

- **5340:** *Proposed by Oleh Faynshteyn, Leipzig, Germany*

Let  $a, b$  and  $c$  be the side-lengths, and  $s$  the semi-perimeter of a triangle. Show that

$$\frac{a^2 + b^2}{(s - c)^2} + \frac{b^2 + c^2}{(s - a)^2} + \frac{c^2 + a^2}{(s - b)^2} \geq 24.$$

**Solution 3 by Arkady Alt, San Jose, CA**

Note that  $\sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2 + b^2}{(s - c)^2} \geq 24 \iff \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2 + b^2}{(a + b - c)^2} \geq 6.$

Since  $a^2 \geq a^2 - (b - c)^2 \iff \frac{a^2}{a + b - c} \geq c + a - b$

and

$$b^2 \geq b^2 - (c - a)^2 \iff \frac{b^2}{a + b - c} \geq b + c - a$$

then by AM-GM Inequality we have

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{(a + b - c)^2} \geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{c + a - b}{a + b - c} \geq 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{c + a - b}{a + b - c} \cdot \frac{a + b - c}{b + c - a} \cdot \frac{b + c - a}{c + a - b}} = 3$$

and

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{b^2}{(a + b - c)^2} \geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{b + c - a}{a + b - c} \geq 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{b + c - a}{a + b - c} \cdot \frac{c + a - b}{b + c - a} \cdot \frac{a + b - c}{c + a - b}} = 3.$$

Thus,  $\sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2 + b^2}{(a + b - c)^2} \geq 6.$