Problems 2005, given in [2008: 21–22].

**1.** A  $\triangle ABC$  is given with side lengths  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$ . A point  $P$  lies inside  $\triangle ABC$ , and the distances from  $P$  to the three sides are  $p$ ,  $q$ , and  $r$ , respectively. Prove that

$$R \leq \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{18\sqrt[3]{pqr}},$$

where  $R$  is the circumradius of  $\triangle ABC$ . When does equality hold?

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Let  $F$  denote the area of  $\triangle ABC$ . We have the well-known relation  $2F = \frac{abc}{2R}$ , but also from the definition of  $p$ ,  $q$ , and  $r$  we have the equation  $2F = ap + bq + cr$ . Thus, the proposed inequality is equivalent to

$$\frac{abc}{2(ap + bq + cr)} \leq \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{18\sqrt[3]{pqr}}$$

or

$$(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)(ap + bq + cr) \geq 9abc\sqrt[3]{pqr}. \quad (1)$$

By the AM–GM Inequality,

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \geq 3\sqrt[3]{a^2b^2c^2} \quad \text{and} \quad ap + bq + cr \geq 3\sqrt[3]{abc pqr},$$

and the inequality (1) now follows from

$$(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)(ap + bq + cr) \geq 9\sqrt[3]{a^2b^2c^2} \cdot \sqrt[3]{abc} \cdot \sqrt[3]{pqr}.$$

That completes the *Corner* for this number, and this Volume. As Joanne Canape, who has been translating my scribbles into beautiful  $\text{\LaTeX}$  has decided that twenty-plus years is enough, I want to thank her too for all the help over the time we've worked together.