

S317. Let ABC be an acute triangle inscribed in a circle of radius 1. Prove that

$$\frac{\tan A}{\tan^3 B} + \frac{\tan B}{\tan^3 C} + \frac{\tan C}{\tan^3 A} \geq 4 \left(\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} \right) - 3.$$

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Since $a = 2 \sin A$, $b = 2 \sin B$, $c = 2 \sin C$ and

$$(\tan A - \tan B) \left(\frac{1}{\tan^3 A} - \frac{1}{\tan^3 B} \right) = -\frac{(\tan A - \tan B)^2 (\tan^2 A + \tan A \tan B + \tan^2 B)}{\tan^3 A \tan^3 B} \leq 0$$

then by Rearrangement Inequality

$$\sum_{cyc} \tan A \cdot \frac{1}{\tan^3 B} \geq \sum_{cyc} \tan A \cdot \frac{1}{\tan^3 A} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{\tan^2 A} = \sum_{cyc} \cot^2 A = \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{1}{\sin^2 A} - 1 \right) = \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{\sin^2 A} - 3 = 4 \left(\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} \right) - 3.$$

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