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For arbitrary real numbers a, b, c , prove that

$$\sum_{\text{cyclic}} a(b+c-a)^3 \leq 4abc(a+b+c).$$

3117. Proposed by Li Zhou, Polk Community College, Winter Haven, FL, USA.

Let a, b, c be the lengths of the sides and s the semi-perimeter of $\triangle ABC$. Prove that

$$\sum_{\text{cyclic}} (a+b)\sqrt{ab(s-a)(s-b)} \leq 3abc.$$

3118. Proposed by D.J. Smeenk, Zaltbommel, the Netherlands.

Let BE and CF be altitudes of the acute-angled triangle ABC with E on AC and F on AB . Let BK and CL be the interior angle bisectors of $\angle ABC$ and $\angle ACB$, respectively, with K on AC and L on AB . Let I denote the incentre of $\triangle ABC$, and let O denote its circumcentre. Prove that E, F , and I are collinear if and only if K, L , and O are collinear.

3119. Proposed by Michel Bataille, Rouen, France.

Let r and s denote the inradius and semi-perimeter, respectively, of triangle ABC . Show that

$$3\sqrt{3}\sqrt{\frac{r}{s}} \leq \sqrt{\tan\left(\frac{1}{2}A\right)} + \sqrt{\tan\left(\frac{1}{2}B\right)} + \sqrt{\tan\left(\frac{1}{2}C\right)} \leq \sqrt{\frac{s}{r}}.$$

3120. Proposed by Michel Bataille, Rouen, France.

Let ABC be an isosceles triangle with $AB = BC$, and let F be the mid-point of AC . Let $\alpha = \angle BAX$, where X is a variable point on the ray BF . As long as $\alpha \neq \pi/2$, the reflections of the line BF in BA and XA intersect. Let that point of intersection be denoted by M .

Find $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \pi/2} |\cos \alpha| \cdot CM$.

3121. Proposed by José Luis Díaz-Barrero, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, Barcelona, Spain.

Let n and r be positive integers. Show that

$$\left(\frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k} \binom{n-1}{k-1} \left[1 - \frac{1}{2^{nr}} \binom{n}{k}^r \right] \right)^r \leq \frac{r^r}{(r+1)^{r+1}}.$$