

**PP36697. Proposed by Mihaly Bencze.**

In any triangle  $ABC$  holds:

- 1)  $\sum r_a r_b (r_a + r_b) \geq 2r \sum r_a^2 + 4s^2 r;$
- 2)  $\sum h_a h_b (h_a + h_b) \geq 2r \sum h_a^2 + \frac{8s^2 r^2}{R}.$

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1. Since\*  $\sum r_a r_b = s^2$ ,  $\sum r_a = 4R + r$ ,  $\sum r_a^2 = (4R + r)^2 - 2s^2$ ,  $r_a r_b r_c = \prod \frac{sr}{s-a} = \frac{s^3 r^3}{r^2 s} = s^2 r$  then

$$\sum r_a r_b (r_a + r_b) = \sum r_a \cdot \sum r_a r_b - 3r_a r_b r_c = (4R + r)s^2 - 3s^2 r = 2s^2(2R - r),$$

$$2r \sum r_a^2 + 4s^2 r = 2r((4R + r)^2 - 2s^2) + 4s^2 r = 2r(4R + r)^2$$

and, therefore,

$$\sum r_a r_b (r_a + r_b) \geq 2r \sum r_a^2 + 4s^2 r \Leftrightarrow 2s^2(2R - r) \geq 2r(4R + r)^2 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(1) \quad s^2(2R - r) \geq r(4R + r)^2.$$

Since  $s^2 \geq 16Rr - 5r^2$  (Gerretsen's Inequality) and  $R \geq 2r$  (Euler's inequality) we obtain  $s^2(2R - r) - r(4R + r)^2 \geq (16Rr - 5r^2)(2R - r) - r(4R + r)^2 = 2r(R - 2r)(8R - r) \geq 0$ .

\* Since  $r_x = \frac{sr}{s-x}$ ,  $x \in \{a, b, c\}$  then  $\sum r_a r_b = s^2 r^2 \sum \frac{1}{(s-a)(s-b)} = \frac{s^2 r^2}{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} \sum (s-c) = \frac{s^3 r^2}{sr^2} = s^2$ ,  $\sum r_a = \sum \frac{sr}{s-a} = \frac{sr}{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} \sum (s-b)(s-c) = \frac{sr(ab+bc+ca-s^2)}{sr^2} = \frac{4Rr+r^2}{r} = 4R+r$  and, therefore,  $\sum r_a^2 = (4R+r)^2 - 2s^2$ .

2. Since  $h_a = \frac{bc}{2R}$ ,  $h_b = \frac{ca}{2R}$ ,  $h_c = \frac{ab}{2R}$  then

$$\sum h_a h_b (h_a + h_b) = \sum \frac{bc}{2R} \cdot \frac{ca}{2R} \left( \frac{bc}{2R} + \frac{ca}{2R} \right) =$$

$$\frac{abc}{8R^3} \sum c^2(a+b) = \frac{abc}{8R^3} \sum ab(a+b) = \frac{abc(\sum a \cdot \sum ab - 3abc)}{8R^3},$$

$$2r \sum h_a^2 + \frac{8s^2 r^2}{R} = 2r \sum \frac{b^2 c^2}{4R^2} + \frac{8s^2 r^2}{R} = \frac{r((\sum ab)^2 - 2abc \sum a)}{2R^2} + \frac{8R^2 s^2 r^2}{R^3}$$

and, therefore,  $\sum h_a h_b (h_a + h_b) \geq 2r \sum h_a^2 + \frac{8s^2 r^2}{R} \Leftrightarrow$

$$\frac{abc(\sum a \cdot \sum ab - 3abc)}{8R^3} \geq \frac{r((\sum ab)^2 - 2abc \sum a)}{2R^2} + \frac{8R^2 s^2 r^2}{R^3} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$abc(\sum a \cdot \sum ab - 3abc) \geq 4Rr((\sum ab)^2 - 2abc \sum a) + 64R^2 s^2 r^2 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$4Rrs(\sum a \cdot \sum ab - 3abc) \geq 4Rr((\sum ab)^2 - 2abc \sum a) + 64R^2 s^2 r^2 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$s(\sum a \cdot \sum ab - 3abc) \geq ((\sum ab)^2 - 4abcs) + 4abcs \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(2) \quad s(\sum a \cdot \sum ab - 3abc) \geq (\sum ab)^2.$$

Let  $x := s - a$ ,  $y := s - b$ ,  $z := s - c$ ,  $p := xy + yz + zx$ ,  $q := xyz$ . Then, assuming  $s = 1$  (due homogeneity), we obtain  $x, y, z > 0$ ,  $x + y + z = 1$ ,  $a = 1 - x$ ,  $b = 1 - y$ ,  $c = 1 - z$ ,  $\sum ab = 1 + p$ ,  $abc = p - q$ ,  $s(\sum a \cdot \sum ab - 3abc) = 2(1 + p) - 3(p - q) = 2 - p + 3q$ ,

and inequality (2) becomes  $2 - p + 3q \geq (1 + p)^2 \Leftrightarrow 1 - 3p - p^2 + 3q \geq 0$ .

Since  $3p \leq 1$  and  $9q \geq 4p - 1$ , respectively,  $3 \sum xy \leq (\sum x)^2$  and  $\sum x(x - y)(x - z) \geq 0$  (Schure's inequality in p,q notation and normalized by  $x + y + z = 1$ ) then

$$1 - 3p - p^2 + 3q \geq 1 - 3p - p^2 + 3 \cdot \frac{4p - 1}{9} = \frac{1}{3}(p + 2)(1 - 3p) \geq 0.$$